



# Getting to the Point!

## Grief Point's Student Newspaper

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## Music Madness

By Chris Brinton



The world is full of new technology and it's getting more everyday. Music downloading is one of those daily technological advancements. It is an easier, cheaper and a more practical way of enjoying your favorite music. Some downloading sites are even free. It seems great, but it's not as great as it sounds.

All the artists are against it. Apart from touring, they don't get much income. Music

CD's are a huge part of the money they make. With all the free downloading web sites the mindset of people now is, "Why buy a CD when you can just download music for free?" Artists are taking a huge blow in their profits because of those thoughts.

Some artists have successfully sued companies like Napster. Napster stopped its downloading site, but came back, charging money for downloading. Apple is a big company

right now with the huge demand for iPods. With iPods come iTunes. iTunes are charging 99 cents for a download, obviously not wanting the same fate as Napster.

Overall there are two sides: the die-hard band fans who buy CDs and the people who don't care about the bands but care about the music. Everyone agrees that technology is great, but is music downloading? You decide.

## The ABC's of Rock

By Chris Brinton

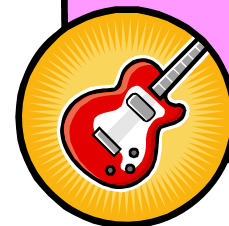
I hope you've enjoyed all the songs highlighted in the ABC's of Rock. Remember you can write down your favourite songs and put them in the suggestion box by the office. The most popular songs will be included in the next issue of *Getting to the Point*.

The Police - Message in a Bottle  
Queen - Bohemian Rhapsody  
Rolling Stones - Satisfaction  
Supertramp - Dreamer  
Trooper - We're Here for a Good Time

U2 - It's a Beautiful Day  
Van Halen - Panama  
Warrant - Cherry Pie  
Styx - Come Sail Away  
Yes - Owner of a Lonely Heart  
ZZ Top - Bad to the Bone

### Special points of interest:

- Tons of Valentines Fun!
- Lots of Pictures!
- Three editorials!
- Funny Jokes!
- And much, much MORE....



## Ask Alex

By Alex, of course!



Dear Alex,

*Some people are bugging me about who I like and are threatening to tell everyone and even the person I like. I'm getting really annoyed and getting stressed out; what should I do?*

*From, Getting Annoyed*

Dear Getting Annoyed,

Try not to fall into peer pressure. From your letter it seems that these people are using what they know about you to control you. Don't let them. The odds are they probably won't tell everyone about who you like, especially if they know you well; if they know who you like they must know you pretty well and if they don't know you very well, they probably found

out because you or one of your friends has loose lips. Don't worry about it. Let the situation cool down; if you freak out and give a big reaction to their taunting they probably won't stop bugging you. Remember that bullies want you to react and they feed off your embarrassment. Keep a cool head and don't stress out. Hope this will help!

Sincerely, Alex

Dear Alex,

*I read your last issue and tried your advice out. My friend doesn't like it though. I'm afraid they'll get upset. What should I do?*

*From, What to do?*

Dear What to do?

It's hard when a friend doesn't agree with you, but don't worry. Give your friend some

time to think it over. Your friend might think you don't want to hang out with him/her or is worried about planning time to hang out, and making things a little more complicated.

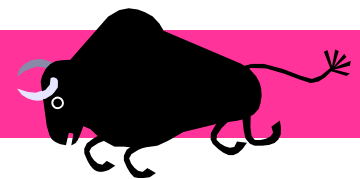
Try to skip too much planning. When your friend says, "Hey, want to hang out with me at lunch?" state your reply. If you say "yes" tell your other friend BEFORE lunchtime rolls around. This will give your friend time to find something to do or someone to play with. You don't want to make your friend feel dumped if you drop them at the last minute.

Remember that friendship takes time and practice. Talk it over with your friend and be open and accepting. Best of Luck!

Sincerely, Alex

## Buffalo Facts

By Logan Wriglesworth



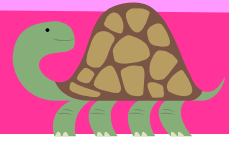
1. There are two varieties of American bison.
2. They use their tails to swat away the bugs.
3. Mature bulls (the boys) go off by themselves when they grow up.

4. When winter starts showing its ugly face their hair starts to grow.
5. Once man started hunting them with rifles, their population started to shrink. They are fast and very agile.

7. First natives would make buffalos fall off a cliff to kill them for their needs.
8. The first natives used everything that they got from the buffalo.

# Iron Chef GP— Turtle Cake

By Noah Martinig and Kria Wall



## Ingredients

Unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1 cup buttermilk or sour milk  
2/3 cup cooking oil  
2 cups flour  
1 3/4 cups sugar  
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 tbsp. baking soda  
1 teas. salt  
1 cup brewed hot coffee

## Chocolate Frosting

1 1/2 cups pecan halves, toasted  
3/4 cup caramel ice cream topping (Mrs. Richardson's Butterscotch-Caramel Topping)

## Directions

Grease three 9-inch round cake pans. Line bottom with parchment paper. Grease the paper; dust with cocoa powder. Set pans aside.

In a small bowl, combine egg, buttermilk and oil; set aside. In a large bowl, stir

together flour, sugar, 1/2 cup cocoa, soda and salt. Gradually add buttermilk mixture to flour mixture, beating until combined. Gradually beat in hot coffee. Pour batter into prepared pans; spread evenly. Layers will appear shallow.

Bake at 350 for 25 - 30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes and then invert on wire racks and peel off paper. Cool completely.

When cool, prepare chocolate frosting. Place 1 cake layer, top side down, onto a serving plate. Using an icing spatula or a wide knife, work quickly to frost top of this layer with 1/3 the frosting, pushing it out slightly from edges to make a ripple or petal effect. Arrange 1/3 of the pecans on top and drizzle with 1/4 cup of the caramel topping (if using Mrs.

Richardson's - you may have to heat in micro very slightly to drizzle).

Top with the 2nd layer, top side down. Repeat with frosting, pecans and caramel. Top with 3rd layer, right side up. Repeat with frosting, pecans and caramel.

5. Chill cake 1 - 2 hours before serving. Makes 12 - 16 servings.

## CHOCOLATE FROSTING

In a small saucepan, combine 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup milk. Add 6 tablespoons butter. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add 12 oz bag of semi sweet chocolate chips.

Using a wire whisk mix frosting ingredients until smooth.

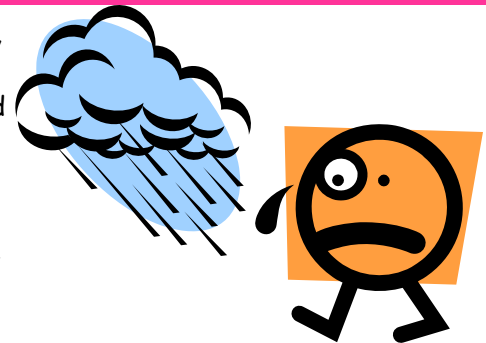
If frosting is too thick or grainy, add 1 - 2 teaspoons hot coffee. Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

## Out on an In-day

By Logan Wriglesworth

Should grade sevens get to go out on an in-day? It's been talked about in another editorial. It has been a reoccurring problem. The sevens are just bored on in-days. I think the sevens should be able to go outside when it's raining. Since the 7's are taught to be re-

sponsible we should get rewarded, right? The grade sevens would have to bring suitable clothing and only be able to go in a specific area. It would be a good change but would it work? Write your opinion down and put it in the suggestion box by the office.



## What's Up at GP: Photo Page



### Ms. Payne's and Mr. Fisher's Buddy Class



### Jazz in the Gym



## NEW MEMBER!

Brandon Dalzell- Welcome to the team!  
You'll be able to spot Brandon taking pictures throughout the school and at almost every assembly.



## Bethany Hayes

*By Megan Kazakoff*

That Saturday, after my ordeal, I had a movie night with Lily. We watched three different movies and ate popcorn until we were sick. It felt good to spend time with her, away from all the mean girls. We used licorice for straws in our pop and laughed at the stupid people in the movies. The whole time I wore the necklace.

When I went to school on Monday, I felt confident. I completely ignored the snide little comments in the hallway. I didn't even care to look at

what the "cool" girls were wearing.

At lunch and recess I hung out with Lily, laughing and joking, being friends. In class I focused on the work and not on what everyone else was saying, doing, and wearing.

The whole day I wore the necklace. I let my fingers play with the silver Eiffel tower, I felt along the chain dangling from my neck.

A few days later,

Thursday to be exact, I arrived at school to find a new desk beside mine. Occupying this new rectangle of real estate was a boy I had never seen before. He boasted lively brown eyes and smooth light brown hair. He wore baggy jeans and graphic T-shirt with a guitar on it.

"Hey," he said, "I'm Nathan. I'm new here". He outstretched his hand. I took it and shook it. "Hi, I'm Bethany."

## Top Ten Valentines Songs

*By Kria Wall and Noah Martinig*

10. Baby it's Cold Outside- Rod Stewart
9. Do You Know? - Enrique Eglasias
8. Sweet Child O' Mine- Guns n' Roses
7. My Funny Valentine- Frank Sinatra
6. Angel Eyes- Ella Fitzgerald
5. Happy Together- Turtles
4. Far Away- Nickelback
3. What I Like About You- Ramones
2. Magic- Colbie Caillat
1. Hey There Delilah- Plain White Tees



## Healthy Students

By Megan Kazakoff



We all know it. You wake up early, grab your breakfast, drive to school, sit almost all day, drive home, do your homework, watch T.V and catch a late bedtime. It's the continual schedule of a student. Most of us follow it, but is it healthy?

Almost everyone has heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Breakfast fuels your day. If you're getting the before-recess munchies, you might need more than toast for

Try some oatmeal or eggs. They'll stay with you.

Getting driven to and from school is inescapable for some students, but others within walking distance can walk. If you've got a big project or it's raining 'like there's no tomorrow', it's fine if you don't walk. Try to walk once or twice a week. If you walk (or bike, scooter, DANCE!) to school on Tuesday you'll even earn a point for your house.

Try joining a sport or running around after school.

You'll get some exercise, feel better and even sleep better. Speaking of sleep, it's suggested you get 8-10 hours of it each night. Not a lot of us do. Sleep is essential to help you grow and is even proven to help your mind memorize the things you've learned that day. Go to bed 30-45 minutes earlier and you'll be able to feel a difference.

**Well, that's all for now. Start to be a Healthy Student and see your grades and health improve.**

## Valentines Jokes

By Troy Gibson

1. Why do valentines have hearts on them?

*Because spleens would look pretty gross!*

2. Why didn't Cupid shoot his arrow at the lawyer's heart?

*Because even Cupid can't hit a target that small!*

3. Boring husband: Honey, why are you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?

*Bored wife: Because I married the wrong man!*

4. What did Frankenstein say to his girlfriend?

*Be my valenstein!"*

5. Girl: "I can't be your valentine for medical reasons."

Boy: "Really?"

Girl: "Yeah, you make me sick!"

6. What do you call a very small valentine?

*A valentiny!*

7. A bunny's husband got hit by a truck. The bunny wife immediately ran and came back with a spray can. She sprayed it on him and he got up and waved at her. "What's in that can and why can't I stop waving" he exclaimed. "Its hairspray" she said "Revives hare and adds permanent wave".



# Valentines Wordsearch

By Kria Wall with help from Puzzle Maker

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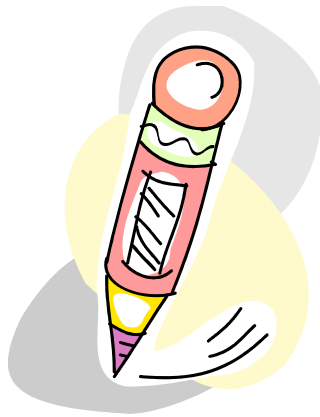
## Word Bank



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|---------|-----------|----------|
| dancing | Valentine | cupid    |
| Flowers | Chocolate | hugs     |
| Love    | Candy     | red      |
| Admirer | Dating    | poetry   |
| kisses  | couples   | cupcakes |
| Dove    | Heart     |          |
| pink    | cards     |          |
|         | february  |          |



We're on the Web!  
<http://www.griefpoint.sd47.bc.ca/news.html>



Finally, another issue! And as always it's hot off the press. We love putting *Getting to the Point* together for you every month (or two!). We're so glad to have our student advisors always there to strike up a new idea. In appreciation of you, we've decided to reward your entries. When you put an entry into our box we'll enter it into a draw! You can win a writing-themed prize for all your hard work.

We hope you enjoy!

~The Newspaper Crew~

Drawing Contest: The contest this month is to see who can make the best animal drawing. It can be of any animal. It doesn't have to be colored if it's detailed. We choose the best by how much work is put into it, age, and skill. It has to be on an 8 by 11 piece of paper (normal computer paper). The deadline is April 11th. The winning picture will be in our next issue. Good luck!

## Valentine Pig

By Kria Wall

