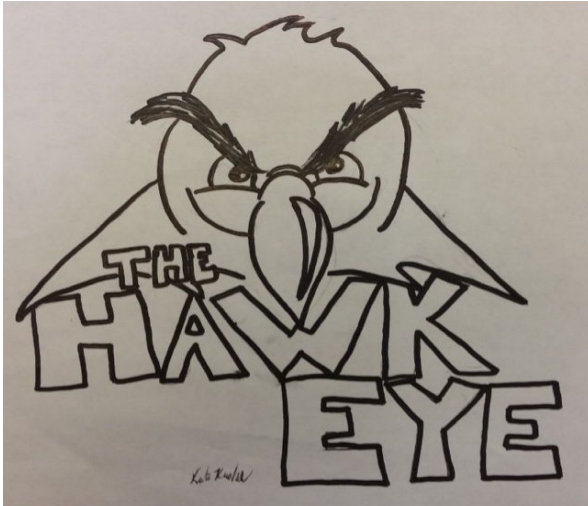


The Hawkeye



Princeton Charter School

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PCS Expansion Plan So Far by Luca Balescu

At the end of last school year, there emerged in Princeton a debate so heated that the *Washington Post* did an article on it: Should PCS be allowed to expand? The decision the New Jersey Department of Education eventually made was also very controversial: “yes”.

About this time last year, the expansion was approved, and plans for the new building were created. You may have seen concept art for the new building up on the screen outside the office. But what is the new building actually going to be like?

In the concept art, the wood chips have been replaced with grass. This might make for more pleasant breaks, but some of us will miss those wood chips.

There are also a couple of trees scattered about in the concept art. The only trees we have on our campus are those ones on the little patches of grass separating the parking lot and Bunn Drive, those three trees near the basketball court, and those shrubs

near the field.

This new building will include classrooms and an actual cafeteria, which means that more students will be able to eat lunch at the same time, and the Charter Room can be used for other purposes. It will also provide a walkway between the 5-8 and K-4 buildings so nobody has to walk outside during storms or in cold weather.

Where is this building going to be? Near the field. How much of the field will it take up? So far, we only know that it will cover the path by the field. I expect that we will learn more details next school year when construction will begin.

Service Corps Report by Anushka Poddar

Over the course of the year, our school’s Service Corps Club has done many things to help the environment, as well as those in need. The club’s leader, Mrs. Schmitt, always spent a lot of time and effort planning ways

to help others. Here are some of the highlights.

Hurricane Maria was one of the worst natural disasters to hit Puerto Rico, and it caused catastrophic damage. The massive amounts of debris stopped supply trucks from getting to everyone on the island, leaving many people without power, food, or water. Service Corps had a Trivia Night to help raise money for organizations like the Red Cross. The money helped send supplies to Puerto Rico and volunteers to help clear debris and rebuild homes. The Trivia Night was success, and Service Corps raised over a thousand dollars.

Service Corps also volunteered with the Friends of Herrontown Woods. The President of The Friends of Herrontown Woods, Steve Hiltner, came to the school and gave Service Corps a presentation about the history of Herrontown Woods. He talked about the how, in 2013, the Friends of Herrontown Woods was formed to save the woods as well as the Veblen House, and the cottage. The group cleared the trails of fallen trees and other debris. Just a year later, 200 acres of trails were opened again after many years of being closed to the public. The Friends of Herrontown Woods had been trying to to maintain the two houses and all of the trails, but there weren't enough people. That's where Service Corps came in. The club volunteered to clear trails and rake leaves.

Service Corps also visited HomeFront, a center dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty. HomeFront helps unfortunate families by giving them food, housing, and clothing. They help stabilize families that are at risk of becoming homeless by giving them emergency funds for back rent and security deposits. Service Corps visited HomeFront and took a tour of the building. There was lots of food, clothing furniture, books, and

everything else a family needs. The volunteers told the club about how families can come into HomeFront and get anything that they need. Service Corps is building a team to participate in the HomeFront fun run/walk to raise money for the organization.

Finally, every month Service Corps visited Save Animal Shelter to spend time with all of the rescue animals. They read to the dogs and the cats, as well as spending time playing with them. This year, Service Corps has done many things to help the environment, as well as those in need.

Operation Smile's Accomplishments by Kate Krehel

Throughout the year, PCS's Operation Smile club has raised money for people around the world so they can smile. Here's a look at everything they've accomplished.

The club's first big event was the Changemakers Campaign. During October, homerooms fought to raise the most money in order to win an ice cream party. Competition was fierce. In the end, instead of raising enough money to fund three surgeries (the goal), the school raised enough money to fund 22 surgeries! Homeroom 7A even raised over \$1,000 for the cause! The success prompted the club to set higher goals for upcoming events.

After that came the Ugly Sweater Contest. Students cheered the loudest for their favorite ugly sweaters. As the teachers got eliminated, the votes got closer and it was hard to tell who they liked more. But everyone screamed loudest for the winner, Mrs. Schmitt.

The last event was Movie Night on which *Star Wars* was shown on May 4th, National Star Wars Day. People brought blankets and snacks so they could lie down and relax as they watched the movie. Movie Night's donations paid for nine surgeries! The

club is already planning planning to do that again next year because of the big success.

Mr. Schlawin's Retirement Plans by Edward Cao

The Hawkeye had a chance to interview Mr. Schlawin about his plans for retirement. Mr. Schlawin was a "QUANT" (a Quantitative Analyst) and actually had six different careers before starting to teach at PCS. He says, "Of my seven different careers, teaching at Princeton Charter School has been the best."

Mr. Schlawin has been teaching for twenty years now, before he decided to retire. His plans for retirement include spending more time with his grandchildren, traveling, doing more art, exercising more, tutoring in math and science, and playing the piano more often. He is also going to volunteer at Isles, a special school.

Fortunately, he has already made plans to visit PCS for the school picnic and Science Bowl.

Recycling: But Why? by Kirsty Graham

Recycling. We're all familiar with those blue trash cans with the "We Recycle" lettering across the front that we all, hopefully, use correctly. It's something that we've heard about since at least kindergarten. No doubt it's an important thing to do. However, there are a huge number of questions the public has about recycling.

We've all stood in front of that blue bin carefully turning our bottle of juice or can of soda over in our hands looking carefully for some sort of indication that the container we are holding is, in fact, recyclable. Or, at least, I hope we all have. Recycling is declining in the US because of public confusion over what to recycle. Putting our

waste in the correct disposal reciprocals is the number one thing society can do to help the environment. Currently, recycling levels are at 21.4% in the United States. That means 21.4% of potential recyclables are actually disposed of correctly. If recycling levels reach 75%, that would be the equivalent of removing 55 million cars from the road each year. It would also generate 1.5 million jobs. Manufacturers actually want our recycled materials back.

Americans throw out roughly 2.5 million plastic bottles an hour. Only five bottles provide enough fiber for a ski jacket or 1 square foot of carpet. Recycling one ton of plastic bottles can save the energy usage of a two-person household for one year.

Americans throw enough aluminum into landfills every three months to build the nation's aircraft again. It takes 95% less energy to make a recycled aluminum can than an entirely new one. The average person has 25,000 opportunities throughout his or her life to recycle a can.

Enough office paper is thrown out annually to make a 12-foot wall from Seattle to New York. Recycling a three-foot stack of paper saves one tree. Making recycled paper reduces the air pollution contribution by 95%.

Glass can be recycled an infinite number of times. More than 28 billion glass bottles are thrown out in the US annually. That is enough to fill two Empire State Buildings every three weeks.

Recycling is crucial to the fate of the environment. It is important to dispose of our waste properly. Many sea creatures are washing up on shore with digestive systems full of plastic. It is up to us to save the Earth from pollution. You can help by recycling little things like plastic bottles, cups from the water fountain, milk cartons, soda cans, and old papers from the depths of your locker. Don't forget to think twice before you drop something in the trash can.

(Source: Recycle Across America)

FNN: Fake News Network
by Jack Gordon



Many changes are happening at PCS. For example, the gym is being changed to a bouncy house, reports Anderson Cooper. This was done at the request of Mr. Papp. He was quoted saying that bouncy houses build muscular strength.

Also, a giraffe will replace Mr. Schawin teaching 7th-grade science. Says the giraffe, "I will make an excellent teacher. I may or may not eat the model rockets during the model rocket lab, but that is not important. Also, I prefer to be paid in acacia."

Even better, the winner of the faculty award will be a Chromebook. Mr. Patton says, "He made the life of all the teachers incredibly convenient. Whenever an answer was needed, he always came through." The Chromebook has declined to comment as "computers cannot have emotions." "How well spoken!" says English teacher Mr. Myers.

BREAKING NEWS! There has been an outbreak of laughter at PCS. Mrs. Eckstrom says, "This is a horrible event! This could disrupt the learning environment! There maybe... gods forbid... fun (gasps)." Students were asked to evacuate the building and tomorrow students are asked to wear facemasks to protect themselves from the danger of fun.

Biggest Lesson Fails

by Isabella Craig

Have you ever wondered what it's like for teachers to plan a lesson and present it to a class? As the year came to a close I started to wonder if the teachers had any funny or major flops for lessons. So I did some digging and found that a few teachers including Mrs. Serxner, Mr. Myers had major lesson fails.

During Mrs. Serxner's first year of teaching in New Haven, Connecticut, she not only taught history but also P.E and math. During P.E. one day, she was having her class run a mile at a local track very close to the school. While her last students were finishing the mile, a massive and vicious 150-pound dog got loose from his leash and started to chase the children. While this was all happening, the owner was shouting a name like "Sweetie."

Another example of a flop comes from Mr. Myers. Sixteen years ago when Mr. Myers was a new teacher and very nervous to be observed, Mr. Marsee suddenly dropped in to observe Mr. Myers' English class in the school library (which is now Ms. Auletta's room). The students were going to write something on the desktop computers. But the computers just shut down and wouldn't work, so Mr. Myers had to improvise on the spot and change the whole lesson plan to a discussion of literature. Mr. Myers was shaking at the end of class thinking he'd be fired on the spot. But Mr. Marsee smiled said that the literature lesson was effective and was the best outcome from a bad situation.

Mr. Myers could have used Mrs. Schmitt's tip for new teachers. She says that thinking on your feet and being able to change within a second is a key skill.

Making Summer Vacation Count by Phillip Yan

One month, half a month, one week, one day! Many students have been eagerly anticipating the approaching summer as the school year comes to an end. The days of project deadlines and writing assignments have been replaced by sunny days of t-shirts and ice cold drinks spent lounging at the beach or by a pool. Unfortunately, in the heat of anticipating the summer, we oftentimes overestimate how much we will actually enjoy the our summer. We may not actually end up doing the activities that we originally hoped to do, for choosing what to spend the summer on is a rather a hard decision that has provoked quite some discussion in the past few years.

Summer camps are major contenders for how to spend the summer. These camps range from traditional fun and sports camps to arts camps to academic camps that provide a variety of opportunities to learn different life skills, usually specializing in a couple of them. They also provide a platform to meet new friends with similar interests. Most importantly (at least to the students), summer camps are a safe haven for students who want to experience living on their own without parents constantly nagging at them.

However spending your entire summer being kept busy at academic camps may not be your idea of fun. Still, some parents may want their children to continue their education into the summer, but we must remember that the reason why we don't have school in the summer is because it is a *break*. It's meant for students to rest and refresh their minds in preparation for the new school year. Students need to have time for the things that make summer so special: The sunny days at the beaches, binging on movies, and even starting a new hobby. Or going on vacation, traveling through the world. There are so many more

things that the summer is for; too many in fact. But how can we choose?

Ultimately, the parents are the ones who make the decision as to how our summer is spent. Because of that, you have to negotiate with your parents. Together you can make the summer what you want it to be.

Summer Recipes By Ned Erickson



Photos courtesy of the Ned Erickson Culinary Institute

Mango Salsa

Mango Salsa is a more seasonal, refreshing twist on the traditional tomato salsa. Mango salsa is also extremely versatile as its tropical flavors go well with grilled fish, chicken, or simply with chips. By nature, salsa is also extremely customizable, so you can add or take out whatever you want from this recipe. This recipe makes about 4-5 servings.

- 1 ripe large mango, peeled and diced.
- ½ small red onion, peeled and diced.
- As much of a jalapeno pepper as you like, diced and seeded.
- ¼ cup freshly chopped cilantro.
- Juice of ½ a lime.

Directions: Toss all the ingredients together until fully combined, and season with salt and pepper.

Shrimp Tacos

If you are looking for a nice, tasty recipe to remind you of the beach, these simple shrimp tacos are the way to go. Being tacos, they are also easily changed to accommodate whatever ingredients you want. This recipe makes 4 medium sized tacos (2 servings).

Ingredients:

- 1 pound sauteed shrimp
- ½ cup of sour cream
- 2 tbsp sriracha sauce.
- 1½ tsp honey
- ½ tsp sesame oil
- 4 medium sized corn tortillas
- 1 lime zested and juiced
- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- ¼ cups chopped cilantro
- 1 avocado in slices

Directions:

1. Combine the sour cream and sriracha in a small plastic bag. In a medium sized mixing bowl, thoroughly combine the sesame oil, lime, and honey.
2. Toss the cabbage and cilantro in this lime sauce.
3. Put a base of the cabbage slaw on the tortillas. Then place the shrimp and avocado in each taco. Finally, cut the corner off of the sour cream bag and drizzle it, along with some lime juice on the tacos.
4. Enjoy!

5 minute Ice Cream

Ice cream is one of the most classic and iconic summer foods. Weather cooling down, or enjoying it on a rainy day, ice cream is great in any situation. Although it is fun to eat, it is even more fun to make. This makes 1-2 servings.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup heavy cream

Ingredients:

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- ½ cup whole milk
- ¼ white sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup of salt
- Ice

Directions:

1. Mix all the ingredients, except the ice and salt, and stir until it is all homogenized and the sugar is dissolved.
2. Transfer the cream mixture into a ziplock bag. Next, put this bag in another bag of the same size. Surround the cream bag with ice and salt.
3. Cover the double bags with a towel and SHAKE! Shake until it reaches the consistency you want, and then garnish it with your favourite toppings.

Below we are reprinting a poem about considering your choices. Enjoy.

The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

If you don't want
to see messages
like this on an
otherwise blank
page of the
newspaper,
please join the
newspaper club
next year!

