

WEST BELDEN TIMES

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Could you live without the internet?

by Desirae Brooks and Andrea Bucio

We live in a world full of technology and we rely on the internet for most of our daily activities. Do you think that life now would be different if the internet was taken away from us? 6th Grader Alejandro Mora said, "I would feel alone and bored because sometimes you can communicate with your friends, but then we wouldn't be able to," but on the other hand, 7th grader Brandon Delgado said, "I would feel fine because we get to spend time outside instead of on the phone all of the time." The internet seems to be like an addiction to some people, but maybe not to others. Today, there probably aren't a lot of people who would be fine with the internet taken away. There would clearly be a change because of the big use of internet now. "Would there be a difference in the amount of time you spend outside without the internet?" we asked. "Yes because there aren't people worrying about social media, so they would want to spend time doing other things," Mora said. It seems that there would be a big difference in the world if the internet was taken away. The internet has become a big part of our lives, but is for better or for worse?

West Belden Ambitions

by Aiko Castrejon and Emily Delgado

During the week of April 4th, we went around asking West Belden Middle Schoolers what their #1 passion is. While asking about their ambition, we asked them to correlate it with their future career. We asked various middle schoolers, "What is your number one ambition?" 7th grader Catherine Luquetta said, "I want to help people with the things they'd go through," while 6th grader Nellie Perez stated, "I want to study animals to see what they do."

When asked, "How do you feel about your ability to complete your ambition?" 7th grader Alejandro Carvajal and 6th grader Jose Cardillo said that it would be hard. Carvajal said, "I'll have to do a lot of homework," referring to his ambition to complete his school education. "Becoming a professional soccer player requires a lot of practice," Cardillo responded to the reporters while explaining his number one passion.

So, the real question is, "Has CICS West Belden helped with our ambition?" 7th grader and 6th grader, Luquetta and Perez, both said yes. "For me Ms. Smith helps us with science [which] is a part of my future career," replied Luquetta. Perez then added on by saying, "Ms. Rutili pushes us towards getting a job in the future." Overall, middle schoolers have a variety of desires they would like to complete in their life. With the help from CICS West Belden, they will achieve their goals in the future.

Politics Survey

by Brandon Granados and Orlando Lara

Do you think kids should be able to vote for the next president?

Yes: 54.2%

No: 16.7%

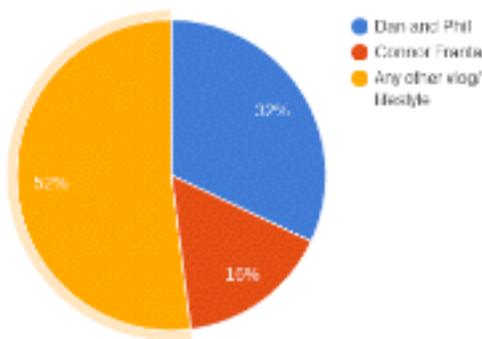
Other: 29.1%

Youtube Favorites

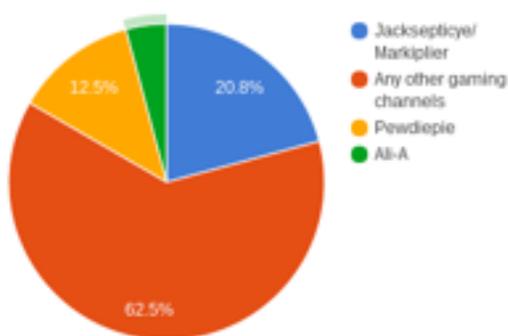
by Alejandro Carvajal, GianRobert Pinto, and Alex Quezada

We asked our fellow classmates about their favorite youtubers. Answers varied from gaming youtubers to vlog youtubers. Alina Rivera and Brittany Anacleto told us that their favorite youtube channel is Dan and Phil. "They're relatable because I can relate to their awkward moments, and they're funny," said 7th grader Alina. We asked them how often they watch youtube. Both interviewees said, "When we're bored." They said that they like that they have a variety of content on their channel. "They have like a gaming channel and challenges, and that's what [we] like to watch." "Nothing! They're perfect!" they said when asked what would they change about Dan and Phil.

Count of Vlog/Lifestyle



Count of Gaming



Would you be fine with Barack Obama for 4 more years?

Yes: 66.7%

No: 12.5%

Other: 20.8%

Do you think it is okay for Donald Trump to say what he wants?

Yes: 16.7%

No: 58.3%

Other: 25.0%

If you had the chance to vote for a Democratic candidate, would you choose Bernie Sanders or Hillary Clinton?

Bernie Sanders: 79.2%

Hillary Clinton: 20.8%

Guess the Staff Member!

by Alejandro Mora, Nellie Perez, and Neida Reyna

1. This teacher went to Illinois State University.
2. This teacher's favorite brand of shoes is Keds.
3. His/her favorite song right now is Taylor Swift's "Wildest Dreams."
4. This teacher wants to go back to Australia for another visit.
5. This person knew he/she always wanted to be a teacher and used to help out in a kindergarten class when he/she was in middle school.

Who could this teacher be? Mr. Wood, Mr. Kissane, Ms. Houren, Ms. Rutili, or Ms. Smith?

Elective Spotlight: Inside the Sculpture Class

Reporters Aiko Castrejon, Helen Delgado, and Giselle Flores take an exclusive look at the Sculpting elective.

“There are so many things you can do, there are many techniques you can try, and you can do it inside or outside which I really love,” said Mrs. White.

The reporters from journalism got the privilege to interview Mrs. White, who is the teacher of the Sculpture elective.

What inspired you to teach Sculpting?

Mrs. White: “I really like sculpture, and it’s really nice to float around from student to student to help them, and everyday when we go back to our work it’s really exciting to see what we can do.”

What current project is your class working on?

Mrs. White: “Clay sculptures, because it gets them prepared for real sculptures.”

How did you decide that you wanted to become an art teacher?

Mrs. White: “When I was little I went to a private school that was on a big forest preserve, and my teacher was an environmental art teacher, and I was always her assistant. Eventually I learned to love art from her.”

Do you think Sculpture is for everyone?

Mrs. White: “Yes, definitely sculpture is for everyone because of our techniques we learn. You can do anything with it if you know what makes a good sculpture.”



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Rafael Maldonado and Cody Martin show their sculptures to the reporters.

Interview with Sculpture Students

by Aiko Castrejon, Helen Delgado & Giselle Flores



What is your clay sculpture?

Rafael Maldonado - Gargoyle, 3D

Mariana Flores - Vase, 3d, "It reminds me of Starry Night."

What do you like most about sculpting?

Rafael - I get to make creative things with my imagination.

Cody Martin - It's really cool to use clay to make different types of sculptures. Everybody's special.

Lily Hansen - You get your hands dirty, it's really fun.

What's your favorite part about Mrs. White teaching this class?

Rafael - She's so enthusiastic.

Lily - She explains the class so well, and she shows us how to do it.

Zitlali Olivares - She teaches so many different things.

How It Really Happened...

A cartoon by Orlando Lara

