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Sunset at Lake Champlain

More great stuff inside!!



Meet your Student Council!

Aubrey Siess- President

Aubrey is 16 years old and a natural born citizen of Tulsa. Aubrey plans to graduate from TLA next year and attend the University of the Ozarks to attain both her Bachelor and Master degrees in Psychology.



She then hopes to attend a world-class graduate school to finally receive her PhD. in Psychology. She wants to be a child psychologist and specialize in Art & Play therapy.



Sabiell Bhuiyan- Vice-President

Sabiell was born in Tulsa but has also lived in Claremore as well as overseas. Sabiell love is art, as she clearly shows in our blog. She really hopes to graduate at the top of her class and attend Rogers State University for pre-med classes. Sabiell hopes to become a doctor without borders.



Alexis Marie Salas- Historian

Lexie lives with her family in Tulsa and attended Eisenhower, Thoreau, Victory Christian and now TLA. Lexie is bilingual speaking both English and Spanish fluently. Lexie is our in-house bakery chef and has an online business on facebook called "Sweet Besos Bakery. Lexie asked that we include this message from her to all of you. "y para los ninos que se hablan espanol, si mi apellido es Salas, como en su casa"



Ashley Warsham- Poet Laureate

Ashley is a native Tulsan and is attending TLA so she can finish high school a little sooner and begin her studies for her career. Ashley is quite a poet and definitely a creative person. Her long range goals are to continue her studies and shoot for a career in either Interior Design or perhaps as a singer/musician.



Nick Williams- Secretary

Nick's claim's to be a regular 16 year old guy, although his long distance relationship makes him anything but a regular 16 year old. You see, his girlfriend live in Smithville, Virginia. Nick likes to play the piano and accompany himself on vocals. He would love to one day meet Lady GaGa and would do just about anything to sing with her on stage.

Interested in joining Student Council? It's never too late, just contact Mr. McDonald at mcdonde@tulsaschools.org!



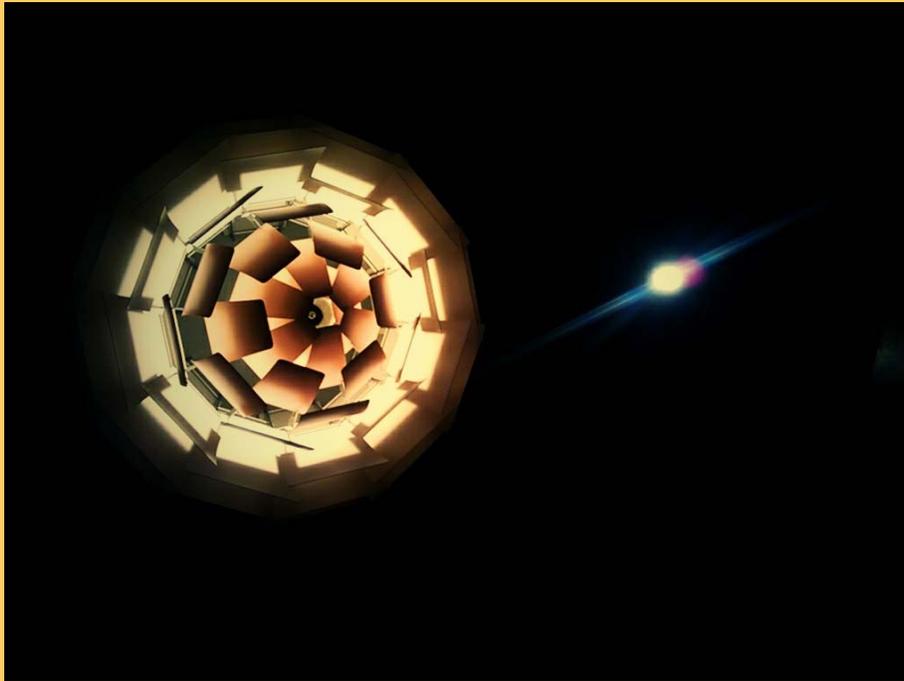
By "Lexie"

*Without you I'd be nothing and this is not a lie.
Because you make me happy and make me laugh till' I cry!
You never make me sad, you always make me smile.
Because for you my dear, I'd walk the longest mile.
I would do anything for you, Get you anything you need.
I'll listen to you when you want a friend, for I am a true friend indeed.
People have doubted our relationship, but I tell them that they're wrong.
Because I know that our love could be written into a song!
However, there are no words that could describe how much I love you.
Because you are simply too amazing for me to describe everything about
you! I love you, I love you, I love you... I can't say it enough.
When I talk to you I'm happy, I'm no longer a diamond in the rough!
These and so much more are all for you my Dear, I think it's plain to see...
You and I are great together, we make the Perfect Team.*

I love you, Happy Valentine's Day...

By Nicholas Williams

Our artists share their inspirations



By Aubrey Siess

"My photo was taken at the restaurant called "Tei Kei's." I was eating there one day for lunch and looked up and noticed the lights on the ceiling. The white globe in my picture was a huge spherical lantern on the ceiling. I thought it looked like a planet, so I took a picture of it which included the light fixture next to it. After the photo was taken, I used editing software to give it a 'space-like' or 'extra-terrestrial' feel."

Being Lucky

Get a horseshoe,
Get a lucky rabbit's foot
Stay away from black cats,
St. Patrick's Day is said to be lucky.
Be sure to wear green,
Or you get pinched a lot!

By Ashley Warshum

"I love writing random stuff down and eventually some of this random stuff turns into poetry or a story. My poetry normally has a theme that conveys emotion. Sometimes it doesn't repeat lines or words, or rhyme or rhythm. Sometimes it's just a little collage of thoughts that fit together."



By Sabiel Bhuiyan

“My blue ‘3-D’ picture was produced by the use of water marbling. This process calls for a special kind of paint, which floats onto of the water. My personal painting was produced by splattering my colors all around the water plate and afterwards using a special tool to move the colors around and create the design. Traditionally the artist places the paper down on the paint and removes it right away. After I placed my paper on the paint, I wiggled the paper back and forth to create the ‘steps’ or ‘3-D effect’.”



By Alexis Salas

“I drew this picture after an ordeal with a guy, I had been hurt so many times that I exploded.’ Lexie vented her frustration out in this picture, which is pretty self-explanatory once you understand the background motivation. Luckily for us, Lexie is able to deal with her emotion artistically. And fortunately for Lexie, I’m now with the best possible guy around. He makes me truly happy and free to be myself.”

Top Ten Movies!

Last issue, we asked you to send in your top ten favorite movies. Here are a few that we received.

From N.W.:

1. Twilight (all of them)
2. Death on the Nile
3. Contagion
4. Toy Story
5. Cars 2
6. Up In The Air
7. Shrek 2
8. Never Say Never
9. Madea Goes To Jail
10. Harry Potter

From A.S.:

1. Dark Knight
2. Gladiator
3. Walk The Line
4. Little Women
5. Sherlock Homes
6. Meet Me in St. Louis
7. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
8. Sound of Music
9. Kicking and Screaming
10. Dumb and Dumber

From A.W.:

1. Green Lantern
2. How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days
3. Underworld
4. Twilight Saga
5. End of the Spear
6. Alvin and the Chipmunks
7. Marley and Me
8. Fright Night
9. Despicable Me
10. Sweeny Todd

From Bradington:

- i. Der Blaue Engel
- ii. La Controverse de Valladolid
- iii. El Crimen del Amais
- iv. La Belle Femmes
- v. Gestoorde Hengelaar
- vi. Rashoman
- vii. Pee Wee's Big Adventure
- viii. Volver
- ix. Paris Je T'aime
- x. La Strada

We are introducing a new section of the *Virtual Voice* for creative writing. If you are a TLA'er, and YOU have samples of your writing (works of fiction, non-fiction, or news stories/opinions on current issues), send them in!! The following is an excerpt from a novel written by a TLA'er.

[ON THE TRAIL OF BIGFOOT](#)
[by Simone Grand Pied](#)

Prologue

Monday, July 13, 2010

The young man came running around the corner so fast that he lost his footing and stumbled into the doorway of an optician's office. His girlfriend, whose hand he had a tight grip on, also fell. She let out a moan and rubbed her left ankle, as the young man looked up at the street sign to get his bearings. Fourth and Boulder. Only a few blocks from the Tulsa Sheriff's Department, but it may just as well have been a few miles for all the good it was going to do him and the woman he held onto so tightly. He turned and looked behind him. He saw the silhouettes of the men pursuing them, coming closer. He jumped up and grabbed his girlfriend, trying to get her to stand up and start running again, but she had hurt her ankle badly, and it seemed that running away was out of the question.

The young man looked helpless as his pursuers calmly walked up to them. The man who seemed to be the leader of the group motioned for his associates to surround the couple. As the leader smiled, the young man could see

a sparkle on the man's gold tooth caused by the street lamps' glow. The man was chewing on a toothpick. "OK, so you've had your fun and tried to run away from us, but it didn't work, did it?" The man took out something dark from his pocket and flipped a switch. It was a knife, and a bright steel blade slipped out of it. The girlfriend started to cry as the young man begged for their release.

"Whatever you want just ask and we'll give it to you. Our money, credit cards, jewelry, whatever...just don't hurt us...please."

The man with the knife smiled even broader and spit out the toothpick. "That would have been OK before you ran," he said as he bent down to get a closer look at the girlfriend, "but now my boys and I have some other ideas." He looked straight into her eyes. She began to sob loudly as she quivered and begged for her safety.

Just then the young man saw movement in his peripheral vision and something swung past his head. It was an arm. It was an arm that looked more like a giant baseball bat as it swung around on a course directly towards the man holding the knife. It connected with the man in his stomach. The man dropped his knife and gasped for air. As he was bent in half trying to catch his breath, the giant arm came around again and caught one of his accomplices right across the back of his knees and then swung around again connecting with the other accomplice across his stomach, causing both of them to collapse on the ground. The young man and his girlfriend looked up at their rescuer. They heard a loud roar and then the giant arm that had caused so much trouble for

the pursers, pointed away from the area, toward downtown. The young man and his girlfriend knew exactly what that meant. They got up and hobbled downtown, toward the sheriff's office.

After crossing the street, the young man and his girlfriend turned to look back to try to get a glimpse of their hero. All they could see was something enormous, covered with hair, running away in the shadows of the street and the three men laid out, moaning in pain.



We asked some of the teachers and students of TLA to play the shuffle game. That is where you hit the shuffle mode on your MP3 player and see what comes up for the first ten songs. Here are some of our entries:

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| 1. Paparazzi- Lady Gaga | 1. Black Flag- Kings X |
| 2. Gotta Get Me Some- Nickleback | 2. Say You Love ME- Fleetwood Mac |
| 3. Just A Dream-Carrie Underwood | 3. Eight Miles High- Byrds |
| 4. To Make You Feel My Love- Garth Brooks | 4. Just A Song Before I Go- Crosby, Stills & Nash |
| 5. Homecoming Queen- Hinder | 5. Julianna- Big Head Todd & The Mosters |
| 6. Little Moments- Brad Paisley | 6. Revolution- Los Lobos |
| 7. Last Name- Carrie Underwood | 7. Nobody Knows Me- Lyle Lovett |
| 8. Wanna Be Starting Something- Michael Jackson | 8. A Hard Day's Night- Beatles |
| 9. Mid Season- Matchbox 20 | 9. VooDoo Child- Jimi Hendrix |
| | 10. Victoria- Kinks |
| 1. Captains and Cruise Ships- Owl City | 1. Ragtime Cowboy Joe- Alvin and the Chipmunks |
| 2. I'll be missing you- P.Diddy & Faith Evans | 2. Feelings- Morris Albert |
| 3. Notorious Thugs- Biggie Smalls | 3. I Love Turkey Bacon- Francis Kiljhum |
| 4. Hypnotized- Biggie Smalls | 4. The Hamster Dance Song- Roger Miller |
| 5. Twisted- Tech Nine | 5. Disco Duck- Rick Dees |
| 6. Ordinary Girl- Hannah Montana | 6. Croutons in my Soup- DJ Nuesbaum |
| 7. Escape the Fate- Cellar Door | 7. Theme from Friends- Rembrants |
| 8. If I Get Locked Up Tonight- Eminem | 8. The Toe Nail Song- Toby Toledo |
| 9. Wherever I Go- Hanna Montana | 9. Oh, That Crazy Norwegian- Hans Hijjerwluken |
| | 10. Shelby is so Boss- Justin Bieber |

You guys check out your iPod's/MP3's, hit shuffle, write down the first ten songs that show up, and send them in to us. We'll put them in the next **Virtual Voice!**