



A Mario Loiederman Middle School

The Lion's Den

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Happy New Year!

Contest Update

By Diana Hernandez

The Halloween contest winners are in! The Halloween dance was a big deal. We had two finalists: Neasia Green and Nickolas Teran. They won because of their creative style. The diva of school was rocking the whole dance floor and Nickolas, who was dancing like Michael Jackson, was showing off his cool moves on stage as well. I got a chance to talk to the winners and they both agreed that winning was great but dancing on stage was a little scary. 🐾

News About Ms. Lee

by Kaylob Simms



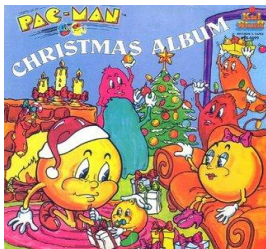
Ms. Lee and her son have worked on several productions together including Singing Cinderella. She feels happy and grateful for the opportunity and hopes that she wins the best teacher contest. Also, did you know that Ms. Lee used to own a Teen Theater company in Montgomery County and was a member of the original Bound for Broadway Teen Theater Company! Amazing isn't it! But just wait, there's more. Ms. Lee used to teach English in New Jersey, Las Vegas, Kentucky and Georgia. She has also been honored by the Wizards. 🐾

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CHRISTMAS

By: Vanessa Ramirez and Rosemary Nelson



We celebrated Christmas in the month of December because it is the month of Jesus' birthday! In the early 19th century, Americans began to embrace Christmas. The history of Christmas dates over 4000 years. The 12 days of Christmas brings fires, the giving of gifts, carnivals and parades with floats. A lot of people love Christmas. I know I do, because we get free gifts. That's just me. It might be something else to you guys and girls! Did you know that the word Christmas came from the old English "Christ's mass"? 🐾

Epiphany - Say What!?

By Diana Hernandez and Beatriz Perrira



We know what an Epiphany is! The word epiphany comes from the Greek noun epiphany which means "shining forth," "manifestation," or "revelation." An epiphany is usually a life changing event or a sudden realization that you understand something you didn't understand before.

Students have epiphanies all the time. Like when your teacher is teaching something and you don't get it ALL quarter long. Then one day, all of a sudden, it hits you in the face and you say, "OH, I GET IT!". Well, that is an epiphany. Another life changing even might be finding out who is really in the Santa Claus outfit. 🐾

If we look at epiphany from a holiday perspective, apparently, it is a Christian holiday that has to do with the visit of the three Kings (also known as the three Magi) to see baby Jesus on January 6th. It's also the season that lasts until the beginning of Lent and last for 4 to 9 Sundays.

It's also considered the 12th day of Christmas which is also in the song "12 Days of Christmas". In Latin American households and the Caribbean, epiphany is called Three Kings day "El dia de los Reyes". Children leave out their shoes with bits of hay for the camels ridden by the kings. The "kings" then leave gifts and take the hay. 🐾

Bacteria

By Diana Hernandez-Santelis

How do you know that your hands are clean? Well, to make sure, you should always wash your hands after you use the restroom, before you eat and after you eat so you don't spread germs around. Germs hide under your own finger nails making them look dirty. Germs are single celled organisms. Some germs are bad and can cause diseases. But, there are also good germs that help keep our digestive system working and keep all the bad bacteria out. So, remember that you have to wash your hands for at least twenty seconds. 🐾

Loiederman Cubs Share their Holidays

The holidays mean the whole family getting together and enjoying the food that some family member made. The cousins, aunts and uncles all come together for every holiday and celebrate. Cousins play with other cousins. We eat yummy foods and desserts like turkey, mashed potatoes, ham, salad and other things too. We just relax and enjoy the time together celebrating the holiday and we don't worry about school and work.

Jessica Monday

Holidays to my family and I mean spending time together, loving each other and spending time relaxing and sleeping. We either go to a special place or we have a few special family members come over to stay overnight. It is a time to love not hate. During the holidays, we celebrate and share love, peace and joy. That's what holidays mean to me.

Mia Bristol

During the holidays my family comes over and we play games on the Wii. On my mom's side of the family, they like to sing holiday songs. My sister and I love to make cookies, decorate and then eat them. We make a lot of food, but the corn bread is the best because I make it.

Mariah Jones

What the holidays mean to my family is getting together and having fun. The whole family gets together and eats a lot of food. For example, on Thanksgiving we made turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. On Christmas, we usually make different kinds of cookies and we play games.

Lorenzo Myers



I asked my students to create a newsletter with three articles. To my surprise, most of my students wrote about grim subjects such as: The world ending, people being killed, or robberies. It occurred to me (No, it wasn't an epiphany) that all of our students are constantly being bombarded with bad news. Let's take the time to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others. Here are some suggestions:

1. Take the time to smell the roses. (a metaphor)
Yes, I know it's winter, go to the Floral Department in Giant or Superfresh.
2. When someone speaks to you, give them your full attention.
3. Maybe someone needs a hug. (Claud Kamara visits me with a hug all the time;-)
4. Encourage kind behavior by saying something nice to the next person you see.
5. Take pride in your work, and give others your best.
6. Say "Bless you" when someone sneezes.
7. Say "I am sorry" and mean it.
8. Be fair.
9. Don't curse.
10. When things don't go the way you want it, make lemonade.
11. Make eye contact with someone and smile.
12. Believe in miracles.
13. Believe in yourself.

Hope you enjoyed your holidays.

Now it's time to pass **MSA** with flying colors!
(another metaphor)

Ms. Guerrero

Dear Abby

Dear Abby,

Why is eye make-up considered trumpy?

-Makeup Disaster

Dear Makeup Disaster,

Makeup only looks trumpy when you wear too much. Wear little and with style. Then you will look good!



-Abby

Dear Abby,

I am really mad at my friend because we have told each other everything and now I don't think she can trust me anymore.

-Help me girl

Dear Help me girl,

Did you tell your friend's secret? If you did, she probably thinks she can't trust you anymore. You should try to ask for her forgiveness.



-Abby

Dear Abby,

My friends hate each other. They each tell me not to talk to the other. I can't talk to one friend because the other said not to. What should I do.

-Friend trouble

Dear friend trouble,

You should tell your friends to make-up because you are still going to talk to both of them. If they don't like that, tell them that they will have to deal with it, or just not be your friend anymore. 🐾

-Abby



Have problems? Write to Dear Abby in room 121 or you can drop off your problem in a box located in the cafeteria.

Got Style?

By Beatriz Pereira

Hey it's me again! Apparently, you enjoyed last months edition 'cause you came back,



unless of course your teacher is making you read this than that's different... But the good thing is that you came back and I have some really helpful tips on how to look stylish throughout the month for those of you who did. So, as much as you want to look hot in the winter, you may think that this is simply impossible, especially when it's freezing cold outside. It's frustrating, but don't give up! Although you need a bit more thought and effort to remain stylish during the winter months, it's very possible and easy to achieve, once you get the hang of it. So, if you really want to get the perfect cold weather style, throw out those old knitted sweaters



already and get to the article!!



If you didn't read last month's edition, get a stylish winter jacket! Choose one that looks good on *you*, not the mannequin! Also, be sure to buy a really warm coat for the weather of January and prepare a coat ready for the Snow! Colors like black, gray, and white are really recommended. They match with almost everything but to buy a white coat *you* have to keep it clean and spotless 'cause it's going to look really ugly if you don't, but the good thing is that it'll look really nice in the winter.

Add a Scarf! Especially on windy days you'll be wishing you had on three pairs of underwear and woolly socks, if you aren't dressed in a way that can protect you from the winter elements. One way you can protect your self and keep yourself looking fashionable is with a scarf. Not only are they inexpensive, but you can buy them in many different fabrics, colors, and styles. With a scarf, you can show your personality and keep warm. Men should stick with either scarves that are either one color or in a *simple* pattern such as wide stripes to help keep the looking, well manly. Try wearing a color that will either match your coat or shoes.



Shoes! – Uggs! Uggs! Uggs! They could be your best friend for the fall season but not so much when it's snowing, you don't want to get them wet but they are really warm! You could also put almost well any kind of shoes, but just make sure you're wearing lots of socks, but save your flip-flops for the summer or spring! Nikes are also really warm, comfortable, and stylish!

Well that's all for this months edition. Bye!
Stay stylin! Hope I helped!

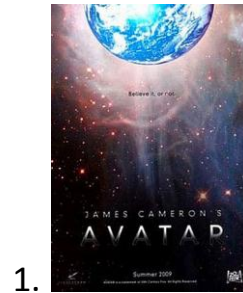


Latest Movies

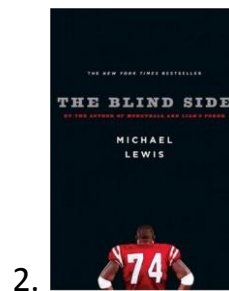
By Molly Kaplan & Hannah Ferster

Hit songs of the 2009 Fall count down. Come check out the top Hit songs this every month because it will be the bomb!

- a. New Boiz – Jerk
- b. Jay Sean / Lil' Wayne- Down
- c. Miley Cyrus – Party in the U.S.A.
- d. Pitbull - I Know You Want Me
- e. Lady Gaga - Papparazzi
- f. Taylor Swift - You Belong With Me
- g. Matt Nathanson - Come On Get Higher
- h. Black Eyed Peas - Boom Boom Pow



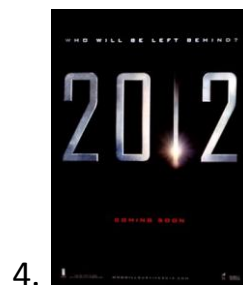
Avatar



The Blind Side



New Moon



2012



Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel

Do you Sudoku?

Sudoku doesn't require any special math skills or calculations. It is a simple and fun game of logic -- all that's needed is brains and concentration.

	2	3	1		4		8	
4				7				
7		8	3		5	1		
6		4				8		
	9		6		2		1	
		2				7		5
		6	9		1	2		4
				2				8
	8		4		7	6	5	



How to Solve Sudoku Puzzle

1. Fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear in **each row**.
2. Fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear in **each column**.
3. Fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear in **each 3x3 box**.
4. A **complete Sudoku puzzle** contains the numbers 1 through 9 in every row, column, and 3x3 box.

	7			1			8	
8		5	7					
	6	4	9		8	1		
	9	1		4		7	5	
4								9
	5	2		6		3	1	
		6	4		5	8	3	
					6	9		5
	8			2			4	

Horoscopes

From astrology.com
Edited by Hannah Ferster



Aries (March 21- April 19): Great minds think alike, and you're on a quest to find folks who are on your wavelength. Why not start a club, or join one that sounds intriguing? It's a great time to mingle with people.



Taurus (April 20- May 10): Your usually practical self is struggling with some radical new notions. Don't be opposed to change just on principle; this new idea might actually be a good one.



Gemini (May 21- June 21): A brand-new -- and potentially life-changing -- influence is about to enter your life. This might be something that sets the tone for your future. Are you ready for it?



Cancer (June 22- July 22): Check out the big brain on you! When someone gets all hot under the collar over nothing, you respond with calm logic. You're all about exercising the mental ability.



Leo (July 23- August 22): Clutching on to someone when it feels like they might leave is an understandable response, but it might just make them struggle even harder to escape. If it's meant to be, it'll work out.



Virgo (August 23- September 22): You're like a kayaker who's woven a way through a series of craggy obstacles. Now you have open water before you, but the adrenaline is missing. Let the **beauty** of the scenery infuse your journey with joy.



Libra (September 23- October 22): You may find it hard to wake up, or you could miss your usual bus. After this disruption, you'll launch into a pleasurable day. Elements of risk will excite you, but don't get caught in unfamiliar parts of town.



Scorpio (October 23- November 21): In the morning your dreams will linger long after you've awoken and eaten breakfast. If these ideas prove persistent, then take them seriously as possible paths for your future. It's a good day to start new things.



Sagittarius (November 22- December 21): In the morning, you may have trouble rebounding from early missteps. But once you're fully awake, you'll spring into action like a cart wheeling gymnast, executing one flashy trick after another with poise.



Capricorn (December 22- January 19): In the morning you'll float on a gentle pillow of happiness, right up until school starts. At school you'll promptly **trade** pleasure for grit as you hunker down and churn out work like a diligent honeybee.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Familiar neighborhoods will seem as convoluted as the back alleys of the Kasbah today. You're not getting lost because you're in a foreign land. You're just paying more heed to your thoughts than your surroundings.



Pisces (February 19- March 20): Early in the morning, you'll bound out of bed with energy to spare. But the start of school will leave you feeling bleary and confused. What changed? You'll have to work hard to keep your head out of the clouds.

Baseball Scores



By: Steven Villacorta

The Yankees did 7 homeruns and the Phillies did 3 homeruns.

The Yankees won 10-2 victory over the [Tampa Bay Rays](#).

The Yankees beat the tired [Minnesota Twins](#) 7-2.

The Yankees beat the Angels 4-1.

In September, the Yankees beat the [Baltimore Orioles](#) 9-6.

In September, the Yankees beat the [Toronto Blue Jays](#) 10-5.

In September, the Yankees beat the Seattle Marine 10-1.

In September, the Yankees beat the [Kansas City Royals](#) 8-2.

In October, the Yankees beat the Blue Jays 8-4.

Soccer Scores

El Salvador vs. USA: USA won 1-0

Portugal vs. Bosnia: Portugal won 1-0

Honduras vs. Mexico: Honduras won 1-0

Barcelona vs. Maragos: Barcelona won 6-0

Chelsea vs. Barcelona: Chelsea won 1-0



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