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Save A Life

By Keiko Waters, Grade 5

Amazing PV Teacher and Students

By Jaclyn Pedoty, Grade 6

The Putnam Valley Middle School Blood Drive was organized by the 6th grade students, Mrs. Brothers and Mrs. Cohen. The blood drive was in the gym. It took



place from 2:30-8:30 p.m.. There was a sixth grader dressed up in a blood drop costume there to greet people! The 6th grade students made many flyers and posters in order to inform people of the event. The students gave their flyers and posters to their teacher for a grade and then hung them all around the town.

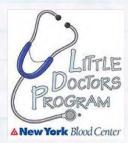
The 6th graders split up into stations. These stations included an area where students gave out snacks, others welcomed people to the event, and some students helped people get to their next station for the donation.

The volunteers collected 184 pints of blood! Donating just a pint of blood can save 3 people's lives. Next year when the blood drive comes around again, SAVE A LIFE.

Did you know the Little Doctors organization was founded by Mrs. Brothers and one of her 6th grade classes? In 1996, Mrs. Brothers and her class came up with an idea to make a community blood drive for a project. When Mrs. Brothers asked the New York Blood Center, the employees thought that it was a joke and kids could never run a blood drive. But... the students pursued their dream and worked for it. The class even got doctor scrubs and looked like real doctors. As it turned out, the blood drive was a huge success attracting many people. Mrs. Brothers even got an award for her work! Now, 6th graders work the blood drive every year. I just volunteered! Hope you learned something new!

Here is the link:

http://www.nybloodcenter.org/index.jsp?sid0=87&page_id=235





Sophia George and Jillian Mirabal meet and greet with our Blood Drop, Justine Fritz!



Jacey Ferraro, Mrs. Brothers, Jon Bennette, Dorothea Caposito are ready to help those who will donate.



Charles Gatewood, Gavin Mitchell, Jaclyn Pedoty, Gabe Moise are happy to lend a hand at the Blood Drive!

Putnam Valley Students Big Accomplishments



Beauty and the Beast

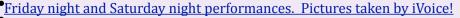
*(Behind The Scenes)*By Jaclyn Pedoty and Sonya Garcia, Grade 6

The play, "Beauty and the Beast" was great, but that is not the whole story! Let us introduce you to...**behind the scenes**. During the play, it was **chaotic!** Lots of people had to have their costumes pinned because some were donated to us. Though we had some difficulties, we still worked it out. Everyone backed each other up. At the end of the play, the cast and crew had to crunch together for the bows.

As for the crew, there were a few disagreements about cues and placements. I got poked in the eye with a script that someone was waving around. During the play, all of the crew was trying to work together, which was hard since there were some "disagreements." It was tiring and hot behind the stage.

But think about how tiring it must have been for Ms. Kraus and Mrs. Craane! They did great! Ms. Kraus also conducted the band. She and the band captured the classic music of the play perfectly. Mrs. Craane and Ms. Kraus both helped so much; they had to stay for every rehearsal. Mrs. Craane had to help with lines, costumes, songs, props and everything else. She must have really needed a nap. Everyone worked hard and the play was great.







PVMS Players perform "Beauty and the Beast" The Spotlight on: James Caposito

By Keiko Waters, Grade 5



James Caposito is a student here in PVMS. He is in 8th grade and is 14 years old. He enjoys modified soccer and dancing for the Westchester Ballet Center. James played

the Beast Friday and Saturday night for the Middle School play "Beauty and The Beast". James was in the last 4 productions of the Middle School plays and said that "Fiddler On The Roof" was his favorite! He enjoyed the story line best. He played Lazar Wolf. James feels the more that are in the Drama Club, the better. The ensembles are a very important part of the play. He feels the cast is very mature and not afraid to be their character. James will continue his acting in high school. We are all looking forward to more performances by James in the future.

Plays Are So Fun, but Tiring!

By Sonya Garcia, Grade 6

When practices for the PVMS play "Beauty and the Beast" was going on, everyone who was in it must have been really tired. I was in both shows and whoever was in the play knew why I as so tired. I can't imagine how tired Mrs. Craane and



Ms. Kraus must have been! During the week of the play on Wednesday, everyone who was in the Friday cast had to practice from 6:00pm to 10:00pm! On Tuesday, we had to stay after school until 6:00pm.

Not only the late practice, there was homework. I was up until really late each day we had play practice! The sixth grade also had a test in Social Studies [Unit test on Greece] and Reading [Percy Jackson]. I am not trying to complain, but that was a lot of hard work and if you were in the sixth grade in the play, you would understand. Even though I was tired, I moved on. If anyone wants to be in plays or other activities get ready, relax and have FUN!

Putnam Valley Students Big Accomplishments



All County Concerts Band and Chorus' By Jaclyn Pedoty, Grade 6



The band and chorus PCMEA concerts all went well. In the afternoon of Friday, the chorus and band members all piled on a bus to go to Brewster Middle School for the PCMEA or All County Concert. The bus ride was eventful. On the way, the bus went to 2 of the wrong schools and the bus driver had to ask for directions. When at the school the chorus and band members met up with other schools in the cafeteria to unpack. The band members went on stage and practiced the four songs for All County, which were "Firework" by Katy Perry, "Guardians Of Liberty", "Dance Of The Thunderbolts" and "Asian Folk Rhapsody." Meanwhile, the chorus All County members were practicing their songs for the their concert. The songs were "Alshlosha d'varim," "Let it Shine," "Thulastandwa," and "A Great Big Sea." While on stage the chorus members practiced and fixed their mistakes. In the band room the band did the same thing. The next day, all of the kids were dropped off at the middle school to go back to Brewster. When everyone got to Brewster, only the people in our school gathered around a table in the lunchroom and played "Firework" by Katy Perry while the chorus members sang the song as the other schools arrived. As the schools arrived and saw our school doing this, they opened their mouths in awe... literally! It was so unexpected and we sounded great; it was like a flash mob! After, the band and chorus practiced rigorously. Then... it was show time. The chorus came on first then the band. Since I am in the All County Band, I thought that we rocked. So did the audience because of all of the motivating applause.

Sixth Grade Gods and Goddesses Project

By Elizabeth Mao, Grade 6

On March 17, Mr. McCarty's 6th grade classes brought the gods and goddesses of Mount Olympus to Mr. McCarty's Social Studies classes. All of his classes had to make a song or a poem about the god/goddess the student chose to report about, or create an iWeb presentation comprising of a myth. The students were able to put their song into iMovie also. In these activities, the students had to dress like their god/goddess and act out their myth. Every presentation was perfectly planned out and their acting was phenomenal. The class enjoyed each presentation while learning about each god/goddess. It was a lot of fun and everyone did a great job!











Using technology to support art projects in Mrs. Racanelli's 8th grade classes.



Welcome high school student Nicole Porter!. Shadowing a teacher, to see if teaching is a career for her!



Learning about forensics in Ms. Diaz's 8th grade science encore class.



Olivia Schmidt recites the Pledge of Allegiance to her class.

Preparing for State Tests

By Keiko Waters, Grade 5

In 5th grade we spent a lot of time preparing for our state tests. In math worked on packets that help us figure out math problems. We also worked in Common Core books to help us with lots of math problems. In ELA we reviewed what we learned at the beginning of the year by taking practice tests to help us prepare for the written test. We took a lot of multiple-choice tests and practiced recording on the scantron form. Some kids in my class don't like our Common Core books and packets



we use, but I like to take the practice ELA written tests because I like to write the essays.

NYS Tests By John Pecorino, Grade 5

The week of April 22nd, was the NYS ELA Test in the Putnam Valley Schools. Students had to take this test. Some kids get very nervous, some weren't. The ELA tests had some very long reading passages that you had to answer multiple choice questions. After the ELA test were the NYS math tests. For three days each week, the students had 1hr and 30mins to take the test. Now that these test are over, school is almost over. I can't wait!!!

Tip for next year, you better make sure you know your stuff for next year!



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By John Pecorino, Grade 5

The movie, 42, was about Jackie Robinson who was a baseball player for the Brooklyn Dodgers. The owner of the Dodgers, named Branch Rickey wanted to put Jackie on his team that was an all-white team, but the white people kept being mean to him. During the first game that Jackie played in, the white people booed him because he was black. But Jackie still played baseball and became one of the best baseball players. The movie was good. Some parts were sad, some parts were very happy. I give this movie two thumbs up!

Putnam Valley Happenings

Interview with Mrs. Esposito, P.V.C.S.D. E.S.L. Teacher

What type of technology did we use?

By Adam Andreani, Grade 5

The newspaper club interviewed **Mrs. Esposito** and it was really fun. It was a "no pencil" interview. Some types of technology we used were Skype, a Mac, and an iPad to record.

When we first tried to connect using SKYPE, we couldn't see her. So then **Mrs. Sherwood** told **Mrs. Esposito** to go to System Preferences on her laptop and make some changes.

When we first saw her, we couldn't hear her. Then Mrs. Sherwood told Mrs. Esposito to go back System Preferences then go to Sound Settings. It was amazing how Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Esposito worked through the problems.

Then finally we did the interview. There was so much technology we used but remembering everything can be glitchy, so you need to work through it. *Technology is awesome and amazing so don't get angry with it.*

Now you can go and read Kieko Waters' interview with Mrs. Esposito below.

Let's move on from TESTS

Spring Sports in Putnam Valley By Paul Keesler, Grade 5

The most popular spring sports that are played during the spring are baseball/softball and lacrosse for boys and girls. They are really big sports in Putnam Valley schools.

Kids can play lacrosse starting in 1st grade in clubs and can continue through the varsity level at Putnam Valley High School. When you get to the 7th grade, you can play for the middle school team.

If you want to play baseball, you have choices. You can play with Little League, clubs or school teams. Little League starts with 4 year olds with T-Ball and goes all the way to the 14 year olds, which is Juniors. If you want to play for the school you can begin that in the 7th grade and continue through the varsity level in Putnam Valley High School. Both sports take place at the same time, so you couldn't join both while playing for the school teams. If you weren't in 7th grade yet you could probably do both.

Here are some links to the local lacrosse and Little League groups.

http://lacrosse.isport.com/lacrosse-fields/us/new-york/putnam-valley/putnam-valley-lementary-school-1724967

http://pvnylittleleague.org/



Welcome Mrs. Esposito

By Keiko Waters, Grade 5

We have a new teacher in our school. Her name is Mrs. Esposito. She is our ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher in our district. She shares her time with all three schools each day. She teaches 2 students in the middle school, 4 students in the high school, and has 12 students in the elementary school! This year, Mrs. Esposito teaches spanish, chinese, and algerian speaking students. Her favorite subjects to teach are english, grammar, science, social studies, and math. She always wanted to be a teacher because of her love of learning.

Mrs. Esposito knows how to speaks greek, spanish, and is currently learning Italian, and knows sign language. Her first language was greek. She always wanted to be an ESL teacher because of her love for language, her love for culture and because she was an ESL student herself.

Welcome Mrs. Esposito to Putnam Valley.

Thank you for taking the time to Skype with us while you were at home . It was nice to meet you and fun to do it remotely!

Destination Imagination

By John Pecorino, Grade 5 and Elizabeth Mao, Grade 6



Impacting over a million participants in forty-eight states and thirty countries, Destination Imagination is a fun way to solve problems. Destination Imagination is where students solve open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. As an example of the types of solutions to some problems faced, students could make remote control lego cars. While solving these problems as a group, students learn important skills such as time management, leadership, organization, conflict resolution and many more skills. Each session is from September to May. Maybe you should sign up next year!

Source:

http://www.destinationimagination.org/

Putnam Valley Middle School was well represented at this year's competition.

Representing grade 5, *Team Kasceb*, Manager: Mrs. Weed

Team members Cameron Carroll, Sam France, Ali Ikram, Chris Pateman, Eric Rein, Keith Weed

Representing grades 6/7/8, *The Creativetee Manatees*, Manager: Mr. Marsh

Team members: AJ Egel, Jenny Hurtz, Sean McCaghey, Ryan Marsh

Representng grade 8, *Team SELTAEB*, Managers: Mrs. Duga-Carroll and Mrs. Parmly Team members: Kyle Carroll, Ben Donnelly, Rebeka Kashkin, Kaitlin Milliker, Sydnie Rottenkolber, Kylie

Shocker and Ryan Usai

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TRIVIA By John Pecorino, Grade 5

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- ❖ The very first St. Patrick' Day Parade was not in Ireland. It was in Boston in 1737.
- ❖ People wear green on this day to avoid being pinched.
- Lucky Charms cereal was created in 1963 with its popular mascot, Lucky the Leprechaun
- St. Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 because that is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.



http://www.wsaw.com/seasonal/misc/40129602.html

Boston Catastrophe and What We Can Do to be Safe

By Adam Andreani, Grade 5

That day was April 15, 2013. The day was tax day and Patriot Day. On Patriot Day is also held the Boston Marathon. During the Red Sox game, the marathon started. After the Red Sox game, the fans let out into the streets to watch the marathon. It was very crowded day in Boston; the marathon, a Red Sox baseball game and and an evening Bruins hockey game.

Before 2:50 p.m., many runners were crossing the finish line. Then at 2:50 p.m. everyone heard a boom. Everybody was scared that they ran to another direction to get away, but 12 seconds after the first explosion a second bomb, about a block away, went off.

After 2 minutes, police, ambulance, fire trucks, first responders, and the National Guard came to the scene to help everyone. 144 injuries reported, 17 of those 144 injuries were critical condition and 25 in serious condition. In the end there were 3 deaths at the race. One of those deaths was to an 8-year-old boy (he was just waiting for his dad at the finish line), There was a 20-year-old girl (she was from China and a college student), and a 22-year-old woman (a racer). The person/s who did this were on the loose for a week. Then on Thursday, April 18th gunfire went off in the town Watertown. A police officer was shot and a man was taken hostage in a carjacking. This was all done by the Boston Bombers. During the gunfire Tamerlan Tsarnaev (the older brother) one of the two bombers was killed.

Later that day Watertown went into lockdown because one them was still lose. April 19 they found and arrested the other bomber, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who was hiding in a boat is someone's yard. He chooses not to speak because he has the right not to speak.

The question still is "How can we be safe in a big city?"

I can tell you:

1. Stay near your parent/guardian

2. Never go to a place unknown3. Most important "See something Say something"

I'm very sorry for the 8-year-old's family and all the people that were affected



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Ryan Hollis, Grade 5

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man who helped fight against segregation. As a baptist minister, King was a very strong speaker and also a very good leader. He was the leader who fought to end segregation in the south. He also fought for social justice for the poor.

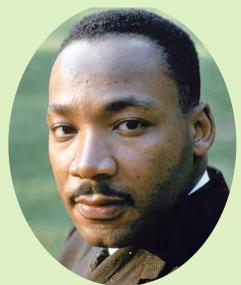
Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929. He lived in Atlanta for the first 12 years of his life. In 1963 he led his march in Washington and delivered his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech. In 1964 King won the Nobel Peace Prize for non-violence. Then in 1965, he focused on voting rights for black people. In 1986 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday became a national holiday.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is famous for his well-known speech. If you don't know what the speech is I will now tell you the speech in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"I have a dream today...that one day...little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today."

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Sadly, on April 4, 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was at a hotel and was assassinated by James Earl Ray.



"King, Martin Luther, Jr. (1929–1968)." The New Book of Knowledge. Grolier Online, 2013. Web. 23 Apr. 2013.

The History of Peeps

By Elizabeth Mao, Grade 6

Dating from the early 1900's, Peeps are a popular candy popping out of the shelves. In 1923, the Just Born Candy Company got its name from the founder Sam Born. Sam Born's son, Bob, made a machine to mass produce the Peeps in 1954. In the 1950's, the chick's wings were clipped to give them a different design. Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Just Born Candy Company, the company introduced the blue Peeps. From that point on, they were available in yellow, pink, white, lavender and blue. In 1999, Scientists at Emory University named the Peeps indestructible after testing them in a series of joke experiments. The scientists dumped them in boiling water and sulfuric acid. They also froze them in liquid nitrogen and microwaved them. To end, here are some fun facts:

It took twenty-seven hours to make each Peep by hand in 1953. It currently takes 6 minutes to make a Peep today. 4.2 million Peeps are made each day. Now you can wonder when you eat a Peep, this is really old!



Source: http://shine.yahoo.com/shine_food/history_peeps_193600141.html

The Return of Derrick Rose



By Brandon Guerra, Grade 5

Derrick Rose is an NBA basketball player for the Chicago Bulls. Derrick Rose tore his ACL but now he is

going to return to the NBA. His team was waiting for his return and finally he is back! There is now only one thing Chicago is worried about: will Derrick Rose be as dominant in the NBA as he was before? If Derrick Rose comes back with force like people know he can, other teams need to start practicing. But what if Derrick Rose is not as good as he was before? What will happen to Chicago? Will they stop dominating? Will they make it into the playoffs? The future will tell.

Did you know that......

By Ratu Bolenaivalu, Grade 6 and Paul Keesler, Grade 5



•The iPhone 5S has a 4.3 inch Retina display, 1.3 Ghz Apple A6 Processor, and iOS(iDevice Operating Software) 6.

•The Samsung Galaxy S IV has a 5 inch (4.99 inch) Super Amoled HD display, 1.9 Ghz Quad-Core Processor, and

Android 4.2.2 Jelly Bean OS (Latest Version!).

Steppin' Out, the Irish Way!

By Sonya Garcia, Grade 6



There are many interesting things about Irish Step Dancing. I asked Irish step-dancers about what they do, how they look, the history and other facts.

I met up with an Irish step-dancer and her name is Kelly Kennedy and she told me all about Irish stepdancing. The costumes the dancers wear and their appearances are very interesting. Kelly told me that she wears her stepdancing school colors. white shirt with a red skirt. Kelly told me at her

events, it doesn't matter how you put your hair as long as you wear your hair nicely. Advanced dancers have wigs. I asked her was how much the costumes cost. Kelly said that a wig could be from \$50 to \$150 and the dresses costs almost \$,1000. Kelly told me that there are two different groups of dances and two different dance shoes, soft and hard shoes. Soft shoes should not be heard, and are used when you dance a soft jib, and a hard shoe should be heard, and are used when you dance a hard jig.

Irish stepdancing is influenced from older dances, which were for solo dancers and was known as 'sean-nos dance'. This kind of Irish stepdancing came at about the 18th century. There are rules like foot placements, and general dance routines. These rules then became some of the fundamentals for the current version.

The competitions are called a feis[pronounced, fesh.) which means festival in Irish. At Feis, the people who dance, dance with random dancers from different places. Kelly told all of these interesting things about Irish step dancing. I find it fascinating.

St. Patrick's Day Green Cookie Recipe

By Sonya Garcia, Grade 6

There is a cool cookie recipie for St. Patrick's Day that only takes TEN MINUTES!

If you follow the recipie, you will get 10 servings and delicious cookies.

All what you need is one cup of canned frosting that is vanilla, green food coloring and 20 Keebler Chips Deluxe [Triple Chocolate] cookies.



Here are the directions: Tint frosting in a small bowl. Then spread frosting on the cookies. Next top with sprinkles.

Finally, EAT THE COOKIES!

source: http://www.keebler.com/recipe-easyst patrick s day cookies 21063.aspx

- A slideshow of fun factsaboutSt. Patrick's Day.
- Created by KeikoWaters, Grade 5

Click here to see the video!



The History of Easter By Michael Reichardt, Grade 5

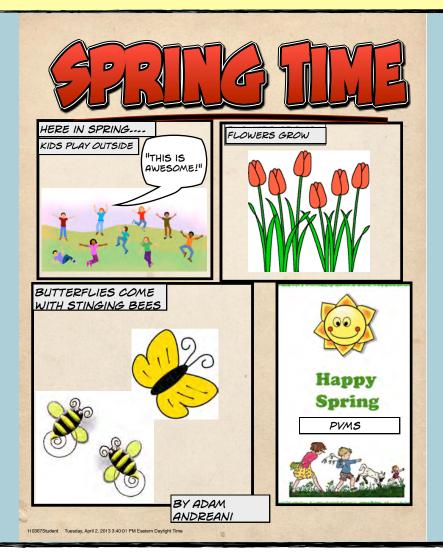
Easter is the holiday when Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. It is believed he ascended into Heaven three days after he was crucified on the cross. People believe since Jesus resurrected that you will resurrect after your death.

Most of the time Easter falls between March 22 and April 25 and is always on a Sunday. Most Christians go to church to confess their wrong doings. This is called Penance. Christians do this during the Christian forty-day season of Lent. During Lent they could fast, which means they do not eat certain foods, and they can give up things that they like. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, like its name, you get ashes on your head because ashes are a symbol of penance. Lent ends on Easter. The last week of Easter is called Holy Week, which starts on Palm Sunday. In church on Palm Sunday, the Priest gives palms to everyone in the church. Most people fold their palms into a cross.

The three days that Jesus was dead and not resurrected is the Triduum, which is Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. In some churches people celebrate Ascension Day (Jesus ascends into heaven), which is the $40^{\rm th}$ day after Easter, and Pentecost (the descent of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles), which is the $50^{\rm th}$ day after Easter.

The best-known Easter symbol is an egg. It represents resurrection and a new life. Most people have "Easter egg" hunts, and usually stuff prizes inside the egg. Easter is a wonderful holiday and is celebrated around the world

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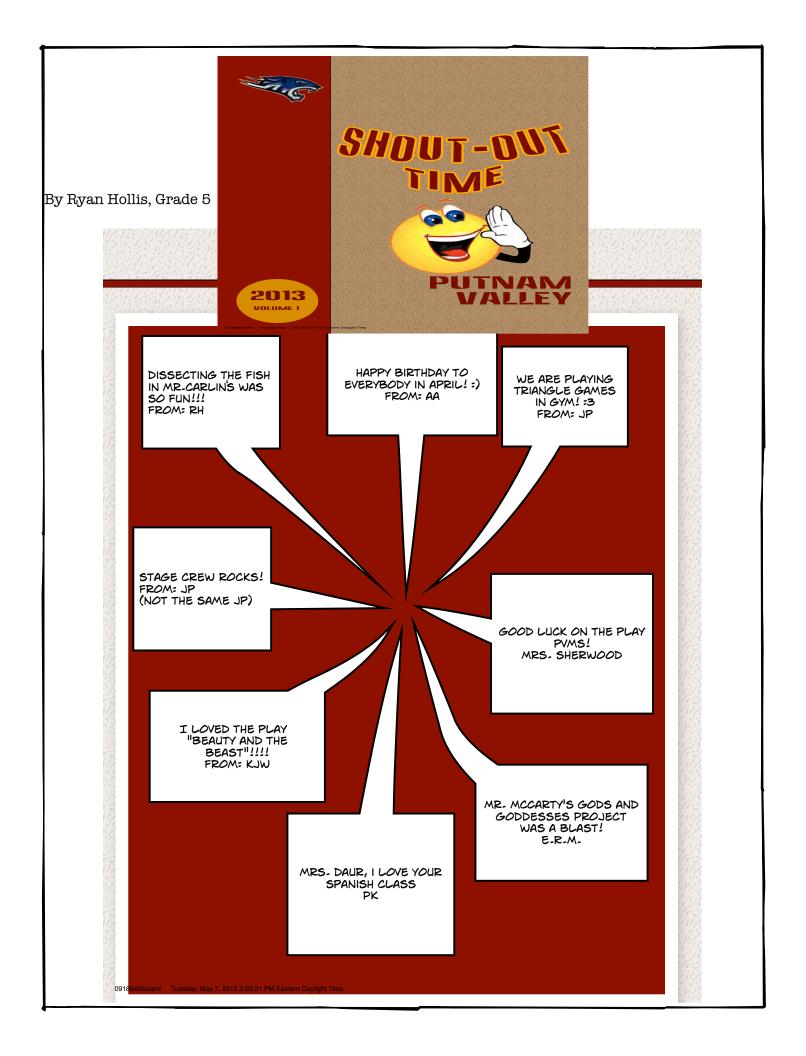
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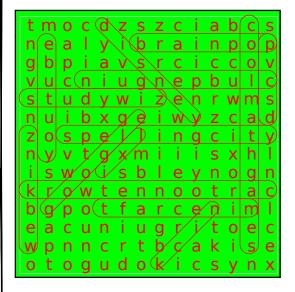
The Moral of the Story....





See you Next Year!

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Thanks for reading the **PVMS Tiger Times** this year.



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