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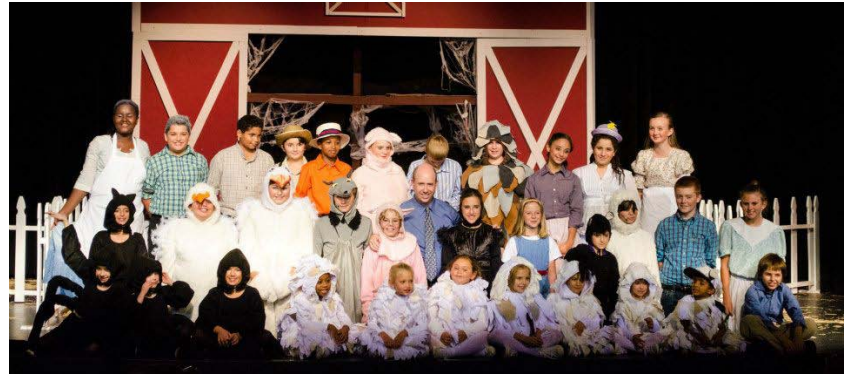
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Charlotte's Web the Musical Weaves a Web of Excitement

By: Jennie Coral

Students at DSA have heard of the book *Charlotte's Web*, but have they seen the musical? There was a musical based on it performed at Davenport School of the Arts recently. *Charlotte's Web the Musical* featured Hayle Hackworth and Kaleah Sanchez as Charlotte the spider, and Phillip Taylor as Wilbur the pig. The play was directed by Mr. Moszenberg, with the assistance of Mr. Wright, Mrs. Cain, and Mr. Morris. Many parents and staff also helped with the production of the musical.

The opening night was on November 2nd at 7:00pm and the performance was followed by the Opening Gala in the cafeteria. The musical was also performed on November 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th in the Frank Howes Theater. All of the shows were a great success.



Members of the "Ham" cast pose for a cast photo.

Mr. Moszenberg was interviewed and asked two questions. He was asked what inspired him to do a musical on the story of *Charlotte's Web*. Mr. Moszenberg replied, "It's a great story for children and it's good to reintroduce it to a new generation. The theme of the story represents

what DSA teachers, staff, and parents do for their kids. Charlotte devotes her time to Wilbur in the same way parents and teachers give time to our students." Another question he was asked was, "What were some of the special challenges you encountered knowing that some students have to perform as animals?" He responded, "Some challenges I encountered were how they move in their costumes, and how to bring their animal's characteristics into their performances. The students did a great job playing the animals."



Members of the "Bacon" cast pose for a cast photo.

People who attended the musical gave a unanimous 2 thumbs up. The director of the play has confirmed that the spring play will be based on the story of Cinderella. Students can sign up now for auditions.

HAVE A NiCE BREAK!

By Caleb Taylor with Mrs. Varner

Everyone likes having Thanksgiving break. One whole week of enjoying the Holiday, spending time with family, and taking a break from school. Although everyone gets a break from school, not everyone will get to travel or even enjoy a Thanksgiving feast. The Lakeland ledger reports that travel during Thanksgiving last year was down and experts are predicting the same this year, due to the economy. Those who are staying close to home may expect to pay an average of \$50 for a turkey dinner for four (Lakeland Ledger).

Students and staff from DSA are making plans this week for the anticipated break next week. Ms. Behnke, the 3-D art teacher, said that since her husband usually cooks, she was going to have a BIG Thanksgiving dinner. A second grader named Alina said she was going to enjoy her holiday. Other students are going to Disney, while others will just “sit around

the house”, or play with their friends or family.

Why do students have a week off of school, and traditionally eat a feast? Thanksgiving was first celebrated back in 1621, when the Pilgrims and Indians celebrated a feast for a good harvest. Since that time, Americans have replayed the celebration with an annual harvest-time feast that has come to be known as “Thanksgiving” - a time to give thanks. Thanksgiving break gives students and staff time to pause in an otherwise busy schedule, share food and time with family and friends, and give thanks for their many blessings.

Some suggestions for thanksgiving break include going to a park, (theme park, town park, and so on), relaxing at home, going to the beach, and visiting the local library. Another suggestion is to go to a local food bank or shelter and help serve food to the homeless.



Master Pianist Comes to DSA

By Ms. Smokay



On November 7, 2012 DSA hosted the first Master Class for piano with special guest artist Edward Rothmel. Pianist Edward R. Rothmel has performed in solo and chambermusic concerts across the US, Europe, and

China. He has performed in master classes and with many renowned artists as well as, rehearsed, performed, and conducted over 25 main stage Opera productions. Most recently, Edward was afforded the opportunity to perform at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. He completed his Bachelors and Masters degrees at the Florida State University and is currently teaching at Freedom High School in Orlando, Florida.

Middle school students from Ms. Smokay's and Mr. Pranno's piano classes took part in the special class that featured nine student performances, as well as the performance of Mr. Rothmel. Each student introduced

and performed their prepared piece for Mr. Rothmel and the audience. Then, Mr. Rothmel would show different techniques that would improve the piece, sometimes involving the whole audience. When Darby Lestin, a 6th grader, performed Minuet in G by Bach, Mr. Rothmel had everyone stand and dance a waltz step. Then he played Darby's piece again while everyone counted and danced in place. This changed the emphasis of the notes in Darby's piece. Hector Montalvo, a sixth grader, performed “Ukrainian Bell Carol” and Mr. Rothmel played a duet with him. When Javier Valez, an eighth grader performed Canon in D by Pachelbel, Mr. Rothmel had him experiment with the natural weight of his arms and flop like a rag doll, loosening his arms and shoulders without losing strength. The audience members had to stifle laughter to watch Javier dropping his hand on the piano, sometimes hitting the right key, and other times hitting a few as he tried the new technique. Soon, the whole audience was dropping

their arms by their side and experimenting with this natural feel. There were many exciting new piano techniques and history explained throughout the evening.

The Master Class was a success for everyone involved. Parents came up afterwards to tell Mr. Rothmel how much they had learned. “I teach piano, and I still learned new things” said one parent. Jaden Dixon said he enjoyed Mr. Rothmel's enthusiasm and tips. Niyah Harris enjoyed learning about the different “piano pedals and what they do.” Mr. Rothmel told Ms. Smokay after the class he was impressed by the DSA students. They were well prepared and learned very quickly.



Book Fair: a Smashing Success

By Destiny Hatfield

Did DSA students buy a book at the book fair? Of course they did! The book fair started on October 23rd and ended on October 29th. The theme of the book fair was "Every Reader Is a Star". The book fair was set up in the media center in the group projects room. There were many books for people to buy at the book fair and online until November 6th. The entertainment was the 4th and 5th grade Davenport Singers directed by Mr. Wright, and in the spring it will be the 2nd and 3rd



grade Primary Choir directed by Ms. Smokay.

The contests at the book fair included 3 jar guessing games. The Skittles jar winner was Levi Young of Ms. Rodriguez's class. The Starburst jar winner was Giovanni from Mrs. Coogler's class.

The correct number of Life Savers was guessed by Bryson Temples of the 6th grade. They each won by guessing the right number of candy in each jar. The winner of the teacher drawing was Ms. McNulty, who won by getting her name drawn out of the bucket by Ms. Canady.

Mrs. Canady, said "I love the book fair; it's always a good time of the year". When some 4th grade students were surveyed, they said "Yes, I will buy a book." Their favorite theme was the luau book fair that was last year.

If DSA students don't want to miss the opportunity to buy more books, they can plan to come to the next one. The next book fair is in the spring. See below for details.



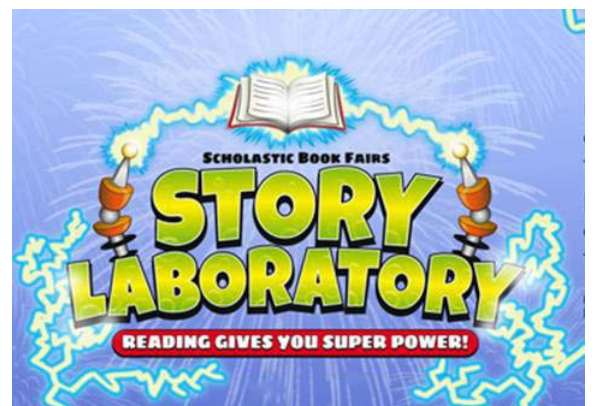
A student decides to buy a good book.



Students browse before making a final selection.

Save Now for the Spring Book Fair!

- ◇ February 25 - March 4, 2013
- ◇ Family Night: Thursday, February 28 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◇ Primary Choir performs Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- ◇ Friday, February 22 - Teacher Sneak Preview 3:05-5:00 p.m.
- ◇ Shopping Hours daily 7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- ◇ Special shopping hours on Thursday, February 28: 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



DSA STUDENTS TERRORIZE TOWN

By : Bryce Williamson

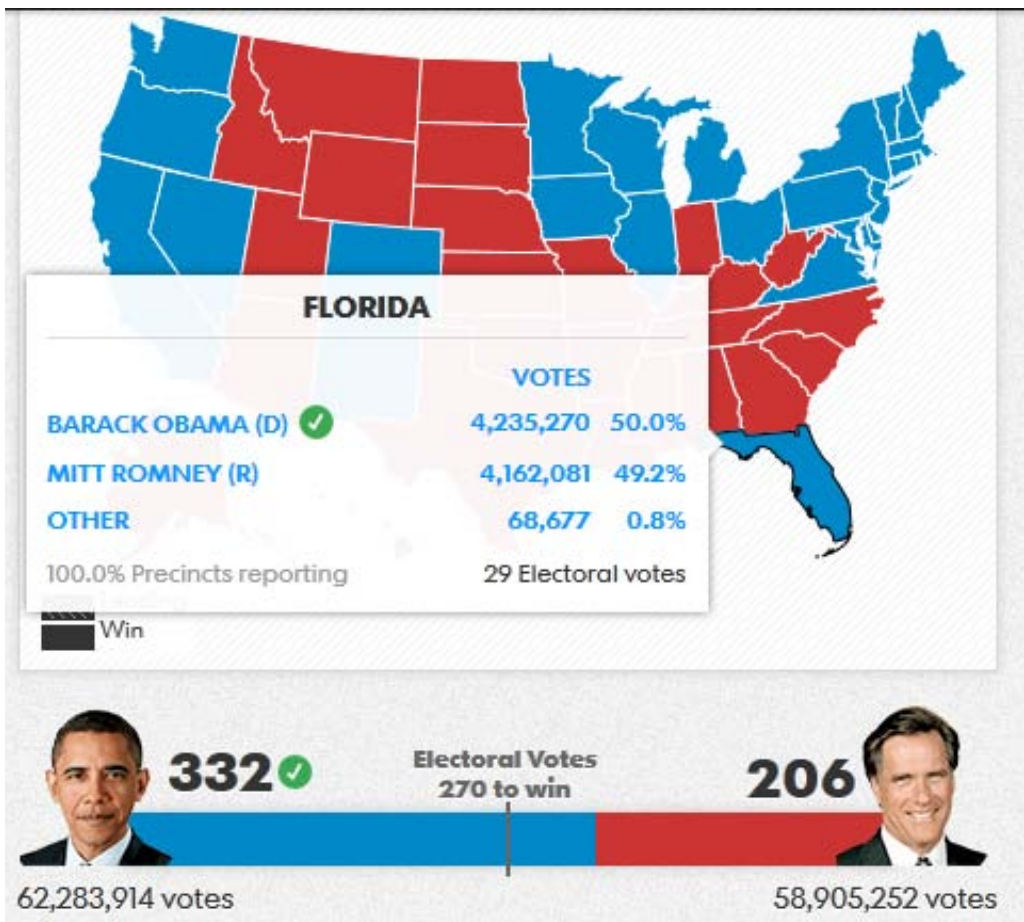
What was fun but can be scary? It was Halloween, on October 31st. Some of our very own second grade students got dressed up and went trick or treating and some also ended up at parties. The table (right) shows how some of our second grade students got dressed up and went trick or treating.

A great place to shop for a low price on a Halloween costume for next time is Party City. Party City is a costume EMPORIUM! They have many costumes to choose from such as a ninja, zombie and even Donkey Kong. They even have costume accessories such as vampire fangs, fake blood, claws and much more.

Trick or Treating was gobs of fun. Just a warning: Don't eat too much left over candy!



Hannah	Maddox	witch
Jean	Albert	monster
Valhalla	Maddox	zombie princess
Michael	Hackworth	paparazzi
Kendrel	Carter	a crazy person who eats worms
Jaquavious	Douglas	ninja
Jureda	Martinez	tinker bell
Shannon	Victor	chef



Did You Vote?

While adults all over the country exercised their right to vote in the general election on November 6th, DSA staff and students cast their ballots in a mock election right here on campus. Voting booths were set up in the elementary building, lined with signs encouraging votes for both presidential candidates. When the votes were counted, the DSA election results were the same as the state of Florida and nation: Barack Obama was reelected to a second term. Students learned to respect and value the election process through this valuable experience.

STUDENTS ROCK THE WALK!

Students rocked the DSA campus last month when they took part in the annual Rock-A-Walk fundraiser. The fundraiser is sponsored by the PTO and is the only fundraiser the PTO promotes to raise money for the entire year's activities. Money is used by the PTO to aid teachers, provide rewards for the discipline system, and generally support the academic and artistic endeavors at DSA. The Rock-A-Walk this year raised over \$18,000, a new school record.



Ben Wilmoth and Lucy Gravitt go for one more lap at the Rock-a-Walk.

Students were asked to solicit donations from family and friends. Students who had at least \$5 in pledges were able to take a break from classwork to walk the track. Every three laps earned the student a popsicle. Students who brought in at least \$25 in pledges were issued a jeans day pass. Three hundred thirty nine students earned the jeans day pass. Those who raised \$50 were treated to an

GRADE WINNERS CAKE PARTIES

Pre- K	Rich
Kindergarten	Katz
1st Grade	Huffman
2nd Grade	Fowler
3rd Grade	Schumacher
4th Grade	Stienmetz
5th Grade	Mcnulty
6th Grade	Henry
7th Grade	Moore
8th Grade	Mosely
Arts	Carlow



Volunteers pass out sticks as a way to count laps at the Rock-a-Walk.

ice cream party. The student who raised the most money overall was Ana Correa-Castana, who was awarded a Kindle Fire HD. Setting the mark for the top fundraising class was Mrs. Katz' class with \$900, followed closely by Mrs. Steinmetz' class with just over \$887.



Mrs. Behnke and Ms. Turlington enjoy frozen treats as they monitor progress on the track.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS 1ST-20TH

1st	Ana Correa-Castana
2nd	Michaela Williams
3rd	Caleb Peterson
4th	Cole Watts
5th	Rusty Watts
6th	Deanna Sanchez
7th	Courtney Croteau
8th	Brianna Navarro
9th	Elijah Gotshall
10th	Alyssa Dooley
11th	Alec Moszenberg
12th	Monique Rivero
13th	Hannah Reed
14th	Joseph Xiarais
15th	Reed Cross
16th	Amanda Miller
17th	Emily Massey
18th	Michael Hackworth
19th	Andre' Croteau
20th	Jordan Johnson

CLASS TOTALS

Kindergarten

Erica Gotshall	\$462.75
Caroline Kaiser	\$546.60
Jennifer Leonard	\$357.00
Janice Katz	\$900.00

First Grade

MacKenzie Kirkland	\$294.65
Bonnie Huffman	\$325.00
Stacey Jessee	\$312.00
Katrina Jackson	\$295.00

Second Grade

Leigh Ann Morris	\$341.19
Suzanne Fowler	\$845.00
Marie Cranston	\$360.44
Mary Beth Wiley	\$634.50

Third Grade

Pamela Anderson	\$273.75
Kimberly Best	\$317.76
Kim Carter	\$252.30
Debbie Schumacher	\$457.00

Fourth Grade

Tabitha Smith	\$278.00
Elisha Steinmetz	\$887.20
Alice Rodriguez	\$208.00
Kacey Varney	\$645.35

Fifth Grade

Stacey Coogler	\$175.75
Mitzi Herring	\$268.35
Shannon McNulty	\$820.50
Tracy Strouse	\$704.60

Middle School Homerooms

3rd period

Dawn Moulton-6	\$441.80
Sonya Turlington-6	\$150.00
Lisa Armstrong-6	\$231.40
Hill-6	\$306.25
Henry-6	\$581.00
Sasser-6	\$58.04
T. Miller-7	\$80.00
Elizabeth Gravitt-7	\$287.00
Kendra Hazen-7	\$293.38
Moore-7	\$381.00
Jakelyn Bowman-7	\$249.50
Mercier-7	\$85.00

Patti Frier-8	\$346.10
Moises Rivero-8	\$119.00
Pottenger-8	\$60.00
Elwick-8	\$185.00
Mosley-8	\$721.30
Angela Fender-8	\$520.50

Arts Teachers-3rd period

Edmonds	\$164.40
Morris	\$180.00
Carlow	\$312.00
Behnke	\$35.00
Wilmoth	\$197.00
Smokay	\$141.75

Support Staff

Maricela Resendez, ESE	\$25.00
Headstart	\$25.00
Pre-k	\$214.10
Miller/Fenton	\$12.00

Total **\$17,365.21***

*The total was actually higher after late receipts were added.

REPORTED BUT NOT FOUND

By Isaiah Sarria

On Oct.31, mysterious creatures were seen roaming the streets of Davenport. Were they real or supernatural? The most common supernatural creatures are vampires, zombies, ghosts, and werewolves. There are also individual supernatural creatures, such as Slender Man, or Bigfoot. People believe in these creatures because they report sightings or because of ancient mythology.

BIGFOOT

People have reported that Bigfoot is an ape like creature, 6-10 feet tall, weighing 500 pounds, and covered in dark brown or black hair. He is known for his 22 inch giant foot prints. Bigfoot is sighted mostly in North America. Spotted in the state of Washington but also in other states, he is being spotted in Florida, Oregon, Ohio, and Texas. (Scientists believe the creature migrates) Bigfoot is also surprisingly spotted in Asia. The only type of areas he is spotted in is forests, and mountains. He has the ability to make people paralyze in fear, gets out of sight easily, notices humans searching for him, and decides whom to make an appearance to.

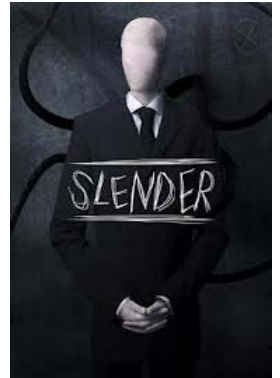


Bigfoot appears here with BLACK hair. Some people have reported that his hair is brown and others report that his hair is black.

Slender Man

Slender man appears as a tall man in a black suit, with a red tie, and a white shirt. This creature has no eyes, no mouth, no hair, or clearly defined facial features, and stands about 6-15 feet tall. The “man” stalks targets, and mentally tortures targets for unknown reasons. He has the ability to change size and body shapes.

Slender Man can also turn his arms into tentacles and make tentacles appear out of his back and shoulders to use as additional arms or legs (or to put fear into the prey). He can also choose to control people’s minds, and mess around with any kind of technology. He is spotted in foggy areas and open forests in Canada and America. He is also spotted in Germany, (supposedly Slender Man’s home) in German warzones.



“Slender” is a horror game based on Slender Man. The objective is to collect all 8 pages without being captured by Slender Man.

For more information about Slender Man go to theslenderman.wikia.com/wiki/Slender_Man. For more information about Bigfoot go to en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bigfoot. For more information about supernatural creatures in general go to thrall.org/paranormal/.

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Fall Festivities Fill Student Schedule



By: Lydia Perez

Fall activities! What are students doing this fall? There are plenty of things to do. Some students participated in the Rock-a-Walk. There are also sports like football, soccer and the baseball World Series.

For the Rock-a-Walk, students were sponsored by their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends. The students walked laps around the track to raise the money. The Rock-A-walk raises money for PTO and it's the only fundraiser PTO does each year. The two top fundraisers were Ana Correa-Castana and Mikayla Williams.



Anna displays her first place award of a Kindle Fire HD.

For fall sports many people play football and soccer. Baseball season comes to an end and people look forward to watching the Baseball World

Series. Students can try out for Pop Warner football (see related article on Pop Warner). Soccer is another fall sport. These sports will help students stay active during the fall.

The Haines city fall festival was on Saturday October 27th from 10:00am-2:00pm. There were lots of activities. There was an adult pie eating contest and the winner received a money prize. There was also a kid's costume parade & contest, adult costume contest, and pumpkin decorating contest. Children were also able to explore a fire truck. There was free face painting and a children's safety program. There was also a hot dog eating contest. Entertainment was provided by local school and area artists. It was the 23rd Annual Haines City fall festival.

These activities are helping students stay active during the fall season. Parents and students can sit back, relax, and enjoy the cooler weather.

FUN BUT ROUGH

By Darren Ross

Pop Warner is a football league for young athletic boys. Many boys sign up for Pop Warner all over the United States.

Boys can sign up for a team in the area in which they live. There are different divisions depending on age and weight. Pop Warner is a good way to let kids have fun and release their excitement and energy out on the field.

There are teams and there are divisions in Pop Warner. There is a division for the Tiny Mites which are the youngest boys. The ages for Tiny Mites are 5-7. Boys who are ages 7-9 can play for the Mighty Mites. Jr. Pee wee ages for boys are 8-11. The ages for Pee wee are 9-11. Boys who will play for Jr Midgets have to be ages 10-13. Then the Midgets are the oldest age group and the age limits are 12-15.



Muscleneck (as he is called) runs for every yard.

There are three to four coaches on a team to help and teach the kids the game of football.



The minimum amount of kids on a team is 14. Each player is well protected. Each team provides a player a well padded helmet and shoulder pads. They also provide each player with a team jersey and pants. There

are strict rules in Pop Warner so there are referees on the field watching every moment of the game to make sure a team gets a fair win.

A common place where teams go for signups are Dicks Sporting Goods. The child that will be signing up for the Pop Warner season must have a birth certificate. The child will also tell their weight and the parent will sign a waiver and fill out important information.

The season has 8 games and there is a game every week on Saturday. The season's games begin in September and end in October. The season is over this year but boys can sign up for a team next year.



By: Christopher Poisson

Fun Fall Facts: Did you know?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During fall, the days start to get shorter because the Earth is tilted away from the sun. 2. The pumpkin was first named in Greece. It was called "Pepon" which means large melon. 3. Thanksgiving is always on the fourth Thursday in November. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Once the tree leaves turn brown they are dead and don't receive any nutrients. 5. Leaves require sunlight, water, chlorophyll, and carbon dioxide, to make food for themselves. 6. The first Jack 'O' lantern was first made out of radishes in Ireland. |
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Jokes / Riddles

1. What kind of horses go out after dark?
2. What do you call a deer with no eye?
3. Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
4. What do you call a fat Jack-o'-lantern?
5. Why did the cookie go to the hospital?

Find the hidden mandrill, human's face, lion, and frog.



Directions:

1. Draw in the pumpkin.
2. Show your art to your parents.



1. Nightmares.
2. No idea.
3. He didn't have the guts.
4. A plumpkin.
5. He was feeling crummy.