

The Jaguar Journal's Mail Box

Your newspaper will join my collection of impressive literature from authors of the District and around the world.

Adrian M. Fenty,
Ex-mayor, Washington, DC

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I am very impressed by the quality of Janney's new student newspaper. It is very well-written and attractive. I particularly enjoyed the articles on the construction taking place at Janney and the Tenley Library. I would be happy to speak with one of your reporters in the future and look forward to receiving the next issue.

Mary M. Cheh
Councilmember, Ward 3

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Fantastic job! I've read it cover to cover...I loved your "first commandment...thou shalt not bore the reader." The Jaguar Journal does have some very fascinating stories. I loved reading about the ghost, the new library next door, and about Phillip Black. That was quite interesting and takes guts for a kid to interview someone they're not all that familiar with. And that editorial by Milan was quite well done. Congratulations on issue one. It's a winner!

Mark Levin, Asheville, N.C.,
Director, National Elementary
School Press Association

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The Jaguar Journal is really a wonderful sheet...better than most papers I've worked on. Let's face it. a reporter actually went out and interviewed a homeless man! It was a great feature...Also, a great personality piece on the school's principal (which ought to keep her smiling at Journal et time), and reviews, editorials, cartoons...It is anything but boring.

Art McGinn, Spokane, WA
Former Newspaper Columnist

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What a great idea and a really good first edition. With an intern program no less! I

particularly liked the editorial, the homeless man (pretty gritty for 5th grade), and this paragraph from the ghost story: "The Washington Post archives showed no students had died at Janney. But Janney might not have wanted something like that getting out."

Michael S. Zarin, Great Neck, NY
Investment company president

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I am thrilled by the work that students at Janney School have been able to produce, and how under the stewardship of Aaron Epstein, they have engaged with journalism in such a meaningful way...The Jaguar Journal is proof that the young elementary school students want to express themselves and participate in the production of news. The Journal contains everything from poetry to local news, reviews to a mini-problem page. Well done students!

Koye Oyedeji
Journalism teacher, Duke Ellington
School for the Arts

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An excellent start...The writers and editors have adhered to your leading principle of "thou shalt not bore the reader." The reporter ... did a good job in recording the story of the "Cat in the Hat" (homeless man) Writing editorials for a school paper has to be a tough job! But Milan Vivanco raised some points that the faculty would find helpful. Also excellent was the "noodle column" on a real playground problem. Gabe (Fernandez) produced a cute comic strip...Congratulations from one pleased reader nearly 3,000 miles away.

Bruce Keppel, Bellingham, WA
Retired newspaper editor

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Boffo! Really slick – and definitely not boring.

Carl Stern, Washington, DC
Former NBC correspondent

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My transition from Janney to Deal was quite nerve-racking. I was nervous but excited. I wasn't sure if I had all my supplies or if the classes would be too hard. But going to Deal is not something you should be afraid of. The classes are fun and you learn a lot. The teachers at Deal are friendly and funny. And you are lucky enough to have a TV or Smartboard in every room.

At Deal there are a lot of after school activities you can join: soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, cross-country, Scrabble and more. And you can always run for student representative or student council. The student representatives and student council plan events, such as International Night., that are always fun but crowded. You have to bring money because the food is never free.

At lunch you don't get much time to eat because the school wants you to go outside for fresh air. This sucks if you get hot lunch because there is a long line, and when you finally get it sometimes you can't find a seat next to your friends or you don't have enough time to eat.

You get four minutes to get to class and even though the teachers are forgiving, you should have a pass if you are late, or <ave to go to the water fountain or bathroom. You have to write down all homework and your passes in your "agenda." And you can always check your homework and grades on Edline, which is your own website.

You might be nervous to be going to Deal, but trust me when I say that even though you have to take in a lot of information, what you get is totally worth it.

Plus you get a handbook!

Sue Phua, former JJ staff member
now a Deal MS student