

Goodbye Pacific

Reporter: Enzo Ames, 5th grade

School is almost over and fifth grade Panthers are preparing to leave to go to middle school. There is so much to miss, so much to remember, and so much yet to come. We have learned so many lessons at Pacific - it has been a journey since kindergarten and it is bitter-sweet to say goodbye.

This school community has been good to me. This is where I made friends, this is where I learned a great deal about math, science, history, literature and more importantly about myself - my weaknesses and my strengths and how to get better. I will miss all my teachers who taught me who I am and who I can be. I will miss the actual place, from the playground to the cafeteria, from the science lab to PE, because going there is uplifting. You get best education for free, and you have a lot of fun. This is one of the best gifts in the world. I am sure I am not the only fifth grader to feel this way. Everyone will miss Pacific, but there are many different feelings about middle school. It is mostly about the changes from the last 6 years of schooling. In middle school the campus size seems so much larger; we students will have to navigate a maze of classrooms. Fortunately Mrs. Linz told us the teachers will understand and won't be angry if we will be late in the beginning. The hardest part for me will be that there is no recess. Yes, you are reading correctly - no recess; but they say there is more independence which is held in the choice of wheel, choir, band, orchestra, or drama and in allowing people to join clubs. I am not sure yet if I like that trade. Anyway, I know that this is a necessary step forward in our academic journey.

I live with only one school regret: waiting until the last minute to do assignments - including this article. Thank you to all my teachers, volunteer parents, and staff for your patience. To my fellow fifth graders, I say: Don't be sad, for this isn't a goodbye, but it is the birth of something new, for the end of one story is the beginning of another.

Goodbye, Pacific!

Mystery of the Nanday Parrots

Reporter: Charlie Koch

Have you ever heard or maybe even seen those green parrots around town? I usually see them in the trees in the Manhattan Village. They are always



Would You Rather?

Reporters: Luc daCosta & Sebastian Polonis

Would you rather

Pacific Comedy Corner

Reporter: Bella Fyfe

Hi there! It's Bella! School is almost out and summer is upon us; here are some jokes to get us in the mood to say *"good bye school, hello summer!"*

Q: What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?

A: Swim Trunks

Q: Why was the math book upset that school was over?

A: Because it had a lot of problems!

Q: How did one school flag say bye to the other?

A: It just waved!

Interview with Mrs. Cameron about Student Council

Reporter: Kylie Cullen

Q. Why do you think Student Council is important?

A. I think it gives kids a chance to be independent and a way to be a leader.

Q. Why can't we have campaign managers anymore?

A. Learning important and all of the speeches get to long.

Q. Why did you choose to be in charge of student council?

A. When I was a kid I went to Pacific and I really loved having pride and school spirit. So I was really looking for that.

Q. If you were running what would you run for?

A. I would definitely run for spirit cheer because I was a cheerleader.

Q. What would you say to someone who gave up when they did not win?

A. It is not about winning, it's the process. There are going to be blocks in your road but you have to move on.

Q. Why can only 4th and fifth graders run?

A. I think so because then when you are younger it is something to look forward to. Also because it is a big responsibility.

“Miss Q and A”

Advice Column for Pacific Students from Pacific Students

Reporters: Kaya Robertson & Reese Stringer

Q: Miss Q and A, Why do we do music?

A: Dear why do we do music,

We do music because it helps our brains. Studies show that if we do music it helps with our grades. Studies also show that music helps kids focus. If you don't like doing music in school you could always open up to doing it outside of school. It's actually really fun. Plus if you don't like whatever instrument or choir you are doing now you could always change next year.

Q: Miss Q and A, Someone was mean to me.

A: Dear someone was mean to me,

If someone was being mean to you, you should tell them to stop. If that doesn't go well then you should go to the principal's and report them they will probably stop after that. Remember, don't be afraid to stand up for yourself.

Q: Miss Q and A, I have a mean sibling.

A: Dear I have a mean sibling,

I can relate!! One day you understand why they are being mean, but the next time it's out of nowhere. Just try to keep your calm and if it gets out of hand tell your parents. Don't try to deal with it physically though because you might hurt your sibling or do something you regret.

Thanks to all the students, parent volunteers and families who collaborated and worked hard together to create Pacific Elementary's student-run newspaper, PAWPRINTS, a success!

Congratulations to the 5th grade class! We will miss you!

Have a fun and safe SUMMER vacation Panthers and see you next Fall!

