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The New Kid In School

by Isabella Hammond

League Academy proudly introduces our new principal, Mrs. Mary Leslie Anderson. Anderson has been in education since 1999 serving as an ELA teacher, ELA coach, administrator, and now principal. I was able to talk with her and learn more about her goals for League as well as interesting facts about her.

Mrs. Anderson is focused on two things: students and the arts—a perfect combination for League if you ask me! Some things she has in store for the arts is that she wants to expand the possibilities for advanced students. Also, she wants to try to put the arts into everything we do. Arts integration has been proven to enhance students' learning and overall achievement.

Students are also very important to Mrs. Anderson. She is very student-driven, and I love that whatever I asked her, she just wanted to make it revolve around the students. She enjoys students and has always enjoyed school.

Some of her interests are reading, listening to music, and cooking. On weekends, she likes to go to the Saturday-morning farmers market, go for a run, and have her friends over for dinner. As a middle-schooler, I wondered what she was like in middle school. Our own Mrs. Anderson was a trouble maker. She loves to read, and in middle school she always had a book. One day in class, when she should have been paying attention, she was reading and got caught. Her teacher took her book and called her parent. Apparently her mom had suggested the book, and the teacher did not approve of the book! Mrs. Anderson didn't tell, but I wonder if she ever got back her book? Besides reading, she enjoys music. She listens to a lot of music but what she mostly listens to is Coldplay radio on Pandora, Justin Timberlake on Spotify, and classic rock on her iPod.

League is lucky to have Mrs. Anderson. There is a great future here for arts integration and for students!

Sunshine For Everyone!

by Charlotte Littlejohn

The tables have come in for our new patio! This furniture was purchased by our generous PTA with the money raised from magazine sales. We all deserve a little fresh air and outdoor dining.



above: Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Weaver (PTA)

left: Evan Comley, Carson Chin, Mrs. Ebert,
JJ Bunney, Toumani Jones

right: Madison Ward



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Music

"Shake It Off"

Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift describes her "hard-knocks" life in this new song. We learn she stays out too late, goes out on too many dates, and too worried about ugly comments. She tells that people are gonna do what they're gonna do, and don't worry about what they say.

With a simple electronic drum beat and a cold as ice saxophone harmony line, the song is fun to dance to and a good message to young girls who are too worried about peer pressure to live their own lives.

But, even with all that in mind, you've got to admit the song is a pretty big step back for Taylor. Swift has made her career in country songs about love and relationships, and now she's trying to turn into a hip-hop show girl. She throws in a random rap interlude and tells us of "This. Sick. Beat."

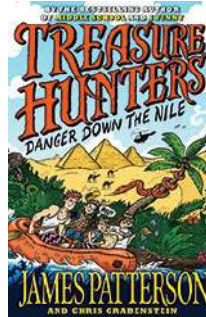
Overall, this catchy tune with a weird rap interlude will change Taylor's reputation and get you singing "Shake, shake, shake" all throughout 7th Period.

Jack and Mac's rating:



Jack and Mac's Reviews

by Jack DeRiso and Mac Wallace



Books

-Treasure Hunters book 2: Danger down the Nile by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

In the second book in the Treasure Hunters book series, the Kidd children are searching for the lost King Solomon's Mines. On their journey they will encounter many dangers including hippo attacks, pirates, evil treasure hunters, and even SCHOOL!

An easy read with a good story line, it's a good book for beginners to advanced readers. Throughout the book the Kidds are looking for the lost dad and kidnapped mom, this book really teaches that family is more important than money.

Jack and Mac's rating:



If you enjoyed this book, check out:

Treasure Hunters 1

House of robots

I Funny

Movies

Dolphin Tale 2

The newest version of the adaptation of events at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, an institution for marine animals in need in Clearwater, Florida was released on September 12, 2014. Starring Harry Connick, Jr., Morgan Freeman, Nathan Gamble, and Ashley Judd, the actors portray marine veterinarians, caring for dolphins, turtles, and others. In the movie, the main dolphin, Winter (taken in in first movie, lost her tail), is lonely after losing her closest friend. The veterinarians must find another dolphin to accompany her, or Winter will be disowned.

The movie is a moving family movie; however younger kids might need adult supervision, due to a few suspenseful scenes. The newest release of the Dolphin Tale movie series is a delight for all ages.

Jack and Mac's rating:



If you enjoyed this movie, check out:

Dolphin Tale

Free Willie



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Sixth Grade Experience

by Grace Wadas, Jayden Williams, and Zoe Ward

Remember the day that you first walked the halls of League? It felt new and intimidating, but was full of excitement and new experiences. For most of you, this was the first day of sixth grade. All throughout the year, you experienced new things, met new people, and grew as a person. All of this came to an end, and by that time, you were practically an expert. So what were your thoughts? How would you describe it?

After talking to several students, we noticed that all of their experiences were different, yet it all led back to similar and helpful advice. The 7th graders had lots to say about their experience, especially Olivia Younginer and Tre Henderson. Olivia says if she could change one thing about sixth grade it would be homework. "There's too much!" she says. According to Tre, seventh grade is better than sixth because it's more fun. Olivia says that if she could describe sixth grade in one word it would be "Chacos". (Yes, as in the shoes!) Olivia also tells us that her favorite part of sixth grade was lunch. While hers was simple, Tre's was much more "meaningful", it was when they took a trip to Carowinds for science. Tre's most important advice is "Don't hang out in the bathroom, Officer Duckett will come in there."

The eighth graders happen to have lots of experience. They are the "big dawgs." According to eighth grader Ariana Haylock sixth grade was very enjoyable, while Ben Gandy says that he thought that his sixth grade social studies class was one of the best things. After asking the question, "If you could change one thing about sixth grade what would it be?", he answered, "I met certain people", but Ariana said that her sixth grade year was overall enjoyable and she wouldn't change a thing about it. After all their experience in middle school, they would know everything there is to know about middle school and have the best advice for the new sixth graders. Ariana had some great advice and said that to be successful in middle school you need to make sure that you turn in all your work on time. Ben also had some great advice and said that you need to make sure that you study hard and prepare for seventh grade.



Ben Gandy posing for the camera

The sixth graders haven't had a very long time in middle school, but they had a lot to say about what they thought about their new school and new experiences as sixth graders. Joseph Martinez, Elijah Sullivan, and Kayleigh Martinez all agreed that sixth grade is okay. They say there's a lot of homework, but the teachers are easier to talk to, and they are better because there is more than one. The dress code, the homework, and the rules are all things that they would change about sixth grade. But they love the new experiences, for example the related arts, friends, switching classes, and the new trends that all come along with your first year of sixth grade. So far, they said sixth grade was okay but can't wait for seventh grade.



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Fall Bucket List

by Rachel Glynn & Ericka Diggs



- *Jump into leaves
- *Watch "Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin"



- *Pick apples at Skytop Orchard
- *Attend a Halloween party
- *Try pumpkin spice lattes
- *Visit a pumpkin patch
- *Have a bonfire and roast marshmallows



- *Get lost in a corn maze
- *Watch the leaves fall
- *Enjoy a pumpkin pie
- *Go to a haunted house
- *Visit Denver Downs
- *Go tailgating at a football game



- *Ride on a hayride
- *Carve a pumpkin
- *Eat dinner outside
- *Candy corn!!



- *Decorating for Fall
- *Go camping
- *Trick-or-Treating
- *Drink hot chocolate
- *Make a fall playlist



- *Collect fall-scented candles
- *Fall carnival
- *Go fall clothing shopping
- *Take artsy pictures



Best Costumes

Party City

1117 Woodruff Rd.,
Greenville, SC 29607

Children:

Girl Elsa- \$29.99

Boys Ninja Turtles- \$29.99

Girl Monster High Doll w/ Wig- \$34.99

Boys Batman The Dark Knight Rises- \$19.99



Teens:

Sassy Queen of Hearts- \$36.99

Mr. Incredible Muscle: The Incredibles- \$49.99

Classic Little Red Riding Hood- \$34.99

Captain America Muscle Classic- \$49.99



Adults:

Women Nerd- \$34.99

Men Spider-Man Partysuit- \$54.99

Women Car Hop 50s- \$29.99

Men Mob Boss- \$39.99



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The Impact Sports Bring

By Hailey Hirst and Kiara Rieder

Sports have a huge impact on people all around the community. From the park to the TV, you can see people playing sports almost anywhere you look.

One of the most popular sports is football. Football season starts in fall and ends in winter and has a huge effect on many people. There are many different football teams, all with their own unique mascots and colors. A sixth grader, Tee Spence, quoted, "My favorite football team is Clemson". Another sixth grader, Jack Henry, said his favorite football team is the "Steelers". Not only are there many different football teams, but many quarterbacks too. Two seventh graders from 7-4, Alex Weaver and Thomas Fridy, said that both of their favorite quarterbacks were Deshaun Watson. "He's like, really good at throwing and running," says Weaver.

To get off the topic of football, let's narrow the topic to League's volleyball team. The Lady Bulldogs finished the season Monday night on the 20th solid and strong. They worked as hard as they could and played an amazing game. They finished with a record of 11-2 and were undefeated in their region. Following volleyball, basketball tryouts are coming up very soon. League is looking forward to watching yet another great sports team play this season.



Q1: What has a foot but no legs?

Q2: Poor people have it. Rich people need

it. If you eat it you will die. What is it?

Q3: In a one-story pink house, there was a

pink person, a pink cat, a pink fish, a

pink computer, a pink chair, a pink

table, a pink telephone, a pink shower. Everything was pink! What color were the stairs?

Q4: What is the longest word in the dictionary?



What's on your playlist?

by Isabella. Hammond, Rachel Samuel, and Shakera Smith

Have you ever wondered about what people listen to? Do you wonder what the new pop music is? Look no further children! All The info of pop culture is right here! So won't you "Stay with Me" and read this article? You'll have one less "Problem".

In this edition we surveyed YOU about you're favorite kinds of music and bands. Your top five songs were:



5. Problem ~ Ariana Grande

4. Rude ~ Magic

3. Stay with me ~ Sam Smith

2. Shake it off ~ Taylor Swift

1. All About That Bass ~ Megan Trainor

The next thing we look at was the most popular bands. After looking through all the surveys we found that the most popular band was "One Direction". The second band was "5 Seconds of Summer". The third band was "One Republic". The fourth band was "Imagine Dragons" and the fifth most liked band was "Coldplay". One thing we found interesting is that most people put that "5 Seconds of Summer" is punk rock band. Its really is a pop band, but from what we have found its an inside joke.

We really hope this somewhat helped you in anyway. There were a lot of really good bands that we loved and so we have some bands and artist we would love for you to check out.

1. Paramore

2. Fall Out Boy

3. Ed Sheeran

1) a snail 2) nothing 3) a one-story has no stairs 4) smiles—there is a mile between the "s"



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New Season, New System

By: Sam Sharp, Clay Smith,
and Jackson Shelley

It's that time of year again, COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON! The only difference is there is no more BCS. For you guys who don't know what the BCS was, it was when the top two teams in the BCS poll play in the National Championship. In 2013, Notre Dame clearly didn't belong in the BCS National Championship. Alabama dominated the ball game in a 42-14 victory. Notre Dame had an easy schedule with an undefeated regular season. Alabama on the other hand, played the dominate SEC teams with one loss coming from the Texas A&M Aggies. Two years later the college football playoff was born. Starting in the 2014-2015 season, the top four teams at the end of the regular season in the AP poll compete in the playoff. The number one team plays the number four team and the number two team plays the number three team. The six bowls that were replaced by the college football playoff will rotate for the host of the semifinals. The bowls rotating are the Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, and Peach Bowl. This is a great new way to determine the best team in the country. **WHO'S IN?**



Karre Sellers

7th Grade: left

1. Auburn
2. Alabama
3. Florida
4. Florida State

John Henry Gifford

7th Grade: right

1. Texas A&M
2. Auburn
3. Florida State
4. Oregon



Editors' Picks

Top 25 AP Poll

PREDICTIONS

1. Florida State
2. Auburn
3. Baylor
4. Mississippi State
5. Alabama
6. Ole Miss
7. Notre Dame
8. Georgia
9. Texas Christian
10. Oklahoma
11. Michigan State
12. Oregon
13. Texas A&M
14. Arizona
15. Clemson
16. Ohio State
17. Oklahoma State
18. Kansas State
19. UCLA
20. East Carolina
21. Missouri
22. Stanford
23. Nebraska
24. South Carolina
25. Georgia Tech

AP Poll



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Outside the walls: ISIS and the Middle East

by Calvin Blessing

So, we've all heard of ISIS. Who are they? What do they want? Where are they? But one that really creeps into our minds is: are they a threat? So, I'm here to answer those questions. I'm here to find the results and to give the final say: is ISIS worth your attention?

Let's start with the basics: ISIS, or the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, is, as described, a group of Islamic extremists trying to control most of the Middle East through a theocracy, or religiously-based government. Their methods of doing this are extremely violent, including beheading two journalists and murdering thousands who refused to convert to Islam. The thing is, however, that they have captured several villages, including one in Turkey and one in Syria. They also have support in Spain and Jordan, which could lead to fighting there. It's just a problem of linking up the areas they control.

And then there's the big question: are they a threat? The answer is actually scarier than you'd think. Recent estimations show that ISIS has over 30,000 fighters in Iraq alone. It's also expected that ISIS has an unknown number in the thousands of extremists operating in countries like the US and Britain. The US department of homeland security is on a watch. Civilian casualties are beginning to number in the thousands, including several school bombings and mass murderings of Christians. ISIS is already a huge threat and is literally growing by the hour.

To sum it up, ISIS is definitely a threat. We will watch ISIS as this year continues, and, as the pentagon's official representative said: "This will definitely be a multi-year operation". It really depends on you, however: is ISIS worth your time to notice?



Upcoming Events:

Oct.27– Ribbon Week starts

Oct.28- Magnet Open House

Oct.30– Report Cards come out & Dodgeball Tournament

Oct.31- Ribbon week ends

Nov.3,5,6– Basketball Tryouts

Nov.11– Basketball Parents Meeting

Nov.14– Kona Ice & T-Shirt Day

**Nov.26-28:
Thanksgiving
Break**



Go Team Gray!

by Charlotte Littlejohn

If you haven't noticed, Mrs. Gray is no longer at League but has accepted a new challenge. She was here for the first week of school as our Media Specialist and then went on disability leave to fight a medical battle. Most students know Mrs. Gray well, but the new ones might not. They might not know that Mrs. Gray has ALS. ALS is a disease that affects muscles. The brain sends messages to the muscles, but they do not receive the message. ALS does not let the messages get to the recipient muscle, making it harder to tell your hand to write or your heart to pump.



Mrs. Gray's other challenge is as an advocate for the disease. She is working to raise money for a new center in Greenville to make the care of ALS easier and more convenient. It's called the ALS Center of Excellence. Wade Hampton High School begins its Spirit Week on October 25 to fundraise for this center. For more information about how you can participate, go to www.spiritweek.org.



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How to Be the Best for the Best

By Alexia Speaks

A friend is one of the greatest things in the world. But do you know how to make a friend? How to treat one? How to keep one? Most importantly, do you know how to be one? Well, in the dictionary's definition of a friend, a friend is a person who knows and likes another. This person favors and supports the other. League students gave their...

Top Ten Characteristics Of a Perfect Friend

1. **Exciting-** likes to try new things and is unique
2. **Helps with homework**
3. **Easy Going-** they don't get mad easily and don't care what people say.
4. **Not a bragger**
5. **Outgoing-** not shy; confident
6. **Easy to talk to about anything**
7. **There for you**
8. **They know when enough is enough**
9. **Awesome**
10. **Well-rounded**



All these are great qualities that a friend should have. A friend does things that you remember.

What's the best thing a friend has ever done for you? "My friend got me a sticker." Says Hudson Holmes. Doing something for a friend can be that simple or it can be way more complicated. For example, League's new principal, Mary Leslie Anderson says that the best thing that was ever done for her was, "When my father passed and I was a teacher, other teachers working with me, helped me cover my classes and stay on top of my work." Even though these acts of kindness differ in many ways they both have one thing in common. They are both gifts from the heart.

So are you being the best for the best?



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League Academy Word Search

H C E T R E T U P M O C K E E
Y H G G P B H S A K K C Y S T
M A J Y A E T G O I A E C G A
P L D N B R N O M L S U H O C
R L D O O E B Z B O N G O D I
Z E D P T R X D N E A A U L N
C N S R A N N T W U R E R L U
M G R E A A O S I W T L U U M
C E Y S D M P S U D S Q S B M
G Z A E O A A V D A N C E P O
Q L R R P S T R I N G S M U C
S S R E E X P L O R A T O R Y
T O R N O S R E D N A H C S C
W E T A E R C N H P A I O K K
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ANDERSON
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STRINGS

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EXPLORATORY
LEAGUE
REDANDBLACK
YEARBOOK