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Bring Back Five Minute Passing Time

by Erika Anacleto

Grade 8

Ever since the passing time in between classes was changed from five minutes to three minutes, many students have been complaining about it. Many students are saying that there's no time to go to the bathroom, and I completely agree with that.

Before I start talking about why the three minute passing time should be changed, I will go over why it was changed in the first place. From what I remember, the main reason our passing time changed is because there became an increase in students being tardy/not showing up to class. Another reason it was changed is because people started using their passing time to hang out and talk to their friends. People running and messing around in the hallways also had an influence on the changed passing time.

I know you might be thinking that we deserved to have our passing time shortened. However, I don't think that shortening the passing time solved all of those problems. It might have even created more problems. Shortening the passing time was just to get students to get to class on time so that there's less tardy students, but there's even more tardy students now because there's not enough time to get to each class. People are also being tardy now because students don't have time to go to the bathroom! We're not allowed to leave the classroom during the first ten minutes of class, so if it's really an emergency, then



students might have to make a choice between being tardy, or begging their teacher to use the restroom.

I think that we should get our five minute passing time back because there would be less traffic in the hallways since not everyone will be rushing to their class at the same time. Students will also have time to go to the restroom in between classes! With a slightly longer passing time, students can take a little break from a stressful class before moving on to another class. With a three minute passing time, it just feels like you have six periods of class time with no breaks in between (except for lunch). I also read an article saying that at other schools, the passing time is 5-7 minutes long, and students are still saying that their passing time is short! Not everyone deserved having their passing time shortened because of irresponsible behavior from other students. So I hope that sometime our passing time can be brought back to being five minutes long!



INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION: Should cellphones be in the classroom, flag football, what's with pajama pants, weird animals, comics, and facts about Into the Woods



ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION: extinct animals, more comics, sport polls, and a spooky story continued.

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Flag Football Becoming an Olympic Sport in 2028

by Leedia Xiong

Grade 6

Flag Football: Flag football is a version of tackle football but instead of tackling the ball carrier you are deflagging them by pulling their belt.

Flag football might become an Olympic sport in 2028. Flag football is going to be in World Games this year. Women and men's flag football teams will join the association.

Flag Football is one of the fastest growing Special Olympics sports. It will start in 2022 at the Special Olympics USA Games in California. The athletes will play on ESPN's Wide World of Sports. The athletes will use the field that professional NFL players play on every year during the Pro Bowl!

Police and firefighters played flag football in 2015 in Virginia. After successfully getting flag football added to the lineup for the upcoming World Games in 2022, the NFL and the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) are teaming up to get the sport added to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.



(This picture is of the flag football team Leedia plays on)

Weird Facts

by Isabel Tix
Grade 7

It's impossible to hum while holding your nose.
Go ahead, try it!

Unique's Interview

by Mariah Martinez

Grade 6

I did this interview to get to know Unique a little more. I think it's important that people read this article to get to know other people. Getting to know people is important so you can understand the people in your community more.

Q: What are your pronouns?

A: She/her

Q: What is your favorite class?

A: PE/Band

Q: Do you feel safe at school?

A: Yes

Q: Do you feel like people love you?

A: Some not most

Q: Do you like all the teachers?

A: Not all but some



Animals Facing Extinction

by Gracie Hernandez-Adams

Grade 6

- 1.) Javan Rhinoceros
- 2.) Cheetah
- 3.) Tiger
- 4.) Red Tuna
- 5.) Asian Elephant
- 6.) Vaquita Porpoise
- 7.) Mountain Gorillas
- 8.) Irrawaddy River Dolphin
- 9.) Sumatran Orangutan
- 10.) Baulan Turtle
- 11.) Polar Bear
- 12.) Magellanic Penguin
- 13.) Giraffe
- 14.) Jaguar
- 15.) Mexican Grey Wolf



Skip forward to the next day :)



1 hour 30 minutes we got to our close relatives house

2 hours 40minutes later the plane landed



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What's Up With Pajama Pants?

by Barthina Khalil

Grade 8

As all of you are well aware, our school has been pretty busy with pajama pants. The most common ones are the black and red checkered pj pants. What's up with that? Pajama pants have become so common and popular that some people don't question it anymore. It has become the new "normal".

Before the winter holidays (whether it's Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or whatever you celebrate) pajama pants made sense. Students wanted to be comfortable during the holiday season and it was also fun going to school wearing them. After the holiday season ended, the checkered pants still made an appearance throughout the halls. Wherever you go, you would find at least one person wearing them.

There's nothing wrong with wearing what you want. Sometimes students find that wearing comfortable clothing, like pajama pants, helps them study and focus more in school. Others just wear them to match with their friends. My question is, why the checkered ones?

Out of all the pajama pants that have been created on this planet, why choose to wear the checkered ones? Honestly, this might be the most comfortable trend that has happened so far. Can't wait to see what else might become popular!

Weird Animals

by Isabel Tix

Grade 7

Venezuelan
poodle moth



Facts About “Into the Woods”

by Isla Feldman
Grade 6

“Into the Woods” was also an animated film.

The show is the fourth most produced musicals in U.S. high schools.

Anna Kendrick thought she would be cast as Little Red Riding Hood, instead she was cast as Cinderella.

“Into the Woods” is a combination of a bunch of fairy tales.

There are four items that are big factors in the movie: the cow as white as milk, the cape as red as blood, hair as yellow as corn, and slippers as pure as gold.

It won Tonys for best score, best book, and best actress in a musical (Joanna Gleason) in 1988.

There are four fairy tales, one for each item: “Jack and the Beanstalk,” “Little Red Riding Hood,” “Rapunzel,” and “Cinderella.”



More Weird Facts

by Isabel Tix
Grade 7

The longest hiccup attack lasted 68 years

All giant pandas in zoos around the world are on loan from China.

Newborns don't shed tears.

Comic Bits

by Andres Butler
Grade 6

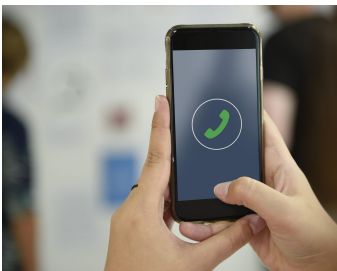


Should Phones be Used in Class?

By Sena Sebu
Grade 8

Some people say phones should be allowed in class because it gives students access to tools and apps that can help them complete, and stay on top of, their class work. Phones can also be used as a research tool. These tools can teach students to develop better study habits, like time management and organization skills. Phones also give students the ability to be in a good mood.

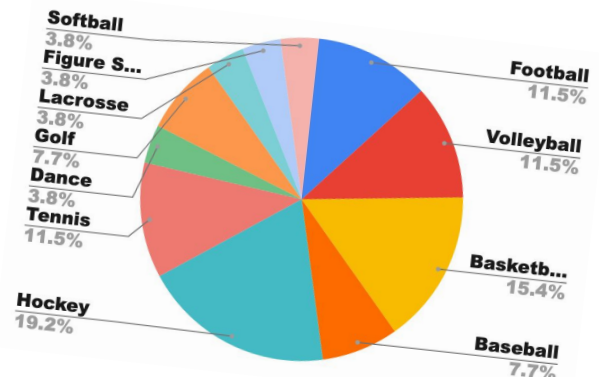
People say using phones can cause a lot of students to not work well and it doesn't help them get focused. Also it can be a distraction for who are learning. For the teacher is lesson some on their phone students to be good idea to put your phone away when the lesson is being explained. When people have problems with grades, they probably aren't focused when the lesson is being explained.



Favorite Season and Favorite Sport

By Freddy Ganzer
Grade 7

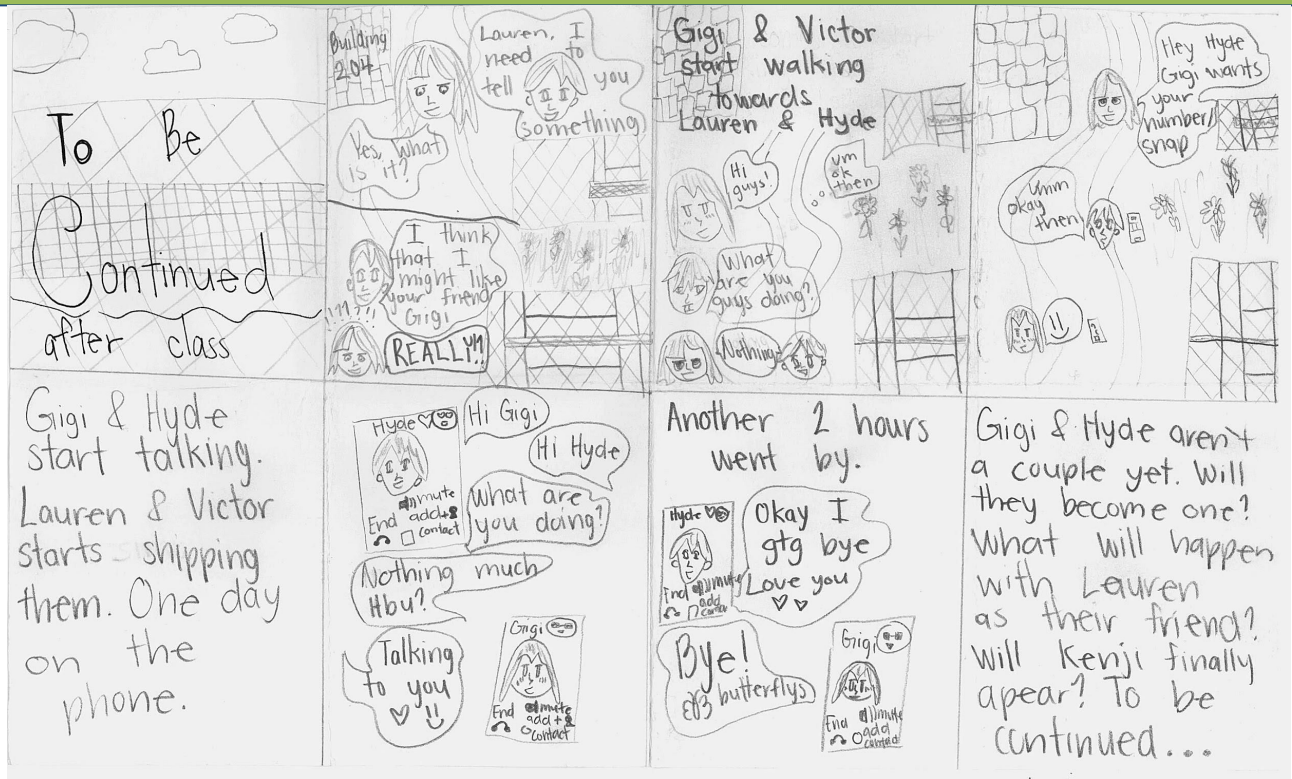
I did a survey and found most people like winter as their favorite season, and hockey as their favorite sport. Noah Pierson did an article about this earlier in the year, and I decided to make a more in depth survey by adding the season question.



Comic Bits

By Leedia Xiong

Grade 6



House of Mystery, Part 3

by Marcos Lara

Grade 6

Where we left off... We felt like the killer would just jump out at any time and grab one of us, but it did not happen.

The cops were here and...

We told the cops everything we did and saw. They said this house was haunted. We already knew that. The cops went in and they came back saying that there was nobody inside the building.

They said, "Stay away from this house" and "boys we'll take it from here, ok?"

So Mike and I went home. We wanted to try to find the killer one day, but not now. For now, we will get prepared and ready for next weekend. Next weekend we will go to the haunted house and find who this killer is.

Mike's point of view: When I woke up I felt evil or some kind of feeling.

I did not care about that weird feeling – it did not matter. So I watched some YouTube videos and waited for Mark to call.

Mark's point of view: I call or text my friend Mike. He was ready so I said meet me at that scary haunted house. I went there and waited for Mike.

Mike's point of view: I was almost there. I just needed to keep going. My legs started to become sorer and sorer but I kept on walking to Mark.

Back on Mark's view: "Where is he at?" I waited but then I saw he was tired. He laid down on the ground. I was laughing a lot but then he got up and said, "Let's go."

Mike walked into the house. An old uneasy feeling started kicking in. We got scared the deeper we got into the house. We saw a part of the house that we had never seen before, so we went in because it was small. Mark was not a big fan of small old rooms...

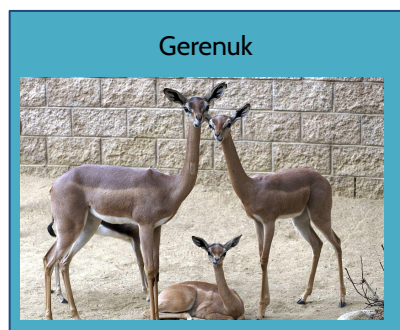
Weird Animals

by Isabel Tix

Grade 7



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Valentine's Day

by Lynnae Baker
Grade 8

Valentines Day happens every February 14th. You exchange candy, flowers, and gifts to your loved ones. February is known as the month of romance. But what you didn't know is it is really all in the name of St. Valentine. Who is St. Valentine you might ask, well let me tell you the story.

In the 3rd century, the Roman Empire was ruled by Claudius III Gothicus. He was nicknamed Claudius the cruel because of his harsh leadership and tendency of getting into frequent wars. One day Claudius realized that young men weren't enlisting in the army because they wanted a life of peace, and to live with their wife and kids. Claudius got angry and banned any further marriage to happen in his kingdom, but there was a kind priest (a minister of the catholic, orthodox, or Anglican Church having authority to perform certain things, in this case someone who can marry two people) who noticed the pain that young men and women being in love were having. The priest helped them get married, his name was Valentine. When Claudius found out, he ordered Valentine to die. Now we celebrate Valentine's Day to remember St. Valentine, and to show our love and happiness.

More Weird Facts

by Isabel Tix
Grade 7

There are only two countries with names that start with "The"... The Gambia and The Bahamas.

Students for Change Lunch Survey

Students for Change is gathering information on student lunch options. Please scan the QR code and fill out the form to share your opinion!



More Weird Animals

by Isabel Tix
Grade 7



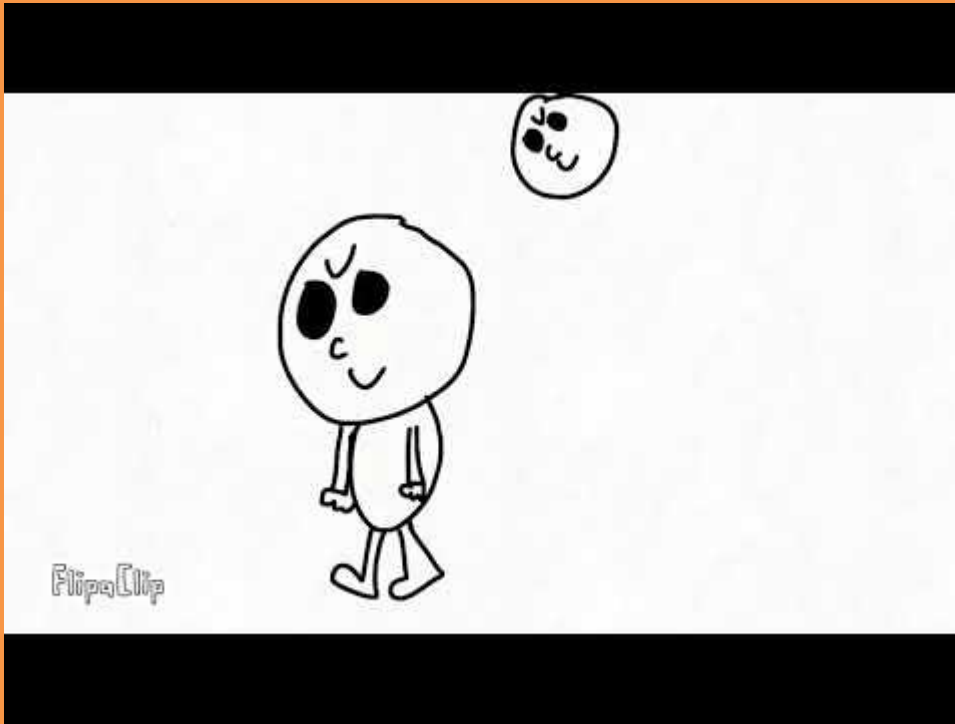
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I Hate Him

By Santiago Grellys
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Grade 6

<https://youtu.be/cuvtHv2vaXM>



Rock Art

By Divya Ohneswere
Grade 6

I know some of you probably already did this in school but I'm going to show you anyway.

First, you find a rock that looks like a smooth surface.

Next, take some paint and simply paint the rock in any design you want.

This is optional but you can make a whole bunch of these and make a little decor spot.



AirPod Decrative Case

By Divya Ohneswere
Grade 6

First, take your AirPods case (if you have one).

Grab some paint, stickers, or really anything that you have to decorate.

Once you've decorated them there you have it: an AirPods case that you decorated yourself.

