



Peace Weekly

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

This is the third news paper Peace Valley School has written. Many events have happened since the first copy was sent out. The students have done a lot of projects, have had a lot of meetings, cooked a lot of food, and overall participated in many activities here at school. They were not able to write about every amazing and entertaining moment that has happened at this wonderful school, but they have done a decent job highlighting the major events. Watching each unique student’s approach of participating and contributing to the community of the school has been interesting learning experience for me. Ross says that it has been a great week and he has felt the community strengthen. The math kids have decided to work on math to improve their math skills by learning more math and improving their math knowledge. Fun fact: A group of butterflies is called a kaleidoscope. Anywhooodles, I hope that the weather is treating all of you well and that you enjoy this holiday season! Next week there will not be a newspaper because we will be preparing for the Gala. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Your sick, sleepy, resilient (docious) editor,

Sophia James

Side note: This news paper was primarily made by three people. It was insanely stressful. Please appreciate the hard work that went into collecting all of this information together. Ross, Fiona, and Sophia are the hard working whippersnappers who put their blood, sweat, and tears into this thing. Remember to be nice to fellow humans and take care of your basic human needs. Try not to get to stressed over the break. :)

WINTER GALA

By: Ross Abel

December 21st is the Winter Solstice, which is exactly when we will be holding our Winter Solstice Gala. This will be at the Evergreen Museum Campus and will serve the purpose of showing off and celebrating everything we’ve learned. The students will arrive at the Evergreen Museum at 1:00 PM, driven by their parents. As for other attendees, the Gala will begin at 6:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM.

One of the things we are doing in preparation for this, is designing and making the centerpieces. As of Monday, December 4, 2017, we have started taking photos of what we think will make a good addition. This way, we can make sure to stay under the budget and make everything look pretty.

The jazz band is an 18-piece band called Second Winds Community Band. They will also have swing dancers available to teach dancing. As for student projects, there will be a wing available so that you can view our dollhouse project. The dollhouse will be finished by the 16th of December, and we hope you enjoy seeing the project that Sophia, Fiona, and I worked on.

If you want to see these beautiful centerpieces (which will be accompanied by jazz music, swing dances, and a raffle) make sure to get a ticket! Prices start at \$65 and include dinner, drink, a raffle ticket, dancing, and the opportunity to see all our students’ lovely projects. We hope to see you there!

THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS MADE

By: Ross Abel

Each person has a different way of learning, which is something that should be recognized within the school system. Recognizing and accommodating different learning styles is a big part of Peace Valley, but another part of learning is learning how to make sure we are safe.

To ensure safety and order we decided to make a code of conduct by ourselves. We met up and decided how to do this and what to include in a morning meeting. This code was inspired by noticing how adults reacted to a group of children in public. We saw that we tended to take up the whole aisle, and we wanted to become more self-aware. It was agreed upon by all the students to make it so the rules were rational.

This code of conduct includes such things as using “I Statements”, which is when you format your statements to say, “When you __, I _____.”; attempting not to immediately assume things; ask before touching others; staying on target’ do your own work; when trying to comfort others, don’t take offense if someone rejects you. These all will help



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ROBERT

For Language Arts we did some creative writing. This required us to do at least five paragraphs of a story, which we all did by the deadline. We used a generator that gave us the genre of the story, at least one of the characters, the concept, and one object we had to include. Each of us used it for our story, as that was part of the requirement.

This story is written by our editor, Sophia James. She did an amazing job thinking outside of the box, and we all enjoyed her story. We hope you do too!

It was a Friday afternoon and Robert was walking home from work. Robert's round face was creased from his constant scowling, his head was balding, and he had a small mustache. He resembled a human wall, as he was blocky and often obstructed pathways. People tended to avoid running into him because of his mood and large build. Robert was wearing his big, black, button-up coat and rainboots. He also carried a medical bag.

Robert hated his job. He despised walking home from work. It was a nuisance, especially in the rain. Today it was raining. This made Robert even more distressed and moody than he already had been.

"How incredibly irritating this is," Robert muttered to himself as he walked around a corner.

Robert wasn't paying attention to where he was walking and tripped. He wasn't very good at walking and tripped often. A child stood nearby holding a small toy giraffe. Robert glared at the small boy, wondering if the stupid thing had tripped him. He snatched the toy away from the little boy. Then he yelled at the annoying little thing. Just then, the child's mother came out of the store they were standing by. The small boy was crying at this point. The angry mother looked up at Robert and hit him with her purse. She grabbed the giraffe and her child. She put them both in her bag. Then she stomped off, yelling insults the whole time. Robert was very upset. He hated being upset. His day was going horribly. He plopped down on a bench. A car drove by and splashed Robert's shoes. Robert yelled at the car. He hated cars. He noticed a small girl running towards him. She was wearing the most run-down outfit Robert had ever seen. She stopped, facing him, and started to speak.

"Hello. Can you help me? How are you today?" She asked quickly.

Robert scowled at her. Her voice was high pitch and annoying.

"Today is going horribly. Now my day is even worse because I have seen your ugly face," Robert said under his breath.

She looked at Robert.

"Oh...I'm sorry."

"If not for you, my day may have been a little bit better," He snarled.

She sighed and looked down.

"My father isn't doing well sir. I think he's dying. You looked like a doctor...and I was wondering if you could help him."

Robert was a doctor. He hated children. He also hated dying people and sick people. He would never help some random child's father. Unless they had money. Robert loved money. It was one of the few things Robert liked.

"Will he pay me?" Robert asked.

"Yes! Well...I'll pay you. Either way you'll get cash," She told him.

Robert wasn't the type of guy to help people, especially sketchy strangers like this child, but he needed some money.

"Where's your father?" Robert asked.

"Down this shady alley," The little girl told him as she walked away down the sidewalk.

Robert followed her with his handy bag of medical supplies.

When they arrived at the alley Robert saw a body. A man was lying on the ground. He had a blue tint to his flesh. Robert hated the color blue. The man was sweating and shaking. Vomit covered the area of pavement he was lying on. A pile of syringes was on the ground near the body. It was heroin. Robert had seen this stuff before. What Robert didn't see was money.

"So, where's the money?" Robert asked.

"In my coat pocket. I've been saving up. My daddy spends all his money on that medicine. He says it makes him feel better. I've been saving my money up for a pair of shoes. I do work for people who will pay me," The girl explained.

Robert was confused. What coat? She did not have a coat. She pulled a huge wad of cash out of a hole in her rags. Robert assumed she had accidentally called her rags a coat. Robert smiled, amused. Probably for the first time in 2 years. Robert hated smiling. Then he walked over to a phone box and called 911. He told them about the man on the ground and the child. They told him they would be there soon. He hated how nice the lady on the phone was.

"Help will be here soon," Robert told the girl, "Thank you for the cash by the way...Good bye."

"You are an angel! Our savior! Thank you ever so much!"

The girl yelled after him.

"I know I am great," He yelled back, quietly laughing because the child should have known he already knew this. Robert hated children and sick people. He hated the color blue. He hated cars. He hated nice ladies and helpful people. He also hated the rain, his house, his job, and most other things, but he loved money. So, Robert was happy that Friday. Well maybe for a little while, until he got home.



STUDENT-LED LEARNING

ANOTHER UPDATE ON THE BOARDING SCHOOL PROJECT FOR THE WINTER GALA

By: Sophia James

The Doll House is an on-going project that is being done by Ross, Fiona, and I. We have finished making the floor boards for the first and second floor. We are currently working on gluing the rooms together and making more walls. As the Winter Gala gets closer, we must work harder and more efficiently to get the project done. We have come across some barriers including the glue drying very slowly. We are having a difficult time making enough walls and rooms. We have managed to find a way to use books as weights to keep the glue together while it dries. Our rooms were not fitting together as perfectly as we were hoping, but we can fix this by changing the way we put them together. Fiona has been working on furniture and gluing things together. Ross is very good at cutting, and is usually the one who cuts the boards. He also helps glue together walls and floors. We all swap jobs sometimes and we are all working together to finish this project. We are excited to show it to you at the Winter Gala.

A BUNNY UPDATE ABOUT THE BUNNIES

By: Fiona Haughey

For this week's bunny update Ross and Fiona started preparing the hutch. First, Nathan helped them take the hutch door off, so they could make a new one with the metal from the old door. After the door was removed Ross used steel wool to get the rust off the latch that was on the old door. While Ross was sanding the latch, Fiona used a crowbar to get the metal grate off of the rotting wood. Next, Nathan helped them get started on how to build the new door, and told them what would have to use to rebuild it.

After getting the door off Ross and Fiona washed the hutch off and scrubbed it down making sure to get all the old hay and rabbit poop off it. When they washed the hutch, the old paint came off, which made it easier to get a fresh new coat of paint on the hutch. After washing the hutch Ross and Fiona

started to prime it with a weatherproof primer. To make sure the wood would stay safe and not rot they had to paint all the wood and make sure that they got all the crevices.

Fiona also decided to make a jump for the bunnies, because her and Ross wanted to train the rabbits to jump to keep the healthy and fit (and it would be really cute!). Fiona planned for how she was going to build the jump, and that night she went to Lowes and got wood to make it. Over the weekend she cut and glued the wood into place so that she could use small dowels as poles for the jump. After the jump was done she primed it with weatherproof primer. All in all, Ross and Fiona have agreed that they have made a lot of progress and hope to get the rabbits soon!

SELF HELP APP

By: Ross Abel

Social and emotional goals are incredibly important in learning, but a lot of schools don't focus on them. Here, we do focus on them, and they're integrated into our everyday life. We have a new idea on practicing them, and it will allow for other people to do so as well.

We decided to try and make an app. This app will help people think through their decisions and ways of coping with anxiety. It will be a mental health self help app, which will require our coding progress from Kahn Academy in order to make.

One of the apps we are modeling our self after is Mood Mission, which is also a mental health self help app. Its main focus is assisting people with low moods and anxiety. It does so by gathering up many of the methods of coping, all positive, and suggesting them to the user based off some questions the user has answered. More information can be found on their website: <http://moodmission.com/>.

We have applied for and hope to receive a grant to get coders to help us make the app. This will also make it easier to learn coding, which is on all of our learning paths. We are all excited to get this done and help other people with their lives and mental health.

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Academic Goals:

"I answered over one hundred eighth grade math problems in Prodigy."

-Nicole



(Nicole didn't want her photo taken so yeah)

Social/Emotional:

"I've focused on being less aggressive with the help of my friends."

-Kahlyn



(Kahlyn having fun with friends)

Farm/Life Skills:

"The chickens really like me now. My chicken is starting to warm up to me."



(Luke...)

PROJECTS AND INQUIRIES

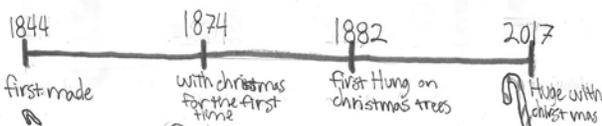
CandyCane lab

How factory candy canes are made

1. first the workers prepare sugar with peppermint flavor.
2. Next a machine pulls the candy to aerate it.
3. they roll the candy into big logs
4. after that they twist red with white
5. lastly a machine stretches it thin and the cuts and bands it.

fun facts

- the first candy was made in 1844
- when candy is pulled it turns white.
- the candy logs weigh 200 Pounds



Fiona Haughey
SOAP

On Thursday, Rebecca Minife of Angelica Herbs came to teach us how to make soap. She makes a special kind of soap for Red Ridge Farms using olive oil that they press there, so that is the kind of soap she taught us to make. Here are some photos of the event.



(Henry measures the lye)



(Sophia opening the coconut oil)



(The five gallons of coconut oil)



(The olive oil, measured by Fiona)



(The lavender getting poured in)



(Luke mixing the ingredients)



(Luke pouring the mix in the box)



(The grid being put over the mix)



(The soap box, now closed)

CATS AND DOGS

By: Nicole Aquinas

Did you know cats can hear better than dogs? Dogs can hear 40 kilohertz while cats can hear 60 kilohertz. That lets them hear higher sounds. For example, say you leave a cat in a room with a woman and a man. The lower the volume of the man's voice the harder it is for the cat to hear, while the higher volume of the woman's voice will be easier for the cat to hear.

Have you ever wondered how your cat can turn its ears all the way around? A cat has over thirty muscles in its ear that allows them to turn it 180 degrees. With that ability a cat can turn its ears to a sound that we can't hear. Now when ever you see your cat's ears moving it might mean it hears something you can't.