

“Crown Jewels” Makes Stage Debut Friday



“Crown Jewels” starred Cricket DeLoach as the queen, Sarah Hwang as her mother, and Ben Unruh as the General.



Sara Hofman and Yumin Pyee were the royal guards.



The maids receive royal guests, Yumin, Chanel, and Mico, who mistake their identities.



Emily Brokaw and Jamie Thompson played maids mistaken for royalty.



Cricket does her best “angel” impression, while Danny Sullivan is revealed as the true king.



The cast takes a curtain call after a fine performance Friday.

Young Life Rolls into Action Friday Nights



Keanu Lee

As cars piled into the driveway, students piled into the Watson's house. More than 30 middle schoolers filled the apartment, talking excitedly about the Young Life event.

“Will it be as good as last time?” someone asked loudly. Mr. Stutzman got everyone to settle down and Mrs. Sutzman indulged the students in a game where students had to quickly line up their teams in order of birth, or height, or distance they lived from the Watson's..

After that, guitars were brought out and songs were sung. Kids bounced off the walls and jumped around, all of them gathered in front of the huge projector screen showing lyrics to the song.

After that, Mr. Stutzman raffled

off “fun stuff” like old, broken sunglasses and a used medal from the

Beach Carnival. Then, the event was interrupted by Ninja Girl and Duct



Who wants to be a super hero? Ninja Girl and Duct Tape Man look for volunteers in the Young Life audience Friday night at the Watson's apartment.

Tape Man, who made them see who could be a super hero themselves, having them stuff their faces with marshmallows. Mr. Stutzman came out victorious.

The evening ended as kids sang songs and Mr. Nollan explained about God being our super hero.

It was a wonderful blast for all the students and teachers that came.

The next Young Life event will be this Friday night at the Watson's at 7 p.m. Don't miss out on the action!

Helpful Advice to Avoid Sicknes



Vaasavi Sundar

Have you ever gotten really sick, and then had to miss out on school? Well, it has happened to me... And I really enjoyed it... NOT... There are, however, some simple

ways to prevent a cold, or cough from

coming to you.

SOME WAYS TO PREVENT SICKNESS

Always washing your hands before eating may be the usual advice from parents, but you'll find it helpful.

If you know that someone in your class or one of your family members is slightly sick, make sure that you don't share the same cup, or something.

Yoga or breathing exercises are sometimes good to do, since they are supposed to make your body stronger,

and you'll find that you won't get sick so often.

Make sure that when you do cough or sneeze, you don't cover it with your hands, because when you go and shake some one else's hand, well, they'll get sick, or get your germs anyway.

Try not to touch your face a lot; this is the main reason why people get colds.

Drink lots of fluids, like water. Water hydrates your body, and without it, you won't be very healthy.

Try to get some aerobic exercise during the week; fresh air is good for you.

Make sure you get plenty of sleep.

This is a good way to relax, and it is a theory that people who get enough sleep live longer and have a lower chance of getting heart disease.

Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables

and you won't have to go to the doctor a lot.

HOW TO TREAT YOURSELF WHEN YOU ARE SICK

When you do have a cold, make sure that you drink plenty of fluids; it's probably the best medicine you can take.

When you have a sore throat, or a cold, you normally have a lot of phlegm in your throat. You can take hot showers, because they help ease the congestion in your chest.

Make sure you blow your nose a lot when you have a cold, but make sure you do it the right way. When you blow too hard, the phlegm can go into your ear passage and create an ear infection. The best way to blow your nose is to press a finger over a nostril, and blow GENTLY to clear the other.

Do not drink cold liquids; they will only make your sickness worse. Drink plenty of hot or warm liquids.

Eat lots of fruits with vitamin C like oranges.

I hope you find this helpful when you get sick, or when you think you are going to get sick soon. Better be safe than sorry!



Washing your hands to keep them germ-free is one of the best ways to avoid illness.

Dalat Students Work Up a Sweat



Tony Suh

It is not that I think sweating is wrong; it is a natural part of your body. But the problem is the smell and appearance of sweating students. I am **not** I saying I don't sweat; on the contrary,

I am like the person that sweats the most. (I sweat if I just walk around). So my opinion is based on my experience.

At lunch, middle school students go out to play on our wonderful courts, and as they run they tend to have some sweat, and give bad smells to other middle school students. To share my experience, my parents always say something bad about my sweat like a super nasty food in Korean, that stinks worse than a skunk. So I always feel bad and disgraceful about it.

Now you might or might not have that kind of experience, but I will tell you this! As a student in middle school, I almost always smell some bad odor caused by sweat. Sometimes it's my

own, but not always! Once I smelled a terrible odor and it completely ruined my day.

Having a sweaty body also lowers your reputation because people won't get near you because you stink; they won't even talk to you! This happens to me at least once a month. Trust me, it makes you miserable.

Also after you are done playing, you may regret you have sweated because sometimes it irritates your skin. It also makes you feel like a failure, at least it does for me.

In addition NEVER DO YOUR HOMEWORK WHEN YOU ARE SWEATING. Once I did homework while I was sweating like crazy. All my sweat wet the paper, so I had to do it again! I wanted kill myself for that!

So my recommendation is if you sweat a lot like me, use a deodorant to try to make your body less stinky. Now you don't have buy expensive perfumes that cost over 100RM; buy a cheap and handy deodorant that you can keep in your pocket and use it whenever you think you sweat a lot.

Also, it would be a good idea to have once a day in a week where you can just do your homework or just relax in lunchtime instead of playing. It is always a good thing to have a small tissue box with you so you can wipe your sweat clean, since if you clean off the sweat with you shirt it will make your shirt sweaty. In addition, if you are going to do some sport or just play after school, it would be a good idea to bring a set of spare clothes to change into after school.

These things will make you be more social, since now people won't avoid you or sometimes tease you because you are sweating. You will also feel good about yourself being clean; you will have more confidence and be more successful. And also you don't have to worry about ruining your homework because of your sweat, like me.

Now this is my opinion, so don't be too serious about this. I am not forcing you to do anything. It is also my suggestion from my experience. So you may ask yourself: is it correct or not? YOU DECIDE!

Students Learn from Service Projects



Vaasavi Sundar

In chapel, Mr. Gwaltney assigned tasks for us a few weeks ago. It was to use 100RM to change someone's life.

First, some people had difficulties finding a way to use the money...others knew right away.

The 5th graders sold food and other items after school, got donations in open house, and got money for doing chores. They earned about RM1,045 and plan to give it to an orphanage in Cambodia who just had six new



Fernando and Lucia took charge of the 5th grade chapel project.

orphans but hardly any supplies for them.

The 6th graders also sold items after school and are going to give it to Kawan House, which is a drop in center for people who are poor, needy, alcohol/drug users, and for people with HIV Aids. The class earned about RM250.

The 7th graders donated their money to a country that doesn't have many schools. They found out about this from the Internet. The organization's name is *Serving Our World*. What they do is

play with, feed, and educate abandoned children.

The 8th graders helped two Sungai Petani families who needed help. Danae Frenz learned about this from Mrs. Steiert. They took donations from teachers and students and bought groceries worth RM200. They learned that small things make a BIG difference.

Two main points Mr. Gwaltney talked about were raising awareness and touching people's lives. He also referred to the story where Jesus feeds the 5,000.



Danae and Jeffrey explain how 8th graders helped two local families.

Soccer Team Kicks!

Vaasavi Sundar

On Saturday the 29th of September, our middle school boys' soccer team, coached by Mr. Stutzman, played in the soccer tournament on the Polo Grounds. Unfortunately, they did not win any of the games that they played, but they put in a lot of time, effort, and hard work. They played against four teams, and had only one break during the entire tournament.

Their first game was against ISKL, the International School of Kuala Lumpur. The Dalat team lost 0-2. (The Dalat Team had their only break after this game)

Their second game was against Uplands, the international school in Batu Ferrengi, and they tied this game 0 - 0.

The third game they played was against Alice Smith, and they lost this game 0 - 10. They did, however, work very hard in this game.

The fourth and last game that was played by Dalat was against Han Ching, and they lost this game 0 - 3.

The tournament started at 9:00 AM, and it rained all day, so it was quite easy to stay cool, and to receive a drink of water. Most of the team was able to play, but unfortunately, some of them could not make it, or were busy with some other occasion. The team players ranged from grades 6 - 9. Some of the Dalat Community was able to come and watch the tournament, and really enjoyed cheering our team on. Many people agreed that the tournament was very exciting, and fun to watch, or play in.

STUCO Works



Evelyne Kiiza

The Dalat Student Council, known as STUCO, has been in action and they have been doing the best they can to make decisions. Their leader is Mr. Holden who is a very good teacher. He is funny and he loves people who participate in decision making.

The STUCO people have some really nice plans for the middle school. Stuco is now very active and they have a whole bunch of new ideas coming for the second quarter.

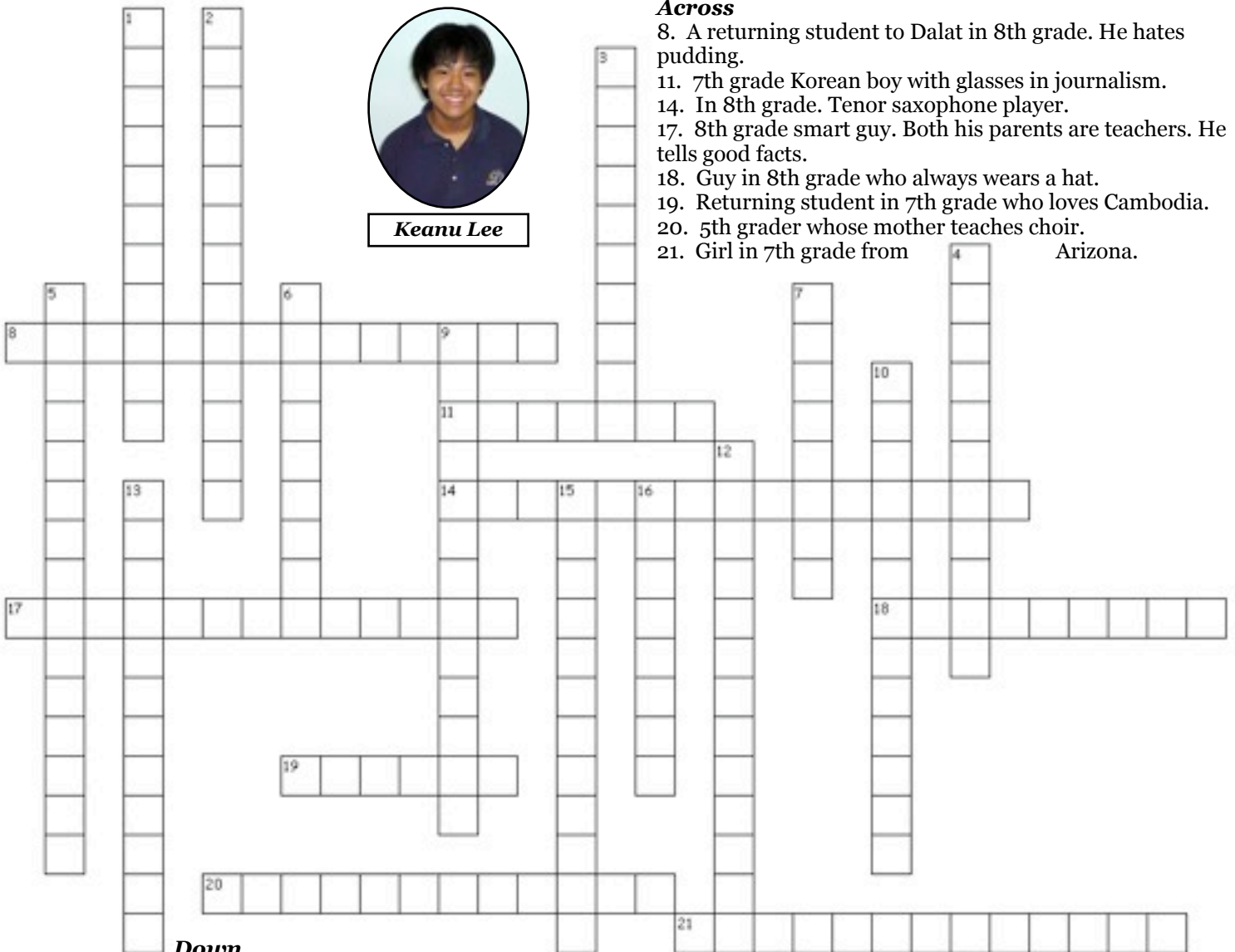
In middle school elections, president Eric Han won the vote, vice president Sam Eckman carried the day, and service leader Ben Unruh won the majority. I think they will make very nice decisions because they will get along well.

The rest of STUCO includes: Annie Archer, who is funny and smart. Sam Eckman, who is often so gullible. Evelyne Kiiza laughs a lot. Cricket is funny and nice. Eric Han is the president. Ben, our service leader, is very smart. Matt Blatt loves his hat, and finally, Hung-Ching Song is very nice and helpful.

How Well Do You Know Dalat Students?



Keanu Lee



Across

- 8. A returning student to Dalat in 8th grade. He hates pudding.
- 11. 7th grade Korean boy with glasses in journalism.
- 14. In 8th grade. Tenor saxophone player.
- 17. 8th grade smart guy. Both his parents are teachers. He tells good facts.
- 18. Guy in 8th grade who always wears a hat.
- 19. Returning student in 7th grade who loves Cambodia.
- 20. 5th grader whose mother teaches choir.
- 21. Girl in 7th grade from _____ Arizona.

Down

- 1. Girl in 8th grade. Her parents are dorm parents.
- 2. Plays baritone saxophone in the intermediate band.
- 3. Mr. Stutzman cracked this player's wrist in soccer.
- 4. She's in 8th grade and she's on the Girls Varsity soccer team.
- 5. African boy in 5th grade.
- 6. He's in 7th grade and has "dreamy eyes" according to Mr. Stutzman.
- 7. 7th grade girl with glasses who comes from Malaysia.
- 9. Daughter of spiritual life director.
- 10. Canadian boy with blonde hair in 7th grade.
- 12. He plays the electric guitar in the middle school worship band.
- 13. Only red headed kid in 7th and 8th grade.
- 15. A percussionist in the intermediate band; also in journalism.
- 16. He's in 8th grade and he's our service leader.

Primate Menace Loses Arm



Michael Nollan

Don't you hate it when the power goes out and the air conditioning stops running, forcing you to live in sweaty agony? Well, next time it happens, blame the one armed monkey! The one armed monkey (known to the Archer family as "Frank" although that isn't his name) has a habit of messing with the electrical wires around Dalat, consequently knocking out the power. Although he hasn't done it at the time of this article being written, he did it twice last year. Why is he one armed, you ask? The first time he messed with the fuses, he fried his arm!



A photo of a one armed monkey. There is no photo of Dalat's One Armed Monkey.

Another Word Search, Another Disaster!



Joe Merusi

- ASTEROID
- CREST
- EARTHQUAKE
- FJORD
- HURRICANE
- MONSOON
- PLATETECTONICS
- POWDERAVALANCHE
- SANDSTORM
- SEAICE
- SHEETLIGHTNING
- SLABAVALANCHE
- STORMSURGE
- SUPERCELLTHUNDERSTORM
- SURGE
- TORNADOALLEY
- TROUGH
- TSUNAMI
- TYPHOON
- WETAVALANCHE

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Humor: Computers Still Fall Short of Man



Michael Nollan

Let's face it: Computers have a long way to go compared to humans. Look at this. I sent some words through the school translation program on Vista. First, I translated from English to Korean, but since I don't speak Korean, I translated back from

Korean into English. Get a load of what happened!

What it said before I sent it through the translator program: "Alex likes Swiss cheese, even though he is Canadian."
 What it said after I sent it through the translator program: "The egg

likes the though he is Canada end, but likes the Swiss cheese."
 What it said before: "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?"
 What it said after: "The e tree which will freeze right tu was the tree to be light seven possibilities tight and to be light seven rights tu tight possibility it was in case?"
 What it said before: "How many boards could the Mongols hoard if the Mongol hordes got bored?"
 What it said after: "How many it will give the many board and possibility there was Mongols where the excessiveness of the position Mongol nomads will store grudge tediously in case?"
 What it said before: "Let's face it, this school gives too much homework,

and the books are very heavy."
 What it said after: "It confrontation flaw, this school to give to vast quantity homework, the book very heavy."
 What it said before: "There is no such thing as A+ at this school, because parents were beating the students that didn't get A+!"
 What it said after: "As for the student where the parents does not get A+ because is, in this school with A+ there is not a same thing!"
 In other words: Get a person to translate, not a computer!
 P.S. The computer thinks that actually says: "The person, it is not a computer and it translates get!"

Ida B Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (possibly) Save the World



Vaasavi Sundar

I read a book awhile ago called *Ida B*, by Katherine Hannigan. I know the title probably sounds extremely weird, but this book is a masterpiece, and is a very impacting story about a girl who had a perfect world which turned upside down. So, I'll just tell you a little bit about her.

• *Ida B Applewood* is NOT your typical kid. She has apple trees as friends, and lives an *almost* perfect life. Her mother home-schools her, and she LOVES it.

- She is an only child!
- She once sent these boats on the creek, which reached a man.....
- She has plans to "maximize fun, avoid disaster, and (possibly) save the world!!"

So now you know a little bit about our main character. Now I'll tell you about the story. *Ida B* lives a pretty much perfect life until all that changes when her mother gets extremely sick, and her father reluctantly sells some of their land, including the apple trees.

You already know that her friends are the apple trees, so she lost a set of important "people." And if this isn't

bad enough, *Ida B* has to start going to school. All of this hurts her, and she feels her heart changing into a cold black stone. *Ida B* obviously hates the changes that have been forced on her family. Before she can finally accept the things which she can't change, *Ida B* learns some of life's hardest lessons.

I really enjoyed this book for its great sense of humor, and its lessons in life. I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a medium length, fun story.

This is an excerpt from the book, courtesy of www.bookbrowse.com

Chapter 1

"*Ida B*," Mama said to me on one of those days that start right and just keep heading toward perfect until you go to sleep, "when you're done with the dishes, you can go play. Daddy and I are going to be working till dinner."

"Yes, ma'am," I said back, but I said it like this, "Yes, may-uhm!" because I couldn't wait to get on with my business. I could already hear the brook calling to me through the back door screen. "C'mon out and play, *Ida*

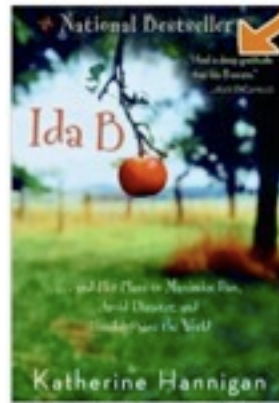
B. Hurry up, hurry up, hurry up." I had three places I wanted to visit, six things I wanted to make, and two conversations I hoped to have before dinnertime.

Mama was washing, Daddy was drying, and I was putting away the dishes from lunch. And I knew that the moment I set the last pan in its place, I was free. But the way those two were chatting and laughing and acting like we had till next week to finish up, I could see it was going to be a while.

My insides started itching and my feet started hopping, one then the other, because they were ten minutes past being ready to go. So I decided to speed things up a bit.

Daddy'd hand me a dish, I'd sprint to the cupboard and put it away, race back again, and put my hand out for the next one, with my right foot tap, tap, tapping the seconds that were ticking by.

"Hold your horses, *Ida B*," Daddy told me. "There's plenty of time to do whatever you're planning." And he passed me a plate, slow and easy.



Where Do You Live? Check Google Earth



Joe Merusi

Google Earth is a program made by Google and if you haven't used it you're missing a lot.

In it you are able to view every place on earth and there are even some extra features.

If you have Google sketch up (able to make 3-D images such as a house) you can make everything you see (except for airplanes) appear 3-D. There is also a search area where you can even find out where you live.

You can find Dalat and even Area 51 which turns out to be a government based air base. Alien spacecraft seem to have been removed from the original

photos, however.

If you look in Penang you can even find an airplane flying across the screen.

Note: if you ever find any strange pictures such as nuke explosions, take a screen shot picture because in the next several days the government will probably delete the site.

Google Earth is soooo cool! You can find Dalat campus, right, or even catch a glimpse of Rat Island, far right, from orbit.



Computer Lab Manners Need Improvement



Tony Suh

We all say that we use our computer labs nicely, but do we?

Now don't think I am the bossy guy. I am just sharing my opinion with you middle school students. I am also a disturber of the computer lab. I am not trying to be your mother saying what is right and wrong, I'm just sharing my opinion here.

We tend to think we use the computer lab nicely and there is no need to worry about it. We just think the computer lab is okay if no computer is broken, which hardly ever happens. So this leads to

not really caring about or taking care of the computer lab, but we really should take care of what we have!

The first problem in the computer labs is that people make so much noise

when they are playing games. I am one of them. When I was too noisy, somebody had to stop my big mouth. I was so embarrassed, so let's not try to get anyone else to do that. It is a MAJOR SOUND POLLUTION, not that I am the whole environment guy but we should still care and protect it. So in the computer lab we should all keep our voices down and not disturb anyone.



Students should do what they can to make computer labs quiet.

The second problem is people who bring food in secretly to the computer lab to eat. Many people are bringing food and drinks, which are extremely dangerous to computers. It is not that it is so wrong; as long as we keep the bottles shut and eat outside of the computer lab which also helps keep the lab clean. Sometimes they're completely covered with trash. So we should NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINKS like the signs say. Be honest with yourself, and then you will be

happy, God will be happy, and other people will be happy. IF YOU COULD JUST DO THIS SIMPLE THING, EVERYBODY WILL BE HAPPY!



With nice equipment, people should never even consider bringing food and drinks into the labs.

So we should care for our precious and wonderful computer labs. They are one of the reasons I like Dalat. My former school never had a computer lab as good as this one. You can play fun games and study; it is like the relaxing center to me, so let's try to conserve our precious, wonderful computer lab so we could use it forever. TAKING CARE OF THE COMPUTER LAB LEADS TO HELPING OURSELVES! SO LET'S TAKE CARE OF THE COMPUTERS.

Video Games in Moderation Provide Harmless Fun



Michael Nollan

"Congratulations! You have advanced an attack level! You can now wield the abyssal whip!"

If you play Runescape, the MMORPG, you probably dream of this sentence. If you don't, I can at least imagine that many of

you know what video games are. However, many adults cannot seem to make up their minds.

"Video games are evil!"

"No they aren't!"

"Yes they are!"

"No they aren't!" etc., etc., etc.

But are video games harmful, really? The decision is up to you in the end. (Although your parents may think otherwise!)

Many parents come up with reasons out of the blue as to why you can't play these games.

"They cause school shootings!" Not necessarily true. If you avoid games with the big, fat **M** on them, you should be OK.

"These games make you go blind!" Actually, I have a doctor's advice on this one. "A ten minute break is recommended every hour of playing. No more is needed."

"You kids are getting lazy. When I was your age, I walked twenty miles to and from school, uphill both ways!" Someone explain to me how the tectonic plates shifted, every 12 hours, so the hills turn totally around.

"They are childish and will gravely retard your growth!" Excuse me? Now-a-days, nearly as many adults play these games as children do!

"You need to do your homework!" That one, you should listen to...

All in all, video games are not that harmful, if played in moderation.



Video games like Runescape provide fairly harmless fun.

Home

Home is a word that is used carefully
Something that isn't visited dolefully.
It doesn't have to be
the place where you stay;
It can be any place
in which your heart spends its day.
Home can be three thousand miles away
from you,
Or be the small room where
it's dripping with glue.
Home doesn't have to be rich and fancy
It can be a bit shabby,
But also where you are very happy.
The place you call home can be
something as simple as your room.
And it can be something
where things go BOOM!
The world is big, yet also small;
But somewhere in there
You can hear a call
That tells you to come home.



*Vaasavi
Sundar*



*Harry Kang and Hank Wong work
out the knots, while Nathan
Danneker tries to get his kite
airborne at an all-school activity.*

Summer Wonderings

You look back on what you had
On what you wish you had
And all that could have happened
But it didn't

You wonder what will happen next year
Will you be friends with your friends
Will you be in the same classes
Will your locker be changed
You wonder about everything
to wonder about

You think about your summer
A whole 7 weeks
With your old boring family
Seeing all your cousins again
At that same family reunion

The only good thing to come
Would have to be the fact you
Don't have any homework

But still, your family doesn't
Seem that exciting
Maybe Aunt Fanny will be
At the family reunion
That could be a plus

But before you know it
Your summer is over and
There you are again
Wondering about everything
to wonder about

Starting all over again
With your same old friends
With your same old locker
The only thing that changes
Are your classes but
that's a yearly thing



Annie Archer