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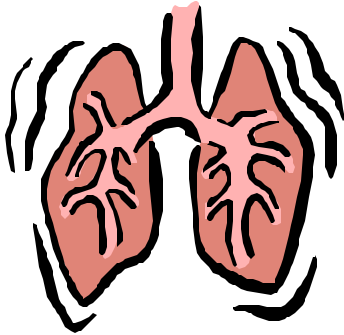
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The Buzz



The Big Story: "Asthma" by Stephanie Arroyo & Dora Lepsch

This month's big story is on asthma. Many people do not know a lot about this major lung disease. Asthma affects over 15 million people throughout the United States. About 5 million out of the 15 million people that have asthma are children. Unfortunately, about 14 people die each day in this country from asthma.

Asthma makes the sides of the lungs swell. It reacts to things like dust, smoke, pets, perfume, and pollen. Many people do not control their asthma and

that can cause many problems in the long run. Some of these problems consist of missing work, school, and activities. Some of the symptoms are coughing, wheezing, chest tightness or shortness of breath. You could be hospitalized or even die. An asthmatic always has to watch for the above symptoms, if any of these symptoms occur he/she should act quickly.

Asthma can be controlled if you take care of it properly. When people have a problem trying to control their asthma, doc-

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Vinny's Views

One thing that has come up a lot during these past couple of months is how kids in the junior high are acting in some of their classes. The kids are getting rowdy and they have become loud. In a lot of cases, the teachers are having a very hard time teaching the things that we all need to learn in order to pass our exams.

Also, we have all been put in the situation to have a foreign teacher come in to our building where she could bring in a new culture and teach us new and exciting things. We really have blown this chance. We have embarrassed ourselves as a school and also Mr. Hoffman. We have acted irresponsibly and did not fully use this chance that we have been given. As an effect of these actions, the Fulbright Foundation will probably never give us the chance to have such a great opportunity again.

All in all, I think that everyone has to control him or herself in a better way. We also have to start paying more attention to our schoolwork and in the second half of the year do better for ourselves. Exams will be coming up soon and they will be hard to pass without some help. Please, I urge you all to do the things we can do to make this school a better place.



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tors can help. People with asthma have to work with their doctors every six months. Asthmatics should always take the medicine their doctor prescribes for them. Even though people may be able to control their asthma it cannot be cured.

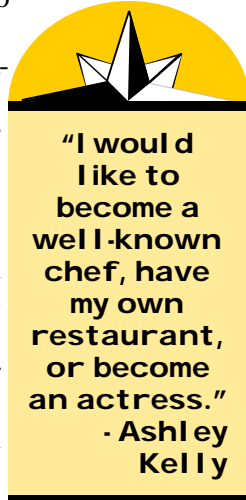
Some people may use inhalers too much. If you need to use your quick relief inhaler more than two times per week, if you awake during the night because of asthma, more than two times per month, and/or if you need to refill your quick relief inhaler more than two times per year then you may need controller medication for your asthma. Many people use their inhaler when other medicines would be better. Be sure to talk to your doctor.

In case of an attack, asthmatics can use an abeutorial puffer. Another kind of puffer is called Advair. Also, something that helps them to check their breathing is called a breathing meter. A breathing meter is used by blowing into it and the air forces the meter to register the amount of air on a scale. These devices help us deal with asthma much better than people in the past.

Asthma is hereditary, which means it runs in families. Allergies can also trigger asthma. Around age 20, symptoms may reappear even after years of no symptoms. About 50% of children outgrow asthma during adolescence. No one can build up a tolerance to any medications for asthma.

The Peace Bridge also affects asthma. The gas fumes from the semi trucks pollutes the air and it bothers people’s asthma. Dust in old heating systems and houses also increases the impact of asthma.

In conclusion, everyone needs to be made aware of and be concerned about asthma, even if they don’t have it, because you may develop it or need to help someone you love deal with it.



ERIC VELAZQUEZ “7th Grade Student of the Month” by Kaysha Laureano

Q. Why do you think you are student of the month?

A. I do all of my work.

Q. Do you like school and why?

A. No because it is too long.

Q. Do you have a favorite subject? If so, what is it?

A. Yes. I like gym best of all because you can do what you want.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Playing video games.

Q. What is your average?

A. 90.3

Q. How do you feel about being student of the month?

A. I feel great.



ASHLEY KELLY “8th Grade Student of the Month” by Adrianna Aviles

Q. Why do you think you are student of the month?

A. I think that I am student of the month because I do all my work.

Q. What do you like about school #3?

A. Seeing my friends.

Q. What is your favorite subject?

A. Social Studies

Q. What was your average for the 1st quarter?

A. 89.3

Q. What are some of your hobbies when you’re not in school?

A. Playing soccer, reading, and shopping.

Q. What are your goals in life?

A. I would like to become a well-known chef, have my own restaurant, or become an actress.

Q. Do you like coming to school?

A. Not all the time.

Q. What do you want people to remember you by?

A. My attitude.

Q. What high schools did you apply to?

A. Emerson and City Honors.

“A Day In The Life of Mrs. Snyder”

by Stephanie Arroyo

The newspaper caught up with Mrs. Snyder. Instead of following her around she preferred that the newspaper interview her. These are the questions that we asked and the answers that she gave.



Q: Did you always want to be a teacher?

A: I had a chemistry teacher who told me that I would be a good teacher.

Q: What schools did you go to so that you would become a teacher?

A: D’Youville and Buffalo State. I also graduated from school #72.

Q: What is your favorite thing to teach in science?

A: I like to teach chemistry.

Q: What grades did you teach before?

A: High school Bio.

Q: What schools did you teach at before?

A: Riverside, school 71, school 65, school 63 and here.

Q: Are you in any other clubs outside of school?

A: I play the hand bells in church the group is called the Tollers.

Q: How long have you been teaching for?

A: I started in 1977 (26 years).

She also likes teaching the 7th and 8th grades. She likes teaching those grades because she said that the students are still excited to be in school. She likes to do “hands on” science. Also she has two children a daughter who is 22 and is studying to be a Librarian and a 17-year-old son, who is a senior in high school and 3 cats. She likes school #3 because the students are generally respectful. Also, the students help each other. She also thinks that the staff is cooperative which you do not find everywhere. That’s the information on Mrs. Snyder.

“Dear Pierre” by ?

Dear Pierre,

I have a boyfriend. He is so nice and I really like him but I think he likes other people. What should I do? Or am I just upset because he has some friends who are girls.

Upset

Dear Upset,

Maybe you should talk to your boyfriend and ask him one on one if he’s messing with other people. If he is your boyfriend, you should be able to trust him, and it’s only natural to suspect him messing with other girls.

Dear Pierre,

I have a friend who flirts with me a lot. I am worried because he’s like family. What should I tell him and how?

Worried

Dear Worried,

You say this kid is like your brother, right? If he’s like your brother, you should be able to tell him in an understanding way to stop and let him know to chill out.

“the students are still excited to be in school”
- Mrs. Snyder

“Kudos”

- ** The Honor Roll for 2nd Quarter: Marisol Gomez, Courtenay Choczynski, Martika Jones, Dora Lepsch, Michael Reyes, Alyssa Bradley, Eric Velazquez, Vincent Caito, Samantha Waddell, and Nolan Arroyo
- ** All of the Leaders in Training who performed in and worked on the “Black History Month” play.
- ** Mr Gorney’s Health class for their good behavior
- ** The Student Council for doing face painting to raise money for Children’s Hospital
- ** All of the Flag Football teams for their sportsmanship.
- ** All of the eighth graders who went to see the play Oliver at Performing Arts. They behaved beautifully and were so proud to be with them.
- ** The Student Council for working so hard on the Valentine’s Day Dance



"State of the School " by Mrs. Pizzaro

COLD, COLD, COLD: My kingdom for a week in the Bahamas. It has been 21 weeks of school, almost 100 (days), and we are starting in on the second semester.

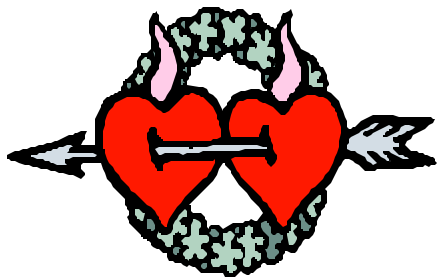
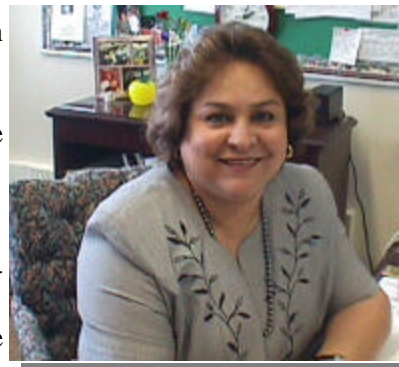
The Tera Nova test scores came in and our 1st to 5th graders did a wonderful job. However, grades 6, 7th 8th are still struggling and had a slight drop, with only 30% if the student scoring in the higher levels of 3 and 4. On the other hand, the 5th grades did a great job on the State Social Studies Test, with 80% of the students scoring in the higher levels of 3 and 4.

Our 8th grade students have just completed the State English Language Arts (ELA) and Science ESPET Test. We are hoping that they did better than last year. Especially since our students and staff have worked so hard to meet the NYS Standards. On February 10th and 11th the 7th and 8th grades took their math

mid-term Exam. In the week of February 3rd, the 4th grade will take the ELA state reading test. As you can see, we are very busy.

Our attendance has been very good, even in these frozen mornings our students have come to school ready to work.

We would like to thank our students, staff and parents for all the hard work they have done to make this a successful year here at school #3. We will continue to provide the best possible education to all our students.



"Valentines Dance" by Samantha Waddell

On Friday, February 14, 2003 there was a Valentine's Dance here at D.P.C.S#3. The dance began at 6:30 p.m. and ended at 9:00 p.m. The tickets were \$2.00 per person. Students from grades 7th and 8th were invited. Students were allowed to bring one guest with them. DJ Joey and Chaz provided the music. For an additional charge of \$2.00, the PSA took Polaroid photos.

In order to come to the dance several rules needed to be followed.; no outer-wear was allowed in the gym, all coats had to be checked at the door, and everyone needed a ticket. Everyone was allowed to bring one guest per person, as long as they were not older than 9th grade. There were about 100 people there. Some students who had previously attended DPCS#3 were there. The DJs played a bunch of different music. Teachers and some parents chaperoned. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

"Flag Football " by Chris Aris

The flag football season got off to a great start and finish this year. It was a good year for football. The teams played and practiced in gym and outside of school. The teams had a lot of talent. On some teams the rookies stepped up to take the spotlight from the veterans. Mr. Gorney and Mr. Chris said that no spectators were allowed in the gym while the games were going on. If you were not playing, you had to get out! People were allowed to watch the Super Bowl.

The season was great and the playoffs were fantastic! The Super bowl this year was Spectacular. There was a toilet bowl this year for the worst teams. The team that won the toilet bowl was the Lakers. They beat the Rams. After all of the playoff games, the Vikings and the Destroyers played the Super Bowl on Thursday, February 27. Angel Castro's team, The Vikings, won and became the champions of School #3. Congratulations!



"Star of the Month"

by Martika Jones

This month Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes is the star of the month. Lisa was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 27, 1971. As a child, Lisa's ear for music exhibited by the age of 5, when she received a toy piano for Christmas. Even though the piano was just a toy she actually played songs on the instrument. Lisa impressed both family and friends. Growing up as the big sister to her brother and a sister, she often entertained them with stories she wrote.

In 1992, Lisa moved to Atlanta to focus on pursuing a music career. Shortly after arriving in Atlanta, she met two ladies who soon became her best friends. Together Lisa, Tionne and Rozonda formed a hip hop group that quickly captured the attention and the hearts of the world, TLC. In the group Lisa was the one who rapped and the other two were the R&B singers.

Lisa was not just a rapper/singer she also played in movies or appeared in other things. The type of things she played in are the Cut which is a TV series and House Party 3.

Lisa died on April 26, 2002, in a car accident. She lived a short, but good and healthy life.

"Entertainment News"

by Adrianna Aviles

In this edition of Entertainment News, I am going to talk about the new hit TV show EVERWOOD. Everwood stars Gregory Smith as Ephram Brown, Emily Vancamp as Amy Abbott, Tom Amandes as Dr. Harold Abbott, Debra Mooney as Edna Harper, John Beasley as Irv Harper, Chris Pratt as Bright Abbott, Mike Erwin as Colin Hart, Vivian Cardon as Delia Brown, and Treat Williams as Dr. Andrew Brown. This show is very good because it deals with real issues in real families. Brown was an ex brain surgeon who was the best. His wife died while on her way to their son's recital. Before she died they talked about where they would go if one died. She told him Everwood, Colorado. He would have to leave behind his rich clients. When she died, he moved to Everwood. Ephram and Dr. Brown do not have a good relationship because he was never around for him. Amy has this boy friend Colin. He has been in a coma for four months. When Ephram came to school, Amy became his friend so that his dad would operate on him. Bright is the bully in school. He is also Amy's brother and Colin's best friend. After Dr. Brown treated Colin, he came back to school. Amy sort of forgot about Ephram. Colin wanted to be Ephram's friend because he was new and he did not expect anything from Colin. This is a very good show in my opinion.



Adrianna's rating  5 chili peppers out of 5.

Hoffman's Hotline

Hi everyone,

I know in my first few reports I was telling you how different everything here is. Well this one is the complete opposite. I have been here long enough now for the culture shock to have worn off. When I first arrived, the streets, the food, the heat, the stores, the trees, the houses, and everything seemed strange to me. It was very different. Now it all seems normal to me. The way people do things here is sometimes not like at home, but it all seems pretty normal to me now. Well, actually better than normal. I really like it. It feels like home to me. I still get a shock every once in a while though. Like the other day when I was walking out from my school and all of the sudden there was a 3 foot long lizard there right next to me. It really scared me at first. I don't know if I will ever get used to the big bugs here either, but it's all part of living in the tropics. It was strange to have Christmas, and January and February without snow or cold. Weird feeling, but nice. But really, seeing the trees that have huge roots growing out from the branches, and the fruit on the trees that I don't recognize and all the great and unique things about this place just makes this such a great experience. I would never be able to have all these experiences if I didn't speak Spanish. It really is a great opportunity I wish you could all experience some time. Well, even though I teach Spanish, I have learned a lot about the language and culture so far this year. I hope to come home and find that your Spanish has improved too. Take care and drop me a line if you want.

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“Horoscopes” by Ayla Ruiz, Stephanie Arroyo and Krystal Agosto

Capricorn - December 22 - January 20: Time flies when you're having fun, but take some time to chill this weekend.

Buzz word: chill

Aquarius - January 21 - February 18: Strong Jupiter is rising, the yearly sign of hope. The dreams that you have been having will come true so keep dreaming.

Buzz word: dream

Pisces - February 19- March 20: Pluto is in your horizon. The stars say you can't loose. So make your move and go for your goal.

Buzz word: goal

Aries - March 21- April 19: Be careful your so-called best friend is not being truthful. Don't listen to gossip, even from a friend.

Buzz word: judgment

Taurus - April 20- May 20: Be nice to everyone around you. You never know you might need them.

Buzz word: kindness

Gemini- May 21- June 20: This month be a leader, not a follower. Followers don't get anywhere.

Buzz word: leader

Cancer- June 21- July 22: Calm down with looking for someone special. Keep your options open, Mr. or Mrs. Wright is coming soon.

Buzz word: single

Leo-July 23- August 22: Today is not your lucky day so try your best to be relaxed. “What does not kill you will make your stronger.”

Buzz word: endurance

Virgo - August 23- September 22: Love doesn't cost a thing. Keep giving and you will never run out.

Buzz word: generosity

Libra - September 23- October 22: Do something around the house to earn extra cash. You might want to see a movie.

Buzz word: weekend

Scorpio - October 23- November 22: Try harder in gym because you. Physical exertion will make you look your best

Buzz word: exercise

Sagittarius - November 22- December 2: Think over what you want to do with your life. Your stars have great things in store for you, if you plan.

Buzz word: future