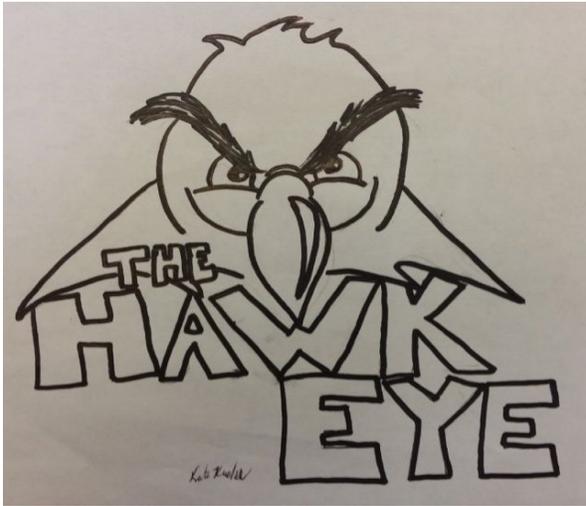


The Hawkeye



Princeton Charter School

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Candy, Soda, and Oompa Loompas: Everything You Need to Know About the PCS School Play

By Kate Krehel and Luca Balescu

You may be aware that we are doing another play this year. You may also be planning not to attend. You might be busy, you might not want to, you may have fallen into the Grand Canyon. However, you may want to know just how much work went into this play and how it was all done before you decide “No”. The play this year is a musical, very different from the comedic *A Lighter Shade of Noir* from last year. This play is Willy Wonka Jr., an adaptation of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. The play is about a candy maker, Willy Wonka (Charlie Allen), who puts a golden ticket inside 5 chocolate bars. The winners of this contest are given a tour of Monday is

his amazing chocolate factory, which is actually pretty much a candy factory. How will this all be done? Lighting, sound effects and... just read the rest of the article.

Behind the Scenes:

You might think that all we do in rehearsal is blocking and rehearsing our lines, but, actually, it’s quite the contrary. During the last rehearsal with the five golden ticket winners, actors got worksheets to come up with characteristics for their characters. And an oompa loompa rehearsal was spent just talking about the characters! It’s not just blocking and saying lines. It’s really being in character. No matter what, though, getting prepared for the play is hard work for the actresses and actors in the play, especially since it’s a musical.

the music day. All cast is called on this day to practice with each other even if their song isn't being practiced. Thanks to Mrs. Nahan, Mr. Robinson can focus more on the staging and blocking while she directs the music and choreography. Then, from Tuesday through Friday, different people are called for different scenes.

Actors and actresses can also practice at home. Mrs. Nahan shared all of the songs and side-effects, with and without voices, to all of the cast.

At rehearsals with Mr. Robinson, the cast mainly focuses on staging. They go through the whole scene, sound effects and all, like it was the real deal. It is very fun being in your character since they are so goofy and hysterical. You can go way out of your comfort zone, be larger-than-life characters, and be what you thought would never be and that's okay.

Another thing the cast gets to do is pick out costumes. All the cast but the squirrels and oompa-loompas get to search for a costume that fits their character. Costumes have to match those from the original movie of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.

Two very important components in this play are lights and sound. There are many sound effects that need to come at a precise time. If not, then it all sounds off. Also, there are weird lights that need to come on at specific times as well. There are many different lights as well and putting them on the correct brightness and color at the right time is crucial. Sometimes, there might even be a few

lights shining at once, to make a cool effect. Volunteers for stage crew, lighting, and sound start their training with Mr. Robinson in early March, close to the play date.

If you're not participating in the play, be sure you come to see it when it's finally ready.

Operation Smile: Movie Night **By: Kirsty Graham**

By now, the entire school is aware of Operation Smile. With more than thirty surgeries funded by our club already, our next big fundraiser has big shoes to fill. This time, Operation Smile is looking towards a one night fundraiser in which the donating public get something out of our event.

The club determined after a vote a movie night would be the best way to attract the crowds. While the question of what movies to play is still in the air, many other components of the movie night has been determined. The movie will most likely take place on May the fourth. This, of course, suggests a Star Wars movie, but that is still to be decided.

Movie-goers will sit on the field, and the movie will be projected on to the K-4 building. There will be snacks on sale and activities for those who do not want to watch the movie behind the audience.

More announcements will be made as plans become concrete. We hope you will all join us for a fun night out.

Hurricane Maria Fundraiser by Service Corps

By Anushka Poddar

The Service Corps club at our school planned a fundraiser to help support the people in Puerto Rico who lost their homes to Hurricane Maria. The fundraiser was a trivia night for the middle schoolers. Teachers made teams of students who competed. There was a ticket fee of \$15, and with lots of generous donations we raised hundreds of dollars to help with getting supplies to those in need and even to have homes rebuilt. Organizations like the Red Cross are working on sending down volunteers with supplies, and by donating we are supporting these organizations by allowing them to continue to send down people to Puerto Rico. Overall the fundraiser was a success, and under the leadership of Mrs. Schmitt, the service corps club was able to help those in need.

Vaccines

By: Costas Oskiper

If you grow up in sub-Saharan Africa, you are 15 times less likely than an American to live long enough to see your fifth birthday due to deadly viruses. Some of these deadly viruses are Ebola, HIV, malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhoea, which can be prevented by vaccines.

We should all take a minute to thank Edward Jenner for creating the vaccine. We are grateful enough to be able to use this marvelous invention as a

first resort to prevent these types of illnesses before they can harm us. Moreover, vaccination can improve children's educational prospects and future, not to mention the economic health of their family and community

You may ask yourself the following question when you're waiting for your annual "shots" or vaccines at the doctor's office: "How do vaccines work?" Well, each vaccine contains a tiny and harmless piece of whatever virus that you are being vaccinated against. This way, your immune system attacks this foreign invader, creating "antibodies" to it. These antibodies make you immune to the virus because they attack it and destroy it if it gets into you again.

Vaccinations are well worth getting a shot for. And don't worry that they can make you sick; this is a misconception and rumor! So next time you visit your doctor, don't be afraid of the needle but think of all its benefits!

Pay 'em or Play 'em: A look into the crisis of the NCAA

By: Krish Khanna

Should NCAA or college athletes be paid to play their sports? There are many reasons why colleges should or should not pay their student-athletes. Some reasons in favor of paying them are so that they can support their families as well as ensuring that they get some benefit from all the profits that they help make for their schools. However there are also many reasons not to pay these young class

college athletes such as the fact that some players misuse their pay and the fact that some student athletes are not given much incentive to study.

This shows why college players should be paid. In a study conducted by the staff of sporting news about the rate of poverty in NCAA players shows that a whopping 86 percent are in poverty. In the last few years we have seen players like James Harden, who played on Arizona, lived in Compton. For those who don't know Compton is a poverty ridden area and James's dad was in and out of jail due to selling and taking drugs. Harden eventually became an NBA all-star and could pay for his family but he was extremely lucky. Another reason as to why college players should be paid is simply getting what they deserve. NCAA teams make millions off of their college players and some players are even valued at 1 million dollars! With players making so much money for the colleges that many people think that they also deserve a cut.

But what are the reasons why NCAA programs shouldn't pay their players? A main reason is because the players who don't have families to support will misuse their money, spending it on ridiculous items like fancy watches and other things they don't need. Examples of this are even prevalent in the professional league with examples like the legend Allen Iverson who went bankrupt because he misspent his money. This next point may be the very reason that all schools restrict paying their NCAA players. The incentive to go to

is removed. Many athletes already don't want to attend their classes because they feel that they are only at the university to play their sport, but the fact that they have money reduces their inclination to attend class because they know they can make a living without education. This could hurt the reputation of the college and their educational programs.

All in all, paying NCAA players is a very controversial topic despite its apparent simplicity. There are reasons for both sides like supporting poor families, or on the contrary, thinking that the players are irresponsible with the money they earn. Either way the topic will determine the future of college sports, maybe colleges themselves and it might even have an impact on professional sports. Now that you know the facts, ask yourself this question; Pay 'em or play 'em?

Jazz in the Modern Age

By Phillip Yan

For hundreds of years, humans have been striving to express themselves through music. Music has always been an outlet for individual emotion and even sometimes presents the story of a people. Unfortunately, one of America's most treasured musical histories is now rarely appreciated in modern times: Jazz music is slowly being replaced in the ears of America's listeners by rock, pop, and even in recent years, classical music. Fewer and fewer people understand and appreciate jazz, which is sometimes not as melodic

and does not generally tend to be dance music. In fact, jazz has been the only type of music whose listeners have decreased in number, according to a study done by Jazzline News.

But what makes jazz so special that we should try to keep it alive? Before we can answer that question, we must take a look at the history of jazz. Jazz originally had its roots in ragtime music, popularized by Scott Joplin. It eventually spread into New Orleans where jazz had its first boom, giving birth to Dixieland and swing-style jazz. Jazz continued to spread throughout the nation, and by 1940's jazz peaked, becoming one of the most popular genres of music with songs like "Take the A Train" and "In the Mood." This era saw the rise of famous performers like Benny Goodman, Charlie Parker, and John "Dizzy" Gillespie. As jazz went into the 50's and 60's, it generally became a lot smoother and also lighter in tone. However, rock bands like the Beatles began to attract more and more listeners, with other new styles following the same trend. Popular music shifted from jazz to rock, to reggae and to hip hop in the later part of the 20th century. Though some music still contained elements of jazz infused along with modern elements like gospel or funk, jazz became sidelined in the world of music.

In a world dominated by new song releases and online albums, jazz still has some listeners. Throughout high schools and middle schools in the nation, jazz

bands still are quite common. This can be seen in our own township, where PHS has large and rigorous jazz education. We also see jazz in our own school with our jazz and rock band playing a variety music, ranging from orthodox jazz to latin to more modern rock. Thanks to wonderful band and music director Mr. Ciuffreda and Mrs. Nahan, jazz has found a home in PCS with the jazz band continuing to play songs that both the audience and the players enjoy.

But it is not just the history of amazing musicians that makes jazz so special or the fact that it is a popular genre played by students. Beyond the Merriam Webster dictionary, beyond the music, beyond the players, jazz is exactly what a musician makes it. Though there may be counting, fingering of notes, and certain patterns to follow, jazz still is an expression of uniqueness; it always has been. In its early days, jazz was often played by African Americans who sought to express themselves through a more even platform in an time of racial discrimination. It was not unlike the poetry of Langston Hughes in terms of a representation of the complex emotions and the thoughts of African Americans. Though the players and the music often changed the time or location changed, one thing remained the same; jazz holds the identity and voice of its players and composers. So for each song that has lost its listeners, we must not forget that an unique individual voice no longer speaks.

Pros and Cons: Princeton Charter School vs. JW Middle School

By: Kate Krehel

JW and PCS are two different schools. They both have their strengths and weaknesses, and, to obtain more information on this subject, I asked my best friend, George Weintraub, who goes to JW about this.

One thing that is much better in JW are electives. JW has so many electives, including robotics and more. JW has over 10 while we only have four. This is one of the few aspects of JW that is better than PCS.

Another pro for JW is the people there. Since there are so many people, the school is very diverse and there is a greater variety of talent. This also corresponds to extracurricular activities, because JW has many more than we do.

There are pros to PCS as well, though. Since we have a small community, teachers can have a close relationship with students and have more time to personally help them. Also, we have a better curriculum; we are ahead of what JW is doing, and really ahead with world language.

Telepathic Paper

By: Nolan Kaputa

Have you ever waited until the last day for a project? Well we have a solution. Here at The Way Around corporation, we have developed a prototype for a Telepathic Paper. This revolutionary invention takes your thoughts straight from your brain

and puts them on the paper. This prevents any trouble like writing the words down or bringing a pencil to class. It is also foolproof. You can talk to your friends, eat lunch, or play sports and also write an essay at the same time. This paper will be the downfall of teachers because it is not technically illegal in school. It is not really cheating because the teachers will never be able to know that you are cheating because the paper is telepathic. Buy it today at any store where school supplies are sold.

PCS's Lack of Gender Equality in Sports

By: Jack Gordon

Princeton Charter School has many sports teams: soccer, cross country, field hockey, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and girls' lacrosse. However, do both genders have the same opportunity to play sports? I would argue no. A quick count shows us that there are two mixed sports and one predominantly male sport (boys basketball), while there are three predominantly female sports (field hockey, girls' lacrosse, and girls' basketball). Now, it is understood that there are males who haven't participated in some of the sports that I put in the third category. However, I don't think boys have the same opportunity to participate in sports at Charter. For example, suppose there is a boy who plays lacrosse outside of Charter. Now, for those who don't

very different sports, with very different rules. Now, as Charter has no boys' lacrosse team, he is at a disadvantage and will have to adapt to new rules. He must do this because the two sports use different sticks and the boy must understand and adapt to the new stick in order to be on the team, as you are not allowed to use a boys' lacrosse stick in girls' lacrosse. When I have pointed this out to administrators, I have been told that there are not enough boys who want to play boys' lacrosse to make a team. However, and the reader can correct me if I am wrong, I have not seen an attempt to make a boys' lacrosse team. No banners, no talks, no nothing! So is it a lack of participants or a lack of communication? I think that PCS should do a better job of having more sports. I have no problem if a sport is publicized but doesn't gain ground. It is when there is no action that I, and many others, have a problem.

know, boys' lacrosse and girls' lacrosse are two

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