



# THE METAMORPHOSIS

## YOUNG WOMEN'S PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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### It's Time To Dance

By Kimberly Padron



Finally Stefanie is here and ready to teach the Sapphire Dance Ensemble (SDE) members. After many months of

waiting, Miami-Dade County Public Schools finally approved her application which allows her to work with the Sapphire Dancers after school.

Stefanie is very dedicated to the art of dance and was ecstatic when she found out she could finally come teach the dancers. At the end of February, Stefanie showed up to practice ready to demonstrate the many dances she choreographed. Right away she began teaching the SDE two dances which they performed during the Arts Exposé on April 27th.

"With Ms. Stefanie here, we can finally learn choreography and begin to perfect the steps for next years dance team" said Isabella Pousada member of the SDE. (Continued on Page 2)

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## Dear Mari

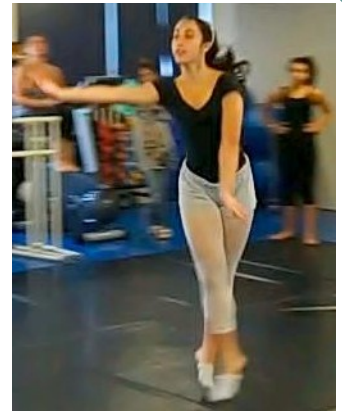
Dear Mari has spoken!! Look for her words of wisdom on page 9. Also, DO NOT forget, her box can be found in the Media Center and she may respond in the next issue!



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With tryouts just a few months away, Stefanie wants the current SDE members to learn as much as they can. "Right now Ms. Stefanie isn't so worried about perfecting the dances, but us learning the movements, feeling the music, and the team working as one," informed Christina Irazabal, member of SDE.

With practice, exercise, and workshops to build stamina, SDE should definitely be filled with talented dancers for the upcoming school year.



## Arts Exposé

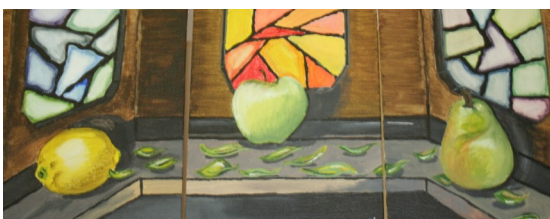
By Christie Vidaillet and Kimberly Padrón

It was a night filled with smiles, laughter, and tears, as the YWPA held their annual Art Exposé on April 27, 2010.

Angelic voices filled the halls while the chorus class sang "¿Quién será?" by Pablo Beltrán Y Su Orchestra and "Keep Holding On" by Avril Lavigne. The Monarch Chorale practiced hours upon hours to bring us this spectacular performance, conducted by none other than Mr. Cabrera. On the second floor, all the works of the artists in Ms. Jordan's classes lined the walls, some of these masterpieces have even been recognized in the Youth Fair and Miami International Airport. Meanwhile, expressing their talent, the chorus and Spanish club performed plays that they spent weeks perfecting. The chorus class astonished many parents and fellow classmates acting out the struggles that some of us girls face everyday with the play "The Secret Life of Girls".

And finally the Sapphire Dance Team expressed their abilities to shake it, wowing the audience, even forming tears in many of the parents eyes— accompanied by Brianna Yeung's solo called "Mirror" by Barlowgirl and Ebony Smith's "Seattle".

"It was wonderful seeing all the students work together to accomplish something great" said Mercedes Rodriguez, sophomore Lauren Rodriguez's mother. A special thanks to the PTSA and faculty for all the hard work and dedication

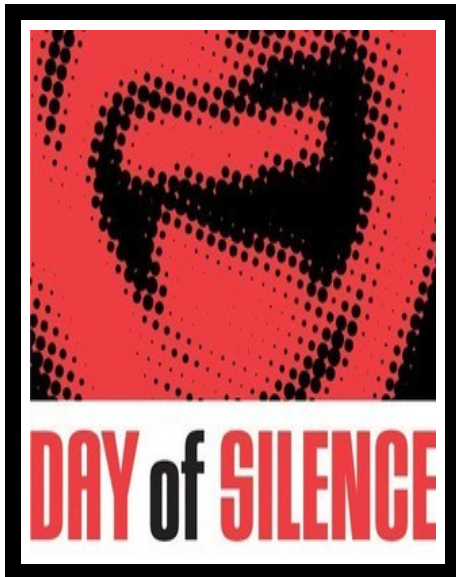


# No Talking Please

by Lanise Allen

On April 16, 2010, a few of the high school students in the school remained silent throughout breakfast, class, and even lunch. The individuals who usually kept a conversation going throughout the day were not their usual selves because they did not utter a single word. Had something tragic occurred the day before? Did they lose their voices as a result of their constant clamoring and excitement in class? Or were they supporting a particular cause? The answer to the third question, surprisingly, is yes.

Some of the juniors and seniors of YWPA participated in the annual Day of Silence, which is held to bring awareness of the discrimination of the LGBT, which stands for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender. Since 1996, this national event has brought attention to the harassment and bullying from others towards students who have a different sexual orientation.



In YWPA, a handful of juniors and seniors, including myself, vowed to be silent on April 16, the same day as the school's annual tea party. Since the tea party was an important social event in conjunction with the "Big Sister, Little Sister" program, we agreed with the administration to speak only during that time.

It was hard for some of us to stay silent throughout the day, because we had to use hand signals and notes as alternative forms of communication. But when the day was over, I felt a sense of pride for being able to support friends who are treated unfairly because they prefer the same gender when it comes to their personal relationships.



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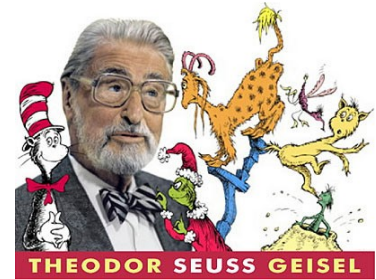
# Remembering Dr. Seuss

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By: Antanya Lemaire

Rhyming words and happy songs are usually the first memories of our story-telling moments. The amazing author, Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel, has written over 60 children's books, many of which are staples of childhood, such as *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who!*, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, among many others.

Today, years later, we are still celebrating his success as a children's book author. March 2, 2010 marked Dr. Seuss's 106<sup>th</sup> birthday and Ms. Cannon's Creative Writing class just had to celebrate one of the most creative minds in writing.







Eggs, pancakes, sausage and so much more filled our hungry bodies as we all watched the film of one of Dr. Seuss's most famous books, *Horton Hears a Who!*. Laughter and merriment filled the cafeteria as the once grey colored tables were covered in Dr. Seuss themed tablecloths and students were walking around with funny Seuss-inspired name tags. I remember thinking to myself; this is going

to be such a wonderful memory.

Though, we don't celebrate him everyday, we'll never forget that Dr. Seuss was one of the first authors to ever spoke to us.



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# Fun Filled 2010-2011

by Michelle Daniels and Karol Oms

Field day, spirit week, Disney, Busch Gardens, Islands of Adventures, Tea Parties are some of previous activities that have occurred in YWPA. For the 2010-2011 school year, we are expecting some new and innovative events.

How does a scavenger hunt with YWPA, redecorating each other's schools, or having a spa day sound? Sounds like a school year filled with excitement. These are just some of the ideas that we, the students, can propose to the administration.

More events will give us an opportunity to have an even more enjoyable year, as well as a chance to bond with school friends.

Throughout the year, we study hard and it wouldn't hurt to include some fun and excitement once in a while.

If you have any ideas, please put your suggestions in the "Dear

Mari" box in the library. Who knows, maybe your idea will be included in our activities!



## Past events YWPA has had!





# The Morphites



## Jazz It Up

By Massiel Valdes

The birds aren't the only ones who are going to sing this April.

National Jazz Appreciation Month is a time of celebration for all the American jazz artists and jazz's history. It is celebrated throughout all the fifty states and many other countries.

Jazz is an American type of music which consists of a rhythm section and a horn section. Its early influences are African tribal songs, gospel, blues, and field hollers.

The type of music all began in New Orleans in 1891. A New Orleans barber picked up his cornet and started to play the very first notes of jazz as we know it today. Soon, it began to spread all the way to Chicago.

There are many Jazz singers for example Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and Frank Sinatra. There are also events in the National Building Museum in Washington, DC in celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month—for example, guitar classes, concerts, and screenings.

Jazz is truly a big part of American culture.



## There at the Fair

By Bethany Solomon

The Youth Fair was awesome this year but I felt as if everything was the same: all the same rides and not as many people. It was like going back in time. The only things that really stood out for me were the mascots at the fair. Just about everything was expensive the pizza was being sold at \$4.00 per slice and it was very thin. If you plan on going to the fair I highly recommend that you buy a pop ticket because you will get more for your money but keep in mind that you can only use the pop ticket Monday-Friday. The youth fair looked very similar to Santa's Enchanted Forest without all the decorations. Overall this year the youth fair was awesome and I happened to notice that there was a lot of art being displayed including one from a student at Young Women's Preparatory Academy.



# The Morphites

## Tea Party Success

By Melissa Maccarini

Everywhere you turn, you see girls wearing dresses. Have the YWPA girls violated the uniform dress code or is it that time of the year again? What time of the year, you ask? The annual YWPA Tea Party. This event, which took place on April 16<sup>th</sup>, was way beyond many of the girl's expectations. As you head down to the cafeteria, three-tiered plates with tons of mouthwatering food greet you at your table, along with the smiling face of your big or little sister. There is no better time to bond than over tea. Well, if the tea didn't have a bitter aftertaste, that is. This resulted in many of the girls throwing out their tea and getting iced tea instead. Dear PTSA and teachers, the food was amazing but I think you guys took the tea bags out of the water too late. But that didn't stop anyone from having fun.

Bonding with your little or big sister was probably one of the main reasons there was a tea party this year. You don't even have to be best friends with your little or big sister but all you need to know is that if anything ever goes wrong, you have someone else to turn to other than your friends. But the fiesta didn't end there. This so called "wolf" game was played where you and your little or big sister were a team and you had to go around and meet other people and shake their hands. If one of the people you shook hands with squeezed your hand too hard, then that person was the wolf, and shaking hands with the wolf made you lose the game. Kind of confusing, I know, but fun nonetheless. Oh, and it still wasn't over. Each big sister from each table was called up to the stage to get a carnation for each little sister they had. Carefully, they chose the most beautiful carnations from the pile and carried them back to the table with care. And when your sister smiled and looked at you while she was handing you the flower you knew that not only was the YWPA Tea Party a success but that you now had a new friend.





## Earth Day

By Michelle Villar

You hear the rushing waters and you see the sunshine hitting your face and you smile. You know you are in a safe place. But are you? Over the previous years, earth has been polluted and mistreated and right now, if we don't start doing something, we will no longer be living in a place where you feel safe. You will feel threatened and scared. You will look into the water and see brown, not blue. So what can I do, you ask. Just celebrate Earth Day.

Earth Day is a day where you celebrate and appreciate the earth you live on by helping out to clean our planet. Usual earth day traditions are things like cleaning up the beach or planting a tree. Simple things like this could really help humanity in surviving maybe centuries longer.

Since Earth Day is a very important day, Disneynature makes a new movie every day for Earth Day. This year they had the movie Oceans, which took you around the world to look at the marvelous sea creatures. If you went to go see Oceans on Earth Day weekend, you helped the planet. Disneynature contributed twenty cents from every ticket to saving coral reefs. So even watching a movie could help save the Earth.



## Internet Addiction

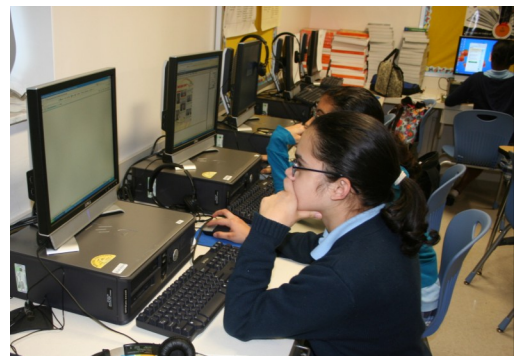
by Christie Vidaillet



How much internet is too much? Losing friends and even jeopardizing your job, sleepless nights searching the web for information that doesn't even matter to you, talking to strangers who could become your worst nightmares may all seem like just symptoms of a bad habit but, to doctors, internet addiction is becoming an epidemic.

Internet addiction became classified as a new addiction in 1996 at the American Psychological Association's annual conference. This can be addictive when it's used for chatting, pornography, emailing, gambling, and many more.

Like many drugs, this could launch you into a downward spiral. Some red flags can be failed attempts to control behavior, neglecting friends and family, you rather stay on line then sleep, being dishonest with others, feeling guilty, ashamed, anxious, or depressed as a result of online behavior. An example of this addiction is a mother that spent over 12 hours a day on the Internet and completely neglected her three children. Many people don't really think this is an addiction since Internet use is part of our everyday life but the Internet can really harm you and your family.





# Dear Mari

Dear Mari,

I like this guy Zach. I asked him to the dance and he said he would go so I asked him again and he told me no because he had another party. I like him a lot and now he keeps hanging up on me when I call him. What should I do?

Sincerely,

In Love and Confused

Dear In Love and Confused,

Do you remember offending Zach in any way? Maybe he over heard you say something about him that he didn't like, and now he's upset. Make sure that he's not mad at you, then go from there. If he's just being rude, then you deserve better. You're young. Move on!.

Your friend,

Mari\*

Dear Mari,

What if your best friend likes the person you accidentally fall in love with but she doesn't know? What do I do?

-Just Confused

Dear Just Confused,

You should talk to your friend about it first. The worst thing ever would be if you both liked the same guy—because ruining a friendship over a boy is just wrong! If you sit down and talk to your friend, hopefully you both will come to a common understanding

Truly,

Mari\*



## Reminder!

Don't forget  
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Mari box is  
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