

Each month on these pages you will find some great idea builders you can post in your classroom. This month: Ideas from junior high and middle school books.

# Great ideas from junior yearbooks

Most of the time this page features super design from high school yearbooks. This month we want to show you the incredibly creative ideas that come out of junior high and middle school yearbooks around the nation. We think you will be pleasantly surprised and inspired. In fact, we bet even some of the best high schools will find stuff on this page they will want to adapt for their yearbook.

This really excellent feature appeared in the 7th grade section of the 2004 *Legend* from Mike O'Callaghan Middle School in Las Vegas, NV. Not only does it interview students about the dress code but it also leaves a place for the book's owner to record their opinion of the dress code. This type of feature was found throughout their class mug sections and was a great way to get more students in the yearbook as well as making the book more personalized for each student buyer.

This superb page on junior high fashion is from the pages of the 2004 Bogle Junior High School *Survival Guide*. It was the best part of a full color intro that focused on colorful, action-filled pictures and super faces.

The section also included opinion polls, student Q & A's and simple but easily readable infographics. If you could see it in color you would be even more impressed.

**Veloz--Wedlow**

Willie Bell says, "I think the dress code should be changed 'cuz we should be able to wear whatever we want to!"

If I could change the dress code, I'd \_\_\_\_\_

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Ana Celestin, Dorothy Davis, Miguel Partida, Karla Galavez, and Claudia Berja

Chris Sutton, Amber Wignia, Tim Marshall, Nikoru Poindexter, Anthony Fletcher, Rachel Doyle, and Kevin Vargas

**Worst Dress Code Rules**

- Sagging 25%
- Shoulder Straps 23%
- Skirts-- Shorts 21%
- Facial Piercing 13%
- Jeans 10%

(150 people polled)

Zamarian Palacios says, "The way we dress expresses who we are. They're not letting us be ourselves by having dress code."

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**PLACES TO GO**

"I like to run cross country because it helps me stay in shape and because I really like to run."  
Kayla Davis, 7

"This was my first year to play golf, and I really liked it especially when we played at Through the Green."  
Laura Shelby, 8

"I play volleyball because it's fun, I get to be with my friends, and I get to visit other schools."  
Paige Butler, 8

The 2004 *Falcon* from Fairview Middle School in Fairview, TN had a wonderful theme that divided their entire book into three sections. "Places to Go" was one of the sections and these mini-features throughout that section helped carry out the theme without overdoing it.

**Is it HOT or is it ?**

Last Year	Five Minutes Ago	Now
• Heeleyes	• Peasant tops	• Low rise jeans
• Fake hair	• Plastic Bracelets	• Cargo pants
• Limited Too	• Shoe laces	• Corduroy
• Etnies	• Puca shells	• Logo t-shirts

favorite fashion magazines

Seventeen	14%
No favorite	23%
TM	19%
Complex Girl	11%
Twist	10%
CCS	9%

Retro Style. Making a comeback, saddle bags and cargo purses are great for holding tons of necessities. If you want to be taller, then four-inch platforms are the best thing. They come in many colors and styles.

"I don't care about what people think of me," says Ryan Weddle wearing back Dickies and a Volcom shirt.

Wearing her stylish jacket from Goodbooks, Martie LaBlue says, "I love taking clothes like this from my older sister's closet, especially this jacket."

Wanting a change of pace, Patricia Morales decided to wear her brother's, button down shirt, jeans, and sneakers from Journeys for \$60.00

Waving to a friend at the first quarter spirit assembly, Johnny Giglietto wears a pair of Adidas shoes, cargo pants, and a t-shirt from Abercrombie.

With her own unique st Amber Lewis wears her Converse sneakers with unique shoelaces, jean a t-shirt from Hot Topic

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**QuickQuote**

"I cried at school because my girlfriend broke up with me. Everyone gave me a weird look," says 7th grader Cody Long.

**FunFact**

4 out of 6 seventh graders laugh at people during their embarrassing moments.

6th graders Colby Jones and Haley Mitchell both watch "America's Funniest Videos." They say it's funny to watch people's embarrassing moments.

The staff of the 2004 Panther Pride at Lawton Chiles Middle School in Oviedo, FL came up with this wonderful strip that stretches through their entire mug section featuring quotes, pictures, fun facts, infographics and much more. Besides being fun, it put a whole lot more pictures of students in their yearbook.

This great QuickRead from the 2004 *Cut It Out* from Newhart Middle School in Mission Viejo, CA is incredibly colorful and the cut out photos make it even better. The staff did a great job finding a new way to cover the age old question of "What did you do on your summer vacation?"

**11:00AM**

"Over the weekends, most of the time at 11:00 I'm still sleeping."  
Eighth Grader Megan French

**NOON**

"At noon on most weekends, I'm normally at the mall shopping."  
Eighth Grader Megan French

**1:30PM**

"At 1:30 I am usually scarfing down my food during second lunch shift."  
Seventh Grader Brandon Smith

**3:50PM**

"At 3:50 I am waiting for the bell to ring so I can go home."  
Eighth Grader Andrew Boyd

**7:00AM**

"At 7:00 in the morning I'm on my way to Lyman High for my language class."  
Eighth Grader Mikey Pimpinella

**6:00PM**

"In the fall, I was just getting home from cross country practice at six o'clock."  
Seventh Grader Eric Cohen

**9:20AM**

"At 9:20 I'm in my homeroom class waiting for the announcements to begin."  
Seventh Grader Jack Ainsley

**4:00PM**

"At 4:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays I'm at cheerleading practice."  
Seventh Grader Rickelle Strauss

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**What was your biggest thrill over summer vacation?**

"I won the Nationals for summer basketball and went to Palm Springs." -Dakota Corum

"I went to the San Onofre beach. When I was there, I saw sharks and went body surfing and boogie boarding." -Priya Khosla

"I went to Oklahoma where I went to a small Amish town." -Erin Lawson

"I went to Lake Powell for the first time. We went fireworks every night." -Matt Powers

"I slept over at my friends' house. We played video games, basketball, and watched TV." -Darryl Grant

Isn't this the greatest way to illustrate how time goes by in school? I know I love what the staff of the 2004 *Spartan* at Milwee Middle School in Longwood, FL did in their student life section. It is a truly creative and visually interesting QuickRead that also features a ton of student pictures. The actual size on the yearbook page was about 1/3 of the page.