

What's The Buzz?

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St. Patrick School



Confirmation Comes Again for our Friend, Penny

By: Emily

As you know, most of the eight graders were confirmed in November of last year. Penny Weiler, however, made her Confirmation this spring!

She was confirmed on Sunday, April 13 in Mount Prospect. She wasn't confirmed with her classmates because she was in Canada receiving a scholarship for her Highland Dance.

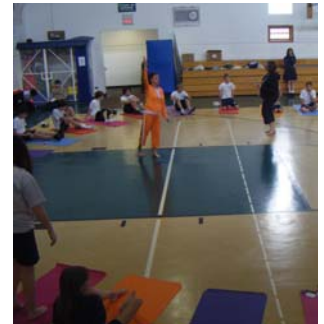
Congratulations Penny!



Sun Salutations to All! By: Nikki Roy

When you usually think of gym, you think of games like dodge ball or basketball. Well, Mrs. Ayers decided to spice things up a little and is teaching the Jr. High yoga in gym. So far it has been getting rave reviews from boys and girls alike. 8th grade girls can be heard saying things like "I'm so relaxed right now! It really works!", or "I liked that a lot!". The class is being taught by Hedi Drossler, a friend of Mrs. Ayers. Her clear directions make yoga relaxing and easy to un-

derstand, along with her soothing and fun playlist. If you would like to take a class over the summer with the YogaKids program, you can call 224-406-1815 or email her at bhdrossler@yahoo.com. Sheets with more information can be found with Mrs. Ayers.



6th Graders Made a *Splash* at the Dance By: Anna

On Friday, April 11th, the first 6th grade dance took place. The 7th and 8th graders also attended, and everyone crammed into the Old Church basement. For a small fee of five dollars, the Junior High students could have a fun night dancing with their friends. Because

the dance theme for the night was 'beach', the basement was decorated with starfish and students wore leis. Several people dressed accordingly in swim trunks and flip flops. The 6th graders were excited to be there and had a great time!



Dear Abby

Dear Abby,

Help me! I have a serious case of the summer blues. I'm getting really tired of waking up every morning and coming to school. I feel really bad about it, but sometimes a kid just wants to sleep in! Is there anything I can do to be a little more "peppy"? I know school's almost over, but it doesn't feel like it is. Please help.

Sincerely,
Summer Lovin'

Dear Summer Lovin',

First of all, this feeling is completely normal and you don't have to feel bad about it. Everyone every once in a while wishes for summer to hurry up. It probably doesn't feel like summer because it's still cold out. Luckily for us we're seeing more and more temperatures in the 60s. Plus if you look at the calendar, there is no denying summer is well on its way. Just think of the time now as a chance to be with your friends and teachers a little more. You probably

won't get to see them much over the summer so cherish the memories and times you have with them now. Middle school flies by so enjoy every minute of it if you can!

Sincerely,
Abby

Cougar Strikes Officer; But Should Cougar be Shot? By: Thea and Amanda



"Awwwww" was the first thing we said after reading an article about this vicious attack.

Boulder County's Jeremy Kocar shot down the dangerous cougar on October 7th. Kocar's dog was being mauled by a cougar, but didn't die; he miraculously jumped back up after being attended to. Jeremy Kocar's wife Angela noticed that something was going on outside, but she didn't expect to see her dog fighting a cougar. She ran inside to protect her children, and after doing

that went to her cell phone to dial 911 for help. Jeremy Kocar protected his dog very well by shooting the cougar, but ended up getting many bruise and 50 stitches. Many neighbors thanked the Kocar's for shooting the cougar, but many people disagree with his decision, because they thought it was a beautiful animal. They have now installed cameras in places that cougars are usually found. They are called Cougar Cameras!

Our honest opinion is he made a bad decision on

shooting the cougar because we think it was a beautiful animal. The Cougar Camera is a good idea because it will help us keep track of the cougars and it might help with any other problems in the neighborhood. Also, it helps to keep everybody safe so they don't get badly injured or killed.

Presidential Election By: Kelly and Brittany



McCain works on his campaign.

This year it has been a very close race between our 3 candidates for president, John McCain, Barack Obama, and Hilary Clinton. With many close calls between Obama and Clinton, Obama is just a tad bit ahead of Clinton. McCain has been the republican candidate since Huckabee drop out of the race. We are yet to find out

who will be representing the democratic side. Either Clinton or Obama would make a big difference in history because if Clinton wins she would be the female president but if Obama wins he would be the first African American president in history. We hope America makes a good decision for our country's next president.



The Democrats continue to battle it out.

Happy Spring!

Interview With Mrs. Ortega, Teacher of the Week! By: Thea and Amanda

What do you like about your job?
"I like working with kids."

Who are your best friends in the Junior High?

"The person I would hang out with is Ms. Smith but the one I learn the most from is Mrs. Jennings."

Where did you grow up?
"I grew up in Mundelein."

How many siblings do you have?
"I am an only child."

Do you have any pets?

"I have a pet beagle named Homer."

What's your favorite childhood memory?

"My favorite childhood memory was when I went to Disneyworld with my family, but they let me bring a friend."

What's your most embarrassing memory?

"I fell off my sacred stool my first year here."

Who was your celebrity crush when you were younger?

"My celebrity crush when I was younger would have to be any boy on the New kids on the Block."

How did your husband propose?

"He took me to a musical called the Phantom of the Opera. After it was over he then proposed."

If you could change one thing about you, what would it be?

"I would probably make myself taller."

Who do you think was the nicest student?

"I think Nikki Roy was the nicest student."

If you could change to another subject to teach what would it be?

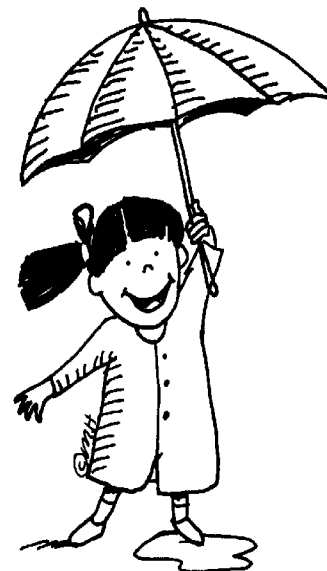
"I would like to switch to math for only one day."

What's your favorite food?

"My favorite food is Cinnamon Rolls, but I also love grilled cheese and cereal."

What's your favorite shape?

"My favorite shape is probably a circle."



"Leatherheads" Scores a Touchdown in Terms of Laughs

By: Lauren

Leatherheads premiered recently and has been making headlines since. The movie was set in 1925 with Dodge Connely's (George Clooney) amateur football team. To help his team gain some momentum, he invites football pro and popular war hero Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski) to play with them. The whole thing is a

disaster as Rutherford and Connely butt heads and battle for the affections of Lexie Littleton (Renee Zellweger). All in all, the movie was really fun and entertaining. Clooney and Zellweger have great chemistry, which really helped to make the movie flow. I would recommend this movie to anyone interested in a few laughs.



"Office" Makes an Awkward Comeback By: Lauren

Since the writers' strike ended, we've all been waiting to watch our favorite shows again. On Thursday, the first new episode of *The Office* premiered. In the episode, Michael and Jan host a "couples" dinner party for Jim and Pam. After Andy and Angela joined them, Dwight and his babysitter in-

vited themselves over, much to Jan's dismay. The night ends with everyone feeling awkward and the police at their door.

The episode seemed to flow well, but the plot line progressed rather slowly. It had its funny moments, but overall it was quite dull. The character development also

seemed a bit off, with Jan's hysterical crying and her obsession with her former secretary's band. I hope the show continues to get better with each new episode.



Bush and the War By: Erica

President Bush believes that we should win the war in Iraq. Since the loss of 3,992 American military men and women in Iraq, and more than \$500 billion committed to fighting the war, it is difficult for troops to leave Iraq.

"No one would argue that this war has not come at a high cost in lives and treasure. But those costs are necessary when we consider the cost of a strategic victory for our enemies," Bush told one of the soldiers. "However, we have been in this war for way too long," he added.

Spring Word Search

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april

colorful

green leaves

memorial day

rain

april fools

easter

march

mothers day

spring

birds

flowers

may

new life