

# THE BATES BEAT

## PRINCIPAL DEROO TO RETIRE IN JUNE



Bates Middle School Principal Paul DeRoo started his career as a science teacher at Meade High School. He has been teaching or an administrator since 1980.

### Principal Interview

By: Madeline Johnson

The news is true, Principal Deeroo is retiring. For more on this, I went on an interview with him.

Madeline Johnson: Is it true that you plan to retire?

**Mr. D: Yes and I'll be announcing that on the Cougar Channel March first. I'll be retiring on July first.**

MJ: How long have you been teaching/principaling?

**Mr. D: Forty years.**

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### ☀️ Early Summer ☀️

By: Madeline Johnson

Looking forward to summer? We got you covered! "Summer Vacation" will be arriving two days earlier than scheduled because the county did not use any snow days this winter.

Unless there is a surprise storm between now and June, the county will end school on Friday, June 12 instead of Tuesday, June 16. AACPS policy states, "Two days are built in" to the calendar to cover potential snow days. Since none were taken, students will conclude classes ahead of schedule.

Any complaints about no snow days now? Didn't think so.



**Dance or Sing and Dance? Bates' performers have you covered in March, May and June. Zuri Mack-Hardmon has the info. Details on page 3.**

# Comedy Center

By: Madeline Johnson

Welcome to Comedy Center!

Saying of the day: ..... I like eggs... in cake.

What has a mouth and is always running but, never eats? .... A river

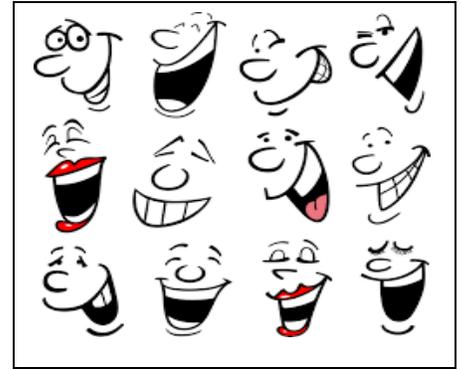
What side of the chicken has the most feathers?.....The outside!

What tree can you hold in your hand?.....A palm tree!

What is blue and smells like red paint? ..... Blue paint!

What do you call a fake noodle? .....An impasta!

Why are obtuse angles so depressed?.....Because they're never right!



And finally... The riddle of the day!

I am the beginning of everything; I am the end of time and space, and the beginning of every end.

What am I? .....The letter E!

## Super Bowl Champions: Cheetos tops Planter Peanuts in a Super Snacker!

Super bowl 54 was just on Sunday, February 1st. What was the main star of this? The Kansas Chiefs and their dramatic comeback victory? Nah....The commercials, of course! I took a survey of this and here are the results. The top commercial is Tribute, known as the sequel to the first Planters commercial when they killed off their famous mascot, Mr. Peanut and gave birth to their new mascot, Baby Nut. Check it out!

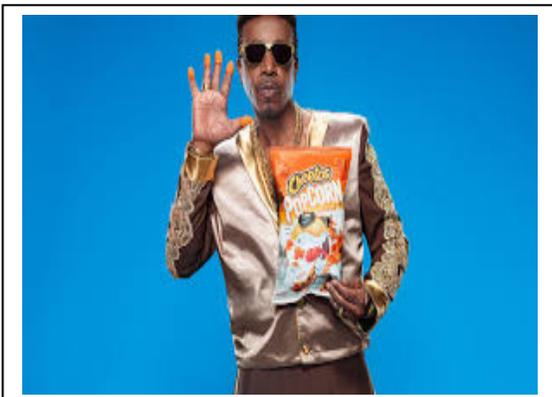
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A close second was Cheetos: Can't Touch This. This commercial gives you a pro tip, with Cheetos dust on your fingers you can't do work. They also turn it into a song which is ridiculously funny. It's my personal favorite. Check it

out. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgQIIY4GtKE>



Here's my personal list of top 10 super bowl commercials; your list may vary, but these are my favorite.



10. 'Mmus, Sabra
9. The World's Out Of Sorts, Snickers
8. The World Before Alexa, Alexa
7. The Best Bar You Never Heard Of, Reeses Take Five Bar
6. Super Bowl Now, Landry Later, Tide Pods\*
5. Smaht Pahk, Hyundai
4. Best Thing Since Sliced Bread, Little Caesars
3. Groundhog's Day, Jeep
2. Tribute, Planters
1. Can't Touch This, Cheetos

## *Mr. DeRoo is calling it quits after 40 years (continued from page 1)*

MJ: What do you plan to do in your retirement?

**Mr. D: I have three new grandchildren, I'd like to enjoy them. I have a summer cottage in Vermont, I might have to work part time as a substitute teacher**

MJ: What are your favorite memories at Bates?

**Mr. D: The student-teacher basketball games, the arts integration showcases , and dance and music performances.**

Me: Have you worked at other schools?

**Mr. D: Six other schools.**

Me: Do you know who will be the next principal?

**Mr. D: We don't know yet, but we should know by the end of the year.**

Me: What was the funniest student prank?

**Mr. D: One student ordering Dominos pizza through a classroom window.**

Me: Anything else you want to say?

**Mr. D: I have loved my time at Bates. Including the school's diversity, the love for arts, and for a caring faculty.**

## ***To Dance or to Sing and Dance? ... Bates Students do it All***

By Zuri Mack-Hardmon

If you missed the PVA dancers Winter Concert, don't be too disappointed. There are second and third chances to watch the dancers perform and it's coming soon.

The dancers, including 6th-grader Journey Clark and 8th graders Gabi and Mari Esiele, will be on stage Friday, March 13 on the Bates Stage. The show features "student choreography," meaning they will perform routines and techniques developed on their own. Look for a mix of modern dance, ballet and even some tap dance.

Journey Clark is confident the show will be a success based on how well the dancers have so much. "I've learned great things so far, I learned so much. I have really improved."

All totaled, there are 37 PVA dancers, including 14 sixths graders, nine seventh graders and 14 eighth graders.



Eighth-grade PVA dancers pose for a photo-op

Dance shows will continue into May and June 5. Students from dance encore classes will join the PVA dancers in a Bates Middle School show on May 28th, and the PVA Dance Showcase Concert will be held June 5 at Maryland Hall.

If you like a little singing with your dancing, then the Drama Club has something that will make you smile. They will present "Singing In The Rain" at Studio 39 on March 24, 26, 27, 28, and 29. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold to students during lunch. The Drama Club is seeking help with stage crew. It is never too late to join the show.