



Lighthouse Signal

Monthly Quote: The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.

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The Diary of Anne Frank

By: Alina Doole

Thursday October the 14th, I went to see a play called *The Diary Of Anne Frank*. The play is based on the true story of a girl and her family who were Jews living in Holland during World War II. They had to hide from the Nazis in a room that was above Anne's father's office. They had two friends who would bring them food and supplies. The Frank family was accompanied by a family of three people and one cat. The two families' relationships started off roughly, but they slowly managed

to be comfortable with each other. After two months, one of Anne's father's friends told them that a dentist needed a place to hide, because he couldn't afford to hide in a closet. They had to be quiet from eight o' clock a.m. to six o' clock p.m. because people were in the office during those hours. Over the months, Anne built a close relationship with Peter, the boy from the other family. Exactly seven days after Anne's fifteenth birthday, while the families were still in hiding, they were captured by the Nazis, and were in concentration camp for one year. Of the



Anne Frank

eight people captured, only Mr. Frank survived until the end of the war.

Haunted Corn Maze

By: Mitchell James

On Friday October 16th, some of the L.I.F.E. high school students, including Mitchell James, Allison Taylor, Ashley Doole, Trey, Rebecca, and Elizabeth Lyles, Zach and Shinn LaMachio, and several guests, went to the haunted corn maze at the

Memphis agricenter. The group was escorted by Mrs. Michele LaMachio and Mr. and Mrs. Lyles. While navigating the huge maze of corn in the dark, they had to endure scary surprises at every turn. Masked men with chainsaws ran after them, weird creatures followed

them, and strange beings hid in the corn waiting for a chance to attack. Everyone made it out alive, and though it was extremely muddy, we had a great time. The group topped off the night with Cici's pizza.



Corn Maze Gang

Flinn Clinic

By: Michele LaMachio

Carl E. Flinn's Pediatric Ophthalmology Clinic will be performing free eye screenings on Tuesday, November 10th from 11:00am-12:00pm in the Church Sanctuary. Forms will be available during this time or you may

download them from the LIFE private yahoo group under files/Eye screenings. Because of Dr. Flinn's generosity, we discovered that Shinn needed glasses.

Critical Thinking Book Review

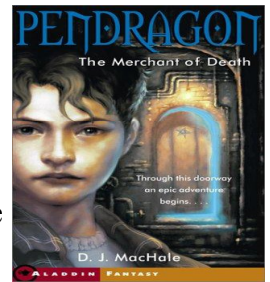
By: Shinn LaMachio

The Pendragon Series

The Pendragon series was written by D.J. Machale, who also wrote the Morpheus road series. The story begins with a teenager named Bobby Pendragon who is

taken into an adventure through time and space by his Uncle Press to fight an evil demon bent on ruling the universe. Over the years, Bobby finds new friends and people to help him in his fight and discovers the reason he was chosen for that task. There are ten books in the series and

three books about the main characters of the story. The Pendragon books are angled toward the teenage and young adult reading audience and are a great reading experience.



*Pendragon
Book 1*



**Mrs. Patti
Doole**

Can you guess which teacher has taught at LIFE for the most years (except for Mrs. Michele LaMachio)?

Teacher Feature

By: Alexis Slade

Can you guess which teacher has taught at LIFE for the most years (except for Mrs. Michele LaMachio)? You guessed it! Mrs. Patti Doole! Currently, she teaches all of the core classes for grades K-2: art, science, math, and music. She also teaches writing for grades 3-6 and a sewing class after Assembly on Tuesdays. She lives in Byhalia, MS, with her husband, Dan, and their five children; Derek, Devin, Ashley, Alina and Adrianna.

Derek and Devin are in college, and Ashley, Alina and Adrianna attend LIFE. The family also has several pets: 3 dogs, 3 cats, 1 dove and several Madagascar hissing roaches. Mrs. Patti has many hobbies that she enjoys. Spending time with her family and sewing are two of the many ways she likes to spend her free time. She also told me that her favorite movie is "West Side Story" and her favorite food is chocolate!

Mrs. Patti celebrated her birthday this month on October 2, but her favorite holiday is Easter. She said, "My favorite holiday is Easter because it symbolizes the coming of Spring and because Jesus rose from the dead three days after He was crucified." We are truly blessed to have Mrs. Patti as one of our many wonderful and faithful teachers here at LIFE!



New Biology Mascot: Bob the Blob

BIOLOGY HAS A MASCOT

This is Bob the Blob aka Didinium our Biology Mascot from our Protist Pond Study. This was taken with our new microscope camera. A very useful tool to capture microscopic photographs of organisms we are studying in Biology this year.

LIFE Classes Spring Registration

Spring Registration Deadline December 18th

Classes start January 5th - May 13th

ACT Prep Class - Tuesday
10:00am-11:00am

Grades: 9-12

High School Credit: ½

Class Description: We will be using the latest edition of Barron's ACT Prep text (students responsible for curriculum). Additional review is provided via a Kaplan's CDROM ACT Review disk. We start by taking a diagnostic ACT test and then review strategies and skills in each test area. Each test area, English, Mathematics, Reading and Science Reasoning are reviewed, tested and analyzed. Student scores are tracked and graphed. The writing portion of the ACT is also reviewed. A final ACT test is taken to determine overall improvement. It is important to note that success in this class is highly dependant on student motivation.

cost - \$123.00/semester or \$31.00/month

College 101 - Tuesday
12:00pm-1:00pm

Grades: 9-12

High School Credit: ½

Class Description: Students will review time management techniques and goal setting, GPA

and transcript creation, budgeting, note taking and listening skills, memory and concentration exercises, learning styles inventory, textbook reading and speed reading skills, and Nelson-Denny Reading test. College Application review and interviewing role-playing will also included. Scholarship access and timing also reviewed.

Curriculum: "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" ISBN 0-68485609-3, "The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make" ISBN 0-7432-6504-1. & On Course ISBN 0-618-37977-0.

cost - \$123.00/semester or \$31.00/month

Film Making - Thursday
8:30am-10:30am

Grades: 9-12

High School Credit: ½

Claymation - As students' technical skills grow, so will the complexity of the animation projects they create. Student teams will develop a script & create a storyboard for production. Students will use state-of-the-art cameras, software & computers to bring their own characters & models to life.

Green Screen Adventures - Climb Mount Everest, swim the

depths of the ocean, or

battle dinosaurs! Using a green screen and special photo-editing techniques, you will

venture into real or imaginary locations and film the trip to share with friends.

Experiment with photos and unique drawing software to set the scene for fantastic

adventures. Don't stay at home – jump into a green screen and find yourself some fun!

Documentary Designs – After getting a taste for several different ways to create movies,

the student will now focus on creating an original documentary of their choice. They will

go through all the steps of the importance of documentaries, how they are made, and

actually film their own from start to finish. They will also create a music soundtrack,

write critic reviews, and present their documentary for the school in a film festival at the

end of the year.

cost - \$225.00/semester or \$50.00/month

Please visit www.life4enrichment.org for registration information.

Student Spotlight

By: Olivia Schweikert

Nate Grimm has always had an interest in dinosaurs, and he hopes to be a paleontologist one day.

The eleven year-old who lives in Southaven, MS, also likes to ride

his dirt bike and play soccer.

"You get to run around and use up a lot of energy," he said about the sport.

This is Nate's first year at LIFE. He takes History Makers, Apologia Physical Science, computer class, and Spanish 1 on

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Nate's favorite vacation was at a resort in Mexico where he boogie-boarded and snorkeled.

Nate's favorite book is Star Wars. "It's an interesting theory of the future," he said

LIFE Christmas Party

Friday, December 18, 2009

Each year, we have a wonderful Christmas program and reception afterwards at the Southaven Performing Arts Center. We need each family to sign up for the food items you are planning to bring to the reception. In addition, each family is asked to bring enough 2-litre drinks for your entire family and guests to drink at the party. The following is a list of food items from which you may choose. The number beside each item is the number of families requested to sign up for that item. The sign ups will be honored in the order in which they are received. If you have not responded with your choice by November 30, you will be assigned items to bring.

- Finger sandwiches (3)
- Chips and dip (3)
- Hot appetizers/entrees (4)
- something that could be kept warm in a crock pot Cold appetizers (4)
- something other than sandwiches or chips and dip Fruit Tray (2)
- Vegetable tray (2)
- Desserts (5)
- Paper Products (plates, napkins) for 100 people (1)
- Paper Products (cups and forks/spoons) for 100 people each (1)

Remember: Each family must bring enough 2-litre drinks for their family and

guests, the food they sign up to bring, and any serving utensils needed to serve the food. The Performing Arts Center in Southaven is a wonderful place to hold a gathering, but it does not have a fully stocked kitchen with utensils to borrow at the last minute. Also, each family is expected to help with either set up or clean up before or after the event. The set-up crew needs to be there by 4:45 PM and the clean up crew needs to stay after the party to help clean up.

Please send me your preference for Set Up or Clean Up when you send me your food preference.

If you have any questions, please email me at jgslade@aol.com or call me at 901-

LIFE's Christmas Party is on December 18!

**WE NEED CHRISTMAS ART-
WORK FROM OUR K-2 CLASS
TO BE USED IN THE DECEMBER
LIFE SIGNAL NEWSLETTER.
PLEASE SUBMIT THE
ARTWORK TO MRS.
LAMACHIO BY NOVEMBER
15TH.**

HOMESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP LECTURE

Tracy Crump is giving a talk on scholarship opportunities for homeschoolers. She has been through this process when she prepared her children for college and can help guide parents and students through the scholarship maze. She will discuss what scholarships are available nationally and locally and the time-frames and procedures you need to be aware of to make the process as painless as possible. This

is especially pertinent for seniors, who should be in the midst of getting their scholarship applications completed before the first of the year.

Please email life4enrichment@yahoo.com with your name and contact number to reserve your spot.

When: Friday, Nov 6th

Where: DeSoto Hills Baptist Church - off Getwell south of Church Rd.

Time: 1:00pm

LIFE LOONY TOONS

Cartoon By Emily Hook.

An Ideal Homework Excuse

By: Emily Hook

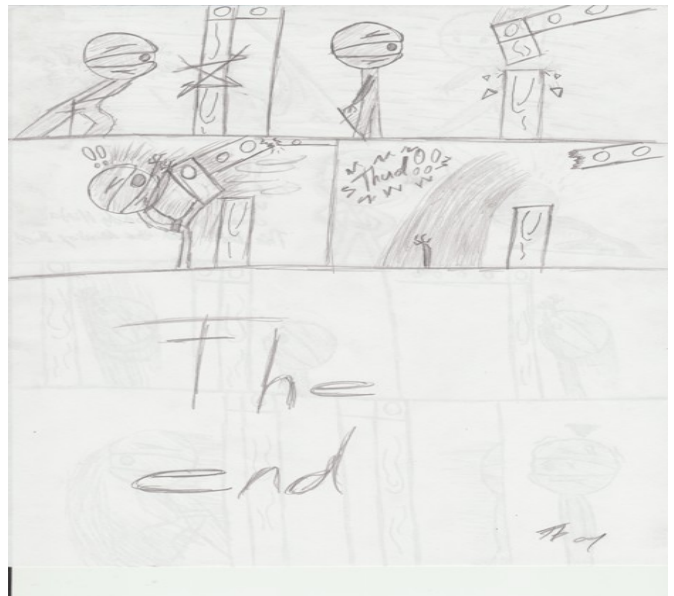


Student: (Ruffles through Back-pack) heh-heh.

Teacher: Where is your homework?

Student: Um...I, uh... (Ponders over excuses)

Um, I sort of...er...hmm... (Has a Light-Bulb Moment) I lost it fighting a kid who said you weren't **THE BEST** teacher in the school!



Cartoon By Trey Lyles

ART CONTEST RESULTS:

LIFE's 2009-2010 Art Contest theme was Mississippi.

Twenty-five students participated and submitted wonderfully creative artwork making it very difficult for the judges to choose! Each student earned fifty extra credit points directed to the class of their choice and everyone's art will be included in the 2009-2010 Yearbook. I want to congratulate all participants for sharing their talents.

Front Cover Winner - Ashley Doole

Back Cover Winner - Moriah Winters

K-2 Winner - Logan Bell

3-6 Winner - Emily Hook

7-12 Winner - Katie Hook

Honorable Mentions - Trey Lyles, Nate Grimm, Kristen James

Other Participants -

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| Adriana Doole | Cory Grimm | Hope Slade | Luke Garner | Zachary LaMachio | Natalia Schweikert |
| Sam Gravatt | Alexis Slade | Cristina Griffith | Zachary Griffith | Olivia Schweikert | Alina Doole |
| Sarah James | Alex Lacey | Adrian Garner | Shinn LaMachio | Josh Reynolds | |

Movie Review: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*

By: Cory Grimm

Flint has been an inventor since he was young. Before his mother died, she gave him a lab coat that he has worn ever since. He creates all of his inventions in a tree house in his back yard. When he is trying out his latest invention, he meets a young reporter named Sam. The two go on an amazing journey trying to stop an out of control invention.

Flint creates a machine that turns water into food. When the machine gets over-loaded with too many orders, the food portions get larger and the food weather gets rougher. Flint, Sam, Brent and Steve, the monkey, fly up in a car to shut down the invention. How will they stop the machine and save the world from being covered in food forever?

"Fun movie for the whole family"

Katie's Korner

Hi again everyone! Last issue, I asked you to send me answers to what you thought Freedom of the Press means. In my opinion, it means that a newspaper or news channel can write or say whatever they want as long as it's true and the government can't come in and shut the company down. Some Facts: Freedom of the Press is part of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. It was accepted in 1791, and it states that "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." Here are the opinions from some of the readers:

"It means you have the freedom to report or cover any story that you want." ~Zeke Winters

"I think that Freedom of the Press means that the press are free to write about whatever it is that they want and not get in trouble." ~Alexis Slade

"I think that Freedom of the Press means that you can print or write what you want, and you don't have to agree with your neighbor, or even the president. Freedom of the Press means that you can have your own opinion without anyone to tell you what to say." ~Olivia Schweikert.



Question for December Issue: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?