Valentine’s Day Do's and Don't’s
By Oryein M.
DO: get your valentine a gift!
Guys, you have all seen at least one mushy romantic movie, so you all know a gift is better when it comes from your heart. So do something special! Make her Valentine's Day last, make it unique.

Ladies, don't think you're getting it easy! You have to contribute, too. Maybe a heartfelt letter? Poem? And of course, Valentine's Day is all about love, so do the best you can to show the love!

DON'T: Forget!
The worst thing you can do is forget about Valentine’s Day, or if you remember Valentine’s Day and you forget to get your valentine a gift, yikes! But I'm pretty sure they'd understand if you didn't.

DO: ask them in a special way!
If you're going to ask that special someone to be your valentine, make it interesting! Surprise them, do something out of the blue, something original that they'll remember for a long time.

DON'T: ask over a message
DO NOT ask over text, Facebook, Instant Messaging, email. Just…no.

DO: show them that you care
Some advice that you should always use (not only on Valentine's Day) is to listen to your partner and and show them that you actually care. So you don't want them to think you're just using them so you can have a valentine.

DON'T: have more than one valentine!
DUH! Really? This couldn't be more obvious! Well, I know some girls like to make their best friends their valentine so that's okay. But I'm talking about the opposite gender valentine. ONLY ONE. If you have more than one…bad.

The King of All Androids
By Julia K.
The Droid RAZR has recently been placed on the throne and given a shiny new crown. Verizon Wireless and Motorola released this smart-phone on 11-11-11 at 11:11 AM. The RAZR has a dual core 1.2 GHz processor. Verizon Wireless calls this android an “app-wielding,
**“Regular Show”-Review**

By Sharon S.

Relatability in cartoon shows is a new feature that proves to be successful. “Regular Show” is an animated cartoon series featured on Cartoon Network that is an example. Created by J.G. Quintel, the key to success was adding features that an early teen can connect with, such as adding the many insane results from a lame job, a hot tempered boss, a naïve manager, and being 23 years old with your best friend and coworker, both groundskeepers at a park.

In “Regular Show”, the title already expresses what the topic might be, but it is anything but. Two 23-year-old best friends: a blue jay named Mordecai and a raccoon named Rigby who work at boring jobs and who would do anything to entertain themselves. The duo is lazy and tries to avoid work through any possible means. The best friends always get themselves into more trouble than they actually planned out, as they go through insane adventures as their consequences.

Mordecai is a six foot three tall blue jay and more mature, unlike his best friend Rigby, who’s only 3’1.5” tall. Mordecai is more responsible but his rivalry with Rigby usually gets him involved with mischief. Mordecai, like Rigby, lacks clothing, plays video games, and they both drink coffee and soda to the extreme.

Mordecai has much more patience and responsibility than Rigby, having a high school diploma and being an art school graduate, while Rigby is a hyperactive raccoon that has no shame whatsoever.

He is a fierce and fearless character who has no responsible boundaries to guide him except for Mordecai.

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web conquering, content-crushing machine.” This phone could be called the “Otter box phone” (Otter box is a brand known to have the best line of defensive, protective, and bulky smart-phone cases) This phone has a KEVLAR fiber back-plate (the fiber back-plate prevents liquid from entering and damaging the device and gives a nice grip to the thin phone), and the screen is reinforced with Corning® Gorilla® Glass (Gorilla Glass is a glass screen that prevents scratches and scrapes).

Speaking of the screen, like all those great Droids out there, it has a brilliant 4.3 Super AMOLED Advanced display. The RAZR packs an 8.0mp rear camera that can shoot 1080p HD video recording, and a 1.3mp front-facing camera that can shoot 720p video capture. This Motorola device has Mobile Hot Spot capability. It has a 3300 mAH Li–Ion battery that will allow you to go for longer than a whole day without stopping for a charge. Surprisingly, this device is merely 8.99mm’s thin. This is the thinnest 4G LTE smart-phone on the market. The Droid RAZR also comes in two different flavors, 16GB & 32GB. The 16GB is at the price of $199.99 and the 32GB is $299.99 with a two year contract (the full retail price is $649). This ultra slim device comes in three colors; black, white, and purple. Let’s hope Motorola’s flagship smart-phone catches the eyes of Verizon Wireless customers!
While fans are trying to guess what is happening during or after the episode, the show's writers, Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss enjoy confusing their viewers even more. Even if you're not a huge mystery fan, you'll like Sherlock.

Telekinetic Friday—“Chronicle” review

By Julia K.

On Friday February 3rd 2012, the long awaited movie, “Chronicle”, a PG-13 movie, went on the big screen at every movie theatre you could list. The three main characters: Andrew Detmer, Steve Montgomery, and Matt Garetty are three very different people. Andrew is the poor, bullied, outcast high-schooler with a drunken father and slowly-dying mother. Steve is the “Big-man-on-campus”, a popular and cool student body president who’s got the good life. Matt is Andrew’s cousin, and Steve’s friend. These three high-school guys encounter a hole in the middle of a deserted field. They shimmy into the dark, cave-like hole and find a large crystal that glows, changes color, and sends electromagnetic waves out of the hole. As the boys examine the crystal, the scene starts to rumble and vibrate-then the camera blacked out (Chronicle is a found-film). When the screen comes back to life, the three boys are testing their powers in a backyard. It’s noticeable that Andrew is the strongest of the three, and is quickly getting more advanced in his telekinetic power.
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As the movie progressed, Matt says that they must limit their powers so that they don’t cause any harm to anyone, because Andrew—who doesn’t know that great powers come with great responsibilities, mindlessly began taking out his anger on people that had made fun of him in the past. I would recommend this movie to you middle school kids out there and even the high school students and the teachers! It’s a great movie to start off 2012, a mind bending experience that gives you a totally different opinion about fictional powers. The biggest surprise hit the audience at the end, when only one of the boys survives. To find out who it is-watch the movie!

24 goes in, one comes out…The Hunger Games have begun

By Sharon S.

Suzanne Collins created a twisted masterpiece on love, humanity, and war. The Hunger Games is a best selling book series that is now going to be a major motion picture.

In the distant future, what was once known as North America is now a nation called Panem. In this the nation, a glorious Capitol is surrounded by 12 outlying districts, who requires each of its districts to send a 12-17 year old boy and girl to compete in the Hunger Games. The Hunger Games is a punishment the Capitol created for its 12 districts after the failed rebellion (also known as the Dark Days) of the once district13. The Treaty of Treason gave the districts new laws to guarantee peace, and also being a scarred reminder that the Dark Days must never be repeated again. The Hunger Games were born.

"The rules of the Hunger Games are simple. In punishment for the uprising, each of the twelve districts must provide one girl and one boy, called tributes, to participate. The twenty-four tributes will be imprisoned in a vast outdoor arena that could hold anything from a burning desert to a frozen wasteland. Over a period of several weeks, the competitors must fight to the death. The last tribute standing wins." -Katniss Everdeen

The protagonist is Katniss Everdeen. Katniss lives in district 12 which mines coal. Her father had died in a mine. Her mother is not making an effort to be a caring parent after the loss of Katniss's father, so Katniss has taken the household under her command. With this responsibility, Katniss illegally hunts with her best friend Gale to provide food for her mother and 12-year-old sister Primrose.

In the "reaping" (a random drawing of new tributes), Katniss volunteered to be district 12's tribute after her younger sister Primrose has been (continued on p.5)

“Man on Ledge”- review

By Lana’i K.

As a police psychologist works to talk down an ex-con who is threatening to jump off a Manhattan hotel rooftop, the biggest diamond heist ever committed is in motion. The star Sam Worthington, plays Nick Cassidy as the ex-con that is threatening to jump off of a Manhattan rooftop. Nick Cassidy works one year on a brilliant plan to prove to everyone that he is innocent. Elizabeth Banks, as Lydia Mercer, is the police psychologist who tries to talk Nick Cassidy into coming off the Manhattan hotel rooftop. Jamie Bell, as Joey Cassidy, and Genesis Rodriguez, as Angie, help Nick Cassidy prove that he is innocent. And Ed Harris, as David Englander, tries to frame Nick Cassidy. In the beginning, Nick Cassidy plotted to get out of jail. It gets exciting in the middle towards the end, because it made me think that Nick was guilty, but in the end the opposite was true. The only problem I thought of with this movie was that the end happened too fast. Man on Ledge was worth the money I paid for it. The critics scored 6.4 stars out of 10 stars. The movie is a pg-13 film, 102 minutes and a crime and/or thriller movie. If you are in the mood to watch a crime/thriller movie, I recommend this movie to you.
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called. Since Primrose is only twelve, it is known as unfair to have someone compete at such a young age. The other tribute for district 12 is Peeta Mellark, a son of a baker who lives in a wealthier part of the district. Katniss has encountered Peeta when she says that he had done an enormous act of kindness by giving her two loaves of bread when she and her family was slowly starving to death. Katniss has encountered Peeta when she says that he had done an enormous act of kindness by giving her two loaves of bread when she and her family was slowly starving to death.

(Katniss with her bow and arrow)
The tributes would then train for survival to be prepared for the games. Survival skills and fighting techniques would be learned or practiced. In some districts, being chosen as the tribute is an honor for a chance to win fame and fortune, but Katniss thinks that "tribute" means a death sentence. She and Peeta still train hard together with hope that they might at least win sponsors.

Katniss and Peeta's mentor throughout the game is a former tribute and winner of the games. Haymitch is an alcoholic and is usually never sober. He has no manners at the reaping, making a fool out of himself. Haymitch is the lifeline to the world in the games for Katniss and Peeta. He is the advisor, sponsor coordinator, and handles all gifts. Haymitch is all the help Katniss and Peeta will have in the arena.

Impossible choices, survival instincts, and the love for life are all tested to see who would succeed. In the "Hunger Games", violence is traded with compassion and love, and humanity has been dominated by savagery. In a fight that's a punishment to all competitors, who will win, and at what cost?

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**Communication is Key**
By Oryein M.

I've seen many occasions where couples feel they're being neglected by their partner. Almost everyone has perhaps encountered a relationship where one person tried so hard to acquire the other and their affection, but as the relationship progressed, it seemed like now that they were a couple, they didn't try as hard anymore to ensure that they would stay with them. The key (though it may seem hard) to keep a relationship is to communicate.

There are different reasons that could possibly explain why this happened, but I'm only going to explain two. One could be that they're busy, which means they don't have the time to drop everything they're doing to talk to you 24/7 anymore. You may feel forgotten; that they no longer want you. If you don't talk it out, your relationship WILL be jeopardized.

The second reason could be that you just give up on the relationship, so you're trying to find an excuse to get out instead of breaking up with him/her because you know that would hurt them. Things aren't as exciting as it used to be between you two, and you want out. As I said before, you don't want to hurt them so you begin to neglect and ignore them, hoping it'll make them break up with you.

Both of these problems are caused by lack of communication. This will make any relationship crumble. One mistake couples always make is not communicating; if they talked it out, they could have found that same spark they had at the beginning. Remember, *communication is key*. 
Getting to understand your parents
By Anuhea G.

The Grades that Parents Want
Do your parents ever scold you about your grades you get in school? Do you ever feel that you don't want to listen to them? If you parents scold you about your grade there telling you that they care for you and try you're hardest in school. Also, they don't want you to fail your grade level. If you want your parents to stop scolding you for your grades, you should at least show you care by:
   · asking for help from your teachers
   · asking your parents to help you study
   · study with a friend or on your own during your free time too
   · complete your homework on time so your teachers don't call home

If you listen to this, you'll maybe find yourself saying this subject is way easier. But when you feel like giving up, just say to yourself "don't give up" because eventually you'll make it and you'll pass with straight A's or B's. That's only if you show you care about getting good grades and passing middle school. DO WELL IN SCHOOL!!

Has Friendship been affected by lying?
By: Jenna S.

At Mililani Middle School, there are many problems with friends. Some kids might need some advice on friendship; this article is for these kids.

Some problems between friends include:
   • Trust problems
   • Lying
   • Being mean
   • Saying something behind the other person’s back

The problem that this article mainly talks about is the problem of lying. Sometimes friends lie because of an exceptional reason such as, to avoid embarrassment. For example, if someone says something about you that are true but you don't want people to know because it’s embarrassing, you may lie about it. Another reason why people lie is not to hurt other people. When you lie to not hurt other people, that is called a white lie. Friends don’t want to hurt their friends so they lie not to hurt their feelings. When you lie to avoid embarrassment, then it’s an exceptional reason because no one wants to be embarrassed. You might say a white lie, then it’s an exceptional reason to lie because you are trying not to hurt someone’s feelings. When friends lie to keep a social reputation, then that is a bad reason to lie. Your social reputation isn’t as important as the trust between your friends.

To conclude, this columnist hopes you can use her advice on friendship in your future with your friends. Hopefully, this advice helps you with your friends. She hopes this solves some problems between your friends. Also, hopefully you can see what you should do to strive to be a good friend. You can also see problems that might pertain to you that you can fix with your friends.
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When interviewed middle schoolers had positive remarks about the show:
“T’s awesome, I love it,” said an eighth grader;
“It’s funny and entertaining,” said a seventh grader;
“Awesome, but kind of dumb, in a funny way,” said another seventh grader.
“The show premiered on September 6, 2010. Eighty episodes have been created (51 aired) and they are normally 11 minutes long. The show is on its third season now and is rated TV-PG, and sometimes TV-PG-V for some realistic fantasy violence, some adult humor, light innuendos, and for some mild language. This show includes comedy, fantasy, and surreal humor,” according to Regular Show Wiki.
“The Mordecai and the Rigbys”, “Death Punchies”, and “Free cake” a few idiotic moments that make “Regular Show” even more…unique.

Eggs and Spices
By Anuhea G.
Have you ever tried omelets have you heard about omelets? Did you know that omelets were created in France in the fourteenth century? If you love to cook and love to eat healthy, then you could try to make this easy omelet.

Here is the recipe:

Eggs (you could choose how much eggs you want in the omelet)
½ tbs pepper
½ tbs salt
½ cup diced mushrooms
½ cup jalapeños
¼ cup chopped tomatoes
1 tbs oil or butter to put on the pan (so the eggs don't stick to the pan)

Steps:
1. Take out a frying pan and set the temperature on low, when the pan gets a little hot go on ahead and put the oil or butter on the pan
2. Crack the eggs open into a bowl and stir the eggs until it's a light yellow color
3. Pour the eggs into the pan
4. Dice the mushrooms
5. Do the same with the jalapeños and tomatoes
6. Stir the mushrooms, jalapeños, and the tomatoes in a bowl and pour it into the eggs while the eggs still look liquidy
7. Flip the egg when it looks dark yellow underneath (use the spatula to lift the egg to see if it's dark yellow)
8. Then do the same to the other side of the omelet

Once it is finished sit down and relax and enjoy.

Creative Product Day
By Lana’i K.

On March 10, 2012, the Yellow 6th graders will be holding a market day, right in their building. The 6th grade students will be selling their own products, made of recycled material. For example, in the past, some students had made these types of products: they made a magnet to put on your refrigerator made of marbles, stickers, and a circular piece of magnet. They also made a snow globe made of a small water bottle, baby food jars, water, food coloring, glitter, beads, and salt to make the other materials float in the water. Another example is used greeting cards and magnets to make a bookmark. In addition, they also made bean-bags out of fabric or used/old clothing and little Styrofoam beads.

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Feathers worn on people more than birds

By Jenna S.

If you look around, you might notice girls wearing feathers. This is because the feather trend is becoming very popular. Girls like to wear feather earrings, feather extensions and much more. These accessories are the new “in” thing. The feather earrings come in many different colors. The extensions are colorful feathers that can be clipped in your hair. They are fun accessories that girls love wearing.

Lots of girls at Mililani Middle School wear feathers. But it’s not just Mililani Middle School that is involved in this new trend; elementary schools also have girls wearing feathers. Some high school girls also wear these feathers. But feathers are more popular at middle schools and elementary schools. Feathers aren’t just worn during school hours; they are also worn outside of school. When this reporter goes to stores she can see a variety of feathers that are used as accessories for many girls. This feather trend started at the end of 2011 and is continuing throughout the year of 2012. Girls love wearing these feathers because they are light on their ears and are easy to wear. They also like feathers because they can be worn every day.

To conclude, feathers are the new popular trend. The feather trend has been popular at many elementary and middle schools. They are a “must have” accessory worn by many girls. They love to wear them as earrings and extensions. Many girls continue to wear this popular new trend in school and outside of school.

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All of the Yellow 6th grade teachers will be there to see what kind of products their students created. The yellow 6th graders are also welcoming their parents to attend this special event. Maui Kela, a Yellow Track sixth grader said,”This event is a terrific experience for the 6th graders because it will teach us how to learn to do business at a young age.” His teammate, Chad Silva, added,” Events like this will also teach the Yellow 6th graders how to work with each other. Because of this, we will also learn how to make new friends with just a simple project.”

Feather extensions come in many colors.

Peacock feathers as earrings.
Poetry corner

Him
By Oryein M.

Dedicated to... someone

I do love Valentine's Day,
But not for the chocolate,
Not for the roses,
Not for the heart shaped candy.
But for his presence,
For his eyes,
His smile,
His hair,
His voice,
His kind heart,
And pure soul.

But why do I bother?
Why should he care?
I messed up already,
I broke his heart,
I said good-bye,
And now we're apart.
So for now I will try
To fix my mistake.
But now all I can do
Is hope for the best,
All I want,
For Valentine's Day this year,

Your day, Everyday

By Michaela B.
Dedicated to someone.

Everyday,
I wait for him
To come and make me
His own

I look, and watch,
And sit around,
To see if
He is there

Is he there?
He is.
But so is the other girl

Each day
A hint is dropped
Each day
The truth is told.

He is
Horrible. Mean. Irritating.
Hard to figure out.

The day,
The day each girl waits for
The day each boy dreads
Valentines day.

The day he can
Truly show his love
For me.
But is there any?
Valentine's Day --- The Bitter Side?
By- Katie O.

It may just be because I'm very bitter on a day like this, but I feel as if Valentine's Day is overexposed by companies; especially very large ones. Second to Christmas, (My favorite holiday,) today is the most marketed, in my view, with aim at couples whether dating or married. I've noticed over the years that as soon as Christmas is over with, all the cheesy pink and red candies and cards start popping up all over the place. Being without someone "special" aside, wouldn't you be a bit grumpy if those in a relationship around you got chocolates and cheesy heart shaped valentines? Thought so. While I find the idea of the holiday sweet, every day should be special for you if you're in a relationship.

Because of my bitterness, some of my favorite pastimes on a day like this are playing pranks on unsuspecting couples, just for the heck of it. Maybe hand out fake spider rings to my classmates. Watching horror movies, or classic sci-fi or mystery tv while eating some pie is another probability, rather than the classic milk chocolate and candy sweethearts. These are my normal activities on Valentine's Day, just because all the pink is too much to handle sometimes.

One of the most common arguments I get is "Don't you love your family/friends?" I do. Everyone does. But thanks to the marketing done by major companies, this holiday is centered around those you love romantically. While I do care about those who find me even the least bit important more than anything else in the world, that doesn't mean I have to like

Mililani YouTube Stars
by Michaela B.

Everyday, students, and kids everywhere, go to the famous site that is YouTube. YouTube, is a site on the World Wide Web, to let users search videos for things such as music, to news reports, to horrifying or terrible things caught on tape, or maybe even a video to make you laugh.

YouTube is also a place for people to "Broadcast themselves", as YouTube say their self. In other words, it's a place where everyone has a chance at fame. Not only can you search up videos, you can also put them up on the famous site for the world to see.

Geoffrey Moore, and Jarod Miyake, surfers, baseball and Xbox players, both of Yellow 8, are now taking their chances on fame by making their own videos to be posted on the internet.

Geoffrey Moore, (Bupachalupa), tries his best making his solo videos, by making fun of himself. I have to say, reviewing his videos where pretty fun because the topics and the way he discussed things where all meant, and put in a funny way.

Jarod Miyake, (AsianInvasion), enjoys simply filming and posting things that would seem funny to his viewers. He also does this by filming himself being hurt, and filming with friends.

These young YouTube stars mainly started these ongoing videos to get many subscribers and views. They say they get their inspiration from other YouTubers. In their own words they describe their videos as "embarrassing, stupid, funny, clever, and entertaining". Personally, I agree with them. The videos they make together, Bupainvasion, (Boo-pah-in-vay-sion) is an ongoing, never ending, video series about an everyday, fun life, of typical middle schoolers. Moore and Miyake say that in the future, they might be expecting celebrities in there videos.

Moore and Miyake teamed up to have a funnier and stronger team. I think this action was a good idea. Seeing how funny and fun filled there solo videos were, I can clearly understand why they created Bupainvasion together. Seeing there videos makes me confirm these thoughts. But although they now have a strong funny channel together, they do plan on making videos on their own.

A piece of advice they would like to give to anyone out there planning on making their own YouTube videos would to be consistent with making videos, to have all the right equipment, the more people the better, and to always capture the right moment. They would also like to tell people reading this, to watch there videos and to like their facebook page.