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## Park Hill School District

### News



**Couch Reid and Ashley Pasley are shocked and nervous about the No-Tax-Bond Increase issue they just heard about in Alex's article.**  
*Photography by Ally Braymer*

### Congress Divided by Jake Mazetis

Last November, our great nation held elections for the seats in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Before this election, both parts of Congress had a Democratic majority, meaning that there were more Democratic than Republican Representatives and Senators in public office. After these elections, however, the balance of power shifted. The formerly Democratic House became Republican, and the Senate only just retained its Democratic majority. Due to the change of power in The House, the Speaker of The House also changes. The Speaker belongs to whichever political power has the most members in the House of Representatives. Before the election, Nanci Pelosi held this prestigious title. Although, now it is time for a Republican to become The Speaker. John Boehner, a Representative from Ohio's Eighth District, was sworn in on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Now, what in the political world would cause such a change in what the voters wanted? Before I answer that question, let me give you the numbers. Prior to the election, 255 of 435 Representatives, and 57 of 100 Senators belonged to the Democratic Party, while only 179 Representatives and 41 Senators were Republicans. After the election, though, the Democrats had only 193 Representatives, and 51 Senators. This means that the Republican took about 62 seats in the House, and 6 seats in the Senate. It is interesting to note that the Tea Party (Tea stands for Taxed Enough Already), a new branch of the Republican Party, has gained quite a large following. Their influence is very strong in states such as Florida.

It seems that the decline in Democratic Congress members may have been the result of several un-popular laws passed by our present Democratic President, Mr. Barack Obama. These laws include things such as the very controversial Health Care Reform, and the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" which keeps gays from serving openly in the US military. These decisions seemed to lead some of the more conservative Democrats to support Republican candidates.

Before we look at the interesting political climate in DC, let's review some basic facts about our government. In order for a law to become a law, it must first be approved by both the House of Representatives, and the Senate. If either of them should not say that they do not like the law, then the law goes away. However, if the House of Representatives, The Senate, and The President all OK the proposed law, then it becomes a law.

New laws will probably be hard to come by this political season. Since the two parties each have control of a different part of Congress, whatever laws go through will have to make both parties happy. Since the Democrats and the Republicans are such opposites, finding that middle ground can be tough. Suffice to say, it should be an interesting year for politics.

### Better Rates vs. Budget Cuts

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be an election over something that will decide Park Hill's future. Voters will be voting on the No-Tax-Increase Bond Issue. The bond is worth 49.5 million dollars, and will pay for maintenance, technology, security, classroom space, and a new elementary school. Park Hill has put off a lot of needed projects to save money, and avoided budget cuts and job losses. This bond will give Park Hill access to 2.5 million dollars added to the budget each year for 5 years.

So what is a bond exactly?

A bond is a way to get money from the government, the government gets it from taxes, and that is why taxpayers have a say in whether or not the district gets the money. However, this bond will not affect tax bills, so there will be no cost for individual tax payers. How is this possible? Well, the Park Hill School District is trying to create better rates, and paying off debts. Therefore Park Hill is in a good financial decision to ask for a bond from the government without raising taxes.

The No-Tax-Increase Bond

by Alex Rothers

will help improve our district all around, but how will it improve Lakeview? Lakeview will see many different changes like; repairs to the roof, asphalt, and concrete, upgraded electrical system, and technology such as classroom projectors, document cameras, and digital tablets. Our special education facilities will be improved as well. Lakeview also install security cameras outside. Lastly, Lakeview will remodel our entrance to ensure safety for our students and staff. "I think [the bond] is a good idea, and will make our school a better place to learn," Says Lauren Terrell.

# News

## How Do You Spell Success? D.E.C.A.

by Taylor Burdiss



The Park Hill South DECA members pose with their trophies they won at a national competition.

Many little kids dream of being celebrities, but when we get older we start to realize its harder then we imagined. It takes hard work, commitment, and effort. Believe it or not a co-curriculum class called Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) could put you on track to being a successful business person. DECA was the start to Courtney Cox, Katie Couric, and Jay Leno's wonderful careers they have now.

1947 was when DECA started. Park Hill South offers DECA as a co-curriculum class. You have to take a marketing class, which sophomores, juniors, and seniors can take. Students that are involved in DECA can earn scholarship money for being an active member. DECA is a great class for students who want to be in marketing or business when they grow up. One of the goals for this class is to help students plan for and be successful in college and in their careers. They are many things this class is a part of, for example they

decorated Christmas trees for the less fortunate. They run the train and get to be the Easter Bunny at Metro North Mall. Also, they travel for competitions for their commercials they film and write, this year they are going to Orlando, Florida, last year they went to New York, and Louisville, Kentucky. Another activity they are involved in is a prescription drug prevention program. These are some of the many things DECA is a part of. This year there are 120 students in DECA at South. DECA is an incredible student organization.

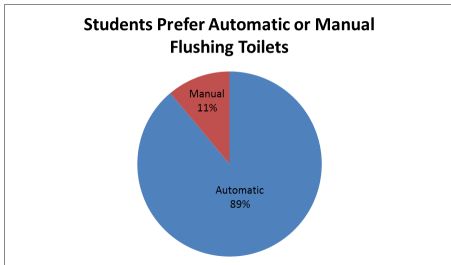
## Possible Potty Preferences

by Nicki Wagner

Did you know there are automatic flushing toilets in some bathrooms in Lakeview? In the Jaguars and Eagles hallway, the boys and girls bathroom have automatic flushing toilets. Bryce Karian told me, "[Automatic toilets] aren't fair because it looks like [Jaguars and Eagles] are favorites."

However, Meghan Osheim said, "I like automatic [because] I don't have to touch the handle." Although, automatic toilets are better for getting rid of waste, rather than if someone didn't flush a manual toilet, as well as not getting germs from a handle, some say the automatic toilet was one of the worst inventions ever. It makes people lazy to such a simple task of flushing a toilet. If people used to automatic toilets come across a manual toilet, it is very likely that they won't flush. Also, automatic toilets waste a lot of water when they flush, when nobody has used them. Many people don't want the germs from touching a handle, but very few sicknesses have been contracted from touching a handle. Germs can't be avoided. You come in contact with many other things, like money, with possibly even more germs. In fact, your immune system needs regular contact with germs, to protect from them.

When I talked to Ms. Wigger, a janitor, about the automatic toilets, she said, "[Automatic toilets have been here] for three of four years." She also said, "[The principal before Dr. Kiefer] tested [automatic toilets] to see if they were sufficient, while he was here. However, it wasn't completed due to money."



From Japan to Hawaii? Can the radiation from the nuclear reactors wreak havoc in the States?

## Radiation Scare

by Alex Scott

Do you want radiation poisoning? The effects of this can be lethal. Your tissues get damaged causing burns, cancer, and increasing your risk of internal bleeding. Well, you won't have to worry about getting radiation poisoning in the U.S. Yes, there are small amounts, but not nearly enough to cause

health problems. The EPA says that there are "Trace amounts." Radiation has been detected from Nevada to Vermont, and South Carolina to Massachusetts. In Massachusetts, iodine, a chemical that is in radiation, was detected in their rainwater. However, even that isn't enough to cause health issues. Hawaii has had thousands of can-

celled trips because people are nervous about getting radiation poisoning. Bryce Campbell said, "I wouldn't cancel a trip to Hawaii, even with all the news about radiation." Even if you travel as far west as Hawaii, you won't have to worry at all about getting radiation poisoning.

## 2011 NFL Draft

by David Wood

## Sports

This year is the 76th annual NFL Draft! Many great players will be going to the NFL and most people already have an idea about who will be the first picks. The only problem is, most of the draft prospects like Cam Newton, Blaine Gabbert, Nick Fairley, And Julio Jones all have some red flags that will affect how they play in the NFL and when they get picked.

For example, Cam Newton, QB for Auburn, ran a spread offense and often scrambled and ran the ball when he played in college. This worked in the NCAA but I assure you if he tries to do that in the NFL he will either get completely laid out or injured. The defense in the NFL is just too good to be running around and scrambling. Blaine Gabbert, QB or Missouri, played in a spread offense. Julio Jones, WR for Alabama, often drops passes and doesn't get separation from the defense. Nick Fairley, DT for Auburn, is a one year wonder, he's not a hard worker, and he's been suffering from a shoulder injury. NFL owners will most likely not pick these people first like most people think they will. Yes, these prospects were very good in college but have a lot to work on to play in the NFL.

I sat down with some people to talk about the draft. "What do you think about the draft Mr. Wright?" "Well for right now I'm boycotting everything about the NFL." "Because of the Lockout?" I ask. "Yeah I cleaned out every NFL bookmark. I took off the Chiefs home page. On the Kansas City Star I put the Chiefs stuff at the bottom of the page so I don't have to look at it. Until I know there will be a season, I really don't care," says Mr. Wright. "What do you think about the draft, Nick?" I say. "I think Cam won't thrive in the NFL while Gabbert will work his way to being really good. Cam will be almost like Tebow, great in college but waiting for his time in the NFL," says Nick Claassen.

So you decide. Do you think these prospects will go to the NFL? If they get picked, will they do well in the NFL? If you want to find out, make sure to watch the NFL draft on April 28th, 29th, and 30th. It is sure to be a good one!

## The Greatest Game

by Tucker Melles

"An Olympic medal is the greatest achievement and honor that can be received by an athlete..." Jeff Fenech. In a little over a year the 2012 London Olympics will start. The games will start with the opening ceremony. The cauldron will be lit after 8,000 torch bearers have held it. The aquatic center and the Olympic stadium are connect-

ed by a newly built park. Also they planted over 2,000 trees in the Olympic village. The games will be from July 27, 2012 to August 12, 2012.

The United States has a good chance at getting gold medals. Michael Phelps said, "The goal I set for London is a very hard goal." Bryan Clay is expected to get a gold

medal easily in the decathlon. Nastia Linkin already has five gold medals and tied the U.S. women record for gold medals. She is expected to medal in gymnastics. Also the U.S. men's and women's Basketball teams are expected to get gold. SO if you want to see world champions made and world records shattered watch the Olympics.



Two players from Mizzou made it into the top NFL draft picks this year, who else will make the cut? See David's story, above!

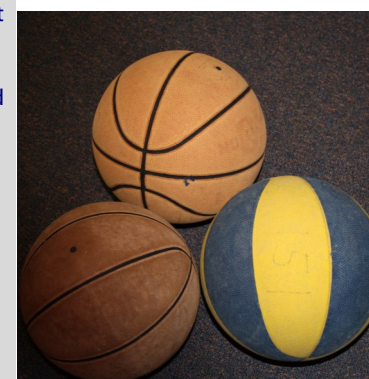
Gas Prices Skyrocketing  
by Kaitlynn Preston

What do you think of the gas prices going to exceed \$4? This summer it's supposed to all over the world. There are many reasons why like the shortage of oil from Libya and to help Japan recover from the earthquake. Many people are affected by this, mostly people that drive. Obama wants to replace oil for gas for the time being and use natural gas, but there are many other ways. People have many problems with the gas going up. Miss Panther said, "It's frustrating because I'm going to travel, and I would rather do entertainment then pay to get there." Mrs. Prindle, a legend teacher, also agreed. She said, "It's ridiculous, people have to have gas to get to work... and to survive." So as you can see many people need gas, and agree that it should stay low and not go up.

## Final Four by Jon Morris

The Final Four of the Big 12 Tournament is Kentucky, Butler, VCU, and Yukon. "I think that it will be VCU who wins the hole tournament." Is what Dr. Kiefer said when I asked her the other day in the cafeteria about who she thought would win out of the Final Four, and for all I know it could be VCU, because they are a good team.

"I want Butler to win because they were almost able to pull it off last year, but I know Kentucky will win." Said Dr. Teeter in our interview in the hallway the other day. So over all there will be very good games coming up because they are all competitive teams that are all willing to put in effort and deserve to be in the Final Four. (Written before any games in the NCAA Final Four were played)



The Final Four had several upsets; what did Lakeview students and staff predict? Jon Morris reports.

Photography by Alyssa Peck



## Sports



**Rock Chalk Jayhawk, Go KU! Many fans were let down by this year's March Madness.**

*Photography by KT Phillips*

### Yet Again, Another Loss

Once again the Kansas Jayhawks lose in an Elite Eight game to get into the Final Four. This is the second year in a row that they have lost to a team that nobody thought would ever get as far as they did. One year ago they lost the nearly unknown basketball franchise of UNI (University of Northern Iowa). This year it was different, #1 seed KU (Kansas University) with a record of 34-4 during the regular season, lost to #11 seed VCU (Virginia Commonwealth University) which

had a regular season record of 27-11. The game wasn't even close VCU smoked KU by a score of 71-61. VCU stomped out there and scored like it was nobody's business shooting 80+% from behind the three-point line, KU just couldn't keep up with it. They were stuck with shooting a pitiful 10% from behind the three-point line, making only 2/20. Now these numbers are one of the main reasons that they lost this game.

### by Tanner McClaran

After the game KU player Marcus Morris (#22) was interviewed by a local news station and mumbled out his answer for, "how did you think this game went today, how do you feel?" and looking at the floor he mumbled out, "a complete embarrassment" and left. I had time to interview Dr. Teeter and Dr. Kiefer on how they think it went, their answers were pretty much the same, "Disappointing". I think we all can agree that this game will never be forgotten.

## Features

### Life in Uganda

### by Alex Youngblood

My family and I have lived in Kampala, Uganda for about 4 months. I haven't liked living here, but I have enjoyed meeting the people.

One of the things I don't like is not being with the rest of my family. I am really missing our host students Ana, Nadjia, Orkhan, and Parvana. I also miss both my sets of grandparents, but the person I miss the most is my four year old host sister, Leyla. Sometimes we would get into fights but we did everything together.

Although the rest of my family is not here, it is still very nerve racking to do random tasks with my mom and dad. Your patience can really run thin here in Kampala. For instance when we were in Gulu (a place not too far from Kampala) it was dinner time and we were hungry, so we ordered a pizza. At home a pizza normally can only take up to 30-45 min. Here it took about 2 hours and 30 min. It can really make you mad because making a pizza is not the hardest thing to do in the world. Also one day my mom and I needed to get plastic buckets. These buckets were for the orphans we help. Honestly, it took the company about 2 full hours to run in their warehouse, get the buckets, and bring them to us. As you can tell, things can take much longer in Uganda.

Although your patience really runs thin in Africa, some of the food can make up for it. However, most of the food in Africa tasted pretty bad to me. When you go to the grocery store (here they call it Nakumatt) you see pretty normal looking things such as bread, eggs, and cakes. The bread is just as hard as a rock, and super dry. When I eat eggs here they make me sick, so I can't eat them. The cakes look very beautiful and delicious. I wish they tasted as good as they looked, because they are very dry and tasteless.

Nothing here tastes or looks the same except for Fanta. The only thing I really like is the bakery goods. The things the bakery at the Nakumatt has mainly are meat pies, cheese pies, cakes, bread, meat, and veggie samosas, a crunchy fried meat dumpling.

Although the food is not very good, I like meeting new people in Uganda. The main and only really positive thing about Kampala is the people. I have never met such caring and welcoming people in my life. Some of our friends have been so kind to help us, and become not just our friends, but our family. Their names are Tabu and Susan. Tabu is our driver who has gone through thick and thin with us, from our car catching on fire, to helping out at the orphanage. Tabu is a very fun person to be around. I say this because he loved to give the people on the streets selling things trouble. The second he will see a vendor on the street, he will stop and bicker with the price range. Overall, Tabu is a very kind and fun person. Susan is my other friend who has helped my mom and I a bunch at the orphanage, through cleaning up trash from their land, to showing my mom, dad, and I compassion. Susan is a very quiet person, but although she is quiet, she is a very happy person who loves to help others in need. Kampala's people make up for everything I dislike about Uganda.



Foreign correspondent Alex Youngblood poses with his mother and friend, Tabu, in Kampala. Ever wonder what the food tastes like in Uganda? Alex doesn't hold back!

## 8th Grade Advice

The other night, March 31 2011, I had the opportunity to meet with the fabulous Allison Kelly. We met over Skype. She was at her house and I was at mine. We talked about eighth grade. I asked Allison if she thought eighth grade was hard and she said, "Yea, really hard. If you're not prepared it's hard." She said while playing with her hair.

As we continue our interview I asked her if the teachers are more strict than last year?

### Do You have the Talent by Anna Riekhof

"I would love it if [American Idol] came to Kansas City," says Rafiea A. "That would be awesome," says Paige D.

Do you have the talent to be in American Idol? American Idol might come to Kansas City in June 2012! This may be your shot at showing off your voice to the world. Many people, maybe even you, are going to try out, so let me give you some tips that you really want .

You need to practice like crazy; in your shower with you vocal coach, and even then your getting dressed in the morning. Practice until your singing is second nature. Choose a song that best fits you and your vocal range. Make it a song that you know and that the judges will like. In your audition sing for about 30 seconds, any longer and the judges won't like it. When the judges give there answer it's the truth so don't get all sad about it. The judges want to help you not hurt your feelings. These tips are for sure to help you get past a couple of rounds.

## by Ashley Pasley

She reply's with her finger's over her mouth, "Umm, yea because they are getting us ready for high school." Something that the teacher's really enforce next year is turning your home work in.

Later on in our interview I asked how eighth grade is different from seventh grade? She said, "There's a lot more homework and things are taken a lot more seriously." Then, I asked her what the hardest part about eighth

grade is and she said in a high whispery voice, "Social Studies."

Finally at the end of our interview I asked her one last question. Do you have any advice for seventh graders? She said, looking down and twirling her hair, "Do all your homework, be on time [to class], try your hardest and be prepared for class." I hope you have an idea of what 8th grade is going to be like.

## Not-So-Strict Teacher by Juliana Hsu

"I could draw blood out of anything with a vein!" Mrs. Fenton exclaimed while explaining how she used to be a phlebotomist- a blood drawer. This interesting interview took place on March 31, 2011 in Lakeview Middle School. I went around and asked people what questions they had for this Eagles Social Studies teacher, and gathered up the most popular questions. Here are her responses!

Many students on the Eagles team know that she used to serve in the air force, but many people wanted to know "why?" "To put myself through college, and I wanted to fly!" she said while beaming, as if lots of memories and fun times came flooding back to her. After asking her what it was like, she said, "[There were] great friendships, sometimes scary, adventurous. I felt very good about serving my country."

Another popular question was, "What kind of grades did you get in middle school and

high school?" She thought for a moment before she finally responded with, "I was a B-C student. My parents were very strict. But in the end, I realized that the teachers that were the hardest on me were the ones I appreciated the most." This is also the reason for the next question I asked her: "Why do you expect so much out of your students?" She smiled as she told me that she wanted us to be successful, gain life skills, and to have high standards for ourselves.

The last question I asked was the most popular question of all. Many students recognize her as the strict teacher with high expectations, a definite discipline system, and harsh grading methods, so I asked her how she felt about that. She grinned as if she knew that that question was coming, and said, "That doesn't bother me because I am providing a structured environment for learning, Former students come back to thank me for preparing them for high school!"

# Features



Nervous for 8th grade? Don't be! Take the advice from these 8th graders in Ashley's article.

**"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."**



Mrs. Fenton is known for high expectations and her military discipline, but did you know she was once a phlebotomist? Juliana Hsu investigates.

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## Editorials



**Justin Bieber is the newest religion of choice, but could—and should—schools allow more formally recognized religions in school?**

*Photography by Rafiea Abdelrahin*

**“The Mayans predicted there would be a massive earthquake around the same time there was the earthquake in Japan...”**



**Mandy Dunn is out the door and heading to Tuileries with a few dozen other students. With sunny weather around the corner, will you be going there, too?**

### Express Your Religion

I had an informal interview with ten students, and eight of them said that they believed you couldn't express religion. The idea that religion can't be expressed in given off by teachers. A few students even shared some memories with me. Jessie Stamper relayed, "... once, my brother got in trouble for saying God, [he didn't mean it in a bad way.]" Brenna Bradford also answered, "... before winter break, [one year,] I drew a baby in a manger and wrote Baby Jesus above it. [My teacher] then told me that it was racist..." As long as you're not disrupting learning, religion can be ex-

pressed as much as you like. Although, for teachers, religion is a bit of a grey zone; most won't express their religion just to avoid any disagreements. You see, students are getting in trouble when they shouldn't be.

By making your religion known, new friends can be made. You can express yourself more around those with similar religions. You'll also learn about new religions, and respect them. Peers' backgrounds will make more sense if you can understand them.

While it is true that these will

all happen, there is a negative side as well. If your friend and you don't have the same beliefs, you two might become more distant friends. Others may judge you unfairly, and arguments may break out. There might even be a few awkward silences.

Even though the risks are high, I really do suggest that you break away and talk about religion and beliefs. Invite someone to an activity hosted by your church, or to your quinceanera/bar mitzvahs. You never know, maybe you'll make a new friend.

### 9-11-01 + 3-10-11= 12-21-12

We have all heard about the world supposedly ending on December 21, 2012. I asked five people about how they feel on this subject. All five students told me they didn't think the world was ending. Some students said they are scared of it. I took both sides of the story in order to give my opinion.

Kat Bracale said, "The Mayans tribe just disappeared, maybe they didn't finish the calendar before they went missing." Kat had a good point.

Vanessa Crawford told me, "I don't think it will happen..."

Even though the students above have great information, these facts can't be left unsaid. The Mayans predicted there would be a massive earthquake almost around the same time there was the earthquake in Japan. If they predicted this, then they might not be wrong with the end of the world date. Also, the dates 9-11-01 and 3-10-11 (both dates where many lives were lost) equals

### by Ally Braymer

up to 12-21-12. Is this a sign that even more lives will be lost on that day?

After taking in the information I gathered, I concluded that yes, the world might end in 2012. On the other hand, no one should be scared, if we live everyday to the fullest, nobody should feel unsatisfied with the life they live.

### Tuileries Time

Are you hungry after school? I know I am! When school is over, students often walk to Tuileries Plaza. They usually eat at Taco Bell, Quiznos, Caribou Coffee, or All Star Pizza. Walking to Tuileries is fun, considering you get to grab a snack and hang out with your friends. It is also eco-friendly and convenient to parents with jobs and kids that would prefer walking over riding the bus. Not to mention you're getting a good exercise. Although there are many more benefits to

walking to Tuileries after school, some students are taking or have taken advantage of it. Daria Ghasemi, a student on the Phoenix, says, "Walking is fun, just not when kids act immature..."

There have been complaints from some drivers sent in to Lakeview stating how kids are running across the street, on read lights, in front of cars.

"I've walked to taco Bell [after school] before and everyone wanted to walk across the

### by Aliza Russell

street at once. I guess some people were scared the light was going to turn red and they weren't going to be able to walk across with their friends. So, they just ran," Mandy Dunn, a student on the Thunderhawks explains. "It's definitely a safety issue."

So the next time you walk to Tuileries after school, have fun, but be careful! Walk, watch for cars, look both ways and wait for your signal. After all, it's better safe than sorry.



## Passing Time: More Than Four?

by Katrina S.

# Editorials

Many students believe that four minutes isn't enough time to get to your classes on time. They also think that teachers are too strict and a bit ridiculous on tardies. Many teachers will count you tardy even if you're up sharpening your pencil and the bell rings, they tell you "That's what passing time is for." Also, students have to use the restroom in between classes, and four minutes just simply isn't enough time to put away your things, get your stuff for next hour, use the restroom, and be in your seat by time the bell rings. Another issue is the hallways are very crowded, and therefore, slow us down. "I feel like there should be another hallway because it's too crowded and everyone gets pushed over. It just slows people down", states Anna Istas.

Being rushed can cause un-organization and disaster. For example, let's say Bob has to use the restroom during passing time, not to mention the hallways are crowded, and so he shoves everything in his locker because he doesn't have enough time. So when the teacher asks for his homework the next day, he can't find it because his locker is a total mess. Plus, students want a minute or two to visit and talk with their friends since we can't during class. There's also the point of jammed lockers, if a student tells a teacher their locker was jammed, the teacher will count them tardy anyways, even if it isn't the student's fault. Pencil jamming is also a problem, but if we had more time, students wouldn't have to worry about being late and stop presetting.

One middle school has increased their time by one minute (five minutes total) and have said "A one minute change in passing time has shockingly taken down the number of tardy students." Many students agree that one minute could make a HUGE difference. One minute out of each class shouldn't make much of a change at all. Most teachers don't even allow students with purple cards to leave the class a minute early, anyways. "I feel like we should have a little more time, I'm always late to class", says Taylor McCoy when asking her how she felt about the passing time. So, should it be more than four?

## What About Dress Code?

At Lakeview, students wear many inappropriate things to school. Well, here are some rules. "Students who wear inappropriate clothing and accessories, or wear clothing and accessories inappropriately to school will be required to make modifications." Inappropriate means shorts shorter than your middle finger when you put your arms by your side. It also means wearing drug shirts, gang shirts, or bad references. Do you see many

teachers do something about it? Well, sometimes, but students at Lakeview think they should go easy on the dress code. On March 30, 2011, I interviewed Amanda Kelly. I asked, "What do you think about the dress code?" She answered, "I think it's stupid . . . the three finger rule for tank tops is pointless because stores don't sell tank tops with a length of three fingers." I also asked a teacher the same question,

by Kat Bracale

and she answered "I think we need the dress code because of the amount of cleavage and sagging . . ." So, my opinion for dress code is that they need to be less serious about it and let us dress appropriately for the weather, for an example, tank tops in the summertime. Just think about it. What can they change about the dress code to make the majority of the students happy?



**An anonymous student proves that rules may be rules, but some people think they're just suggestions. Who is to blame?**

## Possible Card Changes

by Julia Switlick

Several years ago, Lakeview came up with a system to improve students' grades and behavior. We call it the card system. The highest card is a purple card. To get a purple card, you must have grades of two Cs or better with four or less citizenship marks, and no in or out of school suspensions. The card lower than the purple is the silver card. The requirements for the silver card are eight or less citizenship marks, no in or out of school suspensions, and one D or better. No cards are the lowest card level. The no card hasn't any privileges or incentives and is lower than the silver card restrictions.

Many students at Lakeview enjoy the incentives that come with the cards. The only card that has no or little incentives is the no card. Silver cards can enjoy individual team incentive parties, an end-of-year incentive, using 10 hall passes per quarter, and receiving 30 extra minutes at dances for eighth graders. Purple cards get the most incentives. They include leaving for lunch one minute early, receiving 30 extra minutes at dances, walking in halls without hall passes, participating in open gym during the week at lunch individual team incentives, an end-of-year field trip for being a purple or silver card all year long, and the use of iPods/mp3 players in class during independent work time.

During a class meeting a while back, the topic of eliminating the silver card or adding in a higher card above the purple card were brought up. Many people thought the silver card didn't have enough incentives. I asked a few students what they thought about having a silver card or having a higher card. One student, Alex Scott said, "I think [the higher card] could be beneficial if they increased the incentives on the lower cards." Using the responses from the students, Dr. Teeter is looking at making changes to the card system. Dr. Teeter said, "In April we will have a meeting..." He also told me that if they add or have a higher card that some incentives might include basketball games, reduced cost for the dances, or even an outside lunch. I feel that if they decided to have a higher card, then they should keep the silver card, but add more incentives to the lower cards.

# Editorials



**Elle, Taylor, and Hunter are hanging out on their team, but what about the other 8th graders they could be friends with?**

## Team Interactions

by Diana Hunter

"I had friends last year, but I don't ever get to see them anymore because they are on different teams," said an anonymous 8<sup>th</sup> grader on the Legends team when I asked them about their social life at school. This isn't the only student with this problem. Many children have low self-esteem because Lakeview doesn't have enough team interaction.

In 'The Basics of Speech' it states, "According to Maslow, people must meet their most basic needs before they are interested in satisfying higher-level needs." Maslow's pyramid of needs is a diagram that shows the level of needs, starting with the most basics and moving up. The levels are in a pyramid formation, and starting from the bottom the levels are: physical, safety, belonging, self-esteem, and finally self-actualization. So, if student have place where they fit in, and friends to show them love and compassion, they will have a higher self-esteem.

One thing that the school could do is allow the Encore classes to be a combination of all the teams. Another possibility is mixed lunches. That way, students could see people they don't normally et to see. The eighth grade should also get to sit with the eighth grade, and the seventh with the seventh, instead of eighth grade sitting with seventh grade. Finally, purple and silver card parties could be all the teams combined. There are many options to fix the problem with the lack of team interaction, therefore, Lakeview should increase interaction between teams in order to boost self-esteem.

## Facebook is Addicting, So is The Social Network

by Caleb Fenner

The Social Network was on 78 critic's top ten lists, topping 22 of them. It also was nominated for eight Academy Awards and won three. Roger Ebert says it is "dazzling style." That's about right for how good it is.

The movie is centered on "geek as Godzilla" Mark Zuckerberg. Eisenberg is

perfect as the tyrant, who creates a billion dollar industry, while destroying every relationship he is involved in. Zuckerberg is in the middle of two lawsuits. One from his menacing former business partners, Ty and Cameron Winklevoss, and one from his best friend, Eduardo Saverin. The film has some of the sharpest dialogue in any movie I

ever seen. This movie is driven by conversation, and is nonstop talkfest. Zuckerberg begins to work with the Winklevosses and formulates a diabolical plan to backstab his partners and create the website with his friends. The Facebook becomes extremely popular and chronicles Mark and Uardo's success to their demise.

The Social Network is not about Facebook. It is about friends, enemies, backstabbing, and ultimately, relationships. More importantly, it knows what it wants to be, what it wants to achieve, and does it with class. The Social Network is without a doubt, the best movie of the year.



**Yes to dodge ball, but no to hugs? One student questions the logic.**

*Photography by Nicki Wagner*

## Public Displays of Affection

by Audrey Morton

public displays of affection at Lakeview has been a controversial topic since the school has been here, but, I think we can all agree that there should be some limitations to what you can do. It is still a learning environment, so the teachers and assistants can't allow the students to do whatever they want at school because we still need to be able to learn without being distracted in class. But, the point to where the line should be drawn is where most of the controversy is.

The current rules at Lakeview are no displays of affection, at all. They don't want it to be a distraction to our learning environment but, why would a hug during passing time or after school at intramurals or at a school sponsored event effect our learning environment? I'm not saying that we should be allowed to kiss in class, I'm just saying that during passing time or after school when there is no learning going on we should be allowed to hug or hold hands. "I don't really

see the points of the rules against P.D.A. its not like its hurting anyone for us to hug!" exclaims Diana Hunter as I asked her what she thought about the rules here at Lakeview. "I don't think we should have rules on P.D.A. "says Katy Troha when I asked her opinion on the subject. All in all, I don't think the rules are even necessary. Were allowed to chuck balls at each other in P.E. but when it comes to a hug we might get written up for it? Does that sound fair to you? It sure doesn't to me!

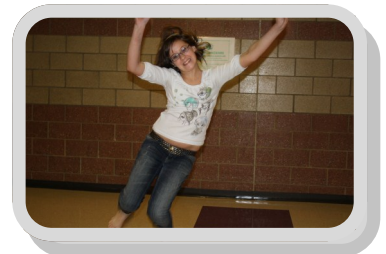




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# Entertainment

## Secrets for Spring Style

by Miss Elise

This spring, trends include flashbacks to the 60's and 70's. Both bohemian and military styles have influenced popular runway designs. To emanate the bohemian trend, don't be afraid to layer sheers over prints, or to wear mixed-up patterns from the same color scheme or family (florals, stripes, polka-dots, plaids, etc.) On the racks, you will be sure to find lots of prints, citrusy neons, neutrals, and nudes (tan/peach.)

Much like the contrasting military and bohemian trends, bottoms this spring are all about opposites. Skirts and dresses are either tight minis, or long, flowy, and maxi-length. Bright or neutral colors are popular hues for such mini-skirts. Pants' silhouettes are also following the extreme opposite trend. Military influences brought us neutral colored, skinny, detailed cargos and chinos. High-waisted skinny or super-flared jeans dominate denim trends.

Various styles of tops and dresses are available this spring. In keeping with the bohemian styles, layers, sheers, and florals fill the racks. Much like pants and skirts, dresses styled as either super-short, or super-long have gained popularity. Trench dresses, mostly in neutrals contribute to either trend when accessorized properly.

Last but not least, there are the decorations of extremities (fingers, wrist, feet, etc.) Shoes this Spring are all about making a statement with bold colors and embellishments. Platforms and wedges are hot trends, especially those with cork, wood, or wrapped hemp cord making up their heel. Bracelets are BIG as well, literally. Stacks of chunky wooden or glass bead -looking bangles adorned the arms of a many a model at Spring fashion shows. Intricate cocktail rings and artsy antique type trinkets come from bohemian inspirations. Opposing designs of leather cuffs, studs, and grommets make for a flirty combat chic style.

Just remember not to take everything I said too literally. Individualizing your outfits and dressing while influenced by the popular styles is a fun way of expressing yourself. Besides fashionistas living in New York, Milan, or some other city of style, most don't exactly follow the trends to a T. Usually those that have fun with it and make it their own are the ones who look best.

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## Steve Man: Worst Super Hero Ever!

by K. Elisa Troha

When asked what she thought about Steve-Man, Audrey Morton replied with, "It's awesome!" Kyle Bye reviewed it as "That's ninja!" Steve-Man is the worst superhero in the world. He fights crime using his many abilities... or at least tries to. Steve-Man has good intentions, but more than likely will end up with more trouble than there originally was.