

Team Independence Newsletter

Hello Students

By: Soad Mana

This is the first of the two newsletters that will be published this school year. I, the editor, would like to thank the people who helped write this newsletter. I would like to thank Michell Romero and Samantha Eby for taking a few moments of their time to write the articles. I would also like to thank Mrs. Gorlewski for assisting us to writing the newsletter. Hopefully, you can enjoy this newsletter.

Classes

By: Samantha Eby

Language Arts- We're going over grammar such as punctuation, spelling, and vocabulary. Between Current Events and bits out of the newspaper, we keep updated on what is going on in the world. As for reading, classes are reading books such as The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, To Kill a Mockingbird, and others.

Science- There are around 110 elements in the periodic table; thankfully we are only working with about 30 of the elements. Blowing in lime water, making fire pop, and making fire out of an ember are just a few labs we have done this. Mrs. Gentry also has classes doing exciting activities like debating and watching Diet Coke explode up to ten feet in the air.

Social Studies- Mr. Link had kept us busy learning about the Industrial Revolution, railroads, U.S. immigration, reformers, segregation, and the great strides of women during the Progressive Era. We've also learned how Constitutional Amendments and Supreme Court cases have affect our world today.

Math- We are very glad to have Mrs. Gallagly back after she had a cute baby boy. Some of us are learning the slope-intercept form, while others are learning how to simplify algebraic expressions. Also, if you're in algebra, Mr. Rabidue has started Math Counts. If you are interested in being in Math Counts, the first meeting is on December 1st.

Explore Tests

By: Samantha Eby

Explore tests scores are in. They will be mailed with the progress report. Explore testing shows teachers, counselors, and parents how prepared you are in areas like math, English, reading, and science. Placement in the high school won't begin till January, but for now teachers must prepare us for the jump to the high school.

BSMS Sports

Here at Belvidere South Middle School, we are very proud of our athletic programs. As we all know, we recently ended a few great fall sports including football, cross country, and volleyball. The 8th grade volleyball team, coached by Mrs. Palmer, placed 4th in the conference. Their season ended last month. We are currently in the middle of boys' basketball season. The eighth grade team is coached by Mr. Duran. So far, the eighth graders have won five games and lost two. We wish them the best of luck with the rest of this season! Cheerleading and pom seasons, which began last spring, are going pretty well. Some upcoming sports to look forward to are wrestling and girls' basketball. In the spring, track season will be starting up again. Remember to stay involved and have fun.

A Student's Poem

By: Soad Mana

A student on Team Independence wrote a poem and submitted it to poems.com. The Internet site liked her poem so much, that they put it on the first page of a book. The book was filled with poems submitted to the Internet site. The book is Twilight Musings and the student who wrote the poem is Katie Wiegartz. Congratulations Katie. Her poem's title is "What We're Here For." Here is her poem.

"What We're Here For"

I see you looking,
Looking at me,
Well tell me,
Do you like what you see?
I'm not your average,
Ordinary girl.
I tell it like it is,
I don't hold nothing back,
So if you try to hurt me,
You better watch your back.
Because I'll retaliate,
No matter how much I hate

To hurt other people.

I think it's fate,

If we can make,

Someone's life meaningful.

What else are we here for?

To take up space?

We're here to learn,

To live,

And to help others.

Jokes and Cartoons

By: Soad Mana

Q: What do you call it when two dandelions get married?

A: A weeding!

Q: What kind of key doesn't open a lock?

A: A monkey!

*Did you know that Zorro was the first superhero the U.S. had?

*Did you know that there is no word in that rhymes with orange, silver, purple, or month.

*Did you know that a sneeze comes out of your nose and mouth at 100 mph?

