

# Monthly Mustang

## Monthly Mustang Sections

1. **School and Community news: Events, students doing interesting things.**
2. **Interviews**
3. **Editorials**
4. **Reviews: Books, software, restaurants, movies**
5. **Advise**
6. **Travel & Holidays**
7. **Comics, jokes and puzzles**

## TIPS

- **What makes a good article?**  
Original, well-written, new. Please don't plagiarize! It's boring and illegal. Turn in your best work not a rough draft. Ask yourself, am I proud of this work? Is it worthy of being printed and sent to several thousand students, teachers, parents and grandparents?
- **What makes a good interview?**  
Ten good questions. Show your questions to me, Ms. Wood or Ms. Langston before you do the interview. Read previous interviews online [westues.org](http://westues.org)\Monthlty Mustang. Quotes, follow-up questions. Balance between open and closed questions.
- **What makes a good comic?** Good artwork with a dark pencil and humor. No erasure marks or hard to read text. Draw big. Use white, unlined paper. You don't have to outline the cells. Use a page for each cell. If you can't print clearly attach the text separately to be typed in after the

drawings are scanned. If your parents have a scanner at home, you may send me the images. Otherwise turn in the paper drawings.

- **Every article even comics needs a catchy title or headline and a byline.** All articles need a picture. All pictures need a caption. Please don't forget. It delays publication when I have to take pictures and track down names of people in the picture.
- **What makes a good picture?**  
Good lighting. Outdoors is best. Interesting background but not distracting. Beware of objects behind a persons head. Due to size limitations, most pictures are head and shoulders only except for the front page.
- **How to turn in work.**  
All articles are due the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month. Please email the articles to [westuelementary@gmail.com](mailto:westuelementary@gmail.com) An easy way to send articles is to use Google Docs. When you're finished share it by sending to the email above. Please have an adult read your article before you send it. Check spelling, particularly people's names. Have a friend read it and ask them how you could make it better.