

New Teachers at Peacock

New Friendly Faces in the Classroom and the Office



Let's give a warm welcome to our new school social worker, Mrs. Calderon! She loves all our kids and staff and says were treating her great so let's continue to treat her incredibly so she enjoys her years here at Peacock. She thinks we have a wonderful school district, amazing curriculum and astounding support.

She says Mrs. Weeks is the friendliest person in Peacock she has met so far, and is so "awesome sauce!" So far her experience has been delightful. Meeting so many kind and thoughtful students has made her day, every day. But her favorite part about working at Peacock is hanging out and meeting someone new every day.



New 8th grade teachers: Ms. Svoboda, Science (left) and Mr. Novak, Math (below)



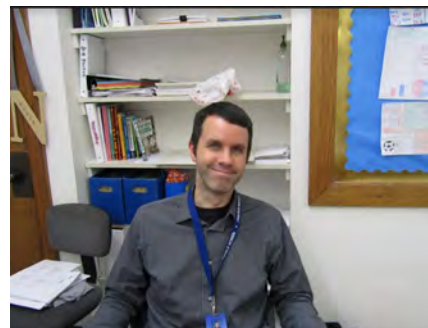
Miss Sard. The New 7th Grade L.A. Teacher

Miss Sard is our new Language teacher for 7th grade. She has been teaching for 9 years, her last job was teaching in a 3rd grade classroom in Saint Helen Elementary School for two years in Chicago.

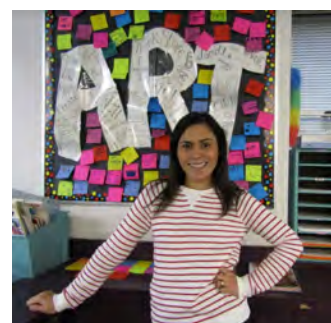
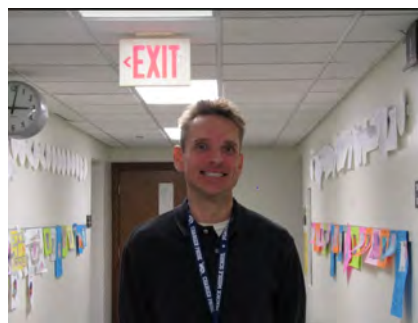
Growing up she loved reading, swimming and hanging out with her friends. If she was a student here in Peacock her favorite teacher would be Mr. Larsen. One of the things that Ms. Sard enjoys about Peacock is that everyone is very friendly.

She enjoys teaching because every day is a new adventure. Her number one goal here at Peacock is for every student to have the love of reading. Her favorite genre of books is mysteries.

New NDSEC Staff: Ms. R and Mr. Gipson (below)



New Encore Teachers: Mr. Reisel, Spanish and Ms. Dolan, Art (below)

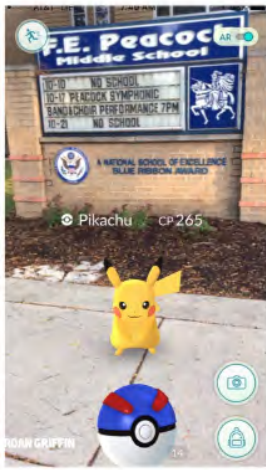


New Support Staff Superheroes (above from left to right): Mr. Catalano, Custodian, Mrs. Devalk, Secretary and Mrs. Carey, Secretary, Mrs. Dreher nurse. Tell them Thank you for helping our school stay clean, organized and awesome.

Gotta Catch Em' All?

Pokemon Invade Itasca

by Roan G



Want to play a game that interacts with real life, but is still a mobile app? A game of exercise, battles, and more. Well, Pokémon Go is an app for you. You are a trainer who is enabled to catch Pokémon from your screen. The app allows you to catch Pokémon virtually, but from your screen it seems that they are right in front of you. To catch Pokémon you need Poké balls, you slide the Poké balls toward the Pokémon on your screen to catch them. But, if you run low on Poké balls, you can visit Poké stops.

Poké stops are real life destinations that give you in game items if you are close enough to them. Some Poké stops in Itasca are Usher Park's Swan Pond, St Peter The Apostle Catholic Church, the Itasca Clock, the Springbrook Nature center, the Itasca Library, and more. You don't always get Poké balls from Poké stops though. You can also get potions, eggs, and more. Potions can heal Pokémon after Gym battle. You can also get eggs. When you get an egg you incubate

it, and it hatches a Pokémon after you walk a certain amount of miles.

While catching Pokémon might seem like the best part, there is even more you can do with them, besides collecting them. There are other real life destinations called Gyms, where your Pokémon can battle other players Pokémon. Like Poké stops, for Gyms, if you are close enough to the real destination that's virtually a gym, you are then able to battle. Along with Gyms, there are teams. You have to pick a team to have Gym battles. There are three teams, Valor, Instinct, and Mystic. With Gyms, you usually want to battle an opposing team in order to win a Gym for your team. There are a couple Gyms in Itasca such as the Spring Brook Nature Center Gazebo and the Kids Statue by Starbucks.

Though all Pokémon have their perks, some are rarer than others. Some like Pidgey's, Rattata's, and Weedle's are common and easy to find. But some, Like Snorlax's and lapras' are harder to find, thus, they are more rare. With every Pokémon you catch, you get a candy specifically for that Pokémon. With a certain amount of candy for a specific Pokémon, you can then evolve that Pokémon into a new one. By this, you get a new Pokémon by evolving the other one. There are other things to find out about Pokémon Go. With free app in your mobile app store, you can even try it out today.

BookReview:Ghosts

By Mallorie N

Do you like books by: Raina Telmeieger, like Smile, Sisters or Drama?

If so, then you're going to love her newest book Ghosts! This is her first graphic novel that has to do with supernatural things, and spirits. When Catrina (Cat) has to move to Northern California because her sister is sick with cystic fibrosis Catrina will have to learn how to make friends and face challenges. But as cat and her sister are exploring their new home a neighbor lets them in on a secret... want to see what happens then read Ghosts! Overall after I read Ghosts from 1-10 I would rate it an 8 because I like and believe in spirits, the story gives a lot of detail, is veryexciting atsomepointsbut verysad at others. One of the downsides is that it is a short graphic novel, and if you like it then you will finish it within an hour!



Fall Fashion Feature

What's your favorite part of Fall? Well mine's fashion!

Breaking out sweaters, leggings, jeans and Uggs and a sweatshirt is my go to. If you want to be comfy but still cute, try skinny jeans and a fitted long sleeve top is perfect for you. On warmer days, wearing either a denim skirt or jeans would be so on point with a fitted top in any great fall colors! This season's top fall colors are colors such as arm green, maroon, nude colors, light baby blue, white and of course black, as per usual. Having fun with suede pieces and denim would be perfect for your fall fashion choices.



EARTH CLUB @ PEACOCK!
SEE MRS. POWELL.
MEETINGS ON WED.

Library Remodel

by Grace W



There is a lot of things that changed over the summer at Peacock. New teachers, no common time, no advisory, and the library remodel. The library remodel surprised most people, some said that it looked worse than it was before, others said that it looked really nice. Libraries are usually boring, quiet, and no fun at all. Peacock middle school's library is very different from all the rest, Mrs. Paganis is has spiffed up the library to make it fit everyone's liking.

The new colors blend so well and look so cozy, just in time for fall. The pallet is gray and some accent colors like red, green, navy, and tan. The chairs and the atmosphere in the remodeled library are so comfy and relaxed that you just want to sit down and read a nice long book.

Mrs. Paganis is so sweet and caring and she wants every students to read and go into their own little personal bubble of words and pictures. She and Mrs. Thude are very generous that they are willing to take money from their own pockets to fund Peacock. The books that they choose are so outstandingly perfect. The books in the library are new and exciting so that everyone is open to new and spectacular information.

Music Corner



Upcoming Concerts:

Peacock Bands Concert December 4th @ 3pm
All District Choral Concert December 1st @ 7pm

Charger Outings Are Back!

Student Council is sponsoring fun, relaxing ways to spend time after school with friends. Yes, that's right, Charger Outings are back.

Our first adventure will be to Sky Zone in Elmhurst. Two hours of bouncing fun with your friends is the perfect way to spend a Friday afternoon.

Future plans include Charger Innings, where we will have fun at school. Some of the activities might include cookie decorating, scavenger hunts and more. If you have an idea for a Charger Outing or Inning, please tell your Student Council



Student Council

Student Council is your voice at Peacock. Do you have a great new idea to make our school better? Share it with your Student Council representative from your first period class. We meet one Monday after school per month. Please make sure that at least one representative attends these meetings.

Upcoming events include Charger Outings, Toys for Tots fundraising, Candygram sales, Pennies for Patients, Film Festival and more.

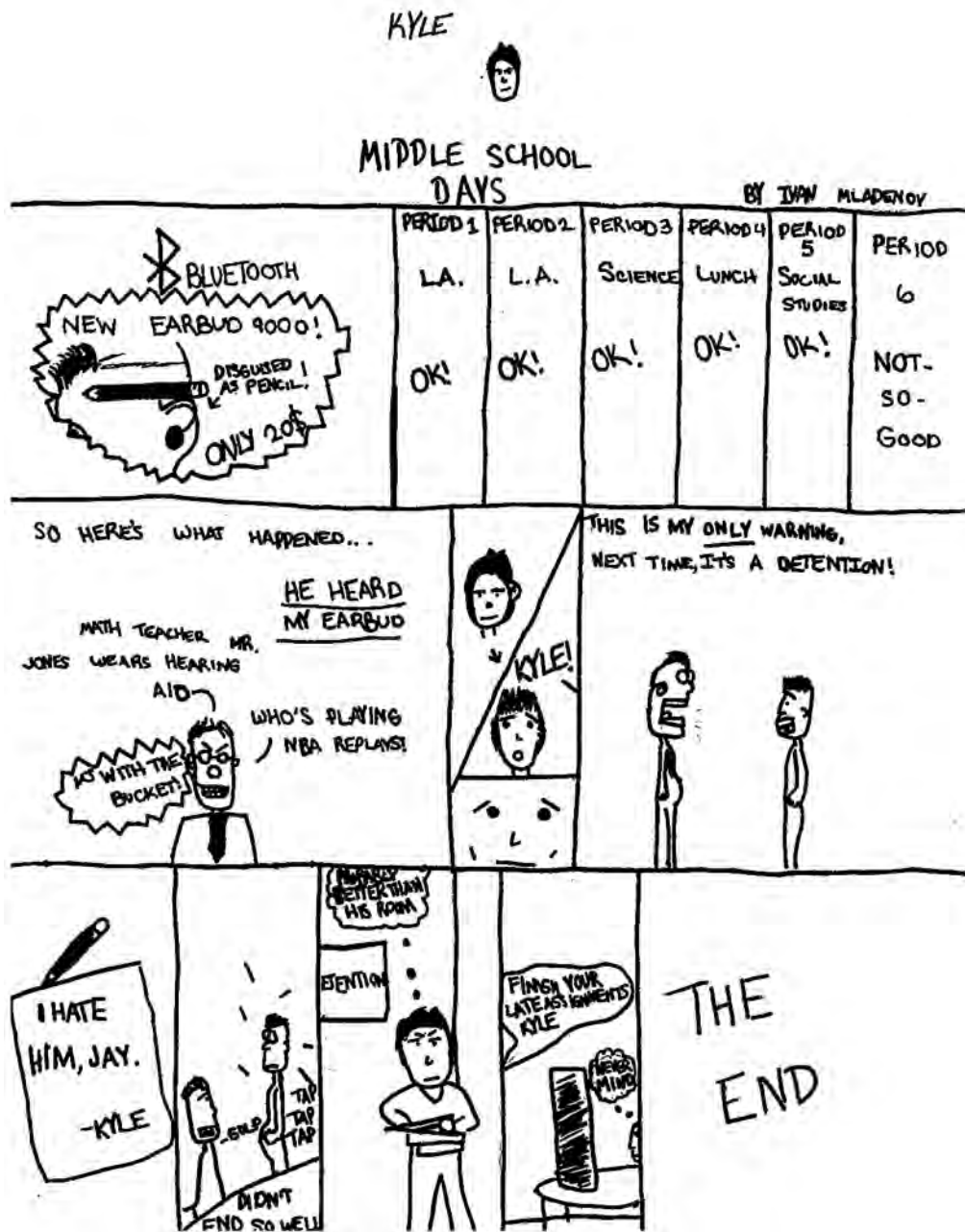
What is LEO Club? And What is P.A.D.S.?

You may have heard people talking about LEO Club, but do you know what it is? LEO Club is a youth club sponsored by the Itasca Lions Club that focuses on community service and making



making Itasca a better place. One of our regular service projects includes setting up the homeless shelter at First Pres Church for an organization called P.A.D.S. New volunteers are always welcome. Also, on Saturday mornings, help out at the Itasca Food Pantry from 9-11 am. See Ms. Paganis for details.

Comics Corner



Hide and Seek by Imad Farhat



Peacock

Card Club

Meets Wednesdays afterschool. Join us.

Peacock Puzzle

g c s s d k c o c a e p f x u
 t h f c c d i h p d y h g v t
 o a o c u w w h n j o h f o d
 x r g b r l v x h u n k m o v
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- Makerspace Mondays (Grades 5-9)
Monday, November 14, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Teen Craft Club: Sharpie Foil Embossing (Grades 6-12)
Wednesday, November 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- International Games Day (All Ages)
Saturday, November 19, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Animanga Club (Grades 6-12)
Monday, November 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

6th grade students on Halloween Spirit Day



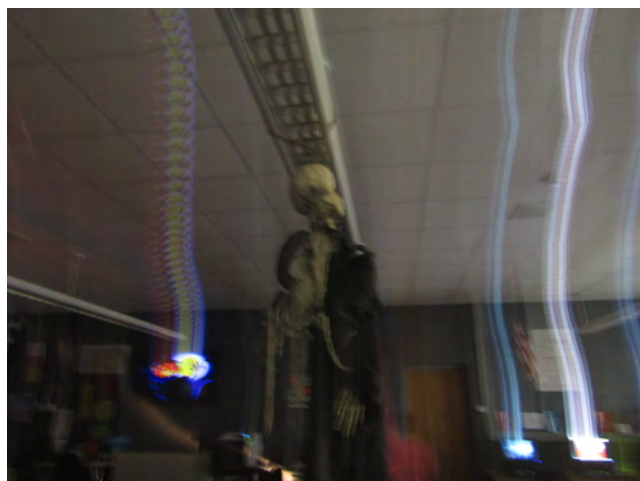
Opinion: The Dress Code

By Olivia A and Erin O

Many people in our grade are upset about the dress code. We are sure that it is the same deal for other grades. One question that is obvious is, "why do we have a dress code?"

The dress code is in place so that students don't get distracted from their work during school by inappropriate clothing. Do we agree with our school's dress code? Yes and no. We think that the dress code is good, because if people came to school in crop tops and booty shorts, it would be pretty distracting. There definitely is a good purpose for the dress code. But, there are some parts of the dress code that we don't agree with. For example, this new phone rule. The first problem with this rule is that lots of people have different kinds of phones. You would think the sizes of phones don't vary too much, but really, they do. I know people whose phones are almost the size of an iPad mini, and I also know people like me, who have

phones almost the size of an iPod. If someone has a larger phone, does that mean they are able to wear shorter shorts? It doesn't seem quite accurate. Another problem would be that basically no one sells shorts that come to your knees. They don't even look good, either. Does that mean we have to always wear pants or capris? Other aspects of the dress code are fine, like the three finger rule on your shoulders. Although at times we disagree with the dress code, we know that it is in place for a reason. We appreciate that our school district is trying their best to help us learn.



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Do you have an opinion about something here at Peacock?

Submit an article to the Newspaper!

All articles will be reviewed by The Charger Staff and we reserve the right to refuse articles for print issues.

Spooky Checkout in the library.

All About Your President and VP

This year, Peacock has a new president and vice president - Raquel O'Neill and Tommy Christopoulos. We asked them a few questions about their new role in the school. When asked why they ran for president and VP, Tommy (vice president) explained that he wanted to "make Peacock great again." Raquel said that she wanted to be able to make the school a better place to learn and have fun.

Raquel states, "We hope to make better dances, have spirit days every week, and have more outside lunches." Some other changes that they hope to make, but are not certain about, are having hot chocolate on the first Monday of every cold month, and possibly selling Krispy Kreme Donuts at lunch. At student council meetings that the representatives from your class will attend, they will talk about upcoming events such as spirit days and Charger outings.

Raquel and Tommy are very excited to be in office, and they would like to thank you for your votes!

Charger Sports . . . Great Fall Season Chargers!

Being on a Charger team can be one of the best experiences at middle school, even if you don't make a Charger team there are other teams like Cross country there are no cuts! This is a fun sport were you get to be with your Friends everyday after school and run. Track is another no cut sport where you can do, sprinting, the mile, and long jumping.

Cross Country Fun!

Girls XCountry (left)
Boys XCountry (right)



Lady Charger Basketball

6th and 7th grade (above)
8th grade (right)

For the lady Chargers on the basketball team, they had a great season! They worked hard and got along. Mr. Anderson and Ms. stalk are very proud, Great job lady Chargers.

