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Global Health Symposium for Kids at USC

By Roselyn B.

Foshay Flash reporters learned a lot about different global health issues the Global Health Symposium put on by PressFriends and USC Keck Global Health program.

Ian Chen was the first presenter to our group, and he talked about pollution. In 40 years or more, oil will run out. Ian thought pollution is an important issue because pollution is very harmful.

Asha Lindsey gave the second presentation that we attended. Asha spoke about food and water. Water security is important, because people need to have access to clean water. The subject was about being healthy because of junk food and that junk food is not healthy. Junk food tastes good, but it is not healthy. Healthy food might be disgusting, but it is so much better for you. There is not enough grocery stores for everyone. Water is important, because water can help

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Foshay Flash at USC

Bye Bye Birdie's Director—Alison Bretches

By Chelsea H., Joseline R., Evenny G., and Laura T.

Alison Bretches is the Artistic Director and Choreographer for MET2. She told us how actors don't sing in their own voices but in the voices of their characters. She also told us how valuable the crew is for changing all the sets in the dark.

Foshay Flash: How long have you been directing?

Bretches: I have been directing full-time for 10 years, but I started directing when I was 18 years old.

Foshay Flash: What does a director do?

Bretches: A director is in charge of the artistic and creative vision of the show. They cast the roles, stage the show, filter all the design elements (costume, scenic, lighting, sound) into a cohesive idea. They're sort of like the captain of the ship.



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Do the WRITE Thing

Not pictured: Jose L. and Saira

Theater Insiders with Seth Bowling

By Amy O., Samantha M., Samantha O., and Wendy R.

Seth Bowling is the associate director for MET2, and has been directing for MET2 for a year.

Foshay Flash: How long were you an actor?

Bowling: I was an actor from 1999 to 2007. I then became a Librarian because I love books and was a Librarian for 8 years.

Foshay Flash: What is your favorite book?

Bowling: My favorite book is *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton.

Foshay Flash: What was your favorite part as an actor?

Bowling: Hmmmm.... I would have to say it is a tie between Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey* and FDR in *Annie*.

Foshay Flash: Did you study to be an actor?

Bowling: I sure did, I have a degree in musical theater from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Foshay Flash: Did you ever get stage fright?

Bowling: When I'm on stage, I'm not scared at all.

Foshay Flash: Why did you decide not to act anymore?

Bowling: As time went on, I realized I wanted to teach and direct instead of act.

Foshay Flash: Why did you decide to become a director?

Bowling: I love directing. It is a lot of fun directing kids and adults.



Foshay Flash: What play would you like to direct?

Bowling: I would love to direct *The Fantasticks*

Foshay Flash: How long does it take to put on a show?

Bowling: It takes a lot of months to get ready.

Foshay Flash: What do you like to do when you aren't directing?

Bowling: When I am not directing, I like to cook and read

Foshay Flash: What is your favorite movie?

Bowling: *The Big Lebowski*.

Everyone at the Foshay Flash had a great time watching the play and meeting the cast and directors.

Conrad Birdie Rocks

By Gabriela M., Jose L., Michelle C., and Geoffrey P.

Kevin Kubo played Conrad Birdie, the rock star who comes to Sweet Apple, Ohio before leaving to go into the army. Kevin is a high school junior.

Foshay Flash: How long have you been acting?

Kubo: I started in 1st grade, doing shows at my school, so ten years now.

Foshay Flash: What was your first show?



Kubo: My old music teacher wrote musicals for the school, and my first show was one called *Arch the Angel*.

Foshay Flash: What did you like best about playing Conrad?

Kubo: Getting to be silly and really over the top about everything I did.

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All About Albert

By Kyle G., Donovan A., Jocelyn M., and Gisselle G.

In *Bye Bye Birdie*, the main character, Albert B. Peterson, wants to quit the music business and become an English teacher. In order to have enough money to do so, he needs to write a hit song, and to make it sell a lot of copies, he plans to have Conrad Birdie sing it.

Evan Krausz played the lead role of Albert.



Krausz: Albert has four costume changes.

Foshay Flash: Do you ever get stage fright?

Krausz: I feel nervous before I go on stage, but I don't really get stage fright.

Foshay Flash: How many plays have you been in?

Krausz: 30 to 40 plays

Foshay Flash: What was your favorite part you've played?

Krausz: In *Bye Bye Birdie*, Conrad was my favorite. In general, I loved playing Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*. I would also like to play Harold Hill in *Music Man*.

Su- Foshay Flash: How long have you been acting?

Krausz: I've been acting for 10 years, since I was 9 years old.

Foshay Flash: What is something people might not know about you?

Krausz: I have 9 pets -

including 3 dogs, 2 cats, a horse, a goat, a tortoise, and a gecko.

Foshay Flash: What do you like most about acting?

Krausz: Stage combat is fun. It's fake, but it's fun if you can make it look real.

Foshay Flash: What is the hardest part about being an actor?

Krausz: Memorizing your lines and remembering where to be on stage.

Foshay Flash: How many costume changes do you have?

Everything is Coming Up Rosie

By Damien T., JaQue C., and Aharon V.

In *Bye Bye Birdie*, Albert's long-suffering girlfriend is Rose Alvarez. Rose was played by Tessa Southwell.

Foshay Flash: How long have you been acting?

Southwell: I've been acting for six years.

Foshay Flash: What has been your favorite role?

Southwell: Rose in *Bye Bye Birdie*, because the character was different from anyone I've played before. Rose is in her 30's and serious. It was challenging but very fun.

Foshay Flash: What was the hardest part about playing Rosie?

Southwell: It was hard making a character so serious into a likable and relatable character.

Foshay Flash: What part would you like to play that you haven't played before?

Southwell: I would love to play the part of Nancy in *Oliver*.

Foshay Flash: What is your favorite play of all time?

Southwell: *Big River*, which is about Huckleber-



ry Finn. It has great music.

Foshay Flash: What do you like to do when

you're not in a play?

Southwell: I like to volunteer, read, travel and spend time with my friends.

Being a teen in the 1950's

By Jarlene V., Brian B., Angela J. and Earnest N.

Jenna Viana played Kim McAfee in *Bye Bye Birdie*. Kim is the lucky 15-year old girl selected to kiss Conrad Birdie before he leaves for the army.

Foshay Flash: How old are you?

Viana: 15-years old

Foshay Flash: When did you start acting?

Viana: I started acting in the 4th grade.

Foshay Flash: How many plays have you been in?

Viana: I've been in 20 plays.

Foshay Flash: Did you want to play Kim?

Viana: Yes, because I felt I could connect with Kim since she is 15 years old and I'm also 15.

Viana: The hardest part of playing Kim was doing a costume change while singing.

Foshay Flash: What's your favorite play that you've been in and what role did you play?

Viana: My favorite play was *The Little Mermaid* and I played the role of Ariel. I loved flying/swimming.

Foshay Flash: What role haven't you played that you would like to play?

Viana: I would like to play the role of Katherine in *Newsies* because I have seen the show on Broadway and really enjoyed it.

Foshay Flash: What did you like best about playing Kim?

Viana: I enjoyed being able to sing, dance and act as Kim and perform with a talented cast.

Foshay Flash: What was the hardest part of playing Kim?



Mom's the Word

By Emily G., Ashley G. Tesla A., and Walter X.

In MET2's production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, Mrs. McAfee is played by Brianca Renfro, who is 23 years old. She started acting when she was 7 years old.

Foshay Flash: How did you get the part of Mrs. MacAfee?

Renfro: There is an audition process. Everyone stands in a big circle, and each one sings a song. The director listens to everyone and has us read lines and then chooses

people to play different parts.

Foshay Flash: How many costume changes do you have?

Renfro: In this play, Mrs. McAfee has five

costume changes.

Foshay Flash: How do you make the costume change so fast?

Renfro: You have to pre-set your costumes. In other words, set the

next costume up before you need it in a place that is nearby when you come off stage from the previous scene. That makes things easier, but in some shows, you only have 10 seconds to change costumes.

Foshay Flash: Do you ever get stage fright?

Renfro: All the time. It's a good thing because you can use the nervous energy in the



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Global Health Symposium for Kids

By Kyle G.

Foshay Flash reporters learned a lot of interesting information at the Global Health Symposium for Kids. I learned from Ian Chen that there is air pollution and there's a bacteria colony that can cause death. Because it in there waters so in 40 years all oil could be gone. In Asha Lindsey's presentation, she talked about food and water security and that we are in a food desert, which means there is a whole bunch of junk food. When we can buy healthy foods at

stores or grocery stores, then there is not a food desert.

In Priyanka Vachhani and Cary Wright's group, we learned about human and children's rights and that all kids should have a right to eat. We played a game of favorites with some being elephants and some giraffes, and the elephants got everything.

In Niloo Kossari and Roxy Tabrizi's presentation, we learned about refugees and internally displaced people. A refugee is a person



that leaves his/her country or city, and an internally displaced person is someone who has to leave his/her home if

his/her home is disturbed. Right now, Syrian refugees are being taken to Pakistan, Jordan and Lebanon.

USC Kids News Workshop on Global Health

By Emily G.

Food and water are an important part of life for you. You don't have to pay a lot for fruit to eat.

Asha Lindsey, a presenter at the USC Kids News / Global Health Symposium for Kids sponsored by Press-Friends, Keck Global

Health Program and Worldmed.com, talked to us about Food Deserts, where there are not a lot of grocery stores to get healthy food.

Ian Chen talked to us about air pollution, which is not good for people or the planet.

Niloo Kossari and Roxy Tabrizi talked about refugees and internally displaced people. Refugees are people who leave their homes and their country, and those internally displaced are those people who leave their homes.

Priyanka Vachhani and Cary Wright talked about human rights, because we need to be able to say what we want and not what just one person wants.

The Global Health Symposium was so cool.



Understanding Disabilities

By Tesla A.

Did you know that 45% of people graduate from special education? Many people have disabilities, and Briana Shipley taught us about disabilities. Briana is in her first year in the Global Health program. She really likes studying Medicine. When she got her undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado, she knew that she wanted to focus on kids. She chose her subject, because she has worked with kids with

disabilities. Briana showed a video about kids without an arm, and the kids in the video were happy because they had a hand. Please remember that all kids are important even if they have a disability.

By Saira G.

Do you know what the PressFriends and USC Global Health Symposium for kids was? It is a conference where kids could learn about different health



issues. Briana Shipley is in her first year of the USC Keck Global Health program. She wants to become a doctor, because her cousin had

Dyslexia, which made reading difficult. Even though some people have Dyslexia, they can still do the same things that we do.

Food and Water Security

By Brian B.

Foshay Flash reporters went to the USC Health Sciences Campus and the Keck School of Medicine for PressFriends and the Keck School of Global Medicine's Global Health Symposium for Kids. We heard from different speakers, and one of those speakers was Asha Lindsey.

Asha talked to us about junk food being bad for us. She also taught us that there is a lot of grease in junk food. Asha told us that access to healthy food is important, so that you won't damage your body.

Asha also talked to us about the way we looked at food - if you had to pay \$20 for a piece of broccoli, you would think that it would taste pretty good.

Water is important, because if you drink dirty water, you might become

ill. It would be good if everyone had clean water, but not all parts of the world do. In California, water is scarce, because we are in a drought.

By Ashlee G.

At PressFriends and USC's Global Health Symposium for Kids, we hear from Asha Lindsey. Asha said that fast food is bad for you. If there

are not enough grocery stores for everyone, then those people are in a food desert. Food and water security is very important in a food desert.

Asha is very cool. Her favorite food is zucchini. She is really nice and funny.

By Wendy R.

At the PressFriends/USC Global Health

Symposium, Asha Lindsey taught us about food deserts. Food deserts are places where people don't get access to healthy food. Even where there are McDonalds and Panda Express, you could have a food desert.

Figueroa Street is like a food desert. There are many places to eat, but it is still a food desert, because there isn't a place to buy healthy food.

I think we should go to the grocery store and buy things to make salads or veggies. I like veggies. I like veggies, but I like them boiled. Veggies are really good, and you should try them.

Asha also talked about how some people have access to places like the supermarket and some don't.



Don't Pollute

By Joseline R.

The USC graduate students from USC's Global Health program talked to the student reporters that attended about environmental issues.

There are two types of pollution - water pollution and air pollution. Ian Chen talked about why we should never litter. Ian said in forty or more years, there is not going to be any more oil.

Ian decided to talk about environmental

issues, because where he lives, there is a lot of pollution.

Ian's favorite color is black and his favorite food is chicken breast.

By Joselyn M.

Foshay Flash reporters heard presenters from USC Global Health program talk about environmental issues. We learned that in 40 or more years, there will be no gas left.

Ian Chen said that "what comes around



comes right back around." If you pollute, then eventually you are affected by it. We can help re-

duce pollution by throwing our trash in trash bins and walking when we can, instead of driving.

Profile: Alvin Tran

By Amy O.

Every kid struggles differently when studying for a test. What's more important is getting good grades so that you can get into your dream school. Each year, it gets harder and harder to get into the colleges that you want.

Alvin Tran studies a lot in school to get good grades. His favorite subject was biology. He

went to UCLA for his undergraduate degree.

Alvin told us that this year is best year of his life.

By Aharon V.

When Alvin Tran was little, he liked to play Pokémon. Alvin learned science when he was a kid. Alvin learned nutrition when he was



a kid too.

Alvin was a good student in school, because he studied a lot

and even more when he has a test. When he grew up, he studied because he felt excited about learning. He is happy about attending both UCLA and USC.

Alvin Tran and Karen Opara gave a presentation on the effect of culture on diet and exercise at the Global Health Symposium for Kids.

Taking Care of Your Teeth

By Earnest N.

Foshay Flash reporters received a great presentation on Oral Health at the USC Global Health Symposium for Kids from Kate La Tendre and Andrea

Taguinod. They taught us how to take better care of our teeth, so that you can eat. If you can't eat, you'll starve to death. Your mouth

could have pain from toothaches if you don't take care of your teeth and eating won't be fun.



Protecting Human Rights

By Geoffrey P.

At the PressFriends and USC Global Health Symposium for Kids, Foshay Flash reporters went to a presentation about Human Rights and Children's Rights. The presenters were Cary Wright and Priyanka Vachhani. They talked about UNICEF. UNICEF provides donations to poor people who can't pay for food and clothing.

The United Nations gives freedom and protection to everybody.

The UN was fighting for equalities mostly for children and moth-

ers. The United Nations was created after World War I.

After the presentation, we did an activity about elephants and giraffes. The elephants got more than the giraffes. It was a lesson that some people are lucky and some are not so lucky. I got a giraffe in the exercise and my friends got elephants. The exercise showed us that it wasn't fair for some to get more than others because of what kind of animal they were, anymore than it is for some people to have all the power.



MOVIE REVIEWS

Antboy—Revenge of the Red Fury

By Donovan A.

The name of the movie is *Antboy: Revenge of the Red Fury*. The movie is rated PG. This movie combines fantasy and action. The name of the actor who plays Antboy is Oscar Dietz. The movie takes place in Antboy's school and in his town.

In this movie, Pelle (who is Antboy) saves a new girl named Maria on the ice rink from two bullies. She likes Pelle but when he doesn't take her to the dance, she gets mad at him and takes her father's red cloak of invisibility and becomes the Red Fury

and an enemy of Antboy. The two bullies turn into two super villains who also fight Antboy. I like movie because it has a lot of action, but it did get boring in some parts. The movie is available on DVD and on Netflix and most ages will like the movie.



Despicable Me 2

By Earnest N.

The movie *Despicable Me 2* is rated PG, and is an animated film. The movie takes place in Gru's house. Gru is a former supervillain and is now the father of Mar-

go, Edith and Agnes. The Anti-Villain League (AVL) wants to recruit him to find an evil villain named Dr. Nefario, who was Gru's former assistant, but Gru and AVL

agent Lucy Wilde want to show that the villain is someone else. Gru and Lucy fall in love and get married in the end. This is a movie that all ages will like.



Reporter Profiles



KOOL KYLE

By Brian B.

Kyle is ten years old and is in 5th grade. His favorite food is Chinese food. He likes to play racing games in his free time. He plays games on his Xbox 360 or his PS4. His favorite movie is Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Kyle admires his mom because she works hard.

Kyle wants to be a football player when he grows up. In ten years he wants to be in college.

Kyle's favorite shoes are Kobe, and his favorite basketball player is Kobe.

Kyle has a lot of friends. He is very good at playing basketball. His teacher is Ms. Tigolo, and his favorite subject is art. His favorite thing to draw is anime characters. He is also good at math. He likes running when it is recess time. He likes making jokes and making people laugh at his joke. He does not like soccer.



INSIDE GISSELLE'S MIND

By Emily G.

Gisselle's a funny person. When the Foshay Flash asked her what she wanted to be when she was older, she said she wanted to be a tamale maker, because it seems like fun. She wants to make chicken and cheese tamales, which are her favorite. She says that the best part of

being a tamale maker is the money she would make, and she says that the worst part is the work, because it gets very messy.

Gisselle's aunt influenced her the most to become a tamale maker, because she is her role model.

In the next 10 years she wants to have her own tamale truck and own the business. She thinks it will be really cool and fun to keep in the family.

One day Gisselle hopes to be just like her aunt, the greatest tamale maker in her family.



SHOOTING STAR

By Gisselle G.

Emily is a good person. When she's older, she wants to become a singer. Her dream job is to be a singer, because she loves to sing, and of course it wouldn't hurt to be famous and rich.

Emily wants to be a country pop singer. "Best of both worlds," she says. Emily thinks



the best part of being a singer is being onstage and having the experience of enjoying the crowd.

She also says that the worst part of being a singer is losing your voice because you then can't sing.

Sabrina Carpenter inspired Emily the most to be a singer; she likes Carpenter's style.

Next to being a singer, she wants to be an actress.



ROSIE ROSELYN

By Evenny G.

Roslyn is 10 years old and is in fifth grade. Her favorite color is turquoise because it's very bright and pretty.

Her favorite animal is the Kula because it is cute and fluffy.

Her favorite food is Chinese food. Her favorite drink is a Boba because it's delightful on the taste buds.



WACKY WALTER

By Geoffrey P.

Walter's favorite drink is brisk. His favorite food is pizza.

Walter likes to go to the movie theater. His favorite TV character is Ash from Pokémon.

Walter's birthday is October 14.

His favorite video game is Castle Crashers.

A School Day in Northern Ireland

By Evelina M., PressFriends Foreign Correspondent

I live on the shores of a lake called Lough Neagh in the beautiful county of Derry in Northern Ireland. I live in a stone house built by my father many years ago. My home is situated inside a nature reserve and is surrounded by miles and miles of green fields.

My school day starts when my mum wakes me at 7.30am and my big sister and I get dressed and have breakfast. When my dad was small, he walked to school but nowadays there are so many cars on the road

driving so fast that my mum takes me to the local bus stop. The school bus takes half an hour, picking up my friends one by one.

We arrive at school at 9 and my school day begins with registration.

Throughout the day, my form class all go to the same classes together. There are 30 pupils in my class, half boys and half girls. My favorite class is home economics because I get to make lots of nice food.

Lunchtime comes at 12 and in the canteen, we

scan our fingers which identifies us and deducts the money owed from our school account.

The main sports here are gaelic football, a bit like rugby, and camogie, which is a bit like field hockey. We have a big rivalry with other schools and it's very special when we win.

My school day ends at 3:40 and we run across the road to buy sweets but get back just in time to catch the school bus home.



The Snowshoe Cat

By Emily G.

The Snowshoe cat is a very intelligent cat. The Snowshoe breed comes from a box of litter (a bunch of baby cats) that had a Siamese cat and another cat as parents.

Snowshoe cat is a very pet friendly to many people. You can pet it and kiss it cuddly

it. It loves to keep you company and likes rubs on its belly.

Snowshoe cats are medium sized cats, not too small and not too big. They have a long body with medium length legs.

Girl Snowshoe cats are smaller than males. But that doesn't stop

them from a party. They are very confident, energetic playful cats that love to adventure and have playtime. Snowshoe cats are very social, like to be with people at all times. They have a favorite human but show love to everyone. Now that's a cool cat!



Actor Kevin Kubo *(continued from page 3)*

Foshay Flash: What did you like least about playing Conrad?

Kubo: I had to use a lot of gel to fix my hair to look like Conrad. It

was pretty hard to do my hair and even harder to get all the gel out.

Foshay Flash: What role

haven't you played that you would like to play?

Kubo: Someday I want to play the Phantom in *Phantom of the Opera*. Eventually. Maybe.



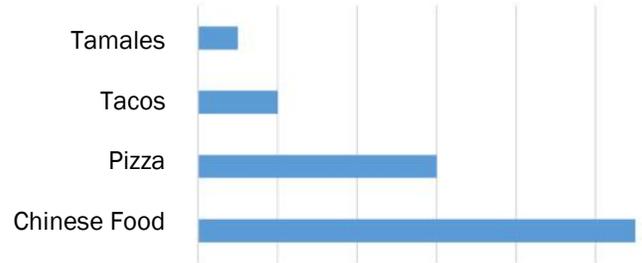
Food Fiesta Frenzy

By Michelle C.

This survey is about food from all over the world. Twenty-three girls and boys were asked which food was the most popular. The result was Chinese food with 11 votes. Pizza came in second and tacos came in third. Tamales came in last because they only got one point

By Roselyn B.

Our survey was about food—tacos, Chinese food, pizza, tamales, and burritos. We surveyed 20 boys and girls in the fourth and fifth grades. Chinese food was the most popular. It was interesting to survey students to find out which foods they liked best.



By Jarlene C.

We asked twenty-three students what was their favorite food. The options were tacos, Chinese food,

pizza, tamales, and burritos. The food that was the most popular was Chinese food. Most people liked it out of all the options.

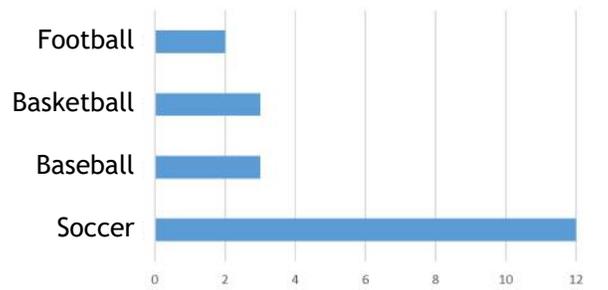
A Sporting Chance

By Tesla A.

We did a survey on sports. The most popular sport was soccer with 12 votes. I would have voted for baseball, because that's my favorite sport. There were three votes for baseball and three votes for basketball, and football received two votes.

By Chelsie H.

We did a survey of who likes soccer, basketball, football, and baseball. The least popular was football. Basketball and baseball each got three votes. Soccer got the most votes - it received 12 votes. I would also choose soccer as my favorite sport.



More About Sports

By Earnest N.

We did a survey asking kids what their favorite sport was. I learned that more people like swimming over tennis. Something in the future is that I would like to ask is "why don't people like tennis?" I would like to interview a different group of kids in

the future. My opinion on the survey is that I liked it.

By Damien T.

The issue of the survey is what everyone's favorite sport is. I learned that swimming is the most and tennis is the least popular. I wouldn't like to

interview a different group in the future, because everyone in this group is nice. My opinion on this survey is that it's fun and that we shouldn't change anything about it.

By Angela J.

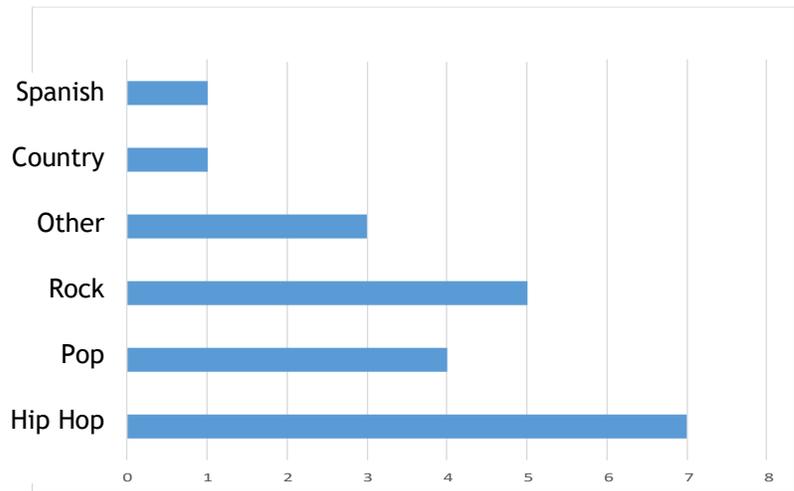
I learned that most people like to swim.

Something I would like to ask in the future is "How much do you like sports?" I would like to interview people with the age of 9 through 15 in the future. Next time I would like to do a survey about food. I would put different sports. For this survey I chose swimming because swimming is fun.

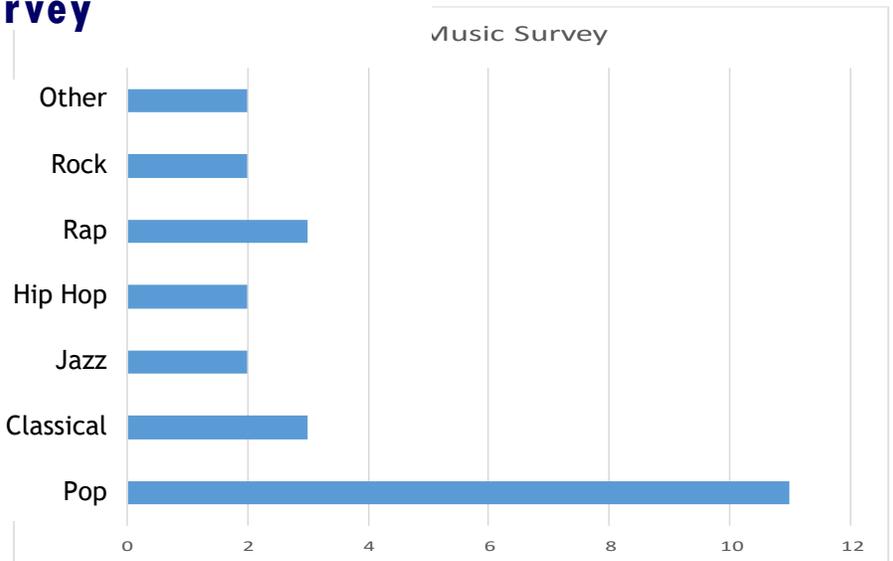
Favorite Music

By Ashlee G. and Joseline R.

We did a survey about music and what people like. Some people like hip hop and pop but they mostly liked hip hop. The issue was that people like different types of music.



Another Music Survey



Cooler Shoes in Town

By Ashlee G. and Joseline R.

Jordans won as the Coolest Shoes in Town, because they got the most votes. The reasons that students gave were that they are a better brand, popular and cooler.

Students said they like the style,

cool and tight. The Jordans scored one point higher than Vans. Vans rip faster. Jordans have more style than Vans. Vans get dirtier while Jordans stay cleaner.

Jordan's got the most votes because they are more popular and cool.

Some people think Vans are not comfortable and that they are not a good brand. If you wear Vans they make you slower and if you wear Jordans they make you faster.

We're not sure all those reasons are true, but we like Jordans.



Favorite Amusement Parks



By Gabriela M.

Our survey was about amusement parks. I think people like amusement parks, because there are a lot of rides and you can have fun. We surveyed the boys and girls in Press-Friends. The most popular amusement park was Disneyland, the second one was Six Flags, and the third one was Sea World. Universal Studios got the least votes and was

the least popular amusement park.

By Jocelyn M.

Our survey was about places and amusement parks. We surveyed the boys and girls that were in PressFriends. Disneyland was the most popular amusement park and Universal Studios was the least popular. I thought it was cool to know what others think.

By Emily G.

Our survey is about amusement parks like Disneyland, Sea World, Six Flags, and Universal Studios. We surveyed boys and girls in our class. The most popular amusement park was Disneyland. The least popular one was Universal Studios. I liked the survey, because I like amusement parks.

We All Scream For Ice Cream



By Amy O.

The most voted ice cream was strawberry. It was the most popular among sixteen boys and girls. Strawberry even

outnumbered Vanilla. I interviewed five different groups both boys and girls because I wanted to

know what was the flavor of ice cream that was the most popular.

Super Mario Maker Wins



By Jose L.

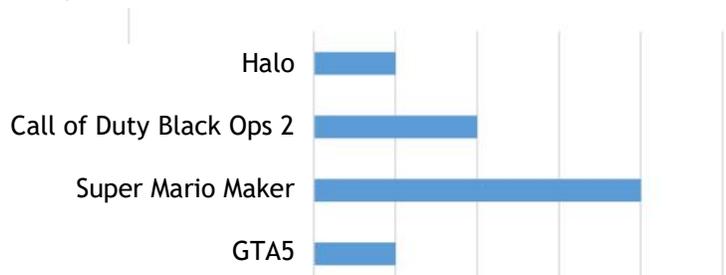
GTA got five votes. Four people picked Super Mario Maker. Two liked Call of Duty Black Ops and one person picked Halo 3. I learned a lot of people like Super Mario Maker.

By Geoffrey P.

The most popular video game was Gta and Super Mario Maker. The most popular sports were football and volleyball.

We also asked about movies. The

movies that were not popular were *Chucky* and *Hotel Transylvania*. The most popular movie among the kids we surveyed was the *Fast and the Furious*.



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you get and stay healthy. Being healthy is important, because it helps you stay fit.

The third presenters were Priyanka and Cary. They spoke about fairness and human rights.

They want things to be fair.

Our last presenters were Niloo and Roxy. They spoke about Refugees and Internally Displaced people. Refugees are those who

have to leave their home country and go to a safe place. Syria is having problems with people leaving Syria to become refugees in other countries.



Director Alison Bretches (continued from page 1)

Foshay Flash: What do you like best about being a director?

Bretches: Getting to collaborate with so many other creative people. And in this specific environment, getting to work with and teach so many students.

Foshay Flash: What is the hardest part of being a director?

Bretches: Making sure everything comes together the way you hope they will, and on time!

Foshay Flash: What play haven't you directed that you would like to direct?

Bretches: *West Side Story*.

Foshay Flash: How do you decide what plays

that MET2 puts on?

Bretches: How long it's been since we've done it, if it's a new piece for our company, if it's right for our company at that time (if we have the cast for it), if we think the people in our company and our audiences will respond to it, if we have the scenery and costumes for it (and if not, do we have the means to build it), and if I want to direct it. Those are just some of the things we think about.

Foshay Flash: What is your favorite play that MET2 has done?

Bretches: That's a really hard question. I have a lot I really like! But some of my favor-

ites are *Seussical*, *Peter Pan*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Annie*, and *Big River*.

Foshay Flash: What is your favorite play of all plays?

Bretches: *Gypsy* and *West Side Story* are two of my all-time favorites.

There's also a new show that just came out on Broadway this year called *Hamilton*, about the life of founding father Alexander Hamilton told through rap and hip-hop. I'm flying to New York in a few months to see it. I think it's brilliant and lots of people are very excited about it. I think it is really changing the American musical.



Actress Brianca Renfro (continued from page 5)

scene to make you better. If you start to get stage fright, you just shake it off.

Foshay Flash: What is your favorite costume?

Renfro: Mrs. MacAfee's pajamas. I get to wear kitty slippers with them.

Foshay Flash: What do you like about acting?

Renfro: It's a great escape from reality. Also, it is a really good excuse to play dress up!

Foshay Flash: What was your favorite acting role?

Renfro: I was *Peter Pan* before, That was one of my favorite roles.

Foshay Flash: What role haven't you played that you'd like to play?

Renfro: My dream role would be Seaweed in *Hairspray!* But since I'm a girl, that probably won't happen anytime soon. I would really love to be one of the signing street urchin narrators in *Little Shop of Horrors*.



Note from PressFriends

By Luke Southwell, President, PressFriends College Advisory Board



We had a fun trip to see *Bye Bye Birdie* at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance in the fall, and look forward to seeing *Seussical the Musical* in April. Thanks to Kathie Urban and Alison Bretches at the Metropolitan Educational Theatre Network for setting up interviews with the directors and cast.

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