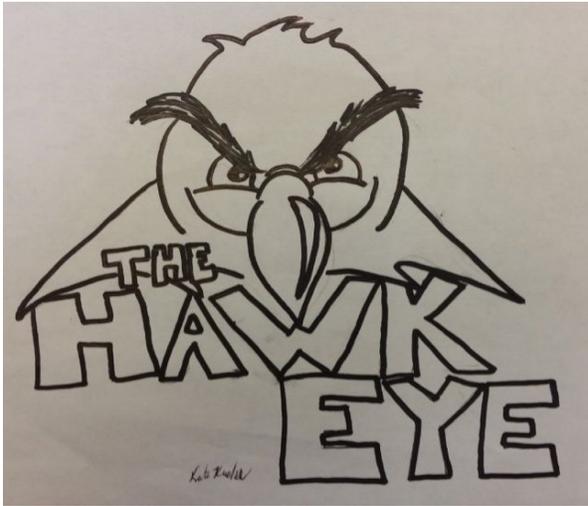


# The Hawkeye



**Princeton Charter School**

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## **Operation Smile**

By Olivia Craig & Benji Ardehali

Operation Smile is a club that meets once a week and helps come up with ideas to raise money to help students with cleft palate. A cleft palate is a split in the roof of the mouth. This prevents children from speaking, making friends, and going to school. They have all sorts of fundraisers all year round to help kids get surgeries to fix their cleft lip. Students dedicate Wednesday mornings to meet and discuss important ideas to help kids.

*The Hawkeye* interviewed Mr. Ciuffreda, the head of Operation Smile at Princeton Charter School because we wanted to bring this charitable club to our readers. The Hawkeye learned a lot about how the club works and how it came to be. Firstly, the Hawkeye asked Mr. Ciuffreda is this something Ciuffreda Is this something you always wanted to do.

He responded, “While I was there I was blown away by what they do and how much leadership development can be accomplished while working for a great cause.” Secondly, we asked him why do you

like to participate in activities in this. He said, “I am very committed to community service I have been involved in giving back for as long as I can remember so I have found it so rewarding to do community service and I wanted to share that experience with PCS.”

Secondly, we asked Mr. Ciuffreda “ Why do you like to participate in activities like this?” He responded, “I am very committed to community service I have been involved in giving back for as long as I can remember so I have found it so rewarding to do community service and I wanted to share that experience with PCS I also know we have students with leadership ability and potential op smile in particular offers the opportunity for students to.”

This brings us to the topic of the video which was designed to kick off Change Makers campaign. This video was written by Luca Balescu, who came up with the idea for the video. The movie was filmed in secret, with Mr. Ciuffreda dashing around the school

to get people in the film. When we interviewed him, Luca said “You know in the video where the nurse throws [the bucket]. Well, I had to catch it! And it hit me in the head!” We asked Luca about other scenes he helped film. “I helped with the scene in front of the soccer goal. What a great scene.” On another note, when *The Hawkeye* asked Mr. Ciuffreda, “What is the most frustrating part about the club, he responded positively and said “If I had to pick something it's that there is never enough time to do everything that our students are capable of. They have so much energy and so many great ideas that we could probably have a meeting every day and not get to everything.

### **Service Corps Article**

By Juliette King and Grace Craig

The Service Corps is a group of people that come together to help others. You may have heard the meetings announced during the morning announcements. The Service Corps is a way to empower students and explore solutions to help those in need. The students are learning how to take action to improve the world around them. The club teaches its students how to take power, make their own choices, to help the environment, and to help other people in need. As an example, the Service Corps recently held a drive for both Halloween costumes and candy for children who couldn't afford them.

There are always people in need and that can use the Service Corps. They check online to connect with organizations and decide where we can make the greatest impact. They raise awareness in the community for their service projects through clothing drives and food drives, anything that helps spread the word.

Because what they do involves giving and helping each other, it's not difficult to find

members to join Service Corps. Mostly the students have the ideas, and Mrs. Schmitt puts them to action by emailing (mostly) local organizations.

The group is mostly eighth graders, though there are a couple of 6th and 7th graders. The meetings are on Wednesdays.

Every time the club meets, Mrs. Schmitt likes to empower her students to identify problems and explore solutions.

The club doesn't just raise money. They also do clothing and food drives. They also choose the best way possible to help.

Mrs. Schmitt and her team enjoy helping people and the environment and watching students help make the world a better place and teaching students how to take control.

She says, “I think it's important for students to learn how to get involved in the community and how to plan activities that help make the world a better place.”

Perhaps you will consider joining the Service Corp. helping to change the world one project at a time.

By the way, Mrs. Schmitt wants readers to know that when she is on maternity leave, Mr. Ciuffreda will take over.

### **K-2 Crew**

By Sofia Cervantes and Aleena Zhang

K-2 crew is a PCS program in which seventh and eighth graders help kindergartners, first, and second graders to learn better. The older students also learn how to deal with smaller kids and how to respect their thoughts and opinions.

Ms. Kushner has said that, “The K-2 Crew is helpful to all the people who join. Even though you are a kindergartner or a 8th grader everyone learns something from this experience.

Ms. Kushner leads this crew of 7th and 8th graders and they will then help the young cute K-2 students. Ms. Kushner trains them to be good with the younger kids, give good examples so they will follow, and to first make a good relationship with the younger kids before teaching. The 7th and 8th graders go during their reading period to the classrooms of the younger students and help out with any subject the K-2 kids are working on. In the classrooms, they might play games with them, pass things out, or even pull a special group aside that needs extra help to catch up. In K-2 crew, everyone has a certain time scheduled for their meeting time. Being a peer leader is a chance to learn from and to make relationships with kids of a different age. It also gives the older kids an opportunity to be more responsible and feel that they are helping others..

Kate Krehel is an eighth grader who helps younger kids seven times a week. She said, "The K-2 students are more enthusiastic with learning when there is someone to help them." She goes over the material that was taught to them the day before and so the kids know what they learned and won't forget it. After Kate has helped the kids, she sees progress in their understanding of the material and they are more respectful to teachers and talk less while teachers are teaching. Kate is sometimes "creative" with the instructions, but she stays with the main idea most of the time.

### **PCS Hawkeye's Book Recommendations** By Anya Gruteser and Eleftheria Damianakis

While it's cold out, why not snuggle up and read a good book? Here are a few books that we guarantee you'll love.

- *The War that Saved My Life* -- Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

In World War II, a girl named Ada is stuck in their one-room flat. She has a clubfoot (a birth defect where a foot is twisted out of shape or position) and her mother hates and blames her for it. When there is warning about London being bombed, Ada's mother sends her brother Jamie away, and Ada, who doesn't want to part with him, sneaks in for the journey. In their new home, she meets Susan, their guardian. There, they have many journeys, and Ada experiences more than she could ever imagine to experience in London. This is a great book, showing how a girl who never really lived a full life struggles to make sense of it all. It has lots of action, emotion, and it's happy ending will warm your heart. Read this book if you need cheering up.

- *Divergent* -- Veronica Roth

This book takes place in Chicago in the future. Humanity is divided into five factions, Abnegation-the selfless, Dauntless-the brave, Candor-the honest, Erudite-the intelligent, and Amity-the kind. Beatrice is born in Abnegation, but she can't seem to fit in. She's always admired the Dauntless, though she's not supposed to. When she takes aptitude test, she receives inconclusive results. She can fit into three factions, which makes her Divergent. Divergents are special, making them targets of the Erudite and Dauntless leaders. She chooses to become Dauntless, and inside the Dauntless compound she gets bullied because she's from Abnegation, but she also figures out dark plans that could destroy the factions and result in war. You might not want to read this book if you aren't comfortable with fighting and romance. This book has a touch of mystery, and shows the power of friendship and determination.

- *Inkheart* -- Cornelia Funke (Series)  
Meggie was very close to her father, and they both loved reading. But although

they were close, she always wondered why he never read aloud to her. But when a scarred man shows up at their door, and in front of their car when they go to her aunt Elinor's house, her world is turned upside down, and she gets sucked into an evil world- or, actually, the evil world gets sucked into *theirs*. As Meggie's adventures twist and turn, she discovers many things that change her life. This is a great book to read if you like adventure and fantasy stories. The action never stops. So if you like stories that slow down, this is not for you. The best time to read this is when you're in a happy mood because there is a lot of different emotions, both happy, and sad. It also includes a giant mystery that *begs* to be solved.

- *Hawksmaid* -- Kathryn Lasky  
This book is about the story of Robin Hood, Maid Marian, and his Merry Men. But in this book Maid Marian starts of as Matty and Robin Hood as Fynn. In London, the king just died, and his son Richard is the heir. But Richard is in France fighting for land, and he has a greedy brother. Prince John seizes his chance and takes over England. The prince punishes anyone who doesn't follow him, like Matty's father. One day, Prince John sends his men to destroy Matty's home. They kill her mother. After the attack, her father teaches her how to take care of hawks, fly them, become a master falconer. Together with Fynn and their friends, they turn into Maid Marian, Robin Hood, and the Merry Men. They work together to disrupt Prince John's plans to steal the throne and set the rightful king in place. This book shows the power of friendship-both animals and humans-, and how you can make "impossible" things happen

by working together and having trust in each other.

- *School For Good and Evil*-Soman Chainani

Sophie and Agatha had been best friends for a long time, but couldn't be anymore different. Agatha always wore black and ragged clothes, and had dark black hair. She wasn't very positive, and was practically a witch. Sophie, on the other hand, was kind, always wore pink, and did all she could do to help the community, although she is picky and always needs to get what she wants. She was desperate to become a princess. They lived in Gavalon, and every year two kids get taken away from their homes and brought to the school for good and evil, who in return, supply them with the missing childrens fairytales. In the school for good and evil, the two students get sorted into good, or evil. So, everyone thought the obvious: Sophie will go to good, and Agatha to evil. But then again, things aren't always what they seem. In a race to get to their rightful school, they realize who they really are. Warning! This book has some small spots of romance. Other than that, it's really fun to read and learn things about the characters that will probably surprise the reader!

- *Refugee* -- Alan Gratz  
Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps around, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe. All three kids go on dangerous journeys in search of

Refuge. Even though Mahmoud, Josef, and Isabel are separated by countries and continents, shocking connections will tie them together in the end. So if you like that feeling where everything just came together, and love plenty of action, this is for you. You'll also love this book if you like learning about war, although the main reason I'd read this is for the pleasure.

These books are full of emotion and action. I hope you love our suggestions!

--- The PCS Hawkeye

### **Holdup! Be Sure to Catch these Sporting Events**

By Linus Fleischer-Graham and Albert Zhu

#### Tennis

The Australian Open Tennis tournament, one of the four "Grand Slams" of tennis, is coming up in January. Novak Djokovic of Serbia has been looking strong ever since July, when he won the Wimbledon Championships. Roger Federer from Switzerland is the defending champion but as he is already 37 years old he does not seem like a likely pick to win, but never count him out. After all, he's won 17 grand slams already! Rafael Nadal is representing the Spaniards and was very strong at the U.S. Open, making it to the semifinals, even with an injured knee. John Isner, the American with the best chance to win, is known for his big serve. Tennys Sandgren last year made it to the quarterfinals, but as he is only top 100, don't bet too much on him. Alexander Zverev won this year's Nitto ATP final, winning against both Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic, two of the greatest players of all time. He said it was the greatest title of his good player, warned LeBron when James

life. Will he be able to triumph in the Australian Open and officially confirm that the 21-year old is a lean, mean, fighting machine?

On the women's side, Serena Williams, probably the favorite, really wants to ti

Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 grand slams wins, but the defending champion, Caroline Wozniacki, also could win. Simona Halep really wants to win another grand slam as number one in the world. American Sloane Stephens has been consistent but choked at the U.S. Open, losing in the quarterfinals in straight sets. Another American, Madison Keys, has a chance, but she isn't always consistent. The Americans have not been looking so sharp since Serena Williams lost in the 2018 U.S. Open final and Sloane Stephens lost in the WTA finals.

#### Football

The NFL regular season is almost over, with only four games left for each team, and the standings favor the Rams to win the Super Bowl, but the Patriots, the Chiefs, or the Saints could ruin their party. The defending champions, the Eagles, are not looking good. Mark your calendars, folks! The Super Bowl is February 3rd. And as a bonus, Maroon 5 is scheduled to play at the halftime show. You might have to stay up late, though, because the Super Bowl is definitely going to go past 11 pm.

#### Basketball

In the NBA, the Clippers are leading the Western Conference, and LeBron James and his Lakers are 7th in the race to the playoffs. They're third place in their division, but their division is really strong. The Warriors are in the 3rd place spot. For all of you Warriors fans out there, Stephen Curry, a

went to the Lakers that if he wanted to earn another championship ring, he would still have to beat the Warriors. The Lakers even beat the Warriors in Preseason games twice. Even though in the regular season the Lakers have shown they are still uncomfortable with LeBron on the team, they are still above .500 as a team, which is critical. If they want any chance of getting into the playoffs, they need to stay above .500 consistently. They might not get past the first round, but at least they made it.

### **Hockey**

The top five hockey players are Connor McDavid [Edmonton Oilers], Sidney Crosby [Pittsburgh Penguins], Nikita Kucherov [Tampa Bay Lightning] and, Evgeni Malkin [Penguins again]. The Oilers have had a rough start. They have had 10 injuries in the last 3 months! The Penguins are starting to win more games and slowly start creeping into the race for wild card. The Capitals are leading the Metropolitan Division, the same division as the Penguins are in. The Canadiens are fifth place in their division, although there are 8 teams to a division. Only two divisions in each Conference, 4 in each going into the playoffs. Two teams get in from wild card, and the rest get in by simply doing good in the regular season.

### **Golf**

The top five golfers are Jon Rahm, Tony Finau, Justin Rose, Henrik Stenson, and Tiger Woods,. Woods was seventeenth in the Hero World Challenge, with a score of -1, 19 shots behind the leader, Jon Rahm, who has a score of -20, winning by four shots over Tony Finau, who has a score of -16. Right now Brooks Koepka is the no.1 in the world, with Justin Rose as the number 2, followed by Dustin Johnson. The next seven are Justin

Thomas, Bryson Dechambeau, Jon Rahm, Francesco Molinari, Rory Mcilroy, Tony Finau, and Rickie Fowler, respectively. Woods has not been looking sharp, also losing in the nine-million dollar match with Phil Mickelson. So much has been expected of him, so it just might be a rough start.

### **Science Bowl**

By Benjamin You

Many students join Sci Bowl, but although filled with great interest in this club, many have no idea how Sci Bowl actually works.

Sci Bowl is an activity in which students compete to memorize and recall terms with greater speed than their competitors. They are scored by the the number right out of the total number they answered in a free-for-all style verbal quiz. First, the tester begins to read a definition while the students listen and try to recall the term whose definition is being read as quickly as possible. If someone recalls a term, he/she buzz the buzzer. The first to buzz will block anyone else from responding. The person must first be acknowledged--failure to do so will result in him/her receiving a penalty for “blurting”, which counts as an incorrect answer. If the person remembers to wait patiently for the tester to acknowledge him/her, then the student will have to answer within a certain period of time. If not, the question will move on to another student. A student can also “stall”, or not answer in a given time limit. Assuming that there will eventually be a student who gives an answer before the “stall limit”, the student will then have his answer judged by the tester. A response identical to the answer will be deemed correct. If there is nobody who actually knows the correct answer, or there is nobody brave enough to risk a point by guessing wrong, then the question will be

thrown out. If the response is correct, then the student will receive one point.

Sci Bowl, and then are given a packet to study scientific terms. One of these terms could be condensation, with a definition given with the term. The next practice, students are quizzed on the terms they have studied the week before, and after which they receive another packet of new terms on a different subject, perhaps Earth Science, to study.

Over a four week period, students have their competition scores recorded. Students with better scores make the team, more specifically consisting of an A team and B team, while near tiebreakers will be resolved by the administrator of Sci Bowl considering which student seems to have more potential than the other(s). Everyone else is cut. This reduces the members to a dozen.

The students who pass the first round of eliminations will proceed to the next stage where they will be tested on their intellectual skill further by a continued process of vocabulary testing and another category of competition called “rounds”, where students are quizzed on knowledge of the subject without being given a packet beforehand. This ensures that students will either have learned topics or be intuitive and reason, for there is no valid way to memorize answers to “round” questions. An example of a “round” question would be, “What is the most common element in the universe?” You’d have to know that carbon is the most common element in the universe, not having read an entire packet with the answer. Students who pass the first stage also choose a topic that they are going to specialize in. Specializing in a certain area makes it more likely that a member of the team will know the answer to a question, because if every team member had to memorize all the topics, there would be some questions that would slip by. If team members memorize a specific topic, then knowledge of

each member will supplement the team as a whole to increase the likelihood of getting the question right.

Anyone interested can join Sci Bowl, led by Laura Celik, the 7th+8th grade science teacher, and assisted by Suzanne Ritter, the fourth grade science teacher at Princeton Charter. Meetings happen on every Wednesday and Friday.

On the first day you learn how Sci Bowl works, are quizzed on topics related to I myself still have much to learn about Sci Bowl, such as how the regional competitions work and, perhaps, the nation competition. Now that I’m through the “PCS process” and faced with the prospect of making the team, I’m ready to leave the boundaries of Princeton Charter and battle in regional competitions.

## **Jokes**

### **Collected by the staff of *The Hawkeye***

We’ve found these jokes from laffgaff.com, and we hope that you find them entertaining. Maybe you’ll even read them to your friends and family. ENJOY!!!

Source:

<http://laffgaff.com/funny-puns-for-kids-and-adults/>

**Q:** Why are dogs like phones? **A:** Because they have collar IDs!

If you need help building an ark, I Noah guy.

My friend made a joke about a TV controller  
It wasn't remotely funny.

**Q:** What do you call a sleeping bull? **A:** A bulldozer.

**Q:** How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh? **A:** It takes ten tickles.

**Q:** Did you hear about the guy who had his left side cut off? **A:** He is all right now.

## **FNN: Fake News Network**

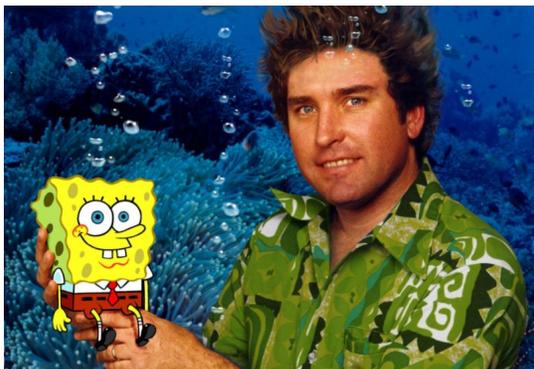
By Jack Gordon

Many changes are happening at PCS. For example, the gym is being changed to a bouncy house, reports Anderson Cooper. This was done at the request of Mr. Papp. He was quoted saying that bouncy houses build muscular strength.

Also, a giraffe will replace Mr. Schawin teaching 7th-grade science. Says the giraffe, "I will make an excellent teacher. I may or may not eat the model rockets during the model rocket lab, but that is not important. Also, I prefer to be paid in acacia."

Even better, the winner of the faculty award will be a Chromebook. Mr. Patton says, "He made the life of all the teachers incredibly convenient. Whenever an answer was needed, he always came through." The Chromebook has declined to comment as "computers cannot have emotions." "How well spoken!" says English teacher Mr. Myers.

**BREAKING NEWS!** There has been an outbreak of laughter at PCS. Mrs. Eckstrom says, "This is a horrible event! This could disrupt the learning environment! There maybe...gods forbid... fun (gasps)." Students were asked to evacuate the building and tomorrow students are asked to wear facemasks to protect themselves from the danger of fun.



## **RIP: Stephen Hillenburg**

By Jack Gordon

On August 21, 1961, the world was gifted with the birth of a man known as Stephen Hillenburg. He was originally a marine biologist (a scientist who studies the ocean and its inhabitants), but later went on to the career we best know him by now. Hillenburg used his knowledge of marine biology to create a children's television show about sea creatures and their adventures. As some of you may have already guessed, this show is Spongebob Squarepants. All of us have seen this show, and it has integrated itself into pop culture in a way that can never be undone. Who doesn't know the line of Spongebob's theme song? "Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?" Those who don't know this iconic line must have been living under a rock. Maybe it is, in fact, the same rock that is the famous home of Patrick Star. Who doesn't know of characters like greedy Mr. Krabs, smart Sandy Cheeks, and my personal favorite, poor, depressed Squidward. In ways we may never appreciate, we have been changed by this show. By being around, we may have, inadvertently, begun acting like a combination of these characters. Have you ever felt greedy and wanted money like Mr. Krabs. Tried to teach someone like Mrs. Puffs does? In some way or another, we have been affected by Stephen Hillenburg's great creation, and it is a shame he had to leave us so early, at the age of only 57.

Rest In Peace

Stephen Hillenburg

August 21, 1961 - November 26, 2018

