

# psd PANTHER prints

PERSEVERANCE RESPECT INTEGRITY DEMONSTRATE EXCELLENCE



## Math Counts

By Keerthan Durasala, 6th

*On March 10th 2015, PS DuPont's team went to participate in the State Math Counts Competition. Ten people from our school, including myself, went to the competition. Four of these people were part of the team representing PS duPont. The other six joined for the individual competition. In both team and individual contests, HB duPont was our toughest competitor. This year, for the first time in school history, our school won the team contest and the person to win the individual competition was from our school! Mr. Fitzhugh received an award for Coach!*

## ✧ News from the Wild ✧

By Amritha Selvarajaguru, 6th

### LIFE OF A WOLF

What do you see when you think of a wolf? Do you see a hideous beast with snarling fangs, viciously killing any docile animal? Do you see a stalker of the night, hiding in the shadows, waiting to strike? Or do you see what few people see – a beautiful animal with a distant past, on the road to extinction?



second thought, but others openly dislike them. According to the 2010 USDA cattle report, there were 4,437 cattle that were lost to

wolves. Wolves also kill lots of deer and elk. Some people argue that elks have been endangered because of the wolves. Farmers complain that wolves kill too

Many people never give wolves a

much of their livestock (cont. p2)

## iTunes Top 8 Hits of May

By Aniketh Avula, 6th

8. *I Want You to Know*, Zedd

7. *Shut up & Dance*, Walk the Moon

6. *Take me to Church*, Hozier

5. *Time of our Lives*, Pitbull

4. *Style*, Taylor Swift

3. *Earned it*, The Weekend

2. *FourFiveSeconds*, Rihanna

1. *Bad Blood*, Taylor Swift





# MineCraft

By Shamem Begum, 6th

Minecraft: The General Blocks: Minecraft is one of the top 10 games on the computer, according to various sources (metacritic, pcgaming, kotaku, etc.). It is a mimic of life in primitive times. This game is for all ages. It helps improve problem solving skills, memory, teamwork, resource management, and so much more. I was once playing around with the options in Minecraft, and I changed the language, and I learned many random item words in Italian. The language setting can be changed to many different languages, other than English. Changing the language setting may help you learn a new language. Minecraft is an infinite sandbox of opportunity for learning. Why should you get minecraft? This game is extremely accessible. Some of the platforms that support Minecraft are Windows, Apple, and Android devices. Not only is it accessible, but it is extremely fun with almost no violence, excluding a few slashes directed towards monsters, however the violence is not graphic. The game is very educational, but it doesn't push players away with the subtlety of it. Minecraft is great for learning, it makes you think, and it inspires creativity. Kids feel as if they are rewarded while playing Minecraft, an unexplainable phenomenon. Minecraft is safe and it encourages deep focus and teamwork by allowing you to play with friends and family to overcome the obstacles of Minecraft. Minecraft is a game that beats all other games. Minecraft is a world unlike no other.



## *Life of a Wolf (continued from page 1)*

Wolves are sometimes considered symbols of evil. The wolf is often portrayed as a vicious beast in children's stories, such as The Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. Are these stories portraying the complete truth? Have we been mistaken about these creatures for our entire lives? In reality, humans may do more harm to wolves than they have ever done to us. Between 1800 and 1950, more than a million wolves were killed. During those time periods, one would earn money for bringing in a dead wolf. Even today, "wolf hunts" are done for sport. Humans also harm the wolves' natural habitats. We have taken over their environments, and captured their food. We have also contaminated their water sources. Some forests inhabited by these animals have been cut down for our use, giving the wolves minimal places to live. Wolves are generally shy creatures. They are afraid of humans; perhaps they are more afraid of us than we are afraid of them. It is extremely rare for wolves to attack humans. Typically they only attack pets or other animals when they feel threatened. There have been only two wolf attacks on humans in the past 50 years. Often times a wolf will attack if it has rabies or is sick. So it would seem that wolves are maybe not that bad after all. As humans we need to protect our planet as well as the animals and creatures that we share it with.

# Did You Know? *By Julian Tingey, 7th*

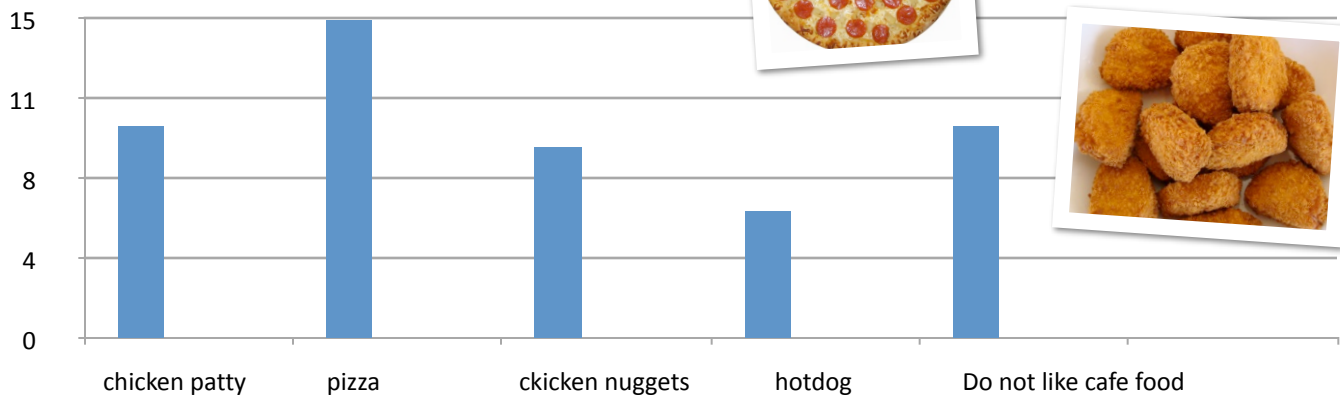
1. OSCAR THE GROUCH WAS ORIGINALLY ORANGE AND MAGENTA, BUT AFTER JIM HENSON, THE CREATOR OF SESAME STREET, WENT ON A VACATION TO A SWAMP, HE DECIDED TO MAKE OSCAR GREEN.

2. **The world's largest desert is not the Sahara; it is the continent of Antarctica. Antarctica is classified as a "cold desert."**

3. **Playdough was originally developed to be a wallpaper cleaner in the 1950s.**

4. Tug of War was an Olympic event from 1900 to 1920.

5. Turtles often bury their eggs in alligator nests. The mother alligator guards her nest so well it ensures the safety of the unborn turtles as well.



## FAVORITE CAFETERIA FOODS

*By Sarthi Sheth & J.R. Squire, 6th*



Who doesn't like food? We were wondering what food everyone preferred at PSD lunch. We surveyed 45 students and teachers about their favorite cafeteria foods. We were not surprised to discover that almost everyone chose pizza,

because pizza is both of our personal favorites. Most of the teachers we surveyed said pizza too, including Mr. Fawks! In total, 15 people said pizza. 10 people said chicken patty. 10 people said they didn't like cafeteria food. Nine

people said they liked chicken nuggets the best and lastly six people surveyed said they like the hotdogs the best.



# JOKES & LAUGHS

BY CHINASA EMERIBE, 8TH



WHERE DO PEOPLE GO TO NAP IN THE SUMMER?

-The Sea-Snore

What begins with P, ends with E and has 1,000 letters?

-The Post Office

Why was the Math book sad?

**-Because it had so many problems**

Which building has the most stories?

-A library

Why can't you do a math test in the jungle?

**-There are too many cheetahs!**

## SUMMER READING

By Nick White, 6th

So many books, so little time! How do you make a decision on what to read? There is more to a

book than just a cover. Think about what activities you like to do and find a genre to match. Different types of genres include science fiction, mystery, non-fiction and more. When in doubt ask a friend! Check out the following

summer reading list as suggested by Scholastic.

**The Divergent trilogy (Veronica Roth)**

**The Hunger Games trilogy (Suzanne Collins)**

**The Harry Potter series (J.K. Rowling)**

**The Book Thief (Markus Zusack)**

**Wonder (RJ Palacio)**

**The Bluford High series (Paul Langan)**

**The Maze Runner trilogy (James Dasher)**

**Percy Jackson & The Olympians (Rick Riordan)**

Don't forget to be a part of our PSD literacy program. Next year we will be



reading *Bad Boy* by Walter Dean Myers.



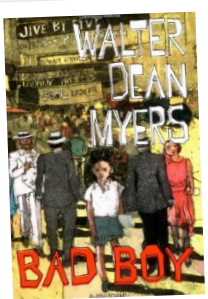
### Golden Birthdays

By Kerriane Dunham, 6th

Have you ever heard of a Golden Birthday?

Regular birthdays are a

pretty special event, but a Golden Birthday is an extra special event. A Golden Birthday is when a person turns the same age as the date they were born. For example, if your birthday is February 12th, then your Golden birthday would be your 12th birthday! You only get one Golden Birthday, so be sure to enjoy your day and make it a good one!



# WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?

BY J.R. SQUIRE, 6TH



*"Cleaning my house and spending time with my son."*

**-Ms. Gilbert**

*"Relaxing at the beach!"*

**-Mr. Acker**

*"Going to Chicago to visit my aunt."*

**-Joshua Maier, 6th**

*"Spending time with my grandparents & visiting Spain"*

**-Elise Harrell, 6th**

*"I'm going to the beach and possibly music camp."*

**-Simon Brugel, 6th**

## ✧ Guitar Hero Live ✧

*By José Marrero, 7th*

Guitar Hero fans rejoice! A new Guitar Hero has been announced. The new title is *Guitar Hero Live* and will be available for play on Playstation 3 and 4, Xbox One and 360, Wii U and on other selected mobile devices.

different; unlike the previous versions of Guitar Hero, the frets are not colored and there are 2 rows of 3; there are 3 frets on top and 3 on the bottom. It is live action and it takes us back to basics with just a guitar. There is a



new feature and it is called GHTV, which is a 24 hour service where you can play charted music videos. Rock on Guitar Hero Fans, this new release is scheduled for the Fall of 2015.

The controller, is very

## D.I.Y.

BY DIVITA TADUVAYI, 6TH



1. First, gather your materials. You will need some scissors, around 50 Q-tips, a small styrofoam ball, some pipe-cleaners and some paint.
2. Cut your Q-tips in half with the scissors.
3. Start sticking your Q-tips into the ball one at a time.
4. Once you are done, dip your flower into some paint.
5. Stick in a pipe cleaner, let the flower dry, then you're done!



# Goldfish Marshmallow Pops

## Recipe Corner : By Cristina Kunz, 6th

These pops are incredibly easy to make and get you into summer mode! They are great for celebrations, parties, and any other event that you might celebrate. Have fun making these treats with friends and family! ENJOY! 😊

### Ingredients

1 bag of light blue chocolate melts, 1-10.5 ounce bag of large marshmallows, 1 box graham cracker crumbs, 1-6.6 ounce bag cheddar goldfish (or any kind of goldfish you chose, or Swedish fish), 20 lollipop sticks or to paper straws cut in half.

### Directions

1. Melt the blue chocolate melts for about 25-30 seconds in a microwave. Also don't forget to check about half way and stir the melts. DO NOT OVER MELT THE CHOCOLATE!
2. Now take your lollipop sticks or your straws and dip into a marshmallow.
3. Dip the marshmallow into the chocolate and tap excess chocolate off.
4. BEFORE the chocolate dries and dip the BOTTOM of the marshmallow into the graham cracker crumbs.
5. Now add a goldfish or whatever kind of fish you chose.
6. Allow it to dry and then ENJOY!
7. To keep the pops for longer put them in an air tight container and put it in the fridge

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## PANTHER SPORTS BY BROOKE HILL, 6TH

Our PS girls' softball team is ready to hit home-runs this season! With weeks of practice our team is ready to have a great and successful season. The girls recently played Talley Middle and Gunning Bedford. Although the team made their best efforts, they did not come out on top. They made good plays in both games. At Talley Middle the girls had a home-run and a grand slam. Next up, we are playing George Read at home and then traveling to McCullough.

On May 7th, the PS baseball team tied Wilmington Friends 6-6. The team was trailing 6-3 entering the final inning, before scoring 3 runs in their last at bats. Barry Banner pitched two scoreless innings. C.J. Felizzi, Garrett Hillsgrove, and Logan Fowler each had two hits and a walk. Gavin Banks also had two hits, while Justin Jump added a hit, and Michael Mallamaci had a double. On May 13th, the team had a hard loss to George Read.

Congratulations to the top mile time runners in 6th grade for this marking period: Zoe Janusz, 6:37 and Leo Claney, 5:58



# Summer Search by Keerthan Durasala, 6<sup>th</sup>

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CAMPING  
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HOLIDAYS  
JULY  
PARK  
SPORTS  
VACATION

BEACH  
CANOEING  
GARDENING  
HOT  
JUNE  
PICNIC  
SUMMER  
WATER

BOATING  
FLOWERS  
HIKING  
ICECREAM  
OUTDOORS  
RECREATION  
SWIMMING