

**PLUM POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*"A paper of the students, by the students, for the students"*

# GATOR GAZETTE

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## The Important of Getting Good Grades

By: Alex Ferranti, Ed Town and Morgan Pilz

As school comes to the final quarter of the year, it is more important than ever to make sure your grades are satisfactory. With summer approaching, students begin to stop concentrating on their school work and instead start daydreaming. If your grades begin to slip, then you will be daydreaming in summer school. If you do really bad, you will find yourself in the same grade again next year. If you are in eight grade, you will not be able to go to high school next year. Here are some tips to help make the remaining time in school productive.

- Keep track of your assignments and use a daily planner to log in the work that is due.
- Make school a priority.
- When you get home, finish your homework before you go outside.
- Don't forget to study for important tests.
- Remember tests are 70 percent of your grade.
- Don't be a procrastinator

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## Spring is Here!

Katelyn Gilroy

It's been ten weeks since the groundhog saw his shadow. We had our biggest snowstorm this year in Calvert County at the beginning of March. Would you believe that Spring officially begins on March 20th?

Although the weather can still be chilly, flowers will start blooming, trees will get their leaves back, and the grass will become greener. I look forward to being outside helping my father grow plants and vegetables. I look forward to being outside in the warmer weather playing softball and spending time with my family outdoors. What I look forward to is packing away my winter jacket, my heavy sweaters and my long pants. In just a few more weeks, my mother will let me wear shorts again. I look forward to summer vacation. It is just around the corner!

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. FisherEdward Town & Alex Ferranti

This month we decided to spotlight Mr. Fisher who teaches seventh grade Social Studies here at Plum Point. In his spare time he officiates sports such as baseball and basketball. Mr. Fisher is also an avid New York Yankees fan. Here are a few of the questions we asked him.

Q: What is your favorite part of being a teacher?

A: Everyday when I come to work I know I have the chance to change the future.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

A: Social Studies and Reading

Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: This is my 32<sup>nd</sup> year.

Q: What is something students here at Plum Point do not know about you?

A: A Lot and I'll leave it at that.

Q: What is your favorite part of being a sports official?

A: It keeps you in the game and I love the game.

Q: Can we get a Yankee prediction for this year?

A: We will baptize the new stadium with rings.

Q: What is your favorite part of the school year?

A: The Summer

Q: Is there anything else you would like to say?

A: Not Really

PPMS History Fair Advancers Visit State House

The PPMS History Fair Advancers went on a field trip to the Maryland State House in Annapolis on April 1st. The students went to visit Senator Mike Miller and Delegate Sue Kullen. The students were able to see the Maryland legislative branch in operation and learn about many historical artifacts in the building. The students watched a movie on the legislative process and observed how laws were made. After the trip to the State House, the students were treated to a delicious lunch at Fuddruckers sponsored by the PPMS PTSA.

## **Gator Sports**

*With Alex Ferranti and Ed Town*

### NCAA March Madness

It's March one of sports fans favorite months. Which means college basketball time it's time for MARCH MADNESS! If you don't know what March madness is it is a tournament of college basketball teams it has 65 teams who play each other in single elimination games to determine a champion for each year. This year the North Carolina Tar Heels won the national championship beating the Michigan State Spartans 89-72. They beat Radford, LSU, Gonzaga, Oklahoma, Villanova and Michigan State.

### Spring Sports

The Plum Point Middle school our starting the spring sports season with the following sports:

- Track & Field (Boys & Girls)
- Baseball (Boys)
- Softball (Girls)

The track team hasn't won a championship in 17 years.

Tryouts are completed and the teams will have the first games in April, Go Gators!

### Suggestions

Remember any suggestions for Ed & Alex or cool sports stories e-mail us at [ppmsnews-paper@gmail.com](mailto:ppmsnews-paper@gmail.com)! Maybe you will be in the next edition of the paper.

### International Soccer

Edward Town



The Major League Soccer (MLS) season has just started on March 19th with fifteen teams. However, soccer is not even close to important to Americans as it is to Europeans. MLS has much lower salaries which means there are only a few superstars. In Europe they have the UEFA Champions League which is even bigger than the Super Bowl. It consists of 76 soccer clubs that play in a tournament from July to the final in May. There are currently four teams left in the 08-09 competition. My pick to go on to the final and win is Manchester United FC of the Barclay's Premier League led by Christiano Ronaldo and Wayne Rooney.

## Surviving the Seventh Grade

by: Zoe Hammett

It is getting close to the end of the year and soon many sixth graders will become seventh graders. I have some information to share with you on what to expect and how to survive the seventh grade.

First get to know all of your teachers and do your homework every night. Most teachers don't accept late homework and the subjects are a little harder in the seventh grade. You are no longer the youngest in the school so that is cool. Try to get more involved in clubs and make sure you study for your tests. It is important to stay focused and to do the best work that you can. Believe it or not, the year goes by faster in the seventh grade than in the sixth. Eight grade and high school are just around the corner.



## Should Cheerleading be Considered a Sport?

By: Kelly Carson

I think cheerleading should be considered a sport and not just an activity. It takes a lot of skill to be a cheerleader and some people have to train many years to become one. It is important to have gymnastic experience and dance. Not everyone can be a cheerleader. It should be considered a sport just like football or basketball. You need weight training, practice, flexibility and the desire to be a good cheerleader. You can get scholarships to colleges for cheerleading. There are local and even national competition for cheerleading. It should also be considered a sport for the Olympics as well. One day it might!

## Bring Back the Backpacks

By: Taylor Danford, Michaela Weimert, and Brittany Riggelman

Are you having a hard time keeping track of your stuff? Well that's what 16/20 students here at Plum Point Middle School said. They agree that Plum Point Middle School should allow backpacks again! Backpacks are better for your back than tote bags. Tote bags put all the weight on one shoulder but backpacks weigh out the weight of your books evenly on both shoulders. So therefore tote bags are unhealthy and Backpacks should be allowed at PLUM POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL. If you think Backpacks should be allowed and you want them back then drop a note in the newspaper envelope in front of Mrs. Land's classroom (room 231) for a poll. Let us know

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### The School Assignment

Sharron was called to the office at the end of the day. Mrs. Sumsner was so surprised at her research project. It was the best she had ever seen since she was a student. The project had more than she had expected. All she expected was a 2,000 word essay on a topic of her choice. According to this project the saying "the sky is the limit" is applied to Sharron. "Sharron is here!" said the intercom. Sharron walked in and saw Mrs. Sumsner's face and smiled out of happiness. "This is wonderful! This is the best I have seen since I was in school. How did you do this?" said Mrs. Sumsner. "Well..... I actually chose a topic I was interested in. I used my dogs to do all the pictures, diagrams, videos, and etc.

### Play: Music Man J.r

Morgan Pilz

This year, our school play is going to be about a play called *Music Man J.r*. This play is about a conman, "Professor" Harold Hill, arrives in a small community. Hill plans to con the citizens of this community into paying him to create a music production. Once he has collected the money, he plans on leaving them without their money or a band. Many people think this is a very nice play to see despite the background.

"I chose Music Man it's a great family show, has a lot of music, and we, (the members of the play), have the talent" Mrs. Blacker replied after I asked her why she chose this play.

Some of the cast members also had some positive thoughts about the play.

"It would be fun to watch and has a lot of music" said Zach Johnson when asked what he thought of the play.

"I feel that everyone in the play has an important role in this play." An encouraging remark from Emilegh Shoemaker.

"I feel that people should come see the play because I think it is awesome and a lot of people you know might be in it!" was Alyson Griese's answer to what she thought of the play.

Some people could relate to their character as well as describe them.

"Harold is like me because we are both vibrate and can sell anything" joked Zac Johnson.

"I feel my character Paroo is like me because we are both caring people" remarked Alyson Griese.

I hope this is enough to encourage you to come see the play, on April 24<sup>th</sup> & April 25<sup>th</sup>

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school has been announced for Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Which is a 2 hour early dismissal. So bring out the sunscreen and beach balls because it is almost summer time.

# GATOR FUN PAGE

## 15 New Songs

Edward Town

Right Round-Flo rida

Thinking of You-Katy Perry

Beautiful-Akon

Halo- Beyonce

Green Light-John Legend

Crack a Bottle- Eminem

The Climb-Miley Cyrus

Poker Face-Lady GaGa

Mad- Ne-Yo

How Do You Sleep?-Jesse McCartney

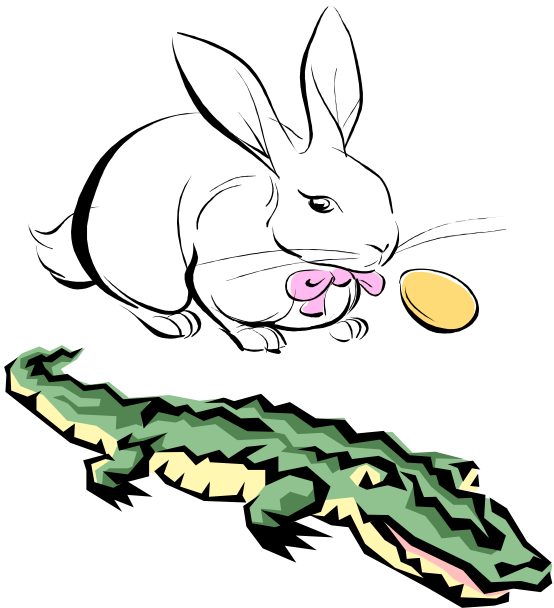
Welcome To The World-Kevin Rudolf

Kiss Me Thru The Phone- Soulja Boy

I Will Be-Leona Lewis

If U Seek Amy-Britney Spears

Dead and Gone-T.I



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## EASTER JOKES!!

Candice Lambert, Julia Cox, Haley Frederick

Q= Where does the Easter Bunny get his breakfast?

A= IHOP!!

Q= Why did the Easter Bunny go to the dance?

A =To do the Bunny Hop

Q= What kind of jewelry do bunnies wear?

A= 14 carrot gold

Q= How many chocolate bunnies can you fit into an empty basket?

A= Only one because after that it is not empty anymore

Q= Is it true that bunnies have good eye sight?

A= Well you never see a bunny wearing glasses, do you?

Q=What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A= Bugs Bunny

Q= What did the rabbit say to the carrot?

A=It's been nice gnawing ya