

The Purple Post

What is the purple post?

Want to know what's up with DY? The Purple Post is a newsletter written and designed by members of DY who call themselves "Sigma 7" just for this purpose. Here is where we will talk about what we do in the Discovery Youth program, the past month in review, and what the museum's upcoming events are as well as exciting events scheduled for DY. We will also include artwork and comics that were submitted by members of the program. Here is where you can learn about the achievements of our outstanding members and staff and read interviews with them showing their unique ideas. We will also include our "Monthly Craft" which you can do at home with your siblings, kids, babysitting jobs, and on those rainy days when you just need something to do. Our goal is to be informative

with just the right amount of fun that is so important here at CDM. Stay on the lookout for exciting updates and awesome articles.

--Caryn



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Museum closed!	29	30	1	2	3 Songs by Jesse Kaur
4	5 Museum closed!	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Museum closed!	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Hanukkah starts	21	22	23	24 Closes early! 3:00 PM
25 Christmas! Museum closed	26	27	28 Hanukkah ends	29	30	31

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Introducing...The Staff of the Purple Post

By Angela Chu

Anoop Praturu:

I am 14 years old and I'm a freshman. I go to Pioneer High School. I like to skateboard and listen to music in my free time. I love DY because everyone is so nice. I'm looking forward to this year because of the new purple post.

Caryn Hreha:

This is my third year as the part of the DY Leadership Group. I am a senior at Pioneer High School and I am super excited to be back volunteering. After a trip to Europe this summer I am thrilled to be back in the museum programs with everyone's smiling faces!

Alex Miller:

This is my second year of Discovery Youth, and I love it. Not only is it a great way to get community service, but everyone here is awesome and worth hanging out with.

Matt Remaker:

I'm 14 and a freshman at Archbishop Mitty High School. I enjoy running in cross country and track. I am looking forward to DY this year because it is my first year. I am also looking forward to S.O.S in the summer because it's an awesome way to do service.

Casey Jane:

I've been with DY for 27 years now. It's really exciting for me to be working on the Purple Post, especially after having personally authored both the Harry Potter and Twilight series. It's good to be back in the writing business! Hopefully my work here will be as well-received as my previous endeavors-it will be nice to have another Pulitzer Prize for Journalism under my belt!

Angela Chu:

Hi, I'm fourteen years old and a freshman at Prospect High School. I love DY and am excited to be writing about it. I've never been part of a newspaper before, so this will be an awesome experience for me. I can't wait to spread the word about DY!

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What is the Children's Discovery Museum?

Anonymous

The Children's Discovery Museum is a place for kids from ages 1-8 to have fun, enjoy educational exhibits, and join in on games and artwork. For children who are too old for the museum, there is DY.

DY is a group for 6th through 12th graders where we play games and participate in community service around the museum. One of the things we do in the museum is floor activities. Floor activities are stations set up around the museum for art work, and activities. Some of these activities include: parachutes, helicopters, paper hats, snowflakes, gak (slime), and chromatography (water dots). These floor activity stations are around the museum on Saturday's.

DY also volunteers in other places than the museum. Sometimes we stop by RAFT (Resource Area For Teachers) to help sort out school supplies. A few times a year we clean garbage out the Guadalupe River. We even have done volunteer farm work at Emma Prusch Farms.

We also work on writing projects. Of course you know about our monthly newsletter, the Purple Post, but we also have a magazine, The Maga, that is published at the end of DY. The Maga is full of our articles from throughout the year.

At the end of the year we work on videos. These videos range from the documentation of our progress in the museum, to fun made-up creations. We always put a lot of effort into our videos. We make props, movie sets, film the movies, and edit them to our liking.

November in Review

(November 5, 12, 19 and 26)

November started off on Guy Fawkes Day (for all you who aren't history buffs, he tried to assassinate King James the 1st and it's a cause for fireworks in England) with a jump right into floor activities. Some of the leadership group and select Discovery Youth participants took an extra Sunday trip to San Francisco to the Bay Area Science Festival on November 6th to represent the museum with multiple booths at AT&T Park. The experience was incredible as the volunteers watched children discover gravity with the Imagination Playground foam blocks, put food coloring through the cracks of a melting ice block, discover shapes and sounds with objects in tubes and play with air blowing feathers, scarves, helicopters and different types of balls. The second Saturday of the month was lead by Caryn Hreha and Jordan Scharf, two members of the Leadership Group, who focused on anti-bullying and the importance of friendship for their activities. The goal of the Leadership Group for the remainder of the year is to have each member plan and lead a day either in pairs or individually. Throughout November, the Purple Post was designed, and its original creators produced a template for further publications. Work was also begun on the Discovery Youth Documentary which will be completed by the end of the year highlighting the excitement and fun events in the DY season.

Next Month:

- Animal of the Month
- Recipes
- A day in the life of Ryan Smith

So stay tuned, there's more after this!