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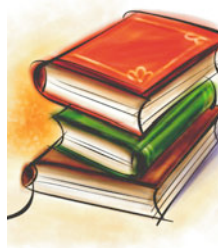
Welcome to the 2009-2010 *PVMS Tiger Times* Newspaper, written by Putnam Valley Middle School students.

The first quarter of this Middle School year has been very busy. Many of us are trying to catch our breath from all of the activities around school. We look forward to our Thanksgiving Break to catch our breath.

Enjoy the news and remember, we are always looking for new members to join our club. If you cannot commit to a weekly club, feel free to become a contributing editor. See Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Sharp for information.

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ALERT!!

Starting on December 1st, the PTA annual sponsored Book Fair event will take place in our school. You can find the display in our Library.

Watch for the posting when your class can visit.

Articles of Interest

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Tigers' Pride Continues to do good for our Putnam Valley Community

CEREAL DRIVE



Tigers' Pride is running a Cereal Drive to benefit the local food pantry. The drive runs through December. Deliver your cereal to the Library and watch the boxes grow to the ceiling!!



Mrs. Pasquale, one of the advisors for Tigers' Pride, tells us that any donations are greatly appreciated by the food pantry. Cash donations are really great because the pantry can double what it can buy with your money. For example, a \$50 money donation to the food pantry can get \$100 worth of food.

Cereal, jelly, tuna fish are among the high demand items and these items are not discountable to the pantry, so those items cost just as much for the food pantry as it does for us.



March
of Dimes®
Saving babies, together®

Putnam Valley teachers, under the leadership of Mrs. Gabari, participate in multiple fundraisers throughout the school year. This year their first fundraiser was to benefit the March of Dimes, an organization devoted to helping babies.

On Wednesday, November 25, there was a Dress Down Day for the teachers. To wear jeans, you had to pay \$2.00 or more. If you wanted a pin it was \$5.00, if you wanted to buy a t-shirt and a pin, it was \$20.00. The teachers raised \$280.00. Congratulations.

Student Achievement

By Michael Roman

CELEBRATING OUR ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Welcome back students of PVMS! For you PVMS students that don't know what ***Student of the Month*** is, it is an award that teachers give you when you do a great job academically that month. I was one of these students. When you get ***Student of the Month*** you get treated to bagels and juice. Mr. Hanna and Mrs. Greenstein read your certificate and then you get your picture taken .

The following students are Students of the Month:



September



Michael Roman	ELA	Alex Velichko	Math
Robert Velichko	Core Academics	Jamie Galeano	Math
Danny Jones	Social Studies	Emma Longden	Social Studies
Thomas Sweeney	Math	Caila McCaghey	Science
Antonia DiFusco	Core Academics	Ghaith Annabi	Social Studies
Kristen Sepa	ELA	Claire Campos	ELA
Danielle Dorion	ELA/Social Studies	Joseph Saez	ELA/Social Studies
Andrew Salerno	Science	Connor Cronin	Science
Jonathan Valle	Math	Peter Leo	Math
Angelo Vazeos	Science	Ashley Volpe	Math/Science
Sabrina Dring	Math/Science	Ryan Beckel	Social Studies
Hannah Burgess	ELA	Haley Imperato	Math



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October



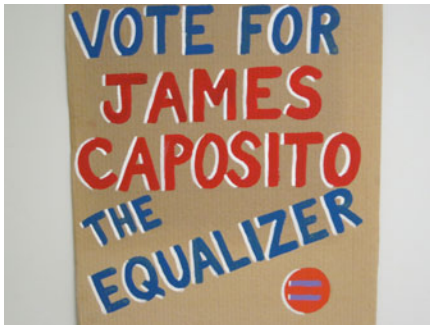
Mathew Scolaro	ELA/Social Studies	Nicholas Sirico	ELA/Social Studies
David Anderson	ELA	Ella Torregrosa	ELA
Annie Pittman	Math	Austin Arzon	Math
Chris Costello	Science	Karimah Kahrs	Math
Kyle Carroll	Math	Briana Martins	ELA
Kaitlin Millicker	ELA	Constantine George	Social Studies
Liron Muriqi	Social Studies	Lawrence Gisser	Social Studies
Matthew Jenkins	Math	Max Martins	Science
Meghan O'Leary	Math	Kaitlyn Tryon	Science
Mariana Silva	Social Studies	Ryan Patterson	Math/Science
Cole Patterson	Math/Science	Zoe Leone	Math



Student Government

By, Nicholas Brugnoli

On October 13, 2009, our middle school had speeches for the candidates running for Student Government. The candidates worked really hard preparing for this special, (and nervous) day. The candidates all turned in their speeches to Mr. Hanna a few days before the speeches were given to the whole school. Mr. Hanna had to approve of them before they were presented. That's a smart idea, because if he didn't look at them first, then people could say anything, and it would be chaos. Anyway...back to reality. There was a lot of pressure for the people who were giving the speeches, but they still were able to give them and make them inspiring for everyone who was listening. The speeches were really great, influential, awesome, cool, and some of them were funny. But the bottom line is that each speech given was really fabulous in its own special way. I give loads of credit to those who made speeches, and who took on the challenge of making a speech to the whole school. They were all really interesting and meaningful to listen to.



By, Dimitrios Tomais

This year's middle school speeches were better than ever! There were candidates in each grade level that had to write and say their speeches about how they wanted to improve the school. They also had to write an essay. Each student had to give their speech in front of the whole school at the PAC. They were very brave and courageous.

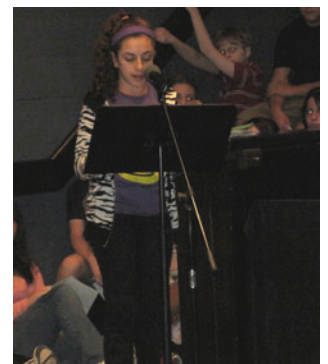
Every speech means something to the school. They were all great. A lot of people said in their speeches about the turf and recess equipment. Everyone voted the same day and the results came in the next day at the end of school. The students that ran put a lot of time and hard work on their speeches and essays. There were a ton of posters before everyone voted. Every wall and a lot of doors had posters everywhere.

Each student had to vote for their own grade level. The sixth and seventh grade students were allowed to vote for the eighth grade representatives.

In fifth and sixth grade, there are congressmen and congresswomen. In the seventh grade, there are senators. In the eighth grade, there are two co-presidents, and a vice president. Mr. Hanna is the head of the student council.

Here is how it all works: Let's say that the fifth grade congress people think of an idea to improve our school. It will have to be passed by the sixth grade congress people, then the seventh grade senators, and then the eighth grade vice president and two co-presidents.

Finally at the end, Mr. Hanna has to approve it and then it will be okay to do. Every time the student government gets together, they think about ways to improve and even sometimes to make fun events in the school.



Student Government

By, Dimitrios Tomais

**Here is the list of the Student Government Representatives that were voted into office
for the school year 2009 - 2010.
Congratulations and Good Luck to all.**

The results:

Fifth grade congress members:

Liron Muriqi

Tiger Tang

Sixth grade congress members:

Lauren Crimmins

Justin Tompkins

Seventh grade senators:

Denis McNamara

Annmarie Spica

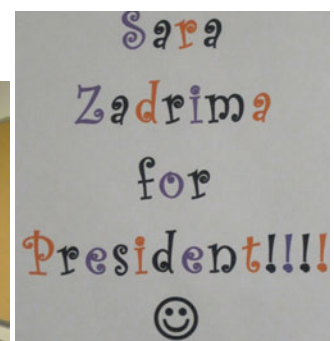
Vice president:

Juliana Albano

Two co presidents:

Sara Zadrima

Blendi Muriqi



School Event

The Wellness Fair

Thank you to our PVMS Health Teacher, Mrs. Darreff for organizing a great Wellness Fair this year. There was a great turnout of parents, students and other family members.

It looked like everyone had a great time. There were many different wellness stations that you could attend. Some of us had kick boxing lessons, others of us were really “grossed out” when we saw two sets of lungs hanging next to each other. One was a smoker’s lung and the other was a lung of a non-smoker. What a difference. Looking at this should make everyone realize smoking is not a healthy choice.

Here are a few candid photos of us all enjoying the wonderful evening.



School Events

Here is an Interview between our reporter, Christina George, and our school Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Castrillon:

Christina: "Would you make Red Ribbon Week, longer or shorter?"

Mrs. Castrillon: "I would make it *Red Ribbon Month* instead of Red Ribbon Week, but I wouldn't want to interrupt student's learning."

Christina: "Do you feel that the way PVMS celebrates Red Ribbon Week is good, and if not what would you do to make it better?"

Mrs. Castrillon: "I feel that the way we celebrate Red Ribbon Week is great because dressing up makes students want to get involved with Red Ribbon Week."

Christina: "What other programs do PVMS have to prevent students from doing drugs?"

Mrs. Castrillon: "There is the "Allstars" Program and it also teaches students about drugs."

Thank you for spending some of your time with me, Mrs. Castrillon.

By Christina George

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated here at Putnam Valley Middle School (PVMS) and is celebrated across the nation. Red Ribbon Week started in 1988 to honor the D.E.A Agent Enrique Camarena. The D.E.A. is the Drug Enforcement Administration. An incident that helped start Red Ribbon Week was in February of 1985: Agent Enrique Camarena was kidnapped and killed in Mexico. Camarena was thirty-seven years old when he uncovered a multi billion-dollar drug scam in which he had suspected officers of the Mexican army, Mexican police forces, and the Mexican government to be selling drugs. When he was exiting his office one day five men kidnapped him. One month later he was found tortured, beaten and dead in a grave. People honor him because he was undercover and risking his life to reveal a drug scam. He was a hero for trying to prevent people from doing drugs.

The U.S. Congress declared Red Ribbon Week in honor and support for Agent Enrique Camarena. Red Ribbon Week at PVMS is celebrated by dressing up on every day of the week as seen below. On Monday morning we all received bracelets that state "Say Peace Out To Drugs" on one side and, "I'll Pass" * "No Thanks" * "Drugs Aren't Cool" on the other. Also, as you may not know, throughout the day Mrs. Castrillon, our PVMS guidance counselor, had been judging people and giving out daily prizes to whoever had the most creative costumes. There were many winners.

Mrs. Castrillon suggests that Red Ribbon Week should be turned into Red Ribbon Month, but she fears that that would interrupt the students learning experience. Mrs. Castrillon feels that the way PVMS celebrates Red Ribbon Week is good because we make it fun for students. "That makes students want to take part of Red Ribbon Week", said Mrs. Castrillon. Other programs that teach us about drugs is the "All Stars" program. Mrs. Castrillon feels that that is a good curriculum to teach about leading a healthy life without drugs. Make good choices!

Red Ribbon Week	
Monday Oct. 19 th	"Band Against Drugs" Wear Red to support RED RIBBON WEEK!
Tuesday Oct. 20 th	"Put a Lid on Drugs" Wear a hat!
Wednesday Oct. 21 st	"Drugs and I Don't Mix" Mismatch your clothes!
Thursday Oct. 22 nd	"Say NO With Flair Wear Crazy Hair" The crazier the hair, the better!
Friday Oct. 23 rd	"Dress to Impress, No drugs Equals Success" Dress in your most fabulous attire!

SCHOOL EVENTS

RED RIBBON WEEK



School Events



60's day

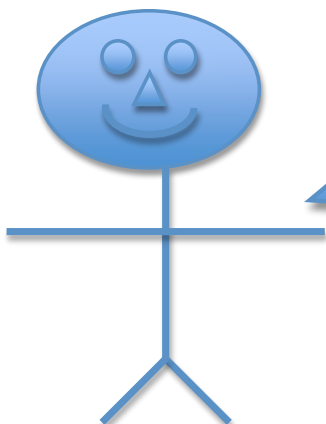


By Rachel Stockinger

On September 16th our school had 60's day. It was "groovy"! The point of 60's day is to know what it would be like if we lived during the 1960's. We dressed as if we were living during this time. We wore tie-dye shirts, jeans and lots of peace sign jewelry. Some people even wore Afro wigs. The teachers even dressed up! The highlight of the day was when we all went over to the PAC and listened to a band called, "Squeaky Clean". They talked about what life was like during the 60's. They also sang some songs from that era. "Squeaky Clean" sang "Surfin' USA", "Born To Be Wild", "I'm a Believer", and many more. This was the best day of the year so far!

PICTURE DAY

By Matthew Scolaro



Smile for the camera! On October 6th, 2009, it was Picture Day! Students had a choice of a backdrop; Pastel, Laser, Gray, Blue, and an Outdoor Scene. Everyone, including teachers, faculty, and staff got their picture taken. In the end, everyone got a nice, black comb. There was an option to buy a picture packet where you can choose which picture you like to get developed. Everyone whose picture was taken will be transferred into the PVMS yearbook. This will be sold and distributed at the end of the year.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

OTZI

Who?

By Matthew Scolaro

My 6th grade class, Mrs. Brothers and Mr. McCarty, did a project on Otzi; a preserved corpse of a man. All groups had a choice to create an iMovie, iWeb, Podcast, or GarageBand file that would give information about Otzi. All students did a great job. We learned a lot about this man of many mysteries. Some projects were awesome! Others weren't as good, but good. All projects were creative and fun to watch; we enjoyed listening to what the students had to say about Otzi. All the projects were displayed on the classroom projector, so it was like a movie! It was a fun learning experience.

Our projects were just one of the assignments that prepared us for the Social Studies Unit Test. Thanks, teachers!



OTZI, The Ice Man?

By Tyrique Scantlebury

Ice Man who? The Ice Man was a man who lived thousands of years ago. Scientists found the body frozen in the Alps. The Alps are these big mountains. Scientists believe this man was a hunter. His remains were found scattered around the Alps Mountains. He had an axe and a spear. He was wearing a leather cloak made of grass. The mystery of the Ice Man begins!

The Ice Man was found 18 years ago but he lived at least 5,000 years ago. The Ice Man was thought to be a hunter and there are many clues that tell this is probably true. The Ice Man had what looked like a belt around his waist holding useful items for hunting, including a copper axe, a drill, a scraper, and a knife. He was wearing a cloak and had on snowshoes. He was also believed to be wearing some sort of bag or backpack.

Scientists have scanned and x-rayed Otzi [which is his real name.] They think they know about his life and what he looked like. Scientists initially thought that he died from exposure to a winter storm. Now the scientists think someone killed him or maybe some sort of sacrifice from his tribe. There is a lot to learn about the Ice Man. This is really the only big connection to our ancestors. Scientists are still keeping the body at a science university in northern Italy.



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Bringing Some Culture to our Day

Mrs. Estevez, our ESL teacher, (English as a Second Language), was invited to Mrs. Pratt's class to teach her students how to "Salsa" and "Merengue".

Looks like everyone, teachers and students, got a hands on experience.

The Merengue is the national dance of the Dominican Republic, and is very popular throughout the Caribbean and South America

Salsa is a mix of many Latin and Afro-Caribbean dances. Each played a large part in its evolution.



A Thanksgiving Feast

Mmmm. We smell something good!

Turns out, on Wednesday, November 25th, the great smells we smelled while trying to learn, were coming from Mrs. Pratt's classroom. All of the teachers and students in the class helped to prepared an entire Thanksgiving meal!



Looks like they had lots of hands-on chopping, dicing, boiling, mashing, baking, washing, drying and EATING!.



Looks like they had a great day and a great Meal.



PVMS PLAYERS

By Kathryn O'Leary

Tryouts for *Guys and Dolls* were held for 5th and 6th grades on Wednesday, September 30th and 7th and 8th grades on Thursday, October 1st.

At tryouts, you had to fill out a try-out form. You had to include your name, what part you wanted, and which days you can't go to practice.

The judges were Mrs. Craane, and Ms. Kraus. They would ask you to go on the stage to sing a part of a song. While you are waiting to try out, you could do your homework or play on your iPod Touch. Here are the results:



Sky Masterson.....Denis McNamara.
Sarah Brown.....(Fri.)Samantha Cunningham
(Sat.)Sofia France

Nathan Detroit.....Joey Nolan
Miss Adelaide.....(Fri.)Amelia Spittal
(Sat.)Erin Mah

Nicely-Nicely Johnson.....Sebastian Link
Benny Southstreet.....Jelani Bell-Isaac
Rusty Charlie.....Alexander Craven
Matilda Abernathy.....(Fri.)Carly Bartelini

Lt. Brannigan.....Justin Mazzarisi
General Cartwright.....Yasmine Annabi
Harry the Horse.....Diego Patino
Joey Biltmore.....Brendan Matthews
Big Jule.....Denis Kelly
Angie the Ox.....Samuel Alper
Master of Ceremonies.....James Caposito
Waiter.....Nicholas Sirico

Hot Box Girls:

Courtney Carlsen, Bridget Cassidy, Victoria Chizzik, Nicole Fabiano, Antonia Hoyos, Emma Longden, Leah Mangi, Gianna McPartland, Kaitlyn Phillips, Annie Pittman, Connie Salerno, Michelle Sawin, Jessica Wagner

Crapshooters:

James Caposito, Timothy Chizzik, Cody Flanagan, Lucas Hendrickson, Teodor Marinov, Brendan Matthews, Patrick McCaffrey, Mike O'Hare, Liam O'Leary, Nichola Sirico, Elijah Travis

Mission Band:

Shannon Rogers, Kotoe Abe, Samantha Bruno, Claire Campos, Lauren Costello, Sara Donnelly, Jamie Galeano, Kelly Greenwood, Danielle Lopez, Jadyn Marshall, Amanda Mascarelli, Tori McCaffrey, Katie O'Leary, Tess Rhian, Sarah Scocozza

Guy/Newspaper Stand Owner.....Liam Byrne
Guy/Man with Packages/Pickpocket.....Matthew Jenkins

Guy/Cop/Havana Scene.....Kyle Carroll
Girl with Package/Havana/Sightseer.....Danielle Henry

The Sightseer.....Liam O'Leary
The Drunk.....Mike O'Hare

Wow! What amazing results! Congratulations to the people who won a part(s)!

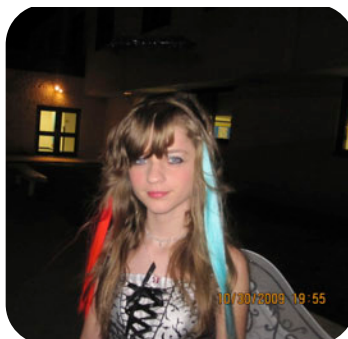
**Mark your calendars now for the show dates. March 26 & 27, 2010.
You won't want to miss this one!**

School Events

HALLOWEEN DANCE

By Alexander Craven

On October 30, 2009, one night before HALLOWEEN, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders went to the HALLOWEEN DANCE! I'm only here to tell you about 5th and 6th. If you are one of the people who did not come to the Halloween dance, you missed out on a lot of stuff! There was candy, a DJ, music, contests, and much more! People had so many crazy costumes and accessories. It was 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. There were 2 contests. One of them was a costume contest: 3rd place went to Olivia Weise as Cleopatra; 2nd place, "unknown zombie dude"; 1st place, Jadyn Marshall as a birdhouse! For the dance contest... We were ALL WINNERS (Well, whoever came)!!! Anyway, this was a great dance, mostly because it was the FIRST ONE IN A WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR!!! We are finally having dances again! It's great!



By Michael Roman

On October 30, 2009 PVMS had its first school dance. This was the first dance since Spring 2008. This dance was the Halloween Dance. Everyone came in their halloween costumes.

Costumes such as, an old lady, Yankee players, cows, Luigi, and Indian Princesses, were at the dance. There were best costume prizes. Adrian Silva won third place as Luigi. Second place was Kelsey McCann as an Indian Princess. First place was Hayley Rottenkolber as an old lady.

There was a great DJ on hand. Some music was "Down", "Cotton Eye Joe", and "I Gotta Feeling".

This dance was great considering we haven't had one in a while.



Did You Know?

By Jelani Bridges-Butler

Columbus Day

Columbus Day is a very special day because Christopher Columbus found North and South America by accident. He was actually trying to find Asia. He called North and South America; the new land. The rhyme is: Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492.



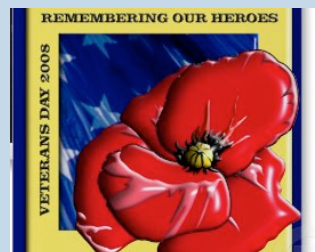
Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy, 1451 and died on May 20, 1506. There were three ships; the Pinta, the Santa Maria, and the Nina, but not all of them found America. After four weeks, the sailors wanted to go back. They thought they would die if they didn't turn around. Columbus said, "If we don't find land in three days, we will go back". He offered a prize to the first man to see land. Two times someone shouted, "Land!", but it was a mistake. At last, they saw some birds. They followed the birds. On the thirty-fifth day, two hours after midnight, a sailor on the Pinta shouted, "Land!" He could see land by the light of the moon! But Christopher Columbus did not know it was not what he was looking for. Soon Columbus found out that it was not Asia. The people who lived on the island were the Arawak. They called their island, Guahanal. The indians were surprised because they had never seen travelers before. He thought he was in a part of Japan. Did you know that the indians did not name themselves? Christopher Columbus named them. Columbus named the island San Salvador. He claimed San Salvador for the King and Queen of Spain. He did not ask the indians if they would like to belong to Spain. Queen Isabella made Columbus the ruler of the lands he discovered. She was very happy with his discoveries. The men who went with him did not find a lot of gold. They were disappointed. Some of them said Columbus was a cruel leader. They sent him to jail in Spain. That was one of the amazing parts of the life of Christopher Columbus and he is a part of our world's history.

sources: www.Teachervision.fen.com www.ibiblio.org www.wikipedia.com

VETERAN'S DAY

By Matthew Scolaro

Hold your poppies!



It was Veteran's Day on November 11th. We were off from school this day for a perfectly good reason... to honor our veterans, living or deceased, who fought in wars.

We must take this time to reflect on our family members and one day follow in their footsteps, defending the U.S.

One day we will make a difference too.

Club News

By Tyrique Scantlebury

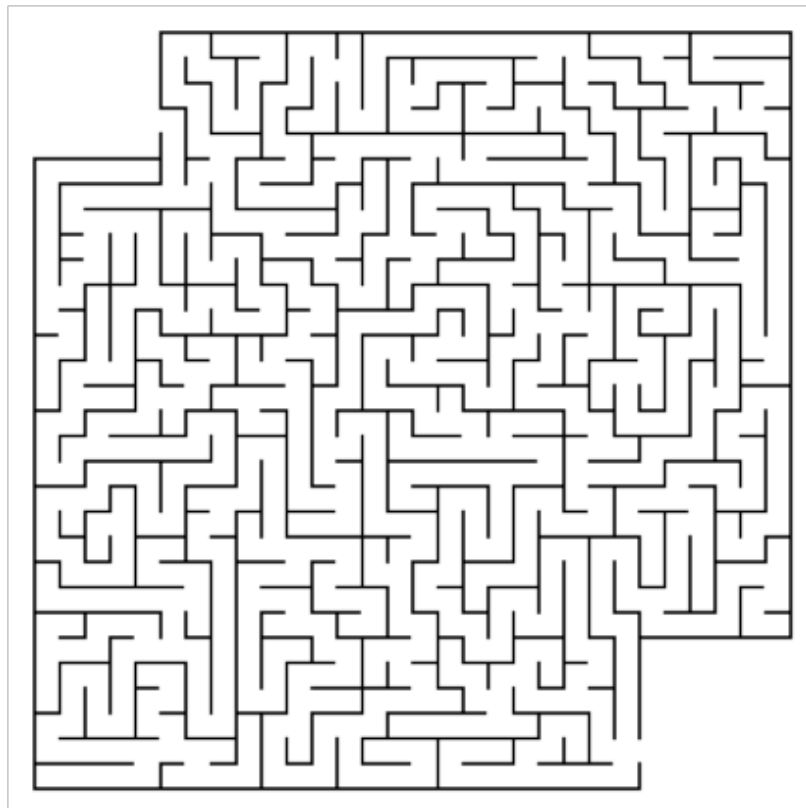
Comics, articles, interviews...

If you don't already know, you are looking at the Newspaper Club!

Newspaper Club is back and running! We started our first meeting on the 13th of October. It is the fun club where you can write articles and express your fantastic ideas. People with all talents can join this club. Besides writing articles, there is a lot more to do in Newspaper Club such as; making comic strips, recording videos, doing interviews, and much more! Newspaper Club is loads of fun! The school newspaper, The Tiger Times, is full of articles written by kids including yours truly, Tyrique. Remember... in Newspaper Club you are able to express your ideas and opinions. Plus it's all in the name of fun!

Brain Teaser

By Dimitrios Tomais



Who's New?

By
Rachel Stockinger



**Rachel
meets our
new students**

Hey, did you know that we have some new kids in our school? They let me know more about themselves so I could share them with everyone.

Joseph Dejesus is in the 8th grade. He took some time to talk to me and answer some questions about how it feels like to be a new kid in the school.

Joseph went to Berean Christian School. He liked his school and he liked the sports teams because they won almost every championship. What he likes best here at P.V.M.S. is that we have laptops. Joseph said, "I think it is pretty good." What is different here is that we don't have to wear uniforms. He had to in his other school. Joseph does not play sports and is not in any clubs yet at PVMS. His favorite class so far is social studies.

Jelani Bridges-Butler is in the 5th grade and he answered the same questions. He had many things to say. Jelani attended Croton Elementary School. He liked his other school because it had more kids than the P.V.M.S.. But at Croton, they had to bring their lunch every day to school, where here we can buy lunch. He thinks P.V.M.S. is fine so far. Jelani says we don't walk in lines with the teacher where he had to in his old school. He goes to Newspaper Club, Guitar Club, and Knitting Club. Jelani's favorite class is Gym.

It was very interesting learn about what other schools are like. Thank you to the students who I interviewed that gave up their time.



**Rachel
talks to our
new students**

Brain Teasers

Halloween

By, Gina Hendrickson

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Brain Teasers



Mystery Holiday

By, Gina Hendrickson

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