

# THE PORTER POINT

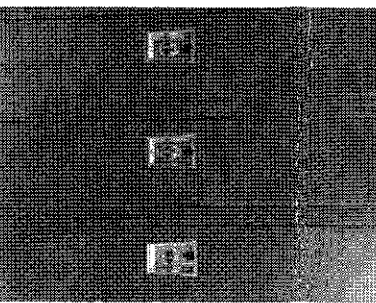


Elle Gaucher & Mia Pedersen

## Should The 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Have Lockers in the Middle School Wing?

**NO!**

My name is Elle Gaucher and I am in 5th grade. It is better in the Middle School wing to have the 4<sup>th</sup> graders upstairs. Now the middle school has extra space. There is more room in the hallways and makes it easier to transition between classes. Now it is not so cramped and I am not pushed against the walls like when the 4<sup>th</sup> graders were down here. There is plenty of space in the Elementary wing and this way the 4<sup>th</sup> graders upstairs, it is more like other schools.



**YES!**

My name is Mia Pedersen and I am in 4th grade.

Fourth Graders should have lockers in the Middle School Wing because by the time you get to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, you deserve them and it is not fair if you don't get them. Every 4<sup>th</sup> grade class had lockers until this year! 4<sup>th</sup> graders need more space than cubbies to keep all of your folders and important binders. Also, there is not enough space in the upstairs wing. There are 6 classrooms in a tiny space and only one bathroom per gender. It is better to have lockers because then you can lock up your stuff where no one can have access to your belongings. By the time you are in 4<sup>th</sup> grader, I think it is good to be with the older students and to have lockers with the older students in the middle school wing.

## BACK STAGE PASS - PETER PAN AT PORTER

By: Lauren Weaver

It was after school but there was so much noise coming from the hall: music, laughter and a loud: **ARRGHH!** What was this noise?

Down the hall I saw 7 girls dancing and singing. They were all fairies and they had clouds. I wasn't in a fantasy land, I was in the H.W. Porter lunch room. The fairies were Porter students and they were getting for the Peter Pan performance on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. I got a peek backstage! I also got to interview some actors.

A big yellow bear was standing in front of me and it was Megan Pelleiter, a 13 year old 7<sup>th</sup> grader, who plays Cubby in the play. She has been acting for 2 years and says, "I love being in the play. I can be another person and someone else and see people's reactions in the audience."

There was a large pirate blocking the hallway. His name is Matt Baker he is Captain Hook in the play. He is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is 13 years old. This is his second year acting and he hopes to continue acting in high school. Next I ran into George Chakulski, he was dressed in red pajamas and wearing a black top hat.



Megan Pelleiter



George Chaculiski

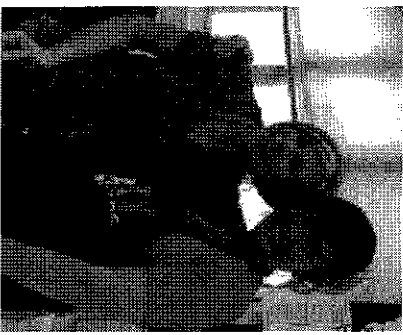
He is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and is 12 years old and playing the character John. Caroline Thorne, a 12 year old 7<sup>th</sup> grader, has many roles in the play, a mermaid, a fairy and Skunk, a lost boy.

## ART SHOW BY: Bryce Edlund & Liana Hughes



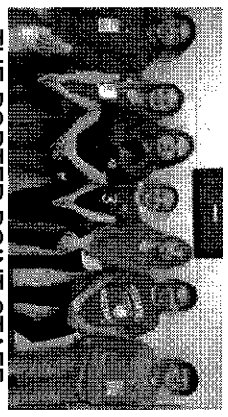
Amber Peterson & Annie Tigliaro

On March 25, 2016, the halls of Porter exploded with artistic expression at the Art Show. The art show had many great works of student art including masks, sculpture, celebrity portraits and paintings. All of the Columbia CT community was invited the art show. I was so excited to go to the art show because there was ice cream, crafts, and art work from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup>. There was some fun activity.



Mrs. MacDonald & Ms. Shive

Ms. Shive says, "It's such a joy for children to see



### THE PORTER POINT STAFF:

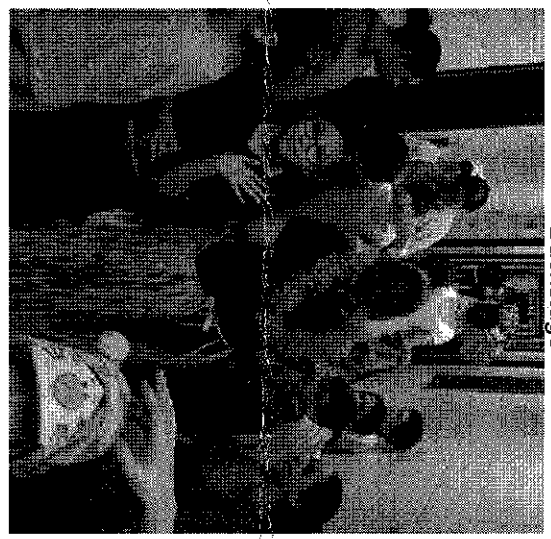
Morgan Bonaiuto, Bryce Edlund, Elle Gaucher, Liana Hughes, Mia Pedersen, Maddy Ross, Lauren Weaver (Club Advisor: Erin O'Neil-Baker)

Caroline Thorm & Paige Lent



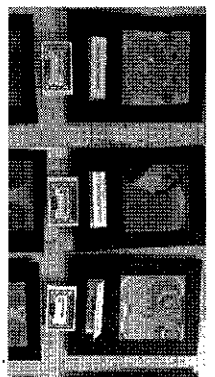
She has been acting for two years and loves being in plays because she can express herself through dancing, singing and acting. the play is exciting as it is backstage, Porter in for a treat!

Backstage



Mrs. MacDonald said, "It's great to have students and parents come together to enjoy the beauty of art. Porter definitely has some great artists!"

their artwork on display. They have been working hard all year for this very special event."



## MR. TECH – a busy man! TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: Mr. Doyle By Morgan Bonaiuto

I wanted to talk to a teacher that I think has a great story. Mr. Doyle is the Technology teacher at Porter. I talked to him to learn a little more about his life. He has 6 kids, Chris, Brian, Caitlin, Timothy, Nathan and Michael. He had a dog but the dog is gone now. He was a programmer before he was a teacher. He decided to switch to a teacher because he wanted to spend more time at home with his kids! Mr. Doyle teaches 4 classes a day plus he keeps ALL OF THE

COMPUTERS RUNNING in the school! He showed me the networks and cables that keep the phones running, the computers running, the smart boards running and all the electrical things in the building running. Wow, it was like a wall of colored snakes with all of the wires and plugs. He really likes to ride his bike and likes it when his kids come home for the holidays. Mr. Doyle teaches about a college student hacking into a school's grading system. Mr. Doyle says, never use the words:

"thingy", "stuff" or "something" on a test. He keeps his class calm and every once in a while he makes them laugh.



## GIRLS IN 5

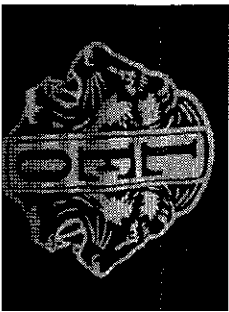
There have been questions about the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl's bathroom near the staircase. Students ask if it is haunted. There have been rumors that it is haunted because students have witnessed flickering light, it smells bad. One witness, Kaitlyn Scanlon said, "There is slamming of stall doors and gross ghost noises." Elle Morris said, "It smells really bad." But are these experiences evidence of a ghost in the girl's bathroom? What about the boy's bathroom? Keep reading to find out.



Mr. Parker, the maintenance supervisor for Porter said, "I have been here for many years and I have never experienced any strange ghosts in the bathroom." Tim, the substitute maintenance person said that the flickering lights could be an electrical problem and perhaps new lights are needed. As for the boy's bathroom Gavin Smelton said that there is nothing weird in the boys bathroom. Jack Dooley and Evan Callahan agreed that the boy's bathroom is mainly just gross. The rumors of a haunted girl's bathroom are not supported by the facts in this case. For now, these bathrooms are clean of ghosts!

## PORTER GIVES BACK By Mia Pedersen

At Porter, supporting charities is super important. Congratulations! Porter raised \$600.00 for the Pennies for Patients Program. The elementary school winner was Ms. Rockefeller's Class and the Middle School Winner was Ms. Denley's class. The elementary class won extra recess and the Middle School won a "no homework" pass. The donations were collected in each class and students donated change to the cause. Pennies for Patients is a program that helps Leukemia and Lymphoma patients.



The Columbia Leo Club is hosting an amazing talent show to help the American Cancer Society and Camp Rising Sun on April 30, 2016 at 7:00pm. The tickets are \$10.00 and it is at Yeoman's Hall. Porter students and former students will be performing. Camp Rising Sun is a non-profit camp for children with cancer. It is a one week camp for children ages 5-17. The talent show goal is to pay for a full campership for one child. Jim Blair, the head of the LEO's group in Columbia, says that for the past two years the Talent Show has been able to pay for a full week for a child to go to camp! Any money left over after paying for the child to go to camp goes to a Relay for Life Team for the American Cancer society. I can't wait to see the show!

## UNIFIED SPORTS, WHAT IS IT?

By Maddy Ross

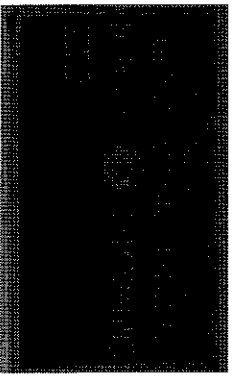
Some students may have heard the words Unified Sports mentioned on the morning announcements and wondered what is that. Mr. Tobler and Mr. Piro run the Unified Sports program at Porter and Mr. Piro says, "It's for anybody!" Unified Sports is when student athletes without disabilities play on the same team as student athletes with intellectual or physical disabilities. After school during the winter sports season, Porter students meet and play basketball, soccer and softball. It is not a competitive sport. "We make sure that the kids have fun!" Says Mr. Piro.

## Art Show Wordfind By Bryce Edlund

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ART BRUSH CARVE  
CLAY DESIGN INK  
MARKER  
PAINT PAPER PASTE  
SCULPT SMOCK SPLASH

## THE BASKETBALL SEASON By Lilitana Hughes



The boys' basketball season went great with only two games lost. The season was awesome. The point guards that led them through the season were Anthony Toce and Nick Person. The girls won every game, it was an outstanding season. The point guards on the girls' team were Taylor Golembewski and Maddy Shea. Congratulations on a great season to the Boys and Girls Teams!