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CATALINA FIELD TRIP

The 11th through the 14th of April, the 8th grade class went on an overnight field trip to Catalina Island off of Long Beach, CA. We got up at 2 in the morning, drove down, arrived at 10, then took a ferry over with 4 or 5 other schools. We stayed on Catalina for 3 days. The first day we got to snorkel, getting an introduction to the ocean and snorkeling for some of us. That night we did a night snorkel, and saw bioluminescence at the best it's been in years. The only bad part



about that was backing into the water at night. The second day we snorkeled some

more and hiked. On the third day we kayaked really far out into the ocean and played a kind of Capture the Flag. Then on the fourth day, we took the ferry back to land and walked around the shops and restaurants in Long Beach, including Bubba Gump's. Then we stayed overnight at the Queen Mary, the most haunted ship in America. In the morning, we went back home.

—Article by Hannah Wetzel

SPRING AG DAY



The AG day at Minarets High School was really fun. We saw goats, and we milked them, too. We saw a cow and learned about milk. We learned how to grow crops,

they showed us how to weld metal, and we even made ice cream! We learned that everything needs food of some sort, animals, plants and humans. We went into the police cars, the fire trucks and the ambulances. It was really fun. It was really educational and taught us a lot. It was funny to see how all the animals interacted with all the kids. It was a lot of fun

but only for Kindergarten through 4th grade. I think that even the teachers liked it. The kids at Minarets' AG class made it as a way to teach kids. This happens every year, so if you are a kid under 4th grade or a parent of a kid under 4th grade, you should come next year.

—Article by Gracie Noonkester

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The boys' basketball team started in January and the season ended in April. The team played under the coaching of Mr. Chris. The team played only two game, not including the tournament. They won against North Fork, but lost against

Coarsegold. In the tournament, Spring Valley lost, but strangely, they lost to both teams that they had played that season! It was a pretty good season with a total of three 3-pointers made and twelve players on the team.

—Article by Conor Kelly



ZACK MARTIN: JOURNALISM TEAM

Zack Martin is our featured journalist of the month. He lives with his two dogs and five cats in YLP. He loves the winter, but when he is not enjoying the cold weather, he is playing video games or watching *The Martian*. He likes the color pink and he has pink goalie gloves be-



cause soccer is his favorite sport. Besides soccer, he also likes football, and his favorite football player is Dez Bryant. His favorite actor is Vin Diesel and his favorite musician is Shawn Hook. Zack is a fun person and a good journalist.

—Article by Conor Kelly

GIRLS' SOCCER



Girls' soccer started on Tuesday, February 28. The first game was on Friday, March 4. Spring Valley was going against

North Fork. SPV won by one and North Fork was down at zero. The second game was a Home game, but it was canceled because of rain. The third game was off and the fourth game was in Coarsegold. We lost all of the innings. Coarsegold won,

and we lost. Our coach was Mrs. Shattuck. We also had another coach who was Mrs. McDougald. For exercising, we did conditioning. My favorite part was when we split up in groups. I hope you can do soccer, too, next year!

—Article by Ada Miller

If you have books in good condition that your kids are not reading any more, please consider donating them to our library. We love getting new books to share!



APP REVIEW: *CROSSY ROAD*

Crossy Road is a good game. It has four and a half stars in reviews. It has a lot of characters. You can get challenges like "Hop one hundred times" or "Jump on ten lily pads." You have to get your character across the road jumping between moving cars. My favorite character is the dragon. You also get a chicken when you start the game. When you pick your

character, the background sometimes changes. To get more characters you need to have one hundred coins and go to Win a Prize. To get more coins, you can go to Get a Gift or watch an ad. Sometimes you have the option to pick to try out a particular character. I love this game. I play for an hour sometimes. When you play



you can play sideways and upwards. This game does not need internet to play, so you can play it anywhere. It's free, so get it. It is so fun.

—Article by Zack Martin

MOVIE REVIEW: *THE JUNGLE BOOK*

The Jungle Book was an amazing movie. It is about a boy named Mowgli whose parents are eaten by a tiger. He is raised by wolves and kept away from Shere Khan, the tiger who killed his parents. When his jaguar friend tries to make him go to the man village nearby for Mowgli's safety, Mowgli runs away. When he runs away,

he finds a whole new part of the forest he had never been to before. In that part of the forest, he runs into Baloo, a fun, honey-loving bear; Kaa, a hypnotizing snake; and King Louie, a rich, greedy orangutan. I give *The Jungle Book* 4 out of 5 stars because it was a little bit scary and may not be for all ages.

—Article by Catlyn Wetzel



TRACK



Spring Valley track only had one meet this year, and that

was at Yosemite High School. We had hurdles, long jump, high jump, running, discus, shotput, and relay. The meet was very fun but stressful. When we were racing there was a real gun to start the races and it scared the living potatoes out of me. I did the long jump, a relay race, the 200-meter dash, and the

100-meter dash. After the races my hands were dyed pink because of waiting at the starting line in the starting position. At the long jump there was a sand pit, but it was raining so it was a mud pit. I want to do it again!

—Article by Violet Kelly

POETRY CORNER: KENN NESBITT (COMPILED BY ZOË STACY)

I took myself out on a date
and said I'm looking grand,
and when I got my courage up
I asked to hold my hand.

I took me to a restaurant
and then a movie show.
I put my arm around me
in the most secluded row.

I whispered sweetly in my ear
of happiness and bliss,
and then I almost slapped me
when I tried to steal a kiss.

Then afterwards I walked me
home
and since I'm so polite
I thanked me for a perfect
date
and wished myself goodnight.

There's just one little problem
and it kind of hurts my pride.
Myself would not invite me in
so now I'm locked outside!
—Kenn Nesbitt

My robot's misbehaving.
It won't do as I say.
It will not dust the furniture
or put my toys away.

My robot never helps me
with homework or my chores.
It doesn't do my laundry
and neglects to clean my
floors.

It claims it can't cook dinner.
It never makes my bed.
No matter what I ask of it,
it simply shakes its head.

My robot must be broken.
I'll need to get another.
Until that day, I have to say,
I'm glad I have my mother.

—Kenn Nesbitt

The teachers jumped out of
the windows.
The principal ran for the door.
The nurse and librarian
bolted.
They're not coming back any-
more.

The counselor, hollering
madly,
escaped out the door of the
gym.
The coach and custodian
shouted
and ran out the door after
him.

The lunch ladies threw up
their ladles,
then fled from the kitchen in
haste,
while all of the students
looked puzzled
as staff members scurried
and raced.

We'd never seen anything like
it.
But, still, it was pretty darned
cool
to see all the staff so excited
to leave on the last day of
school.

—Kenn Nesbitt

