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UP AND COMING: NEWSPAPER CLUB

PASEO HILLS' FIRST PUBLICATION *By: Stella Frank*

Paseo Hills is starting its first-ever student-led publication sponsored by 8th grade teacher, Mr. Deterding and Paseo Hills Secretary, Ms. Alli. Their newspaper club plans to release a new volume at the end of each month. Students involved in the club will gain teamwork, marketing, and journalism skills throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

The sponsors of this club came up with the idea last year on February 6th, and they hope this club will be a way for students to get involved, spread positivity on campus, and build a sense of community. This is what shined through most in a recent interview with Mr. Deterding. When leading our first club meeting, Ms. Alli shared that she had always wanted to start a newspaper as a way to share positive messages with the world.

There's a lot to look forward to this year from H.I.S.S., and anyone interested in joining can stop by our next meeting, this Thursday, September 5th at 3:45 in Mr. Deterding's room, 516. Next month, we'll have a feature on all the different clubs and sports that Paseo Hills has to offer this year. We hope to sssssssssssssssssssee you there!

SPIRIT ASSEMBLY RECAP *with Carson Paolone*

STUDENTS BRING UP THE VIBE

Back on August 16th, Paseo Hills' community gathered in the MultiPurpose Room to show their school spirit at the year's first Pride Assembly. Students who earned ROCK tickets in August were entered into a drawing and were able to win swag bags from the RTI-B team. Lots of families joined in our celebration, including a special guest, Ms. Butler's mom: Mrs. Thomas! At the end of the assembly, grade levels competed to show their spirit with our school chant. Carson Paolone, 7th grader, said that the competition really "brought up the vibe!"



Photo by Staff Photographer: Cerenity Chavez

Winners of the Spirit Competition included:

2nd Grade- ***Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Noriega, and Mrs. Ortiz's classes***
3rd Grade- ***Mrs. Sell, Mrs. Ferrell, and Mrs. Rowley's classes***
6th Grade- ***Ms. Burnam, Ms. Torres, and Ms. Bocchicchio's classes***

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MRS. PIOTROWSKI'S SUMMER

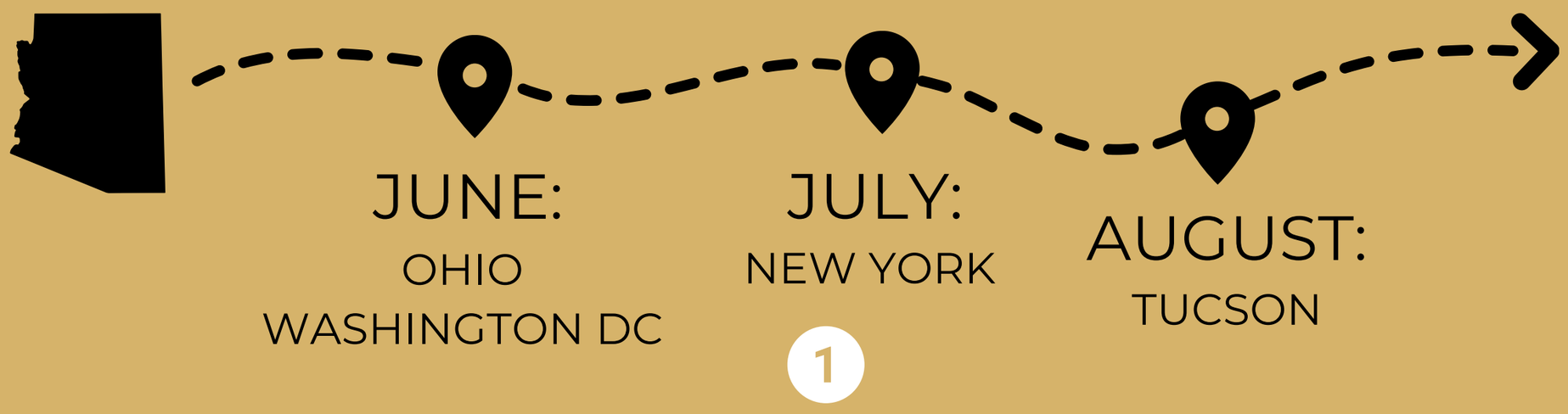




OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO
By: Nolan "Kepa" Inos

Over the summer, Paseo Hills School 5th Grade Teacher Mrs. Piotrowski traveled all around the country while visiting her kids and enjoying her time off from school.

Here is a timeline of where she went and when!



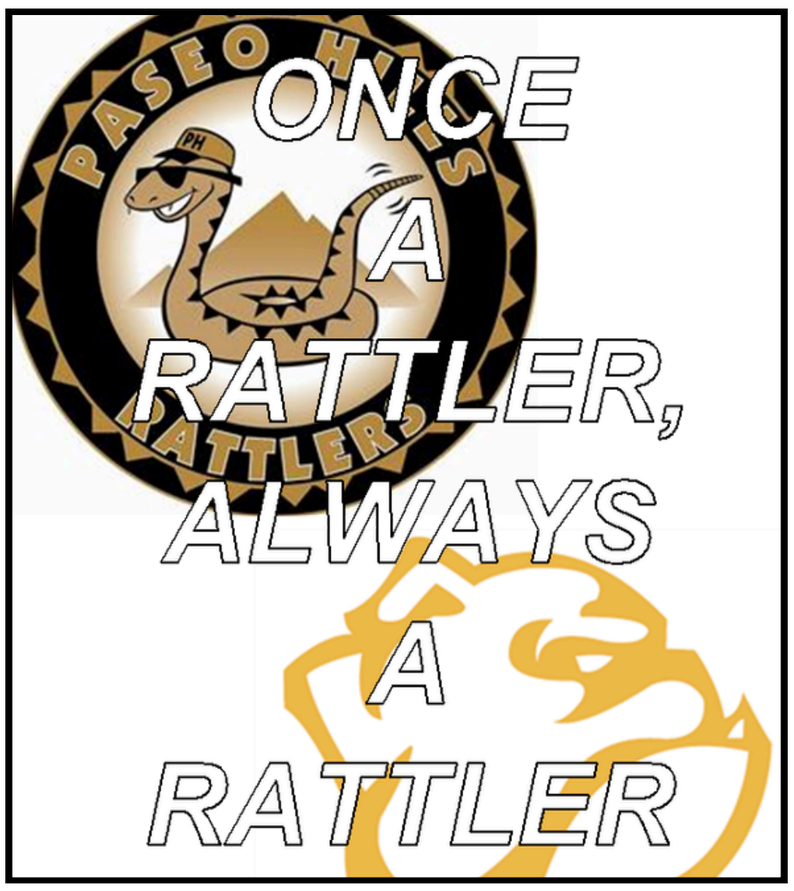
FORMER RATTLER REACHES #1

ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER *By: Shelby Tanner*

Former Rattler Kyler Tanner (promoting class of 2022) soared to new heights in his 1st year as kicker for the Goldwater Bulldog football team. Kyler was named #1 All-Region kicker in the 2023-2024 season, and he and his "million dollar leg" were kind enough to participate in an interview with his sister for the first issue of H.I.S.S.

Kyler has been playing from a young age, with five years of experience in club soccer helping with his skills as a kicker. Kyler trains by stretching, kicking, and running, and works on his skills every day to make sure he can continue to improve. Kyler encourages anyone interested in joining football to get involved early, and to "work hard and never give up."

Kyler is starting to consider his options for college football, and is excited for his future in sports, so be sure to watch for him as he continues to work with Coach Lautt and the Bulldogs this year!



GOING TO EUROPE! PASEO FAMILY TRAVELS TO BOSNIA

MEET THE NEWSPAPER OFFICER *By: Emma Ames*

To welcome our new club officers, H.I.S.S. writers will be conducting monthly interviews introducing our Editor in Chief, Head of Brand and Marketing, Treasurer, and Secretary. This month, 6th grade Staff Writer Emma Ames interviewed her friend Sarah Mahmic, our club Secretary.



Sarajevo City Center Summer 2015, 25 June 2015 - CC

Paseo Hills family went to Europe on June 17th 2024. They went to go and visit family and spend time with them.

Sarah Mahmic, Ben Mahmic, and their parents went to Europe over the summer to go visit family and spend time with them. The way they went was they traveled by plane. Another reason they went is because Sarah, Ben, and their parents go to Europe every year. "I had a lot of fun and went shopping at Sarajevo City Center, a shopping center in Bosnia."

I think that going to Europe would be super fun and I would want to go there one day. Up and coming from H.I.S.S., we will be interview our club president and Editor in Chief, Stella Frank. We will be talking to her about how she feels directing H.I.S.S. and how she feels about being club president.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE FLIGHT FROM PHOENIX TO BOSNIA IS ALMOST 13 HOURS!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? JOIN OUR CLUB!

WHEN: *Thursdays, from 3:45-5:00*
WHERE: *Mr. Deterding's Room, 516*

NEWSPAPER CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL 5th-8th GRADERS!
STOP BY Mr. Deterding's Room or Ms. Alli's Desk TO PICK UP MEMBERSHIP FORMS!

NEXT MONTH:

Our next issue of H.I.S.S. will be highlighting clubs, sports, and extracurricular activities around campus. If you would like to take part in an interview, reach out to Mr. Deterding, Ms. Alli, or any Newspaper Club "Member at Large" with a Blue Interview Form! You might be the Rattler they're looking for!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ***9/5:*** *Bring your ideas and bid for a writer/photographer spot!*
- ***9/12:*** *Workshop! Get our publication ready for approval!*
- ***9/19:*** *General Meeting, vote to approve or edit our next edition!*

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BEST SISTER IN THE WORLD

ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER

By: Savannah Large, 6th

Do you think your sister is cool? Check out mine! Meet Charlie Large. She is an amazing girl who does such cool amazing things. She played Volleyball in our very own gym, performed in the band room that we all get to use, and joined SSAC (Superintendent's Student Advisory Council). Today Charlie still does all of these amazing things and was nice enough to do an interview to encourage more students to get involved with all this cool stuff at a Paseo (and beyond).

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Photo by Staff Photographer: Cerenity Chavez



Ms. Butler and Jaxson Chapman, Kindergarten

FOOTBALL FRIDAYS!

By: Avery Paolone, 5th

Every Friday staff and students are encouraged to wear their favorite football gear! Here is how to join:

1. Read H.I.S.S. to learn about Football Fridays.
2. On Friday, wear Football gear.
3. Repeat every Friday so we can take a picture for the Newspaper Club.
4. ***FOLLOW THE RULES OF MS. BUTLER!***

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NEWSPAPER CLUB MEETINGS
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OCTOBER MEETING DATES:
10/3 10/15 10/22

IMPORTANT DATES:
OCTOBER 7 - 11: FALL BREAK
OCTOBER 18: NJHS 7/8 FALL DANCE
OCTOBER 24: PICTURE RETAKES
OCTOBER 25: SPIRIT ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 8TH: VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

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Crossword by: Izzabella Chavez, 6th

VOLLEYBALL **PASEO HILLS** **CROSS COUNTRY**
RATTLERS **HISS** **ART CLUB**
FOOTBALL **BASKETBALL** **CHEERLEADING**
NEWSPAPER CLUB **DRAMA CLUB**

Another word games on page 5!

BRING SOMEONE SPECIAL TO BREAKFAST





By: Cerentity Chavez, 8th ***Photos by: Ashtyn Kuzawa***

Bring Someone Special to Breakfast is an event where many kids bring someone to enjoy school breakfast. This is only the second year having The Bring Someone Special to Breakfast but we hope to continue this for many more years to come.

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PASEO HILLS SIXTH GRADE TEAM

MEET MRS. TORRES *By: Gabriella Zevallos, 6th*

Meet Mrs. Torres, this is her first year here at Paseo Hills! She came here from Park Meadows and this is her second year teaching. She is married with two kids (11th and 4th grade), and loves Disney (mainly stitch and Sully).

She loves traveling, math, going up to Willams, and chocolate. At one time she even had a side hustle selling crystals! Her favorite part of teaching is the kids and she loves helping them learn.

When interviewed she said "I love helping the kids learn and seeing them have fun". Over the summer she went to Payson for her daughter's Sweet Sixteen, and to Crest Line in California which is Below Big Bear. While she was in Payson she went hiking, While she was in Payson she went hiking, swimming, rock climbing, and crystal finding.

WANT YOUR TEAM TO BE FEATURED? BOOK AN INTERVIEW WITH A STAFF WRITER!

MS. BURNAM, VOLLEYBALL COACH
By: Abigail Wilkins, 6th

We have multiple sports at Paseo Hills, one of them is volleyball. This year one of our new sixth-grade teachers, Ms. Burnam has been the coach for the girls' volleyball team. Even though she has not been teaching normal classes Ms. Burnam has been teaching volleyball. Ms. Burnam has been playing volleyball for about twelve years now and she said that Volleyball was her favorite sport. If you are interested in doing volleyball, tryouts will be the week of November 4th. Practices will be in the multi-purpose room or what most kids know as the lunch room. The games will be on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Be sure to say good luck to the players and Ms. Burnam when the season starts.

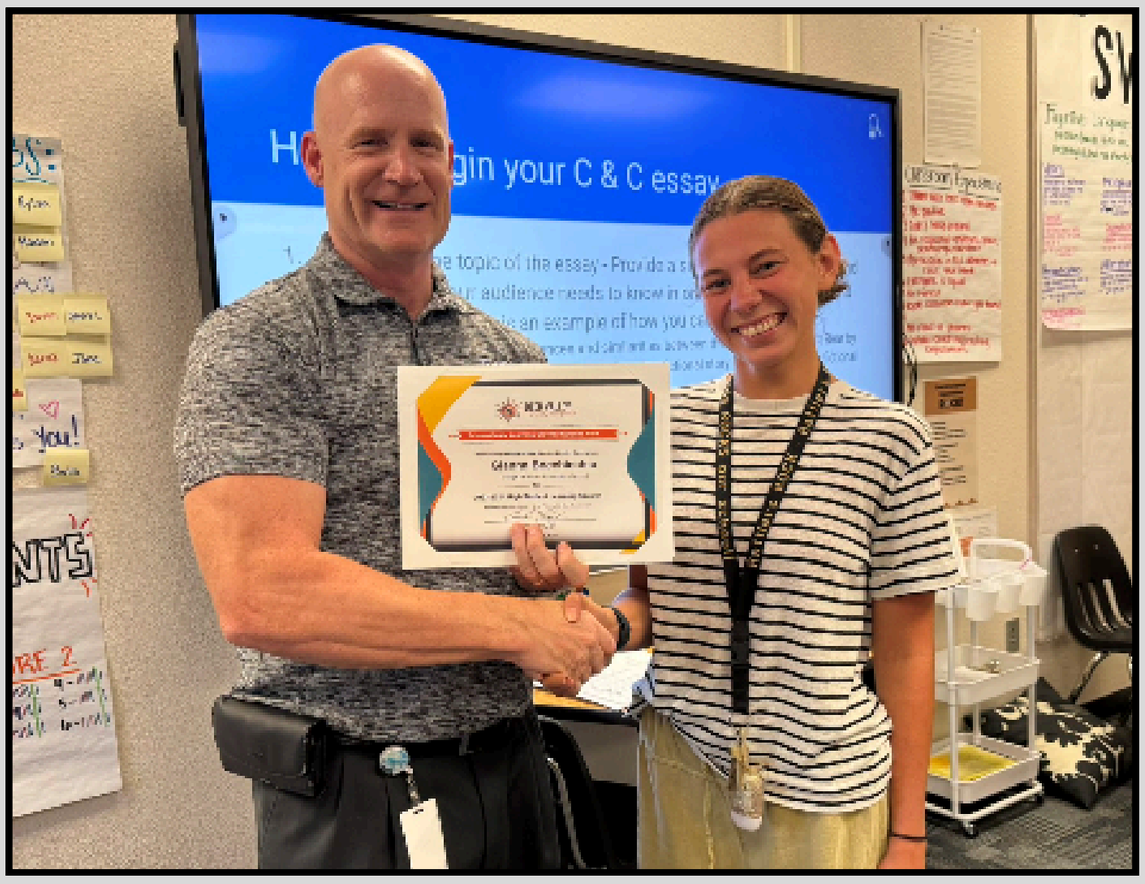


The Sixth Grade Team *Photo By: Mr. Deterding*

IF YOU LIKE SPORTS...

SSSSSSO DO WE. YOU CAN HEAD TO PAGE 4 FOR ARTICLES ABOUT SOME OF THE WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN SPORTS ON CAMPUS! WE WILL SSSSEE YOU THERE, RATTLERS!

MS. BOCCHICCHIO'S FAVORITE BOOK
By: Izzabella Chavez, 6th



Our newest 6th grade ELA teacher's love of books has led her to Book Clubs of all kinds...

Meet the new sixth-grade teacher for Language arts, Gianna Bocchicchio. Her favorite book is 'Remarkably Bright Creatures'. One thing Ms. Bocchicchio liked about this book is she that she thought the book was so good that she could not put it down. She does recommend it to other people.

Over time she realized she loved books so much that she started her own book club here on campus. Book club members are reading The Wild Robot. They will get to go on a field trip to see the movie when it comes out.

IN THE PICTURE:

DVUSD SUPERINTENDENT, DR. FINCH PRESENTS MS. BOCCICCHIO WITH AN AWARD FOR ***2023-2024 HIGH STUDENT LEARNING GROWTH! WAY TO GO!***

A NOTE FROM MRS. TORRES:

"I wanted to be a teacher because I love working with kids. When I taught a children's choir I was so happy and loved watching them grow. After being in the corporate world for so long and not finding my happy place, I realized the only thing that made me truly happy was working with kids. I joined a program to earn my credentials and became a 6th grade math teacher! I look forward to working with your students and helping them grow."

Read more about the 6th Grade Team on the Paseo Hills website!

BEST SISTER IN THE WORLD *(CONTINUED)*

Charlie Large was part of the promoting class of 2024 and was named, “Most Improved Athlete”. She always liked getting involved with school and has already found success on the Barry Goldwater Volleyball team. Charlie started in band in 5th grade and moved on to sports when her friends asked her to try out for Volleyball during her last year at Paseo Hills. Then she joined the SSAC when Mr. Deterding encouraged her to get involved. Last year, Charlie helped organize the annual student summit at Barry Goldwater with Superintendent Dr. Finch and other representatives from the SSAC.

She is good at everything she does. But she is the best at being a leader. She is a role model for so many people. I know she's my role model too! She inspires me to do all the things and if you fail, never give up. A quote that sticks with me that she says is *“You don’t really know who you really are until you get rid of the false personality you try and put on.”*

BRING SOMEONE SPECIAL TO BREAKFAST *(CONTINUED)*

“We enjoy inviting people to come and have a meal.” Mrs. Hood stated that she had an opportunity to invite families in and spend breakfast together and have this experience that she would love to continue.

According to many students at our school, breakfast is the best time of the day the students enjoy having conversations with the lunch ladies and socializing with their friends before school.

Kids and adults enjoy coming to our school. The meal for Bring Someone Special to Breakfast usually includes orange juice muffins and other beverages such as coffee, these are for adults, siblings, or former Paseo Hills Rattlers.

This is a great opportunity for families to have a bonding experience and see how things go at our school.

See you there next time! HISSSSSS.









Photos by Ashtyn Kuzawa

EVENT INCOMING

By: Celivi Tang, 8th

Save The Date for 20th Anniversary Celebration of Veteran’s Day at Paseo Hills. Bring a Veteran with you to breakfast and enjoy the ceremony in the Amphitheater on November 8th.

So, come on down, Veteran’s Day will arrive in triumph at Paseo Hills!
At the assembly, students will perform speeches and things related to Veterans Day in front of the audience. Choir and Band will perform at the event, too. In addition, there will be a moment dedicated to the people who serve in the military.

RECIPE: SPAGHETTI

By: Emilia Gurule-Baucum, 8th

PROCEED WITH CAUTION:
PLEASE DON’T ATTEMPT ON YOUR OWN. COOK WITH SUPERVISION AND PERMISSION OF YOUR GUARDIAN!

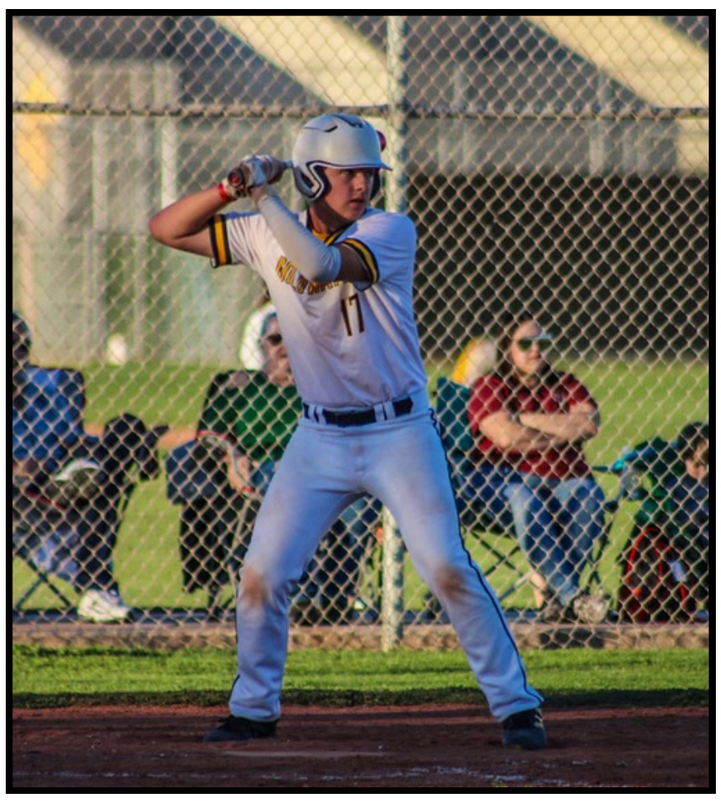


Ingredients:

1lb Box of Spaghetti
1lb Ground Beef
1 Jar Marinara
1 8oz Block of Cream Cheese
1/2 Butter

Instructions:

First, you want to start with cooking the ground beef until it is fully cooked.
Next, you want to put in the red sauce and then put in the cream cheese and stir until the cream cheese is not in chunks or until it doesn't look lumpy. Turn to low, let simmer.
Then, you want to start boiling the water. Once boiling, put the pasta inside with the ½ stick of butter. Finally, when everything is cooked and ready you want to mix it all together and you have spaghetti.



B IS FOR BASEBALL! *By: Olivia Lipkin, 6th*

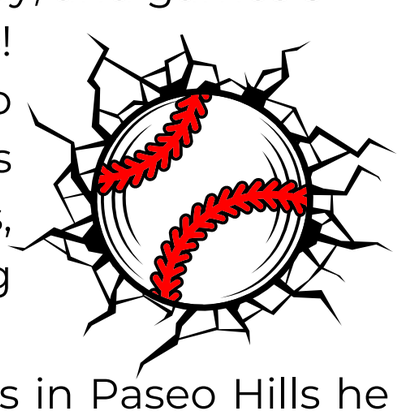
ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER

Do you like to play baseball? I know Blake sure does! Blake Lipkin has been playing baseball for 4 years! Isn't that super cool? Blake first decided he wanted to play baseball at the age of 11 and his dream is to be in the MLB someday. He's super good at playing baseball in my opinion, he tries very hard and I think that his girlfriend makes him try even harder. When he has a game she always comes to cheer him on and makes him these special posters that he obviously hangs up on his bedroom wall.



Blake started baseball because one day he thought he needed to not be sitting in his bed every day. He is a very caring brother, he's always been there for me and my family and he's always had an amazing sense of humor. He's very funny and could just make you laugh with anything he says!

Now that he goes to Barry Goldwater High School and plays on the baseball team for the coaches, Coach Flowers, and Coach Listovitch, Blake puts a lot of effort into baseball and his training... So much so, that he is barely ever at home because he spends so much time training! High School training is much different than the what it was at Paseo, with practices every day, and games 3 days a week, too! When Blake goes to training he usually lifts weights, doing reps, and practices running different plays.



Blake spent 4 years in Paseo Hills he joined in 6th grade and ever since that day loved playing baseball. His favorite thing about Paseo Hills is graduating. Blake is a great brother and a great baseball player, too.

ON YOUR MARKS! *CROSS COUNTRY!*

By: Stella Frank, 8th

One of our sports teams this year is Cross Country, sponsored by Mrs. Scott. She and her team started training on September 23rd. While the sport is open to all 5th-8th graders, practices look different for each level. For 5th and 6th grade will mean running 1.5 miles, while our 7th and 8th runners will be training endurance for 2 miles. During my interview with Mrs. Scott, she opened up about why she likes to sponsor this club. Her reasons included hoping she can inspire elementary school and middle school students to enjoy running like she does as well as spark an interest in children to continue Cross Country in high school.

Our Cross Country team would encourage students to join early for the experience and the possibility of joining the larger team when they get to high school.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING
CONTACT COACH SLAWSON & HEAD TO REGISTERMYATHLETE.COM!

TEACHER FEATURE:



MEET COACH SLAWSON

Hello everyone! Mr. Slawson here. I have been teaching at Paseo Hills for... I don't know how long. Somewhere around 13 years. Time flies when you are having fun! My favorite sports to watch are football, tennis, and golf. If I could go to a sporting event, it would be Wimbledon, the French Open, or the Australian Open. I love all racquet sports and playing them.

Something I bet you didn't know is that I *taught Ms. Apuan, our behavior specialist, and I have had some of my previous student's children!*

My *favorite P.E. activities are: the parachute game with the little guys and pickleball and badminton with the big guys.*

Something interesting to know about me is that my wife is actually taller than I am and I have a son living and working in The Netherlands and a daughter who is studying to go to medical school to be a doctor to help heal others! Stay fit! See you in class!

AND IN THE WINTER SEASON...

BASKETBALL! *By: Skylar Casey, 7th*

As the 2024 - 2025 Basketball season starts our players start shooting for the stars.

Basketball players, Dalex Tsosie and Liam Olson did an interview to emphasize how much fun they had during the 2024 season. During that season they played against other DVUSD teams at home or away (In the Paseo Hills gym, or in our rival school gym), and practiced multiple times a week with 7th Grade Math teacher, Ms. Bolte. The players and their coach had lots of fun training, and working together.

When asked about this season, Ms. Bolte said she's excited for her second year as coach and hopes to "finalize routines with some of the same players". Be sure you stop by and check out a game in February 2025. If you see anybody from the basketball team make sure to cheer them on and wish them luck.

STELLA FRANK: LEADING THE PAPER AND THE COMMUNITY

By: Ashtyn Kuzawa, 8th - Kate Medina Gonzalez, 5th - Nolan "Kepa" Inos, 5th



We are proud to introduce you to Stella Frank. Stella isn't just a friend to everyone; she's also a total boss when it comes to leadership. She is H.I.S.S.'s first-ever Editor in Chief/President, where her roles include editing articles and building awareness about the publication, but she also serves in various other clubs and Cross Country on campus. Stella stated that, "this {newspaper} club is really important for young kids at the school to learn about newspapers and how they work." Want to know more about her campus adventures, her advice for fellow students, or what she's writing about next?

Keep reading!

Stella's Upcoming Articles:

- Interview with Trinity DiCosola (BGHS)
- 'Into The Woods Jr.' Feature
- Meet The New 8th Grade Teachers
- Event Recaps: Fall Festival and Dance

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES:

<u>Drama Club</u>

- Peter Pan in Peter Pan Jr.
- Coroner in Wizard of Oz Jr.
- Jack in Into the Woods Jr

Rehearsal Tip: "Practice, practice, practice. You forget lines faster than you think."

Into The Woods Jr.:
March 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th

<u>Student Advisory Council</u>

- Serves as a student advisor for peers and organizes end-of-the-year event at the school district.

<u>National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)</u>

- Hopes to organize a service project this year.

<u>Student Government</u>

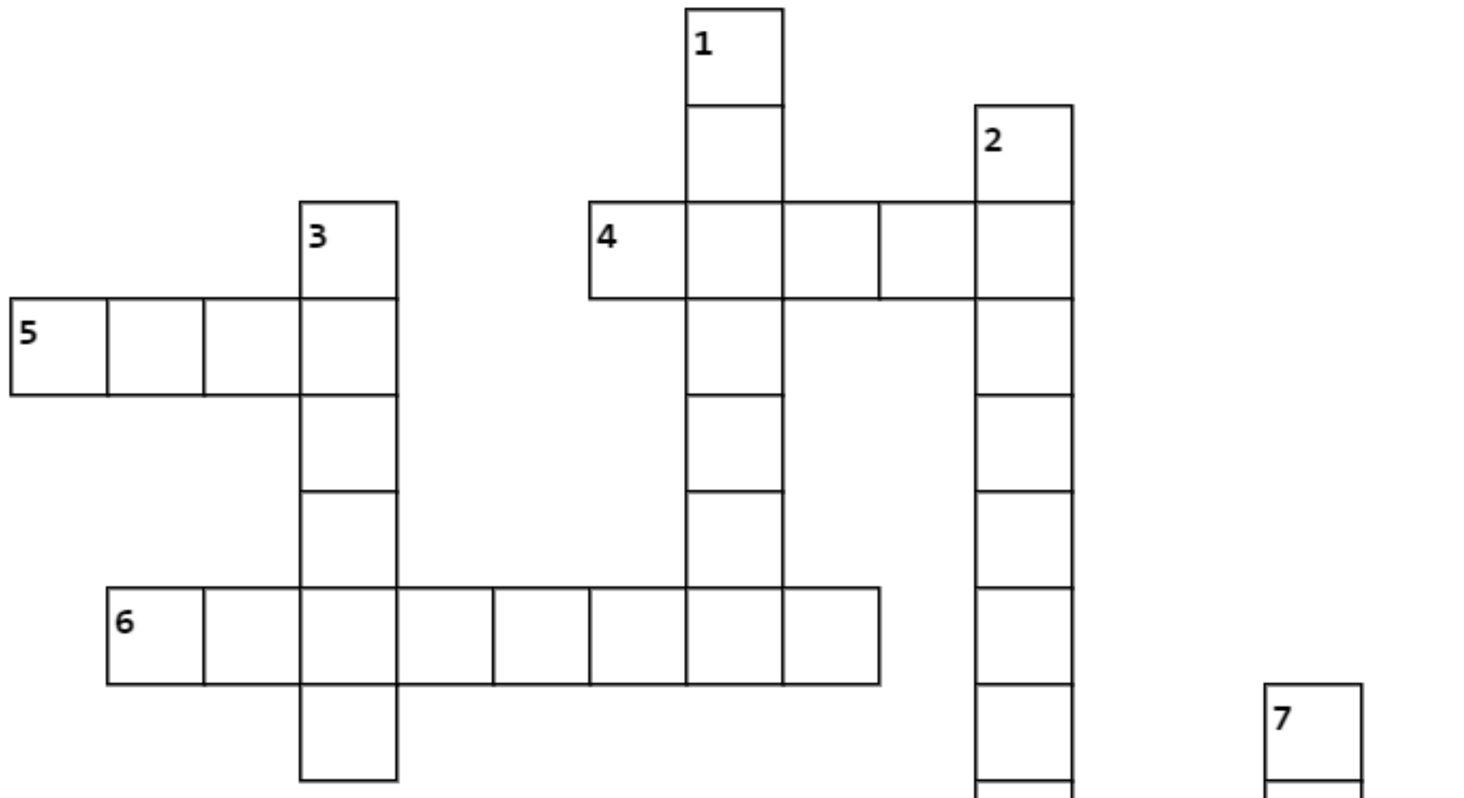
- Serves as the 8th Grade Representative

Has served as Public Relations Chair and StuGo President in past years.

Stella's message to her peers about getting involved: "we are the future!"

CROSSWORD

By: Vuk Culibrk, 8th



Across

4. The object that you write on or draw on
5. The object you use to stick things to paper
6. The object you use to cut things out
8. The time in the middle of the day when you go to eat

Down

1. the leader of the classroom
2. The leader of the school
3. The very common writing utensil
7. The tie after or before lunch when you go to play with friends

WHAT WE ARE UP TO IN NEWSPAPER CLUB...

1

WORKSHOPPING

This month, we delved deeper into the art of journalism and marketing. We explored how to pinpoint our target audience and tailor each article to their specific interests. We also learned the importance of taking initiative by reaching out to staff, family, and community members for interviews. This firsthand knowledge adds depth and authenticity to our stories. Finally, we discussed creative ways to expand our content beyond traditional articles and essays. We explored the possibilities of incorporating visuals, such as photos and infographics, and even experimented with other elements like word puzzles, and comics.

2



WORKING TOGETHER

Generate a wider range of ideas and learn to respect different perspectives by brainstorming collaboratively. This approach also fosters a positive and supportive learning environment, which provides the space for creative freedom.

3

AUDITING

Assess our overall effectiveness and identify areas for improvement to aid in the decision making for the future and success of H.I.S.S. Teaching the students to evaluate various aspects of our newspaper, such as: content, design, and distribution.



4



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ms. Alli represented our school newspaper at meetings with DVUSD Community Partners. We discussed potential collaborations to increase our readership and community engagement.

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WHAT'S NEXT:



5

GET INVOLVED

We are a new club! We are excited to link arms with partners who are passionate about supporting our students! Here are two great ways to partner with us:

Sponsorships: Contribute to our club's success by becoming a sponsor. Your support will enable us to distribute copies of our newspaper.

Advertising: Reach a targeted audience by placing an advertisement in our publication. Promote your club or business to our readership.



Given the shorter month of October, we'll prioritize the importance of meeting deadlines. We'll also workshop how to create different article formats, such as infographics or comics. To put our skills into practice, we'll work on our next issue, which will feature the exciting topic of school clubs!

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DANCE, DANCE, DANCE! *TACO 'BOUT A GOOD TIME*

By: Ashtyn Kuzawa, 8th Grade

Hey 7th and 8th grade! Did you attend the Halloween Dance? The dance, held on October 18th, was made possible because of Mrs. Voegtli and National Junior Society (NJHS)! Mrs. Voegtli wanted to do a Fall Dance on top of the pre-existing spring dance, and NJHS members voted on food and helped put up decorations together.

The dance was amazing! Lauren Gonzales (7th Grade) did the worm and breakdanced right in the center of the dance circle, the sponsor of our Newspaper Club, Ms. Alli did the "Cha-Cha Slide" with everyone while Mrs. Sorrentino and the Principal taught each other how to do popular dances. When "FE!N" played, everyone danced and jumped (off beat, of course).

If you missed it then don't worry you will still be able to go to the Spring Dance in February!

CHECK IT OUT!

THERE ARE MORE PICTURES FROM THE DANCE ON ***PAGE 5!***



Photos by Staff Photographer: Ashtyn Kuzawa

DECODE THE MESSAGE TO LEARN THE TITLE

By: Emilia Gruele, Tatum Holder + Genesis Sanchez, 8th Grade



Can you figure out what it says?

There will be bounce houses, face painting, food (pizza and more), and there will also be tons of cool games as well! If you plan on going it will be on November 15 from 5:00PM - 6:30 PM. I hope to see you there!

READ MORE ABOUT STUGO AND ART CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION ON PAGE 4!



FIND THE PUMPKINS!

Fall Jokes

by Shelby Tanner, 8th Grade

What's a ghost's favorite pasta?

Spoooooghetti!

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NOVEMBER 11: NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 15: FALL FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 21: THANKSGIVING FEAST
NOVEMBER 25-29: NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING RECESS

PASEO HILLS KINDERGARTEN TEAM

***MEET THE TEAM!* By: Gabriella Zevallos, 6th Grade**

To celebrate one of our longest lasting teams on campus, one of our staff writers interviewed the Kinder team to find out how long they have been at Paseo, and their favorite fall activities and treats!

MS. MOSS-

- She has been here for 24 years
- She enjoys pumpkin patches
- Her favorite candy is Skittles

MS. CHRISTEAN-

- Has been here for 10 years
- She enjoys passing out candy
- Her favorite candy is Kit-Kats

MS. ANTONE-

- Has been here for 11 years
- She likes enjoying the cool weather
- Her favorite fall treats are Pumpkin Pie and Tootsie Rolls





The Kindergarten Team Photo By: Mr. Deterding



The Kindergarten Letter Parade Photo By: Ms. Alli

AN UPDATE ON MR. DENNIS

By: Carson Paolone, 7th Grade

As many of you know, our beloved 'Snacky Doodle', Dennis Allison (or just Mr. Dennis), was injured after getting hit by a car during one of his morning crosswalk duties. Some kids drew pictures and made cards, and staff here at Paseo Hills donated to help raise money for his care, food, or other needs. Ms. Alli and Officer Shawn went to visit him and deliver the cards and goodies from students. He was really thrilled to see how many people loved and missed him, and explained how eager he was to get back to work. He has called my mom's desk plenty of times to ask how everyone is doing and express his gratitude and appreciation and let everyone know he loved them. Dennis is no longer in the hospital or rehab center and is on the mend. Please continue to send him your positive thoughts and love as he heals.

KINDERGARTEN WORD SEARCH

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Crossword By: Avery Paolone, 5th Grade

MOSS
CHRISTEAN
ANTONE
ALPHABET
DRAWING
READING
SINGING
PLAY
SPEAKING
NUMBER

Another word game on page 5!

ENTERTAINMENT

PHARRELL'S LIFE, BUILT "PIECE BY PIECE" *MOVIE REVIEW*

By: Vuk Culibrk + Autumn La Bella, 8th Grade

As part of the annual 8th grade movie field trip, a few of our 8th grade staff writers decided to bring their press caps along and put together a review for our loyal readers!



Piece by Piece is colorful chaos. It shows the real passion of music and Pharrell's life. The whole movie is a musical documentary about Pharrell Williams BUT it is told in LEGO.

The story centers around Pharrell's life at Virginia Beach. It talks about how he found the career he wants to do by listening to music. After he graduated high school, he started to work on some songs with celebrities like Kendick Lamar, Britney Spears, Snoop Dogg, Gwen Steffani, Busta Rhymes, Justin Timberlake, and many more..

While the movie is made to be quirky and fun it is still slightly sad and gloomy. The movie is mostly made for teen audiences because of the serious and depressing scenes. This movie is a must watch for people who like music and colorful movies.

RATING: ★★★★☆

RECIPE- *CUPCAKES!*

By: Savannah Large, 6th Grade

FIRST, THE CUPCAKES:

- Start by adding 175g of unsalted butter into a bowl
- Then add 175g of sugar and mix them together
- Add 175g of all purpose flour and 1 tbsp of baking soda, plus 3 eggs
- Mix slowly so the flour does not get everywhere
- Line your cupcake tin
- Evenly add the batter in the tins
- Then put them in the oven for about 10-15 minutes at 350 Fahrenheit

INGREDIENTS:
SUGAR, SALT, BAKING SODA, MILK, EGGS, FLOUR, POWDERED SUGAR, VANILLA

SUPPLIES:
CUPCAKE TIN, CUPCAKE LINER, MIXER OR SPOON, MEASURING CUPS

NOW FOR THE FROSTING:

- Start of with 4 sticks of unsalted butter
- Mix until no bumps are left
- Then add 1 tsp of vanilla extract and a pinch of salt
- Now add 6 cups of powdered sugar
- Mix slowly so it doesn't spill
- Mix in 2 tbsp of milk and if you want to you can add food coloring
- Add the frosting to your cupcakes. Then you're done!

GOOSEBUMPS FOR SCARY MOVIES! *MOVIE REVIEW*

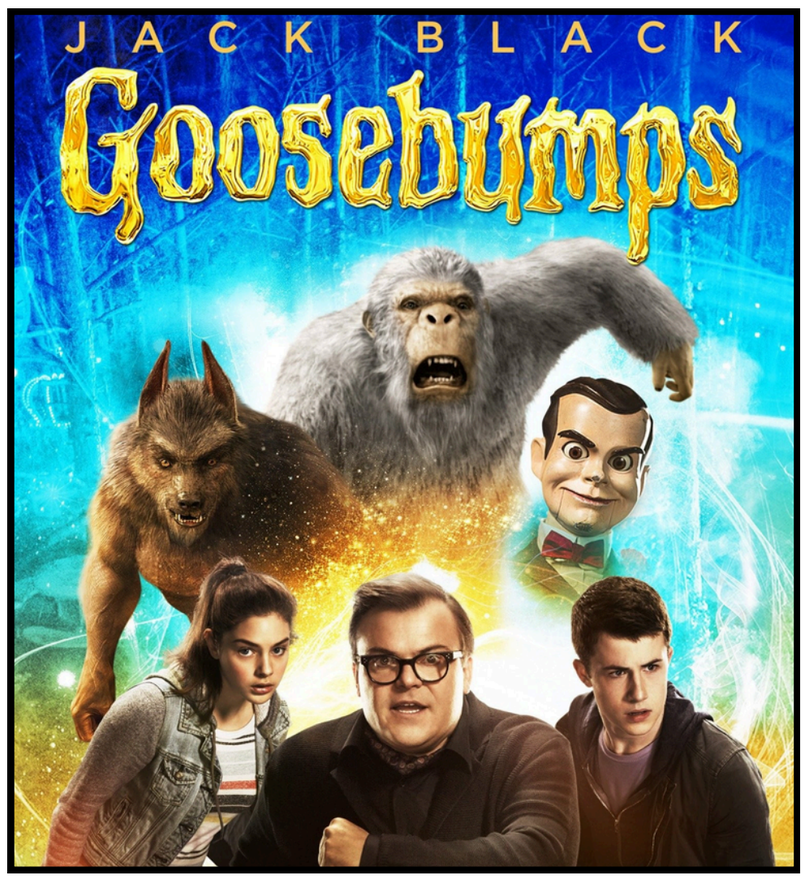
By: Skylar Casey, 8th Grade

In my opinion, *Goosebumps* is ultimately a hugely underrated movie. It's packed with a bunch of twists and turns perfect for anyone looking for a little suspense around Halloween. It features a story where Zach (played by Dylan Minnette), moves to Madison, Detroit, where he finds R.L. Stine's books while sneaking around his neighbor's house. All the monsters from the classic stories come out and things are NOT good, the end. Sorry, but I can't spoil too much. It was an amazing movie with an amazing script. I wish I could have seen a little less romance and a little more scary but it was still good!!!!

RATING: ★★★★½

What is a mummy's favorite type of music?

Wrap!



CHECK IT OUT! *ART CLUB!*

By: Sarah Mahmic + Abby Wilkins, 6th Grade

One club we offer at Paseo Hills is Art Club. Ms. Trotta is the sponsor. She hosts monthly meetings where students from 3rd to 8th grade participate. When asked why she does this club this was she said, “I want to give students a place to be creative and work together.” Her goal is for students to make art for themselves, their family, and their community.

This club is currently at capacity (not taking new members) but you can see **some of their upcoming projects around campus this year:**

- Sidewalk chalk art
- Painting trash cans with art and positive messages
- Face painting at the Fall Festival
- Yearly Club T-Shirts!



Photos courtesy of Ms. Trotta

Frozen Chocolate Strawberry Bars ***By: Olivia Lipkin, 6th Grade***

Do you want to know how to make very delicious Frozen Chocolate Strawberry Bars? Well, I have the recipe for you. It's simple and easy and doesn't take that much work.

INGREDIENTS

- Strawberries
- Nutella or Biscoff Cookie Butter, or a preferred substitute

DIRECTIONS

- Cut strawberries into flat slices, laying them on a small plastic or metal tray
- Coat the strawberries on one side with Nutella, Biscoff Cookie Butter, or any other flavored spread
- Place the tray in the freezer until hardened
- Cut the frozen strawberries into small pieces and ENJOY!

ART CLUB



HEART AND SOUL! *DRAMA CLUB!*

By: Stella Frank, 8th

One of our more well-known and unique clubs is Drama Club. This club has been a part of this school for almost 7 years with the first show being held in the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Voegtli, our current director, has been directing these shows for almost 3 years now. When asked why she directs these shows, she stated, “The real reason I do drama club is for the kids. I pour my heart and soul into the club, in hopes that I instill a love for theater and the arts.”

Mrs. Voegtli is joined by Ms. Alli and the Savelsberg Family, and their team is excited to bring to the stage *Into the Woods Jr.* this March 2025. While Ms. Alli is their Head of Public Relations, the Savelsburg family will be building and designing our sets, and supports with blocking and directing.

Over the years, Mrs. Voegtli has seen this club grow so much, and during our interview explained how she started in Drama Club as a co-director and focused mainly on choreography. Over the last few years Mrs. Voegtli has been able to witness this club grow as more and students joined the cast and crew to create a musical each year.

This year's performance of *Into the Woods Jr.* will be shown on March 5th, 6th, and 8th.

IN THE SPRING...

*WATCH FOR A SPECIAL FEATURE ON **INTO THE WOODS,** FEATURING BEHIND THE SCENES INTERVIEWS FROM CAST AND CREW!*

NEW TEACHERS RUNNING STUGO! *STUDENT GOVERNMENT!*

By: Emma Ames, 6th Grade



Say hello to the new faces behind Student Government, Ms. Plohetski and Mr. Standring. They are sponsoring the club for the first time with meetings up the hill weekly. They are joined by the newly elected President, Tamara Gulic and Vice President, Tamara Alic. Members are really excited to be taking on fundraisers for Veterans Day, Fall Festival, and other exciting activities throughout the year.

When interviewed, Ms. Plohetski said said she joined Student Government “so students feel that they have leadership and responsibility in what’s going on on campus.”

In August, we held elections and voted for our Officers and Class Representatives. In September, we had our first meetings, took on the recycling project, and started planning for our first Spirit Week.

If you have any questions or interests in getting involved, be sure to get in touch with your class representative.

NJHS IS BACK!

By: Stella Frank, 8th Grade

NJHS is a student lead club that focuses on community service and fundraisers. This year is their first year back with a new sponsor, Mrs. Voegtli. Mrs. Voegtli is joined by the clubs President, Stella Frank and Vice President, Keeli Drank. They were in charge of the Halloween dance that was on the 18th of October. ***Their next project will be a service project for November, plus another dance this February!***

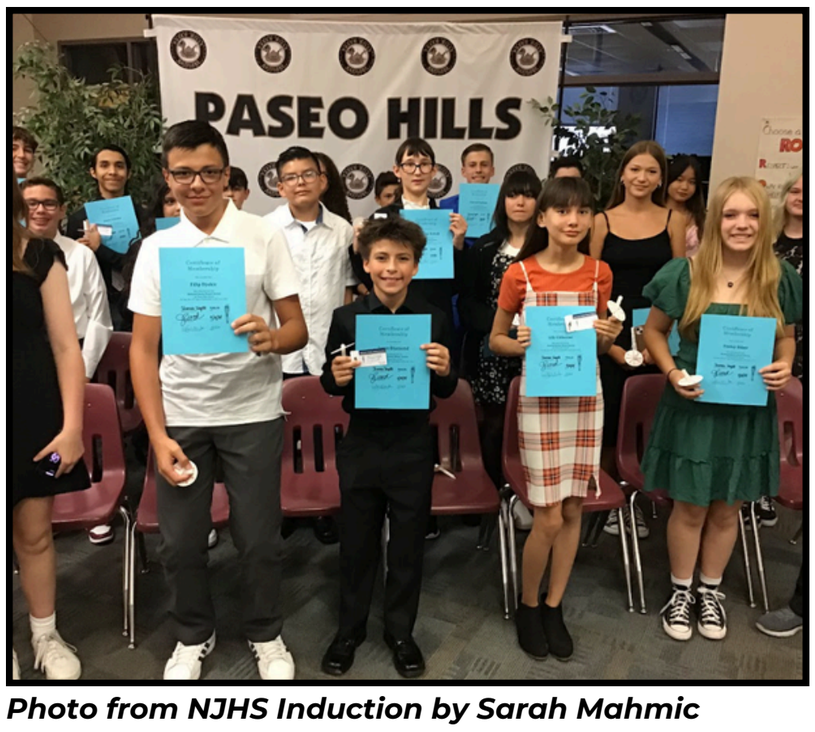


Photo from NJHS Induction by Sarah Mahmic

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE! *(CONTINUED)*









Photos By: Ashtyn Kuzawa + Mrs. Voegtli

SPIRIT ASSEMBLY RECAP!

By Kaylee Gurule, 5th Grade

Winners of Fall Spirit Competition:

2nd Grade

Mrs. Perkins
Mrs. Noriega
Mrs. Ortiz

5th Grade

Mr. Pothast
Ms. Edgar
Mrs. Piotrowski

8th Grade

Mrs. Sorrentino
Mr. Deterding
Ms. Moreno
Ms. Plohetski

Photos by: Ashtyn Kuzawa







MEET MR. SORRENTINO

By: Kaylee Gurule-Baucum, 5th Grade

Who is the music teacher? What is his name? You will know after you read this passage! You will even know things that you didn't know before about him.

His name is Mr. Sorrentino, his room is 108. That is where the magic happens... Singing and music all in one place. Mr. Sorrentino came to this school to be a choir and music teacher in 2022.

Mr. Sorrentino, the music and choir teacher, wants to inspire older and younger people in school and to give them confidence if they want to be anything, even a singer. How did he do this? Well, he went to school and got his certificate to be a Music and Choir teacher. Mr. Sorrentino also loves music himself which is the other reason why he wanted to be a music and choir teacher.

Well there you have it, the choir teacher's introduction! You can be whoever you want to be in life. Follow that dream. If you like singing go to choir. If you like instruments go to band. Go anywhere to achieve that dream!

CARING THROUGH KINDNESS

By: Celivi Tang, 8th Grade

LIKE OUR ROCK EXPECTATIONS, PASEO SHOW CARING THROUGH KIDNESS!

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A FOOD BOX BEFORE SCHOOL BREAKS?
THEN BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR EMAILS BY PRINCIPAL HOOD!



The week before Fall Break started, Principal Hood had sent an email to all parents, asking if any of them would benefit from a food box, and if so, would fill out a form and pick it up. Food boxes were held in Front Office of Paseo Hills, on October 2nd, and parents picked up the food boxes between 9 - 11 in the morning. All of this wouldn't have happened, had it not been Angie Finch from Ann E's Closet & Pantry, who reached out to Bishops' Storehouse for the food and presented the idea of giving and creating food boxes to those who'll appreciate it.

Furthermore, handing out these food boxes are a new addition to a holiday assistance program that Paseo Hills has been doing for years! This holiday assistance program serves a purpose to give to kids in order to ease financial stress that families may be facing!

FALL CROSSWORD PUZZLE!

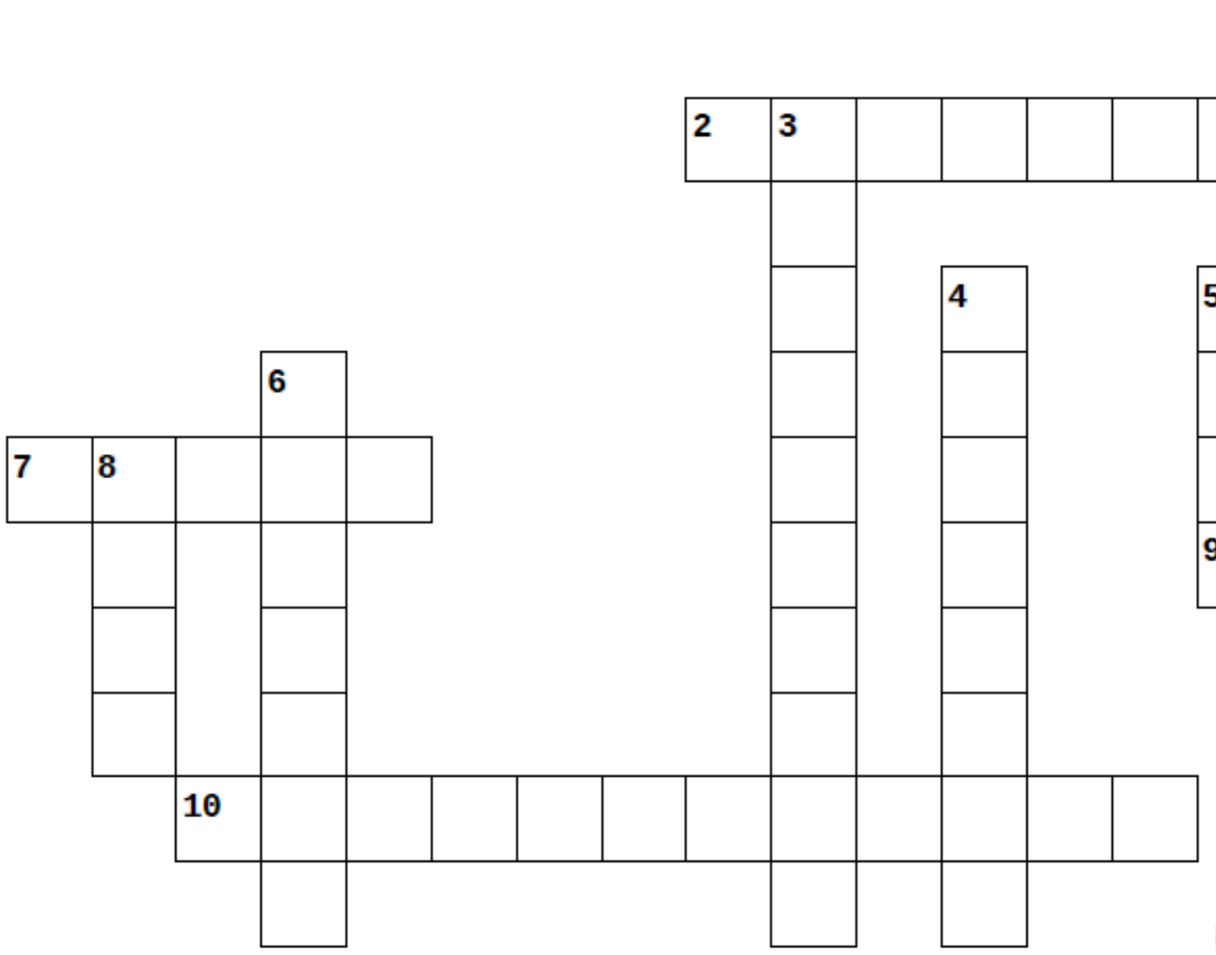
By: Shelby Tanner, 8th Grade

Across

2. A bitter sweet drink
7. A warm cloth to wrap around your neck
9. Something that falls off a tree
10. A holiday to be grateful for what you have

Down

1. An event you hold for special occasions
3. A delicious desert you eat in fall
4. A tasty dessert made with apples
5. The season during October
6. Crispy and satisfying to hear
8. A feeling when you're warm and comfortable



Head to our club page on the Paseo Hills website to check your answers!

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To go trick or treating!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED!

WHEN: *Thursdays, from 3:45-5:00*
WHERE: *Mr. Deterding's Room, 516*

NEWSPAPER CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL 5th-8th GRADERS!
STOP BY MR. DETERDING'S ROOM (516)
TO PICK UP MEMBERSHIP FORMS!

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON:

As a new club, we are excited to link arms with partners who are passionate about supporting our students. We are working on fundraising through sponsorship, advertising, and other opportunities.

Our next issue will be the Holiday Special, combining November and December! Stay tuned for festive features and exciting updates about what's happening on campus!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ***11/7:*** *Bring your ideas and bid for a writer/photographer spot!*
- ***11/14:*** *Workshop! Get our publication ready for approval!*
- ***11/21:*** *General Meeting, vote to approve or edit our next edition!*

H.I.S.S.

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DREAMWORK MAKES THE TEAM WORK

By: Stella Frank, 8th Grade

On December 12th four of the Barry Goldwater football players came to talk to the seventh and eighth graders about Barry Goldwater sports. One of the players, Dylan Hayhurst (a senior), was 1st in state for points. He has been playing football since he was 5 and believes that over this time he has made lifelong bonds and believes that people should "be more involved" and "stay loyal" as being part of a team and working together gives you a taste of what adult life will look like.

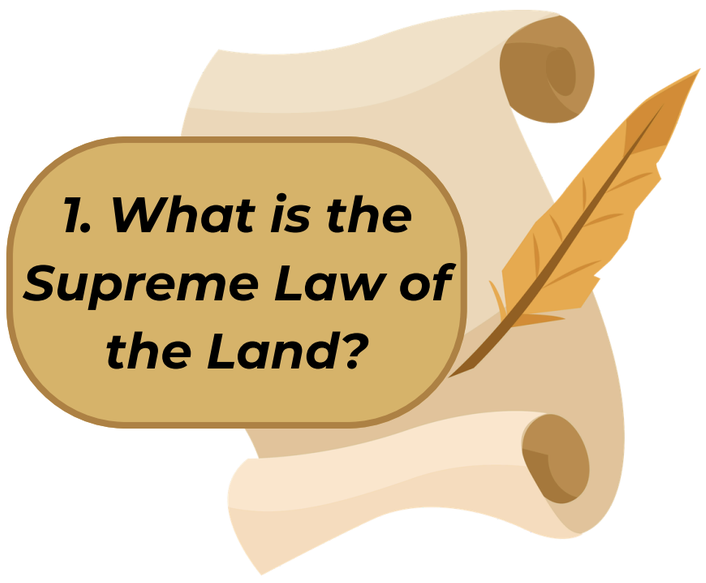
MEET THE MVP @ BGHS

Over this last season, he has won several awards including Running-Back of the Year, most yards ran in a season, and most yards ran during a single game. With his help, the Bulldogs were able to make it to the playoffs. While he and his teammates wait to hear back from colleges, they have been revisiting some of their favorite memories, whether it was their training camps in the mountains or beating a team against the odds. One thing's for sure, they are all glad they were a part of this team.



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN AN 8TH GRADER?

By: Ashtyn Kuzawa, Cerenity Chavez, Erianna Kidd & Angel King, 8th Grade



The Civics Test is a test that every student in Arizona has to take to graduate high school. In 2015, Arizona passed a law making this a requirement, and students in Arizona take this test for the first time in 8th grade. Students at Paseo Hills take this test every year before winter break

Do you think you could pass the Civics Test? There are 100 questions, and students need a 70% to pass. The questions come from the U.S. Citizenship test. The eighth graders here at Paseo Hills are pretty smart, but they spend all of December preparing for this test. See how you would do on the test by answering some of the questions scattered throughout this issue!

AVERY'S CUCUMBER SALAD

By: Avery Paolone, 5th Grade

1. First, add cucumbers that have been diced thinly (if you have an allergic reaction to cucumbers like my mom does, add carrots).
2. Next, add A LOT of cheddar cheese
3. Then, add your favorite ranch dressing and mix ingredients in a bowl to coat with ranch dressing and serve with literally anything.

CHECK OUT A SPECIAL COLORING PAGE BY *CELIVI TANG, 8TH GRADE,* ON THE LAST PAGE!

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NEWSPAPER MEETINGS

ALL STAFF WRITERS ARE WELCOME EACH WEEK (EXCEPT THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)!

JANUARY MEETING DATES:
1/9 1/16 1/23

MAKING A LIST: OUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS!

EVER WONDERED WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES OF NEWSPAPER CLUB? WELL, AN ELF DOESN'T GIVE AWAY THEIR SECRETS... BUT I CAN TELL YOU, IT'S REALLY BORING, YOU'D HATE IT (NOT AT ALL). IT'S A TON OF LAUGHTER, SNACK-EATING, CREATIVE CHAOS, AND HARD WORK ALL MIXED IN WITH SOME SERIOUSLY COOL STUDENT STORIES. DON'T BE THE LAST PERSON TO ASK A STAFF WRITER ABOUT THE LEGENDARY TALE OF 'QUISMAS', AND BE SURE TO READ THROUGH THEIR FAVORITE HOLLER-DAY TRADITIONS. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STUDENT WITH US!

HAVING A TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST ON CHRISTMAS MORNING (SAUSAGE, EGGS, PANCAKES, AND BACON).
- SHELBY TANNER

EVERY YEAR, MY FAMILY AND I MAKE TAMALES AND WE EACH HAVE OUR OWN JOBS WHILE SITTING AROUND THE TABLE AND WE'VE DONE THAT LITERALLY EVERY SINGLE YEAR.
- GENESIS IBANEZ

WHEN WE SET UP THE THING WHERE BABY JESUS WAS BORN.
- KATE MEDINA

TO SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY OPEN 1 GIFT AND EAT BREAKFAST. THEN WE FINISH OPENING THE GIFTS AND WATCH QUISMAS MOVIES.
- SARAH MAHMIC

(SLEEP) I DON'T LIKE WAKING UP EARLY.
- KAYLEE GURULE
(YES, MS. ALLI CONFIRMED THAT KAYLEE DOESN'T EVEN LIKE TO WAKE UP FOR PRESENTS)

PERSON 1: I DON'T HAVE NO FAVORITE 😓

PERSON 2: MY FAVORITE HOLLER-DAY TRADITION IS EVERY CHINESE NEW YEARS, THE ELDERS/OLDER PEOPLE HAVE TO GIVE HONG BAO/RED ENVELOPES THAT IS FILLED WITH MONEY TO THEM KIDS, LIKE YOUNG LADS.
- ASHTYN KUZAWA

SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY, AND ON QUISMAS EVE, MY FAMILY EXCHANGES GIFTS, AND GO LOOK AT QUISMAS LIGHTS.
- ABIGAIL WILKINS

MY FAMILY HAS CREPES LIKE THE PANCAKES WITH YOGURT AND FRUIT FOR DINNER EVERY YEAR ON CHRISTMAS AND IT IS VERY GOOD.
- EMILIA GRUELE

WHEN MY FAMILY ALL GATHERS AROUND IN THE FRONT ROOM AND SINGS, BUT NOT ANY OLD SINGING; WE GO AROUND IN A CIRCLE MIXING CHRISTMAS SONGS, THEN GRAB INSTRUMENTS AND TRY TO OUTPLAY EACH OTHER. I'VE WON A FEW TIMES BUT MY FAMILY ARE MAJOR MUSICIANS SO I ONLY WIN THE SINGING PORTION MOST OF THE TIME.
- AUTUMN LA BELLA

WE SLEEP UNTIL 4 AND GET COOKIES THEN GET THE PRESENTS AND THEN PLAY WITH IT.
- KEPA

BRUNCH AT MOM'S HOUSE!
- AVERY, CARSON, AND VINCENT PAOLONE

MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITION IS A GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST THAT MY FAMILY DOES ON QUISMAS EVE.
- STELLA FRANK,
FOUNDER OF 'QUISMAS'

SPENDING TIME WITH LOVED ONES AND EATING BROWNIES FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
- MR. DETERDING

GOING AROUND TO LOOK AT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!
- MRS. ARRIETA,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WAKING MY PARENTS UP IN THE MORNING AND WE OPEN PRESENTS ON CHRISTMAS AND THEN WE OPEN STOCKINGS AND IF THERE IS TIME FOR BREAKFAST WE HAVE BREAKFAST BUT USUALLY THERE IS NOT.
- IZZABELLA CHAVEZ

I LOVE TO COOK QUISMAS BRUNCH FOR MY LOVED ONES. COOKING IS MY FAVORITE WAY TO TELL MY PEOPLE THAT I LOVE THEM... GIVING THEM PRESENTS IS ANOTHER WAY. QUISMAS!
- MS. ALLI,
CO-FOUNDER OF 'QUISMAS'

TEACHERS...BEHIND THE SCENES

THE 4TH GRADE'S GUIDE TO GIFTING

By: Nolan "Kepa" Inos, 5th Grade, Izzy Chavez and Abigail Wilkins, 6th

All Mrs. Cross wants for Christmas is...

1. ***A trip to Flagstaff with her family***
2. ***Lotion and body spray***
3. ***Any type of gift card, mainly coffee***
4. ***Papermate Pens***
5. ***Any type of chocolate***

For the Holidays, Ms. Reiman travels to Nebraska for both Thanksgiving and Christmas every year! That's over 1,100 miles each way! She spends these holidays with her family.

All Mr. Price wants for Christmas is...

1. ***Coffee!***
2. ***More Coffee!***
3. ***Gift Cards for Coffee!***
4. ***Coconut Ice Cream***
5. ***A Hawaiian Vacation with his family***
6. ***Coffee!!***

On Thanksgiving, Ms. Cross spent time with her family at both: her parent's house and her in-law's house. For Christmas Eve, they have a family get-together, open presents with her kids, and later on go to her sister's house and make cookies and Christmas dinner.

All Mrs. Reiman wants for Christmas is...

1. ***Nebraska football shirt***
2. ***Wyoming Cowboy shirt***
3. ***Snowman decorations, please!***

Mr. Price had his in-laws over for Thanksgiving at his house this year, and cooked lots of great food! For Christmas, he plans on driving around with his family, drinking hot cocoa, and looking at Christmas lights!

NURSE NIKKI "SLEIGHS"!

HO-HO-HO! SANTA'S SENT US A GIFT!

FLIP TO PAGE 5 TO MEET NURSE NIKKI, OUR NEWEST "ELF ON THE SHELF" (ERR, NURSE ON STAFF).



THANKSGIVING WITH MR. POTHAST

By: Kaylee Gurule, 5th Grade

What does Mr. Pothast do on Thanksgiving day? After you read this passage you will find out! On Thanksgiving Mr. Pothast's wife invites her side of the family over to hang out and chill also to eat "of course". When his wife is preparing food Mr. Pothast goes out where the grill is and makes all the meat and other things that you make on the grill for Thanksgiving. Mr. Pothast's favorite food is green bean casserole. What he likes doing on Thanksgiving is to grill and cook for dinner or lunch. It technically depends on what time of day it is, if it's breakfast, likes doing on Thanksgiving is to be by the grill and cook for dinner or lunch. It technically depends on what time of day it is, if it's breakfast, lunch, or dinner. If he feels tired after eating. He said he might take a nap on the couch. There you have it, thank you for reading!

FEATURING...

8TH GRADE

By: Vuk Culibrik, Emilia Gurule, and Ashtyn Kuzawa, 8th Grade



Ms. Plohetski

Math Teacher, Student Gov.

Favorite Holiday Food:

Pumpkin Pie

At the Fall Festival...

I was helping run things, checking in with games, food, and bounce houses!

Favorite Musical Artist:

Ben Rector

Favorite Thing to Teach:

Systems of Equations

I teach 8th Grade because..

I enjoy working with Middle Schoolers



Mr. Deterding

History Teacher, Newspaper Club

Favorite Holiday Food:

Birthday Brownies

At the Fall Festival...

I was selling pizza with Ms. Alli

Favorite Musical Artist:

John Lennon

Favorite Thing to Teach:

The Civics Test

I teach 8th Grade because..

I like helping students prepare for High School

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PASEO HILLS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

All of us at Paseo Hills would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your attendance at our recent Veterans Day ceremony. Your presence was truly inspiring and significantly contributed to the success of the event. Your support for our school and our Veterans is invaluable. By taking the time to honor our nation's heroes, you demonstrated a commitment to our community and the ideals of service and sacrifice.

Respectfully, Jamie Hood (Principal)





ALL THAT BUZZZZ ABOUT SPELLING

By: Kate Medina, 5th + Sarah Mahmic, 6th

December was the annual school Spelling Bee! All the parents, students, and teachers were so proud of everyone. Students competed across grade levels, spelling words given by Ms. Butler. It was very challenging and I would recommend trying out for the spelling bee next year! If you see any of our winners, tell them they did an amazing job!

And the Winners are...

5th-6th Grade:

Scarlett Johnson

1st Place

Liane Hernandez

Runner Up

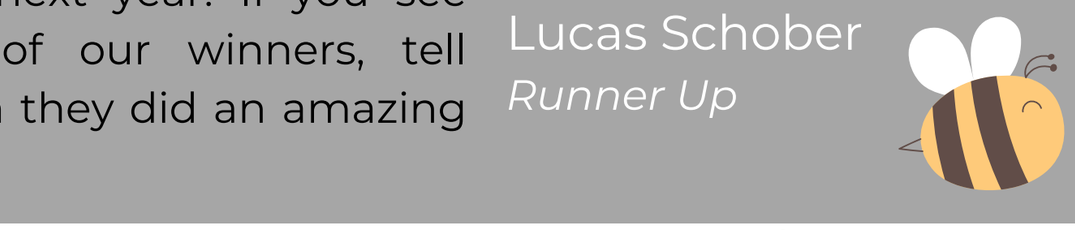
7th-8th Grade:

Ethan Lipkin

1st Place

Lucas Schober

Runner Up



COUNTRY RECORDING ARTIST, SHARI ROWE!





FAMILY FUN AT THE FALL FESTIVAL

By: Emilia Gurule, 8th Grade

During the Fall Festival on November 15 there were many fun activities such as bounce houses, face paint, Kona Ice, and games like volleyball, dodgeball, bowling, etc. tI interviewed Devin from 8th grade. He said "My favorite thing would have to be the small cart and the slide. Next I'm planning on going to try dodgeball cause it looks pretty alright." After he tried the dodgeball he said it was fun. There were some parents who also enjoyed the slide and said it was the most popular because their kids kept going on it! Another one that was also popular would have to be the bowling game because when I went over there to check it out there were many little kids running around enjoying it! One parent said "From what I've seen he really enjoys bowling one right now since it's easy." There was also face paint as well! The most popular designs were the leafs or sharks from what the art club expressed. In conclusion the most popular and enjoyed attraction was the bounce houses and many people had fun!



65. Who is the "Father of our Country"?



HEAD TO PAGE 6 FOR A CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH!

TEACHERS...BEHIND THE SCENES!

FEATURING...
8TH GRADE... PT. 2



Mrs. Sorrentino

Science Teacher

Favorite Holiday Food:

Lasagna and Linzer Tart

During the Fall Festival...

I was at a Mariah Carrey Concert

Favorite Musical Artist:

Led Zeppelin

Favorite Thing to Teach:

Genetics

Do you like working at Paseo?

I enjoy getting to work at the same school as my husband, Mr. Sorrentino. Plus everyone likes me more!!



Ms. Moreno

English Teacher

Favorite Holiday Food:

Thanksgiving Ham

During the Fall Festival...

I was watching the Tyson vs. Paul fight on Netflix

Favorite Musical Artist:

Justin Bieber

Favorite Thing to Teach:

Poetry

I teach 8th Grade because..

I like getting involved in all the fun Middle School events!

INTRODUCING... NURSE NIKKI! *By: Junior Benner, 4th*

To welcome our School Nurse, we have a special feature put together by our first (and only) 4th Grade Staff Writer!



Nurse Nikki's Favorite Things:

1. Loves going to her condo in Cabo!
2. Loves sleeping in a hammock and going to the beach!
3. Loves to try new foods in her free time!
4. Loves being a Cardiac Nurse! She has been one for 5 years!
5. On Christmas, she loves to play games, eat breakfast for dinner, and give out gifts!

HOLIDAY CHEER: TEACHER EDITION

By: Carson Paolone, 7th Grade Correspondent

Our 7th Grade team is made up of: ELA teacher, Mrs. Gratto, Science teacher, Mr. McElhaney, Social Studies teacher, Mr. Standring, and Math teacher, Ms. Bolte. While they all teach different subjects, they all can agree on a couple of things... They all love to celebrate the magic and peace of Christmas with their families, and keep traditions alive all while eating great food!

Tell me about your traditions!

Mac: We give 3 gifts to each family member with full stockings.

Bolte: We watch *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*.

Standring: We go for a walk before Christmas.

Gratto: Watching Christmas movies, sipping hot chocolate, making cookies and reindeer dust, opening presents early in the morning, seeing Santa, going to look at Christmas lights!

What is your elf name?

Mac: Mr. Sarcastico.

Bolte: SenSei.

Standring: Dave The Elf.

Gratto: Obviously, Mrs. Enthusiastic.

Does your family have a family recipe? If so, what is it?

Mac: My wife makes our family cookies for us to enjoy!

Bolte: No Fail Sugar cookies.

Standring: Mother makes O.G. Sticky Trophy Pudding which is an English Delicacy.

Gratto: The best deviled eggs.

Are you the type of person who loves snow and cold? Or hate it?

Mac: I don't know because we live in Phoenix.

Bolte: Likes the cold but hasn't had much experience with snow.

Standring: Love! His family has been skiing for cumulatively 60 years (Standring isn't 60, yet).

Gratto: Loves to visit the snow and the cold but doesn't want to live there.

What was the best gift you ever got as a kid?

Mac: Radio controlled truck.

Bolte: Motor/dirt Bike.

Standring: Microphone with toy electric guitar.

Gratto: iPod and iPhone and a kitten named Shadow.

What's your favorite holiday food?

Mac: Loves all food.

Bolte: Mashed potatoes with gravy.

Standring: Fruit Mince pies or Bakewell tarts

Gratto: Sugar Cookies.

A HARMONY OF VOICES: MR. SORRENTINO'S WINTER CHOIR

By: Nolan "Kepa" Inos + Kaylee Gurule, 5th Grade



Mr. Sorrentino and the Paseo Hills Choir had their winter concert on Wednesday, December 18th. The 3rd through 8th grade choirs performed lots of winter and holiday songs, including a solo from Raylene Ultreras! Mr. Sorrentino said his goal is to bring out the best of the kids and have them enjoy themselves and use music to express themselves.

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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Gingerbread
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Reindeer
Toys
Ribbon



ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER!

By: Junior Benner, 4th Grade

.Aidan Benner was a student at Paseo Hills several years ago, and is currently a supervisor at McDonald's! Here are some things to consider, if you're interested in having a job there!

1. Greeting costumers is very easy as you just ask them how they're doing and ask them either if they're ready to order food or need some time.
2. Making burgers is pretty fun. You just put some patties on the grill, season the meat with salt pepper and onions and then assemble the burgers with the meat.
3. Fries are even easier to make as there's a self serving machine to put the fries in the basket for you. You let them sit in a fryer for about 3 minutes, once they're done salt them up and serve!
4. When a customer is mad we try to figure out the problem and resolve it ASAP, as people make mistakes and that's okay. if it's a big issue, they can get a free meal card for the trouble from the manager.

And those are some of the things that you do while working at McDonald's!

TO SUM IT UP! WINTER BAND CONCERT EDITION

By: Celivi Tang, 8th Grade



Photo by Emilia Gurule

This year's winter band concert was magnificent and super jolly! To recap, it happened on Thursday of December 12th, and started at 5:30pm, with the doors being opened to all that came at 5:10pm. When the concert began, the 5th grade band performed first, followed by 6th grade, and then the 7th and 8th grade band! Not to mention, as the 7th and 8th grade band finished their pieces, everyone in band, 5th through 8th grade band went up on stage and performed Jingle Bells! In conclusion, the concert lasted about half an hour and received more positive feedback than last year.

CHECK BACK HERE IN THE SPRING FOR UPDATES ON THE NEXT CONCERT!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

By: Emily Damron, 5th Grade

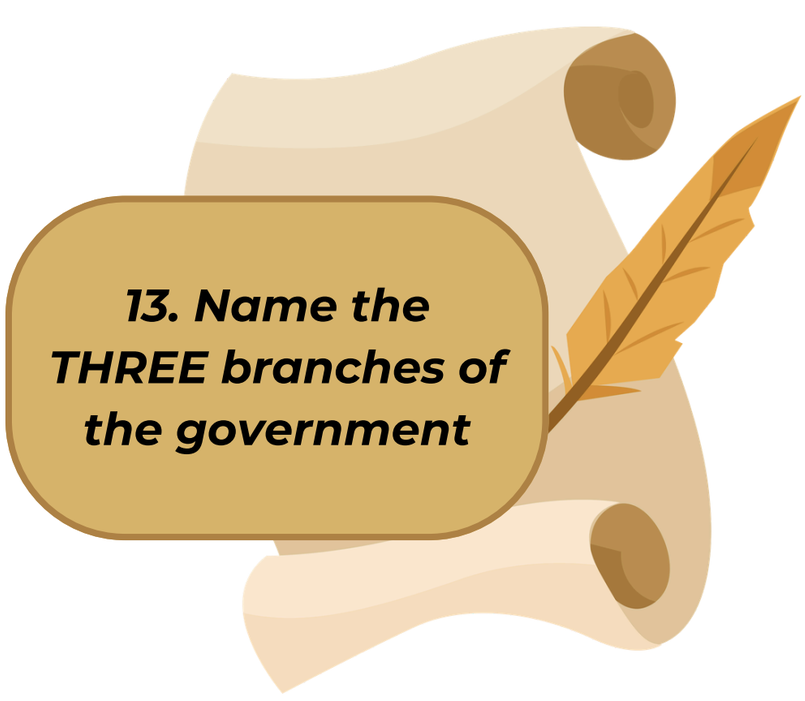
The Battle of the Books program is a voluntary reading competition designed to promote the love and appreciation of reading to fifth and sixth-grade students. Students come together in teams of 2-3 to read books and test their ability and knowledge by competing against each other in a lively academic competition consisting of 12 books and three battles throughout the year. Battle of the Books improves reading comprehension, builds vocabulary, and focuses on teamwork and sportsmanship.

The winner will represent Paseo Hills against other schools in our district at the big district battle in March. There were no 6th graders who participated, at least in Paseo Hills this year, and there are two teams in 5th grade. The two teams are The Fallen Stars, and The Wild Ones, each consisting of three people. The people in The Fallen Stars are Nathan F., Bailey L., and Jade M. The people in The Wild Ones are Scarlett J., Coraline B., and me (Emily D.)! Another battle was held on December 6th, and the next will take place next March, guests may come and watch!

HOLIDAY'S WITH THE PIOTROWSKI'S!

By: Gabby Zevallos, 6th Grade

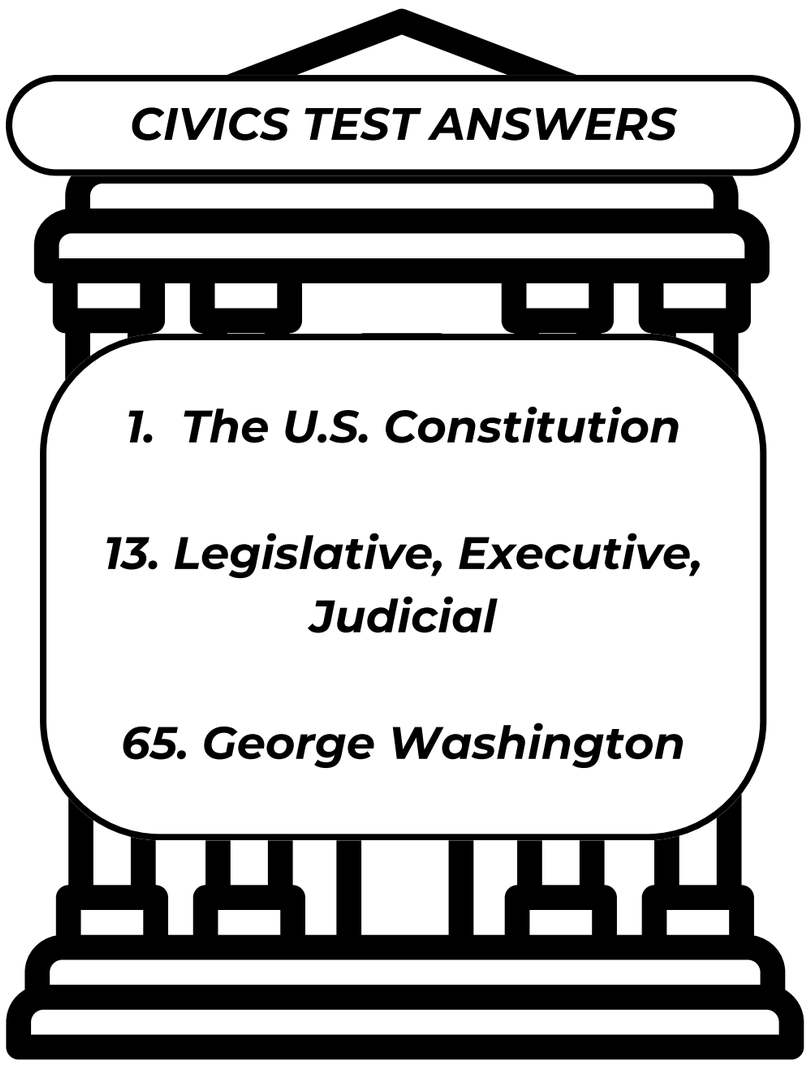
Ever wonder how Mrs. Piotrowski celebrates Thanksgiving and Christmas? Well here are some activities and traditions that Mrs. Piotrowski likes to do! On Thanksgiving she makes an amazing cornbread dressing and goes to church. On the Friday after Thanksgiving she and her other friends and family bring leftover desserts from Thanksgiving and they call it "Friday Pie Day". Right after Thanksgiving she sets up her Christmas tree, and decorates her house inside and out. She also drives by houses and light festivals to see the pretty lights. Her kids come to visit from New York, Washington D.C., and Tucson, and on Christmas Eve she has a Polish feast called Wigilia. But when she doesn't know someone that well she gives them novelty salt and pepper shakers. She also opens presents on Christmas morning and does secret Santa at work.



MORE HOLIDAY FUN!

By: Izzy Chavez, 6th Grade

Dominik Norris (5th Grade) was with his stepdad's family this year for Thanksgiving, continuing one of his favorite family traditions. Dominik enjoyed having his favorite foods, pie and deviled eggs! He hopes to spend time with his family and have more good food over the winter holidays as well!



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WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON:

As a new club, we are excited to link arms with partners who are passionate about supporting our students. We are working on fundraising through sponsorship, advertising, and other opportunities.

Our next issue will be our first issue in 2025, and will be covering lots of "back to school" events. Do you or your club have anything coming up in January and beyond? Get in touch with one of our Staff Writers!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ***1/9:*** *Bring your ideas and bid for a writer/photographer spot!*
- ***1/16:*** *Workshop! Get our publication ready for approval!*
- ***1/23:*** *General Meeting, vote to approve or edit our next edition!*

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CON-GRAD-ULATIONS TO MS. EDGAR!

By: Kaylee Gurule-Baucum, 5th Grade

On December 17, 2025, at 9 AM, Miss Edgar walked across the stage to receive her diploma at Desert Financial Stadium. The moment was a huge milestone for her, but it wasn't easy. How did Ms. Edgar feel? Why did she become a teacher? What was she thinking as she walked across the stage? Read on to learn all these things and more!

When she was waiting backstage with her friends, she felt super nervous. She was thinking about what her 5th graders were doing and if they were watching live from the Media Center (we were!), and if she would fall walking on stage. When she stepped on to the stage, she felt excited and a small dash of nervousness.. Then she checked to see if she was holding her diploma right and took the spotlight!

Ms. Edgar's journey to being a teacher began when she graduated from Sandra Day O'Connor High School in 2019, and then she spent two and a half years at Glendale Community College. In 2022, she started at Arizona State University (ASU), where she continued her studies until her graduation in 2025.

She became a teacher because she had been told countless times that she can help explain things better to kids and help them with the problems she had as a kid. She was the girl who used to talk a lot to the point she got in trouble. Jade Hernandez in 5th grade said that it is true Ms. Edgar was good at explaining reading and writing.

Well, there you have it, Ms. Edgar's graduation.



TALES FROM HIGH SCHOOL: JAMIE KIDD ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER

By: Eriana Kidd, 8th Grade

Former Rattler, Jamie Kidd, promoted from Paseo Hills in 2024. Now, as a Freshman at Barry Goldwater, Jamie surprised us all and joined Newspaper Club to be interviewed in a special feature!

SEE MORE ON PAGE 6



SPIRIT ASSEMBLY RECAP

By: Stella Frank, 8th Grade

On January 17th our Paseo Hills students and staff had the annual Quarter 3 spirit assembly, as well as the spirit stick competitions. During the assembly we had our 5th and 6th grade choir perform "Let It Go" from Frozen, the 5th and 6th grade band perform "the Mickey Mouse March", as well as our drama club performing the opening three acts of Into the Woods JR!



Photo by Stella Frank

Winners of the Spirit Competition included:

1st Grade- *Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Hart*
5th Grade- *Mr. Pothast, Mrs. Piotrowski, and Ms. Edgar*
8th Grade- *Mr. Deterding, Ms. Moreno, Ms. Plohetski, and Mrs. Sorrentino*

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

By: Izzabella Chavez, 6th Grade

On the 100th day of school, the 1st grade team had the day filled with fun activities that include counting, writing, and crafts. Also, the first grade team had 100th day snacks that the students made using 10-frames and small snacks like M&Ms, popcorn, Skittles, cereal and marshmallows. The team also wore special 100th day shirts!

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NEWSPAPER MEETINGS

ALL STAFF WRITERS ARE WELCOME EACH WEEK. INTERESTED IN JOINGING? GET IN TOUCH WITH MS. ALLI OR MR. DETERDING!

FEBRUARY MEETING DATES:

SEE PAGE 6!

MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION...

By: Ms. Alli, Club Sponsor/Front Office Queen

Shelby - To be more active and to be healthier

Kaylee - To sleep and go to a Billie Eilish concert

Izzy - Drink more water

Vuk - Don't sleep so much this year.

Sarah - To be more Positive

Stella - Read 30 books.

Emily - Get good at other video games

Savannah - Get all A's this quarter.

Emma - Ignore people's rude comments.

Kepa - Focus more on my things and stay organized.

Celivi - Fix my time management and lowkey read the Bible 🤯🤯

Emilia - Go to the gym and get involved more in school activities!

Carson - Not get into trouble this year.

Vincent - I want to get better at football and other sports. I want to have a good start in high school next year and have good grades for 8th and through high school.

Abby - Drink more water in the new year.

Kate - Be better at school and get better grades

Eriana - Focus on myself and my work and not get distracted in class.

Gabby - Watch more shows (and finish them), because last year I watched a handful of good shows (my favorite being Phineas and Ferb and Wizards of Waverly Place) but still feel that I barely nicked the top. There are still a few good Disney Channel shows that I still haven't watched, and I hope to watch them this year!

Genesis - Start focusing on myself more and turn in my school work on time.

DID YOU KNOW?

The tradition of New Years Resolutions started in Babylonian times, 4,000 years ago!

18TH CENTURY: NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS BECAME A CULTURAL NORM IN WESTERN SOCIETY.

20TH CENTURY: THE TRADITION MOVED BEYOND RELIGIOUS CONTEXTS AND BECAME MORE SECULAR.

TODAY: MODERN RESOLUTIONS ARE MORE FOCUSED ON PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT, SUCH AS EXERCISING MORE, SPENDING LESS, OR BEING KINDER.

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER CHEER!



FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL ON INSTAGRAM!

phrattlers We are so proud to announce that our very own Mr. Justin Price maintained his National Board Certification status! Today we had special guests present this celebration in his 4th grade class. Rattlers ROCK! #WearePaseo

MEET THIRD GRADE!

By: Celivi Tang, 8th Grade



Photo by Celivi Tang

How long have you been teaching?

Mrs. Sell - *11 years*
Mrs. Ferrell - *3 years*

What's your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. Sell - *Reading*
Mrs. Ferrell - *Math* 😲

Did you teach somewhere else before Paseo Hills?

Mrs. Sell - *I've taught at 3 schools before Paseo Hills, like Walker Butte*
Mrs. Ferrell - *Not really, but I was a student teacher in a different school*

Do you like your class?

Both - *Yes*

The 3rd grade annual field trip is coming up! Do you guys have any plans?

Both - *We don't have anything planned as of now, but we would like to go to Lake Pleasant and its learning center as of now!*

What are your hobbies?

Mrs. Sell - *My three kids* 😺
Mrs. Ferrell - *Painting and baking treats* 😆

What's your favorite TV show or a show you're currently watching?

Mrs. Sell - *I watch about everything, but I especially watch detective shows*
Mrs. Ferrell - *I'm currently watching Gilmore Girls and my favorite is Grey's Anatomy*

What's your favorite color?

Mrs. Sell - *Mint Green*
Mrs. Ferrell - *Yellow and Pink*

Mrs. Ferrell, I heard you were in charge of a couple fun projects recently! Was it just your class or did you include others? Plus, how did you do them?

Mrs. Ferrell - *The Lego project was for all classes! And, it worked by building anything and then coding it online to either light up or move. Moreover, the project to celebrate Arizona and its history was just my class, and I got this idea from social media. These projects were school-wide and got to be shown off during our Veteran's Day celebration, each grade level had a different assignment, my class created a 3D model of Paseo Hills and the Arizona flag using handprints with paint!*





Photos provided by Mrs. Ferrell

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MRS. ROWLEY?

By: Ms. Alli, Club Sponsor/Front Office Queen





Photos provided by Mrs. Rowley

You may have noticed that one of our beloved 3rd grade teachers is missing from this interview (and campus)! It's for good reason though... Mrs. Rowley and her husband welcomed their first-born baby, Brooks, to the world on December 3rd, 2024. At 6lbs 3oz and just 17 inches long, he has proven that big love sometimes comes in small packages.

While she has loved this new season of motherhood, Mrs. Rowley has also shared her excitement to show off Brooks with her class, and the rest of the school, too! She will return in the next couple of months but in the meantime, please join us in congratulating Mrs. Rowley on this exciting new chapter. Perhaps we have a future Rattler in the making!

IT'S SHOWTIME! RIVER DIRECTS FROG AND TOAD
ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER
By: Sarah Mahmic, 6th Grade + Genesis Sanchez Ibanez, 8th Grade



Photo by Ms. Alli

On January 16th, Drama Club went on a field trip to Barry Goldwater to watch Frog and Toad, directed by former rattler, River Souder. The cast and crew said that "It takes a lot of teamwork" due to the fact that Frog And Toad was a student-led production and had lots of improvised scenes. Overall this was a great show and experience and we would recommend everyone check out all the theater productions at BGHS, but also to join Theatre in high school. Ash, who played Toad, said "It's a great way to make friends!"

SEE ANOTHER ONCE A RATTLER ALWAYS A RATTLER FEATURE ON PAGE 6

KATSU CHICKEN RECIPE
By: Vincent Paolone + Stella Frank, 8th Grade

- Get 5 chicken breasts and cut off all of the fat on the chicken
- Then Get three shallow bowls
- Put 3 or 4 eggs and whisk them in one bowl
- Next get 2 cups of flour in one bowl
- Next, get panko for breading and put it into one bowl
- Next get a pan and put oil into it till you get enough to fill the bottom pan and the temperature has to be at least 350°
- Pat the chicken dry and then dip the chicken in the flour, egg, and then the panko
- Put the chicken in oil and fry it about 3 minutes on each side
- Plate with a side of rice and Katsu Sauce
- Enjoy!



Photo by Emilia Gurule-Baucum



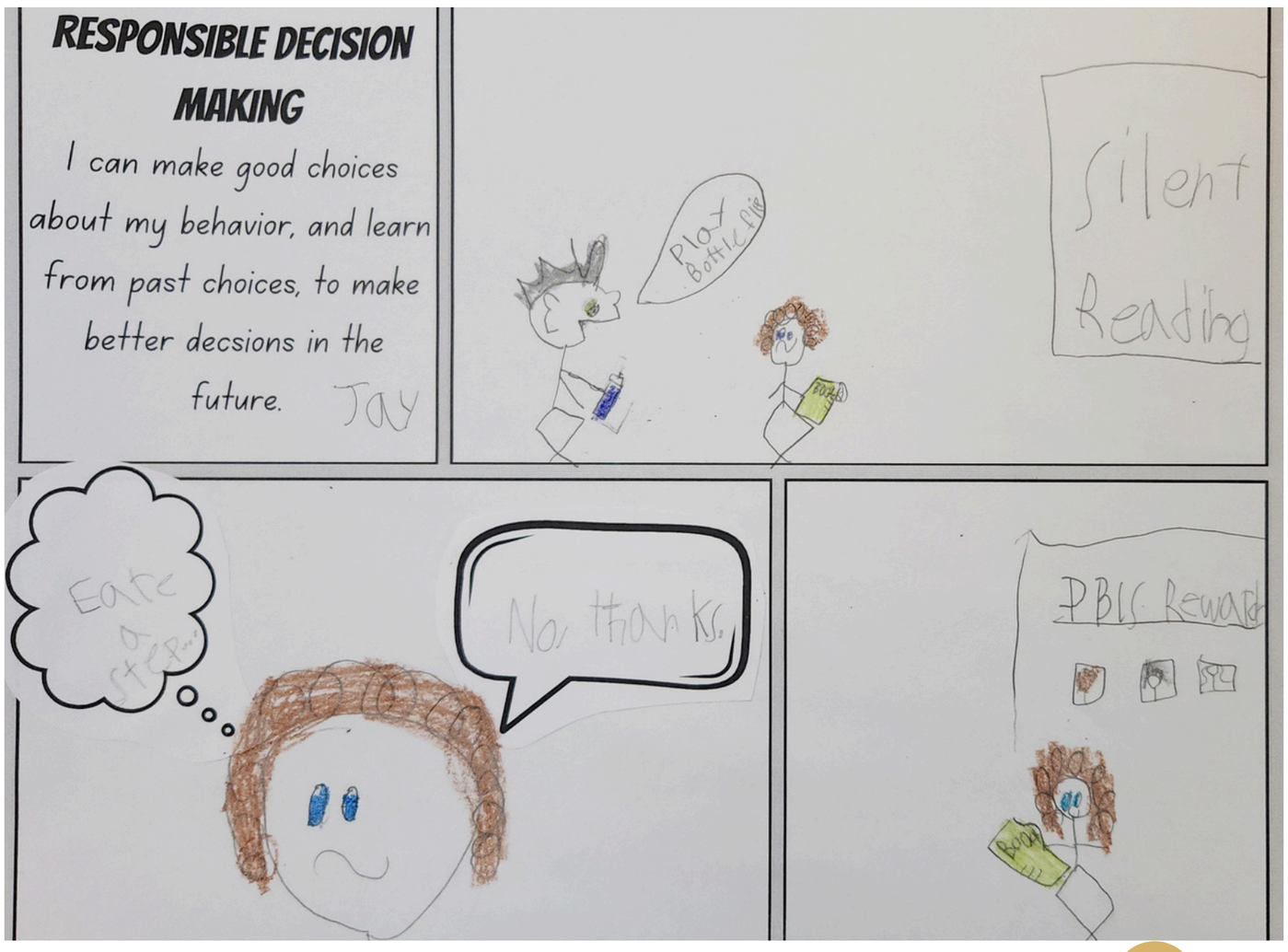
Photo by Mr. Deterding

STEAM NIGHT!
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, AND MATH!

By: Kaylee + Emilia Gurule-Baucum, 5th + 8th Grade

What is steam night? What do you do? After you read this you will know. Steam night is a night where family and friends get together and do projects with their teachers. The Drama club did a small performance of Into the woods while 5th graders built things and made dominos and tried to knock it down. 8th grade was trying to transfer water to a different cup while using only straws. Steam night was mostly fun projects, socializing, and meeting new people.

RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING - R.O.C.K. COMIC!



Guest Feature

By: Jay Hunt, 1st Grade

During reading, a boy wants to play bottle flip. The student thinks if he plays, he might earn a step, so he says "no, thank you." The student later earns a ROCK Ticket for reading.

DO YOU KNOW THE ROCK EXPECTATIONS?

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS BELOW AND SHOW IT TO YOUR TEACHER!

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O ... _____

C ... _____ ***THROUGH***

K ... _____

WANT TO SEE MORE? CHECK BACK HERE FOR THE NEXT R.O.C.K. COMIC!

VR HEADSET REVIEW!

By: Junior Benner, 4th Grade

There are two VR headsets to choose from. You can get the Meta Quest 3 or 3S, here is the research I did and my review of the headsets.

The price of the Meta Quest 3 is $499.99 and the 3S is $299.99. I say the best one to get is the 3S, mainly because the 3S is cheaper, it just depends on the storage you want. The 3 comes with 128 GB or 512 GB. The 3S comes with two storage options as well, 128 GB and 256 GB. More storage can mean added cost! To get the VRs, you can order them online; to play, you must have the Meta Quest app (which is free). Once you order them they will ship to your house. It's a 3 to 5-day wait to get either headset.

I would rate the 3s, 4 stars, and 3, 5 stars. I rated them this way because both devices are ok. You are limited in what you can do because of the storage. It takes a while for the battery to die; I would consider it more of a medium speed for battery life. The number 1 game that would be good for both VR headsets is Gorilla Tag. Gorilla Tag is fun to play because it is a tag-based game and you can get cosmetics in the game. You can also explore different maps, and play live with other people, or join private codes (which are also free) with just your friends.

That's what you need to know about buying VR headsets!

JANUARY 2025?!

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By: Celivi Tang, 8th Grade

FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Celivi Tang, Treasurer, 8th Grade

Principal Hood allocated funds to the Newspaper Club from the ZAG Fundraiser! And, the club also received money from The Paseo Hills SpiritGear sales! Therefore, this will help the MAJORITY of our expenses for printing in color!! 🥳 Thank you Principal Hood and to all of you who supported our club and bought merch!

While this is good news, we are still looking for sponsors and more fundraising opportunities. Reach out about tax credit opportunities, as well!

GAMES YOU SHOULD PLAY

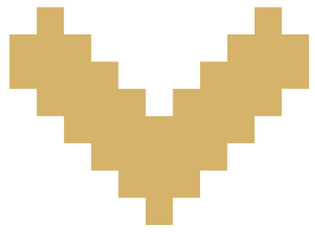
By: Carson Paolone + Skylar Casey, 7th Grade





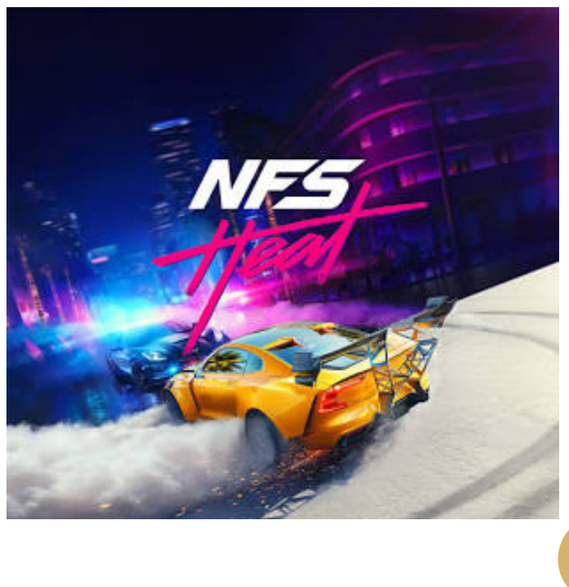












Cuphead: This platform shooter game is very cartoony making it a fun environment, it's rated 4.7/5. It's fun and challenging gameplay which makes this game well worth your money. We would recommend this if you would like to play a cartoony game.
$20, all gaming devices.

Legend of Zelda - Tears of The Kingdom: Puzzle, and action adventure game with more realistic textures is rated 4.4/5. It's an amazing fantasy game with lots of adventures to do so we would recommend it if you like adventure/animated games.
$40-$70 (depends where you get it), Nintendo Switch.

Hogwarts Legacy: This Role playing game shows what different paths you can go down to change the gameplay that's rated 4.3/5. It's based on the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. It's fun in its head scratching gameplay. However, it's also very expensive but it's well worth it for people who like adventure/magic games.
$60, all gaming devices.

Need for Speed - Heat: NFS is a racing, adventure, and action game that is fun if you like to play racing games with a fun storyline that's rated a 3.9/5. This game is on most platforms and cross-play is included. The game is more on the expensive side but we would still recommend it for people who like racing/free-play games.
$60, all devices, except Nintendo

TALES FROM HIGH SCHOOL: JAMIE KIDD

ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER

By: Eriana Kidd, 8th Grade



Self Portrait By: Jamie Kidd

How is your high school experience so far? *It's pretty good. I'm in honors classes, and I am in some cool electives, which are creative writing and guitar. I've made a few new friends and have been apart of some clubs that interest me.*

Did you like being in drama club last year? *Yes, it gave me the knowledge of acting as different characters and had lots of moments bonding with the cast and crew.*

How does it feel to be Paseo alumni? *I'm proud to be from here. I didn't, at first, want to be a Rattler because I didn't want to switch schools again. I was only here for a year and half but the memories I made here were amazing. 8th grade was the most memorable year.*

What inspires you? *Music. Specifically 21 Pilots. Another thing that inspires me: tv shows and movies. I love watching them, they make me happy. Especially cartoons!*

Are you involved in any clubs in high school? *True Colors - for people part of the LGBTQ+ community. Stand Up, Speak Up, Save A Life - we talk about topics of depression, suicide, bullying, any sensitive subjects. We learn about peers to and their experiences to help them, if they need it. Bring Change To Mind - is for peers who are wanting to improve their mental health or mental health disorders and anything to make you happier. Table Top Role Play - Board/Card Games! DND - decided to join because I thought it was interesting.*

What are some of your hobbies or interests? *My hobbies are writing, drawing, animating, cooking and watching YouTube.*

What's one piece of advice that you would give to upcoming freshmen? *Be yourself and find other people who want to be around you. Life is gonna get hard if you don't find people who appreciate your company and want to change you for the better. Also, it will be hard if you don't allow yourself to be comfortable around others.*

Do you have advice on being yourself? *Share a small piece of yourself, find connection from there. Maybe you will share the same interests! Most importantly, don't be afraid to try new things and grow. High school is one of the peak moments in your life before you become an adult, and something you should cherish.*

Can you share something hard about high school? *It's not easy, one of the hardest things for me was something personal... I really missed middle school and have cried about that. I miss how easy and how used to middle school I got. During 8th grade, it was one of the best school years of my life. Another thing that was hard this year has been trying to keep my grades up.*

Thank you for doing this interview with us, we really appreciate it and enjoyed your time here with us. *Thank you for having me, it was an honor to do this interview with you. And that's all I have for ya, nerds. ;]*

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WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON:

As a new club, we are excited to link arms with partners who are passionate about supporting our students. We are working on fundraising through sponsorship, advertising, and other opportunities.

Want to be featured? Contact us, and we will make sure one of our Staff Writers follows up with you to get an interview scheduled.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ***2/6:*** *Bring your ideas and bid for a writer/photographer spot!*
- ***2/13:*** *Workshop! Get our publication ready for approval!*
- ***2/20:*** *Morning meeting option for writers who have articles due.*
- ***2/25*** *General Meeting, vote to approve or edit our next edition!*

GET TO KNOW 7TH GRADE!

By: Carson Paolone + Skylar Casey, 7th Grade

What are your hobbies outside of school?

- Mac: Doing Chores/sport statistics
- Bolte: Building Legos
- Standring: Video Games (FIFA)
- Gratto: Workout/read/family/go to sport events/be with friends

What is one of your secret skills?

- Mac: Sewing
- Bolte: Trained in all martial arts weapons
- Standring: Skiing
- Gratto: Talk without moving lips

Why did you decide to teach 7th grade?

- Mac: Just a position available/got into teaching from helping younger brothers
- Bolte: Loved teaching karate for 5 years
- Standring: Liked History, and chose 7th grade because not old enough to talk back
- Gratto: Enjoyed the class /age

Do you have a message to future students or teachers?

- Mac: Care about others and what you do
- Bolte: Know when to have fun
- Standring: Students, 7th grade doesn't treat you like a little kid so don't act like one. Teachers, don't take things personally
- Gratto: "Get lost in a good book"

What are your likes?

- Mac: Time with family/seeing students be successful
- Bolte: building legos/watching movies/basketball
- Standring: Traveling
- Gratto: Read/reality tv/hanging out with family/Harry Potter/Disney

What makes a "good day" at school?

- Mac: Helping students be successful
- Bolte: No Steps
- Standring: Students engaged in activities
- Gratto: Good Coffee/kids listening/a good workout/Son has a good morning

What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?

- Mac: Helping support daughters finishing schooling
- Bolte: Bought a House/got a car
- Standring: The progress the teams he coached
- Gratto: Read 50 books this year/Getting a better curriculum

What is your favorite dish from the cafeteria?

- Mac: Calzone
- Bolte: BBQ rib sandwich
- Standring: Popcorn chicken with hot sauce
- Gratto: Chicken nuggets/Orange chicken/Popcorn chicken

Describe how you might assess a student's higher-order thinking skills?

- Mac: With Questioning
- Bolte: Looking for in-depth answers
- Standring: Student is able to connect one detail with another detail that isn't related
- Gratto: Socratic Seminars

What is your favorite song?

- Mac: Anything by The Carpenters
- Bolte: Where the Wild Things Are by Luke Combs
- Standring: Mr Standring didn't answer because no student in 7 and a half years has ever guessed
- Gratto: All too well/who afraid of little old me/blank space Taylor Swift

HONOR BAND...

By: Autumn La Bella, 8th Grade

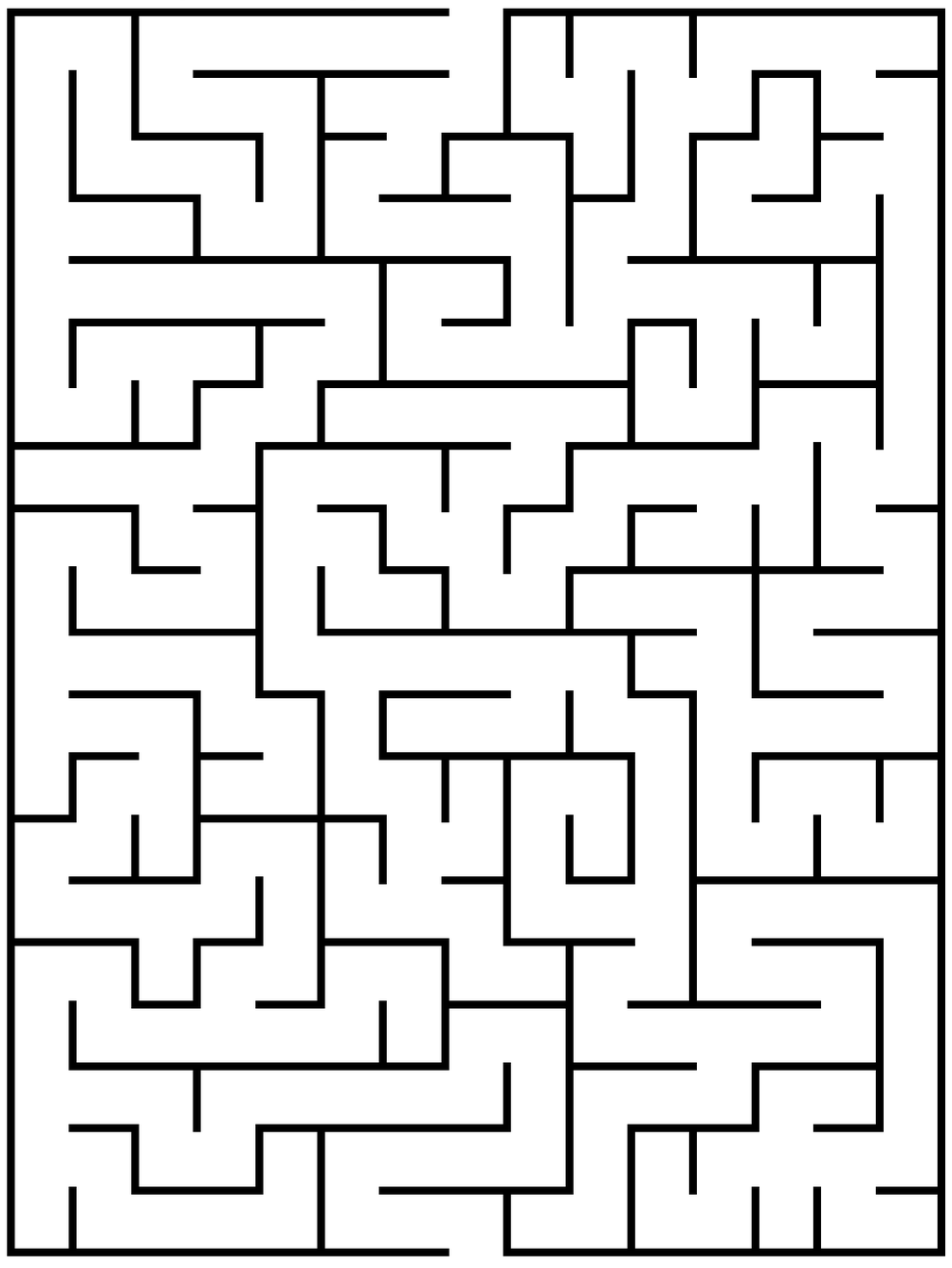
Honor Band season is finally here, where high skilled students of middle school band get to audition to see who is the best of the best. Honor band gives you music to practice on your own time, it's hard since the music is way above your level of instrumental skill. During Honor Band you spend (at max) 6 hours non-stop rehearsing your music with all the other bands District-wide. At the end of rehearsal, you play in a concert with other people. There are about 90-100 people who get into Honor Band, that's a lot!

This year, honor band takes place at Sandra Day O'Connor High School, and I recommended that you should come and see the performance on February 12th, to see all the hard work they put into playing instruments.

Here at Paseo Hills, 5 students auditioned for Honor Band, and only 2 got in! Celivi Tang, an 8th grade clarinet player, and Wesley Tang a 6th grade clarinet player. Believe it or not, they are actually siblings! Celivi says that Honor Band is amazing! She also added that it's hard, especially since you have to audition to get in, and also the higher level music you have to play. Overall, she says Honor Band is a fun experience playing with people from different schools, and learning new things and tricks on her instrument.

Honor Band is a great way of improving your instrumental skill and experience, giving you an opportunity to a better future in the musical industry.

CAN YOU HELP CELIVI AND WESLEY GET FROM PASEO HILLS...



...TO HONOR BAND???

COPY CAT COSMIC BROWNIES

By: Emma Ames, 6th Grade



Do you like Cosmic Brownies? I'm sure a lot of people do. Well what if I told you that you could make your own Cosmic Brownies.

These Brownies are called Copycat Cosmic Brownies, and all you need is to follow these steps and have these ingredients. Oh and one last thing is patience because good things take time, just like these brownies.

- First of all, you need to preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Line a 13x9 inch baking pan with aluminum foil and coat the foil and sides of the pan with baking spray.
- Grab some chocolate fudge, chop it up into pieces and also grab some butter, then put both of them in a bowl to microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes.
- Next, you need some cacao, canola oil, and vanilla, and mix the fudge, butter, canola oil, and vanilla all together.
- Fifth, you need to add some sugar and brown sugar to the mix and whisk it all together but after you add the sugar then add 1 egg then mix, then repeat but instead of sugar it's brown sugar and mix for 2 minutes total.
- Then, you need to add flour, cornstarch, salt, and baking powder until combined and mix it for 45 seconds total.
- After that step, you have to transfer the batter to the baking pan, insert the pan with the batter inside to the oven and bake it for 55 to 60 minutes.
- Once finished, take it out and let it chill out on the counter or table for an hour to cool off, once it's at room temperature then put the pan in the fridge for 1 hour to chill.

Once the brownie has chilled, then you're gonna wanna start making your ganache.

- To start off, you have to have 7 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate and chop it up.
- Next, you need to take ¾ cup of heavy cream and mix it into the chocolate until it has melted, and then whisk in some butter and salt until it is smooth and shiny.
- Then, you need to put the brownie onto a cutting board, next you need to cut off the outer edges about ¼ inch on all sides.
- Afterwards, you need to spread Ganache all over in an even layer on top of the brownie.
- Then you need to have some chocolate covered sprinkles and put it all over the brownie. Chill the brownie for about 5 minutes until the Ganache is set.
- Next, cut the brownie into 12 even pieces and then using the back of the knife make an indent going across each center of each brownie.

That is the recipe for the Cosmic Brownies!

COMING SOON... VALENTINE'S DANCE!

By: Cerenity Chavez + Shelby Tanner, 8th Grade

The Valentine's Day Dance is where 7th and 8th graders will have a night of fun whether it's with their friends on the dance floor or at the snack bar getting some food for the big night. When you visit the snack bar, you can buy all types of snacks from M&M's to granola bars. You can also buy pizza and water/soda prior to the dance for only $2 each so be wise with your money.

Valentine's Day is a day of love and friendship, so this day means a lot to the kids that get to go. They appreciate how much work goes into these nights of fun and the special memories that they can make on this night and remember for years to come.

So, remember to wear your dancing shoes! Have a good night, stay cool Rattlers!

THIS YEAR'S DANCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MPR ON 2/14 AT 4:00 PM, BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Photos from last year's dance, featuring former Rattlers!







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MOVING FAR AWAY

ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER

By: Ashtyn Kuzawa, Guest Writer

On Tuesday the 10th we left early to shorten the other drive days. We left Phoenix around 2 pm and got to Flagstaff at 4: 30 pm. It was very cold in Flagstaff, it was hard getting cats into the room but they were good once they got into the hotel room. We had dinner at IHOP and when we got back to the hotel room I watched Family Feud until I fell asleep. In the morning we ate at the hotel's buffet. Some of the cats found ways to get themselves stuck in the couch but we got all of them into the car and were back on the road.

Best Western Pony Soldier Inn & Suites ☆☆
Bagels are delicious, Furniture not pet proof, Not Memorable

The drive from Flagstaff to Amarillo Texas was about 10 hours with stops, we passed through Albuquerque New Mexico on our way enjoying the sights and playing car games. When we finally got to Texas we ate at Wienershnitzel. I had the Junkyard dog which is a hot dog with chili sauce and French fries in it. In the morning we had breakfast at the buffet and it was way better than the Flagstaff buffet. The cats found a way to get stuck under the furniture again.

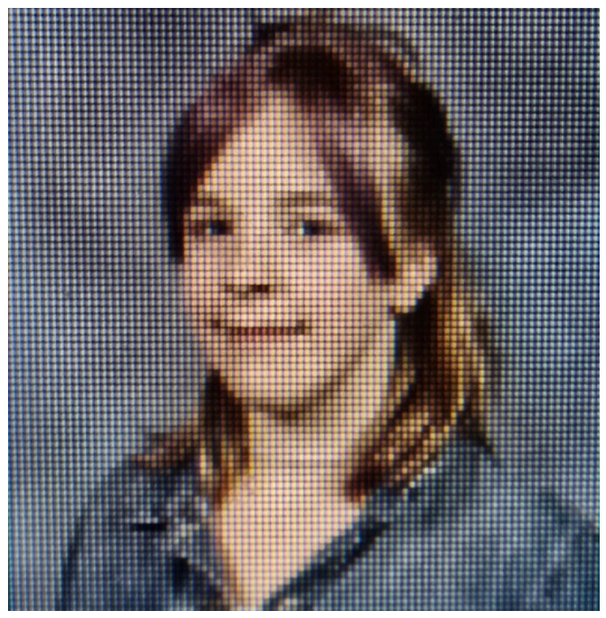


STUDENT VS. STAFF VOLLEYBALL GAME!

By: Savannah Large, 6th Grade

On Friday, February 28th, we had our first-ever Student VS. Staff Volleyball game. Staff volunteers went up against the girl's volleyball team, made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, and it was so fun. If you had not heard the news, the students won! The staff did amazing though, going through two sets that were very close. The students won both but all-in-all the staff volleyball players had amazing serves and saves. The funniest part of the game was when Ms. Wooley's baby ran across the game to go to her mom. The game was intense, fun, and crazy. We had so much fun and we hope to see you there next year!





Check out previous issues for articles and photos by Ashtyn, who moved away earlier in the 2024-2025 school year

Best Western Plus Amarillo East ☆☆☆
They had yogurt in the fridge with Granola!!, Furniture not pet proof

Wienerschnitzel ☆☆☆
I wish there were more fries on the Junkyard Dog, but the Milkshake was really good. Would eat again!
After the 8 and a half hour drive through Oklahoma we finally reached Missouri getting to the new house and eating at the Fuji I used to eat at when I was little.

Fuji ☆☆☆☆
Nostalgic, teppanyaki was amazing, very expensive though.

EXTRAORDINARY SUBSTITUTES!

Last issue, Celivi Tang completed an interview with the 3rd Grade team, including Mr. C, who has been acting as a long-term sub. You've probably seen Mr. C around campus, usually subbing in P.E. or some of the younger grades. Read more on page 2 to find out more about some of our extraordinary subs...

Vincent Maldonado, pictured to the left with Mr. Pothast's 5th Grade class promoted from Paseo Hills and now subs here!

IN THIS ISSUE... SUBSTITUTES!

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NEWSPAPER MEETINGS
ALL STAFF WRITERS ARE WELCOME EACH WEEK.

APRIL MEETING DATES:
SEE PAGE 8!

EXTRAORDINARY SUBSTITUTES

AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS. DOSH

By: Cerenity Chavez, 8th Grade

What is your favorite thing about Paseo Hills School?
The students

How long have you been a teacher/sub?
I was a teacher for 25 years and have been a substitute for the last 4 years

Who was your favorite partner or person you have worked with at Paseo?
Mrs. Clarke, we've worked together for a long time

What was your favorite grade you have worked with at Paseo?
My favorite experience was subbing for 7th grade last year, with this year's current 8th graders

Who/what inspired you to become a teacher?
My second-grade teacher, Mrs. Erickson.

Thank you for answering these questions!
You are very welcome











MOVING NOT-SO-FAR AWAY

ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER

By: Emilia Rose + Genesis Sanchez, 8th Grade

Tatum Holder moved to Paseo Hills in 5th grade, however, she recently had to move to a new school in a different district, named Fine Arts Academy. Even though she's still gone, we still stay in touch with her and want to continue to involve her in our newspaper club. If you didn't know Tatum, she had been in this school for three years and in DVUSD for around 6 years. At her new school, Tatum has made lots of new friends but none of them are as interesting as the kids at Paseo! She also often mentions not liking her new school as much and missing her friends at Paseo. During her time here, she was only involved in the Newspaper Club which she also misses. In her new school, she continues to play flute in the band, and is currently learning from one of the people in her class! While she is having fun, she says she enjoys Paseo Hills more than the new school!

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. C

By: Celivi Tang, 8th Grade

How long have you been teaching?
7 years

What's your favorite subject to teach?
Science

Ever taught somewhere else before Paseo Hills?
I've taught all over many districts as a substitute

Do you have any hobbies?
I love to hike and travel, as well as going to concerts!

What's your favorite TV show or a show you're currently watching?
My favorite TV show is either Seinfeld or The Office

Favorite color?
Blue

WAX TO IMPRESS NIGHT

FROM A CONVERSATION WITH IZZY AND CERENITY

By: First Last, Grade

Bella: Hey Cerenity!
Cerenity: Hey, what?
Bella: Do you know what "Wax To Impress" night was?
Cerenity: Nope!
Bella: Well, I'm about to tell you. Wax To Impress night was a sixth-grade parent engagement night we did on Wednesday, February 26th. We dressed up as people from the past, read our character's biography, and made tri-folds. We also got to read and also received stickers every time someone visited us. As you can see, people really, really liked the idea of dressing up and reading a speech about a famous person's life. If you were there in person, I'm sure you know it was really fun. I feel like every 6th grader felt confident because we did practice rounds with 1st-5th grade. I'd like to say thank you to all of the 6th graders for all their hard work! Have a goooooood week, love you all! Hisssss

OUR AMAZING SUPERINTENDENT, DR. FINCH WAS INTERVIEWED BY TWO OF OUR STAFF WRITERS... CATCH UP WITH HIM ON PAGE 7

CROSS' VALENTINE'S DAY

By: Izzy Chavez, 6th Grade

Mrs. Cross and her class had a lot of fun on Valentine's Day, read on to hear all about it! They first passed out their goodies and treats for Valentine's Day, and then they watched "Gnomeo and Juliet" 2011) as they played Valentine's Day-themed games. How fun! Mrs. Cross said Valentine's Day is her favorite day of the whole year, and that her favorite Valentine's Day candy is any and all kinds of chocolates! Hope you had a great Valentine's Day, Rattlers!!!!

WELCOME HOME, MRS. CLARKE!

ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTER

By: Autumn La Bella + Eriana Kidd, 8th Grade

Mrs. Clarke taught 7th grade ELA here at Paseo, for 8 years and she had a pretty good time there. She moved after the last school year in May, and stayed in Scotland for 5 months, working as a high school teacher. She says that the architecture there was amazing and that there was a castle on every corner. Although the scenery might have been nice, she really missed home and decided to move back to Arizona. She now helps with teaching 5th and 6th grade, with ELA and math. She says she has a really good time working with students, and that they are lovely. She also loves working with all the teachers as well, and overall bonds with the people she is surrounded by. She also recognizes that students are individuals with unique needs, and though challenges may arise, she is committed to helping each student succeed.

As much as Mrs. Clarke seems like a serious, hard-working type of person, she really does a good job of communicating and understanding people's perspectives. She usually tries to see the way you see things and helps you decide on how to make better decisions and it really does work. She's a very kind and understanding teacher and person overall. The teaching she does she enjoys, but who says teachers don't do things outside of school?



DO YOU KNOW WHO MRS. CLARKE AND MRS. PIOTROWSKI ARE DRESSED UP AS? FIND THE ANSWER ON PAGE 8!

Mrs. Clarke reads about 5 to 6 books a week! Which is very incredible to achieve. Did you also know that Mrs. Clarke loves to skate? She does! It’s one of her favorite things to do and she is super good at it. Mrs. Clarke also just got a new puppy, his name is Fergus, and he really is a cute little puppy. Mrs. Clarke is one of the best teachers out there, kind, understanding, hard-working, and very smart.

MOM’S TAX DAY

By: Cerenity Chavez, 8th Grade



Tax day is April 15th, which happens to be the author of this article's birthday. She would like to inform you guys on the importance of tax day and why the US has it. She likes to brag about how she happened to be her mom’s tax that she is still paying off to this day.

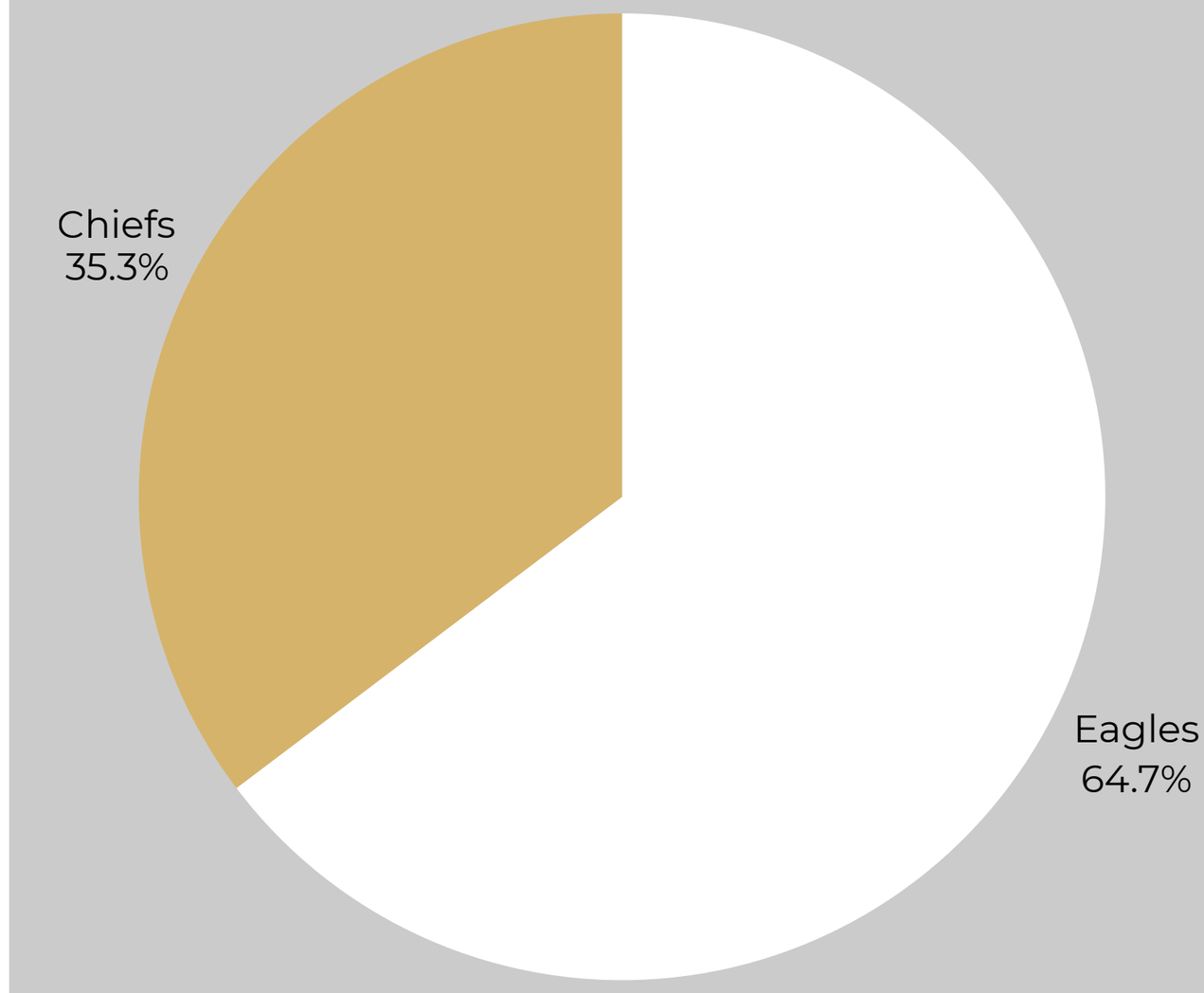
Tax Day refers to the final date when individual federal tax returns and tax payments are due. Tax Day usually falls on April 15 each year in the United States. If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, the day is observed on the following business day.

Many people like to assume that tax day is a holiday... Tax day is definitely not a holiday. There are no secular, religious or cultural observances or festivals that occur or are celebrated on this day. It's just the last day taxes are due without an extension. Tax Day is not a federal public day in the United States. Schools, post offices, stores and other businesses and organizations are open as usual. People go on with their day as usual, but for me, it’s anything but usual :)

SUPER BOWL RECAP

By: Vuk Culbrik, 8th Grade

Super Bowl 59 happened on February 9th with the final score being 40-22, with the Eagles beating the Chiefs. Lots of teachers told us who they wanted to win the Super Bowl. Here is a graph to show which teachers won bragging rights, and who went home disappointed.



THE NOT-SO-NEWLYWED GAME!

By: Vuk Culibrk, w/ Eriana Kidd, Autumn La Bella, and Genesis Sanchez, 8th Grade

Everyone's favorite Choir and 8th Grade Science teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Sorrentino, got married back in 2023, but have been together since they were students in high school. In the spirit of the classic "Newlywed Game", a few of our writers gathered to quiz the Sorrentino's on how well they know each other!

Thank you for meeting with us today! We're excited to learn more about both of you, hopefully, neither of you is learning anything new about the other!

Our first question is an important one... is your spouse Team Edward or Team Jacob?

Mrs. Sorrentino: Well, I know that Mr. Sorrentino is Team Edward but...

Mr. Sorrentino: She's definitely Team Jacob!

It already seems like you two know each other pretty well, but hopefully, you don't fight over *Twilight* too often.

Next question, who is your spouse's celebrity crush?

Mrs. Sorrentino: I know his crush is Katy Perry, right?

Mr. Sorrentino: Yes, and yours is Jason Segal.

Mrs. Sorrentino: Hey! I said I like YOUNG Jason Segal, he's gross now! I also like Hayden Christensen...

Wow, it seems like you really know each other. Maybe we'll have two perfect scores! Continuing on...

Do you know your spouse's Zodiac sign?

Mrs. Sorrentino: Yes! He's a Scorpio

Mr. Sorrentino: And she's a Cancer that's on the Cusp of Magic (that means Mrs. Sorrentino is really close to being born a Gemini)

Alright, alright, no need to show off! There are no bonus points in this game!

Next question, does your partner have a favorite book?

Mrs. Sorrentino: I think his favorite would be the *Harry Potter* series, I know that's technically more than one...

Mr. Sorrentino: Yours is still *Perks of Being a Wallflower*, right?

Mrs. Sorrentino: Aww, you remember that! Yes, I would say that's my favorite.

Okay, we know this next one is going to be important to both of you, especially because you've been to so many concerts together. However, we want to know: What was each of your first concerts?

Mrs. Sorrentino: His first concert was Foster the People! We actually just went and saw them again the other day.

Mr. Sorrentino: Oh man, this is a tough one. I know this but I'm having a hard time remembering the name...

(Mrs. Sorrentino makes fun of Mr. Sorrentino for a minute or two)

Mr. Sorrentino: Oh! It was Candlebox!

Glad you both got these correct, we were worried that Mr. Sorrentino was going to be in trouble. I guess you've just been to so many concerts that they've started to blend together.



Hopefully, this next one's a little easier... Who is your spouse's favorite band or musical artist?

Mr. Sorrentino, immediately: Her favorite band is Led Zeppelin!

Mrs. Sorrentino: And Mr. Sorrentino's is Guns N' Roses, we listen to both of these bands a lot.

Good to know. For anyone who can't tell, music is very important to these two. You've probably seen them wearing a shirt for these bands or others lots of times this year.

Now, let's talk about food. Who do you both think is the better cook?

Both: Mrs. Sorrentino!

Wow, that was fast! I guess we'll move on to more questions about food.

Does your spouse have a least favorite food?

Mrs. Sorrentino: His least favorite food is probably anything green...

Mr. Sorrentino: Yes, yes, she's right. And her least favorite food would have to be bananas.

Mrs. Sorrentino: Yuck!

What's each of your favorite flavors of ice cream?

Mrs. Sorrentino: Mr. Sorrentino loves cotton candy-flavored ice cream.

Mr. Sorrentino: And hers would be chocolate chip cookie dough.

You're both correct again! But also, Mrs. Sorrentino is more right, because chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream IS the best!

Does your spouse have a least favorite flavor?

Mr. Sorrentino: Her least favorite is chocolate.

Mrs. Sorrentino: And I don't think Mr. Sorrentino has one that he would say is his "least favorite"...

Mr. Sorrentino: Yeah, I'm not really that picky.

Good to know... but this time we have to agree with Mr. Sorrentino. You can't go wrong with ice cream!

Alright, this is our last question... So far it's been a perfect score. There's no tie-breaker, so we'll see if anyone is winning bragging rights today!

How did the two of you meet?

Both: We tell this story all the time! We met while buying tickets to the Homecoming Dance in high school. We've been together ever since!

Well, there you have it folks! Normally there would be another couple for you to compete against, but since you both got them all right, we can officially declare you as winner of the Paseo Hills Newlywed game!

Mr. Sorrentino: We've been married for like two years!

ANYWAY... hopefully our loyal readers feel like they've learned a little bit more about the Sorrentino's!

MEET THE DIRECTOR!

By: Izzy Chavez + Savannah Large, 6th Grade

Why do you like to direct?

I love directing because it gives me an opportunity to work with a group of students. I miss being in the classroom and this is my chance to collaborate with students and create something truly special over six and a half months. In high school, I wanted to do theater but didn't have enough electives to do so. Now I get to instill my love for theater in my Drama Club students and live my theater kid dreams through them.

Your favorite part of the show?

I have two favorite parts of the show. One is when the Baker's wife is trying to convince Jack to buy the "magic beans" and she upsets the baker for lying. I also love the musical number "It Takes Two," because the baker finally realizes he needs his wife's help to break the curse.

Why did you pick Into the Woods Jr.?

I picked this show because it has so many great characters in it, and I felt it was the best option to highlight all of the talent we have within Drama Club. Fun fact, this is the first musical I've ever done where I knew nothing about the plot!

What's your favorite play you've ever done at our school?

My favorite play that I have directed at our school is Peter Pan Jr. because it was the first play I ever directed and it was a musical I grew up watching as a kid and loved.

What's your favorite part about your job as a director?

My favorite part about my job as a director is watching the cast and crew pull the words and stage directions off the page and turn it into a magical production. In March, I am usually in tears because the production we've worked so hard on has come together. Side note, running Drama Club is my favorite part about my job in general!

What's your favorite dance routine in the show?

Teaching choreography is one of my favorite things and this show has limited dancing. With that being said, my favorite dance in the show would be Finale Part 6 (aka where everybody has a happily ever after).

STAGE MANAGER

By: Kaylee Gurule-Baucum, 5th Grade

Who is the stage manager for the Drama Club? Her name is Emilia Rose Gurule Baucum. She feels excited because she gets to see the show turn into a show. The reason why she became stage manager was because she felt special. The best part of her being The Stage Manager is her seeing the cast grow (including me). She loves the show Into the Woods much more than last year's show. She loves the club because it feels like family to her. Did y'all know that Emilia is also the Vice President of Newspaper Club? When she found out she was so happy. She wanted to be Vice President so she could get more involved in preparation for high school. She wants to give a big thank you to her mom, Standring, Gratto, Baldwin, Panigua, and Mr. Mac.

RUNNING LIGHTS

By: Izzy Chavez, 6th Grade

Are you interested in joining Drama Club? Even if you don't want to appear on stage, you can join as a member of the stage crew! Running the lights in this year's play is Izzy Chavez, who's here to tell us more about all the behind-the-scenes fun!

I love running lights every year, but like any job, there are lots of pros and cons. One pro is that, if you're running lights, you basically control the entire show: when it starts, when it ends, when it pauses, and when it begins again. However, one con is how hot it gets! Sometimes there are lots of people backstage and the light booth gets blocked from all the people that hang out there, which makes it even hotter! Another pro is that you can eat while everybody is dancing and sweating, but you have to keep drinks on the ground so the equipment doesn't get wet. Too many people bothering you can be a con though. If you miss a queue, it can slow down the whole play and you'll get in trouble. All-in-all, though, it's really fun! If this sounds like something you're interested in, you should consider joining next year! Stay cool Rattlers!!!










MEET THE FANNINS!

How have you contributed to the Drama Club at our School?

Mrs. Fannin: I started out this year helping as the Music Director and then took on the role of Costume Designer

Mr. Fannin: I have helped with the sound equipment and will also be filming the show.

Do you feel like you've made good progress in the Drama Club?

It has been so fun to work with all of the students in Drama Club as they have learned the songs and lines for the show this year.

How do you think the show is going to turn out this year?

I think it will be an awesome show and everyone will do great!

Have you ever volunteered in the Drama Club at our school before?

Mrs. Fannin: Last year I helped put the program for the show together, but this is my first full year helping in the Drama Club.

COSTUMES, MUSIC, AND SOUND BOARDS!

By: Eriana Kidd, 8th Grade

Mr: Fannin: Last year I came and filmed the show and edited the video of the show together. This year I will be doing that again, as well as helping with the audio during the performances.

What was one of your favorite shows that Drama Club performed?

We enjoyed The Wizard of Oz last year, but we both think Into the Woods will be our new favorite.

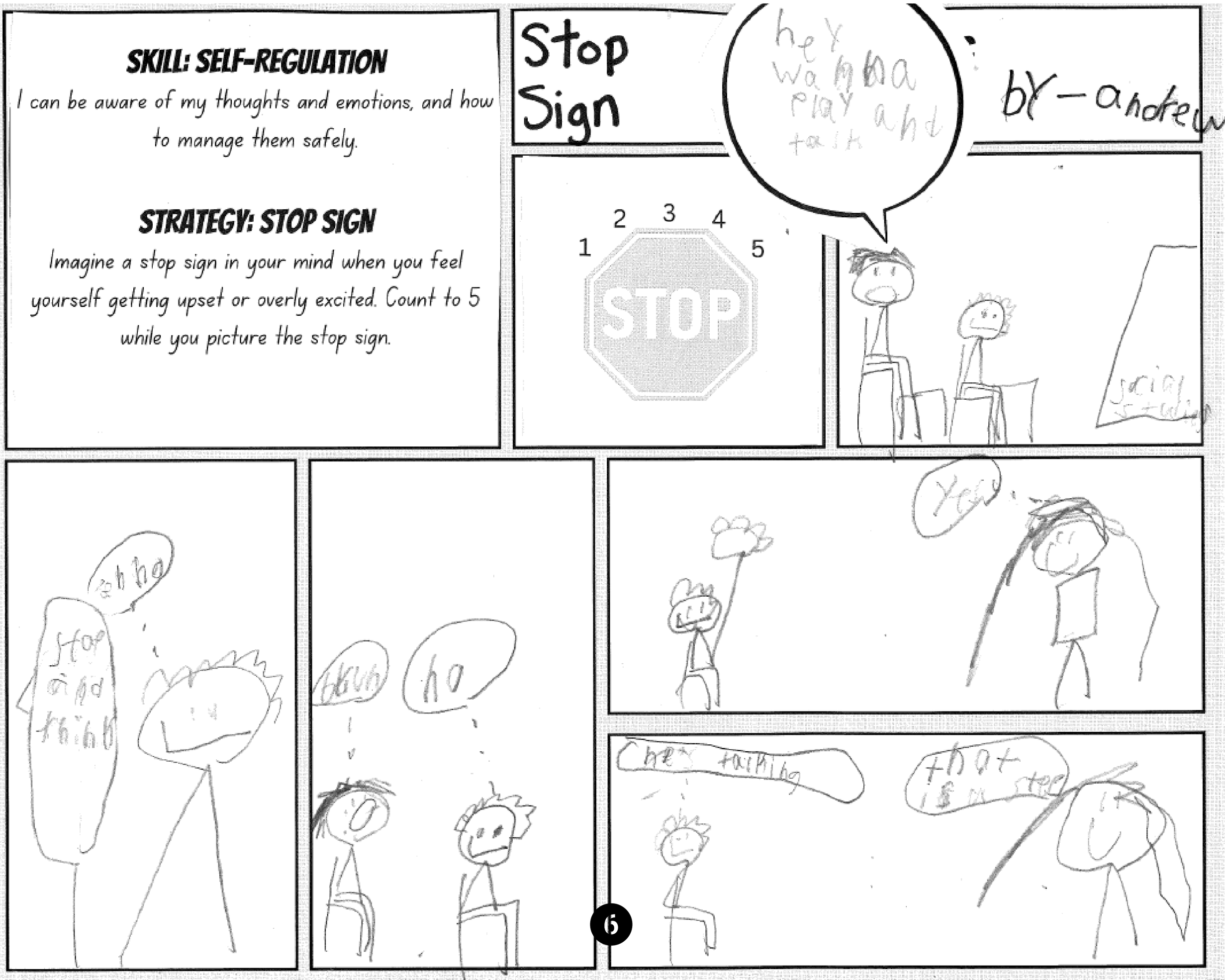
Were you ever in Drama Club or Theater as a student?

Mrs. Fannin: Yes I was in Drama in High School. I was in The Secret Garden, Once Upon a Mattress, and then a musical review that my drama teacher put together my senior year of High School. I was also in a church production of OKLAHOMA! when I was in college.

Is Drama Club different from when you were younger?

Mrs Fannin: Well, since I wasn't in Drama until I was in High School, it was a little bit different, but for the most part singing and acting on stage is always the same.

SHOWING OUR ROCK EXPECTATIONS!



KINDNESS TREE

By: Celivi Tange, 8th Grade

Mrs. Ferrell has done another major project, called the Kindness Tree! This could be spotted in the front office! The root that made this idea blossom was found on Instagram. This was followed with Mrs. Ferrell getting approval to do this project and gathering hearts for the tree. The hearts were from people all over the school, and were about ways to show kindness! This project was such a success that Mrs. Ferrell had even said “I am so grateful to be a part of a school with such a hard working attitude!”





VALENTINE’S DANCE!

By: Eriana Kidd, 8th Grade

What’s up 7th and 8th graders! Did you make the great decision to go to the Valentine’s Dance this year? If not then here is a quick recap on the fun things that happened there. The dance took place on February 14th 2025, planned by Mrs.Voagtli and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). NJHS members helped pick out the food and decorate for the amazing dance and they did a really good job doing it. The theme was “A Night in Paris”, and everyone showed up in their best looks and it was truly amazing.

Lauren Gonzales from 7th grade was the life of the party, she was break dancing in the dance circle, and doing cartwheels all across the dance floor. It was so fun to see one person light up the mood for so many people!

Many great songs played such as Timber, Cha-Cha Slide, Baby, Cupid Shuffle, and more great hits. The dance was great and if you didn’t get to attend it, next year will be amazing, although our 8th graders won’t be able to go, they will have great school dances just like this one. Show your pride, Rattlers!

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

MEET DR. FINCH!

By: Stella Frank, 8th Grade + Carson Paolone, 7th Grade

As an addition to this edition, Dr. Finch was nice enough to join us for an interview, where we had a chance to take a closer look at his life professionally, as well as personally. Professionally, Dr. Finch has the responsibility to make sure that all the schools are doing what they need to be doing and other things like recording all official acts and issuing reports, laws, circulars, forms, and instructions for school officers. He also is in charge of hiring amazing principals throughout the district, like Mrs. Hood! This job is very challenging but Dr. Finch makes it possible because he is amazing (obviously), but also because he uses something called a growth mindset. This mindset allows him to make mistakes and then learn from them, making him a very good problem solver.

Dr. Finch also shared one of his favorite quotes that he uses all the time, both in his life and his job: “There is a solution, you just haven’t found it.” by Peter Drucher. When asked why Paseo Hills is his favorite school, he said there’s many reasons, but that he also has 42 favorite schools. He loves these schools because they all are heading in the right direction, but also because of the staff and students of course! One of his goals and hopes is that all these schools continue on this path even after he leaves, which hopes will not be soon. On top of all of these things he does for us, he also is very handy. He built things for Ann E’s Closet, which is for high-need families, so they can have access to free clothes, shoes, and hygiene products. This was one of the ways he was able to make a difference, which makes him very proud. He's said many times that he loves to be able to help all of the children that he can. To wrap up our interview, we asked Dr. Finch if he could give advice to our students and readers. He responded with: “Do the next right thing”. This is your reminder to think before you act and that will eventually help you find your own way to make a difference.



MS. EDGAR'S FIRST YEAR AND HER BOOK CLUB!

By: Kaylee Gurule-Baucum, 5th Grade

I'm pretty sure that some people want to know how Ms. Edgar's first year as a teacher is going. So I interviewed her about it. The best thing she said is that it has been a great year so far and she loves teaching. Here is what she said in these exact words "The best part about teaching is being able to meet all the great students and being able to learn with them. Being a first-year teacher is very hard and you have to figure out what's working for all the students and if it's not working you have to change the way you teach quickly so all the students get the information they need." In my opinion and experience with her, Ms. Edgar is a really good teacher and understands what all the kids are going through. She is a one-of-a-kind teacher. Ms. Edgar wants to thank her amazing team for helping her become so great: the amazing Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Piotrowski, Mr. Pothast, and Ms. Wooley.

Did you know she also has a Book Club? It's super fun. Miss Edgar loves books so much, that's why she created a book club so that students in 5th grade who love books just as much as her can read and enjoy them. Myself along with 22 other students go to her classroom during our lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The book that we are reading is called Holes. The book has at least 200 pages and 50 chapters. Miss Edgar reads the book to us and we do worksheets that ask us about what's happening. I have to say it's the calmest club I'm in (NO OFFENSE TO THE OTHER CLUBS). The book is really good. Once we finish the story we will be able to watch the Holes movie and compare the two. Ms. Edgar has also hinted there might be Holes themed treats! I can't wait!

DIDI YOU GUESS? ***Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Piotrwoski were dressed up as former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg***

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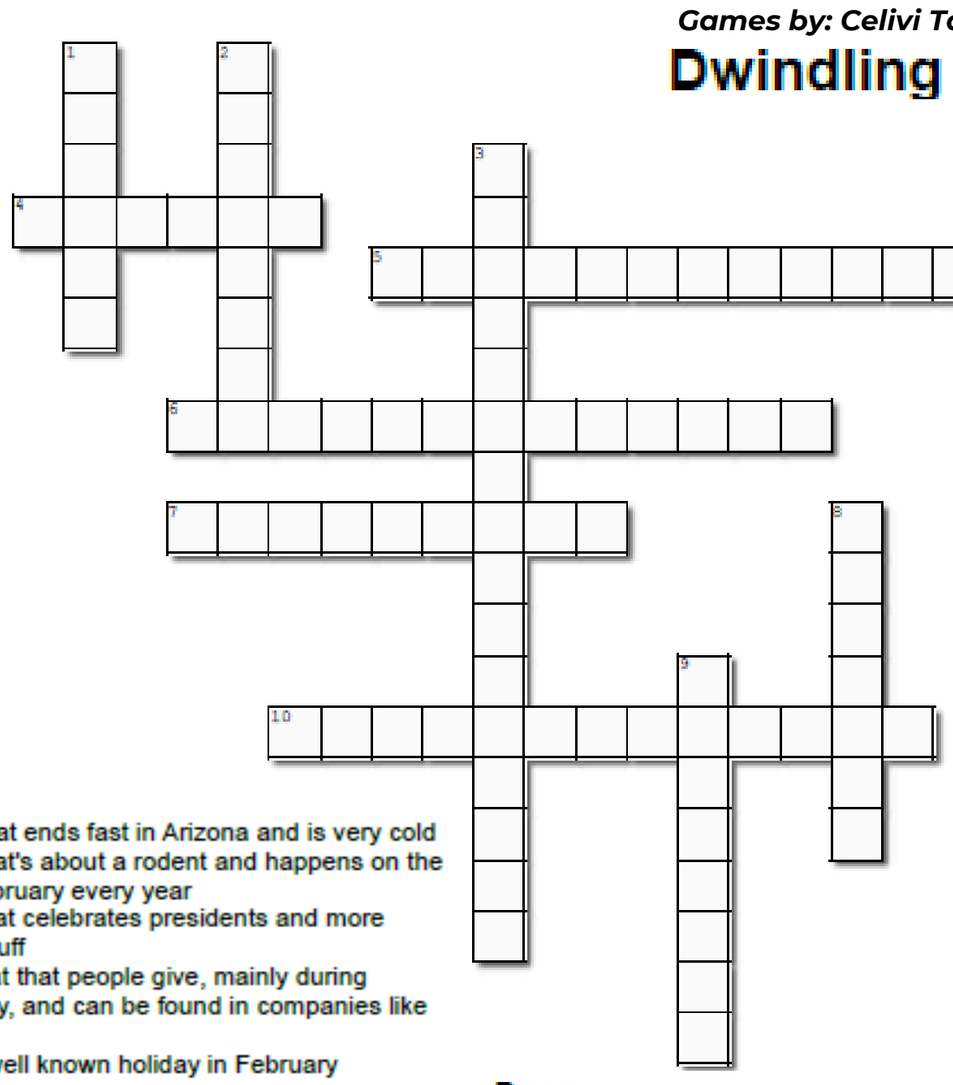
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Games by: Celivi Tang, 8th Grade

Dwindling Winters



Across

4. A season that ends fast in Arizona and is very cold
5. A holiday that's about a rodent and happens on the 2nd day of February every year
6. A holiday that celebrates presidents and more government stuff
7. A sweet treat that people give, mainly during Valentine's Day, and can be found in companies like Hershey's
10. That one well known holiday in February

Down

1. One of the seasons that come after winter and is full of green and pollen
2. The last month of every year
3. This president is mostly celebrated for President's Day, and is the first ever president
8. The month where it's new year, new day, and new all
9. The month where it's all hearts and lovey dovey

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

WHEN: *Thursdays, from 3:45-5:00*
WHERE: *Mr. Deterding's Room, 516*

NEWSPAPER CLUB IS OPEN TO ALL 5th-8th GRADERS!
STOP BY MR. DETERDING'S ROOM (516) OR MS. ALLI'S DESK (FRONT OFFICE) TO PICK UP MEMBERSHIP FORMS!

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON:

As the year comes to a close, we want to make sure we're featuring as many outstanding Rattlers as possible. We'll be looking at lots of end-of-the-year activities to highlight, as well as making plans for next year!

Want to be featured? Contact us, and we will make sure one of our Staff Writers follows up with you to get an interview scheduled.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ***4/3:*** *Bring your ideas and bid for a writer/photographer spot!*
- ***4/10:*** *Workshop! Get our publication ready for approval!*
- ***4/17:*** *Check-in with Mr. Deterding and Ms. Alli to finalize our articles*
- ***4/24:*** *General Meeting, vote to approve or edit our next edition!*

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LOVE YOU, BYE, MR. DETERDING!

ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER

By: Autumn La Bella + Vuk Culibrk, 8th Grade

Mr. Deterding is our 8th grade history teacher, and a really good one at that. He first started here in 2020, and his first time working at this school was over Zoom due to COVID. He mostly teaches civics up until the end of the year. Civics talks about the function of government, for example what each branch does in keeping our government in check. In the 4th quarter, he also teaches economics, which he really enjoys. Right now, 8th graders in his class are learning about budgets, how to live with roommates, and how to shop for cars and apartments!

When asked about his time at Paseo, Mr. Deterding said that it's hard to choose his favorite year of teaching. After five years here, his first year of students still feels very special, especially since they are graduating from high school this May! However, he also said that this year is pretty special too since this is his last year teaching at Paseo. Next year, he will be working at Barry Goldwater High School (BGHS), teaching World History with freshmen in the IB program and sophomores in general education classes. While he would've loved to stay at Paseo, he'll be moving due to some staffing changes coming next year and is excited for the new opportunity. He said that he's always wanted to teach high school, so it seems like these changes are going to work out for him. He also already knows lots of students at BGHS, since he taught lots of them here at Paseo Hills.

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8TH GRADE EXIT SURVEY

By: Eriana Kidd, 8th Grade

The 8th graders did a survey about their 8th grade experience. We discovered that most of the students are going to Barry Goldwater, the students that are going to other high schools, we wish you the best and we hope you thrive!

When asked, 'what are you excited for in high school?' Students said they were excited for the sports, the clubs, making new friends/seeing old friends and getting out early. It's great how open they are to new experiences!

When asked what they'd miss, the students said they will miss the teachers, their friends and the memories they've made at this school. There are so many 8th graders who have been here since kindergarten and have had so many different experiences and may miss this school more than others.

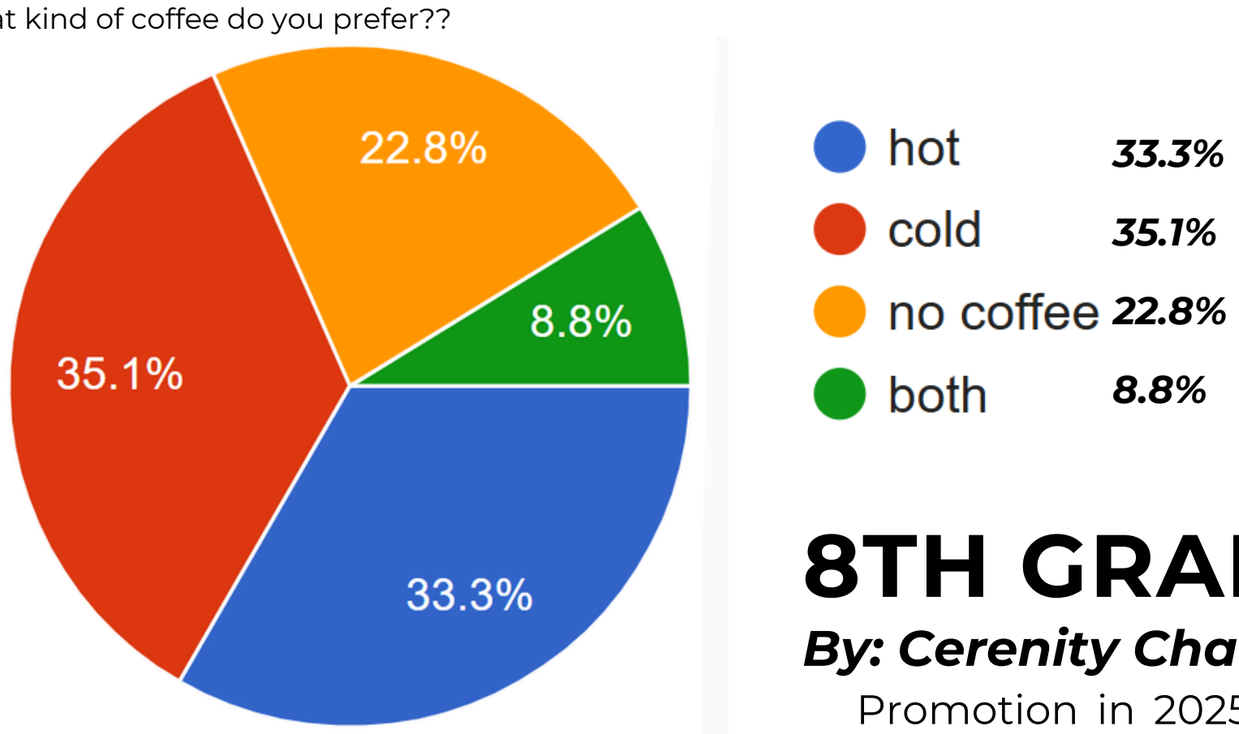
Most of the students stated that they've had a good or great 8th grade experience, some said that it was one of their favorite years that they have been here at Paseo Hills.

There was a tie between Mr. Deterding and Mrs. Sorrentino, for favorite teacher, how crazy is that? The 8th grade teachers do a great job teaching their students! That's all for today, show your pride Rattlers!

HOT OR ICED?

By: Savannah Large, 6th Grade

Teachers and staff at Paseo Hills were sent a survey. We wanted to know! What kind of coffee do you prefer??



8TH GRADE PROMOTION

By: Cerenity Chavez, 8th Grade

Promotion in 2025 for eighth graders is a big deal. We are all excited to graduate and move on to find fun, new opportunities in high school. Though we will miss the school, most of these eighth graders have been here since preschool, so it will be a big change for us! We've made so many younger friends along the way, and though it always breaks our heart to see them cry, we appreciate and love them all for all the good they do in life, too.

The promotion ceremony starts at 6pm on May 21st and we would be delighted to see you there! Our band and choir students in the younger grades will be performing for this special night, as well. Thanks to all the 8th Grade Rattlers, we are so proud of you and hope for great opportunities in high school! We will miss you deeply. Happy end of the year rattlers! *HISSSSSS*

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OPINION PIECE - SCHOOL LUNCH

By: Carter Hillis, 6th Grade - Guest Writer

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) gives schools food for students, but sometimes the meals are not very good. Paseo Hills might want to stop using NSLP because the food doesn't taste great, and students do not always eat it. If the school could choose its own meals, the food might be better, and students would enjoy lunch more. It is important for kids to have good food so they can focus in class and feel happy during the day.

Another reason to leave NSLP is that it could help the school save money. The program has a lot of rules about prices and food portions, which might not work well for Paseo Hills. If the school decides on its own lunch plan, it could spend money on food that students actually like. Also, less food would go to waste because students would eat more of what is served. This way, the school can use money in smarter ways.

Lastly, leaving NSLP might make lunchtime more exciting for students. If the school picks meals from different places or local restaurants, students might have more choices and food that fits their tastes. When kids enjoy lunch, they feel better and do better in school. Paseo Hills should think about making its own lunch plan so students can have meals that taste good, save money, and help them do well in school.

SAYING ‘SEE YA LATER’ TO ABBY

By: Izzy Chavez, 6th Grade

Hey! Did you know that Abby Wilkins will be leaving us this year and will not be here for 7th grade? :(She’s a 6th grader this year and has done a lot of great work as a part of Newspaper Club! Before she goes, she wants to leave a message for the younger kids: “Don’t give up when things are difficult, because things will always be difficult!” Abby told us in our interview that she’s going to Highland Lakes school because her brother got into the gifted program there. Abby wants to say a special thank you and goodbye to Izzabella, Sophia, Jase, Eriana, and Ms. Alli.

“I hope that you all have a good year next year!”









PADDINGTON... IN PERU!

By: Gabby Zevallors, 6th Grade

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Paddington in Peru is so uniquely different. This movie incorporated legitimate locations and was filmed in Peru, Columbia, and London. The movie follows Paddington, a bear living in England with the Brown family and his adventures while he tries to find his aunt who has gone missing. While looking for his aunt he encounters friends, enemies, and other problems. This movie is perfect for families and you don't even have to watch any of the other movies in the series to know what's going on. Overall It’s a great comedic movie, has a great plot twist, and even hints at deeper themes such as generational trauma. I would also recommend staying past the end credits for a funny bonus scene. Can’t wait for Paddington 4!

THE NEXT DRAMA CLUB SHOW IS...

By: Kate Medina, 5th Grade

2018- Alice in Wonderland Jr.

2019- Suessical Jr.

2020- Beauty and the Beast Jr.

2021- Mary Poppins Jr.

2022- Willy Wonka Jr.

2023- Peter Pan Jr.

2024- Wizard of Oz Jr.

2025- Into the Woods Jr.

AND IN 2026...



Drama club is excited to announce that next year's show is Aladdin Jr.! We have SO many things to be excited about, but Mrs. Veogtli told us she’s most excited about the story because it's a little bit different than the Disney version we’ve all seen. Spoiler alert: There's no Abu the monkey or Rajah the tiger! When asked about her favorite show from years past, she said “I am very biased to Disney stories so I absolutely loved Mary Poppins, Peter Pan, and now Aladdin Jr. It will be magical and you won't want to miss it!”

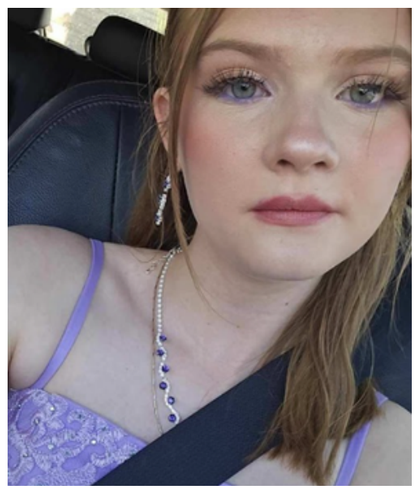


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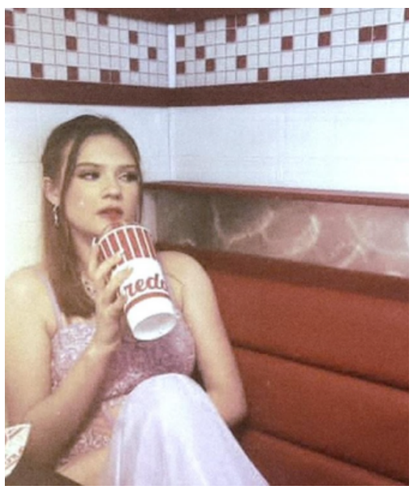
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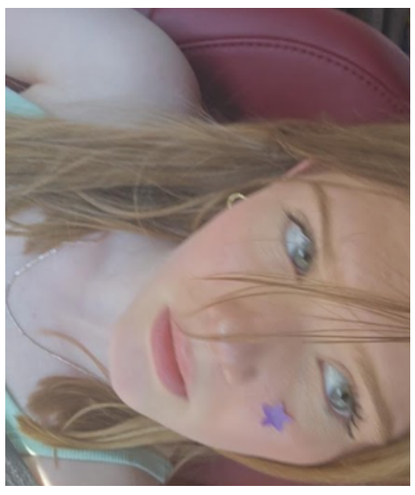
By: Avery Paolone, 5th Grade











Hi Trinity! Tell us a little about yourself.

A little bit about myself? Ok! My name is Trinity di Cosola. I am an IB student with multiple dual enrollment credits, I am a servant to my community. I started my own community garden at Barry Goldwater. I am an executive member for the student advisory council and have a strong passion for choir.

That's awesome. Can't believe you're a sophomore already! Can you give incoming 9th graders advice about what they should expect in their first (and second) year in high school?

Your first and second year of high school will be completely new. It's a new sense of freedom and identifying yourself. Don't be afraid to try new things, especially getting to know new people. Don't judge. Keep your business to yourself. ENJOY IT! It goes faster than you'd expect.

What kind of clubs or activities are you involved with?

There's a lot... Voices of Gold Chamber Choir, President and Founder of Garden Club, Future President of Bring Change to Mind, I'm an entrepreneur with my own marketing agency, superintendent advisory council, Piecing Assistant at AZ Broadway Theatre, Saturday Scrubs Scholar, National Honor Society, Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Scholar, Mund Revolution Executive Board Member (Future President), I'm also considered a National Thespian since I've completed my 120 hours for that. Jimmy Award Student Reporter.

You mentioned you're in the IB Program... What is that?

The IB Program is a rigorous academic program where students are challenged to grow consistently. It can be super frustrating sometimes, but it's worth it in the end. I like to define it as IB tries to find out what you do know, while other programs try to find out what you don't know. I would never want to discourage kids from doing other programs, this is just my experience.

How did you get into that?

A junior, my freshman year, told me it would be a great opportunity and I knew I was capable. With my goals and aspirations, it felt like the best route for me

That is so cool. So, you're really smart! Do you have plans for what you want to do after high school?

Yes! I want to be a pediatric orthopedic surgeon with a major in biology and a minor in music! That way I can balance goals with my love for the arts.

How do you balance the medical world with the art world?

Personally, I like to find harmony between what I love and what I find interesting. I prioritize both of those things. Becoming a pediatric doctor, I want to be able to tell kids to stay involved in things they love and find balance.

What has been the most challenging part of high school?

Realizing that everyone is human, too. Everyone is NOT judging you. Everyone is dealing with their own stuff, and trying to be a better person... Just like you.

Do you have a memory that stands out to you about anything you've done so far at Barry Goldwater?

Choir! As of just a couple Saturdays ago, we just got 2nd and 3rd at a National Competition! It was truly one of the best experiences of my life and PLUS, we got to go to Disneyland! There have been so many memories, though.

What's something you miss about Paseo Hills?

The support the staff gave you. Especially in Drama Club. With my life going in directions I never anticipated, I had to say goodbye to things I cherished. I will forever be grateful for the memories I made at Paseo. Those are opportunities I took for granted and now I get to look back with fondness.

Speaking of, you were such a big part of the drama club here at PH, what was your favorite production?

Peter Pan Jr. It was the time I connected the most to a character. Wendy influenced the way I perceived reality. She is so kind, loving, curious, I really adapted some of her personality into my own.

If you could re-do middle school, what would you do differently? What would you do the same?

I would hope that I have the chance to realize that drama doesn't matter. That I was a kid, and that kids make mistakes. I wish I would have learned more about how to forgive myself more too. I'm glad I took leadership roles in my hobbies. It formed who I am today and I am so proud of who I am today!

Are there any last pieces of wisdom for our readers?

Don't change who you are to make other people happy. Learn to love yourself. Don't be afraid to do something because you think is embarrassing... I promise nobody will remember it in like a week. ;)

LOVE YOU, BYE, MR. DETERDING!

ONCE A RATTLER, ALWAYS A RATTLER

By: Autumn La Bella + Vuk Culibrk, 8th Grade

Although he likes teaching, it's not the only thing he does, he also has some hobbies in and out of school. For starters, he really enjoys Newspaper Club, helping with organizing all the articles we have for you, like this one! He also loves to watch baseball, read old books, and spend time with friends and family. When asked about what music he enjoys, he said his favorite song at the moment is “Home” by Good Neighbours (must recommend, I enjoy this song as well.)

Once he moves to BGHS next year, Mr. Deterding is sure to miss Paseo, his co-workers, and all the friends he’s made over the years. When asked about his favorite coworkers, he said he wanted to send a special thank you to Mrs. Butler, the rest of his 8th grade team, and Ms. Alli, his partner in crime in all things Newspaper Club. They all had a part in making his time at Paseo extraordinary.



ENDING THE YEAR WITH CHOIR

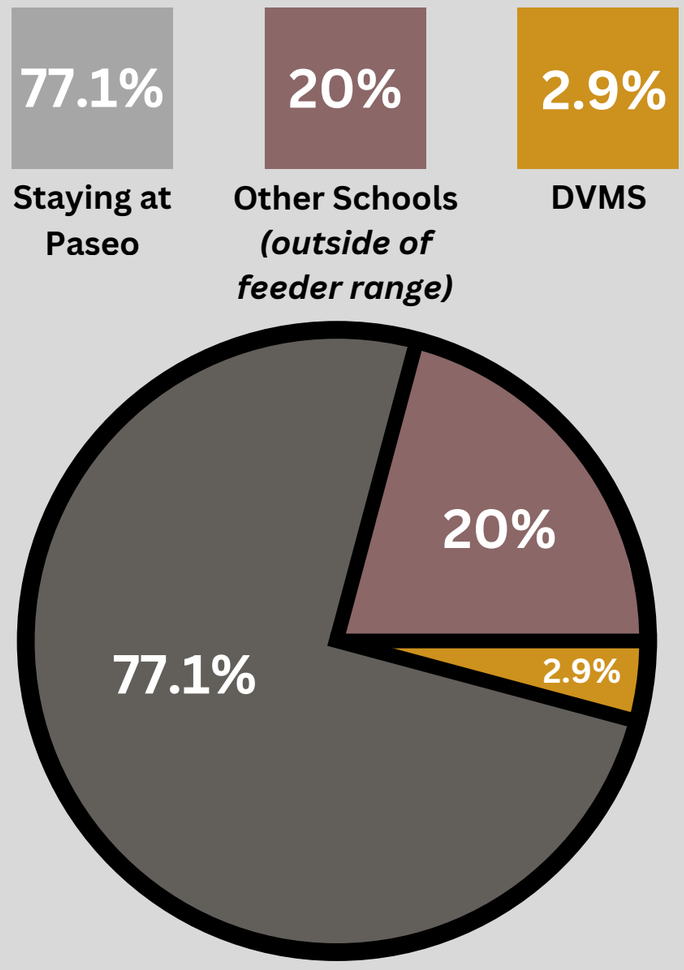
By: Skyler Casey, 7th Grade

On May 14th, the Paseo Hills Choir had their final performance of the year, and Mr. Sorrentino was kind enough to join us for an interview in our end of the year edition. The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade choir classes performed a medley titled “Surfs Up!”, including songs like “Surfin’ USA” and “Kokomo” by The Beach Boys The 5th and 6th graders also performed their own set, including songs like “Almost There” from Princess and the Frog, “Seasons of Love” from Rent, and “Here Comes the Sun” by the Beatles. The 7th and 8th graders rounded out the concert with several of their own songs, such as “You’ll Be In Heart” from Tarzan, and “Stairway to Heaven” by Led Zeppelin. Great job, Rattlers! If you missed their show, be sure to check out another performance of “Here Comes the Sun” by our stellar 5th and 6th graders at our final spirit assembly of the year, held on May 22nd!

At our annual Promotion Ceremony, held on May 21st at 6:00 pm, our 7th grade choir students will be performing “What a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong to see our promoting 8th graders off to high school. 8th grade choir students who wish to participate will be able to join for one last performance as a member of the Paseo Hills choir. When asked about his experience this year, Mr. Sorrentino said this year has definitely been interesting! “I’m really going to miss this group of [middle schoolers]... this year's 8th graders were the first class I ever taught here at Paseo Hills when they were in 6th grade so it is going to be sad seeing them go. But I’m excited for them to start their new journey into high school and beyond!”

WHERE ARE THE 6TH GRADERS GOING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL?

By: Gabby Zevallos, 6th Grade



5 REASONS IT’S FUN TO BE THE ONLY 4TH GRADER IN NEWSPAPER

By: Junior Benner, 4th Grade

1: I like the funny people here. It's fun to make friends.
2: It’s fun making newspapers that have my writing on it.
3: I love working with all of these people.
4: I love hanging out with Ms. Alli in the newspaper club.
5: This place is fun. You should join when you're in the 5th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

By: Carson Paolone, 7th Grade

I’m sure some of you have heard about the changes for middle school but do you know the details? Sadly Ms. Bolte will be leaving to another school next year to move closer to her house, and Mr. Deterding has accepted a position at Barry Goldwater High School! Here are the changes:

Math: Ms. Plohetski
Science: Mr. Mac (McElhaney)
Social Studies: Mr. Standring
ELA: Ms. Gratto
STEM/DSS: Mrs. Sorrentino
Math Exploratory/DSS: Stay tuned! Come back next year to find out!

“Who do you call when you’re locked out of the house?”

“A mon-KEY”
-Mr. Glen

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT NEWSPAPER CLUB?

By: Abby Wilkins, 6th Grade

AS THIS YEAR ENDS, WE REFLECT ON THE WONDERFUL LAUNCH OF OUR STUDENT NEWSPAPER. IT'S BEEN ANYTHING BUT BORING! BEHIND THE SCENES, IT'S BEEN FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, SNACKS, CREATIVE ENERGY, AND THE HARD WORK OF BRINGING FANTASTIC STUDENT STORIES TO LIFE. WE'RE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR TALENT AND DEDICATION IN MAKING THIS FIRST YEAR A SUCCESS. TO OUR FAMILIES, THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STUDENTS WITH US AND FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT. YOU'VE MADE THIS INAUGURAL YEAR TRULY SPECIAL. WE'RE EXCITED FOR WHAT'S NEXT!

MS.ALLI:
“I’VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF STARTING A NEWSPAPER CLUB, I CAN’T IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT IT NOW.”

MR. DETERDING:
¨ THE PEOPLE! I’VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH SOME AMAZING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. IT'S BEEN VERY COOL TO HAVE SO MANY KIDS COME UP AND SAY HI.¨

KATE:
“SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS”

ABBY:
¨BEING WITH FRIENDS AND COMING TOGETHER TO PUT THE NEWSPAPER TOGETHER.¨

SARAH:
¨I LOVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PEOPLE¨

EMMA:
¨ I LOVE THE FRIENDSHIPS¨

BELLA:
“HAVING EVERYBODY COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY! SEEING EVERYONE PUT THE NEWSPAPER TOGETHER IS AMAZING. EVERYONE IN NEWSPAPER IS AWESOME AND DID AMAZING WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM”

CERENITY:
“EVERYTHING! WRITING, THE PEOPLE, AND THE TEACHERS”

CELIVI:
¨THE PEOPLE AND THE MEETINGS¨

AUTUMN:
“WRITING ARTICLES AND PUBLISHING THEM”

STELLA:
¨THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED ME BECOME THE PERSON I AM NOW. MY FRIENDS, MY TEACHERS, THEY ALL MEAN A LOT TO ME.”

SAVANNAH:
¨THE FRIENDSHIP AND BONDS I MADE! I LIKE THAT WE GET TO BE CREATIVE¨

CARSON:
¨ WRITING ARTICLES ABOUT TEACHERS¨

SHELBY:
¨HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS AND WRITING ARTICLES¨

SKYLER:
”BEING ABLE TO WRITE ARTICLES”

GABBY AND VUK AGREED THAT THEY LOVE
“WORKING WITH FRIENDS”

ERIANA:
“MAKING NEW FRIENDS”

JUNIOR:
¨THE PEOPLE IN NEWSPAPER... AND BEING THE ONLY 4TH GRADER!¨

VINCENT & AVERY BOTH EXCLAIMED THE SAME THING...:
¨NEWSPAPER!!¨

GENESIS:
¨I LIKE THAT I CAN HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS AND WRITE ARTICLES¨

EMILIA:
¨HANGING OUT WITH MY GIRL (GENESIS)

MEET THE CROSSING GUARDS

By: Izzy Chavez, 6th Grade



What is your favorite part of your job?

Ms. Sandra: Seeing everyone laugh at my funny costumes!

Ms. Jaylee: Saying good morning to people and waving as they drive by!

If you can rate your job, what score would you give?

Ms. Sandra: 8/10 just because of the danger

Ms. Jaylee: 10/10 I love this job!

If you could change one thing about your job, it would be...

Both: Putting wheels on the road signs to make them easier to move.

What do you do to stay safe as a crossing guard?

Ms. Sandra: I wear fun outfits and inflatable costumes!

Ms. Jaylee: Sometimes I wear costumes, too!

What is your favorite costume?

Ms. Sandra: I love to dress as a shark and as a ballerina.

What other jobs do you do on campus?

Ms. Jaylee: I also work as a lunch-time monitor and occasionally as a janitor.



ADVICE FROM RTI-B!

By: Sarah Mahmic, 6th Grade

Have you seen RTI B around campus? I know I have! Did you know Ms. Butler has worked here for 12 years!? She loves that she gets to work with students from all grade levels. A piece of advice from her, she said “if you are struggling, let an adult know! All adults want to help you be successful.”

Ms. Apuan has worked here for 10 years and loves watching the kids grow up throughout the years. Her advice is to choose kindness, because that can change a person's day. RTI B does so much for our school so if you see them around, say thank you!

GETTING TO KNOW RTI-A

By: Izzy Chavez, 6th Grade

What is your favorite part of your job?

Fox and Paniagua: Seeing kids grow and get so happy when their reading scores go up!

What do you miss about your old classroom and jobs?

Fox and Paniagua: Having our old classrooms where we could have a home room and have kids come in throughout the day!

What is your favorite hobby?

Fox: Dancing!

Paniagua: Listening to music!

Do you have any pets?

Fox: I have a dog, parrot, and a fish.

Paniagua: I don’t have any pets

What is your favorite decoration or part of your classroom?

Fox: Yoga cats on the wall

Paniagua: My comfy wheely chair

BYE, MR. GLEN!

By: Shelby Tanner, 8th Grade

As most students already know, Mr. Glen, one of our crossing guards and monitors, retired towards the end of the 24-25 school year. He was one of our best crossing guards that we have had. He will forever be missed by the students of Paseo Hills. He was always a goofball and would make jokes like the one included with this article, which he provided for the newspaper before retiring.

One of my favorite memories of Mr. Glen was when he bought girl scout cookies from me. He always said he loved thin mints! He will forever be in the hall of fame as one of the best, nicest, and smartest crossing guards. We will miss you!

OUR AMAZING OFFICE LADIES

By: Izzy Chavez, 6th Grade



Why do you like your job?

Alli: I love working with students and supporting them, also my lovely coworkers.

Megan: I like my job because of the people I work with.

Shoni: I love working with kids and my step kids come to this school

Who is your favorite co-worker?

Alli: I love my bosses Hood & Arrieta, Mr. Deterding since he does the Newspaper with me. And, I couldn’t get through the day without Nurse Nikki, Megan, and Shoni.

Megan: My favorite coworker is Ms. Alli because she is the person that i have worked with the longest.

Shoni: I love working with Alli and Megan and Nurse Nikki because they are in the office with me.

What is your title and favorite part of your job?

Alli: I’m the Secretary, I love supporting students and families but being involved in all your lives is my favorite part. ❤️

Megan: As Accounting Clerk, I help the teachers get their packages and make sure that they are prepared and I help with the field trips and I love planning them.

Shoni: I’m the Registrar, I can’t pick a favorite part because I do a lot!

Do you do anything else for our school?

Alli: This was my 3rd year in marketing for drama club, now I have newspaper, and people like to tell me that I run the school, so...

Megan: No, but I do help teachers with things that they need.

Shoni: Not yet but i want to help with sports like volleyball and softball if our school ever gets a softball team.

What advice would you give to someone new?

Alli: Go easy on yourself, there is a lot to know.

Megan: Develop friendships with everyone who can help you as you go.

Shoni: Don't fret over little things and always have a smile on your face.

WHO IS... BILLIE EILISH?

By: Kaylee Gurule, 5th Grade

The girl who turned the music industry around. The girl who made our music generation better. The girl who got artist of the year. Who is this person? Well her name is Billie Eilish, and this article is all about her!

She was born on December 18, 2001 in Los Angeles, CA. She is 23 years old and one of the youngest people creating music in the industry. In 2015, she created her first song “Ocean Eyes”. It was the biggest hit from her debut single. In 2017, another album came out called “ Don't Smile at Me”. In 2019 “WHEN WE ALL FALL ASLEEP, WHERE DO WE GO?” came out and was a huge hit. It also hit number 1 in 20 countries. In 2021 her album “Happier than Ever” was published and it was much more popular than the “Don't Smile at Me” album. 2024 was Billie Eilish’s year, the album “HIT ME HARD AND SOFT” came out and it made her artist of the year. The album hit over 1 million plays on spotify and apple music. One of her songs was in the Barbie movie, it was pretty popular when the movie came out. It was called “What was I Made For?”. One of her popular singles was “Therefore I Am”. She has been releasing music since she was 14, isn't that amazing? She has 37 singles and 66 songs in total.

Did you know that the song “My Strange Addiction” is about the TV show called the Office?! She made that song inspired by the show and how she can't stop watching it. Isn't that crazy?! Her brother Finneas O’Connell is a producer who teamed up with her and helped her get to this point in life. One of her collabs was with Charlii XCX and Khalid. They made the song " Guess" with Charlii XCX and Khalid made the song lovely. The most popular song that everyone knows her for is “ Birds of a Feather”. She won 9 Grammys in total and 2 Oscars from her career. She also won the iHeart radio award in 2025.

You know how a person says that people have their ups and downs? Well, celebrities do, too! At age 11, Billie was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome. She told everyone on instagram live in 2018, and also said it in an interview. In one of her interviews she said that she “made friends with it and it is very exhausting”. In my opinion Billie Eillish is my number 1 top singer. I think that she is so inspiring and is a really good person.

MEAN GIRLS: THE MUSICAL: THE REVIEW!

By: Emilia Gurule + Genesis Sanchez, 8th Grade

Barry Goldwater’s High School’s drama program performed Mean Girls on April 3rd, 4th and 5th. It was about a girl who was home-schooled in Africa moving to an American High School. One of our favorite parts was the song “Revenge Party” because everyone was running around, banging red plates, and being insane! That's when Cady gave Regina a Kaltein Bar that makes people gain weight. Cady told Regina the bar makes people lose weight instead and that was what the song was based on. They even sold Kaltien Bars in the lobby during the show, it was a big part of the musical! The best Kaltien Bar, in our opinion, was the milk chocolate bars. At the play, they sold pins, charms, stuffed animals, cupcakes, and other various snacks to support the show. Another cool element was the numerous actors in the show that actually went to this school in the past! For example, River S., Ellie S., Savannah H., Alexis A., Bella C., Leslie O. and Ryleigh A.! Some were even in the drama club play last year at Paseo Hills! Overall, we really liked this play-even though it was about 3 hours long! It was very good and always kept a smile on our faces throughout the whole thing!



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SPRING BAND CONCERT

By: Celivi Tang, 8th Grade

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Beginning Band (5th Grade):
March Across The Seas
Banana Boat

Advanced Band (6th Grade):
Night Fury
Winds of the Mind

Junior Band (7th/8th Grade):
Mama Mia
Escapade
Dark Ride

All Together:
Indigo Rock

Some ratings from the audience!

“I give it a 7.8 out of 10, it was pretty good!”

“Thought it went really well... some interesting spots”

“It was great”

“Actually cool... Dark Ride and Escapade were cool, Mamma Mia was peak, no squeaks...”

SUMMER SONG RECOMMENDATIONS

By: Kaylee Gurule, 5th Grade

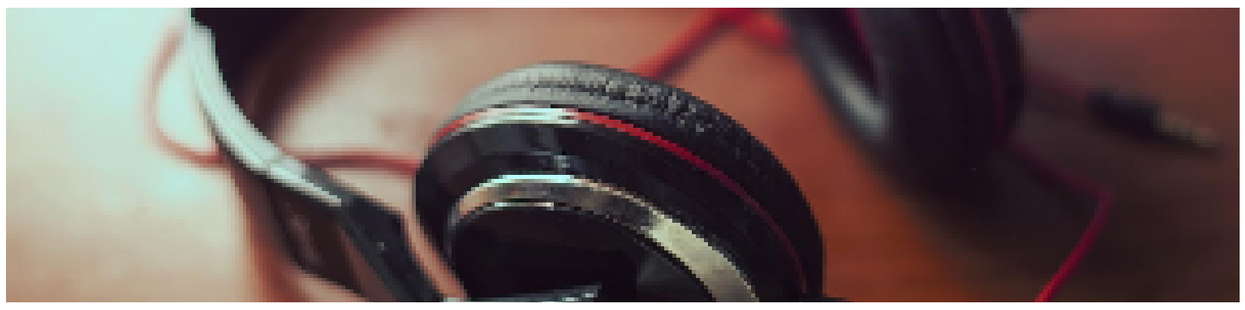
Looking for a new style of music? Let me help!

I would recommend:

- “People Watching" by Conan Gray. It's about how you were observing other couples in college and you wish you were them.
- “Getting Older” by Billie Eilish. It's about how you don't want to get older, how you don't want to face the world, and how you're growing up too fast.
- “Lost Cause” By Billie Eilish. Lost cause is a female empowerment anthem in which Billie sings about finally realizing that the man she was dating is “nothing but a lost cause”.
- “Birds of a Feather” by Billie Eilish. It's mostly about how you will love a particular person till the day they die and you would die for them.

Mr. Pothast recommended 3 songs:

- “These Days” by Rudimental. It's about reflecting on the troubles of a past relationship but also feeling fondness.
- “Backseat Driver” by Kane Brown. This song is about being a dad for 2 daughters, and a baby son. It's also about how Kane's little girls see so much when they look out the window.
- “Let It Be” by the Beatles. It's about finding solace and guidance in difficult times, by symbolizing mother Mary.



Ms. Piotrowski recommended:

- “All You Need is Love," also by the beatles. It's about a clear saying that love is everything.
- Ms. Edgar recommended:
- “I Gotta Feeling” by The Black Eyed Peas. It's about how a night is going to be a good night.

Jade Mendoza, 5th grader, recommended 2 songs:

- “Goddess" by Laufey. It's about strong crosses through different themes of heartbreak and anger and a pinch of fame.
- “Black Sheep” by Metric. It's about a really strong connection between two partners but they had to break up.

Serenity Plucas, 5th grader, recommended:

- “That's So True” by Gracie Abrams. It’s about getting out of a bad relationship, and about the other person cheating on their partner.

That’s all of the songs! Thank you so much for reading

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 5TH GRADE

By: Kaylee Gurule, 5th Grade

My homeroom teacher, Mr Pothast:

I would have to say he is an amazing math teacher. I have no idea how to explain it. Last year, I was horrible at math, but this year I'm rocking it! He explains things so easily for us students. He helps us with problems when we are stuck and he is one of the most caring and kind teachers.

Next, Ms. Piotrowski:

She has a different way of teaching that makes everyone smile and laugh. She is the type of teacher that helps any way she can, and never backs out of a challenge. She is my Science and Social Studies teacher. Every time my class and I are with her she is as always as fun as she can be.



And finally, Ms. Edgar!

Miss Edgar is my Writing and Reading teacher. She is the type of teacher to always make sure we're on task. It's also her first year ever to be a teacher, and guess what, she's nailing it! She works so hard and I can see it on her face. I love how she helps explain instructions more clearly when people don’t understand them.

Thank you fifth grade teachers, you helped us fifth graders to be the best that we can be!!

SUMMER BOREDOM BUSTER GAME: GORILLA TAG

By: Junior Benner, 4th Grade



Gorilla Tag is a popular live multiplayer game that you can play in VR! You can play the game on Quest 2, 3, and 3s. If you want to play on your PC, it’s $20.

I like this game a lot! The Meta Store rating is 4.5 out of 5 stars, but I give the game 5 out of 5 stars! It's fun to play and they just added a new map in the game!

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WHERE: *TBD!*

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