

# Master News

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## Masterman's Middle School Chess Team Ranks #1 in PA

By Alfredo Pratico 6-5

In an interview with one of Masterman's chess champs, Alejandro Budejen-Jerez he encourages all to join the team. Come one come all.

The middle school chess team recently competed in Carlsile, PA at the state championships and checkmated the competition. Our team proudly brought home the 1st place team trophy as well as several individual trophies. Jerez, ranked 7th in the state himself, says the competition is stiff. Everyone competes one on one and is ranked both individually and as a team. Competitions are totally silent. There is no talking allowed to provide a setting for maximum concentration.

This is not the first year Masterman has won the title. Let's just say it sounds like ours, is the team they all try to beat. The competition doesn't often succeed. Hope our ladies and gentlemen cream the competition at Nationals to be held in Nashville this year. Best of luck to all the players.

Now, let's just imagine that you want to know more about the team or want to join the twenty or so current members. Here's how.

Well you can just go to the chess club! Meeting Thursdays during 5th period and after school under the supervision of Mr. Shutt. Visit Room 111, Alejandro says Chess Club is a great way to socialize, make friends, sharpen your brain skills and of course play some chess.

## ONCE UPON A MATTRESS A HUGE SUCCESS

By Filip Przybycien 5-1

The school musical, "Once Upon A Mattress", was a great hit. It attracted many watchers. With this interview with Mr. Rothstein, we will find out some extra information on how this whole thing went from the beginning.

Q . "So Mr. Rothstein, how many people were in the play?"

A . " There were approximately 100 actors, 50 musicians and 35 stage crew members; there were almost 200 total students in the show."

Q . "What grades were they in?"

A . " They ranged all the way from 5th grade to 12th grade!"

Q . "About how many people saw the show?"

A . " We had over 1,000 people come and see the show."

Q . "Were you happy with the actors' acting and show?"

A . " The acting was spectacular and I was very impressed and proud of the students."

Q . "How long have these kids practiced?"

A . "The kids practiced for three months (12 weeks), often for several hours each afternoon and evening."

Q . "Were the costumes tricky to make? Where did you get them from? Was it expensive?"

A . "The costumes were rented from a company called ' Pierre's ' in Old City. They had a reasonable rental fee, which we felt were more economic than buying material and making our own costumes."

Q . "What did the Castle Crew do for the show?"

A . "Castle Crew made the set, made all the props and did all of the scene changes during the show."

Q . "Do you have plans for next years' show?"

A . "Plans for next year? Not yet, but I can't wait!"

Q . "Was it your first time as the director of the high school play?"

A . "This was the 4th show I directed and the 2nd musical I directed."

Q . "Do you think it was a success?"

A . "I do think it was a success. The kids worked hard and pulled out a terrifically funny and charming show. I was so proud of everyone involved."

With this information, we can all see that many people need to work to put on a magnificent show. I would like to acknowledge Holly Lentz- Kleeman for her great help in the show, Mr. Travis for music, Ms. Neu for orchestra and Mayor Nutter for watching us and being present.

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Though you do have to pay for the plane tickets when you go to nationals it is a fun and worthwhile experience. And remember the only fundraiser the chess club has is the cheesecake sale before Thanksgiving. So next year encourage everyone you know to buy one of those delicious and HUGE cheesecakes.

Update: Masterman Chess Team wins the National Title

Every good organization needs a mascot, and Master News has found one! Outside of school the other day we found an adorable little puppy that needs a home. We took him in, cleaned him up, and gave him a job. Starting next issue he will be hiding in a place at Masterman. One of our photographers will take a picture of him hiding and you, our readers, will have to guess where he is. There is only one problem to all of this; our new mascot has no name! We will list a few names that our staff has selected and you will vote for your favorite on our website (<http://masternewsnow.weebly.com/>). Remember; choose carefully, we wouldn't want him to have a silly name. We hope our mascot will be happy with his new name and job!

Our cute new mascot found on the steps of Masterman



## Just Dance

By Madison Tyler

Just Dance may sound like a game for only people that like dancing, but here is a bunch of reasons to prove them wrong.

For instance, it isn't just a game of dancing. On all of the Just Dance games, there is a bonus feature of a workout (Just Sweat). This is good for people who are losing weight, or if you just like plain old exercising. You can choose songs and there is an icon on the screen doing warm-ups.

There is also a very good song selection. The new one involves songs like Las Ketchup by Asersje, and Good Feeling by Flo Rida. 3 of my favorites are Call Me Maybe by Carly Rae Jepsen, Umbrella by Rhianna, and What Makes You Beautiful by One Direction. I like the first one because the dance gets difficult at different parts. I like the 2nd one because it follows a good beat and tempo. I like the third because it has kind of cheesy moves, but because of that can make people hysterical. I hope you have found my review helpful. Its rating is 5 stars.

## New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg Positive Will Win Appeal on Sugary Drinks Ban

By Alfredo Pratico 6-5

New York mayor Michael Bloomberg is positive that he will win the appeal on banning large-sized sugary drinks in restaurants. This comes after the verdict on Monday, the eleventh of March. The New York Supreme Court judge Milton Tingling called the ban "Capricious and arbitrary". Many companies and associations will sue the city if the law goes into effect. The New York law was slated to slam high calorie beverages on the twelfth of March.

After the verdict Bloomberg at a press conference said the " We think the judge is totally in error in the way he interpreted the law and we're very confident that we will win on appeal". The ban would have prohibited New York's food-service businesses from selling sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces, though city officials had said they would not begin imposing \$200 fines on offending businesses until June. The city will place that policy on hold pending the appeal. Unfortunately Bloomberg will not be in office when the appeal takes place.

Companies such as Coca-Cola and Pepsi had argued that the law had a large loophole that it would still let grocery and convenience stores to sell drinks of any size.

In case you didn't know Bloomberg has passed a ban on trans fats in cooking oil in restaurants and has banned smoking in restaurants. He is currently trying to ban loud music.

Should these bans in go through? We would like to know what you side. Please e-mail your opinion to [master.polls@hotmail.com](mailto:master.polls@hotmail.com).

## Spring Fever

By ChidinmaOnukwuru 5-5

Spring is coming, and in a big way! But we've got you covered with the new trends. Spring is a bright season so... wear bright colors. It's time to show the bright new you. Let's start with colors. Neon colors show the shine in your clothes. You can show your feelings with these colors.

The middle school dance is on its way and some people are wondering what to wear. Here is some tip. Wear what you usually wear to school. But if you want to look good you should mix your colors. The dance is not about what you wear, it is about having fun and enjoying yourself.

People worry about what to wear at school. The things you wear at school is your choice. You don't have to follow the other things people say you should wear. Follow your heart and choose your own clothes.

If you want some tips on looking good, here are some below:

- 1) If you want to find new accessories don't waste money when you can make them. Find a do-it-yourself on YouTube. I've seen things like a do-it-yourself peacock feather headband. It is bright and beautiful.
- 2) Combine your old accessories to make new ones.
- 3) Get inspired by famous people and their fashion.

So, spring is a season to express the sunshine in your clothes and make it pop.

## First Impressions

# The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D

By Manuel Calderon

As of the time of writing this, I got The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D game a month ago for my 3DS. So far, I've gotten up to the "Bottom of the Well" dungeon. Series Overview:

The Legend of Zelda was created by Shigeru Miyamoto & has since been produced by Eiji Aonuma. "Dungeons" are certain points in the game where you must navigate through a large area (ex: inside of a tree, or inside of an ancient temple) and you must think your way through puzzles and you might lose yourself. Most of the time, you play as Link, the main protagonist. You're a hero, but you don't know it (unless you're playing Twilight Princess) and you must save Princess Zelda of Hyrule while saving the rest of the kingdom and fulfil an ancient prophecy.

Story:

The Deku Tree, who protect the people of the Kokiri forest people, sends a fairy named Navi (who is the most annoying thing in a video game you'll ever encounter) to go find Link of the Kokiri (not) to help him save Hyrule, but he needs to go to the Deku Tree first.

Sounds short, but the game is actually over 50 hours long! You see, the game uses a time travel mechanic where when you've done everything you need to do as a kid; you enter the Temple of Time located west of Hyrule Castle Town; you place the spiritual stones of forest, water, and fire (once obtained) on the altar; you play the song of time; and you pull the Master Sword out of its stone. Since Link is not old enough to be the hero of time, he must stay in slumber for 7 years, and in that time, the Temple of Time was open to the evil man Ganondorf (the main antagonist) to wreak havoc on Hyrule. So now it's up to you to stop Ganondorf's evil reign.

Gameplay:

The controls are very smooth. You hold L to target an enemy; R for your shield; A for rolling or dodging if holding L; B for your sword; & X & Y for applying a certain weapon to use when that button is pressed.

Conclusion:

If you like action games, look no further than The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina Time 3D, or any Zelda game for that matter, you won't regret it

Editor's Note By Alfredo Pratico

For anyone who has worked on this first Middle School issue of MasterNews, hats off to you. It has been a real learning experience and a lot of trial and error. Putting a paper together is not easy. Thank you to Mrs. Kearney for standing by us. We are sure the next issue will be even better.

As for all those middle schoolers who have just one story to tell, one poem to share, maybe a comic strip or perhaps a piece of original art --- send it to us. We want this paper to represent all of our voices and talents not just those of us who stay after school on Tuesdays. So please feel welcome to submit, also, if you can join our group we meet after school in the library on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:15! We hope to see you.

As for the current staff –  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!** Be proud!  
This is - thanks to all of you - the first issue of MasterNews: paper for Masterman middle school students written by Masterman middle school students.

# Games

Sudoku  
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