

DUTCH CLIQUE

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April is "Eco" Month!

A few ways to go green:

by Halle Salisbury

Use a better search engine:

www.blackle.com has black backgrounds, not white like Google, so your computer will use less energy. Two Google searches use as much energy as boiling a cup of tea! Or you can try www.goodsearch.com. It's a Yahoo powered search engine. It donates 50% of its advertising to any charity you choose.

Stop getting lots of junk mail:

All of the catalogs and mailers you don't want and are annoying just end up clogging the landfills. Go to www.greendimes.com to learn how to take your name off of random mailing lists.

Fill up your tires:

Deflated tires create friction on the road, making cars use more gas. If every American drove on fully inflated tires, we would save up to 2 billion gallons of gas a year!

Hello, Dear Friend

by Lauren Eustis

Friends
Loyal, trustworthy, kind, caring
But when they say Hello do they
mean it?
I cannot tell
It is strange how we say Hello but do
not know if we really
mean it
HOW RUDE
But yet I can't say that I have not
done the same
But how do I know how to say Hello if
I don't know the true meaning
People say Hello
But only because they were told it
was polite
We do not realize that the polite
thing is to mean what you say
Not just to say Hello
Hello is telling some one that you are
glad to see them and want to make
conversation
But we simply do it to be polite
Hello is such a general word
But if you think hard it means
something deep
That no one can quite understand
So for now I will keep saying Hello



Dress It UP by Claire Reaves

Hey y'all! It's Kuhlare and I'm here telling you that you can add your own style to your BORING school uniform. There is one rule that is UBER important!

1. Don't wear illegal sweatshirts to personalize your school wardrobe. You may have a fave orange and purple striped fuzzy sweatshirt but you CAN'T WEAR IT There are a million and some odd HH sweatshirts; if you need one just go to the office and ask Mrs. Danner for a form! (BTW-This is gonna' be on this page every time I publish a column!)

2. Bows, Bows and more Bows. There are a million different kinds of bows in a million different colors, patterns and textures. They can keep bangs out of your face or spice up a ponytail! You can buy awesome bows at Kathleen's Kids.

3. iPods. Ok, I know that iPods aren't fashion, but they are totally KOOL! They are fun and they can express your personality. They can express your "inner being" with the color, and what type of music you play.

I'm sorry to say, I only have 3 ideas today, but if you have anymore- tell your friends, and I'll find out. I always do! ;P

WPME- Word Power Made Easy or Word Power Made Evil?

Tips for Future Seventh Graders from Patrick Freeman

In my seventh grade year I have learned about a resource in Ms. Grewe's English class. Its abbreviation is WPME, and the question is, what does that stand for? Many of my seventh grade colleagues have come up with the title of *Word Power Made Evil* for this resource. That is because a significant amount of studying and active reading is required to do well on these quizzes.

However, I see that it has helped me in different ways. These quizzes have significantly boosted my grade. First of all, throughout the year there are many quizzes. So, if you mess up on a couple, then you have several more chances to work to fix your grade. Another reason that they boost your grade is the included bonus; there are at least three bonus questions per quiz. So, if you do poorly on a quiz, you can make that up with the bonus. Or, if you do well on the quizzes, then you can make your grade even higher. The bonus are about Latin and Greek word segments or crazy sounding phobias.

WPME doesn't only help your grade, but it expands your vocabulary and will help you on future standardized testing; it may help you in future classes at Holland Hall because it teaches you so many Latin and Greek roots.

So, 6th graders, before you go hating on WPME before you even have a quiz, just remember it helps your grade and prepares you for the future (how could you not love WPME, wait, don't answer that). So when Ms. Grewe writes WPME on the board next year, think of it as *Word Power Made Easy*. I know I do.



Roman Adventures: Part II. by Nick Hofmann

It was early morning in Ostia. Max woke up in cold sweat. He'd had a nightmare about the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

They'd used a stolen time machine to travel back in time to A.D. 79, the year Vesuvius erupted for the first time.

Now they were in a small town just outside of ancient Ostia called Laurentum. They were in a very nice ancient home with a friend named Sextus.

Max came into the triclinium. Nick was already up. Sextus was up as well, and of course the slaves were making breakfast for the family.

"What's cooking?" said Max.

"It's a variation of French toast. Bread with cheese and eggs, really," said Nick.

"Can you ask your slaves to not put cheese on mine? I'm lactose intolerant," said Mas to Sextus.

"Lactose intolerant?"

"I'm allergic to cheese."

"Oh. I can ask the slaves to leave the cheese out of some of the pieces.

Calligram by Chase Carter

Why
Are there
So many false
Claims
Stating
The
Supposed
Fictional
Beings and happenings
Are somehow real according to
The constant believers and searchers but
Seemingly no one else Few people really
And truly support claims inasmuch
Only the few and seldom believers
Seem to see this phenomena
Which only occurs when
the truly and sincerely
Spirited recognize
These fictional
Or real animals
Or even things
But how
Is it

What the Hammer is Up with William Blake?

What is different about the poem "Tiger, Tiger" by William Blake? Well, when you read it, it is like any other poem, hard to understand and thought provoking. But when you get to the fourth stanza, you will see what I mean. The first line of the fourth stanza is "What the hammer? What the chain?" What is that supposed to mean? I have three theories that might clear up what he meant by that. My first theory is that maybe he disliked hammers, chains, and anvils. Or, maybe that was how people talked back then and we just have no record of anyone saying something like that. Now, I've thought about this one, and I highly doubt it, but maybe William Blake was going crazy then. So, then I looked him up online and saw that he wrote the poem in 1794 and that he was making amazing watercolor paintings and writing poems after that; so that kind of takes the last one off the list. But no one really knows what goes on inside of a poet's head.

**-A Seventh Grade
Student**



Text me?

Why do two people living in the same house IM this much? Maybe they're creating modes of communication heretofore unleashed. Is this preparation for comedy script writing? Is it just for fun? Is it worth your time to text this much?

Expert Texting by Nick and Kat Weaver

(5:05:58 PM): Ok let's do this
(5:06:02 PM): **mmk**
(5:06:07 PM): Introduce yourself first
(5:06:17 PM): **hi...im Kat?**
(5:06:21 PM): Kat what?
(5:06:27 PM): **W.?**
(5:06:32 PM): WEAVER!
(5:06:35 PM): IT'S WEAVER!
(5:06:41 PM): Ok and I'm Nick!
(5:06:48 PM): **NICK WHAT?!**
(5:06:53 PM): WEAVER SIR!
(5:07:00 PM): **THATS RIGHT!**
(5:07:28 PM): so do we have a theme song thing for this "project?"
(5:07:35 PM): shall I "sing it?"
(5:08:09 PM): I believe it's Nickalicious
(5:08:28 PM): LISTEN UP YA'LL!
(5:08:32 PM): CAUSE THIS IS IT!
(5:08:44 PM): THE BEAT THAT I'M BANGING IS DELICIOUS!
(5:10:48 PM): Anyway this is "Sibling Rivalry!"
(5:10:58 PM): hooray
(5:11:18 PM): But I'm the more important one
(5:11:33 PM): *slap*
(5:11:43 PM): *dodges slap*
(5:12:02 PM): you cant dodge a slap if you've already been slapped
(5:12:08 PM): whatever. ok so discussion time
(5:12:47 PM): yay..
(5:12:53 PM): what's on our subject board today? How about skorts?
(5:14:05 PM): hey whats a skort
(5:14:26 PM): a skort is like a skirt in the front but it like hems up in the back to shorts
(5:14:32 PM): That sounds tacky
(5:14:42 PM): we had to wear them in primary school
(5:14:49 PM): on the kat 1 to 5 tacky scale what do you give them?
(5:14:54 PM): they werent that bad...if I wore them they werent that bad
(5:15:27 PM): how would you know!?
(5:15:48 PM): I wouldn't know that from personal experiance. *looks down at feet*
(5:15:58 PM): oooohhh okay...*slaps*
(5:16:40 PM): AND I DIDNT SAY ANYTHING! THAT WAS A SLAP!
(5:16:46 PM): WE HAVE EDITING PROCESSES!
(5:16:52 PM): savages...
(5:16:59 PM): dinosaurs!
(5:17:06 PM): peacock
(5:17:11 PM): dingo
(5:17:17 PM): dodo bird
(5:17:32 PM): I wonder if dodos were tasty
(5:17:41 PM): did people eat them?
(5:17:50 PM): apparently
(5:17:53 PM): eew
(5:17:54 PM): they are extinct
(5:17:58 PM): OH REALLY?

(5:18:08 PM): YEAH REALLY!
(5:18:11 PM): CAUSE I WAS WALKIN DOWN THE STREET AND I SWEAR I SAW ONE!
(5:18:56 PM): DON'T MOCK ME GIRLFRIEND I'LL MESS YOU UP! I'LL MESS YOU UP LIKE I MESSED ADRIAN UP!
(5:19:16 PM): ...
(5:19:19 PM): adrian had it coming
(5:19:26 PM): i didnt do it, but if done it, how could you tell me that i was wrong?
(5:20:08 PM): wait what?
(5:20:17 PM): i was quoting "chicago.."
(5:20:20 PM): ohl never saw that
(5:20:29 PM): you know the...cell block tango?
(5:20:33 PM): I know Queen Latifah was in it
(5:20:51 PM): where all the girls were in their cells talking about how they murdered all these people
(5:24:36 PM): how's the food?
(5:24:45 PM): ITS GREAAT! HEHHHEHEEH!
(5:25:46 PM): OUTSIDERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN MY WORLD!
(5:25:57 PM): ...k
(5:26:09 PM): at least thats what they told me
(5:29:36 PM): so let's talk about today I just finished enjoying a delicious beef snack stick
(5:30:00 PM): like beef jerky?
(5:30:04 PM): yes like beef jerky
(5:30:57 PM): are you talking to someone else while we do this?
(5:31:00 PM): yeah
(5:31:04 PM): who?
(5:31:09 PM): audrey I.
(5:31:16 PM): would she like to be in it?
(5:31:27 PM): i guess
(5:31:31 PM): would she like to share with the rest of the class? sounds like a really good discussion
(5:31:43 PM): ...
(5:31:51 PM): no...no she's good
(5:32:15 PM): maybe we should end this here
(5:32:17 PM): yeah
(5:32:21 PM): ok then
(5:32:25 PM): BYE EVERYONE!
(5:32:34 PM): BYE
(5:32:49 PM): don't type big it'll be hard to print
(5:33:01 PM): :P



twitter



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Twittering Tweeters Text Tweets To Twitter by Nick Weaver

Twitter.com, the micro-blogging sensation that *no one* knows about, deserves to be brought out in the spotlight for teenagers to see. In a world where just about everyone is online, Twitter is the blogging service for those who hate blogging. It is based on the question "What are you doing?"

And that is what you answer. In 140 characters or less. It's called "micro-blogging" in that it is an abridged form of updating your status and opinions on life. Companies use it to update on new products in stock. Satellites send status reports back to Earth, which get automatically uploaded to Twitter.

President Obama used it to update his campaign status. (Not like I'm endorsing Obama or anything. As a writer I must remain ambiguous in all my opinions.) A few church services have even used it to give out a daily Bible passage.

I however use it to inform my public about "How they had this expensive sweatshirt at *Oakley's*, and it was like \$60, but I had to have it so I bought it anyway." You see you can "follow" someone on Twitter, (the equivalent of subscribing on YouTube) and update from your phone's texting service.

The iPhone even had a few applications dedicated entirely to it. So get out and get tweeting. Or twittering. Whatever it is in verb form.

-Nick "I'm more of a follower really" Weaver

First cell phone by John Byers

It was the most exciting thing that happened to me on the Christmas break. I think I know that when a kids get their first phone, they will want to tell and show everyone; that's what I did. Getting a phone means needing to know what to do with it when you're in a certain spot or during a certain time. It takes a lot of responsibility. When you have a book report due, you should probably turn it off so you don't have a distraction. Lastly, you could make your parents really mad if all you do is talk, text, or play games on your phone, so think twice if people start saying that you have been using your phone too much.



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The Perfect Nobody

She does it so perfectly
 not being noticed
 She's pretty nice if anyone cared
 but her inner self doesn't matter here
 She's pass by day and night
 While no one cares to think twice
 They don't even notice that she's in danger
 She's treated nice for being mean
 While the Perfect Nobody is never seen
 The world's going left when she's going right
 She in the dark while everyone sees the light
 If only she was another person just for a day
 Maybe attention would be paid
 Back to the real world we go
 Where the Perfect Nobody isn't known
 The one someone who notices her just for a while
 Has overtaken her with his perfect smile
 But we can't forget she's still invisible
 And forget about her that Someone will
 She hasn't forgotten that she's
 The Perfect Nobody
 and that only Somebody
 is a nobody and that nobody is me

by Bry Liggins

Click Clique Cliché

Like an eggshell so
 supposedly pleasingly perfect together
 But the slightest fall breaks the pieces
 Sometimes all together
 rarely in pairs
 but inside their "hard" shells
 are something you don't expect
 but something that's destined to
 never fall apart
 only brought to you by
 a sudden separation

by Bry Liggins

Friendship

Friendship is the bridge
 That binds the heart and soul.
 Each bridge is different
 Depending on the maker.
 Some are made of flimsy wood
 And some are made of sturdy stone.
 Some have many bridges
 And some have very few.
 Some appear more crossed than others
 And some appear not to be crossed at
 all.
 Alas all bridges can crumble and fall.
 But with true friends, the bridges made
 of gold
 Can rebuild
 The bridge that connects the heart and
 soul.

-by Will Booker

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Hot

by Claire and Lauren

Not

Converse

Natural

iPods

Converse

Secret life

Yoga

Xbox live

FACE BOOK

Sketchers

Overly styled hair

CD's

Sketchers

Full house

Working out

GAME STATION

E-MAIL