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New Faces at Humboldt by Shylly M. and Sierra H.

Ms. Van



Job: Counselor

Room: 36

Number of years teaching: "For many years."

Family members that teach: My mom and daughter

High School: Tigard High School

Favorite Food: Ice cream and frozen yogurt

Favorite color: Blue

Fact: I know how to Jerk and I am learning to Dougie.

If I could go anywhere: Croatia

If I had all the money in the world: I would open a dog rescue farm

If I could change my name it would be: Shyllysierra

Childhood nickname: Trouble

If I could invent one thing it would be: A problem solving machine

I wish I could meet: Mrs. Obama

Mr. Walsh



Job: Science and math teacher

Room: 4

Number of years teaching: My first year at Humboldt

Family members that teach: My older sister

High School: Half Moon Bay

Favorite Food: Paella

Favorite Color: Sky blue

Fact: I ate a huge grub in Australia.

If I could go anywhere: Jupiter

If I had all the money in the world: I would give it to charity

If I could change my name it would be: Mr. Radical

Childhood nickname: Stick Man

If I could invent one thing it would be: A time machine

I wish I could meet: Albert Einstein

Ms. Molly



Job: Para-educator

Room: 18

Number of years teaching: My first year at Humboldt

Family members that teach: My mom is a principal

High School: West View High School

Favorite food: Avocado

Favorite color: Purple

Fact: I went to summer camp and worked with autistic children

If I could go anywhere: Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa

If I had all the money in the world: I would travel the world

If I could change my name it would be: Shaniqua

Childhood nickname: My father called me Booger

If I could invent one thing it would be: A teleport machine

I wish I could meet: Temple Grandin and Lady Gaga

* Next month Penguin Press will feature three more new faces at Humboldt!

SEI Overnighter

By Tamarr S.

Self Enhancement Inc. had an overnighter again this year. An overnighter is staying up for fun throughout the whole night. At this year's overnighter there were more things to do than last year. The overnighter is for 6th through 8th graders and for the SEI staff members. There were lots of cool activities that happened.

This year's overnighter started on October 22nd, 2010 at 7 p.m. First, the SEI staff gave a speech welcoming the SEI students and explained the activities they were

going to have. The boys stayed in the auditorium and met a NBA basketball star. The girls went to a different room, and we all learned about life skills. There was an NBA basketball player that plays for the Portland Trail Blazers. His name is Armon Johnson. Armon Johnson came to SEI to give a speech about his life and how to make better choices.

After that students ate a barbecue dinner. The dinner was ribs, potato salad, and some soda. The kids heard a beat and it was time for an SEI party. The party was all about dancing. DJ House came to the party and played some songs.

Next, it was skate world. Everybody put on their skates and skated around the rink. There were songs playing as people were skating.

Around 3 a.m. the SEI students went to the aquatic park. The aquatic park is a place to go swimming. The aquatic park has two big slides, and a pool with flowing waves. There was hip hop and R&B playing as people were swimming.

After the dancing, skating, and swimming it was time to go home. Everyone got picked up and went home at 6 a.m. If you want to be part of the next SEI overnighter, try it out next year and see for yourself. It happens only once a year for the SEI middle school teens.

Fun Experiments at Xerox

By James F.

Every Tuesday in the afternoon the Xerox Science Consultant Program is from 1:15- 2 p.m. Xerox Science is a program like Self Enhancement Inc., SUN School, and Boys and Girls Club. The people who run Xerox are Mr. Hill and Mr. A.K. They set up the science equipment. They have fun experiments in Xerox Science like learning the secret formula for Coca-Cola and seeing how much a pumpkin weighs. In Xerox, they teach all kinds of science like earth science, life science, and astronomy.

The Xerox Science Consultant Program first started in the Rochester School District in 1968, which was over 40 years ago. Xerox is happening now at Humboldt Elementary but, only the 5th graders at Humboldt go to Xerox. The Xerox Science Consultant Program annually surveys students and teachers. Many students like Xerox Science, because they can learn something new about science.

One example of an interesting experiment is telling the temperature of water. How it works is that the students take a cup of water and a thermometer, and then they put the thermometer in the cup of water. After they do that, the students wait 10 or 15 seconds for the thermometer to show the correct temperature. The lesson of that experiment is that water can be hot or cold. Learning different kinds of science by doing experiments in Xerox Science is a good opportunity for students.

More About SEI

By KiAsia L.

Photo by
KiAsia L.
SEI Elementary
Coordinator
Mr. Foster



Self Enhancement Inc. is a program that helps kids with their school work. The SEI building has a dance studio, library, and a computer room available to students and staff. SEI is open to Humboldt 1st-5th graders on Monday and Wednesday and the middle school kids go on Tuesday and Thursday. At Humboldt the elementary coordinator is Mr. Foster and the middle school coordinators are Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Jackson. The program is available to students who attend the SEI Academy, Humboldt, Boise Eliot, Vernon, Woodlawn and Ockley Green schools.

SEI runs this program to help kids with their academics. The program takes place because the staff want to help the kids who go to Portland Public Schools. They want to help children stay smart. Dorian, a Humboldt student, said, "SEI is good because kids get to go on field trips if they maintain good grades." Also, kids who go to SEI take a variety of classes so they can learn about different things, such as robotic Legos, dance, board games, and poetry. Dorian also said, "Robotic Legos is a good class because I like science and because I can play with Legos and computers at the same time."

Many students think SEI is great. If you want to know if it is true check out SEI.

The Adventures of Chico the Penguin

Story and drawings by Victor



Once upon a time there was a bad shark named Dor. He loved to eat dolphins because the dolphins were an easy prey for him. One day Chico the Penguin saw that his friend Harry the Dolphin was being attacked by Dor the Evil Shark. Chico the Penguin went rushing through the water to save his friend. Chico the Penguin fought the evil shark until he finally defeated the evil shark. Harry the Dolphin was very thankful for Chico the Penguin's help.



Photo from clip art

Basketball Skills and Drills

By Javontae R.

SUN School Basketball Skills and Drills is about learning how to play and getting better at basketball. In Skills and Drills, Humboldt students learn the basketball basics to get better at basketball skills. The Skills and Drills coach is Mr. Phil, or Coach Phil.

In practice, first they stretch out their legs and get warmed up. Next, students do high knee drills up and down the court and they do suicide drills. That's when you run from the baseline to the free throw, then from the baseline to the half court line, then from the baseline to the other free throw, and finally full court back.

Then when they are done with all of that they have a scrimmage. When a team has a scrimmage they basically have a game with half of the team playing against the other half.

If you were to join Basketball Skills and Drills you would have skills that could help you for all of your basketball career if you wanted to play basketball.

Hot or Not?

By Amaya Y.

Lately there has been a lot of talk around school about which styles are hot, and which styles are not. Some Humboldt students were given a survey and gave their opinion on what's in style for 2010. These are the results.

	Hot	Not
skinny jeans	60%	39.2%
Vans shoes	86.9%	13.1%
curly hair	60.8%	32.9%
Justin Bieber	21.7%	78.3%
stripes	56.5%	43.5%
nerd Glasses	56.5%	43.5%
purple	95.6%	4.4%
jeggings	65.2%	34.8%
Silly Bands	69.5%	30.5%
sweat shirts	91.3%	8.7%
plaid	69.5%	30.5%
UGGS	60.8%	39.2%
sweatpants	52.1%	47.9%



Photo by Amaya Y. Students' shoes at Humboldt

Leadership Committee

By Rebecca D.

There are about 15 students in the 5th-8th grade that are in a Leadership Committee. The committee has a lot more girls than boys. Basically, what they do in their meetings is come up with fun school events. For example, they are starting to plan a spirit week and a school dance. The Leadership Committee usually has meetings on Thursdays, but if they have a no school day and need to make up a meeting, then they

will have it more than once that week. They meet in Ms. O'Malley's room for lunch. You must be in 5th grade or higher to join. If you are interested you can contact either Ms. Cortes or Ms. O'Malley for more details.

Making the Garden Accessible to All Students

By Ariana S. and Taesherrell H.

How would you feel if you had a disability and weren't able to help your class out in your school garden? Walking around the Humboldt Garden you notice that the garden is not wheelchair accessible. This is not just a problem at Humboldt, but it's a problem in many gardens in Portland. All students, despite having a disability, should be able to help in the garden. This year Humboldt is going to fix that problem by making a wheelchair accessible raised bed.

The Garden Committee is responsible for designing the bed and also in charge of building the accessible bed. The Garden Committee is working on writing a grant to get money to build the box, and to find someone to help build the bed. The committee is also planning on making a more accessible path around the garden because now the path is just rocks and bark dust.



Photo by Ariana S.
Students working in the Humboldt Garden



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The Adventures of Patrick the Penguin

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