

English students' published work continues.....

A Swing To Victory!

By Kyla Bandel
Eighth Grade

There is 102 yards to the hole, uphill lie, and wind blowing in my face about three miles per hour. I think I am going to have to go with my seven iron. I study the ball and its line to the hole for a minute and I step up to take a swing at the ball. The crowd goes quiet. Whack! The ball is flying through the air and it hits the smooth, hilly green. It curves just enough for the ball to roll into the hole! The crowd goes crazy! I am so ecstatic to write a number two on my score card!



Bandel

Golfing is something I started young and I fell in love with. You can play golf for your whole life no matter how old you are. Golf is an awesome way to get your exercise to stay healthy. Golf is also a game where it challenges your mind. Sam Snead once said, "Forget your opponents, and always play against par."

Golfing has taught me to never give up no matter what the situation is. When I play golf, I always have to be determined, confident, and willing to give it all I have. When I golf, I feel honored and thankful to be able to swing a club to give it the power I have.

Whenever I have free time in my day, I like to go out to the golf course. Next time you have some free time, call some friends and join me in a round of golf. Are you ready?

A sport for athletes

By Lane Hobrock
Seventh Grade

My hands were clammy from being very nervous and anxious. It was the league tournament for our junior high. We all were very excited and we were ready to start wrestling. After the skin checks, the officials had the teams gather in one big line and a referee introduced the teams.



Hobrock

After they introduced the teams, it was time to wrestle. That is when the fun part of wrestling begins. You start jumping, hopping, pacing, and anything else you do to get yourself ready to wrestle.

The matches go in order by weight, smallest to biggest. When it was time for my match, I was not ready at all. I had made a huge mistake. I never paid attention to the match order; therefore, I was not ready to wrestle. I went out and saw who I was wrestling. I had thought to myself "Do I have to get warmed up for this?" I pinned the opponent in the last few minutes of the first period. I've wrestled the same kid before and I always have beaten him.

After that, my second match came around the corner quickly. I had to wrestle an opponent I had wrestled twice before. I had beaten him both times. He knew my moves and I had to work hard. I finally pinned him in the second period. Now I was wrestling for first and second place. I ended up wrestling an opponent who had way more skill than me. He beat me three to six. I had gotten second place. My overall junior high record was nine wins, and four losses. I would love to wrestle that kid again!

A Love for the Game

By Echo Jones
Eighth Grade

Have you ever felt the rush of adrenalin? Do you want to feel the power of your own body? Everyone has a passion. In that passion is determination. Basketball players' passion is driven by the longingness for that sweet sound of a swish. They devote hours on end into creating their own special technique for their game shots. They sacrifice their comfort and time to become the better athletes.



Jones

Does being self-disciplined have anything to do with sports? It does when a track star runs with a fury and pain endlessly just to feel that lightless string break on their torso. The runner must make himself go on. Legs aching and

breathing hard makes himself give everything he has just to win the race.

The athletes will run miles and miles, day after day for that momentary victory only they can feel. The feeling is pride within the athletes when they pushed themselves hard enough and their perseverance pays off. Their overwhelming feeling of accomplishment which is swimming through them makes them swell with the fact of hard work.

The runner's endurance or a basketball player's sweat covered forehead is something looked at with respect. Respect, because the athletes are giving it all they have and it makes others envious of them in a subtle way. It could be the volleyball players' powerful hit and soft touch. It really doesn't matter what the sport is or who the athletes are. They love the game, it's why they play. What sport do you have a passion for?

Amazing Vault

By Journey Lee
Seventh Grade

Have you every felt like it was going to take an eternity for something to get here? That's how I felt waiting for track season to start.



Lee

It's my first year doing sports and I was really looking forward to track season. Although, there are lots of events the one I was looking forward to the most was pole vault.

At first, I thought pole vault was going to be scary being flung through the air. Still when my track coaches asked me if I wanted to pole vault, I said yes not knowing how much work it would take.

For about the first week, I could barely get two feet off the ground. Even though it was hard, I kept working. Our coach told us if we want to pole vault at the first track meet we need to be able to clear opening height. Even though I was close, I still had some work to do. Although, my coach thought I could do it, and entered me in.

I had never cleared opening height and it was my turn to go up. I ran with all my might, trying to clear five foot. I went to jump and I knocked the bar down with me. It's ok; I thought to myself. I still have two more tries to clear it. Finally, it was my turn again. So I grabbed my pole and took off and I actually cleared it! I felt like I was on top of the world. Plus I was very impressed with my first vault.

Now I practice hard at every practice. It seems like I'm getting better at every track meet. Now here I am a week before the league track meet hoping that I will place. Do you think I will?

Dirt Bike Riding

By Blake Meyer
Seventh grade

When I ride a dirt bike, I love to feel the wind go through my hair. It is the best feeling when you are having fun.



Meyer

I rode this sweet, red Honda at my Uncle Kelly's house in Fairbury, Nebraska. This bike was super fast. It goes 110 miles per hour. Wow! That is one fast bike. I only got the bike to 60 miles per hour, though, because that's all the faster my dad told me to go.

I had an awesome time that summer at my uncle's house. It was the best summer I have had in my life. I hope I get to do it again some time. The next time I get to ride my uncle's dirt bike I hope I will get to go faster than sixty miles per hour.

Then when we left the next day to go back home, I was so excited. I could not wait till my family and I could come back next summer. When we got back a couple days later from my uncle's, my dad said he had a surprise for me. When I went outside, my dad said he was proud of me for being so careful at my uncle's. He then whipped the cover off and there was my very own dirt bike. Man, I was so excited! The first thing I did was getting on the brand new dirt bike and took off.

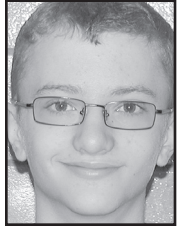
I will never forget the time I got my own Honda dirt bike. Everyday I ride and ride that dirt bike nonstop from morning to

night time. It was definitely the best summer I had in my entire life.

The Painful Mistake

By Jason Owens
Seventh Grade

The terrible accident started on a blue summer day in June. I was only six years old when the accident happened. The painful mistake happened at the park on the merry-go-round.



Owens

My parents told my brother and me we had to go to the park at four o'clock. Four o'clock came by really quick and I was ready to go. My brother Ryan and I went to the park and we were having fun on the swings and the slide.

I ran over to the merry-go-round and got on. My brother Ryan raced over and started to spin the merry-go-round. I told Ryan to slow down, but he didn't hear me. So I jumped off the merry-go-round which was a terrible mistake. A piece of wood was sticking out and I hit it square with the center of my head. Imagine being stabbed in the head with a knife and then it being ripped out. That was what it felt like.

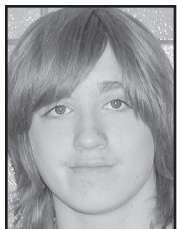
I blacked out for a few seconds, I then became awake to my brother getting me up and bringing me to our parent's store.

Upon arriving at my parent's store, my dad asked what was wrong with me. He then saw the blood coming from my head and took me to the emergency room. My dad told the doctors what happened. He brought me into the emergency room they laid me down to get stitches. They smothered the medicine on my wound and started to stitch close my head which was very painful. Has this ever happened to you?

The Lassies of Today

By Austin Patton
Seventh grade

What animal adores kids, herds animals, or will stick next to you through thick and thin? The border collie, in my opinion, is one of the absolute best choices for a pet a person could possibly make.



Patton

For example, my very first animal friend was a border collie that I named Tony because of an animal naming website the day he was brought onto the Earth. Tony was as loyal to me as any friend or family member could ever be.

The border collie has an amazing history. This amazing breed has astounded me with all of the tales about these mind-blowing pooches. I had never known border collies were sheep herders. Another thing that increased my interest is the book, Lassie, Come Home. The story riveted me and made me fall in love with border collies all over again.

The border collie is not your average puppy. These wonderful dogs are trained sheep herders and have also been trusted to mind their master's house. Border collies have been favored by humans for an innumerable sum of years. I will continue to adore border collies for as long as I live.

Are you looking for a perfect dog as a pet? Border collies are the only choice if you have kids and live in a rural area. They will guard your house and literally herd your kids for you! These adorable dogs are also quite simple to train if given the right motivation and love. This is only partly why the border collie is so amazing at being a pet, and just being a hard working friend. Are you looking for a perfect pet?

Music Equals Love

By Dallas Reed
Eighth grade

"Come on let your colors burst" are from the song "Firework" by Katy Parry. These words are my favorite from this song because they tell people to not hide who they are and show them what they're worth.



Reed

Picture yourself in your house listening to music, listening to the bass, lead guitar, and the drums. Everything has its own job in music. Music is like a

house. Bass is your foundation, guitars are the sides, singer is the roof, and drums are the nail and bolts that hold everything together and on time. They all play a big part in music and music plays a big part in my life. Just listening to music everyday makes me happy and excited because it's something I enjoy to do in life.

There are all kinds of music out there in the world; like country, pop/hip-hop, rock, heavy metal, and tons more. Everyone in this world likes different types of music. Some listen to American music and some listen to their own cultural music. My favorite kinds of music are Christian rock, rock, country, and punk rock.

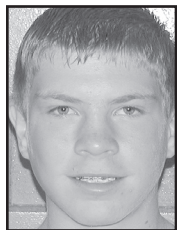
I listen to music everyday in my spare time. When I'm working on homework or working outside by myself, I find it relaxing. There are times the music makes me want to dance and sing along. Music expresses how I feel about everything.

The next time you listen to music think about how you feel. Do you feel like getting up to dance and sing along?

Grrrr....

By Travis Rogers
Seventh Grade

Have you ever seen a real life mountain lion? Have you ever gotten to touch one at a zoo or perhaps get close to one at a wildlife park? I have never got to touch one, but I hope I can some day.



Rogers

With its sharp claws, the fierce creature will do anything to catch its prey and nothing can stop it. The mountain lion also has very athletic back legs for running and jumping. The mountain lion's technique is incredible! A mountain lion starts out by crouching in tall grass or circling its prey. Then SWOOSH the lion jumps, attacks its prey in just a blink of an eye.

The habitat the mountain lion lives in is usually a cave or a place with tall grass or weeds. The mountain lion also lives by cliffs or by a river. Mountain lions have been seen in Arizona by the desert and in Mexico.

The mountain lion is known by many names, like puma, cougar, and catamount. Mountain lions have been known to once roam almost all the United States. Unfortunately, mountain lions have almost been eliminated from their natural habitat.

The cat's average height and length are three feet to five feet in length and the tail is about 33 inches. The weight of this beast

is usually 136 to 140 pounds. That kind of height and weight is equivalent to a six foot human!

I am going to San Diego next year and I hope to see one at that zoo. I also want to go on a safari some day. In your experiences, have you seen a mountain lion?

Brown and Tasty

By Ian Schmid
Eighth Grade

Creamy, delightful, and energizing makes you think of what? It makes me think of CHOCOLATE. Chocolate is a fluffy brown bar that people like to eat. Why do they enjoy it so much? Is it for the sugar rush or the color? Is it a tasty treat?



Schmid

There are many different types of chocolate: dark, white, fudge, chocolate chips and chocolate milk. Thesetypes of chocolate can be used for many different things. Strawberries, cherry, marshmallows, pretzel, peanuts, and many other foods are delicious when dipped in chocolate.

Chocolate comes in many different forms, too. Kisses, hugs, bars, ice cream, and milk are a few of the many forms of chocolate. Hot chocolate and other kinds of chocolate are made from cocoa beans. Cocoa beans taste terrible, but when mixed with sugar and other spices it can be made delicious.

The first person from Spain to find the cocoa bean was Hernando Cortez. He brought it back from Central America to Spain around 1519. The Spanish experimented with the cocoa bean and made a recipe for hot chocolate. Hot chocolate is a drink that was drank by the Spaniards. It was thought to be a drink for gods.

In the 1600's the Europeans found the recipe for hot chocolate and shared it with the rest of the world. Hot chocolate is a drink that many people around the world today enjoy. It is one of my favorite drinks

and my favorite type of chocolate is milk chocolate. What are some types of chocolate that you like?:

Losing someone you love

By Kylie Sherlock
Seventh grade

Have you experienced just getting to know someone and he or she slips away? I did at the age of 12. My Grandpa John was 82 years old when he passed away. Over the years before his death, he had gone almost completely blind. Grandpa had some major health issues and I hated to see him suffer.



Sherlock

I cherished the moments we shared together including childhood memories. He used to make me Mickey Mouse shaped pancakes; I ate them even if they were burnt. Grandpa always made sure I was happy and taken care of. I was always excited to go visit him and made sure to tell him I loved him.

"Goodbye is never forever, it's simply just a talk to you later." Anonymous. I chose this quote because telling Grandpa goodbye was always hard, especially knowing it could be the last time I would. The doctors told my family they weren't sure if he would make it through the night. So, my mom took me to visit him one last time giving me a chance to say goodbye. Saying goodbye would have made me cry, as much as I wanted to, I knew I couldn't. I had to be strong, not only for myself but for my grandpa.

"He's gone," my mom said as she began to cry. I was sad and confused, I didn't know if I should hide my emotions or cry. I found it impossible to hide my tears as I tightly hugged my mom. For a second, the world stopped, leaving me in my thoughts. How would you handle losing someone you had just gotten to know?

Christmas On Us

drawing

5:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 19

Grade school gym

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thought to ponder.... How long is it until your relationship is considered a long-term relationship?

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