

SPRING BREAK

by Mollie Hoyle and Mary Macgovern

Hey Panthers, are you excited for Spring Break? Whether you are climbing the 669 steps of the Eiffel Tower or spending the week helping your mother run errands, I think we are all excited for spring break!

There definitely seems to be a buzz in the air as students all over Manhattan Beach are busy daydreaming about what they will do with their week off. A lot of us will be heading out to some sunny place (or maybe even the snow this year!) with our families.

Not going anywhere? Don't worry, you're not the only one! Even though many students would rather be in Mexico relaxing on a pool chair instead of cleaning dad's socks off the floor, that's just the way it goes sometimes. It's not a bad thing- after all, we live in an amazing place! Interested in what other kids are doing for the break? Sit back and enjoy this tropical filled article.

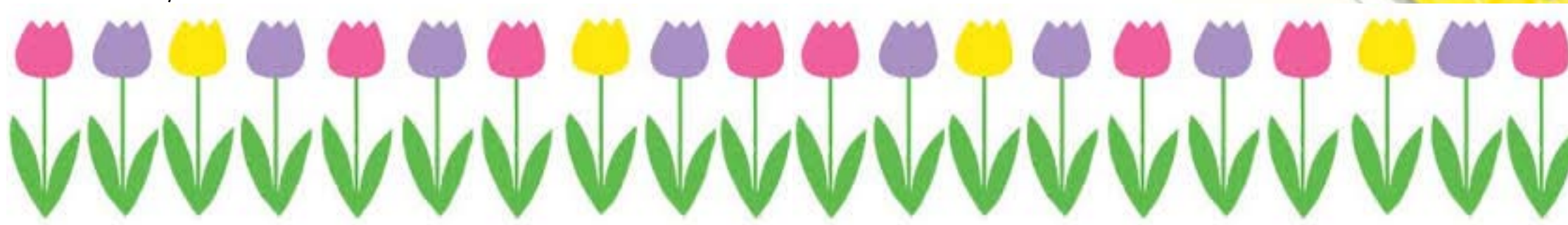
On Friday, March 10th, 2017 a survey went around in Mrs. Lautenen, Witlen, Compton/ Noda, and Cameron's classes to find the Spring Break vacation hot spots. Our fellow panthers also revealed their dream locations for Spring Break.

Almost half (46%) of those surveyed are traveling outside of Manhattan Beach. The most popular destination is Palm Springs followed by Mammoth Mountain followed by Hawaii.

Although not everyone is traveling this Spring Break, most panthers know their dream place for vacation. Hawaii is the place that everybody is craving, with almost a third (31%) of people listing it as a dream destination. A close follow up is England.

But, wherever you are going and whatever you are doing this Spring Break it is sure to be AWESOME. My dad has to work this year, so it looks like I'll be cleaning his socks off the floor.

Until next time, Panthers...



Welcome to our Spring Issue!

With the help of MBMS, we have also created a video newscast - go to the Pacific website to get the link. We worked hard on writing, shooting, directing and editing the video. Enjoy!

Looking Ahead to MBMS

By Alek Spieczny

Pacific has been a great school for all of us 5th graders. However, there will be many new opportunities next year at Manhattan Beach Middle School. These are top the things to look forward to when going to MBMS!

1. The Daily Wave: Wouldn't it be awesome to create a news show, which is livestreamed to everyone, every single morning? Well, you can do just that at MBMS. But there's more... It's an actual class.
2. The Food: After many school years of the same old food, we finally can mix it up a little! Not just the meal itself, but Chex Mix, Gatorade, and others. Tastebud heaven, here we come!
3. (Hopefully) Free Periods: It is not confirmed, but there might be free periods in Middle School! That means you have the freedom to do anything you want for 40 minutes. We don't have anything CLOSE to that in Pacific!

Pawprints is Pacific school's newspaper dedicated to the scoop of the school. On behalf of Pawprints, we paws-salute everybody who helped, wrote or drew in Pawprints. Have a GREAT SPRING BREAK!!!



Panther art by Soleil Jamani and McKenna Foy



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Favorite Acts at the Talent Show

By Soleil Jamani

I asked a few 5th Graders what their favorite act from this year's talent show was. Here is what they said:

Sydney Bushman: "I liked Jenna Walter's performance with the ropes."

Liam Karr: " I liked the JuJu on that Beat that I did with Taj Eagleson."

Rebecca Fox: " I also liked Jenna's as well! "

What was your favorite act?

Mine was the 5k MAGIC!!!

Pacific School is Vandalized

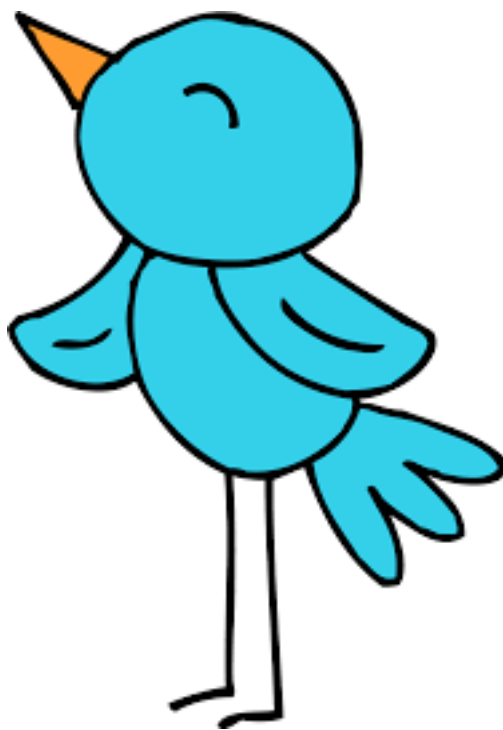
By Rohan Patel

During Feb 18- 20 someone destroyed Mrs. Tower's P.E. on the lower playground!

If that was not enough then a few weeks later someone scratched an inappropriate word on the wooden door to the dumpster in the pickup and dropoff area. And right now, "Who did it?" is exactly the question to ask!



Photo by Bryce Nicholson.

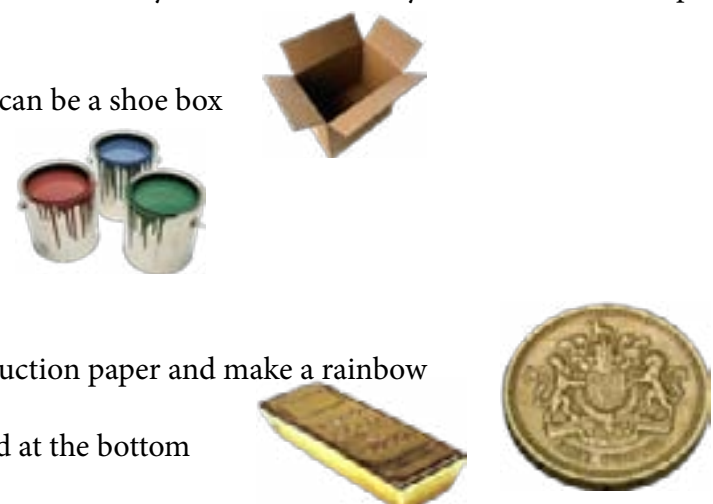


How to make a Leprechaun Trap

by Maddie Johnson and Lily Stern

Leprechaun traps are hard to make and that's why we are here to tell you how to make a leprechaun trap.

1. Find a cardboard box... this can be a shoe box
2. Paint your box green or gold
3. Find different colored construction paper and make a rainbow
4. Make pots that have fake gold at the bottom
5. Glue the rainbow to the pot, and the pot to the vertical cardboard box
6. Decorate the bottom of the box with feathers, pipe cleaners, glitter, etc.
7. **Voilà... you are done!!!**



Top Recess Activities

From Bryce Nicholson

Thump! Thump! He runs down the court, prepares his hands, he shoots, and he scores!

Hi, my name is Bryce and I've seen a lot of people play lots of different things at recess. I've wondered what everyone's favorite sport or other thing to do at recess is. I decided it might be fun to write about all this chaos going on at recess!

Students have different recess areas which means they have some different activities. 1st and 2nd grade have recess on the upper playground, 3rd grade gets recess on the upper and lower playground, and 4th and 5th get recess on the lower playground.

I interviewed 130 kids (Over 1/6 of the school) from 2nd-5th grade and asked them what was their favorite activity to do at recess. Below are the votes for kid's favorite things to do at recess.

Gaga=29	Handball=14	Soccer=10
Talk=21	Football=11	Tag Games=7
Basketball=18	Two Touch=10	Library=1
Balance Boards=4	Four Square=5	



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GOSSIP: Fun or Destructive?
From Enzo Ames

Have you ever been the victim of gossip, rumors or lies? If you have then you know the damage it does to people. Gossip is hurtful because it equals lies, rumors and destruction of relationships, friendships and alliances. When you gossip, the rumor spreads and changes the truth. Soon the rumor is nothing like how it began and it mutates. When you gossip, the rumor is eventually heard by the victim. The victim of the gossip usually figures out who started the rumor. At this point, the person who started the rumor loses the trust of the victim.

Over time the gossiper loses information and makes false guesses from small pretenses or none at all. Many times this leads to the gossiper now becoming the victim of rumors or lies. Keeping out of other people's business leads to better chances of remaining friends. After interviewing Pacific students about their personal experience with gossip, some boys do not seem to care much about gossip, but for some girls it is different and it is harmful, because it makes them very embarrassed.

Therefore, please do not gossip. Gossip may seem fun, but it is the opposite. Without gossipers, gossip ends! So will you end the gossip infection or will you spread it?

Inside The Office

by Devon Nucci

When it comes to new teachers, you don't always know much about them until they share about themselves a little bit. With a new PRINCIPAL, it's more of a, "Hi my name is..." so get the inside scoop here on our new principal, Mrs. Steinberg.

Out of everything she told me, the thing that stood out most was that once, Mrs. O. pulled a prank on her by decorating her office with UCLA banners and trinkets. Mrs. Steinberg is a USC fan! That's one way you welcome somebody new! But it was all in good fun, like her very own sense of humor. Some of the things she enjoys are tennis, shows, and being with her children and grandchildren. Speaking of children, she has a mix dog named Cody. Too bad dogs are not allowed in school! #adorable! Some of her wishes are for Pacific to be full of the Six Traits. That is also one of her duties besides spirit, making sure Pacific is safe, and being encouraging to students (I guess fixing up the teachers' lounge is a duty, because all the teachers eat in their classrooms because it is that bad). When you ask her what her favorite food is, she will always reply "one big salad with chicken and dressing on the side!" Hmmm... I wonder if she is vegetarian! Some of her other "favorites" are (1) USC and Dodgers (2) attorneys! (She always wanted to be one because her whole family are attorneys) (3) As I already stated, her salad.

I hope you learned something new about Mrs. Steinberg in this article. Please feel free to ask her about anything. She'll know how to fix it, and stay tuned for the next Pawprints article!

