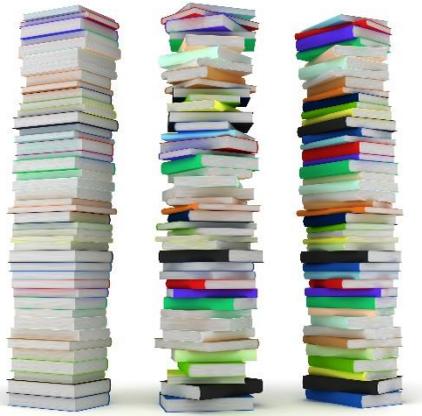


# Should Canyon View Have Cougar Prides?



By: Larissa Dabb

At Canyon View Middle School, students who earn good grades and citizenship are rewarded with an activity every once in a while. Many say CVMS shouldn't have Cougar Prides because they are expensive. Others say we should add even more because they are fun and can be educational. I, for one, believe that Cougar Prides are not worth the cost. Cougar Prides can get really crowded, they can be expensive, and it takes away learning time.

First, Cougar Prides can get really crowded. It's really hard to fit a whole grade (250 or more students) in one place. It gets hot and stuffy and just miserable! So it ends up not being a reward.

Second, Cougar Prides can be expensive. It's hard to find good places to go. Really great activities can be very pricy. The school can't pay for all of it, so students have to pay money for some of it. Some can't even afford to go.

Third, if we have more Cougar Prides, it takes time away from the classroom. Students need to learn, and taking days off can get in the way of that. It's obviously kind of hard to learn when you're not in the classroom.

Should we have more Cougar Prides? Many think that students should be rewarded with activities for good grades. But I think they are a bad idea because it's not fun when too many people are in the same place at the same time, they can be expensive, and it takes away from learning time. What do you think?



By: Lily Dunn

Should CVMS have more Cougar Prides to reward students who work really hard and do well in school? Opponents believe that Cougar Prides are too expensive. Regardless, I think that we should have more Cougar Prides because they are motivational, they give students a break, and they are a great way to socialize.

Cougar Prides are really motivational. These activities give students a small reward for doing their work and studying at home. If students know a reward is coming and they know that they have to have good grades, students who may not really care about their grades may care enough about the reward to learn and work. They will work harder so that they can go.

Reward activities give students a break. Many students really stress about their grades. They are on edge all of the time worrying about knowing information well enough. It is nice to give them a day where they can relax and not worry.

Finally, Cougar Prides give students a chance to be social. Some students don't have any classes with their friends. So this is a good way to see your friend and just talk. It is also a good way to meet new people and make new friends.

Some students here at CVMS feel left out. They don't spend time after school with friends and are not involved in dance groups or sports. I think if we have Cougar Prides, more people will feel like they belong here, give hard working students a break, and improve the grades for many.



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