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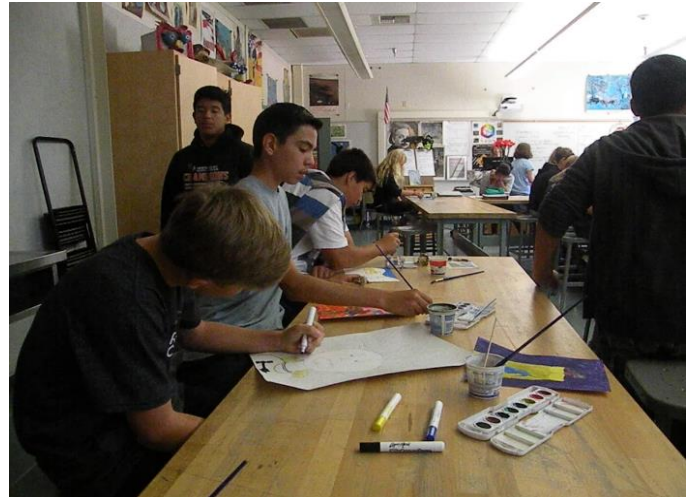
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# Academics

## *7th and 8th Grade Art*

By Ruben Cortez

In 7th and 8th grade art class, you learn the basics of drawing and sketching. You will even have the chance to use materials like oil and chalk pastels to create amazing works of art. When learning how to sketch color, and draw with all this equipment you first watch videos on famous artists that specialize in using these materials, like Vincent Van Gogh. Ms. Elcar's art class is an amazing class that everybody loves.



## *Life Skills*

Andrea Castaneda

Mrs. Corsetino is the Life Skills teacher here at Balboa. In her class you learn about drugs and alcohol and how they can negatively affect your body. This class teaches you that drugs can cause many types of cancers and can even lead to death. You also learn how to say no to drugs in stressful situations. Her class will teach you a lot, like changes in your body and life. Life Skills will have an impact in all of our lives!



## *Mock Election*

Brady Meixner

On October 11th Balboa students came to the gym in their history period to vote in our third mock election. This event has brought to the forefront a major part of our democratic system and has helped students understand what they will have to do in a few years. In the past Balboa has voted accurately with America's choice for president. A special thanks to Mrs. Young, the social studies department, and all of the volunteers that attended.

# Student Life

## 6th Grade Life

By Max Holly

Hey 6th graders! Hope you are liking your first year of middle school here at Balboa. There are so many fun opportunities for you here at Balboa. There are clubs and sports teams that you can join and you will be able to attend the awesome 6th grade extravaganza later in the year. You should also strive to achieve 3.5 GPA which will qualify you for honor roll. If you get in three quarters in a row you will get to go to Six Flags Magic Mountain! So keep working hard and be sure to have an amazing 6th grade year at Balboa Middle School.



## 7th Grade Life

By Emiliano Hernandez

Hello 7th graders. Welcome back to Balboa! This year is already getting off to a great start. Those of you who are new to Balboa, welcome. We are the best middle school in Ventura County. Here at Balboa, you have the opportunity to join clubs and sports teams. Remember to Get a 3.5 GPA so you can attend the Magic Mountain field trip! Be sure to make the most of your 7th grade year here at Balboa Middle School.



## 8th Grade Life

By: Roberta Buckley

It's not time to say goodbye quite yet! What an amazing three years we have had at Balboa. As the 8th graders are making the most of their last year at Balboa, the new coming, 7th and 6th graders are excited to move on up the food chain. The 8th graders have learned a lot here. They've learned to accept others, be a great leader and believe in themselves, but the most important thing they've learned is self-respect and respect for others. This 8th grade year is, arguably the best class yet, and we are going to be sure to enjoy every last second at Balboa Middle School.



# Student Highlights

## Jeff Price

By: Brady Meixner

Jeff Price is an 8th grader here at Balboa Middle School. He is a straight A student and his favorite class is science. His favorite color is yellow striped magenta. He has 3 brothers named Justin, Jacob, and Hannah and has 2 dogs named Rea and Chewy. His favorite food is pasta linguine. His favorite store to shop at is the Timberlands outlet. His favorite place to eat is Chuck E. Cheese because he likes to play in the jungle gym and eat the pizza. If you ever see Jeff around say hi!



## Noah Velasco

By: Jacob Hackett

Noah Velasco is an 8th grade student who attends Balboa Middle School He is 13 years old and he has a sister names Sienna and 2 dogs named Charlie and Cheeser. He likes video games, football, and cars. Playing Pokémon go is his favorite thing to do in his spare time. His favorite movie is This is the End and his favorite food is pepperoni pizza. I hope You learned about my friend, Noah Velasco.

## Marycarmen Sanchez

By: Andrea Anaya

Marycarmen Sanchez is an 8th grader who is outgoing, confident, and a very humble person. She has six brothers and no sisters. Her favorite subject is history and her favorite teachers are Mr. Chapin and Mr. Dyess. In her free time, she likes to go in the park to hang out with friends and she likes listening to music. She has a dog named Poppy and when she is older she would like to be an architect. So if you see Marycarmen around school be sure to say hi.



# Staff Highlights

## ***Mrs. Miech***

By: Julianna Reynoso

Mrs. Miech is a funny, crazy, and one of the best teacher here at Balboa! She's been teaching for 31 years, and this would be her 28th year at Balboa. She started teaching when she was very young. She chooses to teach math because she says, "that's the only thing I'm good at because I don't understand history and I can't spell good". Her favorite things to do outside of school are to walk her dog snuggles, garden, and sing. I asked her how much longer does she see herself teaching and she said, "I see myself teaching for one hundred years because I want to be the oldest teacher in the century." Overall, Mrs. Miech is a great teacher and she makes learning so fun! So if you see her around give her a big smile.



## ***Mrs. Young***

By Daniela Anguiano

Mrs. Young has been teaching for 16 years 9 years at Balboa. She teaches social studies and has the followers of God club. She chooses to teach history because she loves stories and she wants to make history fun. She really loves teaching and she thinks she's going to be teaching forever! The things she does in her free time are reading, cheering on her sons and students, spending time with her family and watching movies. So if you see her around say hi.



## ***Mrs. Schmitt's Class***

By Charisse Lindsey

Mrs. Schmitt is a 6th and 7th grade language arts and world geography teacher. This is her second year working at BMS and she loves it here. She teaches students how to create their own websites and has them write letters to their future selves. She went to college at San Diego State University. She has been teaching in the Ventura Unified School District for about 6 years. If you ever see Mrs. Schmitt around be sure to say hello.

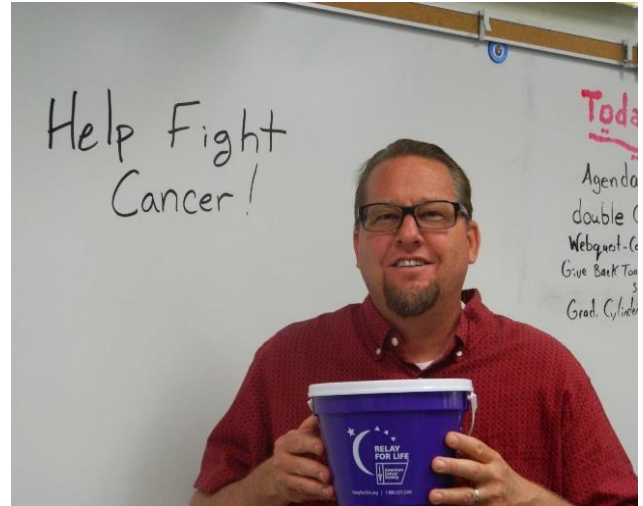


# CLUBS

## *Come Join Relay 4 Life*

By: Joshua Rey

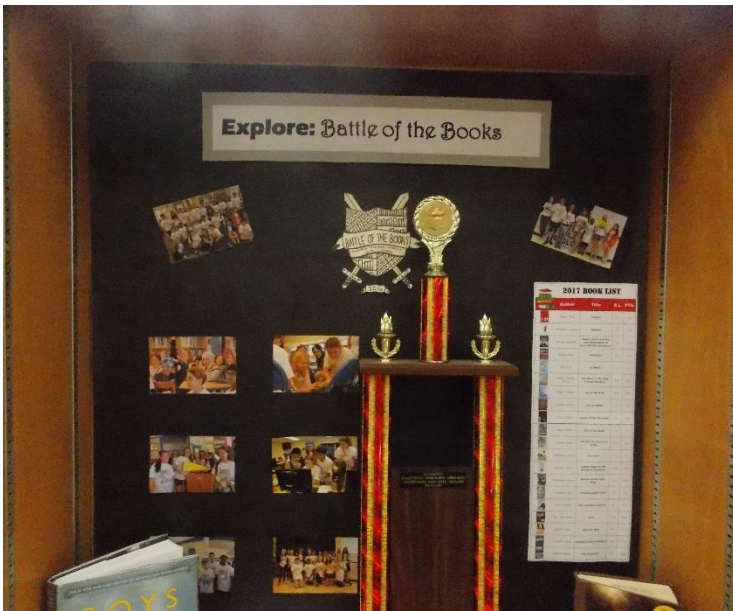
Come and join the relay for life club. For the Whole year you raise money for cancer by selling wristbands and gathering donations. At the end of the year you go to an event called the Relay for Life and you walk or run laps to raise money for cancer victims. Relay for Life is a great club! If you are interested in raising money for a great cause, Join this club even if you are already in a club because it's for a great cause.



## *Battle of the Books*

By: Kylie Coker

If you love to read books, then you should consider joining the Battle of the Books! Battle of the Books gives you a list of books to read and you can read as many as you want. Battle of the Books meets every Tuesday to discuss books that will be in the competition at the halfway point. You have to read 8 books to be in the competition and 20 to be a leader. I recommend joining Battle of the Books because it is an exciting group with many fun activities and benefits



# SPORTS



## *Volleyball*

By: Bria Laws

Volleyball is a fun filled sport that any girl can try out for. This year there was 12 practices before our all day tournament on Saturday October 1st. The tournament went on at Oxnard High School where we competed against other schools and even against our own. There are 4 coaches and 4 teams of around 10-11 girls. Sadly, the team can only take around 40-44 players. If you are interested in volleyball come and try out for next year's balboa team in the fall.

## *Cross Country*

By: Jayden Chapmen

Have you ever thought about joining a sports team that runs frequently, and runs races weekly? Then, cross country, is the sport for you. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays, and meets are on Fridays. You get to run at places such as Arroyo Verde, The State Beach, Mount Sac, and many more! Did you know that, Cross Country can also help make the mile easier for you, and also be a good way to make friends, especially if you are new to the school or you are in the 6th grade. All in all, Cross Country can be an exciting sport and can be a good way to become fit.



The boys and girls basketball teams are excited to start playing games, every Tuesday and Thursday throughout December and January. The schedule will be out soon, so come on out to a game and show your Balboa pride!

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# Fun and Games

Why did the banana go to the doctors?

IT WASN'T PEELING WELL

What did the duck say to the comedian?

YOU QUACK ME UP

What type of bee can't make up his mind?

A MAY-BEE

Why was the math book stressed?

BECAUSE IT HAD TOO MANY  
PROBLEMS

Dr. Phil

