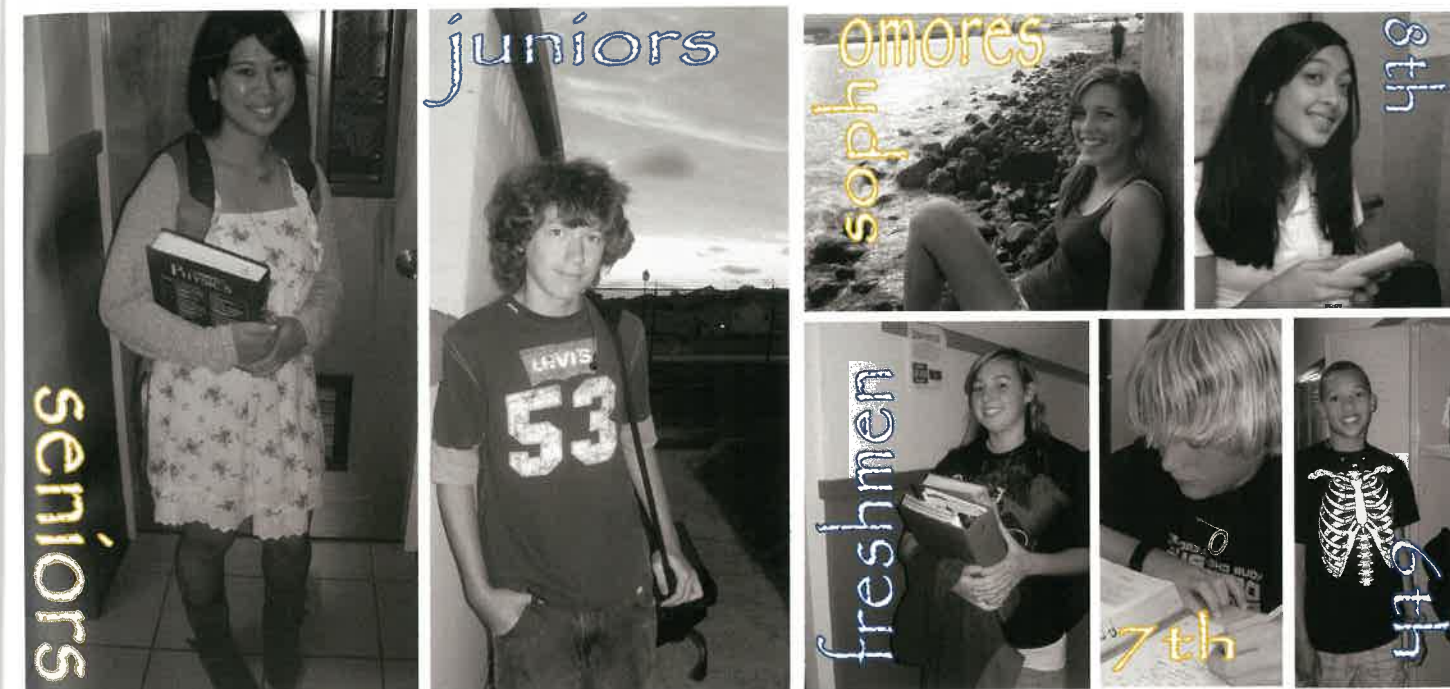


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Lajes Middle/High School





LAJES

2008 Setting the Blue and Gold Standard 2009





FACULTY



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Vice Principal



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Nicole Bramlett



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Patricia Brown
Robert Brown
Alicia Bryant-James



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Christine Deisher-
Cabral
Nadja Evans
Heather Falvo



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Angela Grant
Carter Hoff
Nicole Hoff



James Hood
Eileen Kless
Alan Landers
Paul Moore



Timothy Ramey
Doug Rehak
Jesse Sanchez
Bill Smith



Randall Stumler

Anne Webb

Jed Weyland

James Wood



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Sharon Coffman

Staff:



John Brei-Crawley

Cidalia Dias

Jose Fernandes

Cai Lowry



Mario Maïato

Glenela Rajpaul

Reggie Richards

Jill Warye



"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

-George Washington Carver

Principal's Message

Lajes is a unique experience for our student body and staff. We share the common experience of living on a tiny island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and being members of a unit school.

As principal of Lajes Elementary High School, I truly enjoy being here. I believe we have a fantastic group of students that I enjoy seeing in class, in the hallways, and after school. We have an excellent staff, dedicated to educational excellence and high expectations. We are proud to partner with parents to promote good citizenship among our school community and habits that will become life skills. The eight habits we emphasize include responsibility, dependability, hope, courage, friendship, brotherhood, nurturing attitude, and high expectations. During your time here, I hope you have experienced the benefits of a small school filled with opportunities for academic growth as well as activities that enrich your life. Please know that we take every measure possible to ensure that our students enjoy a meaningful and successful experience while enrolled here.

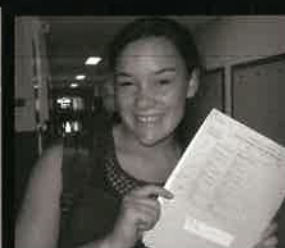
Our goal at Lajes Elementary High School is to provide an environment rich with a variety of experiences to help students prepare for the challenges of tomorrow. As you move forward in your life, the staff and I hope we have met the goal. Hopefully, our yearbook will be a reminder of friendships you have and teachers who knew each and every one of you and who had a sincere interest in helping you succeed. I hope you have enjoyed participating in the extra-curricular events, such as student council, academically based organizations, special interest clubs, and team sports. We want this to be a memento to a successful year filled with numerous student accomplishments and many lasting memories!

To all of you who are leaving us, I wish you success at your new school. For those of you returning, I look forward to working with you again.

Ms. Waller

SENIORS

2009



Dylan Brooks

"My advice to underclassmen is to grow some really long blond hair so people will like you."



intelligently argumentative goofy Legolas

Jennifer Brooks



artistic easy-going likeable



"Live each day."

free-spirited lively crazy



Danica Coffman

"I feel like I've changed since I've been at Lajes because I am more inclined to follow my own path."

"My dream job is to be a game programmer in a big building in my own big office, making a lot of money."



entertaining hilarious awesome

Keiara Cofield



Laura Goynes



dependable

amazing outgoing

"I can't wait to have freedom, drive a car, and be completely independent. I'm excited to succeed and even to fail; I can learn from it all."



gorgeous girly

perfectionist

"In 10 years I see myself working as a veterinarian at a riding stable and, of course, having a serious boyfriend."



Alina Lesniak

Michael James

"Anything you can do, I can do better."



Greek god opinionated Spiderman



"I want to be an airman in the Air Force because I want to fight for what I believe in and serve my country."



unique relaxed patriotic



Michael Longacre

Meghan McClain

compassionate bright fun



"I want to major in Medicine, Health, and Society at Vanderbilt because it combines cultural studies, medicine, and philanthropy."



"My dream job is to be a pilot because I'd like to fly and experience adventures around the world."



Robert Phillips

Ironman athletic focused

Chelsea Nutting



"I think there's just one kind of folks. Folks."
-Harper Lee

kind compassionate logical



artistic giggly Asian



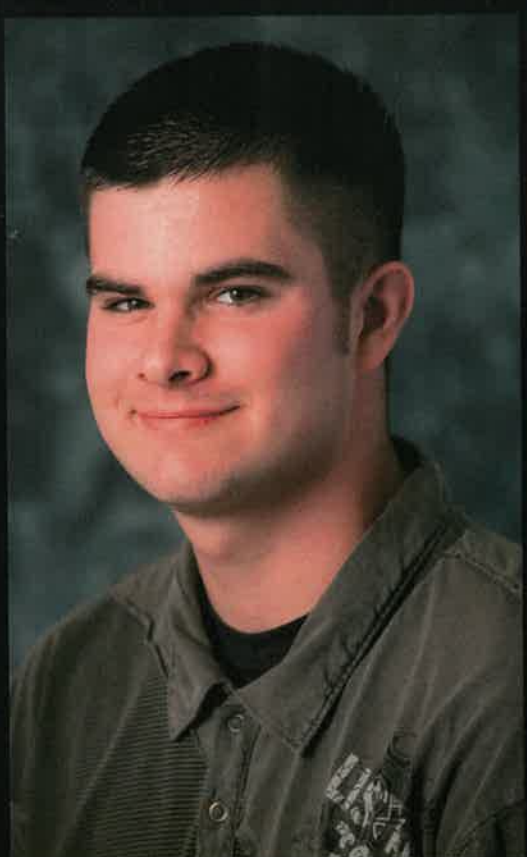
"I'd love to be a graphics designer in L.A. or New York when I grow up. There's satisfaction in creating art!"

Hannah Tagle

Taylor Truesdell

"In 10 years I see myself in the Air Force because that is what I want to do with my life—what I enjoy."

Terminator reserved quiet



Dan C
Taylor Truesdell

Dylan Brooks

Meghan E. McClain

Alina

Umiak



Mike James

Laura Crayner

Bobby Phillips

Keiara Coheld

Hannah Tagle

Chelsea Nattang

Take the Lead

With the right leaders, people excel and reach their full potential. In an ideal situation, leaders put the group before themselves. This year's senior class officers portrayed these excellent leadership qualities and proved this through their dedication.

"Every year the seniors complain about everything they DON'T get to do. This year I really wanted everyone to be involved and make things happen," President, Laura Goynes, explained.

Vice President, Meghan McClain, focused more on the finale of it all by stating, "I want to make sure graduation is special for everyone."

In contrast to the more serious tone of her fellow officers, Chelsea Nutting, Treasurer, and Secretary Hannah Tagle only wanted to make this year as "fun" and "memorable" as possible.

With such great leaders, the senior class was completely set up for a fun, successful year.



Most Likely to Follow the Golden Compass:

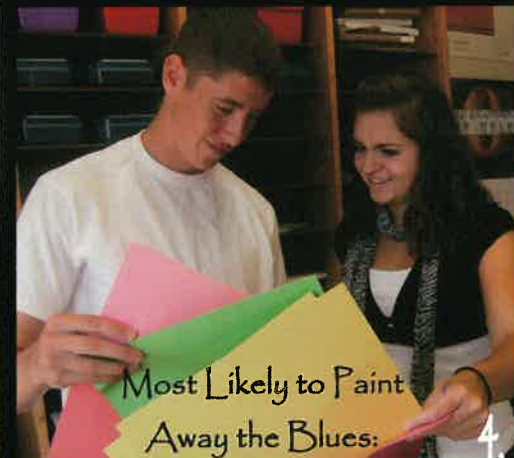


1. Meghan McClain and
2. Michael Longacre pose while dreaming of success.
3. Dylan Brooks and Chelsea Nutting have an optimistic outlook on everything from sunny days to colorful balloons.
4. Bobby Phillips and Laura Goynes show their artistic personalities as they try to pick the perfect shade of paper.
5. Although both are known as the best dressed around school, Alina Lesniak is more than willing to offer Taylor Truesdell style tips.

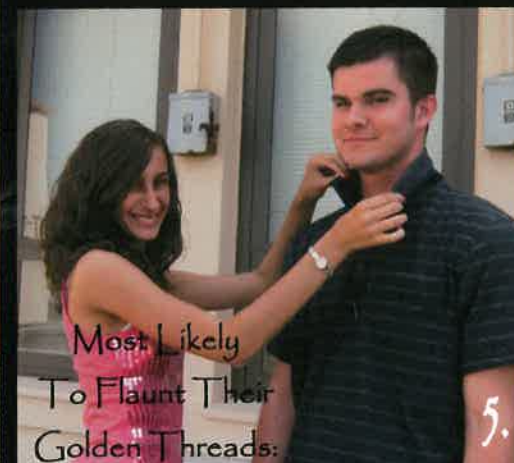
Most Likely to Find the Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow:



Most Likely to Paint Away the Blues:



Most Likely To Flaunt Their Golden Threads:



Sensational Seniors

JUNIORS

2010



"To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom." —Bertrand Russell

Destinee Baucum
Nicole Berry
Cassidy Clark



Brynne Coleman
Robert Daniel
Garrett Hall



Emily Hanks
Darryl James
Derek Lowry



Erica Phillips
Drake Pieper
Amanda Richardson



Class of 2010



Cody Starks
Amanda Suarez
Jarred Truesdell



John Webb
DeSean Williams

Back in Time...

"Living in the 1900s would be cool because I could steal money, hide it, and then go back home." —Darryl James (1)

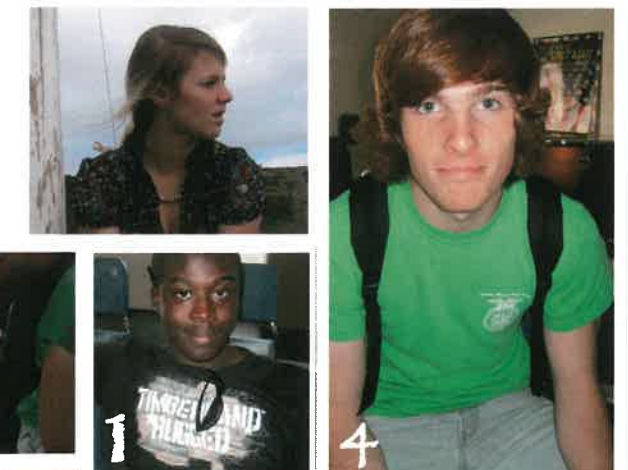
"Beatle-mania!" —Drake Pieper (4)

"The Roaring 20s!" —Brynne Coleman (2)



"I would want to go to the 90s because I miss the old school cartoons." —Derek Lowry (3)

"I love Michael Jackson, so I would want to go back to the 80s." —Jarred Truesdell (5)



Junior Class Officers



President



Amanda Suarez

Vice President



Jarred Truesdell

Secretary



Destinee Baucum

Treasurer



Erica Phillips

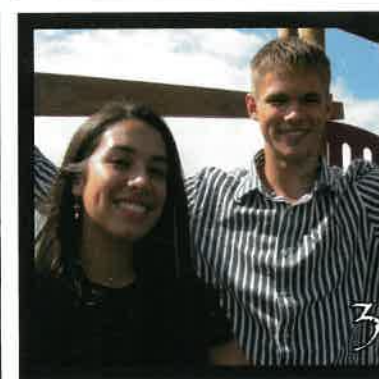
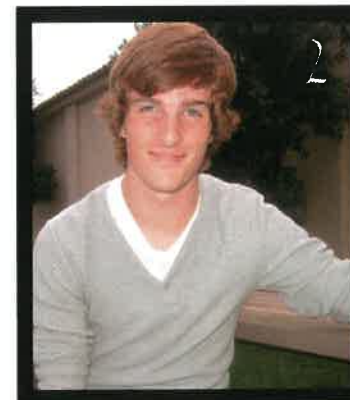
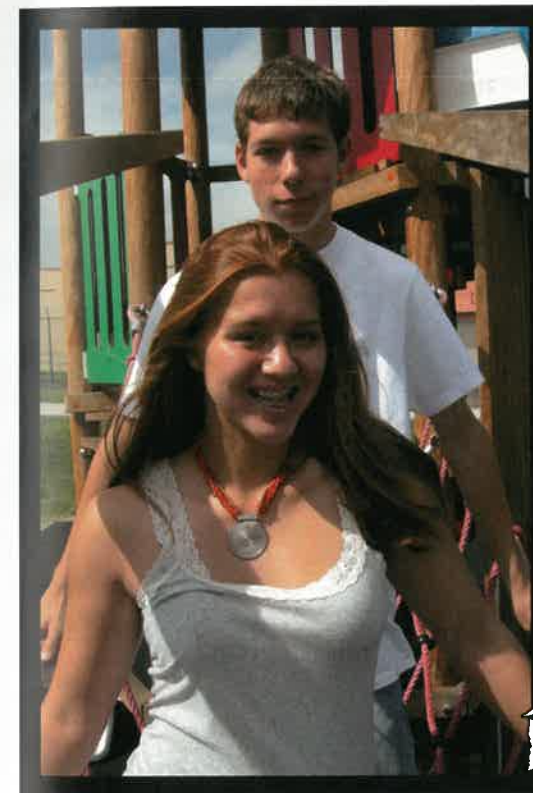
Historian



Nicole Berry

Junior Superlatives

Many of the students in the graduating class of 2010 are gifted and talented. There are a select few that the whole junior class recognized for their gifts. 1. Destinee Baucum and Derek Lowry are Gold Medal recipients for their remarkable athletic abilities. 2. Drake Pieper and Brynne Coleman are known best for their baby blues, which are almost as deep as the Atlantic Ocean. 3. Amanda Suarez and Jarred Truesdell are worth their weight in gold, for everything they do is absolutely superb. If you were to ever meet two people who love money the most, it would be 4. Nicole Berry and Ryan Corpus; they are golden money lovers. These students are definitely an excellent and outstanding group of juniors.

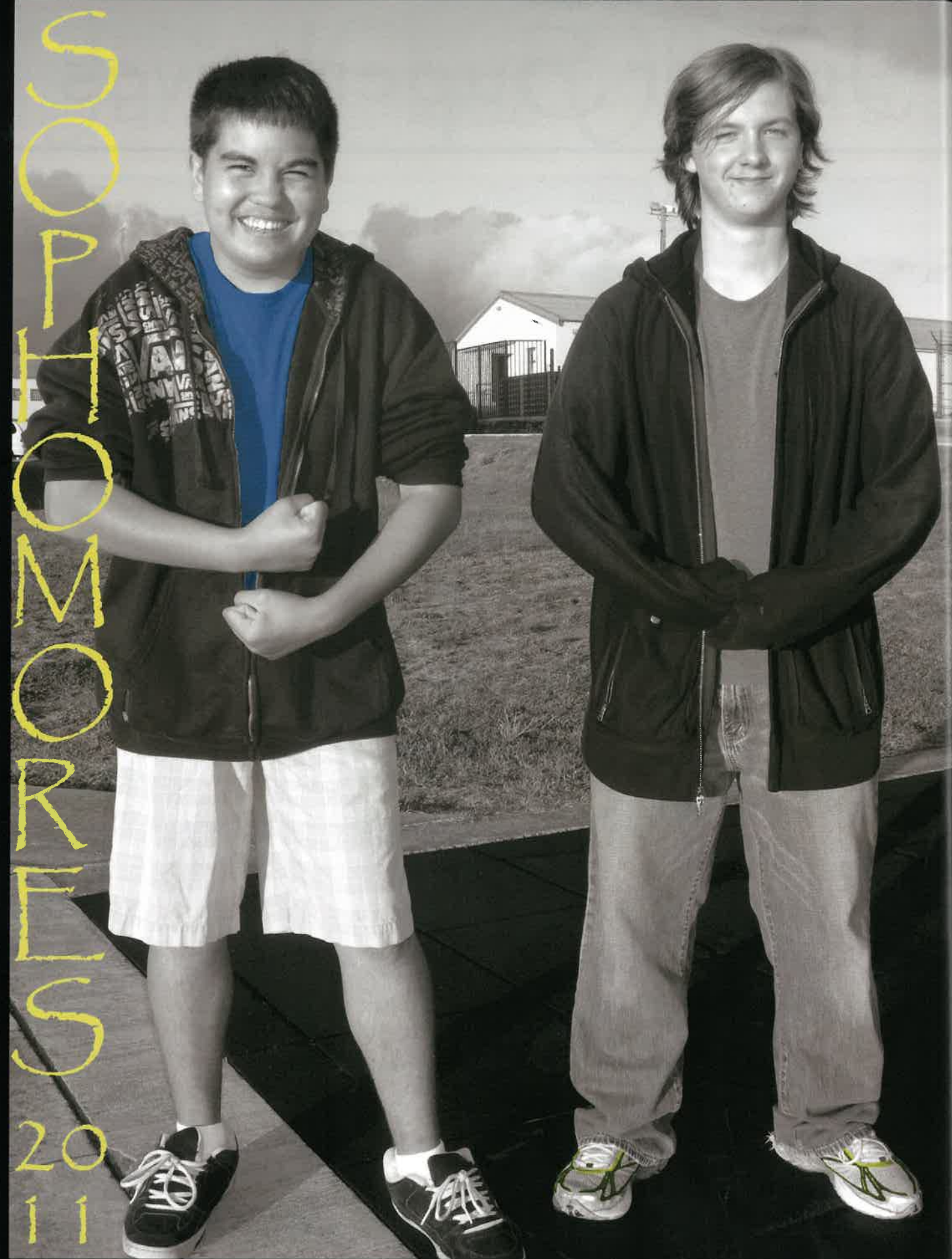


Right: The juniors kick the soccer ball after taking pictures.

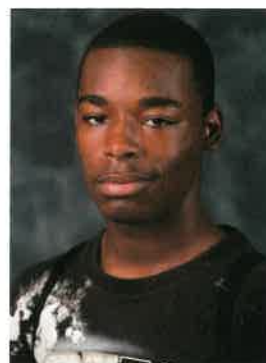
Left: Nicole rests her troubles as she takes a quick nap between photo shoots!



SOPHOMORES
2011



Garrett Bailey
James Cole
Adam Jimmo
Brittnee Jones



Emily McClain
Brandon Nalley
Tyler Ritchey



Alexander Rohrbeck
Sarahjane Stumler
Nicholas Toppa



Ariel Wilkins
Brianna Williams
Patrick Wright



CLASSES of

2011

A friend is a treasure, more precious than gold. For love shared is priceless and never grows old.



How often have you needed a shoulder to lean on or someone to confide in, and you ended up finding consolation in your best friend? Here at Lajes, all students are friendly towards each other, but within these broad friendships stand tighter, more permanent bonds.

"I love that after having a hard or sad day, I can just come and talk to one of my friends, and they make me feel so much better," expresses senior, Hannah Tagle.

Derrick Bland, a freshman, appreciates how his friends "help [him] with sports while [he] motivates them to do better."

"Friends are one of the most valuable parts of life and growing up," Danica Coffman, a senior, explains as she describes her best friend, Elyse.

Sarahjane Stumler also agrees that close friends are important because they "help you feel less lonely."

For the majority of Lajes, our friendships are what keep us sane. Through the thick and the thin (and the intense Lajes wind), it's always nice to have someone to keep us grounded.

That's What Friends Are For...



Emily McClain
Co-President



Brittnee Jones
Co-President



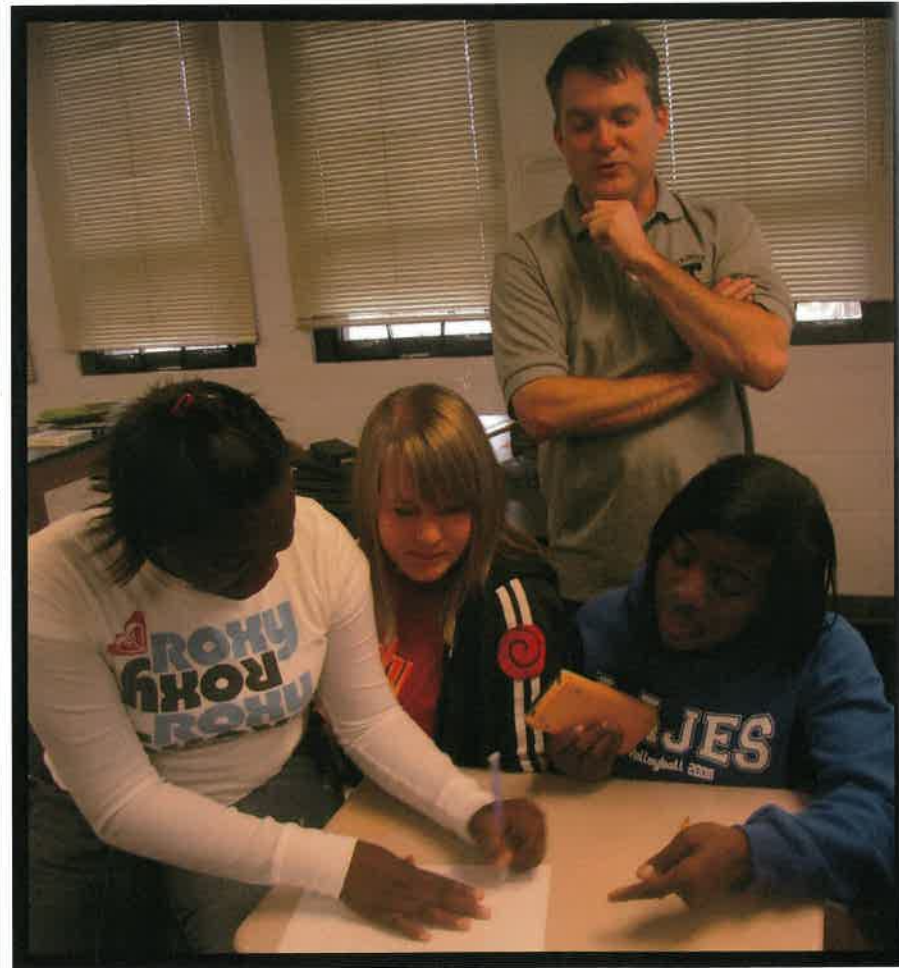
Brianna Williams
Vice President



Adam Jimmo
Treasurer



Sarahjane Stumler
Secretary



The sophomore officers work diligently to plan for the Valentine's Day dance with sponsor Mr. Stumler.

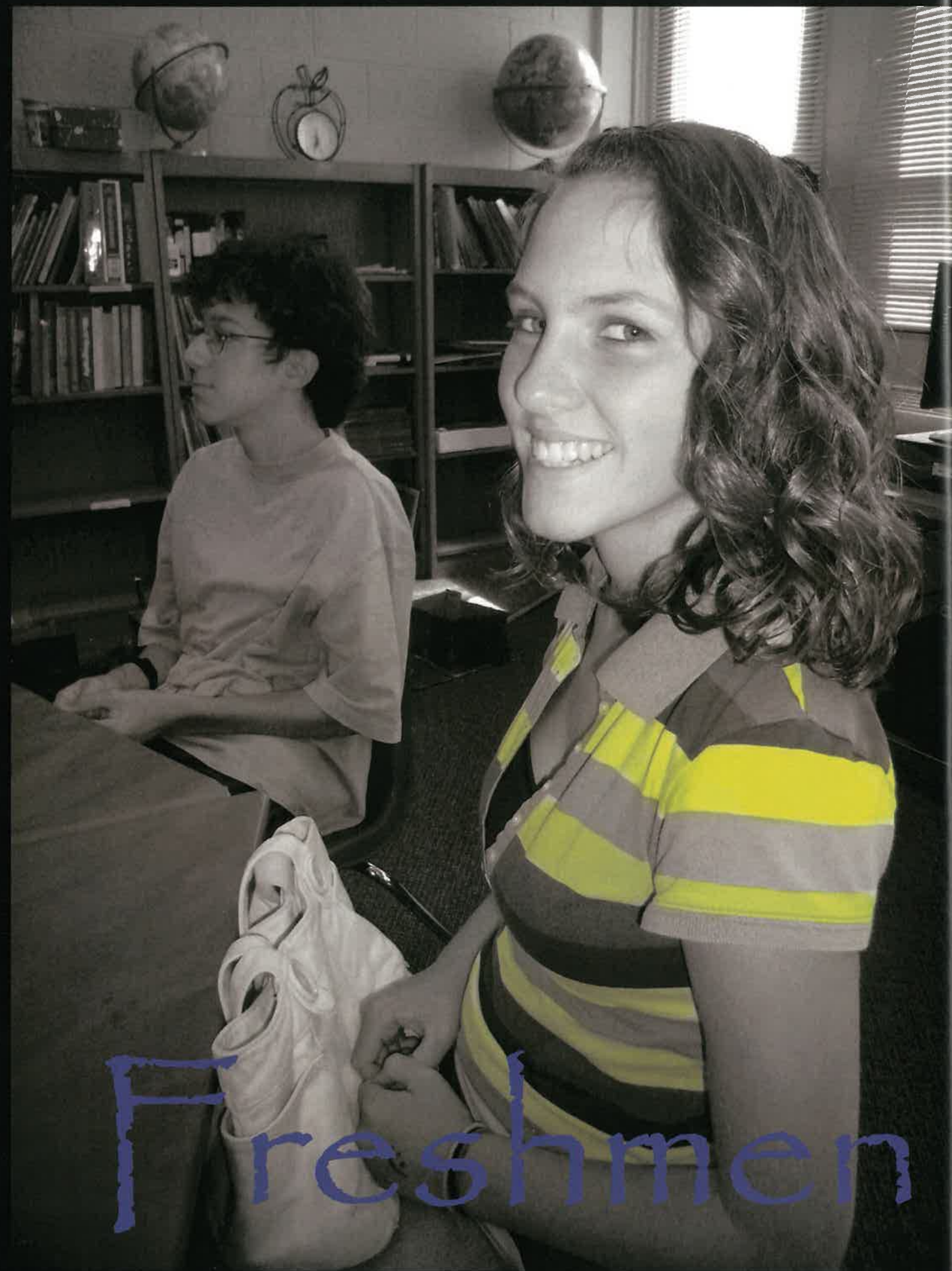
Sophomore Officers

Sophomore Superlatives

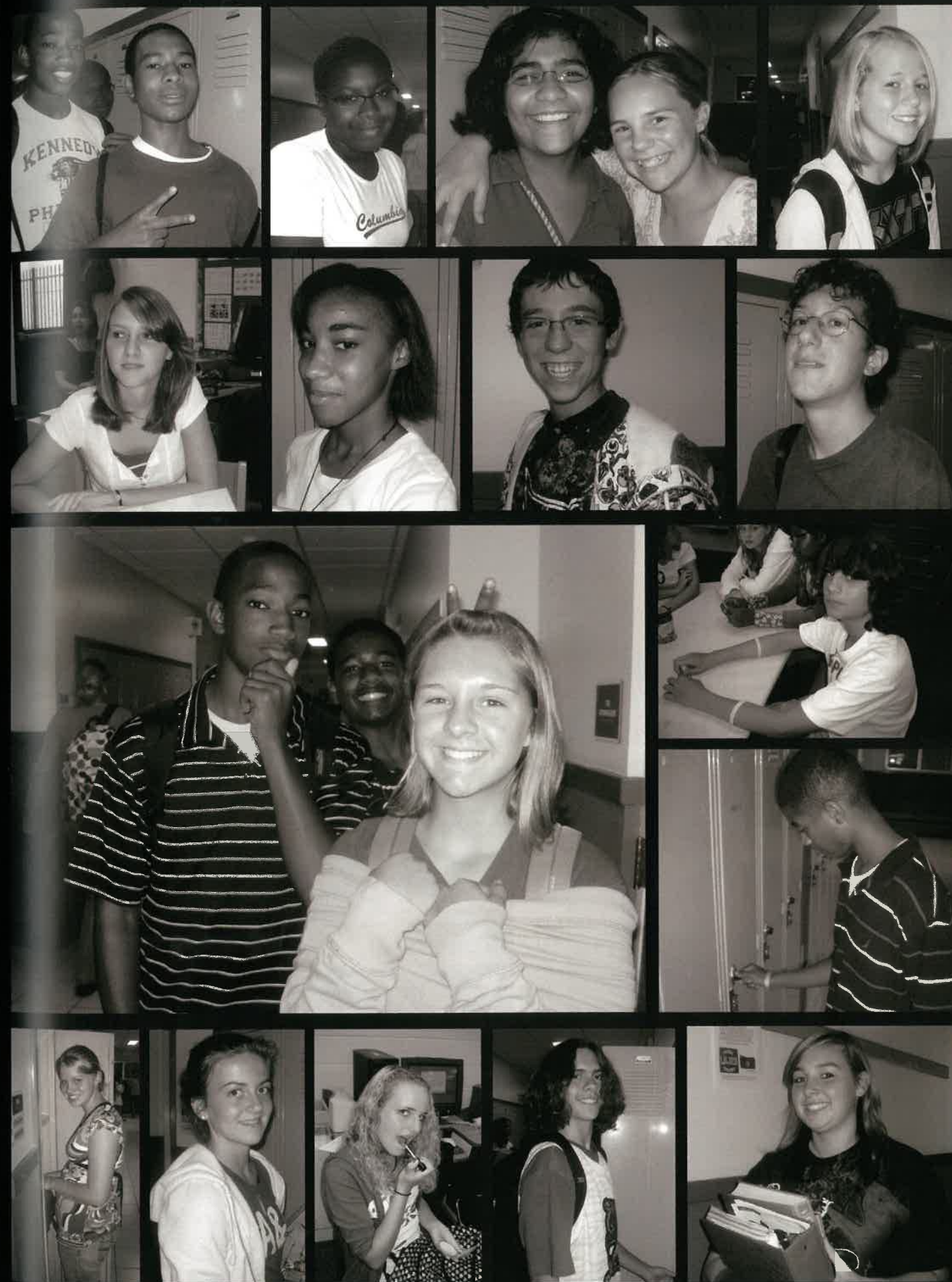
James and Brittnee show off their Blue Suede Shoes after being chosen as the best dancers in their class (1). Brandon and Brianna are so determined that they are considered Thick as Gold (2). Ariel and Nick dream of Golden

Locks, even after being admired for their hair (3,4). Entrepreneurs Emily and Garrett always know when to cash in their Blue Chips (5).





Freshmen



MySpace = Love

For many teens, MySpace is more than just a website. It is a way of staying connected with friends and expressing themselves.

In addition to email and blogs, it allows users to view their friends' photos, comment on them, and even read and post bulletins.

Newly created applications provide entertainment along with games and personalized layouts.

In addition to staying in touch with the people you already know, MySpace is a way to find people. Some people find friends in their community they have never known before and others reconnect with classmates from first grade.

Also, MySpace started a trend. People are frequently seen taking photos of themselves, also known as "MySpace pics." Pouty facial expressions, peace signs, and mirror shots all fall under the stereotype.

So whether you are looking to make new friends or simply showing off your photos, MySpace offers it all!

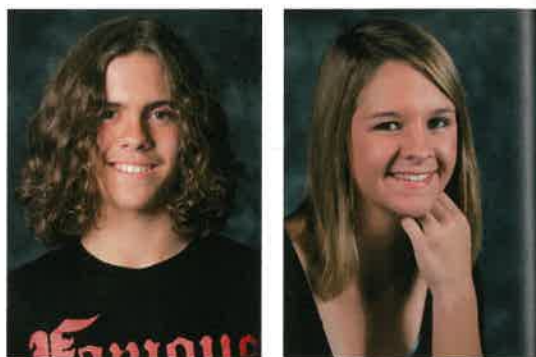
Emily Benedict
EJ Bennett



Derrick Bland
Anthony Ciranni



Lawrence Cousino
Megan Goynes



1. Emily Hanks, Cassidy Clark, and Erica Phillips show off their best MySpace faces.
2. Bobby Phillips and Amanda Richardson snap a quick shot of themselves, MySpace style.
3. Peace signs and pouty lips are a trademark look for Megan Goynes.



Ronda Hall
Shamyah James
Michelle Merrington
Nicolas Miller



Cisalee Oldham
Elue Palmer
Mikasia Parker
Jarryd Rita



Ashley Ritchey
Isabella Suarez
Tiffany Truesdell
MiKayla Walker

A "Fresh" Start

How did you feel about your freshman year?

1. "The hardest part was not knowing where everything was and who the people were."
2. "My freshman year was hard, because at the beginning of the year I started sports for the first time, but my schedule was also jam-packed with homework."
3. "I wasn't nervous because it was just a transition downstairs; same lockers, teachers, and people, just now I didn't have to walk upstairs."
4. "The honors classes were difficult because the work was much harder than last year."



Nichole Weyant



Freshman Officers



1. Cisalee Oldham
President
2. Emily Benedict
Vice President
3. Megan Goynes
Secretary
4. Mrs. Bryant-James
Sponsor
5. Mikasia Walker
Treasurer

There are times when it is just better to listen to others and take it all in. That is why **Silence is Golden** for Anthony Ciranni and Isabella Suarez. One smile can turn another classmate's day around. Jarryd Rita and Cisalee Oldham have that **Golden Smile** to brighten up your day! The **Golden Apple Award** goes to Shamyah James and EJ Bennett because you can always find them trying to fit in a healthy snack. Be careful of the **Fools' Gold**. Elue Palmer and Tiffany Truesdell are funny, and they are known to entertain the entire class!

Anthony Ciranni & Isabella Suarez



Jarryd Rita & Cisalee Oldham



Shamyah James & EJ Bennett

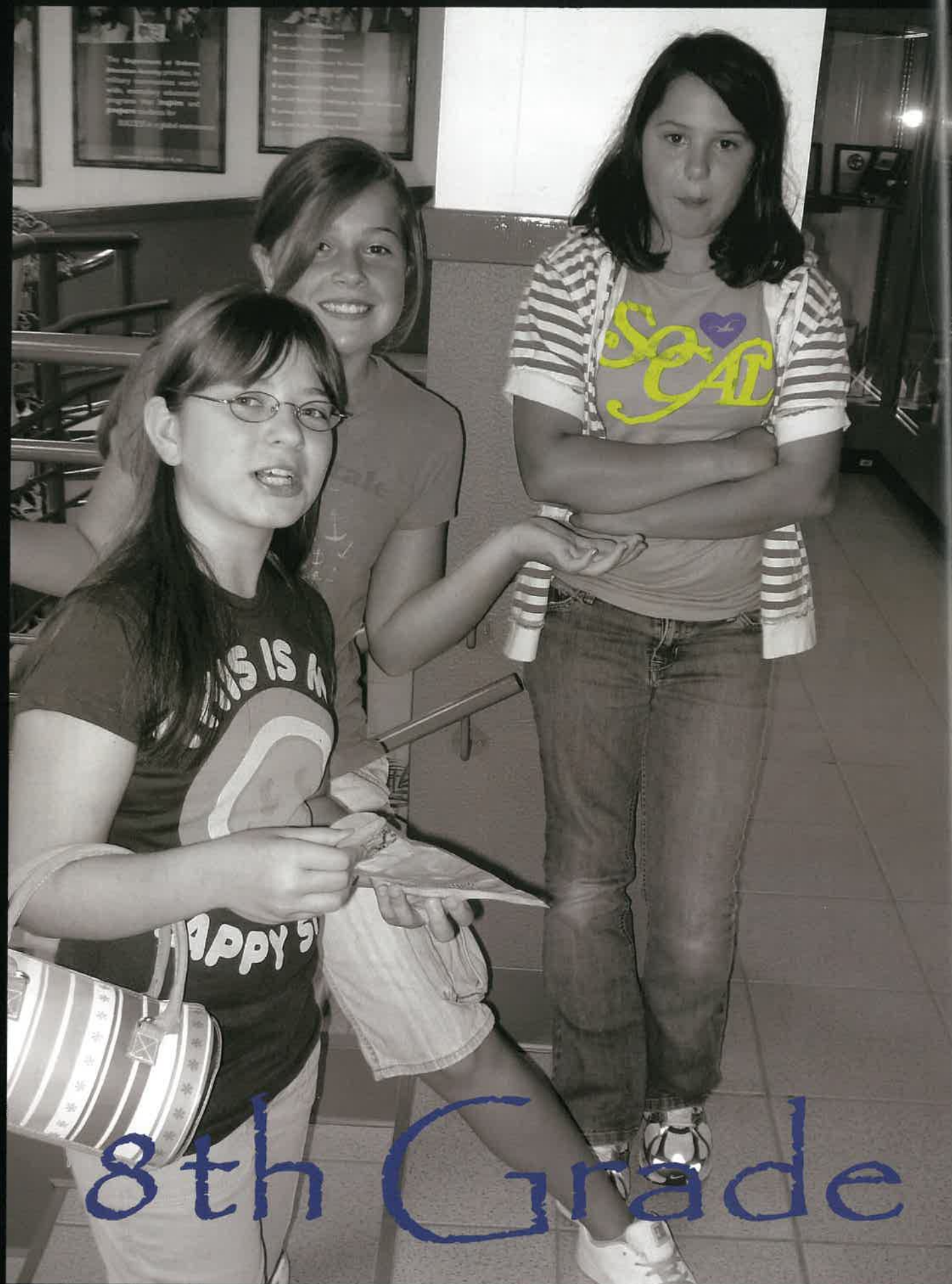


Elue Palmer & Tiffany Truesdell



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Paige Adams
Tre'Von Calhoun
Auneccia Chatman



Damian Chatman
Jasmine Collier
Sydney Cookerly



Ashlyn Cubeta
Benjamin Dorsey
Nathan Elking
Jasmyne Flores



Hannah Gonde
James Gretta
Kylie Lomelin
Kaitlynn Lucas



Ashlyn Pierce
Anthony Ratledge
Sarah Robertson
Emmalee Robinson



Christopher Rohrbeck
Lacie Slezak
Henry Stumler



Yasmine Weddle
Tyler Wiggins

\$ 1,000,000

What would you spend it on?

"I would buy the Atlanta Falcons."
—Damian Chatman (1)

"I'd probably take a really huge vacation in Europe!"
—Kaitlynn Lucas (2)

"I would buy every Hot Topic store in the world."—Paige Adams (3)

"Go shopping!"
—Emmalee Robinson (4)





Autographs, please!



Best With Blue Ink



4.



2.

Most Likely to Explore
the Deep Blue



3.



5.

Most Likely to
Demonstrate
Silence is Golden



6.

Most Likely to Win
a Blue Ribbon



7.

1-Benjamin Dorsey and Emmalee Robinson are talented when it comes to writing.
2 and 3-Tyler Wiggins and Hannah Gonde are well known for their adventurous outlook and love of the outdoors.
4 and 5-Shhh! Damian Chatman and Ashlyn Pierce know the true value of quiet.
6 and 7-Admired for their leadership skills, Kaitlynn Lucas and Chris Rohrbeck were voted the Best Leaders.

Eighth-Grade Superlatives



Chynna Barber-Tutaan
Daniel Benedict
Aili Carney



Alexandra Ciranni
Jessica Clark
Destiney Cole
Audrey Coleman



Edward Daniels
Elisabeth Genetti
Christian Gregorek
Keith Manibusan



Sherell McIver
Joshua McNeer
Chancelor Merrington
Alexis Oldham



Peyton Peay
Damian Perkins
Chace Pieper
Darren Porras



Kortney Ritchey
Vanessa Rodriguez
Michael Senker



Jordan Starks
Fiona Twidwell
Jacob Warye



Trevis Wilkins
Benjamin Wilson
Kennedy Young

If you were stranded on an island...

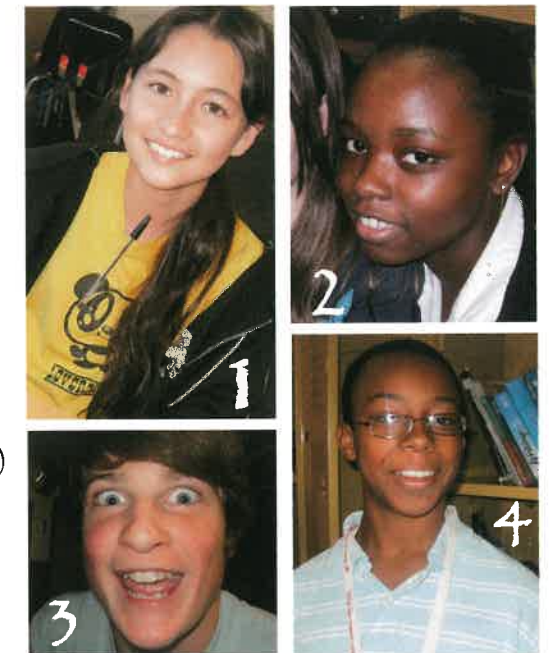
what 3 things would you bring?

"Dry food so it won't get stale, fresh water, and a book." —Aili Carney (1)

"My toothbrush, blanket, and food."
—Destiney Cole (2)

"Monsters, Monsters, Monsters!" —Chace Pieper (3)

"My PSP, a sack full of marbles to throw at birds,
and a pillow." —Edward Daniels (4)



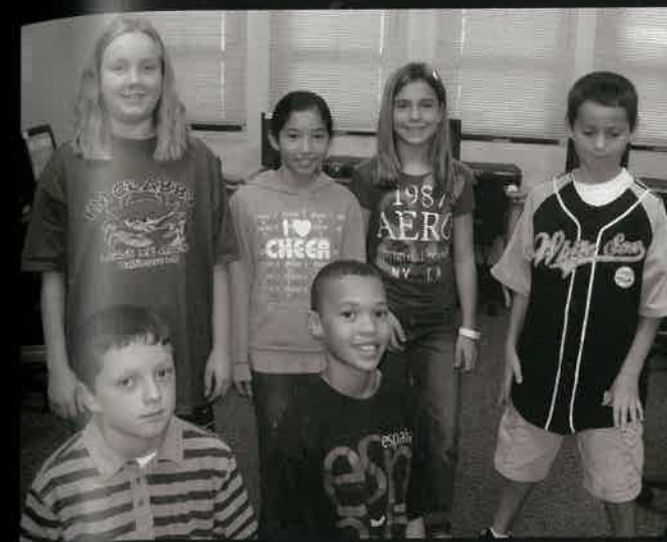


Sign here!



1 and 3- Voted Good As Gold (Hardest Workers):
Aili Carney and Keith Manibusan
2 and 4- Most Excited About the Blue and Gold
(Most Spirited): Michael Senker and
Kortney Ritchey
5- Most Likely To Have a Heart of Gold
(Kindest): Jacob Warye and Sherrell McIver
6 and 7- Most Likely to Win a Golden Grammy
(Most Musical): Alexis Oldham and Chace Pieper

Seventh-Grade Superlatives



David Bealeu
Alex Berry



Dominick Boritz
Stephanie Billman
Parker Brooks
Phalon Burroughs



Michael Clevenger
Kishaun Collins
Christopher Cousino
Kaitlin Cruz



Ariel Dubbels
Makenzie Eddy
Amber Grant
Ashley Gretta



"A journey of a thousand miles must
begin with a single step."

-Lao Tzu



Allen Hill
Leonía Hunt
Allison Kimsey



Nathaniel Lomelin
Karen Quero
Kayla Sallee



Joshua Slama
Andrew Suarez
Sabrina Watson
Greta Wiles



Leave a message!

6th-Grade Superlatives



- 1, 2: Looking for Blue's Clues
David Beleau and Parker Brooks
3: Golden Pals
Karen Quero and Andrew Suarez
4: Never Blue
Stephanie Billman and Nathan Lomelin
5: Looking Good in Their Blue Jeans
James Pollock and Kayla Sallee



Sports



Lady Falcons Volleyball—2008



Hard work, determination, and perseverance are qualities every volleyball player possesses. Also, good players have the will to dive for the ball, no matter what. Hannah Tagle exclaims, "I love volleyball because it is fun, and it forces you to work hard." Laura Goynes states, "This year's focus is more on giving 100% than on skill level." The Lady Falcons not only had a fantastic season, but they also learned that perseverance pays off.



Top row: Erica Phillips, Megan Goynes, Hannah Tagle, Brianna Williams. Second row: Coach Sorrell, Mikasia Parker, Michelle Merrington, Brittnee Jones, Alina Lesniak, Cassidy Clark, Emily Hanks, Coach Dunn. Bottom row: Emily Benedict, Chelsea Nutting, Brynne Coleman, and Tiffany Truesdell
Captains: Meghan McClain and Laura Goynes



Dedication is a key word in any long-distance runner's vocabulary. "Running to me is a way to let all my frustrations out, and I love the rewarding feeling I get after pushing myself farther than I ever thought possible," Destinee Baucum explains. The most difficult obstacle to overcome in running is preparing yourself mentally; running requires you to block out the excruciating cramps, the fatigue, and the self-doubt.



Team Photo Above:

Left to right: Amanda Suarez, Cisalee Oldham, Coach James, Emily McClain, MiKayla Walker, Amanda Richardson, Coach Richardson, Nicole Berry, Elue Palmer, Patrick Wright and James Gretta.



Cross Country 2008

Girls' Basketball



Top: Nicole Berry, Cisalee Oldham, Coach Glynn Black, Keiara Cofield, Erica Phillips, Brittnee Jones Bottom: Nichole Weyant, Mikasia Walker, Ashley Ritchey, Chelsea Nutting



Boys' Basketball

Coach Hoff worked the boys' basketball team at practice every day at the base gym to prepare them for Europeans in February. The two captains, Derek Lowry and Jarred Truesdell, sought ways to improve their team. Derek even checked in with his teammates' teachers, asking what could be done to improve academically. With their good team work, the strong bond the boys had, and of course their skills on the court, the boys represented our school well this school year.



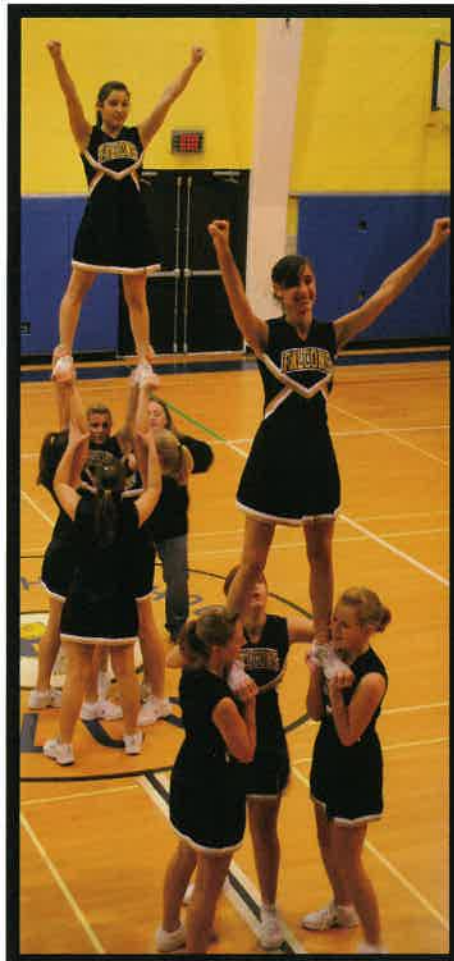
Top: Coach Casey, Drake Pieper, Taylor Truesdell, Jarred Truesdell, Dylan Brooks, Tyler Ritchey, Derek Lowry, Justin Aamodt, Seth Aamodt, Coach Hoff Bottom: Cody Starks, John Webb, Mike James, Darryl James, Patrick Wright



WE ♥ TO CHEER



Pyramid Top: Alina Lesniak,
Emily Benedict
Middle: Cassidy Clark, Megan Goynes,
Brynne Coleman
Bottom: Laura Goynes,
Meghan McClain, Destinee Baucum,
Emily Hanks



Tennis



(Above)
From left to right:
Ben Dorsey, Anthony
Ratledge, Garrett Bailey,
Danica Coffman, Drake
Pieper, Dylan Brooks



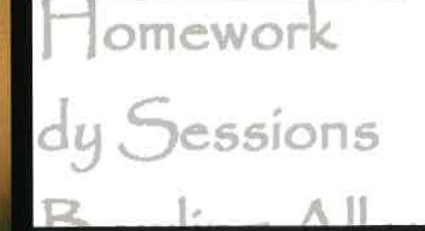
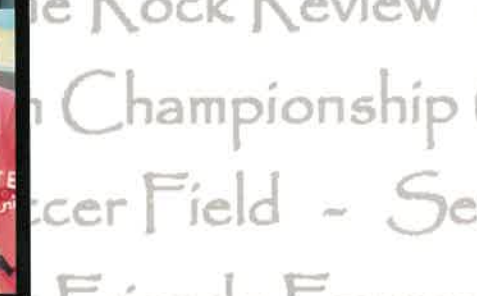
Golf

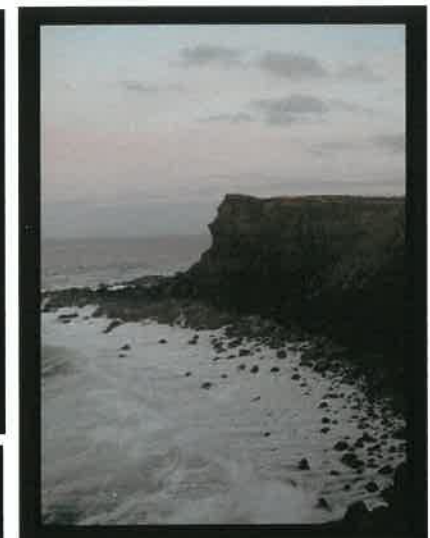


(Above)
From left to right:
Michael Longacre,
Anthony Ciranni,
Isabella Suarez,
Keiara Cofield,
Coach Landers,
and Tyler Wiggins

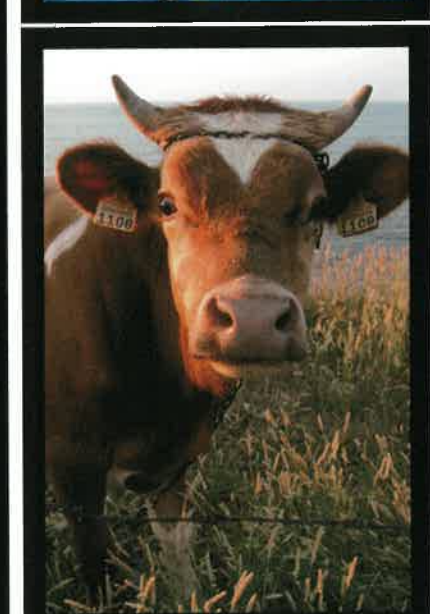


Students who participate in golf are always excited to get out on the course and compete with their teammates. They show much enthusiasm for the sport, and having Mr. Landers as their coach makes the experience even more rewarding. Michael stated that he "appreciates how patient Mr. Landers is about teaching anyone who wants to play, and he never gets frustrated with people who have trouble." Golf is a fun way to stay active and meet new and interesting people.





Angra Fest, Beach Days, Tanned Skin, Flip-Flops,
Hanging Out, **SUMMER** (oh, eight) Summer Sun,
Praia Fest, Space Camp, Lazy Days, Tank Tops,



Leading the Blue and Gold



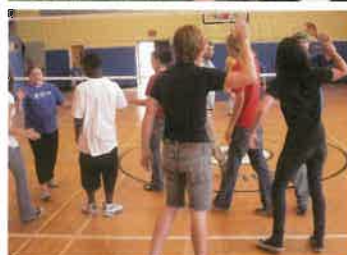
Student Council exists to promote relations between students and faculty. It gives students the opportunity to involve themselves in the school by organizing pep rallies, spirit week, homecoming, and other activities, like talent shows. The students elected into office this year were Dylan Brooks as President, Chelsea Nutting as Vice President, Destinee Baucum as Secretary, and Amanda Suarez as Treasurer. These four collaborate with the President, Vice President, and Class Representative from each grade level.



Homecoming 2008

Spirit Week 2008

The Broadway theme for the week kicked off with Tuesday's twin day! Wednesday was opposite day, and students dressed as the opposite gender. The boys came as surprisingly nice young ladies while the girls grunged down into boys' clothes. Thursday we all came in our togas! Friday was spirit day when everyone wore their class colors. To end it all, we had a pep rally on Friday with a volleyball game, during which students played against faculty!

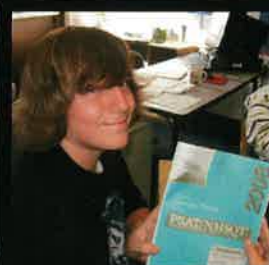


This year at the annual Powder Puff football game, the Leprechauns (under-classmen) fearlessly faced the Leprechaun Eaters (upper-classmen). The Leprechauns mustered their best attempt, but **OF COURSE** the upper-classmen won. Afterwards, the two teams reconciled over burgers and hotdogs and a few delicious s'mores.

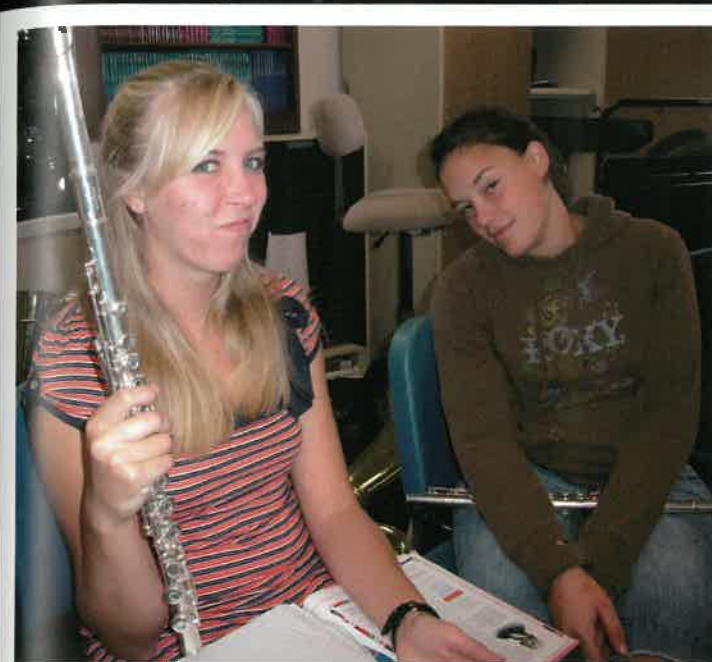


Powder Puff Play-Offs

AVID



Most students in the AVID program are recommended by their teachers or the principal. AVID classes focus mainly on career exploration, college applications, writing techniques, discourse methods, and organizational skills. AVID students also learn various forms of note-taking, making them better prepared for college in the future. As Ms. Ching stated, the AVID class also "helps maintain the students' willpower and desire to succeed."



BAND

CHORUS

The Sound of Music

"All the World's a Stage"

This year's drama class, directed by Mr. Rehak, learned about the origins of drama, acted out pantomimes, and read plays. They performed *Witch Way Christmas: A Christmas Musical* on December 9th and 11th. The class consisted of 17 students ranging from 9th through 12th grade. The highly energized group always kept Mr. Rehak on his toes. "Drama is the art of expressing a story through movement and emotions," stated Brynne Coleman. Drama, for some students, is a way of releasing frustrations and energizing the soul. Self-expression allows students to explore their own humanity.



Video Communications



Video Communications is a class taught by Mr. Landers and is for high school students only. Simply known as "Video Comm," it teaches students how to use video and audio editing software in order to create movies, films, and animated shorts.



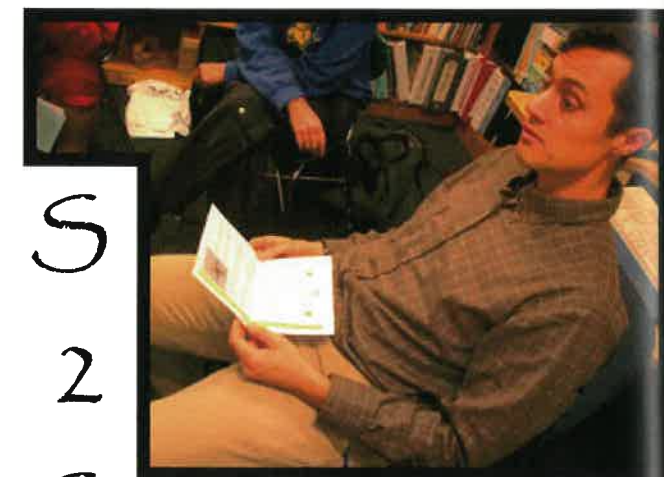
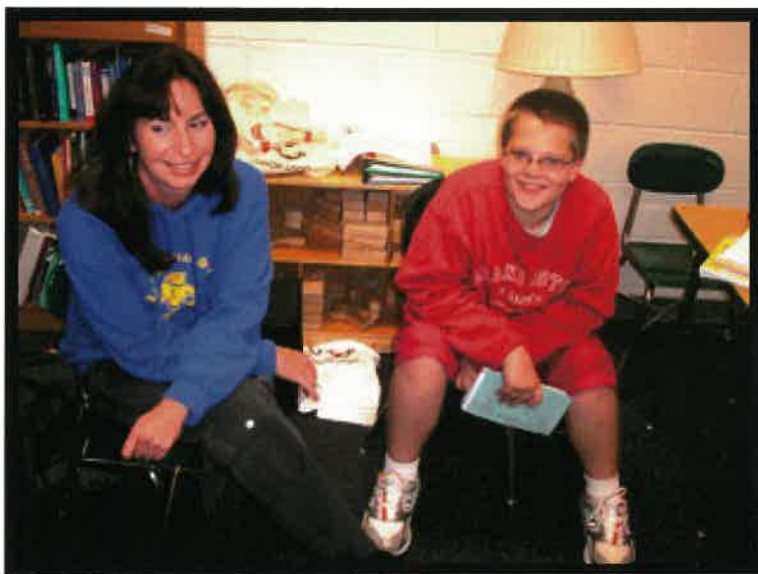
"In this Computer Age, being familiar with various editing software is a valuable skill," Hannah Tagle muses. "I like Video Comm because I learn a lot about Adobe products. Soon I'll be able to direct, shoot, and even edit my own music videos!"



"I like the smell of film. I just like knowing there's film going through the camera."
Steven Spielberg



Art Club



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National Honor Society



The Rock Review

Where "Normal" Doesn't Exist

Journalism



"Journalism students practice professional writing skills and publish their opinions for the school to read," declares Hannah Tagle, editor of *The Rock Review*. The staff also learns how to work with a team proficiently. All the students gather their own ideas and combine them to create a successful and interesting paper that people of all ages look forward to reading. Many students who participate consider it a rewarding and satisfying experience.

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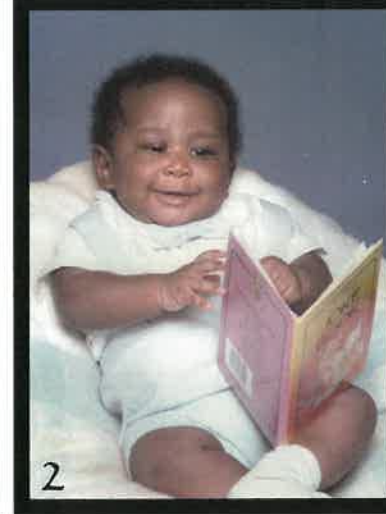


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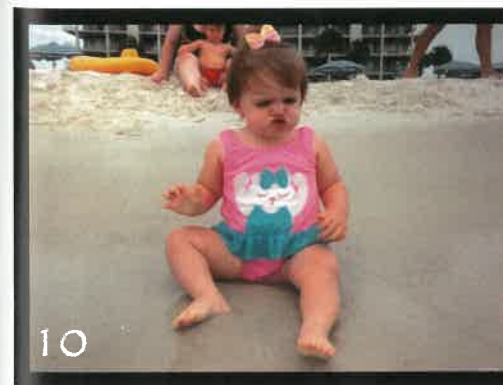
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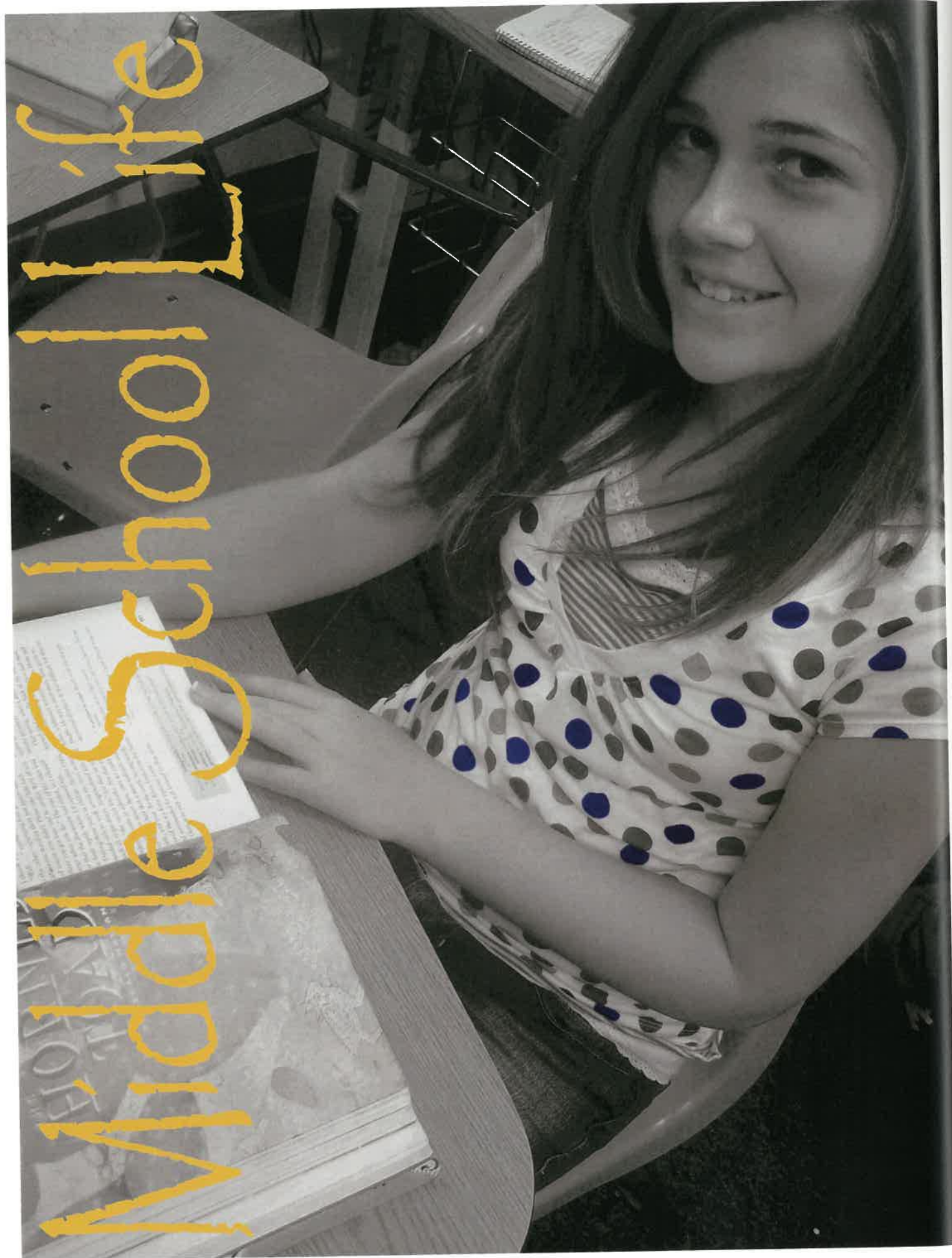
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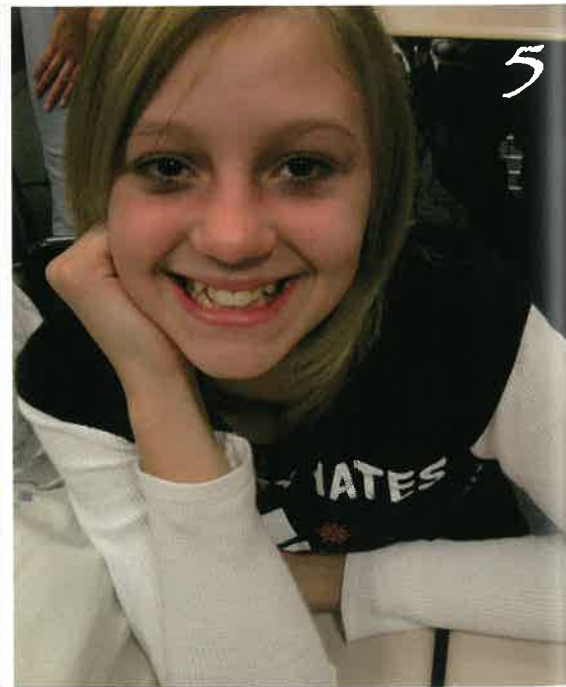
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Middle School Student Council



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Sponsor
5. Taylor Young
Reporter



Tooney Awards

Tooney Awards are given to middle school students for their hobbies, personalities, and any other distinguishing characteristics. The certificates are distributed by the recipients' seminar teachers. Teachers also have a little fun with this by choosing individual mascots to represent their classes.



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Middle School Spirit Week

Spirit Week Days:

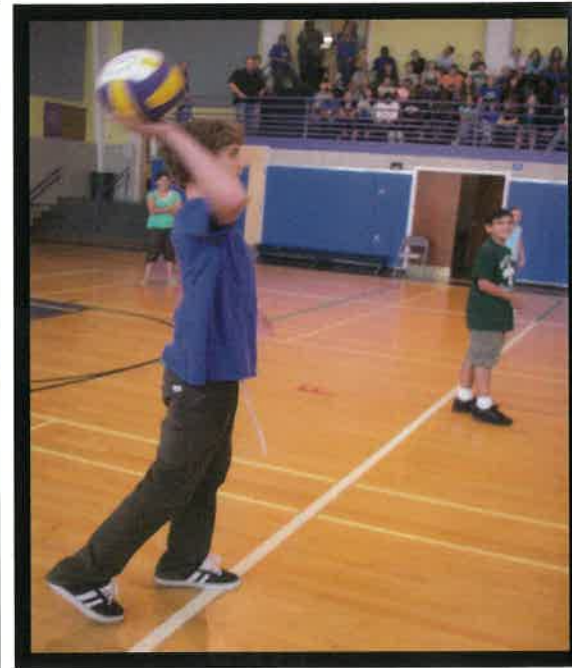
Tuesday—Twin Day

Wednesday—Opposite Day

Thursday—Toga Day

Friday—Spirit Day

During Spirit Week, many people had a blast dressing up on the different days. At the end of the week, students had a fun pep rally where the middle school battled some teachers. Everyone wished the athletes good luck at their upcoming tournaments.



Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a creative thinking competition, and participants practice brain exercises that help them approach problem solving from a new perspective. The best thing about OM is that the activities are student-directed. On March 28th there was a competition for DoDDS teams, where they performed skits and practiced critical thinking. Ms. Bramlett was this year's sponsor, and she had a great time working with all the kids.



Outdoor Education is a great way to learn about nature and acquire survival skills. The students learn how to pitch a tent, start a fire, and work as a team. They play various sports and have overnight camping trips. Mr. Hoff and his students also enjoy Outdoor Education because they learn about plants and wildlife.



Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week is devoted to drug awareness and intervention. Middle school students, along with their high school peers, learn about the dangers of drugs and tips for prevention. Mrs. Angus and Mr. Weyland sponsored a game in which students could spin a wheel and win prizes after answering a question correctly. Many students thought this was a fun and interesting way to learn and to help prevent drug usage in the future.



In MATHCOUNTS students practice math problems outside their class environments, which is an extension of the skills they learn in class. Mr. Ramey, the sponsor of MATHCOUNTS, proudly stated, "The kids are great, and it's amazing how excited they are about math." The students are currently preparing for competition and if they qualify, they will travel to Germany.



MATHCOUNTS



The EcoClub advocates exploration and appreciation for the island's natural surroundings while teaching students about its subtleties. Participants have fun taking part in field trips and nature studies under the steady guidance of Mr. DeMelo and Mrs. Deisher-Cabral.

EcoCLUB

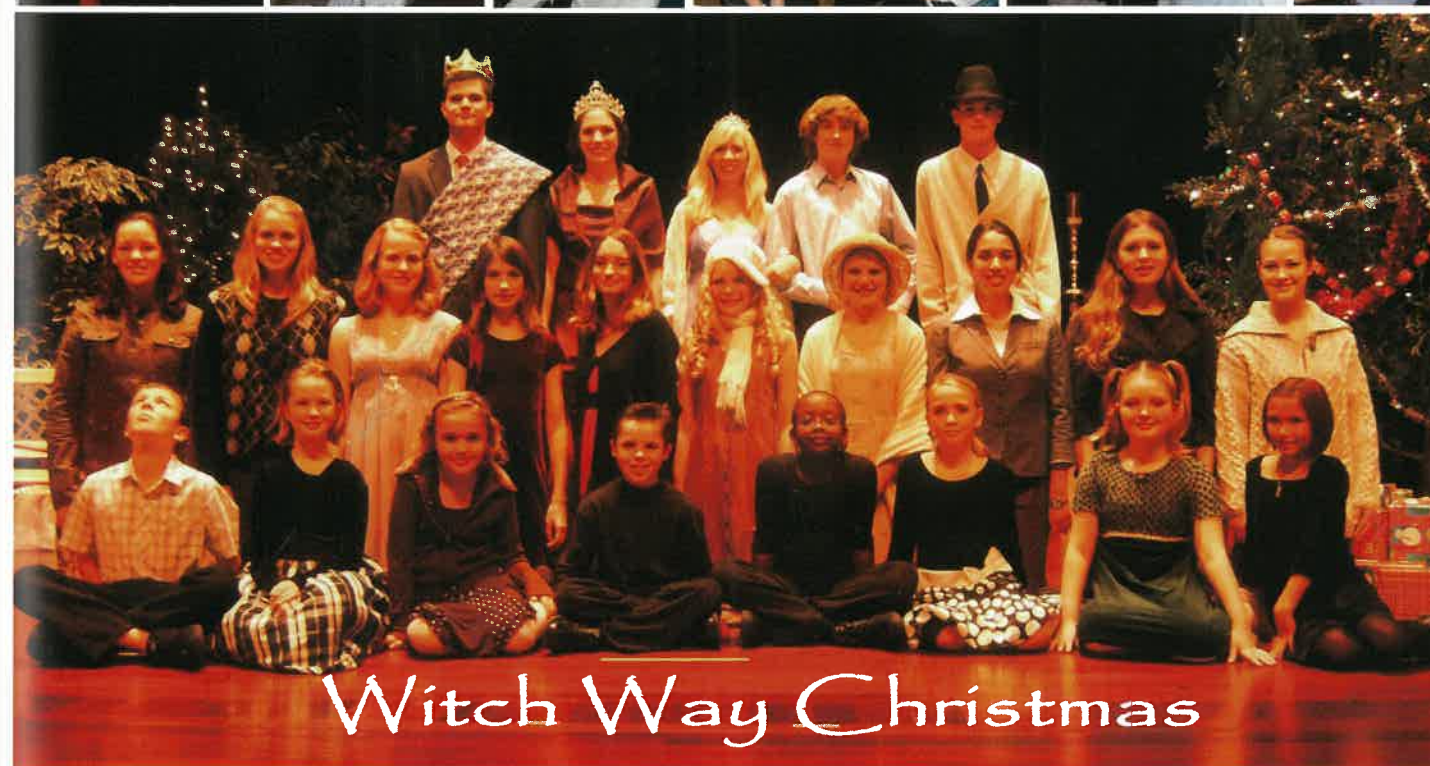
In Perfect Harmony...



Middle School Theater



"The kids sure do have a lot of enthusiasm and energy," states their teacher, Mr. Rehak. Many students who feel shy around others get the chance to open up and learn to express themselves in theater class. The class is also important to develop their social skills for high school in the near future.



Witch Way Christmas

HARVEST FEST 2008



Nan-Nan
and
Paw-Paw Bobby



Maw-Maw
and
Paw-Paw David



Laura,

Congratulations on your graduation. We are all so proud of you. We are praying for you and know that you will make the right choices to make your family and God proud of you.

We love and miss you.

The Grandparents
and
Grandma Travis



Maw-Maw Kathy
and
Paw-Paw Donnie



Nana
and
Paw-Paw Pat



Laura

Congratulations on your graduation from Lajes High School!!! It is the culmination of all your hard work over the past 12 years. It isn't the end of your studies, but merely the beginning. Because of your drive, determination and brains, I know that you will not only succeed in college, but excel. The future is bright for you. Follow your dreams and you can achieve anything that you set your mind to. I am so proud of the young lady that you have become over the last 17 ½ years. I appreciate the support that you have given me as we moved where the Air Force has needed us through the years. I can only imagine how hard it must have for you each time that we moved to leave your friends behind. You always looked at it as not leaving your friends, but an opportunity to meet new ones. I wish that I could have been there more for some of the major events, but wasn't able to due to deployments or short tours. I know that Mom was there to ensure that you received her support when I couldn't be there. Your sacrifices and great attitude have made my decision to make the Air Force a career an easy choice. Remember that you will always be my little girl. (I know the sheep/Go outside see moon.) I am not ready to let you go off to college, but know that it is all in God's plan. I know that you will be fine and figure life out. I will always be there if you need anything. There is nothing in the world that I won't do for you. Don't forget to stand for what is right, don't fall for peer pressure, make good choices and stay close to God. Love always, Dad



My **BIG** Sissy,

Wow. We've gone through a lot over the last 14 years. It's pretty depressing to think that all our great times are over. Whose clothes am I going to sneak and wear? I just want to thank you. For all the advice you've given me, the secrets shared, your clothing opinions, late night talks and most of all just being there. I know I wasn't the nicest sometimes, but neither were you (: You're going to have to visit **many** times, and I know you're going to do wonderful in college. I love you, soooo much.



Love, your **baby** sis, Megan

Goyne



Where do I begin? It seems like yesterday when you were just starting kindergarten. You couldn't wait to go to school; you were so excited to learn to read and make new friends. Here we are 13 years, 4 countries, 7 schools later, and it's graduation time. I realize God only gave you to us for a little while; it was my job to guide you, teach you and then let you go. That is the hard part. I am not ready to let go, but I know you are ready. I know you have been

taught the things you need to succeed and live a good, productive life. Always do the **RIGHT** thing, even if it isn't the **EASY** thing to do. I know it has been hard on you being dragged all over the world, making sacrifices for Dad's career, making new friends and saying goodbye to them, sometimes all in the same year. Believe me; this was hard to watch you go through. I hope when you look back on our lives that you won't dwell on all the hard times, the goodbyes, the tears, and the moves, but remember the fun we had, the places we've been, the things we have seen. I believe it is the **HARD** times as well as the **GOOD** that make us who we are. You are living proof of that statement; you have always thrived despite your circumstances. God has great plans for your life. Always be ready and willing to listen to Him. Always be willing to help someone and be nice to the "new girl." You know all too well what she is going through. Don't be afraid to speak up for yourself and stick to what you know is right. I am very proud of the person you have become. Always know I am here for you and will be there in a hurry if you need me. All you have to do is call.

Love,
Mom



Laura Lou-my sidekick, companion, best friend. I'm so proud of you for sticking it out in great ol' Lajes for your last year in high school. I'm so impressed with your determination, creativity and whole heartedness in everything you do. I know you will achieve great things in your lifetime as long as you stay true to yourself and to others. I'm so glad God has blessed me with a best friend like you. You work hard for everything you achieve, and you are not afraid to speak your mind. In the big world that you are about to step into, you are going to need those skills an immense amount. Whether life hits you with a baby river to cross or a huge mountain to climb, I know that you can do it.

I love you, Laura, and always will. No matter what, I will be here for you. Good luck and remember God has a plan for you. If you don't make anyone else proud make sure you make him proud!

♥ Larissa Palmer

Life's too short to wake up one morning with regrets. So love the people who treat you right, forget about the ones who don't, believe that everything happens for a reason.

If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said that it'd be easy; they just promised it'd be WORTH IT!

I Love You...



Bobby, you made it through your senior year without anymore of your "Polar Bear" Powerpoints! You are about to go into the real world, which is nothing like Lajes, but if you follow your dreams, I know you will do great things for yourself. I have always been there to have an intense thumb war with you, go on 4 a.m. walks, make wontons, play dress-up in the BX, and I will be there now and always with this big step you are about to take.

♥ Your Monkey



...To the Moon and Back

Meghan McClain

Dear Meghan,

We are incredibly proud of you and all of your hard work over the years. Thank you for always being willing and eager to be dragged around the world and to jump into the next adventure!

No matter where you decide to go or what you decide to do, choose the path that will ultimately make you happy.

We love you and we will always be here for you.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, and Ems



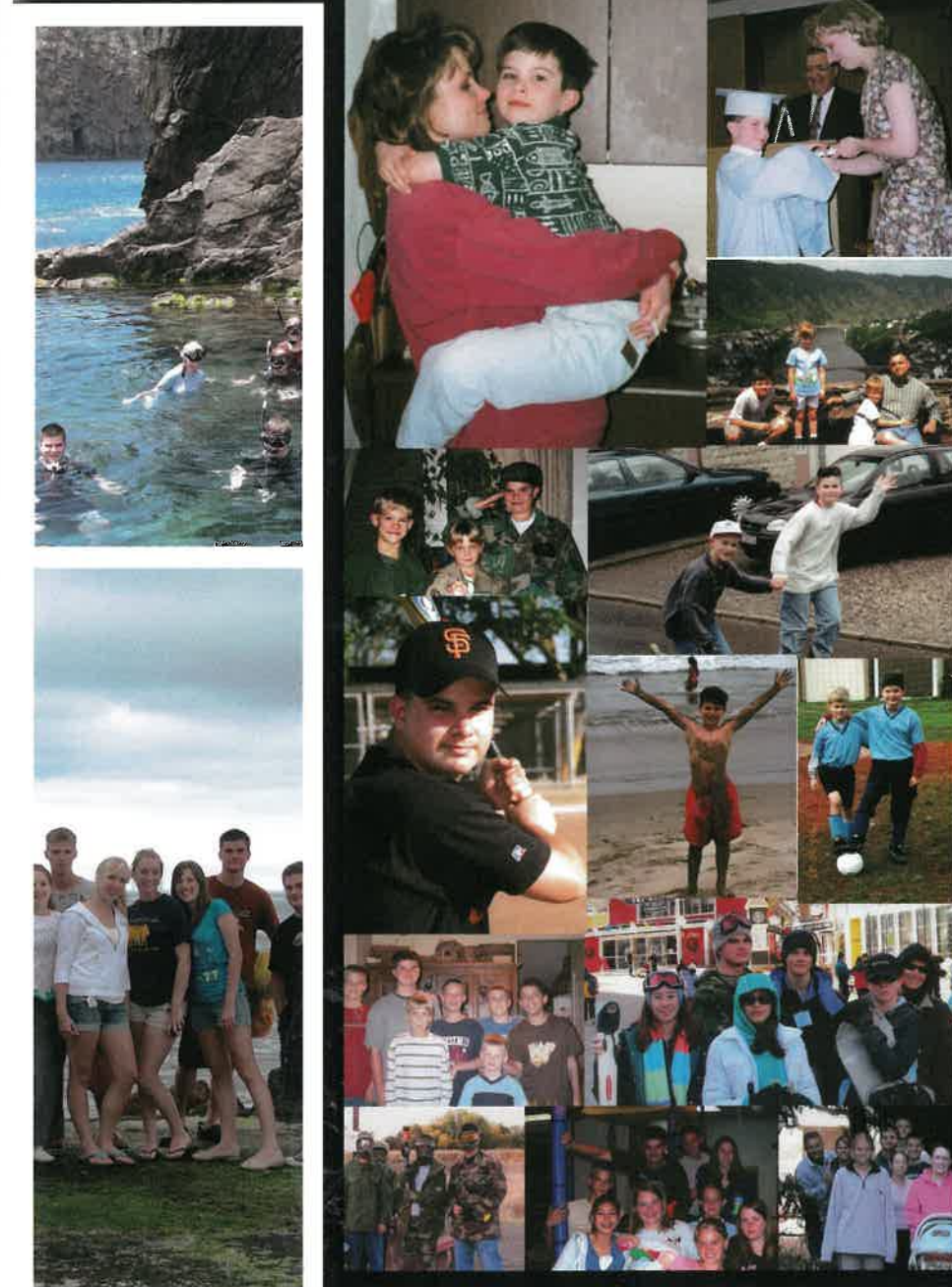


Danica,

On the day you were born, you filled our hearts with happiness and joy. God had given us a special gift that changed our lives! Over the years we've watched you grow into the wonderful person that you are. We are so proud of you!

Congratulations on this special day and please know that whatever path you decide to take in this life, we will always be there for our "little baby bug."

*With love,
Mom and Dad*



Dear Taylor,

Preparing this page for you brought back such wonderful memories. As we looked through family pictures, we smiled and laughed, remembering you through the years. Being an Air Force Brat has given you many experiences others only dream about. You've lived in Germany, California, and now the Azores, giving you the opportunity to travel throughout Europe and meet very special people along the way.

You are now 18 years old, finally able to drive on "the island," looking forward to graduation and heading off to college. It saddens us to think you won't be with us next year, but we look forward to seeing what God has planned for you. We will miss the special relationship you have with each of us, making us laugh with your quirky sense of humor, rooting for your favorite NFL team, the Broncos, and watching you play basketball, baseball, and soccer.

Never give up on pursuing your dreams of becoming an Air Force Officer. Know that we are very proud of you and will be cheering you on. Hold on to the values you've learned, your love of family, and of God, and strive to be the man God wants you to be; He will always show you the way.

We love you,

Dad, Mom, Jarred, and Tiffany

**DYLAN
BROOKS**

Dylan,

It's hard to believe how fast the years have flown by, and here you are, a senior!

What an amazing person you have grown to be. You are funny, smart, talented, and we are incredibly proud of you.

It is almost time for you to go and start your own life and while we are excited for you, we will miss you. The house will seem very quiet without you and your drums once you leave for college.

**We love you very much,
Mom, Dad and Parker**



Keiara,

Where has the bright-eyed sweet little girl who was holding our hands just yesterday gone? Time has moved too quickly. It seems that just yesterday you were not even in the first grade, and now you are a senior about to graduate and go away to college. Now you will have to pull on your own inner strength and intelligence to continue on your journey. And you have this strength in abundance! In the years ahead, you will have our support and belief in you. We know that you will make good choices and stay the course. We know that you will veer sometimes, but you will prevail and find your way. We know that you can do so much. We have seen glimpses of what you will become. While this is a pivotal moment in your life, it is a great time in your life. Your dad and I are so proud of you, and we love you very much! Mom and Dad

Keiara,

I will miss you once you graduate. You always make me laugh, even when I have been mad at you. It is going to be so lonely in the house. First, Becky left last year to go to college, and now you are going away to college. But, don't worry; I will be visiting for Christmas and summers!!! I love you, Keiara.

Yasmine





Michael



It's so hard to believe that you have reached this point in your life already. It seems like only yesterday we were buying you that Game Boy book bag for your first day of kindergarten! Wasn't it only a moment ago that you thought your middle name was FizzyGizzy? Now, suddenly, you are all grown up!

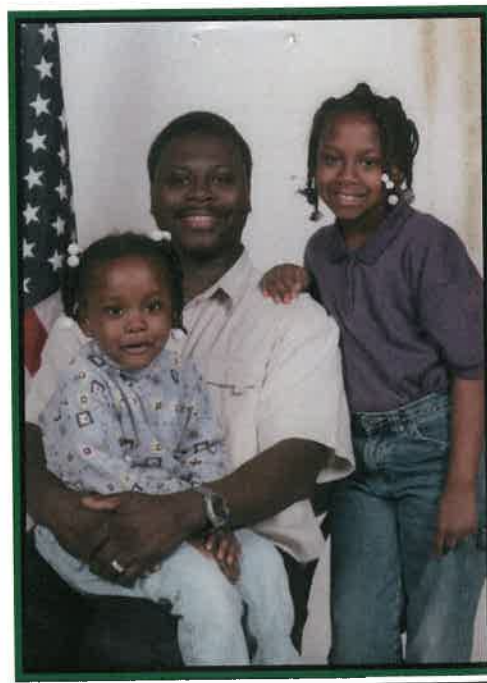
Michael, you have always taken pride in looking after your brother Darryl, and your sisters, Shamyah and Hailey. You are a great brother and a wonderful son. They will miss you so much while you are away at college.

Words cannot fully express just how proud we are of the man you are becoming. Continue to think first and make great choices. As you move forward to the next chapter in your life, remember that we will always be here for you and we will always love you!

Remember that having all of the "action figures" and accessories does not mean that you are the real Spiderman!



**We love you, Mike!
Dad, Mom, Dray,
Myah, & Hailey**



The Inner Circle

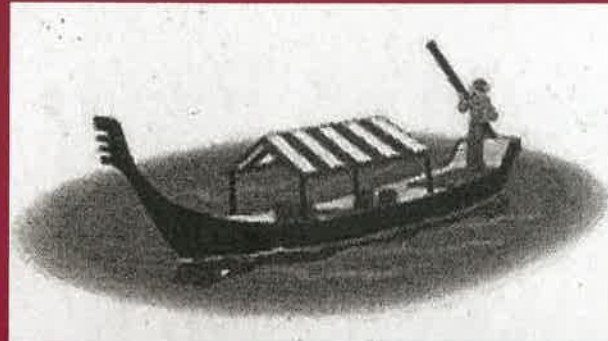


Dylan, Alina, Taylor, Mike, Keiara, Bobby

"Friendship... is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything."

- Muhammad Ali





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Congratulations, Seniors!



*We are proud of all you have accomplished,
and we hope that whatever you choose to
do in life is meaningful and fun. Most
importantly, stay true to who you are!*

-Lajes PIO

Congratulations, Seniors!



From the
Officers' Spouses Club

*You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any
direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know
what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go.*

~ Dr. Seuss



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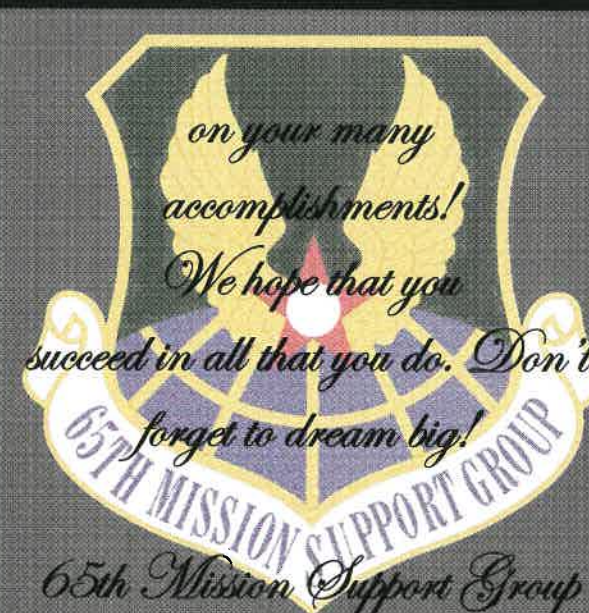
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Congratulations...



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Class of '09*

The future belongs to
those who believe in the
beauty of their dreams.

-Eleanor Roosevelt



Congratulations on everything
you have accomplished.
You have just passed a
pinnacle point in your lives.
Strive for excellence, keep your
head held high, and sprint
toward your dreams.

-the Men and Women of
the 65 MDG

The 65th
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Squadron would
like to
congratulate the
class of 2009 on
your significant
achievement and
wish you the
best of luck in
your future
endeavors.

Class of 2009

Remember "If you can imagine it,
you can achieve
it; if you can
dream it, you
can become
it."

- William
Arthur Ward



From the Lajes Fire Department

Class of 2009

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"As you journey into the future, we hope that you learn all of life's important lessons, but don't forget to HAVE FUN!!!"
-Mr. Wood

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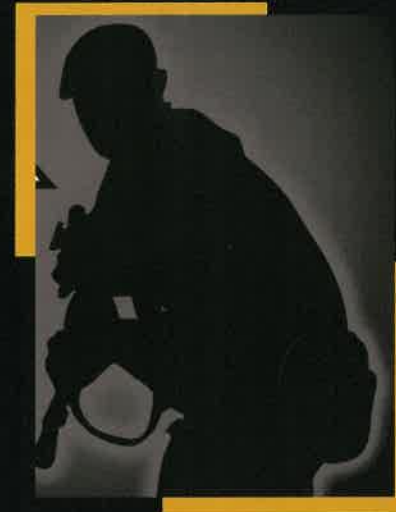
*Congratulations, Seniors,
on your many accomplishments. We wish you
the best in all you do!*

We would also like to congratulate all the middle/high school students from the 729th A.M.S.: Destinee Baucum, Robert Daniel, Emily McClain, Meghan McClain, Chace Pieper, Drake Pieper, Darren Perras, Damian Rogers, and Joshua Slama. We are proud of your achievements throughout the school year!



L A J E S

Defenders *of the* Atlantic



*Congratulations, Seniors!
We wish you the best
and hope all your dreams
come true!*

The Enlisted Spouses Club
congratulates the class of 2009!



"Success is not a place at which one arrives, but rather... the spirit with which one undertakes and continues the journey."

-Alex Noble

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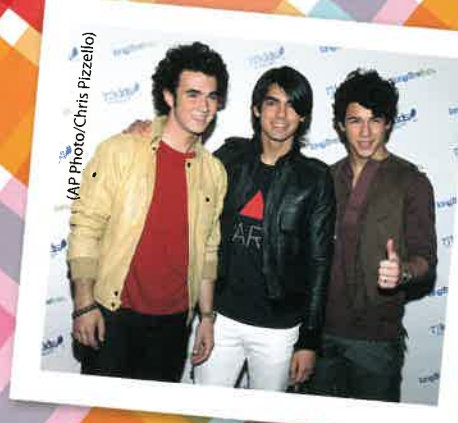
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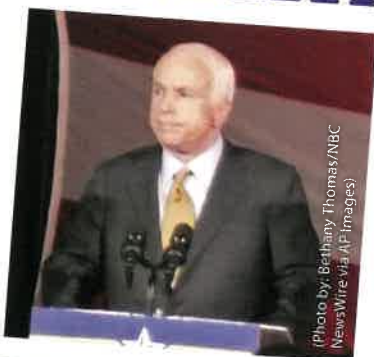


First Family

From left, President-elect Barack Obama, daughters, Sasha, 7, Malia, 10, and wife Michelle Obama wave on election night.

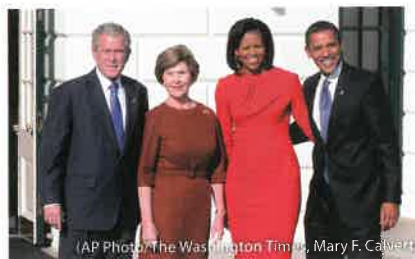
McCain Speech

Republican Presidential Candidate John McCain gives his concession speech on election night.



VP Debate

Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., left, and Republican Vice Presidential candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin shake hands before the start of a Vice Presidential Debate.



Bush/Obama

President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, welcome President-elect Obama and his wife Michelle Obama to the White House in Washington.



Voter Turn Out

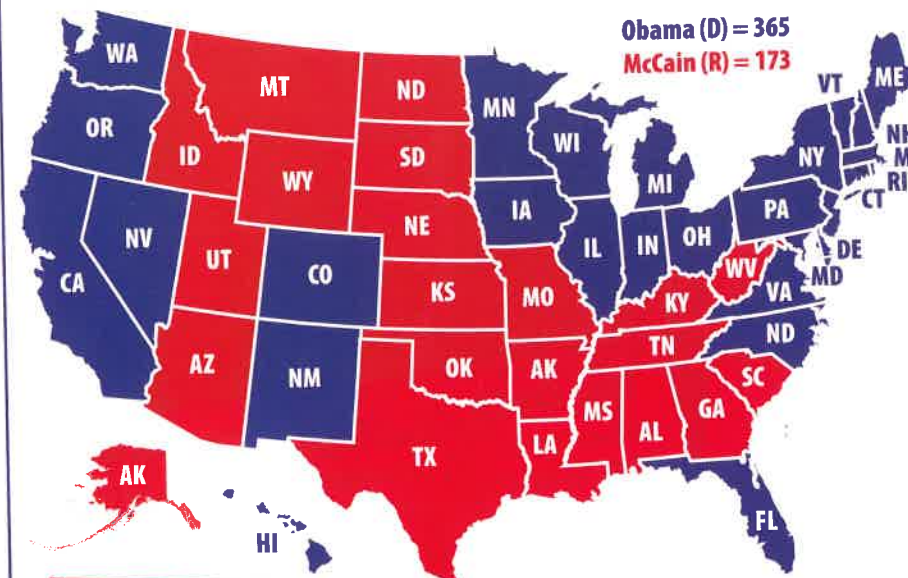
Lines stretched around buildings and down city blocks as people waited hours to cast ballots in the historic Presidential race between Barack Obama and John McCain.



Kids Vote

Fiona Cronin, 8, casts her ballot as she takes part in Florida's Kids Voting Program, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2008, in Tallahassee, FL. When voters arrived to their voting precincts in Florida, there was a private room for their children to cast an unofficial ballot to aid in the children's learning process.

2008 Presidential Election Results



The Presidential Candidates

	Barack Obama	John McCain
Party	Democratic	Republican
Home State	Illinois	Arizona
Running Mate	Joe Biden	Sarah Palin
Electoral Vote	365	173
State carried	28+DC+NE-02	22
Popular Vote	66,882,230	58,343,671
Percentage	53%	46%

Election Facts

- ★ The 2008 election was the first time in U.S. history an African American Presidential nominee for a major party was elected President.
- ★ It was also the first time two sitting Senators ran against each other.
- ★ Either major party candidate would have become the first President born outside the continental United States.
- ★ Malia Obama, age 10 and Sasha Obama, age 7, will be the first young children to live in the White House since 1977.
- ★ Barack Obama and John McCain are 24 years and 340 days apart in age. This is the largest age disparity between two major party Presidential candidates.
- ★ Obama won more votes than any candidate in U.S. history.
- ★ Joe Biden is the first Roman Catholic to be elected Vice President of the United States as well as the first from the state of Delaware.
- ★ The 2008 election marked the first time since the 1952 election that neither the incumbent President nor the incumbent Vice President was a candidate in the general election.



Palin

Sarah Palin was the second female candidate and first Alaskan candidate of either major party. Governor Palin was also the first female Vice-Presidential nominee of the Republican Party.



Cabinet

President-elect Barack Obama stands with his cabinet, from left to right: Attorney General-designate Eric Holder; Homeland Security Secretary-designate Janet Napolitano; Defense Secretary Robert Gates; Vice President-elect Joe Biden; Secretary of State-designate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.; National Security Adviser-designate Ret. Marine Gen. James Jones; and United Nations Ambassador-designate Susan Rice.

presidential inauguration

January 20, 2009



President's Daughters

First Lady Michelle Obama and her daughters Malia, third from left, and Sasha as they arrive for the inauguration ceremony.



The Oath

Barack Obama, left, joined by his wife Michelle, second from left, and daughters Sasha, third from left, and Malia, takes the oath of office from Chief Justice John Roberts to become the 44th President of the United States at the U.S. Capitol.



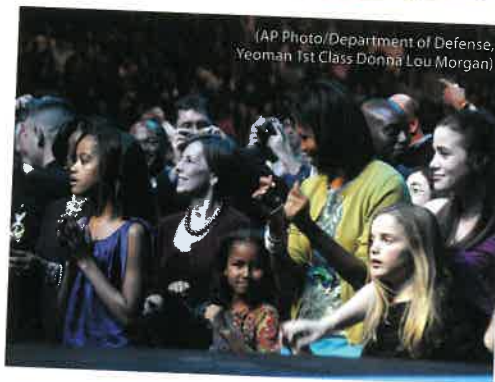
2 Million People

More than 2 million people gathered along the National Mall during President Obama's inaugural speech.



Thumbs Up

President Barack Obama, right, is congratulated by daughter Sasha, lower left, as first lady Michelle Obama looks on after taking the oath of office at the U.S. Capitol.



We Are The Future

Michelle Obama, along with daughters Malia, left, and Sasha, rock out during the "Kids' Inaugural: We Are The Future."



Kids Rock

Elizabeth Bailey, 8, seated with her father, Coast Guard Lt. Jim Bailey of Bowie, MD., cheers during the "Kids' Inaugural: We Are The Future Concert" on Jan. 19, 2009.



Miracle on the Hudson

Airline passengers wait to be rescued on the wings of the US Airways Airbus 320 jetliner that safely ditched in the frigid waters of the Hudson River in New York, Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009. All 155 people on board survived.



Gas Prices

Gas prices have gone from an all time high to a significant low in just a few months.



Big 3 Auto Bailout

General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner, from right, Chrysler CEO Robert Nardelli, Ford CEO Alan Mulally, and UAW President Ron Gettelfinger, testify at a Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee hearing on the crisis in the automotive industry.

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Stock Market

The US Stock Market has plunged to levels not seen in more than five years.



700 Billion Dollars

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, left, accompanied Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. regarding the 700 billion dollar bailout of the U.S. financial system. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 was enacted in October 2008.

HeadLines



Hurricane Ike

This image provided by the National Weather Service shows the radar image from the NWS Houston/Galveston radar station taken of Hurricane Ike.

Science



Electric Vehicles

Electric cars had a surge of popularity due to the rising cost of fuel.



Energy Harvester

Max Donelan, (left). The invention by Dr. Donelan generates enough electricity during normal walking to power charge five cell phones.



SmartBike

The SmartBike DC prototype bicycle allows annual members to pick up and drop off bicycles in the city and is the first such program to launch in the United States.



Space Shuttle Endeavour

lifts-off at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, FL on Friday, Nov. 14, 2008. Space Shuttle Endeavour's seven-member crew is on a mission to the International Space Station.

Environmentally Friendly

Cleaning your house just became better for the environment by using environmental friendly cleaning products.



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Going Green

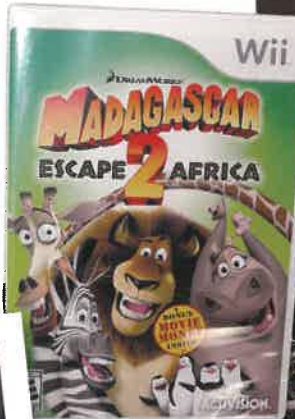
Grocery stores are promoting "Going Green" by offering fabric grocery bags instead of plastic.

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Madagascar 2

is the sequel to the original film featuring the Central Park Zoo animals marooned on Madagascar and traveling to the plains of Africa.

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Dancing With The Stars

In this image provided by ABC-TV, Brooke Burke and her partner Derek Hough hold up their trophy after winning **Dancing With The Stars**, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008.

High School Musical 3

In its first 3 days, **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** grossed \$42 million in North America and an additional \$40 million overseas, breaking the record for the largest opening weekend for a musical film.



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Camp Rock

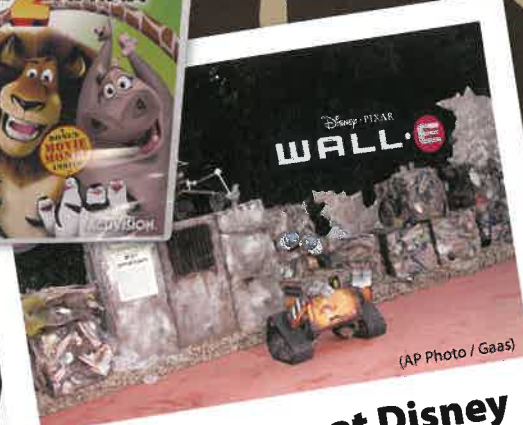
took in 8.9 million viewers on the night of its premiere, making it the second highest viewed Disney Channel Original Movie.



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Wall-E Arrives at Disney

Pixar's world premiere of **Wall-E** held at the Greek Theatre on June 21, 2008 in Los Angeles, Ca.



Bedtime Stories

From left to right, actress Keri Russell, actor Adam Sandler, actress Teresa Palmer, and actress Courteney Cox pose on the press line at the premiere of the feature film **Bedtime Stories** in Los Angeles on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008.



American Idol

David Archuleta, left, and David Cook, center, wait to hear Ryan Seacrest announce the winner of **American Idol** during the season finale on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, in Los Angeles.



Despereaux

Emma Watson poses with the character of Despereaux at the premiere of the movie **The Tale of Despereaux**.



Bolt

Released in 2008, this movie features a superhero dog who thinks that he really has super powers.



get into it!



Richard J Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts

HARTFORD, CT Through the production of *Once On This Island*, Kinsella Magnet School raised \$1200.00 for the After the Storm Foundation. This organization was established after Hurricane Katrina to build a performing arts center for the youth of Louisiana.



Stewartville Middle School

STEWARTVILLE, NJ Should the school year in New Jersey be lengthened? Definitely not, according to Nicolena Marrero and Cortney Esposito, two members of the Stewartville Middle School's debate team who participated in this year's Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment debate competition. Nicolena and Cortney convinced the judges the length of the school year in New Jersey was "just right."



Bellefonte Elementary

BELLEFONTE, PA At Bellefonte Elementary, students are encouraged to be "caught being kind." Principal Elaine Cutler, and her staff have been using the Olweus, PATHS, and School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS). One component is catching students doing random acts of kindness.



The Child School/ Legacy High School

ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NY From July to August 2008, the Fifth Grade (Form 6) students of The Child School/Legacy High School, under the supervision of their teachers, Jessica Drevis and Katie Synan, collaboratively raised \$1,000 for the cleft palate repair of four children in under-developed countries.



P.S. 100 The Magnet School of Media Arts and Communication

BROOKLYN, NY Students at P.S. 100 The Magnet School of Media Arts and Communication proudly participated in a planting project through the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens called Project Green Reach. Approximately 50 students planted a bulb garden outside their school.



Orendorf Elementary

MANCHESTER, PA Students at Orendorf Elementary, home of the Bobcats, participate in the SAFE program that promotes respect of Self, Adults, Fellow Students and Environment. They receive paw prints from teachers or staff when they are caught in the act of doing something good.



P.S. 165Q THE EDITH K BERGTRAUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FLUSHING, NY As part of the New York City Public Schools Arts Week, dance instructor Kathleen Isaac and the PS165Q Dance Company competed for the chance to perform at the world famous Apollo Theater. PS 165Q had the distinction of being the only elementary school chosen to perform at the Apollo.



John B. Sliney School

BRANDFORD, CT The Sliney Super Helpers is a community service club at John B. Sliney Elementary. Students make gifts and hold fundraisers for local programs and charities. Just this past Thanksgiving, club members made 200 homemade decorations and collected over 400 non-perishable food items for their local community dining room.



St. Teresa of Avila School

ALBANY, NY The 8th grade Science Club "Gators Going Green" at St. Teresa of Avila School participated in this year's Lexus Eco Challenge. The group was 1 out of 8 middle schools selected out of the USA. The team created a school, parish and community-recycling program and was awarded \$10,000 for their efforts.



Marquez Charter School

PACIFIC PALISADES, CA Marquez Charter School takes history from the page to the stage. Fifth grade students sing, dance and debate their way through great events in our history.



Miller Avenue School

SHOREHAM, NY Third graders from Miller Avenue School traveled "back in time" to become immigrants through a reenactment of Ellis Island, one of our Nation's leading immigration stations in the early 1900's. This hands-on learning experience was to help students understand the hardships faced by many as they entered the USA.



Edgewood Elementary

YARDLEY, PA Students at Edgewood Elementary welcomed the motorcade from **Wreaths Across America** as they made their way from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery. **Wreaths Across America's** mission is to remember the fallen, to honor those who serve, and teach our children the value of freedom. Edgewood families greeted the motorcade waving American flags, participated in a ceremony to honor those who serve, and hosted dinner for the Patriot Guard Riders.

Music



(AP Photo/Gus Ruelas, File)

Miley Cyrus
debut her album
Breakout.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)



Jonas Brothers

(left to right) Kevin, Joe and Nick Jonas are one of the hottest boy bands of 2008.



(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

Jordin Sparks

Former American Idol Jordin Sparks is the winner as the AMA's Adult Contemporary Favorite Artist.



(AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

Toby Mac
Artist of the Year

accepts the award for artist of the year at the Dove Awards show. The Dove Awards are presented to performers in the Gospel music field.



(Sipa via AP Images)

Jay Z and Beyonce

Jay Z and Beyonce Knowles were married in 2008. Beyonce's new album was released late 2008 and Jay Z's new album was released in early 2009.



(AP Photo/Matt Sayles)

Alicia Keys

accepts the award on stage at the AMA's for the Favorite Album, Pop or Rock Music and Favorite Album, Soul/ Rhythm & Blues Music.



(AP Photo/Robert E. Klein)

New Kids On The Block

The American pop group New Kids On The Block had a comeback tour in 2008.



(AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

Kenny Chesney

accepts the Entertainer of the Year Award during the 42nd Annual CMA Awards.

Wii

Fun for the whole family, the Wii is still hip with students and parents.



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(AP Photo/Disney, Kent Phillips)

Happy Birthday Mickey!

Mickey Mouse turned 80 years old on Nov. 18, 2008.

Cancer Telethon

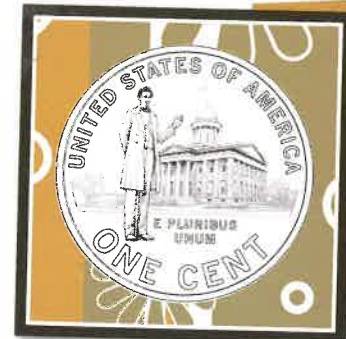
ABC's Charles Gibson, CBS's Katie Couric, and NBC's Brian Williams "Stand Up to Cancer"—at the telethon the three anchor personalities hosted together.



(Photo by: Heidi Gutman/NBC NewsWire via AP Images)

New Penny

Pictured is one of four new designs for the circulating 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial One Cent Coins.



Photographers/Source: /MCT /Landov

Human interest



Photographers/Source: IAN NICHOLSON/PA Photos/Landov

Nintendo DS Lite

Baby Boomers are the new generation catching on to the game system Nintendo DS Lite.



(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Digital TV

Beginning in February 2009, all over-the-air analog transmission signals will no longer be transmitted. Analog transmission signals have been used for television viewing for over 60 years.

Low-Calorie Snack

New 100 calorie snacks make "snack time" a little healthier.



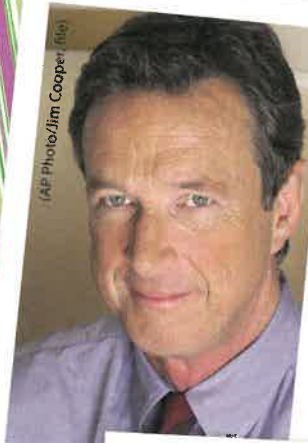
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Paul Newman

Academy Award-winning actor Paul Newman died Friday, Sept. 26, 2008. Newman personified cool as an activist, race car driver, popcorn impresario and the anti-hero of such films as "Hud," "Cool Hand Luke" and "The Color of Money."



Michael Crichton

Author Michael Crichton died following a private battle with cancer, on Nov 4, 2008. Crichton was best known for writing "Jurassic Park."



Martti Ahtisaari

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Martti Ahtisaari, former President of Finland, received this award "for his important efforts, on several continents and over more than three decades, to resolve international conflicts."



Bernie Mac

Mac, best known for his work in "Oceans Eleven" and "The Bernie Mac Show," died Aug. 9, 2008 at the age of 50.



Barack Obama

President elect Barack Obama is the 2008 Time Person of the Year.

Tim Russert

Renowned journalist and NBC Washington bureau chief, Tim Russert, 58, collapsed and died while working on the Sunday edition of "Meet the Press," June 13, 2008.



Women's Gymnastics

U.S. gymnasts, from left: Bridget Sloan, Alicia Sacramone, Samantha Peszek, Chellsie Memmel, Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson display their silver medals after the Women's Gymnastics Team Finals at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008.



Men's Swimming

United States' team, from left, Brendan Hansen, Michael Phelps, Aaron Peirsol and Jason Lezak show their gold medals after the men's 4x100-meter medley relay final during the swimming competitions at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008. Phelps finished the Olympics with a record-setting 8 gold medals.



Shawn Johnson

Olympic gymnast Shawn Johnson, of Des Moines, Iowa, holds her medals at a welcome home ceremony at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008. Johnson won the gold medal in the balance beam competition.



Women's Basketball

USA players celebrate their win over Australia in the Women's Gold Medal Basketball Game at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008.



Women's Beach Volleyball

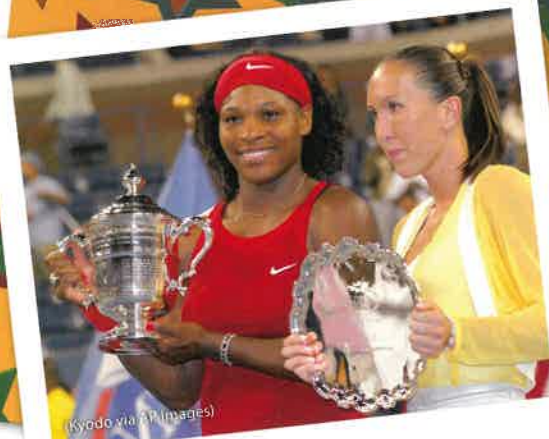
United States' Misty May-Treanor, right, and teammate Kerri Walsh celebrate during the medal ceremony for Women's Beach Volleyball at the Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008. The USA defeated China in the gold medal match, 21-18, 21-18.



Men's Basketball

Team USA celebrates following their win over Spain in the Men's Gold Medal Basketball Game at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008.

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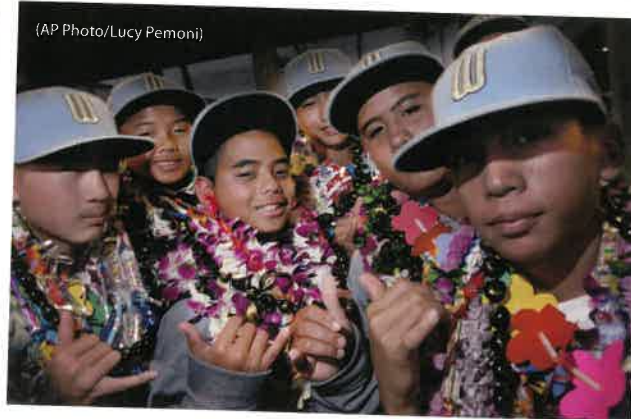
Serena Williams

Serena Williams (L) of the United States holds the winner's trophy for the women's singles title at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York on Sept. 7, 2008. Williams beat Jelena Jankovic of Serbia (R).



US Open Roger Federer

Roger Federer poses with the winner's trophy after capturing his fifth straight men's singles title in the U.S. Open tennis tournament by beating Andy Murray of Britain in straight sets in the final Sept. 8, 2008.



Little League

Members of the Little League World Series Championship team from Waipio, Hawaii celebrate after the final out of the team's 12-3 win over Matamoros, Mexico.



NBA

The Boston Celtics won the NBA Championship, beating the Los Angeles Lakers.



Super Bowl

The Pittsburgh Steelers celebrated their 6th Super Bowl Championship on Feb. 1, 2009. The Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23. Pictured quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, second from left, head Coach Mike Tomlin and Chairman Daniel M. Rooney.

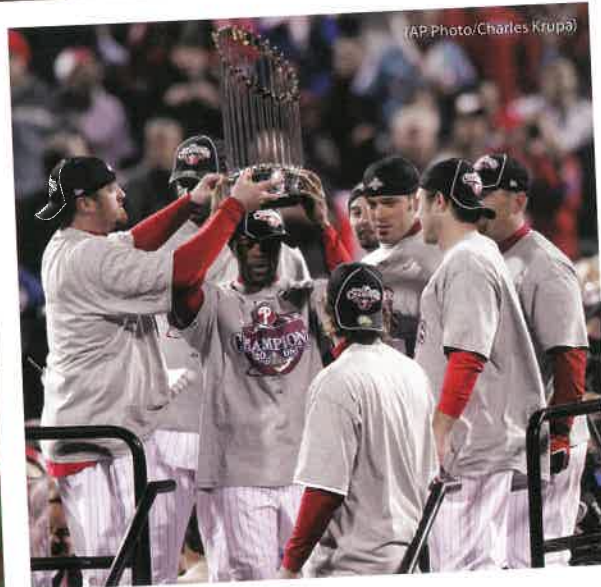


Stanley Cup

Detroit Red Wings' Dallas Drake hoists the Stanley Cup after defeating the Pittsburgh Penguins, 3-2, in Game 6 of the NHL Stanley Cup hockey Finals, Wednesday, June 4, 2008 in Pittsburgh.

Jimmie Johnson

NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship for the third consecutive year on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, in Homestead, FL.



World Series

The Philadelphia Phillies hold up the World Series trophy after Game 5 of the baseball World Series in Philadelphia, Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008. The Phillies defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 to win the series.



WNBA

The Detroit Shock won the WNBA Championship defeating the New York Liberty, 75-73.



Brett Favre

Football legend Brett Favre returned from retirement to play for the New York Jets.



it's all about me!

My Favorites

Food _____
Song _____
TV show _____
Band _____
Movie Star _____
Candy _____
Best Friend _____
Teacher _____
Subject _____
Lunch _____
Game _____
Memory _____

What Things Cost in 2009:
New Home: \$300,000
Car: \$28,715
Video Game: \$49.99
DVD: \$14.99
Average Income: \$50,233

Bread: \$2.38



Milk: \$3.59



Postage Stamp: \$0.42



Gum: \$1.04



**McDonalds
Happy Meal:
\$3.07**



**Starbucks
Caramel
Macchiato
Venti: \$4.00**



Movie Ticket: \$9.00



