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AoC Times

New Clubs

3 New Choices Added to Club List

by: Rohan Saha

This fall at AoC, there are 3 new clubs. The new clubs are Musical Trading Cards, iPad Drawing, and Newspaper Club.

Mr. Schroeder teaches iPad Drawing. He knew that kids like to draw on iPads and so does he. Students feel surprised because they get to picture themselves and get to draw on iPads.

Mr. Alan teaches Musical Trading Cards. He wanted to introduce his students to different musicians they might never have heard of. They research different musicians and help create a musician card that they can trade.

The final new club is Newspaper Club. Reporters interview both students and teachers in order to write news about AoC. Ms. Purpi and Mr. Jessimy teach students how to write news articles.



This Month's News

Winter Concert Preview

by: Tara Gyaltzen and Beckett Lopez



As it is getting cold outside, it is getting warmer inside because grades K,1,2,3,4, and 5 are getting ready for their annual winter concert.

Here at AoC, the 5th grade is singing "America," the 4th grade is performing "Oye," 3rd performing "Come to Play." 2nd, 1st, and kindergarten classes doing much, much more.

The 4th grade is performing "We Didn't Start The Fire," but changing some of the words into a different period of history, which is their PBL project.

If you're asking "how can they pull it off?" Look no further than their music teacher, Mr. Alan Nunez. He has been teaching AoC students for more than 6 years and he has lots of experience and confidence. The teachers believe he can do it and so do the students.

The K-2 concert will take place on Thursday, Jan 11 @ 6 pm The 3-5 concert will be on Thursday, January 18, @ 6 pm as well.

State Test Tips

by: Skylar Sullivan

Is the state test scaring you 3rd graders? Is it keeping you awake at night? Well, you're in luck! This article will give you tips for the state test (which is in April and May):

- * On the night before the state test, get a good night sleep.
- * Stay calm and relaxed
- * Take small brain breaks

And the most important tip:

* DO YOUR BEST

On the **ELA**: Read the questions before you read the passage; go back to the text and underline information.



You can also use process of elimination to get rid of any crazy choices.

On the **Math**: Use the pencil strategy; make sense of the problem; check your answers by doing the questions again. - You have as much time as you need; and most importantly, show all of your work.

Fed Ex Truck Hits AoC Bus

by: Abiel Rodriguez-Gonzalez

On October 10, a Fed Ex truck crashed into the stop sign of an AoC school bus. All the kids were frightened after it happened. The police came and the kids were getting even louder. However, no students got hurt.



The police officers talked to the FedEx driver. The FedEx driver was complaining that it was the bus drivers fault. However, the bus driver, Cesar got up and left the bus. He went to the police and said "it was the FedEx driver's fault." According to the bus driver, he said "this will never happen again unless the FedEx diver hits the bus and breaks the stop sign."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 16-18: Book Fair**
- Jan 17: Picture Re-take Day**
- Jan 18: 3-5 Winter Concert**
- Feb 7: 100th Day of School**
- Feb 16-25: Mid-Winter Recess**



History Comes Alive!

by: Christina Nguyen

5th graders got to see live butterflies and learn more about ocean animals during a field trip to the Museum of Natural History on October 27. The first portion of the trip was to experience live butterflies from all around the world.

Butterflies landed on different students, some even having more than one butterfly land on them. As the butterflies were gracefully flying around, others decided to admire them. On the wall of the dome, there was a long box full of "cocooned and soon-to-be-butterflies." Some had already hatched. "It was really hot in there..." said Ahmor Bacote.

Everyone loved just watching them, despite the heat. Some were terrified of seeing butterflies up close. "I got 7 butterflies landing on me!" said Dorothy Strano Bennett. Others had a neutral face, just taking notes and sweating from the heat inside the room.

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The classes then headed off to the "Ocean Animals" exhibit to study the lives of aquatic animals. Everyone first looked at different types of fish taking notes and exploring. Everyone then split off to see their friends and explore together. Experts came to show the bones of different sea animals such as the sea lion, dolphins, etc. On the bottom floor of the hall, there was different sea animals that lived in the dark part of the ocean.

Finally it was time for the class picture; students smiling, happy to have come. "It was fun while it lasted," said Aalash Bhatta.



Spotlight on Ms. Beverly

by: Emily Flete and Andrew Jarrin

Do you ever wonder who the tall lady is roaming the halls is? Well, it's Ms.Green! Her job is the Director of Operations - that means she oversees the day-to-day business at AoC. She was also an Associate Director of Operations at another charter school.

Her favorite thing about her job is that she gets to hangout with the kids at recess. She loves her coworkers. Her favorite subject is History and her job is both hard and easy, according to Ms. Green.



When asked what advice she would give to students, she recommends that they should have a good breakfast before the state test.

Better Field Trip Ideas!

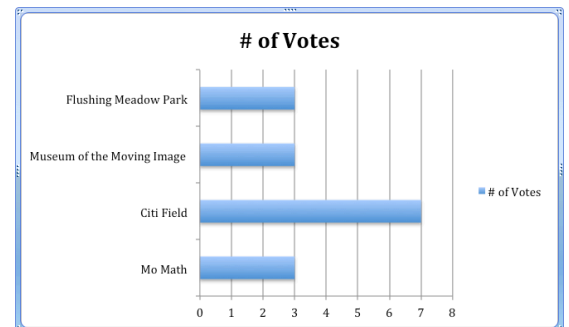
by Maya Nover

The children of AoC are tired of boring field trips! Teachers and adults who plan field trips; here are some great places that are both educational and fun!

Here is some information on these places:

Flushing Meadows: a large park that includes the Queens Museum. It has a lot of different exhibits.

Mo Math: a place to learn math in a fun way! Students can ride a



bicycle with different shaped wheels. **Museum of the Moving Image:** a place to learn about animation and movies.

Citi Field: a stadium where the Mets play baseball. Students can learn about how the game of baseball is played.

Out of 16 students asked which field trip they liked the best, Citi Field had the most votes. See chart for the results.

BINGO & Pasta Night



In order to raise money for a new playground at AoC, the PCO is looking for donations for a Silent Auction to take place at Bingo Pasta night in February. Each class has a specific theme so refer to the blue flyer that was sent home. Send in donations by January 23.



Questions? Email: Aoc.pco@gmail.com

DEAR ISLA + AMALIA

Advice Column

Dear Advice Column,

I have a problem and I need help with it. I have a friend that I know who has been saying I can't play. What should I do?

~ Un-included Friend

Dear Un-included Friend,

You should tell your friend how you feel because if she doesn't know, you might not be able to play with her at all! If that doesn't work, tell a teacher because they can also help solve your problem. If you don't stand up for yourself, things might get worse. You can also play with other people and she might want to play with you again. Good Luck!

~ Isla & Amalia

Dear Advice Column,

I don't like how my friend is calling me names. I don't want to call her a name because that's mean. What should I do?

~ Name Called

Dear Name Called,

You're right, calling someone names is wrong, and you should try telling your friend how you feel. If she keeps calling you names, maybe she is not your real friend and you should make new friends. You can also tell a teacher. If your friend is hurting your feelings a lot, try to calm down. Good Luck!

~ Isla & Amalia

Dear Advice Column,

My best friend has been hanging out with mean girls and I'm really scared that they will change her. I don't know what to tell her because it will hurt her feelings. Please help me. I'm scared, what should I do?

~ Scared Friend

Dear Scared Friend,

Maybe you should make other friends but still be friends with her. If she turns on you, tell her that you still want to be her friend and that you could be part of their group. That might make the mean girls start acting nice by seeing how you think they treat you.

~ Isla & Amalia

Dear Advice Column,

My friend keeps telling me secrets and my BFF doesn't like it because she feels left out. So, I'm scared she won't want to be my friend anymore. This happened once and I don't want it to happen again. What can I do to stop this?

~ I'm scared she won't be my friend anymore

Dear I'm scared she won't be my friend anymore,

I understand you. You should talk to your BFF and maybe she'll understand, especially if it already happened before. Also, you could talk to your friend and tell her you don't like how she's treating your BFF. Maybe she'll start including her.

~ Isla & Amalia

Dear Advice Column,

I have a sweet tooth, and my brother just steals my candy. When he does this, I just want to hit him, but I know this is wrong. So, can you help me not do this because I don't want to hurt him.

~ Sweet Tooth

Dear Sweet Tooth,

I'm not saying you do, but if you have a candy addiction, your brother is doing you a favor. When you want to hit him, find a quiet place to calm down. Take deep breaths and kindly ask him to leave you alone.

~Isla & Amalia

Dear Advice Column,

I keep missing my god sister. Could you please tell me some ways I can relax and stay calm? I want to forget about her until I'm done with school.

~ I keep on missing my god sister

Dear I keep on missing my god sister,

You can write to her and call her. Try thinking about her everyday, but not so much that it makes you upset.

~Isla & Amalia

Fall Festival Gets New Activities

by: Ayana Sultan

To make students happy, the PCO made this year's Fall Festival different than 2 years ago by adding new snacks and a bouncy house in the parking lot. The PCO helped organize the festival from 1-6 pm on October 27. It took place at the AoC gym and parking lot.

This year they added a lot of things like the bean bag race and a candy counter game.

Before 5th grade teacher, Mr. Jessimy, worked here at AoC, he saw pictures on Facebook of the Fall Festival and that's why he wanted to work at Academy of the City Charter School.



New teacher, Mr. Garnplog said "it was a huge festival." He also said "I wish I could have participated in more games, but I couldn't play because my daughter got hit by a bat!"

If you'd like to make suggestions for next year's Fall Festival, email Ms.Ebru at egrundy@acadmyofthecity.org.



3rd Graders Become Botanists

by Jadon Goje & Alexander Gonzalez

All of the third grade classes at AoC took a trip to the Queens Botanical Gardens and learned about a lot of different types of trees and flowers. Third graders even got to plant their own plants.

According to Ms. Hawkins, all of the third grade teachers thought of the idea to go to the Botanical Garden. Students in



third grade were excited to visit Queens Botanical Gardens. According to student Songtsen Llama, his favorite part was when the third graders got to plant plants.

Students also enjoyed the time on the bus, as they were singing both going and returning to AOC.

One third class even got to stay a little bit longer because the bus driver was late.



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SPELLING BEE CLUB WINNERS

CHAMPION: Songsten Lama

5th Grade Winner:

Zaara Hossain

4th Grade Winner:

Aaliyah Hayes

3rd Grade Winner:

Songsten Lama



Sticky Situation at Chuck-E Cheese

by Landen Jensen

Susan Lopez, the PCO president is trying to figure out why they raised \$1,295 last year for the Chuck E Cheese fundraiser, but made only \$430 this year. They don't know why they made more money last year. Ms Lopez is looking into this unusual situation.

On that day when all the students were at school learning, Chuck E Cheese came in the school. Everyone was surprised, happy and excited to meet Chuck E.



3rd grader, Will Kotsatfis had a great time and said "I won 500 tickets on the machine called Ghost Busters." Will added "my favorite part was when I was in line for my prizes."

Seniors visit Ocean Odyssey

by Marilu Ramos, guest reporter

Seniors at AoC took a trip to Ocean Odyssey Encounter on December 1st. Students saw a video about sea creatures and they also visited the shallow end of an ocean, the coral reefs as well as the open ocean and kelp forest.

They learned that the great shark has 10 different senses. They also learned that the tiger shark eats anything. Students also went on a scavenger hunt and drew on puzzle pieces. A class photo ended the trip.



Even though there was a lot of traffic and arrived later than expected, students had a great time and learned a lot. According to student, Anabelle Delosrios her favorite part was when "we were watching a 3D movie about sea creatures and a giant blue whale swam over us!"

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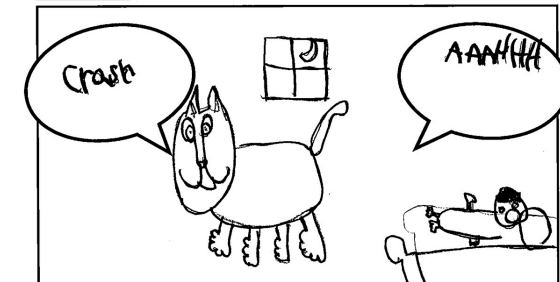
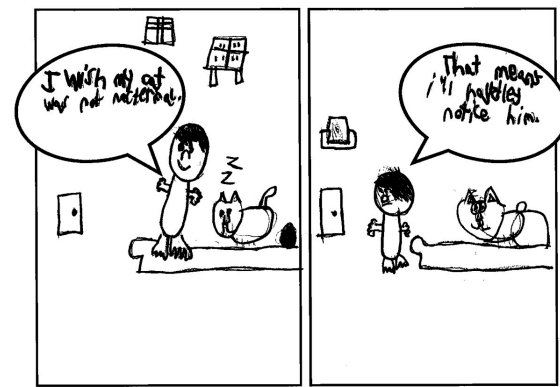
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