

# The Charger

VOLUME 3, NUMBER 3

NOVEMBER 1999

itasca.com/school/peacock/charger

## Student Council officers attempt to follow through

By Lora C.a and Sarah Z.



**Eighth graders, Vanessa A. and Brianna C., lead the student body this year.**

Brianna C., president and Vanessa A., vice president of the student council for Peacock Jr. High have a few changes in mind for this year. They plan to make many visits to the Arbor, a nursing facility for the elderly in Itasca. They would like to go to the Arbor on all if not some of the holidays.

As for pep rallies, Brianna and Vanessa thought that there should be better alternative music and more challenging games that the audience can participate in. They want to get the crowd more involved and get them peppier. Vanessa and Brianna have also been trying to get more spirit weeks named, perhaps as often as one a month.

The girls hope to achieve the lunchroom wishes of their classmates. They will try to get a new microwave and they will be getting new vending machines. They also thought that we

should have straws (for milk or pop) and forks.

The officers also wanted to get more passing time in the halls, and see if we could leave are books in the classroom instead of lugging around in our backpacks. Most students' backpacks weigh from 23-30 pounds.

Brianna and Vanessa said that they were most interested in accomplishing things that will make the student body happier. According to the officers, Mr. Peel and Dr. Nickisch are usually receptive to their ideas. Vanessa wanted to thank everyone who voted for them. "I'd like to tell you," she added, "that we are doing everything in our power to help the student body."

See **Student Council**,  
Page 4

## Prospects for biannual D.C. trip looking up

By Elizabeth F.,  
News Editor

At the September Board of Education meeting, there was a debate about the Springfield, IL and Washington DC trips. The debate concerned whether or not to continue those field trips. The Springfield trip is offered to only the eighth graders while the Washington trip is available to the sixth and seventh graders every two years. The Board thought that the Springfield trip should be continued. The Superintendent, Dr. Acksel, said that the Washington DC trip should perhaps be discontinued. As written in the September Board of Education meeting minutes, his rationale was that typically, only twenty to thirty percent of the students attended, so it was difficult to incorporate the trip into the curriculum.

See **Washington Trip**,  
Page 2

### Inside

**Editorials - p. 5**

**Luncheon Special - p. 8**

**Reviews - p. 10**

**All this and more!**