**English 8: Assignment One – Newspaper Article**

The first creative writing mini unit that we are doing is Journalism, so the first assignment that we will be doing as a class is writing a newspaper article.

As a class, we covered the basic structure of a newspaper article and learned what a **headline** and a **byline** are. We covered what kind of information is listed in the **introduction** of a news article and how the information in the introduction is expanded on in the **body**of the article. We learned about the use of **quotes** in an article and related how the **picture** and **caption** that go with the article must have to do with the article in question.

Consequently, your article must have a byline, a headline, the proper information in the introduction which is expanded upon in the body. You should include quotes in the article, but these can be from your friends or teachers or family and have a picture and a caption that matches the picture. This article is due on **November 6th (D2),** or **November 10th (D1).**

On November 6th/10th, we will construct our classroom newspaper. You must come to class this day with **two** copies of your article printed in columns. One is to be handed in to Ms. Legault, and the other is to be used in the constructing of the classroom newspaper. We will cut out our articles and glue them onto blank papers and arranging them to look like a newspaper. Ms. Legault will make photocopies of the compiled newspapers so each student can have a copy to keep.

**Bonus Marks:** There is an opportunity for students to get bonus marks onto the grade they will receive for their article if they create an extra thing for the newspaper. All students need to write an article, but newspapers are not just articles. Newspapers also have horoscopes, reviews, editorials, letters to the editor, comics and advertising. If students would like to get a bonus mark they can create a comic, write a letter to the editor, make a fake ad or write the horoscope section, etc. This will be due on the same day the article is.