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Academics

Art Class

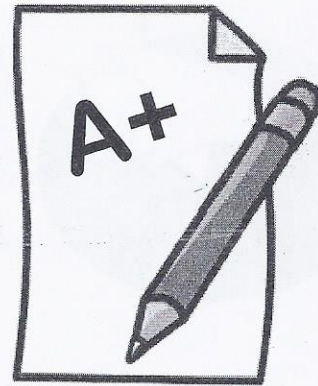
By: Andrea Castaneda

Hello students! Art class is taught by a wonderful teacher, Mrs. Elcar. This class can be hard but a lot of fun. Before doing any project in this class you watch a video before you do any project. In her class you do many fun projects. For example, in 6th grade you make an animal out of clay. You also paint a picture of under the sea. Mrs. Elcar teaches you how to do art the right way. She teaches you a lot of technics on how to paint and draw. If you ever have Mrs. Elcar's art class you will enjoy it very



Getting Good Grades

By: Sarah Conroy



Welcome back new and returning Balboa students. I hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for the challenging assignments coming your way. In order to take on these you must follow these steps to become the excellent student you are! To start off make sure you get a good night sleep along with a healthy breakfast in the morning. Also don't fall behind on assignments and due dates, put your agenda to good use. In addition to assignments you will have tests along the way. To conquer these you must study the topics, and if you want to make it fun you can have a study group with friends. Follow these steps to get good grades and become the excellent student you are!

Science & Environmental Horticulture

By: Ximena Martinez

Mr. Roth is a significant science teacher! This year he will be teaching 7th grade science. The curriculum he is teaching this year is human body, animals, and plants. He is also teaching 7th and 8th grade Environmental Horticulture. The curriculum for that is gardening and cooking with fresh organic vegetables. Mr. Roth is a great teacher to experience 7th grade science with and also 7th and 8th grade Environmental Horticulture!

Student Life

6th Grade Life

By: Adeline Anderson



Welcome to Balboa 6th graders! You will have a great time here at Balboa. The teachers are great and you will find great friends around the school if you have not already. There is music playing almost every Friday in the Great Court and there are some great clubs you can join like the Humane Society, Drama club, Battle of the Books, Choir club and more. If you want to go to Magic Mountain this year than you will need to have a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the first three quarters. Have a great three years at Balboa!

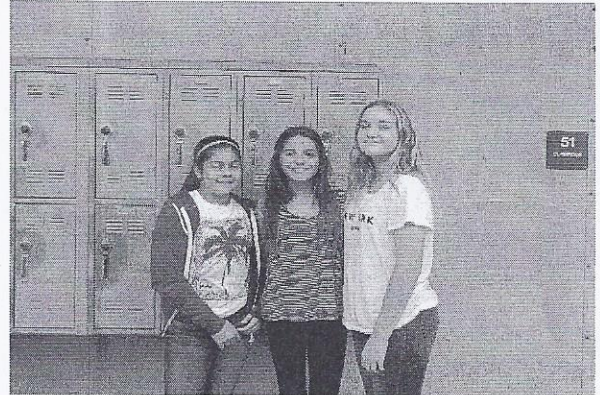
8th Grade Life

By: Sam Toledo

Hey 8th graders! This is your last year here at Balboa, but that doesn't mean your grades should drop. There is still a bunch of things you can do at Balboa from running cross country to being in the Surf Club. You can still qualify for the honor roll trip to Six Flags. If you are in map at the end of the year during the time the 8th grade dance and celebration is, you will not be able to attend the dance and walk the stage to grab your diploma. But on a positive note, you will be attending high school next year! That does mean that you are the role models for Balboa, so please be a good example for all the 7th and 6th graders. Make this year a year to remember because you're only in 8th grade once!

7th Grade Life

By: Bella Bianchi



Welcome back returning seventh graders! This year you will be able to attend school dances. This is the year where you have already adjusted to middle school; you just need to keep up the awesome attitudes, try hard in your classes, and have fun! One great way to make new friends and have fun is by joining one of the amazing clubs at Balboa such as, the surf club, beanies for babies, and the humane society club. Try to keep those grades up and get honor roll! Hope you have a great year and thanks for keeping Balboa clean and safe!



Student Highlights

Caylie Button

By: Emily Martin



Caylie Button is a 6th grader here at Balboa who is a great student. Caylie has two twin brothers named Colby and Grayson. She loves the color mint green and prefers Hamburgers over Hotdogs. Caylie prefers Converse rather than Vans and her favorite store to shop at is Hollister. Her favorite subject is Language Arts, and she loves all of her teachers. Also another thing about Caylie is her favorite book is Wonder. In Caylie's free time she loves to play soccer. Overall she is very friendly, nice, athletic, funny, and a great addition to our amazing school.

Kylie Abee

By: Andrea Castaneda

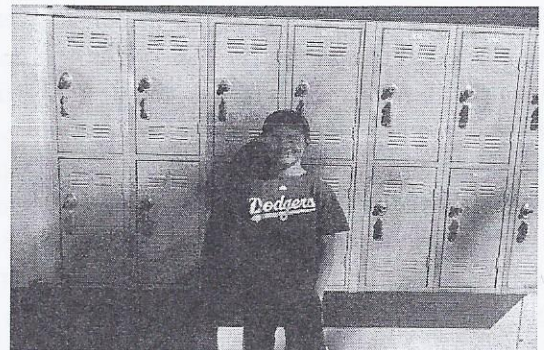


Kylie Abee is a 7th grader here at Balboa Middle School. She is 11 years old. Her favorite subjects are math and P.E. Blue is her favorite color and volleyball is her favorite sport to play. In her free time Kylie likes to hang out with her friends. Her best friends are Kylie, Taylin, Andrea, and Anjali. She likes coming to Balboa because the teachers are nice and cool here. Kylie's favorite teacher here at Balboa is Ms. Wallace. Her favorite place to eat is Wood Ranch. Full House is her favorite TV show. Kylie has one pet which is a dog. When she grows up she wants to be a professional volleyball player.

Nathan Silva

By: Madison Morrow

Nathan Silva is a fun, nice, outgoing 6th grader here at Balboa. His favorite subject is math because he loves to solve problems. In his free time he likes to hang out with his friends Jalen, Brayden, Toby, and Lizzy. His favorite sport is baseball and his favorite color is blue. Nathan also has two brothers, one sister, and a dog that he loves. If you see him around school, say hey!



Clubs

Humane Society

By: Caleb Velasco

Hey new Balboa explores! If you are interested in joining any clubs, this article is for you. For all the animal lovers there is the Humane Society Club. Drop by to help the humane society shelter by holding fundraisers in order to raise funds and have a great time while doing so. If you want to join The Humane Society meets every Monday in room 11 with Mrs. Treutelaar.



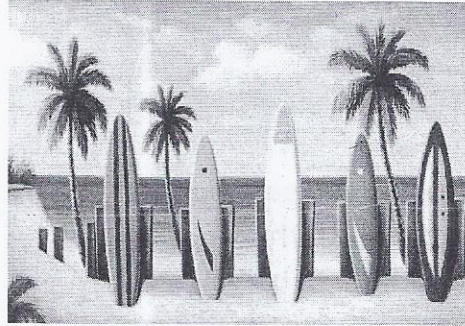
Followers of God

By: Madison Duston

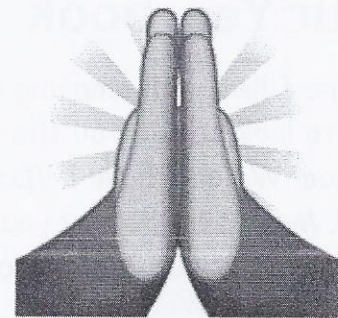
Followers of God is a club that helps you connect with God every Thursday. They have guests come in and talk to students about God and how he helps you in life. Mrs. Garza runs followers of God along with help from friends from her church and other churches as well. If you are someone who believes in God or is interested in the club, I think you would have a great time with this club.

Surf Club

By: Allison Spoentgen



Surfing time! Do you enjoy surfing? If so, come and join the Surf Club. Even if you haven't had any experience in surfing now is your chance to try something new. Learn basic skills, safety precautions, and get advice for your first time surfing. Surf club meets every Friday in Mr. Bushnell's room (room 48). They watch some of the latest videos on surfing, and discuss the wonderful sport! For any more information, you can contact Mr. Bushnell.



From the Yearbook

Replay It

By Sam Toledo

ReplayIt.com is a great way to share personal pictures of sports of clubs that could be used in the yearbook. If you have a good photo of you, your friends, or family, you can upload your photo! You do have to create an account, it is easy and free!



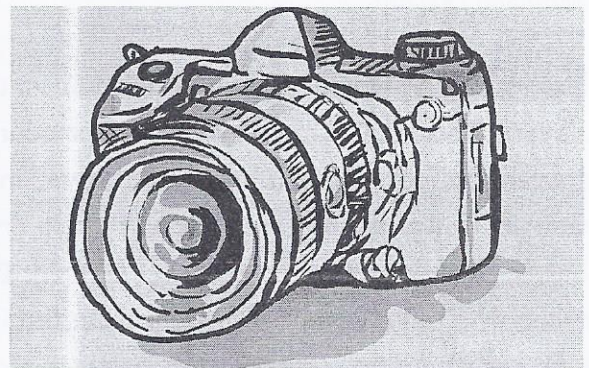
Buy your Yearbook

Yearbooks are filled with amazing memories, and a great way to look back at all the fun you had here at Balboa. We also have DVD yearbooks for sale for \$10. Make sure to buy you yearbooks before the price goes up TO \$40 on March 25th.

Audio/Video Newscast



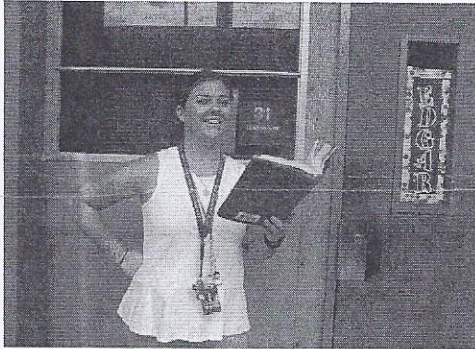
Remind your teachers to listen to our audio newscast every Monday morning! Also, watch our monthly video newscast on our YouTube channel @TheBMSchannel to stay updated on what's going on at Balboa. It includes news from the school, as well as teacher and student of the month interviews. Make sure to subscribe while you're at it!



Staff Highlights

Ms. Edgar

By: Aryssa Ozuna



Ms. Edgar is the 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies GATE teacher. In her free time, Ms. Edgar likes to travel and go on hikes with her dog/ Coach. She was born in Ventura and has lived here her whole life with the exception of college for 4 years. In her past 6 years of teaching at Balboa, Ms. Edgar has taught Science along with Language Arts and Social Studies. If Ms. Edgar didn't work here at Balboa, she said she would like to be a travel writer. All in all, Ms. Edgar is a great teacher and anyone would be lucky to have her!

Mrs. Gern

By: Amanda Perez



Students of Balboa, for the past eight years, Mrs. Gern has been our principal. On August 26, 2015 Mrs. Gern was approved by the Oxnard Elementary School Board to be their next Director of Certificated Personnel. We are very sad to say goodbye but are excited for her new opportunity. We thank Mrs. Gern for her overwhelming kindness and determination at this school.

Mrs. Wilcox

By: Nick Olavarrieta

Mrs. Wilcox is a 7th and 8th grade teacher. She teaches math, loves school and kids, and has been teaching for 2 years. She taught at Foothill Tech, Anacapa and Oxnard High. When she's not teaching she is making costumes with her husband and going to dances. When she was our age she went to Balboa too and she loved to read. She is definitely a teacher that makes learning fun.



Sports

Cross Country

By: Jackson Bates



Hey explorers! There is a wide selection of sports here at Balboa, and one of them is cross country. The team goes places like Mt. Sac, Arroyo Verde, Matilija, Mission Oaks Park, and Camino Real. The schools they battle are DATA, Anacapa, Cabrillo, R.J. Frank, and Los Colinas. They practice on Monday's and Wednesday's, and there is one race every week on Friday. The coaches are Mrs. E, Mr. E, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Grostick, Mr. Hertenstein, Mrs. Corsentino, and Mr. Chapin. So if you like running, think about joining our team.

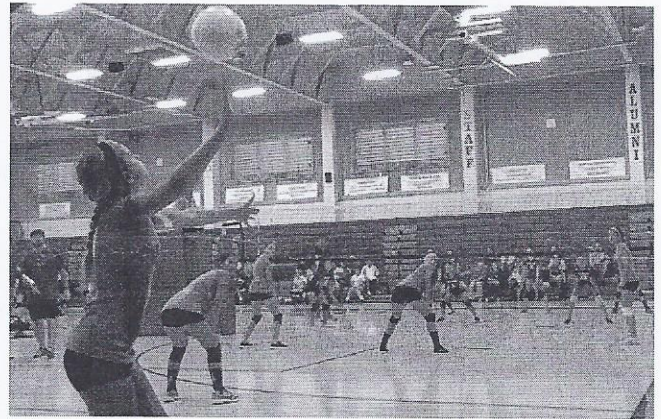
Balboa Basketball

By: Andrea Castaneda

Congratulations to last year's Balboa Basketball girls for winning the Ventura Middle School League Championship. They were undefeated all year with a record of 17-0. Balboa basketball is very competitive. There are two teams, one girls' team and one boys' team. You can be in any grade and still be on the team. Mr. Anter is the boys and girls basketball coach. He is a very hardworking and an awesome basketball coach. If you love basketball, think about trying out for next year's team and come watch some of our games that start in December.

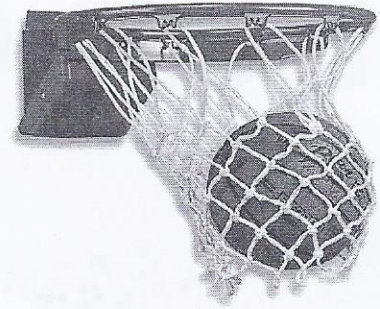
Volleyball

By: Analisa Espinosa



Balboa's volleyball team is very popular at our school. We have very hard working girls that play a strong game and work hard. All grades are able to try out and can make the team. Our coach, Mr. Hertenstein, picks around 40 girls for 4 different Balboa teams, and the girls who don't make it are encouraged to keep trying. We recently had a tournament at Oxnard High School on October 3rd. The tournament lasts from around eight in the morning to six in the evening depending on your team's wins. If you are determined and love volleyball, think about trying out for next year's team!





Balboa Basketball Banners

To raise money for the Balboa basketball program, boys and girls, they are selling 3' x 5' banner ad space for one full year for \$200 if they need to make the banner. It is \$150 if you already have one. The banners will be put up on the tennis court fence on the corner of Woodland and Brookshire. Not only will your banner be viewed by the daily Balboa and Mound traffic, it will also be seen by the usual neighborhood traffic as well as the many community members that come to Balboa for sports, like VYBA and football, and other events held at Balboa.. As well as having your banner put up, your business will be mentioned in their annual basketball program, on the basketball website, in the PTA newsletters (3 each year), and the Balboa student newspapers (2 each year). Contact Mr. Anter for more info. Larry.Anter@Venturausd.org

Free Throw Athon

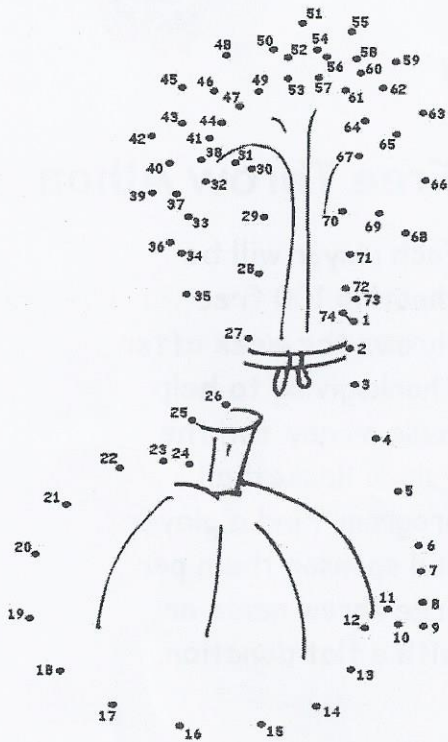
Each player will be shooting 100 free throws the week after Thanksgiving to help raise money for the Balboa Basketball program. Find a player and sponsor them per free throw made or with a flat donation.

Balboa Basketball would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our teams!

Play it Again Sports
CRI Landscape & Concrete
Victoria Pub and Grill
Presto Pasta
BuenaVentura Swim Club
The Armory
Williams Physical Therapy
Alltime Painting
Meineke Car Care Center
Dr. Chronis
Kona Ice
The Wharf

The Sugar Lab
Gemini Janitorial
Kittyland Resort
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
Leslie Carpenter-Henley - Allstate
Insurance Agent
Philip J. Kroll - Cosmetic and
Implant Dentistry
Rock & Water Creations
John Davidson, MD
Two Trees Café
Chilcutt Landscape

Fun and Games



Fun Facts

By: Adeline Anderson

- ~ A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- ~ A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- ~ An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain

Jokes

Q. Why did the girl smear peanut butter on the road?

A. To go with the traffic jam!

Q. What does a nosy pepper do?

A. Gets jalapeno business!

Q. What do lawyers wear to court?

A. Lawsuits!

Autumn Word Search

Can you find the Autumn words in the puzzle below?

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rake	scarecrow	brown	yellow
squirrel	leaves	apple	red
bonfire	harvest	fall	pear
orange	acorn		