



## SNEAK PEEK

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# Cyber Bullying

By Joyce Wang

## Respect

October was the month of respect. Of course, when it comes to this character trait, people start to think of two things: bullying and cyber-bullying. The act of cyber-bullying is when a child, adolescent, or adult is tormented, harassed, humiliated, or targeted by another person using the Web, digital technology, or phones. As this continues, the victim and the bully may take turns harassing each other. This is continuous until it is stopped in some way.

To prevent cyber-bullying, get as much help as possible and act confident about yourself. Make friends with your classmates so that it will be harder for bullies to see any weakness in you that they can put up on the Web. If you feel humiliated, go to a trusted adult. Teach other kids about respecting others and to stand up to for themselves.

## Tips for Middle School Students

Do not hide information about being a victim of cyber-bullying from adults, as they can be very helpful in stopping it. Be on the lookout for bullies and victims. The ones being bullied tend to have a hard time standing up for themselves and others. Cyber-bullies may act normal; they might even be your

friends, but you might not know because they can pretend to be someone else on Facebook, Twitter, My Space, and other social websites. A message or text meant to bully someone may look like a very simple message.

## Cyber bullying and Tragic Endings

Throughout the years there have been many cases of victims committing suicide or homicide. Last year, an immigrant teenager named Phoebe Prince hung herself after fellow classmates (eventually the entire high school) harassed and bullied her (continued on p. 2)

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- first in school, then online. This continued for a long time until Phoebe decided to end her life due to the harassment.
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- **Visit to End Cyber Bullying**
- Earlier this school year, in October, educational speaker Josh Gunderson paid a visit to Thomas Jefferson Middle School to address the problems people

(mostly adolescents in the middle school age) might encounter when having a profile on Facebook. The largest problem he introduced to us was cyber-bullying. We thanked him for coming to speak out against the growing problem of cyber bullying. Hopefully,

with the help of many people, cyber-bullying will end. Without this act of digital harassment, no one will have to encounter the horrific experience of cyber-bullying.

## ASUS EEE PAD TRANSFORMER BY RAKSHAN SADASIVUNI

Are you looking to buy a tablet and a laptop? Well, the Asus Eee Pad is the one for you! Just simply plug the tablet into the keyboard and... voila- you have another 16 hours of battery life and a fully functional laptop! To see the full

intro video, visit YouTube and search up ASUS Eee Pad Official Commercial. You will be blown away by its features! The price can be a little uncomfortable, priced around \$500 each for the keyboard and tablet. How-

ever, it comes loaded with internet, two versions of Angry Birds, and an app store powered by Android. The keyboard can be stored away for a compact fit. If you are going to buy this miracle product be cautious- there is another version that is just a laptop.



STEVE JOBS : A LIFELONG INNOVATOR BY TANMAYA PHANDA & ANURAG RAJAGOPAL

Apple’s co-founder, Steve Jobs died on October 5, 2011 at the age of 56. Mr. Jobs died because of pancreatic cancer. In his amazing career, he created some of the best technology in the world, and he also helped create one of the best known video games. He created the Mac, iPod touch, iPod, iPhone, iPad and other Apple products released in the past ten years. A few days before this sad tragedy, Apple released the iPhone 4S.

**As A Child**

You may think his childhood was great, but it was actually a struggle. He was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs in California. Steve Jobs dropped out of college. He was an expert at personal computing, mobile tech, and also software. This man changed the world into using new and amazing technology.

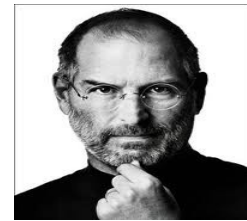
During his career, he only received an annual salary of one dollar! He has achieved so much in his successful life that no man has ever done in the world. Everyone is proud of what Steve Jobs had in his outstanding career.

**What now?**

Since Mr. Jobs is no longer with us, what happens now? First off, a new CEO will step in. His name is Tim Cooks Apple’s former Operations VP. Apple fans all over the world hope that he will set the bar even higher than Mr. Jobs. There is much speculation for new products such as the much rumored iPhone 5. It is rumored to have a faster, smoother processor, I OS 5, which helps it function better. It also has an 8 mp high quality camera which takes more crisp photos. The phone will run on 4g LTE which makes faster phone calls, texts, and downloads data quicker.

Look for it next year. Or the new iPad 3 which is speculated to have much needed bigger speakers for louder playback, and a new camera like the iPhone 5 and a camera with flash that is encased into a sleeker glass body that has a new retina display which gives sharper images. Apple made claims for a new TV though details haven’t emerged. From what I’ve learned, looks like Apple will be just fine. Even though it’s founder is no longer with us Apple doesn’t look like it’s

for a



disappearing while.

**TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM BY SCOTT WANG**

It seems that the world around us is becoming digital. Everywhere you look, someone is getting an iPhone 4s, or buying Hp TouchPads. Your sister may have shown off her new computer to you or your best friend may have opened an account on the PlayStation network. Now what can possibly follow this trend... but schools.

Right here at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, at a swift rate, classrooms are boasting more and more digital equipment. In response to these changes, Ms. Maietta remarked, “I think it’s going to be three more years for all the rooms to have a smart board.” Soon, the whole school will obviously be computer based. For example, Mr. DeStefano and

his SWAT team are continuously upgrading the technology at the school. Also, the Parent Portal, a program designed to show students’ grades, was introduced this school year. The new technology at Thomas Jefferson is worth it. Conveniently, the new interactive boards are able to be used for games, interactive activities, and presentations. They make learning for students a lot more fun, easier, and interesting. Just ask anyone. A student, Nicco, commented, “I like Smart boards because you can doodle with the Promethean board and move stuff and it’s fun!” It’s true. Learning as a class with interactive resources seems to be more interesting to both students and teachers.

However, working with these electronics comes with a cost. What happens if a sudden power-out results in you losing all the work done in the day? What if your computer catches a virus in the middle of class? Are there unfortunate drawbacks to using these super-cool, convenient electronic devices?

“Yes, when the smart board or the Promethean stops working, I always have a backup plan. It’s always eating up time,” replied Mrs. Maietta when asked these questions.

## Flashback to October by Nawal Boto



What do you first think about when you hear the word Halloween? Do you think of fun times? Well that was the answer because that's exactly what everybody thought of the Halloween dance. It was a very glorious time, filled with snacks, sodas, candy, and an awesome DJ. Costumes were worn and the fun was flowing through the dance floor. It only took the kind donation of 5\$. People had so much fun hanging out, dancing, and just sitting down on the bleachers talking!

## Fun Facts By Jason Smith

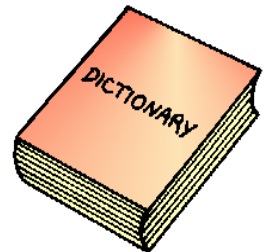
### Sweet Facts!

If all the Coca-Cola vending machines in the U.S. were stacked one on top of the other, the pile would be over 450 miles high! Now that's what I call a high seller!



### Tremendous Words!

There are only four words in the common English language that end in the suffix "-dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. Rare words, but important meanings



# NASCAR CHAMPIONSHIP BY STAWICK TRIPATHY



Nascar, the number one sport in the U.S. is down to its last three races Texas, Phoenix, and Homestead Miami . Carl Edwards ,#99 ,has a 8 point lead over Tony Stewart #14. They are 2 of the contenders to beat five time champ Jimmie Johnson, #48. With other drivers such as Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr., the chase is unpredictable, so let's see who wins in Texas.

## In Memory of MLK Jr

By Pratik Sinha & Anurug Rajagopal

Martin Luther King( 1929-1968) is looked upon as a legendary figure for all he has done for this country. He has inspired many people all over the world. This is why I think it is very important to honor him for Black History Month. Mr. King was arrested on December 1, 1955, standing up for his rights. He was very persistent in gaining freedom. On June 23, 1963, he led the Freedom March in Washington D.C. and delivered the world famous "I have a Dream" Speech. He pushed for change in segregation laws and finally got them after receiving a Nobel Peace Prize in 1965. Finally in 1968, after changing the image of black people around the world Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. His dream lives on in the hearts of people around the work.

