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MORE CHROMEBOOK RESTRICTIONS OR LESS?

The following two articles will present two different viewpoints regarding the same topic. Which one do you agree more with?

Students Should Not Have Chromebook Access

By Casabella Bartel



Have you ever had anyone say: Back in my day...
This sentence could be followed by a variety of things like: We did not have video games, or movies were black and white. They could also say that back then phones were attached to the wall! Back then students did not even have access to chromebooks. If they wanted to watch a video or movie someone would have a wheel in a projector or a dvd player.

Imagine this: No Youtube Shorts, no Spotify, and no Gmail. This would be zero distractions in the school classrooms. (I imagine some of the teachers are nodding their heads in agreement reading this.)
What if we go back to pen and paper? Forget typing out your essays, writing would strengthen your finger and wrist muscles. A nice bonus would be that teachers could read your writing on your exam! As most of you know if a teacher can't read your writing your mark might not be very good. There are many benefits to writing everything out:

1. You would never be tempted to play games like Geometry Dash or Nitrotype while the teachers are talking. You might actually be able to pay attention!

2. Your handwriting would improve. If you practice cursive or printing your writing is going to get better. You'll get a lot of practice in school! 4 or 5 hours depending on whether you have a spare or not. Eventually by the end of the year you'll get so much practice in your writing that you will be legible on the exam.

3. Forget Google Search and Google AI, the school has dictionaries and encyclopedias for a reason. Sure it would be slower then typing into the search bar but you would eventually learn where everything is. You would never need to remember to add links for sources on your essay; you'll just need one or two book titles.

The list could go on and on. Of course what I'm not saying is that teachers have to follow the same rules. Computers are actually useful for them and I don't think they're playing Geometry Dash while teaching you guys.

Just think about this for a little bit. I'm sure there will be people who disagree with me but if you think about it a little you might be able to understand where I'm coming from.

Middle Years Should Be Able To Bring Home Chromebooks

By Noah Sousa

In my opinion I think that middle years should be able to bring home chromebooks. Some kids don't have computers at home and this year teachers might hand out homework on Google Classroom. For kids that don't have stuff at home to do that, it might be a problem then. Most teachers don't give you time in class to do ***homework***. As it is said in the name that is work for home.

Also the GVS newspaper would not be able to work if us middle years members didn't have computers at home. Teachers don't give you time to work on the newspaper articles in school because it is not school work, but that's good because it means that we would rather do this than go on our phones. I think that is really amazing because kids these days are glued to those things. If you have a computer or something at home you should really join because it is really fun to write and have people read it and it's just really great to see what everyone writes.

But back on track with the topic. Teachers would be able to make it so when after school Chromebooks go to Gmail, Google Docs and Google Classroom and only those things. That would help them by blocking all the other things on Chromebooks so kids don't do other stuff than doing schoolwork. Yet again that just goes to show that some kids can't be trusted. Another way kids can be monitored when working on Chromebooks is a trust system.
See now this can go one of two ways: kids will tell the teacher what they will do on it and then talk to Mr. Zwaagstra or they could have kids sign out chromebooks and when teachers are doing work at home, you know teacher stuff, they could have their computers open and go on GoGuardian and every so often check what the kids are doing. Then if kids are doing stuff they shouldn’t be doing the teacher would know and tell the kid that they can’t take one out any more. So it is a one strike policy and kids would be honest and do what they are supposed to. Thank you for reading this and have a great day.

Lest We Forget

By Clare MacPowell



“Lest we forget.” You have probably heard this phrase before, probably on Remembrance Day. But why do we say it? The answer is to remember the soldiers who died and to honour the veterans, not just of World War One, but all wars.

This phrase “Lest we forget” comes from the poem Recessional, written by Rudyard Kipling. Rudyard wrote this poem decades before World War One, but the phrase was only adopted as a common phrase until after the war ended.

Why are poppies so significant to this day? It all starts with a man called John McCrae, a former soldier and doctor. He wrote the poem “In Flanders Fields.” In this poem he wrote the line that inspired the significance of the poppy “If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields.”

In conclusion let us remember the soldiers who gave their lives for us and for a better future. Wear a poppy on Remembrance Day, and lest we forget.

No Where Else

By Ariel Abrams

Wild animals are being driven out of their homes. Let me elaborate: AI data centers are taking over.

Hundreds of AI data centers have taken over places wild animals have once called home. With the rise of AI, more and more land is being turned into data centers. We are replacing the comfort of nature with the harsh reality: this is unavoidable. There will always be some people that think AI is the future. I just wish animals didn't have to face the consequences of our actions.

"We are not scaremongering, this is really happening," Thom Yorke of Radiohead. Wild animals have to adapt to living in garbage, and trying to sleep as power tools buzz. People turn their heads the other way because it doesn't affect them.

The undeniable truth is that the world is becoming more corrupted every day. Money hungry companies couldn't care less if they were causing dismay to everything around them. As long as they can build one more data center everything is fine. The consequences may not catch up to them in their life span, but their next generations will have to pick up the pieces they dropped. If AI is the future, then why do the companies fueling its progress not care about if there is a future?

I'll leave you with one question, why should everything have to stop so that we can "progress"?

The Two-Headed Calf by Laura Gilpin

Tomorrow when the farm boys find this
freak of nature, they will wrap his body
in newspaper and carry him to the museum.

But tonight he is alive in the north
field with his mother. It is a perfect
summer evening: the moon rising over
the orchard, the wind in the grass. And
as he stares into the sky, there are
twice as many stars as usual.

Our Differences Make Us Human

By Kadynce Penner

Remember when we were kids, too innocent to ever purposely try and hurt someone? Wouldn’t even think about bullying. Then we grew up, people got meaner, emotions got stronger, the world got darker. We realized the world truly isn't sunshine and rainbows. Do you miss the good old times, I do, and I think you do too.

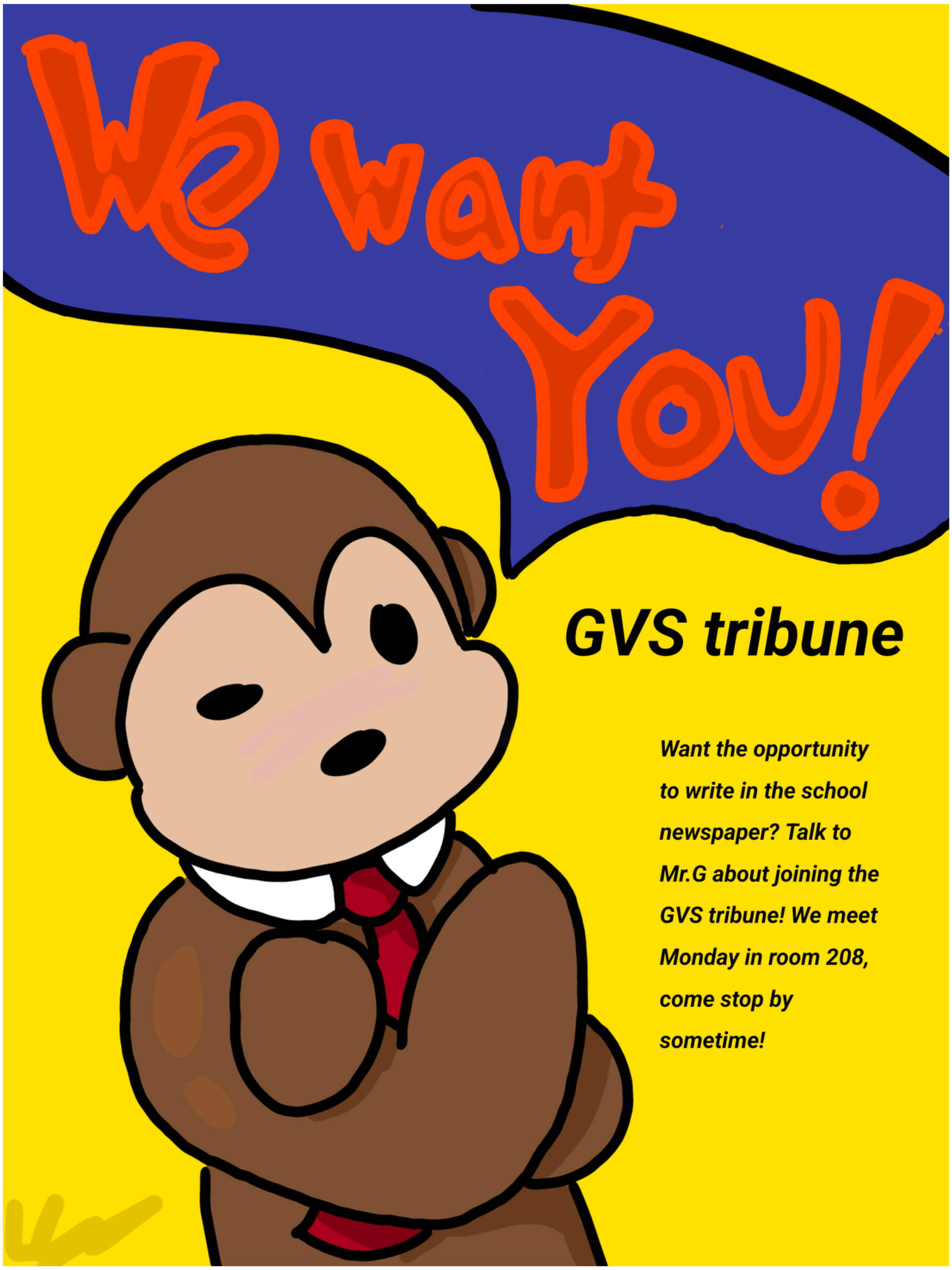
We so often hurt people by pointing out their differences. If someone looks different, acts different, believes in something different. Different, that’s the keyword in that sentence. Why is it that we can’t be different? Our differences are what makes you you! It’s what makes us human.

Please, can we push them aside? Let's look at our main similarity. We are all human. The person you made fun of for the way they look, they are a person too. The person you shamed for being Muslim, they are a person too. Every person that you have ever muttered any offensive comment to, they are human too.

I will never be able to stress it enough, that our words have so much power. What you might think as a little joke can make such a huge impact on someone. You never know when someone is at their breaking point, and you should never be a reason for why they are at that point. “Words can change the course of someone's life”- Kevin Neufeld (hope you appreciate the mention Kevin). What he said is so true. They really can. And what you say to someone, can affect them differently depending on the period of time and the mental state they are in.

Lets push past our differences, and past the intrusive thought of bullying. Could we please try to support rather than destroy? 71% of teens have been affected by some sort of form of bullying. (According to Children First Canada.) Are we serious? 71%! That’s an insane number. I don’t think you understand how many people that actually is! So many of us have been affected, but what shocks me the most: within those teens an estimated 24% begin to bully themselves.

We are all different, and that's what makes us human.



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