



Not Just Visiting!

By: Christopher Poisson

Have you seen some new faces on the school campus? That's because there are 17 new staff members and over 150 new middle school students here at DSA! The new teachers include 3 in the Arts, 1 in P.E., 5 in the lower grades, and 8 in Middle School. This article highlights two of our new teachers: Mr. Mercier and Ms. Elwick.



Mr. Mercier comes to us from Tampa, Florida. He teaches 7th and 8th grade reading on the second floor of building 3. He received his college degree in History from Florida State University. Mr. Mercier has taught for 3 years before he came to DSA. He taught in Arizona and



Pasco County. This is his first year teaching DSA students. His educational background includes a Masters degree in English Education from UCF.

Ms. Elwick teaches 7th and 8th grade math. Before com-

ing to DSA, she taught for 4 years at Lake Alfred Adair Middle School. Ms. Elwick got her Bachelor's degree from Florida Gulf Coast University and her EPI Certification from Edison State College. Her family includes her fiancé and their 3 children. Ms. Elwick says she came to DSA to be closer to home and hopes to bring her two younger children here some day.

Those are some of the new staff members that hopefully will stay here for many years to come. So show them respect at all times, and they will respect you.



Student Actors Bring a Spider to the Stage

By contributing writer, Samantha Pickett

Salutations! That's what a little spider says in DSA's fall production of Charlotte's Web. The musical is based on the well-loved children's book by E.B. White of the same title.

Charlotte's Web, the Musical, is starring Hayle Hackworth and Kaleah Sanchez as Charlotte, and Phillip Taylor as Wilbur. The whole play is being directed by Mr. Moszenberg, with the assistance of Mrs. Cain, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Wright. Many parent and staff volunteers also help with the production.

The play is showing on November 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th in the Frank Howes Theatre. On the 3rd and 10th, there are shows at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., but on the 2nd and 9th, the shows are only at 7:00 p.m. If you buy tickets online, they are \$7.00 for opening night, and \$5.00 for any other night (plus a 50¢ surcharge per ticket). The opening night ticket includes entrance to the opening night gala that is held immediately after the show. If you buy tickets at the Box Office, they are 1 dollar more. Tickets go on sale October 22nd at www.davenportschoolofthearts.com.

So come witness this courageous spider save the hopeless pig destined to be bacon by spinning stupendous words in her web.

The poster features a large, stylized spider web in the center. The words "Davenport School of the Arts" are arched over the top of the web. "Presents" is written in a small font above the web. The title "CHARLOTTE'S WEB" is written in large, bold, black letters across the middle of the web. Below the web, the words "The Musical" are written in a large, bold, black font. To the right of the web, a small spider is shown spinning a strand of web. Below the web, there is a drawing of a pig (Wilbur) looking up at the web. The background of the poster is a light pink color with a subtle pattern of concentric circles.

Davenport School of the Arts
Presents
CHARLOTTE'S WEB
The Musical

Fall 2012

November 2nd, 7:00 pm with Opening Gala to follow
November 3rd, 2:00 and 7:00 pm
November 9th, 7:00 pm
November 10th, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Opening Night (Includes Gala): \$7.50
Other Performances: \$5.50

Tickets are available at www.davenportschoolofthearts.com
By following the link SEAT YOURSELF online ticketing

Tickets will also be sold for an additional 50¢ in the box office on performance days
All sales are final, no refunds after purchase

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A Moment of Silence for 9-11

By Hannah wood

"I remember exactly where I was when it happened," says Mrs. Varner when referring to the tragic day of September 11th. Nine-eleven is the day the twin towers fell. Two hijacked flights were flown into the



World trading center on September 11, killing at least 3,766 people. Many people lost people they loved and cared for whether they were public servants on the ground or workers in the towers.

"What is it?" asked Isabelle who is only six and doesn't have a clue what happened that tragic day. What we all know now is that on September 11, 2001, at 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The attackers were Islamic terrorists from Saudi Arabia and several other Arab nations. Nineteen militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the towers of The World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania.

With the 3,766 deaths, many families lost people they loved. DSA Dance teacher, Mrs. Carlow, is from New York and the tragic attack was very personal for her. She lost a friend whose name was Ramond York. Mr. York was the father of one of Mrs. Carlow's former dance students. Even though Mr. York was off duty as a New York Firefighter, he rushed to help



A former DSA 8th grader spends moments of respect when visiting the 9-11 memorial in New York City.

when the attack occurred. He was lost along with hundreds of NY firefighters. Mrs. Carlow says, "I was terrified" when she saw the towers collapse because her sister was also traveling by plane on that day, and her father worked in an office not far from the towers. For those people who lost someone, including Mrs. Carlow, there's a memorial where the towers used to be. Last year our 8th graders were able to visit the memorial and read the thousands of names that are inscribed there.

"No I don't believe that they will attack again," quotes Dylan Falevitch when asked if terrorists will strike on American soil again. Many people are afraid they will strike again. When interviewed, Mrs. Varner stated that she believes "they may try but by then we'll be ready to defend ourselves."



The day of 9-11 was a tragic, sorrowful day full of tears and worries and hope. Every year we give a moment of silence to the fallen souls who so bravely gave their lives trying to save any survivors, and remember those who were lost. This will be a day that will be remembered for the rest of history.

Hurricane Isaac

By Caleb Taylor

Hurricanes are not your average storms. These huge destructive storms can flood homes, cause severe wind and rain damage, and create millions of dollars in damage. Hurricane

Isaac was the fourth hurricane in the 2012 Atlantic Hurricane season, which pressed on past the Gulf coast and hit in New Orleans, and into Louisiana.

Hurricane Isaac was a huge-sized category 1 storm. As of August, Isaac was a tropical storm, which formed from a “tropical wave” in the Atlantic. Later, it increased size and winds to a category one. It was slow moving, as it went along the gulf coast of Florida,

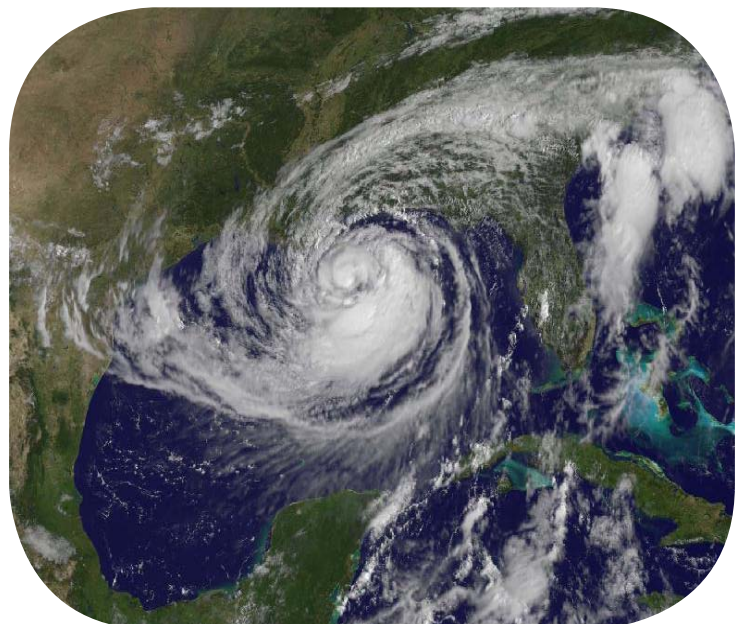
landing in Louisiana. The storm caused mild damage to houses, but floods and storm surges also occurred.

Storm safety is very important, as it could save your

life. Be in a strong secure place, high up, BUT avoid windows. Also, stay away from coastal or low-lying areas to avoid flood waters. Keep batteries, flashlights, and a battery powered radio on hand. Storm winds can cause windows to break, so those shards of glass could be hazardous!

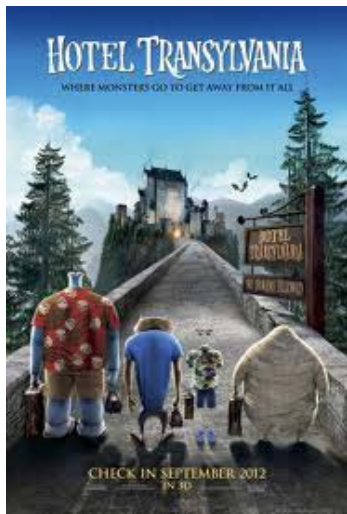
Hurricane Isaac caused major damage to Louisiana and New Orleans. The storm caused 50 fatalities, and 1.5 billion dollars of damage to New Orleans and Louisiana. Damage was also caused to the gulf coast

of Florida, and also hit the Keys at the bottom of Florida. Hurricane season begins June 1, and ends November 30, so be prepared until it ends.



By: Dylan Falevitch

Once you check into Hotel Transylvania you won't want to check out, in this animated movie starring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Cee Lo Green, Andy Samberg, and much more. Hotel Transylvania is a hotel run by Dracula (Adam Sandler) where monsters and their families can come to get away from the human world. Transylvania is a fictional location believed to be in Romania.



Another new block-buster is Taken 2. Liam Neeson will be taking you to Turkey in this thriller starring Liam Neeson,

Famke Jesson, Maggie Grace, and more. The CIA life could be hard for some people, especially for Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson). First, his daughter Kim Mills (Maggie Grace) was kidnapped in Paris. Now on a family trip, Bryan Mills and his ex-wife Lenore Mills (Famke Jesson) get kidnapped. It's up to their daughter Kim to save them. The movie takes place in Istanbul, Turkey.

Being a bike messenger in the city that never sleeps isn't easy. Premium Rush is an action movie starring Joseph



Gordon-Levitt, Michal Shannon, Dania Ramirez, and more. Wilee has to dodge cars and millions of pedestrians. There



is one question. What is in the bag? The movie takes place in New York City, New York.

If you're going to the movies soon be sure to check out one of these movies. Here are the release dates: Hotel Transylvania was September 28, 2012, Taken 2 was October 5, 2012, and Premium Rush was August 24. Hotel Transylvania was rated 7.4 stars out of 10, Taken 2 was rated 8.7 stars out of 10, and Premium Rush was rated 6.9 stars out of 10. The director for Hotel Transylvania is Genndy Tartakovsky, the director for Taken 2 is Olivier Megaton, and the director for Premium Rush is David Koepp.

Music Performances

By Lydia Perez

Can you hear the music buzzing in your ear? The Music Department performs at a variety of places throughout the school year. The department includes students in chorus, steel drums, band, orchestra, and two elementary choirs. Students in the Elementary School participate in either the Primary Choir or the Davenport Singers. Students in Middle School may participate as Music Majors or by taking an elective. Students in all music groups perform on and off campus.

Students perform at Disney and they perform in parades. Seventh grade steel drummer

Yessica Aviles says "The parades I perform in are very fun!" She also says they are performing in the Lakeland Christmas parade this year. They sometimes perform here at school. The Primary choir sings at the book fair every year.



Teachers in the Music Department are Mr. Guira, who teaches band, guitar, and steel drums; Ms. Smokay, who teaches elementary music and leads the elementary choirs; Mr. Wright, who directs the Middle School choirs, and new addition, Mr.

Pranno, who teaches strings and conducts the orchestra.

LEGO BUILDS NEW LAND

BY: Bryce Williamson

What's made out of Lego's and is located in Winter Haven Florida? Florida's youngest theme park! It's LEGOLAND, Florida's newest attraction. They have amazing fast rides for the whole family to go on. Legoland is based on the old school child's toy Legos. The prices for Legoland tickets are \$77 for adults and \$70 for kids.

The fourth of July is a great holiday to visit Legoland. If you go there then, you will see a spectacular array of fireworks. A brand new water park is a great place to relax. The water park had its own story on Bay News 9.

After visiting Legoland, DSA student Michael Hack-



worth (second grade) says "I had a great time." He says his favorite ride was the Green Dragon. Jean Albert (second grade) had a good time and his favorite ride was also the Green Dragon. Marilyn Jimenez (second grade) had a great time and her favorite ride was the spectacular Laser Adventure.

Another state popping with Legos is California. That state is the third site in the world to have a Legoland. The first Legoland is located near Billund, Denmark. For more information go to www.legoland.com.



WHO WILL WIN?

By Isaiah Sarria



Is it going to be Romney and Ryan or Obama and Biden? But how are they different? The two main candidates for president are Mitt Romney, and Barack Obama. For vice president the two main candidates are Paul Ryan and Joe Biden. Obama and Biden are Democrats and Romney and Ryan are Republicans. But what is a presidential election?

A Presidential election is when people vote for a new president or give the old president another term. Every four years a presidential election comes up. Months before the general election, the candidates campaign for primary elections. Each side has a primary election; the Democrats pick what candidate should be president and the Republicans pick which candidate should be president. To

make the selection, each party has a convention so their top candidate can make a speech and gain support. Then, on election day in November, there is either a new president elected, or the current president gets four more years.



Between the primary and general election, the candidates travel the country to gain support.

There are different key issues that the two candidates represent. Key issues are the things that people think are right or wrong, or are best for our country. One of the key issues involves the economy and how to create new jobs or whether to raise taxes. Other issues involve family life, foreign policy, and medical costs.

Whether you agree with the Republicans or the Democrats, be sure to read about the issues and know the facts. It is a privilege to be able to vote so be ready to vote on Election Day in November if you are old enough, or remind your parents to vote.

You Know You Love Them!

By: Jennie Coral

Grand daddy, Grand mommy, GRANDPARENT'S DAY! Many of us haven't heard of Grandparents Day. Grandparent's Day is a pretty old holiday [No pun intended]. It has been celebrated in the U.S since 1978, and it is celebrated on the first Sunday after labor day.

Some students at DSA were asked what they thought about Grandparent's Day. Darren, a 7th grader, said, "I would make them a grandparent's day card" after he was asked what he would do for his grandparents. Brice also commented, "They mean a lot to me. I do many activities with them" when he was asked how much your grandparents mean to you. Mrs. Varner, teacher at DSA, says that she is

excited about Grandparent's Day next year because she will be a grandmother by then!

Many grandkids do activities for, or with, their grandparent(s). Many make them a hand-made card or try to make them happy by helping them out. Making a hand-made card can be better than buying a card from the store. It often means more.

Grandparent's Day is a holiday where people and family members, grandparents, and grandchildren celebrate how glad they are to have grandparents or be grandparents. Lots of people celebrate in different ways, but all care and love their grandparents.



Do You Want a Scoop?

By Darren Ross

Extra! Extra! It's the newspaper staff. The School Scoop staff is Darren Ross, Jennie Coral, Lydia Perez, Destiny Hatfield, Bryce Williamson, Chris Poisson, Dylan Falevitch, Hannah Wood, Caleb Taylor and Isaiah Sarria. Mrs. Varner is the School Scoop teacher and editor. Students in middle school with an elective 4th period can join the newspaper crew.

The newspaper staff starts each issue with brainstorming for article ideas. After choosing a topic, the students then make a graphic organizer that puts all their thoughts in order. They start to do their research and begin a rough draft. Then Mrs. Varner edits the rough draft and the student can move on to the layout. Creating a layout involves finding the right fonts, making columns, inserting pictures and creating text wrap around pictures. The staff then makes a "paste-up", which is a first try of the whole newspaper put together. The students work with Mrs. Varner to put all the articles on



Back row, left to right: Destiny Hatfield, Christopher Poisson, Dylan Falevitch, Jennie Coral, Darren Ross, Bryce Williamson.
Front row: Isaiah Sarria, Mrs. Varner, Lydia Perez, Hannah Wood, Caleb Taylor.

sample pages so that they fit together like a puzzle. Sometimes articles have to be cut down, or pictures and articles have to be added. It takes a lot of work to get out articles for the school.

The students all started the year practicing their typing skills so all the articles could be typed into the computer. Mrs. Varner then taught the students layout and graphic techniques using the programs in the Adobe Creative Suite.

Students are still learning how to be more creative in their layouts and they are improving their writing

skills. Future issues of the School Scoop will demonstrate their improved abilities.

All teachers receive one free issue of the School Scoop. Other issues are available for 50¢ in the school store. The paper is also published online at the school website. All DSA students are invited to submit articles, poems, or stories to be printed by contacting Mrs. Varner. Or, ask your Language Arts teacher to send her your work.



EXCELLENT COOKIES!!!

Ingredients

2-1/2 cups Ultra grain all purpose flour
 1 teaspoon of baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon of salt
 3/4 cup of Fleischmann's original softened butter
 3/4 cup of packed light brown sugar
 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 1/4 cup of egg beaters
 1-1/2 teaspoons of vanilla
 3/4 cup of semi-sweet chocolate

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375*f. Mix flour, baking soda, and salt until well blended; set aside
2. Beat Fleischmann's and sugars in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add egg beaters and vanilla; mix well. Gradually add flour mixture, beating until well blended after each addition. Stir in chocolate chips.
3. Drop by rounded tablespoons of dough, 3 inches apart, onto ungreased baking sheets.
4. Bake 12 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks or plate. Cool completely. Store in airtight container at room temperature and eat!!! ☺

This was taken from www.Eggbeaters.com

This recipe earned 8.75 stars from our taste testers!



Autumn Word Search

Can you find the Autumn words in the puzzle below?

h	t	b	x	t	n	y	e	l	l	o	w
b	r	o	w	n	s	e	j	j	s	l	s
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c	q	q	z	f	x	a	e	j	u	c	a
m	l	e	a	v	e	s	c	a	i	w	r
c	j	s	y	i	l	g	b	o	r	k	e
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s	s	l	d	q	f	x	i	g	x	a	w
k	b	m	l	y	l	h	r	c	x	k	p
a	p	p	l	e	b	h	e	y	c	e	h

rake	scarecrow	brown	yellow
squirrel	leaves	apple	red
bonfire	harvest	fall	pear
orange	acom		

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