

The Panther's Eye



THE VOICE OF PINE HILL MIDDLE'S STUDENTS

MAY ISSUE

Pine Hill Middle's Jetinder Bush Wins Regional Science Fair by Gregory Tripp

Did you do your Science Fair project this year? For all of us that did, we know that you have to follow the scientific method. Yet, it's a struggle to make a project that will inspire people, one that no one has ever seen. If you can manage to do that, you'll have a chance to win the science fair!

Here at Pine Hill Middle school, we are very proud of our winner, Jetinder Bush who won first place this past January in our school Science Fair. He, along with other first place winners from other schools, traveled to the CSRA Science and Engineering fair held at USC Aiken in March. There, his project not only won first place in the regional fair but Jetinder also took home a special award called the water drop award for the top water related project! Go Jetinder! His win came with a cash prize of \$75.

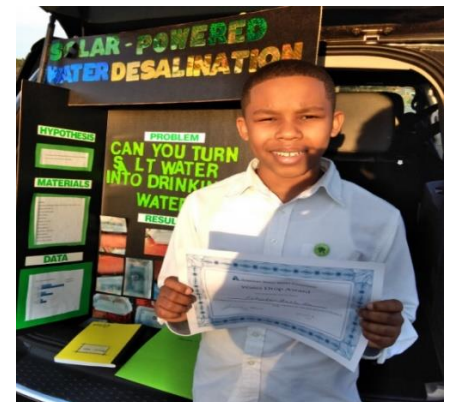
I bet many of you are wondering what his project was about. His question was, "how can you turn

saltwater into freshwater? "He found his project idea on the website saltwater.com and communicated to his mom the idea he wanted to research. He and his mom then set out to research the necessary information, create an experiment, observe and record the results, and more. Jetinder was proud that he won, but he feels like he could not have done it without the support of his family.

Jetinder was surprised, but ecstatic that he had won the science fair out of all the amazing projects that were entered into the competition from all over the different surrounding counties! Our academic science wiz had aspirations of taking his project to the State Finals to represent PHMS, but unfortunately he's unable to compete any higher than the Regional levels. State competitions require students to be either be 15 years of age or in High School. Don't worry Jentinder we know you will get in once you reach the age limit or when you get to high school!



Though Jetinder is not able to take his presentation all the way to the highest levels, here at Pine Hill we consider his accomplishments top notch! It's wonderful to see other students demonstrating the type of academic excellence we strive for and hope that Jetinder's story will be an inspiration to other Panthers to dream big and shoot for the moon! Remember, the worst that could happen is you land in the stars.



Jetinder Bush Regional Science Fair Winner

Eighth Grade Students Learn the Art of Debate

by Marry Morris

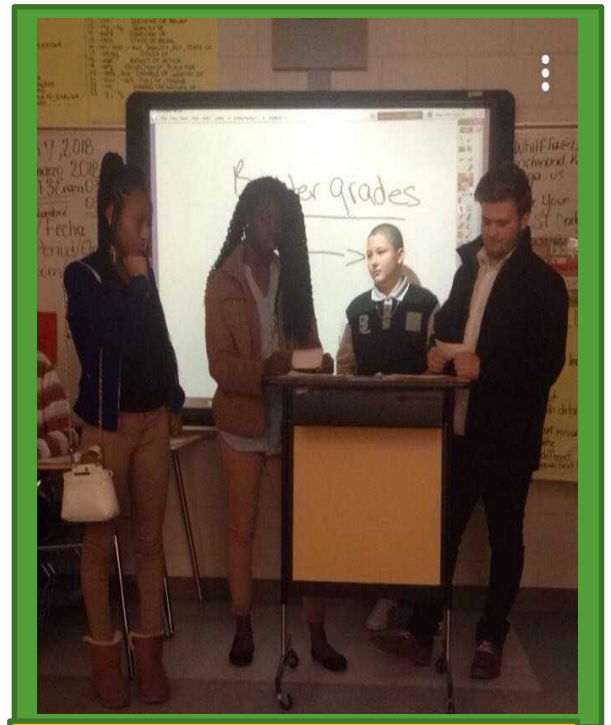
Recently here at Pine Hill Middle school, Ms. Whitfield's eighth grade ELA classes have been spotted doing some very innovative and forward thinking things in the classroom! Holding debates on various topics of their choosing, these students got a chance to voice their opinions, while learning how to get their point across diplomatically.

Ms. Whitfield provided the students in each class with choices for possible topics. Her first period class chose the topic, "Should all students have recess?" Her second and third period both chose, "Should all student textbooks be replaced by tablets?" Fourth period chose the topic "Should all schools have armed security?" With topics chosen, and all students engaged, the scene was set for an awesome day of learning.

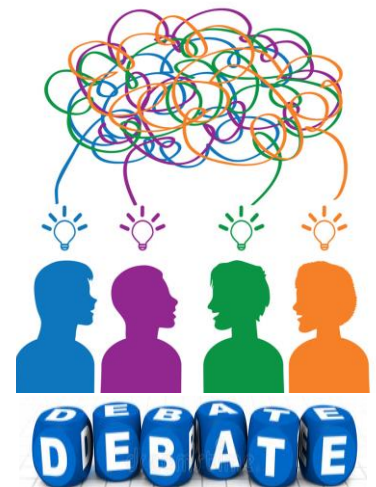
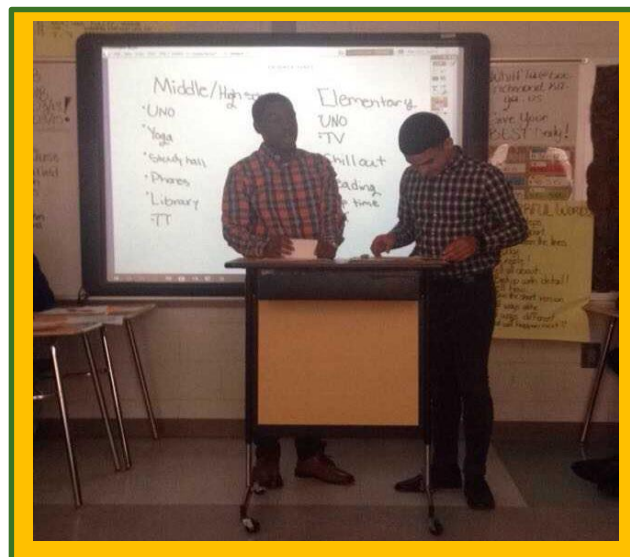
This activity not only allowed students choices while learning, but also helped them overcome the fear of public speaking. These are all skills that can be applied in the real world. What a creative way to help students with individually reading texts, applying what they read to their work, writing, and arguing a point! Ms. Whitfield also uses this activity to improve working in groups and get students to be more hands on.

Students can gain multiple things from this awesome activity. It gave students a chance to teach and take control of the classroom and of their own learning. These types of activities can get students more involved since they have more choice, versus being given an assignment in which you have no choice or flexibility.

Without these things, it is harder to stay interested. With choice comes motivation! Motivation is a wonderful thing. If students have it, and can go get their own learning, there is no stopping them! We at The Panther's Eye see your efforts to learn eighth grade and are proud to put the spotlight on your learning!



Eighth Grade Students Speaking Their Minds



Students Presenting Thoughts in Debate



Augusta University Partners with The Panther's Eye

by Ava Grier



Sports journalist, author, and Augusta State University communications professor Mr. Bulla, took a trip to Pine Hill middle school to visit our very own student news crew! Mr. Bulla is an outstanding writer and is very educated on the topic of writing itself. He even teaches many writing workshops all over the United States.

He decided to come and teach The Panther's Eye better tactics for writing newspapers, and writing in general, when he saw us featured in the Augusta Chronicle. He came to share with us his prior knowledge and many years of experience in both writing and teaching about journalism. In relation to Augusta Chronicle's Chief Editor, Mr. Gogick, Mr. Bulla also taught us things that were important about writing and things to watch out for that could prevent the craft from flourishing.

The Panther's Eye has been very fortunate to receive so much help from a lot of professional writers in the community. It feels good to know that people care about kids wanting to write and that they want to encourage us to keep writing. It really sends a message that writing is important and it motivates us to keep on writing.

During his visit to our school, we learned many things from Mr. Bulla from writing format to proper ordering of information to what makes things news worthy. This lesson was very much appreciated due to how simply it was broken down and presented.

After our lesson on proper writing, Mr. Bulla went into how writing is a diminishing art that needs more recognition. He thinks that it is awesome that middle school children are getting into writing and journalism due to it being an irregular thing for students our age to write the way we are. Mr. Bulla thinks it is a great way to boost our writing. As he said, the more you write the better you will become at it.

Mr. Bulla has taken notice to how social media and other higher tech systems have run its way into the new generation's lives and wants to find ways to incorporate that with writing. Although writing and journalism are old forms of communication and study, today's news crews have found new ways to share information with the world around us. They have started to use online papers and

social media to communicate the news.

No matter how news journalism changes, writing will always be at the center and heart of it. Mr. Bulla hopes this form of art is appreciated for all its worth to society for all of humanity's days. After all, without writing how would anything get around to people?

The Panther's Eye is taking a cue from Mr. Bulla and has started its own Instagram account! Come check us out on Instagram for news updates and panther fun! We have set up QR codes in the hall for every one's convenience.



Mr. Bulla, Augusta State University communications professor, teaches The Eye about newspaper writing



Auggie Comes to Pine Hill!

by Sariah Smith

Boom, Boom, Clap....Boom, Boom, Clap... Boom, Boom, Clap is the sound of Auggie thrilling crowds, now this bug must face a bigger challenge.... 6TH GRADERS!

He's ran home runs, gotten huge crowds on their feet, and has traveled all around Georgia, and now he's teaching kids how to read. "SAAAAAAAAAAAAAYYYY WHAAAAAAAAAAAAAT!!!!!"

Auggie the yellow jacket is an all-around fun time mascot ready to rev-up a crowd of any sort. He's been doing this game since 2006 and he's not going to stop now. Most of us didn't even know that he came to Pine Hill, which is kind of sad because I'm sure we would have loved it.

Auggie came to Pine Hill because all the 6th grade teachers came together to surprise the 6th grade with a presentation. You'd think that someone as famous as he would be booked 24/7 but sadly his DM's are dry. Auggie had come to our school on March 16th to introduce the 6th



grade to a new concept: A Reading Bowl.

The object of this reading bowl was for 6th graders to read books and complete the "bases" in their booklets and if they achieve each "base" they will get prizes of many sorts. This program lasted for 2 weeks and most kids enjoyed every moment of it.

During his visit Auggie danced, shook hands, and took pictures. An Augusta Green Jackets representative came and she told everyone about this reading bowl. The event was a huge success and really got students excited about reading. Go sixth grade! We are excited that you are excited about reading!



Pine Hill is very grateful for the Augusta Green Jackets partnering with our sixth grade to make reading more exciting. Thank you Auggie for taking the time out of your busy schedule to help kids want to read!

The Panther's Eye would also like to give a special thanks to: Mrs. Bass, Madison Hyman, Kamari Edwards, Colden Driggers, Andrew Seago, and Alexis Clark for providing such good information for this article!



Pine Hill Middle Counselors: The Unsung Undercover Heroes Fighting Daily Against the Threat of Drama and Daily Preteen Difficulties!

By Jystice Santiago

What is that down the green eighth grade hall? Is it a bird, is it a plane?! No it's our superhero counselors! Mr. Baxter and Mrs. Bryant have helped to change a lot of people's lives and have stopped a lot of fights. They are our much needed peacemakers. Saving one kid at a time if necessary! To get a sense of just how awesome they are I asked a few people to share their experiences.

One of the girls interviewed said, "When I didn't have a positive male figure in my life I had Mr. Baxter and that helped me to change. Eventually, I started to feel better about things. I think I do better now with him as my counselor."

Another student said, "I was struggling with my gender identity and when I went to Mrs. Bryant she helped me find myself out of my darkness. She was a light to me and I really appreciate her."

As counselors, Mr. Baxter's and Mrs. Bryant's main goals are that your mental health is taken care of and that you're able to succeed academically

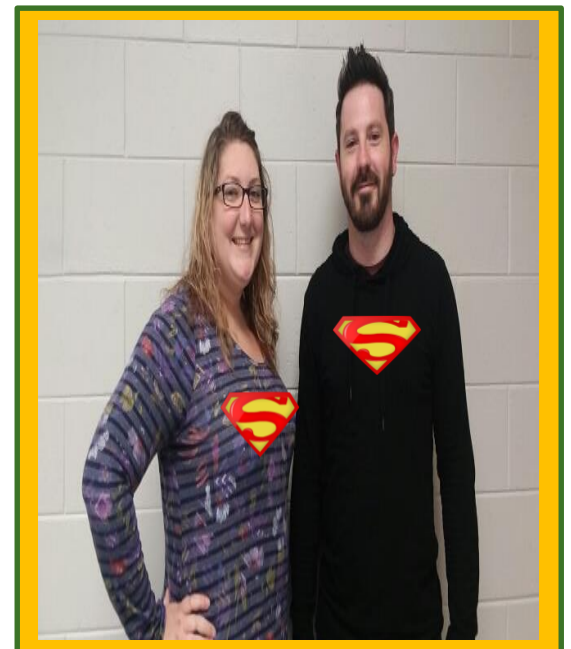
Without their help some students would not be successful at all in school or even drop out. The most common problems they help students deal with are how to handle conflicts, problems with friendships, and how to deal with sad or difficult situations. The most serious conflicts that they deal with are social media aggression towards other people and suicidal thoughts.

Our counselors also teach anger management, deal with academic problems, give out career advice, and probably the most common of all: how to avoid fights and drama. Who knows how many fights have been avoided from students having a place to turn to, to resolve things instead of just fighting.

Our counselors shared with The Panther's Eye that they work with students because they enjoy helping them. They want the students to look up and see that they have someone they can trust that has been trained to help them with their problems, that they are people who care and who will be a safe place for them.



So the next time you have a problem or need someone to talk to, consider sending your heroes call to the green eighth grade hall! The Panther's Eye salutes our heroes the counselors!



Our Dynamic Duo Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Baxter

Eighth Grade Has Sweet Learning Success With Pi Day Activity!

By Amilyon Privott

On the 14th day of March, eighth grade teacher Mrs. Myles set up a curriculum activity to celebrate Pi Day. Mrs. Myles felt that Pi Day is important because a lot of people do not understand what Pi is and its importance to math. Pi deals with the diameter of a

circle and how many times it goes around the circumference. In 8th grade, students need to know that because we deal with circles when we deal with cylinders in math. Therefore, it's very important that we know that.

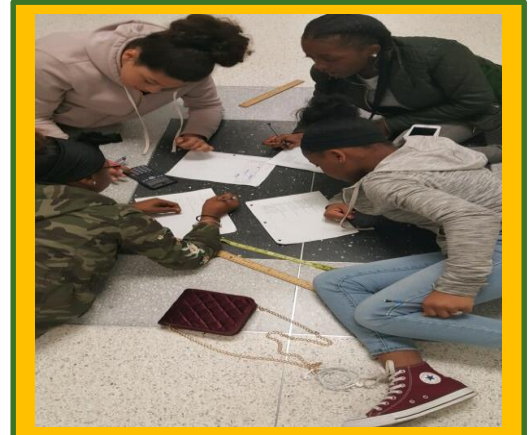
The students really enjoyed doing a particular part of the activity where they had to find the biggest circle that would go inside the squares of the tiles on the eighth grade hall. It was very interesting seeing some of the methods used to figure it out.

Some students used a tape measure to make a circle instead of just finding the diameter and then multiplying it by Pi.

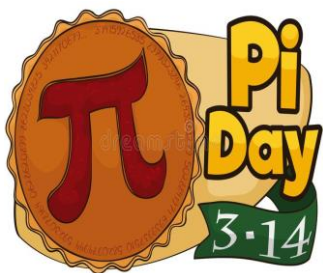
In particular, Ms. Myles, loved the approach that one group used which was to use chairs to help them find circumferences. This was a really “outside the box” kind of way to work through the activity. This group included Angel Evans, Mark Garcia, and Mackayla McBride. The Panther’s would like to congratulate these students and Ms. Myles for their “out of the box” thinking when it comes to learning!

There was also a hat activity in place where they found their hat sizes by finding the circumference of their heads because the hat size is really the diameter of your head!

The Pi day activities were a lot of fun which helped students enjoy learning math. Watch out 7th graders, next year it’s your show!



Eight Graders Hard at Work During Pi Day Activity



Thinking Outside the Box: Angel Evans, Mackayla McBride, & Mark Garcia



Arts & Entertainment



The Black Panther: A Real Life Hero for the Forgotten and Ignored

By Jamarri Nestfield

If you haven't heard of Marvel's Black Panther, the highest grossing superhero movie of all time, you must have been hiding under a rock for months! The story line of the Black Panther is about the African Prince T'challa

becoming King T'challa and new Black Panther, defender of the hidden African city Wakanda, after his father's death.

Yet, there is something different about the Black Panther that

makes this super hero movie stand out among all the others. Black Panther's main character, background characters, and villain are all African American. This is significant because most kids and teen shows that children

in our community watch every day, like Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, Disney XD, Cartoon Network etc. do not feature African Americans as main characters.

African Americans, Hispanics, Asians and other people of color are not usually featured as the main characters. They are more of an afterthought in the plot of movies and shows. The “plan B”. It is no wonder people of color find it hard to be successful. Most people blame low income rates or low economic status as the reasons for high dropout rates among peoples of color and low numbers of colored people in high status jobs. But how well are people of color are represented in the media? Who do colored children have to look up to?

In this country income is definitely affected by education, which is a big part of getting a decent job. It is really nice to see an educated actor like Chadwick Boseman (the Black Panther) being so successful. Another example is Robert L. Johnson, The founder of BET. In order to create Black Entertainment Television, a

“Now the world can see that the black culture should not only to be appreciated but celebrated.”



The Black Panther: More than just a movie it is a celebration of a culture

network which acknowledged black entertainers and people of color, would not have been possible if Robert didn't get an education. You need education to make a living and some African Americans don't have that. But how can we expect people who struggle to rise and succeed, if they don't have role models that they can relate to?

We can't change that racism has happened in this country and that it has affected it and even claimed the lives of many black and white people who fought against it. But what we can change is people's perspective one initiative at a time. Thank you to the Black Panther for being the first film to shine light on a people who have been invisible to the media. Now the world can see that the black culture should not only to be appreciated but celebrated. Now black children have something to look up to. Hopefully, other ignored races will have their own super heroes soon. Then all children can be inspired.

Pine Hill Middle Visits the High Museum

By Martel Carpenter

Did you hear about the field trip to the museum? The field trip was made possible when our art teacher, Ms. Freeman, was given a grant by the fine arts department. She had the hard task of only selecting ninety-six students. She determined which students to select by the following criteria: top-notch behavior, excellent academics, and an interest in art and design.

The first stop made on the trip was to Chick-fil-a and McDonalds were students were allowed to buy breakfast. Some students enjoyed French toast and biscuits, while others, like me, just made sure we got our coffee fix. On the road to the museum, students saw the Atlanta Falcons football stadium. We also passed rows of College Fraternity houses and students discussed which colleges they

dreamed of going to.

Before delving into the museum, we first had lunch at the café there. At this point, students were so excited, a few were literally jumping up the walls! Seventh grade math teacher Ms. Davis, tried to join in this fun random jumping activity.

I asked eighth grader Ambrie

Ramirez, "What were some of the activities you took part in while at the museum?"

"We went to this work shop called S.T.E.A.M and used oil pastels to see the difference it would have on paint," she answered.

If you are wondering, what S.T.E.A.M is, it stands for learning focused around Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. There is a lot of this kind of learning going on in the museum.

"What was your favorite exhibit?" I asked Ambrie.



"My favorite was either that giant glass bowl or this weird sculpture called apples and oranges it was weird but cool."

The whole experience can pretty much be summed up the same way: weird and cool! It was a very interesting way to experience, see, and learn new things. We are all very grateful to Ms. Freeman for making this learning opportunity possible. You are awesome Ms. Freeman!



"The Weird Apples and Oranges Art"
Ambrie liked



Samia Evans, Jhakobee Youmans, and Kayla Pierson enjoy some art at the museum dubbed the Ms. Majors statue because it was totally coordinated!



Pine Hill Middle Sports



Pine Hill Middle Hits a Home run with its Baseball Team!

by Samia Evans

When you think of baseball you think of just hitting a ball, but to baseball player Landyn Newman, "baseball is my everything, it's my safe place. Other people have different ways of expressing themselves, but I have baseball."

The love and dedication to baseball is what kept our championship bound team going! To prepare for games the team got lit and listened to

music, because "nobody wants to be down while playing baseball." They also prayed, stretched, and ate lots of food!

Ambria Ramirez & Erin Martin were the only two members of the baseball team that happened to be girls. Some male baseball players felt like having girls on the baseball team was no different because they felt like they were better than some of the boys.

However, others felt like the girls should not be able to play baseball. They argued if boys can't play softball then girls shouldn't be able to play baseball. Despite all the negativity, Erin's and Ambria's inspiration is to "prove baseball is something girls can do too."

Ambria & Erin see baseball as more fast-paced and more

difficult than softball. Erin actually tried out for the baseball team because she was encouraged by baseball players Adam Davis & Phillip Hodges. Way to go boys for spotting these girls' amazing talent and encouraging them to be brave enough to be part of the team!

The Panthers Eye thinks that it's amazing that these girls can step up and show their peers that girls can hang with the boys and play just as good as the boys.

Pitcher Brock Madden feels like being on the baseball team is an honor because you get to be a part of a well-rounded team and the coaches push you to your full potential. The team feels lucky they had such good coaches to guide them towards victory.

The team's goal for this year was year to win the championship. They felt like their biggest competitor was Spirit Creek because they get good base hits. As the team shared, every good baseball player knows before trying out for baseball you need to "learn how to hit. It's one of the essentials to baseball." Spirit Creek is a challenge to play because the players have gotten their hits down.

We here at the Panther's Eye congratulate the baseball team for making it to the championships! That was a really big feat. Our baseball team narrowly missed a win but it is all good because we know they are good enough to make it to the championships! Don't worry guys you will get the big win next year!



Dear Abby Advice Column

Something was stolen from me by a supposed "friend." The item was a birthday gift from my dad, and it holds a special place with me. Several other friends also suspect the same individual took my gift. I want to confront her, but I don't have any proof. What should I do?

First, I'd like to say happy birthday. Birthdays are special days, and they carry so much meaning. I also want to say I'm sorry that you're experiencing this situation. Having something stolen from you is a very personal thing.

I don't believe the people who steal items really understand how much of a personal violation it is. They take things that others have either worked hard for, or things that were given to individuals by family and friends, and the meanings those items have for people carry such deep connection.

It is unfortunate people feel they're entitled to have other people's things simply because "they want it too." I will offer encouragement in that you can have a peaceful confrontation with the individual you believe may

have taken your gift, but please, have that conversation face-to-face, and one-on-one. No one likes to be approached by a group of people because they may feel as though they're being attacked. So to avoid further problems, I would have this conversation without a lot of people around.

Also, remember you have administrators you can report things like theft to. Your school has resources to try and do whatever they can to identify the person who may have taken your things.

I would also be mindful of what types of things you bring to school. If it's something you would be upset about losing, or in this case, stolen, I would leave it at home. Maybe you could take a picture of the gift and show your friends at school. That way it stays safe, and stays in your possession. Again, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, I hope your item is returned to you, and you get an apology from whoever had it!

#ttyl #abby

I want to fight this person who is always putting me down. She is so nasty, and is always bullying people. I'm kind of scared because she's the type that is always fighting, but I feel like if I don't fight her, she will never respect me. I tell the teachers, but no one really does anything about it. I've talked to the counselor, but it doesn't help. She stopped for a little while, but is now doing it again. I wish there was another way, but like my best friend says, I have to stand up for myself. What do you think I should do?

This is a common question I receive. And I want to begin by saying I'm sorry you're dealing with a bully. I thank you for your bravery in reaching out and asking what you can do to work through this problem, and I know the emotional struggle that comes with a bullying situation. You're always waiting for the next moment that will cause the bully to lash out, you hesitate to answer questions in class because there's a chance someone will make fun of you. So many things go on in bullying situations.

I want to point out in bullying situations there are two main things that make something bullying as opposed to someone just being mean, or rude.

The first is duration (time). Bullying happens over a long period of time. The second part is the power struggle. Bullying is happening when one person has the majority of the power over another. The person being bullied does not feel they can stand up for themselves. Often, people pick on each other, one person makes fun of something about a person, and then that person makes fun of the other person back.

That situation is not bullying. It is, however, extremely mean and rude, and no one deserves to be made fun of, for any reason. No one is perfect, no one has everything. And "stuff" like shoes, clothes, cell phones, gaming systems, jewelry....that stuff, is nothing more than stuff. It does not make people who they are. Your character, personality, and the way you interact with others are but a few of the things that truly make a person who they are.

I know your friend is telling you to fight the bully to earn respect, so my question would be are you standing up to the bully, or trying to earn respect? I want to also offer some encouragement regarding working through bullying situations. You do NOT have to fight a bully. You can use your words, you can use your actions towards the bully and those others who are being bullied.

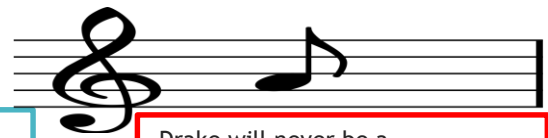
I say use your words towards the bully, but in a positive way. Bullies sometimes struggle with self-esteem. They don't think people will like them and want to be friends with them, so they bully other people because it gives them a sense of control when they don't feel they have control. Some people bully because they're being bullied by someone else. So when I say use your words, say things like "I'm sorry that happened to you, what can I do to help you?"

I know that's a tough thing to say to someone who is being nasty towards you, but you may be the first person they've seen that has been half-way nice to them. With your actions you can encourage and comfort those others who are being bullied. When a bully sees that someone is supporting the people they're trying to put down, it can be a demonstration of support and togetherness. It may discourage the bully, and you never know, the bully may come to the group seeking that same support and friendship. There is also the possibility the bully may continue. I would do my best to keep a safe distance, and continue to report instances of bullying to your administrators. I would also continue to build strong support networks to encourage you, and in turn, you encourage them. Together people stand up to bullying by being connected, positive, and encouraging.

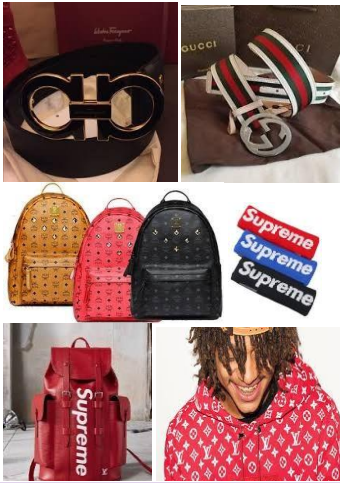
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Trending Now Report: This or That

by Amilyon Privott



Need some designer? Ferragamo & Gucci belts are popping! They are compatible with any and almost everything. Supreme X Louis Vuitton & MCM products, specifically their book bags, hoodies, and headbands are probably the most trending accessories today.



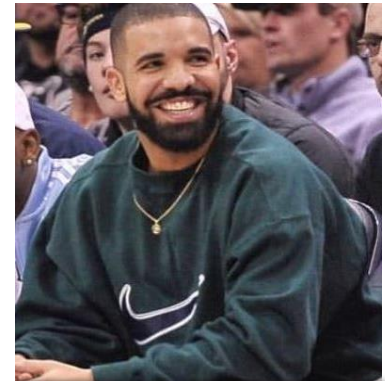
Designer Duds

New artist Sza made her come up with "Weekend" by singing about being a side piece in the relationship. She recently collabed with Kendrick Lamar and made "All The Stars" for the Black Panther soundtrack.

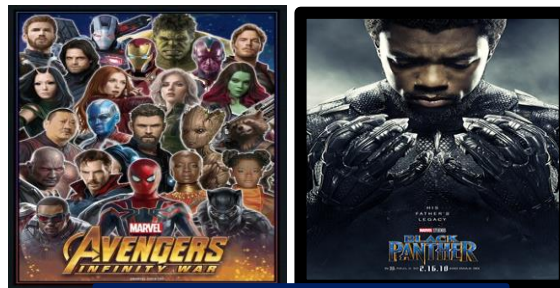


Sizzling Sza

Drake will never be a disappointment, except for showing off his dance moves! He's made a "More Life" album and recently made a top charts hit "God's Plan". He collabed with new artist Blocboy JB and created "Look Alive". JB became famous of his song "Shoot" and made the dance to go along, and it had every one kicking!



Drizzy Drake



Marvel Character Movies

The Marvel movie craze is strong right now! Everyone is feeling these movies and they have become strong trend setters in both the box office and in social media. We here at The Panther's Eye can't help but to have a preference for the Black Panther, as well... we are the panthers! Wakanda Forever! Marvel Forever!



Reigning PHMS Math Whiz



7th Grader Marry Morris was the first to figure out the math challenge correctly

Will you be the next Math Whiz!

Announcements

Career Fair On Monday May 21st from 9 am-12 pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to become informed about possible careers and to make career connections!

Best In Show Art Award Winners



8th Graders Ryan McIntyre (right) and Ayanna Bonham's art (left) won best in show at the All County Art Show

Flower Power Challenge: How many spring flowers are featured in this issue?

Brain Teaser: What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?



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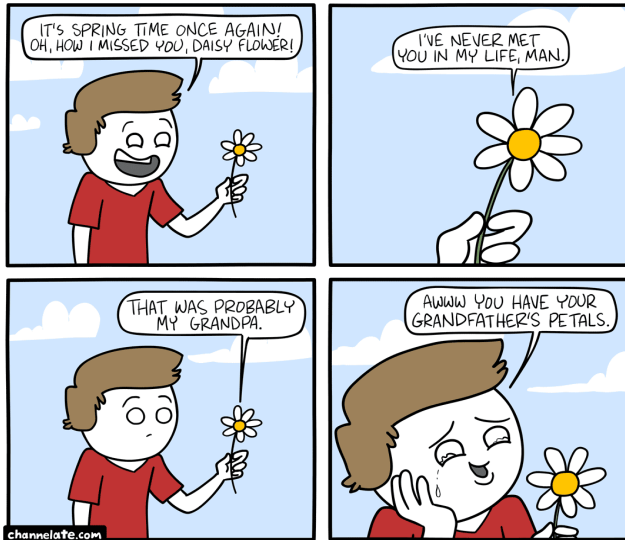
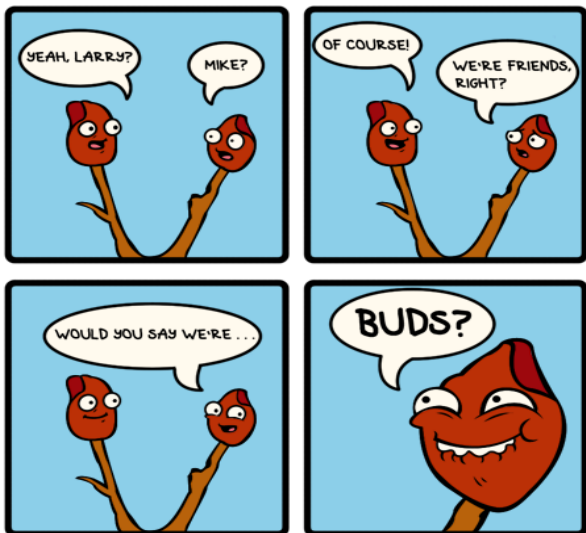
Be the first to figure this Math Challenge out and you will be crowned the new Math Whiz!

Spring Funnies



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Answers:
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 2. Brain teaser: Answer is "nothing"

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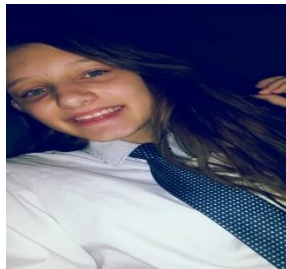
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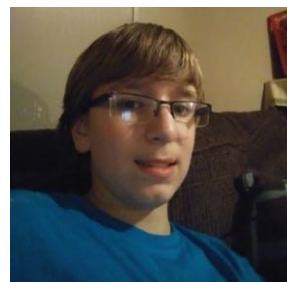
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