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CHROMEBOOKS

By Carmen Custodio

NEW! The schools just got new computers that are called CHROMEBOOKS.

Mr. Voss thought the computer in class would be a good idea. He had a great idea of replacing the Macbooks with Chromebooks. But he is going to keep the Macbooks in the computers lab. These ones will not be replaced. We got 170 chromebooks. That must have cost a fortune! One chromebook costs \$150. But by comparison, the Macbook are the price of \$1,100 to \$1,200. So we could buy 4 or 5 Chromebooks for 1 Macbook. A Chromebook cart is \$500 to \$600 dollars. And a Macbook cart is \$20,000.

Mr. Voss and Mrs. Lessig say the Chromebooks will help students a lot to get on Academic All Stars. With the help of the technology, kids and teachers can both get on a document to work together if they are stuck. They also said that the more technology kids have in their hands, the happier they will be.



Here is Ms. Lessig



Here is a Student enjoying an awesome new Chromebook.

Quote of the week

At any given moment you have the **POWER** to say this is not how the story is going to END.

If you stumble make it a part of the dance.

Academic Responsibility

By: Lucy Altmaier

Academic Responsibility is a big part of our school. Academic Responsibility is turning in all your work on time. The school is very concerned about students' responsibility because they want students to succeed in life. They want to make sure that everyone is doing what they are supposed to be doing. Academic Responsibility is very important to our school you can get on Academic All Stars if you turn in all of your work on time.

If you think that after school programs are getting in your way ask Mr. Voss about that. Mr. Voss said, "I think that if kids have after school programs or sports and it does not interfere with homework, the more involved they are the better grades kids have. The Academic All Star list is very important to our school. We are at 60% and I hope that next week or the first week of the 4th quarter that we are at 70% range, we are getting better by the minute!"

Mr. Voss wants to keep up our good efforts and wants us students to turn in stuff on time and have fun while doing it. The school wants children to keep up good grades.

TOP 10 Music

By: Mayzee Bostick

These songs are the top 10 in the country.

#10 is Brave by Sara Bareilles

#9 is Say Something by A Great Big World

#8 is Cannonball by Lea Michele

#7 is Mmm yeah by Austin Mahone

#6 is Hey brother by Avicii

#5 is Talk Dirty by Jason Derülo

#4 is Love Me Again by John Newman

#3 is Burn by Ellie Goulding

#2 is Story of my life by one direction

Now the song you have been waiting for the number 1 song is... Team by Lorde!

Brain Bowl

By: Lucy Altmaier

Brain Bowl is an academic tournament for students in the RFSB schools.

Ms. Williams was teaching Brain Bowl for 2013. For Brain Bowl the teams were: 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade.

Brain Bowl is a competition for all the schools in the RFSB district. Students went to practice for Brain Bowl at lunch. They practiced for about 5 weeks. The students practiced for geography, math, poetry, and literacy. Ms. Williams asked 6th grade and 5th grade answer questions together to get ready for the competition.

In Brain Bowl 8th grade got in 6th place, 7th grade got in 5th place, 6th grade got in 2nd place and 5th grade got in 6th place, all out of 9 teams.

The people on the team for 5th grade were Miles Elliot, Mari Elliott, Noah Allen, Lucy Altmaier, Ximena, Abigail Coulter, Robert/Bobby Whitehead, and Hannah Miller. The team for 6th grade was Nat Crawford, Sasha Brucker, Fisher Mitchel, Tucker Bruce, Tessa Conrardy, Eliana Durand, Daniel Sherry, and Annie Schrock.

The team for 7th grade was Josie Altmaier, Emily Northrup, Madeline Coulter, Rocio Contreras, Natalie Simecek, Megan Maley, Sarah Miller, and Sarah Borchelt.

The team for 8th grade was Ben Koski, Kaylin Williams, Daniel Yoshimura, Jenna Curnow, Maile Wood, Tyler Jackson, Kate Schrock and Eli Pettet.

The competition dates were

8th grade; 2-5-14 6th grade; 2-19-14

7th grade; 2-12-14 5th grade; 2-26-14

Uniform Shoes

By Savannah Holden

We are talking about uniform shoes because too many people get bullied about their shoes. So we went around asking students "Should students in the whole school have the same shoes?"

If the students wanted the same shoes these are some of the designs that the students would want: "tenis shoes purple and yellow, and yes to BMS logo." Also we got 22 no's to uniform shoes and 6 yes's to uniform shoes.

So we are not going to have uniform shoes this year.

BULLYING

By Mayzee Bostick

In the school there is bullying going on. We need to stop the bullying. Some of the ways you can get bullied. Cyberbullying is one of the ways.

We interviewed Mr. Voss and Mr. Hayden about bullying and what they thought about that.

"What do you think about bullying in the school?" Mr. Hayden said, "I hate seeing bullying. It is something that we want to take care of as fast as we can for both the bully and the person who is the victim."

We asked Mr. Voss the same question. Mr. Voss said, "I certainly don't like when it happens and I certainly encourage people to get those issues out in the open and talk to me about it if it is happening and we will find a solution. I would say 99% of the time we are really happy as a culture of our school and if we fail and we don't get the expectations we need it is important we learn from it."

So here is some advice if you get bullied.

1. If you see a bully go tell a trusted adult.
2. Tell the person right away don't hesitate.
3. Stand up for yourself.
4. Don't make eye contact.
5. Ignore them.
6. Try being nice if they are being mean.

This is a qoit from Brenda High

Some kids have incredible endurance they can get through anything, but some kids, it's just not in their nature, and they can't handle being bullied. -Brenda High



OUTFITS

Larry the Longhorn letters

Dear Larry the Longhorn,
We're using all these new computers in class, but I'm not good at typing. What should I do?
From,
Bad Typer

Dear Bad Typer,
Even if you're just not good at typing yet you will get better. I would suggest going onto Dance Mat Typing or just practicing more, and you soon will be good at typing.
From,
Larry the Longhorn

Dear Larry the Longhorn,
I accidently broke the keyboard on one of the computer lab keyboards. Should I tell Mrs. Lessig? Help!
From,
Keyboarding fool

Dear Keyboarding fool,
Please don't be a fool and tell Mrs. Lessig, she should know about this. If the keyboard is broken, you will not be able to type on it and then you will not be able to do any of your assignments for Mrs. Lessig.
From,
Larry the Longhorn

Dear Larry the Longhorn,
My friend and I just got into a huge fight. She said I said something I didn't. What should I do?
From,
Fighting Friends

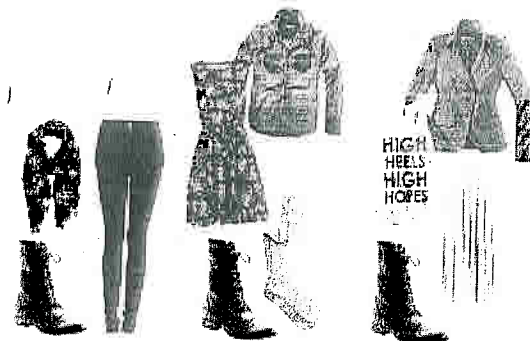
Dear Fighting Friends,
I advise that you should tell your friend that you did not say it and ask if you can be friends again. If she says no, find new friends and have fun with them.
From,
Larry the Longhorn

By: Mayzee bostick and Savannah holden

We will be talking about the middle school outfit styles.

The new style for boy's is baggy shorts, T shirts, and hats, also boys wear sneakers. For the girl's there are many different outfits. Some outfits are hoodies with jeans. The next outfit is T shirts with skirts. Another one is dresses. So many girls wear them. So if you're a girl reading this give a dress a try and wear it to school!

Also try the other outfits we put in this article for both boys and girls. Hope you liked this article about outfits and give them a try!



BAND AND MUSIC

By Carmen Custodio

Mr. Lenio and I sat down and had a talk about the band. He said that the fifth grade has improved from the first time they picked up the instruments. They have improved a lot from September and it is now March and they are playing major scales and the Nutcracker. We just had our Joy of Music concert. They all played amazing and they can do a lot if they "be a thirsty horse."



Here is Mr. Lenio playing his guitar

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Bowen Diamond, 5th Grade

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JOKES

By Bowen Diamond and
Patrick Palardy

Two men walked into a bar. The third one ducked.

Q: How do you become Nyan cat?

A: You eat a box of crayons.

Q: How do you make seven an even number?

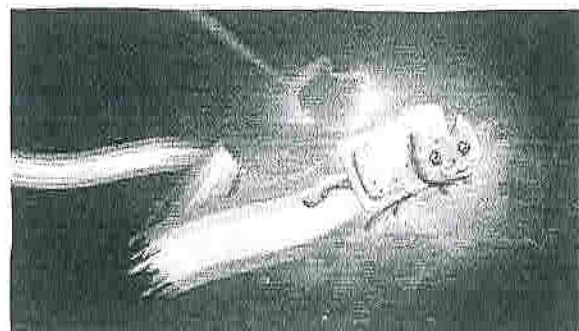
A: Take out the S.

Q: What dog can jump higher than a building?

A: Any dog, buildings can't jump.

Q: Why are ghosts such bad liars?

A: Because you can see right through them.



Cyberbullying

By Leslie Camara

Cyberbullying affects students in many ways. It affects students by making them feel bad and not wanting to go back to school.

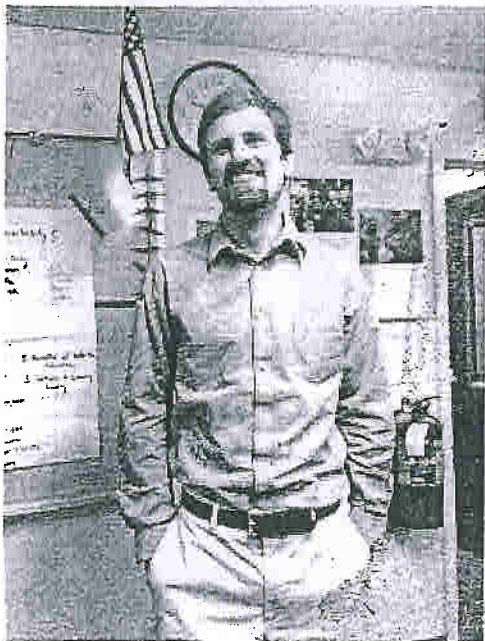
Mr. Hayden said, "The consequences could be really serious." He said that he could also talk to the police and students could go to court. Also if it is still bad they take the parents and students together so they can learn something about what they did and if they don't learn and they keep doing it there could be some really bad consequences.

But a lot of our kids do learn from what they do and figure it out and don't do it anymore. They also try to tell the parents what are happening and what their child did.

I was trying to compare if Mr. Voss and Mr. Hayden have the same in ideas common.

If there is bullying online Mr. Voss said "I pull up the web page and print it and talk to the student." He also said that students have had to talk to the police. His message if you are angry at someone it is not a good time to go on the internet and to share to the world how angry you are.

I also talk to Ms. Lessig. She said almost the same things but here message is to continue to think before you push the send button. "If you are mad at somebody walk away from the computer and cool down or talk to an adult and if someone is seeing someone doing something tell someone." If you or a friend have a problem always tell an adult. Let's try to make BMS a bully or cyberbully free school.



PLANNER

By Patrick Palardy

The newspaper club wondered what Mr. Voss thought of the planners purpose so we ask him some questions. The first question was, what do you think planners should look like?

"A good planner is organized and looks good and has good handwriting so it has everything you need," said mr.voss

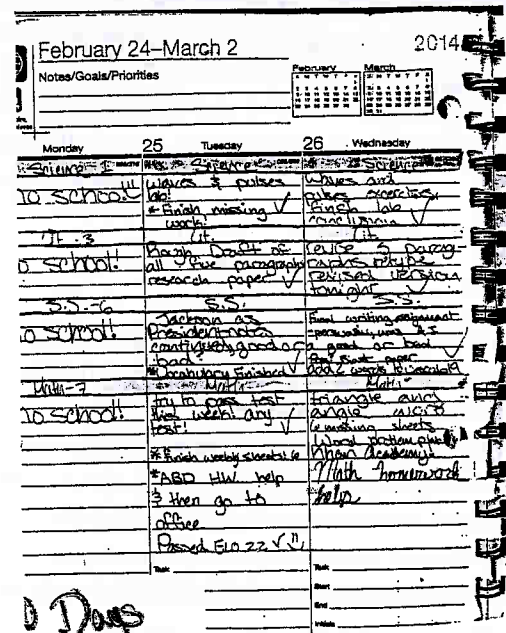
The 2nd question was, who do you think has the best planner in the school?

"I have seen two that stand out to me 2 8th grade students, Elena Thomas and Jordan Banc."

The 3rd question was, For the people who can't write do you think their planners should have them on computers?

"I think that kids should not be on computers because I think computers should not be carried everywhere." That is what Mr. Voss thinks of computer planners.

Planners are important because they help you remember what you need to know.



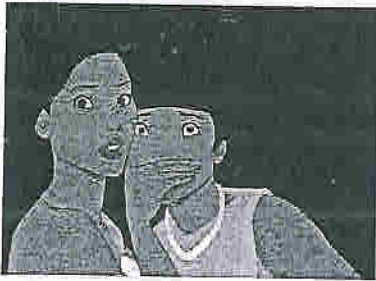
This is a good example of a good planner.

Movies

By: Madison Myers

The movie review is Pocahontas [a old movie]. Pocahontas is a movie about a girl who falls in love with John Smith and tries to save him [John Smith is from England]. Pocahontas is an indian girl whose father is the tribe leader! Pocahontas tries to keep the Englishmen in the new world where she lives [America].

In the end, John Smith gets hurt and went back to England and Pocahontas tries to go with but can't because she will not get used to it. So in the end, there love is torn apart by an ocean of *love* [this is a true based on the story Jamestown].



Pocahontas and her friend see the English men from the bushes.

Mr. Hayden

By Patrick palardy

Mr.Hayden sat down with us and we asked him a couple questions. Our first question was, Do you think the snack machine should be here?

"No I think that kids bring their snack and we have Mrs.Sims selling snacks at a good price."

The second question was, what do you think the school's goal is?

"It is to get everyone on academic all stars," said Mr. Hayden.

The 2 last question How did you become a vice principal?

"I was a gym teacher and a football coach."

The last question was, how many years have you been a teacher in all?

"I've been a teacher for 22 years."

Mr.Hayden had lots of fun in the interview.

BMS UNIFORM

By Kelly Justice

The newspaper has been walking around the school asking people/kids if we should have uniforms. 15 Kids said YES to uniforms and 24 said NO to uniforms.

The newspaper interviewed Mr. Voss about what he thinks and here is what he said, "The only thing that would make me have uniforms is if student where treating other students in unsafe violent ways because of what they were wearing."

The newspaper said, "The newspaper people were saying that we should have uniforms because you wouldn't be bullied because the bully and you are wearing the same thing and the bully might make fun of your hair and that would be dumb."

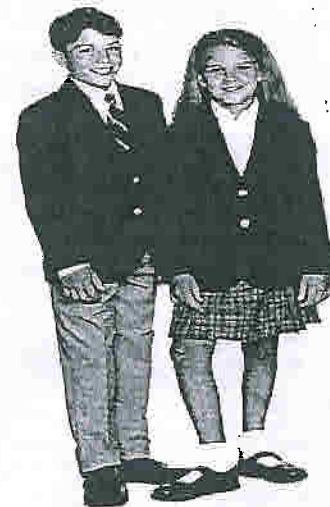
Mr.Voss responded, "How I would handle that is to, handle that correctly so that if there are kids dumb enough to make fun of their clothes then those kids can fail at that and face the consequences of doing that."

The newspaper said, "You don't want uniforms?"

Mr. Voss responded, "Ya."

The newspaper said, "Ok Thank you."

What would you say about uniforms tell Kelly Justice, at the newspaper club.



Kids in uniforms