

The AFAS Journal



Rat sighting in school!

by Demerise Calzaretta

First and second graders spotted a rat in the school bushes next to the office. Vets say that the rat came from Lincoln Park, and probably lived in the bush next to one of the basketball walls. Rats were driven out when their home got ripped apart.

Because of the fact that it's winter the bushes next to the office have no leaves. These bushes were not a good place to live. The rats, however, have found a new place to live. We guessed that someone held the door open a little too long and the rats slipped in without being noticed. The rats have found a new home.

They were last spotted by some 4th graders at string practices in the atrium. "He was black and brown and was apparently heading to the staff bathroom," says an unnamed 4th grade student.

Lucca Valdes

Lion Wanted!

Reward: \$100,000

Argenziano Lion on the loose!

Argenziano's own school mascot, the AFAS lion, is on the loose and roaming the school hallways. School will be delayed for as long as it will take to find this large cat. If found, please contact this newspaper in care of the main office.



This Lion is very precious. If sighted, remain calm and call us. Thank you for your time.

MCAS Canceled

by ayaM nadloR

Big news! This year's MCAS testing has been canceled! All grades who take MCAS this year will now only be taking one test, which will be art based. Students will be required to draw or paint one masterpiece which will then be graded by the Somerville

High School art staff. Students will have one practice day, happening the day before, where they will learn what is expected of them in the test. A few days after all the grades that are required to take the test do so, there will be a school-wide ice cream social with live music by a band, which still must be determined. School administration is deciding among Coldplay, Bon Jovi, and the acclaimed kids band, Recess Monkey.

NEW DRESS CODE FINALLY ADOPTED

by Lucca Valdes

Dr. Mary Skipper has finally decided to assign uniforms to the A.F.A.S. These uniforms for the girls will consist of: a pleated skirt, a button up shirt, a tie, tights, and heels. For the boys, a suit and tie with dress shoes. These decisions have been made final. For further information, the main office can inform you.

8th Graders, Moving On?

by ayaM nadloR

Due to the imminent Somerville High School renovations, the Somerville school committee has voted that all 8th graders will remain at their current schools for their freshman year of high school. New 9th grade teachers will be hired for each school, and schools will be provided with large trailers to be used as an annex where the students will have classes. All sports will still be held at the high school. At the Argenziano in particular, 9th graders will eat lunch with the 7th and 8th graders at the typical 1:00 time. One benefit for the 9th graders: they will be

allowed to go off school grounds for lunch, with permission from parents. Students may only go into Union Square, but the area has a great selection of restaurants.

“This encourages students to be more independent, as well as broaden their horizons and knowledge of the local area and its venues,” says Somerville School Committee member Randall Tillsman. “Even if it may bar the students from complete high school immersion, there are still plenty of benefits.”

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Riddles!

- A. What grows shorter with age?
- B. Who cleans the sea?
- C. What is the longest name?



Word Scramble

- 1. lipar= _____
- 2. nari= _____
- 3. ohswsre= _____
- 4. lofo= _____

Answer Key:

- A. A Candle
- B. The Mermaid!
- C. Miles
- 1. April
- 2. Rain
- 3. Showers
- 4. Fool

Movie to be filmed in Argenziano

by Pjesnik

Have you read James Patterson’s “Middle School”? Have you seen the movie? Well, the directors of “Middle School, Worst years of my life” are planning to film the second book in the series, “Middle School, Get Me Out Of Here!” And get this, next year (starting September 20, 2017) it will be filmed at our school! Take a moment to let it sink in. Ok! There’s more, the movie directors will be holding tryouts for background student characters in the movie—everyone in sixth grade and up is allowed to participate. How exciting!

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EDITORIAL

Our beloved mascot lion has disappeared. Coincidentally, a big rat has been spotted in the area of the so-called “kissing bush.” What is going on?

A theory, which some are calling “the Trump theory,” has been going around that what happened is that our lion turned into the rat. This is based on the fact that the lion disappeared and the rat appeared. It doesn’t make any sense, but it’s a theory.

What it comes to is this, that we are now missing a mascot. What we propose, to balance this out, is to make the rat...our new mascot!

Word Search by Lucca Valdes

1. Funny
2. Fool
3. Hilarious
4. April Showers
5. Prank
6. Jester
7. Humor
8. Flowers
9. Trick
10. Joke
11. Mischief
12. Mayflower

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N O T O N E O F
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The Test

by Brianna Bartlett

Incoming news. A rumor has it there will be a change at the Argenziano School and only the most athletic students will remain at the school. Our school’s new goal is to be the top sports school in the city and even the state. Every kid in this school will be taking a test of athletic ability and the result of the test will tell you if you belong in this school.

Whoever gets a score lower than the minimum standard score will not be eligible to go to this school and will be assigned to a new school. Teachers say that MCAS is a test just to see where you are in school but this new test will determine if you are even staying in this school.

Breaking News:

AFAS Closing

by *Dnalkca Hael*

In case you haven't noticed, there has been major construction happening in the Argenziano field and around the Lincoln Park area. Unfortunately, there have been some mishaps during this period, including a giant bulldozer crashing into the building and a crane sweeping off the roof. These incidents took place yesterday evening, Friday, March 31. Due to these events, AFAS will be *closed until further notice*, to repair and possibly rebuild the wrecked school.

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