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What's Up at Schuylkill?

Fifth Grade Play: WE ARE MONSTERS

By: Sydney King

Will monsters and humans be friends?????

Well you will figure out in the musical, We Are Monsters!

The 5th grade musical is an ongoing event that has taken place for many years. It is directed by Ms. Valencia (4th grade teacher) and Ms. Lamont (5th grade teacher). The students in the play had to audition. They now have practice Tuesdays and Thursdays (when told) 3:55-5:15. They will perform on March 25th at 6:30pm. The leads are Claire Smith (Jade), Alistair St. Hilaire (Westerly), Aiden Charnley (KC), Adelyn Coleman (Sunny), and Chloe Smith (Oozy Lumpa) . Get ready for the best fifth grade musical ever!!!!!!

In the play the roles there are...

-human

-monsters

-werewolves

-vampires

Or you could be in the chorus. All the parts are cool!

Valentine's Parties

By: Cinthya Martinez



Many people celebrate Valentine's day. Here at Schuylkill School, our Valentine's day party was on the 12 th. Many people like our Valentine's day party because they get candies and play games. Lily and many others only like the candies. "I only like the Valentine's day party because of the candies. You get many kinds of candies and a lot of it." Thank you, Lily Robins. Many like Sydney like the party in general, "I think the party is a good time to interact with your friends and get a good craft and snack. I don't think the candy is useful because people go home and throw it away." Thank you, Sydney King. At Schuylkill School, many parents or guardians volunteer to help at our Valentine's day party. Some bake homemade treats and some buy snacks or games. We are lucky to have a Valentine's day party!

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Peer Mediation at Schuylkill School

By: Grace Pisarcik

Peer mediation is a youth to youth problem solving community. As Mrs. McErlean the school's guidance counselor said "peer mediation is a group of fifth graders trained by Mrs. McErlean, Miss Landis and Mr. Burnett in the peer mediation script. As challenges come up in the school, we select two peer mediators to listen and try to resolve the problem in a private way."

Now that you understand peer mediation it's time to hear how meetings go down. First off, Mrs. McErlean selects two peer mediators to help solve an issue between students. Some problems such as she said this, and he said that, or I feel left out types of problems come to us and are soon resolved. So, the peer mediators get an orange card with guidelines on it and they talk to the kids with the issue and ask about both sides. They also produce solutions to the problem. But there is one rule when the meeting is over, both the peer mediators and the children with the problem must not share anything about the meeting. They can't share it with there, best friend or even their parents.

The people in peer mediation are hardworking and good at working with people. There are several peer mediators and their purpose is to help our school community and solve issues around the school. Peer mediation is not just about finding solutions to problems it's about the people we help.



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The Gotcha Mart is a Good Place

By: Eva Kansal

The Gotcha Mart is a good place because it encourages students to follow the Phantom way to earn gotchas, it offers prizes to buy with the gotchas you earn and it congrats you to the entire school! I think the Gotcha Mart has cool prizes. One reason I think the Gotcha Mart is a good place is that it encourages students to behave. In the beginning and end of the day, you hear a lot of names on the announcements. If you want to earn a gotcha, it's pretty easy! Two people earned an epic gotcha for cleaning up someone's water spill during their recess without being asked! This is how the Gotcha Mart encourages students to follow the Phantom Way.

Another reason why the Gotcha Mart is a good place is that it offers prizes to buy with the gotchas you earn. For example, at the Gotcha Mart you can buy squishies for ten gotchas, and two to three things in the five gotcha section in the Gotcha Mart.

My final reason why I think the Gotcha Mart good place is that congrats you to the entire school. For example, everyone gets to know that you earned a gotcha/epic gotcha! At the end of the day, don't you hear someone congratulate everyone who earned gotchas/epic gotchas?

I think the Gotcha Mart is a good place because, like student of the month, it encourages students to follow the Phantom Way, it offers prizes to get with the gotchas you earn, and it congrats you in front of the entire school. I think the Gotcha Mart has good prizes!

A 'Q and A' with Mrs. McErlean:

Q: Where did you get the idea for the gotcha mart?

A: From getting gotchas more fun.

Q: Why do you think the gotcha mart is a great idea?

A: It motivates kids to show good behavior.

5 gotchas	pencils	stickers	Bookmarks	bracelets		
10 gotchas	books	posters	crayons	<u>squishies</u>	announcements	
15 gotchas	certificates	pouches	Key chains	Markers	Colored pencils	

New items

Fundraising Events at Schuylkill

By: Ben Slivinski, Neil Call and Anthony Sepega

Miles for Smiles

Miles for Smiles is a foundation that began in 2016 and it is dedicated to Emily. When Emily was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 6 months, she loved to play with her friends and family, and seemed to smile through everything. When she passed away on September 5, 2016, her family started the program Miles for Smiles and dedicated it to her. The community loved this idea because they could get a lot of exercise from it, and that the money they raised to run would go towards a good cause. This fundraiser is beneficial for children in the hospital. The money donated at the 5k goes to cancer research and helping kids going through the similar things in the hospital like Emily. Schuylkill and the community can participate and show your support by attending the 5k and other events run through the foundation. <https://runsignup.com/milesforsmiles>

Ryans Case for Smiles

This fundraiser started when Ryann Kerr was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (a type of cancer that produces immature bone) and battled through tough times throughout his childhood. The money and fabric that you and others donate goes to people who sew unique pillowcases for children in the hospital going through what Ryan went through. These thoughtful donations delight the children and provides stress relief for parents, but most of all the children. Ryan's case for smiles has really grown and has over 120 chapters worldwide. Ryans case for smiles appreciates the volunteers and the donations worldwide. You can "help kids feel better to heal better" said Ryan's case for smiles by donating a whimsical pillowcase and giving your time will really make a difference. Also, you can donate fabric and even just spread awareness for Ryan's case for smiles. Our school participates in this fundraiser. On Feb. 28 and for the next week student government will be selling smiles which will fill the "smile wall" near the office. You can help one smile at a time by donating \$1 or more for a smile to be sent to the hospital. "With every stitch, every yard of fabric, and every pillowcase we are one step closer to our goal of helping kids cope with illnesses worldwide." <https://caseforsmiles.org/>



Ryan's
CASE for SMILES
Helping kids feel better to heal better

Welcome to Schuylkill!

By: Isabelle Murphy, Gianna Pinnock and McKayla Nejman

Mrs. Mcleod is a new teacher here at Schuylkill in third grade and I am going to teach you a little bit about her.

She likes the community here and how kind everyone is to each other. She also likes how ready her students are to learn every day. She likes coming in everyday and seeing everybody smiling and getting along with each other. She likes to teach writing and she likes seeing what awesome and creative stories her kids come up. She also loves to read at the beach.



This is Mrs. Schultz with her second grade class! Welcome Mrs. Schultz!

Miss. Eddy is a new behavior specialist at our school. She likes to work with many students and watch them grow and learn new things. She likes to ski and she likes to hang out with family and friends. She teaches the students she works with how to build respectful friendships.



Welcome to Schuylkill!

By: Isabelle Murphy, Gianna Pinnock and McKayla Nejman



Mrs. Pettyjohn joined us this year as Mrs. Howell's long-term sub! She likes to read *Winn Dixie* and *Wonder*. She also thinks that 3rd graders are nice and fun!!!

Ms. Varano is a new teacher in 3rd grade. This is her first-year teaching in 3 grade. She likes the age of her students because she thinks they are more mature, and she likes to see them grow and understand what they learn. Her favorite subject is math. Before Ms. Varano started teaching 3rd grade, she was a dance teacher. She has been dancing since she was 3. She also likes to watch football.



Welcome to Schuylkill!

By: Isabelle Murphy, Gianna Pinnock and McKayla Nejman

Another new teacher
hear at Schuylkill is
Mrs. Andrew. She
likes teaching
multiplication and
division facts because
it makes math easy.
Something she likes
to do in her free time
is go to the beach
when its warm out.

Did you hear about the new special? No, what?! That's right a new special...STEM! STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Ms. Gerner, Ms. Landis, and Mr. Coccia are the STEM teachers this year! Mr. Coccia likes to teach kids because he likes to see them grow and become smarter. He likes to help his students. He has been teaching for 7 years. He was inspired to become a teacher because both of his parents and aunt and uncle were teachers. He was a construction worker for 10 years and that's why his favorite part about STEM is engineering. It is also because he and his dad used build things when he was a child. He spent 6 years at his last school, and this is his first year at Schuylkill.



Debate It: Is School Store a Waste of Money? YES!!

By: Will Rost

Many students are starting to think school store is a waste of money. Students have stopped bringing money for school store. Students have lost interest. Students are starting to think school store is a waste of money.

School store is a program that Schuylkill has. On Thursdays during lunch, parents volunteer to sell “school supplies” at tables in the back of the cafeteria. Students stop buying pens, pencils and folders but one of the things that students will buy, are little eraser putties. Some teachers think they are a distraction and frankly... they’re not wrong.

Students are starting to lose interest because they only want eraser putties, scented highlighters, glow pens, etc. I find that kind of strange because school store is supposedly selling school supplies. But school supplies aren't distracting!



=1 student of newspaper club

School store is a waste of money							
School store is not a waste of money							

The head of our newspaper club thinks that actual school supplies like pencils, erasers and pens are not a waste of money. But she thinks the supplies such as scented eraser putty's, scented highlighters and paper footballs are a waste of money.

Debate It: Is School Store a Waste of Money? No WAY!

School store is better than you think!

By: Grace Pisarcik and Cinthya Martinez

School store is a useful shop for kids to find toys, schools supplies and more small collectibles. The students can use these supplies in class and have a little fun. Although there small they still can be used.

The toys that are supplies are pens, folders, notebooks, pencil sharpeners, highlighters and erasers. I've seen kids in class with a few of these things. The supplies have cute designs on them which makes kids eager to buy them. The erasers can be different shapes, and some can be objects or animals.

School store also helps Schuylkill. Schuylkill gets the money from the purchase's the students made. Our schools use the money for the stuff we need. They pay for everything. If we take away school store, we won't be able to have all the good things the school supplies us. So, for example if you're a soccer person you won't be able to have a good soccer's balls anymore.

In conclusion, we should still have school store because all the store provides us with many options. School store is not a waste of money



What's happening outside of SES?

Sickness Outbreak

By: Lily Robins

Are you feeling out of sorts? Do you have a fever? If not, you may have noticed that some of your classmates have been out sick lately. It is most likely because of these new (and old) sicknesses. Some of these are worse than others. For example, if you have the common cold then you won't have a huge problem. If you have a sickness such as the Corona Virus, it is more serious and something to not ignore. The Corona Virus seems like the common cold at first, but it turns into something worse that can be severe and sometimes fatal.

Some of these new sicknesses include:

1.Global Influenza Pandemic.

2.Antimicrobial
Resistance.

3.Ebola and high-threat
pathogens

4.Dengue

A way to prevent these illnesses is washing your hands, don't touch your face (as your mom might say), have enough sleep, get vaccinated are the top 3 things. Other ways to not get sick are, healthy diet, exercise, keep reasonable distance from sick people.

So, if you feel out of sorts, visit a nearby doctor or go to the nurse.

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Current Trends

By: Emily Batzel

Scrunchies

A current trend among girls of all ages are scrunchies.

Scrunchies can be used in different ways. They are mainly used for a hair tie but some wear them on their wrists. Yes, scrunchies are made for your hair but wearing them on wrists makes it handy for when you need a ponytail. Scrunchies come in all different colors, designs, size and material.



Tik Tok dances

Tik Tok is a social media where you can enjoy short videos of people doing random things like the renegade dance. The renegade is the most popular Tik Tok dance in 2020 so far. A lot of people enjoy doing Tik Tok dances but are they a waste of time? What is

your opinion



Lunch Room!

Make sure your lunch _____ is
(container)
filled with nutritious _____ food. Do
(adjective)
not go to the _____ food stand across
(adjective)
the street from school. The hamburgers they
serve are fried in _____ and are made
(noun)
of _____ meat. So take a sandwich made
(animal)
of _____ or _____ it's much
(vegetable) (vegetable)
healthier! Drink _____ milk instead of
(color)
_____ colas.
(adjective)



Fun and Games

School

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