



GUIDING HOUND NEWS

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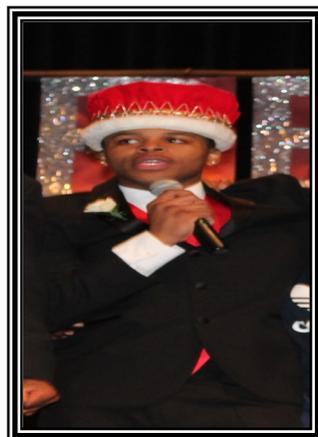
MEN IN BLACK & SPRING COLORS

Lucky number seven appeared on stage Friday night, April 27, 2012. The seven were the "Mr. Greyhound" contestants: Michael Black, Vanquail Green, Felix Vargas, Don Juan Hernandez, Brandon Scott, Marqua Graham and Jeffrey Blackwell. While only one of them was crowned "Mr. Greyhound", all participants were winners.

They styled and profiled their wonderful talents that provided a very enjoyable evening. All students, staff, and family in attendance cheered their would be Mr. Greyhound to potential victory. The gentlemen are popular among the student body & was

most excited to "buff their stuff" in their presence. Their tireless efforts created an entertaining evening.

The seven Mr. Greyhound contestants pictured from left to right rear are: Brandon Scott, Vanquail Green, Jeffrey Blackwell, Michael Black, & Felix Vargas. Pictured on the far right is Marqua Graham. Kneeling in the front is Don Juan Hernandez. Ms. A. Sand was one of the judges.



HERE HE IS "MR. GREYHOUND!" MICHAEL BLACK!!

Congratulations to Michael Black crowned "Mr. Greyhound," in April. He danced his way into the hearts of the audience. First runner up was Vanquail Green who performed a comedy act. 2nd runner

up, Felix Vargas recited a stirring monologue. All of the contestants displayed awesome talent & support for each another.. Mr. Greyhound thanks his supporters and realizes that the competition did not make winning easy.

NOT JUST TOYING AROUND



The spirit of giving is usually visible during the winter holiday season. However, Medjina Pierre-Jean feels the spirit at anytime during the year. She had some extra new toys & she did not want to waste them; so she made

a generous donation to the *Little Footprints Daycare* – the school nursery housed at the PHS. Mrs. Owens suggested the idea & Medjina responded. An honor student in



the freshman class, Medjina is also involved in the Drama Club, French Club & is a member of the Academic Honor Society. While Ms. Pierre-Jean donates toys, it is clear that she is *not* toying with her education.



Three freshman stu-

dents were selected to participate in the 4-H Summer Science Program at Rutgers University. **Joe Maldonado-Torres, Sandra Juarez** and **Evelyn Coulbourne**

RUTGERS 4-H SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM

are among some of the best and brightest students. The selection process must meet the criteria which includes: stellar academic achievement coupled with the placement in Honors Biology or Biology.

Rutgers University is housing the sum-



mer program sponsored by Tyco International, to encourage Science, Engineering & Technology.

Congratulations to all three students.



THE PERFECT TEN

When judging contestants in any competition, the judging panel sometimes uses a scale. The scale ranges from 1 to 10; 10 indicating the best possible score. However, in the case with graduating seniors the scale flips with 1 representing the best possible score.

The scored transcripts are entered and the top 10 graduating seniors are:

Stephanie Campos

Nicole Campos

Amanda Martinez

Isola Webbe

Kendall Washington

Cindy Rubiano

Zhamirah Sheppard

Odalis Quiles

Abhi Shah

Tiara Walden

Like the cyclist on a 10

speed bike, they sped victoriously across the finish line.

Like the number 10, they are perfect!

Congratulations to the Campos twins, who holds the honors as *Valedictorian* and *Salutatorian* respectively.

***Honorable Mention:**

Domanique Townsend; Early graduate-3yrs



8TH GRADERS GO ON TOUR!

The 8th graders from the Middle School of Pleasantville traveled across campus to visit the High School on May 8-10, 2012. They traveled by foot to the high school to get a taste of high school life. While on tour they visited the band, JROTC, & year-book rooms. They further toured the library,

guidance office, the bookstore, gym/pool areas, the science, art & computer labs, & school based services.

The tour is designed to be fun and informative. Students were invited to tour PHS with efforts to dismantle some of the negative & intimidating stigmas of transitioning

to high school. The students had a fun filled time as they were guided by students from the National Honor Society.

The High School welcomes and looks forward to the rising freshmen in September 2012.

AS A MATTER OF FACT

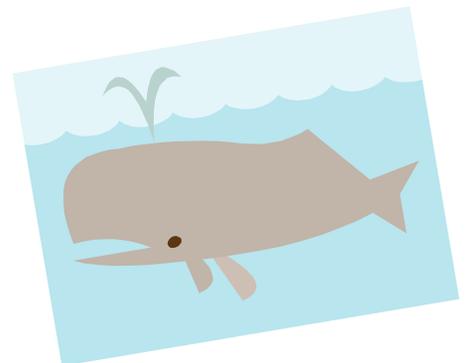
- A **whale** is *not* a fish. Whales are mammals which means they breathe with lungs instead of gills, they are warm-blooded, they have smooth slippery skin instead of scales and most importantly they give birth & nurse its

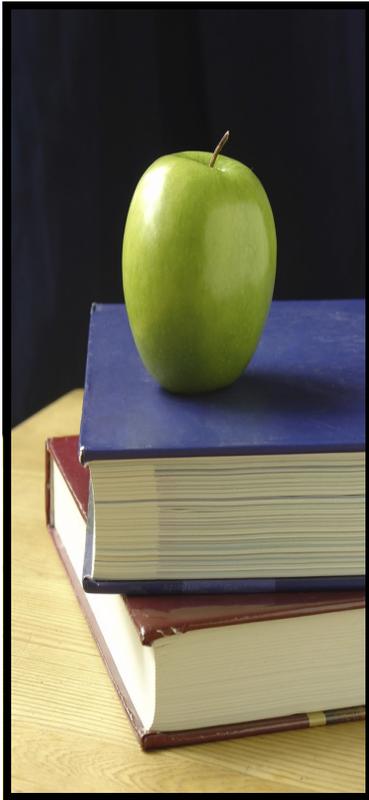
young and do *not* lay eggs.

Whales are born tail first as not the suffocate the new born.

- A **whale shark** is a fish. It is of a shark species because its skeleton is mostly cartilage. It is called a whale because of its

enormous size. It is the largest fish on earth. It breathes its oxygen by passing water through the gills. However, the whale shark does have live births & slippery skin mimicking the whale.





Our Philosophy

The guidance program is an integral part of the total educational experience. Our aim is to facilitate self-examination, self-evaluation, and consideration of alternative strategies that inspires and prepares all students for life long learning. By design, coordination, and collaboration, it is our aim to adopt support systems that will assist students, parents, the community at large and our school community. Our mission is to be a vehicle of opportunity for students to reach their full potential academically, personally/socially, and career wise. We support the mission of the school district

Check out the Guidance Link on the District's Web Page

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DO YOU REMEMBER?



AP testing –**May 8, 9, 14, 16, 2012.**

Biology Testing–**May 15-16, 2012.**

Biology Testing Make ups–**May 17-18, 2012.**

School Leadership Conf. Stockton College–**May 17, 2012.**

Prom Red Carpet Event–**May 18, 2012.**

Junior/Senior Prom–**May 18, 2012.**

Jump Start Phase 3– **May 18 & 21, 2012.**

Algebra I Testing–**May 22-23, 2012.**

Student Awareness Day / Air Traffic Controller Sym-

posium–**May 24, 2012.**

Algebra I yr end assessment/make ups–**May 24-25, 2012.**

All personal & organizational scholarships must be submitted on or before **Friday, May 25, 2012** to be published in awards booklet.

Student Voter's Registration–**May 29, 2012.**

Senior Finals–**May 29-June 1, 2012.**

Senior Awards Night will be celebrated PHS Auditorium - **Friday, June 1, 2012.**

Seniors final/make ups–**June 4-5, 2012.**

Annual Awards Sports Banquet–**Wednesday, June 6, 2012.**

Seniors final grades due–**June 6, 2012.**

Year Book/Senior Affair–**Friday, June 8, 2012.**

Greyhound Academy to Liberty Science Center–**Friday, June 8, 2012.**

Graduation practice–**June 11-14, 2012.**

Last Day of School–**June 14, 2012.**

Graduation–**June 14, 2012.**