

C. Fischer

“Somewhere over the rainbow way up high, there’s a land that I heard of once called playtime” (by: Yip Harburg). School, School, School! What happened to all our recess time? Kids need more recess! We only have twenty-five minutes of recess, that’s way too short to get all my energy out. That’s why I need more recess.

Recess is my only free time I get throughout the school day. One recess is fine for fun, but when recess is way too short then my time goes by too quickly. Recess starts at 12:10 p.m. and ends at 12:35 p.m. that’s not enough time to get all of my energy out.

My teachers are always complaining that I am too rambunctious, but more recess equals less energy and teachers don’t want energetic kids. Kids want more recess and if we got a longer recess, teachers get a longer break so it works for me, the kids, and the teachers.

I am not excited about having to do six hours of school everyday. Reces gives me time to chat with my friends and play. We enjoy recess time, but all our time flies by and if there’s only a little bit of time then it’s like we don’t have recess at all. A longer recess is a lot of fun with our friends and relaxing time for the teachers.

Where did all the fun go? Most of our recess time is gone for more school. Recess time is the only fun and wild time we get. “Somewhere over the rainbow way up high, there’s a land that I heard of once call playtime, “Let’s find the rainbow!”

K. Fahrni

“What is the difference between wisdom and genious?” by game designer Reen Wood. If you are going to buy a game system the “Wii” is the better choice over the Xbox360!Zing! If you are caustious about prices the Wii is only \$250 while the Xbox360!Zing! is \$350. Pow!

Both the Xbox and the Wii have internet compatibility. Once you have internet you can buy games for both but if you like classic games with the Wii they are \$2-\$10 while the Xbox360 games cost \$20-\$50 and its also like a computer. Crunch!

With the game play aspect the Xbox360 may have the Wii on graphics. But the Wii wins in game price and control. Slash!

For the control the Wii is less complex. You can swing to make what you want happen. Zang!

With this data it is clear that the Wii is the best choice, 3-2. Cachow! The Wii also wins in overall sales. So, if you want to win big at video gaming be wise and buy the Wii! Pow!

R. Kane

“What I miss when I’m away is the pride of teamwork. The pride of being on a team that wins!”

-Billy Martin

I believe that every grade school student should wear a school uniform. Some students say that a school uniform is really boring and they don’t get to express what they feel with their clothes. Well that is extravagantly wrong. Students shouldn’t express their feelings with their clothes. They should be able to express themselves with their own personalities. The other thing about uniforms is that it doesn’t separate you from other people. Let’s just say you attended a school that did not require you to wear a uniform. You will see there is a difference in every student. And the “cooler kids” will only see the negativity in the different students. That is why it separates you from other people.

Now what will the community think about your professional looking uniform. It will show that you are a good student and that you work hard at a good quality school. It also really shows the more mature and hard working side of you; which will sadly make old people wish they were young again. But it will make them realize that this student could be the next Bill Gates. That is another reason why you should wear uniform to school. Wear a uniform to school; it shows “Team Pride!”

D. Minami

Quote; “Gaming has always been a part of my vibe and culture.” Mile Rodgers

Video games can be great for you because you can read, memorize, learn, and do better in adding, multiplying, subtracting, dividing, and in spelling. They did a test that 5-7% of the boys that have disabilities and play video games learn and the results show they listen to their parents.

Video games can help kids to have better Hand-eye coordination. Video games can help you when you are older like a job making video games. There are many things that may help you in life. Some video games many show things that will happen in your future. Some video games show you what happened in the past. It seems that the more educational that the game is the graphics and souls are not as good as graphic and sound on fighting, sport, and other games. I know that my mom would rather have me play more educational video games than play other video games. I think that they should make a lot more video games that can help you type, do math, read, and spell.

D. Teem

Movie Quote: “Peace is not just the absence of conflict. It’s presence of justice” --Air Force One

The Air Force is only for the people who are the professionals on airplanes. They also have to be experts on fighting planes. Did you know that during World War II, the basic number of people training was only 8,169 students and they graduated in advanced training command mission was to provide training for advanced students in multi-engine aircraft. So they must have also needed a really high degree of education to be a pilot. If you want to get a really high degree of education you could go to the Air Force Auxiliary field. They specialize in basic patterns and landing, so that you learn about everything on the planes. This is why I want to be someone who is an expert on planes and fighting planes. I believe that pilots have to be experts on fighting planes because it is the only way to protect our nation and the people of our nation.

E. Poentis

Quote: "I buy birds from the pet store and set them free". –Ziggy Marley

Everyone should be cool and get a pet! Pets are awesome! There are dogs, cats, fish, rabbits, hamsters, and many, many more! Pets can do and be so many things. Here are some things I think are pretty cool.

A pet can keep you company when you are lonely, or if you just want someone to sit next to. If you get a dog, then that would be a perfect pet for you. I know this because I have a dog named Rocky. Sometimes he jumps up on my lap and lays there for hours! You and your dog can grow a strong relationship.

Are you bored sometimes? Need somebody or something to cheer you up? A pet can do that! They can start doing funny things that might just make you laugh! My dog does that. He rolls on his back and starts running around the house!

I am glad I got a pet. Here is the story of how I got my dog. On December 20, 2006, it was just a normal night. My mom cooking, my dad working in the yard, and I was on the computer. Then, one of my mom's friends called. She asked me if I wanted a dog. I always wanted a Pomeranian, but she was offering a Fox Terrier-Chihuahua. Mom's friends bought him for her sister, but she didn't want him. My mom said to me that we could look for another dog, but once I heard the story that Rocky was at the Humane Society, I got interested in him. His old owners couldn't take care of him anymore, and had to give him up. They loved him so much that they would pay Humane Society extra, if he doesn't get adopted, to give him extra days there. So I thought that if I didn't accept him, he would have to go back to that dreadful place and wait to be adopted again. And I am sure that my mom's friend wouldn't pay extra to keep him there. So I said yes, and he is the most wonderful thing that ever came into my life. I love him so much even though I wasn't even with him for one year!

So, if you want to be a proud pet owner, you should get a pet. It would be good if you adopt one. That will show that you care about abandoned animals. Strong relationships lead up to happy lives.

R. Goodwin

"A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent." Scout law, excerpt from Boy Scout Handbook. I believe that Boy Scouts are a wonderful way to make new friends and have lots of fun outdoors.

I'll tell you about one of my scouting experiences. It all started when I was going to Camp Pupukea for a campout. It was only a two-nighter, "no biggie", I thought. But it was big because the adults were teaching the patrols that were going to Alaska about stuff they might come across. I was planning ways to steal the other patrols balloon dog that the camp counselors gave every patrol ('cause I wasn't going to Alaska). When they got back we took it hostage and popped it. Enough about that, let's return to the carving. I learned how to carve long time ago. There was a class on it, but I worked on advancement during that. For the campout my tent had 3 people, we had 2 tents and 2 cots. I got a cot the first night.

In conclusion, I think scouting is an awesome way to make new friends and have fun in the outdoors.

B. Cruz

“I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework.” That was by Lily Tomlin. There are some things that some people just don’t like about school, and one of them is home work. Here are some of the opinions that I discovered about having no homework. Homework has a bad effect on family at home. I and some other people agree, in a way, that it gives extra practice, but what if the kid or kids like it reviewed orally by the teacher in class. If a family has their family night and the kid has homework to do it disrupts the family being together. What if the kid has sports or after school activities, and might make them late or not even get there or the student wakes up tired all day? I think if we do our homework it takes away the time we could use to get extra sleep or do our daily chores. Without it we might be a little more relaxed. Another idea is that the people who say homework is the thing they must do and think it has great affects on the kids academic progress. The kids could get stressed out and homework could make him get kicked out of the school. Plus, if they get lots and lots of homework with a deadline that’s close to the day it was sent out and could or probably would make them stressed out. Our bags won’t be as heavy and there might not be anything inside it at all. It would be easier to get Accelerated Reading points (A.R. points for short.) So how could people think it has a great affect on kids academic progress? The point is it overwhelms the kid and the students may be better off not having homework at all.

A. Poziembo

“Life is just a mirror, and what you see out there, you must first see inside of you.”

-Wally “Famous” Amos

It is so unfair, I have to clean the mirror in the bathroom again because other people “forget” to clean it up! However, in life, I strongly believe that life is pretty fair. Like Wally’s quote states, “Life is a mirror...” as I look in to life’s mirror, what do I see? I see that great day, many years ago, at home, playing ball! It was a very good, blue-skied day, full of enjoyable thrills. Then a new image appears, and this one is not so wonderful, I got in BIG trouble. Life will take you up and down, even upside down! But I know that Jesus is with me, through that horrible roller coaster. The rest of my quote states clearly, “you must first see inside of you.” This means a lot to me, in my life. Have you ever heard a saying from the Bible: “Why help your neighbor take a speck of sawdust out of his eye, without first taking out the plank in your own eye?”

God clearly sent other people into the world for the same reason he sent you. Help your brother though his life, and he will help you through yours. Then you will both climb the long ladder of life not by yourself, but with all your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. So there life takes us up or down, let’s all look through the mirror and enjoy our voyage with God through life.

C. Aleong

“Friendship is not something you learn in school, if you haven’t learned the true meaning of friendship, then you haven’t learned anything at all.” --Muhammad Ali

Some people believe or say that friendship is something that just happens and ends very quickly, but that is not the true meaning of friendship. I strongly believe that a true friendship is with true friends. If you think you’re a true friend to someone, ask yourself these questions:

How do you treat your friend everyday?
Are you nice to your friend?
Are you affectionate?
Are you helpful to your friend?
Do you pressure your friend?

Think very hard about these five questions. Ask your friend if he thinks you are a true friend to him/her. If they don’t agree, apologize for anything you have done that has hurt him/her. If they still don’t agree, don’t sit around like a couch potato all day! Go outside and make friends, and be nice to people. Or else you’ve ruined your chance to make more friends, and you’ll always be hated. But when you make more friends, make sure that you are a true friend to them and they are a true friend to you.

If you do this, you will be treated with respect and you will have more friends than ever. And always remember, “Friendship is not something you learn in school, if you haven’t learned the true meaning of friendship, then you haven’t learned anything at all.” And, a true friendship is with real friends.

R. Wai

“Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and give it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul.” By Confucius, the Chinese philosopher

Music is a way of life for some, others use music for expression on occasions and special days, to introduce their culture to others, and in many other ways. Sometimes music is found in others, sung by others, and heard by others.

Music unites writer and singer. The singer expresses the song. The writer puts thoughts into the song and the singer expresses the writer’s work through his/her voice. This is one way music gives us a message, feeling, and give people a picture.

I like to write music and then I try and sing it. When I finish the music I feel wonderful and try to write a new song. I know that some singers started at a young age and then were discovered by other people become famous. Some don’t have to wait to be found.

Music should inspire or even make us feel by its melody, words, tone, pitch, and its genre!!! Music should not be criticized but loved and not thrown away, but to be taken to heart and mind, not ignored, but heard. I would like to tell people that “There are enough songs for a lifetime but a lifetime is not enough for music.”

T. Chang

“You don’t need a uniform color: we use a mixture of brick red, browns and grays, and then threw in seashells, branches and various types of rock, so our walls ended up looking like cave paintings!”

- Randy Bachman

I strongly believe that we shouldn’t have uniforms. Students should be able to express themselves by the way they dress. Don’t you think it’s boring to wear the same thing everyday? A plain tucked in collared shirt, with a bulky belt is boring. However, you could also wear your own clothes. Your clothes should bring color to your wardrobe and express your feelings, body language, and personality. What you wear makes a big statement. We are all different and like to wear our own clothes. If we didn’t have uniforms we would be able to express our personalities and differences. For example, I like to wear t-shirts like ‘Element’, Roxy, and much more. However, I don’t enjoy wearing uniforms. Don’t you think we all need variety in certain things?

In conclusion, I strongly believe that we shouldn’t have uniforms. We are different and unique in our own special way. To show and express our feelings, body language, and personality we can all wear our own clothes. It is boring to wear a uniform everyday. We all need a variety in our life.

J. Watanabe

Quote: “The Nintendo DS is the best handheld game system of all.” By Adam Sessler G4TV.com

There are two new handheld game systems, the DS and the PSP. The better of the two in my opinion is the Nintendo DS. It’s all about the system’s cool abilities. Here’s the top five things all game systems should have: good price, quality, control, graphics, and most importantly, the games! If a console had all of them, that would be the ultimate system.

First feature is the price. Price is how much the system costs. The DS is a very small \$100 while the PSP is a whopping \$250. The winner in this one is the DS! Go DS!

Next, is the quality, or what you get for the price. The cool things about the DS are Wi-Fi, DS download play and DS Wireless play, and chat. Well, unfortunately, the PSP has music, internet capabilities, UMD videos, and can play video games, while DS download and chat can only be used up to 10 feet away.

Control is the single thing that allows you to play the games. True the PSP has everything like the DS, but, the PSP is pretty much a copy of its father PS2 with a few upgrades, but the DS is all original! Chalk another one up for the DS!

The graphics are next. Graphics are the quality of the pictures. Both the PSP and DS are pretty equal, but, and I hate this, the winner is the PSP! They both have good graphics, but the people give this to the PSP. Majority rules, I’ll have to agree.

Here’s what you’ve been waiting for: the GAMES!! Both the systems have some quite exclusive games, I’d have to give a slight advantage to the DS, why you ask? Well, it’s because the DS brings old favorites like Mario, Sonic, Zelda, and of course, Pokemon!. The winner is the DS!!! This is all in my opinion, but the real decision is yours. If I were you, I’d get a DS. I did! I wouldn’t trade it for the world!

D. Yee

“To the uneducated, an “A” is just three sticks.” This quote by A.A. Milne describes the uneducated as not know what an “A” is. I chose this quote because I strongly believe that everyone should have an education.

Education opens the door to so many thins in life, such as college which leads to jobs. Although college is a high level education, you will need to learn the basics like shapes, colors, manners, numbers, and letters, which 10 out of 10 people learn through childhood. I believe that when you, I, or anybody else learns in elementary school, we learn the most thoroughly by our mistakes. When you make a mistake ask these questions:

What did I do wrong?

How can I make it correct?

How can I learn from this mistake?

What will I do next time to not make this mistake again?

These four questions are what I call the Questions for Life. Why? Can you guess? The reason is because I make mistakes everyday, and so do you. So, when you make a mistake don't just wait till the next time it happens! Ask yourself these questions to make sure it won't happen again!

The American Heritage dictionary defines education as – being provided with formal knowledge or training. That is why I so strongly believe everyone should have education to have knowledge, wisdom and training for all that we do.