

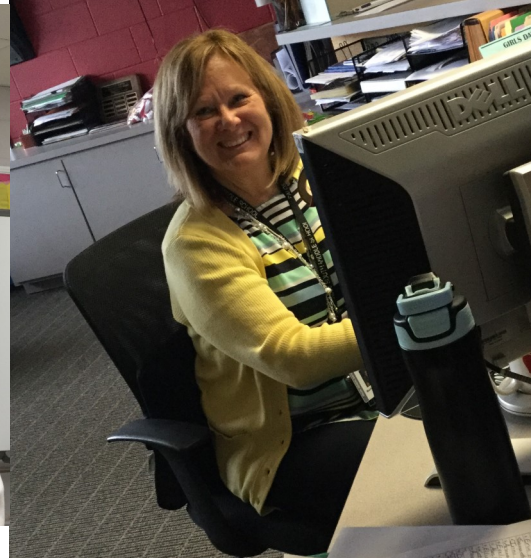
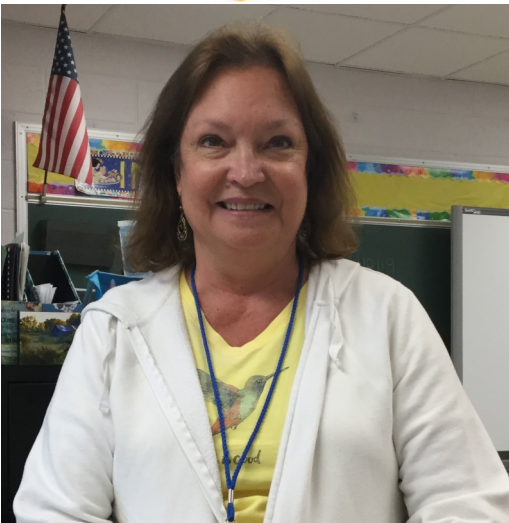
Red and White Report

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You're
the BEST!



We would like to wish all of this year's retirees much happiness as each begins a new phase of his/her life. All of these wonderful people will be greatly missed here at Palos South. We will never forget the contributions they have made and the many ways they have touched the lives of our Palos South community.

Mrs. Shem

How long have you worked at Palos South?

I have worked here for 32 years, teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade before becoming the media specialist.

What are your future plans after retirement from District 118?

I plan to spend time with my family, read lots of books, travel to interesting places, and pursue new adventures.

Please send any final thoughts, comments, advice, you'd like to leave the students and/or staff of Palos South.

It has been a tremendous gift meeting so many wonderful students and working with so many outstanding teachers and staff over the last 30+ years. My advice to all is to make time to enjoy life. Follow your dreams, work hard, surround yourself with people who make you happy, laugh often, and don't sweat the small stuff.

Mr. Bullard

How long have you worked at Palos South?

I have worked here at Palos South for 30 years.

What are your future plans after retirement from District 118?

My post retirement plans include a lot of fishing, traveling, fine dining and relaxation with my beautiful wife, Debbie. We are going to relocate to Cape Coral Florida within two years of my retirement also.

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My advice to the students of Palos South is to work hard toward your dreams. Don't take the easy road. The hard road builds character. Build strong relationships with your family because they will always be there for you when support is needed the most. Lastly, remember where you came from and who you met on your way up the ladder of success because you will be meeting the same people on your way down. Good luck to all my students I will miss you! Thank you for a memorable and rewarding 30 years!

Mrs. Lindeman

How long have you worked at Palos South?

I have worked at Palos South since 1993.

What are your future plans after retirement from District 118?

I plan to explore all the creative things that I am interested in but haven't had time to do. I also plan to travel if possible.

Please send any final thoughts, comments, advice, you'd like to leave the students and/or staff of Palos South.

I hope that everyone at Palos South realizes what a great school this really is and knows that the teachers and staff work really hard at making this an amazing place to be. Follow your dreams, keep trying, and remember to ALWAYS CHOOSE KIND! I have enjoyed all my years working here and will miss all the dedicated and talented South teachers and staff!

Mrs. Duffy

How long have you worked at Palos South?

I have worked at Palos South since 2001.

What are your future plans after retirement from District 118?

After I retire, I hope to volunteer at an animal shelter, volunteer to rock babies in the hospital, read, garden, work on my piano skills, craft, and travel. In a year or two, I may try to teach overseas.

Please send any final thoughts, comments, advice, you'd like to leave the students and/or staff of Palos South.

To the students....This is a fun and challenging time in your education. There are so many opportunities that you have at Palos South. Take advantage of what South has to offer. Remember that working hard is an important skill to develop. It is okay if you don't succeed the first time you try something. If you don't get it, keep trying...you will figure it out. Take challenges and always believe in yourself. Finally, remember to be kind to others and look out for your classmates. I will miss all of you but know that you will accomplish great things!

To the staff...I will miss you all! You are excellent teachers and I am so honored to be your colleague!!!

Mrs. Zuro

How long have you worked at Palos South?

I have been at Palos South for approximately 13 years.

What are your future plans after retirement from District 118?

My immediate plan after retirement is to travel out west to the Rocky Mountains. Also my son is getting married next year so I will have a lot of things to do to get ready for that.

Please send any final thoughts, comments, advice, you'd like to leave the students and/or staff of Palos South.

My advice to the students would be to work hard, get involved, enjoy school, make many friends. Make sure to make good choices; you have a great future ahead of you. Most of all...be KIND!

Mrs. Allen

How long have you worked at Palos South?

6 years. I worked at South many years ago and worked at Palos West for 20 years. I have worked a total of 31 years in District 118.

What are your future plans after retirement from District 118?

Traveling and spending time with my family. I also just moved into a new house and plan spend time organizing and decorating it.

Please send any final thoughts, comments, advice, you'd like to leave the students and/or staff of Palos South.

I have truly enjoyed my years at District 118. The students are always entertaining. One thing about working in the office, you never know what the day will bring. It was a job that was never boring.

Mrs. Byrne

How long have you worked at Palos South?

I have been an aide at Palos South for 20 years.

What are your future plans after retirement from District 118?

I have a few plans (so far) for keeping busy after retirement. I am involved with a dog rescue. I work alongside my friend Wendy for Safe Now Animal Rescue. I plan on spending more time helping to take care of the dogs that come into the rescue. Maybe even more fostering! I have a dog that I adopted from the rescue 4 years ago. Her name IS Cutie and she is a certified therapy dog. I take her to a local nursing home and to a hospital near my home. She spends time giving comfort to the patients there. I will be starting to bring her to an elementary school in the fall where she will be the school's therapy dog. I am very excited about this! She will be there to comfort children who have lost family members. I would also like to take some drawing classes; I love to draw.

Please send any final thoughts, comments, advice, you'd like to leave the students and/or staff of Palos South.

I would love to leave a message that is pretty well known....

"Treat others the way you would like to be treated"

If all children and adults could follow this simple rule, I believe the world would be a much kinder place. I have loved my years at Palos South. I feel I have helped many students & have made friends that I know will be in my life for many years to come.

The Red and White Report would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Lindeman who is retiring this year. Mrs. Lindeman has been an advisor for the newspaper club for many years. We will really miss her guidance and enthusiasm.

Are Mondays unhealthy for you?

By: Alec Cabrera

Monday is that day when you have to wake up early and miss your beauty rest AND you have to go back to school after the fun weekend. On Monday you will most likely get homework and have to do math, reading and more stuff like that. But have you ever wondered if Mondays are actually unhealthy for your body? Let's find out.

Monday madness

So, let's begin. First of all, I have noticed that when I go to school I am usually very stressed out. I have afterschool activities that limit the time I have to get my homework done. It causes a lot of stress in me. But that is just me (it may or may not be other people.) However, it is actually proven that Mondays are actually unhealthy for your body, and I am not just talking about stress.

Here are some ways Mondays are unhealthy.

1. Change of sleep patterns. Our body has its own clock which tells it when to wake up and when sleep. On weekends we usually sleep in later to regain the sleep we lost during the past week. But then when it is Monday, we have to get up way earlier than we did on the weekend, which disturbs our body's clock and makes it very hard to wake up on a Monday although you thought you just recharged yourself and regained sleep and energy.
2. A sudden change. If you didn't quite understand the last paragraph, then you will totally understand this one. Some scientists say Mondays are unhealthy because they cause a great sudden change in many

things (such as sleep, relaxing, having fun, and hanging out with family) and this causes you to make an extreme change and NOW you have to get used to studying and doing other things. If I could ask you "what is your least favorite day of the week?" You would probably say Monday for this reason and others.

3. You are more unhealthy on Mondays. I can remember some of the times I got sick, and I found out it mostly happened on Monday. But again, it isn't just me. Scientists say that on Mondays more people get heart attacks and strokes than any other day of the week! The reason for all of this is that on Mondays your blood pressure goes up which increases your chance of getting sick.



MONDAY

Sometimes, you just can't handle them



Our GOVERNMENT

By: Ariana Iglesia

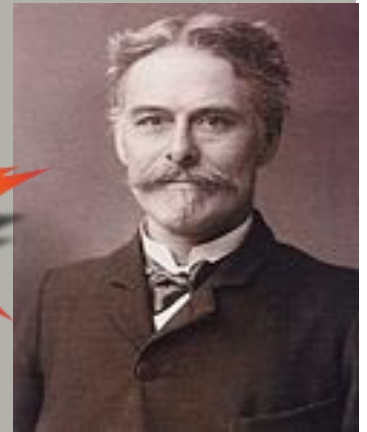
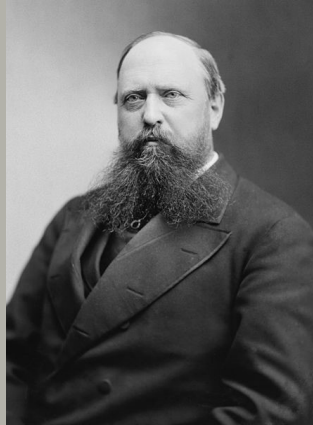
If you have been paying any attention to the news you probably know that the U.S government is always a controversial issue; some people support the decisions made and others do not. At one point this year the government had been shut down for three weeks. More specifically, nine departments, which makes up about 25 percent of federal government workforce. The result of this was that the government was functioning at a slower pace because the budget to fund our day-to-day operations had not been approved by congress. As a result, only a fraction of the 800,000 employees were expected to report to work and continue their jobs for their regular pay; but the remaining were expected to go to work and not get paid. Is that fair? Who makes these crazy decisions anyways? How do you feel about the procedures of the federal government?



THE BONE WARS

By: Alec Cabrera

The bone wars began at the beginning of paleontology when two rival paleontologists went to “war” to get and learn the most about dinosaurs. Read on to find out more!



The beginnings of the “war”

So, these two scientists, Othniel Charles Marsh (top left) and Edward Drinker Cope (top left) are friends. Cope discovers a new *Elasmosaurus* skeleton (a marine reptile) and goes and shows it off proudly. However, Marsh points out an embarrassing mistake: he put the reptiles head on its tail! Supposedly, Marsh told everyone and made Cope look like he didn’t know what he was doing. But it got even worse and worse.

The first “battle”

After Marsh made fun of Cope, Cope was rushing to delete anywhere he put the false information of the *elasmosaurus* skeleton. Cope wanted to somehow get Marsh back. But Marsh made another move. He bribed a teacher that had found dinosaur bones to not give them to Cope, but give them to him! Cope found out but Marsh made sure he wouldn’t so he got an agent to go show that this was Marshes claim. Cope found another secret site and rushed there to try to claim it. Marsh hired another agent. Marsh kept on getting fossils shipped to him— *allosaurus*, *diplodocus*, and *stegosaurus* fossils. Cope got angry that Marsh was getting all of these fossils and so he hired some people to go steal bones from Marshes dig sites! The next battles they had were more extreme and even dangerous.

A series of battles

So far, it appears like Marsh is winning. That is because he has a wealthy uncle that lends him money. So that means he can send and hire more people to find bones. Poor Cope was falling behind, but he will make a comeback. Congress has a U.S geological survey which Marsh was running for the head of. Cope bribed Marshes men to go and testify against him. Also, Cope wrote newspaper articles shaming Marsh. However, this didn’t help Cope or Marsh. Marsh lost his chance to get in the survey, but Cope died soon after this. However, they fought way more other battles. For example, Marsh blew up one of Copes dig sites, and Cope snuck on a train and stole a bunch of Marshes fossils. They shamed each other and they played dirty. Marsh hired armed men to guard his camp once. They fought to the death—literally. The Bone wars ended when Cope died of sickness.

How did this help modern science?

Thanks to these paleontologists, we discovered way more dinosaur species. In total, they both discovered 130 new dinosaur species.

How Well Do You Know Your Teachers?

Erin Hayes, Dunia Murra, and Irini Mihas have done a survey on the staff of Palos South.

Here are the questions we sent the staff:

Question 1: Would you rather go to a summer vacation or winter vacation?

Results for Question 1

Summer 17 votes 	Winter 6 votes 
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Some responses were:

“I would rather go on a summer vacation, I have more time during the summer!”

Mr. Wrzesnski

“I prefer a winter vacation to get away from the cold weather in Chicago.”

Mr. Duggan

“My favorite time to take vacation is summer because I like camping and hiking.”

Mrs. Zuro

Question 2: If you could meet one influential famous person from the past, who would you meet?

Some responses were:

“Benjamin Franklin because he did all kinds of amazing things in life.”

Mrs. Wollshlager

“I would want to meet Ernie Banks because he was a Hall of Fame Cubs player, and I am a big Chicago Cubs fan.”

Mr. Capriotti

“I would love to meet Henry David Thoreau.”

Ms. Hill

Question 3: What inspired to be a teacher?

Some responses were:

“I always wanted to be a teacher. I had some great teachers that inspired me to pursue becoming a teacher.”

Mrs. Satler

“When I was younger, I loved school. In middle school and high school, I started occasionally helping friends with math, and I loved seeing when they finally got the material!”

Ms. Merritello

“My dad was a principal and I loved going to the school with him and playing school when I was little!”

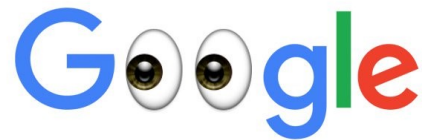
Mrs. Lindeman



GOOFY GOOGLE

Searches

By Elliott Cabrera



Google is at it again...

1. Google in 1998

Search up, **“google in 1998”** That is what you get.

2. Recursion joke

Search up, **“recursion”** it will say, “did you mean, recursion?” even if it is right. Recursion means to excessively repeat. Get it?

3 Google sky, moon, and mars.

Search up **google sky, moon, or mars**. It is basically google earth, but in space, on the moon, or on mars.

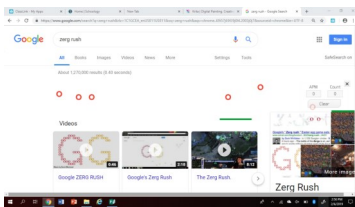
Hidden Google Games!

By Elliott Cabrera

Everyone loves google. We use it everyday for browsing the internet and entertainment. But did you know there are some hidden games you can play on google? Here are a few.

1. Zerg Rush

To play this game, search up “Zerg rush”. In a few seconds dots should come and destroy your search results. What you can do is use your cursor and click on the dots to make them disappear. It is a fun game but impossible to win because so much dots appear. When all the results are destroyed the dots make a “GG” (If you know what that means)



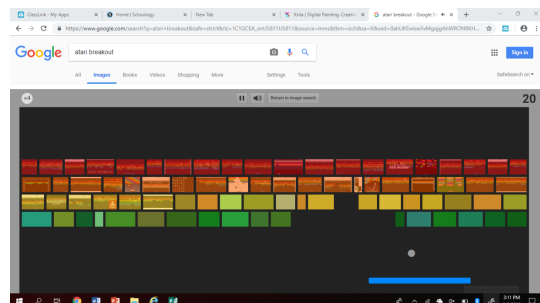
2. T rex Runner

Many people know about this game when you have no internet and a dinosaur pops up on the screen. You click space or top arrow to begin the fun game. You can activate it by going to your internet settings and disconnect. Then open a new page and it should say, no internet. There you go! (I searched up :// chrome dino and I got the dino game but big like in the pic. But fo some reason it wont pop up anymore.)



3. Atari Breakout

Similar to zerg rush, in this game search up “Atari Breakout”. Then go to “images”. In seconds all the pictures should form a brick wall shape. A bar should appear on the screen and a ball will appear also. When you beat the first level it searches up a random thing (example, pugs).



Why you should learn another language and how you could accomplish this task

By: Alec Cabrera

When I took a trip to Honduras to see my family, I noticed that the kids there were learning English in elementary school, middle school, and so forth. I was kind of surprised! The reason why they really wanted to learn English was so that they could get good jobs, because all the good jobs require them to learn English. If they learned how to speak English, they could get hired for many jobs. They could go satisfy any gringos (Americans in Spanish) that happened to stop by, and the most best thing that could happen to some English speaking Honduran was to get American citizenship. So, if they can go get a good future (and some money) from learning another language, can you?



Why learning another language is **not** a waste of time

Learning another language is NOT a waste of time. It can help you with-

- Learning English— many words in other languages (especially Spanish) have words that sound a lot like the ones in English. And English based some grammar off of other languages, like Latin.
- Getting a good job— Lets say you want to make video games. You can go put words in the game to words in other languages. Also, many jobs pay people that are bilingual (knowing 2 languages) More money and they can get better jobs than people that don't.
- Visiting other countries— When I visited Honduras to see my family, I could barely talk to them without using google translate every 5 minutes. Don't end up like that if you ever decide to visit a country that speaks Spanish.
- Talking to people HERE who speak other languages— many people here in the U.S.A speak Spanish, or are from other countries and are more comfortable speaking their native language, so you could strike up a conversation with them if you ever learn how to speak another language, have a conversation with them! They will enjoy it and so will you!



How to easily learn another language

Duolingo is an online website where you simply choose a language and learn it. I will include the link to this website below. I use it because it is pretty easy to use and you only have to do about 5 minutes of it at a time. Another way to learn is to just pay attention in a Spanish class. Spanish is probably the most popular second language because it is one of the easiest languages to learn. So, I suggest you learn (at the least) a little bit of another language because it will help you in the future.

Here is the link to Duolingo. <https://www.duolingo.com/>



Interview with 2 of our 8th grade writers

So you all know that Erin Hayes and Irini Mihas go around interviewing people, but now they are going to interview each other. Let's see what we can learn about these two.

Q: What is your all-time favorite book?

Erin: Oh my god, (silence) *Midnight for Charlie Bone* by Jenny Nimmo.

Irini: My favorite book is *All the Right Places* by: Jennifer Niven

Q: As a student here, how do you honestly feel about this school?

Erin: OH you shouldn't have said that. I feel that it is fun, but it could be more diverse.

Irini: I honestly (hesitates) I don't know. I've made some of my best friends here, but that homework; it is so much. Overall I enjoyed my time here, and I'm going to miss the school!

Q: How many movie scripts have you written?

Erin: (Pulls them all up and counts them) 64.

Irini: I haven't made any scripts. You're the scriptwriter; I just edit your movies.

Q: If you were a pasta, what type of pasta would you be and why?

Erin: I would be Italian chicken Alfredo because it's warm, and delicious. And I just love pasta!

Irini: I would like to be spaghetti with meatballs and marinara because its 100% the best pasta out there. Chicken alfredo is good, but the meatballs on the spaghetti is just way too good. What was I thinking of while writing these questions jeez.

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Erin: A lot! (Erin thinks for a minute) I want to be a screenwriter, producer, movie director, actress, and writer.

Irini: I also want to be a lot. I want to be a book critic, a photographer, and a clinical psychologist.

Q: What's your all-time favorite movie?

Erin: Now You See Me, Selma, and the Hate You Give

Irini: SO MANY MOVIES I love the movie IT (2017 version,) A Monster Calls, and Baby Driver. Don't ask me to pick between them! I can't! Those take the spot for 1st place.

Q: Why did you join newspaper?

Erin: The reason I joined newspaper because I wanted to write articles and express how I really feel, and to send out a message. So, yeah!

Irini: To be completely honest, you and my parents forced me. They said I had to join a club, and I wanted to be closer friends with you, (Erin) so I joined newspaper. I'm so glad I did, plus we get pizza at the end of the year.

Q: What is your favorite drink?

Erin: Water. The healthiest drink for you.

Irini: Water also, I drink like 3 or 4 bottles a day.

Q: Let's say you were given 5 billion dollars, but the same day you receive the money, aliens come down to say they are blowing up Earth in two days. What do you with the money? (Credit to Heathers movie)

Erin: This may be a little violent (Erin laughs), but I would buy a whole bunch of (nerf) guns and kill (politely) the aliens. Then give the money to the governor to pay for the damage.

Irini: I would buy everything I've ever wanted from the mall, then I would buy like 100 pounds of food, I would get myself a baseball bat, run away for like 5 hours, THEN lock myself in a room and watch every tv show and movie I have wanted.

Q: If you had immortality, and you didn't have to either sleep or eat and you would be fine, which would you get rid of?

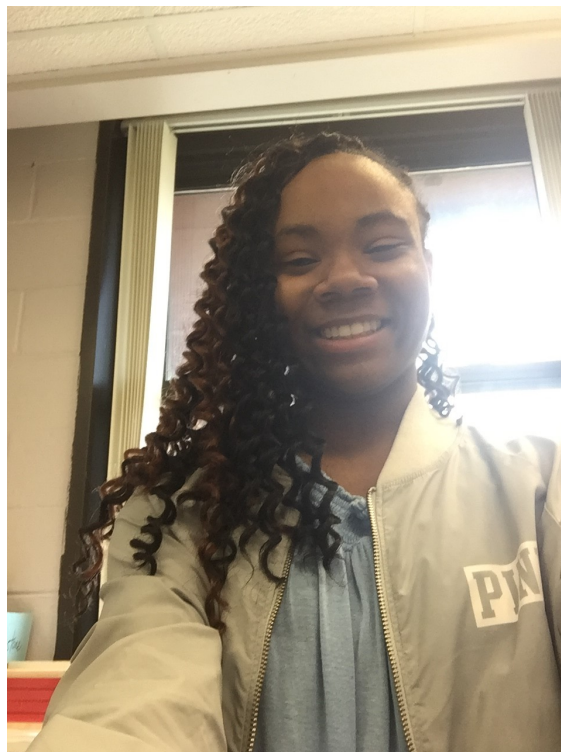
Erin: Sleep.

Irini: Sleep also.

Q: Finally, if you were a fictional character, who would you be?

Erin: OOOOH, I would be Meadow Wolf from my new upcoming movie Kulachia 2. She is Soooo amazing and has cool superpowers!

Irini: I would like to be Hermione Granger because she is super smart and gets to do magic at Hogwarts. (There are so many people I would like to be but that's the only one I can think of.)



Thank you to all of our 8th grade staff
members for all you wonderful
articles. We will miss you!



THE **NEW** GIANT OF THE FIELD MUSEUM

By Elliott Cabrera

Sue has been booted out of the main hall of the Field Museum.

In her place another extraordinary animal is here. Máximo the Titanosaur. Longer than a blue whale. This animal is huge. Just the thigh bone is 8 feet long. It is 122 feet long. He is truly a giant. I got the chance to go to the Field Museum and see Máximo up close. In the pictures, he is small. But right next to the foot is

terrifying. You should go and see the giant yourself also. It is a amazing experience you will never forget. Plus, if you like ancient animals like me, there is a section called “Evolving Planet” at the Field Museum. It has fossils of the Tully monster and a whole room of dinosaurs! It is a lot of fun.



Máximo

Evolving Planet



Hatzegopteryx: Pterosaurs Finish Strong By John Pempeck

During the Cretaceous Period, dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Some of the most famous dinosaurs, like Tyrannosaurus and Triceratops lived in that period. Pterosaurs also thrived. Pterosaurs, like Pteranodon, were not dinosaurs, but simply flying reptiles that lived around the same time. They thrived especially in ancient Transylvania about 66 million years ago, where pterosaurs reigned supreme. The pterosaur Hatzegopteryx, that is, but we'll learn more about this giant later. Prehistoric Hateg Island in what is now Europe would seem like a haven for dinosaurs. With no giant therapods (meat eating dinosaurs) on the island, what could go wrong for a Mesozoic vertebrate? Hatzegopteryx, that's what. Many vertebrates lived on Hateg (see below diagram), but they were all under the rule of a tyrant pterosaur.

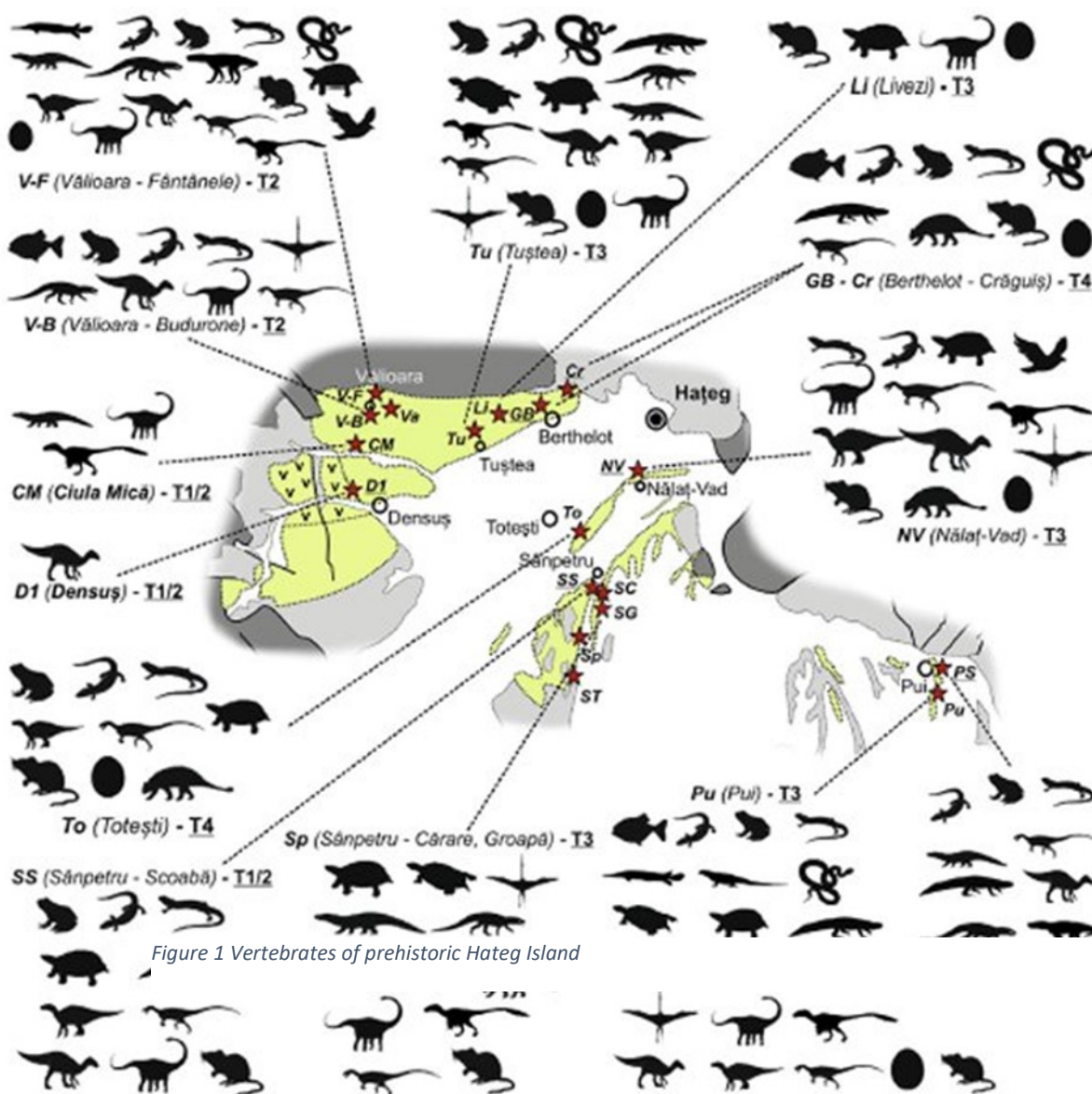


Figure 1 Vertebrates of prehistoric Hateg Island

Many dinosaurs and creatures lived on Hateg Island. Some were smaller than usual. This is called "Island Dwarfism". One example of this is the not-so-titanic titanosaur called Magyarosaurus. It was one of the smallest sauropods ever to live, and probably the smallest. They could be compared to the now extinct pygmy elephants of Southeast Asia. There is also a process called island gigantism. It is where animals on islands are significantly larger than their relatives on the mainland. On Hateg Island, Hatzegopteryx was an example of this. It can also be seen in Galapagos tortoises and Komodo dragons. Hatzegopteryx was an apex predator, like an orca whale. It had no predators on the island. Hatzegopteryx may sound like a unique creature, but other massive pterosaurs such as Alanqa and Quetzalcoatlus, the largest flying animal to ever live, were just as massive. Hatzegopteryx was not alone on the island. Hatzegopteryx comes from a diverse group of small to gigantic pterosaurs known as azhdarchids (AZ-dark-ID). All of the pterosaurs on Hateg were azhdarchids. Besides Hatzegopteryx, there were two much smaller species, one has yet to be named and the other is Eurazhdarcho. Another note is that just because pterosaurs weren't the top predators in the rest of the world and the rest of the Mesozoic Era, that doesn't mean they didn't flourish throughout the age of the dinosaurs. The below diagram shows a handful of some pterosaurs through the ages.



Pterosaurs stayed diverse through the Mesozoic. Pterosaurs died off with the dinosaurs, but before we learn about how they ended, we can learn about where they came from. The ancestral line of pterosaurs is very vague. Many scientists have different ideas on where pterosaurs fit on the tree of life. We know that they were diapsid reptiles, like dinosaurs, crocodiles, and the later evolving birds. The most likely candidate for a pterosaur ancestor is a little reptile called Scleromolochus.

It had a similar skull shape to pterosaurs and it may have been aboreal. We know almost nothing else. The body of a small, crocodile like early archosaur reptile would have to go through some dramatic changes to get a beak and wings. One of the first true pterosaurs is called Eudimorphodon. It evolved in the Triassic period, appearing at a similar time to early dinosaurs such as the theropod *Ceolophys*. Its mouth was filled with pointy teeth, indicating it was probably a carnivore, eating fish and insects. It was small, especially when compared to the giant azhdarchids that appeared millions of years later. It lived in what is now Europe alongside true dinosaurs like the predator *Liliensternus* and the large herbivore *Plateosaurus* (see picture). These creatures lived in the Triassic period, and all of the continents were one big supercontinent called Pangea. The climate was also different then, and the European dinosaurs and pterosaurs enjoyed a warm, forested environment.



As the age of the dinosaurs went on, the flying pterosaurs became more diverse and widespread. During the Jurassic period, the middle of the “age of reptiles”, pterosaurs lived on. Here toothy pterosaurs such as *Dimorphodon*, another European pterosaur, lived. You have probably seen it before including if you don’t know its name. It is a small, round-snouted pterosaur with a mouth full of teeth. It is seen in the popular movie *Jurassic World*, but is not accurately portrayed in the film. *Dimorphodon* was not like *Eudimorphodon* or other early pterosaurs. *Dimorphodon* was not built for long, graceful flight, but short glides from tree-to-tree. It probably ate terrestrial insects instead of gliding over the sea hunting for fish, like it is often portrayed doing, as its flights were most likely short and possibly clumsy. The slightly later and extremely adorable pterosaur *Anurognathus*. It almost resembled a little bat with feathers instead of fur. Despite its fuzzy appearance *Anurognathus* was 100% reptile. Later yet, in the Cretaceous period, pterosaurs came to their peak. Large fliers like *Pteranodon* and the gargantuan *Quetzalcoatlus* flew in the skies near the end of the dinosaur age. It was now that our old friend *Hatzegopteryx* ruled Europe. Then, about 65.5 million years ago, an asteroid hit our planet and wiped out the great Pterosaurs and dinosaurs, concluding the long rule of both awesome reptile groups.



Figure above *Plateosaurus* (middle), *Liliensternus* (fighting pair) and *Eudimorphodon* (background), illustration by Luis V. Rey

Figure below An accurate depiction of the Jurassic pterosaur *Dimorphodon*



Bonus: Are we Drawing Prehistoric Animals Wrong?

You may have seen a drawing of a dinosaur where its ribs could be counted and you could see every crevice of its skull through its skin. This style of dino-drawing is called “dino shrink wrapping”, where skin is draped over a dinosaur’s skeleton. However, dinosaurs probably didn’t look like this. To prove it, let’s see some of our animals being skin wrapped, to see how different they look.



Figure above - skin wrapped hornbill birds

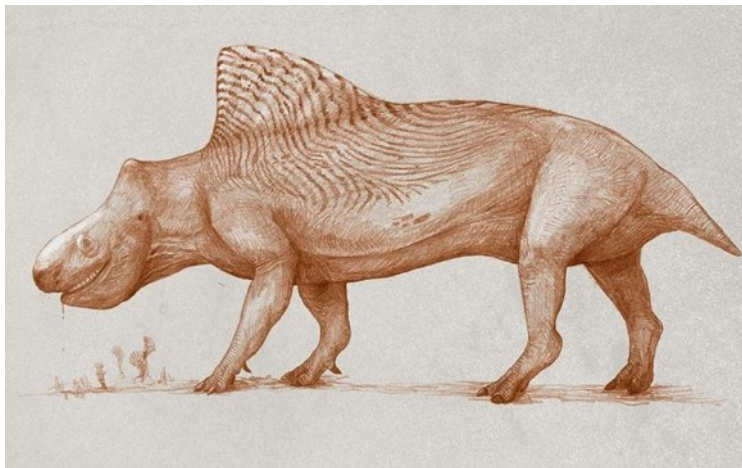


Figure above -A skin wrapped rhinoceros



Figure above - A skin wrapped hippo

THE TULLY MONSTER!!

By Elliott Cabrera



YES

THIS IS REAL!



This animal is the Illinois state fossil! So far these fossils have only been found in Illinois, and all have been found in the famous Mazon Creek formation! Illinois was under water 300 million years ago, around the time this animal lived. The name of this animal is Tullimonstrum, or Tully monster. The story of this fossil began around the 1950's. A man named Francis Tully, a fossil hunter, found this fossil. When he looked at this fossil, he had not seen anything like this before. He sent it to the Field Museum of Natural History and they did not know what this was either. It was dubbed "The Tully Monster". It was a vertebrate (maybe a invertebrate? This mystery still going on. It is truly "monstrous") and a marine animal. It had jaws that could slice other animals.

THIS IS ILLINOIS STATE FOSSIL !?!

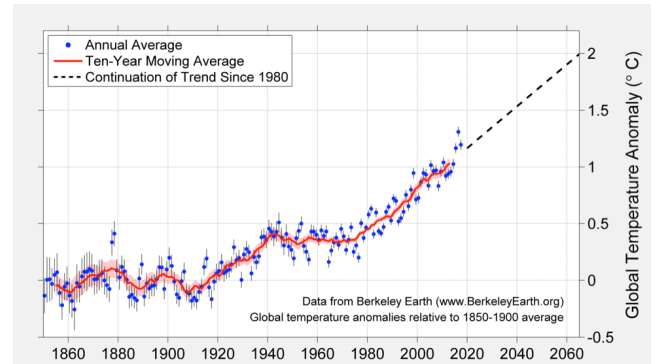


Will We be Able to Stop Our Own Extinction?

By: Elliott Cabrera

Temperature levels are rising, drastically.

Co2 levels are rising so fast, humans might become extinct along with the 30+ species of animals and flora that go extinct every day! Something has to stop, the natural world is being polluted with Co2 and other hazardous gases. Maybe animals will evolve to kill humans? That's got to be a movie! For your information though, Co2 levels are now higher than they have ever been in the history of the earth. However animals at this time are not adapted to these types of Co2 levels. So, what do we do? Well, some people have answers. Sergey Zimov is the creator of Pleistocene park and wants to recreate the Siberian landscape to the Pleistocene era to diffuse the hydrogen bomb. (A term for the high levels of hazardous gases beneath the permafrost. A whole article could be written about this alone). Next, some people are thinking about going electric. This is a good idea. The only people really hurt by this are the big businesses which use a lot of natural gas. However, it seems electric cars are the future already! There are plenty of more ideas for "saving the world" but these are just a few. What is your idea to save humanity from a problem looming ahead?



Funny knock-knock Jokes!

By: Alec Cabrera



People love knock-knock jokes, so here are some good knock-knock jokes to entertain you and your friends.

1. Knock-knock. Who's there? Cow says. Cow says who? No, Cow says MOOOOOO!
2. Knock-knock. Who's there? Robin. Robin who? Robin you, now hand over the cash.
3. Knock-knock. Who's there? Mustache. Mustache who? I mustache you a question, but I will save it for later.
4. Knock-knock. Who's there? Tank. Tank who? Your welcome.
5. Knock-knock. Who's there? Voodoo. Voodoo who? Voodoo you think you are, asking me so many questions.
6. Knock-knock. Who's there? Jamaica. Jamaica who? Jamaica mistake? Just let me in!
7. Knock-knock. Who's there? Spell. Spell who? Okay, okay: W.H.O.
8. Knock-knock. Who's there? Stopwatch who? Stopwatch you're doing and pay attention!
9. Knock-knock. Who's there? To. To who? It's to whom.
10. Knock-knock. Who's there? Ice cream. Ice cream who? Ice scream if you don't let me in!
11. Knock-knock. Who's there? Alec. Alec who? Alec-tricity. Isn't that a shocker?

A Sneak Peek of some Future Movies from Bane Carver

By: Bane Carver/ Erin Hayes



Hello, I am Bane Carver. (There is no need for me to tell my actual name because you are going to get used to calling me Bane). Anyway, below I am describing my ideas for future movies that I have written in the past few years (including now). My goal is to become a movie producer in 10 or 20 years. (If it takes that long). Here we go!

A Good Cause for a Change

Eden Jones, now Eden Tanner is running away from her past, from an abusive family, and parents, who she believes do not love her, or take care of her and a place where she doesn't feel loved. A past where a lot of bad things that she didn't deserve happened to her. The setting is a city in Chicago called Englewood. She makes one good friend, and her entire life changes. Mrs. Garcia, her case manager and her lawyer. Eden goes on an adventure to find out the real meaning of family. Many twists and turns take place as Eden tries to put the pieces of her life together, but in the end she does truly find happiness and the true meaning of family.

Little Itty Bitty

Hunter Anson was judged from left to right when he was a baby, because of his race, height, looks, and because of what their generation was supposed to be. His mother is 6.3 feet tall, and his father 7.6 feet tall. Imagine this Hunter Anson 4.9 feet tall at age 2. Well it's true. He is really tall. But, like a normal person; he lives life. People constantly say he is going to be a football player or a basketball player, but what if he doesn't want to be that at all. What if he wants to be an engineer or lawyer? Hunter Anson grew up in a not very diverse neighborhood; Hunter is an African American boy. Throughout his life he has to deal with a lot and therefore, he learns a lot of lessons. Number one, accept being yourself because no one else can be you. Number two, you have to accept yourself before you accept others. Number three, you shouldn't judge others; love them for their inside not their outside. Do not care what others say. Do what you believe in. This is Hunter's story. Little Itty Bitty.

The Untold Game of Life

Here is the truth.....Life is filled with many ups and downs, like a roller coaster. It's filled with many choices, lies, truths, challenges, tricks, games, feelings, connections, thoughts, and decisions. Envision this, you have been waiting ages to get out of your parent's house.....To have freedom to do whatever you want, but when you finally get that you realize you would rather live with your parents instead of going out into the real world because it's not what you expected and you're not ready for that new change. The Untold Game of Life is a game where 12 people both Genders, come to play a hard game of life. Two apparently win, no matter if you're both girls, both boys, or boy and girl. The Untold Game of Life change some people in a very positive way, but some aren't so lucky. They all realize Life is short, so make the most of your time and really enjoy it. And also learn to cope, and deal with what is thrown their way during their lifetime and the "survivors" learn to work together.

I hope you actually go and see these movies in the future (because they should be really good) these movies are all movies that I am currently writing for the future. (BEST MOVIES EVER!)(Well at least my opinion) Stay tuned for more. Oh, wait, there unfortunately isn't going to be anymore articles, because I am graduating this year. I am so sorry to say this, but there will be no more articles from me. I hope you enjoyed all of the articles I have written. If you haven't read any of them or even remember them, go to the webpage and go to the Red and White Student Newspaper. You could go back to all of the Newspaper issues that we have written in the past. Goodbye!

Rollercoasters

by Dunia Murra

A roller coaster is a type of amusement ride that employs a form of elevated railroad track designed with tight turns and lights at night. People ride along the track in open cars, and the rides are often found in amusement parks or theme parks around the world.

Information below provided by Wikipedia

Rank ↕	Name ↕	Park ↕	Country ↕	Height ↕
1	Kingda Ka	Six Flags Great Adventure	United States	456 ft (139 m)
2	Top Thrill Dragster	Cedar Point	United States	420 ft (130 m)
3	Superman: Escape from Krypton ^[note 1]	Six Flags Magic Mountain	United States	415 ft (126 m)
4	Tower of Terror II ^[note 1]	Dreamworld	Australia	377 ft (115 m)
5	Red Force	Ferrari Land	Spain	367.4 ft (112.0 m)
6	Fury 325	Carowinds	United States	325 ft (99 m)
7	Steel Dragon 2000	Nagashima Spa Land	Japan	318.3 ft (97.0 m)
8	Millennium Force	Cedar Point	United States	310 ft (94 m)
9	Leviathan	Canada's Wonderland	Canada	306 ft (93 m)
10	Intimidator 305	Kings Dominion	United States	305 ft (93 m)

Who first thought up the rollercoaster idea?

In the 17th century, the Russians froze water over a 70-foot-tall wooden structure to make an ice ramp. Riders would sit on blocks of wood and ice stuffed with straw and, with a slight push, slide down. Paris wanted in on the fun, but soon realized that the whole idea falls apart in France's warmer climate. So they added wheels onto the sleds and a track to the ride in 1817, effectively creating the modern roller coaster.

How does a roller coaster work?

"During normal operation, physics will hold someone in their seat on almost all roller coasters," says Robert Niles, editor of ThemeParkInsider.com. The conversion of potential energy to kinetic energy is what powers the roller coaster. The car is pulled to the top of the first hill and once it descends it has enough energy to complete the entire roller coaster cycle. "Imagine riding your bike," says Ted Bunn, chair of the physics department at the University of Richmond in Virginia. "If you coast down the hill, you can use the energy you gained from that to coast back uphill, at least for a while. It's the same thing."

Interesting Fact!

In a single day, Philip A. Guarno, Adam Spivak, John R. Kirkwood and Aaron Monroe Rye went to 10 parks in four U.S. states, traveling by helicopter between them. They did it to raise \$40,000 for the Children's Miracle Network.

Ready, Set, Roll!!

Palos South Eighth Graders will be riding the roller coasters at Six Flags Great America on May 21, 2019.



What I'll Miss About Palos South

By: Sajal Shukla

In my very first article as a member of Newspaper Club (Fall 2016), I wrote about what I like about Palos South. At the time, I was a sixth grader and everything about this school was new, different, and even a little scary to me. Now, as I go through my last month of eighth grade here, I would like to talk about all of the amazing things I have gotten to experience here and what the sixth, seventh, and incoming fifth graders have to look forward to.

One of the best things I have had the chance to do here is attend some awesome field trips. White Pines in sixth grade was the first time I had been away from home on my own and it was a great experience. We got to play games, ride horses, and explore the outdoors. Medieval Times was very exciting, as well. In seventh grade, we boarded the buses early in the morning to spend the day in Springfield. For someone who loves social studies and history, the Springfield trip was one of the coolest field trips I had been on. I loved seeing Abraham Lincoln's home, the Lincoln Museum, and seeing our beautiful state Capitol building. Finally, in eighth grade, we have multiple field trips. In the beginning of the year, we went to Irons Oaks where we got to do fun team-building activities. Later in the year, we will get to go to Six Flags, which we are all very much looking forward to. Throughout the past few years, I have had the opportunity to attend some great field trips and create many lasting memories.

There are so many amazing opportunities for students here at South. There are always sports or clubs to suit your interests. I will greatly miss all of the clubs I have gotten to be in. Newspaper Club, Book Club, Math Club, Student Council, Declamation, and Pacesetters are all clubs that I have been a part of and I have learned so much from each one. Another great opportunity for eighth graders is the Capstone program. We had the chance to work collaboratively with others to design solutions to real world problems and compete against other groups. It was one of many enriching experiences I have had at our school.

Behind all of these clubs and activities were kind, understanding, and knowledgeable teachers who made Palos South such a great place to go to school. Also, I have had the chance to make memories with some wonderful friends. At first, it was scary to be around so many unfamiliar faces, but I met new people and had some great times.



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