



Written By Emma Pliszak

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday for us, but for turkeys it isn't. Thanksgiving all started with the pilgrims and the Native Americans. I think the best part of Thanksgiving is eating all that wonderful food. There's mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, and especially the turkey. Thanksgiving is about spending time with friends and family. That's why I think Thanksgiving is such a special holiday!!!



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### BMS FOOTBALL INTERVIEW with Mr. Mac Written By Brian Irace

I interviewed Mr. Mac, coach of the BMS football team. Let's see what he has to say.

Q: How long have you been coaching?

A: I have been coaching for 5 years.

Q: Did anyone inspire you to become a coach?

A: Yes, my dad was a coach for 25 years.

Q: Do you have a favorite coach?

A: Yes, Rex Ryan.

Q: Did you play football in school?

A: Yes, I played defense tackle and offense tackle.

Q: Do you have a favorite NFL team?

A: My favorite team is the NY Jets.

Q: Who is your favorite NFL player?

A: Ray Louis, Baltimore Ravens linebacker (52).

Q: What's your coaching philosophy?

A: Give 100% all the time, on game days and practice days.

Q: What are some ways you motivate your team?

A: Yelling and helping the team with their mistakes during practice.

Q: Do you have any former players that are playing in college?

A: No, but I do have a kid who is graduating this year.

Q: Do you coach any other sport besides football?

A: Yes, I coach girls golf in the spring.



### JOKES ANYONE? Written by Danielle Hanley

1. Why did the tomato turn red?

**Because he saw the salad dressing!**

2. What happened to the shark that became famous?

**He turned into a starfish!**

3. What's a bee that can't make up his mind? **A maybe!**

4. Why DIDN'T the skeleton cross the road?

**He didn't have the guts !!!!**

5. When is a door sweet and tasty? **When its jammed!!**



### FALL FASHION Written by Afra Seemab and Ifrah Imran

Fall is just around the corner and, the summer colors and styles are changing.

Everyone wants to stay warm, with stylish looks. Cardigans are definitely in this fall. Pair a plain shirt with a colorful scarf.

You can also add cute boots. Along with this combination, you can wear a lip-gloss and some eyeliner. Be creative with your layering and mix and match the colors. If you want to look casual you can try a cropped-sleeve shirt over a beautiful long-sleeve turtle neck. Some colors that are popular this season are burgundy, purple, green and blue. Even if you decide to follow the trends or not, always express yourself in your own personal style. "Find pieces that let people know that you are not like everyone else. It's good to be tasteful but it's even better to be memorable."-Instyle Magazine.

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### ADVICE PLEASE... By Yanlee Salinas

I would like to offer you some advice on a problem that a few of us here at BMS have encountered. If you would like...take my advice!



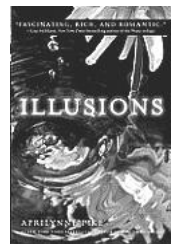
**What do you do when a bully bothers you?** If someone continuously bothers you in the hall, just walk away. You should totally ignore what he or she is saying. By doing this, your bully will see that they are not getting a response from you. This will often annoy the bully and make them less interested. It will become less "exciting" for them and they will back off. DO NOT BE A BULLY! Stand up for those who are bullied, and remember...just walk away!

\* If the bullying does not stop, please tell your teacher or an administrator.

### BOOK REVIEW; *Illusions* Reviewed by Isabelle Iadicicco

*Illusions* is the third book in the "Wings" trilogy, written by **Aprilynne Pike**.

In *Illusions*, Laurel has just started her senior year. It has been almost two year since she found out she was a powerful Fall Faerie. (Spelled differently than your everyday "fairy") After training in Avalon (land of the Faeries) for two summers, she has become a skilled Faerie. It has also been two years since Laurel has last seen Tamani, her Faerie guardian who is unconditionally in love with her. Laurel is finally ready to graduate and move to Avalon, only coming back to visit her family and her boyfriend, David. Everything is finally clear for Laurel. That is, until Tamani suddenly starts attending her school. Now her plans are unknown. Her feelings for David and Tamani are unclear. And she is in danger from trolls, Klea (a mysterious troll hunter), and possibly a strange new girl named Yuki.



**NEWS FLASH!** Play a winter sport, join a club or get involved with the school musical! In order to do any of these activities you have to be eligible. Do your best in class and be a positive, hard working student!



## POETRY CORNER Written by Isabel Fritz

### Sunset

Sunset like a fire burning brightly  
Red and orange  
Fading into the embers of blue green  
Burning out into the ashes of twilight



### Thunderstorm

Thunder, like the slap of angry hands  
lightning strikes the sky, burning it  
illuminating the trees  
branches like long arms, rather like claws  
Tearing apart the sky, only nature can stop it  
Growing bigger, greener, and brighter

## Halloween Costume Inventory!

Written by Joseph Maddalone

Let's talk about Halloween costumes! What were people wearing this year? Most important of all....what costume can we start thinking about for next year? On October 31st everyone dressed up in pretty cool costumes. There were fictional costumes like Buzz Lightyear for the little kids or Jack Sparrow for the older kids. A popular real life costume that we saw quite a bit of were Nascar drivers such as Jimmy Johnson, NY Giants football players, and Major League Baseball players. As far as the middle school kids go...those who did dress up, this is what they were wearing on this year's spooky holiday! For girls, I saw Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Tinkerbell, Miley Cyrus, beautiful and scary witches and, of course, Minnie Mouse! For the guys, I saw athletes, vampires, Dracula, zombies, pirates and zombie military men. Whatever it is that you chose to wear, I am sure you looked GREAT. Now it is time to plan for next year!



## Top Ten Music Hits Researched by Jessica Mone

Super Bass (Nicki Manaj)  
Party Rock Anthem (LMFAO)  
How to Love (Lil Wayne)  
Born This Way (Lady Gaga)  
Alejandro (Lady Gaga)  
Rolling in The Deep (Adele)  
Blow (Ke\$ha)  
Only Girl (Rihanna)  
Baby (Justin Bieber)  
Thriller (Michael Jackson)



Hey are you a ghost??

No, I am an un-made bed!

## COMIC Corner

By Afra Seemab

## New Teacher Alert!! Welcome to BMS Mr. Watkins

By Jenna Vaughn and Nicole Walsh

We had a quick chat with Mr. Watkins, a new teacher here at Bellport Middle School. This is what he had to share with us!

Q. What are your favorite football and baseball teams?

A. The New York Giants and the New York Mets.

Q. When you were in school, what was your least favorite subject?

A. Social Studies.

Q. Do you like South Country School District better than the other schools you worked at?

A. I love the Bellport faculty and students much better.

Q. What other jobs have you had before you became a teacher?

A. I was in the Army for four years.

Q. What sport did you play in school?

A. I played football and basketball.

Q. Have you lived anywhere else besides New York?

A. I lived in South Korea. (HOLY MOLY!)

Q. Where have you visited on vacation?

A. Jamaica, Bermuda, Mexico, Florida and almost every other state.

Thank you Mr. Watkins. We hope you enjoy your first year here at Bellport Middle School!



## BMS POLL; NY Baseball Teams By Kayla Benavides

**Yankees vs. Mets!!** I interviewed 100 random 6th, 7th and 8th graders to figure out which team BMS students liked most. After tallying all the results, I quickly figured out that students like The New York Yankees best of all! It turns out the Yankees won with 82 votes vs. 18 votes for the Mets. Looks like many people in BMS love the Yankees and do not really care for the Mets. Whatever team you root for, the choice is yours!



FACTS!

By Paige Ludlow

So, did you know....Maine is the only state with a one syllable name? How weird is that! A bee has 5 eyes and fish can cough! Did you know that no piece of paper can be folded more than seven times in half .A squid can have an eyeball the size of a volleyball, GROSS! And lastly, I bet you didn't know that fresh cranberries can be bounced like a rubber ball! See you next time!

## BMS Girls Soccer Team By Nicole Walsh

After a shaky start, the BMS girls soccer team had a pretty good season. With a 5 win 5 loss record, the girls finished up strong with a win against William Floyd. With a team of over fifteen girls, Coaches Pepe and Giresi led the team to the best winning streak in a few years. All the girls on the team supported, cooperated and cared for each other. Through each loss they pulled together for a win for the next game. Great job team!



## Let's Talk to Mr. Koci by Isabelle Fritz

I recently sat down to talk to Mr. Koci, our BMS music and orchestra teacher. I started out the interview by asking him about his favorite music. I heard he was a big Beatles fan so I asked him what his favorite song was. He said, "A Day in the Life" had to be his most favorite. He also said that the best part of being an orchestra teacher is that many of the students make him smile and laugh each day. He truly enjoys his students. I asked him if he is a "multi" instrument player. He can play bass guitar, violin, viola, cello, piano, and the kazoo! As far as some instruments being harder to play than others, Mr. Koci simply said that all instruments require time and practice. Mr. Koci has been teaching music for eleven years and orchestra for six. He is truly dedicated to his work and loves having a little melody to listen to each and every day here at BMS!

