

TOXIC RELIEF

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What is TOXIC RELIEF all about? by Leslie W.



OMMS MEDIA STUDENTS AND TEACHER WORKING ON THE NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter is about getting people together to create school news and to create a better community. It is also about finding out interesting facts and stories. The name of the newsletter is **TOXIC RELIEF**.

This newsletter will have short stories, pictures, stories about trips, what's for lunch,

Camp Caldera--- oh and cartoons! If you have suggestions, place them in the suggestion box. Dakota can help you with this.

The people who teach the newsletter class are Reg, and his wife Trish, who come from MATI. MATI stands for Media Arts and Technology Institute and is a new partner with Open Meadow Middle School.

What's for Lunch Today?!! By Courtney W.

A lot of people want to know what we are going to have for lunch each day. The newsletter class wanted to bring you a monthly listing of what is for lunch. But we can't tell you what it is because we have a slight problem.....

The lunch list is set for a week only. NOT a

month like we wanted. Anyway, we think Liza does a great job!



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◆ *TOXIC RELIEF is all about discovering community and creativity at Open Meadow Middle School.*

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A Place that Makes a Difference

by Tyler W.

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doing drugs.”*

Editorial note: *This report was written for a class by Tyler W. The class topic: A wealthy donor plans to build a new facility that will benefit our community. Tyler’s challenge was to come up with a convincing argument for the donor to make a sizable contribution. Is this an idea we can get behind?*

Dear donor,
The one thing the kids in my community would like is a studio, in

which we can make videos, take pictures, record music, and most of all have a good time.

We should have a studio built because there are many kids that want to be able to learn about and enjoy these activities. But their parents don’t have the money to get them the items they would need. The studio would fix that. It would let them hang out and play with all the cameras and other things.

The studio might keep kids from joining

gangs and doing drugs. Also, having a studio might help kids get into college making them have a better life. It could also give them something to do after school. They can also make new friends, learn new things, and just have fun. It will bring their artistic abilities out and give them experience for the future. In conclusion, the studio would be a nice addition to the community. Thank you for listening, and have a nice day.

The Suggestion Box

by Jacob L. and Dakota C.

For about two weeks now have we had a suggestion box out for Ideas for articles to put into the newsletter; we thank you for your ideas. According to those who voted so far, “Love” is what they want. We want to know what you mean by “love”. One idea was that

you wanted to have love stories, another was you wanted to know who was dating who. So we shall cast out the suggestion box again asking for ideas. We also hope to hear what you think about our first edition. Is it good? Is it bad? Could it have improvements?

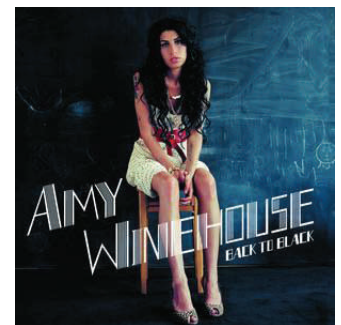
Also, if you have any stories and such, put them into the suggestion box. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please refrain from anything not school appropriate. Thank you again for those who gave us their ideas.

“Back to Black”

by Patrick M.

Editorial note: *International pop artist, Amy Winehouse dominated the Grammys with five wins at the February Grammy Awards night. She sang the song of the year, “Rehab” from her home in England. Patrick M. selected her story song, “Back to Black” as his favorite. Here is what he had to say about it:*

“Amy Winehouse’s “Back to Black” is a really touching story of heartbreak and depression. I liked it because it can relate to any teenager in America. But I couldn’t hear the music. The music video was powerful, but the beat overpowered the lyrics.”



HAUNTED HOUSE — BOO !!



I went to the University of Portland for the haunted house. Me and my mom and sister and my dad were getting out of the elevator when we met a guy

with a knife in his chest and blood everywhere. We went around him. Going through the haunted house, I lost my crown and a guy came and gave it back to me. I was crying when we went through the haunted house. A guy grabbed my mom's leg. She said, "Hey you can't touch anyone!" The guy on top of a table is saying, "Help me!" He is very loud. We went past this room and the room was like pillows and these girls were jumping

by Breanna J.

all around. It was scary because they would go to one end and jump in front of the door and scream. That was so cool. I hope I can go again. This year's haunted house was not scary at all. Because--- it was like no one jumped out at you. I went past this girl and she had an I.V in her arm. She screamed in my ear. It hurt for the rest of the night. I hope I can go again. I hope the next one is scarier.

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By ????

If you had taken the time and creativity to write something that was important to you— You might have been published in

TOXIC RELIEF !!!



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Austin M. gets special thanks for help with set up!!

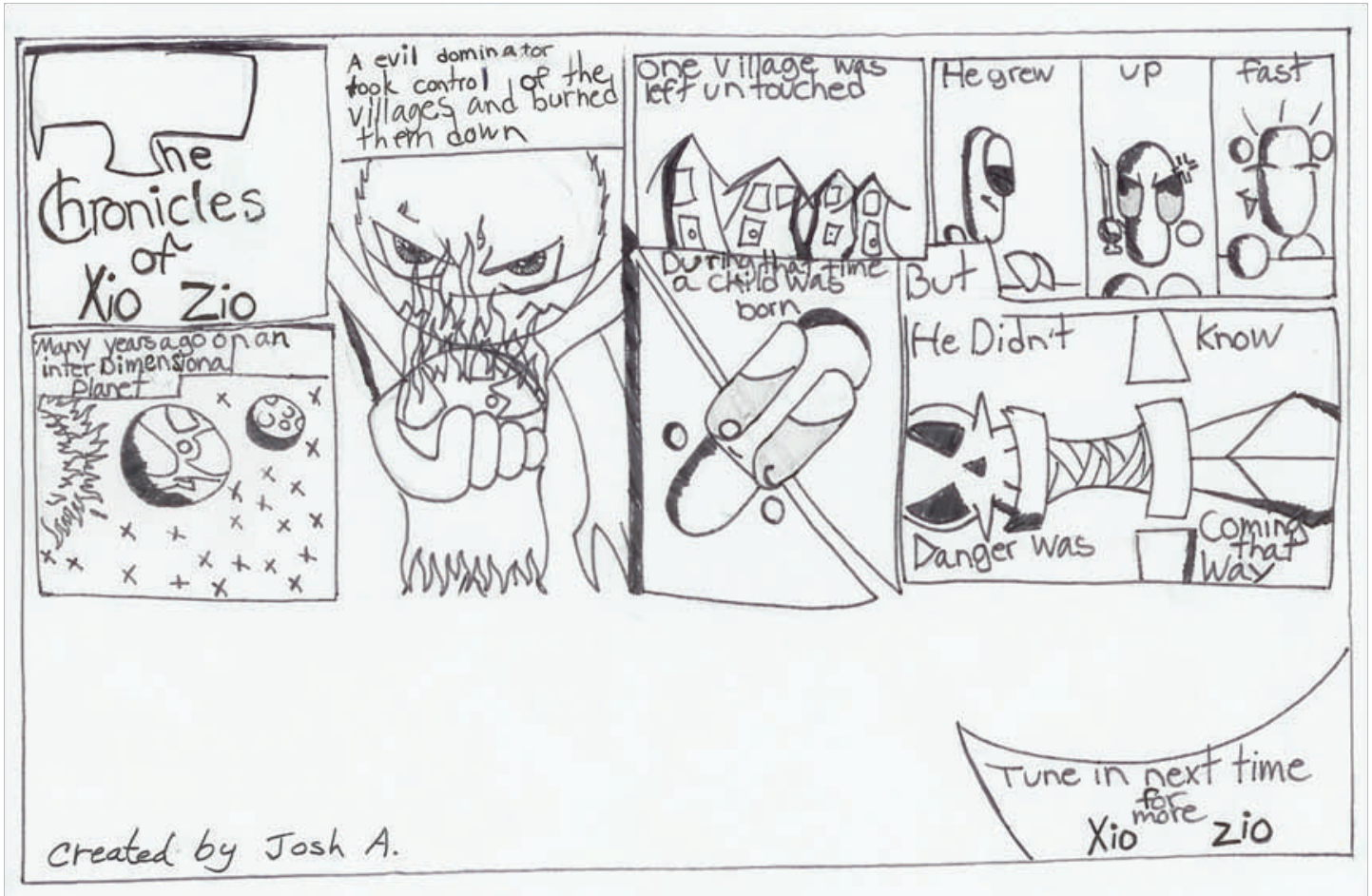
Want to Visit the Humane Society?

By Bobby Sue K.



Wow, I got invited to go to the Oregon Humane Society. The Humane Society takes care of animals that do not have homes. At the Oregon Humane Society I took dogs outside. They were white, black, and brown. I got to walk the dogs. I got to let the dogs go in a kennel. I got to give the dogs treats. I got to play fetch

and I also got to brush them. After that I went to the cats and I got to feed them treats. I got to pet 5 cats and I got to hold one because it came over to me and sat in my lap for 5 minutes. They were nice, curious, and friendly. It was very fun playing with the animals.



Put your ideas in the **Toxic Relief** Suggestion Box!!

Disneyland: the Best of the Best by Jacob L.



I recently went to Anaheim California for a vacation, my first one ever at that. I went to Disneyland and Disney California Adventure, and I will give you the scoop of the good and the bad. Just so you know, BRING BOTTLED WATER! Ever had mud along with some puke? You'll taste it if you have some of that rancid horrible stuff. Anyways, I recommend going to Disney's California Adventure first. Though I had some trouble with some of the rides, in the end, I was satisfied with the amazing rides available for you.

The best of the best is The Hollywood Tower Hotel, or what it is also referred to: THE TOWER OF TERROR! This thrilling ride features the best part of rides: Fear. Without fear life would be boring. It is a free fall ride where you slowly drop and fall until you are thirteen stories high. The next ride is best for a hot day. GRR, strange name, it's an abbreviation for Grizzly River Raft. You can tell by the name it is a rafting ride. You go flying through sharp turns and waterfalls. You will get completely soaked, or you will be practically dry. That's the only problem. about this ride; you have no idea what to expect.

A SPECIAL NOTE!!! THE STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO HAVE CREATED **TOXIC RELIEF** WISH TO THANK ADRIANA FOR THE USE OF HER CLASS ROOM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OPEN MEADOW SCHOOL STAFF TO CREATE THIS NEWSLETTER.