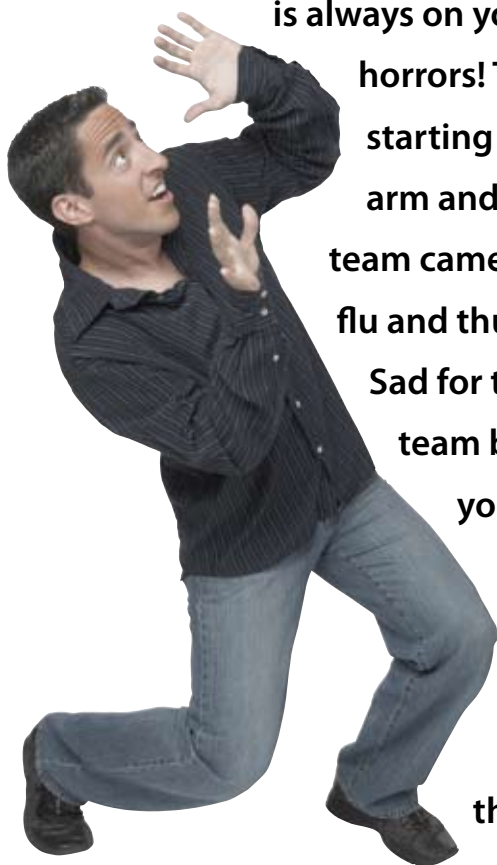


# HELP!

You are close to your final deadline with only 20 spreads left to complete. But right in the middle of the winter sports you had planned a double page spread for the basketball playoffs. Your school's team had made the playoffs every year since anyone can remember and the playoff spread is always on your ladder. But

horrors! This year the starting center broke his arm and the rest of the team came down with the flu and thus...no playoffs. Sad for the basketball team but disastrous for you. What do you do with the extra two pages that are sitting smack dab in the middle of your sports section?



## Don't freak out!

No matter where this happens in your book, you can still find good, strong content to fill those pages. The biggest problems usually occur in sports, clubs and academics. Student Life or People sections can really use anything at all. Let's take a look at the criteria for this type of coverage.

First, whatever you do needs to apply to the entire section. If your empty spread is in the middle of the sports section, then the content should apply to all sports. If you quickly brainstorm some content you might come up with these items that all sports have in common.

You might come up with these:

- All sport teams have captains.
- All sports team have fans.
- All sports teams have coaches.
- All sports teams (except maybe golf) have uniforms.
- All players on all sports teams have parents.

All of these would make great topics. We can envision great QuickReads that would work with all of them. Let's choose "parents" as the topics of this empty spread.

Then start brainstorming about all the ways that parents can be involved in sports, both positively and negatively. This is what we came up with:

- Parents who bring food after games/practices.
- Parents who get overly involved and berate officials or coaches.
- Parents who carpool to practices.
- Parents who travel to away games.
- Parents who are managers/scorekeepers/trainers/team doctors.
- Parents who console their kids or deal with their injuries. ►
- Parents who take pictures.

This is a wonderful way to cover things you have not covered before. In fact if you don't have the problem of an empty DPS or page, you should file these ideas for next year's book when they would make great planned pages. They deserve to be included on your original ladder.

## But our problem isn't in sports—it's academics

Or yours might be in your clubs section. Want to see what we thought of? Check out the ideas we came up with at right.



## Do you have an...

### Empty space in clubs?

- 1) Most clubs do fund-raising. What kind do they do? Where do they spend the money?
- 2) Most clubs have officers. Why do they do it? How much work is it? Would they do it again or recommend it to others?
- 3) Most club have advisers. Why do they do it? How much work is involved? How about an infographic showing the number of years teachers have been advisers and focusing on those with longevity?
- 4) Most clubs have meetings. Are they boring? Are they interesting? How frequent are they? How long do they last? When do they meet—before school or after school?
- 5) Many clubs do community service. What kind do your clubs do? Who benefits? Why do the clubs spend time doing it?



### Empty space in academics?

- 1) Many classes have labs. How about articles on dissecting frogs, cats or fetal pigs? Explosions in chem lab?
- 2) Many classes have lectures. Are they interesting? Boring? Too long? Do students learn from them? Have they ever fallen asleep?
- 3) Many classes require presentations. How do students react to having to speak in front of classes? In front of parents? Teachers?
- 4) Most classes have homework. Is there too much? Not enough? None at all? Long term papers? Take-home exams?
- 5) Most classes have tests. What kind do students like, essay or objective tests? To cram or study wisely or not at all? How do teachers feel about grading different types of tests?



### Empty space in sports

- 1) All sport teams have captains. How do they get to be captains, appointed or elected? By who?
- 2) All sports team have fans. How many? Or few? Rabid or asleep? Do they dress up or make up their faces?
- 3) All sports teams have coaches. How long have they been coaching? Why do they coach?
- 4) All sports teams (except maybe golf) have uniforms. How do the players like them? Are they adequately protected? ▲

Are you still having a Mr. Bill moment? You know, when you realize something is really wrong and you say, "OH, NO!" at the top of your lungs. About this time of the year, it's usually because you planned on some content for the yearbook and that event, that club or that sport didn't do what you thought it would. Well, we are here to help with some ideas that you can use to replace the coverage that "didn't happen."

# Extreme Sports!

PUNCH! FLY! KICK!  
DANCE! SKATE!

FIGHT! KARATE! MOTORCYCLE!  
GLADIATOR! SPIN!

## LACEY EUBANKS

- 10th Grade Jam Skater
- Been skating for 13 years
- In "Hotline Jammerz"
- Went to regionals in Wisconsin in 2006



## SHAWN SAMS

- Amateur Boxer
- Started boxing 4 years ago
- Never lost a Ruffman Contest
- Won State Golden Gloves



## JAMES SPEARS

- Amateur Wrestler
- Member of Rose City Championship Wrestling
- Competes once a month
- Dresses like a vampire





Negan Cronin, 9  
"Waiting on a thoughtful [Shawn] is the best thrill of all!"



Anne Zimoch, 11  
"I was on a fencing team for three years. I was the best on the team."



Trea Hamel, 11  
"I'm an ice skater. It is really hard [to skate] but I love doing it."

## What's your definition of... EXTREME





**Ryan Gleason • Senior**  
"My definition of extreme is a radacular photo shoot at an RISS basketball game."

**Matt Bridgeforth • Sophomore**  
"Extreme is a person who is willing to throw down for their friends in a heart beat. It doesn't matter to her/his its one-on-one or one-on-forty."

**Chris Parker • Senior**  
"Every single day of my life is extreme. I can't go a day without seeing or experiencing something amazing."

▲ **Missing something in Sports?** How about this excellent DPS feature that ran in the 2008 *Perian* from Richmond High School in Richmond, Indiana? It might take a little work to uncover "extreme sports" players in your school, but we all know they exist—you just have to look.

► **Missing something in Clubs or Student Life?** Why not try a DPS about volunteering like this one that we found in the 2008 *Chase* from Chase County High School in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas? I can't think of one school that I work with that doesn't have a plethora of volunteers doing good works throughout their community. And who better to feature in the yearbook?

# Volunteering

Students learn that giving of their free time really does help others

**Q** Was was your favorite volunteering project?  
"Volunteering to help out with Camp United was my favorite volunteer project. Getting experience teaching kids was something I really enjoyed helping with."  
*David Marshall, 16*

**Q** Do you think that it is important for clubs to volunteer?  
"Yes, because it helps out the community and that should be the purpose of any club or organization."  
*Jordan Katscher, Jr.*

**Q** What is the biggest problem with doing volunteer work?  
"The biggest problem is that you have to use your free time for it and sometimes others aren't willing to use their time if it is for a club or organization."  
*Isabel Rosenthal, Jr.*





**W**hile shopping on a Sunday afternoon for supplies that the Spanish Club ordered for Christmas, sophomore Adria Calhoun and senior Bailey Gilbreath check out a bread game on given as a present. "A large child is a good present because it helps children in our community and it makes me feel good to know that we made a difference." Gilbreath said.



**P**articipating in Pennies for Patients brought 11 Middle grade money to the senior jar. The class who collected the most money won a prize party and was able to get a teacher. "I think that Pennies for Patients is a good project to do because it helps raise a really good cause. I put a lot of money into our jar and our class has the money to help." Malibu said.



**S**haron Brown Thore carefully looks at eggs during the Thanksgiving Easter egg hunt which was sponsored by the KAY organization. "I really enjoyed helping with the Easter egg hunt for the classroom students. It was a lot of fun and we were glad that the eggs. It was nice to know that we could see the ones who made their day." Thore said.



**O**n a December holiday, senior Nate Phillippe has done his job for the school for Christmas. The KAY members got up a tree and while decorating the tree, one of the KAY members did a great job at decorating the school for Christmas." Wild said.

**T**aking food donations, sophomore John Edman works for the Student Council food drive. Student Council collected food during the annual "radical" anniversary. "I think that the food drive were well paid it is an easy way to help out the community." Edman said.



**My Moment**  
By Nate Phillippe, Sr.  
**Volunteering** in my, should always be part of any organization. It is a good way to give back to your community, especially the KAY canned food drive. Also, I remember one fine day towards the end of school, the senior class had won the Pennies for Patients fundraiser and for the prize we were able to pick a faculty member to throw a pie at. Of course, we picked Mr. Albert. Nate Wild was the lucky individual who got to throw the pie and it was all over Mr. Albert. Pennies for Patients was really fun because it was a good competition that got everyone involved and because there was a prize, most students wanted to get involved. Students are always more willing to participate if there is something in the end.

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