

PVMS TIGERS' PRIDE



DEAR Time
in the Classes



Fall Drama Rehearsals



Poster for Student
Government Elections



Red Ribbon Week
Crazy Hat Day

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COMMUNITY SERVICE IS EVERYWHERE AT PUTNAM VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

THANKS TO MRS. GABARI

A special thanks to our school secretary, Mrs. Gabari for her work Putnam Valley has really been working hard to support our school and community. Here are a few things she has worked on already this year.

A letter to the PVMS staff and students from our very own Middle School Secretary, Mrs. Gabari:



*Good Afternoon Everyone,
I wanted you to know that we have sent packages to two of our alumni soldiers Gregg Matero and Robert Shubert, who are now serving in Iraq. The collection was district wide and packed here at the middle school for Robert. The Materos, Sal and Debbie, took the boxes for Gregg because the families of his battalion were traveling to Albany to pack these boxes as a group. I spoke with them at 8:15 on Saturday morning, they expressed how grateful they were for all the goodies. They were overwhelmed by the out pouring of items. Our district was very generous. The middle school has always been a strong supporter of our troops since Afghanistan. Mr. Hallisey has always supported us in our efforts to send packages. He deserves a big thanks.*

Marie



Thank you to Mrs. Gabari for raising \$460.00 for Blue Jeans for Babies to support the March of Dimes organization. On November 26, 2008, staff "dressed down", in other words, wore jeans to help raise money for the Blue Jeans for Babies to support the March of Dimes.

RED RIBBON WEEK



By: Erin Mah and Danielle Lopez

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the whole country. DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, an under cover narcotics agent, who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the

battle against illegal drugs to keep our country and children safe, is the inspiration for the campaign. He was tortured to death in Mexico by drug lords. His friends and neighbors started wearing red badges of satin to show their love for Kiki. He was a true fighter and truly a good person who helped our entire country! Some parents and teachers started to form small organizations to help the cause of stopping drug and alcohol abuse. People started to follow in Kiki’s tradition of fighting drugs and alcohol abuse.

The National Family Partnership organized the first Red Ribbon Week in 1998 and ever since then Kiki’s cause has reached millions of U.S. children. Red Ribbon Week was celebrated on October 20th - October 24th.

Putnam Valley Middle School theme days were as follows:

- * Monday October 20th was Wear Red Day - “Band Against Drugs”
- * Tuesday October 21st was Wear a Hat Day - “Put a Lid on Drugs”
- * Wednesday October 22nd was Mismatch your clothes day - “Drugs and I Don’t Mix”
- * Thursday October 23rd was Crazy Hair Day - “Say NO with Flair, wear crazy Hair”
- * Friday October 24th was Dress Fabulous Day - “Dress to Impress, No Drugs Equals Success”

DEAR Time



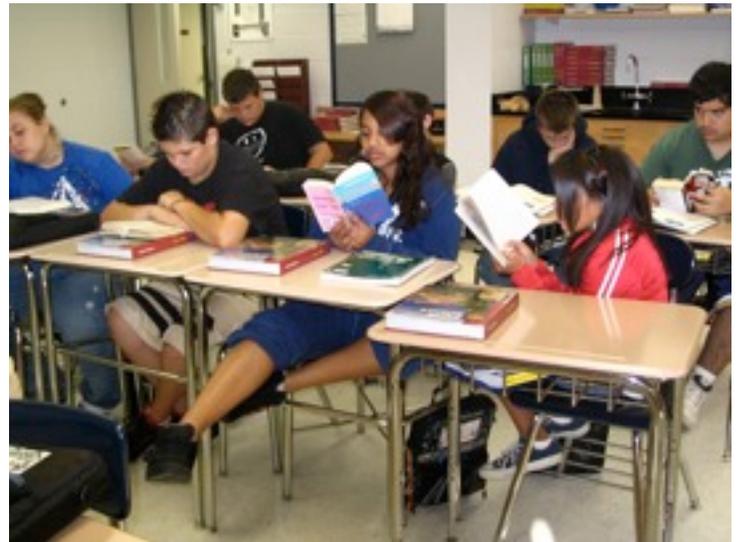
Drop Everything and Read

By Cameron Ferraro

Well, if you don't know what D.E.A.R time is, here's how it works. First, when your teachers says to "get a D.E.A.R book" you go get a book, or, if you already have a book to read you can read that one.

Second, make sure your book can last the whole D.E.A.R time. The advantage of D.E.A.R. time is that it is allowing children to just read for 40 minutes a week.

Some advantages of D.E.A.R. are that it gives children to opportunity to read the book of their choice, D.E.A.R allows children to see reading is a fun, pleasurable and exciting experience. It is much more than just sitting there and reading, it is also a good time for teachers to touch base with every student over a period of time. It is also a time for teachers to read. As a matter of fact, the whole school, secretaries, staff, prinicpal and vice principal, stop what they are doing and read for 20 minutes on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.



Remember, that D.E.A.R time is a time for independent reading.

Putnam Valley Middle School

thinks reading is important,

so important that we

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

as a school.

Student of the Month

By Michael Roman

CELEBRATING OUR ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Welcome back students. The students who have been in the Middle School for a while know what Student of the Month is all about. For those fifth graders and their parents who don't know what Student of the Month is, it is when teachers award students that are the best behaved and hard working for their achievements. You get to have breakfast with Mr.Hallisey. You get your picture taken and it goes on the front wall by the main office. If you don't get it the first time don't be discouraged, just keep trying. Student of the Month breakfast for September was held on October 24th.



The following students are the students that are awarded with Student of the Month for September



Anthony Ricciardi	Payton Montague	Sophia Castro
Tyler Fritz	Brendan Matthews (twice)	Michael Christmas
Jadyn Marshall	Tommy Carroll	Isabella Leisengang
Gabriella Farino	Justin O'Brien	Kevin Gallagher
Sofia Castro	Alyssa Carrow	Abigail Kelvas
Gavin Kelly	Madyson Winogradoff	Luis Aguilar
Taylor Beckel	Nasley Garcia	Ariana Ahmetaj
David Dropkin	Rocky Ferraro	Ashley Volpe
Brandon Diaz	Ashley Rivera	Bridget Kelly
Rich Belliveau	Stephanie Wagner	Victoria Hyndman
Kellylyn Cottrell	Kaitlyn Hoyt	Morgan Wright

Students For October

Ryan Patterson	Kelly Greenwood	Anders Spittal
Alexander Craven	Matthew Scolaro	Emi Suzuki
Maija Knapp	Alden Veins	Veronica Liszewski
Kelly Lynch	Justin Lopes	Justin Tompkins
Danielle Dorion	Maxuel Martins	Robert Bennett
Michael York	Gabrielle Farino	Jacquelyn Gargano
Silvana Ginin	Yasmine Annabi	Gabrielle Yovane
Angela Rose	Michael Nowicki	Tyler Jones
Allison Saffo	Ty Torregrosa	

FUN IN CLASS

By Bridget Cassidy

Kids in Mr. Carlin's 6th grade classes did a project on the solar system. The kids were assigned a planet and then they were to find information about that planet. The kids were to work with the other people in their group to create a PowerPoint presentation and a brochure for their project. The brochure was supposed to lure people into visiting the planet and to list the top 10 bits of information about that planet. The PowerPoint was to include all of the information about your planet and pictures, then individually, the kids made a TV commercial, news broadcast, or something of their choice and presented it to the class.

The kids didn't pick their Planets. Mr. Carlin took playing cards and assigned a planet to each card. Then the kids picked a card, without looking, and whatever card they had, that was the planet that was assigned the group to research.

Mr. Carlin said that over the years that he has done this project, students have had family members, friends, pets and other things in their videos, live performances and other wacky things they might create. Some people made up a song that gave information about the planet they were assigned.

This year's presentations were amazing. Sarah Scocozza made a song and taped herself singing it. The song was making everybody laugh because Sarah danced in between every verse. Some people did live performances (that took a lot of guts), like Joey Nolan. Joey (Shaggy) Nolan dressed up as a clown to have some humor, but at the same time, he informed the class about the planet Jupiter. Some people did news broadcasts, TV shows, and movies. The presentations were very informative for the class.

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Happen
To you!**

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tab.
\$16.50 per ladder.
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SCHOOL DANCES?

By: **Bridget Cassidy**

Why wasn't there a Halloween Dance this year? What is the reason for this? Will there be a dance to replace the Halloween Dance? Are there going to be any new dances that will be here this year? Well, all these questions are going to be answered in this article.

What Happened to the Halloween Dance?

The Halloween Dance didn't happen this year in the Middle school because the gym was already booked. The former Student Council (now called "Tigers' Pride") coordinators booked everything for the dance; the DJ, the cafeteria, and the other necessary items for the dance, but when it came time to book the gym, a conflict occurred. The conflict was that the gym was already booked for another event on October 17th, so the coordinators had to speak to the person in charge of the other event, but it didn't turn out so well for us. The dance could not go on. The coordinators thought of moving the dance from the 17th of October to the 24th, but the 24th was the Staff Variety Show, so they didn't want to compete with the Variety Show. The coordinators also thought of moving the dance to the 31st because it was a Friday (the dances are always on a Friday), but the 31st is Halloween, nobody would come to the dance.

This school year there will be another dance where you can dress-up in a costume. This dance will be on March 13, 2009. This dance is in the NEW YEAR!!!!!! It is the Mardi Gras dance. Mardi Gras is really on February 24th (we're not that off). Mardi Gras is the day before Ash Wednesday, or the day before Lent. Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" in French. People who celebrate Mardi Gras dress-up in costumes and have big festivals to celebrate the coming of Easter.

There will still be three dances this year. The first dance of the year is going to be the Fall Harvest Dance, which will take place on November 21st. The second dance of the year is going to be the Mardi Gras Dance. The third dance is the Last Dance, which will take place on June 12th. The Last Dance is the very last dance of the year. Read on to find out what happened to the Harvest Dance. The Halloween Dance was completely canceled.

By **Danielle Lopez**

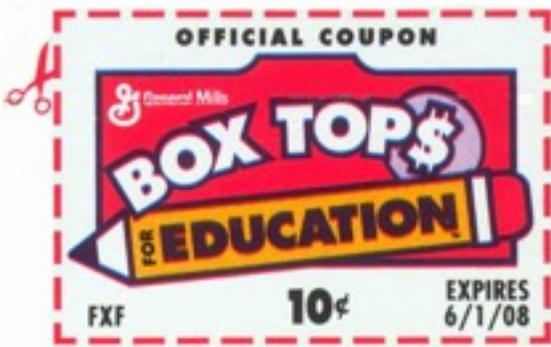
Canceled? Why was the Harvest Dance canceled? The Harvest Dance was canceled because there were not enough people who wanted to go. Why didn't people want to go? Well, people went to go see the movie, Twilight, because they read the book, or heard that it was really great. Some girls went to see the movie just because they thought Edward Cullen, (an actor in the movie) was cute. Only a total of 81 students signed up for the Harvest Dance out of more than 500 students. Yow! It is upsetting for some, and means nothing to others. But on the bright side, there is a Mardi Gras dance coming in March!

Harvest Dance
CANCELED

Fundraising

?

Did you hear about the BOX TOPS competitions here at Putnam Valley Middle School? If you didn't listen up! Mrs. Weise, our school secretary organizes competitions to help raise BOX TOPS coupons.



The BOX TOPS competition helps schools to raise money. By doing this BOX TOPS Competition we can get more supplies for our school, and make it an even better school.

The school is raising money to get more playground equipment so we have more things to play with at recess. So, I'm asking you to get out there and win the BOX TOPS Competition! Bring in your BOX TOPS to the main office.

WHY should you?

You should because YOU, YES YOU, can get a basket of AWESOME STUFF for yourself or for your class.

Mrs. Nadell's and Mrs. Gallello's won the BOX TOPS competition that ended on December 11th.



BOOK FAIR

By Mark Yetter

The Scholastic Book Fair is a fundraiser where the students, teachers and our family can come and buy books (obviously). The money raise goes into a PTA fund.

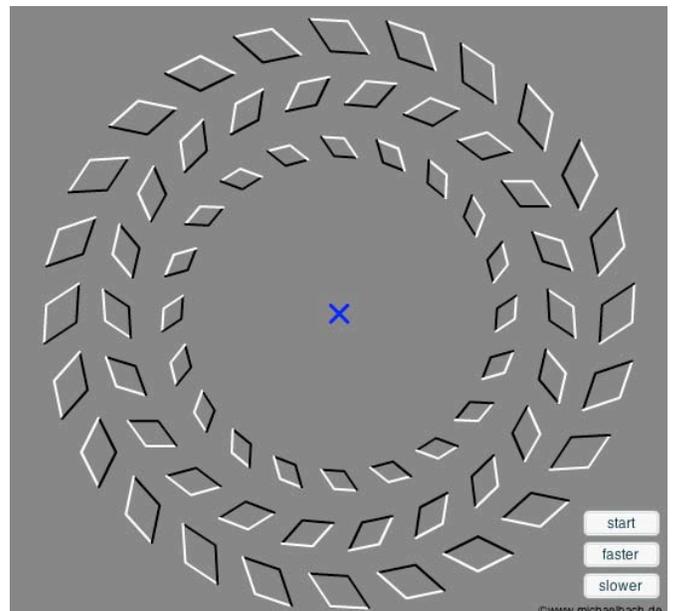
It ran for a week at the Middle school, from 12/2/08 to 12/5/08.

The Book Fair is run by the P.T.A.

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS
By Luke Liszewski

#2- Razor Circle (move towards and away from picture, effects are subtle)

You must stare at the center



SCHOOL CLUBS

Putnam Valley Middle School Offer so many clubs for us to join. Thanks to Mr. Hallisey and Mr. Hanna for all of the offerings. Here are a few sneak peaks into a few clubs that have already started this year.

Tigers' Pride

By Matthew Scolaro

Tigers' Pride is a wonderful club. The advisors are Mrs. Pasquale and Mrs. VanDevelde. The club meets on the first Thursday of every month. Our goal is to plan events that support fundraising for the PV Food Pantry.

We scheduled a Harvest Dance for November 21, 2008 to be our first fundraiser. Sadly, it was cancelled.

The club has only met once so far, but I am already having fun!

This is really a great club! We are meeting in December to discuss a Winter Food Drive.

By Matthew Scolaro

Newspaper Club

Welcome to Newspaper Club, a club where you interact with eMac computers and combine your skills with computers and formulate an article. We write articles for a BIG newspaper called the Tiger Times. It is composed of articles and possibly crossword puzzles. The Tiger Times can be up to 30 pages. These get published and sent to all families whose students are in PVMS.

It is available online through through the Middle School website and in print. The articles are based on school wide events, such as the Blood Drive in March and the Mardi Gras Dance in February.

Also, there is the Cereal Drive. I don't know when that is, but I do know my brother Nick did an article on it.

There are many more topics for students to cover. So, if you thoroughly read this article, and understand what to do, and if you haven't joined this cool club yet, join it now! Join anytime. Get a permission slip and give it to the advisors. It's a great club! Trust me! You won't regret it!

Chess

By Dimitrios Tomais

When: Every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.



The chess club is a club where students from 5th through 8th grade learn and play chess against each other. The counselor running the chess club is Mrs. Greenstein, who is the school psychologist. During club time, you have a chessboard, pick a partner, and you play with them. Each time we play we learn new strategies.

i Team

By Dimitrios Tomais

When: Every Monday after school until 4:10 p.m. The counselor is Mrs. Sherwood. In this club you learn different things about technology, for example you fix printers and help with problems on Apple desktop computers and Apple laptops. At our first meeting we learned how to hook up a camera to a computer, and how to hook up an Ethernet wire. The



i-Team makes sure that all the computers are working in the school. We also make sure that none of the laptops or printers or something that is technical that doesn't work. If your laptop is not working you know who to come to.

EXTRA EXTRA

Have you ever wanted to join a club put PVMS didn't offer it?

Or have you ever wanted to start a club of your own.

By Michael Roman

First:

Think of what type of club you want to start. Think of what you are going to do in the club. You should also write a club description.

Second:

You need about ten kids to start the club. Ask people if they want to join your club. Start a list of the people.

Third:

Get a club advisor. Ask a teacher to supervise. Make sure the advisor approves of your club and agrees to supervise. Make a date for your club. You should try to make a schedule that would be good for every member.

Last:

Once you have completed these four steps submit your club request (description of the club, interested students and club advisor) to Mr. Hanna. He will submit your request to the Board of Education. If it is approved you will be notified through daily announcements.



PVMS changes a lot, for example, Student Government changed its name to Student Council. Then Student Council changed its name to Tigers' Pride! That's something to be proud about.

By Mark Yetter



By Mark Yetter,

Tiger's Pride



Tigers' Pride is sponsoring a Winter Food Drive for the Putnam Valley Food Pantry starting in January. We will start off with a Cereal Drive. Bring your cereal boxes to the library. Last year they collected 80 boxes of cereal. Let's try to collect 100 boxes this year.



FALL DRAMA

By Alex Craven and Dimitrios Tomais

Now, don't get confused with the spring musical, the Fall Drama Club is in fall! It was on Saturday, November 22nd, and Sunday, November 23rd. There were four little scenes, *Ghost Train*, *Parents*, *Tea Party In Wonderland*, and *They Dance Real Slow In Jackson*. I hope that you saw those four little scenes, you would have had a great time! Anyway, Miss DeNitto was the director of all of this. All of the performers did a great job, as well as the back stage crew. Maybe you would like to join next year! Some people of the cast and crew are listed below.

Mrs. DeNitto, Mrs. Craane were the adult supervisors.

Some actors were Lauren Costello, Danielle Lopez, Sofia France, Erin Mah, Alex Craven, Eva Rabson, and Denis McNamera.



SMIT'S (Stage Managers In Training)
Sara Zadrina, Bridget Cassidy and Emily Sainz.

The Back Stage Crew members included: Maria Rao, Luke Liszewski, Stephen Hertzell, Brittany Downz, Chris Lutz, Nikeji Barger, Matt Brady, Danielle Henry, Brittany Schut, Angela Rose, and a few more people. If some of these names don't sound familiar to our 5th and 6th graders, maybe our 7th and 8th graders remember them. Many of the students from the High School returned to the Middle School to help out and learn how to produce a play! They were great!

VARIETY SHOW

By Michael Roman

The Putnam Valley Music Association (PVMA) Variety Show is one of the best events in the PV School District. It is like a talent show with the teachers and staff. The Variety Show took place on Friday, October 24

2008. Tickets were sold for 10 dollars. The Variety Show was worth watching. Last year the host was Mr. Carlin, a sixth grade teacher. Mr. Carlin was also the host this year. This year's theme Top Ten was the ten things that annoys Mr. Carlin. The thing that annoys him the most is when your husband/wife asks you "Does this make me look fat?" I interviewed him and he said that he likes the David Letterman show and that's where he got the idea of the Top Ten. Mr. Carlin says that the PVMS tries to convince all employees to participate. "The show was a fundraiser for the PV Music Association and an entertaining event", Mr. Carlin says. Some people won prizes. The whole community was "thrilled" by some of the performances.



The Valley People did not perform. However, KISS played. The band consisted of Mr. Carlin, Mr. Coleman, Mr. McCarty and Mr. Foulks. Mrs. Craane sang a song that put her out of breath called Momsense. Some of the ES faculty performed "Whose Line Is It Anyway." "The Not So Late Band" consisted of Mr. O'Dell on drums, Mr. Micera on the keyboards, Mr. Beucke on the bass, and Mr. Cummings on guitar and Ms. DeNitto playing percussion. The Variety Show left people wanting to "Rock and Roll All Night".



Give a hand to save your land

By Ethan Pederson



When your parents were kids their parents might not have been good with gadgets like some people. So they would just unplug them. Believe it or not, that should be what you do, too. You should also try to convince everyone in the U.S. to switch one regular light bulb with a compact CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light bulb), we could save enough power to light three million houses a year! That's a lot of houses. Here are five tips you can use to start helping to save the environment.

1. Copy and print on both sides of paper.
2. For every ton of paper recycled you save 7000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil and enough electricity to power an average house for about half a year.
3. If you want to watch more TV recycle a can for every six hours that you watch TV.
4. You can use e-mail instead of paper. 5. Use lights, dish washer's and washing machines during the night when there is less demand for energy.



<http://www.seq1.org/100ways.cfm>

<http://gogreeninitiative.org/content/WhyGoGreen/>

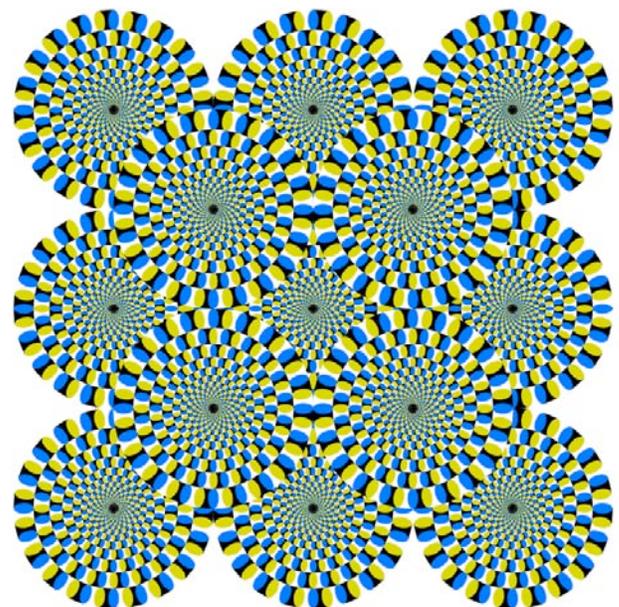
AN OPTICAL ILLUSION

By Luke Liszewski

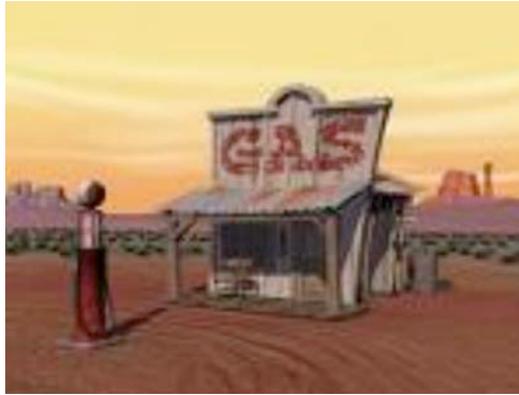
Here is an optical illusions for you to gaze at.

EnJoYz MaH oPtIcAl IILuSiOnZ!!!!

#1- The Rotating Snake



How the Economy Affects Schools



By Christina George

How does the downturn in the economy effect schools? Well that's a good question, as a matter of fact, the answers vary. Some schools have less field trips and fewer bus stops. One school district in Arizona opens on August eleventh. The McGuinty government of Ottawa has had funds to help schools as a result of the dropping economy.

Due to the gas prices many field trips have been delayed. Exactly two years ago from the seventeenth, the average price for a gallon of gas was about \$2.20 and a year later the price was around \$2.75 and on the seventeenth of October this year the price was about \$2.90. From 2006 to 2007 the price went up .55 cents and from 2007 to 2008 the price went up .20 cents. The gas prices don't always go up, sometimes they decrease. For example, August the seventeenth 2008 the price was around \$3.05 and within two months the price went down to \$2.20, meaning that the price went down .85 cents. Within the last two years the highest price for a gallon of gas was about \$4.15 and this was just four months ago. The lowest price was \$2.15, which was January 17, 2007. The difference between those two prices is \$2.00. The current gas price is about \$1.90.

School lunch prices around the U.S. went up and the size and nutrients you get are less. In some schools, if a child's family income is from \$10,990 to \$15,630 that child is able to pay less for lunch, but if the child's family collects over that amount they pay the full price. Many of the vitamin requirements for a child's school lunch have dropped.

The downturn in the economy affects the whole world not only schools, and hopefully the drop in the economy will end soon.

Information from:

www.ei.doe.gov

www.timeforkids.com

www.google.com

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

'A Public Service Announcement

By:
Christina George



The sun provides
energy...

DON'T WASTE IT!!!

APPLE TECH TIPS



By Ethan Pedersen and Michael Roman

There are many quick tips to know on your Apple. Here are some...

•View, Toolbars, Speech (to make your words speak)

- Type this bracket symbol “<” then press the hyphen key two times. You will see 
- Type this bracket symbol “>” then press the hyphen key two times and you will see 
- Apple button and the right arrow moves the cursor to the end of the paragraph
- Press space bar while on Safari and it'll bring you to the bottom of the page.
- Press the Apple key and Tab key at the same time and you can get to another open program
- Option plus many other keys will type a special symbol on your screen. A special one is option and ? equals ÷. TRY IT

Tune in next issue and we will give you more tips!



PUMS TECH REPORT

By: Luke Liszewski

This Issue: Wireless Projectors, Smart-Boards
and,
The TV monitor near the main office

WITH WI-FI PROJEC-TOR	WITHOUT WI-FI PRO-JECTORS	WITH SMART-BOARDS	WITHOUT SMART-BOARDS
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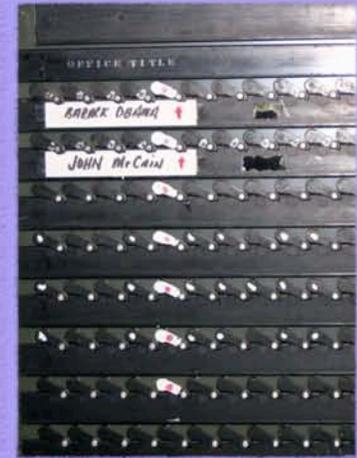
Many of you know that the middle school is equipped with Wireless Projectors and Smart-Boards. Most of the classrooms have them, though some are missing them. Here is a chart with classrooms with and without Wireless projectors and Smart-Boards.

* The numbers refer to the room number (ex. 140 ☒ Room 140 ☒ Technology room)

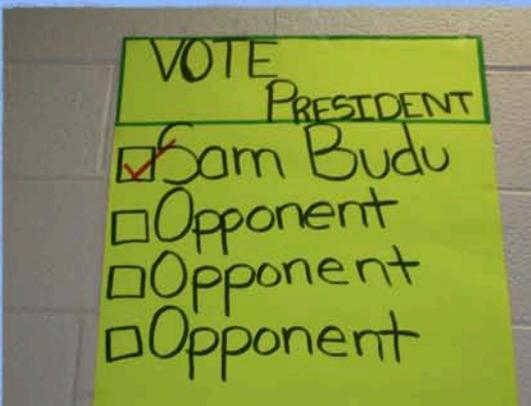
TV monitor near the main office

The TV monitor. Everyone knows about it. But does anyone know its details or how it works? The new TV monitor is a Sony Bravia, and it's an energy star (It's energy efficient). I think the main office uses powerpoint (yes, I saw it turn on) to make the messages show up. So, now you're thinking "Why is it so large and only on one slide?" I'm sure they use the "credits" animation for the Messages and that the messages definitely don't all show on one slide without the "credits" animation. I believe they use font size 8?





Election Day at PVMS. Students were all able to cast a vote for their favorite presidential candidate.



Here is a sample of the interesting posters students made to get their name and ideas across to the student body when running for Student Government.



Wellness Fair - November 2208. Thank You Ms. Darreff for arranging this event. We learned a lot about our health and safety.

A POLL

By Bridgett Cassidy and Danielle Lopez

School Uniforms?

Teachers, students and faculty members are all talking about school uniforms. This has become a big topic in school and people are all debating it. Some people think it is a good idea to have uniforms because some people get made fun of for wearing less “expensive” clothing than others. Other people think it’s a bad idea because school uniforms don’t allow kids to express their personality. The students in Mrs. Byrnes’ class are writing essays about what they think should happen. Right now, our school’s Building Steering Committee is thinking about it, too. Possible option is navy blue pants and white shirt.

What do you think?

LOG ONTO STUDYWIZ AND TAKE THE POLL!

We want to know what you have to say.



Poll will be open until
January 30th.

A POLL

By: Christina George and Michael Roman



Check your studywiz activities! This poll will be available on your studywiz activities from December 10th to January 7th.

Would you like to have four longer school days a week or five regular days of school a week?

Four days of school would mean your daily schedule would as follows:
Arrive at school at 7:40 and leave at 4:35 instead of at 2:40!

LOG ONTO STUDYWIZ AND TAKE THE POLL!
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Rainy Season

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G I A K A I T U N O T
H N C C U R M C E R S
O A I I I B D O R M A
J S B R R R Z L R S E
H Y E E U V R D O A R
H O L A J O P U T P O
Q L O R S Z P U H R N
A D I D V O Z Y E I X
F X J E C M N N J L T

APRIL
HURRICANE
POURING
STORMS

COLD
JACKET
RAIN
TORRENTS

HOOD
NOREASTER
SEASON
UMBRELLA

12 of 12 words were placed into the puzzle.

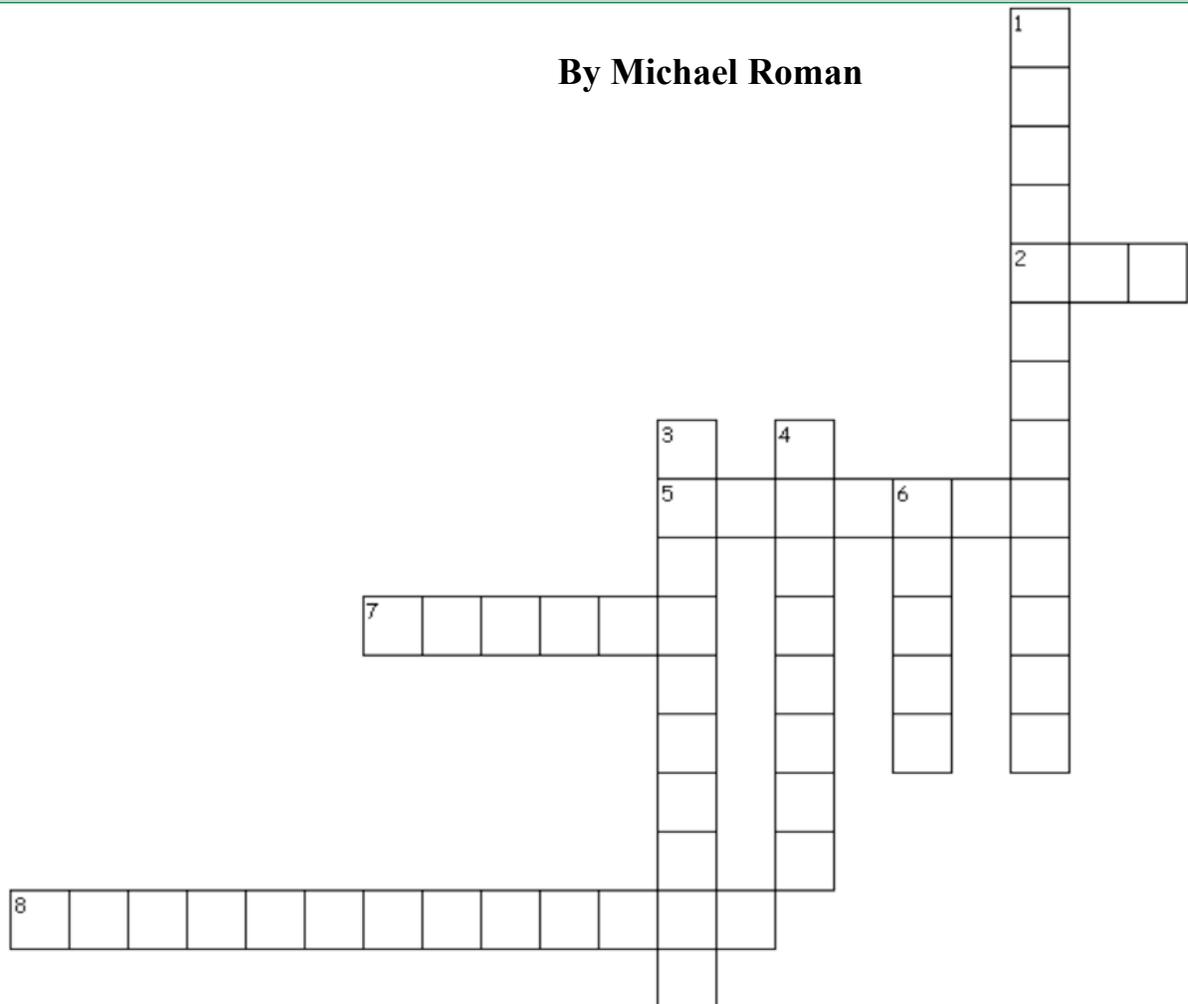
Solution

Created by [Puzzlemaker](https://www.discoveryeducation.com) at [DiscoveryEducation.com](https://www.discoveryeducation.com)



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS?

By Michael Roman

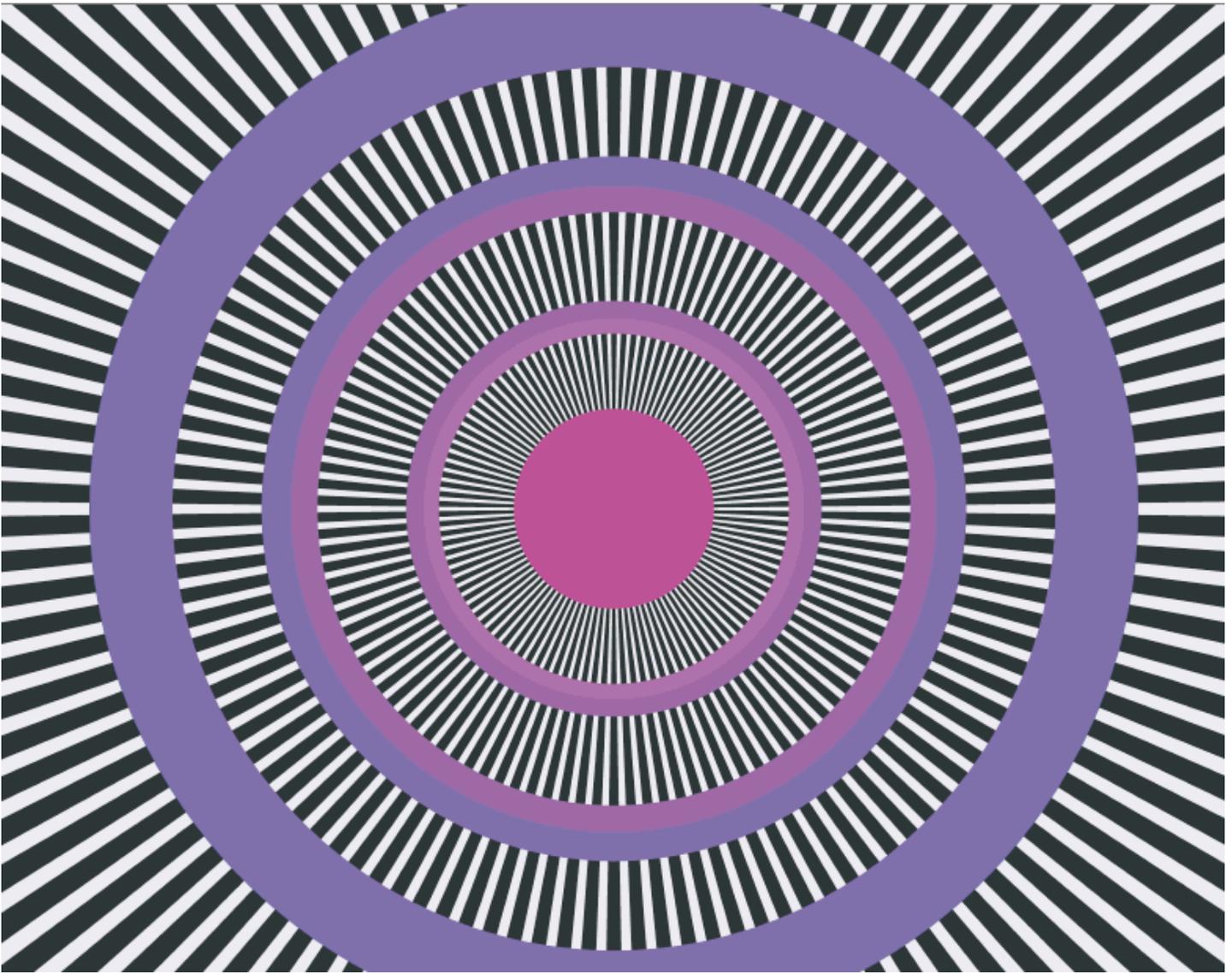


Across

2. The number of kids he had
5. The country he found
7. Month he was born in
8. His religious belief

Down

1. He sailed in the _____ Sea
3. Chris Columbus' largest boat
4. His kids name and a king's name
6. The country he came from



OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

**Here are some optical illusions for you to gaze at
EnJoYz MaH oPtIcAl ILLuSiOnZ!!!!**

**Misspellings are intended*

By Luke Liszewski

#3- Grand finale!! Purple Circles

*Hope you enjoyed these. Be sure to see all three,
scattered throughout this edition.*