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Breaking News: Field Trip Funanza

By: Teddy Almeter, Clara Albacete, Megan Sovak, Annie Garness, and Jordan Yaniga

At the beginning of April, and throughout the rest of the year, starts the field trip season. This is when our school goes on various exciting field trips. The magazine sale helps to pay for the cost of the field trips. "Field trips are a fun way to get out of school and do something hands-on!" exclaimed an anonymous student. Every grade goes on at least one field trip every year. Most field trips occur during the warmer months of April, May, and sometimes even June. Field trips are a fun way for students to bond through games, all the while still learning. Where are you going this month?

Interviews

Q1: Where are you going on a field trip to this year?

Q2: Are excited to go on your field trip?

Mary Kromka– 8th Grade

A1: 7 Springs

A2: Yes, I love being outdoors!!!

Sal Banks– 5th Grade

A1: We already went to McKeever and took a tour of Pittsburgh.

A2: McKeever was okay, but the tour was fun!

Dominic Pascarella– 6th Grade

A1: History Center and Science Lab.

A2: Yes

Trevor Naman– 7th Grade

A1: Linsly and the Pirate Game.

A2: I'm excited for the Pirate Game. Linsly, not really.

Mike Reynolds– 8th Grade

A1: 7 Springs

A2: Yes

Cool Activities in the 'Burgh

By: Clara Albacete and Ryan Cooper

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra is a very exciting, entertaining, and all around amazing group that everyone should see! On April 24, 25, and 26 come watch The Texas Tenors sing with the PSO. The National Aviary is open from 10AM to 5PM every day and a great sight to see. Hand feed exotic birds and have the chance to see cute babies flying around your feet! The last item on our list this month is a visit to the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium! Have the chance to see adorable and awe-inspiring animals while enjoying the warm spring air! Have fun this April!

The men's basketball team for Pitt has just ended, and unfortunately they did not make it to the NCAA Tournament. The team did, however, go to the NIT tournament and lost to the University of George Washington. The Penguins are in the playoffs!! They will face the New York Rangers on Thursday, April 16th. The Pirates season kicked off April 6th in Cincinnati against the Reds. This team is turning some heads with some nice off season moves acquiring A.J. Burnett back from the Phillies. The team also got a player from South Korea who will provide a lot of minutes off of the bench on the roster. The team also signed Corey Hart who played for the Mariners last season. He will play first and can hit some homers for the team.

Editorial

By: Editors

Hello everyone! I hope you are all happy that winter is over and the warm weather is hopefully here to stay! This month is very eventful with Terra Novas and all of the field trips going on. (See more on the front page) Have a wonderful month and focus to get good grade this marking period.

Movie Reviews

By: Sarah Artuhevich, Jacob Daum, Justin North, and Noah Gordon

6th Grade and Down

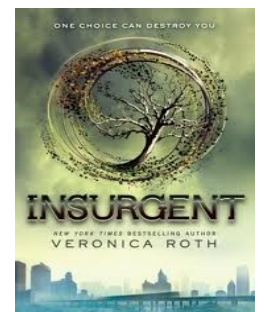
HOP

Want to start a new tradition? Then grab your family and watch the movie *HOP* this Easter season. A little bunny named E.B. is about to take his father's place as the Easter Bunny, but he does not want to because he wants to become a drummer. E.B. sneaks off to Hollywood and meets a nice person named Fred. Fred helps E.B. get his dream to come true. While E.B. is off in Hollywood, Easter Island is taken over by the little chicks. It is up to E.B. to save the Easter Island and his father. Will E.B. be in time to save them all? Pop some popcorn, and enjoy the movie because it will touch your heart.

7th and 8th Grade

Insurgent

This is the second movie of the Divergent series. It is a very good movie, so we would recommend seeing it. This is a movie you want to see, any seventh or eighth grader would like this movie. We would give this movie a 10 out of 10.



Advice Cateers

By: Clara Albacete

Dear Advice Cateers,

I've been trying new activities, but I can't seem to find anything that clicks. I always get bored really fast and want to do something else. Any advice?

HELP MEH

Dear HELP MEH,

Finding an activity you love is hard- and trying is a good first step to finding the perfect one. What you should probably change is your attitude when starting a new activity. Instead of thinking, I'm just going to try this out, think, this is going to be fun. Also, even if you think you don't like the activity; force yourself to stay for at least two months, more if you can. You have to get used to it before you love it.

Random Facts

By: Guia Apaga and Teddy Almeter

- The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever was made in 2011 and was 10.39 meter tall and 7,200 kg in weight.
- The white lily is the special Easter flower.
- April is National Humor month.
- In April, Congress accepted the national flag in 1818.

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Quotes

By: Angelo Giunta

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

-Pope John Paul II

"My mom used to say that Greek Easter was later because then you get stuff cheaper."

-Amy Sedaris

"Sometimes the heart sees what is invisible to the eye."

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Animal of the Month

By: Brandon Regan

Rabbit

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Interviews

By: Ariana Stark, Adrianna Berry, Guia Apaga, and Brady Pollock

Q1: Did you do anything special on Easter?

Q2: What's your favorite thing about spring?

Q3: Are you doing anything special now that it is close to the end of the year?

Anna Reynolds- 5th grade

A1: My cousins came over

A2: My favorite thing about spring is that winter is over

A3: No we're not

Ben Wernert- 7th grade

A1: No, I didn't

A2: The warm weather

A3: We go on Field trips

Nico Romanelli- 6th grade

A1: No, I didn't

A2: The warm weather

A3: I'm not sure

Hannah Bernacki- 8th grade

A1: I went on an Easter Egg Hunt

A2: The fresh smell in the air

A3: I'm picking my graduation dress

Caitlin Burke- 1st grade

A1: I went on an Easter egg hunt and I went to church

A2: We get to play outside because it's warm

A3: We are going on two field trips. We're going to the Monroeville Convention Center and to Woodhaven to sing.

Student Poems

After Lent

After an era of darkness,

A light shines ahead.

A light for all the people,

The long awaited light.

Comic

By: Justin North and Ben Colaianne



Math 24 Tournament



These students pictured to the left were the participants in the "Math 24 Tournament" held this year at North American Martyrs School. They were (from the top left): Christian Moreland, Nick Almeter, and Teddy Almeter, (from the bottom left): Francesca North, Jimmy Gianetta, and Heath Chase. Congratulations to Nick Almeter for winning 1st place in the sixth grade division! Also, congratulations to Teddy Almeter for being a one-time table winner, Francesca North for being a one-time table winner, and Nick Almeter for being a two-time table winner! All of the students worked very hard. Thanks go out to Ms. Horomanski, Mrs. Rullo, and Mrs. Zeigler for helping to prepare this students!



Snacks & Crafts

By: Livia Chase

Peep Nests

Materials:

Peeps (any color)

Candy eggs

Stick Pretzels

Marshmallows

Butter

Cooking spray



Procedure:

1. Melt your butter and marshmallows together. Next you'll have to put the cooking spray on your hands so the marshmallow mixture doesn't stick to your hands.
2. Take about a handful of pretzels for each nest, dip them in the marshmallow mixture, and use them to make a cup shape. Break the pretzels if needed.
3. Leave the pretzel nests to cool and harden.
4. Lastly, place a Peep and as many candy eggs you like into the nest. Enjoy!

SBS Sports

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By: Mary Kromka, Megan Sovak, Liam Kearney, and Brian Dzuban

The Varsity Girls Basketball Team had a great season. They won the Diocesan Championship and went to the States Tournament in Allentown, where they got 4th place out of 8 teams. This was the first time any team had ever made it to States and they represented our school very well.

The varsity boys went far in playoffs and made it to the semifinals where they lost to Sr. Thea Bowman. Next year's varsity team has been playing many games and keeping busy. They recently won St. Bonaventure Tournament. Hopefully they keep winning!

The JV boys made playoffs but then lost in the first round against a very good team. The 4th and 5th graders who are next year's JV team have been playing in a couple of tournaments. They won the St. Mary's Glenshaw Tournament and came in 2nd place in the St. Mary's Lyceum Tournament. The JV girls had a great season but lost to St. Mary's in the second round of playoffs. We hope that their success continues next year!

Track has just started and the large team is practicing hard. Their meets will be starting soon; we wish them the best of luck!

App of the Month

By: Angelo Giunta and Ryan Cooper

Plants vs Zombies 2: It's About Time

This classic game comes to life on your mobile device with Plants vs Zombies 2! A free, fun app with lots of different worlds to unlock, PVZ2 keeps you entertained in every level! This game is constantly adding new worlds and challenges and is great for kids of all ages.



Word Search

By: Editors

EASTER WORD SEARCH

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

RISEN SUNDAY
CROSS FLOWERS
TOMB EGGS
JESUS BASKET
SAVIOR BUNNY



Jokes

By: Sarah Artuhevich and Zoe Abel

Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?

A. It might crack up!

Q. How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

A. Eggs-ercise and hare-robics

Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May!

Q: What does the Easter Rabbit get for making a basket?

A: Two points just like everybody!

Q. What flowers grow on faces?

A. Tulips (Two-lips)!