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Academics/Advice

Mrs. Corsentino

By: Bryson Belvins

Mrs. Corsentino teaches Home Arts here at Balboa. In Home Arts 7th and 8th grade students do cooking and sewing. Students will bake cookies, cupcakes and a type of cinnamon roll. After eating, the students will do the dishes and clean up for other students. After the cooking unit, they will learn to sew. The classroom offers a variety of sewing projects like giant footballs, ducks, seals, dogs or basketballs. In the beginning, some will find the sewing machine really confusing and difficult. Over time, the class will find using the sewing machine easier and entertaining.



Mr. Chapin's World Geography

By: Tyler Woodworth



In the 7th grade, Mr. Chapin's world geography class you will learn about Medieval Islam, China, Japan, the Fall and the Middle Ages of Rome, and the New World. You also learn how to write ace paragraphs, take notes, research, create arguments and other skills on these topics. If you don't stay on top of the achievements you will be working on them the night before the achievement is locked. In conclusion, this class teaches you how to do work independently and be responsible to turn it in before the unit is locked.

Advice

By Anthony Gose

Welcome 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! Looking for some advice? You have come to the right place! Firstly, write down everything in your agenda whether it is assignment, upcoming event, or homework. You may feel like you don't need it, but that one day you forget an assignment and don't have it in your agenda, it feels bad. Another piece of advice is don't leave your trash on the tables in the cafeteria. Lastly, stay organized, do your homework, study for tests, and you will have those A's!

Sports

Friday Practice

By: Deanna Gallea

If you did not know, in the gym there are basketball practices which are open to 6th and 7th graders. If you are a 7th or a 6th grader wanting to be on the basketball team next year go to Rm 50 to speak with Coach Anter. The practices are Fridays at 1:30p.m to 3:30 p.m. I hope you try to be on the basketball team and have a great time too.

Basketball Player Austin

By: Joaquin Starr-Garcia



Austin is an 8th grade basketball player at Balboa Middle School and I got to catch up with him and ask him some questions, like, what his favorite moment on the team was through the years. He said, "Being on the team in 6th grade." I also asked, "Did anyone help you improve on your game and he replied with yes, Coach Anter." Another question that came up was if basketball helped him off the court, and he said, "Ya, with staying out of trouble and staying positive." The last question I asked was, "What do you want to accomplish with basketball? He said, "Being the best player I can be and making it as far as possible."

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

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Student Life

6th Grade Life

By: Becky Brock

Hey 6th graders, I hope you are having awesome time here at Balboa. You have almost finished your first year here. Get ready for two more years here at Balboa. Next year you

can choose different electives and go to dances. Classes get harder as you get older, so you should start studying now. I hope you have a wonderful experience for the rest of your time here at Balboa.



7th Grade Life

By: Tristan Shaw



7th grade can be a very difficult time in a person's life. You have to prepare for 8th grade and still have time to hang out with friends and family. However, there is a good side to 7th grade. You can go to dances, have more choices for amazing electives, and more. The harder you work the more successful you will become.

8th Grade Life

By: Jessica Cuadra Corrales

Hello, and goodbye to our 8th graders. It's almost time to leave and the rushing excitement to go to high school is almost here. You, 8th graders, are impressing your teachers and preparing to be in high school. Don't forget all the wonderful memories that you have had here such as, Honor Roll, Six Flags, Washington D.C and so much more. You guys have impacted everyone here at Balboa Middle School and you will be missed!



Student Highlights

James O'Brien

By: Mani Duran



James O'Brien is a 6th grader here at Balboa. His favorite color is blue and in his free time James likes to go outside, throw a football, or play video games. His favorite drink is Sprite and he likes to eat at Wendy's because of their french fries. James' favorite teacher at Balboa is Mrs. Edgar because she is understanding and kind. He has a mixed German Shepard and a Great Dane. Also he plays tackle football for the Ventura Packers. So, if you see him around say hi!

Noelle Brown

By: Trinity Riley

Noelle Brown is an amazing 13-year old 7th grader that attends Balboa Middle School. Noelle plays basketball for Balboa and her favorite basketball team is the Warriors. Her pets are her dogs Meatball and Gizmo and her cats Snowy and Jack. Also her favorite color is rose gold and Noelle's favorite T.V. show is "One Tree Hill". When she grows up she wants to be an actress. So, if you see Noelle around school, make sure to say Hi!



Kianna Flores

By: Tito Aldana



Kianna Flores is a 13-year old 8th grader here at Balboa. She has one older brother named Christian and three dogs named Luke, Buddy and Dano. Kianna's favorite subject is science and her favorite color is blue. Some of her friends are Taylin, Anjali, and Kylie. She also plays soccer and when Kianna grows up she wants to be a nurse. If you see her around school say hey.

Clubs

Drama and Stage crew club

By: Lainey Brown

This year the Drama Club Production is doing Peter Pan! The tryouts have past and the roles have been given out, but they are always looking for more stage crew members. Stage crew's role consists of making sets, setting up, running the curtains and music. The drama and stage crew club meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to help with stage crew then go to room 80 and talk to Mrs. Laymen.



Above is some of the stage crew.

Humane Society Club

By: Emma Anderson

One of the clubs at Balboa is the Humane Society Club. In this club they learn about different animals, and have many fundraisers for the club. This club meets every other Monday in room 10. Occasionally, Mrs. Riley will come and bring an animal to share. She has brought in animals from a dog to a snake. Everyone is welcome to come and participate.



The 5280 club

By: Breeana Griffin



The 5280 club is one of our many clubs here at Balboa. The 5280 club is a club that you have to make. To get into this fun club you need to make the mile in a certain time. In 7th grade for the boys it is 6:30 and for the girls it is 7:30, 6th grade for the boys it is 6:45 and for the girls it is 7:45, and for 8th grade girls it is 7:15, and the boys is 6:15. The 5280 club is a great experience that continues throughout the whole year, if you make this club you get a free shirt. This club is super fun and a great opportunity to show your athleticism. I hope all of you try your best on the mile to participate in this fun experience.

Staff Highlights

Mrs. Corsentino

By: Ricky Ricardez



Mrs. Corsentino has worked here at Balboa for 7 years and is a 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teacher. Her favorite color is red and on her free time she enjoys to run, hike, read, and travel. Her favorite sports team of all time the Los Angeles Dodgers. When she was younger, she went to Santa Clara Elementary School. Her favorite food would be Italian and her favorite drink is iced tea she has 2 dogs and 2 cats. If she could have 1 wish it would be for her sister to be cancer free.

Mr. Martinez

By: Garrett Block

Some of you have surely had Mr. Martinez. He is a P.E teacher here, and has been for 20 years. He taught some other subjects before going into P.E. He taught history for 4 years before moving into his current subject. Actually, he was moved into it by the administration, as they needed more teachers in P.E. He began teaching because he started out as a coach and really liked working around kids. He went to college at San Diego State for his bachelor's degree, and Northridge for his teaching credential. The highlight of his teaching career has been his time here at Balboa. He's a great teacher and you should consider talking to him.



Mrs. Wilcox

By Russell Rodrigues

If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Wilcox already, you're definitely missing out on some fun. Mrs. Wilcox loves teaching her students Math 8 and Math 8 Honors and she's only been teaching here at Balboa for 2 years. If you aren't in her classroom, there are a few rules set such as only being able to date when you turn 30 and you must write I love my math on all of your math books. She loves Diet Coke and especially loves her family. If Mrs. Wilcox could go anywhere, she would go to Scotland. She does however like to keep her age secret, but if you want to find out she left an equation for you just to find out. $\sqrt{4(17x^3)+10}$. Evaluate this expression for $x=3$.



Staff Highlights (continued)

Randy Hernandez

By Donald Leary

Randy has worked at Balboa for 7 years. He is the janitor and does an amazing job at keeping Balboa clean. His favorite color is blue and in his free time he likes to go fishing, camping, and watch the X Games. His favorite sports team of all time is the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Randy attended Hueneme High School and played football and basketball. His favorite meal is Filet Mignon with a loaded baked potato and some vegetables. Randy says if he could do one thing different in his life he would become a rock star.



Mr. Chapin

By: Mason Fountain

Mr. Chapin is a 7th grade World Geography and 8th grade U.S History teacher here at Balboa Middle School. He uses technology to teach his students about people and events before our time. He has iPads in his classroom and even has his own website called "CHAPTOPIA." Also in his classroom students get to work in "guilds" or "groups", which helps with people's communication skills. His teaching style and humor makes his class always exciting and makes learning fun.



Ms. Wallace

By: Audrey Beaver



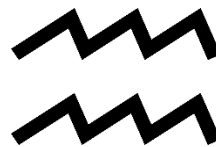
Ms. Wallace is a fun and energetic teacher that teaches Math 7, Math 7 Honors, and Math Intervention. She has been teaching for 3 years all at Balboa. When she was younger, math never came easy to her. Later, she was able to express her ideas about math. People understood her, so she then pursued math at UCSB, became a teacher and now, she strives to make math easier to others. In her free time, Ms. Wallace loves to go camping, running, or do some yoga. She also loves to hang out with her nephews, where they play games like 4 square. Ms. Wallace is a great teacher so if you see her around make sure to say, "Hi!"

Horoscope

Horoscopes

By Claudia Flannery

Rather than stressing over homework, why not take some time to explore the horoscopes of the month. What are horoscopes, you say? Well, they are a prediction of your future based on the position of the stars and planets at the time of a person's birth. So, why not take some time off from your busy life and get to know the most current horoscopes and explore what future they may hold for you.



People born in the first half of February, up until the 18th, have the horoscope Aquarius, and are typically affectionate and very friendly.

However, if you were born between the 19th and March 20th, you are a Pisces, a shy and sensitive person who likes to dream big.

If you were born between the dates of March 21 and April 19 are Aries, who are hardworking, courageous, and are usually leaders.

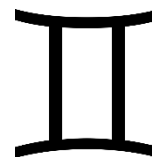


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Into the summertime, those born in between April 20th and May 20th are Taurus, who are really stubborn and like to argue, though they value friendship and are very loyal. They also have a big appetite for good food.

If you were born in between May 21 and June 21, you are a Gemini. Filled with energy and excitement, you are great at being social and having a wonderful time. Partying is your hobby, so make the most of it.



In the heart of summer, what better Zodiac to be than a crab itself? Those born in between June 21st and July 22nd are Cancer. They are very emotional and very sensitive, but this means they have a deep love for others. If you are a Cancer, think about showing your love for others in a creative and cute way.



If you were born in between July 23rd and August 22nd, you are a Leo. You are naturally dramatic and love to act and perform for the joy of others. You have an enthusiasm that makes you very likable and a great actor. If you are a Leo, think about joining drama club.

If your birthday is in between August 23rd and September 22nd, you are a Virgo. Just in time for the beginning of school, you are hardworking and good at making decisions. You have a clear mind, and are very smart.



Those born in September 23rd and October 22nd are Libra. They are good at communicating, like to meet everyone, and keeping harmony with their friends. They aren't good at making decisions, but are great at talking.

If you were born in October 23rd and November 22nd, you are a Scorpio. Very fierce and powerful, you hide your emotions, but are good at getting what you want. You are still loyal, but should try being more open about your feelings.



As winter arrives, you are a Sagittarius if you were born in between November 23rd and September 22nd. You are very open and like to share your thoughts with people, often liking to wander around. If this is your Zodiac sign, you should talk to as many people as possible.

To finish it all, Capricorns are born in between December 22nd and January 19th. You are a strong leader who takes charge and tries to make the best of everything. You should consider taking strong leadership roles in life. If you or any of your friends have these traits, you should try working on showing them these next few months as a fun activity to take your mind off of the hard work of school to explore yourself.

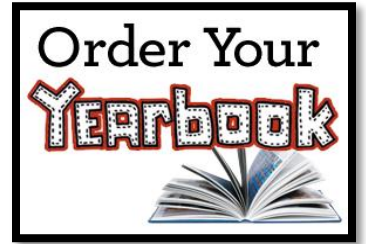


From the Yearbook Staff

By: Aden Bustillos

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Fun and Games

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April Word Search Puzzle

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 DIAMOND
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FLOWERS
 FOURTH MONTH
 GOOD FRIDAY
 PALM SUNDAY
 PASSOVER
 PLANTING
 SPRING
 SWEET PEA
 TAURUS
 WARMING UP

Jokes:

Q. When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A. During Ape-ril showers!

Q. Can February March?

A. No, but April May!

Q. How excited was the gardener about spring?

A. So excited he wet his plants.

Q. Name a bow that can't be tied.

A. A rainbow

Q. Why is the letter A like a flower?

A. A bee (B) comes after it!

Q. What flowers grow on faces?

A. Tulips (Two-lips)!

Q. What can be seen in the middle of the months 'April' and 'March', that cannot be seen in the beginning or end of either month?

A. The letter "r"

