



February 20, 2015

3rd edition



Special points of
interest:

- Are you IN LOVE?
Read the article on
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answer!
- Check out page 9 if
you'd like to see a
good movie or read
the next great book.
- Do you know where
Mrs. Swartzel is?
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What's a CHROMEBOOK?

By Shakera Smith, Clay Smith, and Charlotte Littlejohn

Chromebooks are coming!
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For those of you who don't
know what Chromebooks
are, they're a super-cool



laptop that the school is
providing for 8th graders, and
soon for the rest of the
school. Remember that icy
treat you get almost every
month on Fridays? Well that
helps us raise more money
to get Chromebooks for the
school. (THANK YOU PTA!)
Mrs. Tingen gave us all the
information about Chrome-
books and what the school
plans to do with them.

The 8th grade students will
get Dell Chromebooks,
around the month of Febru-
ary. For right now they will
be used in 8th grade class

rooms since they only have
30 for now. The plan is to
soon have 30 on each grade
level hall so all the students
will be able to use them.
The staff will also have 11
Chromebooks to teach and
use in the classroom. The
Chromebooks are very light
and easier to carry around
than your average laptop.
One only weighs 2.9 pounds.
It has an SD card and a cloud
for you to save items on so
you don't have to use up all
of the memory. They are
very quick and easy to start
up. It takes only 8.5 seconds
to load. With the Chrome-
book, it will make partner-
work easier. All you have to
do is go on the internet,
make a document, and add
people on that same docu-
ment. That means you can
type essays or do projects
without having to send it by
email or moving it by copy

ing and pasting. The work
will already be there for you.
When the students get the
Chromebook, everyone will
need a cloud account so you
can save papers, pictures,
anything basically. When
you type papers instead of



saving it on the common
drive like always, it will be
saved on the cloud or your
own personal SD card. The
school wanted up-to-date
technology this year for
better communication skills
and better learning opportu-
nities.

But sadly, they will have to
stay at school. However,
eventually they will be able
to be checked out from the
library. Pay attention! You
will see a Chromebook near
you soon!

#holidays



Feb. 14th



Feb. 16th
No school!



March 9th
WE HAVE SCHOOL!



March 17th
Don't get pinched at school!





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SUPERTEACHER OF THE YEAR

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Kim Karadashian went to an all-girl Catholic school in Los Angeles.

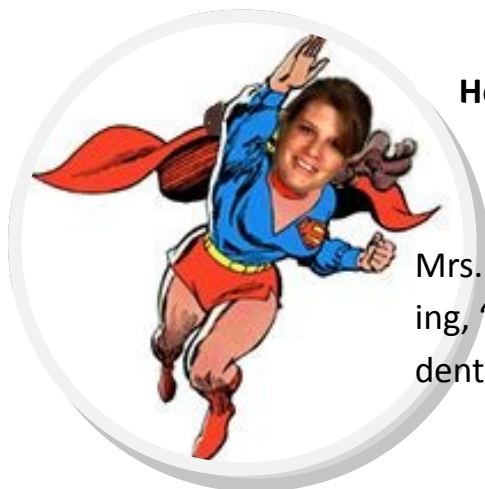
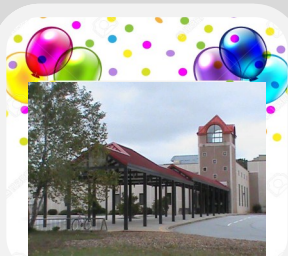
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League truly IS a special place!

League Academy turns **50** years old this year!

1965-2015

HaPPY BiRtHdAy
LEAGUE



Heather Ebert, 6th grade Science

By Grace Wadas and Rachel Glynn

Mrs. Ebert's favorite thing about teaching, "besides the money," is "when students have that 'aha' moment."

Mrs. Ebert's guilty pleasure is watching the Kardashians and reading People magazine.

In her free time Mrs. Ebert spends time with her family.

This is Mrs. Ebert's 7th year teaching.

Who's That Man on the Mower?

By Hailey Hirst

We all know Mr. Lee, or at least we think we know him. We know his job and what he looks like, but there's more to a person than just appearance. Mr. Lee looks like a nice custodian who puts a lot of effort into making League presentable. From scootering around checking halls and classrooms to cruising the grounds on the lawnmower or Gator, Mr. Lee takes care of this special place. But what is behind this Man on the Mower?

- * At League: **11 years**
- * Job rating: **10 (out of 10)**
- * His favorite: **the people and students**
- * Dream job: **Engineer "I'd like to make League [even] better!"**



I love League!

* Secret love: **MUSIC!** Mr. Lee plays guitar and sings every Saturday and Sunday.

* Best memory: **"My best memory was sitting in this room [Production Room] and playing the guitar with 3 or 4 other students."**

Mr. Lee is a special man at a special school!



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Bullying is SO not cool!

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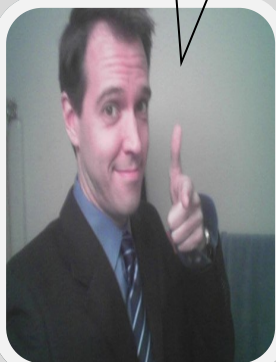
By Zoe Ward

**Want to know
more
about bullying?
SCAN IT!**



**Goff
Thought,**

**One must always
prepare for the
inevitable.**



Bullying is a reoccurring behavior that happens in middle schools across the nation. Students who have been affected by bullying tend to start making bad grades and show signs of depression. Students may react violently, or may hold all of their feelings inside and one day completely explode. Stopping bullying would be amazing... but how?

Sometimes you may wonder, "Why do kids bully others?" Well, there are numerous reasons for their actions. Some reasons may be easy to see, while others may be challenging. Sometimes, it may be that the bullies are neglected at home. It may be that their parents are divorced, or that they're substance abusers. Typically, bullies are aggressive in nature, and aren't sure how to express their feelings, so they resort to violence. Though this may seem like a strange reason to bully, it's the

most common reaction in children. Most of the time, it isn't because they just want to be mean.

Bullied children have major effects, and often aren't sure what to do about the situa-

tion. They may show symptoms of depression and/or anxiety.

The people who bully, have probably been bullied in their lifetime. You would think this would open their eyes about how it feels, but it doesn't.

Maybe it's a way for them to take out their anger, but it doesn't make it right. This isn't just saying mean things. This also includes physical bullying. The reactions of the people being bullied vary. Sometimes, victims avoid school.

They may have lower grades, or maybe just quit going.

The victims may never even tell their parents. May it be because they feel like they have nobody, or they just want to

keep it hidden. It can't be healthy to do so.

**So what
can we do
about it?**

When you

see that kid in the hallway getting talked about, take a stand. When you see someone push someone else, say something! It may be life changing for the person, and even the bully! You never no what one word can do!

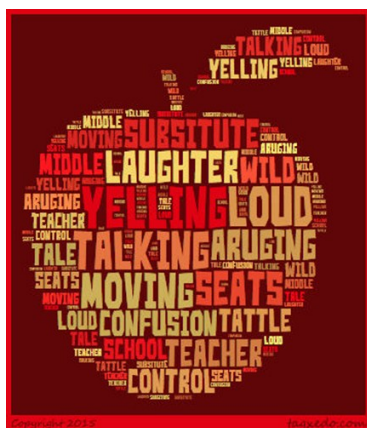


Click here for more info about symptoms of bullying

SUB PLAN

Tagxedo designed by Shakera Smith

We all know what happens when the teacher is away. What can YOU do to make a difference?





January 15, 2015

Good Cop, Bad Cop?

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www.npr.org

Saturday, December 20, 2014, two New York City police officers were shot while sitting in their patrol car. The shooter claimed to be a “cop-killer” and later took his own life.

www.pix11.com

Know the NUMBERS!

776 students

65 faculty

180 school days

70 days til summer

By Kiara Rieder and Hailey Hirst

“Freeze! Put your hands up!” yells an officer. Of course your first instinct is to put your hands up to where they could see them, but what’s going on in your head? What would you think if you were in this situation: positive or negative thoughts of the officer? There can be very strong and diverse opinions on this situation. Based on one seventh grader’s statement, police officers don’t always have a positive effect. “Police officers are bad to the black industry” said a seventh grade girl here at League. Based on a few eighth graders, police officers do have a positive influence.

Recently, a disruption took place in Ferguson, Missouri. An unarmed black teenager, Michael Brown, was shot and killed by a white police officer, Darren Wilson. Supposedly, Officer Wilson got a call saying that a guy described as Michael Brown stole items from a local shop. Officer Wilson stopped his car and blocked traffic to get to Brown, but Brown ended up going to the police car and punching the officer. Wilson shot two rounds and Brown started running away. Seeing

Brown was trying to get away, Wilson got out of his car and shot him. This event has caused so much conflict in this city. People are randomly shooting cops. They think that cops are now bad and that they have no right to just shoot people. Understood, policemen shouldn’t be shooting innocent people, but innocent people shouldn’t be shooting cops. What’s your thought on the event? Our very own officer here, Officer Duckett, also has an opinion on law enforcement. He said that he gets along with most fellow officers, but others can be hard to work with. He also said that he has been in many dangerous situations, and that there is nothing but fear and anger now. Officer Duckett is glad to be able to get all of the criminals off of the streets. After researching this article, we can tell that there is many different opinions on cops, and that there is more to a cop than you may think.



Mrs. Drew

She likes to “help others. I enjoy working for the school district. I wanted a school that was recognized.”

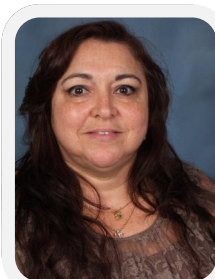
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UP FRONT

By Charlotte Littlejohn

Mrs. Gleason

“My favorite thing to do in the office is talk to students.”





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www.gotoquiz.com/
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A Lot To Like

By Hailey Hirst

The most popular social media is, of course, Facebook. Facebook has 1.23 billion monthly active users, which started at 200 million, 945 million mobile users, which started at about 40 million users, and 757 million daily users, which started at about 90 million users. As you can see, there are tons of people that actively use Facebook. Facebook is now worth a little over \$200 billion. It hasn't passed Apple yet, but it has passed some popular companies, like IBM, Intel, and the brand name icons for Coca-Cola and Walt Disney.

Facebook is definitely a popular website, but it is very dangerous. It is super important that kids don't mess around on Facebook and talk to strangers so that they don't put their life or their family's life in danger.

- Many people have been murdered for unfriending someone
- Facebook tracks which sites you visit, even after signing out
- Facebook has been blocked in China
- There are more Facebook users in the U.S. than U.S. citizens that voted in the last election
- 8.7% of Facebook users are fake

What's Love Got To Do With It?

By Rachel Samuel & Isabella Hammond

Middle school is an awkward time for us students. We're ridiculously hormonal and emotional during these 3 years. One of the biggest things we look for and struggle with is **love**. After talking with some teachers, I got some blunt opinions. "Love is hard work and you have to be selfless. Middle and high-schoolers only have to be concerned for themselves", says Mrs. Swartzel. Ms. Payne says, "Love is reckless especially in middle school." Studies show that if you're "in love" you are more likely to lie or misbehave. We as teens (some of us are at least) have the concept of "True Love" or "The One" thrust upon us. The media just

sits and giggles while we run around making a fool of ourselves.

Just look what happened after *High School Musical*, girls hung up posters of Zac Efron thinking they were going to marry him. Boys just glued their eyes to the screen while drooling over Vanessa Hudgens. Love is so much more than running around romantically singing duets. We talk about crushes and get all nervous, but few really understand what love really is. Life is harsh and reality is not fun. Some of us need to get their head out of their clouds but others should **keep dreaming.** "





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Clemson 2015



Football Schedule

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Football Schedule



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THE END OF THE SEASON IS JUST THE BEGINNING

By Sam Sharp

It is the end of the college football season for Clemson and South Carolina, and it has been a strange one. Clemson had a weird quarterback situation. They switched between Cole Stoudt and Deshaun Watson for the starting quarterback job. South Carolina started the season with hopes for the College Football Playoff, but ended the season unranked with a 7-6 record. Both teams finished the season on a positive note, but there are many ways to get better. The end of the season is just the beginning.



Clemson finished the season with a 40-6 win against Oklahoma and had a record of 10-3. After this season, the hopes of Clemson football success were unbelievably good. Next season, Clemson will have weapons on offense that are so good, they have hopes to be the one of the top offenses in College Football. Some of those weapons are quarterback Deshaun Watson, running-back Wayne Gallman, wide receiver Artavis Scott, and much more. Even though many defensive weapons are going to the NFL, Clemson has a very likely chance to earn a spot in the College Football Playoff



South Carolina's football season was disappointing, so the gamecocks have many things to work on in the offseason. The first thing South Carolina needs to improve on is their defense. In three games during the season, the gamecocks were up by two touchdowns with five minutes to go in the game and the defense let the opposing team score two touchdowns or more. In all three of those games, the gamecocks lost. But in the final game versus Miami, the defense held on against a very good offense. South Carolina's defense is expected to be better with very good recruits coming in, and their offense is ranked 33rd. If South Carolina can keep up the explosive offense, and get the defense in rhythm, the Gamecocks could be in the top 10 best football teams

NFL – What happened?

By Jack DeRiso

For all us football fans, it's been a weird year in the NFL. Full of broken dreams, unexpected superpowers, odd upsets and crazy endings, the League has been a whirlwind of crazy games, and a crazy playoff picture. So I'm here to answer your question: What happened? Here are three teams. Teams we would have liked to see in the playoffs. Teams who were in the playoffs who shouldn't have been. And everything in between.

2. Dallas Cowboys-

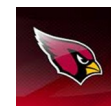


Jerry Jones, owner of the team, said the team would be lucky to get 6 wins. They ended up playing against the Detroit Lions in the Wild Card game with a 12-4 record. Why, Cowboys, why?

1. Pittsburgh Steelers

The Sixburgh Steelers, abundant with veteran legends and dynamic younguns, were supposed to be good. Emphasis on supposed. They scored 12 touchdowns in two weeks. That's more than the Jets had scored in 19 games. Then they lost to the Jets. What? Flogged with injuries, they lost the Wild Card game to the rival team the Baltimore Ravens.

3. Arizona Cardinals-



A team who began at 7-0. And then got beat by the Panthers. The 7-8-1 Panthers. In the Wild Card game. What? Well, they had their 3RD string quarterback in the game. Their defense was, well, out of sync. And they had no run game whatsoever. Oh, and Luke Kuechly caused two interceptions. Again, from their third string.





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"The Home Team is Finally Home"

By: Jackson Shelley



-Game Recap



-Comeback Video



-Game Introduction



**Baseball and
Soccer are here!**

**Games begin
March 9— April
23rd**

**Playoffs run
through May 1**

The greatest stories in sports are the comebacks. Because at the heart of all those stories, we can see ourselves. We can see our stories of loyalties tested. Our stories of triumph over defeat. "Never before has the league seen a story quite like ours. Never before have basketball fans seen their passion to bring back the same team, to the same place, with the same name. This is a story like none other. But the rejuvenation of the Hornets isn't just the story of a team. It's the story of a city. These are our Hornets. This is our comeback." —*Charlotte Hornets Comeback Commemorative Ticket*

Nothing represents the National Basketball League as much the 26-year pro basketball franchise founded in 1988, in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 2002,



owner of the Hornets, George Shinn, moved the Hornets to New Orleans, mad, after being denied for a new stadium. In 2004, the NBA gave Charlotte a new team, the Charlotte Bobcats. After the 2012-13 season, the New Orleans Hornets gave away the Hornets name so they could become the Pelicans. Immediately, Owner Michael Jordan and the organization bought back the Hornets name.

The comeback of the Charlotte Hornets is a big deal for the team, for the fans, for the city. Opening night of the 2014-15 season was said to be the biggest night in the history of the "Queen City" and it played out. There was a sell out crowd for the memorable game verses the Bucks. Sitting on the seats as people walked into "The

Hive" were Hornets tuxedo T-shirts, and a Commemorative "Comeback" ticket. The tuxedo T-shirts was an acknowledgement to the 1988-89 Hornets team. During the season opener of the 1988-89, the fans wore tuxedos to

celebrate the city's first major professional sports team. Moments before the game there was a once in a lifetime experience. Players from the original Hornets team, 1988-89, were there to speak to the crowd about their emotions of the return. This came along with an emotional

video of Dale Curry, an original player, speaking his emotions. Three current players, Kemba Walker, Al Jefferson, and Gerald Henderson also talked about the return along with owner, Michael Jordan.

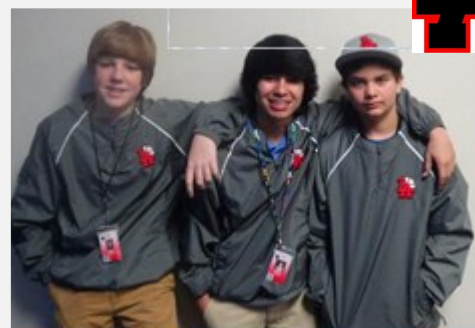
After being down by 24 points half way through the third quarter, the Hornets made a massive comeback on the Bucks. Kemba Walker hit a 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds left in the game to tie at 100. In overtime, Kemba Walker once again hit a 2-pointer, a foot inside the 3-point line, after a double-crossover with 5.1 seconds remaining to win 106-104. Welcome again to "Buzz City".



Going Gray for Gray

The baseball team is sporting gray warm up jackets and hats in honor of Teresa Gray. She was League's Media Specialist and is currently battling ALS. Go Mrs. Gray!

**"We wanted to support Mrs. Gray!"
says 3rd baseman Max.**





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**Get your
head in the
game, peeps!**

On a typical day, children consume just over 3 hours of media. This includes computer use, cell phone use, tablet use, music, and reading. Two thirds of this time is spent with "screen media" (TV, computers, the Internet, etc.) while reading is less than 20 minutes per

[http://
www.techaddiction.ca/
media-statistics.html](http://www.techaddiction.ca/media-statistics.html)



Bulldog Basketball

By Grace Wadas



Boys Team

#45 Jordan Brown
#1 Hamilton Chapman
#32 Graham Cross
#20 Quanderious Duckett
#30 Dekias Gambrell
#10 Jake Harrelson
#42 Thomas Howard
#21 Joshua Hoyos
#11 Kaleb Mack
#35 Patrick McCarter
#2 Lucas Mitchell
#24 Max Neely
#33 Torian Redden
#3 Tandy Russell
#23 Alex Weaver

Coaches = Stone &
Chibbaro

Practice = 1 1/2 hours
every week

Games = Mon & Thurs,
5:30 and 6:45

"Put your hands in,
'TEAM' on three be-
cause that's what it
takes!"

Girls Team

#30 Ericka Diggs
#11 Hannah Bruce
#23 Margaret Wilson
#10 Emily Miller
#13 Americus Blanding
#24 Madi Huffman
#3 Olivia Warlick
#5 Hannah Ramsey
#14 Taylor Reid
#1 Shawndra Coleman
#12 Mackenzie Arrowood
#35 Lajaida Seawright
#21 Julianne Bouknight



You Got Game?

By Calvin Blessing

In my opinion, video games are awesome. They let you become things you want to be (anything from general to cowboy), do what you want to do (anything from piloting a tank to making a prison) and play with friends from miles away (thanks to you, Mine-craft). Here's a compilation of some of League's favorite games.

Minecraft: What would this list be without a classic? The blocky game that classified the genre as one of the world's favorites has long been at the top of our lists of favorite games.

Call of duty: despite being slightly disappointing from repetitive gameplay, this series still is rock-solid in the shooter genre.

Red Dead Redemption: Another one of those games I've never played, but still has enough legendary gameplay and fun behind it to get me familiar with it.



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WINTER TRENDZ 2K14

By Rachel Glynn, Jayden Williams, and Ericka Diggs

"American parents spend an average of \$246.10 on [school] clothes."

<http://inhabitat.com/how-much-money-do-americans-spend-on-back-to-school-clothes/>

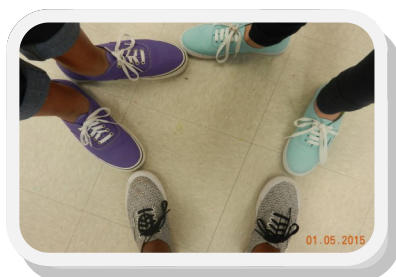


Patagonias sold at Mast General Store, Downtown \$119

League Gear Sweatshirts \$25, Sold at school store



Nike Free 5.0, Gaffney Outlets, \$99.95



Classic Authentic Vans 45.95
Vans Store Haywood Mall

Student Reviews

"It was really good. It wasn't exactly like the book, it was better."
7th grader Tanner



"It was exciting. The plot was good and the characters really connected."
8th grader Shawn



"It was a good movie, but it was kind of sad."
6th grader Miles



The Hobbit 3: The Battle of the Five Armies

By Mac Wallace

The third and final movie of the beloved Hobbit trilogy, these three two and a half hour long movies have all been interpreted from one single, long book (which I have not read). If you have not seen the first two movies, you HAVE to see them before this one, or it won't make any sense whatsoever. From the very beginning of the movie, action is already happening from where the second movie

left off. Smaug if flying towards Lake Town and (as we all expected) burns the town. Fortunately, the Dragon is defeated, and I'll let you find out how for yourself. Lake Town is no more but there are still many survivors who go to find shelter, led by Bard. Back at Arabore, the Dwarfs have finally reclaimed the mountain. But Thorin is

acting strange, obsessing over finding the Arcinestone. The elves arrive and tension is in the air. Will Thorin chose to go for a peaceful approach, or will they go to battle? Find out before the movie goes out of theaters.





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PTA is RAISING the Roof!

FOR YOUR HEALTH

"Acts of kindness create an emotional warmth, which releases a hormone known as oxytocin. It protects the heart by lowering blood pressure. [3] "



http://www.huffingtonpost.com/priya-advani/random-acts-of-kindness_b_3412718.html

For more info on how you can get involved, check out the link below!

<http://www.raisecraze.net/>

You can help League's PTA help YOU! PTA is raising money to purchase new technology for our school. They have several upcoming events that are fun, NEW, thoughtful, and creative. Don't be left out! See what's up and be a part!

RAISE CRAZE
FUNDRAISING THROUGH KINDNESS

According to an article written by Brandon Keim, "Kindness Breeds More Kindness, Study Shows," kindness is contagious. "Goodness spurs goodness, they found: A single act can influence dozens more." League hopes to spread goodness while raising funds to ultimately enhance the learning at League. Everyone wins!



Based on the cheers from PTA President, Karen Weaver and fellow 8th grader Lily, Patrick wins the dance competition at the Raise Craze Kickoff!

2 crazy weeks
3 acts of service
10 donor emails
40 Chrome Books
1 AWESOME SCHOOL!

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Brave enough to donate 8 inches of hair?

Grab a permission slip in the main office.



PANTENE

give
BEAUTIFUL
lengths



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Say What?!

By Alexia Speaks and Mrs. Swartzel

Words don't mean what they used to...literally. "Makin' it rain" no longer refers to clouds dispensing water droplets. "Thirsty" is more than wanting And "pound it out" isn't talking about your granny making bread in the kitchen. So, what's up with this "new" English slang? Slang is considered to be language used more in speech than in writing. The Urban Dictionary helped us define some of the most popular slang terms for 2015.

Knowledge from the '90s

- 'Sup
- As if!
- All that and a bag of chips
- Boo ya!
- Oh! Snap!



BRUH

Short for "bro;"

Used to greet a friend

BAE

Term of endearment; short for Baby; "Before Anyone Else"

On point; strong; most commonly referring to someone's crazy eyebrows



Bulldog Growl Staff 2014-2015



Back row from left: Calvin Blessing, Rachel Glynn, Ericka Diggs, Jayden Williams, Shakera Smith, Isabella Hammond, Alexia Speaks, Sam Sharp, Jackson Shelley, Mrs. Swartzel.

Front row from left: Jack DeRiso, Charlotte Littlejohn, Hailey Hirst, Kiara Reider, Mac Wallace, Rachel Samuel, Clay Smith, Zoe Ward, Grace Wadas



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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

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PhotoShop by Alexia Speaks



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differences
between the
two photos!

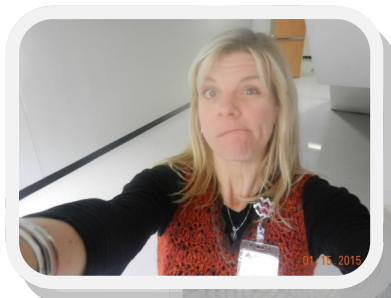


According to the Library of Congress, the oldest selfie photograph was taken by Robert Cornelius in 1839. Based on the technology of the time, he would have had to remain motionless for 3 to 15 minutes to take it.

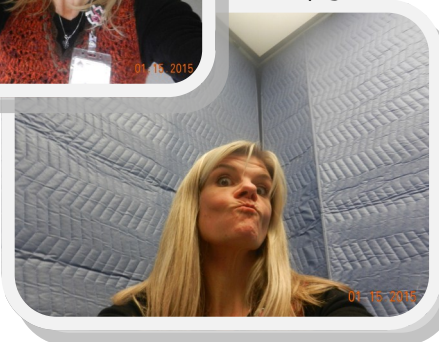
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Selfie Search!

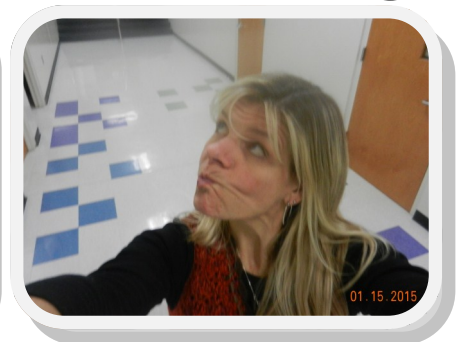
Where's Mrs. Swartzel?



2



3



Spot The Difference
ANSWERS:
*White corner of girl's
shirt in back left
*Foot missing on right
*Fire alarm missing
*Center girl's headband
*Computer missing
*Poster on right miss-
ing