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**Welcome back,  
JB Young students  
By Meghan Essary**

Clubs are starting, classrooms are being readied, summer has ended, and now school can begin.

Welcome back all JB Young students and teachers. A special welcome to all the incoming new students and teachers. Speaking of new teachers, we have a new Spanish teacher, Mrs. Kongkousonh. She splits her time between JB and Smart.

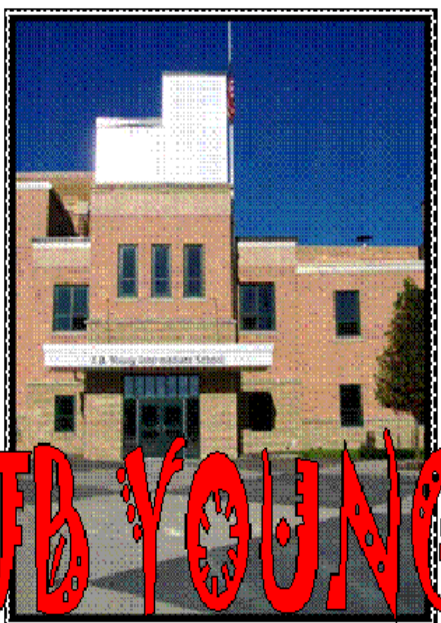
Hopefully, this year will be just as good as the last, if not better. There are some schedule changes made from last year, but everyone seemed to catch on fast. The leveling sheets also changed, but they still follow the same basic concept.

*Jaguar Journal*, the school newspaper, is going to be great this year and so will the first performing arts

show. Speaking of the show, the first show, "Dancing through the Decades," will have music and dancing from the 50s all the way to present-day music and dancing. The show will be ready sometime in October. It is going to be great.

The 18 Life Skills (Caring, Common Sense, Effort, to name a few) are a new focus this year, and they deserve a place in the newspaper and on our website. The 18 Life Skills are very important in life—that's why they are called **LIFE SKILLS**. Why do teachers teach them in schools? Well, because they're important to know. Where else would kids be exposed to them?

Anyway, Welcome



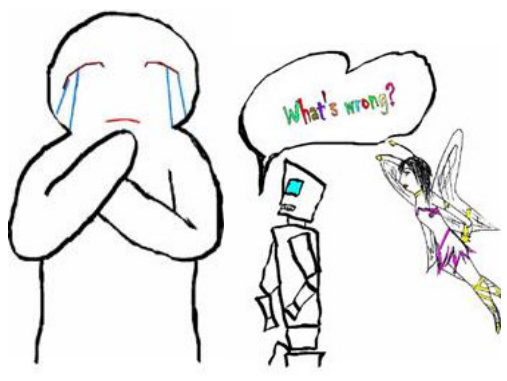
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**THE BEST PLACE TO LEARN**

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Back!!!!!!!

**Life Skill by Mary Reeves**



**Life without caring  
By Zach Meyer**

Without caring, the world would be a colder and harsher place for students and people because no one would care if someone was emotionally or physically hurt. Also no one would love anyone else, and the world would soon die out. Homeless people wouldn't be fed, housed, or cared for. School would also be a harsher place to be.

When teachers go out of their way so they can relate to their students, it shows us they care about us. For example, if a student doesn't understand a word, a teacher

will use a metaphor, a simile, or a synonym so the student will understand it. Without caring, we wouldn't have teachers either. Most of the ones I have interviewed said if they didn't care about today's youth, they wouldn't be teaching. They would have found better paying jobs, but they care more about us. Caring is much needed so we can be helpful. Care about others and yourself. If everyone cared just a little, what a difference that would make.

# What's in a name? Try nameology!

## by Jackie Howard

**Directions:** Use the chart to the right to find the number for each letter of your name. Add those numbers. Take that number and keep adding until you get a single digit number. Then, look at the description that fits YOU based on your name. Does your name uncover your hidden potential?

<b>1</b> Your name proves you're a leader. Creative thinkers like you know how to get up and get things done.	<b>2</b> Your name means you have a reliable nature and a loyal heart. You're always there for friends.	<b>3</b> You're one talented kid! Your name shows that you're super creative and love writing, art, and music.	<b>4</b> With a name like yours, you can't help being hard working and organized. You always do your best.
<b>5</b> A friendly and outgoing person, you're always surrounded by pals. Your magnetic personality really draws people in.	<b>6</b> Fair and open-minded, you're a good, understanding person who is always there for your friends.	<b>7</b> Your name shows that you're a mysterious person who likes to keep things to yourself. You're full of surprises.	<b>8</b> You're one smart kid and your name proves it. With your brains, you can achieve anything.
<b>9</b> You're a happy-go-lucky person who doesn't let problems get you down. You know how to live it up.	<b>Examples:</b> <b>Brenna:</b> $2+9+5+5+5+1=27$ $2+7=9$ <b>Miley:</b> $4+9+3+5+7=28$ $2+8=10$ $1+0=1$ <b>Jessica:</b> $1+5+1+1+9+3+1=21$ $2+1=3$	<b>Katherine:</b> $2+1+2+8+5+9+9+5+5=46$ $4+6=10$ $1+0=1$ <b>Lois:</b> $3+6+9+1=19$ $1+9=10$ $1+0=1$ <b>Jacob:</b> $1+1+3+6+2=13$ $1+3=4$	<b>Pamela:</b> $7+1+4+5+3+1=20$ $2+0=2$ <b>Marianne:</b> $4+1+9+9+1+5+5+5=31$ $3+1=4$ <b>Jadiem:</b> $1+1+4+9+5+4=19$ $1+9=10$ $1+0=1$

Alphabet Key			
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B	K	T	2
C	L	U	3
D	M	V	4
E	N	W	5
F	O	X	6
G	P	Y	7
H	Q	Z	8
I	R		9













## Bad days: 10 ways to beat them

### by Meghan Essary

Just when you think that you're having a bad day, use these tips to help.

1. Don't hit people...hit pillows. Let your anger out without being violent.
2. Draw a picture.
3. Talk to your friends; they might be able to help.
4. Wear your favorite clothes to school.
5. Watch your favorite movie.
6. Play your favorite video game.
7. Read a book—or two.
8. Spend time with your pet.
9. Spend time actually doing something for your parents (I know it's crazy, but it just might work).
10. And finally...just relax. Remember, it's only one day.



DATES	SIGN	HOROSCOPE
3/21-4/19	 <b>Aries</b>	Your inner do-gooder is cracking the whip. Take your sibling pumpkin picking or head to an arts and crafts place. Sure, you're busy, but you'll feel great for lending a helping hand.
4/20-5/20	 <b>Taurus</b>	You've got to put a stop to one of the activities that you're really not enjoying. Don't worry about major fallout. Your buds will always be there as your safety net.
5/21-6/21	 <b>Gemini</b>	Crunchy leaves and crisp air make for a great date night. Don't ditch your friends, though. Get everybody together for a haunted hayride.
6/22-7/22	 <b>Cancer</b>	You're so artistic. Use that craftastic talent to rearrange your room the feng-shui way. Don't go for a complete re-do, though. Your taste is as fickle as the autumn weather.
7/23-8/22	 <b>Leo</b>	Be on the lookout for a moving van—a new kid might be coming to town. A ghoulish gathering with the gang makes a not-so-scary welcome party. You don't want to scare them too badly.
8/23-9/22	 <b>Virgo</b>	You know that friend who always has to be right? Be all ears when their yap flaps. They might just spit out a bit of insight that might be handy. So that's why you two are still friends!
9/23-10/22	 <b>Libra</b>	Thinking about blowing those birthday bucks on a new toy? Do your research before you spend everything at once. Still have to have it? Read the directions twice. You're bound to have gadget glitches this month.
10/23-11/21	 <b>Scorpio</b>	You're getting heated, and it isn't because of that comfy sweater. Stomp out that frustration fire by venting to a friend. Now, you're cool as a cucumber. Don't rekindle that old flame. Even if it's hot, hot, hot.
11/22-12/21	 <b>Sagittarius</b>	Friends are looking to you to set up the social scene. Plan a costume party or an apple pie bake-off. Grab some cider and call the whole crew.
12/22-1/19	 <b>Capricorn</b>	It's no illusion—the new kid is eyeing you up. Your group is in need of a little harmless love drama, so enlist them as a pal...for now. Maybe down the line, you two will hit it off big.
1/20-2/18	 <b>Aquarius</b>	Don't hide behind that mask. It can be tough to spill the truth, but someone is counting on you. Luckily, people in your world are quick to forgive and forget. Phew!
2/19-3/20	 <b>Pisces</b>	Exhale! The stars (and your math teacher) are cutting you some slack. Surprise a stressed-to-the-max friend with a random act of kindness. Peanut-butter brownies, perhaps?



"Making a difference in the Quad Cities and throughout the world."

The 8th Grade Team took the 8th grade students on a field trip downtown to view the Coexistence Exhibit sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities and the Figge Art Museum. We got to look at a lot of different pictures as we were asked what they represented. For each picture a quote explained how each picture described coexistence. We had lots of fun.

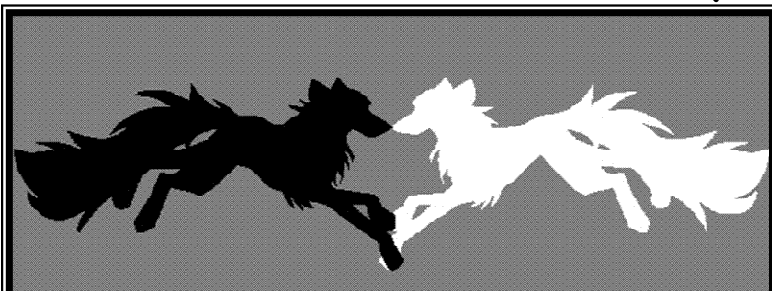
## Coexistence

By Tre'Chiondria Lathan & Brianna Barclay

In addition to seeing the Coexistence Exhibit downtown, we took a school bus to West High School to hear author Naomi Shihab Nye, who grew up in two different religions and cultures. Her parents decided that once they had a child, they wouldn't make her be part of both religions.

**Kaushay Colvin said:** "Naomi Shihab Nye was a very interesting speaker. She talked about her experiences and what those experiences meant. My favorite part was when she talked about her lost yellow glove."

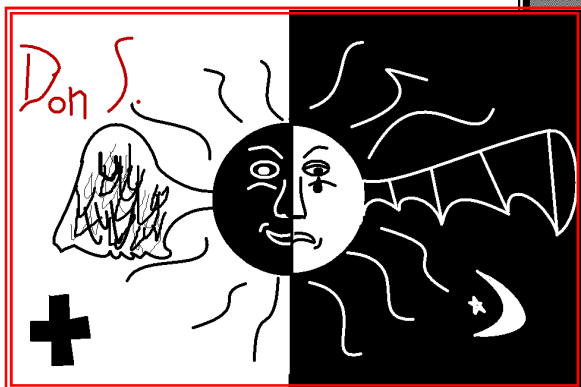
**Tyler Hurst said:** "The author we heard at the field trip talked a lot about how to become more familiar with writing. One piece of advice was to write down 3 lines each day. She also read excerpts from her works including, "The Yellow Glove." She spent a lot of time talking about coexistence in the Middle East."



Original art by Jessica Lynn Cross with help from Sahara Ruzal

"We, one-in-two, Are nameless, oh stranger, when the stranger Discovers his own true self in a stranger. Ours is the might of shadows from the garden left behind. Be gone out of your lands of night, Concealing what you will. In haste we came From the simultaneous setting of two abodes, We sought our address together you and I; Go forth to your shadow."

~Mahmoud Darwish



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# Commemorating 9/11

By Meghan Essary

We all remember 9/11, one of the most devastating events in our country's history. The date was September 11, 2001. It happened between 8:46 and 10:28 a.m. The terrorists intentionally crashed airliners into the World Trade Center, one plane for each tower. They also crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia near Washington, D.C. Please, if you're reading this, give a moment of silence for all the people who

died in the event and who are still dying for our freedom now.

This tragic event will be remembered in our hearts and minds...forever.



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## Marching Band Spectacular

By Josie Mumm

The school band will be performing with all the junior high bands and West, North, and Central High Schools on October 2, 2007. The conductor and band teacher is Mr. Fischer.

Some of the band members

are excited about the Marching Band Spectacular and some are nervous about the performance. For the 6th grade students, this is their first marching experience, and they do not know what to expect. The band will be playing "Barbra Ann,"

"Magnificent 7," and "All Star" with the junior high bands and "God Bless America" with the high school bands. They will be performing on Oct. 15, 2007, at Brady Street Stadium. So if you can, come support the JB band.

## Miss Understand

Dear Miss Understand,

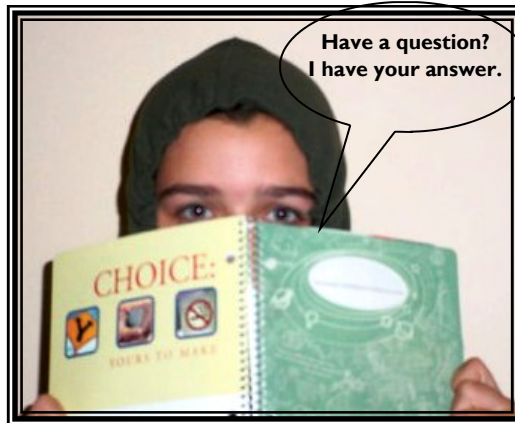
Drugs are a real problem in my neighborhood. I want to do something about it, but I don't know what. I am also worried about what the locals will think. **HELP!!!**

Sincerely,  
Drug H8er

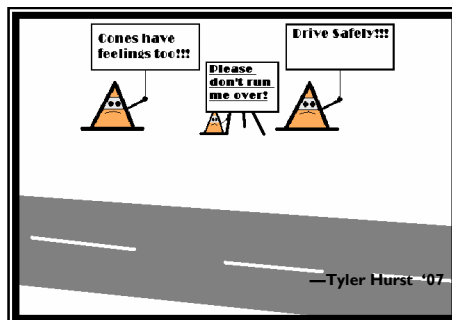
Dear Drug H8er,

Drugs are a real problem in a lot of places in America and around the world. The best thing to do is confront the person by saying how you feel. If they don't stop, then set an example in your neighborhood. Get a game of softball or kickball together in your neighborhood. Remember, don't cave under the pressure.

Sincerely,  
Miss Understand



Meet the new Miss Understand



Dear Miss Understand,

In schools the whole he said/she said thing is really getting on my nerves. Gossip is a HUGE problem. How do I stop one of my best friends from doing it without hurting her feelings?

Sincerely,  
Gossip Gal

Dear Gossip Gal,

I was once tangled in a whole web of gossip and lies. The best thing to do is tell your friend right up that you think she should stop gossiping because it hurts people's feelings. If this doesn't work, just try ignoring it. I hope this helps.

Sincerely,  
Miss Understand