

Balboa Times

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Academics



Mr. Powers's Class

By: Jessica Lopez

In Mr. Powers's eighth grade algebra class, students learn about things such as exponents, roots, and irrational numbers. In his class, students have a lot of fun working and learning. His favorite thing that students do is group practice with white boards. Mr. Powers thinks that 8th graders will most look forward to taking the quizzes because of earning a brick. When a student gets every single problem right on the quiz, they get a paper brick. When someone gets 5 paper bricks, they get a silver paper brick. When they get 25 paper bricks, they get one real brick to decorate and put in Mr. Power's room. As you can see students have lots of fun in Mr. Powers's class.

Band

By: Kaitlyn Rushing

In band there is beginning band, concert band, string orchestra, beginning strings, and wind ensemble. The best players get to play a solo in their performances. From there they will be rehearsing their songs. Each student gets to take their instrument home and practice their parts. Each student has the responsibility to learn their parts. Some of the students' parts are hard and some are easy but that doesn't matter because they have to learn and perfect their parts either way. Mr. Walwick hopes that all of his students will practice every night to improve the group. Mr. Walwick and his music students invite everybody to come to their concerts.

The Wheel

By: Aditi Goyal

Hi sixth graders! Welcome to Balboa! You must be so curious about what awaits you at Balboa. You must take the 5 mandatory classes but you do have a choice in one period which is your elective! In the wheel you rotate through four classes during the year. The order of these classes is different for many 6th graders so your classes might not be same as the order listed.



First, there is art with Mrs. Elcar in room 54. There you make many different pieces of art. Don't worry if you aren't good at art. After all, there is no right or wrong or beautiful or ugly piece of art! In art you do these projects. You do the – oh wait! I can't ruin the surprise! You will just have to find out for yourself. If you really like art, you can take it for an entire semester in 7th and 8th grade! After art, there are computers with Mr. Anter in room 50. There you make many different projects and you learn a great deal about the computer. Finished with all your projects? Not to worry! You can always have something to do in computers. The 7th grade projects are like extra credit so you do those if you finish the 6th grade projects. Don't worry if you are a slow typer because you will still survive computers. Next is woodshop with Mr. Fredette in room 72 where you make many different projects with plastic and wood! You also learn how to do cool things to your projects like putting on a finish on your project and learn how to use heavy machinery like the drill press. You can also take woodshop for 7th and 8th grade. Last but not least is life skills in room 51 with Mrs. Corsentino. In life skills you learn about the harmful uses of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, smoking, and other illegal drugs on yourself and others. You do a lot of projects and go on a special tour to see what happens to the inside of the body. Still not interested in the wheel? That's okay! You can join the band instead! I hope this acts as a guide for what's coming!



Student Life

6th Grade Student Life

By: Jazmin Carrasco

Welcome 6th graders to Balboa Middle School! Balboa holds lots of different opportunities to shine and lots of different clubs to have fun in and excel! They're clubs like French Club and Drama Club. It might be different moving from class to class, but you'll get used to it as the year progresses. Most of you who are enrolled in the wheel have woodshop, art, life skills, and computers. You can also choose between Beginning Band and Orchestra. Later on in the year there will be the 6th grade extravaganza just for 6th graders. So that's something you can look forward to. We hope you enjoy the rest of 6th grade!



7th Grade Student Life

By: Tanushree Pal

Hey 7th graders, welcome back! And to those of you that are new here, welcome to Balboa! We're looking forward to a great year here, so do your best to help. Join clubs, make new friends, and make this year count! At first, it might be kind of overwhelming changing classes every period, but don't worry, you'll eventually get used to it. You should also try to make it on the honor roll for the first three quarters this year because if you do, you'll get to go to Magic Mountain! Have fun and enjoy 7th grade!



8th Grade Student Life

By: Aditi Goyal

Hey 8th graders! Wow you only have one more year at Balboa! Then you're off to high school! This year will probably be the hardest because you're going to want to just loosen up a bit. There will be plenty of opportunities to totally hang out like at Beach Day, the 8th grade dance, and the 8th grade celebration! There is just one more year to tackle until you're off. So let's put our best effort into this year and make it a year to remember!



Student Highlights



Dean Shockley

By: Bryce Tallant

Dean Shockley is an athletic smart 8th grader here at Balboa. Dean is a TA for Mr. Martinez in PE. His favorite sport is soccer, and when he gets dessert he prefers Boston Cream Pie. When asked who his favorite character is in SpongeBob, he replied Patrick. If he had to choose one food for the rest of his life, he exclaimed tacos!!! If Dean got to pogo stick with any animal it would be an elephant. So if you see him around, say what's up.

Jayna Sponseller

By: Leah Miech

Jayna Sponseller is a crazy, fun 7th grader here at Balboa. Her favorite color is pink. Jayna loves to swim for the Buenaventura Swim Club. Jayna's favorite superhero is Batman, and if she could have one super power she would want to read peoples' minds. When asked where she wants to visit most, she said Hawaii. If Jayna had to live on one food for the rest of her life, she would live on Oreos. If you see her around, say hey!



Staff Highlights

Mrs. Winchester

By: Sierra Anderson

Mrs. Winchester is an outstanding 7th grade language arts and world geography teacher you will find in room 46!



She has been teaching at Balboa for 6 years. In her free time, Mrs. Winchester enjoys going for a day at the beach and spending time with her 5 month old baby boy named Wyatt. When asked if she could go anywhere in the world she chose Borabora and she'd go snorkeling while she was there! Her favorite movie is The Pursuit of Happiness because she says it shows that anyone can accomplish their dreams. Mrs. Winchester enjoys being a teacher because she loves to have fun and she gets to teach young people new things. Her favorite project she assigns to her students is the 3D medieval project! Mrs. Winchester is without a doubt the nicest teacher and person you will meet! So if you see her around, give her a wave!

Mr. Hertenstein

By: Hannah Dunham

Hey Balboa! I'm sure your year is going great so far. If you like math, then without a doubt, you will enjoy Mr. Hertenstein's class. He teaches 7th grade math and 7th grade honors here at



Balboa. For you 6th graders who want to be in honors math, just do your absolute best and you should get in without a problem. His favorite type of math is algebra and he has been teaching at this school for 16 years. He always calls people by their last names. Mr. Hertenstein has helped boat loads of students with their math abilities over the years. He makes sure you understand what you are doing and always helps you if you don't. This class will teach you just what you need to know to move on to 8th grade algebra. He might mess with you on a daily basis, but you will always be able to trust him. If you have Mr. Hertenstein, get ready to have an amazing year of math full of learning and humor.

Mr. Chapin

By: Hannah Dunham

Mr. Chapin teaches 6th and 7th history and 8th grade language arts. This is his first year of teaching at Balboa Middle School and he has already made his impression here. In his free time, he likes to surf and play music. When asked what he would do if he had 1 million dollars, he said that he would buy the Led Zepplin band and have them follow him around and play all day long, and he would give the rest to charity. He only speaks English but he is getting better at Spanish, and he has a great Scottish accent! His favorite time periods in history are 8th and 9th century Medieval Spain and 19th century Russia. If you have Mr. Chapin, get ready to have an awesome year, because he is going to be with us for a long time!



Sports & Clubs

Schools for Salone

By: Aditi Goyal

Battle of the Books

By: Brodie Shore

Do you like reading? Do you like friendly competition? Then you might want to get involved in the Battle of the Books club! You can go down to the library and pick up the Battle of the Books list and start reading the books. You must read eight battle books and attend five book talks, where you come to the library every Friday, discuss a book, and sometimes watch a movie related to the book. There are prize drawings at every talk! The first book talk will be on September 28, so listen in the bulletin for a date.



Come to Schools for Salone in room 34 with Mrs. Haggerty on every second and fourth Thursday of the month! Schools for Salone is a club where we raise money to build schools in a small town in Africa called Salone. Recently, they had a civil war so education went down almost to zero. The schools have been built but now our job is to raise money for the supplies like books, pencils, tables, chairs, paper, and other supplies. What we also need to raise money for is so that we can get teachers to teach. So far there are only 2 teachers at multiple schools. They need our help! Whenever you attend one of our fundraisers and work to help raise money, you get community service hours! So listen in the bulletin for Schools for Salone!



Wrestling

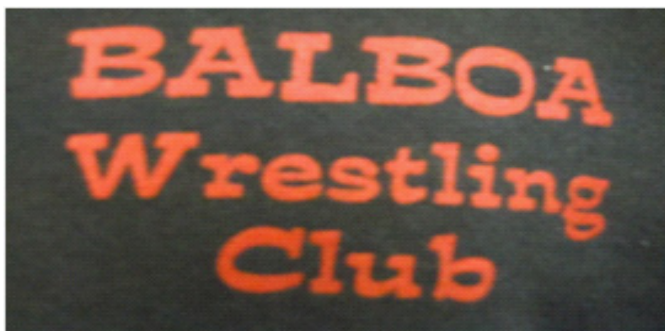
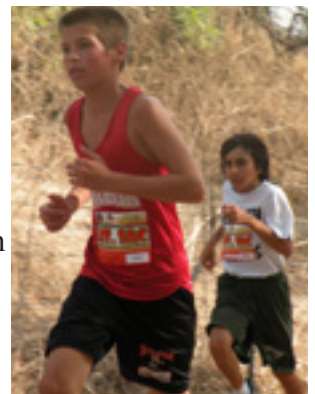
By: David Sullivan

Are you looking for a fun, athletic activity after school? Wrestling is a fun sport, and a great way to meet new friends. During practices you can train with high school students in wrestling training. In wrestling you can learn different moves then use them on the court because you get to go to different schools and compete. At the end of the season there is a championships tournament where you can compete for bronze, silver, and gold medals. And if you buy wrestling clothes you can wear them during P.E. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Buena. A physical is required. Talk to Mr. Martinez for details.

Cross Country

By: Evan Somma

Balboa cross country is a fun after school sport that is run by Mr. and Mrs. Espitia, Mrs. King, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Corsentino, Mr. Chapin, Mr. Duenas. The practices for cross country are Monday, Thursday, and Friday after school for about one hour fifteen minutes. When Jalen Burns was asked what she liked about cross country she said, "I like being out there with my friends!! It's such a great experience and I have made so many memories racing at the meets!" During cross country you run a mile or two, and then get to enjoy an otter pop. So join cross country!!



Dear Veronica Advice Page

Dear Veronica,

I am a new sixth grader here at Balboa. I am so nervous about switching classes this year! I'm afraid that I might be late for my next class. What should I do? -Nervous Nancy

Dear Nervous Nancy,

Don't worry about switching classes. You'll do perfectly alright! Since you're a sixth grader, your teachers will totally understand if you're just a bit late. Just relax try your hardest. -Veronica

Dear Veronica,

It's my first year here at Balboa and I heard from my friends that we have to run the mile for P.E. The problem is that I'm not a fast runner, so I'm afraid that I might not make it in time. What should I do? -Crawling Cole

Dear Crawling Cole,

You don't have to be very fast to run the mile! The passing time for boys is 11 minutes. It's okay if you don't make it in this time because you can easily make up the points you lost by walking the perimeter a couple of times at lunch! So there is nothing to be worried about! -Veronica

Dear Veronica,

I don't know anybody here due to the fact that I am new here at Balboa. The two people who I do know are in different classes than me. What should I do? -Friendless Fred

Dear Friendless Fred,

Don't worry about being friendless! You could always make new friends by trying to be friendly with the people who you see in your class often. If you do this, I am positive that you will have a bunch of friends by the end of the school year! -Veronica

Dear Veronica,

I am good at every subject but social studies. Even if I try a lot, I end up not paying attention in class. I don't know what to do! -Zoning Out Zoe

Dear Zoning Out Zoe,

Try not to think of anything else but social studies in class. Plus, try your hardest while studying for a test. You'll get better in no time! -Veronica

Dear Veronica,

I am terrible at reading, so I can never meet my AR goal. I can never find the perfect book for me. I need some help! -Confused Carrie

Dear Confused Carrie,

There are thousands of books out there. You will surely find the one for you! Just think about what things that you like. You can always ask the librarian or your language arts teacher for assistance. -Veronica

From the Yearbook

Get Inspired

By: Sierra Anderson

What is Get Inspired? Get Inspired is a project about getting people inspired to make this world a better place. We are using the power of media to bring awareness to the world's problems hoping to make a difference. Some of our projects have been simple things such as selling lemonade and school supplies at school events. They have helped tremendously with charities such as The American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Red Cross, and many more. Even the little things can make a big difference to the world. If we all work together as a community, we can accomplish anything.

Extras!

By: The Yearbook Staff

Did you ever think that your yearbook could get any better? Well, now it can! Come to room 50 to personalize your yearbook to make it more special than it already is! The signature package includes a yearbook, 1 line of personalization, 4 signature pens, an autograph section, photo pockets, and a FREE icon that costs \$44.90. The deluxe package includes a yearbook, 2 lines of personalization, Hear the Year, clear protective cover, photo pockets, FREE autograph section, and a FREE icon that costs \$53.14. Don't like the packages? No worries! You can put your name or a special phrase and up to 4 icons to make your yearbook unique! You can get 8 more autograph pages for \$2.30 or a sheet of 6 repositionable pockets for extra photos only for \$2.10! Hear the Year is a CD with 12 songs from a dedicated music library for \$12.99 and a clear protective cover to protect your yearbook from scratches, spills, and wear for \$2.35. So what are you waiting for? Make these memories extra special and get your extras now!



Yearbook

By: The Yearbook Staff

In November come to room 50 to check your portraits to see if your name is spelled right and if we have the right picture of you. You can come in before school, break, or lunch. 6th graders or new students, turn in your media release form to room 50 if you would like to be shown in the yearbook and the DVD. Turn in your Life Outside of School Pictures in to room 50 or on www.replayit.com/r/864400 and upload your pictures on there from home. So make sure to have a fun year at Balboa.

GET EXTRAS



Fun & Games

By: Trevor Godfrey

Jokes!

Q: Why is the teddy bear never hungry?

A: Because he's always stuffed!

Q: Where should a 500 pound alien go?

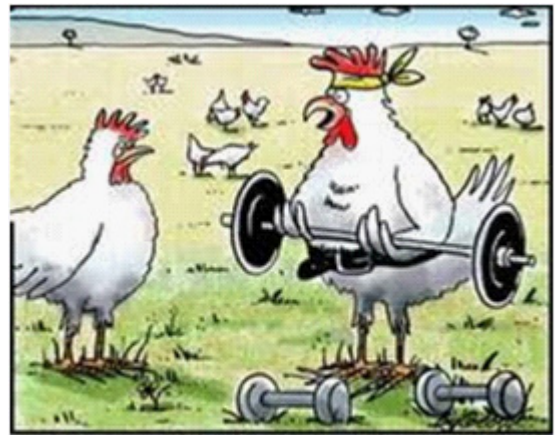
A: On a Diet!!!

Q: Why is the baby strawberry crying?

A: Because his parents are in a jam!

Q: Why does the golfer where 2 pairs of pants?

A: Because he might get a HOLE IN ONE!



"I guess I just woke up this morning and decided...I didn't want to be a chicken anymore." jucosolimages.com

Fun Facts!

- A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21 inch long tongue!
- More than 450 types of ladybugs can be found in the USA!
- A new born Kangaroo is small enough to fit inside a teaspoon!
- Beaver's teeth will never stop growing!
- Dogs have better eyesight than humans!
- The small intestine of an ostrich can measure up to 46 feet in length!
- Sharks are the only know species to never suffer from cancer!
- Every shrimp is born a male but becomes a female as they mature!
- An elephant can smell water from a distance of three miles away!

Word Search!

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i c e c r e a m u b a x

beach towel castle
crab sand lotion
sunglasses swimming suit
tube ball ice cream



Food Fact!

The first ice pop was created on accident when an 11 year old boy left a homemade soda outside on a chilly night in San Francisco in 1905. The next morning the boy went outside to get it to find it frozen. He took out the stirring stick and the frozen soda came with it. Then, the popsicle was born.