

APRIL FOOLS DAY--THE ONE DAY OF THE YEAR WHERE NOBODY, NO MATTER HOW HARD THEY TRY, CAN POSSIBLY BE FUNNY.

The Chatter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next week, The National Loser committee will hold their first meeting in the round room on Wednesday, April 6 at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to join, please see Mrs. Reed for more information.
- Peebles High School has now been approved to have our very own wrestling team in the 2011-2012 school year. For more information, see Mr. Angles.
- Our library has now acquired iPads and they are available for check out with a ten dollar fee.
- Beta Convention has been cancelled.
- Pizza party in Mr. Berridge's classroom next Thursday, bring two dollars to help pay for the pizza.

APRIL FOOLS!

Baby, You're a Firework...



BY: KRISTIN SALMONS

Katy Perry's "Firework" reminds us that each of us is unique in personality and that we often underestimate our individuality and abilities. It encourages listeners to live life to the fullest, be who we are, and shine. Why is it though that we, and teenagers especially, fail to let our colors burst as she suggests? We walk around mimicking others when really we should just be comfortable in our own skin.

Everywhere I look, I see people trying to fit in with the people who surround them. We don't want negative attention drawn to us, so we settle for no attention at all. Wouldn't it be nice if we all could express our true selves and not

worry about what everyone else wears or how they look in everyday life? Clothing is just one way it is good to wear something that says something about yourself instead of a group of friends or someone you want to be like. When you dress like someone else to fit in, it just shows you're not strong enough to hold your own opinion about the way you look. If someone says something about your style, that just means they are insecure about themselves. There are girls I see that come to our school for the first time who are shy and wear what they want, but by the time they make new friends they are dressing and acting just like them. Just be yourself and not your friends.

Being yourself isn't just about the way you dress; it's also about your

attitude with life and the people around you. You should have a positive attitude and appreciate everything that life hands you. You shouldn't have a negative attitude because that pushes people away. It is also important to be true to yourself and to everyone near you because one day they could be all you have. Life is short; don't spend according to those who judge it just spend it the way you want to spend it. You will never have another chance to relive it so get the best out of it and make the right choices. If someone knocks you down, get up and walk away; don't be trapped with the past—it's just as easy to forget as it is to be made.

Prom Checklist

BY: HALEY STRATTON

Girls

- Prom tickets bought
- Dress fitted
- Shoes broke in
- Jewelry that matches
- Makeup that fits "you"
- Being Tan or Natural
- Hair appointment booked
- Manicure and Pedicure
- Prom date fits your standards
- Dinner Reservations
- Fancy car or limo?
- Travel size deodorant packed
- Mint Gum

Boys

- Tux rented
- Colors correspond
- Slightly tan
- Money for dinner and gas
- Hair cuts
- Shaved
- Learn how to tie a tie



A.C.T.

BY: KAILA RUDD

When taking the A.C.T. for the first time, it can be a little scary and nerve-racking if you're not sure what to expect. The first time I took my A.C.T., the only reason I wasn't a nervous wreck is because my sister just so happened to be taking it with me; unfortunately, not everyone is lucky enough to bring along a family member or even be testing with someone they know. However, taking it without your friends in the seat next to you may actually help you concentrate more on your test and less on how well of a score you'll have compared to them.

Our teacher's are always telling us, "When you take your A.C.T. for the first time, you'll be shocked at how difficult it is." Well, not to put down our teachers, but I'm telling you now—if you've taken your O.G.T. tests, you won't be nearly as surprised as they tell you. The A.C.T. is exactly like that, but with a few more questions, a little more difficulty (of course they can't be giving Juniors and Seniors the same questions they gave to Sophomores), and a lot less time.

The rules are basically the same rules you had during O.G.T.

testing. You are required to stay silent throughout the whole time of the test, whether everyone has finished or not. Each test has a different amount of time given, and after time is up, you have to stop writing. Cell phones are prohibited, even on the ten minute break you receive after the first two tests. You're allowed to have some kind of snack with you but you're required to leave it in the "break room" (different testing sites have different break rooms, to which you'll be shown before the test). I strongly advise bringing something that will hold you over until you're done with the tests, because by the end of my tests you could hear everyone's stomach growling and it was a major distraction. I also suggest bringing your own calculator and making sure the batteries are good, because if you're calculator dies during the test, you are not allowed to have a replacement one and must continue your test without it.

The last thing I can tell you, and I think this may be the most important thing you could do, is to study. Buy an A.C.T. prep book online or at a bookstore and study your heart out—even the best tips in the world won't help you if you haven't studied at least once.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Test Date	Registration Date	(Late Fee Required)
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 – 20, 2011
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	August 13 – 26, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17 – 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012

What Did You Think of the O.G.T.?

"Now it is official, twelve and a half hours of my life are now gone and I can never get them back."

-Kayleigh Humphrey

"Reading was really easy. It was long, but still it was easy."

-Anthony Seaman

"Social Studies and Science were definitely the hardest two."

-Star Newman & Sam Daughtery

"The only good thing about the OGT was that I got to write about the Old Spice commercial!"

-Haley Greene

"Math is today, right Ms. Reed?"

-Josh Chandler (on the morning of the reading test)

"The sophomores in my room really seemed to take their time on each section of the test."

-Mrs. Dettwiller

"The first three days were the easiest; math was really easy."

-Alex McFarland

*"As long as teachers give tests, there will always be prayer in schools."
-Unknown*

April Fool's Day Pranks

Lift up the toilet seat, carefully place a long line of "pop its" (the little firecracker things that people like to throw at Old Timers Day) on the rim, then gently put the lid back down. Next time someone comes to use the bathroom; they're in for a surprise!

Replace your mom's lotion and/or shampoo with mayonnaise. When she tries to use it and realizes what you've done, shout "WINNING!" in an obnoxious Charlie Sheen voice.

Add green food coloring to the hand soap dispenser in your bathroom and whenever someone washes their hands, scream, run, and shout about how they're turning into the Hulk.

Block the signal on the TV remote with a tiny piece of black paper

Smear chocolate pudding on every toilet in your house.

Make a caramel covered onion and offer it to someone, telling them it's a caramel apple. Then run as fast as possible after they take a huge bite out of it.

Pour a capful of dishwashing liquid into your toilet and wait for someone to flush. The bubbles will start almost immediately and they'll be shocked.

Tell everyone you have an awesome April Fools Day prank planned, and it's unraveling as you speak. They'll go insane trying to figure out what you've planned.

Put a thin layer of Icy Hot on someone's deodorant.

Cover the rim of the toilet with plastic wrap (make sure you cover the bowl, not just the rim) and make sure it's nearly invisible when you glance down. It's even better if you do it at night so if someone happens to wake up in the early morning to use the bathroom, they'll be forced to shower when the toilet bowl catches nothing.

Find an old car seat and strap in a baby doll. Place it on top of your car and drive through town; people will panic when they think you've forgotten your baby on the top of your car.

Here Comes Peter ... Cattail?

FOUND ON: <http://www.nes.org>

Due to the rabbit being placed on the endangered species list, the N.E.S. (National Easter Society) has decided to replace the symbolic "Easter Bunny" with an "Easter Cat." Instead of the Easter Bunny delivering eggs to kids on Easter Day, the Easter Cat will be delivering balls of yarn for children to hunt for and place in their baskets. This decision was made on March 29, 2011 and will take effect immediately. Stores are being required to remove all bunny apparel and replace them with cat items starting April 1, 2011. While many believe this decision is unnecessary and illogical, others agree that this will help ensure the safety of all rabbits and are happy with the replacement Easter icon.

