

The Alternative Press at BETA

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Character Corner

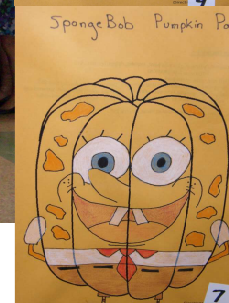
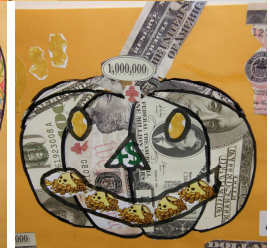
Are You a Bully?

Bullying is regarded as the repeated saying or doing of hurtful things to another person who has problems defending himself against such attacks. Teasing someone until they are in a state of distress is also considered bullying. Such harassment can be devastating to the victim. The following is a test to determine whether you exhibit such behaviors towards others.

- ⊖ Do you spread rumors or say mean things about others behind their backs?
- ⊖ Do you make "fun of" those who are different from you or your friends?
- ⊖ Have you ever threatened to hurt someone to impress your friends?
- ⊖ Do you push, shove or hit those smaller or weaker than you?
- ⊖ Do you like to take or destroy other people's belongings?
- ⊖ Do you blame others for things that go wrong in your life?
- ⊖ Do you think it's funny when other people make mistakes?



Excluding people from your group of friends, or preventing newcomers from making friends within your group can also be bullying, and just as painful to the outsider. Bullying is, generally speaking, an exercise of power of one individual or group over another. No one prospers in this atmosphere. **Nobody likes to be bullied.** What's more, it can adversely impact the entire school environment. Because bullying endorses negative or malicious behaviors, it affects those who experience it and those who are a part of it, as well as others in that setting. Bullying contributes to an unfavorable school or workplace tone, and should not be tolerated among students themselves or staff members.



On October 20 staff and students wore black and white clothes and purple ribbons to show support of the Anti-Bullying campaign.



INTERACT CLUB

Art Column by Nick H.

The idea of interviewing Ms. Straebler is quite interesting. I figured since she takes us (the students) on the best trips, I would ask her why. Why as in what motivates her? The lady has worked at BETA for a good amount of time and should be here for a little bit longer! Not only is she a teacher; but from talking to her I learned she always wanted to become a teacher.

What made you always want to become a teacher? I am second eldest of ten children. I always played school with the younger ones and their friends. I loved teaching them things that I knew. It was fun.

In what ways do you encourage creativity in your classroom? Students can bring in their own ideas for projects and if there is possibly a way to make it, we will do it. Plus, I have a huge library of art books. The classroom is filled with creative ideas and colorful images. *How do you make learning fun for students?* I try to show them tricks that make drawing + painting easier; also sometimes we make interesting projects out of everyday scrap materials. *What motivates you to take the students on field trips?* There is nothing like seeing a museum or an art exhibit in person. It is so much more impressive and memorable (and fun) than only seeing artwork in books or on TV.

What is your next idea for a field trip? One of my favorites is Dia: Beacon, a large museum filled with huge 3-D exhibits, some of which you can go inside! Another is New Paltz College where we tour and go to the art museums. We also will have lunch in the college cafeteria.

The Dia trip is coming up! If you are on your best behavior you might get to go! The trip is going to be run by Mrs. Straebler and only a limited amount of people can go. I recommend trying to go on this trip!



Field Trip by Laveena

On October 29, Ms. Babb's English 10 and 11, participated in the Big Read's *The Pit & the Pendulum* at the Bardavon. During the month of October, Poughkeepsie became "Poe-Keepsie" with the different events in remembrance of Edgar Allen Poe's work. For example, on October 18, people were asked to send a Poe related text message. Throughout the month Poe is celebrated by local high school participants. Also by many other schools throughout the nation will be participating in the Big Read, including the University of Notre Dame. Each year the Big Read gets bigger and better. This year Edgar Allan Poe and his dark demeanor has many teenagers interested in his complicated and darker works.

The Pit and the Pendulum

by Matt B.

First we watched an episode of the Simpsons titled *The Raven*. We were briefed by an Edger Allen Poe imitator before the start of the movie. The movie was great but it was totally long, about 90 minutes, however, it had a great twist. Actually the movie had two or three twists and it kept you guessing about how it would end. We were the best behaved group in the entire movie. The other schools made annoying sound effects. We sat and enjoyed it. This movie would be worth your time and money to go and see.

Our Community By Matt B.

On October 20th some kids from the Interact Club from our school went to the 2nd Annual Dutchess County Youth Forum to learn to be leaders. There was free food, fun activities, and new friends were made. They had five agencies there: The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Grace Smith House, Hands On the Hudson Valley, Hudson River Housing River Haven, and the Dutchess County Youth Board. All the agencies were asking for youth volunteers to tell them what youth in the area want. They said, "You (the youth) are our boss."



Yearbook

by Marissa T.

On October 28th was the first bake sale of the year. Teachers and students both ran the bake sale and they sold all sorts of Halloween treats! At the bake sale they raffled a Halloween gingerbread house, which was won by Mrs. Kern. Overall the Halloween bake sale was a great success!



Interact Groups

**Green
Committee**

**Helping
Hands**

**Communications
Committee**



Shoeboxes for Homeless

How can you help?

Donate any of the items listed below to Ms. Rivais or Mrs. Valis in Room 247. The group will collect items for the boxes until the second week of December and then deliver them to Dutchess Outreach.

Needed items:

- ✓ Shoe boxes
 - ✓ Wrapping Paper
 - ✓ Shampoo
 - ✓ Soap
 - ✓ Toothpaste
 - ✓ Toothbrushes
 - ✓ Personal care items
 - ✓ Deodorant
 - ✓ Hair brush, combs
 - ✓ Disposable razors
 - ✓ Shave cream
 - ✓ Lotion
 - ✓ Pocket tissues
 - ✓ Lip balm
 - ✓ Socks
 - ✓ Laundry soap
 - ✓ Cards
 - ✓ Magazines
 - ✓ Snack food
 - ✓ Gift cards
 - ✓ Coloring books, crayons, pens, markers
- Give in the spirit of the season.



The Communications committee is responsible for creating our school newsletters, which also appear on our BOCES web site. In addition, we are available to help with communications of any club. We are here to help your club to make flyers or other computer-made communications. We met several times to produce this newsletter issue.

Attention all clubs! Send your news to any member of the newsletter committee or drop a few lines to Ms. White for our next issue.



Hall C

by Kayla H.

Mrs. Babb's 11th grade classes did a family coat of arms project. This is a fun project to look forward to! This project is based on the history of the Heraldic Shield. These coats of arms describe a person's likes. Each student's last name is placed on top of the coat of arms and on the bottom is a quote or saying that best describes him or her. Take a look!



Are you grateful?

by Matt B.

Students of BOCES, what are you thankful for? On November 1st we will be handing out turkeys to each class with 6 feathers. What we would like students to do with them is complete what you are thankful for. Teachers should hang them on the classroom window if you have a window, and if you don't have a window, hang them your door. We hope you enjoy this activity and happy thanksgiving. Gobble Gobble.



Movie Review



by Lauren R.

Movie: Inception
 Action Thriller
 Director ; Christopher Nolan
 Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon Levitt, Ken Watanabe, Tom Hardy, Ellen Page
 Lauren's rating: **4 Stars**

Inception is about a skilled thief Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio), who is on his last mission to find redemption, that mission being Inception. In this movie he brings together a team of experienced people who are very specialized in dealing with the dream world. As the movie continues secrets are revealed, and one loses the ability to distinguish dreams from reality. This movie demonstrates the inconsistencies and weirdness of the dream world.

Matt B. challenges you to Sudoku.

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First Impressions

You only have one chance to make a first impression.

by Shannon H.

Don't know what to wear?
 Consult this list first!

Good for women
Skinny jeans
Long earrings
Boots
Rubber bracelets
Long hair
Big bags
Uggs
Eye shadow colors, black, grey, blue
Sunglasses
Necklaces
Avoid for women
Tight shorts/skirts
Cowboy boots
Silly bands
Rainbow hair color
Good for men
Polo
Nice kicks
Ties
Tuxedos
Avoid for men
Boxers showing
Mullets, Mohawks
Weird contact lenses
Team jerseys

Unscramble these words that appeared in this issue!

d i e h l s	
a d e m r	
d e f i l	
s u m o r r	
t o y h u	

Music Review

by Jon H.

After a school-wide lunchtime survey conducted by Jon Henion, the results are in. **The top five songs in popularity are:**

1. *Till I Collapse* by Eminem-12 votes
2. *Love the Way You Lie*-Eminem- 9
3. *Enter Sandman*-Metallica-5 votes
4. *Can't Be Friend*-Trey Songs-5
5. *All I Want Is You*-Miguel & J-cole

Creative Arts Show

by Steven F.

The Creative Arts 2011 will be the best show ever here at BETA. The date planned is the 5th of May, 2011. Once again we will be featuring the return of the "mother ship". The theme of the show is the 10th year anniversary of our wonderful program here at Dutchess Boces Beta. Our show will include a variety of acts involving staff and students who like to perform. It is hard work but shows students' and staff's talents in a very good and secure way. For those who participate, an outing will follow. There will be some new faces as well as some old and some surprises.

Phil and Bob by Travis T.

