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## DON'T STOP THE CARNIVAL PC

### Calendar of Events

- ✓ Jun 4-10 Semester Exams
- ✓ Jun 14 First day of summer school (First Semester)
- ✓ Jun 24 Report Card Day
- ✓ Jul 7 End of Semester 1 Summer School
- ✓ Jul 8 Graduation Rehearsal
- ✓ Jul 9 Senior Graduation
- ✓ Pending....

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All cheers go to Alba Salterio, Director, Julissa Gomez, Principal and the students for putting on a superb show last Thursday and Friday and let's not forget Amelia Perez and Lady Alvarez - such eloquent masters of ceremony.

Wow!! For a second, I thought I was in Vegas or better yet, Rio de Janeiro or even better Antigua, my native land.

The Colegio Dominicano celebrated Dominican independence with a carnival with not one bang but two bangs of what seems like the biggest show on earth; all performed by high and middle school students. High



11th Graders Moving to The Beat

School High "eat your heart out!" These boys and girls put on a show that rival the largest party on the planet - Rio de Janeiro. There were peacocks, pirates, salsa, marenque, and calypso that was sang in Spanish. Talk about multiculturalism; this is it!

The auditorium was transformed into a filled fun fete

with feathers and families proudly watching their children perform. Some of my students, I did not even recognized, because of their makeup and mask.



6th Graders Putting on the Ritz

The strong African drumming undertone and the solid mellow "jazzish" voice of Juan Luis Guerra, our native son, blasted the auditorium. Students dressed in colorful costumes sashay to both traditional and more modern beats. One group performed a kind of modern dance/ballet piece raising the girl into the air as thought they have performed this piece countless of times in the Tchikovsky's Nutcracker, and another group did a Hip Hop piece so well , I thought of a show I saw on Broadway.

"Oh, what a night" echoed a



tune from the 1970s, but oh what a day it was too. The lights, the camera and the performance all created a fantacias carnavalescas.'

I am canceling my yearly Broadway "show seeing" to New York or to Paris. Why travel so far when the "Circe Du Soleil" is right here at CDA?

The students rehearsed for weeks. At first, they saw it as having fun, but then they realized the challenges of getting it right. There were buckets of sweat and a tear or two fell but in the end they were proud of what they were able to accomplish. As the saying goes "hard work pays off" and so it did.

Alba Salterio, said "Carnival



Seniors in Peacock colored Outfit

is part of our culture." and indeed it is.

Studies demonstrate that extra curricula activities, especially the arts, help students perform better academically. Well, with this kind of performance , I say let's spell excellent with an A+. Congratulations, everyone. You have done an excellent job.

# MOVIE ANYONE?

Anaridia Burgos

Please correct me if I am wrong, but who doesn't think of movies as one of their number one choice for hangouts? The movie has turned into one of the latest trends. Here and everywhere movies have managed to keep their high audience, not even economic problems affected



the theater's earnings. There is always something to watch and always a place to go to like for example, the Acropolis, Bella Vista Mall or Malecon Center. In either one of these cool place, one can enjoy the latest films.

Movies always enrich us. It gives great ideas and a feeling of being away far away in another world—another time. It also helps to release stress and to bring people together where they can share a bag of popcorn or sit back in those soft seats and enter a state of total fantasy, total lost. Most recently, I saw The Orphan of Horror, a mystery movie and I really enjoyed being scared. My friends and I screamed and jumped, but we loved every bit of it.

There is movie for everyone. Whether it be love, action, drama, scary or comedy, the movie fulfill, perhaps, some of your dreams that cannot be realized in real life. It satisfies the id in all of us, that hungry animal in all

of us to do what we please. Ms. Mariel, the Science teacher said: "It's an experience going out to watch a movie, the big screen, the surround sound..."

Hangover, for example, is a really funny movie. You will laugh your heart out. It's about some guys that cannot handle Vegas; and of course those of us that have an obsession with the movies, especially Harry Potter series, or for those of us who 'love to love' would really love The Ugly Truth and with "the quality of the film, the great sound" according to Ms. Russo, this romance comedy is excellent and great to see especially on San Valentino, well next year, since it just went.. Seriously, comedy fused with a romantic theme doesn't get any better than this. Movie theaters have everything for everyone and that's why it's a major money making business. There's always a place for everyone at the movies.

# CDA DEAD POET SOCIETY CLUB

## Truth

I am one in the middle of the class  
The shade of others  
One that stays hidden, and is only there when someone cries.

I have to stay strong  
And always have a smile up front  
It's difficult, it's the truth.  
But am not revealing what they want to see  
All I have is faith that someday this will change  
And the world will see what they are missing from me.

I am not like others that just try to impress - just to have an untrue friend that talks behind my back . I do not follow the lead. I don't do what you are doing. I am unique. I do what I like to have fun.

It's so funny to see that what you call a friend. Is someone you use for your own benefit. You just fake your friendship.

The truth is I don't need fake people.  
I am better without you. That's just the truth  
At the end you will be the one looking for me.

Anonymous

## Your Face

I stare  
I stare  
I stare - at you're your face  
Amazing grace - as I gaze  
I race in this maze—trying to escape  
As I steadily contemplate the frame that holds your face. It is round. It seems unbound from your trace.  
Out of the ordinary that's for sure. Your eyes seems to be in place—coffee colored, no doubt, dark as I see, bright at the sun's sheen. Your hair flows, as water when it falls. I cannot help but to stare and undoubtedly contemplate your face

Jesus Leon  
From page 1 Additional Picture "7th Grade



# SOLIDARITY AMONG US

Amalia María Pérez, *Senior editor*

Sometimes it takes a most horrible situation to bring out the best in all of us. It is these kinds of occurrences that evokes a sense of unity and deep sympathy among us.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, for example, an earthquake of high intensity shook our neighbor - Haiti. Many people died, buildings collapsed leaving an environment of desolation and despair. As a reaction to this, the world turned to our neighboring country in order to aid those in need.

The Dominican People, despite historical prejudices, reacted immediately and was the first to assist the people and institutions of Haiti. The alarming news created a feeling of empathy among all Dominicans. Many people sent all kinds of goods including canned



foods, water, toilet paper and medical supplies.

Not only the people and the government of the Dominican Republic came to the aid of Haiti, but many institutions were involved. Our school, for instance, donated hundreds of food products. Students, teachers and administrators and even parents bought hundreds of goods that were neatly packed and shipped to Haiti. Most importantly, our perspective on Haiti began to change. Ms. Salterio, the

school director, instructed the staff to teach the students in pinpointing the magnitude of the earthquake and she an earthquake emergency drill for the school. She also taught us what we must do if an earthquake would come.



Since then, some teachers have taken matters into their own hands. Mr. Cruz, our Social Science teacher, instructed us to research the statistics of our neighboring country. He has enlightened us all and made sure we know the significance and urgency of our neighboring country.

The situation has opened our senses to a new value, *Solidarity*. The student body rally around the cause and so extended a helping hand.

Maybe it takes a great catastrophe to change our mind regarding how we treat our neighbors, but certainly it is going to take time and determination to keep a feeling of sympathy in opposition to a lifetime of narrow-mindedness.

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## CDA DEAD POET SOCIETY CLUB

We are 30 students in the 11th grade.

No matter what happens  
we are always blamed.

It's okay, we're used to it.

Since one time we weren't allowed to eat. Teachers say  
we're noisy.

Parents say we're lazy,

but the truth is we are better than what they think we are.  
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**Shaila Abreu**

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You are standing there, with your hazel eyes. I am standing here looking at your such beauty.

Your baby like face

I get lost with your sentiments

Your strong mouth that sings from the above.

Your nose is so curious to me.

I would like to paint it on a canvas and your freckles take me to the moon

So my stare,

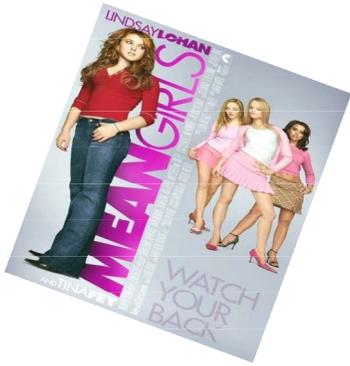
Your stare, we stare

We both stare to the infinite.

**Nathalie Rosario**

## MOVIE QUIZ

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MOVIES (FROM THE PAST 25 YEARS)?



1. What actor played Luke Skywalker in Star Wars?  
Harrison Ford  
Mark Hamill  
James Earl Jones  
Peter Cushing  
Kevin Bacon
2. In 'Back to the Future,' what speed must the DeLorean reach to travel through time?  
53 mph  
88 mph  
102.2 mph  
500 mph  
Mach II
3. While in Vietnam, where was Forrest Gump shot?  
Stomach  
Chest  
Right arm  
Buttocks  
Left Shoulder
4. What was the name of the villain in "The Incredibles?"  
Frozone  
Jack Jack  
Elastigirl  
Syndrome  
Zigler
5. What forgotten item does 'Butch' (played by Bruce Willis) from 1994's Pulp Fiction return to his apartment to retrieve?  
The keys to his motorcycle  
Blueberry Pancake Mix  
His girlfriend  
A briefcase full of gold bars  
His father's watch

6. What's the first rule of fight club?  
No women, no children  
No one fights alone  
You do not talk about fight club

you have to fight  
Only use pink soap  
7. In "Mean Girls", what slang word does Gretchen Wieners keep trying to make "happen"?

- omg!
- Fetch
- Totes
- Grossified
- Yuckers

8. In Old School, what type of wrestling did the guys have at Blue's birthday party?

- Mud
- Jello
- Pudding
- Oil
- KY Jelly

9. What movie is this line from: "Somebody sat on me again..."

- New York Minute
- Princess Diaries
- Mean Girls
- The Breakfast Club
- John Tucker Must Die

10. Who is the villain in Spiderman 2?

- The Riddler
- Lex Luthor
- The Green Goblin
- Doc. Ock
- Venom

—*Francia Sandoval*

- Answers:
- 1. B
  - 2. B
  - 3. D
  - 4. D
  - 5. E
  - 6. C
  - 7. B
  - 8. E
  - 9. B
  - 10. D

If it's your first night,

# THE GREAT RED SPOT WORD SEARCH

X W J G T A T I O O O J K M M  
 I P P T L V R X Y U P T K T N  
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- CASSINI-HUYGENS    JET STREAM
- CLOUD TOP            JUPITER
- CYCLONIC STORM    TELESCOPES
- GREAT RED SPOT     VOYAGER

How fast can you solve it?  
 Beat the clock 1min 30 sec  
 By Francia Sandoval



## JUPITER SPOTS

Kevin Wu

While checking out a video from Voyager 1, the farthest human-made object into space (Currently in heliosheath - See Picture 1), I saw an unusual movement on Jupiter. Those, small oval-shaped patches (which I thought were land - See Picture 2), were moving, but not along the planet. Instead, they seemed to follow their own pattern, which led me to research on them. Turned out that these "oval-shaped pieces of land" were actually oval-shaped storms with the biggest one being able to fit around four Earths. This one called the "Great Red Spot".

The Great Red Spot, like many other colossal findings, has had the pleasure of mesmerizing and perplexing us due to its ability to make us feel insignifi-

cant in such a big world. Amongst its astonishing characteristics and achievements, it has managed to keep spinning (if you may) for over four centuries and it can travel Jupiter in six days. While watching it move, you can notice that this storm can manage to travel in a horizontal line across Jupiter along with its smaller storm neighbours known as the "white ovals".

Despite it's irrelevance to our daily lives, it is always good to contemplate our world, our universe's magnificent events. Whether it is the sea, the stars, or even the weird patterns of someone's handwriting, it should always be appreciated for what it is.

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# IF CUPID GETS YOUR INTO YOUR HEART, DON'T LET HIM GET INTO YOUR POCKET

Francia Sandoval

Unfortunately Valentine's Day is overly commercialized and its true meaning gets lost. The thought of doing something special for someone else you care about gets set aside and becomes a burden to your wallet. Now in order to avoid future debt and hopefully future heart break, for some, the following are reasonably priced and thoughtful gestures to give to that special person.

### For the Girls

It is all about the thoughtful gesture with the girls. If you're smart enough, you won't

spend much. If you can afford to by all means go ahead. As classic and common it may seem but flowers do count, especially if you know her favorite, giving her favorite



flowers demonstrates that you pay attention to detail and that is a good thing at times. Now for the girls, who think flowers are lame, try recreating a certain special moment you two had, like going back to the place you met or doing something you did on an anniversary that you

just cannot seem to forget. Tell them why that moment was so memorable. Again the more you pay attention to small detail the better.

### For the Guys

We all know that most men put up that macho exterior but they still want to know how you feel. So tell them and show them. They are not all pigs. Simply go out and find something silly and or fun that made you think of him. Guys deserve a big gesture too.

So this Valentine's Day don't over think it and just try to let someone else know how special they really are with the

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