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and [school is] not just straight academics.”

To many, however, the weekly distribution of the “Whirlie Words” newsletter is not such a welcome change.

“I know communication is very important, but I’m concerned that perhaps “Whirlie Words” is not the best way to achieve it,” said math teacher Mrs. Jane Thorne-Peoples.

Principal Gasparello echoed Mrs. Thorne-Peoples’ concerns.

“Obviously, we know some students don’t take the newsletter home. The main concern is how to keep parents informed because students aren’t exactly the best at that sort of thing,” said Gasparello. “Hopefully, with the technology we’re getting now, we’ll be able to set up a live broadcast in the mornings next year, a student-run news program to supplant the daily bulletin.”

One of the main issues among underclassmen this year was the possibility of juniors being permitted to leave campus during lunch.

“I’d really like to be able to go out for lunch,” said rising junior Lindsey Bergman. “There’s not enough room in the cafeteria for everyone to eat, and the main hall’s not such a great option either.”

According to Principal Gasparello, however, parent sentiment has been strongly against off-campus lunch for juniors.

“We are getting \$80,000 worth of construction done on the area between the back of the auditorium and the cafeteria right now,” said Gasparello. “It doesn’t look like juniors will ever get to leave for lunch, but we’re doing everything we can to make lunch more comfortable for students.”

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While there are no major changes planned for the next school year, the administration hopes to create a better learning environment for all Grimsley students by increasing community interaction, finally completing all construction and repairs, and landscaping the campus.

Terror

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dilemma to face, and needed to decide whether to risk paying for trips and then having them canceled. Some groups, like the Chorus, decided that it was not worth the worry and called off their trips entirely.

Other classes chose to continue plans for field trips. Both the Band class, which traveled to the Bahamas in mid-March, and the Humanities class, which will visit New York City before Spring break, decided to keep planning their trips. Both classes arranged for parent organization of the field trips should the terrorism threat rise.

It is a good thing that they did, because on March 17, the terrorism threat rose back to Code Orange. However, the Band trip continued as planned, and the Humanities trip will take place as well.

“Even though the terrorism threat has gone up, we’re still going,” said sophomore Sam Brannon prior to the Band trip to the Bahamas. “The parents will take it over so that we can go anyway.”

“I don’t think our trip will be canceled,” said sophomore Kathryn York of the Humanities field trip to New York City. “Our parents signed a liability form so that we could go.”

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