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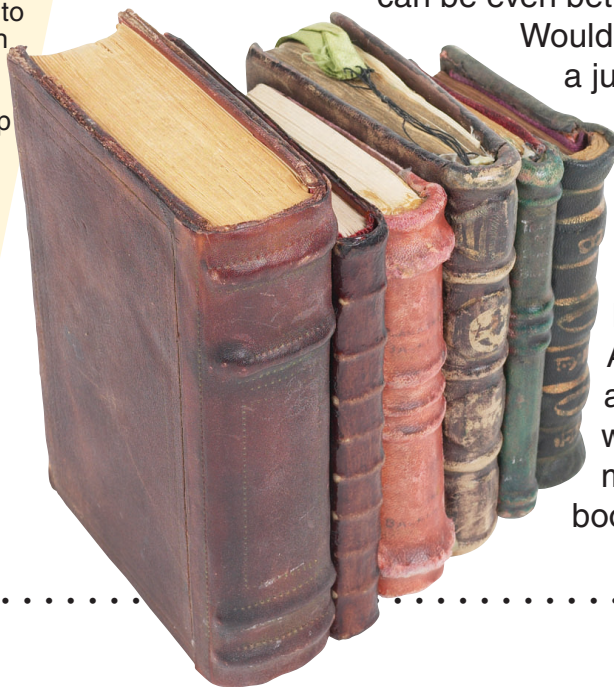
Communications and Reading

## Read This!

by Julie Gillies

If online instant messaging or cell phone text messaging is a regular part of your life, good for you! Can you read the instant messages as fast as your friends write them? Are you one of the hunt-and-peck keyboarders, or can you type a message so fast that smoke blazes out of your fingers? In a world that offers so much high-tech gadgetry with vastly accessible information, it's crucial to excel in reading and writing. How can you text your friends if you can't keep up with the conversation? Face it, it's great to communicate, and a majority of communication is written. You need to read!

Do you think books are boring? Prefer movies to reading? Let's stoke that reading fire! Did you watch the *Lord of the Rings* movies? If you thought the movies were good, try reading the books—fans think they're incredible. You'll be surprised at how much of the story a movie must leave out because of time limits. Books often include amazing scenes and powerful action that could never fit into the movie version. Did you know that although there are only six *Star Wars* movies, there are over 100 *Star Wars* books? Only a few of the books are based on the movies; most of the books delve into the history before and after the movies take place. Try reading a book that was made into a movie you loved. Here's a radical thought: you might discover that a book can be even better than a movie!



Would you like to impress your friends? Get a jump on the latest movie before it comes out! *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* is an awesome book about to be released as a new movie. You can read this C.S. Lewis classic now, and when it's released in December, go see the movie. Afterwards, you'll amaze your friends at your insider's knowledge. And when they ask you how you know so much, just smile and say, "I read the book! Didn't you?"

## explore it

### Students: Get Published on the Web!

So, you're a budding writer...or you'd like to be. Students, here is your big chance to be published on the web! **Braden River High School (BRHS)** is sponsoring a new page called "Literacy Lighthouse." You can send in your original short story, poem, or non-fiction article and the BRHS webmaster will publish it online. Get creative and have fun! Submit the article as directed below, and then show off to your family and friends. Here's how:

- Using a computer at home or at school, write an original short story, poem, or non-fiction article. Include your name (only first name will be posted), age, and the school you attend. Some non-fiction ideas to get you started (but feel free to use your own idea!):  
 "If I could travel anywhere in the world, I'd visit ....."  
 "If I were President, I would..."  
 "The thing that scares me the most is..."  
 "If I ran my school, I would..."
- Double-check your article or story for spelling and punctuation errors. Print it out and have a family member or friend proofread with you.
- Email it to the BRHS webmaster. Finding the website is easiest this way. Go to the search engine [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and type in "Braden River High School." It should be the first result on the page, so click it. Once you're there, click the "Literacy Lighthouse" button and follow the directions on the page to email your story. You can paste your story in the body of the email.

That's it—your story will be published on the web!\* Now share the website with your family and friends. Have fun showing off your reading and communication skills!

*\*All writings are subject to approval by the webmaster—materials deemed inappropriate will not be posted online.*

## kidzbiz Janyel Smith, Anchor & Anchor

by Leslie Rowe

**Anchor:** (äng'ker). noun: 1. a broadcaster (as on a news program) who introduces reports by other broadcasters and usually reads the news. 2. The last bowler to roll for a team; usually the team's best bowler.



Who do you know with a 180 bowling average? Meet Janyel Smith of **Braden River High School (BRHS)**, who can crank more strikes than most anyone you know! She hopes to hone this skill as a possible ticket to a college scholarship, where she'll aim for another dream: to become a news anchorwoman. As an excellent communicator and armed with experience from Braden River Middle's TV studio, Janyel knows what it's like to handle the pressure of a live morning newscast. When BRHS opens its new TV studio, Janyel is ready to take a leading role. She's already skilled with video editing software, and she's got a camera-ready smile! Janyel is a member of the BRHS Arts and Communications Academy. She's the Historian for the Student Government Association, a member of the A-Team, and on the Sophomore Advisory Board. She also belongs to the Technology Student Association (TSA) and plans to compete in the TSA Film Technology event, where she and team members will develop their own creative video. Take a look at her picture, so someday when she's a famous news or sports broadcaster, you can say you knew her back in high school!

## School biz Everybody Loves Digital Dan

When a teacher keeps saying, "I love this place!" and describes his students as "STUNNING," you can't help but catch his enthusiasm. "Digital Dan" Crumpler teaches Technology and Digital Communications at **Braden River High School (BRHS)**, and he's zealous about kids and teaching communications skills. He is also the school's technologist, maintaining the BRHS network of computers and its website. And if you ask his peers, he bends over backward to help anyone in need.



"This guy is phenomenal," said one of his coworkers. "Digital Dan—he's the man! He spends more time at this place, usually helping other people. He's always there to make the kids feel ten feet tall." Dan says, "I believe that my duty as a teacher is to give every student every possible tool to be successful in the ever changing world of technology..." Some of the tools he equips students with are technology and communications skills. But another tool he hands out freely is esteem—he makes everybody feel special! Forget *Everybody Loves Raymond*—everybody loves Digital Dan!

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### Braden River High School

- Sugg Middle School
- Ballard Elementary Magnet
- Daughtrey Preparatory Magnet
- Harilee Middle Magnet
- Johnson Middle Magnet
- Lee Middle Magnet



- Haile Middle School
- Lincoln Middle Magnet
- Manatee Elementary Magnet
- Rowlett Elementary Magnet
- Tillman Elementary Magnet
- Wakeland Elementary Magnet

Schools listed in red offer instruction in the subject area featured in today's InquiziKIDz

## Discover the Future

There are many careers in the field of communications:

- Advertising writer
- Webmaster
- Novelist
- Speech Writer
- Newspaper journalist
- News Reporter/Anchor
- Attorney
- Radio Personality
- TV Director
- Motivational Speaker
- Audio Engineer
- Movie Producer
- Graphics Designer
- On-Air Meteorologist

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