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Interview with Miss Falkowski

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Miss Falkowski is team 6-1's social studies teacher here at Herbert Hoover Middle School. She has a reputation of being honest and loyal to her students. And that reputation appears to be accurate. Miss Falkowski has two children and respects them just as much as she respects us. Speaking as her students, it truly is an honor to be able to have her as a teacher.

First we asked her how she decided to become a social studies teacher. Her answer was because her two favorite things are working with kids and history. Next, we asked her what she loves about social studies? Her

response was that she loves to be able to look at life 4,000 years ago and see that not many things have changed. Through the year she tells students stories about how she used to want to become an archeologist. This shows that she really was fascinated at the thought of discoveries and uncovering mysteries of the past. When Miss Falkowski was younger, she used to LOVE King Tut. She used to always want to visit any exhibit she could find.

The next few questions we asked her were more about her opinion. We asked, "what is the importance of



Miss Falkowski

homework?" Her answer was that she liked to see kids either re-enforce or explore a new idea. Our last and toughest question was, "how is the new year going and how are the new kids?" She told us that it has been an awesome year with an awesome bunch of kids, and she loves working with them!

By: Rylee Hooker & Madison Kaifas-Steiner

Buffalo Bills School Survey

So far the Bills are off to a decent start. They are 5 -6, which means they are already doing better than last year.

We surveyed some people on who their favorite Bills player is and if they think the Bills will win more than, or less than 10 games this season. Here are the results.

Best Bill Player

- Fred Jackson- 56% of the votes
- Ryan Fitzpatrick- 24% of the votes
- Stevie Johnson- 12% of the votes
- David Nelson- 4% of the votes
- Marcel Dareus- 4% of the votes



How Many Wins This Season

- More than 10- 57% of the votes
- Less than 10- 43% of the votes

By: Jacob Brill & Colin Lynch

Goodbye Tony La Russa!



Just after he won his third world series as a manager, Tony La Russa decided to retire after an amazing career. As a MLB player his career started in 1963 with the Kansas City Athletics (now the Oakland Athletics), After 5 years of being a free agent the A's picked him up again. In 1971 he went to the Atlanta Braves. He was a free agent for a year, then got picked up by the Chicago Cubs, He finally retired as a

player in 1973.

In 1979 something amazing happened. Tony La Russa went back to Chicago, but this time as a manager! He coached the Chicago White Sox from 1979-1986 and then moved to the Oakland Athletics and coached there from 1986-1995. He took a position with the St. Louis Cardinals and coached there from 1996-2011.

Some of Tony's career

stats: his batting average was .199; he had 35 career hits, and 7 RBI. In his managing career he has a record of 2,728-2,365 wins and losses, with a winning percentage of .536.

Tony LaRussa will be missed very much by players, managers and fans everywhere. Will you miss him as much as I will?

By: Bobby Wolfe

Biography: Tony La Russa

He was born on October 4th, 1944. He was in the MLB (Major League Baseball) for a total of 48 years. During that time, he was a manager for 33 years and an infielder for 15. He played for Kansas City, Oakland, Atlanta, and the Chicago Cubs. He played for the Cubs until 1977.

He won his first division title as a manager of the White Sox in 1983. He was later fired at the end of the 1986 season.

The next team he managed was his former team the Oakland Athletics. He led the Athletics to three World Series in a row (88-90) but lost all three. The last team he managed was the St. Louis Cardinals. He started with them in 1996. He won four division titles with the Cardinals in 1996, 2000, 2001, and 2003. He won two World Series with the Cardinals. He has managed for 33 years in the Major Leagues, do you think he deserves to be in

the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame?

In his time away from the baseball field, he and his wife Elaine started a foundation called The Animal Resource Foundation located in Walnut, California. He also has two daughters, Andrea and Avinie.

I hope you enjoyed this article, see you in the next issue!

By: Brock Kowalski

La Russa Retires!

After 33 years of managing in the big leagues, Tony LaRussa retires. Tony LaRussa retired right after the Cardinals won the World Series this year. Mr. La-Russa managed eight seasons with the Chicago White Sox, ten seasons with the Athletics, and 16

seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals. Tony has 6 pennants and 3 World Series titles. He has also won manager of the year 4 times.

Mr. LaRussa has a life time win/loss average of .536. He is third in all time wins behind Connie

Mack and John McGraw. Tony LaRussa will be up for induction into the Hall of Fame in 2013. I hope Tony wins. Tony LaRussa surely will be missed by the St. Louis Cardinals and major league baseball.

By: Josh Prygon

Concert Review: Foo Fighters

If you think you've been to a good concert, think again. Because on September 25, 2011 the Foo Fighters came to Buffalo, NY & blew the roof off of the First Niagara Center on the *Wasting Light* tour.

They opened up with their hits from their newest album *Wasting Light*, "Bridge Burning" & "Rope." Then they played, "My Hero" and somehow got the crowd to participate. It was a sold out show.

From lead singer Dave Grohl's past, as the drummer of Nirvana, it was their hit

album *Nevermind's* 25th anniversary. Nirvana had the hit single, "Smells Like Teen Spirit." Also from Nirvana, the band's bassist, Krist Novoselic, appeared as an accordion player in "Skin and Bones," the hit song that got named as a concert tour.

The Foos also played two cover songs of Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers, and Pink Floyd: "Breakdown" by Tom Petty; and "In The Flesh?" by Pink Floyd.

But that wasn't the end. There were six encore songs, half of which were just Dave Grohl and an acoustic guitar.

During their third encore song, the rest of the band snuck onstage, and started playing as a full band in the middle of "Times Like These."

Finally, they closed the whole concert with their hit song "Everlong," from the album, *The Colour and the Shape*. Overall we think that was one of the best concerts we've ever attended. On our scale of 1-5, we think it is 5!

By: Trevor Balbierz & Nick Manning



Book Review: The Lost Hero

The Lost Hero is a book that continues a series by Rick Riordan. In *The Lost Hero*, there are some new campers such as Leo, Piper and Jason. When Percy Jackson disappears, Jason

appears, but knows nothing about his past except for his name. The mystery of Jason's past and where Percy Jackson went, sends Leo, Piper and Jason on a quest which involves saving Hera.

Hera says she knows about Jason's past, but does she? Find out by reading *The Lost Hero*!

By: Dominic Harris



Disappearance of Baby Lisa Irwin

Since October third, an eleven month old baby girl has been missing. She was taken out of her crib while her mother (Deborah Bradley) and brothers were sleeping sometime around midnight. Her father came home at four thirty am to find the baby missing, the front door unlocked,

and all the lights on in the house. When ABC news asked Lisa's mother if she thought that she could have done anything to hurt her child, she responded "no, I would never do anything to hurt my daughter." After several weeks of searching, there have been exactly three tips in this case, (besides the location) all of

which have not changed. Three people saw a man walking with a baby that had no clothes on, walking through the streets.

Something else that is strange is that Deborah Bradley will not let her Sons talk to the press at all. Is it because they're in shock, or is she trying to hide something? You be the judge of that.



By: Faith Brancato & Marissa Pistello

MEET THE DRAGON CHRONICLE STAFF!



This year, Hoover Middle School students have decided to continue our school newspaper, The Dragon Chronicle! The hard working reporters are truly a remarkable group and they are looking forward to many fantastic editions for the 2011-2012 school year!

Meet our Staff!

- 2011-2012 Editor: Whitney Spencer
- 1st Edition Assistant Editors: Jacob Brill & Colin Lynch

- Returning Staff: Sara Breene, Christina Dang, Jonathan Duchene, Brock Kowalski, Cameron Markott, Paige Phillips, Matthew Sternin
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The entire Dragon Chronicle staff sincerely hopes that you take the time to read and enjoy the terrific articles they have put together for this first edition! We look forward to another fantastic year and a special thanks to all the loyal readers!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Farley
Dragon Chronicle Moderator

We're on the Web! Go to the Hoover Middle School Homepage- Click on the Dragon Chronicle Tab!



Favorite Thanksgiving Pie

In Honor of Thanksgiving, we decided to do a survey of students at Hoover to see which type of pie they prefer for Thanksgiving.

Question: What is your favorite Thanksgiving pie?

Choices:	Apple	Pumpkin	Chocolate	Other
#of people:	8	3	9	4
Percent:	33%	12.5%	37.5%	17%

Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!

By Cameron Markott

**Need Advice?
Just write a letter
anonymously to:
"Awesome Advice
& Co."
Drop your
letter in the
box outside
Mrs. Farley's
room (243).
Your answer will
be published in
the newspaper!**

Awesome Advice!



Dear Awesome Advice and Co.,

Middle school is so hard! I can never find time for homework, and when I do, I can't pay attention!

From,
Homework Helpless

Dear Homework Helpless,
Try to pick a certain time for homework every day and stick to it. For help, you can stay for AIM!

From,
Awesome Advice and Co.

Dear Awesome Advice and Co.,

I'm having trouble fitting in. I've talked to nice kids, but I still feel like I don't have any strong friendships.

From,
Looking for Friends

Dear Looking for Friends,
Friendship takes time. Give it a few months and some more small talk, and you will definitely have some great friendships!

From,
Awesome Advice and Co.

Dear Awesome Advice and Co.,

I like this guy a lot, but one of my friends asked him and he doesn't like me back.

From,
Crushed

Dear Crushed,
Don't worry about it. It's only a crush and you'll go through a lot in your life. Besides, you're only in middle school.

From,
Awesome Advice and Co.

Games/Puzzles/Trivia

The Fun Match Up Puzzle By: Miranda Remond

Match the word with the description using the word box. Then write down the first letter of the word you use. Then you have to unscramble the letters to make the mystery word below. So have fun UNSCRAMBLING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Word Box			
Alligator	Sailboat	N	Google
V	Key	Introduction	Toes
Nile	Gorilla	Hats	Igloos

1. What 10 things are on your feet? _____
 2. What is the opposite of a crocodile? _____
 3. What are the animals you find in the zoo that are black, furry, BIG, and walk on their hands and feet? _____
 4. Unscramble these letters and tell me what word they say. eyk _____
 5. What has a sail and you can put it on water? _____
 6. What are you not allowed to wear to school that you put on your head? _____
 7. Fill in blank. The longest river is the ____ river. _____
 8. What is the 3rd letter of LIVE? _____
 9. What do Eskimos live in? _____
 10. What is the 5th letter in HUMANS? _____
 11. What is the number one search engine that starts with G? _____
 12. What is the beginning of a story called? _____
- UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS _____

HOT OR NOT CLOTHING STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS		
By: Natasha Perez & Ariana Roseboro		
Topic	Hot or Not	% of students
UGG	HOT	62%
Abercrombie	HOT	65%
Aeropostale	HOT	79%
Justice	NOT	51%
Hollister	HOT	76%
American Eagle	HOT	65%
Nike	HOT	65%
Zig-Zag	NOT	84%
Sketchers	NOT	70%

Check Out Your Horoscope!

By: Christina Dang & Page Phillips



ARIES (Mar. 21- Apr. 20) Do not give too much of your opinion. Listen to the others more. But do not let the others limit you to say how you feel on the family questions. Your lucky events of this month will take place Monday.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful while walking, jogging today, because this is an unlucky day. An accident will more likely occur while you're distracted. Therefore, keep an eye on things.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You might lose money and belongings or, instead, you might find something. You have lots of opinions about how you want to spend money, especially at home or for the family, but someone else might not agree. Stay on the positive side of things.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be a bit more emotional today. You might feel frustrated by others. And they will feel the same way about you because of the way you're acting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You and your best friend are getting along better than ever right now, so it's a good time to recommit and make sure that you're both on the same path. Travel and school plans need to be re-scheduled.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're high-energy today! Relations with others, mainly in groups, are upbeat and successful. Disagreements about how to spend money or share an amount are likely.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People will notice you today. Perhaps you'll stand up to someone. You feel confident. You like to know you have somebody on the other end of your teeter-totter.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expect cancellations and delays. People are passionate about their ideas today and not willing to back down. Nevertheless, things are also upbeat!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You

might find you have to defend yourself or be accountable for something. No worries, because the odds are that you'll come out ahead! Despite glitches, this can be a fortunate day.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be prepared to go more than halfway when dealing with others today, because the Moon is directly opposite your sign. People can be touchy and quick to argue and yet, it's also easy to establish a warm camaraderie with others. It could be a playful day.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is not an ideal day to introduce reforms or suggest improvements, because someone will object (probably a female acquaintance). Entertain at home this evening. Your family scene is smooth.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Basically, this can be a playful day; however, it is an accident-prone day for children in your care. Therefore, keep your eyes open. Surprise flirtations might be an unexpected thrill. Relations with partners and close friends are warm.