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Have You Spotted Fletch???

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Have you heard the news?! Fletch has been the talk of the school. He's TFA's brand new MASCOT! The FYI team interviewed Ms. Gregory for more information about our newest family member!

FYI: How long has Fletch been wanted here at TFA?

Ms. G: He has been wanted here at TFA for at least the last 7 to 8 years!

FYI: What kind of characteristics are you looking for in the lucky student to become Fletch?

Ms. G: Our Mascot should take the role on with great pride, have school spirit, be creative as well as represent our belief in being positive!

FYI: When will you start the interviews?

Ms. G: We had an interest meeting on May 12.

FYI: What games will Fletch attend?

Ms. G: He will attend all the Home Basketball Games.

FYI: Will he also attend school functions?

Ms. G: He will attend all school events, and especially the Pep Rallies!

FYI: What will Fletch mean to the TFA family?

Ms. G: He will COMPLETE our TFA family!!



Mascot auditions. Photo by Kathleen Urgo.

Auditions for whoever would like to be Fletch were held on May 23 during an all-school assembly. Congratulations to Alex Dittmer for winning! He will be Fletch next year.

~ FaithAnn Banks

Calendar:

- 6/3 - Last Day of School / Field Day for Elementary and Middle School / Early Release for Students @ 11:30 a.m.
- 6/3 - Teacher Workday 11:30 a.m.
- 6/6 - Graduation in the Silber Gymnasium, 10 a.m.



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Helping Our Earth

On Earth Day Mr. Nixon's class worked on the grotto. The Skills for Life students worked on making the grotto better by staining fences and benches, putting out tables and putting boards on the fences. Ms. Hearn's art classes are currently working on painting the boards. If you ever have time, a go look at the wonderful job the students, teachers, and volunteers did.

Mr. Nixon's Earth Day Interview:

What was your favorite part of Earth Day?

Being outside on a beautiful day, and watching the kids work together so well.

What did you guys do on Earth Day?

We mulched the rose garden, installed cement board above the backdrop fences, stained all the grotto fences and benches, and installed two checkerboard tables on cement pads.

Did all your classes work on the grotto?

No, fifth period didn't.

Are there any more plans for the grotto?

Yes, Ms. Hearn's classes are now painting beautiful scenes on the cement board. Go check it out!

How do you feel about beautifying the grotto?

It turned out great, and provides a wonderful outdoor venue for all the students and teachers to enjoy.

What skills did you use when working outside for Earth Day?

I only used my management skills to boss everyone around, except Ms. Blaylock----because she worked independently (trimming shrubs).

Did your classes that were out there use skills that they already learned in your class?

They really did. I was extremely proud of the progress they have made this year.

Did you teach anyone out there a new skill?

Yes, several of them learned how to frame, mix, and pour a concrete slab.

~ Carson Sweeny



*The new and improved grotto!
Photos by Kathleen Urgo.*

Top 10's in Rock Music

By: Mack Johnson

**Top 10 Rock Songs of All Time**

1. "Hey Jude" (The Beatles)
2. "Stairway to Heaven" (Led Zeppelin)
3. "Bohemian Rhapsody" (Queen)
4. "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" (The Rolling Stones)
5. "Whole Lotta Love" (Led Zeppelin)
6. "Wish You Were Here" (Pink Floyd)
7. "Won't Get Fooled Again" (The Who)
8. "A Day in the Life" (The Beatles)
9. "Smells Like Teen Spirit" (Nirvana)
10. "War Pigs" (Black Sabbath)

Top 10 Rock Songs Within the Last 25 Years

1. "Smells Like Teen Spirit" (Nirvana)
2. "November Rain" (Guns N' Roses)
3. "Enter Sandman" (Metallica)
4. "Come as You Are" (Nirvana)
5. "The Unforgiven" (Metallica)
6. "No More Tears" (Ozzy Osbourne)
7. "Thunderstruck" (AC/DC)
8. "All Apologies" (Nirvana)
9. "You Could Be Mine" (Guns N' Roses)
10. "Mama, I'm Coming Home" (Ozzy Osbourne)

Top 10 Rock Anthems

1. "We Will Rock You" (Queen)
2. "Back in Black" (AC/DC)
3. "Born to be Wild" (Steppenwolf)
4. "Another Brick in the Wall (Part II)" (Pink Floyd)
5. "My Generation" (The Who)
6. "Sweet Emotion" (Aerosmith)
7. "We're Not Gonna Take It" (Twisted Sister)
8. "Welcome to the Jungle" (Guns N' Roses)
9. "Here I Go Again" (Whitesnake)
10. "Rock and Roll All Nite" (Kiss)

**Top 10 Beatles Songs**

1. "Hey Jude"
2. "A Day in the Life"
3. "Let It Be"
4. "While My Guitar Gently Weeps"
5. "Come Together"
6. "Revolution"
7. "Yesterday"
8. "Something"
9. "Strawberry Fields Forever"
10. "A Hard Day's Night"

Top 10 Rock Bands of All Time

1. The Beatles
2. Led Zeppelin
3. Queen
4. The Rolling Stones
5. Pink Floyd
6. The Who
7. Black Sabbath
8. U2
9. The Doors
10. Nirvana

Top 10 Rock Solo Artists

1. Paul McCartney
2. Eric Clapton
3. Elton John
4. Jimi Hendrix
5. John Lennon
6. David Bowie
7. George Harrison
8. Bob Seger
9. Tom Petty
10. Ozzy Osbourne



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The Arts Festival

The art festival was awesome. I had to be at the art festival for cooking class. I went to the art festival straight after the Ultimate Frisbee game. I watched people hold up the piñata. The piñata was made by Spanish classes. I also watched the drummers drum from Triangle Taiko. People ate enchiladas with sauce and beans cooked by Culinary Arts classes. It was also neat to see lot of the art that was for sale at the art festival. It was also fun to talk to some of my friends and teachers. I experienced the drummers having a wonderful time doing what they were doing. The piñata looked like a lot of fun and it was so awesome to see some of the people enjoying what they were enjoying. There was also an international exhibit that was located at the art festival. Annalaurie Sink won the corn hole set in the raffle which was made by the Skills for Life class. The computer classes made all of the infographic posters that were there.

~ Robert Grubb



Top: The piñata; Center: The Triangle Taiko drummers; Bottom: Artwork for sale. Photos by Ms. Chang.

The BIGG Idea

August Giles had a BIGG idea, which stands for Big Ideas for the Greater Good. What that means is that a man named Chris Rosati, who is always looking for ways to help others, has created a program where many kids submit ideas to help others. This project is called Inspire Media Network. Out of thousands of people only 10 were chosen, and August was one of them. August submitted an idea to help homeless people. Instead of just giving them food without recognizing them, he would have a wonderful dinner while talking with them and have music playing in the background.

August heard about this project through biology class. He will be filmed over the next three months along with Nick, Kevin, and Will, who will be helping with the project. When filming is finished he is going to meet celebrities and walk the red carpet, and he is looking forward to that most.



*Picture of: August Giles
Photo taken by: Kathleen Urgo*

Music Video Filmed at the TFA

Let's jam out with some music blasting as the camera is rolling because on Sunday, May 18, there was a music video that was recorded at The Fletcher Academy. Briana Benkin, an eighth grader at The Fletcher Academy, was one of the dancers in the music video. The film producer found this school online without knowing that Briana was attending this school. The producer talked to Ms. Blaylock about the music video, and she gave permission for them to use the hallways of the school for the music video. They even allowed some of TFA's high schoolers to be extras in the music video. The music video is an anti-bullying video that had stereotypes swapped to show how bad bullying is.

To see what it's like being an extra in a music video and because I always wanted to be an actor, I volunteered to be in the music video for this FYI article. I went on set at around 8:00 A.M. that day, and I was half nervous and half excited. I had never been an extra in a music video. I was not the only one that felt really excited. Will Johnson was one of the extras for the music video, and he said that he was really excited about being part of the music video. Like me, he had never been an extra before and thought it would be fun to be one. Anyway, all of the extras had to bring at least three changes of clothing to swap out of so it would look like the day changed in the music video. After we put our clothes that we brought into the school in a gym bag and after one of the

members of the crew chose what we're going to wear, we had to go straight to makeup so our faces wouldn't shine in the music video. The makeup artist was really nice and did a great job. They had to restyle my hair a little bit for the music video so they basically darkened my face a little bit and put worked on my hair a little bit as well. After makeup, it was time to film. The director did a great job directing us on what we're going to do. Everybody did something different like walking out of classrooms and putting books in a locker, but all I did was to walk in the main hallway with two other extras. When the extras weren't needed on set, they would hang out at the cafeteria. When I wasn't on set, I mostly listened to my iPod and drew in my sketchbook.

It was really fun to be an extra in the music video even though I had to wait a lot. I think that the music video will turn out great, and my reason for thinking that is the same as Will's. Will thinks that the music video will turn out great because the directors seemed to know what they were doing. It was a fun experience for me because I met new people and got to hang with some of my friends, and I thought it was fun to be part of a music video, even if it's just an extra. If I had the chance, I would be an extra in a music video again. Hopefully, we will see the music video very soon.

~ Matthew Williams



Picture of Matthew Williams's hair at the music video. Picture courtesy of Matthew Williams.



Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

3rd Grade

Samuel Horton

5th Grade

Sophia Corigliano

6th Grade

Collin Daniel

8th Grade

Briana Benkin

9th Grade

August Giles

10th Grade

Dixon Dubow

12th Grade

Henry Donoghue

Mack Johnson

A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade

Matthew Sanders

3rd Grade

Erin Hall

Lucas Phillips

Bryn Stowe

4th Grade

Sam Bell

Pablo Holland

Mia Jones

Sophie Scholz

Drew Zobel

5th Grade

Rory Boone

Maddie Feldman

Alijah Gill

Walker Jackson

Christopher Martin

A/B Honor Roll (continued)

6th Grade

Chloe Bynum

Callie Gaertner

Ben Jarrett

Sebastian Jeffcoat

Mimi Tope

Jovon Traung

7th Grade

Karina Collins

Matthew Fiedler

Dykoda Grier

Zach Huska

Lindsay Kindem

Mikayla Malone

Annalaurie Sink

Logan Simmons

Kathleen Urgo

Kim Urgo

Charlie Wilson

8th Grade

AnaMarie Ballenger

Evyn Carden

Alexander Dittmer

Kayla Quigley

Frazier Turner

9th Grade

Benita Gillespie

Alex Marinelli

Kevin Pitino

Izzy Smith

Matthew Williams

10th Grade

Carter Bryan

Harrison Ben-Saull

Katherine Hurst

William Johnson

Tristen Lafferty

Mackenzie Lorenz

Max Matthews

Michael Moore

Isaac Smith

A/B Honor Roll (continued)

11th Grade

Krystina Cosme

David Moisan

12th Grade

FaithAnn Banks

Catherine Bryant

Henry Cozzolino

John Everette

Robert Grubb

Jack Kagan

Amy Lewis

Zack Marsh

Corey Sexton

Carson Sweeny

Thomas Taylor

B Honor Roll

2nd Grade

Griffin Block

3rd Grade

Owen Marlow

Diamond Reid

Ethan Rosero

5th Grade

Nick Rucker

7th Grade

Jacob Delaney

10th Grade

Thomas Insko

11th Grade

Kyle Brown

