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A Letter from the Editors

Hello to all! We hope this issue of The Tiger Times finds you in good health and great spirits. As the holiday season approaches we get awfully busy with our lives and loose touch with what is going on around us. Please take some time to share our paper with your families so that they may know what is happening in our school community.

There are many exciting things happening in our Newspaper Club. For one thing, you will now be able to read our issues online! Go to the Middle School link of the PVCSD website, then click on the online Tiger Times. We plan on distributing three issues this year and a final broadcast edition in collaboration with the iTeam. Even your family members out of town will be able to access our news. Isn't technology great!

Lastly, we have a few last minute announcements:

- Speaking of technology, Apple is in the process of selecting Putnam Valley Middle School to be a national representative for the 1:1 laptop initiative program due to the program's great success! Thanks to Mr. Hallisey for his vision and commitment to bringing our students into the 21st century by giving our students the necessary tools to become productive citizens in a diverse global society.
- The U.S. Marine Corps. has sponsored a "Toys for Tots" drive. Bring in an unwrapped toy and place in the gift box outside the main office if you would like to participate.
- Student Council's first Spirit Color Day will be held on December 22nd to raise money for the Go Green Club which would like to buy energy efficient light bulbs for the school at the end of the year. Buy a 'light bulb' at lunch for \$1.00 (\$5.00 for staff) and then wear your grade color to the afternoon student-staff volleyball game. When you buy a grade level colored light bulb, your name is written on it and then posted on a school spirit banner which will be displayed at the student-staff game .

5th Grade – Yellow 6th Grade – Red
7th Grade- Orange 8th Grade-Green

Please, as always, if you have any questions or comments feel free to contact us at cpasquale@pvcسد.org or lsherwood@pvcسد.org. We look forward to an event filled year.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pasquale and Mrs. Sherwood

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Government Elections

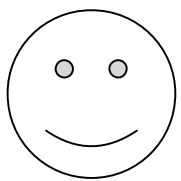


by Andriana Vazeos

Just last month kids in Putnam Valley Middle School voted for a President, Vice President, Co-President, and Senators. They also voted for two Congresswoman/ Congressmen from the 5th and 6th grades. This election is the first in many years that Putnam Valley Middle School had a Student Government Election for the school.

Here are the results of the elections:

- President – Alex Reed Co-President - Kevin Christopher
- Vice President – Cassandra Girvalo, 8th grade
- Senators – Rachel Fitzgerald and Eric Bauer, 7th grade
- Congresswomen – Mandy Volpe and Abby Kelvas – 6th grade
- Congresswomen – Tyler Patterson and Blendi Muriqi – 5th grade



Lunch Accounts



by Emily Azcue & Sara Zadrma

Have you ever forgotten your lunch money or lunch at home? I know I have! But I don't have to worry if I do because now, I have an account!

So, if you don't have an account you will have to keep bringing in more and more money that could easily get lost. But with an account it is much easier to keep track of your money without having to do anything except remember your pin number and bring in a check for your account money. You can also swipe your id card and not have to remember your pin number.

If you have lost your lunch or left it at home don't freak out! If you have an account you won't have to worry, but if you don't you might be in trouble. Even if you like to bring your lunch more than you like to buy you can still set up an account just in case, so if you ever lose it or forget it you have a back-up plan.

Plus, if you are a late sleeper and don't have time for breakfast there are a variety of breakfast foods in the cafeteria. You won't have to bring money for that either, as long as you have an account.

So, as you can see, you can buy lots of things from the cafeteria including snacks, lunches, breakfast and some drinks with only one account. To set up your account all you have to do is ask your parents to write the school a check. Bring it in and give it to one of the cashiers. She will give you your pin number then you have your very own account!



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HALLOWEEN DANCE

By Meghan Malone

The seventh and eighth grade dance was on October 27, 2006 (about two months ago). The gym was full of anything between a sumo wrestler and a fairy queen. Everyone was dressed up and ready to dance, especially with the DJ playing lots of people's favorite songs. After a long time of dancing, some people went into the cafeteria where there were drinks and candy being eaten.

Contest Winners

Alex Givan won the ipod for wearing her red ribbon week bracelet to the dance.

Jackie Williamson won a costume prize for dressing as the infamous green MnM. And although she didn't win, Caitlin Kelly dressed as Jackie's friend the illustrious peanut MnM.

The Mario Brothers (Jared Scolpini and Robert Tendy) also won a costume prize that night using their "charm" and overalls to win over the judges.

Last but not least, Gina Castro won the last costume prize (probably making the entire crowd either envious or sad).

Happy late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, late, (you get the point) Halloween!



By Taylor McLean

This year the Halloween Dance was on October 27. There was a new system for the dance. Fifth and sixth grade were together from 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm. The seventh and eighth grade were there together from 7:30 pm- 9:00 pm.

Besides dancing there was food and drinks in the cafeteria. Some people just sat in the cafeteria the whole time if they didn't like the music being played. The winner of the iPod Nano was Sarah Sperling, she even picked her own name! She was chosen to pull the ticket from the entry bowl and she picked herself. There were also a lot of costume winners.

A lot of people had fun at the dance. The fifth graders were really excited because it was their first dance. All of the fifth graders were dressed up. Half of the sixth graders did not dress up. I think that takes away from the fun. For the most part, though, the dance was fun. Happy Halloween!



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HALLOWEEN DANCE





Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Tigers facts

Go Green Club to the Rescue!

By Shelley Sperling

By *Vanesa Pereira*

- Did you know that tigers are like us, they are carnivores.
- Tigers belong to the family Felidae.
- A tiger can live up to 10 years old, and the tiger's length is 9 ft long head to tail.
- The tigers weight is from 240 to 500 lbs.
- A tiger's roar can be heard up to two miles away!!
- Tigers are endangered; only 5,00 are left in the world
- They live in coniferous and hardwood forests..
- Tigers LOVE to swim!!!!
- Their claws help catch their prey.
- A tiger's vision is 6x's better than ours.

Do you throw out things at lunch when you know they are recyclable?

If not, most people do. Most people throw out bottles and cans because there is nowhere to put them. This is where the **Go Green Club** comes in.

We are trying to reduce garbage by making a compost pile of garbage in the woods. Compost consists of banana peels, apple cores, etc. We will also educate our peers about the importance of recycling their food. Students will soon sort through their garbage and recycle their bottles and cans. Teachers hopefully will as well.

We will provide a recycling bin in the school cafeteria. This is sure to provide a happier, healthier, and more comfortable community. We will commit to our plans!

The **Go Green Club** asked permission from Mr. Hallisey to proceed with our plans for the society during a meeting. A few students informed Mr. Hallisey of our goals, both long term and short term. Perhaps, if we get this far we will make a butterfly garden to attract butterflies that will spread pollen.

Because of the Go Green club, adults might have a different perspective on children, since we're doing something good for the environment.

Go Green Club to the rescue!





STUDENT AWARENESS ACTIVITIES



Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 23 – Oct. 27, 2006

<http://www.tcada.state.tx.us/redribbon/>

By Sara Zadrima



Red Ribbon week is in honor of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena and how he donated his time to help stop people from doing drugs. He was very successful.

He joined the marines, was a police officer and he was part of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). He was sent off on an undercover mission and never returned. His body was found in a shallow grave a month later. We participate in Red Ribbon Week to honor him and how he made a difference to a lot of people.

The first Red Ribbon Week was held in Texas. Why? Well, “Kiki” grew up and lived in Texas. The First Red Ribbon Week involved neighbors, friends and family of “Kiki” wearing red ribbons. Eventually, this recognition went national.

Our school celebrates Red Ribbon Week by having spirit days like wear red day, hat day, miss-match day, etc. Everyone gets a red bracelet to wear during Red Ribbon Week. Every day there was a raffle to win a prize that has something written on it to remind up to be Drug-Free.

Our school’s schedule this year was:

- Monday – get and wear bracelet
- Tuesday – hat day
- Wednesday – mix-match your clothes

Safe Kids in Action

By Amanda Manwah
Samantha Budu

The Safe Kids team visits the elementary school to teach safety abduction prevention lessons in the late spring every year.

This Safe Kids program was first invented 11 years ago following the New York State mandate to include this in the school curriculum.

The Safe Kids team tries to empower the students and teach them to make the right choices when talking to strangers. They don’t make the kids afraid of strangers. They think telling kids to rely on their own “not to talk” instinct, will help children feel good about themselves, develop self-confidence and prevent abduction and abuse.

The Safe Kids groups teach the children that they are not helpless victims, but have alternative solution. The Safe Kids even think that adults should follow or rely on their inner feeling.



7th Grade News

By: Nick Scolaro



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Here is what we are learning in 7th grade.

In Math we have learned algebra, inequalities, integers and single and multi-step equations. Our teachers are Mrs. Conlin or Mrs. Miench. In Social Studies we are focused on American History and the Native Americans. Our Social Studies teacher is Mrs. Martino. In English we are reading the novel "The Witch of Blackbird Pond" which takes place in Colonial Connecticut. This story ties into our Social Studies curriculum. We have also learned about homophones and predicates. Our English teacher is Mrs. Lutz or Mrs. Poust. Finally in Science, we have done scientific notation, classification, the metric system and the cell theory. Our Science teachers are Mrs. Bradfield and/or Mrs. Mauro.

So far, it is a great year for the 7th graders. We have received our laptops and are doing work on them. As a result we no longer have to trudge through the hallways with a pile of books. I'm looking forward to a great year for the 7th grade students.

Laptop News

On October 24, 2006 the 7th graders received their laptops. Every 7th grader was dying to get their laptops, including me. It is a great privilege to get your own laptop that you can bring home and do work on.

Did you know, we are the only school district in New York State that has laptops to take home? In fact, we are one of the only schools on the east coast of the United States to have laptops. As Mr. Hallisey said, "Don't abuse the privilege of the laptops." We are very lucky to have them.

We get to keep our laptops until 10th grade, and then we exchange them for new ones. I bet the entire 5th and 6th graders can't wait to get laptops. It is a terrific honor.

We thank Mr. Hallisey and Dr. Fine for making our learning fun.



Fair Facts



(An article on the Putnam Valley Wellness Fair)

By Sarah Sperling



• This year, as well as many other years, the school held a Wellness Fair! The one and only Mrs. Pam Darreff hosted the event.

• This event was held on the evening of November 1, 2006. The Fair had many different stations that everyone was welcome to go to. At these stations you could find information about mental and physical health. Presenters could specifically talk about mental and physical health preventions, safety issues, and making good choices.

• A very exciting and fun addition to the wellness fair was raffles. You could earn tickets by visiting different stations. You wrote your name or your family's name on the ticket and enter it in one of the raffle envelopes. The prizes included gift cards and goods donated from local businesses. Some past prizes have consisted of a beta fish, a smoke detector, a gift card from AC Moore, and many more interesting prizes. We hope you enjoyed this year's Wellness Fair.

Thank You Mrs. Darreff.





Family Matters

By Madi Albu

Each year “Family Day” is celebrated on the fourth Monday of September. This year “Family Day” was on September 25th. Family Day encourages more families to make eating dinner with your family a daily activity of their lives.

In 2001 The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Colombia University launched Family Day as a National event. Children and teens, as well as their parents aim to raise healthier children, do “A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children”, to help prevent and reduce substance abuse. That is why you should have dinner with your family once a week or at **least** once in a while. So, get out of your own little world, whether it be wrestling practice, dance or lacrosse. Join together and share meals at the “Family Table”!

Mrs.Dareff was kind enough to organize a raffle for a free dinner at a local restaurant. Mr.Hallisey drew the ticket. The winner of the Family Day raffle was Krista Filingeri. The class who gave in the most pledges won a free breakfast, the winner of that of that was Mrs. Byrne’s class.

Congratulations to you all! Remember; share that special part of the day with your family!!!

Mix iT Up

By Victoria Hyndman

On Tuesday, November 14th, everyone participated in Mix it Up Day organized by Dr. Fine and Ms. Gisondi.

But what is Mix it Up Day?

Mix it Up Day was a day where students got “mixed up” at lunch by their birthday months. It was a time for students to get out of cliques and to meet new people. It was also a time for laughs and fun, maybe we met new people, or just sat with the regular bunch of friends.

I know that I learned many new things about many new people, like how many brothers and sisters they had. I took a vote to see how students felt about Mix it Up Day. Most people from the Newspaper Club said they would want another Mix it Up Day. They said they would want a different theme, like getting “mixed up” according to what color shirt they were wearing that day.

That is what happened on Mix it Up Day.



Poll Here!!

By Emily Sainz

A POLL

It's A Poll!



What is Your Favorite Subject?
By Madi Abu & Shelley Sperling

1. Social Studies
- 2.
3. Science
4. Spanish
5. French
6. ELA
7. Math
8. Gym
9. Chorus
10. Band
11. Other

Please circle your favorite subject and place it in the FAVORITE SUBJECT BOX located in the Library.

Please cut along the lines and place your ballot in the box by January 15th, 2007

Poll Here!!

Favorite Sports...

Girls		Boys	
Cheerleading	___	Football	___
Soccer	___	Soccer	___
Cross Country	___	Cross Country	___
Field Hockey	___	Wrestling	___
Swimming	___	Swimming	___
Lacrosse	___	Lacrosse	___
Basketball	___	Basketball	___
Softball	___	Baseball	___
Volley Ball	___	Hockey	___
Track and Field	___	Track and Field	___

Please put a check next to your favorite sport and place it in the **FAVORITE SPORTS BOX** that will be in the Library.

Please cut along the lines and place it in the box by January 15th, 2007.





Variety Show

by Sara Zadrima

The teachers and staff members of Putnam Valley put on a show full of laughs, songs, dances, and so much more! The Variety Show was put on to entertain you. But, was there another reason? YES! They did it to raise money for the music program in our school. The show was held on Friday, November 17th, 2006 at 7pm. in the high school PAC.

The PAC really lived up to its name on Friday! It was packed! The audience waited anxiously for the show to start. Once it started, they were all up and out of their seats ready for a great show!

There were some funny acts, great acts, acts that had you out of your seat, and acts that were just crazy! Mr. Carlin was the host and he had us holding on to the chairs and gasping for air with laughter!

Acts included:

- The Valley Five group doing the songs *A,B,C* and *Never Can Say Goodbye* with Mr. Coleman, Mr. Carlin, Mr. Henkels, Mr. McCarty, and Mr. Foulks.
- The “Not So Late Night” band by Mr. Cummings, Ms. Fusko, Mr. Lee, Mr. Micera and Mr. Odell.
- *We’re All in This Together* song and dance from *High School Musical* performed by Mr. Zupan, Mrs. Albano, Mrs. Mouyios, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Cefaloni, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lathrop, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Christopher, Mrs. Heller, Mrs. Hanna.
- Beverly Hills performed by Mr. Kunze and Mr. Campion.

- Swinging Tango danced by Mr. Zupan and Ms. Fabich.
- Canned Heat dance performed by Mr. Lathrop
- In The Still Of The Night song performed by Mr. Cooper, Mr. Guitierrez, Mr. Micera, Mr. Oliverio, and Mr. Smith.
- In His Eyes song sang by Mrs. Pratt and Ms. Pratt
- Evolution of Dance act by Mr. Sperling, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Hernadez, Mrs. Aurigemma, Mr. Kimbal, Mrs. Beyrer, and Ms. Kaether.
- I’d give it all for you song sang by Mrs. Craane and Mr. Micera
- Sue Me act done by Mrs. Craane and Mr. Craane
- Jacques Ibert act by Mr. Micera and Ms. Fusco
- Nonsense/Sister Act by Mrs. Scolpini, Mrs. Mondelli, Mrs. Mondell, Mrs. Zaccheo, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Layefsky, Mrs. Plescia, Mrs. Craane, Mrs. Mauro, Mrs. Langdon, Mrs. Gabari, Mrs. Dareff, Mrs. Brothers, Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Paese, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Najda, Mrs. Wallach, Mrs. Forcina, and Mrs. Yurus.

The Variety show was a BLAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Everyone there was sitting on the edge of their seat wanting more!! I enjoyed it and hope you did!!



Drama Club

So Many Voices. Which Shall it Be?

By Anna Shorto

Thursday October 5th, through Wednesday October 11th Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Craane were listening to more than 130 voices all auditioning for this year's Putnam Valley Middle School performance of "The Wizard of Oz". "It was a very hard decision" the directors say "Everyone did well".

Everyone was waiting on Friday the 13th when the cast listing was posted outside the music room.

Quinn Gimlan-Forlini and Caitlin Kelly were both cast as Dorothy. (Due to the fact that one will be acting in the Friday night show and the other will be acting in the Saturday night show.) They were thrilled!

As were the other main characters:

- Lion - Rocco Posimato
- Tinman - Joe Mignone
- Scarecrow - Jim Hertzell
- Glinda - Meghan Malone
- Wicked Witch of the West - Kim Gallo and Doneta Djokic (Saturday, Friday)
- Almira Gulch - Liana Wright-Mark and Emily Gifford Smith (Saturday, Friday)

The Wizard of Oz - Spencer Viens

Some students were not cast in roles, but 130 people tried out and about 100 got in, so don't feel bad. You are not alone.

The show is scheduled for February 10th + 11th. Anybody that didn't get a part may get a chance to work backstage or be in the chorus. So keep your eyes peeled for upcoming letters. That's all for now!

Drama News

by Allison Saffo and Ali Mazza

Are you ready for some drama? Mrs. Craane and Mrs. Pratt are putting some on. Well, actually they're putting on the Wizard of Oz production in Drama Club.

This year in Drama Club the Wizard of Oz is taking in all the action. Mrs. Craane (the chorus teacher) and Mrs. Pratt (the band teacher) are putting together Oz (flying monkeys and all.) They are even using a real dog!!! Tryouts were October 10, 2006. Boys and girls from grades 5-8 could tryout. They had to sing a Disney, Broadway or a chorus song for auditions or anything she knew the melody to. And for callbacks girls sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and boys sang, "If I Only Had a Brain."

Over 120 tried out and about 95 of the kids got parts. This is more than drama club has ever had before. If you didn't get a part, you could sign up for backstage. In that you could do makeup, lights, scenery, curtains, costumes etc. Drama club shall be a big show this year. From crows to trees, and Dorothy to the Scarecrow. Every part and person matters.

Everyone that got callbacks is busy working hard on their part. Singing, dancing and believing is going through everyone's mind right now. Practices are after school and will be announced throughout the school year.

The most popular year for drama club is going well so far. Congratulations and good luck to everyone participating in drama club this year! Have fun!!!



Tigers facts

Computer Club

by, Andriana Vazeos

By Vanessa Pereira

- Tigers are the largest cats in the world!
- These tigers are at the top of the food chain.
- These tigers eat deer wild pigs, and buffalo.
- They live and hunt alone.
- Tigers have no predators.
- Their litter can be up to three cubs.

Computer Club meets every day in the morning from 7:00 a.m to 8:00 a.m, Monday through Friday.

The kids work on their own project, but the adults help them with their project. There are a lot of kids from grades 5 ,6, 7 and 8 that go to Computer Club.

It is held in the Computer Room #188. The advisor of Computer Club is Mr. Pellegrino, who is also the Computer Class teacher. Mr. Pellegrino (Mr. Pell) helps all the kids with what they want to do on any project they want.

The teacher and students both love being part of the Computer Club. Mr. Pellegrino does it because he wants the students to have fun. He lets kids work on favorite activities of their choice. So Computer Club is fun!

Come join, it is so fun!!!!

By Anna Shorto

Free Movie Night

Unfortunately, Free Movie Night has been canceled. It might come back next year, because when it was around a lot of people enjoyed it. The movies that were played in October were Ferris Buellers Day Off, High School Musical and Big Fish. A lot of people who went to the Free Movie Night enjoyed it. I went to one of them, Nanny McPhee, and everyone I saw that was there liked it a lot. If the movie night comes back, I encourage you to go to it.



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The Latest Fashion?

Gym Uniforms!

By Samantha Budu & Amanda Manwah

This is to inform you about the latest news on the gym uniforms. Do people really like the gym uniforms? Or, do people like sweats better since winter is coming. That's what I'm trying to find out. So far I have asked a sample of students and here are the answers that I got. First, I asked the students then, I asked the gym coaches.

Student Question: "Since it is getting cold outside, which would you prefer gym uniforms or sweats?"

"I would like the sweats because it's getting cold and if someone gets sick, their parents might get mad at them if they wear it to go outside for gym and might get sick.

Samantha Budu 6th grade

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Amanda Manwah 6th grade

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Janavia Harewood 6th grade

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Ryan Lopez 6th grade

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Nick Scolaro, 7th grade

"I like the uniforms but, I only really wear it when I need to. Like if I forgot to wear sweats.

Emily Sainzs 6th grade

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Club News

by Deandra Manwah

Question: Do you think that extra-curricular activities/clubs are important? Why?

According to research, kids who are involved in extra-curricular activities are less vulnerable to drugs. When I did my research, kids who participate in these types of activities are more active in hobbies and have less time to play and their choice of activities become their anti-drug. It was great to know that almost 75% of the kids from Putnam Valley Middle School are interested in those types of activities. I interviewed some kids of PVMS and all of them were actually agreed with my perspective. Clubs and other activities are important for many other reasons. Most of the kids think that other kids should join clubs because after school there's nothing to do, so they might as well just bond with teachers and friends. Talking about teachers, they actually played a big part in my surveys and interviews. At least 5% of my research questions were answered by teachers and parents. I was surprised some of the parents were actually cool when they said it was an opportunity for kids to hang out with friends. My favorite part of the survey was when I interviewed the teachers. They actually were the ones that made my survey interesting. They didn't debate, but they had very interesting responses that made my perspective change for a moment. It was very different as to what the kids said every time I asked them. Even the parents said some similar things as to the teachers, which made my trek more interesting.

I would like to share a response with all of you that I thought that that's the reason why we all entered clubs but we didn't really realize it because other reasons made us blind as for the real reason why we actually joined it (clubs). This response was from my science teacher, Mrs. Bradfield.

"I think that they are very important. These activities allow students to interact with each other outside of a classroom setting. Even friendships are fastened. Students develop skills that they cannot learn in a classroom setting. Advisors, who are often teachers, see students in a different light. Students are given safe and healthy activities to engage in after school. Rather than going home and watching T.V. or engaging in risky behaviors etc, they engage in stimulating activities like debates, sports, student government, etc. More acknowledgeable, extra-curricular activities help students to learn about time management."

-Mrs. Bradfield

Even though her response was really long I think it served a purpose by opening some people's eyes to see the real reason of why we participate into these activities as such. Here are some of the responses from kids that were permitted by kids to be published in this article. As I said before I interviewed a lot of kids, and at least 60% of the kids that I interviewed said the same thing. Here are some of the student comments.

"Yes, because all students will have more things to do instead of being home watching T.V. all day."

-Steven Arraiano 7th

"Yea, because some kids like to stay after school. The other kids like to play with friends."

-Jeremy Suarez 7th

"Yes, because it will give kids something to do after school and because it is lots of fun."

-Xiomara Santos 7th

I could not show all of the comments that was made, because I interviewed almost 100 students and if I was asked to advertise every body's comment It would make my entire article long and boring so I left some of the comments of the people who left there names with me. Therefore, I apologize for those whose comment was not published. Some of the other comments were saying that they joined the clubs, because they wanted something to do for their anti-drug. They also said that since they know the effects of drugs, it would be nice to have something to do instead of drugs. Here are some of the comments that were said about this matter.

"It prevents kids from being bored and hang out with friends, it still becomes your anti-drug."

-Dana Tathell 7th

"Yes I think that clubs are important because they can become a kid's anti-drug so they will not dare set their mind for drugs."

-Amanda Manwah 6th

I hope these gave most of our readers an idea of what others thought about this subject. What I really thought was that every school that thinks of itself as worthwhile needs or has good activities that are both academically and physically necessary and without a second look I can tell that PV is one of the top schools on that list.



Recycling

By Emily Azcue

Recycling is very important. Why? Recycling is the process in which certain materials such as glass, plastic, aluminum cans, water jugs and plastic bottles breakdown and go through another process in which they then are re-made into something new! Everything we throw out that could be recycled diminishes energy, water, and natural sources which everyone needs.

The population in our world is rapidly expanding. According to www.gogreeninitiative.com, a whopping 9 billion people are estimated to live in 2050. If all of our natural resources have to be contributed to everyone people will get 4 times less than they did than in 1950. Here are some interesting facts about recycling:

- Every ton of paper that is recycled 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil and enough electricity to power and average house for 6 months are saved.
- A T.V. can run for six hours on the amount of electricity that is saved by one aluminum can.
- One glass bottle recycled, equals electricity to power a 100 watt bulb
- By recycling one (1) ink cartridge 2.5 petroleum products are kept out of our rivers and oceans.



That's pretty amazing! But if we keep putting our garbage and recyclable materials in the same pile our land fills where we put all of that garbage will keep growing, and maybe one day a landfill will be found right near your house with the horrible smell. Did you know every year the U.S.A. needs about 500 landfills, and if the amount of garbage we throw out stays the same in 2050 the U.S.A. will need to get 750 new landfills per year!!!!!!

I hope this message inspires you to try to keep our planet green and clean. There are many things you can recycle at home if you don't know what you can recycle here are a few examples. Glass, plastic, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and water jugs are just a few things that you can recycle at home or in your school.



SAVE THE RAINFOREST

By Vicky Hyndman

As you're reading this, rainforests are being bulldozed or burned down. Where, you might ask. Rainforests are located near the equator, because of the warm climate. There are rainforests in South and Central America, Oceania, Africa and the islands around Australia and Asia. 7% of the Earth is covered in rainforests.

According to google.com/savetherainforest, most of the remaining rainforests are not protected. Unfortunately we can't change this because each nation is allowed to use its rainforests however they please. In the past rainforests used to cover 14% of the earth, but now they cover a mere 7%. Experts say that in less than 40 years all the rainforests in the world will be destroyed.

Weather patterns will rapidly change if the rainforests are getting destroyed at this speed. Rainforests protect that. They protect us, but are we protecting them? Nobody knows how many trees from the rainforest are destroyed each year. My guess, A LOT!



Cutting down all of these rainforests is going to take its toll, and we might not be able to handle it.

Mrs. Brothers is overseeing a class activity and raising money to save the rainforests. Being a newspaper reporter, I would like to tell you all about it.

If we raise \$10 we could save 2,500 square feet of a rainforest. That is just a small fraction of what gets cut down a minute, 75 acres!

So bring in your change!! The fundraiser is open to everybody. There is a jug in Mrs. Brothers room (206) where you can put some extra change that you have. With all that being said I would just like to say thank you to Mrs. Brothers who started this whole thing about raising environmental awareness. Now we can save the rainforest!!!



Sports News

by Nick Scolaro



Tiki Barber is one of the greatest running backs ever to play in the NFL. In 2005, he finished second in the MVP voting behind Shaun Alexander. He has recently surpassed Jim Brown (greatest RB ever) for fourteenth on the all time list with all- purpose yards (receiving and rushing). Tiki has played all of his career with the NY Giants. He plans to retire after the 2006 season. Some people criticize him because he is only 31 years old. They believe it's too early for him to retire.

Tiki has a twin brother named Ronde who plays safety with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He is very good too. He doesn't plan on retiring soon like his brother. Both of them have a legitimate chance of making the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. They are probably the best twin combination in all of sports.



by Nick Scolaro

by Kyle Kultruf

Sports Trivia: Football

- Which NFL Team Had A Season In Which They Won All Of Their Games?
A. 1998 Bears B. 2004 Steelers
C. 1972 Dolphins
- Which Number Does Tiki Barber Wear?
A. #21 B. #83 C. # 20
- What Year Did The New York Giants Begin Playing Football?
A. 1979 B.1925 C. 1891
- What two NFL teams always play on Thanksgiving?
A. Cowboys + Bears B. Lions+ Jets
C. Lions+ Cowboys

See last page for answers

Sports Man's Quiz Game

This quiz consists of 5 questions on Baseball

- In 1986 who made a famous error in the World Series that cost the Red Sox the title?
- In 1932 who "called" his home runs in the World Series in the fifth inning?
- Which two teams moved from New York to California in 1958?
- How many World Series did the Yankees play in?
- How many World Series were cancelled in the last 106 years?

Good Luck



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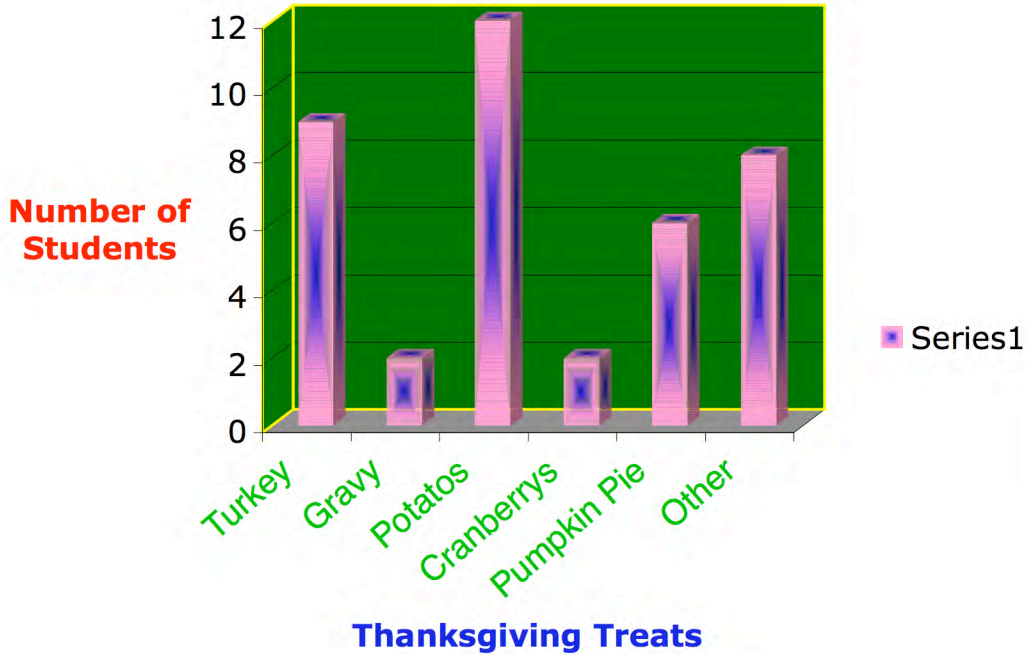




POLL RESULTS!

by Anna Shorto

Favorite Thanksgiving Treats from 39 Students



TURKEY FUN FACTS

By Nick Scolaro

DID YOU KNOW....

Turkeys can have heart attacks like humans?

Ben Franklin wanted our country bird to be the turkey not the bald eagle?

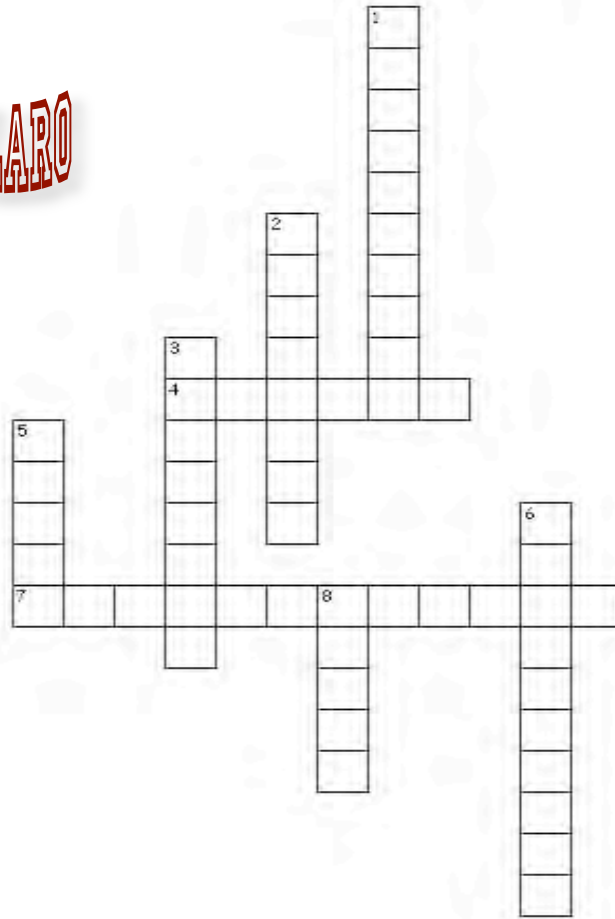




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Thanksgiving Fun

BY NICK SCOLARO



Across

- 4. The feathery main dish
- 7. the giving of thanks

Down

- 1. A traditional and delicious desert made from pumpkins
- 2. The first people to celebrate Thanksgiving
- 3. Turkey is full of it
- 5. A large prepared meal with lots of food
- 6. Something red and gooey that's served on the side of Turkey
- 8. The slimy turkey sauce



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NICK'S HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH

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 D N L D A O F I N A M W O N S
 A T C B H O N M E G I F T S S
 M A S O B T B O S N O W U A L
 E L H H N C T W D E L S M V T
 N G W I V E V W O O K T T R A
 T T A P L S G F E N S I R J P
 S S P T E C I N I I S H M K V
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 Y T H G U A N A P P E K B R R
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 Y Q E B M B D Y C R X T G Q I

CHRISTMAS
 MISTLETOE
 SNOWMAN
 SANTA
 SNOWBOARD

GIFTS
 NAUGHTY
 REINDEER
 SLED
 SNOWMAN

HOHOHO
 NICE
 SAINTNICK
 SNOW
 TOYS

words were placed into the puzzle.

Solution

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