



The Best Things About the Book Fair

By Javan Hu

Well, well, well, we are talking about the book fair again! We all remember when we first stepped foot into the book fair, it had WHOLE loads of books, toys, and journals. We all loved buying those things. But have you ever thought that once you bought something from the book fair, you are making your school a better place? Here are some book fair facts for our school and the book fair itself!

Number one, the scholastic book fair has raised more than \$200 million each year for schools all over the world!

Number two, more than 100 million books have been bought and are now in children's homes!

Number three, more than 28 million children participate in the book fair!

Lastly, number four, they have the best books and toys! You will enjoy everything they sell there!



In conclusion, the book fair is so, SO, SO much fun! We have another book fair in the spring and it will be one of your favorite weeks of the school year.

Now that you know a lot of book fair facts, tell your friends and family and you are now certified Know About Book Fair Guy (KABFG)!

What Happens to the Items “Lost at Sea”

by Maya Sprenger Gonzalez & Avani Vishwakarma

Have you ever thought about where all the stuff goes from the lost and found? We have, too! We ALL lose things sometimes, and that's fine. We asked the front office for some details, and here's how they responded:

“Most of the items go to charities in the area, like for example, Bella Angels, which serves local families. It's a nonprofit, which means they don't earn any money. We also donate to Goodwill.

“We give lots of time to let parents know about when items will be donated, so they have plenty of time to remind their kids to look for items, or even to look for things themselves.

We also put the rack outside for parents, and we even talk about it on social media!”

So there you have it. It goes to charity! I hope you have found what you lost, and if you didn't, now you know where it went!



Upcoming Calendar Events

November 5: No school

November 6: Family Marathon, Tracks 2 & 4

November 7: Make-up Picture Day

November 11: No school

November 13: Family Marathon, Tracks 1 & 3

November 27-29: No school

December 23 - January 3: No school

The Disappearing Rock Wall in the Gymnasium

by Rutva Mahajan & Prithika Premkumar

Last year we had a rock wall in the P.E center. But what happened to it? Why is it not there this year? We interviewed coach Roberts and we found out the results.

They got rid of it but you might be asking why. It's because they barely used it and Mrs. May was worried about our safety, so they took down the rock wall. Now you might be wondering how. We asked coach Roberts the same question but she said that she was tracked out and didn't know how. Surprisingly coach Roberts feels happy that the rock wall is off because she feels like there's more space for her to organize gym equipment.

If the wall was still there, then it would have been lonely. Also, there wouldn't be as much gym space because when the wall was there, we couldn't put things in front of it. Those things had to go somewhere else and that took up a lot of space.

So, that's what happened to the rock wall. We also wonder what what questions you have about the school. Let us know and be curious!

The Longest-Serving Instructional Assistant on Campus

by Adrianna Jaffe & Audrey MacNaughton

Since Ms Duke left, who is the longest-serving IA at this school now? It's Ms. Ruiz! She has been teaching for 24 years and the school is 27 years old. Did you know that Ms. Ruiz has also taught in Puerto Rico? She worked in Pre-K. Ms. Ruiz currently works with Ms. Burleson and they love working together, so if you or your little sibling had or has Ms. Ruiz, you or they are really lucky. Ms Ruiz taught two other grades and they are first grade and second grade, and she loves all the grades but she does have a favorite grade, which is kindergarten.

Ms. Ruiz has a whole backstory about how she was inspired to teach. She came from Puerto Rico with her family. Her son was in first grade, and her daughter was in kindergarten, so she came to her daughter's kindergarten class to translate for her.



A few years later, she got asked to work in the front office and she was thrilled! Then she got asked to be an IA! Ms. Ruiz is a kind, hard working IA who loves to help other people to reach their goals. If you see Ms. Ruiz in the hallways, cafeteria, or any other place, make sure to appreciate her.

The Mysterious Lunch Ladies of OCE

by Eli Rodriques & Lizzie Volpe

Have you ever wondered more about lunch ladies? They have always seemed mysterious to us. Recently we spent some time and interviewed Sushma Dhungana, the cashier, and Ms. Gayle, the cafeteria manager, to get to know more about them.

Here is our interview with Sushma Dhungana and Ms. Gayle!

We asked: How long have you been working here?

Sushma says, 2 ½ years.

Ms. Gayle says, 8 years.

We asked: Who is the boss here?

Sushma says, Mrs. Gayle.

Ms. Gayle says, me!

We asked: How many hours a day do you work?

Sushma says, I work 7 hours a day, I really like kids.

Ms. Gayle says, I work 8 hours a day.

We asked: How long does it take to prepare a whole meal in the kitchen?

Sushma says, about 2 hours.

Ms. Gayle says, around 3 hours.

We asked: How many people do you serve each day?

Sushma says, around 200 each day, but on Fridays, we get about 300.

Ms. Gayle says, we serve around 200 people each day.