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EXCLUSIVE NEWS

IS 51 OPENS BRAND NEW SPIN ROOM

***Sports and Arts Program
Is Here For You***
by Daniella Pineda

The Sports and Arts Program has many activities and clubs for everyone. The program runs Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30. Friday Academy is 2:30 -5:30pm. Mr. Pete and Mr. Roche, who are in charge of the program, both enjoy working with the IS 51 students. Mr. Roche explained that the goal every year is for students to “have fun while they’re trying new things.” Another goal, he added, is for students to “make new friends.” He also wants the program to grow. In order to join the Sports and Arts program, you must complete an application. There is no fee to join. Once the application is given in, you come on the days you want. Then, you choose the activity or club you would like to join. For sports, you can choose baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, bowling, and golf (continued →).

Killing Two Birds With One Stone by **Manya Sabu**

Edwin Markham Intermediate School 51 has opened its first new Spin Room. In this room there are 45 stationary bikes. Some of the teachers who use the room with their students are Mrs. Morales, Mr. Grillo, Mrs. Colgan, and Mrs. Licitra. Principal Mele came up with the idea to have a Spin Room. “I was doing research and found that another school did a spin and read program,” Principal Mele explained. “They were using exercise bikes while learning. I thought that was a great idea... the fact that you could learn while exercising. And of course. It also helps keeps the gym less crowded.”

Construction on the new room began in June and was completed in mid-August. The cost of the new spin room was very high. Each bike cost \$333, so all of them together cost \$15,000. I can’t wait for it to improve... the library is coming in, and there will be fun activities in an academic way.” He explained that “all the students are going to experience the spin room for at least 1 marking period.” Take it from this reporter, the spin room is a lot of fun, and well worth the money it took to build.

(continued from side bar) If you don’t enjoy playing sports, you can join other clubs such as Drama, Science, Robotics (for 7th and 8th graders), Newspaper, Maker-Space, and Debate. So far, the programs are going very well. The Baseball Team has already started some games this year. Science Club is planting a garden. The Drama Club is preparing for their spring production of *Bye, Bye, Birdie*. Finally, the Debate Team is getting ready for their first tournament in November. So if you are interested in keeping yourself busy and active after school, join the Sports and Arts After School Program!

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If you are interested in being on the staff of the Spartan Times, please see Mr. Kampel in room 124. We meet every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 and you must be enrolled in the Sports & Arts program. Applications are in the office.

C.C.'s Advice

Editor's Note: CC's Advice will be a regular column. Our own writer Cecilia Mai will offer some helpful tips for being successful in school and life.

~Be yourself. Don't let what other people think about you change your personality or attitude.

~WORK HARD, which means STUDYING, and staying on top of your homework.

- DO YOUR WORK, and try your best.

~ Your grades are more important!

~Don't take insults from anyone.

~Don't take on many activities (afterschool, outside activities, etc.).

If you can't handle it because it can bring down your grades

~Don't try to fit in with people that aren't right for you just because you think they're cool and/or popular.

IS 51 Soccer Team Off and Running by Carolina Espinosa

Just in case you haven't heard... Our school has its first, official Soccer Team! Our school couldn't be prouder to announce that we won our first two games by the score of 7-4 and 6-1 respectively. The team is led by goalie Andrew Morgan, and is a mixture of 7th and 8th grade students. It is coached by Mr. Perrotto, who took a few minutes from his daily schedule for this interview.

Q: How did the Soccer League begin?

A: *Mr. Mele wanted a team, so he asked me and Mr. McKenna to coach and take care of the team.*

Q: When are your next games?

A: *They are on October 15th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, November 5th, and 13th.*

Q: How and when do you practice?

A: *We practice two times a week. We work on our skills, and goalies practice with a different coach or me.*

Q: What do you think of your team?

A: *I like our team... they're definitely skilled, and I like how the kids also teach us moves. It's fun... we learn together."*

Note: *The Spartan Times wishes the soccer team good luck 2 on the rest of their season!*

IS 51's Baseball Team Hits a New Season by Tyler Caputo

The first ever IS 51 Baseball Team began their 2016 season a few weeks ago. The team is coached by our own Principal Mele and Mr. Pero. The team practices here at IS 51 and games are being played on Saturdays. Their first game was on September 24th against the New Springville Prospects. Their record at the time of this article was 1-3.

Principal Mele was asked how it felt to be the head coach. "It is really fun and I enjoy being the coach," he responded. "I have been a baseball coach many times." The experience that Principal Mele brings is a strong benefit for the team. Principal Mele added that he wants "all student athletes to learn and have fun" while playing baseball.

Note: *The Spartan Times would like to congratulate the Baseball Team on their hard work and effort all season!*

Important Dates for November & December

Nov. 1: IS 51 Open House for new students

Nov. 4: Academy Twin Day

Nov. 8: No School for Election Day

Nov. 10: End of first Marking Period
Night of 100 Pizzas Dance

Nov. 11: No School for Veteran's Day

Nov. 24 & 25: No School for Thanksgiving

Dec. 7: Plaid Day

Dec. 8: Drama/Dance show

Dec. 15: Band Concert and Art Show

Dec. 21: Holiday Hat Day

Dec. 26-Jan. 2: School closed for Winter Recess