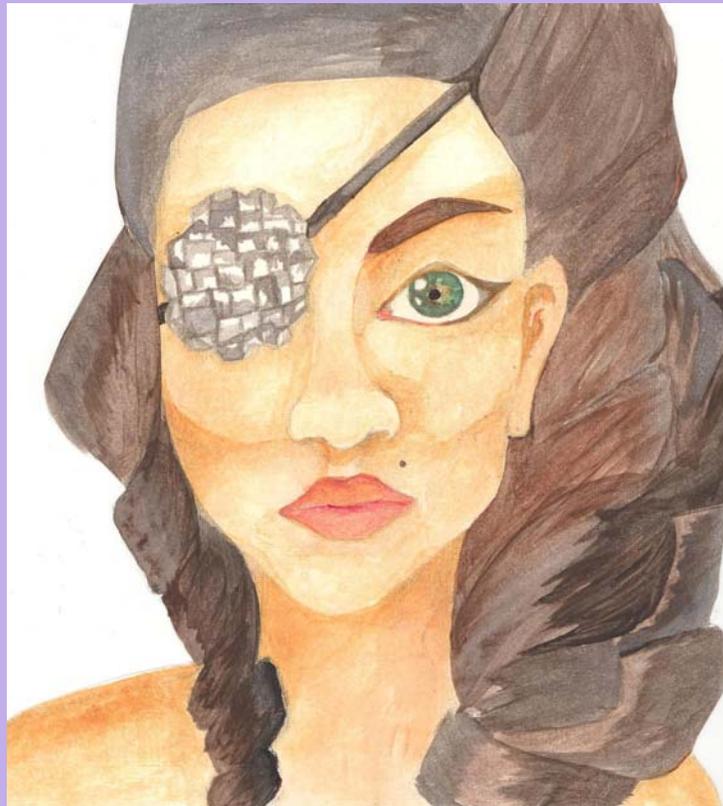


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# Voice

**VIRTUAL**

*Tulsa Learning Academy*



*By Sabiel Bhuiyan*

***More great stuff inside!!***



## Movies from Long Ago...

By Jocelyn Arevalo



Have you ever thought about being a super hero? Well watch out as Superman sweeps you off your feet with his exclusive movie “Superman: The Movie.” The story goes like this: an alien orphan is sent from his dying planet to Earth, where he grows up to become a super hero.

While unable to convince the ruling council of Krypton that their world will so be destroyed, scientist Jor-El takes drastic measures to preserve the Kryptonian race. He sends his infant son Kal-El to Earth. While growing up there under the Earth’s yellow sun, he gains great powers. He will become a champion of truth, justice, and the American way.

Raised by the Kent’s, an elderly farm couple, Clark Kent learns that his abilities must be used for good. The adult Clark travels to Metropolis, where he becomes a mild-mannered reporter for the Daily Planet, as well as the caped wonder whose amazing feats stun the city... Superman.

Meanwhile, Lex Luthor, the world’s greatest criminal mind, is plotting the greatest real estate swindle of all time. Can the Man of Steel stop this nefarious scheme?



# Tips for a Successful School Year

By Sabiel Bhuiyan

**READ YOUR EMAILS FROM SCHOOL-** Yes, we know it can be VERY repetitive, but the emails that you are sent from the school are important. The emails often contain fun extra-curricular activities, test dates, school schedules, changes in school policy, etc.

**STUDENTS MUST WEAR UNIFORMS WHEN THEY COME INTO SCHOOL-** Since we aren't in a "real school," we shouldn't have to wear uniforms, right? Wrong. This is still a school, regardless of physical attendance, and you must adhere to school policies. Students that do not come dressed in proper uniform will be turned away at the door.

**TAKE NOTES FROM THE LECTURES-** Most other schools always offer to let their students use their school notes, but never followed through on it. We attend one of the few schools that actually do let us use our notes on quizzes, tests and finals. Now it's your turn to give me a logical reason why you're not taking any notes!

**PLAN ON A 6 HOUR WORK DAY-** At a traditional school, students are required to attend school from 8am to 3pm. That's SEVEN hours. Make it a goal to exceed the 5 hour requirement. If you do this, you guarantee to have your hours in at the end of the week and you're more likely to have more work finished. Cramming in the last week of school is unacceptable when you can get it finished in the time allotted to you so easily.

**MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS-** We all think that "music makes it easier to concentrate," but in reality it makes it harder. You'll be listening to lyrics instead of thinking about the troubles between France and England, or you'll be searching music instead of paying attention to Edgar Allen Poe. Neither are a good idea. We suggest that while you're doing your schoolwork, you turn off the TV, leave the cell phone on silent, kick your friends out and get to work. Work habits take a long time to develop and no time to break, so tread lightly!

**LEARN THE SCHOOLS SCHEDULE-** Find out when the school is open for student use, and what particular times specific teachers will be in to help you. This will help you infinitely. As a refresher, these are the school and special teacher hours:

# TLA Hours of Operation

Sun- Closed

Mon- 9:00-3:00; English and Remediation: 11:00- 6:00

Tues- 9:00-3:00; Social Studies and Special Ed: 11:00- 6:00

Wed- 9:00-3:00

Thurs- 9:00-3:00; Math and Administration: 11:00- 6:00

Friday- 9:00-3:00

Saturday- 9:00-12:00 (Science only)

## Hidden Secrets

By Ashley Warshum

Feeling's all wrapped up inside,  
Should they be revealed

I don't know but,  
Lie to me, say "it'll work out"

It was you, who showed me who I am,  
But why are you so sheltered?  
Let me in, trust me with everything  
It'll make us stronger, I swear

Don't hide anything  
And we won't become just a secret  
We're at the point with no return,  
Do we blossom to a beautiful Rose?  
Or let everything fade?

I'm willing to fight, and wait  
Just to see how it goes

Back in the day, school actually used to teach students about manners and how to build character. It was decided a while ago to leave that to the parents and concentrate more on math and science so American students could keep up with the world of technology.

I'm not real sure that was a great idea, but we got to live with what is done. So here are a few character building tips they used to teach in school. See whatcha' think!

1. "Endurance vs. Despair"- The inward strength to withstand stress and do my best.
2. "Alertness vs. Carelessness"- Being aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right response.
3. "Faith vs. Ignorance" - Confidence that actions rooted in good character will yield the best outcome, even when I cannot see how.

Thought for the day..."lies grow fast, be careful or they will overtake you and get out of control."

Below is a cartouche of the name of one of our Student Council Officers. Can you guess which one?

- a. Ashley
- b. Aubrey
- c. Sabiel

