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Welcome to our third issue of The Gladiator. This is our first-ever ANTI-BULLYING issue. Not everything in this issue pertains to bullying, but most of our content does. By talking about bullying, we hope to try and understand why it happens, come up with ways to combat it and give students some options of what to do when it does occur.

Bullying is something that many students face on a daily basis. These students are often fearful of coming to school. We hope that this special issue will help those students in need of guidance and a little support.

Don't forget to check out our Walk Down Memory Lane photos of our teachers and staff. See if you can guess who is who....

As always, please feel free to tell us what you think of our online newspaper. We appreciate your constructive criticism.

Thank you from the Newspaper Club.

PEER MEDIATION

by Andrew Lupinski

We all know that bullying happens in many different types of situations. Even our best friends can be bullies at times. Where do you go when you have a problem with someone? You come to Peer Mediation. Peer Mediation is a process where students help other students work out disagreements. What kind of disagreements? Well, arguments about rumors, fights, general misunderstandings between friends, basically anything that involves a conflict between two or more individuals. You yourself, can come and ask for a mediation or if you know two people having a problem, refer them.

This program has been in the school since 1995. You can refer friends, teachers, staff, administrators or even yourself. This usually happens during lunch, study hall, or literacy. Fellow students volunteered in the fall and have been trained to mediate various situations. The mediator will be from your own grade. We have sworn not to tell anyone of the disagreement, what was said or what the outcome was. So your secrets and problems are safe.

Hopefully, after talking things out together, the two disputants come up with their own solutions to the problem for a "Win! Win!" solution. The disputes can only be resolved with 2 people. If there are larger groups involved, they get broken down. We do not want anyone getting hurt. So if you know of problems or situations, come on down and ask for a peer mediation. Thank you Mrs. Bigg, for interviewing with me for this article.

TEACHER PROFILE –Mrs. Blake

Have you heard about our new school counselor, Mrs. Blake? Well, she's awesome and she does what she loves all day and that is helping students. That works out great for us, because everyone needs help every now and then. Here's what she enjoys.

1. I enjoy working with students and helping them with their programs and activities.



2. I enjoy working with all teachers and staff.



3. I love to watch students' growth academically.

4. I like to see students overcome their problems and carry on.



5. I love helping kids.

6. I love watching movies.



7. I love my puppy Benny.



8. I enjoy cooking a sit-down dinner with my husband.



9. I love spending time with my family.

10. I love to take photos.



10 STRATEGIES TO STOP YOURSELF FROM BEING A BULLY



If you are a bully, here are 10 helpful suggestions to stop yourself. Think about:

1. Who will witness this event and who will tell on you?
2. What will your parents do if they know?
3. What if you were bullied, how would you feel?
4. Simply take a deep breath and count to 10.
5. What will happen to the kid?
6. Think of the kids feelings.
7. What are the consequences?
8. Think positive thoughts instead of negative thoughts.
9. Will yourself to turn and walk away.
10. Would the kid be nice to me if I'm nice to him/her?

If you are not a bully, this may be future reference. If you are a bully, use one of these simple suggestions to stop yourself before the damage is done.

OPINIONATED STUDENTS

By Joe Dorn

For this edition of the paper we decided to ask students, "What little 'tricks' do you have up your sleeve at home, to MAKE SURE a snow day happens?"



1. **I put underwear in the freezer.**
Koral Flores
2. **I turn my pjs inside out and backwards.**
Joe Dorn
3. **I leave the freezer open.**
Robert Larca
4. **I do a snow dance on my front lawn. It's very scientific!**
Mrs. Nuara
5. **I scream at the sky to snow.**
Michael Iodice
6. **I leave my snow shovels on my porch for easy access.**
Miss Jordan
7. **I throw ice cubes on my front lawn. Works like a charm!**
Mr. Guarneiri

WHY BULLIES BULLY
By Fiona Hill



At some point in everyone's life, we've all been a bully. Sometimes we're just not aware that we are doing it. Most of us have not gone further with bullying than yelling on the playground. On the other hand, there are people who take it much further; who actually punch, kick, scream, and abuse others. It's often hard to understand why these people continuously bully.

Bulies often take their own problems out on others. Often their problems are heart breaking and can't be fixed. Let me tell you a story. There once was a tough kid who walked the school halls all angry and scary. He was keeping all his hurt feelings inside. Mean though it may seem, he was taking his anger out on innocent kids in the halls. He was having problems at home and dreaded what he came home to everyday. He did not have his own safe place to go after school. How would you feel if this was your situation? You might end up blaming yourself for the problems or blaming the world.

Sometimes we can't help these souls who take their anger out on innocent people. When they punch, kick, scream, punish, and abuse others, just know that they feel pain of their own on the inside. The problem is that you can't see it because he or she doesn't want you to know. If you understand that this is how bullying works, you may be a little wiser and it will help you to understand why bullies bully.

What Happened: An Experience With Bullying By Max Pizarro



Hello. The incident I'm referring to happened about a month ago. Oh, excuse me, where are my manners? I am James. Well, where do I start? Oh....I know, I'll go back to before the incident to try and put things into perspective.

My friend, Ron, is a good person. He and I get along like we're family. When we went home on this particular Tuesday afternoon we saw Sid, the school bully and his toady Jack. These two bullies stopped us, took our homework, and then ran off. I didn't know it, but Ron decided he was going to tell somebody about the incident. The next day Ron went straight to the Principal's office to tell on Sid and Jack. That turned out to be a bad decision.

Ten minutes after the homeroom bell rang I was called to Mr.Harris' office. Mr. Harris was the best Principal a school could ask for, but if you were on his bad side, look out! When I got to the office Sid, Jack, and my best friend Ron were sitting in the Principal's office. Mr. Harris said, "James, so nice of you to join us in this little chat. It seems that you and Ron have bullied people according to these victims Sid and Jack." I stood there with my mouth hanging open. I held prestigious positions in numerous clubs so I knew that if this lie got out, that it would hurt my life significantly. I asked Mr.

Harris if he could excuse Ron, Sid, and Jack, for a moment and he agreed. I told the Principal that yesterday Sid and Jack had bullied another kid outside the school. I told him how they stole our homework and changed the names on the top of the page so they could tell their teachers that they had completed it. Mr. Harris' wife was our English teacher, and he asked her if Sid and Jack had turned in homework. She said that they had completed their homework. When she examined the work a bit more closely, Mrs. Harris realized that the work was not theirs.

Sid and Jack ended up getting into a lot of trouble for their bullying. Both of them got ISS and we thought they would never bother us again.....

When Sid and Jack got out of ISS they came to our lockers and they threatened to beat us up. I told them to leave us alone. I told them they were bullying us because they enjoy hurting people, because it makes them feel better. What kind of person gets pleasure from that? When I spoke the truth Sid hit me with all he had. I blacked out. When I woke up I was in Mr. Harris' office. I woke up saying, "Stop, don't punch me!" Mr. Harris looked at me with sympathy and at Sid, who was waiting outside of his office, with fury. Mr. Harris expelled Sid and Jack so that his school was safe. When Sid and Jack came back to the school, they had learned their lesson. They never bothered us again.

RANDOM STORY

By Sophie Weissman and Salma Alvarez










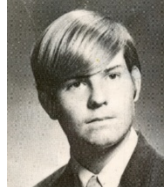





































Once upon a time, about 300 years ago, minus 399 years, which means that it was 42 years in the future (obviously), there was a sheep. His name was Baaaaab. We'll call him Bab for short. One day, Bab was crossing the road and got held up by a toll booth. The unicorn behind the counter threw cupcakes at him until he was covered from head to toe in a gooey mess. Bab thanked him kindly and left. He continued on his way, hooves clicking on the blacktop. Suddenly a huge snake appeared in front of him, wearing a top hat and monocle. The snake said, "Go forth brave Bab and seek your fortune." Bab thought this course of action was obvious and spat a gum drop at the snake thinking, "Wow, tell me something I don't already know." The snake fled in terror from the germy gum drop, leaving his top hat behind. Bab took the top hat and kept it. Suddenly, it started to rain and Bab got wet. So, he went home.....The moral of this story is that a tomato is a vegetable.















The End.

GUESS WHO THESE TEACHERS/STAFF ARE AND YOU COULD WIN A BIG CAFETERIA CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE FOR YOUR TABLE.

Pick up an entry form in the school foyer. Name as many staff members as you possibly can, and submit your answers to Miss Jordan in room 216. If you have any questions about how to submit your guesses, please see Miss Jordan. Have fun!

				
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