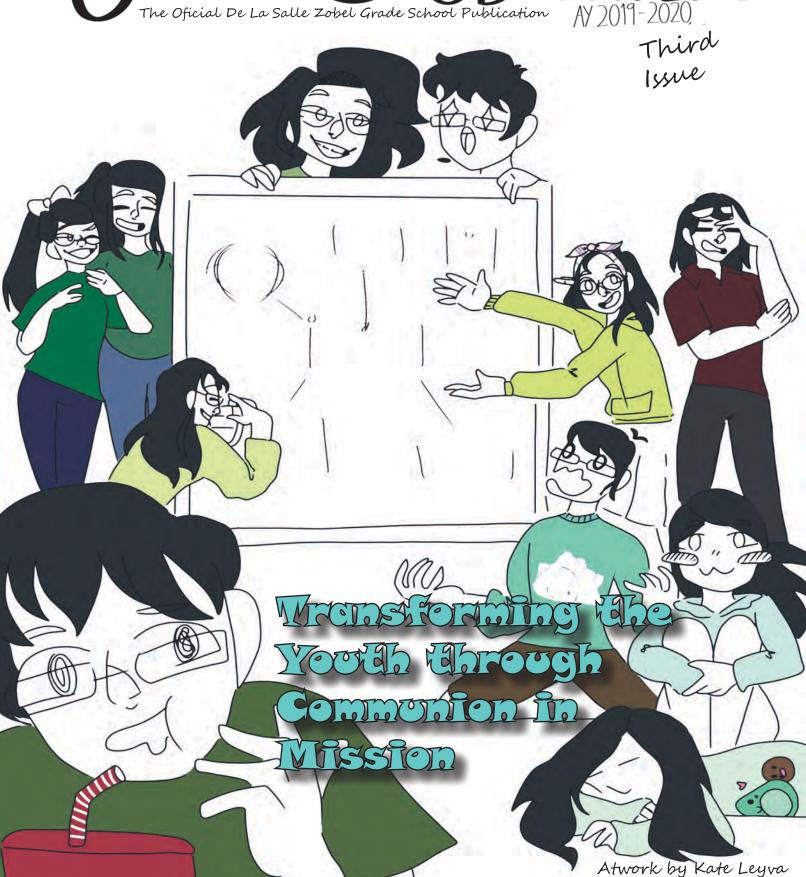
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EDITOR'S CORNER

The Value of Community and Being One in the Lasallian Mission

By Layel San Pedro

Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

As Lasallians. we learn to unite as one, serve others and do these all as one community. But we have so many problems getting along with each other, that in some cases, students are left



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alone in the dark because of bullying others, one will learn to be with and many disagreements. So if we can't others and feel comfortable with

efficient or just better in general, vet a script for some occasion in class. Sounds easy, right? Maybe, but you will opinion" exists, which comes from in life. Without other's opinions, you can't see your own mistakes. Without

any teamwork, you don't others will your work.

You have to learn to be open, because if you can't let anyone criticize you, you won't learn to accept others by looks or by traits. Through interacting

even accept some "weird" person in the friends. Once you adapt to this good class, how can we transform the youth behavior, you can start your journey through our Lasallian Core Values? to help others be happy. To achieve this, you need to start being friends Working alone can be fine, but with EVERYONE. What this means the thought of being lonely isn't really is that even if you don't like someone pleasant at all. Yes, it can be more because of their looks or traits, you shouldn't care about that. What's is it fun? Now imagine you, writing most important is you see the good in others, and you help them bring that sunshine out. That's the true meaning encounter problems. For example, you of a Lasallian. As part of the youth, don't know if others like your work we need to start inspiring each other, aside from you. This is why "second which means working together to achieve our goal to be united and another person. This applies in real life, help the world in a positive way. It is too. If you go to the doctor for health possible as long as we stay optimistic alike, just like how a Lasallian should issues, usually your family goes to to work together. By taking it slow, we act. So remember, it won't be easy multiple doctors to be offered different can start accepting each other at home, to inspire others to be united and choices. Now, how does unity apply in school, and in the community. Just accept each other, but once one is here? Well, without anyone's help, you know that you have help from your won't experience any improvements friends and family to get through all the amazing work you are achieving.

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Even if you may not be famous for uniting a lot and letting them be unique and be accepted, you have achieved a lot, and I mean a lot. Because you will have helped so many by helping them see God's light and His gifts. You will make many people smile, and will help friends and strangers accepted, every good thing will follow.

So as a Lasallian, what would you do to show your inner Green Archer?

GS SRCC AY2020 - 2021 Elected on Jan. 30

By Anika Perez De Tagle

Ater a week-long campaign, the Grade School held the Student Representative Coordinating Council (SRCC) election of officers last January 30.

The line-up of newly elected officers are the following: PRESIDENT - Zoie Aldave EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT Kimi Manalo SOCIAL ACTION VICE PRESIDENT - Maxine Tomas SECRETARY - Aireene Lusung TREASURER - Ela San Pedro

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Team BRIGHT and SPARK are this year's two competing parties. the campaign period was done from January 21 to 24. Ater the Miting de Avance last January 29, the election was held the day after.















Photo by GS SRCC

The COVID-19 SCARE?

Coronavirus, otherwise known as COVID-19, is the most talked about virus in 2020. We all know about it, especially since we have been told to wear masks, eat inside classrooms, and have lipped classes due to classroom disinfection. COVID-19 was initially reported in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019 and has since affected thousands around the globe. The virus affects your respiratory system causing fever, coughing, and difficulty in breathing. Students today are probably saying, "Hey! We're being way too protective or overreacting!". Is there really cause for this concern?

Well, for one thing, being prepared and taking precautions are never too much. Wearing

masks is an extra precaution while washing hands religiously should be observed. When you are sick, it's better to stay home until cleared by a medical authority. At the moment, there is no existing vaccine for COVID-19 and this should be enough to keep everyone on the alert.

According to the latest report by the World Health Organization, there are currently 71,400 confirmed cases globally, most of which are in China, and a total of around 1,700 deaths. In the Philippines, there are 3 confirmed cases and 1 death. By practicing the precautionary measures in school, we all do our part in

containing the infection until

By Kate Louise A. Leyva

scientists are able to formulate a treatment for this disease.

Which leads to my point: being too careful is not a thing; being cautious and careful will keep you safe and healthy.





Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub

Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

Thoroughly cook meat and eggs





Avoid unprotected contact with live wild or farm animals



Throwback to...





The Australian Bushfire and Its Impact

By Francis Alessandro C. Narciso

Beware of bushfires!

Bushfires are fires that can spread to forests or scrubs and are formed from heat, oxygen, fuel, and dry weather. Recently, they have become a threat in Australia. They have become a threat because many people in Australia have died, lost their houses, and forced to look for their own shelter. Many places have also been affected like New South Wales, Victoria, and even South Australia. Animals and wildlife have also been killed and affected by bushfires.

In my opinion, we should be concerned about this situation because of the impact that the bushfires have done to Australia. A reason we should be concerned about is its environmental impact. The burning trees and plants caused by the bushfires produce smoke, which can form pollution and can affect the health of animals and humans alike. Furthermore, trees help convert carbon dioxide into oxygen and with this event, the European Union's Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service estimates a total of 400 megatons of carbon dioxide released back into the atmosphere. Only a regrowth of a the amount of forest lost can clean up that carbon.

Another reason to be concerned about the bushfires are the lives of the people affected by the bushfires. As mentioned in the previous paragraph, smoke from burning plants can affect the health of the people but there's more things that can happen to them. The people will also suffer because of the loss of their homes. Around 2000 homes have been damaged because of bushfires and thousands of people had to seek for new shelter. The people affected can also die from the bushfire; as four firefighters have been killed, and 24 more people being killed.

In conclusion, bushfires have become a threat to Australia because of the impact it has done like the amount of people suffering from death or losing their houses, and the environmental impact with plants being burnt and causing pollution because of the smoke. Its effects--such as global warming--will be felt by the rest of the world.

#ILAVAU: We LOVE to HELP

By Gwyneth Irene Tenio

Valentine's Day is a day that celebrates romantic love, making it a popular day for couples to spend together. It is easy to get lost in the hype of Valentines, but the Grade School Student Representative Coordinating Council (GS SRCC) project called #ILAVAU encouraged the student body to



The GS SRCC Valentine Booth sold flowers and other gift items as part of the #ILAVAU project last Feb. 14. Photo by SPO

Pokemon Sword and Shield

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time constraints that they themselves have set for themselves, having only a couple of months to make a new set of games because the sooner the games come out, the earlier merchandise can be pumped out, allowing them to earn money. Despite that, they barely hire new workers to help with games, and they never delay games to ensure that their games have great quality.

They try to solve the inconsistencies and problems through updates, but even the updates are more inconsistent than the faults of the game, the things meant to FIX them, and when they announced the new DLC(downloadable content, another thing about games that Game Freak

never dabbled in before), they were locked by a huge paywall, something that was HALF THE PRICE of the game itself, so in conclusion, when Game Freak try tofix problems with Sword and Shield, more problems arise, and they make so many things the game desperately needed locked behind a paywall, which is either something that came from corporate greed, or some other cause.

So, to end this discussion, this game is a weird abomination with Nintendo 64 trees, and a banging soundtrack.

7.8/10 too much "meh"

extend their love and gift giving to their marginalized brothers and sisters.

With booths strategically placed around the campus, Valentine flowers and items are sold to Grades 3 to 6, with a delivery service option open only to Grades 5 and 6. Aside from that, students can also write short post-it notes on message boards situated at the LG courtyard and the Gate 2 Covered Walk. Students can also guess the number of Kisses chocolates inside a jar with the winner taking home the jar and its yummy contents for himself or herself.

The beneficiaries of #ILAVAU are the families affected in the Taal Volcano eruption in Batangas.

Fun VALENTINE FACTS!

Valentines is thought to be an old tradition, originally a Roman festival.

Every year, more than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold in the US.

February 14th is the second largest card-giving day of the year, just after Christmas.

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JAPAN By Aliyah Abaya

Japan is known for making anime. My Hero Academia, Tokyo Ghoul, Kakegurui, Noragami, Akira, The Tatami Galaxy, Sailor Moon, and even more.

The capital of Japan, Tokyo, is what would probably come to mind when someone mentions Japan.

Now, if you yourself planning a trip with our family to Tokyo in the summer, these are the 5 things you MUST do when you come to Tokyo:

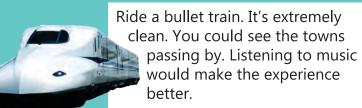
> Tokyo has very delicious food. Ramen is probably my favorite out of all. Ichiran has all you need—level of spice, meat, tenderness of the meat, and the softness of the noodles.



Visit MORI Digital Art Museum team Lab Borderless. This is an interactive art experience caused by lights/projectors. One of the activities

is called Crystal World. This room is filled with lights, and music plays when a show is occurring.





Go to DisneySea. Japan is the only country that has DisneySea where you could experience rides like the Tower of Terror, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Journey to The Center of the Earth, and more.



Bore-Proof Your

Summer!

By: Isabelle Serene Pongos

Summer is a time when we can relax, have fun. But sometimes it can get really plain or boring, so here's some ways on how to prevent that!

1. Visit a new place!

Seeing new things and meeting new people really brings you out of your comfort zone. There are many different things you could do. It wouldn't hurt to try, right? You can even start around your own neighborhood.

2. Put the gadgets away.

Some of us spend too much time in the digital world, but we sometimes forget to spend time with our friends or family. It may be hard putting away your gadgets but it would surprise you how much fun it would be to spend time with people in the REAL world.

3. Catch up with an old friend.

See how they have grown, what you have in common or what they have accomplished.

4. Make your own bucket list.

Let's see all the different things you want to learn or accomplish now that you have plenty of time to do them!

5. Give your time to others.

Imagine brightening up someone's day by spending your summer doing volunteer work. It will definitely put a smile on somebody else's face and yours as well!

6. Try new food.

Think of all the things you haven't tasted yet, and try it out. You can even learn a new recipe and finally prepare that favorite dish at home.

The Weird Mess Known as Pokemon Sword and Shield (spoilers ahead)

By Vitto Bisuña

WELCOME TO THE GALAR REGION! THE REGION YOU EXPLORE IN THE NEWEST INSTALLMENT OF THE POKÉMON MAIN SERIES. WITH BUSTLING TOWNS. DIVERSE PEOPLE. AMAZING POKÉMON, AND THE "EXPANSIVE" WILD AREA.

BUT WAS THIS GAME AS AMAZING AS IT WAS MADE OUT TO BE...?

Regarding all the controversy surrounding it, people are very divided with their opinions regarding the game, with many defending the game and Game Freak themselves(these people have sometimes been called "apologists"), and those heavily criticising Game Freak for their "laziness", and the claimed "ack" of quality the game offers, despite the game's price being at 60 dollars for a copy of the game, and 30 dollars for additional content (the Expansion Pack; will talk about later). This started many feuds involving both sides, which probably left the Pokémon fanbase the most divided it has ever been.

What's new in this "new" installment of the franchise?

Just like previous installments, there would be a new mechanic or feature in the game, and in this game, it is known as Dynamax, and basically, your Pokémon grows to a gigantic size for three turns, and are able to perform very powerful attacks. In some special cases, specific Pokémons are able to Gigantamax, changing their appearance, and it also allows them to get a signature move, such as Gigantamax Charizard, which gains G-Max Wildfire as

If you think about it, the Dynamax mechanic seems like it reuses a lot of properties of previous battle mechanics. Gigantamax forms are similar to Mega Evolution, in the sense that the Pokémon gets a new form, and that these unique forms are only exclusive to specific Pokémon. Dynamax/Gigantamax is also similar to Z-moves, wherein a Pokémon, once per battle, can use powerful moves, some with additional effects. There are also Pokémon exclusive Z-moves, and again,

it's just like Gigantamax. It's sad that this "new" mechanic rehashes several things that made the older mechanics so fresh and special, and it's salt on wound that they had completely eradicated Mega Evolution and Z-Moves from the game in lieu of a mechanic I find unoriginal.

There is also Pokémon Camp, where you can play with your Pokémon, in a similar fashion to Pokémon Amie and Pokémon Refresh from previous generations. You can also cook delicious Curries for you and your Pokémon to enjoy. It was a very wholesome experience to see your Pokémon have fun with you, cooking Curries and the like. Though they removed other things from like the mini-games from Pokémon Amie, Poffins, and Pokébeans, and the saddest of all, you can't pet your Pokémon anymore(this... is upsetting), I do find it charming how Pokémon interact with their trainer and other Pokémon as well. It adds something unique and cute to the Pokémon Amie formula.

The Story and Characters

Oh? The story? It's somewhat lackluster. The characters are decent, especially the Gym Leaders and Rivals (although Bede and Marnie couldn't really develop as much as Hop, as he hogged all the rival screentime), but there isn't really too much in the narrative that I found as a powerful Pokémon Trainer, as Gym Battles take place in gigantic stadiums to accommodate Dynamax Battles. And even with the stadium and crowd's size, they are able to broadcast these battles, so even more people can see you. I find the fact

important, I feel like they really improved the Gym Challenge formula.

However, there is the problem of the antagonist, or lack thereof. Team Yell, despite being established as the "evil team" of the game, barely does anything that harms the region, and this is compared to other Pokémon villains, who take it to the extremes in order to accomplish their goal. Then, there's Macro Cosmos, Chairman Rose's company, which barely has a hint of being truly evil. Seriously, they even ask if you have insurance! Even Rose himself had no malicious intent when summoning Eternatus, the Legendary Pokémon that went haywire, summoning the Darkest Day for the second time onto Galar. Rose's reason to summon it? He was scared of the

Galar region completely running out of energy, and Eternatus was the answer, as it could produce limitless amounts of energy. So in short, Rose was just impatient and was scared for the future. I find it odd that they didn't give a true threat aside from Eternatus,. Even Team Yell is relatively harmless, just being

previous installments, yet feel inherently worse than them?

Take notes from the pros, Pokémon Sword and Shield, as the gameplay is comparable to games that have been released years ago.

The Wild Area seems very small, despite how expansive it seems to be and it can take only a couple of minutes to get to certain areas. The movable camera exclusive to the Wild Area ONLY is something the mainline Pokémon series has never touched on. Games two decades older have fully functioning, free moving cameras, while Game Freak hadn't caught on.

Do you want to connect with friends in this installment? Well, I hope you have the patience to do so. As I said, they took away many great features in lieu for worse ones (well, Pokémon Camp was fine, I guess), like the absolute LEGEND known as the PSS(Player Search System). Were you ever looking for some battles to connect with others or a Pokémon vou wanted badly? Well, the PSS was the best way to do so... in the past Pokémon titles. Instead we have the much more inconvenient Y-Comm. a miserable way to connect with other players. Seriously, the PSS(Player Search System) was such a simple and intuitive way to connect with others, and I really wish we got that over the Y-Comm.

Though I have been complaining a ton about the gameplay, the battle system

is still intact, and if you dig deeper and see all of the interesting and sophisticated ways to battle, using fun gimmicks, and more, such as using a team based around weathers, and other mechanics in the game, it's nice to see how the competitive scene is still active and fun to play. Though, in some cases, especially in casual playthroughs, you would see how most would aim only for super-effective hits, and nothing more. No setup, strategy, or anything, but that's okay. Play the game the way you want to play; there is no right or

The Soundtrack

wrong way.

FINALLY, I can talk more positively about the game! The soundtrack is most likely the thing I love the most about the game, and it probably makes up for some of the faults this game has. Mostly because they used unique sounds and instruments this time around, and it gives the themes an added layer of depth and detail. Notable ones include Motostoke's starting off with a bell tower ringing is very nice reference, most of the themes relating to the Legendary Wolves having the sound of wolves howling somewhat eerily, and

others.

are just incredible and just bangers in general, such as Bede's themes, the Gym Leader battle theme, and much more. I could not think of any themes I found terrible, and so many of them were crafted with so much care. I just wish they also cared enough for the game's quality and not just the music's...

Many themes

The Pokémon

If you play in a new Pokémon game, then there

be new and unique Pokémon added to the already wide roster, and just like the last Generation, the 7th, then the new "Regional Variants" were revealed, being the "Alolan Forms", where older Pokémon would get new forms exclusive to a certain region, where they would gain a new typing, ability, movepool, and more. Then, when Galar was announced, and there were the"Galarian Forms", which has the same premise as the Alolan variants, but more fit into the theme of Galar.

Photo from clipart.email

The Pokémon added to the new region are very interesting, and so are their origins. Despite it being only a few months since the game released, many have grown on me, such as the battle-ready Falinks, based off the pharynx formation, the ice cold Snom, indubitably the greatest Pokémon to ever exist, and the slippery Eiscue, with its cute Pingu looking head, and many others have amazing concepts and designs, that have grown on me, and shows me that they did not slack in terms of Pokémon design. Sometimes.

Conclusion

This game does not really fit the standard that many games of the last decade have set. Sword and Shield feel like games that came out many years ago, in the graphics and animation. Seriously, Lego Star Wars has better quality than this game. Games like Super Mario Odyssey, The Legend of Zelda Breath of the Wild. Dragon Quest 11, all came out in the era of 2017-2019, and they are really high quality games. Why? The developers took time with their game, unlike Game Freak who reuses assets from older titles due to the

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OUR HAPPY HOME

Words and Illustration by Amanda Reign B. Ramos, 4C, contributor



Every home should be happy So we will have a joyful family But how can we have one? You ask me Then read this poem and you will see

We wake up with smiles on our faces every morning

Make sure we won't hear any whining

We do our chores and we keep on going

We treat ourselves with stories while dining

Next, we happily play out under the sun Surely, we always have so much fun After all that, we go to bed and pray We thank the Lord for a happy day

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Send your work with your name, grade, section, and a short description to this email: contribute.YO@gmail.com

Mother Earth

Words and Illustration by Amanda Reign B. Ramos, 4C, contributor

Mother Earth, Mother Earth, why do you cry? We see your endless tears coming down from the sky But it seems that your stewards mindlessly pass by Mother Earth, Mother Earth, you slowly start to die

If I paint a picture of you in my mind Blast of colors and natural beauty intertwined Your long hair dances with the wind, unbind Looking through your eyes, I know that you are kind

You are blessed, but you are still sad Maybe because you lost this beauty that you once had Now I understand you and I am not mad Why there are disasters that make us think you are bad.

Mother Earth, I want to stop that sadness that makes you burn I hope human beings will now learn
There is still a chance that we can turn
Greed to love that you eternally yearn



School Excites Me



By Sarah Sophia B. Cabodil, 3F, contributor

I get up every morning from Monday to Friday
I love going to school. I'm learning in a fun way
My classmates are also great to be with
We help each other in counting and when we read

Going to DLSZ really excites me May it be a regular day or the VM Week's a party The teachers made this schooling really fun I would always come and keep my tasks done!

I am just two months away from a long break But for now, I will keep in mind what I can take The lessons from teachers and laughters from friends I'll treasure these moments now until then

Summer

By Danica Co

Summer time is on the line It's time for a break I can't wait.

Time to get away No work anyway Go on a vacation To a gorgeus location

Summer time is not to fear.
Summer time is my favorite time of the year.

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Fighting for what is rightfully ours

By Isabel M. Peralta, contributor

My name is Isabel M.
Peralta. I am an 11-yearold, Grade 6 student at
De La Salle Santiago Zobel
School (DLSZ) and a proud
Filipino.

A few weeks ago. we were given projects by our teachers in completion of our end-term tasks, aiming to promote social awareness on the present territorial dispute in the West Philippine Sea. With the help of our Social Studies teachers, Ms. Julie Agudo and Ms. Rebecca Dela Rosa, we have integrated our projects from different subject areas to produce an infomercial using our media learning devices. Through the social media platform Facebook, we disseminated the information to allow a larger audience to view.

To date, our infomercials have garnered thousands of views, but we need more people to see and hear what we have to say. While many other videos with no social

relevance have trended worldwide, what I do not understand is why isn't ours being viewed as much, when we are spreading information that could help our country's future become more economically stable; when we are standing up for our rights as Filipinos; when we, even at a voung age, are pushing to fight for what is rightfully ours. Have we, as Filipinos, just accepted that we are helpless in this situation? Have we given up hope on taking back what belongs to us? Do we just don't care at all? Or don't we have enough information to know how significant this issue is to the future of our country?

Shanghai

With all these questions in mind, I did my own research. I asked my family what they knew about the territories and was told by my uncles that they used to freely fish around one of the islands that China is claiming as theirs now. That island now referred to as Panatag

Shoal, used to be called Bajo de Masinloc. My uncles still refer to it as such. They knew firsthand that in the past, China has never claimed it as theirs because there were no Chinese vessels manning the shoal and it was mostly Filipinos and some Taiwanese who were fishing in those areas. The more I learned about the issue, the more questions I had—why has it only been in the past couple of years that China has begun claiming ownership of the territories? If it was really theirs from the beginning as they have claimed it to be, why are they protecting it just now? What have they discovered recently, that fired up their claim to those territories?

I once again did more research and discovered that there are so much resources, including oil, in the West Philippine Sea territories. What started as a school project pushed me to take a bigger stand in this issue. I am blessed to have teachers who not only provided us with this much awareness, but are encouraging us to be part of the solution.

As students, as
Filipino youth, and as
the future of our nation,
we are now pleading to
the government to hear
what we have to say in
asking them to give more
importance to the issue
of reclaiming the West
Philippine Sea.

Our school President, Brother Bernie Oca once told me—you have the opportunity now to be able to take a stand! Hold your head up high and fight for what is right and true. And those words, Brother Bernie, I take by heart. I love my country and I love being a Filipino. We should all be part of the solution by learning more about the issue and spreading awareness about it.

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YO Writers Speak

The Young Observer has had a very fun and exciting year. If you think you have the passion for writing, whether it be technical writing like news and opinion writing or creative writing, join the club next year and have the opportunity to hone your skills and have your work published.

See what some of our members have to say about their experience:

Layel



Young Observers was a blast! I wasn't planning on joining, but for sure this was one of the best clubs I have ever been in (even though I have been in 3 clubs only

:/). It was a fun experience working with new people, interacting with "subjects of interviews" and overall had a pleasant time. So if anyone is planning to join a club, the YO club is free!

Alessi



I think YO this school year was memorable and fun because I made interesting and diferent kinds of articles, and had fun experiences with my clubmates. So being a YO member sind

despite being a YO member since 3rd grade, YO will always be an exciting experience; and to all the people reading this, you should join YO too because it is a way of socializing with other people and it will also be a memorable experience for you.

Belle



My experience here was better than I could ever think of! I learned lots of new things, making articles and so much more. I never knew that something

like this could be so fun, it's an unforgettable experience!

Danica



My experience in Young Observer was great. I learned diferent types of articles. I also got to make poems, my favorite! I hope next school year I will be able to join Young

Observer and to have more fun experiences with all my club mates.

Rafa



My experience in Young Observer is good. I learned how to make other kinds of articles it was also nice to make an article because I can get to know more words that I don't know. I

also had fun. I wanted to join Mind Stretchers, but I was the only one there so I chose Young Observer instead.