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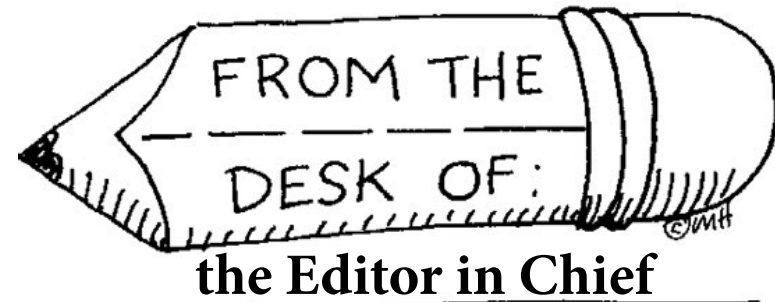
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What a great year it has been! Now, summer is approaching. The Third Term is quite over. This is when I, almost always, feel what people refer to as "mixed emo!" (feeling excited but a little bit down, feeling happy but kind of sad, wanting to shout 'hurray' but at the same time, wondering what to do for the next two months).

One part of me says "Summer will be awesome, always better than the previous year." Traveling, attending swimming classes and maybe more Robotics sessions, sleeping a lot, playing a lot and not having to worry about assignments... and the list goes on!

Most would be going on vacation in other countries knowing that the family has more time to bond. Boracay, Baguio, Palawan, or even Bicol...Why not? It would be amazing! There would be so much things to do and explore. Summer, as it is always, would really be fun!

However, the other side of me is quite anxious. I will miss my classmates, my teachers, my coaches. Everyday has been full of excitement to discuss, to learn, to clash, to debate, to write, and to laugh. I will miss recess time and lunch breaks when we don't just eat, but also, we get to run around, play, and tease each other. I will miss YO, meeting up with Ms. Willie and the rest of the team. Parting ways is always a sad moment. I will miss making good memories in school, both triumphant and not-so-happy ones.

Even if summer will be amazing when we imagine it, we won't even get close to that expectation until school is really over. Yes, not yet. We still have to strive one more time for the Culminating Unit Assessments and Performance Tasks for the Third and Final Term.

For Grade 6 like me, graduation is another thing to be ready and excited for. We should continue to strive harder and reach the bar that we set for ourselves on the first days of school. And during summer, we actually do not stop learning. Our passion for knowledge should linger beyond the four walls of DLSZ.

It's okay to be excited for Summer. It's okay, too, to feel a bit sad about ending the school year. Everyone passes through these emotions. What is more important is that we make good memories of both worlds.

Audric B. Vitangcol

S.R.C.C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Time flies so fast and before we know it, our term as the Grade School Student Representative Coordinating Council is about to end. In the last few months of our term, we still implemented exciting programs and a few activities yet to be finished. Let me report them to you.

In came 2017, and SRCC's first event had something to do with the Love Month. **Valentine's Day** was one of the hardest events because of the too many heart decors and other designs we had to prepare. Even if it was just a one-day event, it was all worth it to have exerted so much effort for Valentines Day. It was "sweet" to see students being generous to each other and even to the teachers and school staff.

The **SRCC elections** were also underway, and we were so excited to see the next generation of leaders. I know whoever takes the leadership role will make a difference. I hope John Paul "JP" Meim will do a lot of great new events, games, and projects for the grade school next year.

The "**Turnover**" ceremony was just around the corner when I became overjoyed realizing how far our outgoing Council has reached and how each of us became the better versions of ourselves. I know in my heart that what we did this year was just the beginning of becoming future leaders. We wish JP and his council all the best as they lead the next generation this upcoming year.

In early March, we participated in the **Lasallian Leadership Empowerment and Development (LLEAD) Series 3** held in Paradise Camp 1, San Jose, Bulacan. The team building and character building activities equipped us even more. These activities made us realize that we should always be on a learning mode as leaders. Unity, camaraderie, and wisdom should always be our goal as key influencers in our respective circles.

We have one last activity to organize and implement as a council before our term finally ends. The **Graduation Party**



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of Batch 2017 is fast approaching. Our Council is organizing a "High School Musical" themed party! We are all excited and at the same time sentimental as we make final preparations for this activity. We pray that it will be a huge success and that we will all enjoy our batch party, as we say goodbye to grade school and hello to middle school.

It has been a fun-filled, learning-driven, adventure-laden year for SRCC 2016-2017. We will never forget this opportunity we have been given to be of service to our school. We are grateful to Ms. Clarisse Teves for her mentorship and guidance. We are thankful for the full support of parents, teachers, and the school administration in the activities we have been tasked to spearhead and in the activities we jointly undertook. We appreciate each and every student who believed in us and gave us the opportunity to lead and serve them. Lastly, I commend all the members of SRCC 2016-2017 for their courage to step out of their comfort zones to lead, unite, and persevere in service.

This chapter in our lives will long be remembered and will become our inspiration to always do better, strive harder, and give our best at all times.

Julia Laylo

A Landslide Win for FORCE

Vitto Lorenzo B. Bisuña, 3H



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John Paul T. Meim, the newly elected SRCC President, receives the symbolic key from the outgoing SRCC President, Julia Laylo.

Faithful Organization Rendering Christian Excellence (FORCE) won most of the positions in the Grade School Student Representatives Coordinating Council's (SRCC) elections held last February 8, 9, and 14.

The Grade School elected John Paul T. Meim as the new SRCC President. Samantha O. Ocampo is the Executive Vice President. Juliana B. Santos is the Social Action Vice President. Paolo Miguel L. Macabali won as the Secretary post while Joaquin Miguel C. Paca won as the new Treasurer. Nathan Gabriel P. Sabio is the Grade 6 Level Representative while John Dominic F. Dimatulac is the Grade 5 Level Representative. All of them are from the FORCE party.

Among the candidates from SWAG (Students Who Are Great), only William Ronald A. Samonte won. He is the new Grade 4 Level Representative.

Duties and responsibilities were passed on to the new set of student leaders during the simple turnover ceremony held last March 2.

DLSZ Bags 23 Medals in Youth Excellence in Science Awards

Audric B. Vitangcol, 6A

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) recently held the Youth Excellence in Science (YES) Awards to recognize students in their "exemplary achievements in the fields of science and mathematics". This was held at the Philippine International Convention Center last February 1.

The DOST Secretary himself, Fortunato T. Dela Peña, awarded the medals to the 446 student-winners present in the said event. The YES medals signify DOST's high regard for excellence and competitiveness through the distinguished achievements of young Filipinos in international competitions.



PHOTO SOURCE: AUDRIC B. VITANGCOL, 6A

The awardees from De La Salle Zobel were Joaquin Gilberto R. Amante, Chiara Felicia Gabrielle V. Amisola, Grant Lewis M. Bulaong, Raphael Antonio Caguiat, Bianca Nicole Q. Casimiro, Aedin Hunter Clay, Davenson D. Co, Star Rycher Elijah Guico De Leon, John Sebastian Dela Cruz, Yaj Mikael Diola, Jared Elamparo, Beatriz Ysabelle Escalona, Bjorn Isaac Escalona, Zara Alexandra Genuino, Chelsea Lianne Tan Gomez, Juan Carlo Hernandez, Justin Aaron S. Natividad, Martin Johan M. Ocho, Nathan Rafael V. Recto, Jaden Coen Reyes, Julia Nicole V. Saulog, Song Meen Joo, and Audric B. Vitangcol.

Addressing the medalists, Sec. Dela Peña said that the increasing number of awardees "is proof of a very promising future ahead for our country.

The Secretary reminded the young awardees that someday they will be the leaders of this nation. He explained that responsibilities to one's self, family, and the nation are attached to one's exceptional skills.

Selected DLSZ Robotics Team Members Receive DSTC-Wyeth Kid Innovator Recognition

In a special recognition ceremony held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ortigas Center, Pasig City last February 22, selected members of the DLSZ Robotics Team were given special awards by Wyeth Nutrition in partnership with the Philippine Robotics Team.



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From Grade School, Zara Alexandra R. Genuino (Grade 5), Chelsea Lianne T. Gomez (6H), Bianca Nicole Q. Casimiro (6D), Bjorn Isaac C. Escalona (6G), Jaden Coen D.C. Reyes (6C), and Raphael Antonio R. Caguiat (6B) each received a trophy and a special prize from Wyeth Philippines.

From High School, Joaquin Gilberto R. Amante, Chiara Felicia Gabrielle V. Amisola, Raphael Antonio Caguiat, Aedin Hunter Clay, Star Rycher Ealijah G. De Leon, Beatriz Ysabelle C. Escalona, Nathan Rafael V. Recto, and Meen Joo Song received the same recognition.

In the same event, a press presentation of the 18th IRO Beijing Winners was also held. In the said presentation, the two junior teams in the Creative Category presented their robot projects.

DLSZ GEM Team Stuns Organizers of Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge



PHOTO BY: MR. CHARLIE ARAMELA

Just before the summer break, Math teacher and GEM (Goals for Excellence in Math) coach Mr Charlie Aramela and his team consisting of students from Grades 1-6 gave their last hurrah in the elimination rounds of the prestigious Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge 2017 held in Muntinlupa Science High School last February 16.



PHOTO BY: MR. CHARLIE ARAMELA

Chelsea Lianne T. Gomez (6H), Emmanuel Jace S. Savellano (2D), and Matt Gerard F. Navarro (1C) were named First Honours.

Martin Johan M. Ocho (6I), Christian D. Gendrano (Grade 5), Athena Gabrielle Kimwell (4D), Chae Eun Jang (4C), Anton Mikhail N. Gonzales (4B), Julia Bernadette C. Cruz (3H), Gian Louis E. Valenciano (2B), Aldrich Johan Kimwell (2H), and Gian Nicolas Casimiro (2E) were given the Second Honors distinction.

Gian Gabriel P. Ignacio (1D), Jacob Eulogio S. Rodriguez IV (1A), Johan Gabriel M. Pantoni (1D), Gael Azure M. Ilano (3B), Rachele Victoria L. Guintivano (3B), Jose Miguel Trinidad (4F), and Jaden Coen D. C. Reyes (6C) were Third Honors.

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY



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Dear Author,

Dear Ms. Leslie Bulion, I really love your books! (And happy 2 days after Valentines days) I also liked when you threw that snowball, my classmate and friend liked it too. And if you read this I'll teach you how to make STICK BOMBS!!! Love From the PHILIPPINES! Me MON!

With the initiative of Ms Rizza J. Piccio from the Physical Education Unit, three classes from the Grade School Department participated in the celebration of World Read Aloud Day 2017 last month with a unique activity.

Last February 16, in their Reading classes, 3H and 5E listened to book authors Leslie Bulion and Jennifer Poulter, respectively, as the writers read their creations. Via Skype, Bulion read “Fatuma’s New Cloth” while Jennifer Poulter read “The Sea Cat Dreams and Getting Home”.

Grade 5E even met Muza Ulasowski, the illustrator of “The Sea Cat Dreams and Getting Home”.

The following day, 6I had a similar activity. They listened to Lauren Magaziner read one of her interesting creations—”Pilfer Academy: a School So Bad Its Criminal”.

After the Read Aloud activity, the students in each class asked the authors a few questions about their work as writers and about their published books. They wrote “Thank You” letters to the authors, too. From these letters, one can tell that the students appreciated another way of learning out-of-the box.

DLSZ Chess Team Reaps 18 Medals and 2 Trophies in Br. Ceci Cup

Bjorn Isaac C. Escalona, 6G



PHOTO SOURCE: BJORN ISAAC C. ESCALONA, 6G

The DLSZ Chess Team brought home two (2) trophies and 18 medals from this year’s Br. Ceci Cup held at De La Salle Zobel last January 21.

The grade school team consisting of Joaquin De Guzman, Bjorn Isaac Escalona, Hyounghbin Koh, John Paul Meim, and Jefferson Villarin finished Third while the high school team with Lynux Ansay, Jethro Aquino, Gian Francisco, Adolf Gaiser, Khalil Kis-ing, and Hans Reyes emerged as Champion.

In the individual board categories, the following players each received a medal: Adolf Gaiser (Gold), Khalil Kis-ing (Gold), Lynux Ansay (Gold), Bjorn Isaac Escalona (Silver), Hans Reyes (Silver), Jefferson Villarin (Bronze), Gian Francisco (Bronze).

Walk for Life

“...a Commitment to the Sacredness of Life”

Once again, the Lasallian community made their voices heard when they participated in “Walk for Life”, a gathering organized by the Catholic Bishop Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) and the Council of the Laity of the Philippines. It was held at the Quirino Grandstand in Luneta last February 18 from 4:30 to 7:00 in the morning.

The forty-eight (48) participants from De La Salle Zobel were led by the Brother President himself, Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC. Other DLSZ administrators who attended the event were the Lasallian Formation and Mission Department Director, Ms Evangeline De Peralta; Social Action Office head, Mr Jayjay Jacinto; and BraFeNHS Principal Ms Evelyn Agcaoli, Ph.D. Mr Jose Goroy of the DLSZ bookstore was also spotted in the gathering. Some teachers and students were there, too.

“Walk for Life” was held in support of the CBCP’s campaign against the Death Penalty and the Lowering of Age of Criminal Liability to Nine (9).

CBCP President and Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas explained that the event was “not a protest but a commitment to the sacredness of life given by God.”

In related news, the SRCC led a prayer walk and a noise barrage at the DLSZ Sports Pavilion last March 8. The event was attended by volunteers in the DLSZ community.



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MEET PAOLO GUIDICELLI

Triathlete and competitive swimmer Gianpaolo Vincente F. Guidicelli is from a family of athletes. His dad, brother Mateo, and sister Georgia who are all triathletes have given him great influence and inspiration to be active in triathlon.

Paolo started in triathlon when he was six years old. The fun and excitement of the sport get him going as a swimmer, biker, and runner. That’s why he doesn’t mind the physical challenge of the game. As a triathlete, he swims 400 m., bikes for 5 km., and runs for 1.5 km.

Although he admires his brother very much, the shy boy shared with Y.O. that he doesn’t dream of becoming a showbiz personality like his brother because he is not so comfortable being surrounded by a lot of people.

DLSZ Alumna Tanya Favis Gives Writing Tips to Creative Writing, Creative Reading, and Y.O. Writers

Rose Anne Margarete C. Cardines, 5I



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With the initiative of Mrs Rowena “Weng” Zepeda, adviser of Creative Writing Club, a seminar on basic writing principles was held at the Audio-Visual Room of the Mutien Marie Building last February 21. The co-founder and co-editor-in-chief of YOU magazine, co-founder and editor of UNO magazine and co-founder and editor-in-chief of BC Magazine - U.S. and Philippines, Mrs. Kariz “Tanya” Favis was the resource speaker.

In her talk entitled “Tips on Becoming a Better Writer”, the speaker encouraged her young audience to read, first and foremost.

“You have to read as much as you can and whenever you can,” emphasized Mrs Favis.

Having a thesaurus while reading is another tip that the brilliant speaker gave the writers. According to her, one has to be “word smart” if he/she wants to become a better writer.

Another tip Mrs Favis explained is to find a happy place. It is a peaceful and quiet place to write about happy thoughts. It can be a bedroom, the kitchen or any place where one can be alone and read or write. She suggested playing appropriate music while one is writing. The right music helps the writer be in the right mood.

Keeping a small journal is another tip that the jolly speaker shared. She said that this journal should keep all the writing details and ideas that the writer remembers.

“You have to write whenever inspiration hits you,” Mrs Favis said.

One of the best tips that the participants heard from the speaker was to take advantage of technology in improving their writing skills. She explained that one can self-publish his/her works by being a blogger.

Mrs Favis gave some tips on writing fiction, too.

In the end, she inspired the crowd to keep on writing. After all, according to her, “No writing is ever wasted.”

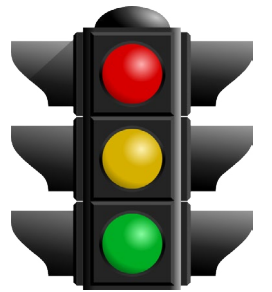
Kariz “Tanya” Favis was an active member of Young Observer and Counterpoint when she was still studying here at De La Salle Zobel. Her mother, who was a writer, encouraged her to pursue writing in college.

A mother to two adorable kids, Mrs Favis is proud to say that her daughter, Maxine, goes to school in DLSZ. In the near future, her son will be enrolled in the same school.

Young Observer would like to congratulate Mrs Weng Zepeda and the members of Creative Writing Club for a very organized activity.

A Visit to the MMDA Road Safety Park

by Andre H. Paris 4H



Last February 3, the Grade 2 visited the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Park for their Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) this academic year.



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The young Lasallians listened to an MMDA instructor and learned about the many road signs through lively songs and a short talk.

After the talk, the Grade 2 experienced how it is to be on the road inside the park. First, they walked over a short footbridge. Then, they learned how to cross the road in a safe way. They walked through an underpass, too.

Aside from the footbridge, other model structures inside the MMDA Road Safety Park are a hospital, a church, a school, a gasoline station etc. There are road signs and traffic lights, too.



Are you ready for an
**EXTREME
 ADVENTURE**

This year's Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) at DREAMPLAY offered exciting adventures that both students and teachers enjoyed! The ones who took the extreme adventures have proven that conquering fears begins with one brave step. Animo La Salle!

PHOTOS BY: MRS. W. D. RENOLAYAN



by Cheenee Sofia T. Chua, 5C

The Grade 2 Alternative Learning Experience (A.L.E.) was awesome. After learning a lot at the MMDA Road Safety Park, they went to DreamPlay. It is a creative play center inspired by DreamWorks movies. That is why replicas of children's favorite DreamWorks characters like Shrek, *Madagascar's* Alex the lion, Po of *Kung Fu Panda* etc. are all over the place.

At DreamPlay the Grade 2 enjoyed lots of fun and exciting activities. Some of them tried the giant dragon slides. Others learned the Kung Fu Panda dance. There were kids who decorated their own ginger bread. Many enjoyed the 3D movies which included *Shrek*, *Kung Fu Panda*, and *How to Train Your Dragon*. A lot of kids toured the huge house of Shrek! The game called "Float Your Boat" got many children interested. The animation games were also kids' favorite.

Both students and teachers enjoyed this educational trip to DreamPlay.



P O E M S



It's very fun when I go biking
It's fun biking with family
It's really nice, in my liking
When we bike happily
-Vitto Lorenzo B. Bisuña, 3H

BEACHES

Derek Joshua B. Altuna, 4G

Very near the shore
A great place for vacation
Best during summer

Taking a Break

Derek Joshua B. Altuna, 4G

After long months of school
You can enjoy a place somewhere cool
Anywhere in and out of the nation
Even in a tourist attraction
Tons of places to see
For students like you and me

VACATION

Alexander Viktor T. Uy, 4E

Going on vacation is fun
You're under the sun
With such fun,
With a toy gun,
Eating buns,
And then you are done!



My Summer

Sophia Lenore P. Mortel, 5A

A happy and fresh morning
Not sure of what you're going to be doing.
I'm sure that's not a summer thing.

A cold and chilly time
While you here choirs chime.
Well that's not my summer time.

A refreshing summer day,
when you just want to go out and play!
Now, that is my summer day!

Summer

A haiku by Ma. Tricia Jasmin M.

People love summer
There is no more work to do
It's not long enough

What I Can Do Best

Alex Gohockaun C. Sy, 4B

I can do taekwondo best
Though I don't set any rest
That's what it takes to beat the rest
That's how I got to be the best
I kick higher than the chest
So I get prizes in a treasure chest

Friends

Aila Regino, 4C and Daniela Lirio, 4A

Every time under the sun
I go to my firends and have some fun
I go to their house, have time to spend
Oh how good it is to be a friend!

Spending time with friends is like
Always riding a cool bike
Spending time with friends is fun
Like going out and taking a run



Artwork by Amanda Reign B. Ramos, 1D

TEACHERS

Martin Andre R. Monroy, 1A

My teachers help me to read, write, and count
They help me to draw pictures I can mount
They help me learn lots of subjects
And identify numbers, letters, and objects
From them I learn how to pray
That I may go through each new day

C leaning is fun
L ike to keep the Earth clean
E nough throwing trash
A lways be happy while cleaning
N ever throw trash in landforms
and water forms

Isabella D.G. Almeda, 2F

My School

Amanda Reign B. Ramos, 1D

School is a place that you can see
A school is a place where you can be
It teaches things just like me

I love going to school
You can be playful
You can be cheerful

You can learn and have fun
You can be friends with everyone
My school is number one



Aliya Margarette G. Ilaga, 1B

My family is a happy family
We do fun things together
We're friends forever
We love each other

TIMMY

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the Greedy Fox

by Hannah Thea P. Resurreccion, 4E

Once, there was a greedy fox named Timmy. He always sneaked for food.

“Where is my cupcake?” Mrs. Milky’s daughter cried.

Mrs Milky’s daughter was outside, roaming around. Then, she saw Timmy eating her precious purple cupcake. Mrs. Milky’s daughter cried as loud as she could.

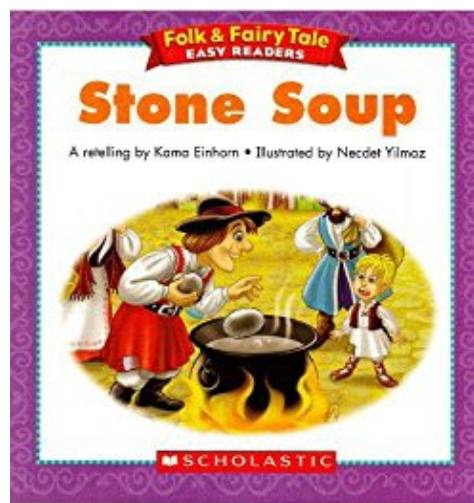


The whole town heard about the bad news. And so, the whole Animal Town put traps where the greedy fox would steal food.

One day, Timmy saw a yummy cake. SNAP! At once, he dove to grab it. But the fox landed into the net set up by the animals in the town. The greedy lions surrounded the greedy fox. And you guess what happened next!

BOOK TALK

Maria Esparanza C. Cabral, 2F



The story happened one day in a village. The main character is a visitor. He wanted to have food, but nobody wanted to share food. To solve the problem, he kind of tricked them into sharing stone soup. The moral of the story is always share.

i LOVE my bff!!!!

Maria Natalia C. Ilas, 1B

My friends are nice and kind to me. They help me find my pencil when it gets lost. They are not mean to me. They help me clean my table and other tables too. They play with me a lot. They are really my best friends.

AND THE WINNER IS.....



Sophia

“I’ve noticed that the most significant change in the last 10 years is technology. Why? Because technology has improved so much these past years—from ipods to iphones to imacs. We also have better gadgets to use in certain places like hospitals and schools. The new technology helps lots of people in science, communication, and even entertainment.”

-Sophia Lenore P. Mortel, 5A

“The most significant change in the last 10 years is actually the gadgets. They make things easier for us.” - Rose Anne Margarette C. Cardines, 5I

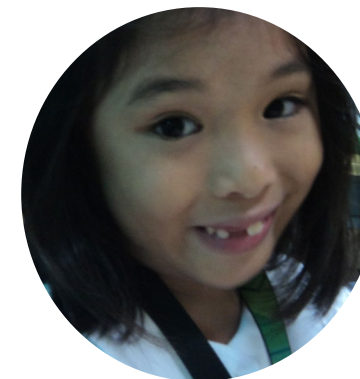
“I think the most significant change is climate change.” -Michaela Zairah C. Cortuna, 5F

What is the most significant change you've seen in the world in the last 10 years?

Y.O. writers tried to answer the same question asked to Philippines’ bet to the Ms Universe 2017 pageant, Maxine Medina. Read their answers and choose your Ms Universe.

“The most significant change I have seen in the last 10 years is that people have become more absorbed into technology, gadgets, and the social media like Facebook and Instagram.”

-Amanda I Golez, Grade 4



Amanda

“The most significant change I have seen in the last 10 years is the presence of hatred and meanness in our world. There have been countless terrorist attacks in the world; the world has become violent. Before, people used to be united. Today, kindness and respect are not evident anymore.”

-Jhana Gabrielle T. Salvador, 6D

“I think, throughout the years society has changed a lot! I noticed that people now fight more.”

-Alli Faye A. Malantic, 4C

“The most significant change in the last 10 years is technology. Before, there were no computers; now, we have lots of them!”

-Cheenee Sofia T. Chua, 5C



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“Our environment has changed a lot in the last 10 years. It has gone worse than before.”

-Micahbelle B. Syjuco, 5B

book review

Dominic Leo B. Ramos, 51

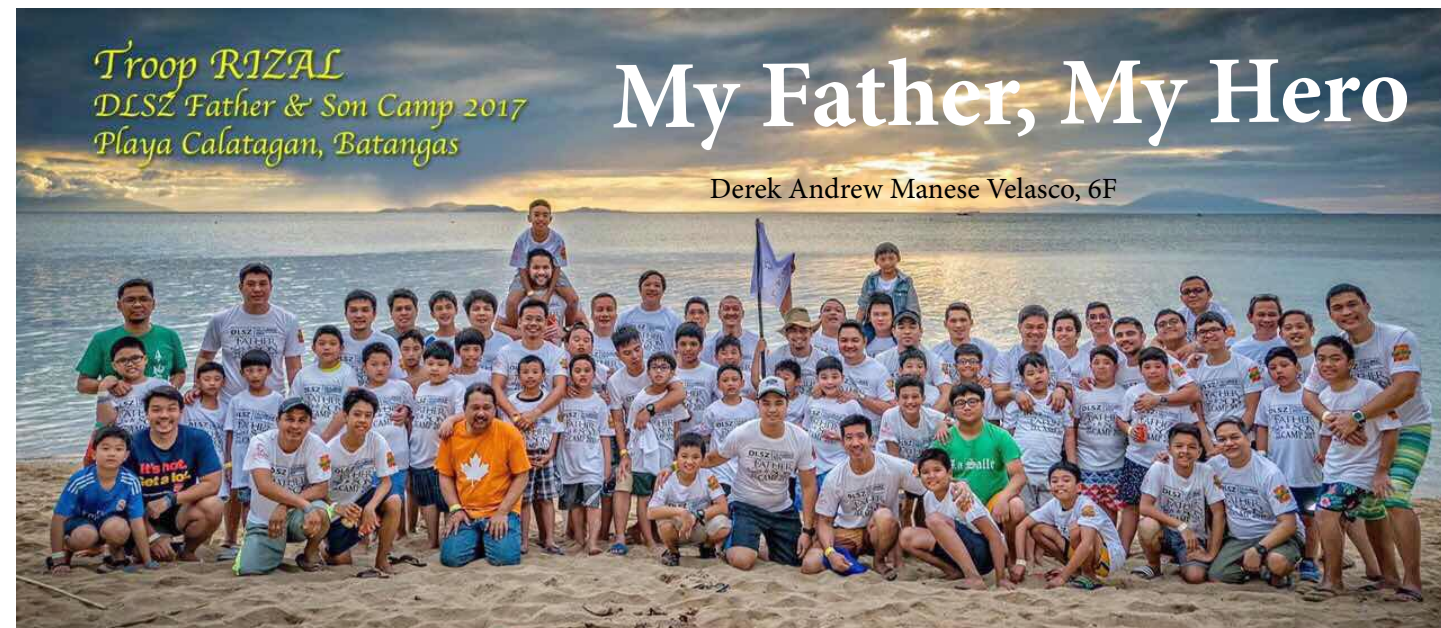


“He will come back. He always does.
We have a place for him.”

Indeed Scott Cawthon did make an excellent comeback with this book “Five Nights at Freddy's: the Silver Eyes.”

Based on “Five Nights at Freddy's”, the book is set from the perspective of Charlotte. It's been exactly ten years since the five murders at Freddy Fazbear's pizzeria, and Charlotte (who goes by the name Charlie) is trying to forget that. But it's really hard to forget the murders when her dad, Henry, is the owner of the pizzeria. Her brother, Sammy, is one of the five victims; that her friend, Michael Brooks, is also a victim; and that her father's partner in business, William Afton, is the killer. When she goes back to Utah for her friend Michael's memorial, she and three of her other friends go to see if the old pizzeria is still there. It is hidden, but definitely there. But things aren't as she expects. The animatronic animals that used to delight children have changed. The animatronics have a dark secret... and a murderous agenda.

The book is really spine-chilling, for me, to read. I seriously recommend that you don't read this book alone. First, you're bragging to your friends that the book won't be scary for you at all. Next thing you know, you will be hiding under your blanket, praying that William Afton won't break in your room, brutally stab you to death with a knife, and stuff you in an animatronic suit. If I am to give the book a rating out of five, I would give it a perfect score! The book is what I have always expected — humorous, suspenseful, and at times terrifying. The message of the book would probably be: If you are going to a dark, scary, abandoned place always bring along an adult. If not that, maybe: Never go with strangers. Seems pretty obvious to me, but there are multiple messages from the book. If you want, find some. Who knows? Maybe you'll find an important life-changing message. Always stay cool, my peeps!



Troop Rizal is one of the four troops in Father and Son Camp 2017.

My father, my hero...

That was the message that the Camp Master told us during the first day of DLSZ Father and Son Camping 2017.

The annual event was held at Playa Calatagan, Batangas last February 24-26, 2017. I was so excited on the first day because this was my second year to attend the camp. When we arrived at the campsite, we first looked around for a nice place to pitch our tent. I enjoyed helping my dad in setting up our tent. I felt it was a special bonding between us that needed no words at all.

The camp has always been a very fun experience for all the attendees. There were lots of fun activities prepared by the organizers like swimming, paddle boating and kayaking. There were also exciting sport activities to bond with the fathers. Games such as tug o' war, egg catching and fill-the bucket-with-the-sea-water game. My favorite game was the sandcastle building contest among all troops. What made it memorable for me is the fact that I was with my dad all along, aside from winning the game against the other troops:

Aguinaldo, Mabini, Rizal, and Bonifacio.

Near the beach camp where we stayed, there was a water park called Aquaria that offered assorted kinds of swimming pools to delight both young and old. The one that captivated me was the pool with the giant slide. It was so enjoyable going up the top of the slide then letting your body slide so fast that I could not stop sliding. I really loved that giant slide.

In our camp, we grilled hot-dogs, marshmallows, and other yummy food that we brought. On the last evening, our dinner was made more unforgettable with the boodle fight. The food was served on banana leaves and we ate with our hands together with our troop mates. After dinner that same night, we had the ceremonial lighting of the campfire. During this ceremony, all troops were present and the graduating campers, who are the Senior students, were recognized for their active participation in the camp. Shortly after that, there was a small competition with

the troop yells, cheers, and songs. It was a night to remember that will surely last for a lifetime.

The following morning, we woke up still happy about the bonding with our dads and friends. We had our breakfast together still reminiscing the three-day unforgettable experience. After breakfast, we started to pack our stuff and get ready to leave. It was a fun-filled three days for all of the participants. We spent time with our dads and our schoolmates. This was my second year of attending the Father and Son Camping and I plan to continue attending until high school. Indeed, what the Camp Master said was true, that my dad is really my hero.



The giant slide in Aquaria is my favorite pool.

Dear Parents,

Dominic Leo B. Ramos, 51

Hello! I am a part of GenZ — the iGeneration — just like most of your children. I know that sometimes we are hard to handle (and by “sometimes”, I mean A LOT). Now, the digital world seems to have absorbed us all. Every time I go to ATC, there’s always at least one family preoccupied with their gadgets and not talking to each other. So if you are reading this, I suggest you ditch those phones, laptops and tablets, and read this. I’m going to explain my thoughts and how you might be able to put us in a new perspective.

Let’s begin. At times, we think you don’t know us much. Well, think again. Prove us wrong by singing our favorite songs or study up our favorite trends/stuff. Surprise us. Sometimes you think that there is a gap between yourselves and us. You worry too much that we are keeping all of our deepest and darkest secrets away from you. Try to know our secrets like the mistakes of the past, comfort us, assure us that it’s going to be okay, and most importantly, don’t be mad. But when you want to know our secrets, don’t stalk us because that’s just simply creepy and weird. Sometimes some secrets are just best left forgotten, hidden and kept a secret.

Always allot time for your children. You don’t want us to think that you don’t have time for us or feel that you don’t want to spend time with us. Exclusively for the dads, being a workaholic is not just bad for you but worse for your kids. Always have time for your son. Hang up the tie and long sleeves. Put on your home clothes, go camping with your son or just straight up play some Injustice, Undertale, and NBA2K17 with him. For the moms, “Why so serious?” (Joker-The Dark Knight). Don’t worry too much, try to remember how to be a child and be a child all over again (not literally, though). Always have a hairbrush and glitter box at hand. Play some fashion shows with your daughter, brush her hair, sing out loud and just be crazy. Board games, that would be fun. Maybe even go to the One Direction Reunion Song concert (the last one may have been an exaggeration).

Just like most of your children, I am a student, I am a child, I am gifted, I’m talkative, I’m blessed, I am smart and they say I’m quite handsome (not to brag, of course). I am GenZ, I will be a doctor and I will live my dreams. I know my parents are and will always be proud of me. Dear Parents, you’re GenX and we are GenZ. There’s just one letter in between, right? Then “Y” would it be too hard to bond? There are a lot more experiences for us but it is very important for us to always remember to laugh, love, and live all over again.



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CHALK TALK

A Teacher at Heart, not by Choice

By: Ms Eden A. Sison, Filipino Teacher
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I have been told countless times how great of a responsibility is being a teacher. Given that idea, I thought I was already prepared and indeed knew what to expect. However, when you already get to experience it first-hand, chances are either you’ll believe in what others have said, or you’ll have an entirely different perspective on this “responsibility”. As for me, I believe I’m beginning to experience the latter.

Being out of the regular academe for more than seven years, everything that’s been happening to me now is all brand new. Believe it or not, this is only my first time teaching. Honestly, after I graduated, I was uncertain if teaching was really for me. I chose to stay away from the “regular” field, not because I doubted myself. Back then, I told myself I would just enjoy and go with the flow. Never have I imagined that I would be given a great

opportunity of being promoted as the Head Teacher in the academy that was and will always be a part of my life.

But as they say, anything will never be enough, if we don’t feel it is enough. Don’t get me wrong; I wouldn’t stay and spend the entire seven years of my life if I never loved my job. I guess it’s just that we never stop asking ourselves what makes us happier. Then there was a time this year that I felt the need to search for a new kind of desire and happiness. After being away from teaching, here I am now! I took such a significant risk of leaving everything behind and started afresh. I admit up until now, there are still moments when I ask myself “Is this really what I want?” But as days passed by, my new kind of experience and passion overpower every doubt I have. At first, there were hesitations in me.

I was not trained to teach younger kids being a Secondary Education graduate myself. And I am an English major, for Christ sake, how will I be able to teach them Filipino, especially that most of the students here are not proficient in the language? But being a born fighter, I always love accepting challenges. So again, here I am. Binibining Eden at your service!

I might have encountered a lot of pitfalls and obstacles on my way here, but I’m more than grateful because, without them, I won’t be where and who I am right now. Yes, it took me so long to realize that teaching is really for me. But I believe nothing is too late when your heart beats for it. Being called “Teacher” is a gift that I will treasure. Forever!



By: Aila Regino, 4C and Daniela Lirio, 4A

Oh no! Your beach stuff have been shuffled up. Unscramble the letters to unlock the things that you should bring to the beach.

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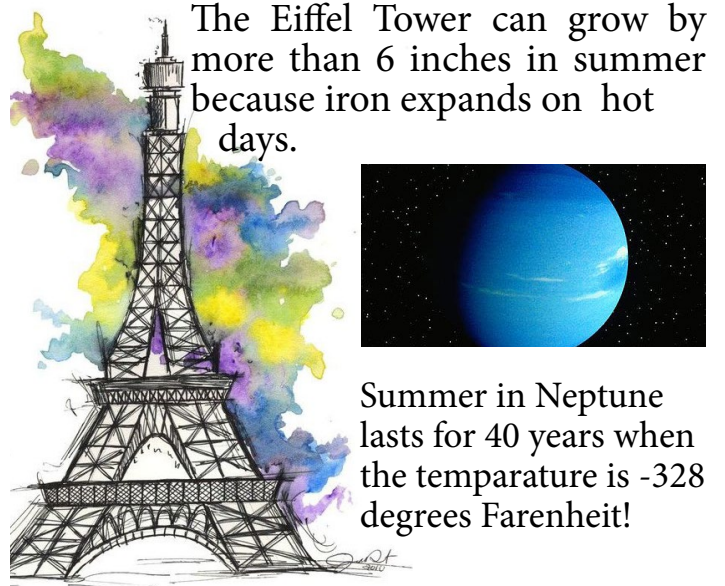
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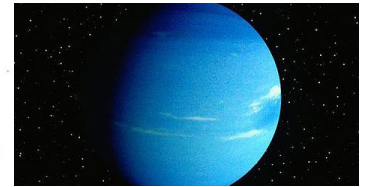
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The Eiffel Tower can grow by more than 6 inches in summer because iron expands on hot days.



Summer in Neptune lasts for 40 years when the temperature is -328 degrees Farenheit!

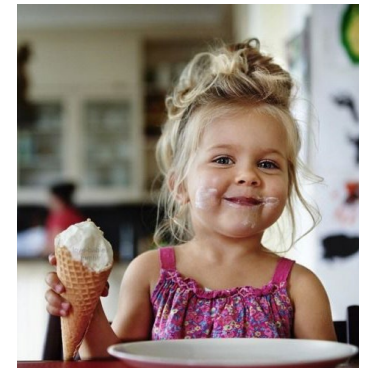


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The most popular ice cream flavor is vanilla. A cup of vanilla ice cream contains 273 calories.



Frank Epperson, when he was 11 years old, accidentally invented ice pops. What?! After mixing water with soda, he left the stirring stick in the mixture. Since the temperature was so low, the mixture got frozen. Hmm...he thought of making more of this mistake and called it ICE POPS! Epperson patented the idea in 1924.