

# Balboa Times

## Spring 2018



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# Academics



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History

By: Shaye Joseph

8th grade Social Studies is a class where you learn all about the United States and its history. To be specific you learn about what caused the War of 1812, who supported the Wars, and how our national Anthem was created. When the British attacked Ft. McHenry and Francis Scott Key witnessed the attack, he wrote a poem that later became The National Anthem. You learn so much more fun and interesting facts in History. This specific class goes into detail about our United States presidents and how they started and then ended with being our presidents. Some facts about Thomas Jefferson that this class teaches is, Jefferson hired Lewis and Clark to explore and find the Northwest Passage. In conclusion, our 8th grade History class is very interesting and if you are in this class you will have fun and learn a lot!

## Math 7 Honors

By: Amina Wagar

When talking about academics, what comes in my mind is my favorite subject Math. I love Math because I get to play with different numbers to get to a solution. I like to face more and more challenges in Math from which I learn new things every day. My teacher is Mr. Hertenstein who is nice, funny and sometimes sarcastic. Taking Math honors class's means dealing with the CPM Math book which can get complicated sometimes. Complicated questions don't bother me, instead they get my brain busy and going. There is lots of good competition in my Math class. It is because everyone races through and tries to be the Top Gun of our class which can only be achieved by getting an A+ in all tests and benchmark. I love Math. I am really lucky to have such a great teacher!



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

By: Colette Packard

Mr. Malone and Mrs. Treutelaar teach 8th grade science at Balboa Middle School. Throughout the year we learn Earth Science, Life Science, Astronomy, and Physics. In 8th grade you switch off science teachers after each semester. You do labs often and learn things that are really important. At the end of the year, you build rockets out of 2-liter soda bottles (they always take donations). Mr. Malone and Mrs. Treutelaar are both funny and helpful teachers. Balboa Middle School wouldn't be the same without them!

# Student Life

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Life

By: Cameron Reed

Hello 6th graders and welcome to middle school! I know this year started out kind of rough, but that should not stop you from enjoying your first year at middle school. There are many fun clubs that you can join and some that you should join next year. But always keep trying to get that 3.5 GPA or higher because that will get you into honor roll and if you stay in honor roll for the first 3 quarters you can go on the fun trip to Magic Mountain with your friends! During this semester of the year, start thinking of what elective you want to do next year. Everyone on campus should show kindness to your fellow peers and teachers and our school will become a better place to hang out and learn. Always show kindness to any adults on campus. Enjoy the last semester of 6th grade! Always try new things, but most importantly have fun and don't let anyone change who you are or want to be. It is up to you. "Be yourself because everyone else is taken." – Oscar Wilde



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life

By: McKenna McConville

Hey 7th graders, today I am going to talk about 7th grade life and how fun it is to be a 7th grader. 7th grade to me is probably the best grade compared to 6th and 8th grade. By the time you get to 7th grade you know where every classroom is. So that is something about why I love 7th grade the most. I also think that 7th grade is a great year because you don't have to prepare speeches for your graduation day. In 7th grade you'll know what problems are, by the time you take tests and it will be a piece of cake. So 7th grade life is basically being a 7th grader at Balboa but loving the learning you just got taught by your teacher and having fun at the same time. Have fun in 7th grade and remember to keep a smile on your face and spread joy around the community and at Balboa Middle School. See you next time, have a great year!



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Life

By: Mariah Diaz

8th Graders, our last year at Balboa is slowly coming to an end! We have had an amazing three years here at BMS and we are super grateful for all of our teachers that have helped us throughout our years here. As 8th graders we have done so many different things here and they have all been pretty amazing. Some of us have made honor roll and if we make it 3 quarters in a row then we get to go on a field trip to Magic Mountain! This year we are also going on a court house field trip and we are going to learn about how the court system works. We also do the bottle rocket project in May in our science classes! We are all very sad to be leaving Balboa this year but we are also excited to see what's to come in high school!





# Student Highlights



## Estevan Friend

By: Terra Spears

This is Estevan Friend. He is 11 years old, and he is a 6th grader. He likes to play football and do martial arts. His favorite class is math, his math teacher is Redford, and his favorite place to eat is In-N-Out. He has 2 dogs, 3 cats, a chinchilla, also a snake! He has 2 sisters. If you ever see him around school, make sure you say hi!

## Grace Shannon

By: Shaye Joseph

Most 8th graders at Balboa play a sport or hang out with their friends, But Grace likes to volunteer at bird shelters and she even has a bird! One thing you should know about Grace is she does not like sports, she likes to sit at home and play video games like every other kid here at Balboa. There is one thing that gets her annoyed, and it is when people say literally in the wrong way. Her favorite movie is The Green Mile and she also listens to Rock music. Last her favorite subject in school is History with Mr. Chapin.



## Austin Benard

By: Conner Tidwell

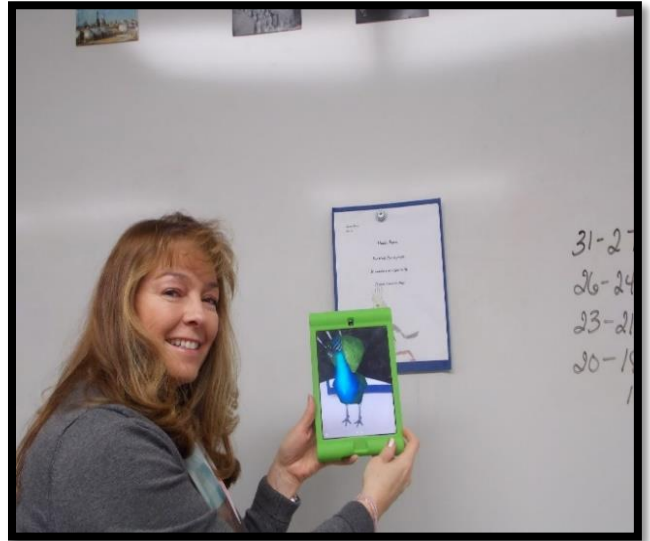
Austin is a 7th grader that is athletic. His favorite sport is baseball. He was a catcher and he liked to get people out. He likes to sleep and also likes playing Fortnite. He rides dirt bikes and his favorite food is sushi. Austin likes to eat food but he doesn't like to cook. If you see Austin, make sure you say Hi!

# Staff Highlights

## Mrs. Young

By: Joselynn Solis

Mrs. Young teaches History and World Geography for 7th and 8th grade. She has a B.A. & Masters degrees from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. She has been teaching for 17 years. Mrs. Young likes to make class fun by having banquets at the end of each quarter, mystery lessons, and raffles at the end of each month. She loves to spend time with her family and taking her golden retriever for walks. I was lucky enough to have her as my teacher in 7<sup>th</sup> grade!



## Mrs. Corsentino

By: Christian Villanueva

Mrs. Corsentino has been teaching for 8 years here at Balboa Middle School. She teaches Home Arts for 7th and 8th graders and Life Skills for 6th. She chose these subjects because she wanted to teach the kids how to sew and cook. In her free time Mrs. Corsentino likes spending time with her family and reading, traveling, hiking, and running with her kids. She is friendly, dedicated, and wants to keep helping and teaching students. She really loves teaching here at Balboa and wants to teach here for way longer, but as long as everyone is nice. So if you see her around give her a big smile!



## Mrs. Wilcox

By: Grace Morales

Hey Balboa Explorers. Hope that your last quarter is getting off to a great start! Mrs. Wilcox is one of the teachers at this school who teaches Math 8 and Math 8 honors. In her class, she helps you to excel in math by challenging you with a quiz every Friday. Every day at the beginning of class she does warm ups and checks homework. In this class she gives you the opportunity to make up the points that you've missed. She rewards good behavior, plays music in class, all so that you can better focus on your work. So, if you see her around, thank her for everything she does!





# Sport Highlights

## Dani Henley

By: Natalee Rico

Dani Henley is number 32 on the Balboa Girls Basketball team. Dani has been playing basketball since she was in second grade. Her favorite professional basketball team is the Golden State Warriors. Dani plays forward and loves it. She plans to play on a high school team in the near future. Her favorite thing about being on the Balboa Girls Basketball team is meeting new people and making connections with others. For the regular season the girls had 3 losses to Las Colinas, Soria, and Cabrillo Middle School. We will also know about the playoffs where they came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



## Don Regnier

By: Lainey Brown

Don is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader and was a part of Balboa's cross country team. He said "I love cross country because it helps to clear my mind and gives me a good happy feeling!" Don also enjoys hiking. His favorite place to go hiking is Solstice Canyon. He also does Tae Kwon Do and recently earned his black belt. He likes to stay active on the weekends by surfing, hiking, running and playing soccer. All in all Don is a dedicated athlete and member of the Balboa cross country team.



## Jadon Dubransky

By: Andie Buckingham

Jadon Dubransky plays point guard and shooting guard on the Balboa Middle School boys' basketball team. Jadon is number 2 and has been playing basketball since kindergarten. His favorite basketball team is the Los Angeles Clippers. Jadon's favorite thing about Coach Anter is that he is very good at motivating his players. His favorite sport is basketball and he plans to play on his high school basketball team. Jadon's favorite thing about being on the Balboa basketball team is that he gets to play with his friends and have fun. Jadon and the team have won almost every game except against Monte Vista.



## Basketball

By: Ryan Maquinalez

Once again the girls and boys Balboa basketball team had another great session again. Head coach Mr. Anter leading the boys and girls to a fantastic session. With girls coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the boys coming in 1<sup>st</sup>! Congratulations boys for coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place. The championship games happened at Rio Mesa. GO BALBOA!

## Emmie Fago

By: Amaris Luna

Emmie is a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader here at Balboa. She is on the Volleyball team, Basketball team, Field Hockey, and Cross Country. She just started playing volleyball and Field Hockey but has been playing basketball for five years and cross county for three years. Out of all of these sports her favorite is basketball, Her Favorite basketball team is the Golden State Warriors. On her free time she likes to play basketball and go to the beach.



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# Clubs



## Relay For Life

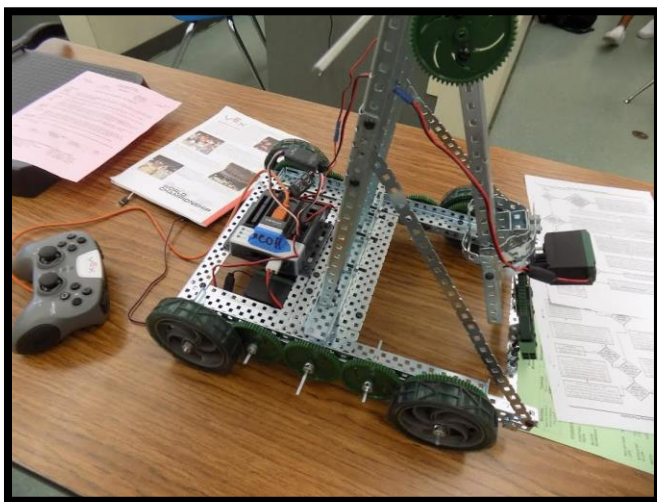
By: Shana Gelman

Relay for life is a club where you raise money for people who have cancer. In this club you sell things at break and lunch to help raise the money. So far they have sold stickers, squishes, and are selling more things soon. The teachers that are in charge of the Relay for Life club are Mr. Roth and Mrs. Neuman. There is only one field trip which is in May. At the field trip you get to spend the night at Buena, in the softball fields. When you're over at Buena you walk laps and raise money for cancer. I would recommend this club to anyone who likes to help raise money and help people in need!

## Drama Club

By: Charleen Leyba

Drama Club is a great way to meet new people and show your skills in singing and acting. They go on field trips to see other plays around Ventura County. They practice every week leading up to the final play at the end of the year. The staff that is in charge is Mrs. Layman and Mrs. Dudley. They do a lot of games to help your vocals and stage presence. I recommend Drama Club to people that like theatre or want to be actors, and also people who want to pursue jobs in theatre!



## Robotics Club

By: Dino Phan

The robotics club is about robotic. They meet on Thursdays at lunch in rm. 50 where you can build many robots in this club. If you like building/constructing things then this club can be for you. You can also build robots to go against each other with other students. Their first competition was in April, at R.J. Frank middle school in Oxnard.

# From Yearbook Staff



## Facebook and Instagram

Follow Balboa Middle School on Facebook and Instagram! Our Instagram is @BalboaYearbook and our Facebook is Balboa Yearbook. Also follow our school Basketball Page on Instagram, @BalboaBasketball

## Replay It

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 on [www.replayit.com](http://www.replayit.com). The yearbook staff will add them to the next years' yearbook.

## YouTube and Soundcloud

The yearbook staff posts weekly audio newscasts on soundcloud and monthly video newscasts on YouTube. Follow and subscribe to our channel The BMS Channel to stay updated on what's going on at Balboa.



## Yearbook and DVD

Yearbooks are selling out quick so make sure you buy one before they sell out. We also have a DVD yearbook of students and awesome clips of our happenings around school. It is shown at the end of the year.

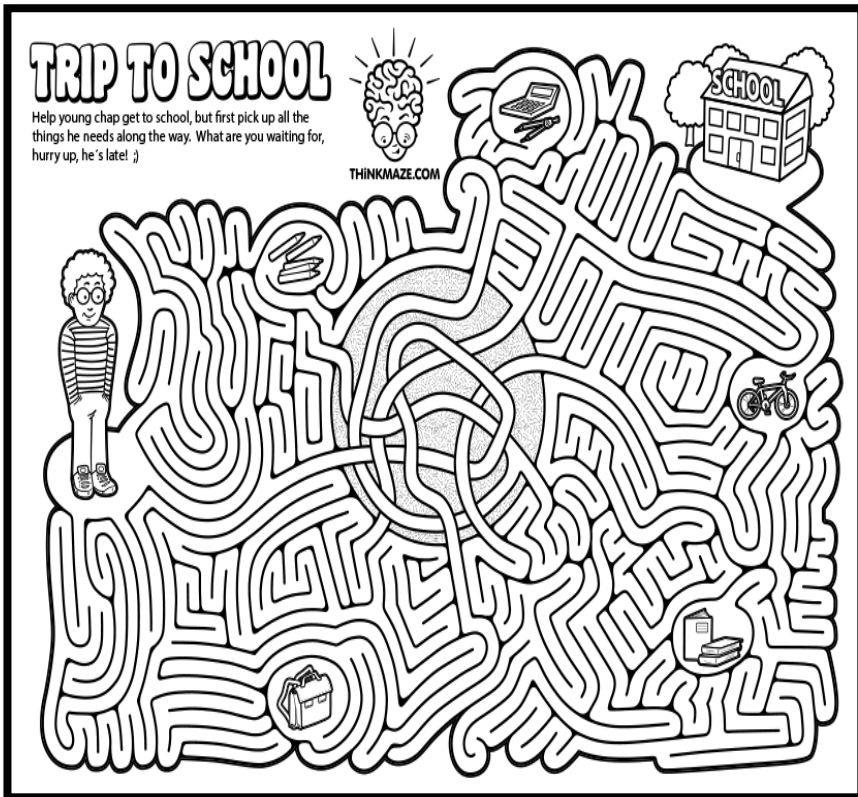


*Balboa Middle School Yearbook*





# Fun and Games



## Fun Facts!

- ~ A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- ~ It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- ~ Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- ~ Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- ~ A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

## Fun Riddles!

How do you get straight A's?

A: Use a ruler!

Why was the math book sad?

A: because it had too many problems!

What is the owl's favorite subject?

A: Owl-gebra!

What did the pen say to the pencil?

A: What's your point?

What do you call a bear with no shoes?

A: Bearfoot!

What's Forrest Gump's password?

A: 1forrest1

