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Student Helps Return Maori Natives to Home

BY STEPHEN P.

The Maori Tribe of New Zealand held a ceremony in which the Field Museum of Natural History returned ancient ancestral bones. By federal law, they had to return the bones to the Te Papa museum in Wellington, New Zealand, the museum that is taking in the bones to preserve them in a natural and traditional way.

The bones were bought as part of the Polynesian collection around the early 1900's. It was important that the bones be returned home because they were originally from there and the Maori people wanted them home and safe. I was part of this because the Maori tribe is technically related to the Native American People. As a Native American, it was thought that I should help with the ceremony.

I had the honor of carrying the bones to the ceremonial Merai. A Merai is a very important part of Maori history. It is a house of support and help from the gods of the Maori tribe. The ceremony being held was a very important one, so once we went inside the gate, no English could be spoken.

When the ceremony in the Merai was over, the bones were taken downstairs to pray over them some more. This ceremony is a



Photography by Stephen Podlasek

Above left, Mr. P. and his son, Stephen, help carry the bones of Maori people back to their homeland after being at the Field Museum for decades. Below, Maori women say special prayers over the returned bones to welcome them home. The background photo represents the idea that the sun first touches the Earth in New Zealand.

once-in-a-lifetime chance, and whoever was there, surely enjoyed it. After the ceremony was a party. The prime minister of New Zealand himself was there. It was an honor to be in his presence.

So many amazing things happened, no one could fit it into one story. The whole thing – none of it can be described in so few words.

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Welcome 6th Graders

Every year school starts at Peacock Middle School. While this may be familiar to the 7th and 8th graders, the youngest members of our student body are filled with anticipation, nervousness, and even a few fears. Will I get my locker open? Will I get lost on the way to class? Will I have classes with my friends? Will I like having so many teachers?

We asked some 6th graders what they thought of their new school life. See page 6 for their answers.

Freedom Museum

BY MILDA P.

Freedom is an important thing to have and learn about. On September 12, 2007 the entire 8th grade went on a trip to the McCormick Freedom Museum in Chicago in the Tribune Tower. We learned that the five freedoms guaranteed by the first amendment to the Constitution are speech, press, petition, religion, and assembly.

We also learned about censorship and the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is the first ten amendments to the Constitution. There are 17 other amendments that have been added since 1795.

Censorship is taking away or hiding something because some people disagree with it. One example of censorship is when they banned the book *Bambi* in Germany in 1936 because it was written by a Jewish

author. In 2005 a high school in New York City banned beads the colors of red, white and blue because the school said they were gang colors. Also, in Burma they banned the color yellow because it was associated with Communism. In 1920 they banned red flags because of Communism and black flags because of Anarchism. We also learned that some music was banned because people didn't believe in it.

While we were at the museum, we got to read about Thomas Jefferson and George Washington and how they expressed their freedom. In some places around the world, having freedom is a struggle. Without freedom people are forced to feel like they can't do anything. We are lucky to have these freedoms that some of us probably take for granted.



Photograph by Sarah Eisner

Ed P. checks out "The Five Freedoms" exhibit at the Freedom Museum.

Maori, cont.

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Above, a Maori merai is covered with ornate carvings with special meanings. Left, several crates of ancestral bones are carried into the merai for the ceremony. Below, Mr. P. and his sons, Stephen and Tristan, are joined by important members of the New Zealand government and Maori tribe, including the Prime Minister at far left.



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New Arrivals in Family and Consumer Science

BY JORDAN W. & MARIE P.

New Babies have arrived in the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) room! And the stork didn't drop them off. It was the UPS driver.

The Babies are a learning tool used in the 6th grade Child Development unit. Miss Ahn, the FACS teacher, says they are very different from the old ones. For one thing, they do not use keys for "care sessions" like the old Babies (technically, infant simulators)



did but ID bracelets that are much easier to handle.

Besides using the ID bracelet to make them stop crying, you can rock them, feed them, or change their diapers. A cool new feature of the Babies is that when you need to change them, the Babies recognize the different colored tabs on the diapers.

The main reason for buying the new Babies was that the company that manufactures them will not be servicing the old models anymore. They wouldn't be able to provide any replacements for lost or damaged items.

Miss Ahn feels 6th grade is a great age to present this project because students take the lessons more seriously. She also feels the child development project teaches students responsibility in babysitting and in real life situations.

Miss Ahn is very happy to say that many parents support this project. Even though it is a burden on them (especially in the middle



Photography by Marie P.

Left, a student shows how to correctly hold a Baby during a care session. Above, are those cameras in the Baby's eyes or is that just a rumor?

of the night), they see value in it and stay supportive. She likes this project and wants to continue it. "I hope 6th graders see this as a valuable experience." She added with a smile, "Even though I am not with the students and their Babies all the time, I have ways of knowing how the Babies are handled."

What's Happening

at the Itasca Park District?

Halloween Celebration: Sat., October 27, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Get your community service hours for Itasca Park. Call Karyn at 630-773-2257 for more information.

Winter Break Escape: Mon. – Fri., December 20 to January 2. Don't be bored on Winter Break, come hang out at the Park District. We'll go to the gym, play games, do crafts, watch movies, and more.

Winter Break Open Gym: Weekdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Come work out at **Open Gym** and the **Fitness Center**: \$55 per year; add \$30 to include The Lounge.

Drop by **The Lounge**: Open Mon. – Thu. until 7:00 p.m.



Peacock Students Become "Astronauts"

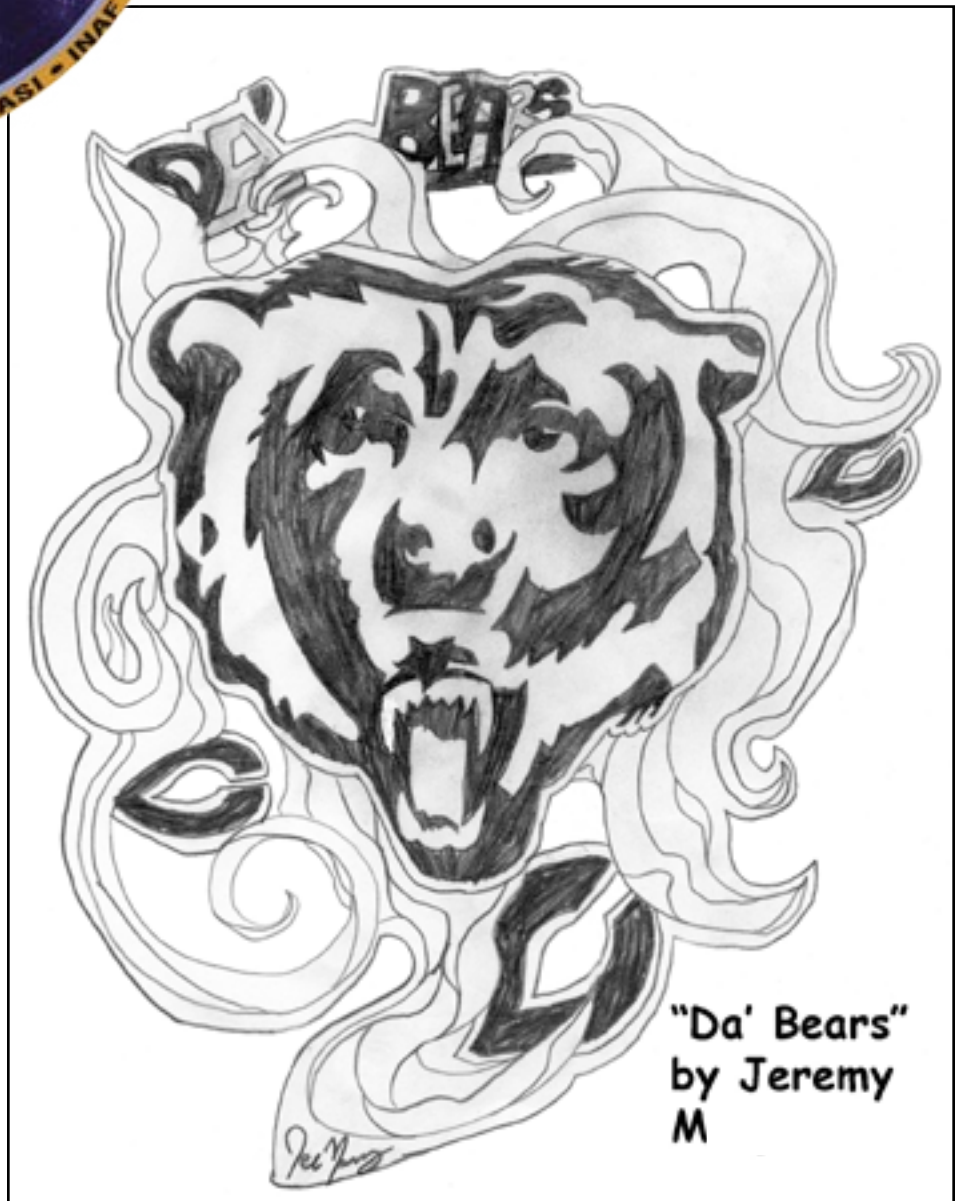
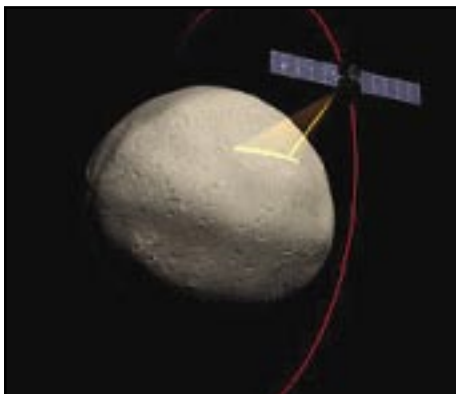
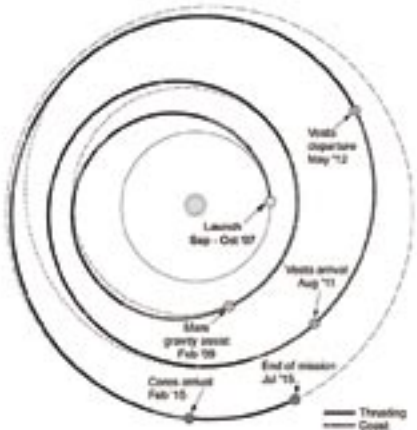


On Thursday, September 27, NASA launched another spacecraft. This mission is called Dawn and is going to the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter to study two planet-like rocks. It should arrive at the first asteroid, Vesta, in 2011 and then move on to Ceres in 2015. It will use a new, ion propulsion system to steer it through space.

Dawn is also special to students at Peacock. NASA engineers offered to put anyone's name on a digital disc that would be placed on board the spacecraft. Thousands of American school children, including Ms. Smith's first quarter 6th graders from 2006, sent their names in. They were given a certificate to show how they were participating in a space mission.

Let's wish Dawn well and try to remember to check on her progress in four years. It should be amazing!

Above, the Dawn Mission badge showing how the revolutionary ion thruster gently pushes the spacecraft from one asteroid to another. Just below, a diagram maps Dawn's journey and, bottom, an artist's concept drawing shows Dawn scanning the asteroid, Ceres.



**"Da' Bears"
by Jeremy
M**

The Senior Luncheon: So Much Work, So Much Fun

BY MILDA P.

Every year Peacock Middle School has a luncheon for the senior citizens of Itasca. This year they had an Italian theme. The 8th grade first quarter FACS class made the food and decorations. Ms. Ahn expected 90–100 people including administrators and School Board members.

The menu included cannolis, lasagna, and bruschetta. They served sparkling red grape juice, coffee, tea, and water for drinks.

Other Encore classes provided the entertainment. The choir, led by Mr. Travis, sang several songs and some gym students did a ballet after practicing with Ms. Stelk and Mr. Anderson. The 6th grade IT classes made maps of Italy for decorations. Mrs. Dengler's, Ms. Ahn's, and Mrs. Gimbel's advisories also made mobiles and other decorations for the cafeteria where the luncheon was held. Ms. Riley and Ms. Thomas helped measure waiters for gondolier costumes.

During the preparations, twelve students from the FACS class went to a grocery store for a field trip to buy supplies for the luncheon. Then everyone had to cook sauce and layer the ingredients for the lasagna. The pictures on this page show how much work it was and how much fun they had.

Lasagna is a simple dish with many layers that make it time consuming to assemble. Below, Dominique R. and Jeremy O. add onions to the sauce. Below right, Margaret M. helps Julian H. put sheets of pasta over the cheese layer. Far right, Karla B. and Cody H. spoon sauce on to a layer of pasta.



Left and below left, students go grocery shopping. The boys, left to right: Cody H. Jeremy O., Jake S., and Tom W. The girls, left to right: Kate M., Dominique R., and Tori D. Below, Mark M. puts a layer of shredded mozzarella cheese on the lasagna.



Look in the December issue of The Charger to see photos of the actual event. Singing, dancing, eating — what more could you ask for?

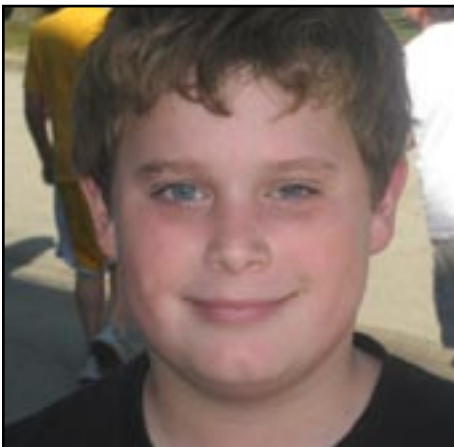
Peacock 6th Graders Face Challenges and Fears

BY SANDRA M., BRIEANN S., DANIEL K. & DEVON M.



Brianna H., who is eleven, already likes Peacock a lot. She is looking forward to the first dance, the plays, and not looking forward to running the mile and changing into your gym uniform. Brianna likes that we can use the vending machines and microwaves during lunch and also likes sitting with friends in the bigger cafeteria. She would like to have less homework because she doesn't like it at all.

Maria Q. can't wait for Yearbook, Video club and going to Six Flags for chorus. She would change the time we are in school and the discipline policy. She has not had and trouble with remembering she locker combo but did have trouble opening it in the beginning. Maria also thinks, that the teachers should change classes not us. But she does like having different teachers for different classes.



Brittany A. is enjoying 6th grade a lot but there are defiantly a lot of ups and downs. She wasn't looking forward to the first dance simply because she doesn't like dancing. She is not exactly sure what she is looking forward to but she is certainly not looking forward to all the tests, all the homework, and waking up early for band and school. She does know that she is looking forward to taking Art as her Encore class when it comes around. Her favorite teachers so far are Miss Bickett and Mr. Beherendt. She loves the new way of getting announcements and can't wait to do them next year.

Sean G. does not like the amount of homework. He likes Social Studies and Mr. Peel and gets to class on time. He was not nervous about the first day, didn't care about the first dance, and doesn't have any trouble with his locker. He likes the vending machines and has a lot of classes with his friends. When he came here he wasn't scared of the older kids but scared of getting a detention.



Justin L. is a 6th grader who is eleven years old. He likes school so far and what he likes most about it is the clubs that you're able to join. He especially likes being on the newspaper staff. His favorite subject is Math because he likes the challenges he has to face. Well, we hope that he will succeed in math and have a good year.

Elliott K.'s biggest fear on the first day

of school was all the teachers, but soon found out that they are really nice and kind. His favorite subjects are Social Studies and Common Time. Elliott found it was hard to get to class on time. He likes the vending machines and loves hot lunches – a lot. For after school activities he wants to join Track in the spring. Elliott hopes that he will be able to make the big Cross-country meet.

Michael V. is happy to see all his friends



but not so many teachers. Unfortunately, he isn't into our school dances but maybe if he goes to one, he'll change his mind. Michael





likes the vending machines because he likes having choices and he likes all his classes so far. He's not scared of older kids but he was scared because he thought he might miss the bus.

Vanessa O. is excited about Peacock, likes who's in her classes, but does not like the amount of homework she gets. She likes Language Arts and Ms. Henneberry as a teacher and is not late to class. She was a little nervous about the first day of school, but was excited about the first dance and didn't have any trouble opening her locker.



Joe and Hero

BY JOSH D.



The Itasca Police Department Presents:

"Not My Kid, Not My Town" Drug Awareness Seminar

In conjunction with Itasca Police Officer Rick Brogan, Detective Jerry Ragusin, School District #10 Superintendent Dr. Ken Cull, Itasca PTO and Itasca Chief of Police Scott Heher cordially invite parents to attend this informational seminar.

Special guest speaker Dr. Spilter will talk about his real life experience. Informational handouts and drug display will be present.

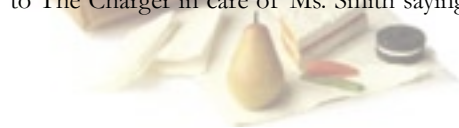
When: Mon. Nov. 5, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Peacock Middle School

For more information contact: Officer Rick Brogan or Officer Jerry Ragusin (630) 773-1004

Do you ever feel like you don't have enough time to eat lunch – especially if it is a hot lunch day. We should have time to enjoy our food while we chat with our friends! So I think that we should have time to finish our food and not be forced to go out when we have half of our lunch still sitting there.

So if you feel that you don't have enough time to eat your lunch properly, then write to The Charger in care of Ms. Smith saying



Off^{the} Shelf

**Novel News from the
Itasca Community Library
By Lori Craft**

The library is pleased to have a spot in the Charger in which to recommend great books and to let you in on any upcoming library activities for teens.

Books on the Move

The library is undergoing some internal renovations. The Adult Non-Fiction Collection is moving to the library's second floor and the Youth/Young Adult Department is expanding to take over half of the main floor. This project is expected to be finished by mid-November, so some collections may be unavailable or slightly out of order until the renovations are complete. The library apologizes for any inconvenience that this causes.

Program Alert:

YA Spa Day

November 29, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Is school stressing you out? Holidays got you bummed? Come relax with us at the library! Stretch out with some yoga, create your own bath product and enjoy other various spa activities. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Registration is required. You can register in person, by phone (630-773-1699) or through the library's website at www.itasca.lib.il.us

Review: The Midwife's Apprentice

BY JORDAN Z.



In *The Midwife's Apprentice*, by Karen Cushman, a young and homeless girl lives in the early fourteenth century in a small village in England. Known only by the name of "Brat" by the townspeople, she is discovered by the town midwife while sleeping in a dung heap.

Brat is hired as a helper at Jane Sharp's house for some food as her pay. Little does she know that the midwife also intends to train her as a midwife's apprentice. She went from being a nobody to being a somebody known as "Beetle" to the midwife with a place to live and a bed to sleep on.

This is a story of determination, courage, and taking risks. However, you really have to pay attention to this book to understand it because of the way the characters talk. I would recommend this for anyone who loves to read.



Review: The Second

In *The Second Summer of the Sisterhood*, by Ann Brashares, it is the second summer ever that the Septembers: Lena Kaligaris, Bridget Vreeland, Tibby Rollins, and Carmen Lowell are separated. To keep them connected, they have this magic pair of jeans, The Traveling Pants, that amazingly fits all four of them, Tibby the Tomboy, Lena the Petite, Carmen the Heavier built, and Bridget who is Tall. They send them to each other in the different places that the girls are in.

The Traveling Pants have ten rules that the girls made up to go with them, one of which is that the pants must never be washed. Each girl has to write a letter to the person

Review: Out of the Dust

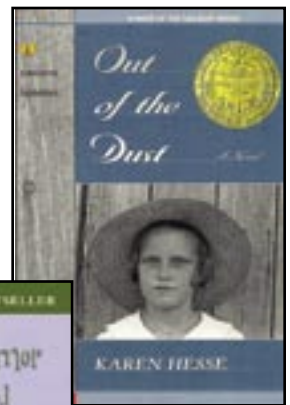
BY REBECCA S.

Out of the Dust is a Newberry Medal winner written by Karen Hesse.

Set in 1934-1935 in the Oklahoma "Dust Bowl" during the Great Depression, *Out of the Dust* is about a fourteen year old girl named Billie Jo, who has a lot to forgive her father for. She has to try to forgive him for leaving kerosene next to the stove causing her mother and newborn baby brother to die. The accident also disabled her ability to play the piano.

Billie Jo decides to run away. Anything is better than the Dust Bowl in her mind. So she gets on a train. But when it comes to her stop, she decides she can't go on without her father. Nothing looks much better, so she decides to go back home. In the end, she has a much better relationship with her father and is able to play the piano again.

Karen Hesse is an author of ten books for children. She wrote *Music of Dolphins*, named Best Book of 1996 by *Publishers Weekly* and the *School Library Journal*.



she is sending the pants to. This is the sequel to *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* and a New York Times #1 bestseller. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves to read.



Games Corner

BY COLIN N.

Sims 2



"Sims 2" is a fictional life-simulation game. There are bazillions of things you can do in "Sims 2." You can create your families the way you want. For example, you can spice it up by creating guys with makeup, bald girls, and much, much more. This game is a sequel to the original "Sims," released in September 2004.

When controlling your family, it's your choice whether you want them to live in glory, become filthy rich, and/or be a top dog in their working lives. Your second option is to torture, starve, and/or kill your Sims by putting their domain in blazing fire. Your final option is what my Dad does. He has a family with four kids, a working dad, and a single mom. Married Sims can make kids with the Woohoo (Make Love) Interaction. With several kids you will be able to continue the family as long as you want until you go to Option Two.

Then there are the needs. One need is hunger; keeping this need from rock bottom prevents starvation. Comfort is the ability to let them sit. Bladder is the ability to use the toilet. Energy is the need for a bed. Hygiene is the feeling of personal cleanliness. Fun is the need for recreation. Social is the need to be with people. CAUTION: IF A TODDLER'S, BABY'S, AND/OR KID'S SOCIAL OR HUNGER FAILS, ALL BABIES, TODDLERS, AND KIDS ARE CONFISCATED PERMANENTLY FROM THE HOUSEHOLD!!!! Finally, there is environment. Environment doesn't decay, it is a room score. Environment is negative when dirty dishes, uncovered walls, etc. are in the vicinity. Environment becomes positive with fancy objects such as rich, vibrant, colorful furniture and decorations are in the room.

Another reason why "Sims 2" is an enjoyable game is that you can torture people without adding assault and battery on your record. I totally love the Grim Reaper visiting to collect your dead Sims; especially when he wears a lei and brings out his cell phone to call the hula dancers (this only occurs if your Sim dies naturally and has high aspiration.) The Aspiration business is very repetitive work which is one thing I don't like. The major minus is when kids have homework. Homework is very easy to forget because you're focusing on bringing your kid into a good mood and you forget all about their assignments.

The downside is that Sims can sometimes be ignorant and idiotic. Sometimes they'll just ignore you and, occasionally, do something else on their own you don't want them to. "Sims 2" is an uber-enjoyable game that's perfect for anyone that's at least school-age. Different versions of this game have different things that you can do. I'd give this game TEN STARS because there is no other game like it.

BY JACOB F.

War Hawk



Everything about "War Hawk" is great: the graphics, the free Bluetooth headset (available at the Play Station store without the headset and some other features for \$40), and talking to people around the world. This is a shooting game that focuses on aerial combat, ground vehicle assaults, and infantry offensives.

"War Hawk" has great flight control and different tactics that feel like they've been balanced out pretty well. Plenty of map configuration options give the game a lot of different looks. A rank and medal system gives you something to shoot for as you play.

Just released in August, this is a multi-player, online game only for Play Station 3. Before you start playing you need to be registered to the PS3 network. The great thing about registering, it's FREE! If you don't have an Internet connection and you have more than one controller, you can play split-screen on a LAN connection. During play, you can join a clan, join player-hosted games, or host your own games.

	Reviewer Rating	Gamespot Rating	Maturity Rating
Sims 2	10	8.9	E
War Hawk	10	8.5	T
E = Everyone			T = Teen
			M = Mature

Review: "Balls of Fury"

BY JAKE S. & RYAN S.

In the first scene, Randy Datona (Dan Fogler) is a child playing in the Olympic finals for ping-pong. When he trips on a boundary and loses the game, he embarrasses himself by saying that he is going to Disney Land. He soon finds out that his father had a bet on the game and was killed because he lost.

The movie then flashes to the present day where Randy does ping-pong tricks in Las Vegas at a buffet. When he gets fired from his job, an F.B.I agent (George Lopez) goes to Randy and tells him that he needs Randy's help to find his father's killer. After losing a regional competition Randy goes through a laugh-filled training process. Only to play against a little girl in the basement of a Chinese restaurant. After beating her, he receives an invitation on a gold ping-pong paddle to a tournament held by the killer of Randy's father.

At the secret location of an underground ping-pong league, Randy meets his father's killer (Christopher Walken). He tells Randy that if he wins the tournament, they can become partners. After Randy declines the offer, the tournament begins and the movie gets even funnier.

Randy soon makes it to the finals where he is forced to play against his girlfriend where whoever loses, dies. This is where Randy starts hitting the ping-pong balls off his girlfriend's head. The ending is so good, I can't give it away to anyone but Ryan. This movie is an easy smile for the both of us.

Running Time: 1 hour 30 min.

Jake 😊 RS 😊



NOW THIS IS FUNNY!



Humor

BY DANIEL K. & SANDRA M.

Here is a way to make someone look silly, even after they said they weren't!

1. Tell a friend to take your hand, in a handshake form.
2. Then ask them these questions:
 - Are you a silly person? Are you really silly? (Answer will probably be "No")
 - Are you smart? Are you really smart? (Answer will probably be "Yes")
 - What's the color of the sky? What's the color of grass?
 - Finally, with your finger pointing really close to their forehead (make sure you are not touching the forehead, though), ask, "Am I touching you?"
3. They will probably say "No." When they do, say, "Yes you are!" Then point to their hand! You have been touching it the whole time!

Charger Challenge

The Charger Challenge is a brain teaser, a close-up photograph of something in or around the school. The first two people to correctly identify it and tell Ms. Smith will receive a prize. Good Luck!

What's this a picture of? Be specific.





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Freshmen Look Back

BY VAL J.

This year's Peacock eighth graders will do like they always do. They'll coast through the year looking forward to high school, graduate, and then finally start in a new school. What do they think after leaving Peacock? What do they miss? What do they like about their high school? We usually don't know.

Michael, a former student, was kind enough to share what he thought. "Being a freshman is easier than I expected," he said. "You get to look more forward to it then negative."

Another freshman this year is Taylor. She said, "I was really scared and I got lost going to every class. We had a tornado drill on the second day. Other classes gave us weird looks. On the first day of geometry, we practiced being prepared for tornado drills. It's kind of hard to talk to new people if you're shy, but you meet some cool new people. A bad thing is the sophomores look down on you."

Few kids come back to Peacock to visit. Even if they don't come back, they do miss it. Michael says, "I miss knowing my way around the school and the teachers a lot."

Taylor said, "I miss the easy classes. I'll tell you, it may seem hard in Peacock but high school is much harder, so enjoy it while it lasts. I miss the classes, I miss having lunch with people I know, I miss not seeing the Peacock group, and I miss a dance every month. I miss Mr. Larsen and the pop can song. 'Everybody knows where a pop can comes from. It comes from the store with the Cheerios' That I really miss."

Even those who have left this school and moved on will always remember Peacock, no matter what.

Lake Park Hosts Lancer Joust

BY SARAH E.

As dictionary.com states, a "marching band" is an ensemble of musicians that march in time to the music for entertainment at events and in parades. Marching bands are commonly comprised of brass, woodwinds, percussion – and maybe a color guard. Participating can be a competitive sport in which bands travel to contests in the surrounding area. First are local shows, moving up to state, then regional and national competitions. The local shows are usually hosted at schools around the area. These bands are comprised of high school students, but ages may vary from the separate classes.



File photograph

Peacock feeds into Lake Park High School located in Roselle. They hold a local competition that they call the "Lancer Joust." Eighteen schools recently competed in the prelims performance, but only ten of them moved on to finals. Those ten schools

were Lemont, Wheeling, Naperville North, Prospect, Victor J Andrew, Waukesha, John Hersey, LaPorte, Lincoln-Way East, and Lincoln-Way Central. They all competed very well. The results were as follows: 5th Place- John Hersey, 4th Place- LaPorte, 3rd Place- Lincoln- Way Central, 2nd Place- Lincoln-Way East, and in 1st Place- Prospect. This is just one of the many shows these bands will travel to for their team.

Lake Park was not eligible to place in this show because they hosted it. Whichever band hosts the show will NOT place. This has been the rule for quite some time. This happens every year, around the same time, so if you are looking for something to do, go out to see a marching band competition!

Biggest Sports Fans

SHELBY B., JESSICA C., JUSTIN L. & JESSICA W.

To get another person's opinion on the Cubs, we asked Justin DiCiolla and Ms. Henneberry. "How do you think that the Cubs will turn out this season?" They both yelled, "FIRST PLACE!!!!!!!!!!!" Justin added, "WINNERS ALL THE WAY!!!!!" We asked them who they thought should get the MVP award. Justin said Ramirez and Ms. Henneberry said Mark Derosa. (Of course, this interview was done in late September! They may have a different story now.)



Ms. Henneberry

**What's Up at
Lake Park?**

Holiday Craft Fair &
Distinguished Citizens

Holiday Breakfast
Saturday, December 1
8:00 a.m.
West Campus cafeteria

Craft show follows breakfast at
the West Campus Fieldhouse.

Our XC Heroes!

BY MARIE PARTYKA & JORDAN WRIGHT

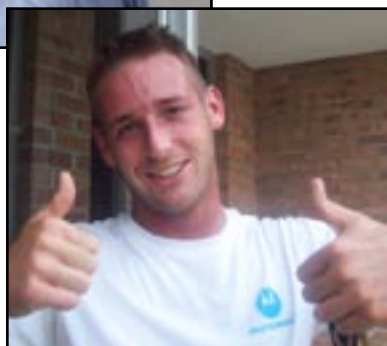
This year's cross-country team is running your way! The coaches think that all of the teams look promising.

"They all have a shot at the title," Mr. Behrendt says. "Cross-country is hard work to come out and run every day, but the kids are very dedicated." Mr. Larsen says that it is fun being a coach and watching the kids improve their times.

At practice the kids run 15-25 minutes along with sprints and the hilarious hill of horror. There are three practice meets, then the conference meet. The 8th grade boys run two miles and all the other teams run 1 1/2 miles.

The meets were held on September 20, 27, October 1, and October 11. The meet on September 27 was our home event and was run at the Nature Center. At the meet on the 20th, the 6th grade girls placed third, the 6th and 7th grade boys placed first, the 7th and 8th grade girls placed second, and the 8th grade boys placed second.

Keep your eye on the banner wall, hopefully there will be more by the end of this season!



The fab coaches: above, Mr. Behrendt; left, Mr. Larsen; below, Mr. Crockett.

Coach photographs by Ryan Mack

BOYS 6/7 (30)

Cruikshank, Nick

DeJulius, Anthony
Drath, Pat
Guzik, Chris
Higgs, Corey
Hogan, Edward
Jacobsen, Scott
Kennedy, Daniel
Kovach, Kevin
Krisik, Quin

Latoria, Markus
Mack, Ryan
Mack, Stephen
Madaras, Tommy
Meccia, Mario
Misasi, John
Moran, Dan
Munoz, Faustino
Murphy, Cam
Nickel, Keith
Piemonte, Alex
Pinter, Alex
Pruyn, Andrew
Sam, Jeremy
Schillinger, Zac
Skepnek, Andy
Snyder, Jacob
Vogel, Anton

Weber, Joey

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BOYS 8 (11)

Altergott, Zack
Davies, Joshua
Fischer, Brian
Izzi, Stefano
Landreth, Ed
Latoria, Mike
Myjak, Chris
Nowotarski, Jake
Pellegrino, Michael
Weber, Tom
Zayas, Damien

Bayer, Morgan
Cifaldi, Bianca
Conidi, Katie
Dakajos, Tori
Erri, Brianna
Hernandez, Alyssa
Jarema, Christina
Lavenau, Sam
Ludwig, Amber
McCann, Kate
Wondrasek, Marisa
Wright, Jordan
Zahorak, Amanda
Ziemek, Amanda

Managers (5)

Anderson, Nick
Kern, Alexi
Larson, Lauren
McWeeney, Margaret
Sener, Danny

GIRLS 6 (8)

Cardelli, Rachael
Erri, Bridget
Gogol, Carli
Odom, Vanessa
Park, Michelle
Perillo, Diana

Tomaselli, Maggie
Vogel, Sarah

GIRLS 7/8 (16)

Altergott, Sammie



Our great cross-country runners get ready for another spirited competition. From left to right, (oh, you've got to be kidding! Wait for the yearbook.)

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