

Goddard buses too crowded?

By Anthony Branum

Goddard students, do you ride a bus? If you answered yes, now think...is your bus crowded? Riders of L16, L34, and L38 are the students who would say their bus is crowded, with more than 60 students on each bus and the riders of L20 would say their bus is not crowded, with fewer than 25 students on their bus. Morgan Martin of core 8-A says "My bus L16 is way overcrowded... we even have assigned seats."

Our school has an average of 425 students who ride a bus every day, including the students who ride from Pathways after school. Pathways is a Littleton Public Schools alternative middle school for grades 7 through 9. Students have a choice of 15 buses to ride depending on where they live. With the numbers of students who ride buses there should be an average of about 29 students per bus. Compared to the numbers from LPS's Department of Transportation, there are more than average on some busses and less than average on others.

In a poll of 50 Goddard students, 52% of the students said they ride a bus. Out of those, 53% said their bus was crowded, 30% of the students said their buses were in the middle, and 17% of students said their bus was some what empty. Over all Goddard's buses are not overcrowded...unless you are one of the students who can't ever find a seat on your bus.

Jump on a plane to your fave vacation spot

By Lindsay Lundberg

You would probably agree with most of Goddard's students on their fantasy spring vacation. The majority of Goddard's student who were interviewed wanted to go somewhere where there is sun and it is hot! Ashton Blair 6th grade wanted to go to the Galapagos Island, which is located west of South America and is a nice place to go biking in the summer. Sixth grader Shelby Nichols put the Bahamas as her number one place to go.

Then there was a ton of students who said Mexico, Hawaii, and Jamaica would make the perfect vacation if money wasn't an object. Taylor Egbert 6th grade said, "I would go to Kenny Chesney's Private Island, so I could meet him."

There were other students and teachers who wanted to go to more exotic places. Sixth grade science teacher Joe Alt said, "I would go to moon, but we still haven't found any evidence of hotels there."

Many people said that they would go to Brazil, with Jon Goldstone, 6th grade, energetically saying, "I would go to Brazil because that is where most of the soccer takes place and Ronaldinho is." A majority of kids said they wanted to places like Venice, Italy, Australia, and Antarctica.

So if money was no object, where would you go for spring break? You may repeat what other students already said. You may never get to have a money free spring break vacation, but still enjoy yours.



Left to right, Jordan Healy, Mariah Salas, Angela Medina and Brittany Sisneros demonstrate one of the common poses that gossipers use. Photo by Danielle Barber

The age of lies

By Bailey Wilhelm and Cathy McKinnon

Guess what? She's going out with him! Did you hear this one kid brought a gun to school? These are the types of rumors you might hear at any middle school. We all know that "rumors" are often not true. But when you hear a rumor you might actually believe it! Many Goddard students say they have heard them, but did they know if they were true or just baloney.

"They start from misunderstanding," says 7th grader Lydia Personne.

Mrs. Sarah Cramer, our assistant principal, has heard them a lot and understands how hurtful they can be. Many definitely agree they are really stupid!

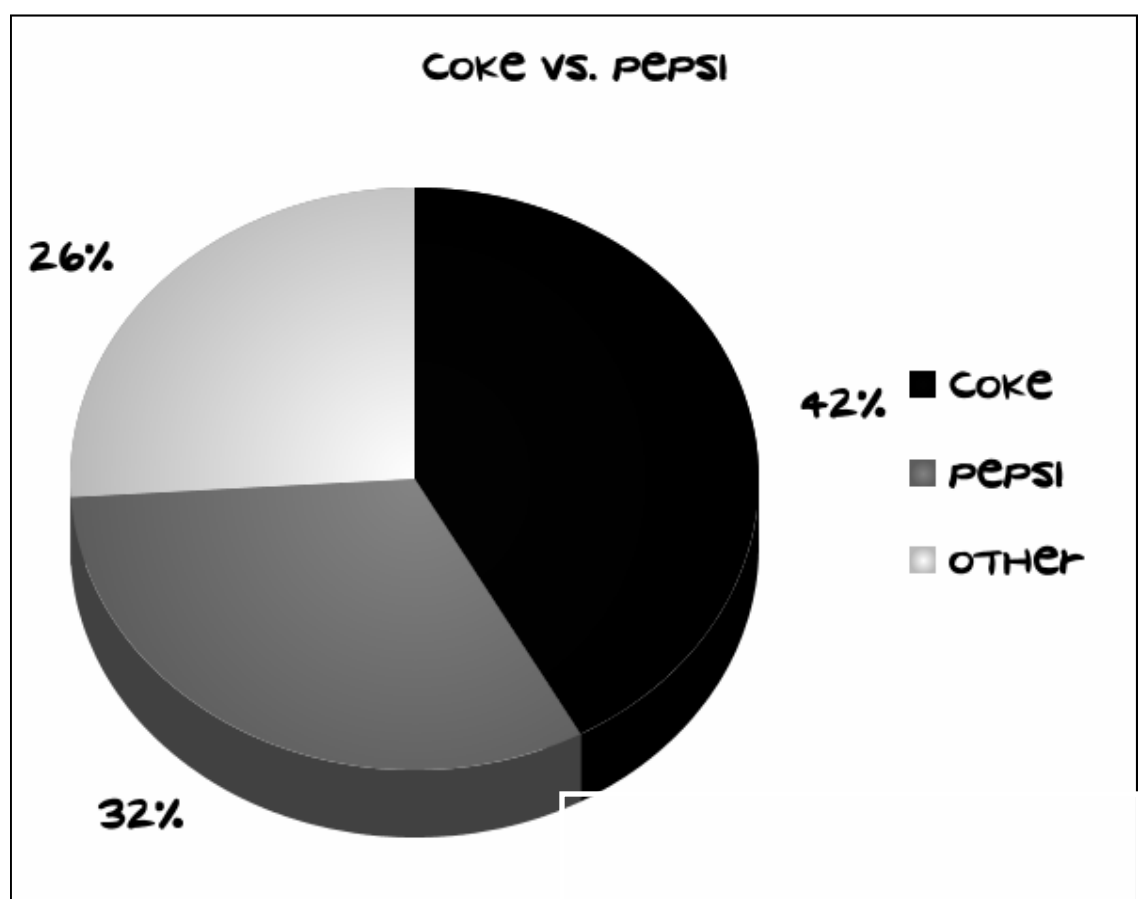
A lot of people have great advice to prevent rumors, but when will Goddard's students start following the advice, even if the gossip is so juicy they

think they have to tell someone? "You shouldn't because they can't be stopped. True friends don't spread rumors," says Chip Bollendonk.

Mrs. Cramer says, "When somebody tells me a rumor, I tell them that I don't gossip and I never repeat them." Mrs. Cramer has this advice to prevent them: "I think the most important thing to prevent rumors is to tell people who are gossiping that they won't participate. People who tell, start and repeat rumors want attention and that we shouldn't give them attention."

If rumors get really mean or out of control, Mrs. Cramer enforces a discipline consequence. Nobody wants detention, so just stop spreading rumors. It causes no harm to keep your mouth shut.

We all agree that rumors are bad and that they can hurt people. We should all do Goddard a big favor and not spread rumors.



A survey of 50 Goddard students and teachers found that more than one-third prefer Coke, about one-third prefer Pepsi, and a little less than one-third prefer other drinks. Coke was invented a little earlier (1886) than Pepsi (1893) and is obviously more popular here at Goddard. Survey by Kayla Dean and Stella Swartz