Letter from the editor

Thanks to all the students who’ve submitted!! We are now proud to present the 3rd Extra Sparkly Lens. This newsletter has dramatically changed adding pictures, interviews, and a psychological test corner to see the “Real You.” Also the staffs had an extremely difficult time of choosing lots of mindful submissions from students. Here we have many creative topics and themes from various levels so that students can see other cultures as well. We are eager to make an enjoyable newsletter for all students so we would also like to mind you that this newsletter is definitely made by you, and that you are the one who is the creator. Please notice that the Extra Sparkly Lens always looks forward to your submissions!!

PUZZLE CONTEST WINNER!!

Amal El Moustakim was chosen to be the winner for the puzzle contest!! On Feb 9th, ’06 she has submitted “Sparkles in the sky and also in your eyes”. She has absolutely gone through all those ups and downs, diagonally and backwards to solve the puzzle. So we would like to give her a big hand of applause!!
Who will be the next challenger??

Events
March 15th
Midterm
April 10-14
Spring Break
May 13
Semester Ends

Interviews: What’s In Your Suitcase??

Guillermo
Hello everybody, my name is Milomir and I am from Serbia and Montenegro. I brought some important things with me when I came to the United States.
1. I brought my passport and other important documents for school.
2. Also, I brought a lot of photographs and compact-discs with music and programs. These things help me when I feel home sick.
3. I also brought a lump of dirt. It sounds funny, but this is an old custom from my country. Everyone who goes to the New World for the first time needs to bring a small part of his own land with him. I sprinkled this dirt when I landed at O’ Hare airport.
Also, I brought other less important things and I still keep them.

Miomir
Hi everybody my name is Guillermo. I’m from Mexico and the 3 things I brought in my suitcase when I left my native country, were my passport and visa, my favorite pijama, and a data traveler with all the music that I like.
Guillermo Hernandez’s Suitcase:
My passport and visa for come to U.S. and return to my country.
My favorite pijama, because I like a lot, it’s very comfortable and soft.
The music because I like to listen music for relax, and some spanish music I can’t find here in Chicago.
Also I brought in my suitcase two bottles of special Tequila, because I will celebrated my birthdate with them. And my wife put inside of my suitcase a bottle of special spicy for her.
Now I would like to know about your suitcase.
At Crack of Dawn

The sound of the water crashes
the wind whistling all over
the birds singing every now and then
and the melodies of her heart beat as i'm holding
her so close
hearing her thoughts
catching every pleasant smile.

At crack of dawn we were sitting on a rock
observing
the sea kisses the sky
listening to the sound of the quiet.

The night still darkening her face
but that darkness didn't hold for long
a thin line sparkled from the edge of the sea
and a thin shiny red lines flashed from her hair.

A strong light brightens from her soft face as the sun
increases.
The sun flashes completed and her body glares
absorbing
she's becoming a powerful star
shining on me.
I woke up from my memories
standing on a rock watching the dawn
having my own thoughts.

the sun rising slowly
my tears falling
I looked beside me.
she's not there.
a sudden light burst straight at me
strikes my face
it's calling to look at it.

And there she is the powerful star
telling me she's here
i can feel her strong love
through the heat that hits my body.
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Writings

Your Pet May Be A Space Alien

“Your pet may be a space alien.” You cannot imagine how your pet relates to
a space alien. If your pet is a large lizard with a scaly body as thick as steel, a tapering
tail as strong as AK-47, and the body as long as human being, I believe everyone
agrees that it is a monster. When it moves, it is so fast that you cannot trace its track.
When it is in a motionless condition, it is a bizarre stone fixing on the land. It is so ugly
and horrible that you will run away as far as you can, as if you discovered a space alien
landing on the earth in the dark. You might guess a space alien has power beyond
human being, do you think your pet has ability as similar as space alien? Have you
ever seen monkeys and horses performed in the circus troupe? How come they are
able to perform as like as human being although they have been training for a long
period of time? Don't look down on your pet's ability, one day they will develop to
become a more powerful creature as same as space alien, for the discovery of your
pet's subconscious, supernatural capability. On the other hand, can you imagine your
pet will able to communicate with space alien in the future? Of course, your answer
must be 'no' at this moment. What do you think about your pet understands your
gesture, instruction, and feeling? While you are unhappy, your pet kisses and holds you
as if it is your lover. While you arrive home from work, your pet brings a pair of slippers,
jumps and dances to welcome you back. In addition, it is very respectful for me if your
pet acts as a guide to help disability people from going outside. How come your pet has
human feeling? It is wonderful and unbelievable! Therefore, it is possible that your pet
may be a space alien.

Fung Che Amy Au

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From Mei Ling’s Blog

Check out these Level 6 Integrated Blogs:
Jacqueline Serrano: http://quiline.blogspot.com
Jinhee Lee: http://lovelyjinee.blogspot.com
Kim Ngan: http://jux1simpleheart.blogspot.com
Xioaxi : http://xiaoxia621.blogspot.com

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Teresa’s Assistant MO “How to Eat a Hamburger” in Speech 6 class
Level 5

Poem

Cultural
We say culture,
But we don’t know its meaning.
We say gold,
But we don’t know its meaning.
We say cachalot,
But we don’t know its meaning.
Thanks for you,
You let us know the meaning.
For him that is the expression of how handsome he is.
For her that is how she accepts her culture and beautiful she is.
For us it is one of the things that we know history.
You never forget your personality.
Thanks for you. You let us know you.

There is nothing as beautiful, natural, and handsome you are. You never change who you are.
You never say, “Who am I” because you know who you are.
Your dream is your culture, Been your culture is your identity.
Your Identity is yourself. Yourself is one of the things, Which brought you to be beautiful and cultural.
You are people who never sell yourself.
You are people who have never been changed.
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The “Extra Sparkly Lens”

Limericks

There once was a student named Jerry
Who wanted to dance with a jelly
He tried not to eat it
But he happened beat it
So the jelly ended up in his belly.

There once was a student named Ken
Who wanted to dance with a pen
He tried not to catch it
But he happened to snatch it
So the pen ended up in his exam.

Writing

On Wheels

Everybody has hobbies in our routines life or activities that permit us to enjoy the life. Those activities give us experiences or remember us happy thoughts. I will tell you in this text how I lived with the skateboard. Practicing skateboard had been an amazing experience with some obstacles.

When I was almost fifteen years old, I knew to Eduardo. He was my best friend at that time and we were interested for the skateboard. We decided to make our own board with a piece of wood and the wheels of an old skateboard. We were so young for getting money to buy a new one so invented a board. The invented skateboard was really heavy and it was hard to drive. Usually the wheels ran slowly and we got tire really fast. Sometime we fell away over flour and it hurt us. Two months latter we felt obsessed because we couldn’t practice with the board that we created. In 1999 we got a job in a car wash. We washed the buses of a bus station. We didn’t earn lot money but after six months we could buy two “bird house” skateboards. Eduardo and I got skateboard videos from famous skaters such as Tony Hawk and Muller. Where the skater made the most famous tricks so put the screen slowly to catch every single move. We started learning tricks but we were not convinced at all. We made our own furniture as a ramp and track. We used to practice every afternoon after school. When other guys of the neighborhood saw us, they started to practice too with us. In 2002 we formed a crew called “SKTc”. That means “Skateboarders Tezoyuca Crew”. Actually I haven’t practiced the skateboard since 5 years ago because I turned under a mature life. Now I enjoy watching videos in home, when I have free time. I have a board but I don’t use it because I have lost experience.

Many people as me have different experiences about days ahead. In my case skateboarding help me to got my best friend and know many people. I hope that my child learn to skateboard in a future. Skateboarding was a wonderful experience.

Book Project

The Story And Me

Double Cross is a great book for everyone, because it has a great action about murder. First of all my topic of the project is the story about me. How the story of this book some like connected to me personally? When I was in Pakistan I had a good friend there his name was Umair. We both were just the children when it happened. It was the terrible tragedy that happened in Umair’s house. One night some bad people came his home for stealing. They had the gun in their hands that time. They asked his family to give them money and also a jewellery if they don’t they will going to kill everyone. But they didn’t give them anything and tried to fight, for that the one of the thief shot his father. After that, they shot one more time on my friend Umair but he saved, because the bullet touched the wall instead of hitting him. His older brother tried to save him but robbers injured him so badly. After did this they all gone. It was such the horrible night for me that day. But his father was ok now, because that time when it happened right after that the other people took him to the hospital. No one knew who were they. They disappeared in the darkness of night. Police didn’t do anything, because they hadn’t any solid proof about them.

My story is not totally as the book that I read. But it little bit connected to that. The only thing in the book was finding who was the killer. A politician was shot by someone in Stockholm and the secret agent Monika chases who would be the killer.

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**Writing**

*My Fabulous Country!!*

Seductive, exciting, fascinating, mysterious...these are few from the many words that describe Morocco, my exotic country! Morocco is an Arab and Muslim country, it is located at the extreme west of North Africa, it’s bordered by Algeria in the East and Mauritania in the South East. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean in the West and the Mediterranean in the North. In fact the Arabic name for Morocco “Al Maghrib” means “the land of the setting sun”. Morocco was colonized by France from 1912 until 1956, date of our independence. It’s the reason why our 2nd language is French. The Kingdom of Morocco is a democratic and constitutional monarchy. Morocco has a rich and a varied cultural and civilization heritage. Every region has its special values and characteristics. Morocco offers great geological variety and a wide range of climate conditions. You can find everything from sunny beaches and fertile oases to winter sports like those found in the center of Europe. Morocco has always been and still the gateway to Africa. You can experience the traditional lifestyle and oriental charm of Fes and Marrakech, but you can also find the modern cities of Casablanca and Rabat (the capital). Considering its history and culture, its nature and geography, Morocco is much too complex to describe so briefly. There is no way to describe the green of the Middle Atlas in spring or the sounds and smells of the Medina in Fes or Marrakech and certainly no way to describe a sunset in the Sahara desert. Don’t hesitate to visit it, I am sure that you will be surprised, fascinated and marveled at this formidable land.

**Haiku**

When I first met him, I felt drawn to his cute smile. Now, I love him all.

I read your letter My heart and soul are crying, because I miss you.

*Amal El Moustakim*

**Personals**

Dear Dr. Sparkle,

I was looking through the ESL Sparkly Lens and saw that there was a corner where solves questions. It seems very interesting and because I am an international student who just came to Chicago, I have many unanswered questions that maybe Dr. Sparkle can help me with. I was thinking of why we use chocolate for Valentine’s Day but because Valentine passed by I stumbled over a more serious question. Help me with this one!

1. Why on Valentines chocolate is the most popular gift?

Sincerely

Love Winter

Dear Love Winter,

Reply

Dr. Sparkle

Dr. Sparkle is honored to answer your questions, so please submit!

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**Cool Web Links**

[http://a4esl.org/](http://a4esl.org/) Activities for ESL students (grammar, vocabulary, game etc.)

[http://www.englishclub.com/](http://www.englishclub.com/) A big link to many practices (various levels)

[http://www.myspace.com/](http://www.myspace.com/) try this website to make new friends in different countries.

[http://www.friendser.com/](http://www.friendser.com/) you can make absolutely free phone calls through the internet through this site. You just need a microphone and speakers.

**Global Friendship Club**

Get ready for April 18th – International Festival
Cross Word Puzzle
Oscar Nomination

Across
5. The film by Palestine
7. King Kong, Memories of Geisha, War or the Worlds, what nominees did these films get?
8. Actress' last name in "Walk the Line"
9. The actor who won in "Walk the Line"
10. The taken place

Down
1. The actress who was nominated by "Transamerica"
2. The Oscar Nominate day
3. Animated feature film by Japan
4. The supporting actress nominated by "June bug"
6. ...by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and _________

Try this test and see who you really are....

A Psychological Test
Problem: You were designate to do the following all at once and you’re taking precedence, thinking the order. Choose the following A-F in YOUR order.
A. The phone is ringing!
B. The baby started crying!
C. Knock knock! Someone’s at the front door!
D. The boiling pot started to overflow!
E. The water of the bath started overflowing!
F. I need to go to the rest room!

*Answer on page 6

While Cupid or the ancient god Eros gives us the inspiration, St. Valentine supplied the name of our current holiday. There are a number of Valentine legends as to why his name is linked to lovers. One is that the Roman emperor Claudius II thought that single men made better soldiers and therefore forbade them to marry. St. Valentine is said to have secretly married many young lovers and therefore became their patron saint. Another story has Valentine, while being imprisoned for his Christian faith, falling in love with his jailer's daughter and sending her a love letter before his execution.

The roots of Valentine's Day most likely came from the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, which had been celebrated for eight hundred years on February 15th. The day was dedicated to the god Lupercus and young men would take a woman as a sexual companion for a year, by means of drawing her name in a lottery. Pope Gelasius changed this custom, which was unacceptable to the Catholic Church. He decreed that the lottery be changed so that both young men and women drew the names of saints to emulate for the coming year. Valentine instead of Lupercus became the patron of this feast. Despite this change in custom, Roman men continued to seek the affections of women on this date and sent notes of endearment to their sweethearts, including Valentine's name in their missives.

It would seem that the ancient god still lives, for today the spirit of love and desire resides as strongly as ever in the hearts of those struck by Cupid's arrows, be they young or old.
Submissions !!!

We are in need of great stuff that you guys have in your wonderful computers. Submit your work to:

hwceslnewsletter@yahoo.com

About:
1. Writing 1. Culture (home)
2. News 2. Your Goals
3. Poems 3. Something you think is interesting
4. Classifieds
5. Photos 4. HWC
6. Drawings 5. Chicago

*The Answer to “The Real You”
Once you may be panicked, but try to decide in what order you’ll make. With this psychological test you may realize the importance in your daily life and also making decisions with choosing an opposite sex.
- The person who has A in direction-emphasis in the character and conversations.
- The person who has B in direction-emphasis in Love and kindness.
- The person who has C in direction-emphasis in self appearance and fashion.
- The person who has D in direction-emphasis in common senses.
- The person who has E in direction-emphasis in economy and savings.
- The person who has F in direction-emphasis in sexual appeal.

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*Please note that the submission from the students’ writings have not been corrected nor changed.

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Calendar for March 2006

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Spring 2006

A new start ...

Make a new wish!