Search for the missing airplane continues

By Angela Melgar

Since March 8th, there has been a mysterious controversy that has shocked the world. Flights were grounded all over the world. Unfortunately, the flight from Kula Lumpur, Malaysia on March 8th was the last to be heard of. At 8:50 a.m., the plane was supposed to land in Beijing, but two hours later it was off the radar. Reason for the disappearance is still unknown. The search continues.

On April 16th, an American submarine dove into the ocean to assist with the search for the plane. Eighty percent of its search area was completed, but there was still no sign of the plane.

On April 20th, a cyclone headed to the affected area. The cyclone forced the aircrafts and submarines to suspend the search. Although the long search has now resumed, it is difficult to believe that the plane is still not found.

At this point, the passengers are now presumed dead. Authorities are now issuing death certificates for the passengers, which will allow families to receive financial aid and to sue the airline company.

SAT to change in 2016

By Charles Yun

The College Board is infamous to many students because of their test that create the AP and SAT tests to inspect the students’ abilities. Students used to have to prepare for the SAT test in several starting in 2016. According to Professionals.collegeboard.com, the SAT right now is not out of 2400. Also, at select locations, the test will be available on computers.

However, all this will change for students who won’t be allowed to take the AP and SAT tests.

Currently, the essay is scored from 1-12, and each section is graded with maximum points of 800. Therefore, the SAT right now is not out of 2400. Also, at select locations, the test will be available on computers.

However, all this will change for students who won’t be allowed to take the present SAT. The College Board is hoping that the new SAT will be more based on what students learn at school.

Twelfth grader Sam Cho said, “I like the new changes that are coming more on what you really learn.”

It is important to note that the College Board is looking at incoming students who are not ready by 11th and 12th grade to do well on the SAT. If you want more information about the changes coming up for the SAT, visit collegeboard.org. Remember that it is time to start preparing now so that you’re ready by 11th and 12th grade.

WASC accreditation brings pride to UCLA-CS!

Our biggest achievement noted by the WASC team is the dramatic increase in the college-going rates of our students, who largely come from groups that have historically been marginalized in higher education. Our students now have access to financial aid and to sue the airline company.

On Monday, May 5th, UCLA-CS students and staff heard an announcement from the head of the school concerning the batting of one of the highest levels of WASC accreditation. According to Assistant Principal Queena Kim, the school received the “2nd highest level of WASC accreditation — 6 years with a one day visit.”

WASC stands for Western Association of School and Colleges. Some factors that WASC takes into account are the learning materials for the students, the way that the students participate in class, and how well the teachers are educating their students. For example, if teachers were on their phones all day after giving the assignments, without interacting with their kids, they would not be truly developing the students’ intellectual skills. If this were the case, schools would lose the chance that they might not be accredited and the students’ diplomas wouldn’t count.

According to the WASC website, “One of six regional accreditation associations in the United States, WASC extends its services to over 4,500 public, independent, church-related, and proprietary pre-K–12 and adult schools.” This means that the WASC program is so high that they visit more than 4,500 schools per year.

According to Ampersand, The Online Magazine of the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, “The award is a major milestone for the school, which brought together LAUSD teachers and administra- tors with a UCLA team of education faculty who trained many of them and helped develop the school’s instructional programs.”

The UCLA Community School’s WASC accreditation award is very significant and gratifying and recognizes the high quality of student learning and engagement that so many people have worked so hard to foster,” said Karen Hunter Quigley, director of research for the school and for Center X, which houses several professional programs within UCLA’s Graduate School of Edu- cation and Information Studies.

According to Garcia, the school didn’t need much preparation because overall, it is a fantastic and educationally capable school with a function that works.

In conclusion, as the administrators and teachers have stated, the WASC visit was a huge success and the students were a major factor in this accomplishment. They believe the school would be perfectly capable of being evalu- ated by WASC at any time and doing so with much enthusiasm.

For more information, go to any administrator and ask them about WASC. You can also see the article written about our school in Ampersand magazine online. It is an internal news article. It’s called “UCLA Community School Reaches Milestone with WASC Accreditation.”

WASC graphic courtesy of champcharter.org
By Jose Marquez

Finally, one of the most dangerous drug dealers has been captured. Mexican authorities apprehended El Chapo Guzman, drug cartel kingpin, in Mazatlan on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

According to Thoughtenago.com, “The Mexican police captured Guzman wearing a white shirt, dark jeans, and no belt.”

A U.S. law enforcement official told CNN that Guzman, accompanied by a female, was captured in a joint operation of Mexican marines and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents that was in the works for four or five weeks.

Nydailynews.com states, Guzman was the leader of the Cartel of Sinaloa, which would bring cocaine, heroin, and meth into Mexico. Guzman would kill some of the people he hated by himself and other times he would send other people to kill them.

It is rumored that Guzman is responsible for the deaths of over 70,000 people, including children. Guzman’s capture is very important because the Cartel in Sinaloa will not be able to continue trafficking drugs until they have a new leader.

According to Abcnews.go.com, El Chapo Guzman’s real name is Joaquin Guzman Loera. El Chapo stands for “Shorty”. Guzman got his nickname “Chapo” because of his short, stocky stature – he’s only 5 foot 6.

Guzman reportedly has 4 wives and 10 children, so he has all entered into the drug trade. One of his sons was shot by 40 gunmen.

Now, El Chapo Guzman is going to face the law first in New York City. However, some people think El Chapo will just escape from jail, like he did the first time he got captured. According to Thoughtenago.com, the Mexican police should watch over Guzman more because in 2001 he escaped from jail.

Eighth grader, Belen Ruiz, said, “I think El Chapo will escape from jail because he is really smart and he has lot of men working for him.” Some people believe that El Chapo shouldn’t even be in jail because they say he is a good person. There have been even been protests by people who want to see Guzman freed from custody. However, some doubt if the protests are even real. Ruiz explained, “Maybe El Chapo Guzman paid people to protest because he has a lot of money.”

Chris Corona, a 10th grader, added, “I think that El Chapo will escape from jail again because he did it last time and why wouldn’t he be able to do it this time?”

In addition, Corona said that if Guzman doesn’t escape from jail, he will probably be there for life because he is a top drug leader and has killed a lot of people. Many agree that El Chapo should pay for the bad things he has done to the community.

Seventh grader Victor Aceves said, “El Chapo will probably escape from jail because he has a lot of men working for him everywhere. If he doesn’t escape, then he should only be in jail for around 7 years because many people say he helped the poor people with all the money he had.”

While officials celebrate Guzman’s capture, many in his home state of Sinaloa – who viewed the kingpin as a helper of the poor and a keeper of the peace – are not as pleased, according to NPR.org.

It is true that over the years, Guzman has become a legend. Some people say that he is a modern-day Robin Hood. They say that he grew up poor and became a successful drug dealer, using his money to improve conditions in the community and help others.

Yet, many believe that Guzman has only helped the poor as a way to bribe them so that they would hide him and not turn him in to authorities.

For more information on the capture and upcoming trial of El Chapo Guzman, one of the most dangerous and powerful druglords in history, visit any news source such as NPR, CNN, or Fox News.
What is Wooden Scholars? By Alysa Menor

Wooden Scholars is a community of students that take extra time in learning about life lessons and requirements for the future. Wooden Scholars is a group of enthusiastic students who have developed new skills. However, Wooden Scholars’ way of learning is in a different way compared to other groups in school. Our purpose is to learn, and then share our knowledge to others. The meetings are held on the first two Fridays of each month, talking about college, that surrounds our passions and mentors that can help us achieve our dreams. Normally, we start off with a short presentation or discussion on how we move on to improve (acting without a script on the weekends). This was assigned and any work that we need to start on; when we plan our projects or unpinning events. In the end, we summarize what we have discussed and work on the positive. There are seven habits (if anything). On the other hand, Wooden Scholars is more than just a club. It’s about the time that we spend as a family too! We have field trips with our families to different horizons where we want to attend. In addition, we also teach our siblings and also our friends where we get to bond with each other and our families. Wooden Scholars matters to the community because we are open to new perspectives and challenges, as well as giving us work to them that it matters to vulnerability in learning, taking risks and taking the initiative to form your path in life. This was a new experience and was really helpful being able to have new insights that we could do much benefits like them. To them, that is the perspective view of Wooden Scholars. We have the ability to change the world for the better and that is the main part of the message that Wooden Scholars is trying to convey.

Reaching out to the community

By Brenda Beatriz

Going to 5 Bread 2 Fish, a soup kitchen, was a great experience, as it was a new experience for many of us. When we go out and help our community, we are being active and critical participants in our society. We had an opportunity to be Wooden Scholars and assist in serving the food and generating contacts that they give to the poor. In order of think about the personal benefit that we both received. Our group had the responsibility of organizing the clothes into categories, depending on if it was for men, women, or children. Many of us were excited to see that people who come to pick out their clothes don’t care if they are from Wooden Scholars or not. The idea that people wouldn’t be sympathetic towards others who don’t have as much privilege as you do, to them. To them, it means that you feel the same way when you get your new clothes. This is because we the clothes we wear. As Wooden Scholars, we have the opportunity to make a positive impact in our community.

Procrastination

By Arturo Castillo

Procrastination is more than a word. Most of us do it and constantly. That is what causes us to have bad grades. I put off things not because I don’t care, but because I don’t know where to start. To add, Wooden Scholars was interviewed by UCLA’s TV. We talked about our ideas and concepts, what we did, what we wanted to do with our lives and what we’re doing now to make that happen in the future. Some of us wanted to face our fears towards our true passions that we have now, others wanted to focus on giving to others. We also talked about an interview for our thoughts, which discussion involved expectations about how we evolved and even future events. This was a really great experience to let our ideas speak, and express our hopes and dreams. This good, as Wooden Scholars, to get out word, tell the world what you are and what you want are: We told our story about our present, just like what we learned, think about how you look at your name and you and wonder what is the whole story. Make it happen, don’t avoid letting others speak for you. Overall, it’s important to always spell what you want and have what you have, so that they can pass it down too. Also, it’s important that we pass down our knowledge to others. The meetings are held on the first two Fridays of many months, talking about college, that surrounds our passions and mentors that can help us achieve our dreams. Normally, we start off with a short presentation or discussion on how we move on to improve (acting without a script on the weekends). This was assigned and any work that we need to start on; when we plan our projects or unpinning events. In the end, we summarize what we have discussed and work on the positive. There are seven habits (if anything). On the other hand, Wooden Scholars is more than just a club. It’s about the time that we spend as a family too! We have field trips with our families to different horizons where we want to attend. In addition, we also teach our siblings and also our friends where we get to bond with each other and our families. Wooden Scholars matters to the community because we are open to new perspectives and challenges, as well as giving us work to them that it matters to vulnerability in learning, taking risks and taking the initiative to form your path in life. This was a new experience and was really helpful being able to have new insights that we could do much benefits like them. To them, that is the perspective view of Wooden Scholars. We have the ability to change the world for the better and that is the main part of the message that Wooden Scholars is trying to convey.

Self-Confidence

By Irving Medina

Self-confidence is everything and everything is dependent on self-confidence, so be confident! Even those who are not struggling with themselves, you can do a lot to be grateful. To want to forget that happening, but of achieving anything of we do have. Since some people learn to be more self-confident by your gratefulness. Happiness flourishes when the world around you’re happy. You do need to prepare for these situations that stress you out. Find something to be thankful for right now. Be able to do it, “don’t laugh at yourself” and explain to the world what do you think? What should we do about it? How do you manage to improve your self-confidence and pushing for the better? Today, we have the technology to empower others and change the world, if we only use it right.

We have the ability to change the world for the better. Our survival is tied to your every effort.

The Toolbox

By Jake Medina

Habits are meaningful—they will either make or break you. You can either learn to know yourself, to know what you are doing at all times and know your habits, or choose to be like someone who has High Effective Traits. By Sean Covey is a guidebook for students to use in order to better understand your personal life. This book is our map, our GPS. The seven habits are good traits that will help you to achieve your personal lifestyle. They are principles that help to get you where you want to be.

Procrastinate. Begin with the end in mind. Put first things first. Put things off until tomorrow, and then do what needs to be understood. Synergize. Sharpen the Saw. The seven habits are connected to a new baseline and can be a first. Procrastination is a heavy habit. This is especially true if you are procrastinating for a long time. Normally, you have a lot of things to do, and you need to make things happen. Nowadays, being able to plan ahead and prioritize things being able to prioritize means that you are able to set things in order. This book is a way to see what is there a test coming up, a good prioritizer will be able to study a certain amount of time for studying a couple of days. You see, habits affect how think about you and how people think about you. UCLA’s four core competencies are: 1) being a proficient learner, 2) being an effective communicator, 3) having academic knowledge and skills, 3) being proficient in information technology, and 4) participating in academic and service-related activities. This is a book that can help you stop procrastinating and be a self driving, a self-motivated, a self-directed, a self-producing person in charge of your life.

Inside the community

By Alesa Menor

The Wooden Scholars are in the form of a pyramid. The first thing that changed was the definition of success have all been changed by John Wooden. “Pyramid of Success” is his 15 building block steps to becoming professional poets. For example, in a part of the lives of some students and how they all started to become professional poets. The students in the class have actually been observant that people, including myself, tend to ignore things during the day don’t always go as planned. Things during the day don’t always go as planned. For example, as we received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. She received the clothes, she took it as though she was happy. Some of us wanted to face our fears towards our true passions that we have now, others wanted to focus on giving to others. We also talked about an interview for our thoughts, which discussion involved expectations about how we evolved and even future events. This was a really great experience to let our ideas speak, and express our hopes and dreams. This good, as Wooden Scholars, to get out word, tell the world what you are and what you want are: We told our story about our present, just like what we learned, think about how you look at your name and you and wonder what is the whole story. Make it happen, don’t avoid letting others speak for you. Overall, it’s important to always spell what you want and have what you have, so that they can pass it down too. Also, it’s important that we pass down our knowledge to others. The meetings are held on the first two Fridays of each month, talking about college, that surrounds our passions and mentors that can help us achieve our dreams. Normally, we start off with a short presentation or discussion on how we move on to improve (acting without a script on the weekends). This was assigned and any work that we need to start on; when we plan our projects or unpinning events. In the end, we summarize what we have discussed and work on the positive. There are seven habits (if anything). On the other hand, Wooden Scholars is more than just a club. It’s about the time that we spend as a family too! We have field trips with our families to different horizons where we want to attend. In addition, we also teach our siblings and also our friends where we get to bond with each other and our families. Wooden Scholars matters to the community because we are open to new perspectives and challenges, as well as giving us work to them that it matters to vulnerability in learning, taking risks and taking the initiative to form your path in life. This was a new experience and was really helpful being able to have new insights that we could do much benefits like them. To them, that is the perspective view of Wooden Scholars. We have the ability to change the world for the better and that is the main part of the message that Wooden Scholars is trying to convey.
DATA BITE: To inform and inspire!

By Dr. Karen Hunter Quartz, UCLA-CS Director of Research and Michael Aguilar, 7th Grade Bruin’s Roar Section Editor

Thinking about doing an internship? What should you be? Many students have done internships and liked it! An internship is a chance to find what you really like to do, and experience what it feels like to work at a job. But do you actually want to work in that field? At our school, the 12th graders have the opportunity to do internships for ten weeks. They can choose any internship they like based on their interests -- from civil rights law to technology, media, community building, art, any much more! There are many choices, so why not do something that you like? Internships can really help with college admissions, and many of the interns write students letters of recommendation afterwards. It’s a win-win situation, why pass it off?

Quotes from UCLA-CS seniors who have done internships:

"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.”
~Theodore Roosevelt

I am extremely proud of you
Alex Hernandez, Miguel Garcia, Pablo Roman, Leslie Roman.
Thank you for being part of my life,
I love you very much!!

-Ms. C. Garcia
Dog owners, please pick up after your dog! It's the law!

By Bryan Analoco

People who have dogs should be responsible because in order to have a dog, you need to be responsible and pick up the waste. Other people shouldn't have to step on it and get dirty.

Of course, sometimes dogs’ waste is stinky and you don’t want to clean it, but your owner needs to clean it up because no one wants it! If people want a dog, they should be responsible.

When you get a dog, you should be able to handle the responsibilities. According to Veterinarypartner.com, “Dog waste contaminates the ground and becomes a means of passing intestinal parasites and infections to dogs and people.”

This is true because sometimes people get infections from dogs and they get sick. Also, dog waste does contaminate the ground because then people step on it and then they may not realize it. People get sick at kids that have stepped on the dogs’ waste and then they get in trouble.

Dog owners should clean their own bags from home so that they can clean up their own dog’s waste. If you want to have a pet, you should be responsible!

According to Casewar thermometer.com, there are even many areas with free bags so that you can pick up the waste of your dog. This is good, but dog owners should also bring their own bags with them because they shouldn’t assume there are going to be free bags everywhere they go.

In some places, there are punishments for dog owners who do not pick up after their pets. According to Dailymail.com, “Owners that do not clean after their dogs can be fined or face community service hours.”

Ehew.com explains that California does not have a statewide “pooper scooper law” because it is the responsibility of individual cities, counties or municipalities to establish these laws.

In Los Angeles, the Municipal Code requires dog defecation to be immediately removed by the owner of the animal. This law is listed under the country’s nuisance ordinance and says, “Animal defecation on public property or upon private property other than the owner’s property is prohibited!” (Ehew.com).

I agree that people who do not clean up after their dogs should do pay a fine or do community service because they need to learn that they should be responsible. If they have to pay a fine, they will not keep doing it.

Brian Lucan, 7th grader, said, “People should clean up after their dogs because it’s not fair that people have to step on the dog’s waste and get dirty. [Their punishment for not cleaning up after their dogs] should be community service, like cleaning up a park.”

Linda Espinoza, another 7th grader, added, “People should keep the environment clean so that other people can feel comfortable around their community.”

People can not feel comfortable walking around the community when other people are not responsible with their dogs.

Seventh grader Victoria Aceves concluded, “People should clean after their dogs because it’s the correct thing to do!”

Overall, people should clean up their dogs’ waste because it’s good for the environment, our health, and the community. It is vital that dog owners start being more responsible. If you do not clean after your dog, I highly encourage you to start doing it now!

Give all students a chance: stop deportations!

By Angie Alondro

Unfortunately, many students who are undocumented students are being deported back to their own country, where they do not have a chance to get a good education like the one we receive in the U.S. These students’ dreams got destroyed because they had to graduate from U.S. high school and go to the college they had planned to attend.

I think that this is wrong; the government should not deport undocumented students. The President Obama should stop these student deportations from taking place.

According to Salon.com, Obama has deported more than 1.9 million people, which are mostly the least documented students. The President has deported way too many people and that is not fair. There is a special unit for the students who are being deported.

The President should change the laws to stop the deportations of undocumented immigrant students. However, according to CNN.com, Obama told Univision in January that he is “required to follow the law,” which states that it is a crime to be in the country illegally and that those found guilty can be deported.

I disagree with this law because these students should have the opportunity to be in the United States so that they can have a better future. Also, I think that the President should try to change these laws that are unfair. If he changes the laws, we could have a better and happier families that are not getting separated or deported.

Furthermore, the undocumented students, known as the “Dreamers,” should be allowed to fulfill their dream of going to college. The Dream Act was supposed to help them and there is the AB540 law in California that allows undocumented students to attend college on an in-state tuition.

Melissa Alfaro, a 7th grade student, said, “It is wrong [to deport undocumented students]. It is a shame that our country is “free” but then we don’t have real freedom. Immigrant students should have an education because just like everyone says, “education matters”.

The Dream Act law is a great thing because it is supposed to help people’s dreams come true.”

Furthermore, Erik West, a 10th grader, said, “I disagree with student deportations because they came here to have a better education and now they don’t get to have one. We should implement the Dream Act because it’s not fair for them to be deported and they deserve a good education.”

Moreover, the immigrant students are not doing anything bad, so they should not get deported; they just want a free education and a good future.

Evelyn Eddy, UCLA-CS Office Technician, said, “I think that the immigrant students should be able to stay. They will prove themselves in this country. They should have an opportunity to have a better future.”

Overall, I think we can all agree that immigrant students who are not doing anything bad should be allowed to stay in the United States. They want a better education and a future for their children and they want to get good jobs because they want to help their families. Therefore, student deportations should stop!

You don’t do your homework? That’s a shame!

By Leslie Elias

Many teachers are having problems with certain students not doing their homework. Yet, we don’t know the reasons why they don’t do it.

I believe that homework can help student in many ways, in which why we need to find out why some students aren’t doing it.

Linda Abdullah, an eighth grader, believes, “I think they don’t do their homework because they’re lazy or they just give up.”

To be honest, in most cases, I have to agree with what Abdullah believes. However, maybe there are a few exceptions. In some cases, maybe the students have emergencies going on or the homework is too hard for them.

Homework is a big topic and everyone has their own opinion about it. If you ask students about homework, some will say many horrible things about it, while others, students who believe homework is really helpful.

Makaila Macario, a 3rd grader explained, “Yes, I do my homework because I want to have a better future.” Macario added, “If I do homework, it will help me in the future.”

I think that homework can help you become more responsible because you always have to do homework on time and make it neat. Learning to be responsible will benefit you when you go to college.

Many students don’t do their homework, but maybe they don’t know the benefits that homework can bring them. Homework is not that bad at all; homework has a strong positive side that most students don’t see it.

According to Greatschools.org, “Homework may be the most useful tool you have for help study habits and practice skills.”

As you can see, homework can help students to develop study habits. For example, it can help you to be responsible so you can do your homework everyday without the teachers telling you to do it every time.

Edwin Sanchez, City Year Corps Member, agrees with the idea of homework and thinks that all the students should do it. He explained, “Definitely, homework allows continuous learning outside of school.”

It assesses comprehension and challenges a student to gain a deeper understanding of the material.”

We all know that homework is a challenge. However, it brings more of understanding about the things you learn at school and it can even help you do better on your tests or school work.

According to Greatschools.org, “Homework can also bring families together, as students might ask their parents or siblings for help.” Even if you don’t have a sibling or parent you can ask for help, you can ask your friends or a classmate to help you. In this way, homework can help build a family of learners at the school.

Sanchez added, “Students should do their homework all the time!”

Surely, keep this advice in mind and do your homework all the time! After you do your homework, you will feel better about yourself because you will understand the work more. Your skills in reading, math, and every subject will improve. You can do it!
Should college classes be offered to middle school students?  

By Brandon Song

As a high schooler, taking college classes is a great way to further develop your education. You will stay ahead of the game and you can even demonstrate this knowledge into your current classes.

However, many college classes are difficult for middle school students. They estimated that only 1 out of the 120 students, who are in 7th and 8th grade, would benefit from a college class. Therefore, they concluded that college classes shouldn’t be offered to middle school students because they would be a waste of money, time, and classroom space.

Alvia Espana, middle school science teacher at UCLA-CS, stated, “The students are still metacognitively developing and aren’t able to function as well in a college class. They wouldn’t be able to comprehend the subject and take all the notes.”

However, she still believes a college class would be beneficial for some of the highly-achieving middle school students. She estimated that maybe 8 out of the 120 students who are in 7th and 8th grade would benefit from a college class. Therefore, she concluded that college classes shouldn’t be administered to middle school students. She thinks that the time would be more efficiently invested in the high school students.

Lourdes Gutierrez, a LACC Child Development teacher, agreed. “As a college teacher, I personally believe middle school students are still developing and aren’t capable of college material.”

She believes her time is spent more effectively with older students because they are capable of learning the subject better.

Many people who are highly experienced with colleges our college counselor, Socorro Gallegos. However, her opinion is different. She feels that middle school students should take college classes.

She stated, “Many high school students aren’t in the college classes offered at UCLA-CS as they are busy studying and doing other extracurricular activities.” Therefore, she believes that the classes should fill the extra spots with middle school students, who tend to have more time than high school students.

Gallegos thinks college classes should be implemented into a student’s middle school years so they can also get used to the level of difficulty. Those who pass college classes in their middle school years would be considered very high-achieving and would be more prepared to attend competitive colleges.

However, most of the middle school students seem to disagree. When interviewed, the middle school students stated that they don’t have a lot of free time because they are busy doing homework.

Work, tutoring, sports, and other activities. They also have responsibilities at home, so most of them did not seem eager to participate in college-level classes.

In conclusion, I believe that these college classes should only be available to those who are able and willing to challenge themselves through these rigorous high-level courses. Realize that even middle school students should be able to choose how to spend their own time and make their own decisions.

Community college classes should be offered to those middle school students who wish to drive their education to the next level.

If there are any middle school students who wish to make this topic into a reality, you should consider talking to Academic Counselor Agnes Cesare to see if you can possibly create this opportunity.

How can we accomplish true peace?

By Eli Islas

What does world peace mean to you? Peace is a major fundamental part of constructing society itself. Without peace, society wouldn’t live up to its name.

Therefore, what can we do to achieve world peace? I think we should all get along and prevent violence altogether. For example, we should stop bullying in all schools by creating a more friendly environment. We should also pressure the president to sign treaties and create alliances with other countries.

According to Sl-designs.com, “If we are peaceful, if we are happy, we can smile and blossom like a flower, and everyone in our family, our entire society will benefit from our peace.” Therefore, world peace will benefit the integrity of our society and help us prosper.

According to Quotationsbest.com, “Worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles, it takes away today’s peace.” This quote is talking about the peace we all need inside of ourselves.

Not only do we need a world that is not violent, but we also need to have inner peace.

And, finally, according to Quotationsbest.com, “Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.” This quote explains that peace is an emotional issue. I agree with this quote because a person’s emotional being is what allows us to create relationships with others, thus establishing a safe community and environment.

Brian Bejarano, Title 3 Coach, stated, “I think that the more people see the more likely they are to be peaceful themselves.” She is right—if peace starts at one point it will eventually spread throughout the world.

In conclusion, peace demands the attention of everyone so we can all live in harmony. By getting everyone to cooperate, we will all benefit from the aspects of world peace and inner peace. If you want to help out, you should consider starting a Peace Club at your school, which could help students who are depressed and also help the world.

City Year is PROUD of you!

This year at UCLA-CS has been awesome so far! Our year would have been no fun without each and every one of you! We are so proud of all the hard work you have done this year!

Keep up the good work! -Your City Year Team
Let’s focus more on biliteracy!

By Karen Gonzalez

I think that we should have more than just Biliteracy Week at our school. It is not enough to let kids learn more than one language and to work on their reading skills all year long. The biliteracy week took place from February 24-28th and the best part was that older bilingual students got to read to the younger students. In our classroom, we had more events like this so that our whole school could come together and care about the elementary kids. Seventh grader, Yessenia Díaz, agreed, “I think we should have more Biliteracy Weeks because we spent time with kindergartners and it really made me feel like little kids!”

Being bilingual is now considered something important for students to achieve. It’s important for students who speak another language at home to keep practicing so that they don’t lose their first language.

According to Beaverton/School-CharterSchool.com, “New York has now joined California to offer a special ‘seal of biliteracy’ to high school graduates who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one other language. This means that if you speak English and another language, such as Spanish, Korean, Tagalog, Bengali or any other, you will be awarded a special recognition from the state of California when you graduate!”

For example, many students at UCLA-CS have not been practicing other languages. During Biliteracy Week, it was clear that some of the kindergarten students could read better in Spanish or Korean than their older students!

According to Longview Independent School District, “Literacy and academic proficiency in the first language may be lost if students are not given enough chances to study. This, in turn, facilitates literacy acquisition and academic achievement at the highest levels in the second language. In order to achieve biliteracy, however, students need consistent and strategic reading and writing instruction in both their native language and English.”

Not only would having more Biliteracy Weeks help us to improve our bilingualism, but it also helps with our reading. Isaac Garcia, a seventh grader, said, “I think that Biliteracy Week is important because it gives everyone a chance to improve their reading.”

Allyah Anicette, another seventh grader agreed, “Biliteracy Week can help you with your reading level. I had a lot of fun during Biliteracy Week but I just wish it could be longer.” She suggested having at least three Biliteracy Weeks.

I agree with Anicette that we need more emphasis on work on our bilingual skills and reading skills. Hopefully, this article will have more events like this!”

UCLA-CS Dance group performs at MOLAA

By Roberto Bautista

On Sunday, March 15th, the UCLA-CS dance led, by elementary school teacher Jimmy Torrez, performed at MOLAA, the Museum of Latin American Art. Students in the dance group say that their final performance taught them a lot.

Brian Lucan, a seventh grade student at UCLA-CS dance group, said, “In this last performance, the lesson I learned was to be quicker, to be aware of our surroundings and our spacing.”

Lucas added, “The feedback that I would give to myself is that I should smile more and be more confident, and that feedback is what I would give to the whole group is to be more aware of space.”

Overall, the dancers said that through their experience in the performance, they learned to be quicker, more aware of their timing, and to be extra careful in their formations. These are all valuable lessons that they will take with them to future performances.

In this picture, 7th grader Sunshine Torres is reading to a lower school student during Biliteracy Week.

Photo courtesy of Leyda Garcia.

We should work on having more clubs and activities!

By Teresa Bolados

Schools should have more clubs and activities, anything that gets the students more involved in their future. According to tweenparenting.com, “They [clubs] also a great way for students to discover their interests and talents.” Students can find their passions through clubs and activities.

Title 3 Coach Briana Bejarano said, “Clubs in our school are very important to get students excited for school.” Bejarano added, “There are not enough clubs because students don’t know how to start clubs. I hope there are more clubs soon. Ms. Quielia Kim has offered to help students start new clubs.”

In my opinion, schools should have more clubs because the new activities and activities you take at an early age will help when you apply to colleges to know what you want to do with your life.

Colleges also want students to be involved in activities. According to starttheprojectplaces.com, “When you apply to colleges, they want to see that you’re more than good grades and witty essay.” Colleges will see your grades but also what you participated in, so if you are in one of the clubs/sports, for example, it looks good when applying for any college.

Behavior Counselor Debbie Baley said, “I want clubs in our school more involved in the future.” It allows students to try new things and develop new interests. She added, “I think there are not enough clubs in our school. We need more teachers to sponsor the students. Some students are too afraid to talk up to students. To make it happen: students deserve clubs and activities because this will affect us in our future. The new clubs and activities, we will interest the students and it will make the students want to come to school and learn new things. Students will help the students be more active and disciplined.”

According to debate.org, “The more clubs that students participate in, the more pride they will have in going to that school.”

Students will have the honor to go to a school with more clubs and activities because the students will see that they have the freedom to join what they want. Unfortunately, it seems to me that schools are cutting clubs instead of putting more in.

Yordani Giron, a seventh grader said, “I haven’t joined a club before because there are not enough clubs that interest me.” Giron added, “I want more clubs in our school because I want to learn new things. I think there are not enough clubs because the high school has more clubs than middle school.”

Overall, schools including our own, need more clubs to affect our future. Teachers want students to join them in clubs and activities, because they want the students to have a goal of being more confident on stage and in many different places.

In my opinion, schools should have more clubs because the new activities and activities you take at an early age will help when you apply to colleges to know what you want to do with your life.

Students need to help clean better at lunch

By Sandra Ramos

At RFK, we are having trouble with students not cleaning up after themselves at lunch. That has become a problem because janitors are really working hard to keep the campus clean. Students in the dance group say that the feedback that I would give to myself is that I should smile more and be more confident, and that feedback is what I would give to the whole group is to be more aware of space.

Overall, the dancers said that through their experience in the performance, they learned to be quicker, more aware of their timing, and to be extra careful in their formations. These are all valuable lessons that they will take with them to future performances.

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Photo courtesy of Leyda Garcia.

These are some examples of activities that can happen at our school.

Photo courtesy of brightfuture3.com

In addition, all of the dancers have a goal of being more confident on stage. Before the performance, all of the performers were scared and nervous, but once they showed pride.

In spite of their nervousness, when the dance group performed, everyone looked graceful, and seemed like a family having fun.

Lucas explained, “The first time I entered to the dance group I felt pressured, I picked up my trash and I felt confident and he said that being in the dance group has built up more confidence to perform on stage and in many different places.”

Through performances like the one at MOLAA, the dance group has built up more confidence to perform on stage and in many different places. The dance group is known by people outside of the school. The group’s goal for next year is to get bigger, stronger, and even more well-known in our school and our dance group!”

Trash left by students in the cafetera.

Photo by Sandra Ramos.

There are some countries where the students learn from a young age to clean up and to learn to clean according to Democraticandground.com, “Most Japanese schools don’t employ janitors, but the point is not to cut costs.” They don’t have janitors because they want the students to learn how to keep things clean.

Overall, the students at RFK need to learn some self-respect and discipline, like the students in Japan have. Students here should help the janitors by cleaning up after themselves.

Why would you leave your trash and cause a mess for someone else to pick up? Is that what your parents taught you?
We need more arts at UCLA-CS
By Michael Aguilar

Do we have enough arts at UCLA-CS? A recent poll answered this question with a clear Yes. Many of the students who were interviewed said that they felt there were not enough art-related activities and programs at the university. Some even went as far as to say that students should have more art-related activities. I agree because I feel that people who love art should have more opportunities to participate in art-related activities.

Many people think that art is only for those who are talented or have a strong interest in it. However, I believe that everyone should have the opportunity to explore their creative side and express themselves through art. By drawing, children are able to express their emotions with words, and this can be a great way for them to learn how to communicate their feelings.

We need more arts at UCLA-CS because if people don’t have the opportunity to go to the Art class, then they need another art-related activity that they can go to. As stated in Dosomething.org, “Students who study art 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement and 3 times more likely to be awarded for school attendance.” This means that kids are more enthusiastic about coming to school if they have something to look forward to like art.

Another reason why we should have more arts here at UCLA-CS is because art can bring people together, and make a community stronger. Art can also help people express their feelings. Melisa Alfaro, a seventh grader, said, “Art helps me express my emotions in a way words can’t.” Earlychildhoodnews.com, states, “By drawing, children are able to communicate without using words.”

Many students enjoy art as an activity that helps them to express their emotions. By participating in art-related activities, students feel more confident and less lonely.

Therefore, we should have more arts here at UCLA-CS, so that everyone can show their creative side. We need more arts at UCLA-CS because it’s the new generation! Graffiti is in the face of city arts and arts educators should be informed and inspired!

“Where there is no struggle, there is no strength.”
-D1 students, you’ve done a great job this year! I appreciate all your hard work and participation in English, Spanish, Advisory, Book Club, GSA, and of course, Journalism! ♥, Ms. Cometa
By Brenda Benitez

Have you ever doubted about the person you truly are? Are you confident about being your own self in front of anyone, including friends, family, teachers, and counselors? Prema Alhaas, a 9th grader at UCLA-CS, said, “Yes, I do feel confident about myself everywhere and with anyone.”

However, many students aren’t so sure of themselves. As Carlos Delacruz, a sophomore at UCLA-CS, explained, “People will always judge you for who you are, how you look and what you do, but these people aren’t the ones who will help you when you need help. Those people aren’t any better than you.”

He continued, “The reason I’ve always thought this way is because my mom has always taught me that you’re beautiful in your own way and everyone is unique. No one is better than anyone else!”

This is true since everyone is a great person in their own way. There is no such thing as being superior or inferior than someone else because everyone is valuable as the individual who they are.

According to Goodreads.com, “We spend our lives asking the questions, What do people want me to do? Who do they want me to be? But this is a betrayal of our inner truth. We should be investing our lives in the pursuit of discovering who we are and we were we were created to do.”

Many students can relate to this quote and the feeling that we are in search of answers about ourselves. You will find out all of our questions can cause self-doubt. It is not only about being confident about yourself with some people, it’s about feeling confident of who you are all the time no matter who you are with and where you are.

Nowadays, there are people who always worry about the impression that they make on other people and what others will think about them. On the other hand, there are people who are completely confident about who they are. They could care less about the comments or judgments from others.

There will always be people who will try to bring you down. Of course, there are also those who love you and will not leave you alone when you need them the most.

As Marcandangel.com states, “I am free to be ME. -- Can you remember who you were before the world told you who you should be? Happiness is found when you stop comparing yourself to everyone else and what they want.”

It is important for students to be confident in who they are and not try to fit into other people’s ideas. Frida Samayoa, sophomore at UCLA-CS, said proudly, “I describe myself as a weird and crazy girl, kind, and at times, sentimental.”

As Samayoa shows, you have to be yourself. No one ever let anyone tell you that you are worthless. Don’t let other people influence who you are as an individual. You are unique and no other person like you can be found in this world; that’s what makes you so special. Don’t focus on the negative voices surrounding you, just dedicate your time to your interests and improving yourself as a human being!

Believe in yourself!
Having self-confidence is the best way to start...

Did you enjoy your Spring Break?
By Eladio Montellano

This year, Spring Break took place from April 14-18th. Spring Break is the time people spend with their family and friends. Most people enjoy different activities or spend time in their homes. Of course, staying home all day is not the best activity. There are many outdoor activities such as playing sports and camping.

Many families spend money on go on vacation during Spring Break. According to News. travel.aol.com, “Over 60% of travelers are spending between $500 and $2000 on their Spring Break.”

According to forbes.com, “About 90% of families travel during spring break. The other 20% of people stay home.”

City Year volunteer Michael Hong said, “Spring Break is for relaxation from school and to spend time with your family. Another reason why it’s good is because we might like to travel somewhere we haven’t been to.”

Eighth grader, Stephanie Kim, “I hung out with my friends and watch movies or I go somewhere out of the states. Spring Break is for us all to get a rest before the state testing.”

Seventh grader Nan-Ann said, “During Spring Break, people usually wear shorts and t-shirts. I guess Spring break is for people who do not have work because it is vacation for them.”

Many students enjoy Spring Break, but some say they are bored and they are just waiting for the break to be over so they can go back to school. Then again, when we return to school, many of them could have Spring Break back again.

In addition, many students say they end up wasting their Spring Break playing video games. Another reason is that they end up regrettting their decision to be lazy. I think that every country should have the same date for Spring Break so that people can spend time with their families. If they get all bored from different days, then they won’t be able to spend their vacation together.

This year, Spring Break is already over, but at least we have another vacation coming up – summer!

Wishing our young scholars success with their AP exams, college acceptances, culmination, and graduation!

-Mr. Vaca

WTG! UCLA CS 6 YEAR WASC ACCREDITATION!!!
Congratulations, class of 2014!
- Ms. Cesare

The Fault in Our Stars:
More than just a love story

By Yasmin Colop

Most of today’s generation is addicted to many things, such as the Internet, video games, music, and fashion trends. Yet, some teenagers still prefer to be addicted to books.

Some teenagers love to read and there are many books out there from all different genres. One of the most popular books among teens right now is John Green’s young adult novel, The Fault in Our Stars. The acclaimed book has gained a large range of popularity among teenagers and even adults.

Published in 2012, the teenage romance novel was the #1 fiction book that year. Also, the book has made its way to Hollywood, with the upcoming release of the movie on June 6, 2014.

Great reviews of the book have been published since the book came out. According to Johngreenbooks.com, “The book is a blend of melancholy, sweet, philosophical, and funny. Green shows us true love... and it is far more romantic than any sunset on the beach.”

According to The Guardian.com, “Expect to laugh, cry, and smile throughout the masterpiece by the amazing John Green. Highly recommend this book.”

“I even though I haven’t read the book, it sounds interesting,” Amy Morales, eighth grade student, said. In fact, many of the 8th graders are currently reading this book for literature circles in Laura Cometa’s English class. They are comparing the book to the classic story of Romeo and Juliet.

“The book portrays the idea of resistance, and that no matter what happens to the characters, they stay with each other. I think everybody wants a person to stick by them,” Morales added.

Of course, everyone is in love with the idea of love, but this book also has its side of tragedy to it. With Hazel Grace, the main character, suffering from thyroid lung cancer, many people who have gone through similar illnesses can relate to her daily struggle.

According to Cancer.org, “Thyroid cancer is commonly diagnosed at a younger age than most other adult cancers.”

Thyroid cancer is a cancer that starts in the thyroid gland. This type of cancer causes neck pains, which usually start in the front of your neck near your Adam’s apple, causing voice changes, breathing problems, severe coughing, and trouble with swallowing.

The story talks about the struggle of having to live with a very serious illness, but it also talks about how that doesn’t have to stop you from living your life.

As this picture shows, the main characters are connected by a line of smoke showing symbolism. Photo courtesy of Odfredgecart

Many books are very popular, but what makes The Fault in Our Stars one of the most popular books today?

“It’s the message in the book,” Raven Or- dad, 10th grade student, said, “I think it’s a good book because the two main characters have to go through the difficulty of having cancer while loving each other.”

Maria Nakis, Math teacher, said, “I think it’s a poignant book that takes a tragic subject and ultimately finds a way to create a way a create an uplifting story.”

She added, “I think it’s a phenomenal book, and not just for young adults, also for older people to understand what it’s like to be a sick teen who just wants to live a normal life.”

The Fault in Our Stars is the kind of book that will make you believe that love can’t just about happy walks around the park, and a happy ending. The book will keep you at the edge of your seat.

I highly recommend the book, even if you aren’t a big fan of romance novels. I can guarantee you that you’ll end up loving this book as much as I did. For more information about the author and his books, you can go to Johngreenbooks.com.
Entertainment Reviews

Game: Minecraft
Reviewed by: Axel Hernandez
Rating by: 5 out of 5 stars

Review: Minecraft is a cool and a fun game for me. The game helps you to not get bored in your free time. Many people seem to love this game and start to enjoy building their own world. Thanks to the creators of Minecraft, we are able to enjoy building the world we want through using our imagination. Another thing is that Minecraft is a top-rated game and many people just keep on playing this game because it can become addicting sometimes. This game is so fun and cool because you can make things and destroy places. You can also play online with others. I recommend you try playing it!

Movie: Haunted House 2
Reviewed by: Katie Castro
Rating by: 5 out of 5 stars

Review: The movie starts when Malcolm (played by Marlon Wayans) goes to a haunted house. Then Malcolm goes to his wife’s house and his dog dies. After that, Malcolm and his wife are about to go to sleep when Malcolm hears a noise on the roof. He tells his wife Megan (played by Saine Pressly) but she says no, she didn’t hear anything. After that, there is this doll that is connected to his wife Megan and the doll writes on the wall, “Do you miss me?” Then Malcolm gets scared because he just thinks it’s an ordinary doll, when actually it’s connected to his wife. That doll is like a real person, and she likes Malcolm. She is possessed by demons and she has this box that she always carries 24/7 — she even sleeps with it. After everything she does with the box, Malcolm tries to take it away from her but she won’t let him. Eventually, when it gets opened a lot of stuff comes out of it and she turns into a demon. Her brother has a friend that is a ghost and he can walk on the ceiling because his friend is the ghost that is controlling him. Malcolm tells his wife about the creators of Minecraft, we are able to enjoy building the world we want through using our imagination. Another thing is that Minecraft is a top-rated game and many people just keep on playing this game because it can become addicting sometimes. This game is so fun and cool because you can make things and destroy places. You can also play online with others. I recommend you try playing it!

New wardrobe for spring of 2014; time to get the new trends and styles!

Fashion: Are you ready for the hottest trends this Spring?

By Alexa Menor

It’s a new season and it’s time to update your closet! Out with the old and in with the new! Here are the hottest styles and fashion tips for Spring of 2014; time to update your fash-

1. Easy spring styles

Spring trends and styles apply to anyone: adults, students, young children, etc. Adding a burst of Spring can enhance any out-
fit, whether it’s a sporty, casual, or even for school.

According to HuffingtonPost.com, adding a touch of pastel colors to your outfits is the best way to infuse a burst of Springtime this season.

Pastel colors are perfect for the Spring and appropriate for school or work. They add a natural look to your outfit, while still having that pop of brightness. It’s the perfect balance of Spring in your everyday outfits.

On the other hand, denim is also an every-
day fabric that you can wear with any outfit on any occasion, not only Spring. Now is the time to update your denim by choosing dif-
ferent colors of jeans for Spring.

2. Outlook on pastel colors

Nowadays, many teens and adults like wearing denim fabric. For example, ripped jeans, chambray shirts, denim shorts, denim
dresses, even a simple vest to compliment a short-sleeved shirt.

3. Outfit ideas for Spring

According to HuffingtonPost.com, adding a pop of color in your outfits, but still feel comfort-
able. Get out there and spread the trends this

For sunny days, you can wear a pair of shorts rather than pants. If it’s a cold, windy
day, you can pair shorts with a warm, cozy sweater so you’ll look both trendy and ready for the weather.

Klein agreed, “I see girls wearing shorts sometimes in different colors. Also, some people like to wear oversized sweaters in the

4. The Originals

New TV show, The Originals, is about 3 original vampires who are more than 1,000 years old. Klaus, one of the original vampires, tries to take back his home from many years ago. He had to leave it at a long time ago because his father was chasing him so he could kill him. Klaus eventually takes back his home from Marcel, but Marcel doesn’t like Klaus because he’s controlling everyone and making his people turn against Marcel. Then his brother Elia-

5. Final thoughts

Overall, Spring is a great fashion season for men and women. It’s nice to have a pop of color in your outfits, but still feel comfort-
able. Get out there and spread the trends this season!
Let’s have soccer tournaments for middle school: Active students are more productive learners!

By Axel Hernandez

We should have a soccer tournament because it would be fun and it would be interesting to see people playing soccer. There aren’t many activities right now at school, so lots of kids are just sitting around being bored. A soccer tournament would help kids be active and have fun.

Jose Arias, a seventh grader, explained, “Yes, we should have a soccer tournament because we don’t have that many activities related to sports in school.”

According to Active.org, “People who exercise during their work [or school] day went 23% more productive than on days that they didn’t exercise.”

This means that people who exercise will not only get their bodies stronger, but they will also be more productive and successful in their work. Therefore, students who are active during the school day, will do better in their classes and might even get better grades!

As Livescience.com states, “Researchers in West Virginia tested 725 fifth graders, measuring their fitness levels and their academic performance. The kids who did better on the fitness test also did better on their academic performance.”

Kids who do a lot of physical activities or sports actually get more energy and have improved learning skills. This is why our school should set up more sports tournaments, including soccer.

Jennifer Chavez, a seventh grader, said, “I think we should have a soccer tournament because we want to be more active.”

In fact, many kids like Chavez want to be more active, but they feel like they can’t because there aren’t many organized sports activities for the middle school.

Arias suggested, “We should have the soccer tournament in the soccer field because there is a lot of space there. We should ask the P.E. teachers and the counselors to help us make the tournament. We should work hard and prove to everyone that we deserve it.”

There should be a football team at RFK!

By Jonathan Martinez

I wonder why in RFK, we don’t have a football team? Football has been around since the year 1869. I believe that RFK should have a football team because I but a portion of kids here would love to play football and enjoy watching the games. If we had football team at RFK, it would help students stay in shape, last weight off, and it would fun.

BBC.com explains, “Football participation is a good way to get men to slim down, as well as losing weight. When they were on the 12-week [football] program nearly 40% who participated maintained weight loss of at least 5%.”

In my opinion, there should be a football team at RFK because many kids would be happy to see that the school has added a sport that they can enjoy. I bet that in the future football could be a great resource for beating obesity in school and keeping people in shape.

According to Craigflower.com, “Playing football not only will make you fit, but is good health too. Playing football will be good for your body, especially if you’re young, but for adults too.”

Football is a sport where you interact with people and use your mind to develop a strategy to win.

Football can even help to pay off college if you get awarded a football scholarship. RFK should have a football team so that colleges around the country can visit and see our team play and progress.

If colleges love your effort and abilities, they can ask you to play for their football team on a scholarship. RFK should have a football team, but you need to have good grades to attend college.

8th grader Arturo Castillo gave his opinion, stating that he agrees RFK should have a football team. He explained, “Sure, the school doesn’t like being violent. However, football is a good sport. It keeps you active.”

Castillo tried to explain that football should be allowed even though the school might not like the violence involved in the tackling. He believes that football would be a fun experience.

To conclude, we should have a football team at RFK so students can join and stay physically active. Football is a sport that should be added to one of the school sports. We should have a football team because most other high schools have them, and it’s an American tradition!

By Eddy Villegas

Soccer fans are excited that the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup for 2014, being held in Brazil, is coming soon. It is going to start June 12th and end on July 13th. In the World Cup Brazil, there will be 32 teams from different countries competing. It is true that there are many good teams that work hard and want to win.

According to Ussoccer.com, Tim Howard, goalkeeper for the U.S. national team, said, “I think it’s an extremely tough group, which we expected, but the fact that it’s tough does not mean that we can’t advance through the group.”

Many people are excited because of the Gold Cup that will be the prize for the first place soccer team winner. Everyone has their picks for who they want to win. Many people have different predictions about which teams will make it to the finals. There are good teams that have many good players. All of the teams are going to do their best to make it to the final.

Seventh grader Walter Garcia said, “Brazil will win the World Cup because of their good players.” Hopefully for Garcia, this will happen because 4 years ago, Brazil lost to the Netherlands.

Of course, this year’s World Cup is going to be a great game. There will be a lot of people going to Brazil to watch the events.

U.S. Olympic soccer player Mia Hamm, a two-time FIFA World Player of the Year, encourages all students to “go for the goal!” — not just in soccer, but in school and in life! Graphics courtesy of littlegirlinthebigworld.com and surefiresoccer.com

Students, do you want to have fun sports tournaments? Let’s work together to get more activities we deserve so that we can have fun and do better in school!
Can you crack the Code for May?

Word Search: Get Ready for Summer!

Word search by Bryan Analco

Dear Problem Solvers,

What can I do? Recently a close friend of mine started causing me trouble. Ever since I started hanging out with her she would encourage me to do bad things like ditch class. She influenced me to hang out with the wrong group of people. I tried telling her that these girls she hangs out with will only cause her trouble, and they have! It seems she doesn’t want to learn from the problems they are causing her or change her ways.

Sincerely,
Lost

Dear Lost,

There are a couple of things you can do. First, don’t hang out with her anymore because the right friends will encourage you to do good and the wrong friends will influence you to make bad decisions. I suggest that you avoid those type of kids because they are not going to help you get through hard times—they will only bring you problems. There will be a day when your friend realizes that she lost a good friend and maybe she’ll come back to you. If not, it’s her decision.

Sincerely,
Problem Solvers

Dear Journalism Class,

In the article, “7th grade hopes for a fun year-end field trip, but will it happen?” I agree with Daisy Gaspar and Isai Hernandez. We should go to Disneyland because it’s more fun and this could be the reward for working hard in school. To earn money we should start fundraising for it. In the article, “We need more seminar choices” I agree with Luis Ponce and Eli Islas. We should add more seminar choices because students are starting to get bored with their seminar. We should be in seminars that we like. For the article, “Teachers should accept late homework” I agree with Angie Alejandro that teachers should be nice about collecting homework. I think that teachers should accept late homework with 100% credit because some homeworks are really hard and we need a lot of time to do them.

Sincerely,
Alyjah Aicenite

Dear Journalism Class,

I agree with what [Alex Andres] said in his article about graffiti. People should consider it as art because it is nothing bad. Graffiti is just some type of drawing or letters to express your feelings sometimes. Instead of just thinking about actual drawings, they should also put graffiti in the category of art. In terms of the article about ditching, [by Sandra Ramos], I agree and disagree. I agree with the fact how just because some kids ditch, it doesn’t mean we are doing bad things every single time we ditch. What didn’t work for me was that I was just ditch because we don’t like school. Sometimes we just have better things to do at times. Besides that, mostly it’s just because we don’t like learning and we need to have our time off of school. That’s my opinion for this article.

Finally, for the “Problem Solvers” column, I don’t agree with this at all because I think people should stay out of their own business and let us solve our own problems. Everyone shouldn’t be sharing their personal problems with everyone else. They should know how to solve their own problems first before they can solve other people’s. I know people need others to talk to others at times, but they shouldn’t talk to any stranger and tell them their problems. You’ve got family members or therapists you can actually talk to in person, not over internet. Why talk to people that you don’t know about your problems, especially if they’re other students?

Sincerely,
Sandy Roque

Dear Journalism Class,

I agree with what [Justin Bieber] said in his article about Justin Bieber. “Justin Bieber shouldn’t be deported back to Canada.” I agree that Justin Bieber should care more about what he does, but we shouldn’t. If he does drugs, then it’s his problem, not anybody else’s. People really need to “chill” and worry about themselves. Honestly, nobody should care about what he does because it’s actually his life.

Sincerely,
Sandy Roque

Dear Journalism Class,

I agree with [Axel Hernandez] that he should leave but they don’t know what really happened. Finally, I agree with [Axel Hernandez] that the 7th graders should go to Disneyland. We deserve it. We worked hard and we need to go!

Sincerely,
Kimberly Lopez

Dear Journalism Class,

To be honest, the 7th graders shouldn’t go to Disneyland because we didn’t go last year and it’s unfair for us! Plus, where are you guys going to get the money from? It’s a lot of money. Also, in my opinion, Justin Bieber shouldn’t be deported because he’s not doing anything wrong. It’s just because he’s famous. He has the right to do anything he wants and he doesn’t even smoke!

Sincerely,
Rovell Escaida

Dear Journalism Class,

In reference to the movie review about “The Book Thief,” I agree with [Tiffiny Cordner] because I have seen the movie. This movie was interesting and it is even better than it sounds. I love books. The writer says that it’s a good movie and it’s true. About the [Justin Bieber article], I think Justin Bieber should be deported. I think it’s the right information. Some people say that he should leave but they don’t know what really happened. Finally, I agree with [Axel Hernandez] that the 7th graders should go to Disneyland. We deserve it. We worked hard and we need to go!

Sincerely,
Zainab Abdulkader

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