

The Panther's Eye



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Extra, Extra! Augusta Chronicle Partners with The Panther's Eye and Writes Feature About Student Paper

by Ava Grier

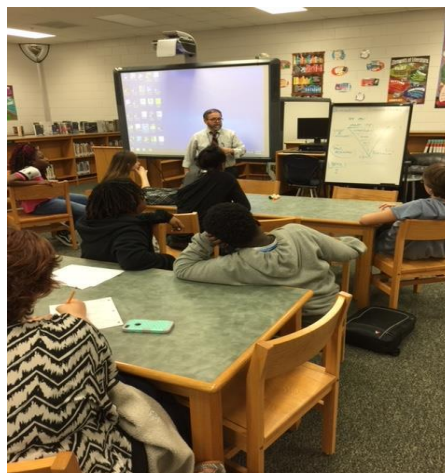
At our very own school library, The Panthers Eye student newspaper crew was interviewed for a story The Augusta Chronicle will feature in the town paper! The Augusta Chronicle decided to cover our student newspaper after coming to give our student staff newspaper production training a few weeks ago.

Mr. Gogick, executive director of the Augusta Chronicle, came to our school to teach the next generation of possible reporters and newspaper writers on how to publish and develop a proper article, among other things. Mr. Gogick believes that, we as aspiring writers, can pave the way for the future of journalism and other writing professions.

Mr. Gogick fully understands the importance of writing and is working to create a future in which it lives on by taking the time to teach us about newspaper writing. He helped us understand that we can preserve writing and ensure the legacy of many other kinds of writing.

Our newspaper training did include how to properly produce and set up articles but it did not end there. His purpose was to show kids that writing doesn't just have to be spreading a point or

information, it is also a way of sending out the truth and producing creative thought.



Mr. Gogick, executive director of Augusta chronicle, giving newspaper training to The Eye

Literature is slowly decaying despite all the clear importance it stands for. We as a society have to acknowledge how important it is. For example, Mr. Gogick is a part of the newspaper which is an important way to let people know of worldly occurrences and to share truth.



Although there are channels and social media outlets to also do that, not everyone has capabilities to watch such programs to keep themselves informed.

That is not the only thing writing is good for though. Writing is also something that serves a great use to the production of a lot of things in this world. There are those who write scripts for actors whose roles move our souls and then there are those who write the books that teach us and inspire us. Others write to move and change the world like Alexander Hamilton who wrote his way to revolution and compromise. If you're like me, you write to express yourself and to find meaning in life, in yourself, and in others.

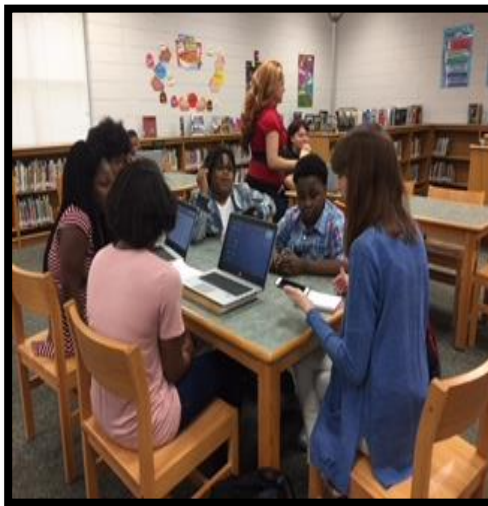
Mr. Gogick came to teach us newspaper writing but left us with so much more. He got us really thinking about what it means to write. If that alone was not enough, The Augusta Chronicle decided to cover us for a feature in their paper. Further inspiring us to believe in the possibilities and doors that writing can open for us students.

As E.L. Doctorow said, "people should learn to be inspired by the art of writing and keep its craft everlasting."

Thank you to Mr. Gogick and Ms. Leblanc and all the rest of The Augusta Chronicle for caring enough about middle school students to inspire us and for caring enough about writing to try to preserve it.



Sarah Leblanc (to the left in blue), Augusta Chronicle Reporter, Interviews The Eye's student news



"Say Panther!" The Panther's Eye poses for Sarah Leblanc



A Call for Unity as the Nation and Pine Hill Supports Marjory Stoneman Students Through Their Terrible Loss and Advocacy for Change

by Sariah Smith

The fire alarm goes off. What they thought was a regular fire drill, for many, turned out to be the most dangerous and tragic situation they had ever encountered. When students exited Marjory Stoneman Douglas High that day, lining up in regular fashion, they were fired upon with rapid gunfire from an AR15 automatic rifle.

Everyone did the best they could to hide, run, and protect each other, but still, seventeen lives were lost that day. As a country, this is a madness that we cannot understand but one thing is absolutely for certain: This should never happen again.

Six days later, that's exactly what students Jaelyn Corin and Cameron Kaskey along with over hundred students and five chaperones aimed to do when they loaded charter busses to travel to the state capitol in Tallahassee to advocate for stricter gun control laws.

This movement has been coined the #NEVERAGAIN movement. Students and teachers are organizing initiatives to raise the legal age to buy guns from 18 to 21 and for "common sense" laws to be enacted concerning being able to obtain the weapons. The tension and emotions that have fueled these meetings is highly due to students feeling as if lawmaker's neglect toward these issues has allowed for this type of tragedy to happen again and again.

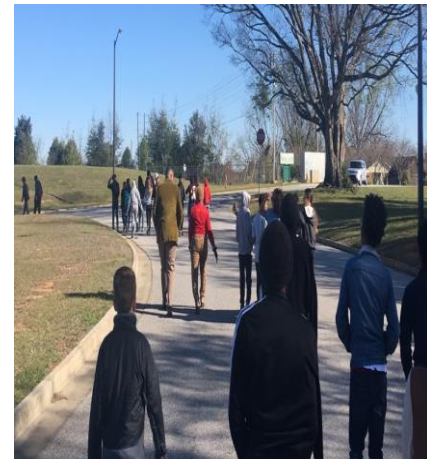
As a student and a person, I feel that laws are not the only thing that can regulate people. People can regulate other people. We can't always control what law makers do but we can regulate ourselves by becoming more united and being more sensitive to others.

We regulate each other by helping another in need or telling other people what's right and wrong. In my opinion, laws are like signs or basically warnings to the world on how to behave and to survive in our society and people are more of like the physical force that can do more than just suggest or tell you not to do something.

People can actually impact each other to do the right thing not because a law tells you not to do it but for the sake of it being the right thing to do.

From the looks of it, we all have a responsibility to each other. Just look at what is becoming of this century. Marjory Stoneman marks the 18th shooting since January, this is madness. We as a society need to stand together with students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas and say enough is enough. This is a call to call to action to do something about violence against students, we need to join together, help each other understand the problem, and stand together as brothers and sisters. This is why we need to join the #NEVERAGAIN movement so we can

stop all of the pain and sorrow gun violence is causing our schools and fellow students.



Pine Hill Students walk to show support of Never Again Movement



Thousands of people gather at a Florida courthouse rally against gun violence

Behind the Scenes Pine Hill Power House: The Beta Club

by Jha'kobbe Youmans

Here at Pine Hill, we have many activities going on all the time. Many of which would not be possible if it were not for the Beta Club's help. Who exactly are the Beta Club you ask? They are a collective club that helps the community, environment, and the school.

The Beta Club often goes unnoticed but they deserve to be noticed. They help us so we need to acknowledge them. Not just Pine Hill's Beta Club should be acknowledged, but the Beta Clubs at other schools should be as well.

One of the things the Beta Club does is to help the environment. For example, they noticed the garden behind the media center did not look good and they did something about it. Now the Pine Hill Garden makes the landscape look good!

The Beta Club does so much for the school than just fix the garden. They help the teachers carry out all kinds of programs and activities helping them to decorate, serve, clean up, and more. Anytime anyone needs help they can count on the Beta Club.

The Beta club is also involved in the community. They look for causes in the community so that they can lend a helping hand there too. If it is good cause, the Beta Club is sure to want to be involved.

If you are interested in joining the Beta club you will need to have high standards. Some of the requirements for the Beta Club are good grades, good behavior, self-motivation, and a good and helpful attitude.

I asked the Beta club to share their mottos or beliefs with The Panther's Eye.

The club stated that their motto is "let us lead by serving others".

They believe that helping the school, community, and the environment is their duty. For this reason, the club is important because they help better the school and lend a helping hand whenever they are needed.

The Beta Club should be noticed for all their effort and we here at The Panther's Eye want you to know The Eye sees you! We wanted to give you credit for all your help. You make our school a better place by being helpful and being role models. We know that it is just a matter of time before everyone else notices!

We would like to thank you for helping the school and helping to make it what it is. We want to encourage you to keep up the good work and keep helping the school the way you do!



The Beta club poses with student council in Academic and Sports Pep Rally

Pine Hill Student Receive Much Deserved Academic and Athletics Pep Rally

by Mary Morris

Right here at Pine Hill Middle, we recently had a Pep-Rally all about some of our academic and athletic achievements, clubs, and groups that do a lot for our school. This includes the Helen Ruffin Reading club, our Girls and Boys Basketball teams, and more!

At the Pep-Rally we recognized both Pine Hills Beta Club and our Student Council for all of their awesome initiatives. We also recognized the 1st place Reading Bowl win against all schools in Richmond county, including last-year's winners, Davidson. They did great! Isaiah Maden was specially recognized for his incredible accomplishments in Ms. Grubbs intervention. Ethan Cerenord was recognized as PHMS' reigning Young Author.

Our dance team did a show-stopping performance during our pep-rally! Their routine really got the crowd involved and hyped-up. Great job Girls! We also celebrated our Boys basketball

team making history by winning their first championship! Let's go guys! In celebration, the boys got to climb up a ladder one by one, to cut a piece of the net off the brim of the basket. Next the coaches took their turn cutting a piece to remember their historic win. Finally, Coach Henry cut the last of the net off and held it up high to signify the win for the whole school!

All of our students and school clubs have done such a wonderful job this year! Let's go Panthers!!! This pep rally was such an amazing way to give a shout out, not only to students who excel in athletics, but to celebrate academic greatness too!

Hopefully, here at PHMS, we will continue to do things like this to accentuate all the positive things that are happening here so that we can encourage other students to become part of this greatness!



Boys Basketball Team Net Cutting Ceremony



Pine Hill Student Council Throws the Littest Dance Ever!

by Justice Santiago

There is no better way to say goodbye to the cold weather and winter chill than to end it with what's being called, one of the hottest dances ever!

This year's dance was all decked out in a welcoming PHMS blue banner offsetting a cool wintery white theme with sparkling snowflakes and twinkling lights inviting everyone to the dance floor for the winter dance competition and more. There was great music, great food, and the best friend selfie station to remember the event by!

The DJ was really interactive and set off the crowd. He played a lot of the 2018 music currently trending, especially hip-hop and some Cardi B. The DJ's music spurred a dance competition, that had even our teachers dancing! Ms. Davis and Ms. Lee took to the dance floor schooling the kids on more than just math and language arts! You got some moves ladies!

The music also called to the dance floor the winning dance contest crew Tyrece Mackie, Antonio Buffington, and Michael Underwood. Long before the music ever started pounding, Tyrece and Antonio heard about the dance over the intercom and Tyrece was determined he was going to win. When they got in the dance circle Tyrece and Antonio said, "We already knew what time it was. It's like when you feeling the music you just move on your own and bam! You're dancing."

Together, Tyrece, Antonio, and Michael lit up the dance floor dusting the competition with their on point dance moves and routines. To win the competition some of the dances the crew used were Hit the Folks, Reverse, Moonwalk, and Footwork.

I asked, "Do you plan to dance together in the future?" They answered, "We are probably going to dance together in high school and later make some music videos."



We here at The Panther's Eye look forward to seeing what the future holds for this talented group.

This wraps up the winter dance, a dance thought up by students and made happen by students. A special shout out goes out to the student council for all their hard work and effort to make this happen! The Eye sees you! Keep up the good work!



From right to left dance contest winners Antonio, Tyrece, and Micheal show off their moves



Pine Hill Reaches Out to the Community to Produce Touching Black History Program

by JaMarri Nestfied

Black history month is a way of remembering important people and events in the history of African Americans, and our black history program was a great example of this. Our school put together a black history program to honor the people and events that helped end racism and social injustice in our society. People like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and Harriet Tubman and other great African Americans who took a stand and deserve to be honored for not only carrying about themselves, but others as well.

African Americans have a special and unique history and our black history program did a great job of representing this history. African American leaders, events, and experiences were displayed in dance performances, songs, lectures,

orchestra music, and poems to educate and inspire students.

Mrs. White was a big part of the Black history program because she was in charge of the program and organized it. Mrs. White created the Black history program because she wanted to bring the students, teachers, parents and the community together as one big family. It was important for her to celebrate Black history because it is inspirational. People had to make a stand and fight so that everyone could be equal in our society.

Pine Hill teachers and students worked together to make this program possible and were amazing! Teachers each donated five dollars to help buy the food



at the program. Students helped by setting up stands for chorus, seating the guests to their seats, handing out programs, helping to serve food, and by performing.

Two of our Pine Hill students who did a good job at performing were Joarah Mitchell and Layla Stone. Joarah presented an amazing dance at the program and Layla read an amazing and inspirational poem. Students and teachers took their time, effort, and talent to make this program successful.

Performers from the community were the Diamond Lakes Mime Dance Group and the Cutno Dance Company. There was even a speech by Dr. Brandy Wells. Dr. Wells is an assistant professor at Augusta State University who teaches African American History.

This program had a variety of acts. There was dance, songs by chorus, an orchestra, speech, and poems to educate and inspire students, teachers, and parents to strive to greatness and unity. We are proud of the school for everyone's efforts to make this happen.

Black History month is not just any ordinary month. It is a month to honor African American's efforts to fight for equality for all. African American history is an uplifting one because we as a country rose above the injustice of racial prejudice.

It is important to remember where we came from so we never go back to that. That is why this program is important.

If we study the roots of racial injustice, being able to educate and develop ourselves would be a lot better. I think that young people should appreciate the education from school because back then people could not have education. Some of our ancestors were slaves and they had to teach themselves how to read and write because no one would teach them. Celebrating Black history creates the strong foundation needed to help the Black culture continue to grow as a culture of its own and as a people united not only to ourselves, but to the rest of the nation.



The elegant Cutno Dance Company



Diamond Lakes Mime Group Performs



Joarah Mitchell gives riveting dance.

From Activist to Author: Thirteen-Year-Old Girl Rights a Wrong Centuries Old

by Samia Evans

Thirteen-year-old social activist Marley Davis, founder of the 1000BlackGirlBooks campaign is currently trending on social media. Marley started her campaign and wrote her book because she felt like black girls needed a voice, and she was tired of feeling like she and other black girls were invisible in literature.

Her journey started when Marley's mother asked her, "If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?" Marley's response was that she would like to live in a world "where black girls were free to be complicated, honest, and where their voices and stories mattered."

Black people are more than just the negative stereotypes seen in the media and literature. Black people are kind, loving, energetic, and funny just like every group in the world and deserve to have their own stories. Unfortunately, because of the color of their skin, Black people are more often misjudged, labeled, and limited in their roles in books. Marley hoped to change the way black girls look at themselves as well as the way others see them.

Windows and Mirrors is a metaphor Marley uses for others to understand, read, and learn about the culture of Black girls. She wants to create "windows" or

ways for other people to look into the hearts and minds of black girls and "mirrors" or reflections of black girls' experiences in stories so that they can see themselves in the books they read.

Not only is Marley's campaign trending, it has also opened up the eyes of many people, and made them realize the importance of recognizing Black girls in books. Marley's original challenge was to find one thousand books with Black girls as the main characters. Marley now has over 10,000 books with black girls as the main characters. She plans to donate these books to libraries all around the world so



that black girls' stories can actually matter. Marley's campaign has allowed black girls to read these books and identify themselves, see themselves, and learn about their history.

Marley Dias a thirteen-year-old, is part of the one percent of people that actually do something about problems. As Marley put it, "If you have a dream put your mind to it and you can succeed." If I was to meet Marley I would give Marley a big hug because of how she gave black girls a voice, helped them to identify with their culture, and allowed them to realize their worth on this planet we call Earth.

Therefore, Marley's campaign was not only beneficial to black girls it benefited other people too by allowing them to see a different perspective of black girls. Kids

are not just small immature humans. Kids can be part of that one percent of people that do something about things.

Kids can speak up and speak out and give other kids that are outspoken a voice and encouragement to pursue their dreams. Kids can even show adults and other peers that the sky is the limit when you give your all to make a much needed change.

Think about it. How could a thirteen-year-old girl speak up about black girls being invisible in literature but not grown adults? This problem has been around forever but it took one brave little girl to say enough is enough. Marley and other kids out there like her have given kids a voice and inspired them to do something that they never

thought they had the confidence or courage to do. The next time you see something that is wrong, dare to speak up! Change will be right around the corner.



Teen Author and Activist Marley Davis

It might be March guys but luck had nothing to do with this! It was all hard work!



Pine Hill Student Enjoy Dazzling Black History Program at Davidson Fine Arts

by Kourtney Peel

On February 22, 2018 select students went on the Davidson field trip. The purpose of the field trip was for students to enjoy a play that happened to be part of a "Black History Program". As we all know, February is Black History month, which is a very important month.

The theme was a radio station that showed the importance's of African American music and its development over time. The incredibly talented students at Davidson Fine Arts Magnet school performed.

The first group to perform, was part of a traditional African American dance group from the 1940's. During this performance they showed many of the dances that Africans used in their tribes. These dances were very entertaining and exciting to watch.

Just being able to see how African Americans use to communicate through dance was very interesting. The women and men danced back and forth, clapping and stomping their feet. It was amazing to watch.

After every performance the a-cappella group came out and sang the exiting song of the "radio station". They also showcased a PowerPoint about each variety of music covering the origin and the culture behind every genre. It was very informational and really helped students to understand what was going on. The Davidson Performance group did performances from the 1940's into the 2000's.

The last group was the "Pop" group. Now this was the group everyone was waiting to see because, although the other performances were awesome, most students did know any of the songs they performed to on these earlier skits as they were popular before our time. The last group had people dressed up all "cool" in trendy clothing.

The performers sat down on steps on the street with a radio. The women were yelling about how they shouldn't get treated different because of their skin color. The men got up and started the radio. They performed a dance and did back flips to the well-known song we all love,

God's Plan!

This field trip was very educational and fun and a really great way to learn more about African American History. I really think that people left this field trip with more pride and respect for the Black experience. This trip showed you the hard times African Americans went through to get where they are today in life and how important music was to this culture. It really was an amazing experience that we are truly grateful to have had.



Davidson Student Perform Tribal Dance for Program

Trending Now Report: This or That

by Amilyon Privott



This is the year of exciting technology and it has impacted all of us in various ways. New technology has become the biggest attraction to us and it has us popping the question, Apple or Samsung? These two companies are going head to head in becoming the best technology brand. Introducing iPhone X and Samsung Galaxy S9 has created a lot of rivalry. Whose side are you on?



Which would you rather have?

We've had a lot of new artists come up this year including Tekashi 6ix9ine. He became more famous after his hit "GUMMO". He is continuing to make music and now has a hit named "KEKE".

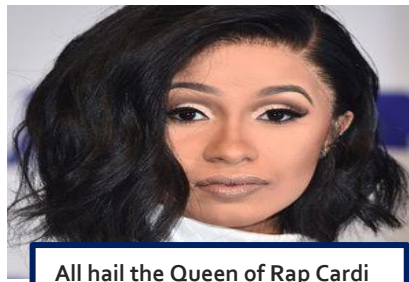


The Infamous Tekashi

Migos will forever be the G.O.A.T when it comes to the music industry. They've been around since 2009 and continues to impress. They've recently made their "Culture 2" album and has everyone hyped.



Migos doing it big on their new Album



All hail the Queen of Rap Cardi

Is there a new Rap Queen? Cardi B is on fire!! Everyone went crazy over "Bodak Yellow", she's been making hits since then. Throughout the success, Cardi has been in beef with Nicki Minaj and everyone's here to instigate their clap backs. As of now, they are both surprisingly featured on the Migos track and video "Motorsport". Cardi's hit "Bartier Cardi" is what's poppin in the music industry right now.



Pine Hill Middle Sports

Boys Track Season is in Full Swing with More Wins Expected

by Samia Evans and Giovanni Solis

On your mark, get set, ready and go! Track season is back and the boys are in full swing. The Panther's Eye caught up with the boys to find out what the game plan is for this track season for our panthers.

Starters Bryant Simpson, Jonathan Campbell, and Nickolas Waltower were interviewed so the green and gold house could get in the game zone with our panthers.

We learned from the boys that track is not just running it's full of rigorous training like pushups, planks, and the tunnel drill. It takes a lot of hard work and effort to be undefeated.

Jonathan shared that he feels like the track team is like a family because they all work together as a team and they want all their fellow track members to do their best in the championship.

The boys believe their success as a team has a lot to do with the fact that they have a bond like brothers.

Track coach Ms. Freeman feels like there biggest competition is themselves, but runners Jonathan, Nick, and Bryant feel like there biggest competitors are Langford and Davidson because of their rapid pace. Don't worry boys we know you got this!

Jonathan and Bryant are two very active individuals so I asked them since they play two sports and run track what's so special about track?

Their responses were, "It puts you back in shape and after basketball season it helps them condition."

We are glad to hear that the boys are already thinking about what kind of shape they need to be in to win another basketball championship next year!

This well rounded track team's goals for the year is to get a two peat and win the championship two times in a row. The boys think they can do it as they have a solid team who works together well and believes in the power of team work.

"To me teamwork is everything if you can only depend on one person, yourself, you are not going to get anywhere," said Jonathan.

Nick revealed that team work is the team's secret weapon, "Teamwork allows us to win and work through our difficulties."

"It's about togetherness," Bryant finished.

It seems like this team is has got it together all right! Boys we want you to know we are rooting for you! Go Panthers!



Is it a Speeding Car, Is it a Runaway Train? No it's the PHMS Girls Track Team!

by Martel Carpenter

Wow! Did you see that blur, coming in at 90 mph? Was... was that a girl?! Yep that's right! Not just any girl, but a Lady Panther!

How is she that fast, you might ask? Well I sat down with their coach Ms. Lopez for an interview to get all the details.

"How are you getting these kids to be so fast?", I asked.

"Actually, it's me bending their natural talent into something smoother like a carving wood the rough bark becomes a smooth fixture of material."

"What are your dreams for the team?"

"Hopefully to win the championship," she said with a smile.

I also wondered if there were any key players on the team that make the victories happen. Ms. Lopez said that everyone plays a role, but a few 8th graders, especially team co-captains Aaliyah and Jasmine Kelso, do a great job of keeping everyone motivated.

Later, I sat down with two of our track stars, Megan Kemp and Destinee Anderson to see how they see the team.

"What are some of your team strengths?" I inquired.

"Good Sportsmanship is one of our best qualities. Instead of bragging over our wins, we tell the other team they did good," said Megan.

"What are some of your goals for this season?"

"To win the championship again!", said Destinee in a serious, but playful way.

"Do you have a specific training regimen that helps you prepare?" I asked.

"Hail Laps!" the girls exclaimed in unison, "because they help a lot with endurance and speed."

"Who do you consider your biggest rival?"

"Davidson."

"Why are they a rival?" I wondered.

"Because they are almost as fast as us."

"What is your definition of a team?", I finished.

"Good sportsmanship and being smart and confident together," said Megan.

There you have it. Now you know all you need to know about our Lady Panther's. Keep your EYE open for the next female panther to speed by YOU in a blur. All that's left to do is to now is to cheer them on to the championship. Get it Lady Panthers! RAWR!

This is Martel Carpenter, signing out.



There is definitely going to be a pot of gold at the end of the girls track season!

Dear Abby Advice Column

I'm angry and embarrassed because I took a chance and told my best friend that I like him, but he doesn't feel the same way. Things seem to be weird now and we hardly ever talk, and it feels like he is ignoring me. I'm hurting because he doesn't feel the same way, but I'd rather be friends than nothing at all! Please help, Abby!

This was a very bold and courageous move, for sure! I applaud your confidence in approaching your friend in this situation; never lose that confidence because it will help you be successful in so many other areas of your life in the future! I also want to say that in a situation like this, feelings of anger and embarrassment are normal, so don't beat yourself up over feeling that way. Think about it, this was a big emotional reveal that I'm sure you had to work up to telling, but after a time those feelings of anger and embarrassment will fade away. You'll also look back on this situation as a learning experience, maybe next time you have a close friend that you begin to develop feelings for you can approach the situation a little differently maybe a quick conversation about dating instead of a "big reveal" out of nowhere.

Approaching this way brings the topic to the person's attention in a casual way instead of taking them off guard. This may be why it seems like he's not talking to you as much. Put yourself in his shoes, you've been friends for a long time and the friendship has been great. By saying you want to date him, it's totally changing what the friendship looks like, and it may be taking him a while to process what you've expressed. Maybe give it some time and allow him a chance to think more on what you expressed, and have another conversation later.

Just be patient and honest. Never be afraid of initiating the conversation either, who knows, he may want to talk more about everything, but not know how to approach you. Something that is interesting about this situation is that it's such a metaphor for life, you take chances, you have some positive experiences, and sometimes some not-so-positive experiences. Either way you learn valuable lessons, and you gain confidence and awareness along the way. So never fear taking a chance! There are those who dream, and there are those who go out and do!

#ttyl #abby

I did something wrong, I stole from someone I really care about. I don't know why I stole, I just did, and now I hate myself. On top of everything, I tried to have a friend lie for me so I wouldn't get in trouble, but I got caught in the lie. Ever since I stole from this person the way they talk to me and act towards me has changed. It really hurts. Other people say I mess stuff up all the time, and all I want is to not disappoint people.

Wow. You just did a very mature, and brave thing, my friend. You admitted that you made a mistake. There are a lot of people, adults included, that have trouble expressing the fact that they did something wrong. I want you to be proud of yourself for taking that step. It also sounds like you have really thought about what you did and it has affected you. I'm glad you realize that stealing is wrong, but I think it's a good life lesson for you to have seen how things like this affect your relationships with people.

You spoke about how you noticed this person's actions towards you have changed, like maybe they don't joke around with you as much, or talk to you as often. I want you to know that while this may be their reaction to what happened now, it won't always be how they feel and act towards you. Now, that may not seem to make sense, but it will. There are a couple of things you may try in this situation. The first, have a conversation with the person. Approaching a person you feel you have wronged and telling them face-to-face that you recognize you hurt them and that you are sorry means a lot. Then talk about the way you feel about the change in the way you interact with each other and how it makes you feel. You never know, the other person may not recognize that they're treating you differently and having a conversation about what's going on may help both of you get your thoughts and feelings out.

Afterwards, I'm sure you'll both be able to understand each other and move forward in a positive way. Another possibility is to show your maturity through your actions. It is very easy to say you're going to do the right thing, but if your actions show something different, it's harder for people to believe your words. Remember this, one mistake does NOT define who you are. It's what you do with what you learned from the mistake that affects you. Carry yourself in truth, and confidence. Treat people well, be kind, be thankful for the things you have

and you will see a great return!

#ttyl #abby

Hey friends!

I just want to take a moment and tell you all how wonderful you are. Each person in this school is a unique and important individual with value. The things you think, feel, like, dislike, believe, want, need, are of great importance. I want you all to think about some things as we move forward this school year, and in life, to put things in perspective for you. The "stuff" you have does NOT make you who you are, and on the same note, the "stuff" you don't have does NOT make you who you are. "Stuff" comes and goes, and if you try and spend your time keeping up with all of the "stuff" you will find yourself an extremely tired person. The new shoes you have will become old and dirty, the new clothes you have won't fit when you get taller, the "new" iPhone will soon be not-so-new. What I want you to understand also is that things happen to all of us.

Sometimes it is things we cannot control, and for you all, its things you may not be able to control. I want you all to know, that if you are in a situation where you cannot control what is happening, it is NOT your fault. It also does NOT mean that this is how it will always be. One way you can "help" is by staying in school and learning as much as you can because it will help you to one day be able to have more impact on your situation. You will be able to affect your circumstance and put yourself on a path of YOUR choosing.

We are ALL different. Some of us have, or don't have, certain things. Some of us like certain things, but dislike others. That is OK! It's what makes us all unique. I encourage you all to practice kindness. When someone falls, pick them up. If a classmate drops something, pick it up for them. Please, stop picking on each other all the time. These things really do affect people and how they feel about themselves and other people. It takes real strength to lift people up, say nice things about them, and help them. Just because someone doesn't have something, DOES NOT make them any less of a person. They are just as important and valuable as you are! If you see someone is hurting, take a moment and be helpful. Be a light in someone's darkness.

#ttyl #abby

Announcements



You Rock Award

Mr. Holmes: 7th Grade Math & Social Studies teacher



The Buzz: “Mr. Holmes has a wonderful way of impacting students. They truly look up to him & enjoy learning in his classroom”.

A message from Mr. Holmes:

I am thankful for my colleagues that chose to acknowledge my efforts as an educator, you ROCK!

This is my second year teaching and I’m elated to teach at PHMS! As an educator, I strive to be exactly who I needed as a child and all I do is for the advancement of our students.

Each year I intend to focus on being personable and approachable, building rapport with our students, and helping our youth to develop a positive self-concept (both academically and personally). One of my goals is for our student’s middle school experience to be as pleasant and memorable as possible.

In my classroom I make every effort to exude enthusiasm and confidence in my student’s abilities to learn. I love teaching math and social studies, but I also understand there is a hidden curriculum (teaching values and beliefs) that makes all the difference in our students’ lives!



Students & Citizens of the Month

6th Grade

Nassir Fryer.....Mrs. Boyd/Mrs. Johnson

Kyle Meyer..... Mrs. Henry 6B

JaNiyah Donaldson..... Mr. Parsons 6A

7th Grade

Carmen Daily..... Dr. Jackson 7A

Colin Mealing..... Mrs. Roberson 7B

Katherine Combs.....Mr. Stallings

Support the Boys Basket Ball Team and Buy a Hat or T-shirt Today!

Stop by the glass cabinet on the wall across from the office for styles to select from

Hats \$ 15.00 T-Shirts \$20.00



Fundraiser Winners for Best Pajamas



Reigning PHMS Math Whiz



Alisha Barton

Be the first to figure out the challenge and you can be the next Math Whiz!

Math Challenge

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Jasmine saved nickels, dimes, and quarters in a jar. She had as many quarters as dimes, but twice as many nickels as dimes. If the jar had 844 coins, how much money had Jasmine saved?

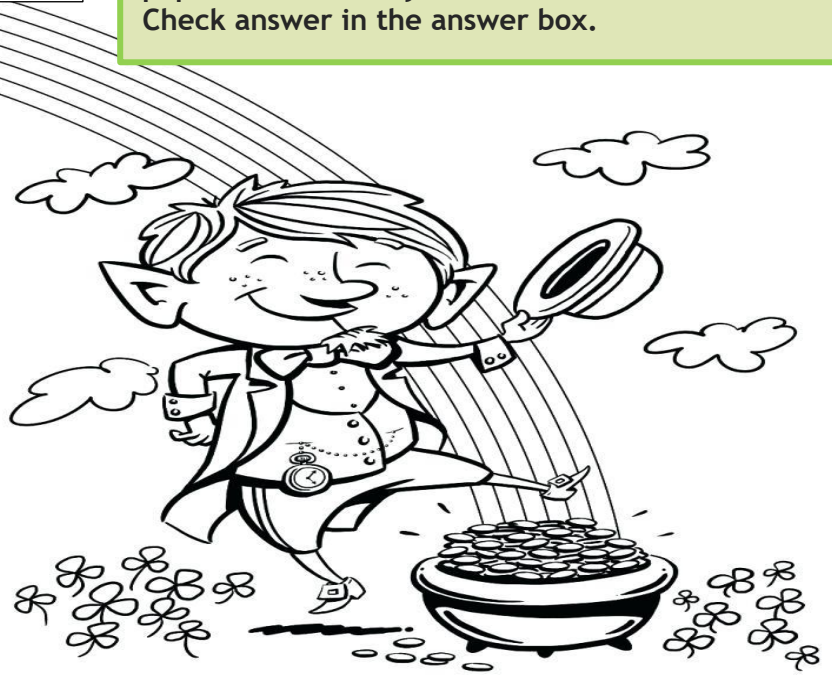
1. **Math Sudoku Challenge:** Find the right combination of numbers and solve the Sudoku. Check your math by comparing your answers to those in the answer box.

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| | 6 | | | | |
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| 8 | | | 7 | | 2 |
| 8 | 5 | | | | |
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Shamrock Challenge!

How many Shamrocks were featured in the paper? Let's see if you could find them all! Check answer in the answer box.



St Patty's Day Funnies



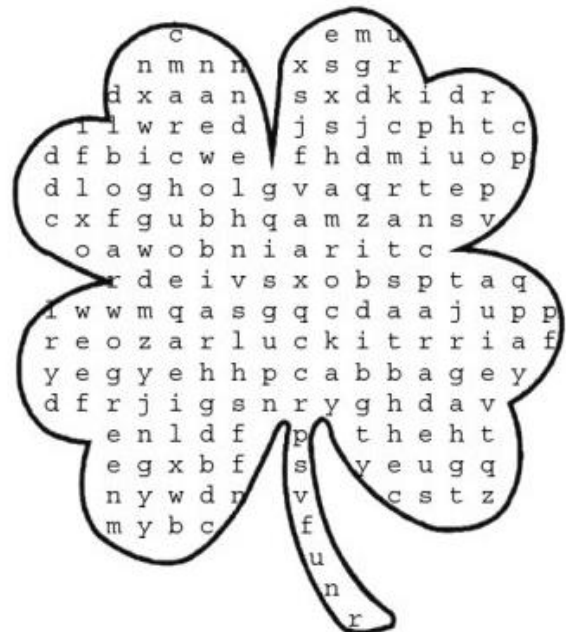
Riddles & Things

(Check your answers in the answer box)

1. A man is condemned to death and has to choose one of 3 rooms: The 1st is full of raging fires, the 2nd is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the 3rd is a den of hungry lions who have not eaten in years. Which room is the safest?
2. 16, 06, 68, 88, (?), 98. What is the missing number (?)?

Answers:

1. Sudoku: 3,9,6,2,4,1,3,9,7,2,4,8,7,2,8,5,9,7,4,6,1
2. Shamrock Challenge: 60
3. Riddles & Things: The poor lions died of starvation after years of no food. The (?) is 78.



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| shamrock | pot | jig | cabbage | parade |

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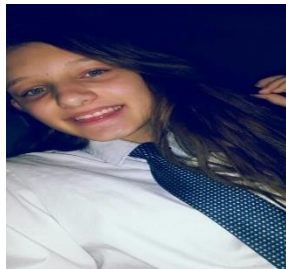
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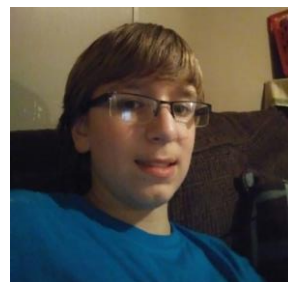
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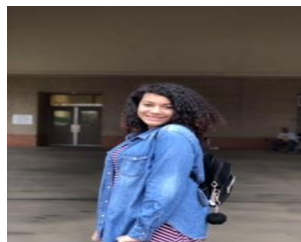
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