

BETTER FOR IT

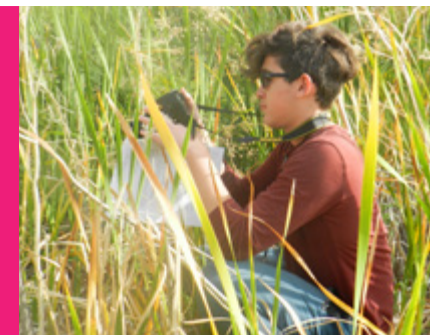
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YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE summer might not have been normal, but **WE** made the most of it, continuing to play baseball and lacrosse like Jackson Williams, 06, and Kevin Lyons, 08. PRIDE Day might have looked different, but **WE** carried on, as PRIDE leaders welcomed the incoming 6th graders in smaller groups. **YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE WE** dressed up for Spirit Week, played Among US on our phones and stayed connected via social media, like Carter Landen, 08, whose videos went viral on TikTok. **YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE WE** displayed our bitmoji avatars during remote learning as teachers like Jen Chavers created interactive Bitmoji classrooms. **YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE** Winter Break helped us unwind from excessive screen time. **YOU** see, anything is possible in the new normal. **WE** are Pumas. **WE BELIEVE WE ARE BETTER FOR IT. WE DO.** And you should too.



1. BESTIES, Annika Yaworksi and Grace Visscher, 08, have been close friends since kindergarten. "Grace makes me a better person because she is positive and she encourages me to do new things," Yaworksi said. The COVID lockdown has had a positive impact on their friendship. "When we were in lockdown and since we live so close, we would hangout and go on walks. She's one of my closest friends; I can tell her everything," Visscher said. *photo by c. plisko* **2. GETTING HER HANDS DIRTY**, Amelia Low, 06, completes her Castle Project in Ms. Karen Masek's art class. "When we were making the clay castles, I did very well. I like working with clay," Low said. "I like that you get to express yourself through art. Art makes me calm and less anxious." *photo by m. shaver*



3. DAREDEVIL, Jack Robledo, 07, performs a front flip during a photography scavenger hunt activity during Digital Media. "We live down by a creek and sometimes I do a flip over the water," Robledo said. "On a trampoline I can do a side flip, left or right, or a back flip," Robledo said. *photo by j. robledo* **4. READY TO FRAME THE PERFECT SHOT**, Daniel Pumpalov, 08, checks the settings on his camera. A member of The Prowl yearbook staff, Pumpalov completed two spreads for the publication, one on summer and an 8th grade profile divider. Being on yearbook staff has afforded Pumpalov the opportunity to further photography as a hobby. "I've always thought it was a way to express myself. Whenever I find something I like I can take a quick photo of it and put it down permanently," Pumpalov said. "It makes me a better person because I can show what I'm thinking in a more physical form than words and it's a universal language." *photo by a. morgan*