



The Ram's Ramble

Port Chester
School District

National Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week Daishanea Bruce

Port Chester Middle School participated in National Drug and Alcohol Awareness week from Monday January 23rd to Friday January 27th. During this week we also had a spirit week to help promote awareness. Additionally, the student government put together videos that the homeroom teachers would play each day. Each video clip would explain the theme of the day, and included a question that students could drop their answers to in a box near the main office. The children chosen with the correct answers won prizes.

PCMS teachers also put together some cool activities for students to do in class. For example, my science teacher Mr. Tiedemann had us choose a commonly abused drug to research and write a summary about it. On Wednesday, there was also an assembly with Tom Grimes about the dangers of different drugs.

We also did a classroom door decorating contest. The teachers and their homerooms had to come up with something creative for their door to represent a "Don't do drugs" message. Then, on the last day of the week the administration chose the best doors. Each grade had one winning door, and the winners were offered pizza parties!

PCMS Spirit Week

Monday—
Pajama Day

Tuesday—
Wear PC Blue

Wednesday—
"Band" against
drugs day

Thursday—
Twin Day

Friday—
Superhero Day

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A Video Game Review—Cristian Pineda

Whether it's a big game or small I will review it. Welcome to the Port Chester Middle School's game review corner. This issue's game we will be reviewing is the Minecraft game. There are two things you may feel about this game —either you hate it or you love it. Minecraft is a sandbox game that has creative parts to it and you can play alone or with others. The main purpose of this game is to go out and survive in the wild by punching trees down and making tools. The multiplayer aspect of the game is a whole bunch of mini games in one. For example, there are action games or egg wars which are also known as money wars. These mini games are awesome to play alone and with your friends but you don't need your friends to play because there are so many other people. However, these are only through the computer edition. The Xbox and Ps4 editions don't have servers but you can invite your friends to your world. Thank you everyone for reading this gaming review. I hope to do another one soon!

Spotlight: Port Chester Middle School Wrestling

The Port Chester Middle School Wrestling team has had a fantastic season! The team roster is listed to the right, and below is an autobiography of their coach, Jon Plato.

I was born and raised in Mamaroneck, and went to Mamaroneck High School, where I was a three sport athlete, participating in football, wrestling, and baseball. I was fortunate enough to attend and play football at Syracuse University. Years after graduating from Syracuse, I had the opportunity to become the Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach at Manhattanville College, where I received my Masters in Sport Pedagogy. I have spent the last five years teaching physical education and health at KIPP Charter School, located in the South Bronx. Along with my teaching responsibilities I was the Head JV Football and Head Varsity Wrestling coach. This is my first year teaching and coaching at Port Chester High School where I am teaching team sports, personal fitness, and strength & conditioning. I am also the assistant varsity football coach and head modified wrestling coach. I am very happy to be here!



Felix Medina	Keysi Quitizaca
Nicholas Rolanos	Sabastian Alvarex
Devin Rosado	Randy Otavalo
Joramys B	Byran Olmino
Jose Bonilla	Isaiah Santiago
Dorian Marine	R.J Thalheimer
Andrew Martell	Escobar Carlos
Esteban Ocampo	Luis Carvajal
Rasheek Hill	Luna Perez
Genesis Ochoa	Alan Lugunes
Tyamire King	Lisbeth Verdezoto
Michael Sigua	Justin Santillan
Christopher Ramirez	David Sanchez
Brandon Molano	Alejandro Leyva
Steven Marte	Gisselle Hernandez
Justin Mestas	Jeffrey Ramos
Koby Chabla	Edwin Velasco

Happy Valentine's Day - How Big is Your Heart?

While not thought to be directly related to modern Valentine's Day traditions, the beginnings of celebrating love in February date back to the Romans. The feast of Lupercalia was a pagan fertility and health festival, observed from February 13th through the 15th, that was celebrated at least as far back as 44BCE. Some historians believe it goes back even further, though with possibly a different name. Connected to the Roman god Lupercus, (equivalent to the Greek god Pan), the festival was originally supposed to be about shepherds and bringing health and fertility to sheep and cows. When it became more ingrained into Roman culture, it additionally celebrated Lupa, the she-wolf who nursed the legendary founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus, to health. Religious offerings happened at the cave on Palatine Hill, the place where Rome was thought to be founded.

Love is an expression used to portray strong feelings for a person that is close and special to you. You can express love towards loved ones by giving them gifts or treats, writing them love letters, and just by saying "I love you". A person can show love throughout the year by giving that person a little gift or a small bag of their favorite chocolate or candy once and a while to show that you appreciate them. My favorite Valentine's memories were when I was in elementary school and we would make Valentines for the whole class, then we would decorate a brown or white paper bag and we would go around the classroom and put a Valentine in each person's bag. Most often, the Valentines had candy. - Sanai Ash



Love is the ability to feel passionate about something or someone. You can express your love in various ways. The simplest form of expressing your love to someone is by saying 3 simple words, "I love you". But of course you have a multitude of ways to express how you feel.

You can demonstrate your love by purchasing presents, chocolates, or flowers. A person can show love throughout the year by saying "I love you", helping each other, being compassionate, and showing affection. My favorite Valentine's Day tradition is having a fun night in with my best friends, watch some movies, eat ice cream, and listen to music. This is my favorite tradition because we would be spending a day doing and eating things that we love. That is what Valentine's Day is all about after all!

Melina Santos

El amor es la capacidad de sentirse apasionado por algo o alguien. Usted puede expresar su amor de varias maneras diferentes. La forma más simple de expresar su amor a alguien es decir 2 palabras simples, "te amo". Pero por supuesto tienes muchas maneras de expresar cómo te sientes. Puedes demostrar tu amor comprando regalos, chocolates o flores. Una persona puede mostrar amor durante todo el año, como dije antes, diciendo "Te amo", ayudándose mutuamente, siendo compasivo y mostrando afecto. Mi tradición favorita del día de San Valentín es tener una noche de diversión con mis mejores amigas, ver películas, comer helado y escuchar música.. Esta es mi tradición favorita porque estaríamos pasando un día haciendo y comiendo cosas que amamos. Eso es lo que el Día de San Valentín es después de todo!

-Melina Santos

What is love?

Sometimes it is an intense feeling of deep affection. There are different types of love. The love you have for mom, your brothers, sister, and best friends. Some people asked, how can you express love towards your loved ones? It is not really that hard, sometimes you show love without knowing it, and when you love someone you worry about them. But you can do things such as asking them, "How was your day? Is something wrong? What is bothering you?"

How can a person show love throughout the years? Sometimes, it is hard to express love when you live a long time with people that you love. A good way to show love is by preparing something meaningful for occasions such as an anniversary or birthday. You can also give them flowers and tell them you love them. My favorite memory is being with my friends on Valentine's day and eating chocolate because none of us are in a relationship. Happy Valentine's Day! - Gary Ramirez

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Love is to feel affection towards someone. Whether it be towards friends, or family. When you love someone, there is nothing in the world that you wouldn't do for them, not one thing. Just the thought of being without them hurts, all of their defects is what makes you love them more. To express your love towards your loved one, you can tell them how much you love them. No object, or priceless piece of jewelry can tell your loved one how much you love them. To show someone that you love them, giving them your full and undivided attention, showing them how much you care, and showing them how much you love them. Telling them I love you is more than enough.

—Kiara Roque



Valentine's day is all about love. I think love is a feeling that all people have. But, love is not only a feeling; it can be affection, passion, and action. Love is when you care about something a lot. Love can be expressed through compliments, hugs, a smile, and even an emoji <3. I think someone can show love all year long, by being kind and doing good deeds as much as possible. You can do something as little as a smile, and it can brighten someone's day and it can inspire others to do the same. If everyone is loving all year long, it can result in a more loving world. One of my favorite Valentine's Day memories was when my family and I went out to eat, and then we each picked a family member's name out of a hat. Then we picked out a special gift for the person. I thought this memory was very special because it felt good to see how each of us appreciated and loved one another. To wrap it up, I hope you all have a loving Valentine's day with your loved ones!

~Gwen Dominguez

To Value Our Parents— By Eduardo Salazar

I was born on 7/18/2003. My whole life begins that day. My mother left me when I was 3 months old. My father did not care he had a son to support. So, my mother left. Supposedly she wanted to cross the border and she left me with my grandmother. My grandmother raised me well. As time passed my mother wanted to look for me. I did not want to see her but she came and hugged me only once, and then she left with her husband. She did not call me again until I turned seven.

January 11, 2011, 10:00 p.m. That day marked me forever. That night they killed my grandmother, my aunt, and my uncle, and there I was. They took me to the hospital almost dead. Since that day my life changed. I spent a month without speaking because my brain had been disturbed and upset. As the month passed, I returned to speaking. Then, I went away to live with my uncle for five years. As time passed, my uncle said they wanted to bring me to the United States. And here I am.

It is true I sometimes have a bad attitude but it is not because I want to. But anyway, what life wants to teach you is to value your parents. Enjoy every moment with the person you love the most because the day they die you feel a great emptiness in your whole body that you do not know what to do. We must value every moment with our families because we do not know when they are going to leave us and it will be too late. Live together with your family throughout bad times, good times - whatever life brings - but be happy while you have your parents alive because you do not know when they will be gone. Cry, laugh, fight - but most of all - enjoy.



Valorar a Nuestros Padres By Eduardo Salazar

Family
IS EVERYTHING

Yo nací el 7/18/ 2003. Desde ese día empieza toda mi vida. Mi madre me dejó cuando tenía 3 meses de haber nacido. Mi padre ni se acordó que tenía un hijo que mantener. Bueno mi madre se fue. Supuestamente ella quería cruzar la frontera y ella me dejó con mi abuela. Mi abuela me crió bien. Al pasar el tiempo mi madre me quiso buscar. Yo no la quería ver pero ella llegó y me abrazó solo una vez, y luego se fue con su marido. Ella no me llamó hasta cumplir los 7 años.

11 de enero de 2011, 10:00 de la noche. Ese día me marcó para siempre. Esa noche mataron a mi abuela, mi tía, y a mi tío, y ahí estaba yo. Me llevaron al hospital casi muerto. Desde ese día mi vida cambió. Estuve un mes sin hablar por el motivo que mi cerebro se había trastornado. Al pasar el mes, volví hablar. Después me fui donde mi tío para vivir por cinco años. Al pasar el tiempo, dijeron que me querían traer para los Estados Unidos. Y aquí estoy.

Si es cierto soy malcriado por días pero no es por que yo quiera. Pero bueno, lo que la vida te quiere enseñar es que valores a tus padres. Disfruta cada momento con la persona que más quieres porque el día que se muera sientes un gran vacío en todo tu cuerpo que no hallas qué hacer. Solo tenemos que valorar cada momento con nuestra familia porque no se sabe cuando se vayan a ir y va hacer demasiado tarde. Convive con tu familia en los momentos malos, momentos buenos - lo que te ponga la vida. Pero se feliz mientras tengas a tus padres vivos porque no sabes cuando te van a faltar. Llorar, reír, pelear - pero sobre todo - disfruta.

Cartoons from Ms. Morabito's Class

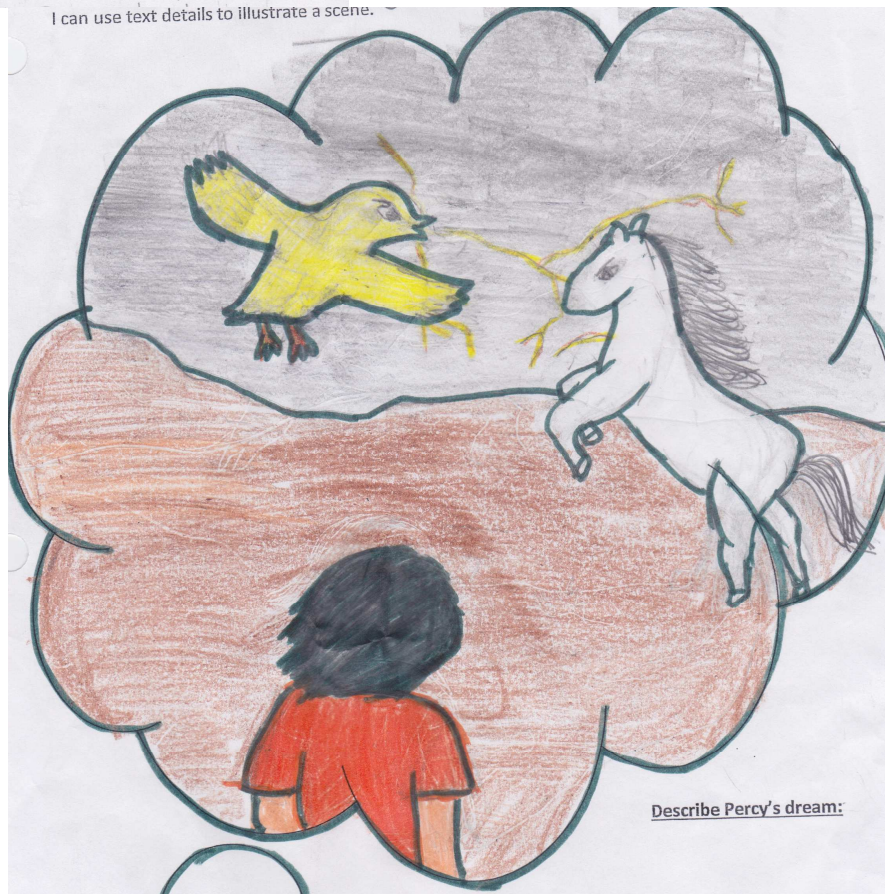


The dream that Percy had was about a white horse and a gold eagle fighting. Also, Percy noticed that there was a voice that made the animals fight harder.

~Juana Carcamo

In a storm day on the beach two beautiful animals, a white horse and a golden eagle were trying to kill each other. While they were fighting the ground rumbled and a monster's voice chuckled beneath the Earth. Percy ran towards them to stop but he was too late.

~Jennifer Zhagui



UPCOMING EVENTS AT PCMS!!!

- Winter Break— School's Closed
February 18th — February 26th
- Parent Teacher Conferences
March 16th and March 17th
- District Vocal Concert—PCMS
March 2nd @ 7pm
- District Instrumental Concert—PCMS
March 9th @ 7pm
- English Language Arts State Testing
March 28th—March 30th



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