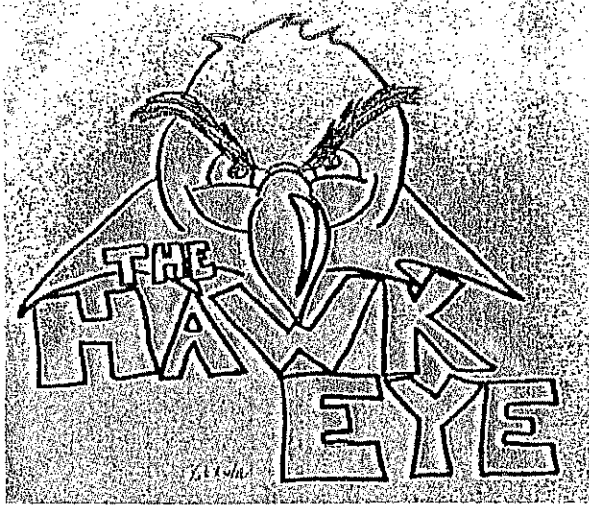


The Hawkeye



Princeton Charter School

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The PCS Expansion

By: Aleena Zhang and Sofia Cervantes

The Hawkeye sat down with Mr. Patton to get an update on the PCS expansion.

Q: Do you know that the fourth grade in the trailers? Do you know that we are adding more classes to our school. Do you realize that the school is squished? As some of you might know PCS is planning on expansion of another building connecting the K-4 and 5-8.

Mr. Patton: The pre-construction is well advanced (architects drawings, engineering plans, approval from the township, open public bid) The construction is planned ideally to start in the spring and a goal of ending in December next school year. (9 month period)"

Q: Have you seen a fence behind the K-3 building?

Mr. Patton: Well, there is going to be a new K-2 playground behind the building. PCS will also get new playground equipment for the 3-8 playground too, such as a playground space ball and a new basketball court between the fence and outside of the Charter room.

Although we have lots of new playground equipment, there will still be plenty of space

to run around. The construction will not affect the field. Although the field will be off limits when there is construction going on. The new building will most likely have a cafeteria and new classrooms for fourth and fifth grade. Also, the new building will connect to Ms. Schmitt's room (side door), and there will be a ramp from the stairs in the K-4 building next to the lobby.

New Teacher Interview: Ms. Burns

By Olivia Craig

The Hawkeye sat down with Mrs. Burns, the new drama teacher this year, to get to know her better.

Q: Was there any doubt coming into this job?

Ms. Burns: No, I was so excited

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching in this school?

Mrs. Burns: That the classes are small so I know everyone.

Q: Have you always wanted to teach?

Mrs. Burns: No, when I was little I wanted to run a daycare.

Q: What is your least favorite thing about Charter?

Mrs.Burns: The gym is attached to the theater so sometimes the noise gets through and is super noisy during class.

Q: Is there anything that surprised you about Charter?

Mrs.Burns: How multi-talented the kids are

Q: Do you have any pets?

Mrs.Burns: Yes one dog named Ally.

Q: What is a fun fact about you?

Mrs.Burns: I love playing video games.

Q: What was your favorite job besides teaching?

Mrs.Burns: Hanging out with my son

Q: What do you think makes the school special?

Mrs.Burns: Both the k-8 format and the focus on academics

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

Mrs.Burns: I like to play board games card games and video games.

Q: Have you always taught drama?

Mrs.Burns: No I use to work at technical theater then I taught English and History

Q: What is your favorite age to teach?

Mrs.Burns: Well only middle school

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching Drama?

Mrs.Burns: I love to see students come out of the shell and embrace performing.

Q: What is your favorite play you have ever done?

Mrs.Burns: I directed a show called the real inspector hound

Q: Least favorite play?

Mrs.Burns: I was in a really weird show called the love of the nightingale and I had to wear an animal print moo moo.

Q: What is the best thing about being a teacher in general?

Mrs.Burns: Watching the students grow.

Q: Who do you look up to as a actor?

Mrs.Burns: I look up to Meryl Streep and Emma Thompson

Q: What was the first thing that inspired you to be in theater.

Mrs.Burns: When I was five I went to see a christmas carol at mccarter theater and I thought that it was the coolest thing ever.

Q: If you could be an animal what would it be and why?

Mrs.Burns: dog because they are so lovable and have pretty good lives

Q: What celebrity do you think is the most like you?

Mrs.Burns: Probably Emma Thompson she is supper widdy.

Q: What is something about you that you think no one knows about you?

Mrs.Burns: I think some students think I am mean but once you get to know me you will know that I am nice to you if you are to me.

Q: Is there anything you want to add?

Mrs.Burns: I want to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly to PCS. And go see beauty and the beast.

New Teacher Interview: Ms. Diamond

By Miranda De Olden

The *PCS Hawkeye* interviewed Ms. Diamond, the new art teacher at our school.

Ms. Diamond says she wanted to be a teacher ever since she was in middle school. Before coming to PCS she taught in New York City as a teaching artist at the Children's Museum of the Arts. Ms. Diamond was interviewed for a job here at PCS by Ms. Eckstrom at a Job Fair. So far, she is loving it here at PCS! She says that what makes this school special to her is all the students and the teachers because they make everything fun!! What she likes most about being an art teacher is getting to teach students who look at the world differently. She also loves getting to be a part of the PCS community. Two fun facts about her are that she has no pets but wishes she had a cat, and she has a twin sister who looks nothing like her.

New Teacher Interview: Mr. McCarty

By: Olivia Craig

The *Hawkeye* sat down with Mr. McCarty a new teacher at school this year to find out some interesting things about him.

Q: Was there any doubt coming into this job?

Mr. McCarty: No I love teaching math and helping students. I try to make math fun.

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching in this school?

Mr. McCarty: My favorite thing is the variety of the schedule the balance of breaks and classes in order to allow the kids to have fun during the day.

Q: Have you always wanted to teach?

Mr. McCarty: No, originally I wanted to work in a forest, as a tour guide teaching people about the environment and outdoors. I love to be in the outdoors in my free time.

Q: What is your least favorite thing about charter?

Mr. McCarty: I love everything here there is nothing that I don't enjoy.

Q: Is there anything that surprised you about charter?

Mr. McCarty: I was pleasantly surprised that there was already tech with speakers in the classroom. Usually I have to do that myself.

Q: Do you have any pets?

Mr. McCarty: Yes I have a dog named Buddy and cat named Cappuccino they are both adopted from shelters Buddy just turned 12 years old.

Q: What is a fun fact about you?

Mr. McCarty: I have performed as a stand-up comic, and act in theater shows. Also I love camping and sitting in front of a campfire

Q: What was your favorite job besides teaching?

Mr. McCarty: I really liked working for summer camps as an archery instructor. I did that for 12 years. I also enjoyed working as an Assistant manager at a yogurt place and meeting fun people, talking to the customers and having yogurt.

Q: What do you think makes the school special?

Mr. McCarty: A Lot of things, the teachers are really friendly and the kids really want to learn. I enjoyed going on field trips especially fairview lakes and I am looking forward to many more.

Q: What is a inside joke you share with your students?

Mr. McCarty: I call people "George" because I can't remember everyone's name and now it has become a joke - even for his current students.

Word Masters: An Interview with Ms. Auletta)

By: Aiden Chiang

The Hawkeye sat down with Ms. Auletta to learn about the Word Masters program. Here is our conversation:

Q. Why did you choose word masters?

Ms. Auletta: I love Word Masters. First of all because there is not a lot of competition for language arts, plus it teaches kids incredible skills of like Greek and Latin roots. It also just teaches them vocabulary in general so they become better readers, better writers, but also it teaches them to understand nuance or tiny shades of meaning in words. This is a very important skill.

Q. What do you teach in Word Masters?

Ms. Auletta: We teach all the things that I mentioned. We look at how words are formed and mostly the meanings, but then how the words connect to each other and how to make analogies.

Q. What kinds of activities do you do there?

Ms. Auletta: Well first of all we just study the words but then we do dictionary games, we do finding pairs, we did stories, we did

Movie Reviews

By Linus Fleischer-Graham

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(with his mind-control powers), the Screenslaver.

Sherlock Gnomes: Garden gnomes, Gnomeo & Juliet, recruit Sherlock Gnomes to investigate the disappearance of other garden ornaments.

Peter Rabbit: This is an movie version of Beatrix Potter's story of a rabbit trying to sneak into a farmer's vegetable garden.

Ralph Breaks the Internet: After the events of "Wreck-It Ralph," Ralph and Vanellope, now friends, find a Wifi router in their arcade (by the way, they're video game characters), leading them into a new adventure.

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Restaurants In Princeton

By Grace Craig and Benji Ardehali

In Princeton there are alot of great, kid-friendly restaurants that *The Hawkeye* has reviewed.

Mistral stood out because the food is great. Mistral has many different styles of cooking. When we we asked the chef Joe why he first wanted to become a chef at Mistral, he said, "Well, I used to work for elements so I wanted to work at the best, and when Mistral opened I really liked the style of cooking, so I decided to work here". Also when we asked him how he got his inspiration for so many delicious dishes, he said, "You never know, maybe another restaurant, a cookbook, or social media, your childhood, and your family; it can come from anywhere." The best part of Mistral is the nice staff and outstanding food.

The second restaurant we recommend is the seafood restaurant Blue Point Grill located on 258 Nassau Street. Jack Morrison says he opened Blue Point and started cooking for Blue Point because "When I opened, I wanted to do what no one else was doing, and that was to be unique. There was nowhere, really, to find good seafood, fresh seafood without having to travel to Chicago. I opened this up featuring fresh seafood that comes in six days a week." says the main chef at Blue Point. The crew there have a great passion in food which makes it the best experience, making it one of the best restaurants in Princeton and making the food taste great with all of their passion for food.

Lastly the restaurant we like for dessert is Halo Pub where you can go after your delicious Mistral meal because they are next to each other. Halo Pub is an ice cream place with the forty-eight flavors of the best ice cream in town. Jerry Reilly is the manager and owner who makes sure that his ice cream tastes great by allowing only freshest and finest ingredients go into it. Halo pub also features live music in the summer and makes cakes and other goodies. Halo Pub is one of the best dessert places in town, but don't take our word for it. Just go and try it for yourself.

What is the Alliance of American Football? Jack Gordon

In the news recently, there has been a brief break of news about Zion Williamson, the Duke basketball star who is currently injured, (I'm looking at you ESPN) and some news about a new football league, the Alliance of American Football (AAF). There have been leagues trying to rival the NFL, like the XFL (which failed and lost many people large sums of money), but none of them have been particularly successful. However, the AAF is taking a different approach than its predecessors. While the XFL and other upstart leagues tried to rival the NFL for popularity, a truly impossible task, the AAF has officially stated that its mission is not to compete with the NFL but to provide football in the offseason. As CBS Sports noted, "the AAF is aiming to complement the NFL by extending football into the spring while also showcasing localized teams." The AFL's schedule stretches from February to April, notably not during the NFL season. The first game of the AAF registered higher ratings than the NBA that night (as nobody wants to watch the Hornets play the Hawks, one of the games scheduled that night), something nobody thought would happen. But how does the AAF work? There are 8 teams and each team plays 10 games, and then there is a playoff in April with the top 4 teams competing for the first title. The AAF has tried to gain players who

famously left the NFL either due to not being good enough or other, more complicated issues (like everybody's favorite Christian Hackenberg, who was a second-round pick in the NFL). The AAF flirted with the idea of signing Collin Kaepernick (the one who started the kneeling during the national anthem movement) but dropped the idea when he asked for 20 million dollars to play. The AAF has only teams from the South: the Arizona Hotshots, the Orlando Apollos, the San Antonio Commanders, the Salt Lake Stallions, the Atlanta Legends, Birmingham Iron, San Diego Fleet, and the Memphis Express. The AAF also has some small rule differences with the NFL. For example, the AAF has done away with kickoffs; instead, opposing teams start their drive on their own 25-yard line. Doing away with kickoffs also means doing away with onside kicks, but the AAF has a solution for that. A team wishing to try an onside kick will have to convert a 4th and 12 from their own 28-yard line. The AAF also changed its overtime rules so that both teams get a chance to touch the ball. There is also an extra official in the stands who is able to use video replay to overturn any obviously blown calls. These last two changes are changes that critics of the NFL were calling for recently. Why? Well, many were upset when the Kansas City Chiefs didn't get to touch the ball in the OT of the AFC championship game. Also, an obviously blown pass interference call allowed (with other things, like Drew Brees' OT interception) the Los Angeles Rams defeat the New Orleans Saints. So, there is a lot to like in this new league and a lot of potential for it to gain a large fanbase. Will you be watching?

Top Ten By: Jack Gordon

Starting off a new series, I will be ranking the top 10 players at each position in the NBA. These rankings are based on this year only (so a player like Dirk Nowitzki who has had a historically great career but is not playing well

currently would not be in the top ten) and are my opinion only.

Point Guards- 1) Stephen Curry, Golden State Warriors; 2) Kemba Walker, Charlotte Hornets; 3) Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City Thunder; 4) Kyrie Irving, Boston Celtics; 5) Damian Lillard; Portland Trail Blazers; 6) Kyle Lowry, Toronto Raptors; 7) Ben Simmons, Philadelphia 76ers; 8) Chris Paul, Houston Rockets; 9) Jamal Murray, Denver Nuggets; 10) Mike Conley, Memphis Grizzlies

Shooting Guards- 1) James Harden, Houston Rockets; 2) Klay Thompson, Golden State Warriors; 3) Demar DeRozan, San Antonio Spurs; 4) Donovan Mitchell, Utah Jazz; 5) Devin Booker, Phoenix Suns; 6) Victor Oladipo, Indiana Pacers; 7) Bradley Beal, Washington Wizards; 8) C.J. McCollum, Portland Trailblazers; 9) Jaylen Brown, Boston Celtics; 10) Lou Williams, Los Angeles Clippers

Small Forwards- 1) Kevin Durant, Golden State Warriors; 2) LeBron James, Los Angeles Lakers; 3) Paul George, Oklahoma City Thunder; 4) Kawhi Leonard, Toronto Raptors; 5) Jimmy Butler, Philadelphia 76ers; 6) Khris Middleton, Milwaukee Bucks; 7) Gordon Hayward, Boston Celtics; 8) Rudy Gay, San Antonio Spurs; 9) Joe Ingles, Utah Jazz; 10) Otto Porter Jr., Washington Wizards

Power Forwards- 1) Giannis Antetokoumpo, Milwaukee Bucks; 2) LaMarcus Aldridge, San Antonio Spurs; 3) Draymond Green, Golden State Warriors; 4) Blake Griffin, Detroit Pistons; 5) Aaron Gordon, Orlando Magic; 6) Julius Randle, New Orleans Pelicans; 7) Tobias Harris, Philadelphia 76ers; 8) Kyle Kuzma, Los Angeles Lakers; 9) Nikola Mirotic, Milwaukee Bucks; 10) Lauri Markannen, Chicago Bulls.

Center- 1) Joel Embiid, Philadelphia 76ers; 2) Anthony Davis, New Orleans Pelicans; 3) Nikola Jokic, Denver Nuggets; 4) Karl-Anthony Towns, Minnesota Timberwolves; 5)

Andre Drummond, Detroit Pistons; 6) Clint Capela, Houston Rockets; 7) Steven Adams, Oklahoma City Thunder; 8) Rudy Gobert, Utah Jazz; 9) Nikola Vucevic, Orlando Magic; 10) Myles Turner, Indiana Pacers

New Tech With Chromebook Tips

By Alexi Meyers

This article is about new tech that people might be interested in and also has some helpful Chromebook tips.

The Iphone XS Max

Introducing the newest iphone yet. At an amazing seven ounces, the iphone is one of the heaviest made. This iphone has amazing graphics and is perfect for games and movies. A couple drawbacks are that it is a bit big, and it is now the most expensive iphone ever made.

Cost: \$1,296 on Amazon.com!

Playstation 4 Pro (PS4 Pro)

The PS4 pro has lots of games, including Call of Duty: Black Ops 4, Assassin's Creed: Odyssey, Farcry 5, and more. The PS4 pro now has enhanced visual effects. It also has good high definition resolution. It is, in short, pro.

Cost: \$349.99 at Best Buy

Samsung foldable Iphone

This never-before-seen type of ipad/iphone can flex into different modes, iphone mode and ipad mode. Little has been revealed about this phone, but when it comes out, it will probably have many buyers.

If you can't afford all this new tech, here are some handy shortcuts to use with our regular old Chromebooks:

- Use ctrl+tab to move from tab to tab.
- Try ctrl+shift+redo to flip the screen.
- In logging out, press ctrl+shift+Q twice.
- For hi-contrast mode, use ctrl+search+H.

The Hawkeye Advice Column
By Juliette King

Dear Hawkeye,

I am having trouble concentrating in many of my classes, and sometimes I get in trouble for talking and calling out. Sometimes, my classmates make it hard for me to concentrate, but when I tell the teachers that it's my classmates' fault, my teachers always say something like, "You're in control of your behavior regardless of what others do." I'd really like some advice about how to control myself better in distracting environments.
Signed,
Distracted at PCS.

Dear Distracted,

If you are really distracted you can politely ask your classmates after class to be less distracting. If that doesn't work, you can always ask the teacher to talk to you after class. Then you can tell him/her that you are really trying to pay attention, but your classmates distract you and constantly say that it is not them. If you think that sometimes it's your fault, you can avoid sitting next to friends. Also, you can get involved with class discussions, because when you answer once or twice, then the teacher will know that you want to get involved and call on you more often which will force you to pay attention. Another strategy is to breathe in and out cause then you will remind yourself that you need to pay attention. Also, make sure to relax your brain and tell yourself that it will help you pay attention. You might also consider asking, especially if you're in a reading period or study hall, if you can use earplugs or listen to music.

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Dear Hawkeye,

My best friend is moving away at the end of the year. I feel so lost. What will I do next year? Nobody really likes me and I don't like them. HELP!
-Depressed

Dear Depressed,

I can't exactly tell how you are feeling, because this has never happened to me. Maybe you think that people don't like you, but maybe you are wrong and have been paying attention to your best friend and you haven't seen if the other people like you or not. To make new friends, you can sit with new people at lunch or play with other people at recess, and make sure that you show them your own personality, so that they see you for you. For the case of your friend moving away at the end of the year, you can always contact her. You can ask your mom to use her phone, or use your own phone, or iPad and you can Facetime, call, text, and email your friend. If you really feel depressed, you can talk to an adult or outside of school friends about how you're feeling. Most of the time, the people you think won't give you advice will surprise you and make you feel much better. You can also talk to Mrs. Kushner.

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Fake News

By Albert Zhu & Eleftheria Damianakis

Breaking news! In a national tragedy, an outbreak of the dreaded disease Laziness has spread across the world! The only people reporting to work are federal workers, including myself and a handful of others. The bosses are getting a kick out of this pandemic that has now hit most of the world because they don't have to pay their no-show employees. It can be terrible, though, for the lazy people who still have to feed their family. Some are too lazy to even feed themselves!

The only people who have not been affected by the pandemic are people like me that are actually energetic and sensible enough to go to work. Even the president of the United States is not waking up, and neither are his cabinet members!.....Sorry but I almost fell asleep there Even I am now too lazy to capitalize and punctuate. The laziness pandemic seems to have affected me... and everyone else on the planet! That was embarrassing. I am still too lazy to go back and delete what I just wrote. Why am I even writing this if I'm lazy? I don't know. Someone needs to fix this! Maybe some brilliant doctor. I just know that I don't want to do it!

In other news, the gym will be turned into a giant obstacle course, probably to counteract the effects of so much laziness. Apparently, Mr. Papp and other teachers are living on coffee. Mr. Papp said since the president and government can't fix the problem, maybe we can. Let's just hope that Mr. Papp's obstacle course can keep us moving! not including me though. I'd rather lie in bed...i just noticed i didnt spell things properly. not like im going to correct it, though. Anyway, I wonder who's even going to build the obstacle course, probably either the teachers or the students, not the government, because apparently they are too lazy. I mean, I know that there are obstacle courses out there for sale, but no one has the air to fill it up! Who's going to fix this problem anyway? If people are lazy, that means that they won't want to try and fix this tragedy that has now spread all over the world, and is now even affecting the animals! Someone needs to fix this. The is the *Goobgobgalab*, reporting from Washington, D.C.

Riddles

Selected by Anya Gruteser

Credits:

<http://brainden.com/logic-riddles.htm>

1. I'm tall when I'm young, and short when I'm old. What am I?

2. You can drop me from the tallest building, and I'll be fine, but if you drop me into water, I'll die.

What am I?

3. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

4. Forward I am heavy, backwards I am not. What am I?

5. Imagine you are in a dark room. How do you get out?

6. What is always coming but never arrives?

7. What kind of tree can you carry in your palm?

8. What kind of room has no doors or windows?

9. He has married many women, but he has never been married. Who is he?

10. What gets broken without being held?

(For the answers, see below.)

Answers to Riddles

1. A candle
2. Paper
3. A towel
4. Forward I am ton, backward I am not
5. Stop imagining
6. Tomorrow
7. A palm
8. Mushroom
9. A priest
10. A promise