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MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

My Middle School Experience
By Jovana Johnson

The middle school I went to was Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School. I had good times and bad times. I made some really good friends there. The teachers were nice. I would encourage anyone looking for a middle school to go to Allison.

Even though Allison may seem strict their dances were really cool. They played good songs. On April 26th, we went to Worlds of Fun. The day before graduation, we went to a church and swam, ate barbecue, and played games. The bad times had nothing to with Allison exactly. The bad times were when people gossiped about you or one of your friends or when a preppy person tried to start something with you. That happens at any middle or high school. Other than that, I had a really good middle school experience.

My Middle School Experience
By Justin Flores

Hello, my name is Justin Flores. I am 13 and going into the 8th grade. I went to Allison in the 6th and 7th grade and I will be going there next year. What I want to tell you is what my 7th grade experience was like at Allison Middle School, so that all the younger kids will know what it is like in 7th grade. There were good and bad times at Allison Middle School. The classes were hard, but the teachers were harder. Although the teachers were strict, they were cool sometimes. There was a lot of construction going on so it was difficult to concentrate. The food was okay. By next year the construction should be done so it'll be a lot better. Their sports teams are pretty good. That is what my middle school experience was like this year.

My Middle School Experience
By Nick King

My middle school experience is just like anyone else. I went to 6th, 7th and next year I'm going to 8th grade. Some people go to Hadley, or Allison but I am proud to say that I'm going to Mead!

In sixth grade when I was 11/12 years of age, we had our first time using lockers. It doesn't seem like much now but, it was then because we didn't have lockers in elementary school, we had desks. Another big change was going from being top dog in elementary school to being the little guy in middle school. And instead of having one teacher all day five days a week teaching all the subjects we had a variety of teachers teaching one subject at a time.

The teachers all say that 7th grade is a lot different from 6th grade. From my experience it's not very different at all. You still rotate from class to class and you still have lockers. The only differences were that the teachers are stricter and you have to turn in all assignments on time or you get a big fat zero on the grade book with no excuses. "I didn't know" or "I forgot it" does not work because they don't care. You are responsible for your assignments and not them.

During 7th grade around January, my team of teachers and siblings had the privilege of moving into the new wing of the building. The builders started building during the summer of '02 and finished about January of '03. They did a good job although the hallways were way too small for about a hundred kids not including the 8th graders that were in the new wing also. So to wrap things all up I'd have to say that I'm having a pretty good middle school experience so far.
The Lemony Snicket series
By Arianna Blake

For my article I reviewed a few of the Lemony Snicket series. He is a great mystery and suspense writer!

The Bad Beginning: This story starts off talking about 3 kids, named Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire. The three kids’ parents die and they are left with a family member: Uncle Count Olaf. He is terrible and treats the kids like dirt. In the middle they find out that he is only using them for their family fortune. His plan is to kill them and then he will get all their savings. At the end, the police find out and he goes to jail.

The Reptile Room: In this book the 3 children go to stay with their Uncle Monty. He is really nice, and he collects reptiles (mostly snakes). He hires a secretary, which is Count Olaf in a suit. Uncle Monty does not believe them when they say that the guy is Count Olaf. Count Olaf is planning to kidnap them on a trip they will take together. The police find him again before he succeeds.

Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire
By Holly Burbsch

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is about Harry Potter and his friends during their 4th year at Hogwarts. During the year, Harry is mysteriously entered into as the 4th champion out of three schools. During the tournament, he and a friend are transferred to another day and witness the rise of Lord Voldemort, Harry’s rival ever since he was a baby. Harry also duels Lord Voldemort and sees his parents’ spirits. When Harry returns to school, he finds out who put his name in the goblet of fire (the goblet of fire chose the names of the 4 champions for the tournament). He also returns with the body of the friend whom he was transferred into time with.

Rendezvous With Rama
By Erin M. Fees

At first, only a few things are known about the strange object astrometric explores call Rama. As it turns out, it is one big...thing. Actually more like an Interstellar Spacecraft. But this baby is huge. It weighs more than ten trillion tons! But that’s not all. It is hurling through the Solar System at incredible and I mean incredible speeds.

But the real question is what Rama is? What is it made of? What is...inside of it? That job is laid upon the shoulders of Commander Calvert Norton and his crew on the Endeavor, a human spacecraft and the most advanced in the Solar System.

Mankind prepare for their first contact with an alien species. The moments are intense, and the tempers run high. Will these be their last moments? Locking down the barrel of some alien laser gun? Or will these be the first day of many with a peaceful people? The answer is behind the unknown material of Rama’s Airlock doors.

Daddy Day Care
Reviewed by: Kirsten Flores

Daddy Day Care was a funny and interesting movie. I really liked it, it was a movie for all ages. I would definitely recommend this movie for a family to go see because it’s good for kids and adults.

The movie was about a dad and his son. The father didn’t want his son to go to kindergarten, so the father set up a day care for young ones, but just two fathers were taking care of the kids. The mothers who came to drop off their kids didn’t want to leave them with a man but some woman were just too desperate. The fathers had troubles with their business along the way, but worked through them and the day care becomes a success.

The Matrix: Reloaded (R)
By Chevy Cline

The sequel to The Matrix is a world ruled by machines. The creator threatens Neo to destroy the world and start over. This movie has wild violence, mild nudity, and death scenes. It is way better than the original and has a lot of effects. In the movie, the agents are stronger and smarter. An agent turns the matrix people into agents to go underground and kill Neo. I would definitely recommend this movie, especially for people who like action movies. I went with my Dad. The question is do they succeed? (2hrs 28minutes)

Finding Nemo
By Mychala Money

Finding Nemo is about a father who is forced to bring up his son alone because the mother and all the other little baby clown fish were eaten by a barracuda. Nemo’s father (Marlin) is not ready to let Nemo go but finally lets him go to school. While Nemo is on a field trip he tries to be brave and touches the butt, which is really a boat, and gets captured by some scuba divers. The main point of the movie is Marlin’s journey to find his son, Nemo. Along the way, Marlin meets and absent-minded flat fish whose name is Dori. Dori helps Marlin to find Nemo. They also come across others such as Bruce the great white shark, Crush and Squirt, two sea turtles that help them along the way. I recommend you see this movie, it will have you laughing in your seat.

The following people that I have asked to give this movie a rating have given this movie a rating of:

Haleigh gives this movie * **** stars
Kendecce gives this movie ** **** stars
Simone gives this movie * **** stars
Mychala gives this movie ** **** stars
Jovonna gives this move * **** stars
Basketball
By Lorraine Rogers

Hi, my name is Lorraine Rogers. I have been playing basketball for 6 years. I have been playing for Hoop it Up for 3 years straight. I think it helps me stay out of trouble- that's why I like it so much. Next year I will be going to West High school. I am going to try out for the basketball team. I already play for their Hoop it Up team. I think it so fun to play basketball, it's my favorite sport. My favorite player in the NBA is Allen Iverson. I want to be a good basketball player like him. He is my role model. I study basketball like I study for a test. It's a fun thing to do.

The "Brothers" Summer Track Experience
By Jahmal Clemens

This summer was my first time ever doing a real summer sport and was it ever a roller coaster ride. It all started with me wanting to join the school track team. That is a totally different story but it can be summed up in a couple of words. I didn't make it. But I really didn't feel too bad because Allison Middle School got murdered at every meet, enough said. But I was determined to still do track so my mom found out about this summer track club. The team name was Wichita Athletics. I had no idea then but it was going to be a lot of blood, sweat, and tears in the weeks to follow. (But mostly sweat.)

I started as soon as possible. We practiced every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. I was already at a disadvantage because they had been working since Spring Break; it was the last week in May. The first couple of practices were hard to say the least but I lived and got through them. I had to catch up with people who had been running ever since primary (age three). Since I had only ran in one meet I had a lot to catch up on.

The very first official meet took place in Garden Plain. I was running in all the short distance races: the 100, the 200, the 400 and 4x400 meter relay. I made it all the way to the finals in the 100-meter. It was stiff competition and I ran my little heart out. I also ran out my leg and it really hurt. It didn't make sense. I had stretched and I had done all the necessary warmups but why was my leg aching up? So I asked coach if I could not run the 200-meter. He must have thought I just wanted to get out of running because he said that I had to push myself if I wanted to do well in track. So I thought I would have to show them how hurt I was. So when it came time for me to run the 200-meter, I jogged. That is a no-no in any sprint. Afterward the coaches and everyone else came up to me and asked what happened so I told them. I was hurt. I guess then they decided to listen to what I had to say and they said I didn't have to run the 400-meter. But I did have to run the 4x400 meter relay because my team was counting on me. So we made a deal that they would give me a head start and I would do what I could. And that was my first meet. The next couple of meets were qualifying meets and I did make it through all of those meets. Some places we have traveled to are: Hays, KS, Great Bend, KS, Sterling, KS Kansas City, MO Garden Pan, KS Manhattan, KS and Platte City, MO. I am now on my way to the biggest of all the AAU meets - the Junior Olympics in Michigan. Now I am doing the 4x400 meter relay and the discuss throw. They are both fun and I have won a lot of medals in each one.

I guess in the end this summer won't be that bad. Who would have ever thought that I would be gone to the AAU track and field championships in my first year of track?

Footloose Fieldtrip
By JJ Amponsa

One of the fieldtrips we went to was the musical "Footloose". The Project Discovery students got to see the musical at Century II. The auditorium was packed full of only students and teachers in a summer program.

The musical was about this kid moving to a new town. The problem was people there did not allow dancing. There was no dancing because of an accident a few years back that involved the preacher's son. Close to the end of the musical the kid tries to persuade the congressman to allow dancing. Finally they allow dancing at the end of the musical.

In my opinion the two best parts was the beginning and the end. In the middle I wasn't into it. What made this play hard was they had a short amount of time to learn the choreography for the play. Overall the musical was really good.

WSU Tour for Project Discovery
By Raya

July 2nd Project Discovery took a tour of the WSU campus. If I can say so myself, it was a very exciting experience. College is not only about you having fun, but it is also about you learning what you need for your future. WSU makes your learning fun. Just being on the campus makes you feel like you're actually doing something to help others. Even though I don't have plans on attending WSU for college, I would encourage others to do so. If you have never seen, or been to WSU campus you should consider it in your plans. I don't know what the other students get out of the day, but I received a lot of information.
My Summer Vacation
By: Kelsey Haynes

I went to Florida for my vacation this summer. Well, it was sort of like a family reunion type thing but it was cool. On Thursday, June 10, we left about noon and didn’t get on a plane until about 1:20 because we got held back all because of a storm in Houston (that’s where we had to catch our next plane). So anyway, after we got to Houston we were walking toward our next plane but when we got to the gate the plane pulled off and we had to wait again until 7:00 to get another plane. My mom and her sister were mad because the airline did not hold the plane. We landed in Tampa late that night and met up with everybody at this big hotel called The Hilton. It had a pool, a workout gym, b-ball court, tennis court, ballrooms, and huge bed rooms. Friday we went to an amusement park in Tampa called Busch Gardens and I rode every roller coaster there. We were there from 12 to 6:30 so we were tired when we got back to the hotel. But we still had to go eat so we went to The Cheesecake Factory and after dinner ordered us a big strawberry cheesecake. Those are the highlights of my Florida vacation. If you ever think of going on vacation try Florida.

How I Spend My Summer
By: Shonnad Hernandez

I spend my summers going to church. I attend Mt. Carmel Church of God in Christ and during the summer I am attending convention after convention. In June we have the State A.I.M (Auxiliaries In Ministries). In the state A.I.M we do different things like Talent Hour, Spelling Bee, Galaxy of Stars, and many more things. Then we have National A.I.M Convention. There we do the same things that we do in the state A.I.M but there’s people from everywhere in the world. In July we have the State Holy Convocation. Then in August we have the State Women’s Convention. So now you know how I spend my summer.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation: YMCA Volunteer
By Debra Harlow

Sweat, wet, and fun! Where would you go for this? I would go to the YMCA where I have been working. I’m 12 and I know you are probably thinking—does she get paid? The answer is “No.” Why do I want to do this? I like children so I thought that if I could I would go volunteer at a daycare. My mom and I sat down and talked about it and she had said, “Well when we go to the YMCA we will talk to the daycare.”

When I get older I’m going to volunteer as a candy stripper. I will do it for fun but I’m also thinking about my future. I also think if you want to volunteer but do not like to watch kids, find what you do like. Then have your mother or father ask if they are in need of a volunteer. Finally, I do recommend you volunteer because it is a big part of your future. I know it is in mine.

I have an older brother who is 18. I have been watching him over the years. WSU talked to him. I don’t know what they talked about but what I do know is they gained his attention. Since than Jason has been going to Upward Bound/WSU PREP for 3 years. He found a college he wanted to attend, but he could not find the money to go. Jason found another school and moved away to college. That is why I want to be better in school. Do not want to find myself in my brother’s situation.