

Peninsula Prowl

by Bly S.

Hockey is a really fun sport! To play hockey you need gloves, a helmet, skates, a hockey stick, and pads.

Did you know that there's a hockey team at the Hampton Roads Iceplex called the Peninsula Prowl? I play for the Peninsula Prowl. When you play hockey for the Peninsula Prowl, you play in tournaments. Last year, I went to Ocean City, Maryland and I also went to Wilmington, Delaware. Most of the Peninsula Prowl teams

practice twice a week. We have games on weekends.

Are you interested in playing hockey? You need to know how to skate, of course. You also need to know how to stop with your skates. You need to learn how to fall correctly and hit the boards correctly. And there's no checking or fighting. If you want to play for the Peninsula Prowl you should go to, "Learn to Skate" lessons and then you should go to, "Learn to Play Hockey." You can go to these classes at the Hampton Roads Iceplex. Call (757) 877-7539. They're open until 10 p.m.

8th Grade Declaration of Independence Assignment

by Cureha M.

The students were asked to examine the painting of, "The Declaration of Independence," by John Trumbull and place oneself at the event, then write a poem or letter to a family member describing the event from a loyalist or a patriot view. Below are the two strongest student works in 8th grade from Mrs. Warrington's Civics class.



"The Declaration of Independence"
Painting by John Trumbull

Link: <http://www.history.org/foundation/journal/Winter11/painting/>

My Commitment, My Thoughts

I never knew what difference
I would be in the world.
Now on this day I know why I am here.
No second thoughts, no regrets. I am truly
a patriot for the Union.
The Declaration is signed and we
will send it to Britain.
But will there be war?
Will we succeed against those red uniforms.
Will hope and faith fight greater
have power and strength?
I'm not of keen of finding out
what the future holds.
But I know that no matter what
I will be a patriot,
I will be a patriot.
No second thoughts. No regrets.
I am truly a patriot.

Poem by Ryan G.

Dear Uncle Jona,

I am very happy to report that I have
witnessed the Declaration written and
it is ready to be sent to those red
buckled fools in that british parliament.
Tell mom I will be joining the local militia
and fighting for our freedom. Please send
me another pair of trousers and I will be
set for the winter. I believe we have the
right to not be taxed without
representation. We will win this war &
fulfill or request in the declaration.

Remember, all men are created equal!

Your Nephew,
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Letter by Deity S.