



Copper Hills Football: Homecoming Heartbreak

By: Dalton Memales and Edisson Amparo



Copper Hills Varsity football team suffered another loss on September 25th, 2015. They were playing against Cottonwood Colts football team for their annual homecoming game. The first half of the football game Copper Hills did great. They were up 17-7 by halftime, but then they let the game go. In the end Copper Hills lost 17-28.

Even though Copper Hills lost the game the crowd was excited and happy to be there. The fans were cheering their team on the whole game even when they were down 17-21. The fans were really into supporting their team and their school. They had their faces painted in the Grizzly colors. They wore jerseys that were grizzly colors. During halftime there was even a van driving around on the field holding a Copper Hills flag. It was great. The next night the Homecoming dance was fun for all Copper Hills students.

The next home football game is October 22nd, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Copper Hills High school. They will be playing their rivalry team West Jordan Come support your team!!



Cyber Bullying: Is This a Real Problem?

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All students and faculty went to the NetSmartz Safe Tech assembly on cyber bullying, online predators, sexting, etc. But the real question is: Are these things actually a problem here at West Hills? And the answer is, yes.

Brittani D'Ewart, the presenter at the assembly, and Detective Randy Anglesey gave the answers to this question, when interviewed.

"The assembly talked a lot about online predators and people pretending to be someone that they aren't. Is this an actual problem?"

"Yes, this is a very common method, whether it is on the Internet, any kind of online gaming, or anywhere having any sort of social interaction." Detective Anglesey said.

"Have you had to deal with a lot of those cases at West Hills?"

"Most of the problems that I have to deal with here are stuff like students harassing other students via social

media somehow. As far as any sort of soliciting students, there have been several beginning stages of that, but we were able to stop it before it turned into something bigger."

When asked what students can do to prevent any cyber bullying and soliciting he gave some ideas. He says, "If it doesn't feel right, don't do it. If it's



something that you feel you have to be secretive about, then you probably shouldn't be doing it. If you can't show a trusted adult the things that you are posting online, don't post it. Students should block or mute people that seem suspicious, or just simply stop talking to them."

Detective Anglesey said that about once a week he will get reports on Cyber

bullying or fake hate accounts on Instagram. He is then able to find out who made the account, shut it down, and punish the student who made it.

Brittani, who is employed by Utah NetSmartz, is in charge of scheduling the assemblies and giving them. Brittani says she feels this subject is very important because people of all ages are on the internet and many don't realize how much information they are actually giving out. She gave us a story about a man that she used to work with. He had just gotten married and he and his wife took a picture of all of their wedding presents in their new apartment. They posted that photo while they were still on their honeymoon. When they came back, all of their presents had been stolen. He didn't give out his address, but from comments, photos, etc. the thieves were able to found out where they live.

Many students are more concerned with how many Instagram followers they have, that they don't think about their safety. If you are one of those people who just accept every follow request that you get, you may want to rethink this decision. You never know who that person really is, and you could be walking into a bigger problem then you realize.

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Who is Principal Evans?

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Many people don't know much about Stacy Evans, besides that she is the principal here at West Hills. As some of the students at West Hills realized and commented, she wasn't seen around the school much last year. But this year is different. Principal Evans is finally up and about in the school! We are here to tell you more about who she is.

The reason Principal Evans wasn't around all that much last year is because she unfortunately had to have surgery on her knee, so it was hard for her to move around. She needed surgery because she blew out her ACL and tore her Meniscus. She tried to continue normally without doing surgery, and tried to see if it would heal in a couple ways without operation, but eventually the doctors decided to just

do the surgery and get it over with. The surgery was successful so now she is up and moving!

On the bright and more personal side, Mrs. Evans has a wonderful family: A husband, and two children. Her husband works at a bank, so they're jobs are not very similar. However, they have been together for almost twenty-four years now! When we brought up the question about her relationship, she said "Yeah, we kind of like each other."

Mrs. Evans also said how her old principal inspired her to become a principal. She said she saw how her principal had a great effect to her school and teachers, and she wanted to be the same. She was an assistant principal at three middle schools and one high school before becoming principal at West Hills. She also used to teach math.

Principal Evans enjoys Mexican food of any kind. She also likes KFC. (Yes, that was an important question to ask.)



West Hills' students are very glad to have Mrs. Evans as the principal and are happy that she will be more involved at our school!

Teacher Pet Peeves

By: Madelynn Jolley, Gabrielle Blanco, Joselyne Rivera



have things that bug them. These are some of the things that bug teachers here at West Hills the most.

Everyone has something that annoys them. Students always voice their opinions about school and what annoys them. But what about those less fortunate: The teachers? Has any teacher told a student that they are annoying? Of course not! But teachers do

In Ms. Stemle's four years of teaching she has realized that popping gum, sitting on desks, and loud screaming girls are some real problems with middle school students. One thing that really grinds her beans is kids making other kids uncomfortable. Ms. Stemle thinks that it is her obligation to make sure her students feel comfortable and safe. So don't be that student.

Front door problems: Ms. Stemle is near the front doors. She says that parents go into her room more often than not and ask her if her room is the main office. What?!? Does her room look like the main office? Being next to the front doors also brings in flies and, nobody likes flies.

One thing that students do that can get any teacher to roll their eyes is to ask: "Did we do anything yesterday?" The teacher right there is thinking, "No, we were too devastated that you were gone that we couldn't continue class. Of course we did something!" But Ms. Stemle wants you to know, "Overall, your teachers love you, and from my perspective your teachers wouldn't be here if they didn't."

Mrs. Beatty has been teaching for twenty-one years. That means she has taught many students and grown to have many pet peeves about them. She really likes

all of her students and knows that they're good at heart. What annoys her is when students are lazy. With being lazy comes not being prepared and not trying. Mrs. Beatty tries to encourage her students, and will give them paper or a pencil if they forgot, but it is a pet peeve of hers when students forget these basic supplies or when she has to "babysit" her students.

Mr. Dipko is a 7th and 8th grade history teacher. He has been teaching for over twenty-three years. Throughout those years there are a few things students do that Mr. Dipko has come to dislike. One of those things is when students make excuses when they didn't do their assignment. After all, he will accept certain things late. If a student has been working hard on their worksheet/ project but hasn't been doing it correctly and they're at the point where it's too far/late to restart, Mr. Dipko will take it.

There are not many things that bug him outside of excuse makers. He takes most things calmly. All he wants is for his students to remember him throughout their lives. Success is all Mr. Dipko and all of the teachers at West Hills want for their students.

Students have a good year and make sure to stay on the teacher's good side!!!

What's Up with Our Schedule?

By: Adrienne Hill & Brittany Dunn

Many students wonder why the school schedule is the way it is. Mr. Olson, the Vice Principal, is the man to ask to find out.

Mr. Olson has been working here for three years and is responsible for all the changes to the schedule. Finding appropriate times and days for LEAP, and T.A. was the biggest difficulty of all. Last year teachers wanted more time for LEAP, and less for T.A. This year, Mr. Olson tried something new. Instead of having LEAP after second period, it was changed to third and T.A. was removed. This schedule has,

so far, been great. It works for the faculty. Mr. Olson doesn't think that it will change again.

Many students wonder why classes start and end at really odd times (like 8:43). It is because we need all the classes to have equal amounts of time. If the school had all the in and out times at fives or zeros some classes would be longer than others and it would be very difficult for the teachers to plan.

After polling some students to find out if they think that LEAP is important 54% thought that LEAP was important while the other 46% did not care or thought that it's just not necessary. So according to our findings, the majority of teachers and students do believe that LEAP is



important to have and make time for during our school hours. Plus having odd in and out times helps us balance the time for each period. Most students at West Hills will be happy to know that

the schedule is, most likely, not going to change again.

What Makes a Good Haunted House?

By: Ashlyn Christiansen & Ashlee Adolf



What does it takes for a haunted house to make you want to come back again? We asked a couple of students here at West Hills Middle School what they thought.

Jazmine Mery said "If a haunted house can give a good rush of adrenaline, make you scared for a second but where you can still handle it. They need to make the scenery and costumes more realistic or more funny than usual."

Natalie Josephs responded with "When there's a lot of fog, it makes it creepier. And having actual people popping out at you and spooky music or creepy noises as you walk through, stuff like that."

Recently we visited the haunted house, Nightmare on 13th. On a scale 1-10, we gave it a rating of 7. Everything was great and they had everything you

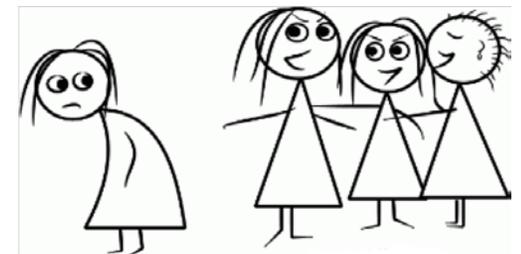
would expect a haunted house to have. They had people jumping out at you, and characters from scary movies. For example they had Freddy Krueger and Jason. They had Michael Myers and lots of zombies.

This year was their 25th anniversary and they used all of the best themes from the last 25 years. They had a lot of sections with fog and weird smells that smelled like body odor. While you were waiting in line, they had characters walking around and popping out, almost as though it was out of nowhere. It got your adrenaline going and prepared you for what was inside. The only thing that could have made this haunted house better is if it could have been longer. Other than that it's definitely a haunted house we would recommend!

Dear Abby Submissions:

Are you feeling lonely, confused, scared, depressed, bullied, lost, or overwhelmed? Do you have a problem that you don't know how to solve or would like a second opinion on before making a decision? Write an anonymous letter to Abby. Letters can be turned in at the main office in the blue "Dear Abby" box. With each new edition of the school paper, Abby will respond to 2-3 of the letters she receives.

Don't let your problems eat away at you. Get help.



Dear Abby....

Dear Abby,
My dad had cancer and passed away
recently. I want to tell my friends,
but I don't want pity. What do I do?
Yours Truly,
That One Sevie

Dear That One Sevie,

Thank you for sending in this letter. Losing someone important to you can be very difficult. If you really want your friends to know what is going on with your father, make sure they are listening to you when you're explaining. Also tell them that you don't want to talk about it further. If you ever feel like talking to anyone besides your friends the counselors are always available. Your friend,
Abby

Dear Abby,
Divorce is very hard to deal with; I
haven't seen one of my parents for a
long time. My family is broken down,
and I am broken down too. What should
I do?
Sincerely,
Cars Are Life

Dear Cars Are Life,

Thank you for sending in a letter. I'm sorry for what is happening with your parents. My best advice to you is to try to find a way to stay in touch with your parents by calling or texting them. If one of them does not want a relationship with you, then make sure you have a strong relationship with the other parent by having a movie night or just simply eating dinner as a family. Also realize that it's not your fault. Your friend,
Abby

Dear Abby,
My brother keeps pretending like
he's funny. If he's not then he's not.
Then, whenever I babysit him he
punches me or kicks me. One time he
even threatened to hit me with a
hammer! Please help!
Signed,
Annoyed Person

Dear Annoyed Person,

Thank you for sending in a letter. I hope your brother stops kicking and punching you. My best advice to you is to tell an adult you trust. If you're a little afraid to talk to your parents or if you don't want your brother to over hear you, the school counselor's door is always open, and they are always happy to listen. Your friend,
Abby

Zodiac for October

 **Aries:** March 21-April 19 - Friendships will become closer, and good news is in the air. This week should prove lucky. Success is on your side.

 **Taurus:** April 20-May 20 - Study and hard work are ahead of you. October brings a lot of demands on your time. Just do what you have to and don't complain.

 **Gemini:** May 21-June 20 - Be careful with relationships in October. Your friendships will be tested.

 **Cancer:** June 21-July 22 - It's a little bit wild and restless at home in October. Make sure you sort out some business with someone close.

 **Leo:** July 23-August 22- Things could be confusing, in October. Be simple and organized with what you're doing. Don't get too wound up. Just let things pass.

 **Virgo:** August 23-September 22- Money looks good this month. You might even get a windfall!

 **Libra:** September 23-October 22- Be ready for a bit of drama at home. Try to control your temper.

 **Scorpio:** October 23-November 21- You are going to find yourself dashing everywhere this month. Stay calm and let things work themselves out.

 **Sagittarius:** November 22-December 21 -Could be a bit rough with the money! Your half-made plans are likely to fall

apart this month. Unusual people are likely to appear in your life.

 **Capricorn:** December 22-January 19- This month you'll have the chance to really shine and show your skills and worth.

 **Aquarius:** January 20-February 18 - Creative interests will stir up this month. You may have to deal with someone that is against you.

 **Pisces:** February 19-March 20 - You are likely to feel lively and motivated this month, which is good because your friends will need your help at some point.

Halloween Trivia

By: Christian Williams and M. Manson

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd: Bring all 10 answers to Ms. Fawcett, Room 304.

1. Where did the tradition of carving pumpkins originate?
2. Besides orange, what colors can pumpkins naturally be?
3. What was the first wrapped penny candy in America?
4. How much money do Americans annually spend on Halloween candy?
5. What is the scientific word for the fear of Halloween?
6. Who is one of the famous 'Vampires' in the legends?
7. Who was the original writer of Frankenstein?
8. What movie is the character Freddy Krueger from?
9. Where did the idea of giving candy to kids on Halloween come from?
10. What are the two main colors of Halloween?



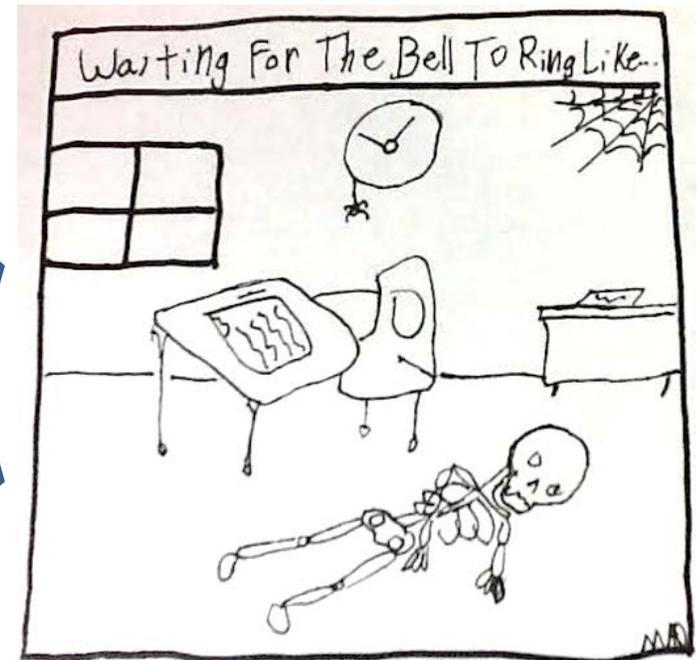
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Are you an amazing artist? Want your work featured in the school newspaper? Submit a comic to Ms. Fawcett, Room 304, by October 23rd for your chance!



Jack-O-Lantern Design Competition

Design an amazing West Hills Middle School themed Jack-O-Lantern. Entries due: October 23rd. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Turn in entries to Ms. Fawcett: Room 304

Name: _____

Grade: _____

7th Period Teacher: _____

