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A LETTER FROM THE JUNIORS & SENIORS

The beginning of spring is a great reminder that God is doing a new thing in our lives. God has so many wonderful things planned for you and He is not done with you. Be encouraged that He is making a way for you and you have new opportunities every day.

Now that the weather is warming up, enjoy seeing nature's transformation. Take a deep breath, watch the flowers bloom, listen to the birds chirp, and get ready for what's next!

Enjoy our spring edition of *The Valor Report*! As always, let us know if you have any ideas or want to submit a fun story for us to read.

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HOW ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS CELEBRATED IN THE U.S.A

BY ZOE BATES, '24



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Parades are a huge celebration for us in America. During the weekend leading up to St. Patrick's Day, people from all over come out and celebrate by enjoying or performing in these parades.

In the United States, one way we celebrate St. Patrick's Day is with the annual tradition of dyeing the Chicago River green!



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Shamrock Shakes are very popular in America. These shakes are only available during this time of the year. These were created in 1967 by a McDonald's owner. A Shamrock Shake is a mint-flavored milkshake that is sold at McDonald's.

*Checkout our recipe on page 7! :)



HOW ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS CELEBRATED IN IRELAND

BY ZOE BATES, '24



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Ireland assembles major parades on St. Patrick's. In Ireland, the parades start at 12AM and end around 2PM. People enjoy dressing up and coming out to celebrate. In Dublin, Ireland, they even have a four-day festival!

The annual custom in Ireland is a traditional Irish jig dance. Dancers will perform to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by dancing in front of large crowds.



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During the day or during the night it's a tradition to read a Ireland folk tale story.

DIY SHAMROCK SHAKES

BY ANDREW CLEGHORN, '23

The spring season is upon us, and along with that comes the delicious, amazing, legendary Shamrock Shake. This seasonal shake is a must try whenever it is for sale. To have a little fun I prepared homemade shamrock shakes for some of our students to try. It was a relatively simple recipe to follow and only a couple of ingredients.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups vanilla ice cream
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 10 drops green food coloring
- 1/4 teaspoon mint extract
- whipped cream, sprinkles and maraschino cherries for serving

Instructions:

1. Place the ice cream, milk, food coloring and mint extract in a blender. Blend until smooth.
2. Pour into two glasses.
3. Top with whipped cream, sprinkles and cherries, then serve. It's as simple as that!





HOW WERE THE SHAKES?

“I like that it’s sweet enough and not too minty. It’s really good.”
–Max Acostaruiz, 2nd Grade

“It’s a bit sour and tickled my tongue, so I like it.” – Lynn Leopardo,
3rd Grade

“It didn’t feel too minty, it was perfect.” – Leila Marquez, 1st Grade

“I like that it’s minty and sweet.” – Leon Hammerschmidt, 1st Grade

“Meh, I wish it was thicker.” – Zoe Bate,, Junior

“It was too sweet.” – Marco Rodriguez. Senior

“I think that they tasted great and I had two. I could have had a
third.” –Andrew Cleghorn, Senior

The Five Friends (Pt.1)

BY MORGAN BARRY, 6TH GRADE

There was a simple group of friends, and these friends lived in a city. The group of friends has two girls and three guys. The first girl was named Autumn, named after the third season. Autumn had curly red hair with big green eyes. Her skin was pale with many freckles and bright red cheeks. She was the taller girl of the group. The second girl was named Jullie. She had short brown hair with narrow brown eyes. Her skin was tanned and her cheeks were plump. She was shorter, but she was hesitant with her choices. The first boy was named Oliver. He was slim and had long fluffy brown hair and dark brown eyes. He was shorter and always somnolent and drowsy. His skin was light, but not pale. The second boy was named Cameron. He was darker than the others with dark brown hair that was almost black. His eyes were dark like the night and he was the tallest of the group. The fealty in his personality made him a favorite to teachers and adults. The third boy was named Matt. His skin was mixed and his eyes were dull. He was censorious. He judged other children harshly. These teenagers were in high school. Autumn and Cameron were 15 years old. Matt, Jullie, and Oliver were 16.

Although the group was all dare devils, they were all doing good in school. Anyway, the group of teen made a consensus to meet at the back alleyway behind the diner. When they all got there, a homeless man was in front of the diner and beseeched them for food. Oliver, being kinder, gave the man a sack of food with a sandwich, fruit, veggies, and a granola bar inside. Matt arbitrarily gave the man a bottle of water as well. While they all sat down waiting around, Cameron was digging in a pile of trash and found a fancy old box. He decided to open it, expecting great opulence, but it was empty. He sighed as he put it back down, but when he looked up, there was some sort of partition he didn't recognize. Cameron said, "You guys! Has anyone ever seen this door before?" Everyone said, "No", but then Autumn said, "Let's go in!" Everyone ran over, but then Jullie said, "Guys, that's probably not a smart idea. We should –". But then Autumn cut her off and grabbed Jullie's hand as she said, "Oh, stop being so stubborn all the time!" As they went closer, they started hearing a sound, not a phonetic sound, but the sound of a knock. Knock. Knock. Knock! Knock...Knock... Knock... "Hmm", Julie said under her breath as Matt pulled out his cudgel. "Wait, three quick, three long, three quick..." Julie shouted, "S.O.S., wait! Guys, someone or something needs our help!"

SHOULD WE GET RID OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME?

BY MILES VANG, '24



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It's that time of year again, when the clocks spring forward another hour. Hopefully everyone has adjusted to the time by now. I know I have. But, why does the time change during daylight savings and should we get rid of it? Well, if we focus on how much light we get in the day, we will notice why we have a change in time. As the weather gets warmer, the days get longer. Because of this, we have more daylight, so the time changes for us to take advantage of the daylight we have.

On the contrary, as the weather gets colder, the days get shorter. Thus, the time changes for us to take advantage of how much daylight we have, again. Now that we know "Why?" let's ask, "Should we get rid of it?" In my opinion, I say we should keep daylight savings time. Though it can cause minor inconveniences to our daily lives, it benefits us in the long run.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR TEACHER?

BY AVERY LAVOIE, '23 & ASHLEY VEGA, '23

In honor of the month of March being Women's History Month, we decided to celebrate by asking our students what their favorite thing is about their female teachers! They had such lovely responses.

MRS. AGUILAR, K4



"I like when Mrs. Aguilar hugs me because she always loves me." - Evelyn K

MRS. GOWLISZEWSKI, KINDERGARTEN



"When she tells me what to do." - Samuel Gomez

MRS. BATES, 1ST GRADE



"She's nice." - Brooklyn Spayer

MRS. HER, 2ND GRADE



"She's really really nice and she's my favorite teacher." - Sierra Cortese

MISS ISLAS, 3RD GRADE



"She's good at drawing." - Daniel Perez

MRS. CLEGHORN, 4TH GRADE



"She makes learning fun." - Alexander Acostaruiz

MRS. MOVSESSIAN
5TH GRADE



“She always gives us grace in everything.”
-Levi Williamson

MRS. SHACKELFORD,
6TH GRADE



“She is very funny.”
-Liana Bradley

MRS. KNOERR, JR. PREP



“She always brings us stuff. For example, she brought us pie for Pi Day!” -Justin Williamson

MRS. MACKINNEY,
JR. & SR. PREP



“I like the way she answers our math questions immediately in the morning.” -Amy Dominguez

MRS. HERNANDEZ,
SR. PREP



“She is always pushing me to do my best.”
-Avery LaVoie

PASTOR GRACE



“She’s very nice and caring.” -Zion Bates

MRS. BACA



“She cares about the school.” -Lukas Duda

MRS. RODRIGUEZ



“She always asks us if we need a hug.” -Zoe Bates

MRS. HAMMERSCHMIDT



“I love her welcoming smile and her kindred spirit.” -Miss Islas

MARCH MADNESS PREDICTIONS

BY CESAR ARREOLA, '24

March Madness is a highly anticipated basketball event. People look forward to seeing the NCAA Division 1 men's basketball tournament of 68 teams. Many people create their own brackets and predict who will win.



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UCLA has a record of 25 final four wins and 10 consecutive final four appearances. They have a very good success rate and a lot of appearances on the March madness brackets.



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5TH & 6TH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS

To practice their math skills and review the lessons they've learned during the week, students play a variety of games.

The competition is on when they play TRASH-KET BALL! Mrs. Movsessian pairs up the students and they solve a variety of problems together. If the students get the answer correct, they have the opportunity to shoot a basket using crumpled paper. Students can earn 2 or 3 points if they make it!



This month, one of our Valeo parents, Mr. Marquez visited our school and taught music class. The boys learned many pointers to help them improve their skills while playing the bucket drums.



“My favorite thing that I have learned is that it [drumming] is a team effort. You have to listen to one another in order to know what to play. I enjoy cooperating with everyone and the team experience.”
- O’Neal Oblifias, 6th Grade

Review games are the best and our 5th & 6th grade teachers are so creative when it comes to reviewing with their students! To review the history of the American Revolution, Mrs. Shackelford played *Jeopardy!* Students had so much competing against each other to earn points.

Let’s test your knowledge, in what year did the American Revolution begin?



VALEO ACADEMY

ARTS & SCIENCE FAIR

BY MARCO RODRIGUEZ, '23

Every year our students work hard on art projects and science fair projects. Starting in 3rd grade, students work on their individual projects. The students all had their hard work on display and everyone had an amazing time. In this we will be highlighting some of the highlights from students.

WHAT WAS YOUR HIGHLIGHT?



“Seeing all the boards and projects.” - Max Acostaruiz, 2nd Grade



“Eating all the cookies.”
- Allison Mims, 6th Grade



“My favorite was getting to present and winning 1st place.” - Jayden Ludwick, 3rd Grade



“When they announced the winners.” - Diego Gomez, 8th Grade



“Seeing everyone’s art..” - Marco Rodriguez, Senior



