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WELCOME BACK ANGELA!!!



Eighth grader Angela Lewonczyk, who has been out for most of the school year recovering from back surgery, is scheduled to return to school today. If all goes as planned, she will be in school for the final 19 days of the year.

The Living Room Times joins with everyone else in welcoming Angela back, and hoping she has a great rest of the year.

Eighth grade banquet turns into a big party

Singing, dancing dominate evening



It was planned as a dinner banquet for eighth graders and their parents.

By the time it was over, it was a wild dance party, with students, teachers, and parents dancing to such songs as "YMCA"

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Red Sox clinch playoff spot

Sox tie Dodgers; Padres win

The Red Sox clinched a spot in the Slider Division playoffs on Monday.

The Sox tied the Dodgers 0-0, but the El Padres' 3-0 win over the Rockies assured that the Sox would beat the Rockies and the Giants in the final division standing, meaning that they get a playoff spot.

In today's games, the Dodgers and Mets will have a chance to each clinch playoff spots as well. Both teams need a win to clinch. The Dodgers could also

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Thrower Division regular season ends

Angels (5-0-1) still undefeated

The Thrower Division has completed its regular season, with the playoff seeds for the semifinals on May 30 determined.

The Angels beat the Athletics 2-1 on Wednesday, to remain undefeated with 5 wins and 1 tie. They finish with 11 game points and the #1-seed, and they hope to win to more games, for a division title. The

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Eighth Grade Banquet



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and “Funky Chicken”, and forming conga lines to “Locomotion.”

“I would just like to explain that this tradition began about three years ago when the eighth grade teachers, and some of the other staff members decided that it would be nice to have a kind of family night when the students and their parents could come here, not for any other particular reason, not for a program, but just so that we could all sit down and have dinner together,” Mrs. Brown explained as everyone came into the cafeteria and waited for the food to be served. “I hope that, once you’ve finished eating, you’ll feel free to circulate, socialize, and talk to some of the people that your children have made friends with over the course of the three years here at Martin Kellogg. And, you’re welcome to stay for awhile after you’ve finished eating, and that kind of thing. But other than that we don’t have a program.”

It wasn’t the teachers that made the evening interesting, however. A handful of students took things into their own hands, dancing first to “YMCA” and then to “Funky Chicken” and “Hokey Pokey.”

Then, several other students took over, turning off the music and making short speeches.

Jaimie Kwassman went first. “First off, we would like to thank all the parents for being here tonight at the banquet,” Jaimie began. “You showed us a lot of support and encouragement, especially being here tonight.”

Tim Giles spoke next, saying, “Thanks for getting me through Junior High, and thanks for letting me out of the house for one night.”

The most embarrassing moment of the evening came in Brynna Johnson’s speech. After thanking all the teachers, she tried to thank Mr. Vincenzo for putting in extra time playing basketball in the gym with some students.

But Brynna’s words came out wrong, and she ended up saying, “Also, Mr. V, for how he goes to the gym and plays with us.”

Sean Vivier, talking in some wierd kind of professor-like voice, said “I would to thank all the competant teaching staff, for enlightening us throughout the year. Even if they do give too much homework.”

Brynna and Jaimie then spoke again, trying to get Angela Lewonczyk, who was at the banquet and will return to school for regular classes today, to come up and speak. But Angela was outside with her friends, and didn’t know she was being called to speak.

Dan ‘Monkey Boy’ Seremet was next to give a speech. “I just want to thank all the parents and students and teachers for the last three years at middle school. It’s been fun. I don’t know about the high school. Probably won’t be *as* fun. But, we’ll see. So, thank you to all the students and teachers. They really tried to make it fun. Whether they did it on purpose, I don’t know...”

Tim Stevens spoke last, thanking the caterers. “Without them, we wouldn’t have the food, and it probably wouldn’t be half as enjoyable as it is.”

As the banquet continued, so did the dancing. Students danced to “Electric Slide,” and when “Locomotion” came on, students, teachers, and parents started running around in conga lines, basically going crazy.

“This is quite interesting,” Tim Stevens commented as the conga dancers danced around the cafeteria, creating quite an uproar.

“I thought it was an excellent banquet,” said Mrs. Kopcha, who had at one point been surrounded by a group of students singing ‘We Are A Family’.

“It’s what we’ve been trying to achieve in all the years we’ve had it,” she added.

Angels 5-0-1; to go for title

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Athletics wound up with 5 game points and the #2-seed.

In the other game, the Astros, who had been winless in their first five games, clobbered the Expos 8-1. The Astros, who lost their first three games and tied their last two before this one, end the regular season in a tie for third place with the Expos. But since the Expos (2-4-0) have one more win than the Astros (1-3-2), the Astros will get the #4-seed despite the big win.

The semifinals on May 30 will feature two games: #1 Angels vs. #4 Astros and #2 Athletics vs. #3 Astros. The order of those games is unknown.

The winners will play each other in the championship game on June 2.

	<u>Final Division Standings</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Game Points</u>
#1	Angels	5	0	1	11
#2	Athletics	2	3	1	5
#3	Expos	2	4	0	4
#4	Astros	1	3	2	4

Red Sox clinch spot; could lose #1 today

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clinch if they tie the Rockies, and the Mets beat or tie the Giants.

The Padres' win on Monday put them at the head of the pack contending for the final playoff spot. The Giants and Rockies are also in the running for that spot, but if the regular season ended today, it would be the Padres as the #4-seed.

In addition to clinching playoff spots, if the Mets win and the Dodgers lose tomorrow, the Mets will be in first place. Likewise, if the Dodgers win and the Mets lose, the Dodgers will be in first.

If both teams win, they will be tied for first. A win would put either team ahead of the Red Sox because the Sox (2-0-3) have only 2 wins.

<u>Current Division Standings</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Game Points</u>
Red Sox	2	0	3	7
Mets	2	1	1	5
Dodgers	2	1	1	5
El Padres	2	2	0	4
Rockies	0	2	2	2
Giants	0	2	1	1

Mr. Spitzer: No Comment on Williamsburg Allegations— *Living Room Times* chief editor Brendan Loy interviewed Mr. Spitzer on Tuesday to find out more details about last week's seventh grade trip to Williamsburg.

"There have been rumors that there were some kids caught stealing and some kids caught smoking [on the trip]," Brendan stated. "Is there any truth to that?"

"Well, I should not be making any comments about that, because that's privileged information," Mr. Spitzer replied.

Brendan then went on asking about the trip.

"Aside from that...I heard on *CBS This Morning* that the President was going to be at the Tomb of the Unknowns on Monday for V-E Day. Did that have any

effect on you?"

"Yeah, he was there in the morning, and we saw the wreath he laid, but he was long gone by the time we got there."

"Other than that, did you see any special V-E Day ceremonies at Arlington?"

"No, we saw nothing. There was a funeral going on in the distance [that] we could hear, though."

"Were there any bus dramas or motel dramas this time? Any buses getting lost or anything?"

"No, we kept track of all our buses, and the hotels were pretty good. They were almost ready for us on Monday. They didn't have the keys ready, but, other than that, there were no special dramas."