

NOTES TO TEACHERS

These Yactivities are designed to help you use Yak's Corner in your classroom. The first page for students consists of reading comprehension questions while the second focuses on vocabulary. An answer key to the reading comprehension questions is provided for you at the end of this document.

Discussion: Kids making News

- **"Baywatch" Saves Lives**
Kmar Detor learned CPR from watching "Baywatch" on TV. What useful things have your students learned from watching TV?
- **From My Hood to Yours**
Julian Adler of New York City started an organization that collects hoodies and sends them to kids who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. He started doing this because he had more hoodie sweatshirts than he could ever wear. What could your community do to help people affected by natural disasters?
- **Walking for Shoes**
At York Elementary School, students walked around a track 100 times to earn new pairs of shoes. What goals could you set at your school to encourage fitness? What do you think a good reward would be?

Yaktivities for November 6, 2008

Extreme Hoops Makeover

1. For how long have the Johnsons opened their backyard court to neighborhood kids?
 - a) 5 years
 - b) 17 years
 - c) 20 years
 - d) 15 years
2. Who wrote about the Johnsons in the Detroit Free Press?
 - a) Bill Laitner
 - b) Larry Pollock
 - c) Hooper
 - d) None of the above
3. Which of these are among Willie Johnsons' court rules?
 - a) No fighting
 - b) No profanity
 - c) No dumping the ball
 - d) All of the above

An Acting Force

1. What does Jennette McCurdy do besides act?
 - a) Play piano
 - b) Figure skate
 - c) Practice karate
 - d) All of the above
2. What was Jennette's favorite movie?
 - a) Madagascar
 - b) Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade
 - c) Star Wars
 - d) None of the above
3. What will be released early next year?
 - a) iGo to Japan movie
 - b) Jennette's music CD
 - c) New Star Wars movie
 - d) None of the above

Yak About the News

1. What's the best way to stay healthy? _____
2. What is produced by rotting garbage and can be used as an energy source? _____
3. Scientists recently discovered the hottest planet in the universe. What else makes this planet remarkable? _____
4. How will Greensburg get their electricity? _____
5. What three countries are working to save an endangered porpoise? _____

6. What problem have researchers found in the eyesight of many kids and teens? _____

7. When were white lions first spotted in the wild? _____

Vocabulary Words for you to define and use in a sentence.

Hitching _____

Makeover _____

Renewable _____

Vaquita _____

Innovative _____

Consciousness _____

Dedicate _____

ANSWER KEY

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3. Scientists recently discovered the hottest planet in the universe. What else makes this planet remarkable? IT'S HUGE, TWICE THE SIZE OF JUPITER AND IT ORBITS AROUND ITS SUN ONCE A DAY
4. How will Greensburg get their electricity? WINDMILLS
5. What three countries are working to save an endangered porpoise? CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO
6. What problem have researchers found in the eyesight of many kids and teens? THEIR EYES DON'T WORK TOGETHER TO FOCUS ON THING CLOSE UP
7. When were white lions first spotted in the wild? 400 YEARS AGO