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Welcome-Back Dance

By America Leon and Karina Sanchez



Every year Stevenson Middle School has a Welcome-Back Dance to welcome both the old and the new students to a new school year. This year it was organized and hosted by the new Leadership class led by Ms. Stewart. Tickets sold out like Hot Cheetos. Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders attended.

The requirements for the dance were simple. You had to have an ID and a dollar if you had your ticket in advance and \$3 if you waited until last minute. The

dance was well organized and it had great decorations. There were balloons and streamers everywhere!

It started off great and everyone seemed to be having a good time. The Leadership were also selling water in the back if you got too hot from all the dancing. Everyone seemed to be having a blast and the next dance might be even better so don't miss out! There might be a Halloween Dance. Don't forget to buy your tickets early.

Hispanic Heritage

By Mireya Moran and Aracely Lopez

Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration beginning September 15th and ending October 15th.

Hispanic Heritage month is the celebration of the culture, contribution, and heritage of Hispanic Americans. It was first formed by public law 90-498, on September 17, 1968 by the 90th congress. It started out as a week of Hispanic Heritage but changed to month by Ronald Reagan on August 17, 1988.

This celebration is important because it covers a

wide range of independence for Latin American countries. It allows us to celebrate our culture. During the



month, Hispanics usually celebrate by dancing, making contributions, and playing music. There are also parades and festivals.

Everyone joins to celebrate their Hispanic culture. People cook a lot of food and feast together. Hispanics cook several foods like tamales and tacos. They all cheer for their Hispanic culture.

President Obama's Speech on Education

By Perla Vazquez and Paola Gomez

Every time he makes a speech, President Obama talks about his goals as a leader and giving people help. In one of his recent speeches, on September 8, 2009, in Arlington, Virginia, Obama spoke about America's students and their education.

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The First KSMS

By Jasmine Calletano and America Leon

On Friday September 18, 2009 the Leadership class hosted the first KSMS of the school year. This was the first for the first from the new leadership teacher, Ms. Stewart. The first KSMS was well organized despite the number of students in the leadership class. The weather was blazing hot but that didn't stop our Pirate Spirit.

The leadership students started off introducing Mr. Hewitt, a new math teacher to Stevenson. After that was Ms. Lewis, followed by all the new staff this year. The new

teachers were all introduced with details and information about them.

Teachers each got a red rose as a welcome to the school. All of the new teachers, counselors, and assistant principal complimented the students, teachers, and staff, and of course the school itself.

Once all the new teachers were introduced we gave them a warm round of applause and that concluded the first KSMS. A special shout out goes out to Ms. Stewart for a great job! Keep up the great work and thanks for a great KSMS.



Did Columbus Really Discover America???

By Maria Estrada and Angelica Gomez

Many countries celebrate Columbus Day. It is to celebrate the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas. It is celebrated on October 12th, but it's not a national holiday. Schools, banks, post offices, and government offices are open. It has different names in different places of the world.

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy. He became an Italian Explorer. He got three ships to sail on: the Santa Maria, the Pinta, and the Nina. "discovered America in 1492." The places he already inhabited, so he really didn't discover any new places.

He also earth was round and 1492 hoping to find a October 11, 1492 he which he called San Salvador, but the natives called Guanahani. He thought he arrived in India and named the area Indies. He called the inhabitants there Indians.



"discovered" that the really big. He sailed in route to India. But on landed on an island

Columbus did not become as rich as he wanted to. He only had the pension the king and queen had given him. They gave it to him because he was the first to reach the New World.

On October 12th, 1866 the Italians in New York had the first celebration of the discovery of America. Then on October 12th, 1869

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Mr. Rubalcaba

By Anna Vargas and Gizelle Perez



Mr. Rubalcaba is one of Stevenson Middle School's newest Assistant Principals. He was raised here in East Los Angeles. Mr. Rubalcaba previously worked at Garfield Senior High School. He worked there for 12 years.

As a kid he always wanted to be a teacher. When he heard there was an opening for assistant principal, he quickly jumped out of his cave and got saved by our ship! He wasn't nervous the first day, but really tired. He loves the students here, each with their given personality and smiles. His advice for students is, "Never give up and persevere."

His favorite color is blue. He is a fan of tacos. He goes for the Los Angeles Lakers, and Los Angeles Dodgers games. His hobbies are playing the guitar and singing. He loves sports. He once played a one on one with Magic Johnson. He's an outdoor person and loves going out, and he lives for dancing. He went from a "Bulldog" to a "Pirate." We are proud and honored to have Mr. Rubalcaba here with us joining our family.

Mr. Arreguin

By Natalie Salazar and Melissa Garcia



Mr. Arreguin started working here at Stevenson Middle School as our new Bridge Coordinator. He came from Clover Elementary. He was an Assistant Principal for Special Education. He stated that it is basically the same thing, just with a different title.

So far, the few weeks that he has been here, he says he really likes the students, staff, and administrators. He quotes that, "Having an education will get you to a diploma, which is really

important, and will open many doors in life rather than close them when you don't have an education."

Two of his most favorite hobbies are camping and playing golf. His favorite color is blue and his favorite baseball team is the Los Angeles Dodgers. He also mentions that he has a miniature doberman as a pet dog.

Mr. Berumen

By Zulema Cuevas and Sarahi Garcia



Mr. Berumen is one of Stevenson Middle School's newest 6th grade teachers. Mr. Berumen graduated from UCLA with an English Major. With twelve years of experience, he's managed to raise a five year old son. Mr. Berumen came from Hollenbeck and is how teaching English and Ancient Civilizations in Room 58.

He had always wanted to be a teacher and likes working with younger people. That is one of the reasons he enjoys working here. Mr. Berumen quoted, "I like to teach the students here because they are polite and respectful." If you see him around please help welcome Mr. Berumen into his new environment and welcome him in to the new Stevenson family.

Mr. Prieto

By Araceli Gomez and Maggie Solorzano



We welcome Mr. Prieto to his first year at Stevenson Middle School. He will be working as the new school psychologist. Before Mr. Prieto came to Stevenson, he worked at Main St. Elementary, Roosevelt Senior High School, and Dena Elementary.

Mr. Prieto was born in Spain and came to Los Angeles when he was 25 years old. Before he started

working as a school psychologist, he was a high-rise window cleaner and attended Salvador Villaseca.

Mr. Prieto said he would like to go to places such as Turkey, Chiapas, and Botswana. On his free time he likes to run, swim, and play guitar. His favorite book is One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marques. His favorite musicians are Beethoven, Brans, and also likes The Beatles and Led Zeppelin. He has two sons and 9 brothers. He believes in having fun, believing in yourself, and being moral. "I think I can do many good things," he said when asked what he wanted to do for the students of Stevenson Middle School.

Ms. Leonard

By Iliana Hernandez



One of the new people that has started working here at Stevenson Middle School is Ms. Leonard. Ms. Leonard teaches in room 103B. Before teaching here at Stevenson she taught at Santee High School.

She has been teaching for about 20 years. Ms. Leonard said, "I never wanted to be a teacher. I always wanted to be a famous writer. I became a teacher by accident."

When she first walked into Stevenson she felt overwhelmed not knowing anyone and not knowing where to go. But so far what she likes about Stevenson is the people. She says the students and teachers are really nice. She enjoys teaching the students of Stevenson. Ms. Leonard rated Stevenson a 9 3/4. She said that if she had her wall all the way up to the ceiling she would give Stevenson a 10.

Some interesting facts about Ms. Leonard is that she went to San Francisco State College. her favorite color is purple, and her favorite food is chocolate cake because she is a vegetarian. She doesn't like hurting animals. In her free time she likes spending time with her pets. Her two favorite holidays are Halloween and her birthday. Her hobbies are boxing and dancing.

If you see her around school don't be afraid of welcoming her into the Stevenson Middle School Family.

Ms. Lewis

By Michael Mancilla and Giovanni Soberanes



Ms. Lewis is one of Stevenson Middle School's newest wonderful teachers. Ms. Lewis teaches 8th Grade Science. She comes from Centennial College Prep Academy. She went to New York University. Her hometown is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Ms. Lewis has been teaching for two years. She decided to start teaching because she likes to spend time with young kids. Ms. Lewis's hobbies are reading, doing yoga, and cooking. She has liked science since she was a little girl. She loves to travel, and she also likes to eat Thai food and Italian food.

So far Ms. Lewis thinks that Stevenson Middle School is great and that everyone is very kind and friendly.

Ms. Serian

By Cesar Ruiz and Karina Sanchez



There are many new staff members this year here at Stevenson Middle School and Ms. Eserion is one of them. Ms. Eserion went to Cabrini College in Pennsylvania. Her hobbies are salsa dancing and archery. Her favorite food is spaghetti. Her favorite baseball team is the Phillies, and Christmas is her favorite Holiday.

This is her first year as a teacher here at Stevenson Middle School. She likes the area here, and she really likes to work with the kids and the Stevenson staff. She has always wanted to teach.

On her first day of school she was really nervous, but she made it through the day. She says everyone is amazing and fun to be around. The advice she has for all our pirates is, "To exceed your goals and don't give up." We are proud that Ms. Eserion is now part our big happy Stevenson family.

Ms. Mesias

By Angelica Gomez and
Alejandra Esparza



Ms. Mesias is one of Stevenson's newest counselors this year. Before coming here she worked as a counselor mostly in high schools. During some of her free time, she likes to read, go to the movies, sleep, go to ethnic restaurants, but unfortunately she doesn't have much free time.

Ms. Mesias came here because the location of the school was convenient and to get support from the staff. Also, because she thought everybody was friendly here at Stevenson Middle School.

She attended the University of Chile and Loyola Marymount University. She is originally from Chile. She decided to become a counselor because she likes to work with students and wants to support them. When she first started working at Stevenson, she felt nervous and had funny feelings, sometimes she still gets them. She likes this school because she gets support and feels welcomed, and people here are friendly.

We hope that our 2009-2010 school year together will be a great one with all the new and wonderful staff.

Ms. Stoker

By Maria Estrada and
Martha Medina



One of our new teachers at Stevenson Middle School this year is Ms. Stoker. She teaches 7th grade Science and has been teaching for a year. Stevenson is the first school she has taught at. She likes this school. Her first impression of this school was that the students and staff are friendly and energetic.

Before becoming a teacher she was a nurse that helped

burned and injured people. She had always wanted to be a Science teacher because she wants to teach people how to take care of themselves.

Ms Stoker is from Seattle, Washington and attend the University of Washington. One of her hobbies is playing soccer and people consider her good at it. Something that most people don't know about her is that she has an identical twin.

Ms. Stoker enjoys having a twin sister. She told us that if she fell sick, she would send her twin sister to teach her classes. We wish her a good year and hope that she enjoys teaching at Stevenson Middle School.

Ms. Stewart... Leadership Teacher

By Stephanie Sifuentes
and Johanna Ramirez



Ms. Stewart, in Room 12, is not a new teacher but she is new to Leadership. Last year she was a 6th Grade English and History teacher. Now, she teaches Leadership and eighth grade Physical Science.

So far her students are the best part of Leadership. Ms. Stewart plans to take Leadership in new directions. She plans on doing Leadership for a long time. Ms. Stewart really enjoys her classes.

They've already hosted some events like KSMS and the Welcome-Back Dance. We hope everything is a lot better this year and for the years to come in Leadership. Thank you, Ms. Stewart for being the new Leadership teacher.

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He's spoken about the responsibilities of parents, teachers, and the government itself, but this time the main focus were students and their responsibilities. All across the country children and young adults listened to what he had to say. Not only was President Obama talking about the importance of education, but about the expectations he has for each and every one of us.

President Obama asked us on that day of September 8, 2009 to find what we're good at because every one of us has something to offer. "Maybe you could be a good writer - maybe even good enough to write a book or an article in a newspaper..." He believes we all have something we're good at. Our talent can take us to the success of our future.

President Obama also mentioned that we need the education and knowledge to cure diseases and revolutionize the world, and that is why President Obama needs everyone to develop their skills. He says that we need to develop what were good at because if we quit, we quit on our country. President Obama also stated that he knows it's not always easy to do well in school but that is no reason to neglect school and homework. "Whatever you resolve to do, I want you to commit to it. I want you to really work hard at it," says President Obama.

It's important to commit to something because how can you achieve a goal if you quit? Mr. Obama believes that we should never be afraid to ask questions. This is true because if we don't get the help we need how can we get better at what we want to achieve?

Breasts Cancer Awareness Month

By Ketzy Mojica

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is to help the women and men (yeah, they get it too!) that are suffering from breast cancer; it is also to help everyone understand that people suffer from this, not every month, but every day of the week.

More than 180,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year; More than 43,000 women die from this disease. For men it's less. The amount is about 1,600 and out of those 1,600 men that have the disease 400 die.

The way that it can be helped is by getting surgery, adjuvant hormonal therapy, and chemotherapy is given for more advanced stages. Breast cancer is a bad thing for people to get, but if caught early it can sometimes be cured, but if it gets worse and they can not cure it, doctors give therapy.

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Chely's Restaurant

By Jasmine Calletano and Carolina Sanchez



Chely's restaurant sells seafood and Mexican food from various parts of Mexico like Veracruz, Puebla, Jalisco and much more. Everything in the menu takes a few minutes to make, depending on what you order. As the saying goes "Good food takes time."

The restaurant was opened not too long ago during the summer. It was opened on August 22, 2009. On the day of the grand opening there was a mariachi performing live music. The owners still try to keep the entertainment by having someone play live music on the piano every other day. There is also a karaoke machine for whomever is brave enough and wants to sing.

The theme of the restaurant is still being worked on, but the owner's goal is to give it a cozy, homestyle feel and look. The inside of Chely's Restaurant consists of paintings and portraits, very similar to an art gallery.

The health inspectors gave Chely's an 'A' because of all its cleanliness. All employees have to have their hands clean and their hair in a hairnet. Chely's is spotless, and extremely sanitary, and serves delicious food.

Everybody appeared satisfied with the food, the wonderful environment, and the friendly employees. Every customer keeps coming back for more of their delicious meals.

So come on down and enjoy the exquisite and delicious food that Chely's Restaurant has to offer. Come and dine alone, with a friend, or even make it a family event.

New Electronics Just in Time for the Holidays

By Maggie Solorzano and Araceli Gomez

Everyone knows about the iPod Chromatic, but there's a new iPod in stores. The new iPod Chromatic is pretty much the same, but now it comes with a bigger screen and a camera able to record video. When you connect it to your Mac or PC, the video will automatically upload. Then, you will be able to post the video to YouTube, or MySpace, or Facebook. It also comes in 9 colors just as the old Chromatic, but they are brighter since now they are in a polished aluminum finish.

This iPod also comes with something called Genius. It will automatically choose songs from your playlist that go great together. With this iPod, you will also be able to listen to your favorite radio stations, but FM only. You will also be able to record your voice with it. They are available in stores for the following prices: the 8 GB is selling for about \$149 and the 16 GB is available for about \$179.

Sony also has a new toy, the new PSP Go. It is a lighter, sleeker version of the PSP. It has a smaller screen than the original PSP. It is also about 50% smaller than the original. The games must be saved into the 16 GB memory space it has available. The games cannot be the old PSP games. They must be bought online at Sony's PlayStation Store. This new electronic can hold up to 2, 300 movies and up to 3, 300 T.V. episodes.

The new PSP black or white. It has 16 GB of built in memory, bluetooth support, it's ultra-portable, and you can download games and movies directly from the PlayStation Network. It also has a 3.8" LCD screen, built-in microphone for Skype communication. The new PSP Go will be available for about \$250.

Both toys are perfect and just in time for the holidays.

Horoscopes

By America Leon and Karla Portillo

ARIES

Good karma is coming your way. Be sure to spread the love.

TAURUS

Share your ideas with lots of people - get ready for big success.

GEMINI

Maintain your great reputation - give credit where credit is due today.

CANCER

When you don't know what to do ? Ask a friend for advice.

LEO

Things may not be clear right now, but sometimes that's a good thing.

VIRGO

Your friends have their own pace... you can't hurry someone else's progress.

LIBRA

Be flexible. Give in a little more than you're used to today.

SCORPIO

Creativity is key today. Use it to escape reality and get some peace.

SAGITTARIUS

Listen to others talk about the past. Learn from their mistakes.

CAPRICORN

You'll make impressive progress on a project.

AQUARIUS

Don't follow the crowd - Don't be a follower be a leader do your own thing

PISCES

This time, Let someone else be the boss for a while

Horoscopes Courtesy of 104.3 MyFM

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Italians in San Francisco celebrated it but called it C-Day. Many people today don't recognize him as any one special. It is still celebrated, but not as a national holiday.

Back to School

By Angelica Gomez and Maria Estrada

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