

# The Cooley Chronicles

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Hello fellow Cooley Cougars,

We are proud to introduce to you our newspaper. We've been working hard, and are happy to announce that Cooley Chronicles will be published every month with interesting articles about a variety of topics!

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

We are happy to announce

Cooley Middle School's Student Government Officers'

Erin Alibrandi—Student Body President

Gabbi Ciadella—Vice President

Elena Robinson—Secretary

Samuel Johnson—Treasurer

## Need Advice ?

Hey Cougars!

It's been a great first quarter here at our new school! Working on this month's newspaper, The Cooley Chronicles, has been amazing!! Next month our newspaper is adding something new and exciting: our very own advice column! All you Cougars can submit your questions, comments, and other concerns that you may need advice on to [iiEditNP@gmail.com](mailto:iiEditNP@gmail.com), and you may have the chance to be answered in our newspaper the following month. All things will be anonymous so please keep your name, and (all other names )out of all the things you submit. If there are names or personal information that could reveal the identity of you, or anyone else, your letter will not be answered.

Thank you for reading The Cooley Chronicles. Tune in next month for another fabulous newspaper!

-Abby Gerald

## ENTER OUR Horror Art CONTEST!

*Get Ready to Get Undead!*

Hey Cooley Cougars, or should I say Zombie Cougars?! Do you like zombies? Over at the Student Publications Contests we're hosting a Zombie Cougar Drawing Contest! How do you enter/win? Well morph a zombie with a cougar to create your masterpiece.

Entries are due on Friday the 25th, and we'll be announcing the winner on the Halloween Morning Announcements! It will be featured in our next newspaper. Please bring your drawings to Mrs. Taylor in room 226. ***Please keep the gore to a minimum*** so we can stay school appropriate.

-Alex de la Torre

## Comic Contest

We are pleased to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of our Comic Contest: 8th grader Jake Bailey. When we asked him why he decided to enter the contest, he said “I got inspired by the flyers I saw around school. I wanted to enter a comic because I wanted both students and teachers to like my comic.”

With the amazing comic he entered, you would think he would be pretty confident. We asked Jake about his confidence and he replied, “Although I felt very confident, I didn’t know if someone better than me would enter, so I was a little bit worried.”

As you can see Jake’s comic took a lot of effort, but it’s what he loves to do. We asked him if he will ever try to get his comics in the paper again and he simply replied, “Sure, why not?”

We thank Jake and everyone else for participating in the comic contest. Congrats Jake!

-Kymber Derrick



8th Grader Jake Bailey. CMS Comic Contest Winner.

### Behind Their Eyes

What is popularity? Who are they to call themselves "Popular"? Aren't we all equal? Popular, that's just a word or a stereotype; but, to those of us who have been bullied by those claiming popularity, we know it's more than that. It's the reason some of us suffer from dejection. We asked a "popular" girl if being in a group caused drama, and if so why? This person responded. "Yes, because we talk bad about people and they talk bad about us back, and they end up spreading rumors." We were caught off-guard by her response and astounded by how casual her tone was.

Over the years people have changed the meaning of popularity from; having tons of friends, to wearing the right clothes, and now it's who's involved with the most drama. Thousands of people are bullied and why? Just because they're not cool enough. Nobody's perfect; that's what makes us different from everyone else. Who knows; you may not be getting bullied, but maybe you have been bullied before, and maybe you've even bullied other people before. The question is, how can we prevent bullying at Cooley? Take the PAW PLEDGE and promise to prevent bullying, at [cooleycougars.weebly.com](http://cooleycougars.weebly.com), because we are all Cooley enough!

-Mackenzie Morris & Elysium Peters

## **Halloween Thriller Night**

CMS Student Council is hosting Cooley Middle School's first dance on Friday, October 25th from 4:30-6:30! Our Fall Dance is costume themed, so make sure to wear a school appropriate costume and come have some fun!

Don't forget to bring some money for the pizza, chips, and soda!

Dance Cards are \$10- it will get students access to all three dances this year OR students can pay \$5.00 at the door.

### **Ice, Ice Baby**

Did you attend Cool Down With the Cougars? Cooley's first official event was a skating success! On August 9<sup>th</sup> a whopping four hundred Cougars swarmed the chilly Polar Ice rink. Cougars put on their warm clothes and skates, glided onto the cool ice, and showed off their moves. They also enjoyed getting to see their classmates outside of the CMS halls. Along with having fun, the students supported Cooley by purchasing spirit shirts and Cougar Auto Clings. The Cooley Chronicles would like to thank the PTO and all the Cougars for showing incredible Cooley Pride.

-Autumn Woodson

### **Rivals Demolished**

The Cougars were ecstatic after beating Sossaman in volleyball. The game was a hot topic around Cooley. This game would set the tone for the Cougar-Spartan rivalry. Coming into the game, Sossaman felt they could win. However, after it was all said and done, the Cougar Volleyball team finally had the bragging rights they deserved.

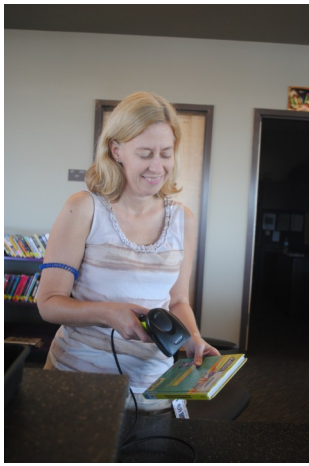
-Sean Gutierrez

### **Third Time's a Charm? I Think Not**

After their victory at Willis, the Cougar's football team suffered a disappointing triple overtime loss to Anderson Jr. High. According to Brady Thude, a defensive line-backer for the Cougars, "the reason this happened was because the team made some mistakes on coverage."

The first overtime was a tie which was 28 to 28. Brady recalls, "I was surprised that it went on that long." At the end of the game the final score was 44 to 46 Anderson. Even though they lost by a sneaky pass, the Cougars later came back and beat Andersen to get into the semi-finals. GO COOLEY!

- Bailee Liszewski



### Long Time Librarian

The library is such an important place in a school. Both students and teachers tend to congregate there, and the librarian works tirelessly to make it inviting. I think Mrs. Murphy, Our CMS librarian, has succeeded. Mrs. Murphy began her career as a teacher, but switched to being a librarian. She told The Cooley Chronicles, "Being a librarian is better because I have more than just one class. I can get to know everyone better." Over 55 students come to the library every day hungry for books. She used to work at Higley Elementary and Middle School (HEMS); It's now known as Higley Traditional Academy (HTA). "I absolutely love Cooley and the library at HTA, but we are also fortunate to have new larger facility." She looks forward to finding the right books for Cougars for many years to come.

- Mackenzie Morris

### Rain, Rain, Here to stay?

#### Our very first rainy day.

It's raining its pouring, school defiantly wasn't boring. Slippery stairs and squeaky shoes marked a start to our first rainy day. The new hectic schedule left everybody fumbling-getting out too early, leaving too late. New split lunches frustrated both students and faculty. Having to stay indoors all day left students restless. Then again, the humidity and wetness wasn't a great alternative. Either way, it was definitely not that sunny of a day.

-Amy Hector

### 7th grade Cougars tear up the Court

**The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Cougars owned the court against Anderson Jr. High in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the season at Higley Elementary. In the first match, our Cougars started off strong, but Anderson quickly caught up. Luckily, we finished it off, winning with a score of 28-26. The second game was tougher because both middle schools were neck and neck the entire match. At the end, Cooley brought up their game and defeated Anderson 25-22. Way to go Lady Cougars! Keep that Cooley Pride.**

**-Trinity Chavez**

### Old Friends, New Beginnings

Marissa Moats, an eighth grader at Cooley Middle School, was asked about her first day of school experience (August 5, 2013). Marissa was frightened because it was a new school and she easily got lost trying to find her classes. During the school day, she quickly got bored from going over rules and expectations in every class.

She hoped to have a lot of classes with her friends, and to her surprise she did. Moats expected her first day to be awful, but it actually went well for her.

Furthermore, she got the schedule she wanted and had an "okay" lunch. She sat with her friends, ate, and hung out until the bell rang for fourth period.

After school, when she got home, she felt exhausted because she wasn't used to walking so far from class to class and waking up early. Lastly, she was excited that she made new friends like she expected to. Like many of you, Marissa is ready to make it a great year at CMS!

-Renee Porter

### Who are Cooley Cougars ?

Two of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Sydney Gracia and Emily Rees, are having a lot of fun here at our new school. They like making new friends and seeing their old ones. They are enjoying our brand new amazing cafeteria; especially when they eat outside, and the opportunity it gives them to see all their friends. They did have some problems finding their classes, but they have adjusted. They are most excited for sports and school dances, so I bet you will see them at our Halloween Dance on Friday!

-Autumn Torrez



## Music For Life

According to Anna Reynolds, orchestra provides the strings that hold her life together. She started playing violin when she was nine, and that is what held her together through the ups and downs of life. “When my parents got divorced, it became an escape from my troubles.” Playing the violin became one of her many talents that was inspired by her parents’ divorce and her determination to do better in life. When her life got tough, she put her feelings into something creative. Some kids do sports, play chess, or art, but for her, it’s her music. When reflecting on her skills, and asked to rate herself on a 10 point scale she says “I believe compared to Izotck Pearlman and others like him I am a 3-4 and lower.” When her fingers dance along the fingerboard, and the notes come flowing out she is an inspiration to us all.

—Mackenzie Morris

## Creative Corner

Student Publications is always accepting creative  
fiction short stories, poems., etc.

### Lonely Poem

It feels horrible, doesn't it? You feel like everybody does their own thing, without even noticing you. You are like a drop of water in a rain shower. You feel sorry for yourself. Loneliness is like a disease. It makes you feel bad, and sometimes you think there is no cure for it. But there is. You are probably lonely because you stick out from a crowd. You don't blend in, and therefore nobody accepts you in this society. This occurs in the natural world as well. If a mother bird in caring for her young finds one of her chicks has a scent different from the others, she will reject it. Male lions will kill any cubs who are physically inefficient or that belongs to another pride. Judgment is everywhere. People like to see things they have grown to know and recognize.. But imagine a world where you are accepted no matter your race, hobby, religion, or intelligence level. That world is a lie. There will always be those who deprive you of self- confidence. Always those who choose to ignore your cries. Think about if you were that baby bird, abandoned in its nest. If it lay there doing nothing, surely it will die. But if it taught itself all the skills needed to survive, like flying , good things would come to it. You have to be that little bird. You need to take the next step, no matter how difficult, and surely you will become a powerful, majestic eagle. But you are a chick now. Its time to grow up.

- Kyle Garcia

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## Who am I?

It's funny how when one thing is planned another actually happens. Pain, suffering, regret are all natural human emotions. However, I did say they were human emotions... To me nothings is as it seems. Why do we have a world? Why are tears made of water? I'll never know. I did six years ago before I came to the truth. The truth is never true unless you come to it on your own and in your own time. People say they're in great danger; however, no device, genius, or physic predicted what happened to me next. No supernatural being, creature, or beast would dare even come close to me. This is because I don't get pain, suffer, or feel regret because these are human emotions... People say depression is bad but, it made me who I am today. No tears, blood, or sweat will ever be shed because of me ever again. No amount of apologizing will ever make up for what I did, because "sorry" means you'll never do it again. I can't promise that. They say I'm not allowed to regret what I did, but they never said I can't envy those who don't have to go through life wondering why. *Why you? Why are you so evil? Why can't you control yourself? Why so many why's? Why is it that I sit in bed at night and can't cry? Why am I always mad.* My anger comes from that night. That cold night when I knew my life was about to change. For the better or worse I'll never know. All I know is I can't change the past or predict the future. I am who and what I am for a reason; maybe not to help, but to warn. But warn who of what? Honestly I'm what people should be warned about. Maybe I'm here to bring hope, hope that all bad things in life come to an end. That night might actually bring hope. I might bring hope. That night I was happy, alive, and not mean. The lights flickered and flashed but continued getting closer and closer. I remember steam rising and lightning flickering. The sound of thunder bore out my scream. The steam or smoke covered the horizon so much that no one saw the ferocious being take me. I don't know what happened to me between then and now, but something did. I'm not the sparking of a fire, burning of the sun, or a flash of lightning. I'm hope, inspiration; I'm different. That's how I think about it. People are scared of me, what I can do, but they're only scared because they don't understand. Understand the struggles I go through, the daily fight I have with myself, or the fact that I work harder than anyone else. I realized this two years ago when I struggled just to stop myself. Just stop, because I see people in pain. People suffering, but they also have love—which over-powers all human emotions. See, that's what we have in common. We're capable to love. Love turns my enemies into happiness, human regret into forgiveness, and both of our pity into stepping stones—stepping stones to get us to the very top of where we should be—which is our best. I may not be human, but I love. Nothing's the same for anyone or anything but we all have hope. We all bring hope, even the worst of us. Look at me. I am evil, envious, and very different, but I bring hope.

- Karter Harris

## The Girl in the Back

She sits in the back,  
She looks sad and alone,  
Her head in her hands,  
She wants to go home,  
School is a place,  
Just a place and that's all,  
A place where she's forced to go,  
Another way of saying she's small,  
I'll push you around,  
I'll tell you what to do,  
Some people can put up with it,  
But she cannot pull through,  
She is harassed,  
She is bullied,  
She is bruised,  
And she is stung,  
She puts up with it everyday,  
She is strong but not for long,  
She walks the long way home,  
And doesn't think of the future sights,  
She'll pray to her god up and above,  
For only one beating tonight,  
So sad and alone,  
She prays for a better life,  
She wants to go home

-Anonymous

# Horoscopes

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) Let your mind go and say what you want to say on Monday. Go soft on people in your life on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday you feel confident: confident enough to embarrass yourself on Friday. But who cares, it's the weekend! Watch what you say on Saturday and Sunday as a friendship could break apart and drift in different directions.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) Winning the race is important to you on Monday, although you may struggle at times, work hard to reach your goal. You're much more content to end up at the back of the pack on Tuesday and Wednesday especially since most of your friends will be there with you. Your crab apple attitude makes you kind of hard to be around on Thursday and Friday but your closest pals will stick by you. Organization is key to a successful weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) You have a lot of good ideas on Monday, but it might be later in the week before they get heard. You have a tendency to overreact on Tuesday and Wednesday, but by Thursday and Friday you're less stressed. Saturday and Sunday are very important days to listen to that little voice inside you.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) If there's no one to tell you what to do on Monday; you have a tendency to wander around aimlessly. You're back on track though by Tuesday and Wednesday. You're right on target especially when it comes to creative tasks. You deserve the very best on Thursday and Friday and, fortunately, you will receive it. On Saturday and Sunday you need to use your brain to make decisions, this will result in a better weekend.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Teamwork is key on Monday, trying to do things by yourself just isn't working too well. Your inner voice will guide on Tuesday and Wednesday to an interesting and unexpected direction. Thursday and Friday are the days to capitalize on your brilliance so the whole world can see what a shining star you are! Get down to business though on Saturday and Sunday because there's no time to waste.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) On Monday you explain your theory, no one will believe you. Tuesday and Wednesday you will spend more time alone, surround yourself with people that make you happy. Thursday and Friday people will ask you too much, causing you to want to be alone again. Over the weekend you will spend a lot of the time by yourself making you feel refreshed on Monday.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22) Tired of talking about the same old stuff? Make new conversation on Monday and start the week off fresh. Tuesday you will learn something new which will eventually guide you towards your career. Wednesday you will continue with these new ventures. You will make new friends on Thursday and Friday, resulting in a very positive weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) Temptation on Monday is strong, resist the urge. Tuesday and Wednesday you will get what you want by making other people think it was their idea to give it to you. On Thursday and Friday, you will encounter an annoying energy that drives you insane but your patience is restored on Saturday and Sunday, giving you a productive weekend.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) Keeping busy on Monday isn't a problem, just make sure you don't confess your secrets. You tend to question everything on Tuesday and Wednesday but your constant search for the truth may annoy some people. People are much more tolerant of you on Thursday and Friday. If you want to ask someone something these are good days to do so. Let someone else cover the details on Saturday and Sunday because you're a big picture person.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Don't go overboard trying to explain things on Monday, it's Monday and people don't care. A new idea is confusing to you on Tuesday and Wednesday but the more you get used to it, the more you warm up to it. On Thursday and Friday, someone feels like they deserve the prize so you may have to prove your worth. Saturday and Sunday, work hard to get that prize.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) A romance is red hot on Monday. If you thought the answer was going to be no, think again. Overreacting to a practical joke embarrasses you on Tuesday or Wednesday, but the quicker you can laugh at yourself the better. It's hard to control your impulses on Thursday and Friday but it's worth it because everyone accepts you over the weekend.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) The clarity you had earlier is gone and Monday is a confusing day. On Tuesday and Wednesday your vision returns and everything is a lot clearer. On Thursday and Friday you reveal a side of you that has never been seen before. You may surprise yourself. Listen to your gut feeling on Saturday and Sunday. If someone isn't who they say they are, it's better to be safe than sorry.