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feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph.

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Read All About it!

By Michael B.

This is the article for and about the newspaper club. Here we can be inspired to write, think, and type whatever our imagination has in store for us! And a couple of our members want to talk about what they really like about the club. And here they are!

Aidan C. "It feels like you write what you want without being instructed to do a specific assignment."

Adam K. "There is a lot of cool topics and articles!"

Emma K. " It's so awesome I'm speechless!"

Caroline F. "It's a great afterschool activity that gives kids a voice!"

Annie P. "It's a fun place to write/type."

Rayna A. "It's awesome!"

Sammy K. "It's a great opportunity to write about whatever you want and share your writing with others!"

Emily S. "There are so many things I love about Newspaper Club! But I love most of all the freedom to write what you want and publish it."

Michael F. "You get to type."

Will B. "Awesome way to spend time!"

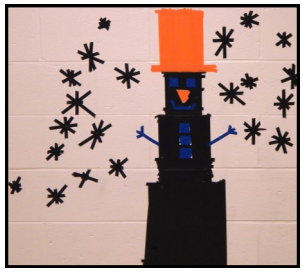
Lego Robotics

By Sophie I. and Camille W.

Some fourth and fifth grade girls are doing FLL Lego Robotics. Our project is called Trash Trek. We are trying to help with recycling and how to do it correctly.

Recycling can increase natural resources. When one ton of paper is recycled, it saves 17 trees, four barrels of oil, and 7,000 kilowatts of electricity, which is enough to power the average American home for five months. Recycling also reduces the need of more harmful materials. We are trying to make a robot do and complete certain challenges that have to do with recycling.

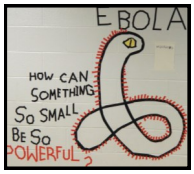
Spring Ave Art Club Hallway Gallery



Using sketches and colored masking tape, the Spring Ave Art Club recently created pieces of art on the walls in the intermediate hallway.

Mr. Jacobs, Art Club sponsor, encourages student creativity through a variety of projects that challenge students' artistic ability and teach them new techniques.

Read about the art on the back page.



Well done artists!

Principal's Corner

By Mrs. Webb

Friends at Spring Avenue shared their customs and knowledge about Hanukkah with the school. We are so proud that children are working hard to share their pride about their family traditions around the holidays. This helps us to build some appreciation and understanding of different customs around us! Now, we will take that same empathy and understanding onto the playground and other places to work on appreciating one another's space and different interests!

Children have also been participating in conversations around our monthly theme, "Under the Tree for Those in Need." Families have been sending in small, new toys, gently used books to share, and non-perishable food items. THANK YOU! We will make sure ALL these items go to those in need. As you may know, we have families right here in La Grange who could use a helping hand, and with the help of our social workers, we will provide all the items from your generous donations.

In addition, MK Character Day is Thursday, celebrating Michael Kosinski's birthday and honoring his dedication to helping others in need. All the funds collected for this stair climbing event will be given to more families in need in our own communities. Thank you, again, for your generosity! Students have been talking about bringing in their own change and money for this event! They are proud to help. The focus on GIVING this month has been great to watch!

Whatever your family traditions and customs are, we wish you a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY full of health and happiness and some "down time!" For those who are facing challenges of one kind or another, please know we are with you! You are loved! We are here for you!

ENJOY your children over this break and we'll see you 'next year!'

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,
SCHÖNE FERIEN (from my son in Germany),
and FELICES VACACIONES!!

Mrs. Webb

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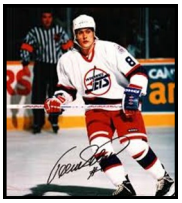
SPORTS PAGE

Top Ten NHL Players of All Time

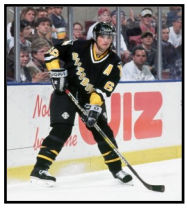
By Charlie F., Ivan V., and Michael S.



10. Teemu Selanne, 1992-14, 684G, 773A, 1457P: Teemu Selanne is probably the best player from Finland to ever play in the NHL. He scored 76 goals in 84 games in his rookie season, which is an NHL record for rookies. He also scored 132 points in the same season. He won a Stanley Cup in 2007.

9. Marcel Dionne, 1971-89, 731G, 1040A, 1771P: Marcel Dionne in my opinion is the best Los Angeles Kings player that ever played in the NHL. 234 out of his 731 goals, which is fourth all-time in the NHL, were power play goals, and his best season was the 1979-80 season when he recorded 137 points in 80 games. He won no Stanley Cups.

8. Steve Yzerman, 1983-06, 692G, 1063A, 1755P: Steve Yzerman has the most Stanley Cups as a Detroit Red Wings captain, he had four Stanley Cups, and had been Detroit's captain for 20 seasons from 1986-2006, which is a NHL record.

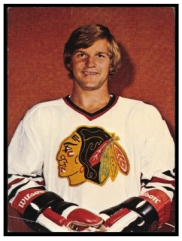


7. Jaromir Jagr, 1990-present, 728G, 1084A, 1812P: Jaromir Jagr is the third most talented player who played for the Pittsburgh Penguins, behind Alexei Kovalev and Mario Lemieux. He has the NHL point record for right wingers, 149 in the 1995-96 season. He won two Stanley Cups in his first two seasons in the NHL, and scored his best goal in the 1992 Stanley Cup Final.

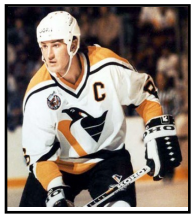
6. Mike Bossy, 1977-87, 573G, 553A, 1126P: Mike Bossy has the best shot in hockey history, and the best New York Islander in the history of the NHL. But because of back problems, he only played in 10 seasons. He won four consecutive Stanley Cups, 1980-1983. He never deked a player; he would just let that awesome wrist shot go.

5. Maurice "The Rocket" Richard, 1942-60, 544G, 421A, 965P: The Rocket is the best Montreal Canadian who ever played in the NHL, because of his physical play, his great accuracy and the eight Stanley Cup wins he has been part of. There's not a lot of information about this guy, but if you look him up, he has great stats.

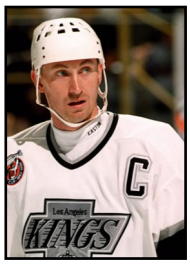
4. Gordie "Mr. Hockey" Howe, 1946-71; 1979-80, 801G, 1049A, 1850P: Gordie Howe is basically the type of player who can do anything. He had a 26 year career. He has played in so many games in both the NHL and the WHA, he retired when he was 52. He only won four Stanley Cups in his massive career.



3. Bobby Orr, 1966-77; 1979, 270G, 645A, 915P: He may not seem like a great player, but he is. He revolutionized the defense position only playing in 657 games. He won two Stanley Cups.



2. Mario "Super Mario" Lemieux, 1984-94; 1995-97; 2000-2005, 690G, 1033A, 1723P: Mario Lemieux is probably the player who has an extended streak of magnificent goals only playing in 915 games. He scored his best goal in the 1991 Stanley Cup finals when his team won the Stanley Cup twice in a row. Those are the only Stanley Cups Lemieux has won. By the way, he could really, really make you look bad one-on-one.



1. Wayne "The Great One" Gretzky, 1979-99, 894G, 1963A, 2857P: Wayne Gretzky is the only player to score 2000 points, and no one has ever had more points than Gretzky's assist mark. He got 1000 points when he was 23, and got his 500th goal when he was 25. He has the goal record in one season (92, 1981-82), assist (163, 1985-86), and points (215, 1985-86). Also, did you know in 1981 he scored 50 goals in 39 games, and that he hold 60 NHL records?

SPORTS PAGE

Who's Who on the Chicago Blackhawks

By Emma K., Adam K., and Patrick E.

Artem Anisimov
Artem Anisimov plays for the Chicago Blackhawks as number 15. Artem is Russian and barely knows any English. He plays Center and shoots left. Artem is 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 198 pounds.

Jonathan Toews
Jonathan Toews is number 19, and is also the team captain. He is 6'1", 201 pounds. Jonathan shoots left. He was born on April 29, 1988 and is 27. He was born in Winnipeg, Canada. He was drafted to the Chicago Blackhawks in 2006.

Teuvo Teravainen
Teuvo Teravainen is number 86. He was born on September 11, 1994, so he is 21 years old. Teuvo is 178 pounds. He is also 5 feet 11 inches. Teuvo Teravainen shoots left. He was born in Helsinki, Finland.

Andrew Shaw
Andrew Shaw is number 65 he is a right handed shooter. Andrew is 179 pounds, and he is 5 feet 11 inches tall. He was born on Jul 20, 1991 in Belleville, ON, Canada.

Brent Seabrook
Brent Seabrook is number 7. Also, he is 6 feet 3 inches tall. Brent weighs 220 pounds and he shoots right handed. He was born on April 20, 1985 in Richmond, BC, Canada. Lastly his hometown is Tsawassen, BC, Canada where he currently lives.

Duncan Keith
Duncan Keith plays defense and is number 2. He shoots left, and last season he won the Conn Smythe trophy. Duncan is 6 feet 1 inch tall and is 192 pounds. When he is in the Olympics, he plays for Canada.

Artemi Panarin
Artemi is number 72. Artemi is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. Artemi shoots right. He is 24 and was born in Korkino, Russia. Even though he shoots right, he plays left wing.

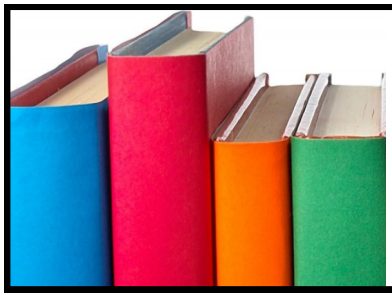
Stephen Curry: 2015 MVP

By Aidan C.

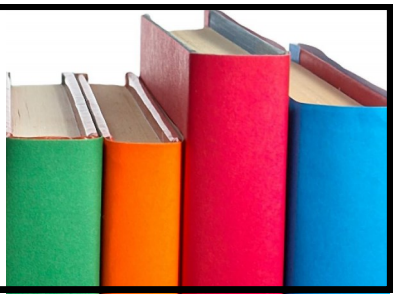
Stephen Curry is probably the best point guard in the NBA - no three point shooter gets hot faster than Stephen Curry. This is why he deserved to win MVP (Most Valuable Player). The Golden State Warriors beat the Cavaliers in the NBA Finals because of Steph. Stephen Curry had to face LeBron James. But where did this talented athlete come from?

Stephen Curry was born in Charlotte, South Carolina. His dad Dell Curry played in the NBA on the Charlotte Hornets. Steph went to a small college called Davidson. He was drafted by the Golden State Warriors as the 7th pick in the 2009 NBA Draft. People used to say "He's barely 6'3" and he'll never be a true Point guard in the NBA," but they were wrong. Stephen Curry also won the 2015 Three point contest. It is rare that a player wins MVP and the Finals. This is why Stephen Curry deserved to win MVP.

I went to the Warriors game Saturday to meet him, and I want to thank my Dad for getting tickets and driving me to Milwaukee.

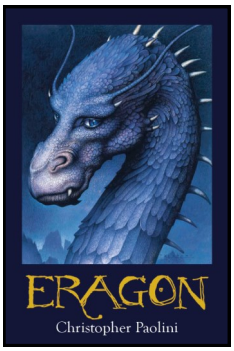


BOOK REVIEWS



ERAGON By Christopher Paolini

By Roland C.



The characters are: Eragon Shadeslayer, a dragon rider; Brom, Eragon's trainer; Saphira, Eragon's dragon; Arya, the elf friend; the Ra'zacs, the immortal demon-servants of an evil dragon rider; Orik, the dwarf; and Galbatorix, the Empire's king.

Setting: This story is set in imaginary lands of the Middle Ages called Farther Dur, Carvahall, and Teirmin.

Summary: This story is about a 15-year-old boy named Eragon. Eragon finds a rock, which he figures out later is a dragon egg. Saphira is born and becomes Eragon's dragon. When Eragon's Uncle Garrow is killed by demonic-like creatures called the Ra'zacs, Eragon and Saphira, and their friend Brom, go to find the Ra'zacs to seek revenge. Brom trains Eragon on how to ride the dragon on the way. In one of the towns, Eragon gets ambushed by the Ra'zacs. They run away, but the Ra'zacs follow them. When the Ra'zacs catch up, they end up killing Brom. A stranger, Murtagh, manages to save Eragon, though. Next, Eragon gets captured by the Urgals and gets put in prison. There he meets an elf named Arya, as well as the evil Durza. With Murtagh's help, Eragon escapes. Finally, Eragon makes it to rebels fighting King Galbitorix, who was responsible for his uncle's death, and fights an army of Urgals with them. Here, he meets Durza once again and kills him.

Theme/main message: The theme of Eragon is bravery, because it took a lot of courage to travel so far and risk his life in order to protect people from King Galbitorix and Durza.

The Familiars Series By Adam Jay Epstein and Andrew Jacobson

By Annie P.

If you like the *Harry Potter* series, than you'll definitely like *The Familiars* series. There is a cat named Aldwyn. He is much like Harry because he didn't know he was magical. There is also a frog named Gilbert. He is much like Ron because he is clumsy and has about the same character traits. Last, there is a bird named Skylar. She is much like Hermione because she is very smart and a bit of a show-off.

These three animals travel across magical lands meeting new friends along the way. That is why you should try out *The Familiars* series. I recommend these books to grades three and up.

Weird Fears

By Caroline F. and Abby M.

You will never believe the fears that we found online!

Genuphobia is a fear of knees.
Acrophobia is the fear of sourness.
Sinistrophobia is the fear of the left side.
Porphyrophobia is a fear of the color purple.
Alliumphobia is a fear of garlic.
Bibliophobia is a fear of books.
Panophobia is the fear of everything.
Euphobia is the fear of good news.
Metrophobia is the fear of poetry.
Turophobia is the fear of cheese.

Ten Weird Words

By Annie P.

Have you ever heard of these weird words? (Bet Not!)

Cacophony - A mix of sounds
Ragamuffin - A person who wears old, ripped, or dirty clothes
Flummox - Something confusing
Curmudgeon - A grumpy or angry person
Lackadaisical - Someone who is very lazy
Woebegone - Surrounded by sadness
Frankenfood - Foods that haven't grown naturally
Bibliobibuli - Someone who reads too much
Pogonotrophy - The act of growing and grooming facial hair
Jillick - To skip a stone

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

I Don't Think You've Asked Teachers These Questions!

Here are the Answers!

By Rayna A.

How much time do you spend grading papers a day?
Mrs. Richardson - About 30 minutes
Ms. Waterston - 1 hour 30 minutes
Ms. Folliard - 1 hour 30 minutes
Mrs. Walsh - 45 minutes

What is your favorite season?
Ms. Melone - Fall
Mrs. Blazek - Summer
Mrs. Jones - Spring
Mr. Jinx - Fall
Miss McGinnis - Fall

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
Mrs. Caylor - Chocolate
Mrs. Daly - Jamoca Almond Fudge
Mrs. Demer - Chocolate
Mrs. Blazek - Coffee
Mrs. Webb - Moose Tracks

What is your favorite subject to teach?
Ms. Parrino - Writing
Mrs. Wiegand - Math
Ms. Eck - Reading

What is your favorite animal?
Mrs. Kim - Sloth
Ms. Keillor - Elephants
Mrs. Weiland - Dolphin

What is your favorite vacation spot?
Ms. Marek - Europe
Ms. Weaver - Disney World
Mrs. Haymes - Anywhere warm and tropical
Mrs. Dahlin - Hawaii

Superhero Review Number Two

By Michael B.

Hey heroes! It's me Michael! If you liked my first hero review then here is another one for you! And it's about Nova the Human Rocket, Richard Rider and Ms. Marvel, Carol Danvers.

Nova's Powers	Ms. Marvel's powers
He has enhanced strength so he isn't hurt easily!	She is super strong and can take a hit!
He can fly super-fast.	She can fly fast too!
He can shoot energy bolts at his enemy.	She too can shoot bolts from her hands!

Grumpy Cat

By Ashlyn G.

Grumpy Cat is not a cat that's grumpy. She has a form of dwarfism with her lips that make her look grumpy. You may find her memes on Google, but be careful because the Internet can be dangerous. But don't get hooked up on that.

Grumpy Cat's real name is Tardar Sauce. She was born in Morristown, Arizona on April 4, 2012.

The ¨Grumpy Cat¨ page on Facebook has over 7 million likes. Tardar Sauce became famous when she was a kitten when the owner´s brother posted a picture online. ¨Grumpy Cat¨ was born.

Tardar Sauce is a Snowshoe Siamese. She has been on TV more than 60 times.

Five Incredible Restaurants in La Grange

By Gabby L.

Francesca's Bellezza

If you are looking for a classy restaurant to go to in downtown La Grange, this is the place for you. Francesca's Bellezza is located on 75 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525. They have an incredible menu for adults and kids. My family's favorite dish is the Calamari Fritti. It costs $11.00 and is served with a lemon and marinara sauce. Calamari is breaded squid and is delicious. Another dish is the kids' Cheese Pizza for $6.99. It is very cheesy and great for all ages. I love this place and hope you will too.

Kama Indian Bistro

If you like exotic food come on down to 9 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525 to Kama. They have a wide variety of food and different levels of spicy. If you don't want something too crazy, I would recommend the mild Chicken Tikka Masala. It comes with white rice and a masala sauce. I love this dish but usually get it spicy. For parents there is the Chicken Vindaloo. It is spicy caramelized onion reduction sauce, enriched with coconut milk and pickled red chili sauce.

Palmer's Place

Welcome to the best place in town. This is Palmer's Place located on 56 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60625. They have the best fries you'll ever have. They also have incredibly cheesy mozzarella sticks. They are famous for their incredible burgers. These burgers are like paradise in your mouth. I hope you come down here before the food is all gone!

I hope you enjoy all of these scrumptious restaurants as much as I did. Speaking of food, I'll go get some now. Bye!

Back Alley Burger

If you are in the mood for some finger food, come on over to Back Alley Burger. This fun restaurant is located on 13 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525. They have Create Your Own Burgers if you like to get creative or you could have one of their burgers like the "Back Alley Burger" and "The Original." This is a great quick but delicious restaurant. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Hotdog and Burger Company

Are you looking for a fun, non-fancy place to dine? Well, Hotdog and Burger Company is the place for you! You will find this joint on 76 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525. They have recently changed their name from Hotdog Company to Hotdog & Burger Company because of their new change in menu. They also have renovated recently. Their menu includes the Chicago Dog, which is your classic hotdog with all of the fun toppings. They also have an incredible Patty Melt if you are looking for a warm treat. I hope you enjoy this fun place as much as I do!

MENU

Francesca's Bellezza
www.miafrancesca.com/menus/lunch/

Back Alley Burger
www.backalleyburger.com/pdf/bab-newmenu.pdf

Kama Indian Bistro
www.kamabistro.com/menu/

Hotdog and Burger Company
http://hotdogco.com/menu/

Palmer's Place
www.palmerslagrange.com/files/PalmerPlace_menu_2015.pdf

Super Duper Subzero Space

By Niko S.

Space is a very mysterious place. You may be thinking "Oh, space, you get to float around and stuff! Sounds fun!" Well, let's just say, it's not the safest place.

First of all, if you go on a walk on the moon, you have to be covered with a 300 pound space suit, and you have to make sure the oxygen levels are safe. And, have you heard of the ship Challenger? That ship only lasted a few minutes before breaking up and exploding.

Astronauts have to train very hard to go to space. They have to go in a HUGE swimming pool, to get used to zero gravity. Also, if a shuttle breaks, they have to know how to escape. (Don't worry, they have escape pods!)

When you fly there, you have to eat stuff from packets, it may not be the healthiest choice, but Astronauts eat foods you see normally on Earth, just in a dehydrated form. (But not the "space ice cream" you see at stores, they've never even had that at NASA headquarters!)

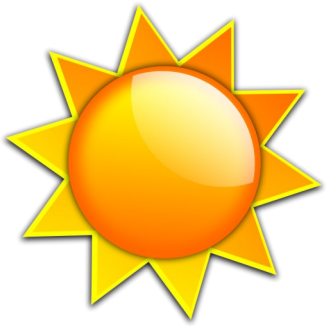
Due to not much gravity, everything floats in space, not just you. Actually, around 50% of gravity is in space. If not, every planet would be going everywhere! So, space scientists call it microgravity.

Also, space is very cold. That's why the title of this article is Subzero Space! Astronauts must wear space suits that are just right, because part of space is very hot! (Space is very confusing.) I hope you enjoy the facts about this never ending place! (There are a lot more facts about space, but it would take up this whole newspaper!) I also recommend the book <u>How Do You Burp in Space</u> by Susan E Goodman.

Hannah's Morning Routine

By Hannah K.

When I wake up, I have to get ready for school, so I am going to tell you what I do to get ready for school. The first thing I do is wake up and eat breakfast. Then I get dressed and brush my hair, which takes a long time. After that I brush my teeth, then I have a lot of time to play on my iPad mini and watch TV.



Then I play until I have to leave to go to school and drop my brother off at Gurrie Middle School. Then my mom drives around blocks until it is close to 8:09 or until 8:10. She drops me off at my friend's house and we walk to school together. My friend has a swing that we play on, but it causes BIG PROBLEMS. Because sometimes there are arguments about who gets to swing on it. Those who want to swing use their words to work it out, so while they use their words, I go on the swing so it's even. The swing is made up of wood and has no color to it.

My friend's house is only two blocks away from Spring Ave School. WOW!!!!!! That is so close. We start to walk at 8:11 or 8:14ish. It does not take long to get there. My sister and I and two other friends walk to the doors by the park and the lunchroom room.

Your Perfect Vacation Quiz

By Camille W.

1.What is your perfect temperature?
a) hot and sunny
b) cold with snow
c) mild and partly sunny
d) mild and mostly sunny

2. What mostly describes you?
a) calm
b) daring
c) studious and artsy
d) active and animal loving

3. What are your favorite animals?
a) seagulls and fish
b) wolves, moose, and bears
c) squirrels and birds
d) any animal

4.What sport do you like?
a) volleyball
b) soccer
c) basketball or/and football
d) horse riding

5.How do you eat foods that you like?
a) with my family
b) picnic outdoors
c) at a restaurant
d) homemade

Answers:

Mostly a's: Your perfect vacation is the beach! Running in the sand with the water spraying in your face.

Mostly b's: Your perfect vacation is the mountains! Traveling the trails and being with nature.

Mostly c's: Your perfect vacation is a big city! Walking or talking the bus wherever you want.

Mostly d's: Your perfect vacation is the countryside! Being around all of the animals and a lot of activities.

All I Want for the Holidays Is Electronics

By Emily S.

Life has so many terrors and changes. When transformed or transitioned into a different stage of living, humans can get… well, complicated. And just one example is holiday presents.

If Santa Claus could see us all in person, he would say, "I think the children of the world should ask more of me than electronics! So far, most children of the world have been begging for… what's that called… oh! Xboxes!"

I wouldn't blame him. All kids ever ask for these days are electronics. What ever happened to Lincoln Logs or Tinkertoys? Honestly, even fake telephones work!

What I'm trying to say is…Well, electronics are taking over the world. Kids are constantly begging for Santa or their guardians to give them exact replicas of Nintendo 3DS's, Xbox 360's, Windows 10 Computers, and whatever else. These items are draining our creativity and sucking every last ounce of imagination out of our minds. Children become lifeless beings plopped down on their couches, their petrified eyes locked on a television screen. Do you want to become that person? You don't. Well, here's how to stop useless holiday gifts.

First, we should just plain old stop asking for electronics. Try asking for Tinkertoys, Schleich figures, stuffed animals, anything!

Next, we can prevent ourselves from too much activity with electronics by doing arts and crafts, playing with toys, writing stories, helping with chores… anything you can think of!

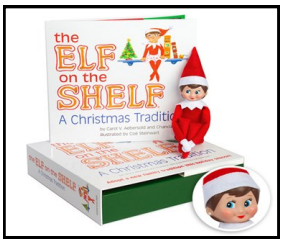
Finally, we can make sure to balance our time with electronics and non-electronic things. Remember, it is completely OK to use electronics on occasion!

What are you waiting for? Don't be a lifeless potato on a couch; stop basing your life on electronics! With too much electronics, our lives could be meaningless. It would be a much bigger adventure, however, if we balanced it.

Thanks for reading!

Elf on the Shelf Review

By Hannah E.



This is the Elf on the Shelf. It is very popular in the United States. Basically it is a little elf with a hat. It will have a skirt on if it is a girl elf. During the month of December it will come to your house. Each night it will go to the North Pole and report how good you have been to Santa Claus. In the morning you find it hiding somewhere new in your house. The elves sometimes like to hide in strange places. One time in my house the Elf on the Shelf was in the fridge.

There are some rules to the elves such as: You can't touch the elves or else they will lose their magic. Another rule is you have to read the book and name the elf for it to gain its magic. There are many different kinds of elves. There is an original girl elf, there is an original boy elf, and there is a plush boy and girl elf. You can pick whatever kind of elf you want. I have a boy because when I got my Elf on the Shelf there were no girl kinds. Here are some places where you can purchase an Elf on the Shelf: Target, Walmart, JC Penny, and many more places.

Typing Tricks On a Calculator

By Sophie I.

Type in the following numbers. Then turn the calculator upside down to read the tricks!

252525252
696969696
5537
05
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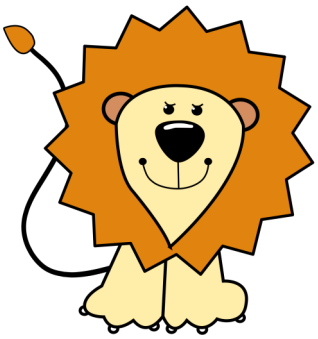
Calculator Answers:
252525252 — same right side up and upside down!
696969696 — opposite upside down
5537 — spells LESS
05 — spells SO
07734—spells HELLO



ROARING RECIPES!

Vanilla Cupcakes

By Lindsey P.

Ingredients:
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/4 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
2 large eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup canola oil (vegetable or extra light olive oil also work)
1/2 cup buttermilk or (F.Y.I. You can substitute the buttermilk with 1/2 cup milk plus 1/2 teaspoon white vinegar or lemon juice- add to the milk then set aside for 5 minutes before using.)

Instructions:
Preheat the oven to 350 °F and line a cupcake/muffin pan with cupcake liners.

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together 1 1/4 cups cake flour (or Canadian flour), 1 1/4 tsp baking powder, 1/2 tsp baking soda and 1/2 tsp salt. Set flour mix aside.
2. In a bowl, beat 2 eggs with a whisk.
3. Add 3/4 cup sugar and continue to beat.
4. Add vanilla and oil and beat.
5. Slowly add about half of the flour mixture. Add half of the buttermilk, then the rest of the flour mix and the rest of the milk. Beat until just combined and smooth, scraping down the sides of the mixing bowl. The batter should be thin.
6. Pour batter into a lined muffin pan.
7. Bake for 12 -14 minutes at 350 °F.

Chocolate Cupcakes

By Lindsey P.

Ingredients:
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon espresso powder
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup boiling water

Instructions:
Preheat oven to 325º F. Place cupcake liners in muffin tin. Spray lightly with cooking spray.

1. Add flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda, salt and espresso powder to a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer. Whisk through to combine or, using your paddle attachment, stir through flour mixture until combined well.
2. Add milk, vegetable oil, eggs, and vanilla to flour mixture and mix together on medium speed until well combined. Reduce speed and carefully add boiling water to the cake batter. Beat on high speed for about 1 minute to add air to the batter.
3. Evenly distribute cake batter. Each cupcake liner should be about 3/4 full.
4. Place in the oven and bake 12-15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
5. Remove from the oven and allow the cupcakes to cool completely.

Holiday Cupcake Decorating!

By Lindsey P.

Ingredients:
12 cupcakes
Taffy
12 (yellow) Gumdrops
Fruit leather (Fruit Roll-ups or Fruit By the Foot works best)
String(s) of black licorice
Frosting
Whatever other decorating things you want

Instructions:
1. Frost the cupcakes.
2. Cut the licorice into 12 1-inch pieces.
3. Poke two holes into the top of the gumdrops, then insert the two ends of the licorice pieces into the holes, like the top of an ornament.
4. Stick the gumdrop on the side of the top of the ornament.
5. Cut the fruit leather to match the top of the cupcake, from side to side. They can be any width.
6. Stick the fruit leather strips onto the cupcakes.
7. Use the frosting to stick any other decorations on.

VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

Plants Vs. Zombies Garden Warfare

By Aidan D.

Plants VS. Zombies Garden Warfare is one of my favorite games of all time. It is a game where you fight zombies with plants! You get to battle people online as a friend or fiend. You get four starter plants: the Cactus, Peashooter, Sunflower, and the Chomper.

There is a shop where you by card packs with the coins you get in the game. In the shop when you buy the packs you can get new plants and zombies.

You can also play as zombies. In plants you have to protect the garden for a specific amount of time. There are also zombie slots that spin that either give you money or give you hard zombies to battle.

The creators of the game are also making a Plants VS. Zombies Garden Warfare 2.

This game is available on Xbox One, Xbox 360, PS4,and PS3.

I hope you enjoy this game as much as I do!!!

Forza 6

By Michael F.

Forza 6 is a fun racing game. You can even customize your car to look really cool. You can buy cars, and then you can customize them. You can race against real people like your friends or you can just play with random people online. If you want you can just play the console. Something that is very interesting is that you can go sometimes 200 miles per hour.

Something that you need to know is that you race on a road, not drive on grass or anything like that. Before Forza 6 there was Forza 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1. They were all racing games. There are lots of different cool places to drive in Forza 6. Forza 6 is a fun cool and realistic racing game. You should play it too!

Ten Richest Countries of the World

By David J.

Ranking	Country	2015 International Dollars
1	Qatar	146,011.85
2	Luxembourg	94,167.01
3	Singapore	84,821.40
4	Brunei Darussalam	80,335.27
5	Kuwait	71,600.96
6	Norway	67,619.10
7	United Arab Emirates	67,201.88
8	Hong Kong	57,676.79
9	United States	57,045.46
10	Switzerland	56,815.63

Source: www.gfmag.com/global-data/economic-data/richest-countries-in-the-world?page=12

Fast Food: True or False

By Amaris W.

Over 10 billion donuts are eaten in the US every year.
Answer: True!

Americans eat 10 pounds of french fries a year!
Answer: False! The average American eats 29 pounds of french fries a year.

Fast food is eaten by one out of four people every day!
Answer: True!

There are over 260,000 fast food restaurants in America!
Answer: True

Fast food is better than fruits and vegetables!
Answer: False. Fast food is okay every once in a while, but not every day.

Food Word Search

By Jackie K.

Make your own word search at ABCYa.com!

Foods

Q	V	D	G	G	B	U	O	J	H
C	H	I	P	S	R	A	U	P	H
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R	C	Z	Q	N	C	V	C	A	T
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Word List

PRETZELS
BURGER
CANDY
PASTA
CARROTS
PIZZA
CHIPS
RICE
HOTDOG
BROCCOLI

ANSWERS:
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Which School of Magic Would You Be In?

By Paige K.

What is your favorite color?
a. Red and orange
b. White and light blue
c. Purple and yellow
d. Royal blue and yellow
e. Green and brown
f. Black and white
g. Tan and maroon

What gemstone is your favorite?
a. Ruby
b. Sapphire
c. Amethyst
d. Peridot
e. Jade
f. Onyx
g. Citrine

What is your favorite animal?
a. Crab
b. Polar Bear
c. Shark
d. Dragon
e. Unicorn
f. Bat
g. Serpent

Which of these natural disasters are the most powerful?
a. Volcano
b. Blizzard
c. Hurricane
d. Earthquake
e. Plague
f. Tornado
g. Sandstorm

If you have mostly a's:
You are a fire wizard! Fire wizards are smart, competitive, and attractive. Fire wizards have attack spells that linger, damaging their enemies over and over again.

If you have mostly b's:
You are an ice wizard! Ice wizards are strong, courageous, and honest. Ice wizards can take a lot of damage, but their spells are weaker than other schools.

If you have mostly c's:
You are a storm wizard! Storm wizards are educated, creative, and independent. Storm wizards can cast devastating attacks, but they have weaker defenses.

If you have mostly d's:
You are a myth wizard! Myth wizards are sneaky, competitive, and knowledgeable. Myth wizards usually fight independently, casting spells to summon mythical creatures to help them and aid them in battle.

If you have mostly e's:
You are a life wizard! Life wizards are social, attractive, and funny. Life wizards are great at healing themselves and others.

If you have mostly f's:
You are a death wizard! Death wizards are driven, serious, and intelligent. Death wizards often use spells called drains. Drains take strength from enemies to heal themselves.

If you have mostly g's:
You are a balance wizard! (my favorite!!) Balance wizards are wise, clever, thoughtful, and charming. Balance wizards are great at breaking the rules of combat!

Can It "Bee" True

That There Is a Cure For Lyme Disease?

By Zoe C and Emme M.

Here is an amazing story of how animals saved a person's life.

A woman named Ellie Lobel had Lyme disease. Lyme disease is an illness a person can get from a deer tick and can lead to death. Ellie had been fighting Lyme disease for 15 years, and she was about to give up. She went to California to relax before she died. One day, she went for a walk to get fresh air. While walking, a bee hit her on the head and, before she knew it, she was in a swarm of bees!

Ellie had severe allergies to bees and started to go limp from the bee stings. Her caregiver, who was staying with her, rushed to take her to the hospital. Ellie said no, don't fix the bee stings, because she was ready to die.

Ellie thought she was going to die, and she felt pain for three days after being stung by the bees. However, on the fourth day, the bee sting pain decreased and she began to feel better than she had felt since she got Lyme disease! She wondered if the bee venom was curing her Lyme disease.

She searched online to find out if bee stings were a cure, but she found very little information. She decided to test her theory that bees could cure her disease by allowing a bee to sting her whenever she had symptoms of Lyme disease. Her theory was correct!

Now, Ellie carries a small box of bees she ordered online everywhere she goes. The pain of a bee sting, which is scary to most kids, is life-saving to Ellie.

For more information, visit: mosaicscience.com/story/how-bee-sting-saved-my-life-poison-medicine.

Pygmy Devil Rays

By Jackie K., Sammy K., and Gabby L.

Habitat and Size

The Pygmy Devil Ray mainly lives in tropical and subtropical waters. They have about a 15 foot wingspan. Their mouths are located under their heads, and they use "cephalic fins" on either side of the head that suck in water.

Prey and Predators

Pygmy Devil Rays mainly eat krill, occasionally they eat small fish, and they take in water to help their gills. Fishermen and sharks are the major threats to them.

Fun Facts

Pygmy Devil Rays are a very large species of mobula ray. These amazing creatures have no bones. Instead their skeleton is made up of cartilage. The disc size (the width of the ray) of these species can be as big as 22 feet.

When these monstrous creatures feed, their so-called "horns" (the things that stick out the front of these rays) angle in. When they are migrating or mating their horns point straight ahead. Even though these massive creatures seem quite scary, they have no barb (stinger) on their tail so they are very peaceful and harmless.

How Did The Dinosaurs Go Extinct?

By Landon N.

A popular theory of the dinosaur's doom is that a meteor crashed into the Gulf of Mexico and blocked out the sun, killing the plants, and then the plant eaters, and then the meat eaters. Proof of this is that there is melted rock in the area, and a rare metal only found near the crash site.

The only flaw to this is that dino fossils are not found from that time, so they died before that. But there is a theory coming out of the meteor theory: simulations of the test show that chunks of rock could supply air for stowaway dinosaurs for millennia. So does that mean space dinos? Maybe. But most likely not.

Another theory is that climate changes killed them all off which could have happened from global warming.

Endangered Animals

By Ashlyn G. and Emily S.

Manta Rays were/are used for only their gills. Consider this, they are 23 feet long and the width of their body is 2.2 times their length.

Under 162 ocelots remain in the world! Most of their decline in population is due to poaching, hunting for their body parts (fur, bones, etc.), and habitat destruction.

The Hawaiian O'o was living happily in Hawaii until one male was left. There was no female left. Someone got the male calling for a female. This animal is now extinct.

Whales are highly endangered due to the somewhat common use of whaling, or hunting for food. Yes, people eat them! Fortunately, people have protested against whale eating, and now fewer people eat them. They are hunted for food and their oils.

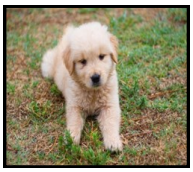
Island Foxes are a nearly threatened species, but that isn't the largest of their problems. Naturally, these foxes and their populations are small. Too many predators target these petite animals, causing their population to lower even more.

Too much carbon dioxide is another reason these animals are or will be extinct. We can try to stop this by taking one day out of our week not eating or using animal products. This is as helpful to the environment as 7,600,000 cars off the road, according to environmental researchers.

Really Cute Animals!

By Charlie R.

These are the cutest or at least really cute animals! Let the "aw's!" and the "Oooooo's!" begin!



The first little cutie is the Golden Retriever puppy! Some people saw this one coming on the list! This puppy grows up to be a big dog! Did you know that Golden Retrievers are great assets to search and rescue teams, hunters, and trackers?

Golden Retrievers are instinctively fond of water. This means that they'll take your game of fetch in a pool or a pond and burn off some of that energy in a water workout!

Next on the list is a baby harp seal. I honestly do not know what it would look like as all grown up. (sorry). But, this little cutie lives in the Arctic Ocean. I wouldn't really recommend living there because it would be extremely cold! I just really want one of these! But, I know it would be really hard to take care of it.

It also has harp or wishbone shaped markings on its back. It will grow up to be about: 1.7 to 2.0m (5ft and 7in to 6ft and 7in) long. Wow! That is long! Now I know why they

call it the harp seal! This next animal is a Pomsky puppy! It's a super cute dog! It grows up to be medium sized. Its lifespan is 13-15 years, and its weight is 20-30 pounds! I really want most of the cute animals on the list. The Pomsky is a relatively new breed of 'designer dog.' The Pomsky is a cross between a Pomeranian and a Siberian Husky. I know I didn't write a lot of facts but, I'm going to move on the next animal.

The next cute animal is the polar bear cub! The polar bear's fur is not white! (Surprisingly.) It is actually clear. The fur reflects light. Now you learned something new!

The polar bear will grow up to be,4.4 feet tall and the speed for how fast it swims is about, 6.2 mph! It's also native to the Arctic Ocean. I would love to have one of these animals so much! Let's move to the next animal!

The next cute animal is the bunny rabbit! The lifespan of a rabbit is nine years. The rabbit has a lot of breeds such as an American, English Angora, Beveren, and a French Angora. The male rabbit is called a buck and the female is called a doe.

Interesting Kangaroo Facts

By Camille W.

1. Adult male kangaroos are called buck, bommer, or jack. Female kangaroos are called doe, flyer or jill. Also a group of kangaroos is called a mob.

2. Kangaroos can swim! Kangaroos use their extremely strong hind legs to help them swim. They swim in a doggy paddle motion, not a leaping motion.

3. Just because the hind legs are the main part in swimming, does not mean that the front legs aren't strong. A kangaroo can hold a creature under water if it feels threatened or is challenged by it.

4. Kangaroos can jump up to 30 feet (9 meters) in one leap/jump.

5. Kangaroos are the tallest marsupials standing at 6 feet tall (2 meters).

Air JAWS!

By Emmett D.

Air Jaws refers to a group of flying Great White Sharks near Cape Town, South Africa. How do sharks fly? The bottom of the ocean floor is really deep, then it gets really shallow, so the sharks get a lot of momentum to jump. This is why the Great White sharks only jump here in Cape Town, South Africa. They only do this when seals are above them.

Scientists learned that they can put a fake seal on the back of a boat and the sharks will fly like Jordan. The sharks were first discovered in September 2007. Adult great white sharks can grow up to 21 feet long and weigh 1500 to 2400 pounds. Seals can sometimes get away because they are fast and agile.

Which FROZEN Character Are You?

By Caroline F. and Abby M.

1. What would your friends describe you as?
A. Kind
B. Worried
C. Funny
D. Loyal
E. Carefree

2. What's your favorite candy?
A. Chocolate
B. Snow Caps
C. Marshmallows
D. M&M's
E. Gummy bears

3. What is your favorite color?
A. Teal
B. Silver
C. Yellow
D. Red
E. Grey

4. What's your favorite book genre?
A. Fiction
B. Drama
C. Comedy
D. Mystery
E. Graphic novels

If you answered mostly A's, you are Anna

If you answered mostly B's, you are Elsa

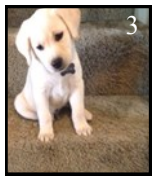
If you answered mostly C's, you are Olaf

If you answered mostly D's, you are Sven

If you answered mostly E's, you are Kristoff

Which Pet is Cutest?

By Scott B., Brady B., and Carter H.



Here are the animals:
1. German Shepherd Puppy
2. Siamese Kitten
3. Golden Lab Puppy
4. Baby Polar Bear
5. Pomeranian Puppy

CREATIVE WRITING

Trapped In Jamaa, Volume 2

By Emily S. and Ashlyn G.

The crack got bigger and bigger as they jumped in. Flora and Infinity were falling into what looked like green, gooey, acid. The walls beside them looked like canyon ones, pitch black pebbles sliding off of them.

"GRAB ONTO THE POT!!!! I MEAN WALLS!!!!!!!!!!!" Flora screeched.

Flora grabbed onto the wall and slid into it like a ghost. Infinity tried to get to the wall but she couldn't! Before she fell into the gooey liquid she slipped into the wall like Flora did.

Infinity saw Flora staring at something in amazement. Infinity looked at what Flora was staring at and Infinity also stared at it in amazement too.

"Where are we?" Asked Infinity still staring at what Flora was staring at.

"I really, really don't know," said Flora staring at whatever she was staring at.

"I think we are in…" Flora started.

And in unison they both said "Sarepia Forest."

But instead of it being an open forest, it looked like a rain forest. All sorts of colors were everywhere. There were no open spaces but, it was beautiful.

"Wow. Just wow!" said Flora finally looking away to see Infinity in awe.

"Yeah," said Infinity.

The two of them stepped in not knowing how to get out.

"I… I... I'M SCARED!!!" cried Flora.

She started to cry. "I just want to be home…" She said in tears.

"Everything will be ok Ashl--- Flora" Infinity said trying to calm her down. "Everything will be just fine…".

They came to a clearing. "FINALLY!!!!!" Infinity cried.

Flora said the same thing.

They saw that they were not in Sarepia Forest before.

"Umm… Infinity?" asked Flora.

"Yes?" asked Infinity.

"I don't think we were in Saperia Forest before."

"Where were we then?"

"I don't know…" said Flora worried.

"Well… we are in Saperia Forest now." said Infinity. "And we don't have the virus anymore."

"I guess you're right," said Flora now seeing fog in front of her.

A figure walked in front of them snickering. It was a wolf. He was black with red flames. He was a nonmember. His nametag said: Awesome Sunnybrave.

"IT… IT… IT… IT'S… IT'S FMAN122!!!!" screamed Flora and Infinity in unison.

Flora ran and Infinity followed her. Flora stopped as she saw an electric fence.

"I don't remember this being here," Flora said in confusion.

The two looked back and saw that Fman122 was staring at them still saying nothing. His face got creepier by the second. Flora screamed again. The electric fence broke somehow.

They didn't know but Flora took a risk. She touched the fence.

"WOW!!!" she screeched "MY SCREAM BROKE IT!!!".

She climbed over it and fell on the other side.

Flora screamed again for no reason.

"JUST STOP SCREAMING ALREADY!!!!!!!" Fman122 said "GEEZ!!"

"You can talk?" asked Flora.

"Of course I can talk!" Fman122 said immediately.

Infinity just stood there like she wasn't living.

Fman122... Well, let's just call him Fman... was not happy. His lips were pulled back in a snarl, revealing his gleaming fangs.

Finally, Infinity said something.

"You and The Lost Jammer have the same name," she began. "Are you the same account, or are you different?"

Fman's snarl faded slightly. "We're half-brothers. Zios is our father, but Lost's mother is that pathetic crane who rules Jamaa. Mine, however, is Greely's sister, Namasha."

Flora's pelt flushed, turning to its normal color and her eyes to their normal form.

"Oh, good. So we just met a guy named Lost who is evil, at the same time born from Jamaa's gods. It totally makes sense!" she stated sarcastically.

Fman sighed and shook his head.

"You members think you know the history of Jamaa, but only its family blood does. Oops, I forgot! I'm supposed to hack you, now!"

Fman put on a sinister grin, once again revealing his razor sharp, long teeth.

At once, Flora and Infinity received new jam-a-grams. "A gift for your respect and patience," Fman cackled. "Open it to find out what's inside."

Infinity's fur bristled in fear. She tucked her tail in between her legs and cowered back. Her petite paws inched backwards slowly, escaping notice of Fman.

Emily - Infinity, currently, - had studied wolves a lot. She admired them greatly, possessing the knowledge of most any known wolf fact! Whenever a wolf actively submitted to a dominant wolf, it would cower back with its tail in between its legs. Infinity figured this language would

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CREATIVE WRITING

Trapped In Jamaa, Volume 2, continued

By Emily S. and Ashlyn G.

also work with foxes, for they are closely related to canines.

Currently, Flora was standing still as a statue. She was paralyzed, frozen. Flora knew that if she opened this jam-a-gram, she would get another virus, and she didn't have free chat so she really didn't want to.

The two continued what they were doing for a while, causing an odd moment of silence. Fman's sinister grin was plastered to his face. Infinity could've sworn he wasn't breathing.

Slowly, Infinity approached Fman. He never flinched.

Reluctantly, Infinity poked the wolf. Again, no signs of movement. Seeing Infinity do it, Flora fearlessly hopped up to Fman and whacked him in the head. Flora landed gracefully and looked up to the flaming wolf. He didn't budge. Only one thing changed about him - he held a letter in his paw. To the two's surprise, it said "Thanks for playing with me!"

And the virus began. Again.

Flora shook with fear. She hopped sideways and up and down and everywhere.

"B… but… but I....I...I n... n...never open… i….t.." said Flora still jumping around.

"NO!!!" she said sadly and stopped jumping around.

"This is our life, and we can control our life." said Flora with purpose.

"We live our own life the way we want to."

"Yeah… you're right Flora." said Infinity.

"No… no… NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!" whailed Fman. "I HAVE TO LEAVE!!!!!!!" and with that he left.

"Where do we go now?" asked Flora.

"Just keep going I guess," said Infinity.

And so, the two set off into the distance.

To be Continued...

Shadow Creatures Caught on Photo?

By Aidan N.

Recently, mysterious shadow creatures have been popping up unexpectedly.

At first, it was thought that these mysterious monsters were that of a superstitious attempt at getting children to behave, but then sightings from alleyways and first-hand accounts started surfacing.

Finally, a man has captured one of these creatures on photo. One night, he was looking at Mars through a telescope, when a large shadow formed over half on the red planet. Suddenly, a large crash was heard, and the smell of smoke. As he escaped the burning building, he snapped a photo of the arsonist: a shadow.

Although we couldn't get that photo, we managed to get one sitting in a government databank, labeled "IllumanatiMars.jpg." What are these mysterious creatures?

Do we want to know?

The Sun

A Poem By Jeanne M.

The Sun rises at 7 on the dot. Waiting for children
to come and play.

At dawn, the Sun smiles,
guarding the kids with his
rays. He giggles at the joyful
sounds they make.

Then, the Moon comes to take
the Sun's place during his slumber.
Until 7 again when he rises.

CREATIVE WRITING

Adventures of the Felines, Volume 1

By Emily S.

Smash! Bang! Colonies of stray cats smashed through the city, charging past roaring cars and flocks of humans. They bounded over trash cans, slashed past barking canines, and simply tore through the city. What seemed like thousands were blazing in a jumbled-up line, their paws pounding the ground rapidly.

"Halt!" the tortoiseshell tom in the lead yowled. "We have reached the amusement park!"

At once, all of the cats jerked to a halt. A tabby tom with sandy brown fur and bark brown stripes stepped forward, making his way past the cats that flocked away from him.

"Kamar, I still don't understand," the tom, whose name was Bramble, mewed. "If we have to survive those swinging, giant flying rides just to get food-"

"Silence!" the tortoiseshell, whose name was Kamar, snapped. "I remain the leader of the New York Rogues. I have only announced you *deputy*, so I command the orders!" Bramble sighed and hung his head down to his paws. "Yes, sir," he grumbled.

Then, the cats marched into the amusement park.

Once the colony had entered the amusement park, Kamar selected groups of cats to sneak on rides and attempt to steal food. Unfortunately, Kamar was partnered with his worst enemy, Clawdia, to ride the Terror Roller Coaster.

"Now, go," Kamar concluded, "and do not fail me!"

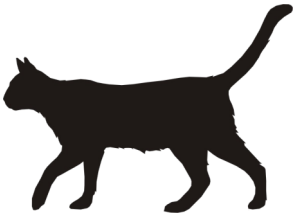
At once, the colony split up. The small Terror Roller Coaster group followed Bramble to the endless, steep, twisted, and rapid roller coaster.

"When you get on, be prepared for anything. Find the emptiest cart you can and climb on," Bramble commanded. "I can take the seat belts with Shade. The rest of you, secure yourselves under the roofed foot area. Understood?"

"Yes, sir!" the cats mewed in unison.

So, the cats leapt onto the ride and took their places. Bramble managed to click on his seat belt (though it didn't exactly fit) beside a silver tabby with icy blue eyes. She was his best friend, Shade. "Buckle yourselves in immediately," a robotic voice declared behind a desk on the ground. "If you feel ill or dizzy, please exit the ride as soon as possible."

"Get ready," Bramble declared.



All of the cats ducked their heads and unsheathed their claws.

At once, the cart burst rapidly into the ride. Bramble felt like he was going free-fall, dropping down the tallest building while at the same time twisting and turning. His stomach felt like it would fall out of his body! (Fortunately, it didn't.) Just then, Bramble caught the scent of food down below. Two llamas had passed away in the petting zoo.

Bramble's pelt was beaded with sweat. He couldn't jump off a ride just to get to the llamas! But it would be the only chance of the colony's survival. Prey was very scarce.

Here I go, Bramble thought, which might've been his last one.

Then, Bramble slipped out of the seat belt and leapt off the roller coaster. He closed his eyes and allowed himself to slice through the air, soaring down endlessly. This was the end… Or was it?

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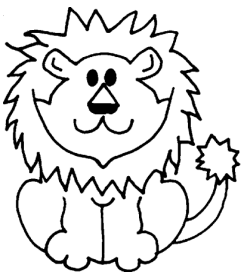

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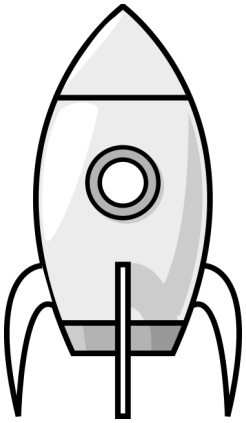
CREATIVE WRITING

A World Before Matter, Volume 1

By Aidan N.

A crashing sound swarmed through the space station. In a few seconds, kangaroos in space suits and uniforms were in the hangar, where the sound originated from.

"Doctor Pug! You're back!" cried one of the kangaroos as she rushed towards the spaceship.



"Well, I guess I am. Rather bad landing, though, could have been better. Anyways, how have you guys been?" said Doctor Pug, who was actually a pomsky. The last of his kind before the German T. Rexes from an alternate dimension invaded. He was a hybrid of a Husky and a Pomeranian.

He smiled at his "space-legion" and went towards the lab, the female kangaroo (named Pufferfish) followed close behind.

"Puff, get me some test tubes. I need to run an analyzing test on the little things. Hey, where'd the peanut-bunny thing go? Gah! Nevermind."

He walked into his lab, and after Pufferfish entered, he closed and locked the door.

"Alrighty, let's get that negative energy in here." He placed the bag of shadowy liquid into the tube.

"So, Doctor Pug, what is it?" asked Puff.

"Tsk tsk. Always so impatient." He replied.

"It's some sort of unstable black matter-anti-matter-nitrogen fusion." He finally answered.

"I think we should leave it alone for now. You need rest, after all that space-travel and stuff." Pufferfish told Doctor Pug.

"You know what? You're absolutely right. Good night, Puff." He replied. After they all went to bed, the unstable -fusion began to bubble. The next morning, the fusion was gone.

"WHAT DID YOU DO WITH IT?!?" screamed Doctor Pug.

"Calm down, William. I sure she-" said Doctor Astro, a friend (and kangaroo) of Doctor Pug.

"I'm not calming down till it's been recovered! It's unstable and dangerous!" He screamed.

"Well," said Puff (who was being interrogated), "If it was SOOOO dangerous, why did you bring it onto The Compact?"

Suddenly, all eyes turned to Doctor Pug.

"Because I knew we could tap into the timestream with it. Go back home, to a more peaceful time." He said, sadly and somberly.

A roar was heard.

"What in the world?" said Doctor Astro, but then...a Raptor-headed UFO charged through the door!

Everyone was screaming and running. The doctor saw a vile in its hand.

"It's the anti-matter." said Doctor Pug, coming to a dark realization. "It's a living, breathing thing. And it taps into our darkest fears."

"Run!" He suddenly shouted, pointing towards the other door, towards the hangar.

"What about you!?" shouted Puff.

"I've done terrible things in my life, Puff. My time has come. Not only for the end, but the time I fix things." He replied.

With swiftness, he closed the iron-sliding door. He ducked underneath the creature and rolled towards his laboratory. He grabbed a tube of the unstable fusion and ran back towards the creature. He raised the tube and circled around the creature.

Puff, inside the T.H.E.S.A.U.R.U.S. pod (an escape pod) with the other kangaroos, watched in horror as the creature reeled back towards the wall.

"Yeah, you REALLY don't like this fusion, do ya?" Doctor Pug said as he pretended to thrust the tube at the creature, making it flinch.

In that moment, he pressed a button, sending the pod into space. As it left, Puff watched as Doctor Pug threw the tube at the creature. In space, the kangaroos watched as the Compact exploded.

Suddenly, the T.H.E.S.A.U.R.U.S. pod landed in an Alternate-Dimensional German T. Rex army camp, and was surrounded.

"Give zit' up, we all know you are in zhere." said a commander.

Suddenly, Doctor Pug's ship, the S.S. Getz REEKT, zoomed into view and targeted the camp. It landed, and Doctor Pug jumped out.

"But, how…" said Puff, walking towards Doctor Pug.

"Tsk tsk. Always so ignorant." he said.

He explained that it only created those creatures with DNA. He had spat in the tube, making a copy of him.

"But how did it make the Rap-FO then?" said Astro, puzzled.

Doctor Pug began to look grim.

"I've come to two conclusions: The DNA was there beforehand, and began to bubble just then, or…"

They all knew what was next…

"There was Rap-FO on board." They shouted together.

THE END…...or is it? Find out in Doctors Pug's Adventure Issue #2!

CREATIVE WRITING

Mr. P. Bunny To The Future

By Landon N.

Once upon a robotic time, five hundred years after tacos attacked Micro City… Mr. P. Bunny lived on! He was eating soda pop, when something started jumping on him! An evil mini robot of evil! He ran from it and it left him alone! Thank goodness!

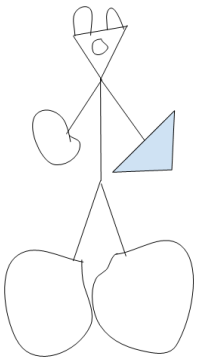
That means less work for me. Now give me the paycheck!

Wait….. Is it chasing him?!?! Now I have to wait for a paycheck….. Anyways!

"Help me!" Mr. P. Bunny screamed.

"Get the robot bunny person thing!" Shouted the robot.

Then, the mini robot went from normal, to a giant mini robot!



Mr. P. Bunny ran and ran and ran and ran and ran until the robot fell asleep! Wow, that was easy! (Unlike last time.)

Well, paycheck please! Um… where is my paycheck? Wait, I get it next week?!??! Fine.

Then the giant mini robot turned into a mini robot snake of doom and started destroying the town!

Mr. P. Bunny got on a spaceship and launched through spacetime and knocked a kangaroo in a spacesuit off of a space station in the future!!

Then he came back to Micro City and hit the robot with a laser! Alright, time for the paycheck!

The End.

Q & A with Mr. P. Bunny

By Landon N.

Question from potato the Minecraft creeper (AKA Aidan N.):
Q: If you could be an ant, what would you do with your time?
A: Interrogate the CIA, duhhhh.

Question from the author of Mr. P. Bunny:
Q: Why do you like soda pop?
A: Read my next newspaper article! (You made me like it!)

Question from an alien:
Q: ??Uoy? !Tae! I? ?Nac!
A: What did you even say?

Ducktective

Volume 1

By Aidan D. and Will B.

Ducktective is a duck who is a detective, and he had an adventure! We will share it with you.

One day on a stormy night, Ducktective ordered a cheeseburger at a local Burger King, but he realized they forgot the cheese! He still ate the burger, but he wanted to find out why they did not give him the cheese.

The next day he went to Burger King and demanded an answer! They told him that his brother stole all the cheese. So Ducktective went to his brother's mansion and demanded him for all the cheese! Ducktective's brother challenged him for a duel. Ducktective accepted the challenge.

"Quack, Quack!" he said.

"QUACK!!!" his brother answered. Ducktective flew down and snatched the cheese. "Quack, Quack!" he screamed.

Ducktective's brother took the cheese back and flew off!!! Ducktective was shocked so he just went to McDonald's and ordered a cheeseburger, but they forgot the cheese once again.

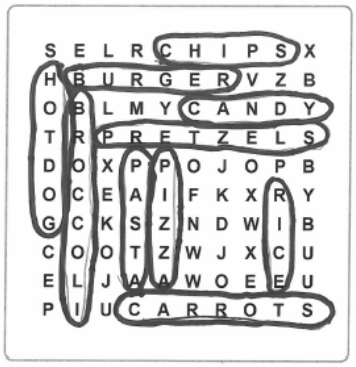
The End….for now.

Ducktective Fun Facts

1. He loves cheeseburgers.
2. He dislikes his brother.
3. He is a detective.
4. His brother is evil.
5. He can fly.
6. He has an assistant.
7. He is awesome.
8. Ducktective's brother has a frying pan.
9. He is a comedian.

Word Search Answers

Foods



COMIC

My Grandpa is MONSTER!
By: Cano R
What?
Hey Grandpa!
It's time to decorate the house
What? Halloween is coming again?
No Grandpa! It's time for Christmas
Oh, Yeah now I get ya!
In fact I got the Christmas tree!
Really?
Yeah! Wanna see it?
LATER

COMIC

So! What do you think?
So! What do you think?
Uh… Why is there a bear trap in the chimney?
Uh... Why is there a bear trap in the chimney
That's to capture Santa!
That's to capture Santa!
Really Grandpa...
Really Grandpa...
What? Somebody needs to catch him!
What? Somebody needs to catch him
END

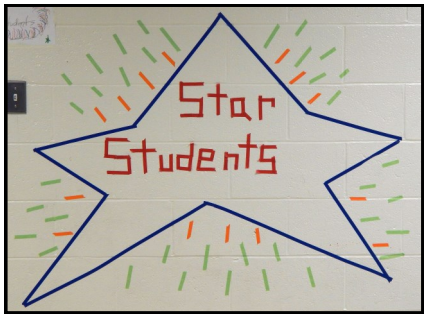
Important Dates

By Rayna A.

December 18 - Holiday Parties
December 20 - January 2 -Winter Break
January—After 3 Class begin, Thanks Spring Ave PTO!
January 13 - Family Literacy Night, 6:00-7:30,
PTO Meeting, 6:00
January 18 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day
January 18 - Flying High Party
January 20 - Fun Lunch
January 29 - No School, Professional Learning Day
February 2 - 2 pm Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences
February 4 - 2 pm Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences
February 15 - No School, Presidents' Day

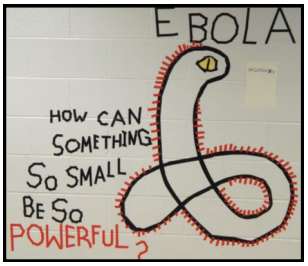
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Art Club Hallway Gallery

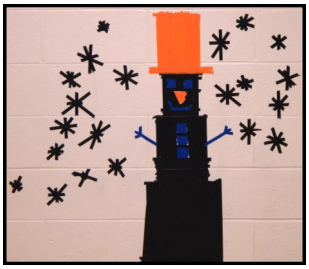


Artist: Sarah K.
How well do you do in school? My mural is about what your goals are in school. I first wanted to make this project because everybody has a goal. My goal is probably to learn more in school. Well, I want you to think about your goal, and be a star in the sky for whatever it is.

Artist: Caroline F.
Making this art was so fun. I loved it!



Artist: Landon N.
What inspired me to do the Ebola art piece was when my mom gave me a stuffed Ebola she got online.



Artist: Christopher S.
I got the idea for a snowman from my Christmas card. My favorite part of making my snowman was being able to use masking tape.

Artists: Allyssa W. and Lillian P.
The Learning Tree represents learning and growth. You need to learn to grow, and you need to grow to learn. The idea came to us after a full day of brainstorming. We decided on The Learning Tree because we wanted some of it to do with nature and some of it to do with learning, so we just put the ideas together!

Family Literacy Night — A Night of Stories — Wednesday, January 12, 6:00-7:30 pm

Schedule of Events
6:00-6:45: Parents: PTO Meeting / Parent University in the Library // Students: Storytelling station rotation in classrooms
6:45-7:30: Families together: Professional Storyteller Sue Black in Gym

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