



Idol Ka Kid Winners Named

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Nine CENTEX students will represent the school in the regional finals of Idol Ka Kid spelling contest on November 17 at Dep Ed Pasig's Bulwagan ng Karunungan.

Winners included Jose Angelo Carreon, Gr. I Mapagmahal; Maria Jomelle Alexa Tanudra and John Marlou Briones, both from Gr. II Matulungin; Hezekiah Luz Martinez and Francis Biasbas, both of Gr. III Masinop and Alyssa

Andrei Ramos, Gr. III Malikhain; Kim Ahmed Sadol, Gr. IV Makakalikasan; Ellaiza Montes, Gr. V Maalalahanin, and Katrina Capeding, Gr. V Mapagkawanggawa.

The spellers will be up against students from both public and private schools. The contest is patterned after the Scripps National Spelling Contest held in the United States wherein students orally spell words.

Earlier, third grader Patricia Joy Galang placed first in the school level spelling bee primary division while Earon Angelo Estrella of Gr. VI Makabayan won in the intermediate division.



CENTEX Batangas Wins Second in The Read-a-Thon Story Contest

Mary Rose Lizette Reyes, Christine Joy Caguicla, Justine Mae Magnaye and Jeanette Garcia represented the Division of Batangas in the Regional Read-a-Thon contest held at San Pablo Central School, San Pablo City, November 9, 2007.

Reyes, Caguicla, and Magnaye competed for the Team Reading category and won the second place. On the other hand, Jeanette Garcia vied for the Story-Retelling category. Earlier, the four CENTEX kids were declared champions in the division level held at Mabini Central School, Mabini, Batangas, November 5, 2007.

The students who participated in the said contest was coached by Ms. Josephine Mañebo.



Batangas Holds Annual Scouting Rites

Two hundred seventy-two scouts took pledge during the investiture ceremonies held lasat October 20, 2007.

Principal Matdarenda Marasigan, institutional representative, led the installation of 68 star scouts, 78 girl scouts, 76 cub scouts and 50 boyscouts. The scouts swore to do their duties as citizens of the country.

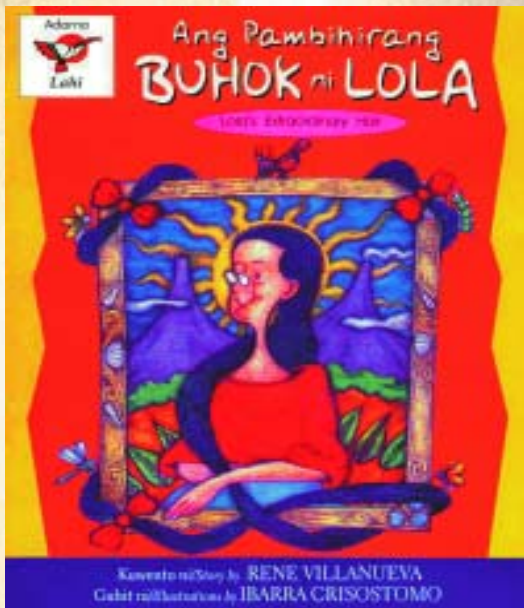
The ceremonies started with the star scouts, girl scouts, cub scouts and boy scouts consecutively. Chosen principal sponsors lighted candles as part of the installation rite. Parents and other sponsors also witnessed the program.

This annual activity aims to remind the student scouts of their responsibilities to their fellow men and women, to the country, and to God.



Tell Me That Story

Pauline Anne S. Garcia



Brylle Jasfer Adufina of Grade Six Makabayan was adjudged champion in the Division Storytelling contest winner held at Mabini Elementary School, September 29.

The raconteur told the story "Ang Pambihirang Buhok ni Lola" before the other contestants from the other districts.

"My parents are my inspiration," Adufina said, "My mom is a stage actress too."

And his advice to all aspiring storytellers? "Win or lose, thank the Lord for your talent," he said.

Adufina has been one of the major characters in the staging of "Si Pilandok at ang Mahiwagang Manok" two years ago and he also played a bit role in "Ala-alamat" shown at Onstage, Greenbelt.

DISCIPLINE

Miguel Angelo G. Magbitang



According to Webster Illustrated Contemporary Dictionary, the word discipline means systematic and rigorous training of the mental, moral and physical powers by instruction and exercise. To make it simple, discipline is doing the right thing in different places and situations. It is behaving properly. Problems arise if we are not

disciplined. Is discipline important to our daily living?

By simply looking at the way we are living, others might say that our country needs more discipline. You know why? Because of several big problems.

One of these is cleanliness. We can see litter everywhere, in corridors, rooms and assembly and asphalted area. Cleanliness is very important because if we don't observe it, health problems will come our way.

Showing respect, obedience and kindness are also other ways of showing self-discipline. It seems, however, that respect is non-existent among CENTEX kids because of frequent fights and teasing that we see around.

I believe that showing good manners is equally important to being smart. One of our teachers even commented, "Para saan pa ang katalinuhan kung walang pagmamahal."

Discipline is something internal. If we want to effect change in our surroundings, we should first have self-discipline.

Alone, Not Alone

Jana Louise Bermas

Alone and lonely,
I am with nobody
Nobody except the cool wind,
oh so chilly.

But wait, don't I feel the freezing
wind that gently kisses my skin?
Yes, it's telling me
Christmas is coming again.

Whoosh, went the wind
that seemed to embrace me
The wind, the cool touch of
Christmas
It assures me that someone has
come
And I was never left alone.

Lonely Christmas

Ivy Meliza Manalo

The feeling is here again, now that
Christmas comes nearer
The loneliness in my heart grow
bigger
I don't know, but it's so clear
I'm longing for a father

I dislike what I feel
I wanted to control it, but my mind
just can't.

How can I be free from this pain
Now that Christmas is in the air
again?
How can I escape from what is
coming near
The Christmas that is almost here?

Jesus for me...

Sharmaine Austria

J - esus
E - nlightened us and
S - aved
U - s from our
S - ins.



Study Tips that Help

Hannah Franchezka Sy



We are already running halfway of this school year. And I know that you always want to see good grades everytime you receive your report card. Well, to give you some friendly help, I'd like to share simple study

tips I encountered from Panorama magazine.

1. Have a regular time for studying
Cramming is the worst thing that could happen if you don't study your lessons regularly. Always allot time browsing your notes especially the subjects you find the hardest. But if we have lots of assignments and we cannot squeeze time to review, then it is advised that we take a look at our notes in the morning while waiting for our teacher to come. Weekends must also be spent wisely.
2. Find your sanctuary for studying
It is nice to work or do something in a place you are most comfortable. You don't even need a large room, just a quiet corner is enough so you can concentrate.
3. Get to know your learning style
Are you the kind of person who eats while studying? Or the one who watches television while memorizing notes? Well, it is suggested that you know what your learning style is because doing so will help you learn more.
4. Be creative
Designing your tools in school will help you enjoy reviewing.. You can make use of colored paper and even newspaper in covering your notebooks. You can even make use of your favorite cartoon characters!
5. Give yourself a break
All of us lose energy and get tired, too. Taking a break is a great help in regaining your strength. Watching tv, playing outdoors, surfing the net or just napping are examples of having rest and leisure.

As what our parents always tell us, education is the only wealth they can give us. And taking to heart all that our parents and teachers tell us would definitely lead us to the ladder of success.

Saying Goodbye to a Friend Is Hard to Do

Paul Lyon M. Bondoc

It's hard to say goodbye to someone
Especially to a friend
Who cares
Who shares
Who loves.

A friend and a brother
Rolled into one.

How happy I am when I met him.
The days of our joy,
The happiness we had,
And the laughter we shared,
All can never be forgotten.

All the jokes we shared
Made me smile
All the cards he gave
Sincerity is all over them.

But why,
Why does he have to leave
Why does he have to say goodbye
All I know is that it's for his own good.
And that's what I pray for too.

We miss you my friend,
My brother.

We miss you
Raymond John B. Cacho.

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year