

message in a Bottle

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ACE GOES COTA

CHLOE SELLERS

COTA is a track that is located in Austin, Texas. The track's full name is Circuits of The Americas which is where the COTA name comes from. The track opened on October 21, 2012, and started by American businessman Tavo Hellmund and Texas billionaire Red McCombs. The facility is a grade 1 FIA specification. The track is 3.4 miles long and can hold up to 120,000 people but is currently being modified to hold more. Throughout the track, there are 19 turns in total, which the track is mainly known for with their twists and turns. Yet the track is very flat and you can almost see the whole track if you in the tower, which is 251 feet in the air and has a glass floor so you can see all the way to the ground. The tower is what most people see and know it is related to COTA, as you can see the tower from miles away. Many racing teams use the tower to communicate with their driver to tell them what may be ahead of them. On a clear day, from the tower you can see 20 miles in every direction. The track hosts around 32 events per year. These events include holiday activities, NASCAR races, Formula 1 races, endurance races, and track days. Throughout the course of the year, COTA is used for many different events and is a fun place for race car drivers in and out of season.



MARSHALL COLLEGE WELCOMES CHANDLER STUDENTS

MIKAYLA RUTKOWSKI

Marshall University is located in Huntington, West Virginia. A couple weeks ago, from the 14-16 of November, P1, P2, and I group all went to Marshall to tour it. Marshall University is home to over 13,000 students. We went to tour Marshall to hear about their HELP Program. Their HELP Program helps kids who may need extra help with their work because of their learning disabilities. In the HELP Program, you get a tutor that will help with work, schedule, and other skills to guide you through your college experience. Yet not just anyone can join this program, you have to have a learning difference or a hyperactivity diagnosis. The students on this field trip were able to talk to 4 students as part of the HELP program: Erica, Tori, Luke, and Brandon. They told us about their journey getting to college, their learning experiences, and how the HELP program has helped them.



During this trip, the students also had tons of fun. They even went to the school's flying school and tried out their \$500,000 dollar simulator that helps people learn how to fly a plane. The drive was very long, so they had lots of bonding time with each other. The trip was a great learning experience for all the students to learn about what college life is like. A big thank you to Hillary and all the students who talked to us!

BASKETBALL SEASON IN FULL SWING

LUKE OGLESBY

So far in basketball, our fierce Chandler school basketball team has been working hard. They have been practicing a minimum of three times a week so they can learn to work as a team and dominate the upcoming basketball season. Our Pirates are completing pre-season training. They had a scrimmage at Camperdown on Tuesday, December 12. Their first game was in Sand Hills on Thursday, December 14. And when that day came, our players were ready.



IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON

JOHN WHITNEY

At The Chandler School, people celebrate Christmas, Diwali, and Hanukkah.

Christmas is a Christian holiday. People celebrate it on December 25. Most people leave their stockings out by their fireplace. Also, most children leave out cookies and milk for Santa. When they wake up, they run to their trees and find presents from Santa.

Diwali is a Hindu holiday. The holiday is celebrated in November. The holiday mainly symbolizes light over darkness and good over evil. One of the stories is the day that Lord Rama, his wife Sita Devia, and his brother Lakshamana return to their homeland after being exiled for 14 years.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. This holiday takes place for 8 days; the days depend on the Jewish calendar. The idea behind Hanukkah is a candle that was supposed to last for only one day, but it lasted for seven days. A tradition that is special to Hanukkah is the spinning of the Dreidel.



meet the CREW

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PET ICONS OF CHANDLER SCHOOL

LOULOU KITCHENS

Pete

Pete is Lou's horse. He's a 12 year old chestnut off track thoroughbred; this means he used to be a race horse! Lou has had Pete for almost ten months! Pete does competitions and enjoys running in the pasture with his friends, Spicy and Doc.

Peanut

Peanut is Mikayla's, Connor's, and Tyler's Welsh Corgi. Peanut is 2 years old and enjoys sleeping in funny positions. Fun fact about Peanut is that he was born in Wyoming--that's on the other side of the country! Peanut also has an older sister named Buttons.

Amelia

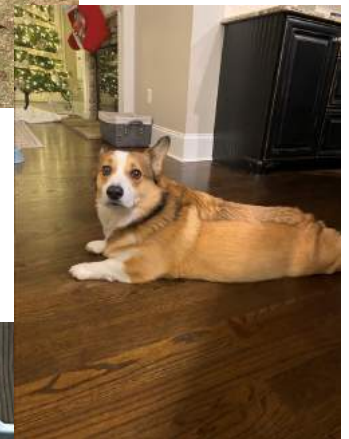
Amelia is Will's 7 year old Cow Cat! Amelia enjoys sitting on the railing of Will's porch and watching the birds. Some cats will eat anything, but not Amelia! She is a very picky eater and only likes one brand of food.

Luna

Luna is Chloe's dog. She is a 4 year old mini goldendoodle. Luna enjoys sleeping and lying on tables. After many years of Chloe begging her mom, she finally gave in and gave Luna to Chloe. Fun fact is that Luna goes to work every day with Chloe's mom and sleeps under her desk.

Hazel

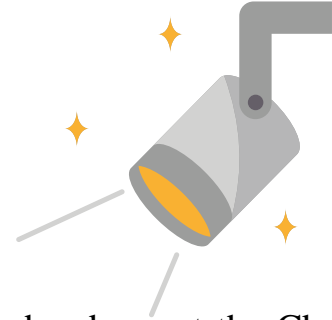
Luke's dog is named Hazel! She is a 6 year old Vizsla, or Hungarian Bird dog. Hazel loves snuggling up in blankets by the fire or right with you! Fun fact is that Hazel has wet belly syndrome which means she doesn't like water even though that's what she was bred to do!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MANNY GREENBAUM

HARRISON MAUGER

Today in the student spotlight is Manny Greenbaum! Manny has been at the Chandler School for a while--since he was 6 years old. Manny does not regret coming to Chandler because he loves Chandler and has had great experiences here. This year Manny is in I group and Manny believes that every class besides Social Studies is easy. Manny is also Harrison Mauger's best friend and he has been his best friend since they first met. Outside of school, Manny likes eating and playing video games. Manny really enjoys the Chandler School and is always excited for each new day at the school. Manny has a cat named Vincent Van Cat, but Manny and his family calls him Vinny. He's named after Vincent Van Gogh. Manny likes, at home, to play video games, chess, and go in the pool. Manny has a hot tub at his house. Manny plays four square, chess, soccer, and ga ga ball at school. Manny's favorite teacher right now at school is Mrs. Megan. Manny's favorite food is pizza or steak though he prefers filet mignon or ravioli. Manny likes cold weather.



INTERESTING FACT:
Manny plays tennis





AN INTERVIEW WITH SANTA

WALKER DENNIS

For an uncountable amount of time, Santa has been doing his job. From what I could get from him, I have learned that *The Christmas Chronicles* are completely inaccurate about him. On the first Christmas ever, Santa had around one hundred elves. Since that time, he has gained about a billion elves. After Christmas, business usually gets slow for a month or two. Sadly, that is what I could get Santa to tell me about since it is December and his elves called him while I was trying to finish this interview.

OPINION: GIFT GIVING

WILL BOUVIER

My opinion on gift giving: gift giving can be for a lot of different reasons or out of general kindness. Personally, one of the best gifts I was ever given was a Forza Xbox a few years ago. The thought process of gift giving can be a lot of different things as well, like kindness, rewards, or a holiday. Gift giving can also involve candy and other treats. Also, gift giving can be sentimental for some people. Gift giving is also just a generally kind act. Gift giving is really amazing and is a generous thing to do. Gift giving makes people happy and is a sentimental thing people can do. Yet gift giving can also lead to both good and bad habits. Good habits can be like really appreciating a gift. And bad habits are like not appreciating a gift when it is given. So be thankful for any gift you receive!

INTERESTING FACT:

Santa likes to vacation in Hawaii



Dana Jones's Locker

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FEATURED GROUP OF THE MONTH: R GROUP

ETHAN EVANS, CONNOR RUTKOWSKI, LAUREN KARRER., LANDON RAST, BRITAIN LATTA, RISHAAN SHAH, ADRIAN YOUNG, ELI OWENS

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse...

Ethan: The mouse then ran out of the house, into the bus, where children were waiting to go on their field trip.

Connor: Little did they know, the kids were all on the bus to go to Santa's workshop to watch the final presents be made.

Lauren: But once they got there, an elf came along and said, "Why are you here?"

Landon: To this, the kids replied, "We are here to help Santa!"

Britain: Yet, it wasn't Santa; it was a fake Santa! "It's me, Santa, and I'm here to take Christmas over!" he said as the kids stared in shock.

Rishaan: "Oh, I can't wait to get some presents!" he said as he evilly walked away...

But the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day.



SHOUTOUTS AND CELEBRATIONS

FROM MR. DANA: GLAD MR. RON IS BACK--YOU YOU DO A WONDERFUL JOB
GARRETT-DOING A GREAT JOB RAKING LEAVES
ENTIRE STAFF FOR ACCREDITATION GREAT JOB
LINDA FOR ORGANIZING THE FILES PERFECTLY
LARRY FOR HELPING WITH THE DERBY CARS
CHAIRMAN REESE HODGES FOR VISITING
KRISTEN R, SEASON M, BRANDY D, ANGELA Y, MEGHAN W FOR COMING TO THE ACCREDITATION
DR. VIC OLGAN AND DR. JANIE GOODMAN FOR ACCREDITATION



FROM MS. ALEX: I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE BENJAMIN MAUGER ON HIS HARD WORK WITH CURSIVE. HE HAS BEEN WORKING SO HARD ON PERFECTING HIS CURSIVE AND HE IS GETTING SUCH A BEAUTIFUL RESULT! I AM SO PROUD OF HIM.

JULIA: SHOUT OUT TO LONDON AND WALKER B AS THEY ARE NOW WRITING IN CURSIVE IN ALL CLASSES!

MS. SANDY: SHOUT OUT TO ALL THE FACULTY WHO TOOK OVER MY CLASSES DURING ALL THE FIELD TRIP DAYS.

MRS. MAURA: SHOUT OUT TO LONDON! HE IS ALWAYS HELPFUL IN HOMEROOM AND THROUGHOUT SCHOOL- LONDON YOU ARE GREAT!
SHOUT OUT TO GARRETT- FOR WORKING SO HARD ON ALL OF THOSE LEAVES
SHOUT OUT TO MS LINDA FOR BEING SUCH A HELP WITH EVERYTHING - CLASS, LATE STAY, THE OFFICE, SHE DOES IT ALL!
SHOUT OUT TO JAYDEN FOR WORKING SO HARD ON HIS CURSIVE!

MS. MARY: SHOUTOUT TO WALKER B. FOR WRITING IN BEAUTIFUL CURSIVE IN HIS CONTENT CLASSES!
SHOUT OUT TO MS ROBIN FOR BRINGING US THE SINGING COWBOY!

MS. MEGAN: SHOUT OUT TO JOHN CHEROS FOR HELPING KEEP US IN LINE
SHOUT OUT TO RAWLINS FOR ALWAYS GETTING ME A CHAIR
SHOUT OUT TO WALKER D. FOR BEING A STEADY PRESENCE!

MRS. ALLISON: SHOUT OUT TO MY T GROUP MATH CLASS FOR WORKING SO HARD TO LEARN THEIR MULTIPLICATION FACTS!
SHOUT OUT TO HARRISON K., WELLS, AND ANNASTON FOR YOUR EXCELLENT JOB AT MEMORIZING POETRY!

MS. EVIN: SHOUT OUT TO ALL TEACHERS FOR A GREAT JOB ON ACCREDITATION!
SHOUT OUT TO BROOKE AND LINDA FOR KEEPING EVERYTHING IN SHIP SHAPE!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL THE CHANDLER PIRATES AND THEIR FAMILIES!

BLAZE: TO ALL CHANDLER STUDENTS AND STAFF...

"THANK YOU FOR ALL THE BELLY RUBS!"



BY BRYSON TOLBERT

TODAY WE LEARN LIFE LESSONS FROM LAURA
IF PEOPLE GO THROUGH TOUGH TIMES
JUST KNOW THAT YOU SHOULD PUT THE TIME TO HAVE THE POWER TO HELP
JUST HAVE THE MIND OF A SOLDIER AND HAVE STEEL WILLPOWER
LIFE IS LIKE A MARBLE ON A HILL SOME OF IT IS DOWNHILL YET YOU GOTTA KEEP ROLLING
EVEN UPHILL
SO IF YOU EVER FEEL DOWN JUST KEEP THIS IN MIND
THAT YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

THE MOONLIGHT SHINES UPON THE LAND
FIVE ROWS OF SETTLED SAND
THIS GREAT DAY OF GIFT GIVING
SOUND A LOT OF WHISPERING
FRIENDS AND FAMILY TRY TO CATCH SANTA
YET THEY FAIL AND GO AND HAVE NOTHING BUT A TRACE
OF SANTA'S LITTLE SPEEDY RACE
SO LOOK OUT OF YOUR WINDOW
TO SEE RUDOLPH'S RED NOSE GLOW
AS YOU SIT DREAMING ABOUT THE PRESENTS
YOU CAN'T SLEEP ON THIS MIDNIGHT CRESCENT
THE DAY HAS COME TO SEE THE PRESENTS COME IN
NOW ALL TO SAY IS THE END



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