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First Literacy Fair held with art, poetry, books, plays and music

■ by Daniel Victoria
Staff Writer

Knowledge came to school in the form of art, poetry, books, plays and music; that's what the Literacy Fair was all about. On Tuesday, March 30, 2010, Presbyterian Pan American School held the 1st Literacy Fair in the school's history, where students from the four different English levels presented projects that reflected what they have been working on in their English classes during the almost-over school year.

The teacher that headed this literature celebration was Diane Garcia (best known as Mrs. G), who besides being the school librarian, helping plan a-s-wanted- prom as one of the junior class sponsors, she also teaches English IV to seniors.

"The main purpose of the Literacy Fair was to celebrate the fact that students at this school learn English as a second language," she said. Garcia worked with her seniors on a choral reading called "The Highwayman," by Alfred

Noyes. The story tells of the highwayman's visit to see the beautiful Bess at the old inn and of the terrible fate they both meet.

"I really enjoyed doing the reading. I had a lot of fun. I wish I could do it again," said Stephanie Molinari, 18-year-old senior. The junior class couldn't stay behind and presented eye-catching projects too. The main and most important one, was "Trifles," a play written by Susan Glaspell. Erick Luna, Arnaldo Rodriguez, Keyla Cadena, Cecilia Moreno, Jasiel Hernandez and

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photo by Daniel Victoria

From left, Erick Luna, Arnaldo Rodriguez, Keyla Cadena, Cecilia Moreno, Jasiel Hernandez and Alejandra Del Real.

Air Show brings new and interesting experience for PPAS

■ by Ana Jimena Gonzalez
Staff Writer

On March 26, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) students, along with surrounding area schools from high school to elementary, went to Texas A & M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) to a pre-demonstration of the air show that the Blue Angels presented on March 27 & 28.

On Sunday, March 28, PPAS's students visited Kingsville Naval Air Station, where the Blue Angels performed. The Blue Angels' mission is to increase Navy and Marine Corps and also to represent the naval service to the United States. The Blue Angels serve as role models for the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps, according to www.blueangels.navy.mil. A

Blue Angels flight exhibition shows choreographed routine of skills that every naval aviator possesses. They execute all their performance in F/A-18 Hornets which are tactical aircraft designed to operate from aircraft carriers and land bases. The Blue Angels come every two years.

"I liked it because it was something

new for me and I also liked the precision in which the aircraft performed," said Jessica Sabido, 16 year-old Eaglet II, "My favorite part was the Virtual Army experience because it felt so real. You were sitting in a truck and our mission was to shoot our enemies."

Beside the aircraft display, at the event, food and beverages were available for



purchase, army merchandise was given away, and an attraction named Virtual Army experience was offered, where you could experience what it is like to be in the army.

"The Virtual Army experience was the most interesting thing of the event, because we were able to shoot enemies and we could hear and feel when they were attacking us," said Daniel Gonzalez, 17-year-old junior.

The first reason I arranged to take the students there is for entertainment value, said Don Turner, Activities Supervisor.

"It also is a good opportunity for the ones who want to become U.S. citizens and join the army," Turner said.

photo by Ana Jimena Gonzalez
PPAS students attend Air Show March 27 in Kingsville.

DEAN'S
DESK*The Mystery
of Prayer*

Over the past several weeks, I have received many cards, emails, and personal contacts from students, family, friends, and colleagues telling me that they are praying for me. I know that many other people whom I do not know are also praying for me. Each time someone lets me know about their prayers, I feel very uplifted and surrounded in love. It has made me more mindful of prayer. There are many types of prayer and the one in which someone prays for another is called intercessory prayer.

The interest in prayer and its effectiveness seems to be a growing topic among people, both those who actively practice their faith and those who are not associated with any particular religion. In an article published in USA Today, Anita Manning wrote that more than half of those who responded to a USA Today/Stanford University Medical Center poll use prayer to control pain. Of those, 90% say it worked well, and 51% say it worked "very well." Among a dozen therapies, including bed rest, massage and herbal remedies, only prescription drugs were as successful as prayer in easing pain: 89% report that such drugs work well and 51% say they work "very well". In another research study conducted by Dr. Randolph Byrd, who practiced cardiology in San Francisco, it was reported that a group of patients who were prayed for did 10% better than a group who was not. In addition, the people who were prayed for were five times less likely to develop post-surgical complications and also died five times less often. Some writers argue for prayer to be considered as an alternative medicine. Another researcher attributes prayer effectiveness to quantum physics.

No matter how much it is researched or written about prayer, there will always be a mystery surrounding prayer as there is with faith. Some aspects cannot be quantified. We know God's answer to prayer may be different than we wish or expect. As a community of faith, it is important to continue to pray and know that our prayers are heard. We are God's heart and hands and the support that is given to each other is one way that we know God works in our world.

PPAS celebrates Poetry Month

■ by Karla Gonzalez
Staff Writer

At Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), National Poetry Month is being celebrated for the second time. Senior students taking English IV class are getting familiar with diverse kinds of poetry, encompassing historical, humorous, romantic and even modern poetry. "We are celebrating poetry month because it is a tradition all over the U.S.A.," said Diane Garcia, Senior English IV teacher. "Poetry month gives the students an opportunity to think critically and express themselves. It also helps them with their grammar skills and to express orally." Garcia assigned poetry-related projects such as "poetry cake," which contains pieces of poetry focused on one specific theme and was practiced by English IV students last year for the first time. Any student who is not a

member of Garcia's English class can also participate creating a variation of a poetry cake, which is often a "poetry cupcake." The second project is called "poetry in your pocket," which is about keeping your favorite poem in your pocket for a whole day and throughout the day reading it out loud to one or more persons. The second project was the one suggested by the National Poetry Foundation, which is in charge of encouraging students who attend schools in America to get involved with the literary form of poetry. Every year the foundation suggests a different way for students to share their favorite poems. "The idea of the project is to get involved, to be considered someone outstanding in the beauty of language," Garcia said. The official "poetry in your pocket" day at PPAS will be April 29. The students in



Garcia's class will pick any poem they like, from any author of their election, but if the poem is not originally written in English, it must be translated. The objective of "poetry in your pocket" is, as the National Poetry Foundation suggests, to recite "poetry out loud." "We [English IV class] chose peace and war as a theme because we thought it was interesting," said Kenia Mascorro, senior. "The cake has poems from different poets

including George Herbert and Anna Laetitia Barbauld." The students have to practice their poetry on a daily basis, everything takes practice," Garcia said. "This project is fun because we get to use our creativity to put together an original cake," said Jesse Flores, senior Garcia, who describes herself as fond of poetry, describes poetry as "a way to express your secret self by saying what you really think through someone else's words."

photo by
Karla Gonzalez

From left,
seniors Hugo
Aguilar,
Cristina
Morales,
Jesse Flores
& Claudia
Borunda
in English
IV Class
working on
their poetry
projects in
celebration
of National
Poetry
Month.

Spring College application
Checklist (confirmation of information sent)

• No senioritis, please! Accepting colleges *do* look at second-semester senior grades.

Grades

Confirm receipt of high school transcript

Confirm receipt of Dual Credit College transcript

Test Scores

Resend scores if retaken SAT/ ACT/TOEFL

Confirm receipt of Application

Make copies of all application materials

Confirm fee paid

Financial Aid Forms

Request parents financial contribution from home countries (bank statements)

Mail Affidavit for Texas Resident Tuition (International Students)

Including sponsor letter

Calling Universities

Phone numbers for universities are in your Me, Myself and I binders you need to start calling if you have any questions about your admission and to confirm that everything has been turned in.

"NEW" REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION

-students staying on campus in dormitories must take a meningitis immunization that is now required for on campus boarding students. If you need more information please come by office.

COUNSELOR'S



ELLIE PEREZ

CORNER

Teacher spotlight announced for March

■ by Mauricio Saenz
Staff Writer

Physics teacher Donald Gillespie has been chosen as teacher spotlight for April at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS)

“I was surprised because I didn’t expect it,” he said. “But it makes me feel proud of the work I’m doing here.”

This is his first year at PPAS and also his first year as a teacher.

Gillespie, who was born and raised in California, decided to come to Kingsville to attend school and get a bachelor’s degree in science and engineering at Texas A&M University- Kingsville.

After he graduated, a friend of his, recommended (PPAS) as a good place for him to work. His experience at PPAS has been a good one, he said.

“I like the way the school is set up. It’s like college and the students come here to learn another language as well as finish their education,” Gillespie said.

In his free time, he likes to play with his kids and take them to the park.

His method of teaching is to try for the students to teach themselves.

“That’s how I was taught in college and I think that’s a good method,” Gillespie said.



photo by Mauricio Saenz

DON GILLESPIE

Mexico City native chosen as student of the month

■ by Daniel Victoria
Staff Writer

It is the last issue of the year. It is the last student of the month to feature. Lorena Acosta, being the only Pre-University student at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), must be recognized. Acosta is part of the pre-university program where students come to PPAS after they have already graduated high school to learn English.

Mexico City was lucky to see Acosta come to earth 20 years ago. Spending a year at PPAS made her see what she wanted after leaving her high school. The reason she came here was to improve her English skills and have time to think carefully about the future, she said. When Acosta is at



LORENA ACOSTA

photo by Daniel Victoria

home, she enjoys hanging out in La Condesa neighborhood visiting bookstores, coffee shops and eating a good salad at “La Buena Tierra” restaurant.

She also likes going to El Centro with her friends looking for pure Mexican fun, she said. Acosta considers herself to be a huge fan of movies – Marie Antoinette is her favorite one. Her favorite musical group--- she says “Los Yeah Yeah Yeahs” are at the top of her list. Her

favorite song is Digitalism by Pogo. If Acosta could make one of her biggest dreams come true, she would go to France with her friends, *je t’aime Paris*.

Yearbook and volleyball were the activities she was part of during the long school year at PPAS. Acosta has chosen UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico) as the university she’ll attend after graduating. She said she would like to major in visual communication design.

For this summer, the Pre-U girl plans to work wherever she can get well paid to fund a trip to the beach.

One of her quotes and strange philosophy, but true: “Life is sweet. Eat Hershey’s.”

Q+A

WITH SENIOR CLASS
VICE PRESIDENT
JIMENA HERNANDEZ

Interview with 2009-2010 Senior Class Vice President

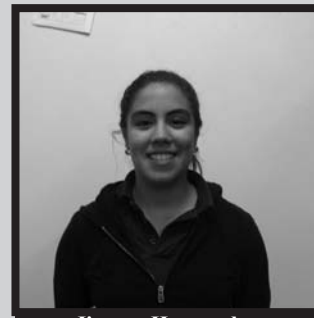
■ by Tania Rodriguez
Editor-in-Chief

1. Do you have a lot of responsibilities being the senior vice-president?

I do have, but not as many as the president.

2. Are you in charge of something in specific?

Just helping the president whenever she needs me.



Jimena Hernandez

3. Being your third year class officer, do you think you have improved year by year?

Yes, because my first year I was secretary and the last two years I’ve been vice president.

4. In what other activities are you involved in?

For this semester I am in track and worship committee

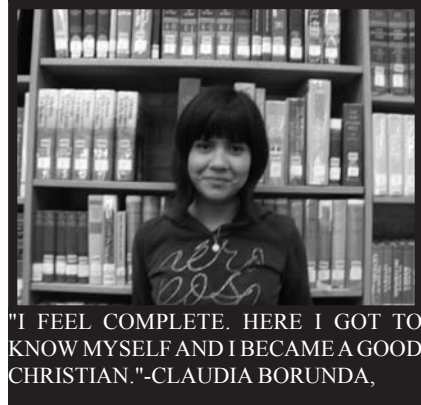
5. In what things are you concentrating on concerning the senior activities?

Right now our goal is to earn more money to have a good senior trip, and help the seniors not pay for the whole trip.

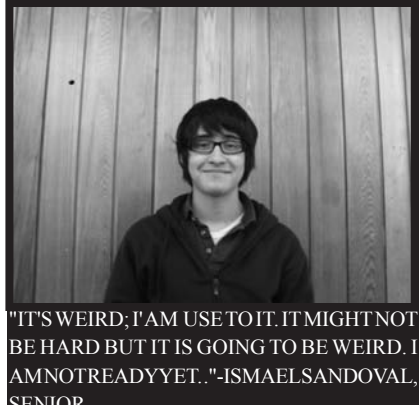
6. Something you would like to tell your class

It’s being a pleasure working for you, I hope you enjoy this year and see you in a few years.

HOW DO YOU



FEEL LEAVING



PAN AM?



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Senior's thoughts on leaving PPAS

by Tania Rodriguez
Editor-in-Chief

~~"...
Clear
your tears,
because
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home."~~

Three years ago, the class of 2010 was welcomed to Presbyterian Pan American School. Everybody came here for different reasons, some may have come looking for a new experience, others with the goal of learning English, or in the worst case they were forced to come, but at the end PPAS has become home for everybody. In the beginning we came crying, dying to go back home but I'm sure that most of us will leave crying wishing to stay home.

When we came we didn't give our best look at Pan Am. Our rooms looked empty, the food tasted weird, we were against the rules, and we were all strangers. Now our room has become our favorite place to be, we have tried almost every meal, and for most of us, our roommates have become our best friends.

Friends, love, home, laughs, memories, family, this and a whole list of words is what PPAS means for Seniors. Now that we are about to finish this chapter of our lives we become nostalgic and we come to realize that PPAS is now part of our lives. Besides packing all the stuff we have with us, we will carry in our hearts all the moments that we shared together, those that will replay in our heads all throughout high school as our best years ever. We take with us all those experiences and lessons that made us grow. It is at PPAS where we learned things that we wouldn't have learned in any other place. It was year by year that we became closer and the people, who were strangers at first, now are more like our brothers and sisters. Here our friends were always by our side, and those friendships will last for the rest of our lives.

Time passes flying, we keep moving on, and we can't slow down. In less than five weeks we will leave this place, and we won't be coming back.

We are in a rush to leave Pan Am, and every day is normal to hear concerns about the homework, or the rules, but after we leave PPAS, we will miss even the things that we thought we hated the most. After this summer, we will take a big step in our lives and it will be time to experience what is out there, the real world.

Underclassmen, the best advice I would give you is to enjoy your time at Pan Am, because before you realize it, you will be a senior and soon you will be graduating. If you have something that you need to say, you better say it right now because you won't have another day.

A chapter in our life ends, but the friendships we built here will last forever. Even though everybody will be on a different track, I hope that after some years we meet again and talk about our lives. Wishing that all we dream today can be achieved in our future. Clear your tears, because it's not goodbye, it is just our time to fly from home.



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Students shop at newly renovated Corpus Christi Mall

■ by Alejandra Del Real
Staff Writer

This mall trip to Corpus Christi on Saturday, April 10 wasn't an ordinary trip for Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), because now La Palmera Mall is renovated, with new stores, places to eat and entertainment.

Don Turner, Activities Director, took PPAS students to buy all the necessary things for prom. Students spent around three hours at the mall looking for clothes to wear for the Junior/Senior Prom, which will be held Friday, May 7 at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville ballroom.

"I really wanted to go to buy accessories and shoes and I wanted to get off campus. I bought my prom shoes," said Ivonne Mora, 18-year old junior.

As work continues on some areas of the mall, including the new Lifestyle Court main entrance area, many other areas are now completed and being enjoyed by shoppers.

The mall was truly renovated, the main changes were, according to lapalmera.com, the one-of-a-kind ocean-themed children's play area (upper level), the 600-seat La Palmera Café's food court, new restrooms, including family restrooms, in the food court with free Wi-fi (lower level).

"I bought earrings and some other accessories for my dress, I also ate a big sandwich at subway with my friends," said Anyul Abud 16-year old.

Abud said she could see renovations at the mall from the entrance and noticed several new stores and arrangements that were interesting. She was also able to relax and take a break from shopping in the new seating, she said.

"Now the mall looks cool, full of light and it's good that they thought about little kids with a place where they can have fun while their parents are shopping," said Cecilia Moreno, 16-year old junior.



photos by Alejandra Del Real

La Palmera Mall in Corpus Christi has been remodeled. The top photo shows the new water fountain in the center of the first floor and seating in the food court area.

Events planned for PPAS Senior Class of 2010

by Jimena Hernandez
Managing Editor

It's April and seniors have only one month and a half left. The penultimate month of school, that means the busiest time in the year for all students, especially for the ones that are graduating. What started for some as a dream and for some others as a long trip is almost coming to an end. The class of 2010 will be graduating from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) on May 22, all of them completing an important stage of their lives and trying to achieve their goals.

Meanwhile, seniors still work hard to raise the most money possible for their senior trip, organizing concession stands, car washes, and any other activities that will be helpful for them. Worthy of all the effort and hard work done during the school year, Veronica Vasquez, senior president, sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, and all the seniors decided their destination for their trip that will be in Dallas, from May 16-19.

On April 25, seniors will be going to the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsville, a special event the congregation organizes also celebrated from years back. It's a traditional ceremony held for the future college students in which they attend church service and they are

recognized and honored. After the service they are invited to a banquet to celebrate the special occasion followed by a video presentation made by the yearbook class that shows each senior's hometown, college plans and major.

On May 7, the class of 2010 will be having their prom, but not a common one. This year's junior class worked really hard for them to have a decent place and time to enjoy. Successfully accomplished, this special event will take place at Texas University of Kingsville, (Tamuk) Javelina's Ballroom at 7 p.m. and will be finished by 11 p.m., in which they made a special request for the underclassmen to be formally dressed. And what about the Prom theme? Well, juniors decided to keep it a secret till the day arrives.

On May 15, there will only be seven days left for graduation, isn't that exciting? On this day, seniors will be having their Senior Banquet, a perfect time to get up at the podium and say in only less than three minutes a thankful thought, maybe just an experience, or simply to feel nostalgic about leaving. Usually, this can be one of the saddest times in the year when students realize that Pan Am wasn't only a boarding school, but their homes where they learned about friendship, to care about each other and to act like a big family.

Finally, May 22, the last day seniors will be standing on Pan Am's territory. Graduation day will arrive; it is definitely time to leave. On this day, most senior's families come to campus to honor a special ceremony held in the Morris Chapel at PPAS, where the President, Dean and staff officially name them college students. During the ceremony, three students from the graduating class offer a speech for the audience, usually the president of the senior class, the salutatorian, and valedictorian. After the service, parents and students are invited to a banquet that will be followed after the next event, the last moment at Pan Am in which students gather in a circle and pray for their futures throwing their graduation caps successfully and raising cheerful voices that "they did it".

"I will always remember the day my seniors came to their first class meeting. They were too young. I feel nostalgic, but I'm more than satisfied with the level of attendance and participation exhibited during the year," said Senior Class Sponsor, Rebecca Perkins.

"The class of 2010 will proudly represent the school's mission. "Creating Christian Leaders." I feel fortunate of sharing special times with them and I am going to miss them. They are very special for me," said PPAS Dean of Students, Barbara Stottlemeyer.

Members of PPAS' track team will advance to district

■ by Carlos Gutierrez

Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) track team attended a meet on April 9 at West Oso High School. The 4x400 meter relay team of Junior Christian Ortiz, Senior Fernando Montemayor, Junior Erick Luna and Senior Hugo Aguilar placed second with a season best time and third overall behind two schools, Gregory Portland High School and Rockport-Fulton High School.

The 4x400 relay team of Junior Ivonne Mora, Senior Tania Rodriguez, Junior Ana Laura De Leon and Eaglet 2 Lizzette Paredes placed second. at the West Oso meet.

"They [track members] did ok in their times considering they took a week off for spring break," said Coach Reili Cantu. "For some students, they improved, for others, they were pretty close to where they have been."

It was the West Oso meet where Cantu determined who is going to represent PPAS in district, she said.

Currently, PPAS's 4x400 meter relay team of Ortiz, Montemayor, Luna and Aguilar are qualified in the región, based on their times, to be in the top five to go to district.

Senior Tania Rodriguez, Junior Ivonne Mora, Luna and Montemayor that compete in the 800-meter dash are ranked in the top 10 in región to advance to district and Ortiz who competes in the 300-meter hurdles, long lump and triple jump qualifies in the region to be in the top five.

Their performance and effort will show who will pass to disctrict, Cantu said. At the Ben Bolt meet on March 27, the PPAS track team participated in many events, such as 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, 3200-meter, 100, 110-meter hurdles, 4x100, 4x200, 4x400 relays, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus and also the throwers relay.

The track members participating in order, starting with the junior varsity's field event and the varsity eliminatories, then the varsity field event and the JV's finals and concluding with varsity finals.

"They are working hard," said Cantu,"and their hard work is starting to show in their performance."

Ortiz won first place in the 300-meter hurdles, second place in long jump and third place in triple jump.

Ericka Campuzano, Eaglet II, placed third in the 3200-meter and sixth in the 1600-meter.

"It was hard but in contrast with others, it was easier," Campuzano said,"I think that I'm giving my best."

It was very hard because the other school's students are very fast, but I liked it, said Eaglet II Chan Yeong Kim. Kim placed second in 200-meter dash and fourth in 100-meter dash.

The PPAS track team members have been working hard since January, Cantu said, and the next step would be district and regionals.

District is set for April 22 at Florence and only the top four places advance to regionals on April 30 in Florence as well.

"District will be harder than last year because four new schools are in our district that had a lot of succes in the past," Cantu said. "But I think that our team has more depth than last year," she said.



photo by Jimena Hernandez

Eaglet 2 Alfonso Ramos competing in the relays at the Ben Bolt meet on March 27.



photo by Jimena Hernandez

Junior Christian Ortiz competing in the 2x400-meter relay at the Ben Bolt meet on March 27.



photo by Jimena Hernandez

Members of the PPAS track team sit and route for their team at the Ben Bolt meet on March 27.

Easter Concert at PPAS is a success

by Jose Manuel Torres
Staff Writer



photo by Jose Manuel Torres
PPAS held their annual Easter Concert on Tuesday, March 30 before school was released for Easter/Spring break.

During the morning of Tuesday, March 30, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) celebrated its annual Easter Concert, where the school's Morris Chapel Choir performed in the atrium of the school's classroom building. Each year, the Easter Concert is held before the students are dismissed for Easter/Spring break.

Joe L. Garcia, Director of Admissions at PPAS, said that the Easter Concert is celebrated every year to make memory of the day that Jesus Christ resurrected, three days after his death during Holy week.

Garcia also said that the songs performed are songs of that time, the days of Jesus.

"It was a good concert. I enjoyed the message," he said. "My favorite part was 'Alive! Medley' that is the music of the resurrection because it is very dramatic and reminds us that we are sinners and that no one is perfect."

The PPAS choir is under the direction of Sandra Messbarger. Reynaldo Torres, junior at PPAS and member of the choir, said that he feels happy with the presentation from the choir.

"The concert fulfilled my expectations," he said, "making me feel that this was a really good Easter Concert."

The choir, of about 18, practiced and prepared for the concert for more than one month prior to the event.

The choir performed songs such as "Come Christians", "We Followed the Christ", "Jerusalem Called" and "Bittersweet."

On the spectator side, Terry Liang, senior at PPAS, was one of the 127 students that saw the performance. "I loved it. I could enjoy the music and could see to all the choir members being involved in the music," Liang said.

PPAS, Dean of Academics, Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer was also present during the concert.

"I think the choir did a wonderful job. The Easter Concert was well done. I am excited to see many young singers in our choir. Our school is blessed with many talented students," Stottlemeyer said.

Jump, Literacy Fair

Alejandra del Real were the well-prepared cast that performed in front of the whole school. The class also decorated two other rooms displaying information and even showing the movie about the Pulitzer Prize Winner novel "To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee.

Even though she is the junior class president, Debora Hernandez said that her heart was caught by what the seniors did.

"I really liked what my class did, but I think the seniors were very well-prepared and their reading was just awesome," she said.

The Eaglets II class created handmade booklets that kept some pictures taken at the International Banquet. The class worked on the booklets for two weeks. Each senior received a booklet, which very colorful and the unique covers were designed by Paola Flores (front cover) and Hana Lee (back cover). Eaglets II also displayed costumes they drew based on the stories of the books they were reading.

"I think the Literacy Fair was a good way to show how each class learns and enjoys English in different forms," said Nam Kim, 15-year-old Eaglets II class.

And last but not least, students from English I, led by Rebecca Perkins, presented the home-made movies they filmed based on "Romeo and Juliet," by William Shakespeare. They also displayed homemade T-shirts they designed also based on the tragic love story between these unlucky lovers.

Ana Jimena Gonzales, Jesus Alcocer and Nathan Zelaya read poems they wrote themselves. What Carolina Gutierrez and Neftali Fernandez made was also a big surprise. They designed a dress based on the costumes of the Shakespeare's most famous work. Yellow mustard and red, the dress made out of newspaper was worn by one of the proud designers, Neftali Fernandez.

"I want a bigger Literacy Fair for next year. I want it to be two or three days long, full of activities so the students can really experience literature", Garcia said.

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across

4. Cantu
7. AlbertGarcia
8. Mireles
10. JoeGarcia
11. Robertson
13. Gutierrez
14. Meek

Down

1. RebeccaPerkins
2. JoshPerkins
3. Windham
5. Stottlemeyer
6. DianeGarcia
9. Salinas
12. Turner

~ Thank You ~

For Contributing to PPAS' Health & Wellness Fair
on April 20, 2010

Texas A&M University-Kingsville-Health and Wellness Center
Texas A&M University-Kingsville-Outreach and Enrollment
Rodeway Inn

Ramirez & Ramirez, DDS

Ricardo Ranch & Feed

The Last Song movie is full of betrayal and romance

■ by Viviana Garcia
Staff Writer

The movie, *The Last Song* starring Miley Cyrus (as Ronnie), was inspired by Nicholas Spark's novel and was released in theaters April 1. It is about 17-year-old Ronnie who is forced to leave New York to go and spend the summer with her younger brother, Jonah (Bobby Coleman) at Tybee Island, which is where her dad (Greg Kinnear) lives.

Ronnie is a piano prodigy since childhood and now she has abandoned her and her father's dreams of Juilliard, and she has had some trouble with the law in New York.

Being left there with her brother, Ronnie tries everything to stay out of her father's way, because she is very angry at him for leaving her mother (Kelly Preston).

While trying to evade her father, Ronnie meets Will (Liam Hemsworth) where she thinks she finds love but doesn't want to accept it. She also finds a nest of sea turtle eggs menaced by a raccoon on the outside of her house. Ronnie calls the aquarium for help, and the help they send results to be Will, also a mechanic and a young man whose family is rich.

Way before Ronnie comes to her dad's place, there was a church fire that Ronnie's dad is believed to have started, so now while Ronnie goes around with Will, her father and Jonah work on windows for the church.

One day Ronnie gets to meet Will's parents and accidentally they mention Will sister's wedding, which Will had had forgot to mention. Ronnie is upset for him not telling her and tries to end the relationship. Will mentions the death of his brother and Ronnie feels bad and confesses her ability for playing the piano by demonstrating it.

The day of the sea turtle egg's hatching has arrived and Will, Ronnie, Jonah and dad are present.

Ronnie's dad offers to go and get a flashlight, but on the way he collapses and he is immediately taken to the emergency room.

Ronnie is crestfallen when she finds out her father has cancer, and... the rest is up to you all to watch.

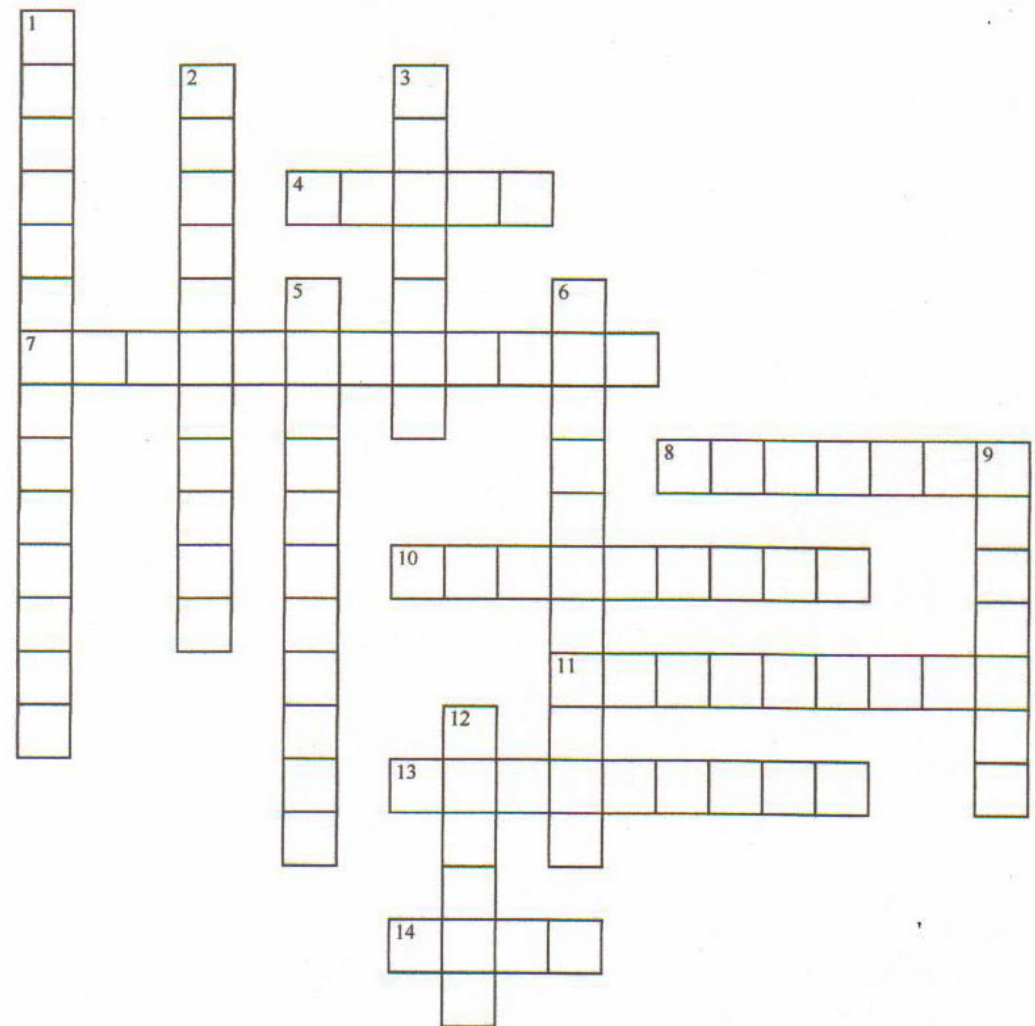
In my opinion *The Last Song* is a good movie for those who like Nicholas Spark's novels with betrayal, youthful discovery, and of course young romance.



PPAS Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 4 Love you, miss you ba-bye
7 Six thirty tomorrow morning
8 If you are sick, she will help
10 Don't forget to bring your passports
11 Take out your algebra books and get to work
13 Newspaper is possible because of her
14 Geez guys

DOWN

- 1 Cross your heart and hope to die
2 Yay!
3 Her smile "communicates" happiness
5 We couldn't have a better principal
6 Books, books and more books
9 Nice but issues tardy slips
12 TGIF

*The answers to the crossword puzzle are all last names unless PPAS has more than one faculty or staff member with the same last name. In this case, it is the first and last name together as the answer with no spaces. *Hint-2 Down is the shortened version of his name.*