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Breaking: AM Student Dares to Make Small Talk on 'Kid's Kab'

If spending half of lunch riding in a van with the words 'Kid's Kab' painted on the sides wasn't enough of a punishment for not having a driver's license at seventeen, the awkward small talk used as an attempt to break the silence permeating in the vehicle is its own beast. Fourteen juniors and seniors pile in every day only to put our earbuds in and text our Los Altos friends who are probably enjoying the pizza in the LAHS quad at the same moment. And every day like clockwork, the deafening silence accompanied by Today's Top Songs is broken with a timid 'how are you?' or 'are you behind in digital media or is it just me?' Oh, to have a driver's license and never have to worry about accidentally making eye contact with other Sedan and SUV-less almost adults, to have to smile at your peer hesitantly and carry on an excruciating twenty-minute-long conversation. Our muted faces mask the unspoken promise of never speaking of the humiliation of riding in the Kids Kab to our peers back in the quad. Heaven forbid we have to explain to non-Freestylers that the bus is not actually for kids, and rather for 'teens going places'. (Read more on p. 5)

What the Adobe Product You Tolerate Most Says About You:

Premiere Pro

Classic film bro. You enjoy webtoons about charismatic men and anthropomorphic raccoons. Love Transformers and baseball. Can't cook, bikes to school everyday, and you used to teach elementary school kids. Your name rhymes with Batt Baylor.

Adobe Illustrator

Oooo wow, an art girl! Such a rare sighting on Freestyle campus. You're probably so good at drawing that you make other people embarrassed to show theirs in the walk through galleries Flo makes us do. No no, we get it, all art is subjective. But subjectively speaking, the random stick figure doodles I paid six hours of blood sweat and tears for on a Thursday night ain't exactly it.

After Effects

You're a masochist.

Adobe Photoshop

You're definitely a guy in Design. Sorry, it's just true. You're here for those clean, bold, lines and simplistic fonts. You don't see yourself as an artist, you're more of an architect, or a future businessman, with a silly little hobby like making brochures or something. Whatever you guys do. To be real, none of us non-design kids understand what you're actually doing in that class. However, we do know that you can slap two photos together and make them look real nice and crisp.

Avid (Pro Tools)

Are you okay? Do you need someone to talk to? I spend enough time trying to get Avid to work with my failing EVO and Plugins that when I saw a screenshot of the Pro Tools timeline last week, I got heart palpitations. I have a great therapist, and she's always looking for new patients, so hit me up when you're ready to accept help xoxo <3

Premiere Rush

Shhh! You sneaky little Junior (or sad, desperate Senior)! You weren't supposed to know this product existed. Don't you dare let us catch you editing on Rush while the rest of us sift miserably through four and a half hours of audio clips for our big boy Senior Narrative projects. Don't. You. Dare.

Reasons Why Senior Matthew Hoke Should Be The New Freestyle Mascot:

1. He's pretty chill not gonna lie.

Rude! Doordash Threatens to Blacklist Freestyle Seniors

Slightly watered down Jamba Juice. Chocolate pancakes with a side of bacon. A Chick fil A sando with a side of curly fries. An entire box of cheese pizza. Doordash is fed up with Freestyle seniors borderline abusing the apps mommy and daddy let them install on their phones. It's ten in the morning on a Thursday, why are we collectively ordering enough food to create a continental breakfast buffet at a Holiday Inn? (for student interviews, read p. 7)

Wait haha, Imagine if Freestyle had:

A rat living in the ceiling of the film room.

OH. WAIT. Rest in peace, Rathew.

A basketball team.

Real talk- there is no height requirement for sitting at a desk or for using a camera. And yet out of pure luck, more than half the senior class boys are over six feet. There is so much potential for Freestyle to demonstrate our athletic dominance, and we aren't taking advantage of it? Disappointing.

An actual octopus.

Where's the district's budget going, and why don't we have a live octopus chilling in a tank next to Mr. Flo 24/7? I need answers.

A competitive tai chi team.

I don't know what we'd be called. But I do know that Mr. Flo would pull up to the function wearing a neon green tracksuit.

Freshmen.

2. He can skate (self explanatory).

3. He's on 'my homie' basis with the bus drivers.

4. He's never in the class he's supposed to be in, and everyone rolls with it.

5. Most likely to chill with Mr. Florendo. I can imagine the two of them just hanging out, like grilling or something. I don't know, it just makes sense.

6. In the hypothetical event that they had a face off, Hoke could take both Sparty the Spartan and the LAHS eagle mascot and give them an absolute beatdown. No question.