

Central Upper Montessori Chronicle

Opinion Edition

I think the government should add more security cameras in back alleys, so they can catch drug deals easier. Or even stop more alley murders, or muggings. I also think it would help the police department catch more people selling illegal guns to the public. The police department would be able to stop more apartment/house break-ins with more security cameras in alleys. Police also might be able to catch illegal graffiti artists. The police department could find people stealing a vehicle or destroying one. One example of why I think this opinion is good is because say someone goes into an apartment alley and plants a bomb, the police would go straight to the scene and hopefully defuse the bomb and save the day. That's why I think security cameras in big city alleys would improve our society.

Max, 5th Grade

There should be an age limit for energy drinks

I believe that there should be an age limit for energy drinks, I'm talking about energy drinks like Rockstar's, monsters and red bull. Here are a few reasons I feel this way.

Your heart can only hold so much at a certain age. They can waste money, and you can use your money on more important things. Your body may not be fully developed yet so the energy drink that you're drinking can stunt your

Don't get me wrong I'm not a "hater" for energy drinks. This is just my honest opinion.

That is why I think energy drinks should have an age limit. Thank you for reading my paper.

Kendal, 4th Grade

So many playground teachers are being over protective about students in the playground. At my school teachers don't let me solve my problems with friends when we get in fights instead they solve them for us which doesn't work out and sometimes end in bigger problems because they don't know the whole story they don't let us finish the story. It's important to solve problems with the person. And we had this zipline and someone broke his arm on it and the school district took it down and left the poles up and for kids that were here when we had it, it is a sad reminder for us.

That just some of the reasons our school district is over protective. It takes away a lot of fun for kids at recess. I would like this to change.

Mason, 4th Grade

Nature was perfectly fine the way it was

We as humans need to be nicer to the Earth. We have hurt it by polluting, mining, and many other ways. We destroyed and are destroying animal's natural habitats. Animals have gone extinct because their homes have been destroyed by all sorts of things like mining and introducing new species. The Black-footed ferret was thought to be extinct. Its food, prairie dogs, got a disease and livestock like cows would step in the prairie dog holes so rancher got rid of the prairie dogs. Luckily, the Black-footed ferret is still alive.

Nora, 4th Grade

Close the Wage Gap

Imagine this. Two people are sitting at work. One is a man, and one is a woman. They have the exact same job, the exact same hours, and do the exact same amount of work every day. On their payday, they go to collect their money. For every dollar that the man makes, the woman will only make around 73 to 80 cents. This is just an average part of life for most women.

According to the Institute for Womens Policy Reasearch, if the progress in closing the wage gap continues at the same pace as it has for the last fifty years, it will take white women until 2059 to reach equal pay. For women of colour, it's even worse. Black women will have to wait until 2124 and Hispanic women will have to wait until 2233. I think that we can all agree that this is unjust and wrong.

If two people do the same amount of work, they need to make the same amount of money. Even if a woman is being more productive than a man, she'll still get payed less which is unfair to both her and her family. Think of it this way. A man with no children who only needs to support himself will make more money than a single mother who needs to support herself as well as children. This is unreasonable because a mother needs to buy more food, more clothes, and more supplies in general than a man with no children, and therefore should make the same amount of money as him.

Now, some of you may be thinking that this isn't a big deal because women only make about 10 or 15 cents less than men, right? Well it adds up very quickly. If a woman makes 75 cents for every dollar that a man makes, if he makes 100 dollars, she'll only make 75 dollars. If he gets 1,000 dollars, she'll get 750 dollars. It really does add up.

So, in conclusion, I think that everyone should be payed the same amount regardless of their gender or race.

Caoimhe, 5th grade

Oodles of Doodles

Doodling can be more than just a fun way to pass the time. It can help you focus, it can help you generate ideas, or it can help you calm down. Doodling can be a great thing to do when you are listening to someone give a lesson, when you are trying to come up with ideas for a project, or when something is upsetting you.

Doodling is a good thing to do when you're trying to come up with ideas for a project. In fact, I was doodling when I came up with the idea for this. Something you draw can give you inspiration, or it can give you something to do while you're thinking. It's especially helpful when your doodles are related to the topic. For example, if you are doing a project about airplanes, you could draw an airplane which might give you an idea. In my experience, doodling is a great thing to do while you're brainstorming.

Doodling is also a good thing to do when you are upset. It can help to take your mind off what's upsetting you, or it can help you brainstorm solutions. I often doodle when I am having an argument with a friend, or when something else is bothering me. Many people like to use a coloring book to calm down, but I think it's better to doodle because it is less messy, and it takes more creativity.

I think doodling is a very effective way to focus, come up with ideas, and calm down. Many people might say that it is disrespectful to doodle while someone is talking to you, or that doodling is a waste of time, but I disagree. I think as long as you're listening and paying attention to whoever's talking, it's fine to doodle. I also think doodling isn't a waste of time. It's a good way to calm down, and I think that taking a few minutes to calm down is not a waste of time. Doodling can help in many ways, and I recommend it to everyone. The next time you're upset, or need an idea, consider trying to doodle. You might be surprised at how well it works.

Stella, 5th grade

I think that the company Kome should design working duel disc because it would be fun and a lot more people would play Yugioh. Plus, I would love to see a life hologram of Oodeye pendulum dragon.

Quin, 4th grade

Elementary kid's extra time in P.E.

I believe that Elementary kids should get an hour of P.E. I believe this because kids need more exercise. Also, I think that when we have the pacer test, or the push up test it takes up a lot of our time to play a game. So, if we got this extra half an hour it would be a big help.

We would have more time to play a game if your class wasn't the quietest. It is also just fun in general because you get extra time to play a game. I hope you understand what I am saying, and that you take my idea into consideration.

Hagen, 4th grade

Hi, my name is JR and I'm a 5th grader at Central school, I'm going to talk to you about getting an indoor baseball facility in Helena because we do not have one. But Billings and Missoula and lots of other places have them. They can hit live pitching in the winter.

I don't mean an expensive facility with an expensive pitching m, 5 batting cages and a really big throwing space

I think we should just get a plain facility with baseball facility, with 2 batting cages and 1 pitching machine plus a room for pitching and throwing. Thank you for reading this paper.

JR, 5th grade

In my opinion I think kids\ teenagers should not have easy access to guns in their homes. My cousin was shot and killed in a school shooting. The fourth grader's house had guns laying around and he could easily grab and put a gun in his backpack and shoot many fifth graders. I think if we secured guns better less people would die from school shootings and kids would not be as scared to go to school.

Also, if we secured guns better less people could commit suicide. They would not have easy access to guns in their house. If they could not find a weapon as fast it would give more time for people to realize that the person wants to hurt themselves and help the person.

I think if we secured guns better it would not fix suicide and school shooting but would lower the amount of people dying from those causes.

Cameron, 5th grade

Hi, I have written this opinion paper because I think the drinking age should be 25 because if you drink too much before 25 it affects how your brain develops. It could affect everything in your day to day life, like if you become an alcoholic and you can't get a job because the boss probably does not want a worker who can't think right because of the drinking before 25 and if you don't have a job you can't get money, and if you do you will probably get alcohol instead of food because you are an alcoholic, and then you won't have a house because you have no money and you will starve to and that leads to death. And if you get drunk and drive, that will maybe cause accidents that can either kill people, or wreck an ecosystem, and that is bad for the community. So that is why I think the drinking age should be raised to 25. Thank you for reading my opinion paper.

Madeline, 5th grade

Safe, not Boring

Playgrounds are so unsafe, we need to take out all swings because it is almost impossible to get hurt on them, but there is still a five percent chance. Also, slides and monkey bars are very unsafe for unknown reasons that don't actually exist. Ha. You have got to be kidding me, people.

Children need to be active, so why are you taking away all of our playground equipment? At school, kids are encouraged to stay active, and are taught "fun ways to stay fit"... funny, isn't it, that people then take down all the fun and active playground equipment? I implore all these unnamed Board members to stop.

People have tried and tried to get new playground equipment, but of course it is still so "unsafe". The only way for a playground to be unsafe is if the people using it are being unsafe, so if schools are on a tight budget and can't afford to be sued by an angry parent, I'm sure it would cost less to educate kids on how to be safe on playgrounds then to hire construction workers to excavate playgrounds.

As I said earlier, if you don't want to get sued, and that's why you won't allow any playground equipment, it is honestly not your fault, the child who got hurt was being dangerous. Also, I'm pretty sure that School districts have good lawyers.

Please don't get me wrong, I'm very glad people are taking extra precautions to keep kids safe, I just feel that those people are going quite a bit too far. Please understand that I am very happy people want to keep kids safe.

More Graphic Novels

I think that there should be more graphic novels in libraries. The reason I think that there should be more graphic novels is that they have a lot of words and pictures. My favorite graphic novel is Adventure Time. I think it is awesome; the reason is because that it has the right amount of words and pictures.

Another reason is because if you read a chapter book and you come across a hard word it is harder to find out what word it is. In a graphic novel you have a picture to reference. It also shows you the story in pictures. You have pictures and words, so you have double.

Oliver, 5th grade

People should no longer have access to tobacco products

As you probably know, tobacco is very bad for your body.

These are some things that it can do.

Brain

- Using tobacco can cause headaches and dizziness.
- Nicotine can make you feel good when you are smoking, but it can make you feel anxious, nervous, moody, and depressed after you smoke.

Mouth

- Tobacco ruins some of your taste buds so you won't be able to taste your favorite foods as well.
- Tobacco causes gum disease and cancers of the mouth and throat

Heart

- Smoking increases your heart rate and blood pressure which can cause heart disease and heart attacks.
- If you try to do activities such as exercising and sports your heart must work harder.

Lungs

- Tobacco can cause emphysema (lung disease) and lung cancer.
- If you have asthma, you can have more frequent attacks.

Skin

- Smoking causes dry, yellow skin, and wrinkles.
- The smell sticks to your skin.

Adella, 5th grade