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## **What I Like About Palos South**

***By: Sajal Shukla***

Although leaving Palos West was quite sad, and I still miss it a lot, Palos South is a great place with many opportunities.

One of the best things about Palos South, is all the extra-curricular activities. Whether you are a writer, a reader, an artist, or have any other hobbies, there is always something for you! Newspaper club is a great club if you enjoy writing. There is book club, as well, for people who like to read and art club for people who enjoy art. And much, much more! There are also a number of sports to get involved in such as basketball and cross country. No matter what your interests are, there is always something for you.

Another great thing about Palos South is all the resources. We have a huge library with many books and a comfortable place to read, the reading suite. We have two computer labs in the media center and many iPads. We also have a Homework Club, so that you can stay after school to talk to teachers or finish any homework you may have, and you don't need a permission slip signed!

All in all, Palos South is a wonderful place with many after-school activities, resources, and great teachers!



# "Pokémon Go"

*By: Claudia Kaczmarezyk*



Pokémon Go is a game that was recently created by Niantic Inc. . Anyhow, I thought that you would enjoy reading about the facts that I have included in this article about Pokémon Go. For example, since Pokémon Go's release, the game has been downloaded by more than 50 million users and the count is still rising up to this day...Mind blowing right? Well, I bet you are jumping out of your seat wanting to hear more facts. Am I right???

Well, some more facts will be listed here:



People are leaving their jobs to play Pokémon Go and selling their accounts for money on Ebay. The bidding for one high-level account has even reached 7,300 dollars in European money which is \$8,181.04 in American money.

Texas A&M opened up its football stadium for Pokémon Go players to avoid trespassers. Here's the mind blowing part...In over 2 hours, the stadium was filled with up to 1,600 players.

A bus in New York takes players to Pokéstops for \$0.99, Gyms for \$24.99, and Egg-hatching for \$49.99.

A player in Missouri said that he was stabbed but kept playing til' he found the Pokémon he was looking for.

Wow! Crazyyy....Right?!

Additionally and always according to SimilarWeb, as of July 11, Pokémon GO players on Android were playing an average of forty-three minutes and twenty-three seconds per day, which is about the average amount of time people spend on Facebook each day.

In San Diego, 2 men fell down a cliff while playing "Pokémon Go"

## TIPS/TRICKS:

### Play in pairs

When Pokémon appear, they appear for everyone. Therefore, you will get more Pokémon in one place.

### For random Pokémon spawns, look for moving leaves.

Those green fluttering leaves have frustrated Pokémon Go players from the beginning:

Does it mean there's Pokémon there? Is it a red herring? Well, from what experts have been able to tell, it indicates a Pokémon spawn point.

### Want to catch Pokémon quickly?? Try parking lots.

For some reason, Pokémon love to spawn in parking lots. Especially if those parking lots are near Pokéstops. Just be careful ! Watch for cars !

Thanks for Reading!!

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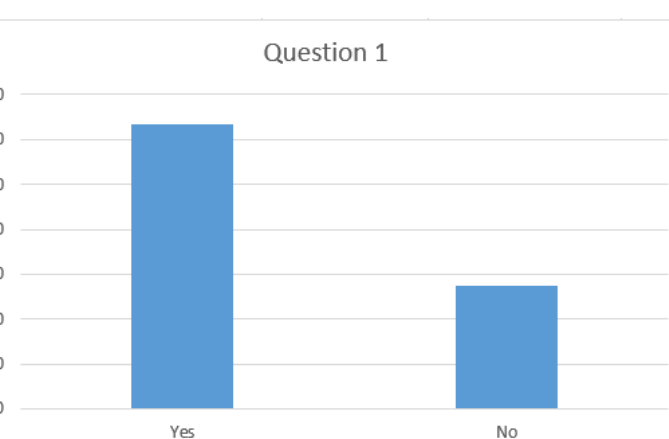
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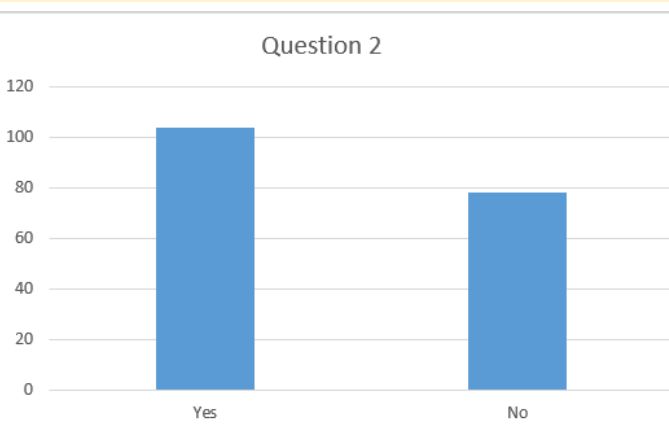
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# WHAT WE THINK ABOUT THESE TABLETS

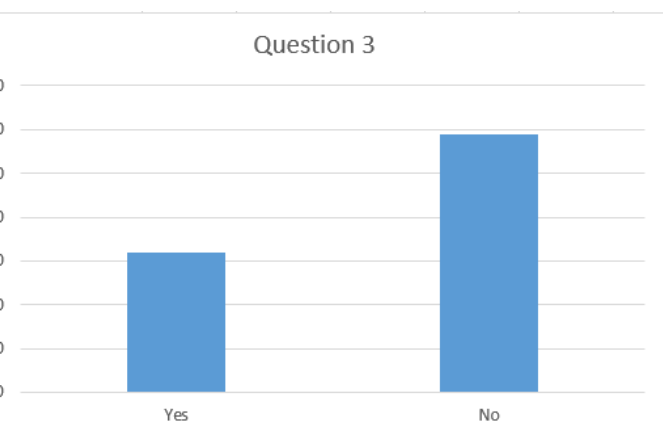
BY KAROL PARA AND KAROLINA WAKSMUNDSKI



Question one asked: Do you like learning with the One on One devices that Palos School District 118 has supplied for you? **Yes or No?**

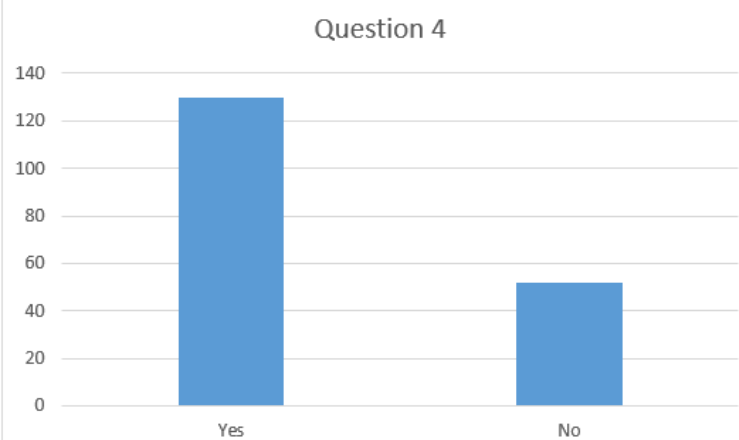


Question two asked: Do you like Schoology as your place for your assignment notebook and where you submit your homework? **Yes or No?**



Question three asked: Do you think that 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders should also get one to one devices? **Yes or No?**

We in Newspaper Club have many great ideas and we are always looking to get everyone involved and everyone's opinion out to the public, and to do this we made a survey. I think we can all agree, or at least all the eighth graders can agree, that the tablets have brought a new way of thinking and working to the classroom, but do we all like it? Well it has only been the first quarter, but I think that the students after 3 months have a pretty solid opinion about these tablets and so Karolina W. and I (Karol Para), with the help of Matt Sekula, have decided to find out how students really feel about the new addition in technology. The survey was done in all 8A and 8B connections and was made up of 4 questions (All are listed underneath each chart). If you were someone that voted thank you once again! After reviewing the results, we decided that some questions may need to be investigated a little deeper so we will be conducting another more focused survey soon!



Question four asked: Have you had any issues with your device? **Yes or No?**

This is the first survey based on these one-to-one devices in our school. We are hoping to do another one in the end of the school year to get their final opinion before the eighth graders go on to high school. Hope you liked the article and thank you for reading and voting.

# Positive Effects of Technology

Written by: James Tan



Last year I wrote an article regarding the negative effects of technology, and that made me wonder. Are there any positive effects? Well, technology helps students turn in homework anywhere with an internet connection. It also allows teachers to give absent students homework and answer their questions. Teachers can interact one on one with each student. I myself use technology daily to take my H Geometry class. Students no longer have to carry text books with this technology. All their books will be available online. People can have instant access to facts, definitions, etc. Imagine hundreds encyclopedias, dictionaries, and books stored in devices that is about the size of an assignment notebook! That beats spending hours looking for the right book in the library! While technology has many distractions, it also gives kids a chance to learn outside of school. As long as students focus on the task at hand, we should be able to create a good learning environment for our students.

## Why do We Take the MAP Tests?

Written by: James Tan

There are many pros and cons to standardized tests. For one, it allows different schools, or even states, to compare their students accurately. It also gives teachers a specific learning plan. This helps new students who transfer to new school districts as the teachers will have the same general plan so they won't be ahead or behind. Unfortunately, these tests do come with drawbacks. They don't account for external factors, such as sickness, stress, motivation, sleep deprivation, etc. Some students get test anxiety, which can reduce the score that they would have gotten and therefore it is not a true measure of their ability and may not give the same score as if they were testing with optimal conditions. I believe that while MAP tests have some drawbacks for some students; however, the benefits outweigh the costs.

# **25 Reasons that English is the Weirdest Language**

By: Nicholas Skweres

It makes NO sense!

There is no ham in hamburger

There is no egg in eggplant

There is no pine or apple in pineapple

English muffins weren't invented in England

French fries aren't French

Sweetmeats are candies, while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat

Quicksand can work slowly

Boxing rings are square

A Guinea Pig is neither from Guinea, nor are they a pig

Writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groc, and hammers don't ham

The plural of tooth is teeth, so why isn't the plural of booth, beeth?

One goose, two geese, so why not one moose, two meese? Or one index, two indices?

If teachers taught, why don't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?

Why is the plural of mouse, mice, but the plural of hose isn't hice?

The plural of man is men, so why isn't the plural of pan, pen

There is one foot and two feet, so why not one boot and two beet

The masculine pronouns are he, his, and him, but the feminine pronouns aren't she, shis, and shim

Why do we ship things by truck, but send cargo by sea?

Why do noses run and feet smell?

A slim chance and a fat chance are the same thing, but a wise man and a wise guy are different

Dad is Pop, but Mom isn't Mop

People drive on a parkway, but we park on a driveway

A house can burn up while it burns down

You fill in a form by filling it out

# It's Out...*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*,

## The Eighth Story!

By: Sajal Shukla

Harry Potter fans have waited years for this...and it's finally out...*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*! The eighth story was released on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. It is a fast paced story written in "play" form, quite different from J.K. Rowling's past novels in the Harry Potter series. This exciting new sequel to Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows is mainly about Harry Potter and one of his sons, Albus Potter. Harry Potter is now grown-up and has kids of his own. Albus seems to struggle with all the attention because of his father. Harry and his son don't have a great father-son relationship. Albus often gets mad at his father for many things. Through the Sorting Ceremony, Albus finds out a surprising fact about himself and it changes who he becomes. He soon finds a friend named Scorpius, who is Draco Malfoy's son. They become friends quickly, even though Albus's sister, Rose, thinks that Albus should not be friends with Scorpius, because of a surprising rumor about him. Albus soon finds a girl named Delphini, who claims to be Amos Diggory's niece and Cedric Diggory's cousin. Delphi sends Albus and Scorpius on a challenging quest back in time to change the past in order to change the present.

*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* is very different from the past seven Harry Potter books. First, it is written in "play" form. Second, Albus Potter's first few years of Hogwarts are all in the one book, opposed to one year per book as J.K. Rowling has done in the past. The format of the book is quite different and so is Rowling's style of writing.

Even though *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* is quite different, it is an exciting story filled with fast-paced adventure that you'll be sure to enjoy!



*A scene from the play*



*The cover of the book*

Rose 1959  
By: Irini M.

Time. Yes, time is holding me back. That's no way to start a story. Oh, I was just staring into a sunset blowing a flower? That's a good starter for you? Well this is my story so, I'm going to stick with time thank you very much!

Time yes, time is holding me back. My name is Rose and its 1959. Recently I turned 23, my sister passed, and I ran away with my best friend who turned out to be a liar. Yes, this is my life. My name is Rose and I made a mistake.



It was 1957, yes I was 21 so you could already tell that I was in trouble. My sister was sick, she had cancer. She had cancer for so long that I really did not pay attention to it anymore. Well, that was one mistake, three weeks later she passed. I did not even say goodbye. I now realize how selfish I was. Right there I thought that I had no purpose where I was living. So I ran away with my best friend. The liar.

We decided to run to Brooklyn for a "quick" stop. Tip: Don't trust a Las Vegas born girl when she's in a limo. Does not make sense? That's what I realized once inside the limo. Why was she in a dress? It was time to go to her quick stop. For one thing, it was quick. A quick escape. I never wondered how she was rich. I never asked, but that night I

found out. She came out with a bag of cash. Right away, I still knew she was up to no good. I took a run for it. I was looking forward to Brooklyn. I thought we would have a bite to eat. This was not very tasty. As I said, I ran and, and ran, and ran to the place where my sister was buried. Sure it was a 3 mile run, but I honestly needed it. I only stayed for about 30 seconds, I said sorry and left. I had no one to go to. My parents died in a car crash when I was 8. It was only my sister, my aunt, and me. Yes, she's gone too. By some miracle, I thought of my dad's farm land. This is the part that I become a farm girl, the present.

So, I ran to my father's farm. It was dark and the farm had no electricity. Perfect place to hide right? Actually, it was. I've been here ever since. I installed technology and even got a T.V. {Thanks for leaving me money mom.} I sell corn for a living and use the money for water and electricity only. The government takes care of the farm as well. My {not anymore} best friend the criminal is finally in jail. As I said earlier, I recently turned 23. I spent my birthday alone, enjoying myself. Now, with my story told to all of Brooklyn, I am known as the girl with the flower. Rose 1959.



# Chicago Bulls Offseason Wrap-Up

By: Luke Lisiecki

First of all, the Bulls offseason grade is really based on opinion. Some say it was great, picking up big names such as Dwyane Wade (SG) and Rajon Rondo(PG). Others say that Rajon Rondo and Dwyane Wade are rather aging. Other players signed by the Bulls are Isiah Canaan(PG), Michael Carter-Williams(PG), Jerian Grant(G), and Robin Lopez(C). The Bulls also drafted Denzel Valentine(SF) and Paul Zipser(SF).

My opinion: I personally think the offseason grade is a B. Our solid named pick-ups like Dwyane Wade and Rajon Rondo are rather old (34 and 30). Rajon Rondo also is known to not work the best with others. But on the contrary, we have added some young talent like Michael Carter-Williams, Isiah Canaan, and Denzel Valentine. Robin Lopez is young but not nearly as talented as the player he is replacing, Paul Gasol. Other players like Paul Zipser and Jerian Grant will most likely not touch the ball most games.



By: Noah Rigoni



# Halo V.S Star Wars

Once in a galaxy far far away . . .... Halo V.S Star Wars

A war is raging on between two galaxies’.

The Reach system is being blockaded by the trade federation.

As the blockade is going on the galactic republic is

Running low on resources and energy credits and Halo is

In a total state of shock.

“Well Captain Keys what should are next move be?” said Cortana. Our next move should be to counter attack the Cis Trade Federation cruisers with some Autumn class cruisers Admiral Kilo.

Zoom! Autumn classes just arrived. Engage all weapon systems and focus all fire power on General Grievou’s ship! Boom! Bam! crack! His ship crashed into two. General. What Jackson? The ships have destroyed our escort of fighters. Fire the Mac cannon, boom! One more left. Fire- it retreated. Now we should send in Odst’s along with air support of 4 falcons.

“Odst’s on the ground” said Rookie, Buck reporting. “Go find General Grievous and bring him back dead or alive, either way I want him.” Yes, sure. Squad move out. sure! We found his ship. Blow it up.

Boom!

“It’s destroyed.” said Rookie.

“Now we should send in the falcons.” said Rookie Zoom!

Falcons are ready said Chuck. Ok, now go scout inside a 7 mile radius.

(12 minutes later)

“We found the general, Odst’s you know what to do.”

“Got it. Go! Go! GO!” said Buck.

Fire crack.

Shang.

“My squad, only me and Rookie left.” said Buck.

“Your weak and fleshy bodies are know match for me fool.” Said General Grevious laughing.

“We surrender” yelled Buck and Rookie.

Back in the ship Captain Keys and Cortana are trying to find a way to rescue the Odst’s.

“What should we do?” asked Captain Keys to Cortana.

“There’s one way to, but it involves lots of ships.” . . .

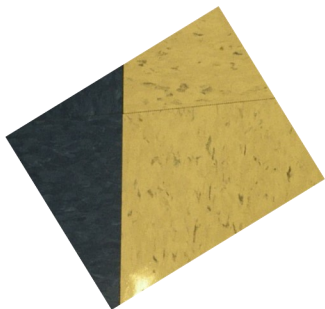
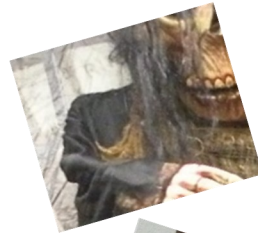
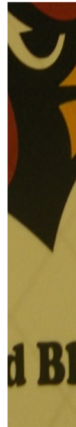
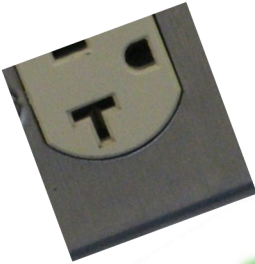
Stay tuned for episode two.

# How observant are you!

By: Claudia Kaczmarczyk

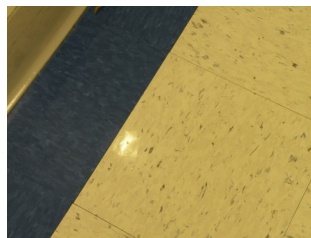
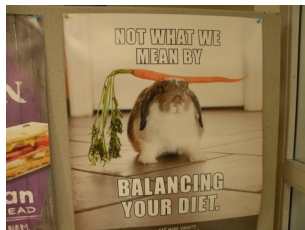
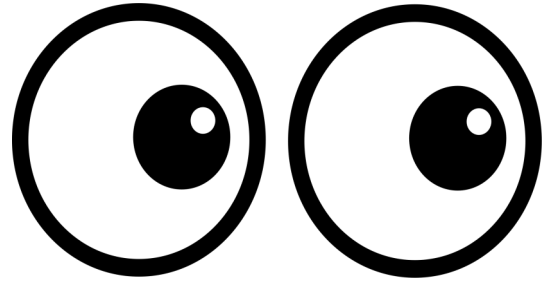
Guess What??

YOU identify these  
“commonplace” South  
items?



Answers will be on page \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer key to How Observant Are You???





## UEFA 2016 EUROPEAN SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

### REVIEW

By :

Anthony Wnek

This past summer France had hosted the European Championships or as many of you know it as the EUROS. For the first time ever the tournament accepted 24 teams instead of 16. The teams ranged from tournament favorites Germany to underdog upstarts Wales.

Tournament Format This time around because there are 24 of the best teams in Europe instead of 16 there is a new tournament format. There are now 6 groups of 4 National teams which those 4 teams will play against everybody in their group once. The top 2 teams from each group will automatically move onto the knockout round of 16 and the top 4 third place teams will move on. Finally, the bracket takes its own wicked shape from there. You win you move on; you lose you're out.

The Bracket This is the order the teams finished in the group they were in. Group A- France, Switzerland, Albania, Romania. Group B- Wales, England, Slovakia, Russia. Group C- Germany, Poland, Northern Ireland, Ukraine. Group D- Croatia, Spain, Turkey, Czech Republic. Group E- Italy, Belgium, Ireland, Sweden. Group F- Hungary, Iceland, Portugal, Austria. The round of 16 consists of 8 games. Poland- Switzerland. Croatia- Portugal. Wales- Northern Ireland. Belgium- Hungary. England-Iceland. France-Ireland. Italy-Spain. Germany-Slovakia. The quarterfinals carried 4 nail-biting games. Poland-Portugal. Wales-Belgium. France-Iceland. Germany-Italy. The semifinals had 2 games on 2 days, all the games, in my opinion were a bit disappointing both games ended up 2-0. Portugal-Wales. France-Germany. The final was held in the Stade de France in Paris. Portugal beat France 1-0 in extra time.

Top Stories There were plenty of great topics for sports analysts to talk about at the Euros. Dimitri Payet was a gem for France according to a stats tracker he was the best player in the Euros. Antoine Griezmann had the most tournament goals with 7. Half of Iceland's population attended the Euros and Iceland's manager is a part time dentist! Also, right winger Gareth Bale had 2 set piece goals in 2 games for Wales. Italy and Spain was one of the biggest games in the round of 16 as Italy won 2 nil. However, David de Gea the goalkeeper for Spain had played a game of the ages. Critics say that this 2016 Euros was the most thrilling tournament of the summer.

# Q/A With New Drama Teacher/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher...

MS HILL!!!

By: Erin Hayes, and Irini Mihas

Q/ What is it like being a drama teacher?

A/ I enjoy being a drama teacher, it is my first time.

Q/ How do you feel about the color purple?

A/I like the color purple. It's a theater color.

Q/ How long was your hair when you were younger {not that you're old...}?

A/ I used to have shoulder length hair, and in August I cut it off.

Q/ What's your style?

A/ I love hoodies, jeans, winter dresses, and boots.

Q/ Who's your favorite Marvel villain?

A/ Lokey

Q/ Do you like Melissa McCarthy?

A/Yes, I even met her mom. (Ms. Hill is extremely lucky!)

Q/ Do you like the S'mores and Pumpkin Frappuccinos?

A/ No s'mores, but pumpkin YUM!

Q/ What's your favorite holiday?

A/ Halloween, at night my dog and I binge watch horror movies!

Q/ Have you heard of Pokémon Go??????

A/ Yes, I play it!



Welcome to South Ms. Hill! We are so glad you are here!

# The Cubs 2016 Postseason Run

By: Nicholas Skweres and James Tan

Going into the 2016 baseball season the Cubs had the best odds to win the World Series. They had Vegas odds of 9/2 which is equal to 4.5/1. To put things in comparison The Minnesota Twins, who finished with a league worst record of 59 wins and 103 losses, began the season with 60/1 odds. The team who began the season with the worst odds was the Philadelphia Phillies, who finished with a record of 71 wins and 91 losses, their odds were 250/1. Ouch... The Cubs finished with a league best regular season record of 103 wins and 58 losses, they won 64% of their games.

During the final round of the playoffs, the Cubs started off to a rocky start, losing 3 of the first 4 World Series games. Only 5 other teams had managed to win with these odds, yet the Cubs managed it. In game 5, the Cubs managed to win with 3 points to the Indian's 2. In the next game, the Cubs won by a larger margin with a score of 9 to 3. Still most people were hopeful on the outside, but inside they really were very doubtful. The final game was a close one. Dexter Fowler led the game with a home run. While no team scored in the second inning, the Indians did score in the 3<sup>rd</sup> bringing the game to a tie. The Cubs then scored two more runs in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. Báez started the 5<sup>th</sup> inning with a home run. The Cubs scored another run, but the Indians also managed to score two runs, bringing the total to 2 runs per team in the fifth inning. The score was now 5 to 3. Ross scored a home run for the Cubs in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. The Indians scored 3 runs in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. In the tenth and final inning, the Cubs won 2 runs and the Indians won 1. The game ended with a score of 8 to 7. The Cubs have finally won after 70 years.

Many fans have waited an entire lifetime to see feat become a reality. Anyone, true fan or not, would have to agree it is a final game that is true history; one of the BEST EVER. Mr. Beran summed up the emotions of this day very well, "I cried, I smiled, I sighed, I laughed, I kissed my kids-Today is a GREAT DAY!!!!!!!"

Can next season top this?







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