

Lakeview Lately

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Park Hill School District

Who Has Talent

by Amanda Kelly

On Friday, April 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm the talent show will be at Park Hill South. The place for students to share their talent with other students and family. This isn't just any other talent show us seventh graders have ever experienced before. You know how in elementary and Plaza we had the talent show in the day, but now we have the choice to go. Have you ever wondered how we have the talent show? Well the PTA or Parent Teacher Association plans, holds auditions, and sets up the talent show to make it possible to have. I'm pretty sure that you guessed that the reason why we have the talent show is for students to share their talents. So I went around and asked some students if they were going to tryout for the talent show. Ashley Pasley said, "... me and Abbey Whisnant are going to do a routine for cheer." Ally Braymer also said "I'm not going to try out because I don't want to." These are just a few students so you should try out and share your talent with us.



This is one of many orphans in Uganda; for more on her story, turn to the back cover for a special report by Lakeview student Alex Youngblood.

An Extended Year

Do we have to make up snow days at the end of the year or not? Yes we will. The Park Hill School District School Board decided to make up all 10 snow days. Many people disagree with this like Ali McCoy said, "I don't want to go [till June 2], it is silly..."Mrs. Sayre also disagreed she said "I love snow days but I don't want to make them up."

Many people within school are penalized for this like the kids and the teachers because

they both have to go until June 2 and we were supposed to only go until May 20. The parents are also affected because they might have wanted to go on a vacation with their kids. The law in Missouri states that the school districts only have to make up six days after



Seventh grader Katie Phillips calls and tells a friend—no more 5 am snow day phone calls from the superintendent!

by Kaitlynn Preston

that the rest for every two snow days you make up one. No matter how many snow days we would still have to make them up.

Many people like Mrs. Sayre said they like snow days but don't want to make them up. The only people that might be unhappy with the snow days are the bus drivers and the lunch ladies because they are paid by the hour on the days they work. So would you rather make up the snow days if you were them or just go without the money and not make them up?

New Cafeteria Regulations

by Ryan Wissman

Starting next year, cafeteria food, especially snacks, will change. And this isn't just at Lakeview. It applies to cafeterias across the country. The government passed a law that required school food to be healthier, to help prevent obesity. The law states that no one serving of food can contain more than 200 calories. What this means-you can still have a cookie, chips, or fruit with your entrée, but no one of those sides or a la carte options can contain over 200 calories. Some snacks, such as the cookies and ice cream, will stay, but they will have to be smaller, to meet the 200 calorie restriction. But some foods we will not see next year. So-what kind of stuff won't we see? The Gardetto's and spicy Cheez-Its will have to go, and the chips will have to be low-calorie chips. Also, the Snickers ice cream and the Klondike bars will have to go, or at least be smaller. We might not be able to have Gatorade, either. But the worst is yet to come. The law doesn't only apply to food served at breakfast and lunch. It applies to any food provided by the school. That means that food at parties and dances will have to meet the stringent regulations. That probably means no more donut parties. There is some hope, though. There is a website, www.regulations.gov, where you can comment (non anonymously) about the law, because it is still in review.



Where is Japan? Japan is an island country off the coast of Asia. Surrounded by water and close to many fault lines, it was at risk for the natural disasters that recently struck it.

Catastrophe in Japan

by Alex Scott

Imagine lying under rubble for nine days straight. That is what two survivors, an 80 year old woman and 16 year old boy had to go through. On March 11, 2011 a 9.0 strength earthquake hit off the coast of Japan. This earthquake sent tsunami waves barreling towards Japan. Tons of destruction followed the fifth largest earthquake ever recorded. At least 8,650 people have been confirmed dead, and more than 13,260 people are missing. More than 390,000 people have taken cover in shelters. Bry Campbell said, "I think it's horrible that people have to go through this." Spencer Granger agreed with her and said, "It really is horrible."

Not only did Japan experience a natural disaster, they are now in a nuclear and economic crisis. A nuclear plant was destroyed in Fukushima, which then spread radiation. The World Bank estimated that the costs of the damage could reach 235 billion. However, some of the stocks have started going up, so Japan is on the right track for an economic recovery. A full emotional recovery could take much longer. One positive is that more than 30,000 people have been rescued, and more are being rescued every day. Right now thousands of teenagers in Japan have nothing. Think of everything you have. Are you doing everything you can to help them?

Lakeview Making a Change

by Taylor Burdiss

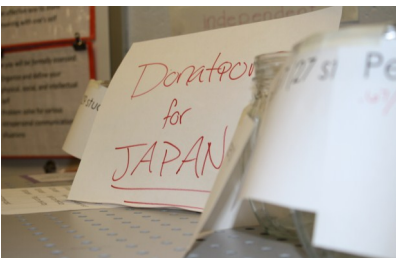
It took only 6 minutes to ruin thousands of people's lives. Almost 20,000 were killed and even more missing. Over 100,000 buildings were destroyed, moving the island eight feet, three nuclear reactors damaged, resulting in a tsunami 10 mile high, 6 mile in land. Many of people are homeless, cold, and hungry, Japan needs help.

UNICEF, a charity designed for kids, has received thousands of dollars from Japan in the past. They have never asked for any help for any of their earthquakes, or other natural disasters until this one. Everyone was unwarned, and unprepared for the tragedy that happened. Many of kids were separated from their families. All of UNICEF's money raised goes to the children. "People [in Japan] are without food, water, and electricity, we need to do anything we can to help," said Mrs. Buccellato.

The goal for Lakeview is to raise \$1500, each team of about 130 people is asked to raise \$250, that's about \$2.00 per student. Each team that raises their goal amount will have a celebration. Some teachers are having extra rewards for each class. Ms. Panther has chosen several prizes depending on how much money that class raises, one of the prizes is a free day during MAP testing. The more we raise, the more of an impact we make on the tsunami survivors. Fundraising will end on April 4th. "It was a once in a life time natural disaster no one could prepare for," said Ms. Panther. We need to help those in need!

Libya Fights

by Ashley Pasley



How can you help Japan? Read the story above to find out how Lakeview students and staff are pulling together to help Japanese victims of the tsunami.

As many of you may know Libya is in a war, not against another country, but against their leader. Libya's leader is Muammar Gaddafi and he is what some of his followers would call evil. Libya does not like him, they want him to resign. There have been bombs going off everywhere there. The Libyan television says, "48 killed and 150 wounded in allied attacks"

This is going to affect the United States. Libya is a major export of oil for the U.S. since they have been in war they can't ship the oil out, which is causing our gas prices to increase. Congressmen Dennis

Kucinich says that congress must approve war against another country unless there is an actual or imminent threat to the U.S. He continues, "If we don't abide by the constitution, everything falls apart." He obviously does not agree on Obama's decision of bombing Libya.

The country of Libya is in a hard time. They are doing everything in their power. Many people think, why should we care about what's going on in Libya? It's on the other side of the world. Well the truth is it DOES affect the United States, you should care.

Tragedy in Kansas City

by Nicki Wagner

On Tuesday March 15, 2011 on Pittman Road in east Kansas City at about 5 p.m., three year old Landon Michael Carlson was going to his mailbox with two eight year olds. A van weaving down the road caught their attention. The van then hit Landon, and drove away. He suffered major head injuries. Police suspected a 65 year old man-who turned himself in on Wednesday March 16, 2011-because an officer responding to the call about Landon unknowingly drove past his van and captured it on his dash camera. Landon was pronounced dead just after the man turned himself in.

The man was released from jail on Thursday March 17, 2011 because under law, if he hadn't been charged within 24 hours of being detained, he had to be released. Investigations continue, even though the man has been released. Police do believe he knew he hit someone because of physical evidence and his actions. Lakeview student Ali McCoy shared her thoughts with me. "It's pretty messed up that the person who hit [Landon] didn't stop to help him. He should go to jail for 10 years to life." Similarly, Ally Petty told me, "He should face 10 to 15 years [in jail]."



Another sneak peek of our special edition back page story written by one Lakeview student who studying abroad. Here he poses with a Ugandan orphan and his mother where they work in an orphanage.

Sports and Health

Taking Away the Game

by David Wood

Imagine a world without professional football. Like the NFL never existed. No more Superbowl parties. No more hanging out with your buds watching games on Sunday. No more Fantasy Football. Well this world might come true with the NFL lockout.

If you don't know what the NFL Lockout is, well it's kind of confusing. Basically the owners in the NFL want to increase the number of games in a season which would put the players in a position to get injured easily. Also the NFL wants to stop healthcare. You can imagine the players aren't too happy about that. The owners want to increase revenue for themselves by taking money off of players' salaries, which is just cruel. Even though the players already make a ton of money, they don't deserve to get a lower salary. If the players and owners don't decide on a contract soon, say goodbye to the 2011 season. But the real question here is, is it the players or owners fault? Who's to blame?

"Well I think it is the owners' fault because they just want more money," said Alex Leonhart. "[It is the players' fault] They're the ones who cut off the talks even though there was a pretty good offer on the table," said Joshua Loddell. "[It is the owners' fault] The owners are the ones who ditched the old contract early. It was supposed to say in effect until 2013," said Mike Salk. There are good arguments for both sides, but I'm going to have to say it is the owners' fault. They ended the contract early to get more money for themselves! All of them are just greedy rich people that forgot about the most important thing, the game. So who do you think is to blame?

March 31st Be Ready for the Royals

by Stephen Thompson

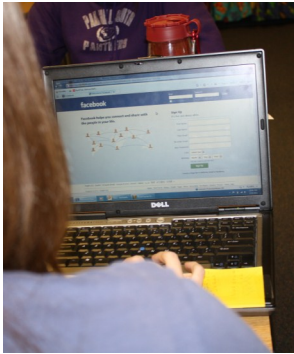
Opening day is just around the corner. Royals are getting ready to face the Los Angeles Angel. Recently, the Royals this year traded their ace pitcher Zack Greinke. Ned Yost the manager of the Royals just announced that Luke Hochevor is the starting pitcher! The next four pitchers in order are left hander Jeff Francis, right hander Kyle Davies, south paw Bruce Chen, and last is the very young Vin Mazzaro. I

caught up with Ned Yost the manager to see how he feels about Luke Hochevor being the starting pitcher, "He's a home guy. Hoch is a guy who has been here. Also, he's a guy who I thought was making strides last year when he got hurt." As the reaction of Ned seems very confident in Luke. We also got to meet with Luke to see what his reaction is of being the starting pitcher, "I'm excited about the opportunity

to get to do that. Also, the opportunity to prove myself. This year is a big year for me and I'm ready to take the bull by the horns and get after it." Luke seems very thrilled about this year and wants to shine and do well. So if you want to see the Royals and Luke pitch come to Kauffman stadium on March 31st it's the Royals opening day against the Angels and see if the Royals can prove to be a factor in MLB baseball.



Ready for opening day at the K? Tanner Crawford is!



Working in class or getting off task? It's not just a distraction, it might be an addiction! Read Juliana's article for more information.

"...Facebook addiction is very possible..."

Dangerous Drinks

Did you know that 31% of teenagers regularly drink energy drinks? Energy drinks can have a lot of negative effects, but there are some benefits. For example, it can give you energy. Also Alley Pettey says, "they taste really good." Jared Gould says, "they give you energy and they taste good." But

there are lots of negative effects. Energy drinks have a lot of sugar, for example one can of Monster has 52 grams of sugar in it. Energy drinks can cause rapid heartbeat and trouble breathing. Also, drinking them dehydrates you. There is a ton of caffeine in energy drinks, too. Since energy drinks aren't classi-

fied as sodas, they don't have caffeine limits. Strokes and sudden death can even happen if you drink too many energy drinks. So next time you want to have an energy drink that tastes good, think about all the things that can happen to you.

by Tucker Melles

Facebook Addiction

Many people all around the world share one common characteristic—having a Facebook. Lots of people spend large amounts of time on it, but what makes you considered addicted to Facebook?

After doing some research, I found some signs of Facebook addiction. If the first and last thing you do each day is check Facebook, you might be a candidate for Facebook addiction! Also, if all you think about is checking Facebook, or if you check it constantly, you might be addicted. More signs are sleep deprivation and difficulty with face-to-face interactions. Did you relate to any of these

symptoms? If yes, you could possibly be addicted to Facebook.

While doing informal interviews by asking people if Facebook addiction was possible, every single person responded with, "Yes." Wanting to know more details on what people really thought about Facebook addiction, I decided to interview my friend and fellow classmate, Clayton Hockensmith today at lunch around noon.

He smiled huge as I started off with the first question. I asked how much time each day he usually spent on Facebook. Straining his face with thought,

re responded with, "About five to ten minutes each day." Then with a disgusted face he quickly blurted out, "No" when I asked if he considered himself addicted. After I asked him what the negative effects of Facebook were, he responded with, "Well...the negative effects of Facebook are that people can look into your life, and get your personal information."

My thoughts on Facebook addiction is that it is very possible. Facebook addiction is an extremely bad habit to get yourself into, so I suggest if you spend a large amount of time on it, that you cut back a bit.

by Juliana Hsu

Being Sleepy Can Ruin Grades

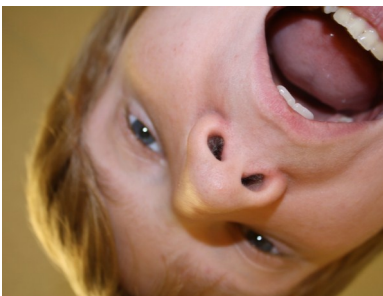
Sleep deprivation is one of the main causes of student failure at school. It causes you to speak in mono tone and makes it difficult to communicate with others. Verbal learning is highly affected by lack of sleep. Without sleep you could have hallucinations, or dreaming while you're awake. Your thinking, speech, and memory can be impaired. Recalling things

is harder, that's why you should get sleep before taking tests and writing essays.

The main causes of sleep deprivation are having social pressure while at school. Balancing relationships, academics, and extra-curricular activities also make it so it is difficult to get sleep. Students our age are recommended seven to nine hours of sleep per night. Out of a poll I did,

by Travis B. Colpitts

44% of the students I asked make the recommended hours of sleep. 40% said they get less than seven hours of sleep. Harrison Fox remarked, "I get eight to seven hours of sleep. But it depends... [on what's happening.]" Mrs. Panther exclaimed, "I get eight hours of sleep, I've been doing really well."



Want to be wide awake and ready for the day like Connor Jones? Then get to bed earlier tonight! Read Travis' article for all the tips!

Features

Mrs. Padberg

Jumping into room 148 during Mrs. Padberg's third hour break, I sat down to talk to her. I started in with the questions; I asked if she liked being a teacher. "Yes" she replied with lightning fast reflexes. Next, I questioned her of what the best thing a student has done for her in general; "I really like it when students write me notes and letters of how I changed their life for the better", she stated looking me in the eyes with a joyful smile. In my curiosity I asked if she though a teacher can learn from a student;

"Yes!" she said and added, "If you didn't learn as an adult life would be so boring." Afterward, I was concerned about what she thought of herself as a teacher. Mrs. Padberg replied "I think I'm a good teacher, but I know I can always do things better and be better". With that I asked the final question, I consulted her about what she liked about being a teacher to me and other students. A giant smile appeared and she concluded, "Awesome, because to have a student that you don't

by Annerb Bradford

have in class anymore come back and say how amazing you were really shows that I had an impact on their whole life". After that I got more quotes from three students and a teacher: "She's very mellow and calm," says Dominic Samiento, and, "She's really understanding," said Page Dunn. Finally Miss Panther said, "She really brings out talent in her students that they might of not even known they had."



She seems mean, but what's she really like? Alley Pettey reveals the person that Dr. Kiefer really is: funny and interesting!

Puppet Master

On March 23, 2011 I got the chance to interview our fearless leader, Dr. Kiefer. In her office we had a great interview about how she learned the good old lesson "Don't judge a book by its cover."

You may know our principle as the lady who just runs the place and does hallway duty. But on the

inside Dr. Kiefer is a wonderful person. When Dr. Kiefer was in collage she sold puppets off the back of a u-hall truck with state fairs. "The people there may be grungy because they haven't showered... They may have had a drug or alcohol problem." she spoke. But the people looked out for her if she was having a problem with a customer. "It shows

by Alley Pettey

that there is good in everyone." she said. Now you know why I wanted to interview her, to find out who she really is on the inside besides on what see in the halls or cafeteria. Thanks Dr. Kiefer for a wonderful school!

"You may know our principal as the lady just runs the place and does hallway duty..."

The Teacher Students Need

The last week in March I interviewed Ms. Lee at Lakeview Middle School. She was recently chosen as a Teacher of the Year nominee for the Park Hill School District. While interviewing her I asked her what makes her class so enjoyable to be in? She replied, "the students say it's because of my personality and I make class fun. I think it's because I am an

8th grader at heart. I love to joke around and have fun with students in my class. And before they know it we are learning math." As well I asked what are some of her favorite teachers were while teaching. "The SMILES. I love the smiles. Whether they come from a student laughing at my attempt at a joke or from understanding a concept, they mean

by Leah Ramsey

the world to me." She went on, "A favorite memory from this year is when I sneaked up behind Emma Woodson in class and scared her to get rid of her hiccups. It worked, but the whole class jumped in fright..." A teacher that is always willing to be there for you when you need it!



Mrs. Lee is beloved by students and her team—they all give her a high five for her recent nomination!

Opinions and Editorials



Kat Bracale knows how to multitask at school. Homework and studying for a test? Not exactly. Try juggling two cell phones at once. Could that be a new topic at Lakeview?

A Distraction or a Learning Device?

by Rilie Barnes

At our school we are not allowed to have our phones out during school hours. Liberty has the same no cell phone policy but North Kansas City is allowed to have their cell phones out during their fifteen minute passing time. When I asked Ashley Pasley how she felt about the policy she said, "I think they should be allowed during our lunch time because they won't be distracting because we aren't learning anything. I think Ashley is right but the only people you could communicate with are people who are in the same lunch time as you or people who aren't in school. After I spoke with Ashley I also asked Kannon Neros and he agreed with Ashley. I also talked to Dr. Teeter and he said, "I think we will eventually allow students to have cell phones but we are going to teach students how to use them educationally and appropriately" I agree with Ashley and Kannon but I also think the learning how to use cell phones correctly would be a new thing for a lot of people.

Movie Hopping

by V. Crawford

Do you think movie hopping is okay? Do you think they welcome you in and expect you to hop? It is a possibility to either get fined by the police or to get arrested. Although, you will most likely get kicked out for the day or get banned for a while. If you movie hop and not get caught, you must be lucky. However, if you don't feel comfortable doing it, just don't do it. On the other hand, have you ever thought about a staff member or police could be in there to observe because of a complaint already or just because? Usually

when you're with your friends an adult will tell a staff member on you guys because you're probably making too much of a ruckus. If they do, they will just come down and watch you for a while.

Assuming that you got caught, saying that you lost your ticket isn't the smart thing to do. They probably hear it all the time and it won't help you get out of the situation. The bold thing to do is just to be honest. If they ask you, just say, "Yes I did sneak in" without causing any prob-

lems, just leave quickly and quietly if they ask you to do so.

I would say it's wrong and you shouldn't do it. Many people do it anyway. I know people do it and not many get caught at all. I think there should be more people around the theater to watch and check tickets. So if you're willing to take a chance and get in trouble, nobody can really make you stop doing it. If you're a good kid, you will know what's right and do the right thing.

"When I asked a cafeteria worker if she knew it was believed to cause cancer, she replied..."

Just One Simple Change

by J. A. Perkins

"I do think they are better... [They] are worth the extra pennies." says Miss Powell. Even though Lakeview is spending more money, it is worth it. I am talking about Lakeview's new food trays.

The previous trays we used contained many chemicals that harm the environment and humans. The elements in the Styrofoam pollute the air. The trays also do not break down in landfills. The chemicals also harm our body when they come into contact with our food. Polystyrene is a chemical in Styrofoam. It is believed to cause cancer. They have basically one benefit, they are cheap.

When Lakeview was using the Styrofoam plates, almost no one knew they could harm the human body. When I asked a cafeteria worker if she knew it was believed to cause cancer, she replied, "No, I did not."

The new trays are more expensive than the Styrofoam trays. The school district is in debt. We could get money by selling things we don't need. Some of the teachers at Lakeview don't use their Mobies. There are also about fifteen to twenty extra computers that we rarely use. If we sold these items we would have a

lot of money to buy the trays that are environmentally safe and safe for humans too.

Some people at Lakeview believe that the Styrofoam trays are environmentally safe. Emily Mierzejewski says, "I can assure you that BPA is not used as an ingredient in our aforementioned products, [Envirofoam]." My mother, a person who has been researching these trays, says "There is no such thing as environmentally safe Styrofoam." It doesn't matter if there is not any BPA in them. The Polystyrene is still harming the environment and humans. Polystyrene is a main chemical in Styrofoam.

We have recently been going back and forth between Styrofoam and the cardboard trays. We are currently using the Styrofoam trays. I think that we need to change back to the cardboard trays. I can't do this on my own though. I need students and staff members at Lakeview to help me let people know that we need to switch back to the cardboard trays. You could be at risk. We need to save our environment and ourselves. It's just one simple change!



Is Aubree Wilkerson just hopping or practicing for a week-end of movie hopping? Jesse Stamper doesn't seem amused.

The Driving Controversy

by Julia Switlick

The driving age in Missouri is always a big controversy for people. In various states such as Kansas or Iowa, teens at the age of 14 can get a permit. In Kansas, teens can get their license at the age of 16 or in Iowa at the age of 17. Here in Missouri, 15 year olds can take a writer or computer test along with a driving test to receive their permit. Sixteen year olds get their license.

If you are under the age of 15 and get pulled over, there are multiple consequences. If you are under age or without a license you could get a traffic ticket, hefty fines, community service, time in jail, or your vehicle impounded. If you receive your second offense, you will get increased consequences. Another consequence for under age driving is the driver cannot get a license two-six years after you get pulled over, so about when you are 18-21.

Recently there has been a law passed to prohibit

driving while texting. The law is supposed to prohibit people under the age of 21 who text while driving. This law doesn't pertain to the use of CB radios and cell phones for communications. Also, this applies to dialing a phone while driving or texting while the car is parked. Like driving under the age, driving while texting has consequences when the law is broken. They are a fine of \$200 and a moving violation punishable by an assessment of points on the driver's license.

Different people have said what they thought about the driving age. Kaitlynn Preston said, "I think [the driving age] is fine or it should go up in some states." Another student, Nicki Wagner said, "Good because younger kids don't understand the rules." Also, Spencer Granger commented, "I think [the driving age] is fine." I feel the driving age is fine because when you turn 16; they don't call that birthday "sweet sixteen" for nothing. It is all based around getting your driver's license.



Brady Smith seems like a responsible teen, but can we trust her with a set of keys just yet?

On Love and Youth

by Jake Mazeitis

Can teenagers feel love? I know that this topic will yield some very passionate answers from our readers, but for now I will simply offer you what my research has shown. Perhaps it would be best to start with the basics. Love, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is, "an intense affection for another person..." Although, in today's world, with divorce rates on the rise and all these ugly celebrity scandals, love seems to be a very confusing emotion for adult humans, let alone teenagers.

In a brief interview with Mark Fricke, he stated that he believes that teenagers can feel love. Nate Borst had a slightly longer answer. "I've loved my girlfriends in the past, so yes. I do believe that teenagers can feel love," he said. Miss Panther disagrees. She said that, "teenagers only feel what they perceive as love," implying that they don't feel the true emotion. Natalie Dixon agrees. "Teenagers aren't fully developed yet, and are therefore incapable of feeling love," she says. There is some truth to that. The brain of a human is not fully developed until well into their twenty's. More specifically, the part of the brain governing logic and reason is not as active as the emotional part of the brain during the teen years. Also, hormone levels of teenagers are sky-high. Couple that with the underdeveloped brain, and you have an emotional thunderstorm on your hands. With this thunderstorm, pretty much any emotion you feel, especially anything like love, could change direction quickly and violently. It is interesting to note that of the four people interviewed for this article, both females said that teenagers could not feel love, while the two males said that teenagers can.

In my opinion, I don't believe that teenagers can feel love. I believe that they are too emotional to have deep, meaningful relationship with another person. Relationships require emotion and logic in equal measure, and the teenage brain just doesn't have that balance. I believe that teenagers mistake infatuation for love, learning themselves to really believe that they love someone else.

PDA

by Sethmo McG-man

The issue of PDA has been debated about for years. At Lakeview Middle School, kids aren't allowed to hug, hold hands, or basically touch each other in any way, shape, or form. PDA can distract you school and can make other students uncomfortable or envious. An anonymous

source said, "PDA makes me feel uncomfortable." Most student don't have any problems with PDA and find the rules to be too restrictive and unfair. Diopilio Hardison said, "It's not like holding hands is gonna kill you, I don't see what's so bad

about it." I agree with him, I'm not sure why the rules against PDA exist and I the only thing it does is, well, it doesn't do anything; Did you know that 94% of the students don't agree with the school policy on PDA?

"...they are too emotional to have a deep, meaningful relationship with another person..."



Rylie Barnes and Brooke Yeager steal a quick hug hello before class, but do they know they're breaking school policy?

Entertainment



Madi Sanders, Ryan Wissman, Jesse Stamper, and Aubree Wilkerson give their version of Mr. Robert's four stars for Fallout: New Vegas.

Rob's Reviews, Fallout: New Vegas

by Mr. Roberts

"Which game?" replied David Wood. This week's game is a sequel to the 2008 Game of the Year. Even though one of the best games for the PS3 and Xbox 360, this was not as well recognized as it should have been since Call of Duty: Black Ops came out at about the same time. Fallout: New Vegas.

In the year 2277 B.C. 200 years after WWII, the world is in ruins and most of those alive are either corrupt or insane. The last hope of good in the world, or even the most corrupt of them all is you.

This game takes place in a post-apocalyptic future where conflicts are on every corner where you have to fight, run, or talk your way out of every situation.

In this game everything you do affects who you are. You can be the good guy, the bad guy, or the neutral guy. With over 200 endings based on how you play this game. This game with hundreds of endings is both complex, and a prize to behold.

I'm generally happy with this game though it does have several major flaws. First off, I would like to address the fighting as-

pect of this game. Although both a first-person-shooter and a third-person-shooter both are hard to use. The aiming reticles are hard to use and inaccurate, as opposed to Black Ops' gameplay. Something that makes it easier though is V.A.T.S. Although I have next to no idea what this stands for, it creates a more theatrical way to blast your enemies away. The fighting is a bit of a letdown, but the role-play isn't.

Another major flaw is the constant updates and the load time. The game freezes more than I would like and loads slowly. There are several bugs which can make getting new weapons harder or affecting your dialogue, making it hard to complete quests.

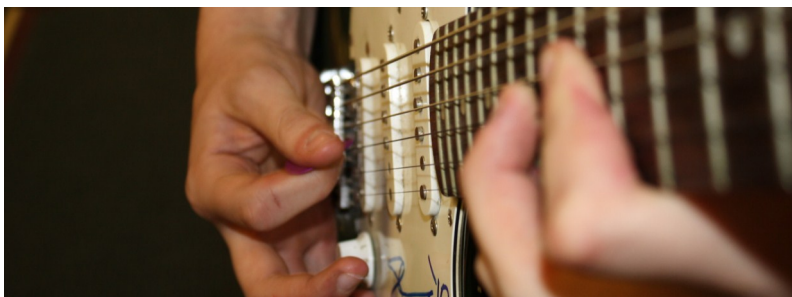
One thing of this game that won me over, however, is the aspect of "karma" in this game. Basically speaking, your personal status, whether your good or evil. You do something bad you lose "karma" and vice versa with good. There are three levels of karma. Good, bad, and neutral. Although you don't get many benefits from one versus the other, it does affect who likes you and most of your dialogue

choices with other characters. If you talk to a bad guy with good karma, that probably won't end so well for one of you, as opposed to if you had bad "karma" also. Everything you do affects your karma status. Steal some food, bad "karma." Donate to the church, good "karma." Ignore good guys and bad guys, a few dirty looks from each, but all-in-all, neutral "karma." This is my favorite part of this game and a huge factor of gameplay not many shooters have.

Anyways, I'm running out of time and room for this article, but I'm going to give my final verdict of this game. Out of five I'd give it a 4. For me this game is a love hate relationship, could be improved, but despite all this a game worth getting. If you're interested in this game, I would recommend getting the game previous to this, Fallout 3.

If you have any questions about this game, or if you have a game you would like me to review for you, or even your just not sure which game to get out of two, send a note to Mrs. Panthers 1st Hour Publications Class.

"...the world is in ruins and most of those alive are either corrupt or insane..."



Roman Rojas plays a tune on the guitar, but it sounds like it won't be Ke\$ha's new song "Blow" anytime soon.

"Blow" Won't Blow You Away

by E. K. Philli

"[Blow] is... not the best I've ever heard." Paige Dunn replied when asked about Ke\$ha's new song "Blow." Vicky Phillips has a different opinion. "[Blow] is better than most of [Ke\$ha's] songs. It's less inappropriate." Six out of the 11 students interviewed said it was okay; four out of the 11 people hadn't heard it; and only one student liked it! Ke\$ha may be getting more appropriate according to Vicky Phillips, but no one seems to really care. All of these quotes happened at Lakeview Middle School and they were full of laughs, emotion, and fun.

A Day to Remember: What Separates You from Me by Kyle Krum

From slow songs to metal, "A Day to Remember" has a wide expansion on what types of songs they can play and they sound amazing every song they play. They play a genre of a pop core which is like a rock/pop/hardcore type of music. They just came out with a new album called What Separates You From Me on January 10, 2011. They wrote ten songs for this album:

Sticks and Bricks

All I Want

It's Complicated

This is the House that
Douby build

2nd S*cks

Better Off This Way

All Signs Point to Lauder-
dale

You be Tails I'll be Sonic

Out of Time

If I Leave

Jeremy McKinnon is vocals, Tom Denney and Neil Westfall play guitar, Alex Shelnutt plays drums, and Josh Woodward plays bass. I would recommend them to people who listen to Bring Me the Horizon or Never Shout Never. I would really recommend them to everyone.



Like music? Looking for something new? Try A Day to Remember's newest album.

Nothing Dead About It

The Walking dead is a groundbreaking new show that premiered last year on AMC. It will change the zombie genre forever. The story's premise is centered on Rick Grimes, a sheriff from Georgia, who awakes from a coma to discover that the world has experienced an apocalypse. Grimes is portrayed beautifully by British actor, Andrew

Lincoln. Rick begins to search for his family with help from a father and son duo named Morgan and Dwayne. Apparently Rick's wife is fooling around with his deputy. Although the show is a broken up zombie movie, it has much more to offer than mindless violence. The Walking Dead does not use any clichés. The Walking Dead is

by Caleb Fenner

thought provoking, character driven, zombie movie with plenty of heart. The show is sure to satisfy critics and those hungry for more action. All in all, The Walking Dead is gritty drama about those dealing with a tragedy that has struck the entire world. Just with a little more blood and guts on the side.

"...it has much more to offer than mindless violence."

Red Riding Hood: Good or Bad?

During spring break, I saw Red Riding Hood with my friend, Courtney. Red Riding Hood is about a girl who lives in a town that is home to not only villagers, but a werewolf, too. The werewolf hasn't killed a person since the town started sacrificing their best animals to stay safe. When the killings begin again, the town goes to

extreme measures to stop the attacks. Overall, it was a great, exciting movie. With constant twists and turns in the plot, you were left guessing throughout the whole movie. I would give it 3 out of 4.

When asked what he thought of Red Riding Hood, Kyle Bye said, "I think it was [bad.] I didn't

by Katy Troha

really like it." Audrey Morton had something different to say. "It looks really good and I personally want to see it." Despite these conflicting opinions, I recommend you see it.



One last clue from the special guest column on the back cover. Here, Alex spends time with a few of the orphans just outside of Kampala, Uganda.

What is a horoscope? Well, it's "a prediction of future events or advice. Planets/signs of the zodiac... to ... [foretell events in a person's life.]" as told by astrology.com.

Aries, the ram (March 21- April 19) - for the rest of the week, watch out for friends that will turn on you. Rafia Nicole, 13 confirms, "[a friend] talked about me behind my back, so I just let her go." Future friend: a Gemini

Taurus, the bull (April 20- May 20) - try a new activity. You will find a soul mate with the same interests as you. Future friend: a Cancer

Gemini, the twins (May 21- June 20) - your crush is watching and waiting for you. Be bold and take a chance. Future friend: a Leo

Cancer, the crab (June 21- July 22) - your grades are on the edge. Seek a bud to help you study. Future friend: Virgo

Leo, the lion (July 23- August 22) - this weekend, treat yourself. Go shopping or hang out with buds. Remember; you're worth it. Future friend: Libra

Virgo, the virgin (August 23- September 22) - you will be going through some extremely happy, and quite

upsetting times in the coming few days. A close friend will help you through. Future friend: a Scorpio

Libra, the scales (September 23- October 22) - your "enemy" wants revenge. Watch out! An unknown friend will help you. Future friend: a Sagittarius

Scorpio, the scorpion (October 23- November 21) - let your mind wander! This weekend you will take a long journey. Future friend: a Capricorn

Sagittarius, the archer, (November 22- December 21) - listen to song lyrics. They will guide you through the day. Just make sure to

pick the right song! Future friend: an Aquarius

Capricorn, the goat (December 22- January 19) - stormy times are coming. Be prepared for all weather and carry an umbrella! Future friend: a Pisces.

Aquarius, the water bearer (January 20- February 18) - don't cross the center line while driving through life, or else be prepared for a major crash. Future friend: an Aries

Pisces, the fish (February 19 - March 20) - be careful what you "tweet." It may just end up on the news. Future friend: a Taurus

Special Feature: Lakeview Student Improves Life for Ugandan Orphans

by Alex Youngblood

I have been helping out in an orphanage called Mercy Home Of Children with my mom this year in Uganda, Africa. I am in Uganda because my dad has been working there teaching peace journalism.

When you start heading for the orphanage, about a half an hour out of Kampala, you see the sights changing drastically. You see a rusted gate with "Mercy Home Of Children" printed on it. The gate is the nicest thing that the orphanage has. The children's rooms consist of a beat up bed, with a small mattress. The kitchen is located outside, with dust and garbage piled by it.

The floor of the kitchen is just dirt, no tiles or anything. What they cook on is a broken stove with a small fire underneath it. Materials are very short, all they have to cook with is one spoon, one pot, and some firewood.

The orphanage Mercy Home consists of children that don't have homes, parents, anyone to take care of them, or they have HIV/AIDS. There are 50 children currently at the orphanage. Their ages range from 3-18. All the children are bone thin, and in need of health care. Most of the children's clothes are ripped and dirty. The children don't have enough food most of the time, except for when my mom and I bring big bags of beans for them. The beans may last all the children about a week, each child of course does not get enough.

Overall, the looks of the orphanage is very depressing. Some of the children such as Rein, Bridget, and Babbazee want to go to school, but of course they cannot afford school. In Africa in every grade you have to pay to go to school. Even though they cannot afford school, their hopes are still up in the air, of life beyond Mercy Home. Thanks to my mom and I these children have hope of a better tomorrow. Even if we just play with them, or talk to them, that puts a smile on their faces. Life for these children is a very hard road to face, but with a little hope all they can know is someone cares.

What my mom and I are trying to do at the orphanage is to help out as much as we can. Some things we have done are scrubbing the walls, making a path with bricks, dusting the kitchen, and playing with the kids. My mom and I want this orphanage to be a place for the children to feel safe and loved. Our family and friends have helped that happen with overall donations of over \$3,500 for the orphanage. The children will have a better, brighter future thanks to everyone who donated.

When we are not at the orphanage, my family and I like to travel to national parks in Uganda, Africa. The parks we have gone to have been great. The parks are filled with lots of animals roaming around such as Elephants and Hippos.

The national parks are very cozy and relaxing. My favorite place we have gone is The Uganda Wildlife Education Center. It has Monkeys walking all over the place! We were able to see the animals wandering around instead of seeing them caged up, like at home. When we're not doing those things I stay home, and do school for most of the week.