

Odyssey

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7th graders weigh in on texting

Seventh grade students participated in a texting debate. Students were to gather information found within the www.PBSlearningmedia.org website and construct an opinion regarding teens and their texting habits. All the statistics found on the website were taken from The Pew Research Center. Here are some opinions from seventh grade students in regards to teens and their texting habits.

My opinion is that parents should be able to read their teenager's text messages. Parents and teens could debate over whether this is right or not, but I stand true to my beliefs.

One reason why I think it is necessary for parents to read their teen's texts is because some teens text more than they actually talk face-to-face. Parents should be able to know what teens are texting that they cannot say in person. I can support this by saying that according to the graph, texting has increased greatly while real conversations have stayed about the same.

Another reason why I think parents should read their teen's texts is because teenagers could receive unwanted or even dangerous text messages. Over one half of all teens have received spam, 26% of teens say they were bullied through texting, and 15% of teens say they have received sexual texts. These texts can be both inappropriate and harmful to teenagers.

A third reason is that the same text can be interpreted differently by the reader. This can cause misunderstandings between

teenagers, which can lead to arguments. There are many reasons why I think parents should be able to see their teen's texts.

Abbey Tan

In my opinion, I do not think that parents should read their children's texts. I believe that teens need their privacy. Parents should not have to read their kids messages to know what is going on in their life. If they do then they may need to communicate better. I believe that I can persuade your opinion on this topic, whatever side of the debate you are on.

26% of teens report that they have bullied through texting. So that means that 74% have not, which is the majority. Some teens may not tell a grownup because they may feel that the situation would get worse, so I believe that parents should have face-to-face discussions about texting with their children instead of going behind their back. Teens may feel that their parents don't trust them if they do read their messages, which will probably lead to more problems about communicating. 80% of parents with teens ages 12-13 say that they read their kids texts, and I think that this should change. Different people interpret the statistics differently in this debate, and I hope that I can help persuade your opinion on it.

Caroline Judson

Are teen's social skills affected by texting? The answer: of course not. Texting does not damage their ability to have a conversation face to face. A survey shows that, as the amount of texting goes up, talking through normal means stays relatively the same. It is not proven to

actually damage people's social interaction skills.

In my opinion, people should be persuaded to live with texting less, but that's debatable, depending on how you interpret the situation as dire, or people getting worked up over nothing (again). As you can tell, I am against the idea that texting ruins people's ability to talk.

Reese Hall

I personally think that texting is causing teenagers to stop using face to face conversation. Firstly, texting is only supposed to be interpreted to talk to others without having to call them. This is not a needed idea and only should be used if someone is sleeping and you need to talk to a friend about something. Nowadays, I go to restaurant and see people sitting at a table texting to each other. If the person you are trying to communicate with is right in front of you, you don't need a phone to communicate. I personally think texting is ruining our society and people are over addicted to it and just need to learn when to put the phone down, but that's just my opinion.

Ethan Krutsch

My opinion is that parents shouldn't be reading our messages. Just like it said in the video it helps you to get away from many things. Plus if you're getting bullied through texts it should be your own decision whether to tell your parents or an adult. If they want to manage your messages why do you even have a phone? I believe that if they want to see what you're doing and keep you safe then why do they buy you a phone. Also 74% of Teens haven't been bullied through texts. I actually also think we can handle our own bullying problems. Also I think Teens get bullied more in school then by text. That's my opinion of why parents shouldn't be allowed to read our messages.

LeAnn Gallagher

I think that texting doesn't affect face-to-face conversations. I think texting keeps people from talking as much. But when you at school you won't use your phone, you talk to someone face-to-face. In Nov. 06 and Nov. 07 face-to-face talking had a more high of a rate then texting did. But in Feb. 08 and Sept. 09 texting had the highest rate instead of face-to-face. So I guess they are even, do to the graphing. I feel like parents should limit kids time spent on their phones, so that they aren't antisocial. If they are on it non-stop, take their phones for a week or so. I think this would help the texting issue and/or debate. Finally, texting does have an impact on conversations but, people still have a lot of face-to-face. People have opinions and they should support their opinion and I will too.

Bree Peak

Talent Show Preview

Students are going to audition for the talent show soon. There was a talent show in 5th grade. After this experience kids are sure to get better for this one. This year if you prepare very hard you may get a prize. Students will sing, dance, rap, drum, etc. The talent show is in April. It is for fun, so people can share their talent with others. It is hosted every year in middle school. The talent shows are a fun way to express what you like to do! This preview shows how great the talent shows are! Auditions are a week before spring break! Hopefully this article will encourage you to try out for the talent show!

Anda Stan



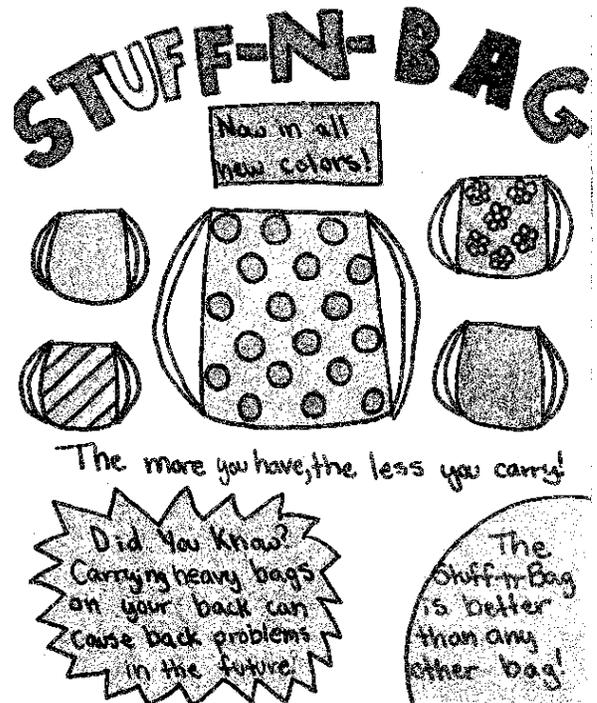
8th graders persuade with advertisements

Eighth grade language arts students were asked to practice their skills of persuasion by creating a new product and advertising it through commercials and print ads.

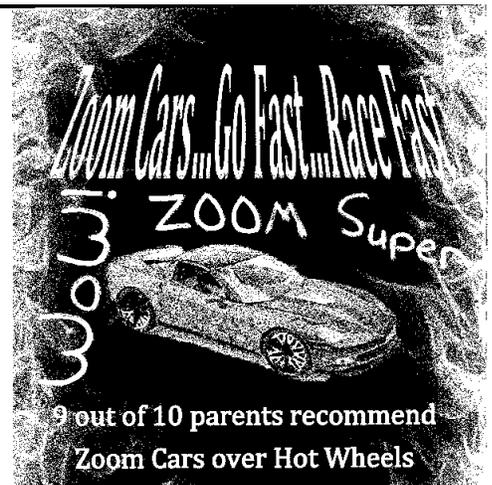
The following are just some of the creative print ads that put to use techniques like bandwagon, snob appeal, glittering generalities, loaded words, and testimonials.



Gretel Beh



Allison Wiggins



Ian Litt

Student Council

OMS Student Council has had a great year this year. Recently they attended a Blue Jackets game at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. While there, the members participated in different leadership activities, played games, and took a tour of the arena. Students ended the day with watching the Blue Jackets beat the Dallas Stars 4-2.

Their last fundraiser was the 3 on 3 basketball tournament held on March 14th. The tournament was a complete success, run by the 7th grade student council members with help from the rest of the group. The money raised will go towards the next community project in the near future.

The upcoming talent show is the next fundraiser to take place. This event will be held on April 8th. Auditions will be held in the Auditorium on Tuesday, March 25 from 3PM- 5PM and Wednesday, March 26 from 5PM-7PM. Auditions are open to all sixth, seventh and eighth graders. We hope you'll bring your family and your talents to this event to continue an exhilarating show of the pure talent of O.M.S.

Collin Kroll



Emotion Poetry

Eighth grade students worked with Miss Miller in library class to compose poetry about emotions.

OVERWHELMED

Books, homework, tests and exams are sometimes too much. You could say it is just stress but it is much more. It is when there is too much to do, and not enough time. It is all right, it'll just go away soon. All you need is a little relaxation.

McKenna Drake

PLAYFUL

Full of energy, excitement, childish, fun, toys, animals, silly, horsing around, jumping off the walls, cuckoo, sugar, kids.

Taylor Hoskins

EMBARRASSED

My cheeks are red when this happens! My face feels on fire. All you want to do is go die in a hole, and run away forever. You never want to see those people again when you miss a pass in a sport, or do something dumb or stupid.

Gabby Hartz

FRUSTRATED

When you try your best but it isn't enough. Not knowing the answer to the test because your day is going rough.

When you can't go outside to play because of all the rain, this just isn't your day, everything is boring and plain.

When everything goes wrong and you're feeling sort of mad, your life could be an angry song. If today was over I'd be glad.

Logan Jones

Track Preview

On your mark, get set, Go! Track is off to a great start this year! The coaches this season are: Mrs. Roush (head coach) Coach Dropsey, Coach Niss, Coach Esmont, and Coach Giffin. Leading our 61 participants, are team captains; Luke Smith, Ethan Pensante, Andrew Male, Londyn Niss, Kartrina Lamp, and Maddie Payne. The team's first meet is Thursday, April, 3rd at 4:30 in Willard. There are a total of 8 meets in the track season, two of which are at home. We hope to see you all at the finish line!

Brynli Ayer

Cassidy Hanner

