

BOBCAT TALES

**JUANA BRIONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL’S STUDENT RUN NEWSPAPER**

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**How to Write a Newspaper Article**

Follow this step by step guide to a good article:

1. Decide what your article will be about.
2. Research the topic of your article.
3. Write your article using the template below.
4. First paragraph:  In the first few sentences, answer these questions:
 -Who?
 -What?
 -When?
 -Where?
 -Why? (and How?)
5. Grab the reader's attention by using an opening sentence which is a question or something unexpected!
6. Now, give the details. It is always a good idea to include one or two quotes from people you interviewed. Write in the third person (he, she, it or they). Be objective. Use active verbs so the reader feels things are really happening!
7. Last paragraph: Round off your article. Try ending with a quote or a catchy phrase!
8. By-line: At the top, state who wrote the article; 'By ....[name]
9. Decide where appropriate illustrations/pictures will be placed.
10. Proof-read your article and edit where needed.
11. Spell-check your article!

**Sections: (examples)**

MAIN HEADLINES / NEWS

REPORTS – INTERVIEWS

ART WORK – JOKES – COMICS

BOOK REVIEWS

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AROUND BRIONES

FUN STUFF

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

EDITOR’S CORNER/RULES

**Newspaper Staff Jobs:**

**Reporters/Staff Writers**– The lifeblood of any newspaper are the people who go out, gather the news and come back and write it. School newspapers should have as many reporters as possible on staff.

**News Editor**–These persons are the point persons for all news at the school, making assignments for coverage and then giving a first read to all copy.

**Copy Editor**–These persons read all stories by reporter & staff writers, as well as submittals and help write headlines, cutlines (captions) and proof all pages before they are printed.

**Art/Graphics Editor**–The arts editor is in charge of all graphics and artwork for the newspaper.

**Book Review Editor**– This person is the point person for reviewing books at our library and giving us a good reason why someone should read this book without giving the whole story away!

**Managing Editors**– The managing editors help the editor make content decisions for the newspaper. Two adults will provide guidance, skills training and mentorship. Parent, Aisha Zakariya & Librarian, Jessica Gillis will facilitate.

Editor’s Corner

Please welcome the Juana Briones Newspaper Staff for our first student run newspaper!

Brenda Z. Camille L.

Carla K. Claire S.

Geordie E. Jimmy F.

Roni M. Sanaa Z.

Sara M.

Any Briones student may submit work in the box in the LIBRARY, as long as they follow the Bobcat Tale’s Rules.

Questions? Please contact either Jessica Gillis, our Librarian, or parent Aisha Zakariya.

BOBCAT TALE’S RULES ON SUBMITTING WORK:

1. Make sure what you write or draw will not hurt people’s feelings.
2. Remember that Kindergarteners & 1st Graders read the *Bobcat Tales* and that what you write should be appropriate for younger and older kids alike.
3. We want writers to avoid violence in any story or artwork.
4. Reviews of “G” rated movies or “E” rated video games.
5. Include your first name (only) and grade with your submissions and turn them in at the LIBRARY in our Newspaper Submissions Box. Unsigned work will not be printed, but you may resubmit once you provide your name and grade.

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