



PAW PRINTS

2015-2016

The Paw Prints newspaper staff consists of freelance and staff reporters. Staff reporters attend a pull out class during the school day, as well as periodic after school meetings. Freelance reporters attend the after school meetings. All reporters should expect to spend time at home working on their writing assignments. The newspaper writing class will cover opinion pieces, informational articles, summarizing, applying technology, publicity, and sales. The newspaper staff will write articles and select, edit, and revise submitted work for publication.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 *Paw Prints* newspaper staff. Students who will be in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade next year may apply, but the majority of available spots will be filled by 5th graders. Interested students should submit the attached application along with the required portfolio and assignments to Mrs. Harding or Mr. Bowen by Friday, May 1. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please note that there are a couple of special positions that may require extra duties. The advice columnist reads letters to *Ask the Panther* and writes advice to students regarding their personal problems. The cartoonist creates an original cartoon for each month's publication. Students who apply for these special positions must complete the regular application as well as a supplemental assignment that demonstrates their abilities.

Students will have to qualify for the pull-out class based on their writing ability and their work ethic. The ability to meet a deadline is critical. We are looking for students with exceptional writing ability who can afford to miss some classroom instruction in writing. The sponsors will confer with the classroom teachers to determine if the applicants have the necessary skills to buy out of two class periods a week. This is an ongoing process. If at any time a student is having trouble maintaining their work, they may be asked to remain in their classroom until they become current on their classwork.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the newspaper sponsors:

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