



KING STREET CENTER NEWSLETTER

Over the course of the fall, middle school students at the King Street Center learned the basics of journalism in a bimonthly news club. Led by Seven Days reporter Rachel Hellman and Vermont Public/VTDigger reporter Carly Berlin, students practiced how to conduct interviews, how to structure an article, and how to identify different types of news stories. All that work culminated in this end-of-year newsletter!

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPOKEN WORD CLUB WITH RAJNI

COMMENTS COLLECTED BY YASMEEN DAHDAH

Students attended sessions with local poet Rajni watching poetry video, music videos, and speeches. Middle schoolers wrote poetry from prompts, and released a collection of poetry at the end.

"I FELT SPECIAL. I FELT POWERFUL" - FERUSI

On the club:

"We were talking about peace. It made me feel calm." - **Ferusi**

"Really inspirational sessions, especially the video of the five muslim girls." - **Mukhtar**

"I felt inspired when he spoke about all the black casualties." - **Anmol**

"It was chill. I especially liked the pen of peace piece. The videos were also inspiring." - **Giya**

"I liked it. It was super fun. He's very nice. The speeches and poems were very interesting. If you listen, you'll like it. The club made me feel calm." - **Uson**

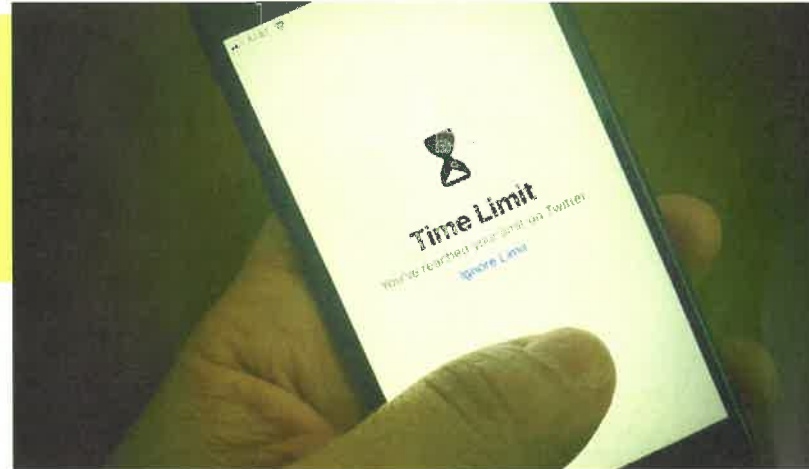
ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY: WHY WE SHOULD HAVE MORE PHONE TIME

BATULA KASSIM AND GIGA ABDULLA

We think the phone rule should be a bit longer. Why should we have more time on our phone?

Maybe somebody has to call their parents. Or they have a meeting they have to attend. They could also have an emergency and nobody was close to them and they didn't have any way to contact someone. Like we could make a new rule and give a warning.

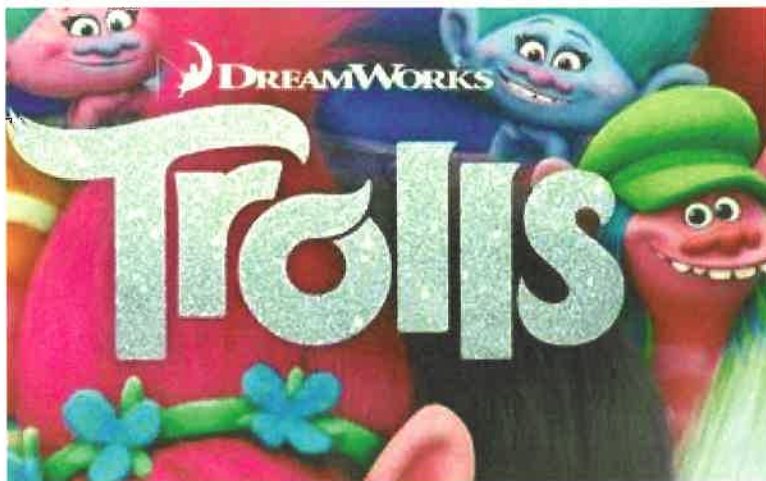
So that's why we think we would have more phone time. We could move phone



time but we need time to socialize and talk/play/get along with our peers. So we should have more time and have time to socialize.

Phone Rule:

We think that the phone rule is a little bit much. "30 minutes a day." We should have 3 reminders: (1) please put it away for a minute, (2) repeat, (3) call parent



REVIEW: THE TROLLS MOVIE

DARION SIMMONDS

confusing. They introduced a lot of random characters that were never seen in the first movies. The last reason is that it was a little boring. I noticed that it was very slow paced. If I was like 8 I could see myself liking the movie so because of that, I give it 3 stars.

I went to see the Trolls movie last week, and I didn't like it for a few reasons. One reason is there was too much singing. I noticed there were 14 tracks and I think that's too much. Another reason is it was





Q+A: LEVAR BARRINO
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

CARTER JOHNSON

Favorite food?

Pizza

What's your favorite game?

Competitive league softball

What does he like to do with his kids?

Sleepover nights

Q+A: SHABNAM NOLAN
KING STREET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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What's your favorite part of the job?

Spending time with youth and hanging out with kids

What's the worst or most stressful part?

Being responsible for a lot of people counting on me.

What are your wishes?

Having an impact on youth and families,



and making King Street a safe community

What are your favorite memories?

Family events, the block party, and dinners with the community.



INTERVIEW WITH KACHI AKALONU
MIDDLE SCHOOL MANAGER

MAIYA ABDALLA

(Kachi) I wake up, walk the dog, brush my teeth, get dressed, get on the bus and go

to King Street. I check my email and go to meetings. I email partner programs and connect with staff. I pick up kids. In five years, my goal is for middle school kids to have internships in high school, for more kids to come to KSC. And for there to be more programming and more money.

Favorite food?

KING STREET NEWS CLUB

FRONT ENTRY ART REVIEW

USAN KARKI AND ASHA MOGE

The art has a height measure and outline of different kids and vibrant colors. Asha is 4'11" and Uson is 5'1". Something cool about it is the multiplication chart, the line that has bikes and skateboards, the crown that represents the King Street Center, and the ABC chart where each letter has uplifting words. It also has future leaders like programmers and pilots. After all, King Street Center is a great place.



*Happy
Holidays*