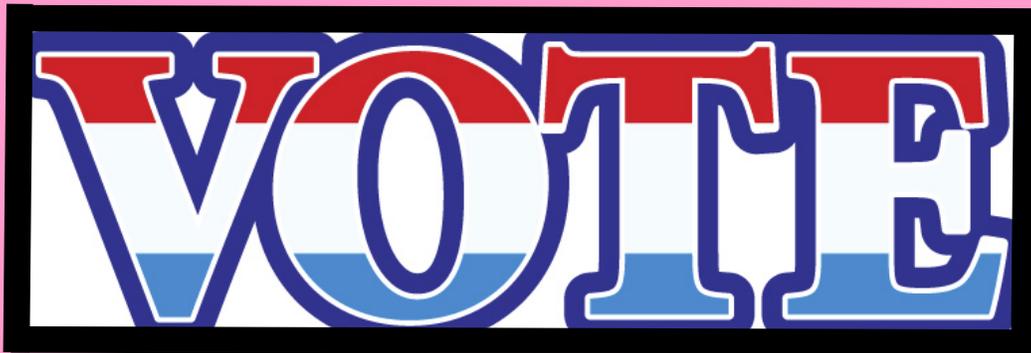


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Tulsa Learning Academy

Special Election Issue!



More great stuff inside!!



A word about our Student Council election...

Soon, the country will head to the polls and elect the next President of the United States. Some of you are old enough to vote on Super Tuesday, but many of you are not, so we have an election that you can take part in. We have three Student Council members who are running for council offices for this school year.

Last year was the Council's first year of operation, so the elections were held with council members only, but now you can take part in your school's election. You will notice that two members are running for the office of President and one for the office of Secretary. Whoever receives the largest number of votes for President will be appointed to that office. The other candidate will automatically become the Vice-President.

The procedure is pretty easy, simply read the speeches the members have written about who they are and what they want to do. When your mind is made up, send an email to Mr. Vess here at TLA with your name, student ID number, and the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. You have the entire month of November to cast your vote, but we do advise you vote as soon as you have made up your mind. **The deadline for all voting is 4:30 PM on November 20th.** Votes will be compiled and the President will enter office on January 7th, the first day of the new semester. Each TLA student can vote once. If you try to cast multiple votes we will know it and you will void out your original vote.

So, please, help out your school and take part in our Student Council Election.

Thanks,

Mr. McDonald
Student Council Advisor



Hello, my name is Aubrey Siess. I am a Senior here at Tulsa Learning Academy. This is my second and last year at TLA, as well as my second and last year of Student Council. I enjoy many things that involve music and art. I play piano and I like to do mixed media. As I said before, this is my Senior year, and I will be attending the University of the Ozarks next fall. I plan to study Psychology or Therapy, and Art. I am last year's President of Student Council. I am hoping to renew my term this year so that as we get Student Council off the ground again,

we can have even more activities and participation as last year. Student Council is a school program that allows the students to be in control of how they want to help their school and their community; that is the message I want to get across to everyone. I want to make Student Council a place where everyone can feel free to participate and throw in their own ideas for our progress. I hope to get more activities in for all of our students, especially considering our increasing numbers. I hope that, as your President, I can make this environment just as fun and inviting to you as it was and is for me. As President, I will give a leadership role, but still allow flexibility so that everyone may be a part of the team. As we grow in numbers and gain members, I know that Student Council's second year is going to be a great one, and I hope that I can lead you there.

If you've been keeping up with the blogs and student council, you might know who I am from the introductory blog during the '11-'12 school year, and if you don't, I'm Sabiel.

As a little bit of an insight, I like to break any stereotype about Muslim females as possible. I may dress a little weird, but I'm not oppressed or restricted, I can talk about practically any subject that comes up, I'm educated, and I like to share my opinions with everyone. Obviously not the general stereotype!

With that said, I'm also a leader. I strive to be better in my everyday life, as well as in my academic, and social life. I volunteer as much as I can, and I try my best to be in the frontlines to any positive changes that happen in the school.



Last year TLA was improved by our student council members, teachers, and administration, but still hasn't succeeded its maximum potential- but hopefully this year we can get even closer to that goal. I'd like to start off my term by introducing a school-wide program, which immolates the well known "Big Brothers Big Sisters" program. With this, upperclassmen can be paired up with an elementary or middle-school aged child and mentor and help them with school related subjects. I'd also like to collaborate with a few different volunteering organizations in order for volunteering-members of our school to help out the community, while also improving their college resume. It's a work-in-progress, but I'd also like to bring some aspects of a traditional school to our virtual school. I want to make your school experience a more positive one. These are the days you'll look back on and -hopefully- feel fond of.

If you give me your support, I promise to be the best liasion between the student body and the school that I can be. I also promise to do my best in continuing the betterment of our school and keeping your education (and maybe even a little bit of fun) a priority to the student council. I want to make a difference in this year, and in this school. So, please vote for me as your student council President of year '12-'13. Thank you!

Ashley Warsham- Office of Secretary



Secretary,
what does that
even mean?

First
thoughts...
independent,
organized, will-
ing to take
risks, smart,
respectful,
someone who
stays on task,

likes to schedule events...and is on time.

If any of those come to mind, then I am the girl for you. My goals for this year are to organize events to get our school out there. Like when we worked the serving line at the Iron Gate kitchen. I want to make sure we have memories of doing something at school, besides sitting behind a computer screen.

If you vote for me,, I will do my best to make those goals happen.

ASHLEY FOR SECRETARY!

Hidden Secrets
By Ashley Warshum

Feelings all wrapped up inside,
should they be revealed?

I don't know but,
lie to me, say, "It'll all work out."

It was you, who showed me who I am,
but why are you so shattered?

Let me in, trust me with everything,
It'll make us stronger, I swear.

Don't hide anything,
and we won't become just a secret.

We're at the point of no return,
do we blossom to a beautiful rose,
or let everything fade?

I'm willing to fight, and wait
just to see how it goes.

Sabiel's Social Network Safety Rules To Live By

The do's and do not's of the internet

-Don't put your phone number and address up for the public to view.

Putting your phone number, address, or any other personals up on the internet is bad enough, but whenever you put it on "public view," you invite the whole world to see it. The whole world includes people that probably shouldn't even know your name. You're subjecting yourself to pranks and other immaturities, and voluntarily putting yourself in harm's way.

-Don't put pictures up that you'd be embarrassed to show your grannie!

Something we have all seen time and again- inappropriate pictures. When you put inappropriate pictures on your social sites, they're on the internet where anyone can save and ridicule. "People" don't have to be your only worry on this topic. What about business employers and colleges? When they do their screening and your Facebook pops up with "mature" pictures, what do you will happen? You're not going to get that call back and you just lost your job or education opportunity because you decided to put a picture that grannie wouldn't have approved of up for the whole world to see. As a simple rule of thumb, let's all vow to keep pictures that our grannies don't approve off the net!

-Don't post status' about anything illegal.

First, I have to say that doing anything that is illegal isn't something that I condone in any way, shape, or form. I do not want to hear about something that is illegal, and many others don't either. You will not get a pat on the back for doing things that are ridiculously uneducated. It's harmful to your health on many levels, and you just should not share it. To add to that, sharing that you did something illegal on a social site is like putting in a confession to the police department. Unless you want to repent, it's not the smartest thing in the world.

-Don't post status' about anything hateful: use The Golden Rule!

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If you post something about someone that is negative, you can only expect them to do

the same to you. Now, if we have a bunch of negativity swirling around, we can only assume that there'll be some high emotions. High emotions, when they're negative, aren't the greatest thing to have. It's better if we stay neutral or positive about other people via internet, especially since written word can be so misconstrued. And remember, positivity is contagious.

-Don't accept friend requests from strangers

Let's get real: I don't want any creepy people stalking out my social networks, do you? I didn't think so! Adding strangers to your friendslist without meeting them in the non-virtual world is a risk that is better not to take. If people are adding you without knowing you, you should always assume that they have an agenda. There will be no reason for a random person to add you if they didn't have one. So to avoid any awkward conversations and potentially dangerous situations, Don't add strangers to your friendslists!

-Make sure your profile is set to private.

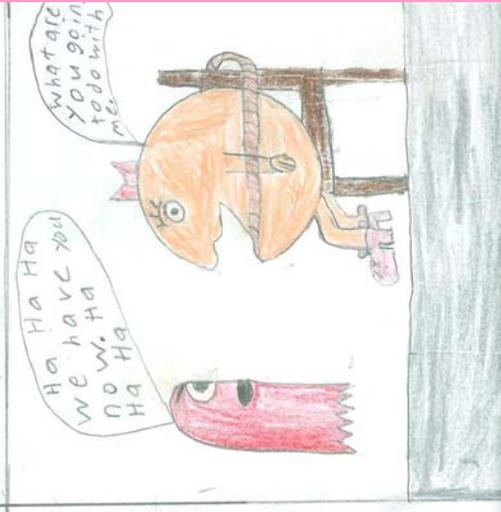
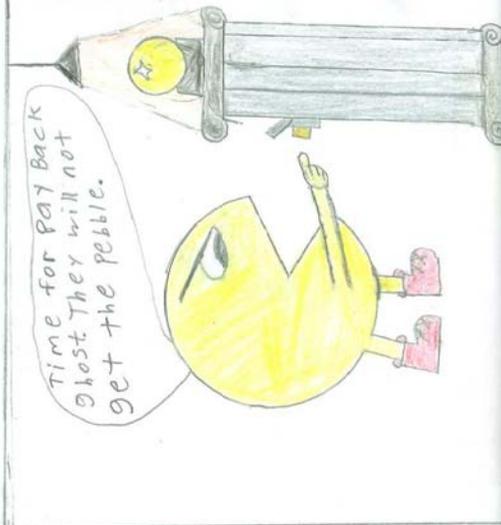
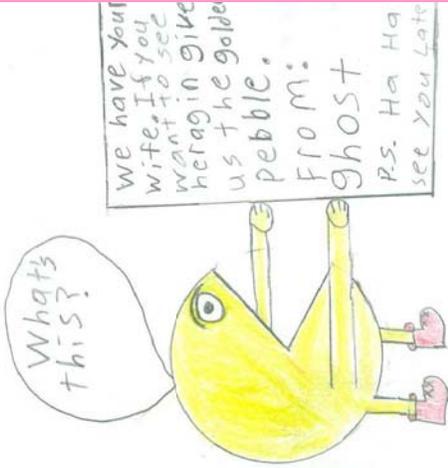
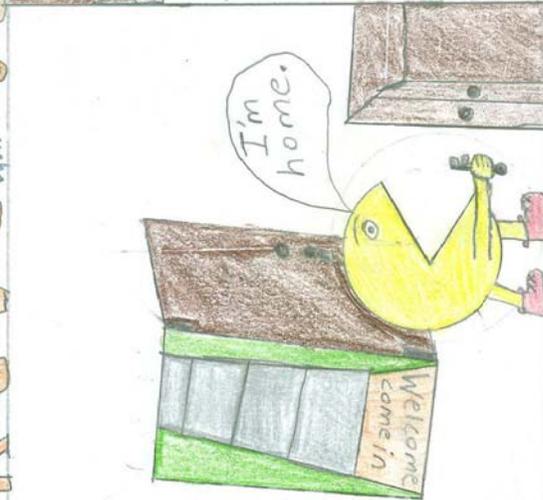
As I mentioned before, having your profile set as "public" can induce loads of trouble for you. Other than that, do you really want to think "hmm, I wonder whose reading/stalking my posts today?" I, for one, do not! In fact, I wouldn't want anyone that I don't want on my social site to see and read anything that I post. To me, that's very intrusive and whether I was a solitary person or not, there are things that I just don't want everyone to know. For one thing, I do not want everyone seeing the photo that my friend tagged me in that shows how terrified I was when I found a death-invoking spider on my leg at 2am. I'm sure you wouldn't want everyone seeing that less than attractive face either!

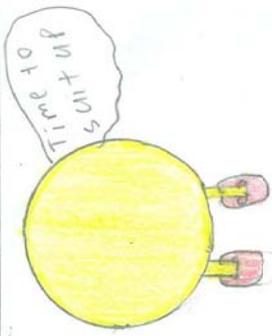
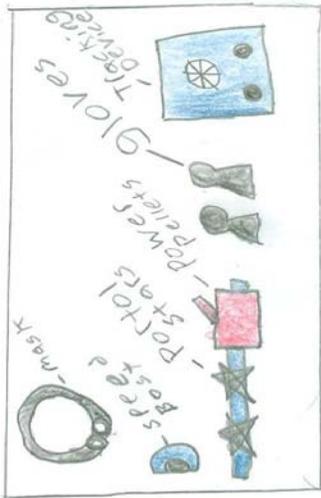
-Make sure you have a secure password

I cannot stress this enough. There are so many computer hackers these days that enjoy intruding on other peoples' social sites. They mess with things that they shouldn't, and make a muck of your personal account. If you actually get your account back, you can bet that you have some explaining to do! It's smarter to use an unusual password that is not related to you in any way and consists of both letters AND numbers. This makes it very hard for hackers to figure out your password.

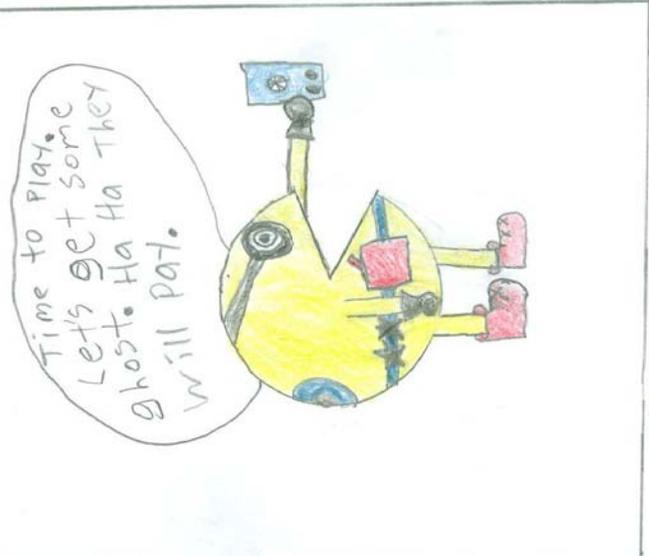
Revenge of Pac-Man by Bobby Potts

Revenge of Pac-Man





It's time to
start



Time to play.
Let's get some
goggles. Ha Ha They
will pat.

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