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## Talent walking tall at Goddard

By Lindsay Lundberg

You could hear talent all the way in the Goddard parking lot during the Talent Show, performed for the students and in the evening for parents on March 22 and 23. Students did comedy routines, performed in bands, sang, recited poems and did karate. Goddard has some really talented students because the applause was loud enough that it filled the school after each act. This fun-filled event couldn't have happened without the help of the eight stage crew members, Connor Olsen, who did the PowerPoint, Mr. Mike Ferrell and Corey Stevens, eighth grader, for taking care of the music and sound. Thanks also to Ms. Liz Blei and Ms. Sandra Holsler, our talent show sponsors!

In the audience, there was positive feedback all around. Diana Aguliera, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, said, "Brianna Corn is an extremely talented dancer." There was also great feedback about Brock Ciarlelli and Marisa Brown's Tap Like Crazy performance. "I think that was so creative and very enjoyable," said Kaycee Villanueba, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mary Sholl, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, said, "The Smooth and Creamy act was hilarious!" That was only some of the positive comments people



Sixth graders got out of their chairs during 7th grader Amanda Ikard's piano performance of "How to Save a Life." This was during the sixth

grade showing because the talent show was performed separately for each grade and parents. Photo by Lindsay Lundberg

gave; there are pages more. The Talent Show wouldn't have run so smoothly without the entertaining emcee's, eighth graders, Mandie Duncan, Courtney Gunn and Jimmy Mendoza.

Everyone's waiting to see what exciting talent will show up next year. So keep practicing, we'll see you on stage then!

## R U texting in skol? Teachers frown on it

By Andie Liebott

We've all been in the group that was silent but still very talkative middle schoolers. They're really typing furiously away on a text message or email.

Texting is very fast and easy, but some text words are crawling into schoolwork. Some examples are: r u there or c u l8r. These phrases work great in emails and messages to friends, but certainly don't belong in class work, say Goddard teachers.

Nearly half of the students in Mrs. Nichole Avery's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class said yes I do when questioned.

Now when most people think cell phone they think texting. So when asked many people wouldn't be surprised when 1/2 the classes hands went up. Others weren't as truthful as no hand wanted to admit it.

However on a test short hand writing is rarely seen. But when interviewed some people even said "I was running out of time on CSAP so when I was writing my essay instead of writing the whole sentence, I wrote: wht, r, u, and @ for my sentence." said Angela Medina in Mrs. Hanson's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class.

So, Goddard teachers warn, next time you write an essay or something totally different remember that teachers and parents are going to notice if you short hand a word or phrase. So be careful!

## Goddard's On Board

### Recycling is easy and fast!

By Jennifer Holdaway

Pollution, trash, dirty streets -- what are we doing to the Earth? One way we can reduce pollution is by recycling. Instead of having our plastic, paper and aluminum buried, we can have it reused for something we need.

Here at Goddard we also do some recycling. Goddard teacher Mrs. Marty Oliver and her students created recycling bins for paper. Mrs. Oliver and her students place these bins in the 6c hallway, Mr. Curt Christensen's computer lab, the library and the copy room. Mrs. Oliver takes these bins monthly to a public recycling bin behind a grocery store.

What do students think about not having paper recycling bins but, instead, plastic bottle recycling bins in the lunch room? The *Goddard Viking Press* took a survey to ask if students would use the bins or not. Most of our Goddard kids will use them, but about 15% said they don't care and about 10% said no.

In East Elementary they have a huge gray trash can with a small hole so only plastic bottles and cans fit. Mr. Chip Reava, a teacher at East Elementary said, "This should be a volunteer job or after school activity for kids because teachers priority." If we try to get recycling bins for the lunch



We need to recycle or we'll be up to our necks in garbage, as Alexa Garster illustrates! Photo by Alex Detert.

room, would we be helping the earth even more?

Even if it isn't a pinch, all the help we can get just makes this place we live in even better. If we decide to get them we will try to have an announcement over the intercom and we would get some kids started on a volunteer job or after school activity. Earth needs every bit of help!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Goddard Gallery. Space limitation prevented us from publishing everything. Please submit original work again next year!