

The Balboa Times

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Student Life

6th Grade Life

By: Rylan Cooper

This year will be a blast in 6th grade! With lots of fun teachers and activities, I think you will have fun. You will meet some new friends who you might hang out with until the end of middle school. Right now, you may feel a little confused since you have only been in middle school a month or so, but you will later find it a normal day and you will fit in to Balboa well. At the end of the year, if you have a 3.5 GPA or higher for all 3 quarters, you can go to Six Flags Magic Mountain! Hope your year is fun!



7th Grade Life

By: Hayden MacDougall

You've made it past 6th grade and you're ready for a new year! This year in 7th grade you will meet wonderful teachers and learn many new skills that will benefit you in the future. Hopefully you have made a great first impression on all of your teachers and classmates this first month here at Balboa. Remember, if you have a 3.5 GPA or higher for all 3 quarters you can attend the Magic Mountain field trip! Have a great rest of the year!



8th Grade Life

By: Brennen Meixner

The 8th graders come back from summer break to have their last first day of school here at Balboa Middle School. Time flies when you're having fun here at Balboa. The 8th graders have already reached their final year. Hugs and high fives were all about and everyone was talking about fun things they did over the break. Now that summer is over the 8th graders are working harder than ever in their classes preparing for high school. This seems like it's going to be a great 8th grade year here at Balboa.



Academics

6th Grade Social Studies and ELA

By: Emilie Huovinen

Mrs. Zgliniec is one of our school's favorite 6th grade teachers! She teaches Social Studies and Language Arts to 6th graders. She always has new and creative ways to teach kids something new. She always finds a fun way to have us learn. When I was in her class I got to dig through a cookie to find the chocolate chips in them! She usually talks about Ancient Egypt and Wordly Wise. Though she sounds like a really silly teacher, she always stays on task. If you are a 6th grader I hope you get to have her.



6th Grade Math GATE

By: Trevor McCormick

When I think of academics, I think of my favorite subject, math. Then I think of my math teacher from last year, Mrs. Rodarte, the 6th grade gate math and science teacher. Mrs. Rodarte is very engaging. When you don't understand she will take her time at break to teach you how to do something you don't understand. She also does many fun projects. In the middle of the year you will build solar oven that you create with your seat partner and group. You have to make s'mores using only sunlight, cardboard, saran wrap, tin foil, tape, and staples. Some groups were reaching over 100 degrees in their solar oven! Anyone would be lucky to have her.

Mrs. Brady's Classroom

By: Kayla Lane

If you were selected for Mrs. Brady's 6th grade Language Arts and Social Studies class, you are in for a terrific first year! Hi, my name is Kayla Lane and this year I am a 7th grader here at Balboa Middle School. I had Mrs. Brady last year. As a new middle school student, you are probably thinking that you are going to have a challenging and overwhelming start to the school year, but fear not! Mrs. Brady's 6th grade Language Arts and Social studies class will be fun! You will get to read awesome novels, do many exciting writing pieces, learn about Rome and Egypt, and create lots of hands on projects. Mrs. Brady is a super cool, easy going, and kind teacher. Some of the things that she is known for is loving all of her kids and making you smile! She has been teaching for 13 years here at Balboa Middle School and is passionate about her students growing. If you are having a rough day or falling behind, count on Mrs. Brady to help make it better. I know my favorite thing about her is she gives really good hugs and is always willing to give extra help. I think that anybody who gets her will have an amazing year. Here's to a great school year for all!



Staff Highlights

Mrs. Harrison

By: Emilie Huovinen

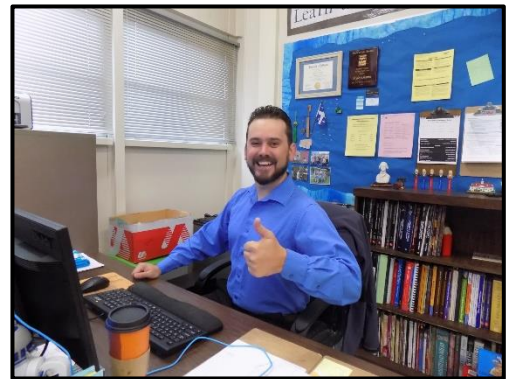
Mrs. Harrison is one of our amazing P.E. teachers that does 6th, 7th and 8th grade. You may know her as the swimming coach or as the former track and field coach. Mrs. Harrison has been teaching for 29 years and 7 of them were at Balboa. The reason Mrs. Harrison became a P.E teacher is because she saw people dying from diseases that are caused from lack of physical activity, so she decided that if she became a P.E teacher she could help stop this. She graduated from CSU Northridge and got her masters from Grand Canyon University. If you want to become a P.E teacher like her you have to learn to play every sport and take pre-med classes. Mrs. Harrison is a terrific teacher and anyone would be lucky to have her!



Mr. Chapin

By: Clarisse Cortez

Mr. Chapin is a wise, nice guy who has been teaching for almost six years here at Balboa, and teaches 7th and 8th grade World Geography and American History. He teaches history so he could help change the mindset of students towards school, and try to help them learn about three things- in order of importance- self, skills, and stuff. He wishes to help his students take notes for the future. He also wishes to teach students not “what to think,” but “how to think.” He also runs the Dungeons and Dragons club. One thing he does is play Skyrim. If you ever see him around in the hall, give him a greet!



Mrs. Bento

By: Don Regnier

Despite this being her first year at Balboa, Mrs. Bento is a wonderful, funny and complex Language Arts teacher. Some of Mrs. Bento’s hobbies include going to the beach, swimming and reading. Some of her favorite books are the Fire Within series and Series of Unfortunate Events. Mrs. Bento attended 3 different Universities consisting of UC Davis for international relations, CSUN Northridge for her teaching credential and CSUCI Channel Islands for her master’s degree in teaching. This looks like it’s going to be a great first year for her right here at Balboa!



Student Highlights

Rory Mills

By: Michelle Garriss

Rory Mills is a 7th grader who attends Balboa Middle School. He has a mom named Vanessa, a dad named Daren, two sisters, Teagan and Ashlyn, and a brother named Kieran. He also has a dog named Keena. He plays basketball and has played soccer in the past. He loves social studies and hates math. In his free time he rides his bike and explores with his friends. Rory's favorite food is salad and hot wings. His favorite place to be is in Arizona with his family. He can also solve a Rubix Cube in under a minute. So if you ever see Rory around school, just say hi.



Samson Kruff

By: Donovan Bushnell



Samson is an 8th grader here at Balboa. He says he would describe himself as a funny, athletic, and friendly person. His favorite food is chicken strips and that's what he gets every time he goes to a restaurant. He has two sisters, and he's 13 years old. He has three pets; two cats and a chinchilla. In his spare time, he likes to play video games and watch YouTube videos. His absolute favorite activity though is playing soccer. Make sure to say hi to Samson if you see him in the halls!

Emma Coray

By: Kenzie Hebert

Emma Coray is an 8th grader at Balboa Middle School. She is a straight A student and her favorite subject is math. Her favorite sport is basketball. She is thirteen years old and she has an older brother named Kevin and a dog named Dixie. Her favorite food is chicken nuggets. Her favorite sport is basketball. Emma's favorite year at Balboa was 6th grade because she had awesome teachers and made incredible friends that she still has today. I hope you learned some fascinating facts about Emma Coray.



Clubs

Followers of God 24/7

By: Kieran Buxton

If you are a Christian or want to learn about Christianity you should join Followers of God 24/7. They meet on Thursdays at lunch in room 85. It is run mostly by students but Mrs. Young is the supervisor. During their meetings they read a verse from the Bible and discuss it. They even play games to expand their biblical knowledge and there are many guest speakers who may bring snacks. There will also be skits on occasion. Followers of God 24/7 welcomes everyone and encourages members to bring friends. It's an easy way to meet people with the same interests, an opportunity to talk to good listeners about struggles you may have, and offers the chance to pray.



Coding Club

By: Nicholas Thomas

In the coding club you will be learning how to make video games. Some of the sites you would be using include [Code.org](https://code.org) and [MIT's Scratch](https://scratch.mit.edu). Mr. Cromie has been using all these websites for over four years, showing you how good they are. He teaches coding in a fun and enjoyable way. Last year they recreated some classical games like Pong and Space Invaders. If you would like to see some of the projects you will be working on this year check out these websites: [free eBook here](#), [Invent with Scratch](#).

Humane Society

By: Devon Swanson Hollinger

The Humane Society Club is a fun club that talks about animal issues, such as keeping them safe and healthy. Once in a while the Humane Educator from Ventura's Humane Society presents to the club and usually brings an animal with her. The club is also selling Smencils to raise money for the local charity; they are only one dollar. The club will also be selling cat toys, dog treats and will do a blanket/towel drive in the winter. The club meets every other Monday in room 10.



Robotics

By: Lucien Michaud

Some passions in middle school become lifelong jobs. Robotics can be one. It is very fun and it pays very well. If you love robotics or you want to try it, there is a club for you. In the robotics club you build robots and control robots. At the end of the club you could be picked to go to the VEX robotics tournament. The Robotics Club is in room 50 at lunch on Thursdays and is hosted by Mr. Anter. If you are interested in joining this club make sure to try it out!

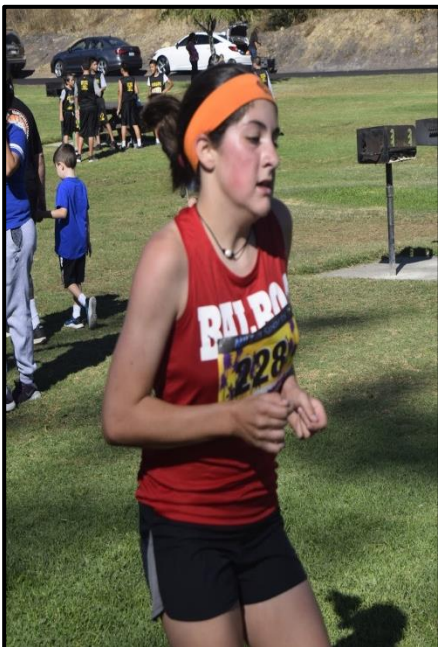


Sports

Cross Country

By: Taylor Liston

Have you ever thought about how you're a good runner and want to run with friends or are wanting to become a good runner? If so Cross Country is the sport for you! The only bummer is that the meets have already started. If you're interested, make sure to try out next year. This year they got to race at Mount Sac, one of the biggest cross country races in the U.S. It is even holding the Olympic Trials! Every Friday there will be a meet until the beginning of November. Come to a meet some time to come cheer them on. Go Balboa!



Volleyball

By: Brianna Barton

Volleyball is a fun filled sport that any girl can try out for. Our volleyball program is taking their teams to an all-day tournament at Oxnard High School on September 29th to play against other local schools. This year our volleyball program has 26 girls, divided into 2 teams coached by both Mr. Hertenstein and Mr. Dyess. At the tournament, Balboa's A team coached by Mr. Hertenstein took 5th place in the Gold division. The B team coached by Mr. Dyess took 17th place in the Bronze division at the tournament. If you are interested in volleyball then you should come and try out for our next year's volleyball team in the fall!



Sports

Sports Highlight

Kelsee Espitia

By: Janelle Jimenez

Kelsee Espitia, 8th grader, is number 0 on the Balboa Girls Basketball team. Kelsee has been playing for Balboa basketball since 6th grade and has been playing basketball since 2nd grade. Her favorite basketball team is the Los Angeles Lakers. Kelsee also plays three other sports at Balboa: such as volleyball, cross country, and field hockey. Outside of school she loves to surf. This year Kelsee is a returning veteran for all her teams and is going to go back to the county league and take first place for the girls' basketball team.



Balboa Basketball Program

By: Kayla Lane



Our boys and girls basketball teams are excited to start playing basketball. The games will be every Tuesday and Thursday in December and January. Our playoff games will start in the beginning of February. The schedule will be out soon so we hope to see you. Make sure to come try out if you want to help us win the championship. Come show your Balboa pride!

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Electives

ASB

By: Morgan Velasco

In ASB, Associated Student Body, their goal is to make everyone feel comfortable and happy at Balboa. In the ASB class, everyone has different jobs, such as paper recycling, library duty, and music duty. The students that are in ASB work very hard on activities for the school, and always set a positive example for others. If any of this sounds like fun to you, think about doing ASB next year!



I got my information on the ASB class from Deniyah Alvarado, our commissioner of publicity.

Home Arts

By: Colin Guenther

Home arts is a class that is centered around having a good time while learning. It teaches 7/8 graders how to do many useful things like sewing, cooking, and a lot of other things that can be used later on in life. The class is run by the lovely Mrs. Corsentino, who does a very good job helping kids figure out how to do these things, so they can be prepared for life in adulthood. If you are lucky enough to have her this year, or maybe next, you will know what I am talking about.



Wood Shop

By: Ashley Brown

Mr. Fredette teaches Woodshop here at Balboa Middle School. In 7th & 8th Grade Woodshop (1 semester), you will learn how to craft the basics using tools, and of course, wood! The students that are in the class are challenged with diverse projects. You are even given the chance to make projects like pens and chairs! Occasionally, the class will watch intriguing videos. Students are taught the importance of safety around the shop's machinery and must complete a computer's test for all of the equipment's uses. Wood is a great elective choice for next year if you will be returning!



Band

By: Bryce Kathan

Balboa's Band is a very unique elective that is taught by Mr. Cody. Mr. Cody, is a very nice, reasonable man when you get to know him. In the first few weeks of band, you go over some of the basic lessons of band (like how to read simple music and how to take care of an instrument). Once you receive your instrument, a lot is expected of you. You are expected to practice every day, bring the instrument to and from school in one piece, clean your instrument daily, and pay to repair it if it gets damaged. Later that year, you get to take a trip to some local elementary schools and show them how to play. At the end of the year, the entire music department will do an end of the year concert. Concert Band, however, is a whole different ball game. The only way to get into concert band is to complete one year of beginning band. In Concert Band, you are expected to know how to take care of your instrument, practice an hour every day, show up in your concert attire, and know the music as if you were about to play in front of a huge audience. If you manage to see Mr. Cody, then you should say hi! Remember, music makes you smarter!



From The Yearbook Staff



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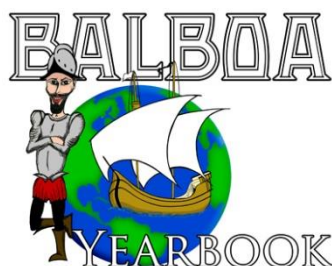


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Fun and Games

By: Taylor Liston

What do you call an alligator detective?

An investa-gator

Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?

Because it's pointless

What does a nosy pepper do?

Gets jalapeno business!

Fun Facts

- If you bang your head against a wall for one hour you'll burn 150 calories
- 7% of American adults think that chocolate milk comes from brown cows
- The following can be read forwards and backwards:
 - Do geese see god.
 - A man, a plan, a canal – Panama.
 - Was it a rat I saw?
 - Never odd or even.

