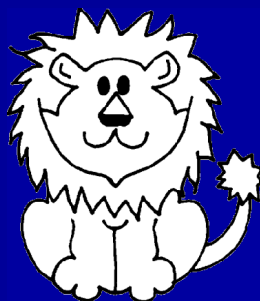


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## Spring Ave Hosts Ellis Island

Story and Photographs by Hannah E.



The third graders in the District do a role play of Ellis Island to further understand immigration. The fourth graders help by being doctors and officials in the Ellis Island experience.

Every third grader from District 105 participates in this unit. They have fake families and identities based on real Ellis Island history.



The fourth graders are responsible for making sure the 3rd grade immigrants have proper information, good health, and luggage. The third graders have to take a test to make sure they are safe for America.

They also bring luggage to the experience and officials have to check the bag; most people get things confiscated, which means they get



taken away. But don't worry, there are people who make sure the students get everything back. Students go through a lot of stops during the experience just like the immigrants did at Ellis Island.

Ellis Island is a fun experience for Spring Avenue students. We hope our visitors had a great time at Ellis Island too.

## Math and Science Night Success!

By Lilly R. and Mrs. Badrov



Thank you to all the Science Fair participants. Whether you did a project or not, it was fun! We had over 80 projects.

Many thanks to the PTO and the parent volunteers who made this special night happen.

Pictured at left: Students and families participate in Math and Science Night on March 19, 2015. Photo submitted by Mrs. Crowe.

The Spring Avenue PTO expanded Math & Science Night this year to include a full science fair and more hands on experimentation. This was the first year in many years that the science fair project opportunity was available to students. We were amazed when we got almost 100 projects! Even Kindergarteners participated!

The hands on and Mad Science experiments were also an overwhelming success. Students asked questions and really engaged in the ideas. It was fun to see so many young minds whirling and churning with new concepts while having a great time.

One of the most important things we will be celebrating during the spirit week is our pride! This includes our pride of doing our best, being a kind friend, following expectations, being an individual, being proud of our family's heritage, of our differences and of how we take care of one another!



# Principal's Corner

By Mrs. Webb

Dear Families,

What in the world, you say? I know we live in the Midwest, but this weather is really quite silly. The students are making the best of it and we are all so very thankful for our grounds crews: Ms. Kim, Mr. Ken, Mr. Jinx and all the fabulous people who take care of snow removal, salting, and safety!!! THANK YOU! It will be spring again! Please continue to help the students dress appropriately for the unpredictable weather. Now, that's a bit funny!

Thank you to the wonderful work and efforts that went into our Math and Science Night, March 18, 2015! Students showed off their excitement about collections, hypothesis knowledge and the scientific process. The best part was having students share their presentations that evening! A great big thank you goes to Mrs. Badrov, Mrs. Renick and Mrs. Winchester who spent many hours preparing, scoring and running centers! This kind of commitment and involvement by parents is the reason we were voted #1!

Also, Spring Avenue welcomed Peter Brown for an exciting day of visits with this author/illustrator. Students learned how Mr. Brown got his start, how to draw his characters and why he included certain information in his books! Thanks to our PTO for sponsoring this author visit every year! We believe this year's selection, Mr. Peter Brown, made a lasting impression.

We will be having additional spirit days this week before spring break:

**Monday:** Spirit Wear

**Tuesday:** Heritage Wear- honor your family and your background by being creative. A celebration of cultures at Gurrie with the Taste of D105!

**Wednesday:** Cancer Awareness Day- wear any color for the cancer awareness you choose or wear all the colors of the rainbow!

**Thursday:** Crazy Hair Day!

**Friday:** BEACH DAY!! Whether it's snowing or raining outside, we will be sunny and bright inside. Students may wear beach attire (no swimsuits please) and flipflops, hats and sunglasses. Also bring a towel for our movie celebration at the end of the day! We will be turning our gymnasium into a beach of sorts!

One of the most important things we will be celebrating during the spirit week is our pride! This includes our pride of doing our best, being a kind friend, following expectations, being an individual, being proud of our family's heritage, of our differences and of how we take care of one another! Thank you to each of you for all you do to support your children to understand these important lessons.

If you are traveling over the break, we wish you a safe and wonderful break with your family. If you are having more of a Stay-cation, enjoy the time together!!!

With pride,

Mrs. Webb

*Special Announcement:*

Spring Avenue is running a short term contest for students who are interested in making a video about LaGrange and the environment. Students are asked to make a 3 minute or less video about Earth Day sharing ways people in LaGrange help our environment. To participate in this contest, please see: [www.gogreenlagrange.org](http://www.gogreenlagrange.org).



# SPORTS PAGE



## Nazareth Academy Wins the 2014 State Championship

By Emmett D. and Patrick E.

The crowd goes wild at Illinois University for the 2014 6A State Championship. We interviewed Tim Racki, the Nazareth Academy football coach. Here is what he said.

E & P: What were your strategies to win the 6A state championship?

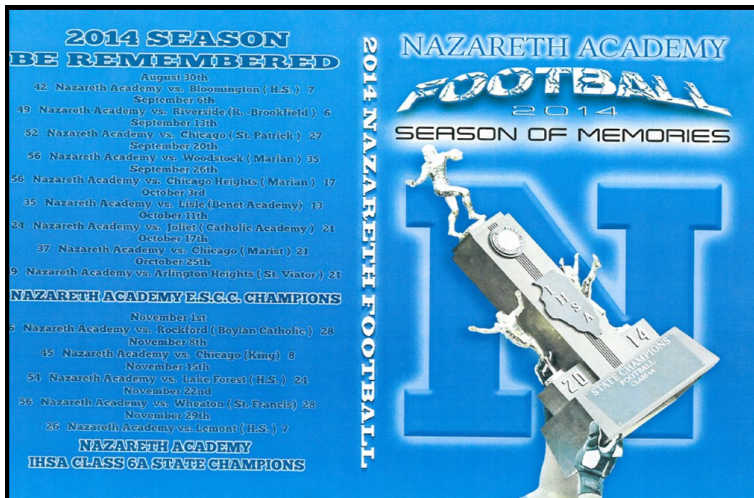
Coach: We knew we had a great team to start out with so we had to stay healthy and play a lot of players.

E & P: Where did you get some of your best players from?

Coach: We get to choose players from private schools within a 30 mile radius.

E & P: Did you like coaching for Driscoll or Nazareth better?

Coach: Since Driscoll closed a couple years ago I



would rather coach for Nazareth.

E & P: Are any of your seniors going to play college football?

Coach: I have eight kids going to play on a college team, six of them have full scholarships.

E & P: Did you play high school football?

Coach: I went to Driscoll and played high school football there.

E & P: Where did you go to college?

Coach: I went to

Southern Illinois and played football there.

E & P: Where are you going to put the sign that says "Home of Nazareth Academy 2014 6A State Champions"?

Coach: On the two main roads going into LaGrange Park.

Congratulations team!

## The Chicago Blackhawks

By Adam K.

The Chicago Blackhawks are the only NHL team in Illinois. Their record right now on March 17th is 41-21-6. Not too long ago they signed Scott Darling as a back up goalie and put Anti Raanta back on the Rockford Ice Hogs. In my opinion, I think Darling is better than Raanta, but not many people agree. They signed him, so there is not much to argue with. Also, Patrick Kane fractured his clavicle. He is out for 12 weeks.

The Blackhawks are part of the Central Division of the Western Conference. The Hawks have won five Stanley Cup championships since their founding in 1926. They are one of the original six teams in the NHL (National Hockey League). For 65 years they played in the Chicago Stadium but now they play in the United Center at 1901 West Madison Street in Chicago, Illinois.



Image Source: <http://blackhawkup.com/2014/03/22/united-center-experience-chicago-blackhawks-vs-carolina-hurricanes/>

The Hawks wear a red jersey for home games and a white jersey in away games. Their red jerseys have two black stripes and three white stripes by the waist. They also have two white stripes and one black by the arms. On the white jersey, it is with two white stripes, one red stripe, and two black stripes by the waist and arms. In whatever jersey they're wearing, they always wear red and black gloves. Their socks are the same as the waist on their jersey.

The Blackhawks' main goalie is Corey Crawford. The captain is Jonathan Toews. Alternate captains are Patrick Sharp and Duncan Keith. During the last Olympics, 10 Hawks players made it and played. They are Keith, Kane, Toews, Sharp, Oduya, Rozsival, Kruger, Hossa, Handzus, and Hjalmarrsson. That is a very good number since there are 30 teams in the NHL.

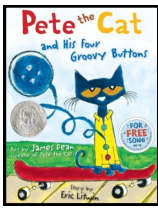




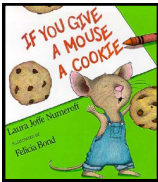
# Book Recommendations by Grade Level

By Selma B., Stella C., Alejandra M., and Olivia M.

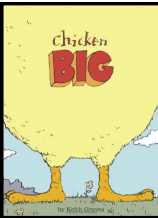
## Kindergarten and 1st Grade:



**Pete the Cat: Groovy Buttons:** This book is about a cool cat with groovy buttons and even when he loses them, he stays positive and realizes all along he has had the best button of all.... his bellybutton.

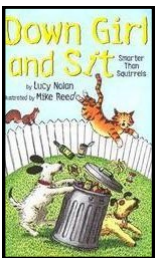


**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie:** This book is about the crazy effects of when you give a mouse a cookie.



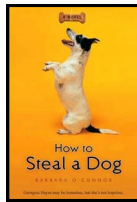
**Chicken Big:** This book is about how the little chickens think a big chicken is not a chicken, and when he shows his talents, they think different about him.

## 2nd Grade:



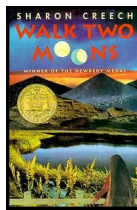
**Down Girl and Sit: On the Road:** This book is about two dogs and their adventures. (Read the whole series!)

## 3rd Grade:



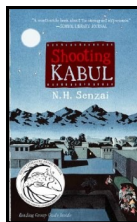
**How to Steal a Dog:** Read this funny and touching tale about a girl who steals a dog to help her family.

## 4th grade:



**Walk Two Moons:** A sad but humorous tale that you will love. It's about Salamanca and her mom. Read it!

## 5th Grade:



**Shooting Kabul:** A boy named Fadi moves to America because bad things are happening in Kabul, Afghanistan. When he and his family are escaping a big crowd of people, his sister Mariam is separated from his family, so she is unable to leave. This is based on a true story of survival in America.



**White Giraffe:** A tale about a mystical giraffe that encounters a little girl. She is in love with this amazing creature. They go places and it is a life changing book.

## 6th grade:



**Shug:** A book about a girl with middle school problems. AnnMarie has known the kids in her neighborhood forever. They've been friends forever too, until now. The guys aren't so gross anymore and the girls aren't so nice. AnnMarie's life is falling apart, her new crush, Matt doesn't seem to like her, her best friend Elaine seems too cool for her, and her parents can't stop fighting. Will AnnMarie find happiness? Find out in Shug! This book is YA, so you need to be in 5th or 6th grade to check it out.



**Things Not Seen:** A boy who turns invisible! There was one moment that changed this boy's life. Read and see what he does!

## Who Am I?

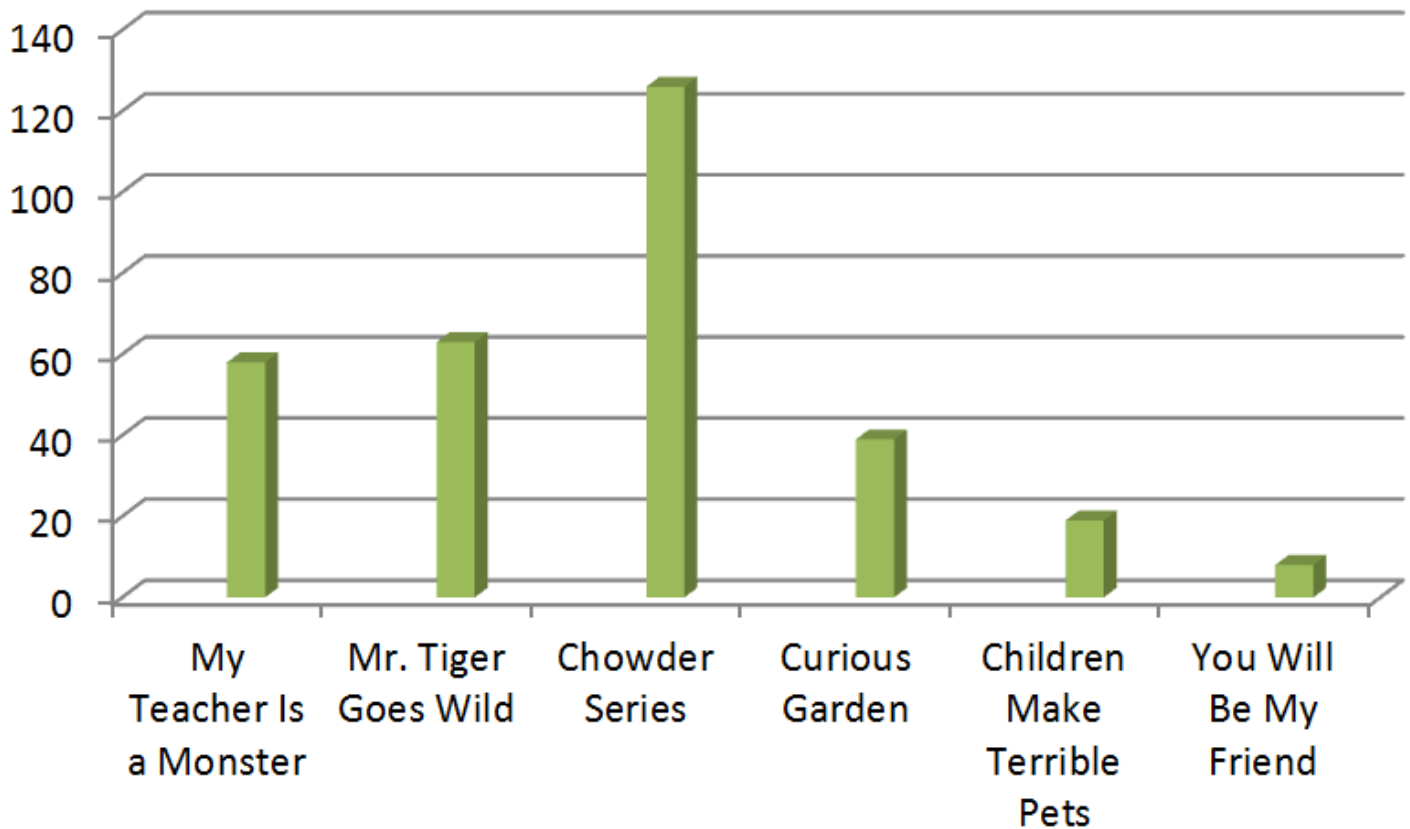
By Drew C., Michael M. and Garrett R.

Do you know who I am?  
Turn to the last page to see if you're right!

- ? I am an animated character.
- ? Mike Myers is my voice.
- ? I live in a swamp with three kids and a wife.
- ? I have a Scottish accent.
- ? I travel with an annoying donkey.
- ? I had an intense fight with a fire-breathing dragon.
- ? My movie has been remade into a musical.
- ? I received my own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- ? The song *All-Star* by Smash Mouth is in my movie.

# What Is Your Favorite Book by Peter Brown?

By Lilly M. and Sophie P.



## How to Start a Collection

By Jeanne M.

As a doll collector I know how to start a collection. So, today I'm going to teach you how to start a collection.

### Step 1:

Find a product you like. My friend likes Monster High, so she started to collect the dolls, and now she has 59 dolls.

### Step 2:

Research the product. Find ratings and reviews by people so you don't waste your money on a bad topic.

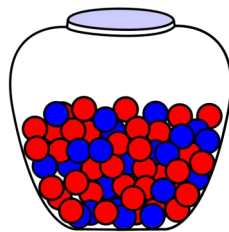
### Step 3:

Ask and beg. Ask for your birthday and any other holiday where you get gifts for the product. Beg your parents to take you

to the store to buy the product or for money to buy the product.

### Step 4:

Buy one or two at a time. Don't buy all the product at the same time or else you will waste all your money. That is why you should refer to step 3 so others waste their money for you. You are a good cause!



### Step 5:

Have a sacred place for the product. Have your parents add a shelf to your room or any other place to store your product.

Now you have a collection!

## Legos

By Niko S.



Let me tell you a little bit about Legos. The word lego comes from the Danish word "Leg godt" which means "Play Well." Lego is now owned by Kjeld Kristiansen, who is the son of the founder Kirk Kristiansen.

The original brick had no circles to hold the Legos together, so you just had to stack them. Lego was founded in 1932. Their business is making tons of Lego sets such as Lego Batman, Marvel, City, Knights, and other sets. There are now Lego videogames like Lego Batman and Marvel. The Lego history has grown over centuries. Now they make collectors sets for grown-ups. For example: Golden Gate bridge and Taj Mahal. Now Legos are enjoyed by all.

# Places to Visit: Grand Canyon

By Aidan W.

The Grand Canyon is huge! Its 1,902 square miles on the inside, and it's 277 miles across. That's more than 100,000 football fields! It wasn't manmade, and no man has achieved that accomplishment yet.

It's the fourth largest canyon in the world. The Colorado River formed this great masterpiece, and it took a long time to make it. According to scientists, the Grand Canyon is about 16 million to 17 million years old.

The coolest feature I think is the Colorado River that runs through it. Other cool features are horseback riding around the Grand Canyon, specialty shops on the sides, and the Grand Canyon restaurants.

I hope I can visit it, and you might want to visit it, too.



Image Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/27/grand-canyon-age\\_n\\_4674286.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/27/grand-canyon-age_n_4674286.html)

# Places to Visit: Fort Myers Beach

By Joanie M.

Want a great and fun vacation that has beaches everywhere? Well, Fort Myers Beach in Florida covers all of those requirements and more! When I say it has beaches everywhere, I mean everywhere around the border of this 7-mile beach heaven! This town is just 30 minutes away from Fort Myers, and it has lots of places to shop on the right side closest to the bridge to get there. Over 1.8 million people go there year round and it has a 125-meter dock that is perfect for setting off fireworks and of course, fishing.

Recreational activities include fishing, swimming, shopping, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding and just plain relaxing on the beaches! Fort Myers



Beach is located on Estero Island and the beaches are 5-star! The population is 6,277 people (per 2010 Census). This amazing getaway is totally worth the

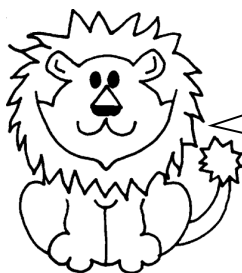
plane ride/car ride!

When my family went to this heaven, we went all over the place! We saw family, we went to a 4-star condo, we went shopping, and we went to the beach every day! Our condo was walking distance from a plaza with a nail place, restaurants, and a ton of shopping! We also went on the beach for the last 5 minutes of 2014! The fireworks went off everywhere on the island!

Image Sources:

Map: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Fort-Myers-Beach-Florida.html>

Beach: [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g34230-Fort\\_Myers\\_Florida-Vacations.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g34230-Fort_Myers_Florida-Vacations.html)



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# Quiz: *Witch* Hogwarts House Do You Belong In?

By Gabby L. and Sophie M.





- What is your favorite book genre?
  - Adventure
  - Non-fiction
  - Fiction
  - Mystery
- What are your favorite colors?
  - Red & Gold
  - Yellow & Black
  - Blue & Bronze
  - Green & Silver
- What is your favorite animal?
  - Lion
  - Badger
  - Raven
  - Snake
- Who is your favorite head of house?
  - Minerva McGonagall
  - Pomona Sprout
  - Filius Flitwick
  - Severus Snape
- What is your favorite candy?
  - Chocolate
  - Marshmallows
  - Smarties
  - Air Heads
- What is your favorite place?
  - Castle
  - Beach
  - Library
  - Forest
- What is your favorite school subject?
  - Transfiguration
  - Herbology
  - Charms
  - Potions
- What is the character trait that best describes you?
  - Brave
  - Kind
  - Smart
  - Aggressive
- What is your favorite vacation place?
  - London, England
  - Cancun, Mexico
  - San Francisco, California
  - Rome, Italy
- Who is your favorite Harry Potter character?
  - Sirius Black
  - Cedric Diggory
  - Luna Lovegood
  - Tom Riddle

If you answered mostly A's you are a Gryffindor! You are brave and loyal and your arch enemies are in Slytherin!

If you answered mostly B's you are a Hufflepuff! You are sweet and kind, and you are the peacemakers!

If you answered mostly C's you are a Ravenclaw! You are smart and love to study!

If you answered mostly D's you are a Slytherin! You are cunning and ambitious. You're arch enemies are in Gryffindor!

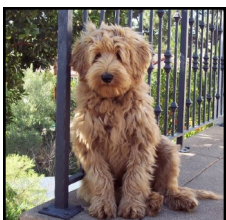
# Quiz: Which Dog Breed Are You?

By Grace K. and Ava P.

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|---|---|--|
| <p>What activity do you enjoy most?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports</li> <li>Watching T.V</li> <li>Playing outside</li> <li>Going shopping</li> </ol> | <p>What is your favorite cookie?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chocolate chip</li> <li>Any cookies</li> <li>Triple chocolate</li> <li>I don't eat cookies</li> </ol> | <p>What color do you prefer?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue</li> <li>Red</li> <li>Yellow</li> <li>Purple</li> </ol> |
| <p>What do you do in danger?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect others</li> <li>Run away</li> <li>Call the Police</li> <li>Hide in a corner</li> </ol>  | <p>What is your favorite school subject?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gym class</li> <li>Nap time</li> <li>Reading</li> <li>Band / Orchestra</li> </ol>             |  |

Answer Key:

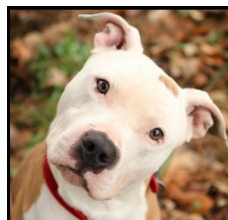
Mostly A's: You are a Labradoodle.  
 Mostly B's: You are a Bulldog.  
 Mostly C's: You are a Pit Bull.  
 Mostly D's: You are a Border Collie



Labradoodle



Bulldog



Pit Bull



Border Collie



# How Well Do You Know Your Dog?

By Charlie F. and Michael S.

How old is your pet? (human years) \_\_\_\_\_ years

What's your pet's name? \_\_\_\_\_

What's its favorite toy? \_\_\_\_\_

Does it have any siblings that are with other families? If so what are their names?

\_\_\_\_\_

How tall is it? \_\_\_\_\_ inches

How long have you had it? \_\_\_\_\_ years

Are there any animals that are like it? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it eat? \_\_\_\_\_

How much does it weigh? \_\_\_\_\_ (pounds)

What's its mom's name? \_\_\_\_\_

What's its dad's name? \_\_\_\_\_

What is one word you would use to describe your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

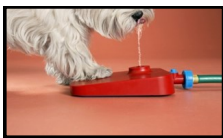
What type of animal is your pet? \_\_\_\_\_

How old was your pet when you adopted it? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did your family choose this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

## Crazy Cool Inventions

By Emme M. and Lindsey P.



**Pawcet-** This awesome invention lets dogs have their very own water fountain. Simply hook up the hose to the faucet.

When the dog is thirsty, it puts its paw on the button and fresh water comes out.



**The smart eyeglasses-**

These amazing glasses can monitor you. They can tell you how tired you are and your concentration level. They will keep tabs on your everyday moves.

Also, these smart glasses can calculate your sleep patterns.



**Foodini 3-D Food printer-** This gadget is self-explanatory. It prints food that you can actually eat! You can use it for any meal. It can make foods like spaghetti, chicken nuggets, and ravioli. You can form a variety of food items into complicated shapes automatically! You can purchase it for only \$1000! ;)

## Hinsdale Humane Society

By Grace K. and Ava P.

There are millions of animals in the world that don't have homes. Hinsdale Humane Society is one of the many hard working shelters whose goal is to rescue these animals and put them in good hands.

Currently there are 21 animals at this shelter that are waiting for homes. This includes 9 dogs and 12 cats. They all need a kind, loving family to take them home.

One recent event the Hinsdale Humane Society hosted was Meet the Easter Bunny! It was at the Two Bostons Pet Boutique in the Burr Ridge Village Center from 6:00 to 8:00pm on March 20, 2015. They took photos of your children with the Easter Bunny and kindly requested donations for the many homeless animals that currently reside at the shelter. To find out more about other upcoming events go to: [www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org](http://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org)

If you don't want to donate money, these are a few items that are requested by the shelter:

- Giftcards from Petco, PetSmart, Pet supplies plus, etc.
  - Kitty litter, canned dog and cat food, dog chow, and puppy pads, etc.
  - Cleaning supplies
  - Plastic, paper, and office supplies
- The Hinsdale Humane Society will also take donations on their website or you can deliver/mail the donations to 22 N. Elm Street, Hinsdale IL, 60521.

If you are interested in other animals, there is a shelter called Cat Nap from the Heart that is located at 1101 Beach Ave. LaGrange Park, IL 60526. This shelter houses cats, birds, rabbits, and guinea pigs.



# Teachers From Spring Spring Into Spring Break

By Maggie B., Maggie K., and Ella R.

Ms. Blazek- going to the Newberry Library to see an exhibit on love	Ms. Richardson- spending time with her baby girl	Ms. Jones- spending time with her grandkids
Ms. Marek- going to have some friends over	Ms. Daly- staying home and having fun with her kids	Ms. Mindy- going to Florida
Ms. Keillor- working on homework	Ms. Lefley- going to a Blackhawks game	Ms. Webb- going and seeing her mom in Florida
Mr. Meyers- watching Netflix	Ms. Walsh- having fun with her kids	Ms. Charlton- going out to Seattle
Ms. Tracy- going to Arizona	Ms. McGinnis- going to Nashville, Tennessee	Mr. Arneson- he has no plans
Ms. Parrino- going to Thailand	Ms. Melone- going to look at colleges with her little brother and relaxing	Ms. Weaver- teaching track
Ms. Caylor- going to have a shopping day	Ms. Dahlin- going to the Grand Canyon in Arizona	Ms. Wanta- going to Florida
Ms. Stec- she will be reading	Ms. Wiegand- doesn't know yet	Ms. Johnson- reading
Ms. Halfpenny- going to Nashville	Ms. Haymes- playing with her kids	Ms. Wierenga- having her wedding shower and working on her new house
Ms. D- going to the Florida Keys	Ms. Demer- staying home	Ms. Kim- staying at school to work
Mr. Jinx- working at school	Ms. Folliard- working out every day/ cooking/ organizing	Ms. Bernson- spending time with her kids
Ms. Eck- she will be spring cleaning and organizing		



## Music Review: Lindsey Stirling

By Roland C.

Lindsey Stirling is a violinist. She is 28 years old. She lives in Gilbert, Arizona. Lindsey was born September 21, 1986 in Santa Ana, California. Stirling went to Brigham Young University.

Her first album was self-titled and called Lindsey Stirling. My favorite song is called Crystalize. She started playing violin at age six. One of her most popular songs is called Shatter Me! She has two albums.

Lindsey Stirling inspired me to play the violin. That is Lindsey Stirling!

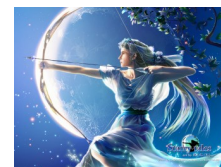


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# The Real Story of Artemis

By Olivia G.



One evening at sundown, in the throne room of Olympus, Artemis stepped up to her father and said, "Father, is it time for me to become a goddess?"

"My girl, all gods must show they will make a good god," explained Zeus.

"Okay then what should I do?" asked Artemis.

Zeus replied, "Artemis, you must slay the Camian, the Camila's husband, you must hunt the Ceryneian and you must compete with Oddiseian, Odysseus' son."

"I'm done for. I stand no chance against him," Artemis wailed to her mother.

"Artemis, don't say such things!" commanded her mother, Hera. "You are Artemis, a strong warrior. Now get your confidence back and go ask Athena for advice," explained Hera.

"I have gotten some ideas from Athena," exclaimed Artemis.

"That's great now let's get to work," said Hera.

*Later...*

"Ugh," Artemis huffed!

"I'm so tired," Artemis said sleepily.

"Good, then you will get a good night's rest," Hera told Artemis. Artemis collapsed onto her bed and drifted off to sleep.

*The next morning...*

Artemis awoke to the sound of her mother screeching

"Wake up! Wake up!"

"I'm up," Artemis told her mother.

"Okay, then find your favorite hunting clothing," Hera said.

*At the temple...*

"We are here to see Artemis and Oddiseian compete for the spot of the god or goddess of the hunt" explained the announcer.

"The first to finish the two tasks of slaying the Camia and bring the body of the Ceryneian hind wins" added Zeus.

Now they will begin!!

*Later...*

Slam! Bang! Pow!

"Artemis has just struck and killed the Camila," said the announcer in surprise.

"At this speed Artemis might win," chattered some gods in the crowd.

Oddiseian overheard this and mumbled, "Not if I can stop her!"

*In the woods...*

"I got it," exclaimed Artemis!

BAMM!!!!

Oddiseian hit Artemis hard in the face and she tumbled into some thorn bushes.

Then Oddiseian snatched the Ceryneian and took off running, Hera saw this and sent Pegasus to help Artemis. When Pegasus got to Artemis, Pegasus helped Artemis on him and they went. When they were flying, they saw Oddiseian and they swooped down and got on the Ceryneian back! Then, they flew back and won the competition!

"No fair! She got to ride on Pegasus," boomed Oddiseian!

"It's fair because you hurt Artemis," replied Hera.

"No," boomed Oddiseian.

No one heard Oddiseian because they were all admiring Artemis.

"I knew you could do it," said Hera!

"Artemis, I'm so sorry I didn't think you could do it," Zeus said embarrassed.

"Zeus," screeched Hera!

"Sorry," Zeus said uneasy. Everyone laughed at this.

Till this day Artemis remains the goddess of the hunt.

The End!!!!

## Easter Egg Guide: Two Ways to Decorate Eggs

By Emme M. and Lindsey P.

### Hollow Eggs

- ◇ To empty a raw egg, you need a long, sharp needle and a plastic straw (the type with a bend in it).
- ◇ Poke a hole slightly larger than the end of the straw in one end of the egg and remove the bits of shell.
- ◇ Insert the pin through the hole and stir the inside of the egg to break the yolk up a bit.
- ◇ Hold the end of the egg with the hole over a bowl.
- ◇ Then insert the straw into the hole

and blow into the other end to force air into the eggshell, which will cause the yolk to come out the same hole you're blowing into, which is why you should make the hole bigger than your straw.

- ◇ Rinse the empty shell and let it dry.

### Egg Dying

- ◇ In a small bowl or cup mix together ½ cup boiling water, 1 teaspoon white vinegar, and 5-10 drops of

food coloring.

- ◇ Put egg into dye, and turn occasionally to be sure the egg is evenly coated.
- ◇ When the egg is the color you want it to be, remove it from the cup and place it on a paper towel.
- ◇ What to put in plastic eggs candy or loose change.







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# Invasive Species and the Impact on the Environment

By Zoe C., Audrey H., and Jade B.

## What is an invasive species?

An invasive species is an animal, plant, or insect that starts to get into other habitats where they are not native. An invasive species can also spread VERY quickly. They out compete other native species in the course of their survival and they take over and cause damage. They can go to other places because humans accidentally bring them over from other places or countries.

## How can climate change help invasive species take over?

The longer growing seasons, caused by climate change, are helping invasive plants. Extended springs mean they can more quickly push aside native species and transform ecosystems. Invasive plants come up first in the spring, so the longer season gives them more time to grow and shade out native plants. They invade other habitats where they are not native to out compete the other plants for survival. Those are some ways an invasive species can harm other habitats.

## Animals

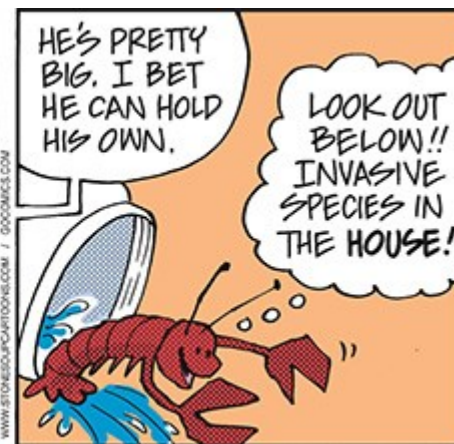
Some invasive species are animals. One example of an invasive species that lives in the water is the zebra mussel. Zebra mussels have spread from Europe to the Great Lakes by attaching to ships in Europe and coming off when the ships get to the great lakes. Zebra mussels are causing the people in the United States to spend lots of money on the damage they create. Since zebra mussels can attach to objects easily they can attach to pipes and boat motors, clogging them up. Then people need to pay for the damage caused by the zebra mussels. Zebra mussels affect humans, and also other animals. Zebra mussels can attach themselves to Native mussels killing them. Zebra mussels are taking the food small fish need to grow up into bigger fish.

The Asian carp are another invasive species. There are four varieties of Asian carp: bighead, grass, black, and silver. Asian carp can affect both humans and other animals. They can

jump very high when disturbed and sometimes injure people in boats. Asian carp affect fish by eating too much plant and animal plankton. Bighead and silver carp can eat from 5-20 percent of their body weight each day. Eating so much food doesn't leave enough food for native species and these other fish slowly die. Asian carp reaching the Great Lakes would cause lots of problems.

## Invasive Plants

Another type of invasive species is plants. Some invasive plants are the garlic mustard plant or the buckthorn. The plant garlic mustard came here from Europe on purpose to be an edible plant but began to grow everywhere. This plant is an invasive species because it spreads into woodlands and forests. The plant also takes up the food, light, and water needed by native plants and without these things the plants are starting to die.



# Leeches

By Sammy K.

Let's get one thing straight, you don't want to get bitten by a leech. It hurts and sucks your blood. It's a blood sucker.

Leeches are a relative of the worm. More specifically, it is called an annelid or a segmented worm. The majority of leeches live in fresh water environments. However, some live in terrestrial and marine environments, as well. Most leeches are hematophagous, meaning they are blood suckers that feed on vertebrate and invertebrate animals. More than 700 leeches have been identified.

Leeches have been used medically to remove blood from patients. It was said if they sucked blood from a patient it would cure all of their sicknesses. Leeching practices have been traced back to ancient India and Greece and continued well into the 18th and 19th centuries in Europe and North America.

A leech's sucker is made up of many razor-like teeth. They open up the skin in an X shape.

Leeches can live from a few months to several years. All leeches can crawl and some are good swimmers. That explains why you might get leeches when you swim in a small lake or pond. They search for their prey by following the scent or touch of an animal they want to feed off.

Leeches have very bad eyesight. They can only tell the strength of light however, they are very sensitive to touch and taste. They cannot hear but are sensitive to vibrations. Leeches communicate with each other chemically and by touch. A leech is interesting, gross, and in a way scary, but don't forget every living thing plays a big part in this world.



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## Nature Poems



### The Willow Trees

By Ava M.

Into the woods  
I hear a scary sound,  
Is it a growl or is it a sneeze?  
Should I go home?  
Mom help me please!  
As I get closer to my doom  
I really do wish I was in my room  
Only, I realize it is  
not a growl or a sneeze  
it is only the sway of the willow trees!



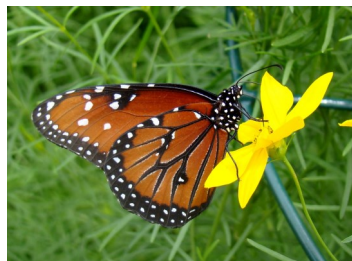
### Bears

By Shea W.

Deep in the wood  
There is something asleep as it should  
For white specks fall all around  
Not in the cave but on the ground  
Careful be quiet  
Do not wake their dreams  
Scheming of taking the sweet honey  
Made by the bees  
But when the dreams come true  
They come out of their lair  
So I really do hope you don't run into  
The bear

### Butterfly

By Shea W.



I'm brown  
but one day I'll have more color than a town  
I'll break free  
and be more than just me spread my wings to fly  
lost in the sky I'll scream goodbye  
to my old world and embrace the new  
while watching the people  
Ohh someday it'll happen  
I'm sure but for now  
I'll get in my cocoon

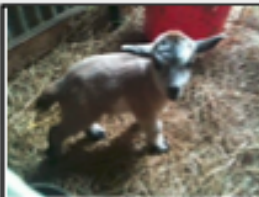




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## Test Your Knowledge: Animal Quiz

By Ava M., Shea W., and Meah L.



1. What is a baby goat?
  - a. child
  - b. kid
  - c. pup
  - d. baby goat
  - e. what was the question?



2. What is the group name of kangaroos?
  - a. murder
  - b. group
  - c. mob
  - d. hop
  - e. Say what?



3. What is a baby seal?
  - a. puppy
  - b. kid
  - c. pup
  - d. mammal
  - e. I have no idea!



4. What is a group of turkeys called?
  - a. gang
  - b. flock
  - c. rafter
  - d. dinner
  - e. next!



5. What is the name for a group of geese?
  - a. gaggle
  - b. group
  - c. flock
  - d. honk
  - e. eh?

Answer Key  
1. b, 2. c, 3. c, 4. b, 5. a

## After 3 Class Nature Collages

Led By Ms. Keillor



Picture taken by Karenn K.





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### Nature Poems

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By Charlotte S.

Small but strong.  
I grow. I reach  
high. See my Grampa.  
So tall. His  
branches stretch  
wide. Some hang  
low almost tickling  
the snow. I am  
2 feet tall. My  
branches are  
short and stubby.  
I'm a grain  
of sand compared  
to my Grampa. He  
is a mountain.

By Abigail S.

#### Winter Days

Winter is a long slow time.  
Snowflakes fall from the sky.  
Snow covers the ground.  
In winter nothing makes a sound.

#### Winter Ice

In winter there is ice  
and snow. The lake is  
ice. The grass is snow.  
Cold winds blow.  
Woosh!

By Beau B.

The heavy snow  
piles up.

Buries the bush  
top to bottom.

See it reach  
for life in  
a new beginning.



Picture taken by Gen K.



Picture taken by Abigail S.

## After 3 Class

### Nature Collages

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Karenna K.



Lilly R.



# MY GRANDPA'S A MONSTER! Dr. Cam R



Timmy! Your Grandpa needs you.



What is it Grandpa?



What is he doing?



What are you doing Grandpa?

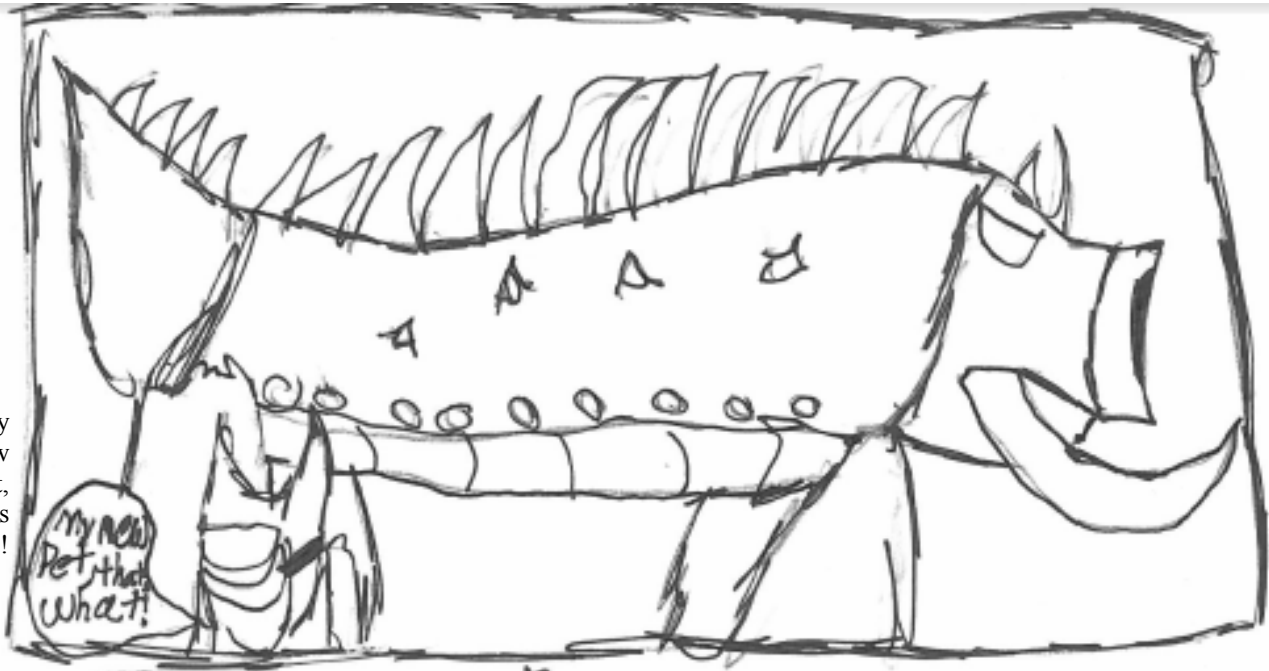


Oh, hey.  
You're here!  
Kid I need  
some help  
with this



And what  
is this?

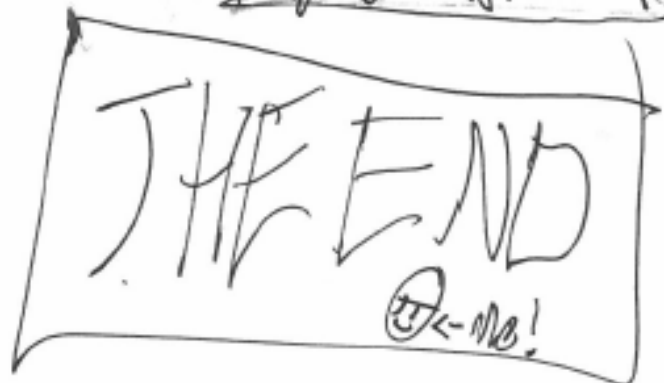
My  
new  
pet,  
that's  
what!



Here!  
Use this  
remote  
and see  
what  
happens



Aww...  
Nuts





## Important Dates

March 27—PTO Flying High Night, 7:00-10:00 pm

March 30-April 3 — Spring Break

April 8 — PTO Meeting, 8:45 am

April 8 — Grade 6 visits Gurrie, 1:10-2:30 pm

April 10 — 5th grade Robert Crown Field Trip, 12:45 pm

April 13-24 — MAP Testing Window

April 15 — Grade 6 Parent Orientation, Gurrie 7:00 pm

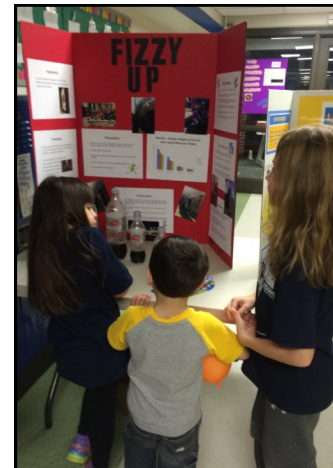
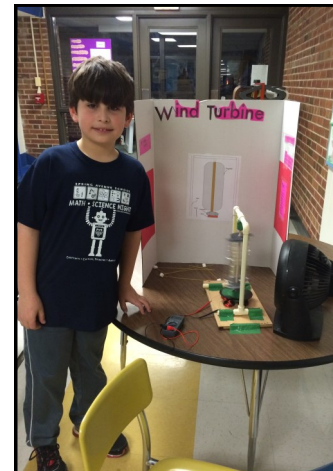
April 16 — 4th Annual Band-Aid Concert, Gurrie, 7:00 pm

April 17 — Fun Fair, 6:00-8:00 pm

April 24 — 6th grade Robert Crown Field Trip, 12:45 pm



## Math and Science Night Highlights



Photos submitted by Mrs. Crowe.

## Who Am I Answer:



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