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B-W'S ASB - BY ETHAN C., ROOM 4

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The ASB runs our student store, helps with planning assemblies and spirit days. The following are descriptions of what each officer is in charge of:

The President takes charge at meetings, helps with student in the spotlight, helps set up and run the student store, participates in meetings and assemblies, and represents the council.

The Vice President is in charge when the president is absent, helps with student in the spotlight, helps run the student store, participates in assemblies and ASB meetings.

The Secretary is in charge if both the president and vice president are absent. The secretary also takes notes, helps run the student store, and participates in all assemblies and student in the spotlight.

The Playground Commissioner attends and participates in all ASB meetings and assemblies



and also helps Coach Tucker and Mr. Jon with concerns about recess.

The Sergeant-At-Arms helps with the student store, assemblies, participates in meetings and begins the flag salute.

The Fire Marshal helps with the fire drills and helps students stay safe

Our 2011-2012 ASB Student Council

and organized. The Fire Marshal also helps with assemblies, student in the spotlight and the student store. We appreciate our ASB!

President - Ivan G.
Vice President - Ethan R.
Secretary - Veronica S.
Playground Comm. - Bailey L.
Sergeant-At-Arms - Matthew T.
Fire Marshal - Maddie F.

Jog-A-Thon Jumble - by Owen C., Room B2



Even afterwards, the Jog-A-Thon is still the biggest talked about event on campus. The Jog-A-Thon was a fund-raiser in which students ran laps at school and raised money at home to support our Foundation.

The results are not in yet but the students who raised the most money have the chance to win, wait for it...

GRAND PRIZES SUCH AS:

An iPad, Nintendo 3DS, a Netbook computer or a

\$100.00 gift certificate from Toys 'R' Us.

Remember...our Foundation accepts donations anytime! We are truly thankful for our Foundation. They support our art, music, Media Lab and classroom teachers!

Ms. Patton's trip to China - by Sara D., Room B-8

Welcome back Ms. Patton!

Our principal, Ms. Patton, came back from a trip to China on Friday, February 24. Ms. Patton traveled 15,000 miles in nine days and visited nine schools, elementary through high school. Every school Ms. Patton visited had uniforms! The students in China enjoyed having the American principals around and treated them like royalty. Everyone in China studies English so Ms. Patton felt very comfortable. In China, there is a big focus on music, dance, art and performance. The schools were very big. One school had 2100 students! The schools in China want to do an exchange program with us

and we hope we can do it!

Ms. Patton visited the Great Wall of China, Pinyuan Ancient city and the Forbidden City. It was very cold in China but it was worth standing in the cold because it was so beautiful. Pinyuan Ancient City is over 2700 years old and about 3000 people live there. Let's hope we can make some pen pals from China!



Staff Interview - by Rachel D., Room B-8

Ms. Valdoses, 3rd grade teacher

Ms. Valdoses thinks our school is great and we have great students, parents, and teachers. She also said that our school has a lot more parent volunteers, art and music than she has seen at previous schools. This is her second year of teaching 3rd grade but has been a teacher for seven years! That is a long time.

When she was in school her favorite subject was Math. Her favorite sub-

jects to teach are Math and Reading. She has never taught in a different state.

Ms. Valdoses grew up in San Diego and has one older sister. Her favorite book is The Giver by Lois Lowry. Ms. Valdoses' favorite food is Italian.

Welcome to Benchley-Weinberger

Elementary, Ms. Valdoses!

We are so lucky to have you!

Panda Ben's Best - by Adam M. and Matthew T., Room B1

Tips for Taking Tests:

- 1) The night before a test you should get lots of sleep.
- 2) Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test.
- 3) Relax and try your best. Be aware of the words all, as, now, always,

never, only and exactly. Look for information in some of the questions and don't skip the longest answer.

- 4) Have good pencils ready with good erasers. If you are allowed a calculator, make sure it has enough life. Also, you may want to

wear a watch so you can pace yourself during the test.

- 5) Try to stay relaxed, be confident in yourself but check your work carefully.
- 6) Listen carefully to the directions.

Tests are important, do your best!

Amanda Panda's Advice Column - by Kathryn Z. and Maya W., Room B1

A few weeks ago, the Obama Administration announced they had made new rules that add more fruits and vegetables and also reduce the amount of salt and fat in meals at public schools.

Throughout the day, half of what you eat should be fruits and vegetables.



Healthy choices

Here are a few reminders that may help you to make healthier choices:

- Vegetable gardens: Michelle Obama has encouraged community vegetable gardens.
- Fresh, unprocessed, food: Mrs. Obama is educating kids about growing up and eating

healthy food at a time when obesity and diabetes have become a national concern.

So what are you waiting for? You can start your own garden or look for seasonal, locally grown products at your local grocery store today!

Movie Review – by Kayley L., Room B2

Journey 2 The Mysterious Island

I would give this movie a 5 star rating because it was very good and the animations and graphics were amazing! This movie is about a boy who got a coded message which he thought was from his grandfather. He wasn't sure where his grandfather was, but thought he may be on this mysterious island. The boy and his stepfather

met some people with a helicopter. They paid the people \$3,000.00 to take them to the mysterious island as no one else would take them. People thought the island was weird and scary, like the Bermuda Triangle. The boy and his stepfather went on some AWESOME adventures while they were on the island. I liked the movie because it was

very exciting, funny and fun! I think it was the best movie ever! You should go with your family and friends. It's a movie for all ages. Here are some other students point of views, everyone gave it 4 or 5 stars except Ella who gave it 3 stars (although she liked the pictures). Tori, Savannah, Van, Rachel, Cory and Eddie said they like the animations and thought it was funny. John said he like the underwater eel and the part with the old and gold junky helicopter.

Did you Know? - Fun Facts by Alisa Z., Room B2

- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Rabbits like licorice.
- Topolino is the name for Mickey Mouse in Italy.
- A bird needs gravity to swallow.
- A cat has 32 muscles in one ear.
- You burn more calories sleeping than watching TV.
- A duck can't walk without bobbing its head.
- Frogs can't swallow with their eyes open.
- Elephants are the only mammals that can't jump.
- A crocodile can't move its tongue.
- Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards.
- Dragonflies have six legs but can't walk.

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Panda Pride!

Principal Patton's Post - by Rachel D., Room B8

I met with Ms. Patton and she shared with me some of the great things that she has observed happening at Benchley-Weinberger:

- ◇ B-W Pandas are hard at work
- ◇ Staff busy with spring cleaning
- ◇ Awesome art work and other projects
- ◇ Talent show rehearsals

Ms. Patton is very proud of every student at B-W. Keep up the good work. Remember one of our mottos:

WORK HARD AND BE NICE!

Panda Poll - by Alex H., Room B2

I recently took a poll and asked B-W students what they thought made our school so good and here are the top replies (not in any particular order):

- ⇒ Nice Teachers
- ⇒ Easy to make friends
- ⇒ Computers
- ⇒ Outstanding education
- ⇒ Great principal
- ⇒ PTA and Foundation

Poetry Place - by Kalani P., Room B2

Haiku

Haikau is a form of Japanese poetry where the first and last lines have five syllables (in the sentence) and the middle line has seven syllables.

**In the deep forest
where the silent, cool wind blows,
rustles the dark leaves.**

Earlier in the school year, Ms. Janette's class had a poetry reading. The following are poems submitted by two students from room B9.

The Pumpkin, submitted by Vaughn
You may not believe it, for hardly could I
I was cutting a pumpkin to put in a pie,
And on it was written in letters most plain

"You may hack me in slices, but I'll grow again."

I seized it and sliced it and made no mistake

As, with dough rounded over, I put it to bake

But soon in the garden as I chanced to walk,

Why, there was that pumpkin entire on his stalk! *Robert Graves*

My Brother, submitted by Dania
My brother's worth about two cents,
As far as I can see.

I simply cannot understand
Why they would want a "he."

He spends a good part of his day
Asleep inside the crib,
And when he eats, he has to wear
A stupid baby bib.

He cannot walk and cannot talk
And cannot throw a ball.

In fact, he can't do anything—
He's just no fun at all.

It would have been more sensible,
As far as I can see,
Instead of getting one like him
To get one just like me. *Marci Redlon*

Now for a Good Laugh

By Noah T., Room B8

Flight attendant - Hello guests, we are currently flying at 10,000 ft. and the outside temperature is -40°. Let me go over our main rule. No smoking because it is bad for you. If you must, please step outside.

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Judge - Is it true you owe your neighbor \$1000.00?

Defendant - Yes, it is true.

Judge - Then why don't you pay him?

Defendant - Then it wouldn't be true.

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Q. Why can't a skeleton lift weights?

A. He's all bone and no muscle.