

# SDLC TIMES

Julian Charter School

## Making Learning Fun

It's always 'dangerous' to ask students about making learning more fun. But, I thought it would be interesting and educational for all of us to find out what some of our students thoughts were on the subject. Here is a sampling from our journalism class:

- Lunchtime and recess should be longer.
- Points or 'Class buck' help encourage students.
- Allow plenty of time to finish our work.
- Let the kids have 30 minutes of fun and then have us do our work.
- Teachers/Parents can smile and be happy when we answer questions correctly.
- If kids worked more together with other kids, (if we worked together we



could help each other out and get more work done).

- If there was less repetition in the school books we would be more inclined to focus.
- No school would make learning more fun!
- School in a pool.

- Let us chew bubble gum.
- Bring a ping pong table in class for when we have breaks.

So ... There you go. Let's make it fun!

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**FIRE**  
As the flames  
lick the wood  
The sparks  
cackle with laughter.  
The smoke  
is the wood's plea for help.  
Then angry water  
and sand answer  
The wood's plea.  
The fire  
has been defeated.  
  
By Taylor Zachary

## Who is the REAL role model?

**BRIAN BEARCHELL** - I was meeting with one of my families the other day, and was pleasantly surprised when their 1st grader showed great signs of improvement in his reading abilities. Where once there sat a child who did not like to read, now sat a child who can't wait to move on to his next story.

So I thanked his mother for all the hard work and patience that she must have put into her son's reading. I thanked her for being such a marvelous role model for her children, only to be corrected by her.

She told me that even after sharing the most fun, brilliant, exciting and colorful books she could find, with her son, it

still did nothing to get him interested in reading. What finally sparked his interest was his 4th grade sister, Katie. Katie sits down and reads to her little brothers every day. They, in turn, want to read like her.

So, moms (and dads) many of us have an awesome educational resource right in our

own homes. We often think that our younger children look up to us as role models. While they do, they tend to view their big brothers and sisters as role model, (Sometimes more than ourselves).

Thanks for the reminder,  
Trica!

**We look forward to seeing your students work in print!**

## A BETTER WORLD

**ANGELO PIZARRO** - In class the other day, we had a discussion about how we can make our world a better place to live. Here are some of the highlights:

We can change the world by not using paper from trees. Instead we can use recycled paper or paper made from 'bagasse', which is the plant fiber wasted remaining after sugarcane is processed and crushed into sugar.

That means fewer trees will be destroyed, while maximizing the use of all parts of a rapidly renewable agriculture product like sugar cane.

**ABDULLA ALEXANDER** - I can change the world when I grow up by recycling ... by composting egg shells, orange peels, leaves and more. Also by not using plastic, put a sign on my house saying 'No Smoking', use candles instead of lights, not use

gasoline, don't throw trash on the ground, don't spray plants with poison, don't throw away left-over food. If you travel get rid of your car and get a motorcycle.



**MAYA MARTIN-SPISAK** - I think my family and I can recycle more. I could pick up trash around the neighborhood, (There

is a lot of trash in the meadow by our house). We can plant some trees, too.

We need to stop global warming, recycle everything we can like bottles, cans, and paper and don't waste water. A little difference can make a change.

**NICOLE CHINNIS** - We need to take care of all of the animals in the world, (don't hurt them or be mean to them). Be nice to this world and help it help people that don't know about turning off water and turning off lights when they are not needed.

We all should plant more trees and flowers and be nice to them - they give us oxygen and good smells. We can make a difference. Please help us.

What builds up castles and tears down mountains, makes some men blind and helps others to see?  
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## "BOOK REVIEW" by Micah Fong

Do you like to read books? I do. One of my favorite trilogies is the **MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY**.

The first book is probably the most exciting book of all because none of the characters know what is going on. The main characters are Reynie Muldoon, an extremely clever boy who is a natural leader; Kate Wetherall, an unusually resourceful girl who always carries a large bucket with everything she might need in it; George "Sticky" Washington, who always remembers everything he reads; and Constance Contraire, who has what Sticky would call 'highly developed, unconscious pattern recognition'.

Together they make an amazing team. The **MBS** was called together by the narcoleptic Mr. Nicholas Benedict to stop the villainous Mr. Ledrotha Curtain (who happens to be Mr. Benedict's long lost twin and is also narcoleptic) from taking over the world with his powerful brain sweep machine, the Whisperer.

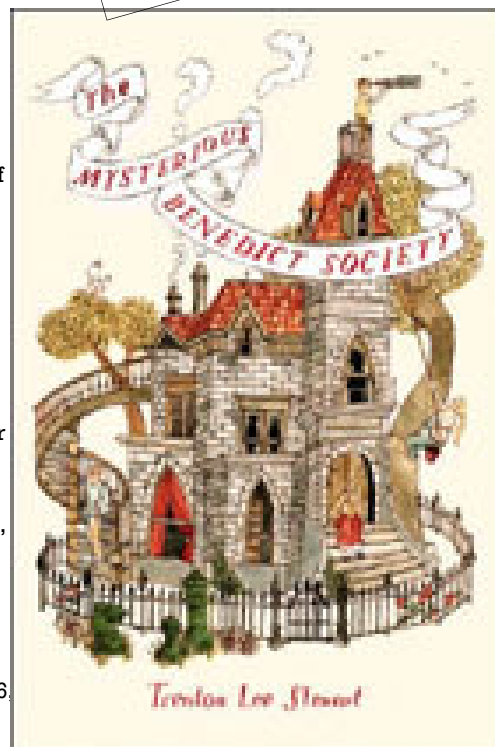
This book is fast paced and immensely funny.

The second book, The **MBS AND THE**

**PERILOUS JOURNEY**, is about how Mr. Benedict is kidnapped by Mr. Curtain and his special recruiters, known as the Ten men, (because they have ten different ways of hurting you). They are in search of the amazing Dishwort plant. Luckily, Mr. Benedict left a trail of clues and riddles, because he was planning a treasure hunt for the kids. The kids use the clues to find him.

I really like the **MBS** series because they are fast-paced and the plots are very complicated. Nevertheless, they are never boring or sentimental, because they have such a different array of characters. Reynie is self confident and modest; Sticky, anxious and shy; Kate, resourceful and optimistic; and Constance, stubborn and small.

The 3rd book in the **MBS** trilogy was finally released in bookstores on October 6, 2009. I can't wait to get my copy!



# We Call Him "COACH"

By **JAMES HORVATH, PAIGE NOLL, & JOSH WINE** - Coach Michael Horvath ("Coach") is Julian Charter School's Athletic director - Sports Coach.

He has been teaching at JCS for 4 years. Since he started here, he has created the **JCS Intramural Athletic League**, (IAL for short). At the present time we have teams from San Diego, North County, Murrieta, Alpine and Pine Valley participating in our flag football league.

His favorite sport to play is football. Football is a true team sport. Its full of strategy and counter strategy. Everyone has to do their job well in order for the team to be successful. He would rather coach golf because golf is a 'lifetime' sport. It is a sport that you can play at any age, where as you don't see many one hundred year olds playing football.

Unfortunately **IAL** is for the older kids. A middle school division for 6th, 7th & 8th graders, and a high school division for 9th - 12th graders. But, he does have a P.E. class for grades 1 - 5 that learn to

play all of the sports that play in the IAL, and that is FUN!

Coach has been playing sports since he was a little kid, playing baseball in little league, football and basketball, (which he played in college).

He is always encouraging kids to get involved in sports to stay healthy and to play with other kids. He is a wonderful coach who loves kids and

would be excited for everyone old enough to join a team or class at our school.

He has a very athletic family. His wife teaches dance, his daughter is a ballerina, and his sons play several sports each year.



# OLIVIA

Olivia is my 12 year old sister.

Sometimes I annoy Olivia. Besides that, we get along. Her favorite colors are red, purple, and green. Her favorite things to do are play with her dog, Millie, and ride horses. I'm really lucky because I don't have to clean up after all of the animals like she does because we have frogs, goats, chickens, cats, a dog, and a rat.

Olivia's favorite movies are "Spirit" and "No Reservations". Her favorite toy is her old stuffed bunny named Lili, which is the first thing she would save from a fire - of course.

If there was one thing she could change in the world, it would be to stop destruction of animal habitats, and one thing she absolutely hates is her braces. Olivia has blond hair and hazel eyes. When she is older, she wants to be a zoologist and travel around the world.

Olivia is the best sister in the world!!!

by **Maya Marin-Spisak**

Which boneless animal can swim faster than a dog, change its own color and texture, and can open a jar just by seeing a person do it? (Page 4)

# A Race Through Boston by Jordan Nasif

Have you ever been to the Boston Marathon? I have.

It all started when my mom ran the Napa Marathon and qualified for the Boston marathon.

My family and I took the plane to Boston. When we got there, we had to take a tunnel to the hotel. My dad didn't tell me that the tunnel went under the water.

It kind of freaked me out.

On the day of the Marathon, my dad, brother and I dropped my mom off at the starting line, then we went and made signs that said "GO



MOM!" At the halfway point we waited for her. It was very loud, with the big crowd - many people with cow bells or many selling things.

I was very anxious to see my mom run by. When she did, she looked

very excited.

At the end of the race she came in with a time of 3 hours 53 minutes, which is a very good time.

I hope everyone has a chance to experience the Great Boston Marathon!

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**JCS**

**DON'T FORGET!!!**  
**School Pictures**

**October 28th**  
San Diego Home Study / Academy / Insight  
**October 20th**  
Alpine & Pine Valley Academies

## Calendar

### October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Riddle Answers: Sand, Octopus

## Halloween Fun by Taylor Zachary

- BATS
- PUMPKINS
- SPIDERS
- GHOST
- COSTUMES
- BLACK
- SPOOKY
- ORANGE
- VAMPIRE
- CANDY
- MASK
- HAUNTED
- CANDYCORN
- WITCH
- MUMMY
- WEREWOLF
- SKELETON
- GHOUL
- BONE
- CAULDRON



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