

The

# Balboa Times 2017



**Page 1: Student life**

**Page 2: Academics**

**Page 3: Student success**

**Page 4: Electives**

**Page 5: Sport**

**Page 6: Clubs**

**Page 7: Staff highlights**

**Page 8: From the yearbook staff**

**Page 9: Fun and games**

Edited By: Kiley Keeling and Mrs. Urwick

# Student life

## 6th Grade Life

By: Alma Zurita

Let's welcome our new sixth graders to their first year at Balboa Middle school. Hopefully their first few weeks have been great! There are lots of clubs, sports and activities that you all should join. Everyone should try their best to achieve 3.5 GPA to be able to be on the honor roll list and attend the honor roll trip. This year you guys will be making new friends that soon will become your family. Let's make sure that your first year at middle school is a memorable year.



## 7th Grade

By: Josh Robinson

Welcome back 7th Graders, we've gotten off to a great start so far. For those of you who are new to Balboa, welcome. Be sure to earn at least a 3.5 GPA so that you can attend the honor roll trip to Six Flags. You guys are half way through Middle School already! Just keep on putting in the hard work and before you know it you guys will be in 8th grade, the top of the school! Have a great rest of the year and keep up the good work!



## 8th Grade

By: Breeana Griffin

It is not time to say goodbye yet But these past 3 years at Balboa have been Amazing. The 8th graders have made so many Memories here at this school and we are so sad to be saying goodbye. The 8th graders are making the best of their last year here and we have been so lucky to have this amazing group of kids at this school. This huge group of kids have become family and are so lucky to have made so many memories that we will cherish forever, and so many friends that we will have in the future. We are so glad that we have spent three years at this wonderful school and cannot wait to make more amazing memories as the year goes along.



## A student's life outside of school

By: Shay Joseph

What is a student's life out of school? What is their life when they are not busy studying for tests or doing homework? I picked Alexa for my "Student's Life out of school" article. Out of school, Alexa is an athletic person who is quite competitive when it comes to games in general. Her favorite basketball team is the Los Angeles Lakers or the Golden State Warriors. She can spend most of her time taking creative pictures, painting landscapes, drawing people, or do what every regular teenager would be doing on the weekends which is sitting on the couch with KFC in her hand, starting and finishing a series of shows. Alexa is very social and would talk to anyone who came up to her, even if it were a stranger. She is not very girly but when it comes to romantic movies or fall and in winter she is a completely different person. In my opinion, Alexa is a great friend and if you ever meet her, you will become best friends. If you see Alexa make sure to say hey.



# Academics

## Mrs. Miech

By: Alexa Diaz Sanchez

Most of our students here at Balboa don't like math because they either think it's too hard or not interesting at all. Mrs. Miech has a way of making you think otherwise, but she won't reveal because it's top secret. Luckily for you guys I am in her class and I get to see the witchcraft behind her lessons. See Mrs. Miech doesn't teach you the material and give you an assignment for homework, she makes you see math differently, and she simplifies the difficulties that is math. She is a very positive person and begins the class with comic strip. Mrs. Miech does something that not a lot of people can do, she communicates with her students. She is a very intelligent woman, and she went to the San Diego State University. During our conversation yesterday I asked her what was her life outside of school, she said "Boring! I find school a lot more exciting." (That makes one of us) But she did say that she has two children. One is a twenty year old boy who is in college and her second child is a seventeen year old girl finishing her high school career. Oh! I almost forgot her third child which is really her Pet dog named Snuggles who is old but *will* be living a long and Healthy life. And for all of you 6th and 7th graders you maybe lucky enough to have her next year because she teaches 7th, 8th, and 8th Grade honors. Let's give her a round of applause for being able to teach Kids how to appreciate the subject of math for 29 years!



## Mrs. Kennedy

By: Janelle Jimenez

Do you love science? Well you will love Mrs. Kennedy's science class. Mrs. Kennedy has been teaching for 23 years at Balboa. She got her teaching credential at Queen's College in public health and her degree at Adelphi University in New York. After all of that hard work and dedication she finally got her certification in Sp Ed at St. Rose. This science class does many labs and learns a lot about the next generation of science. Some of the big projects that this class does is project alert, making ice cream and many more fun activities. So if you want to stop by and say hi she is located in room 16 which is in the 7th grade Science hallway.



## Mrs. Winchester

By: Charleen Leyba

Most teachers only teach one subject, but this teacher is special, she teaches more than one! Mrs. Winchester is a 7th grade Language Arts and World Geography teacher. Mrs. Winchester is from Santa Paula and attended a private school in her grade school years. She went to college at UCSD and she has been teaching here at Balboa for eleven years. Her favorite subject is History and she loves to study Medieval Europe.



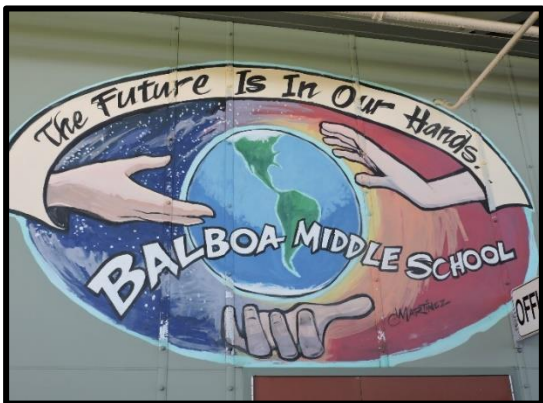
# Student Success



## How to study

By: Kyra Smith

Studying is the key to getting good scores on tests and getting good grades. However, you might find it hard to study or find study time. A good tip to studying is to use notecards. Notecards can help you a lot when studying because you can write down all the needed information, which helps you remember, and it saves you time later. To really save time just learn how to manage it. Say you have sports practice on one day and a quiz the next day that you have to get a good grade on. All you have to do is, a few days before, write all the information you need down on notecards and then do all of your studying that night. Not everything's perfect though so you might forget some things, but then you look in your binder and there's your note cards from the night before which you can quickly go over to be prepared for your test! Studying and taking notes will help you get better scores on your tests and quizzes. It can also help you to pay attention in class because you'll be taking notes.



## Academic Success

By: Kyra Smith

Do you want to be the best student you can be? Of course you do! However, it might be hard for you to manage your time to best help you achieve your goals. Being a good student and doing your best in class is easy if you listen and pay attention to learn everything you need to. First, make sure you study very well before quizzes and tests. This is very important especially if you didn't pay attention much in class. Also, notecards and taking notes while in class can help you pay attention and can help you study later. But remember getting good grades isn't all that allows you to be successful. Kindness will also go a long way, and it will pay off! I hope these tips help you to be the best student you can be and achieve your goals!



## How to get involved

By: Grace Morales

Hey Explorers! I hope your school year is getting off to a great start! There are so many ways to get involved here at Balboa. This school offers many fun activities and clubs, such as FNL, Humane Society, drama club, and so much more! If you're more athletic you might be interested in the basketball team, field hockey, cross-country, wrestling team, or volleyball. But you should try to remember that you also need to get involved with your classes. Also, next year you might want to join ASB or yearbook. Just don't be afraid to try new things! Remember you only go through middle school once so enjoy it!

# Electives

## ASB leadership

By: Colin Guenther

I think ASB is very important to us in many ways. They help our school in many ways by being leaders, not followers. I for one is am ASB and they teach it well, and Mr. Duenas probably being the best man for the job, and I will be surprised if you can find someone better. ASB has all the people who aren't afraid to be leaders of the school, and I think Balboa needs more brave people like that. From simplifying picking up trash at break and lunch, to giving speeches in front of the school and changing our great school, Balboa Middle School. As you have read, I think ASB is one of the most important parts of Balboa Middle School.



## Orchestra

By: Janelle Jimenez

Do you like playing instruments? Well you will love Advanced Orchestra. Orchestra is for advanced strings and is a one year elective. This music group of advanced strings goes to performances, concerts, and festivals. This class is a very fun elective that teaches you how to play different kinds of instruments. Orchestra teaches you how to read music and notes. You can locate the music room in the elective hallway and maybe stop by and say hey.



## Avid

By: Becky Brock and Tristan Shaw

Want to get into college? You might want to check out Avid. Mr. Dyess runs Avid but all the Avid students help out in and around the classroom. Avid is an all year elective that helps student close the achievement gap. To get into Avid you need to be interviewed by Mr. Dyess. in avid you do public speaking projects, learn how to take Really good notes. Also you learn how to make logs on what you did during the day, and you would also get homework help. In all, Avid helps you stay organized, take notes, and helps you speak in front of an audience.



## Spanish

By: Treavor Wilkinson

If you didn't know already, Balboa offers two languages to take in your 8th grade year. One of the languages is Spanish, taught by Ms. Neumann in room 15. In her year-round class you begin to learn how to read, write, and understand Spanish. Spanish is a very fun and useful language to learn since many people can speak the language. So if you choose to take Spanish as your elective, you can look forward to a fun and exciting year while still learning an awesome new language.



## TA

By: Nik Shore

TA's or Teacher Assistants play a big role at Balboa. Without TA's, your work would take a lot more time to grade, your papers would never be handed back, and your teacher would be stressed out every day. TA's need to be organized, smart and hardworking. You can be a TA for the office, the library, or your favorite teacher! Next time you see a TA, make sure to say hi and thank them for their hard work!



# Sports

## Field Hockey

By: Chris Templin

Field Hockey is a sport that has a tournament that lasts one day. You can play it in P.E. as part of your unit, but then later on if you want to play it even more outside of school, then you can sign up for the Field Hockey Balboa team. The girls are practicing Field Hockey after the Thanksgiving holiday in P.E. and for the boys they practice at lunch in January preparing for the 1-day tournament is at Moorpark College. Balboa has earned 4 championship titles in the past 6 years! I hope you reading this you're thinking about joining the team because I think the Field Hockey sport is awesome and fun but if you don't join, it'll be fine because it's only mandatory in P.E. as a unit that you will be doing. Thank you for checking out this article about Field Hockey.



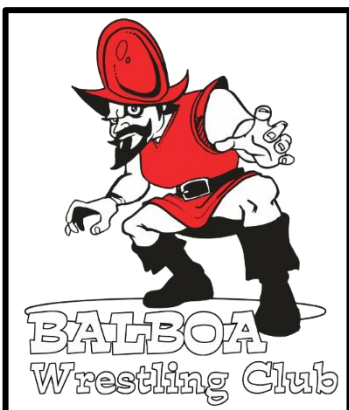
## Balboa Basketball

The boy 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 support to our amazing basketball players, and show that Balboa pride!

## Wrestling

By: James Pham

Wrestling is an interesting sport, you battle to get each other to the ground, and be the first to get the other on his/her back. The club wrestles in the Ventura County Middle School Wrestling League. Practice is held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school at room 60 and our competitions are held on Wednesday evenings and Mr. Martinez coaches them.



## Cross Country

By: Chris Templin

Cross country is club for people who are fast runners or for people who want to become a faster runner. Practice for the boys and girls teams start in September and are held every Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meets are held on Thursday. The season ends by late November. The races are 1.5 - 2 miles long.



## Thank you to our sponsors!

Play It Again Sports  
Victoria Pub and Grill  
Presto Pasta  
Alltime Painting  
Meineke Car Care Center  
Dr. Chronis  
Kona Ice  
Gemini Janitorial  
Leslie Carpenter-Henley-Allstate  
John Davidson, MD  
Brian C. Israel-Attorney at Law  
The Wharf  
Tolman & Wiker Insurance Services  
Coastal Contract Packaging Inc.  
Spin Rotisserie & Spaghetteria  
Loretta Barbar-Ventura Real Estate Co.  
Pizza Chief  
Sparky's Catering  
Wingstop

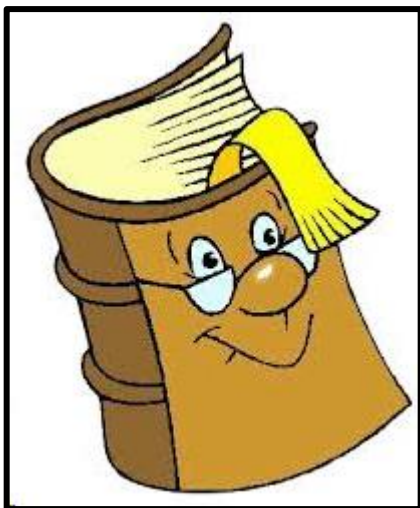


# Clubs

## Humane society

By: Malia Brown

Humane Society is a fun club for those who love animals! This club has fundraisers for the Humane Society shelter. Mrs. Riley comes and visits once a month with an awesome animal. Their meetings are held every other Monday in room 10 with Mrs. Treutelaar. This club is open to anyone, bring your lunch and a friend.



## Battle Of The Books

By: James Pham

Battle of the books is a club at Balboa middle school where you read a list of books that the librarians from all the middle schools participating hand pick from many good books and every Tuesday they have a meeting discussing the books. You have to read about seven books to make it to "The Battle", and if you read all the books, around 20, you get a crown. Some of the books they have read in the past are: Origami Yoda, Touching Spirit Bear, and Echo. There are raffles at the book talks with prizes such as popcorn. And they watch book related movies. The Final battle is a "Family Feud" type book review game and everyone receives t-shirts. The winning team gets a medal and gift certificates.

## Robotics Club

By: Kylie Keeling

Have you ever wanted to learn more about building robots or just more about designing and building? Then you are in luck! In room 50 at lunch on Thursdays the robotics club meets! They also meet every Wednesday after school in the library! If you think this is something that you might like then you should talk to Mr. Anter about robotics!



# Staff Highlights

## Mr. Hertenstien

By: Kirtis Lund

Mr. Hertenstein is one of our math teachers on campus. He teaches 7th grade math and coaches the volleyball team. He has been teaching at our school for quite sometime. He is also really funny. Once you hit 8th grade you will want to stop by and say hi every now and then. According to Nik Shore, "My experience with having Mr. Hertenstein was good and it prepared me for 8th grade math. His teaching style really improved my math skills." So, if you're looking for a math teacher that can successfully teach you this hard subject, Mr. Hertenstien is the teacher to have.



## Mrs. Coresentino

By: Kimberley Martinez

Mrs. Coresentino teaches Life Skills and Home Arts. She graduated in 1982 for the first time with her Bachelors in Sociology and went back to college to get her multiple teaching credential and Masters in Education Leadership. She has been with Balboa for 8 years now. She really enjoys working here because of the age group. Mrs. Coresentino chose to teach because she loves working with children. She also loved her time at school and she wanted to make Balboa students have a great time as well. Mrs. Coresentino thinks that teaching is also a very noble career. So, I think Mrs. Coresentino is a great teacher I had her for one semester and I really enjoyed her class. She is a very hard working teacher and she is very caring and is just such a great person.

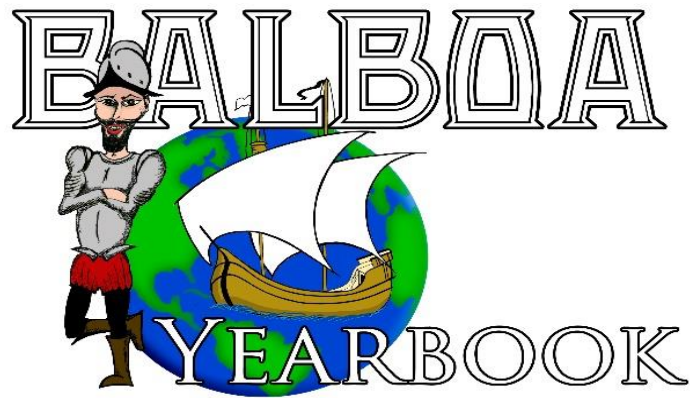


**“Together Everyone Achieves More.”**  
**–Renee Young**



## Buy Your Yearbook!

Yearbooks are \$35 and running out fast! Buy yours in the office before they run out! If you don't want to buy a yearbook, there's another way to have the memories of this year! You can buy a DVD yearbook for only \$10



## ReplayIt

If you are planning on going to any of next year's school events, like basketball games or the field hockey tournament, please post any pictures you take there to [ReplayIt.com](http://ReplayIt.com). The yearbook staff will try to add them to next year's yearbook, and I don't know about you but I'd be pretty excited to get my photo featured in my school yearbook, so why not upload them to give your photo a chance?



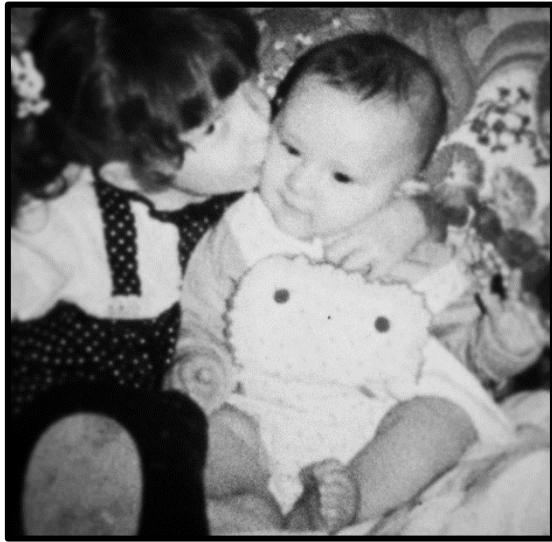
## Social Media

Don't forget to follow balboa yearbook on all of our social media! We are on Instagram and Facebook as @Balboayearbook and on YouTube we are @BMS Channel. We know that most of you

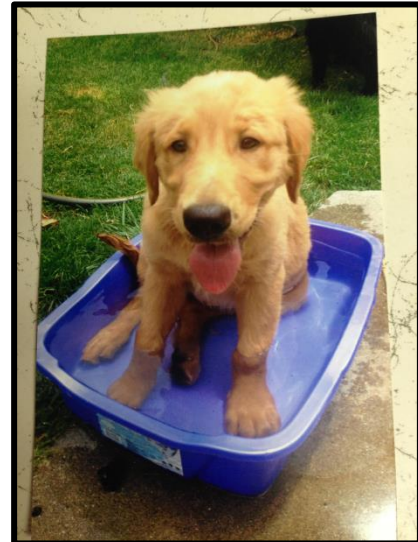


# Fun and Games

Can you guess who this baby is? Or who that adorable dog belongs to?



A: Lauri Matthews



B: Renee Young

## Fun Facts

- When hippos are upset their sweat turns red
- If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it can't hop
- Polar bears can eat as many as 86 penguins in one sitting
- Heart attacks are more likely to happen on Monday
- A baby octopus is about the size of a flea when it is born
- The total number of steps in the Eiffel Tower are 1,665

## Teenage Posts

"Would you like a table?"...No, I came to the restaurant to eat on the ground, carpet for five please.

I wish I had a cute laugh or one of those laughs that make other people laugh but I sound like a hyperventilating walrus with asthma.

