

# WHISPERS IN THE WIND

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## Humility

This month's virtue is humility. Turning Winds' definition is: the ability to remain teachable. Humility is very important to instill in each student so they may learn how to live a productive life. Rabindranth Tagore, who won the 1913 Nobel Prize in literature, once stated: "We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility." This is true because we are willing to be taught and learn from others. To be successful a person must constantly be willing to be taught through relationships, work, and school.



## No Man's Land

Of all soldiers and of all men,  
few of many ever lay their guns down again.

But one, alas, is humble enough to push  
past his pride and save a man,  
a German in no man's land.

Tangled and torn he screams yet bullets  
refuse to stop and see an American soldier  
crawls with gun in hand  
to save the soldier in no man's land.

As he approaches, the firings cease  
yet he continues to crawl on hands and  
knees.

In his pocket his hand reaches to pull out a  
sign of salvation and cuts the wires;  
the pain that stretches for miles.

Cut free he crawls back to German lines  
while loosening his pack.  
He drops his gun and hands over the man  
to the Germans and turns to go back.

An officer spins him around to reward the  
soldier with a badge of courage, the  
courage to save the German man  
the man caught in no man's land.

He crawls back to his own side, picks up his  
pack and unlike most men  
does not pick up his gun again.

-Drew



## Jane Eyre Book Review

The mystery of Jane Eyre is a world wide best seller. What is the insane person in the attic laughing about? Who is attacking people with their bare teeth? Why is Jane Eyre so hesitant to marry a millionaire who loves her? With each answer in this book come a thousand other questions. This book makes you want to cling to every page. Its messages of humility and honesty stand out in your mind throughout the entire novel. The author, Charlotte Bronte, has succeeded in writing a fictional masterpiece.

The novel starts with Jane Eyre as a ten year old girl in England. Her parents are both dead, she is forced to live with her aunt that does not want her and she is continually abused by her cousins. After she is maliciously locked in the haunted "red

room” all day by her aunt she is sent away to school. The request is that Jane not return for holidays or any other time. Her aunt never wants to see Jane again and be burdened by this “sinful child.” In school Jane is faced with tragedy like the death of a friend, however she finds people that respect her and do not abuse her. When she turns eighteen she goes to work as a governess for a millionaire, Mr. Rochester’s daughter. In this situation, Jane knows that something is not right!

Jane Eyre is one of the best books I have ever read. The mysteries inside it made me feel concern for characters I know not to be real. I enjoyed one of the main points of how horrid secrets can become. It shows that even being deceitful out of care can cause hurt or kill others. So many hard times in this book could have been avoided by telling the truth and not being deceitful.

From the first time Jane Eyre is abused to a murder attempt on her life this book will enthrall you. Each tiny detail come together and become a suspenseful masterpiece. The only way to experience the entertainment that I thoroughly enjoyed is to get your own copy today.

-Mindy



## Super Fieldtrip

This last Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the graduates got the privilege to go on an overnight fieldtrip to Spokane, Washington. It was very exciting and I personally loved it. The first day we went to a place called “Cattails” where we saw HUGE cats, like mountains lions, lions, jaguars, and tigers. We took the feeding tour, where we got to watch them eat, and we were literally ten feet away from them. It was amazing but scary at the same time. All the cats looked like they would eat you if you got too close. After going to “cattails” we went to dinner at Red Robin. It was fun and we were all in good spirits after our fun tour. To our surprise our day was not yet over. We went to an IMAX movie. It was very educational; we learned a lot about Mars and the robots NASA sent there in 2003 to analyze the Martian planet. The robots were very interesting; it took a lot of time, money, and dedication to build them. It still blows my mind that the robots Spirit and Opportunity, are finding out so much information for us on Mars.

The next day we went to a play called “Pirates of Penzance” it was very fun. It made me feel old being in an audience where the majority was between eight and ten years old. I learned that I still do have a kid side! The play taught that even if people are “pirates” they can still be kind hearted people and can teach you a lot about life. The play itself was funny, exciting, sad, and happy. It had kid and adult humor. The play was very enjoyable. For lunch, we were very happy and excited to find out that we were going to Olive Garden. It was a lot of fun and very filling.

On this field trip I liked many things we did, but I especially liked the things I learned. I learned to be even more thankful for things. I know that other students learned things too; patience, appreciation, and respect. Not only was it an educational field trip, but a growing experience. I loved going on this field trip!

-Kaitlyn