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Spring Avenue Elementary School
La Grange School District 105



Students
celebrating the
finish of the
D105 Dash on
May 21, 2017.

FAREWELL TO MR. LOWREY

By Allyssa W.

Spring Avenue's Mr. Lowrey is graduating from elementary and middle school to high school. After six years of teaching band and two years of being the assistant principal at Spring Avenue, he is taking on a new job at Hoffman Estates High School in Hoffman, Illinois. He is taking on the role of the Music Department Chair and

head band director.

Mr. Lowrey says he "will miss the amazing kids of District 105 and the supportive parents and community the most".

In his decision to make the move to high school, he also states, "I am excited to be closer to my family. I am also excited to

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THIRD ANNUAL D105 DASH

By Michael B.

The 3rd annual D105 Dash was on May 21st where family and friends ran a 5k or 1.5k fun run. There were sponsor booths in the parking lot, a bouncy house, and music. This was a great time to walk/run with friends, and this was a great and fun event that is a good way



to get healthy and have fun! I have participated in all three D105 Dash events. The race course has a lovely scenic view and water stops

scattered all over the course. A special shout-out to the fabulous PTO for making this event possible: THANK YOU!

SPRING AVENUE FIELD DAY

By Luka I. and Ian P.

Field Day is one of the many fun end of the year things we do at Spring Avenue. It is fun because you basically get to play a ton of games for three hours, and what's also fun is that all the games are different at every station but also every year they're different.

So another fun thing they do is the games are based on a sport or something, sometimes like last year they had the game where you throw the pool noodle inside the hula hoop that was supposedly themed like an Olympic game because the hula hoops were Olympic colors and

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SPRING AVENUE SAYS FAREWELL TO MR. LOWREY

By Allyssa W.

make a difference in the lives of high school students. We will be auditioning to perform in New York, New Orleans, and Chicago."

In all six years he was at Spring Avenue, Mr. Lowrey says, "The most memorable moments of my career here are the relationships that I built with my wonderful students and families. Taking the GMS Jazz Ensemble to Peoria to play at the National Conference was also an amazing family experience that I will never forget."

Mr. Lowrey is a great leader and shows that through his part in Spring Avenue's Leadership Club. He guided the Leadership Club through many presentations, bulletin boards, and our difference in the world.

In conclusion, thank you Mr. Lowrey for everything you have given District 105. We are happy for you to step up, but sad to see you go. We wish you luck in the rest of your career, especially in high school. Maybe some day we will see you graduate to college!

SPRING AVENUE FIELD DAY, CONTINUED

By Luka L. and Ian P.

they used to have spear throwing in the Olympics. I am pretty sure that it is about three hours of awesomeness. Another awesome thing is some of the games have water balloons and usually when we have

field day it's hot out, so it's refreshing when the water balloon pops. But also you won't be thirsty because luckily there's water nearby in the huge gatorade coolers.

JOIN ORCHESTRA

By Annie P.

District 105 has an orchestra program for grades three-six. Anyone going into one of these grades can join orchestra. The instruments to chose from are the violin, viola, cello, or bass. The violin is the smallest instrument in orchestra. It has the highest notes, is played on your shoulder, and usually plays the melody. The viola is the next largest instrument, barely larger than the violin. It has a lower sound and is said to sound most

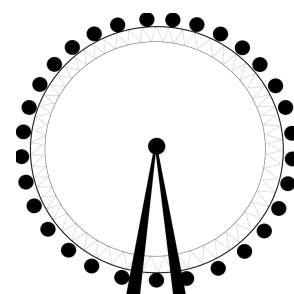


like a human voice. It is played on your shoulder. The cello is next largest instrument in orchestra. They usually play more of a background. It is set on the ground and you hold it upright to be played. It plays fairly low notes. Last but not least, the bass. I want to set something straight, it helps to be tall if you want to play the bass. They usually keep the beat and is played the same way as the cello. I hope to see many more people next year playing in orchestra!

FUN FAIR

By Michael B.

The Spring Avenue Fun fair was brought to us by our fabulous PTO. It is one of the most fun events of the year! It has raffle baskets, fun carnival games, and food!



I may have not been able to make it to this one, but I sure am looking forward to the next one! The students all had a great time from what I heard.

My personal favorite event to do is the cakewalk room. It's where you can go around in a room of numbers on stickers. When the music stops and if the person calls your number you get a cake! I love the Fun Fair!

A SECOND HOME

By Jeanne M.

Spring Avenue Elementary is a school I have been apart of for seven years. Through this school, I have met some amazing people and learned incredible things. Our teachers have always believed in each and every one of us, even when we didn't believe in ourselves.

I have been gifted with my love of books from this school. The staff made a promise to my family that I would be reading by the end of kindergarten, and I was. Books take us on wonderful adventures to unexpected places. They take you out of the real world and put you in with the characters. This school has opened up this world to me.

Through this school, I have made some amazing friendships. My friends have been there for me when I have needed them most. Their actions could be as small as passing me a ball in Jail Ball, or staying up late to help

me study for a test when I barely know anything on the unit. They always have my back and I always have theirs. The students at Spring Avenue are respectful and always optimistic for what our future's hold.

Spring has always been a safe spot for me. When I come here, I know I'm in a safe, loving, and educational environment. Whenever something bad was happening in my personal life, I could come to school knowing that didn't matter. I would walk in feeling happy and welcomed by my friends and staff.

I think what I love most about Spring is the kind and considerate staff that works here. They are always willing to take time out of their days to help us with whatever we would need. Even though through the years new teachers come and some go, they all make it their number one



priority for the children at Spring to have a great day. I walk into school everyday to see warm hearted smiles and hear cheery voices greet me.

As a sixth grader this year, I was awarded the SCOTY award (School Citizen of the Year Award). I was very proud to be chosen as a representative of Spring Avenue, but I never would have gotten this award if it wasn't for the school itself. Spring Avenue has been my outlet to spread leadership and compassion throughout the entire school. I never would have expected many of the amazing opportunities that Spring has gifted me and my fellow classmates with. The last seven years of my life have been touched by the Spring Avenue community and I have come to terms that it is finally time to say good-bye. Even though I'm just a hallway away, Spring Avenue will always be a part of me. So, thanks Spring for letting me be me!



THANK YOU SIXTH GRADERS

A Lion's Life Newspaper Club would like to honor and thank the sixth graders who were part of our group this year. Thank you for your leadership, your creativity, and your dedication. We wish you the best of luck at Gurrie!

Dylan C.

Aidan C.

Roland C.

Emmett D.

Patrick E.

Hannah E. (Layout Club) Aidan N.

Carter H.

Jackson K.

Sammy K.

Adam K.

Gabby L.

Jeanne M.

Aidan N.

Niklas P.

Lillian P.

Charlie R.

Lilly R. (Layout Club)

Niko S.

Allyssa W.

SIXTH GRADE REFLECTIONS

By Gabby L., Sammy K., Allyssa W., Lillian P.

School is very important, which is why it's important to have a good one. And Spring Avenue has been nothing but that. Thanks to District 105 we've had an amazing education with astounding teachers and staff. We have had the opportunity to take part in many great programs such as Orchestra, Band, Choir, Newspaper Club, Layout Club, Leadership Club, etc. Spring Avenue was a place where we were able to learn important life skills socially and academically. One of the best years here at Spring Avenue has been 6th grade. There are so many cool projects and field trips we did in sixth grade. We loved it here and are going miss it so much.

During this piece we want to thank our teachers and explain some cool stuff we did this year.

To our kindergarten teachers, Mrs. B and Ms. Dickerson, we thank you for prying us away from our mothers and giving us a great first impression of Spring Avenue. We thank you for teaching us the primary skills and giving us a head-start into the academic life. We thank you for the break in the day (because we all know that Kindergarten is very stressful) for us to grow, make friends, and use our "artistic" abilities. I know that I made some of my best friends in Kindergarten and we had so much fun with Zero the Hero and all the fun activities we do in school.



To our first grade teachers, Ms. Parrino, Mrs. Zale, and Mrs. Caylor, we thank you for that exciting time of being in first grade. You made us feel like the Kings and Queens of this school. We got our own lockers and we got to be in a grade! I still remember the feeling of when we actually got to say we were in a grade. Things also got more serious that year though. We had to start music, gym, and art. We also got to start more reading and writing. That was the year we felt like we were in college we had so much to do!

To our second grade teachers, Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Haymes, and Mrs. Walsh, we thank you for the awesome fun activities that we got to do. The play was so much fun, Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs, and Nanny and Billy Goats Gruff were the three amazing plays we performed in. We had Daily 5 which was super fun and let us take all of the "stress" of the day off. Cinnamon Bear was so much fun and I enjoyed making up the scenes in my head.



To our third grade teachers, Mrs. Dahlin, Miss. McGinnis, and Ms. Melone, we thank you for the two most fun things we did in 3rd grade. Apple Valley and Ellis Island were so much fun and we learned so much from these experiences. We hope that you continue this tradition as it was so much fun and

we will always remember it. There are so many cool things that you do in 3rd grade and it was a good turning point from the lower elementary grades to the upper grades.

To our fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Haymes, Mrs. Walsh, and Ms. Eck, we thank you for the really fun field trips we went on. There was also some great read-alouds like Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. We also got to go see the play and then go to the Science & Industry Museum. I really enjoyed this grade and it's a lot of fun in all the subjects like the eyeball project and more.

To our fifth grade teachers, Ms. Folliard and Mrs. Demer, thank you for all of the cool subjects and topics we learned about. That year we started Accelerated Math which is super fun and we also had a great year of social studies and science. We also got to learn lots about the Cubs from Ms. Folliard and their amazing win.

And last but definitely not least to our sixth grade teachers, Ms. Waterston and Mrs. Wanta, thank you so much for teaching us to be independent and helping us in our transition from Spring Avenue to Gurrie. We have had so many fun units from Greece and the made up names to Lego Mindstorm Ev3s. This was a great end to our days in Spring Avenue and we will always thank you for nudging us away from the security of elementary school. Thank you!

SIXTH GRADE REFLECTIONS, CONTINUED

By Gabby L., Sammy K., Allyssa W., Lillian P.

Do not forget all of the specialists that have helped us through the years, Mrs. Panice, Mrs. Weiland, Mrs. Musallami, Mrs. Sutsseer, Mrs. Manganello, Mrs. Podgorski, Mrs. Wiegand, Ms. Marek, Mrs. Blazek, Ms. Kim, Mr. Jinx, our lunch supervisors, and all of the other teachers. Thank you so much for all that you do for us with your range of specialties. You help kids learn and grow and you are just as important as our normal homeroom teachers.



We thank all of our wonderful teachers for everything that they do and have helped us through. Thank you so much, we will all be forever in your debt for helping us reach our full potentials.

There are only two field trips in 6th Grade (not including our favorite Robert Crown), but they are super fun and are totally worth the preparation. Sammy K. has already written about Mars, but I wanted to say that it's super fun and don't get disappointed if you don't get the job you wanted. I got navigation, but I wanted Life Support. It turned out that Navigation was more fun (for me) than Life Support, and I had a great time. In the beginning I had to do some not so interesting tasks, but once you get on the bus to go there you will have the time

of your life. Ask any current or past 6th grader who went to Spring, and I promise you that they will tell you what a cool experience it was. It felt like you were at NASA actually in a life-or-death situation.

The second field trip is Team Day, where you meet other 6th graders from Seventh Avenue, Ideal, and Hodgkins. You may already know some people from other sports, family friends, or advanced math, but that day you go to LT and get to play team-building games, chat with, eat lunch, and rock-climb with those kids. You meet some new kids who may be your future best friend in Gurrie or just someone who you have a lot of fun with. I really liked this, and I advise you to not be upset if you aren't with your friends, because you will still have fun and believe me, you'll see them once the field trip is over, they aren't leaving you forever. Anyway, it's a super fun field trip and I hope you all enjoy it.

Social Studies in sixth grade is better than the previous years, but it is still social studies. We have many exciting units that really excite the class. At the end of our units we have a fun activities that consist of making videos on a program called WeVideo, make colorful advertisements for

different places, making a personalized website, and much more.

Now the unit that thrills everyone. Our Greece unit! In this unit we are separated into city states which consist of four-six people. During this unit we are given multiple tasks, and if we complete or win these tasks we get points for our city states. The task that we have completed so far are knowing all of the names of the people in our city state, also knowing 15 Greek names of people in our class (which is really a challenge). As you probably saw in the hallway we already completed the challenges to make Greek Temples and Greek Chariots. The Greece unit has just begun and it is very fun.

Between all the education, field trips, hands on learning, and fun we had in all our years at Spring Avenue, we have gotten amazing experiences that we will never forget. To sum it all up, we

thank the amazing teachers and staff who helped us excel and learn. The six to seven years we spent at Spring Avenue will never be forgotten. In fact, these years will be cherished and missed very dearly. However,

we are looking forward to our years at Gurrie. To many great years ahead! Thank you Spring Avenue!



GOODBYE SONG MASHUP

By Aidan N.

I'm taking over my body
Back in control, no more
lofty
I bet a lot of me was lost
"T"'s uncrossed and "I"'s
undotted
I fought it a lot and it
seems a lot

Like flesh is all I
got

Not any more,
flesh out the
door (Swat!)

I must'a forgot,
you can't trust
me

I'm open a moment and
close when you show it

Before you know it I'm
lost at sea

And now that I write and
think about it

And the story unfolds

You should take my life

You should take my soul

I'd like to make myself
believe that planet earth
turns slowly

It's hard to say that I'd
rather stay awake when
I'm asleep

'Cause everything is
never as it seems

'Cause I'd get a thousand
hugs

From ten thousand
lightning bugs

As they tried to teach me

how to dance

A foxtrot above my head

A sock hop beneath my
bed

A disco ball is just
hanging by a thread
(thread, thread)

Then



I chime in
with a
"Haven't you
people ever
heard of
closing a
door?!"
No, it's much
better to face
these kinds of

things with a sense of
poise and rationality.

I chime in "Haven't you
people ever heard of
closing a door?!"

No, it's much better to
face these kinds of things
with a sense of...

(Eh eh eh eh)

Rah! I'm fairly local

I've been around

I seen the streets

You're walking down

I'm fairly local

Good people now

Oh oh oh oh

Don't forget
ab-b-b-b-bout me

Don't forget
ab-b-b-b-bout me

Even when I doubt you

I'm no good without you,
no, no

Temperature is dropping

Temperature is dropping

I'm not sure if I can

See this ever stopping

Shaking hands with the
dark parts of my
thoughts

No, you are all that I've
got, no

Don't forget
ab-b-b-b-bout me

Don't forget
ab-b-b-b-bout me

Even when I doubt you

I'm no good without you,
no, no, no, no, no

Gnawing on the bishops

Claw away at
the system

Repeating
simple
phrases

Someone
holy insisted

Want the
mark he's
made on my skin

To mean something to
me again

Hope you haven't left
without me

Hope you haven't left
without me, please

(I'd chime in)

Don't stop

Get it get it

Watch the way I navigate

Ahahaha

Can you save

Save my heavy dirty soul

(If you love me)

They say stay

(Let me)

In your

(Go)

Lane Boy, Lane Boy

Shappa shappa, shappa
shappa

Feel good

(Go)

Feel good

(It's dare!)

Please use
discretion when
you're messing
with the message
man

These lyrics
aren't for
everyone I hope you
(Understand, stand)

('Cause I'm Mr.
Brightside)

The End.

SONG CREDITS:

twenty one pilots: Holding On to You

OWL CITY: Fireflies

Panic! at the Disco: I Write Sins Not
Tragedies

twenty one pilots: Fairly Local

twenty one pilots: Doubt

GORILLAZ: Feel Good Inc.

twenty one pilots : Heavy Dirty Soul

twenty one pilots: Lane Boy

GORILLAZ: DARE

twenty one pilots: Message Man

The Killers: Mr. Brightside

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HORSEBACK RIDING

By Ava W.

Welcome to a very original article about HORSEBACK RIDING! Here a friend and I will tell you about the latest news of HORSEBACK RIDING!

The team standings are very close and we still don't know about the overall money earnings. Here are the standings for the Global Champions League scores...

NAME, TEAM, POINTS, SEASONAL PRIZE MONEY

1: Valkenswaard	United	55.00	\$52017
2: London	Knights	47.00	\$44451
3: St. Tropez	Pirates	46.00	\$43505
4: Chantilly	Pegasus	38.00	\$35939
5: Hamburg	Diamonds	31.00	\$29319
6: Miami	Glory	29.00	\$27427
7: Doha Fusen	Qatar	27.00	\$25536
8: Rome	Gladiators	27.00	\$25536
9: Cannes	Stars	27.00	\$25536
10: Shanghai	Swan	25.00	\$23655

And here is the RIDER standings for the Longines Global Champions Tour...

RIDER COUNTRY POINTS

1: Lorenzo de Luca	Italy	100.00
2: Maikel van der Vleuten	Netherlands	83.00
3: Scott Brash	United Kingdom	75.00
4: Alberto Zorzi	Italy	72.00
5: Jack Towell	U.S.A.	67.00
6: Martin Fuchs	Switzerland	66.00
7: Harrie Smolders	Netherlands	65.00
8: Eduardo Menezes	Brazil	58.00
9: Carlos Lopez	Colombia	54.00
10: Jos Verlooy	Germany	54.00

Thank you for reading the first ever HORSEBACK RIDING article! See y'all next time!

A BAT CHANGE IN LITTLE LEAGUE

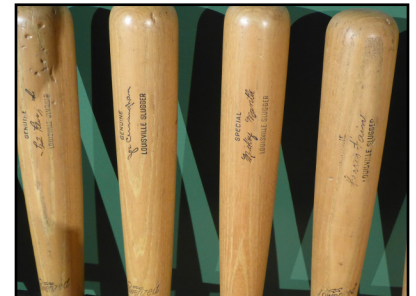
By Jude S.

Starting January 1, 2018 Little League Baseball, PONY Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, and many other leagues will want baseball/softball players to start using wood or composite bats. The bats must be marked with a USAbat symbol. According to USAbat, the elasticity of metal bats is greater than one of a wood bat.

As a player myself I think this change could be okay. I feel as

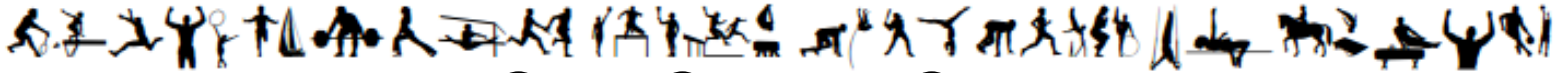
if games would go by more quickly because of players striking out faster. There would probably be less slaughters (beating someone so much that the game is over), too. I own a wooden bat, and my advice is to go to the batting cages every week and practice with it. When I got my wood bat it felt really weird because the bat was so heavy. You have to get used to the weight.

If you want to buy a wood



bat wait until September because that is when they will start to produce bats with the USAbat symbol. If you are on travel team you may still use bats that are not marked with the symbol. Players 14 and under, use this rule. This does not include t-ball.

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MICHIGAN STATE

By: Niklas P.

The Michigan State Spartans are a Big Ten college. It is located in East Lansing Michigan. Michigan State is also the largest college in the state of Michigan and has around 45,000 students. The college is split up into many different buildings and all those buildings together cover 5,200 acres. And almost half of those acres are for farming. If you are wondering, a spartan is one of the people in a group of elite warriors from ancient Greece.

Michigan State has a team in almost every sport and are well known for their basketball and football. They have had a lot of famous people on their basketball team. For example: Earvin (Magic) Johnson, Draymond Green, Johnny Green, Jamie Feick, Raymar Morgan, Steve Smith, Adam Ballinger, Denzel Valentine and now Miles Bridges.

Also, Michigan State has a great coach right now named Tom Izzo and he has led the team to a



lot of wins and victories. In Michigan State football they have had a great team for a while now. And again their coach Mark Dantonio has led them to a lot of wins and victories.

The Michigan State mascot is a Spartan that loves to have fun. His name is Sparty and you usually see him showing off his muscles in front of the camera. When you see him at any of the games he will usually do what all mascots do and try to give you a high five or sit down next to you. By the Michigan State basketball court, the Breslin Center, there is a statue of a Spartan holding his helmet and looking off into the distance. It means a whole lot to all the people that used to and do go to Michigan State.

The Rival of Michigan State is the University of Michigan. If you have ever said go blue in your life...well...um...good for you. Thank you and GO STATE!

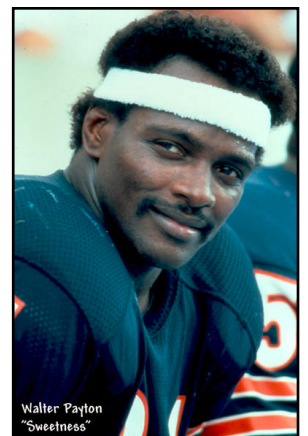
WALTER PAYTON

By: Adam K.

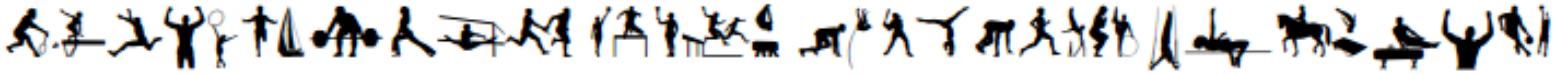
Walter Payton was one of the best football players of all time. He played for the Chicago Bears. Walter Payton was born on July 25, 1954 and then died 45 years later in 1999. In 1974 Walter Payton was the 4th overall draft pick in the 1st round. He then went on to play running back in the NFL and obtained the name "Sweetness".

In 1993 Walter Payton was elected into the Hall of Fame. Player and coach Hall of Famer Mike Ditka described Payton as the best football player he had ever seen. Walter Payton began his football career in Mississippi. He had a fantastic career at Jackson State University. Walter Payton began his NFL career in 1975 for the Chicago Bears. He was picked

fourth overall in the draft. In his career Walter Payton won two MVP awards and Super Bowl XX (20) in 1985 with the Bears. After being diagnosed with an uncommon liver disease, Payton died on November 1, 1999 at age 45. His legacy has the Walter Payton award and the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award. Walter Payton was one of the best football players of all time and his football legacy will live on for a very long time.



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LACROSSE

By: Sean C.

Lacrosse is a fun sport. It was originated from native Americans. The Native Americans fields were 1 or 2 miles long! Sometimes the Native Americans games would get so competitive they would kill people playing Lacrosse.



When you play lacrosse you need protection. Here is the list of equipment you wear when playing Lacrosse. You need a helmet, mouth guard, shoulder pads, jersey, arm pads, cup, pants of course, cleats, and finally a lacrosse stick.

There are four positions in Lacrosse. The first position is goalie he is very important because he defends the goal. The

next position is defense, they have super long sticks and they also try to stop the offense from scoring. The middies run up and down the field playing offense and defense. The last position is attack which just stays on offense

the whole time. Each position has three people but the goalie.

Notre Dame a great player called Matt Kavanagh, he's number 50. Here is some info about him. Matt Kavanagh was born in Rockville Center, NY. He is a senior on the Lacrosse team. Matt Kavanagh plays attack on Notre Dame. He is

5'-8" and 170 pounds.

The rules of Lacrosse. First a face off the ref lays down the ball and says "Down, ready, go" and the players fight for the ball. The next rule is if you check in the back that's a penalty and the other team gets a man up which means that they have one more player

than the other team. Another rule is each team can only have 10 people on the field AT ALL TIMES. Finally the last rule is you can not go into the crease which surrounds the goalie if you go in the crease no



goal.

Hope you learned a lot about lacrosse.

WRESTLER JAKE CURBY

By: Roland C.

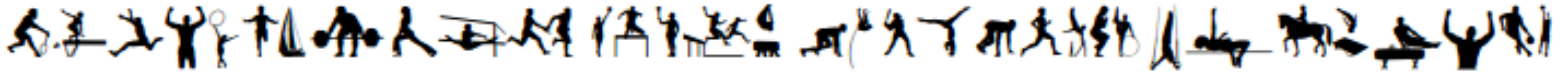


Jacob Curby was born on March 17, 1984 and died on January 24, 2010 at the age of 25. He was a USA wrestler. At 152 pounds, he graduated high school to go to college at Northern Michigan University. He started wrestling at the age of five. He also won his first Greco-Roman match in Finland

at age six, which is very impressive.

Some challenges he had in his life were having Burkitt's Lymphoma a rare cancer. There is a wrestling tournament to commemorate him called the Curby Cup. You can learn more at http://nwhof.org/illinois/hof/2010-2/jake_curby/

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DA BEARS

By: Emmett D. and Patrick E.

Da Bears have never disappointed to underperform, but still we are forced to like and cheer for them even though we don't like them.

This year we think they are going to be worse than ever because they don't have any wide receivers or defensive backs. We thought that they were going to take advantage of the third draft pick but then they traded for another player and got the second draft pick. They picked up Mitchell Trubisky who was a quarterback that could have waited for another round. But you know that the Bears would never make the right decision so they picked him in the first round.



TOP 3 JORDANS

By: Aidan C.

Jordan 11: These were released in 1996 the year the Bulls went 72-10 and Jordan won his fourth championship. These were worn by Michael Jordan in the movie Space Jam.

These are the most popular with resell prices from \$200-\$500. Most popular color ways are Breds, Concord and Space Jam's



Jordan 1: These were Michael Jordan's first shoes.

It released in 1984 and made for Jordan.

He won Rookie of the Year in these shoes. Today it's been made popular by Kanye West in fashion, but it's still a classic. The three most popular color ways are the Royals, Banned/Bred, and the Chicago's.



Jordan 3: These were released in 1987-1988, and it was an amazing year for Jordan.

He won the Dunk Contest and All Star MVP in these shoes. These are just a classic because they look even more vintage when you beat them up. The most popular color ways are the White and Black cement.



THE ONGOING RIDDLE

By Allyssa W.

1. There are 100 bricks on a wall. One falls off. How many are left?
2. What are the three steps to putting a giraffe in the refrigerator?
3. What are the four steps to putting an elephant in the refrigerator?
4. The animal king is having a birthday party. All the animals in the kingdom are to come, one doesn't. Who didn't come?
5. Sally is crossing alligator-infested waters in her row boat. She survives. How come?
6. She dies anyway. Why?

Answers:

1. 99
2. Open the door, put the giraffe in, and shut the door.
3. Open the door, take the giraffe out, put the elephant in, and shut the door.
4. The elephant, because he is stuck in the refrigerator.
5. The alligators were all at the animal king's birthday party.
6. She gets hit on the with the brick falling from the sky.

BIRTH FLOWERS

By Annie P. and Sarah K.



January~Carnation



February~Violet



March~Daffodil



April~Daisy



May~Lily of the Valley



June~Rose



July~Larkspur



August~Gladiolus



September~Aster



October~Marigold



November~Chrysanthemum



December~Narcissus

RADIO DISNEY MUSIC AWARDS

By Kate B.

Hi I am going to talk to you about the Radio Disney Music Awards (RDMA). The hosts were Jordan Fisher, Sofia Carson, Jenna Ortega, Kelsea Ballerini, and Alex Aiono.

There were also two very important people in this awards and they were Britney Spears who is the icon of the

show, and Nick Jonas who was the hero of the performance because he helps kids with type one diabetes.

Some of the people who performed at the music awards were

- Sabrina Carpenter
- Sofia Carson
- Noah Cyrus
- Alessia Cara



- Fitz & the Tantrums
- Jordan Fisher
- Auli'i Cravalho
- Erin Bowman
- Julia Michaels
- Grace Vanderwaal
- Train
- Hailee Steinfeld
- Kelsea Ballerini
- Lindsey Stirling

DIGITAL ART

By Carter H. and Niko S.



Digital art can be made on many electronic devices, such as IOS, Android, Ipad, or computer. The example you see is by Niko S.

So once you get the hang of how to use the program, what can make your art good? Well for starters, just draw a simple picture on paper. Next

scan your art into your computer. Your art will now be digitized. Finally, color it in using the brush tool and make a picture. Get creative and you can make any art. I would recommend Adobe Illustrator for computer, and for Iphones Sketch for IOS. What are the pros and cons? Let's take a look.

Pros	Cons
Easy to erase and final product has no erase marks like paper and pencil art	Hard to get the hang of; many different tools
Easily export it to your phone with no glare	It could be expensive if you want to get a drawing tablet
There are editing tools for you to edit small mistakes unlike traditional	The computer or Tablet could run out of battery, and paper cannot

HOW TO MAKE PICTURES WITH GOOGLE DRAWINGS

By Ashlyn G.



1. Go into Google Drawings. To do this, you must go into a Google Document, press "Insert", then "Drawing..."

2. Basically, you can do anything here that your heart desires. I will tell you a few of my tricks of why I love Google Drawings in the following instructions.

3. I like making cool titles. One of the ways I do this, is by putting an image under my text. I just use a picture that fits my theme, and put a text box over it, saying my title or whatever I want it to say.

4. Another way I make cool versions of my text is by layering. I take a text box, and make it what I want it to say. I then copy and paste this text box, and I change the color of the text in the one I just pasted. I do this as many times as I want, and then I put them on top of each other, but move them slightly in a different position so you can still see the text underneath.

I hope I have helped you. And remember, the possibilities are endless!...Well, not really. But, you get what I mean, right?

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO OVER THE SUMMER

By Jackie K.

1. Go to the beach or pool
2. Go on vacation
3. Go to campsites
4. Family/ friend campfire(s)
5. Sell lemonade
6. Catch fireflies
7. Have a family picnic
8. Hang out/ play with friends or neighbors
9. Go stargazing on a warm summer night
10. Go fruit picking with family/ friends



GO TO THE WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER

By Lily L.

Where it is?

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter is in Orlando, Florida/ Hollywood, California it is at Universal Studios. I would not recommend going if you haven't seen the movies or read the books.

What You Can Do?

When you first get there you get your ticket to platform 9¾. You can actually walk through the wall. Then you get on train. There are mini simulations in the window like Ron losing Scabbers and a dementor freezing the window. When you get off you get into Diagon Alley. Then you go Gringotts Bank. On top of the bank is a dragon. Then you get on a boat on your ticket there is a vault number. You tell the person your vault and get



your "money." Then you go get your supplies like: your wand, robe, books. Then you can go to shops get a pet and hang out and go on some rides. After you get bored you can leave or go on other rides not (Harry Potter related).

SHAKIRA

By Lily L. and Lindsey W.

Shakira won a music competition at school, but the music teacher thought she sounded like a goat. She is the youngest of 8 kids. Her full name is Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll. She has 2 kids: Milan Pique and Sasha Pique. Shakira is 5 foot 2 inches. She can speak multiple languages.

At age 18, Shakira started a charity that has built 6 schools in Colombia! Shakira's oldest half brother died when she was only 2 years old. He was riding his motorcycle when a car hit him. She recorded her very first album when she was only 13. Her favorite flowers are a daisy and sunflower.



A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

By Aidan D.

2016-2017, my first year in Newspaper Club and I do not regret anything. The entire year here, every Tuesday, was well spent. There were countless polls and quizzes, many slightly funny comics made by Seth, and of course, the reviews of games by Landon and me.

The idea for the Nill and Dill corner was actually thought up by none other than Mr. Lawson. He gave us the idea during the end of the first Newspaper Club (I think) of 5th grade. It was a good (enough) idea and we did it and it actually worked! Now we have a little recognition here in the endless paper. But, the school year is closing (as well as the fidget spinners should) and we must end the newspaper, *for now*.

LE CHEVAL EX MACHINA: WILL ROBOTS REPLACE US?

By Aidan N.

"*Le Cheval Ex Machina*," a phrase here with both French and Greek, but humorous and oddly ominous when translated into English. "The Horse from the Machine," as I propose as the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse.

Today, we take to both a biotechnological and philosophical look at the idea of biosynthetic beings, and, perhaps, face a difficult and horrifying question: Will they replace us as the dominants on Earth?

The short answer is, simply; Yes. And, most of us will be there to see it's beginning.

Though, as of all things, there is a complex answer. And, this answer gives us, if not small, a shred of hope to evade our inevitable betters. Here's the thing: 1. Google is working on sentient Quantum Computers. 2. Darwinism. Bonus round; 3. Computers are forever evolving creatures.

The last point and our bonus round go hand in hand. The scientist and philosopher Charles Darwin first discovered evolution, and deemed that, only the strongest species (humans, chickens, cockroaches, jellyfish, etc.) live long enough to reproduce and evolve, thus, the phrase "only the strongest survive".

Now, computers. They're always evolving. Always. Ask Stephen Hawking, the scientists at NASA, and Humans+ if you don't believe me. Even without our help, computers and robots can improve themselves, calculate answers on Jeopardy!, and build complex structures. Again, **even without help**. When we first began building computers, they were large, bulky, and slow. They couldn't think or fend for themselves. But years of crazy, genius people who wanted to hear them speak turned them into what they are now. They can play trumpets, play hide-and-seek, sing, dance, entertain, and be entertained. Aside from them being synthetic and less sentient, they are *us*. They're almost *human*. They could, given a hundred years, completely mimic your way of thinking and speaking!

And thus rides in Le Cheval Ex Machina, the Fifth Harbinger, who wipes us out and brings rise to a technocracy.

On the topic of the *Le Cheval Apocalypse*, here's the thing: Several professional mathematicians (including several Stephen Hawking and his co-workers) created and signed a petition to halt computer intelligence whilst continuing to advance

computers themselves. Each, viewing strongly on computers in the mindset of a mechanical-Darwinist, based on the ideas of *Darwin Among the Machines* by Samuel "Cellarius" Butler. Though the petition has been lost to history due to a lack of support, these scientists thought the idea of a "robot uprising" was not only plausible, but near.

And near it is.

Remember when I mentioned Google's sentient quantum computer idea? Let me paint you a picture: A quantum computer is the most advanced machine on Earth, and, if there's no other life currently, the entire Universe. There is only one in existence, as far as we are aware, as it is so hard to construct they couldn't be bothered to make a set of twins. The first of Google's sentient computer line is a Canadian-built "refrigerator" with a processor inside of it. It is housed in California, where we can assume the L'Apocalypse Du Cheval will begin. Here is the quantum processor; not quite a quantum computer, but too close for comfort.

Meanwhile, in Japan, they're even closer to *L'Apocalypse Du Cheval*. They've already built robots that feel, such as the robotic seals they use for hospitals. But what does that mean for us?

It means a lot of things. It means, for 200 years, we'll have comfort and security with our robots, driverless cars and quantum computers. But it also means, in 2,000 years, we'll either be extinct, reliving *Terminator*, reliving *The Matrix*, or the robot's servants and/or food. Stephen Hawking and Bill Gates formed the *Open Letter for Human Life Institute*, displaying their concerns:

"Hawking believes that in the coming decades, AI could offer 'incalculable benefits and risks' such as 'technology outsmarting financial markets, out-inventing human researchers, out-manipulating human leaders, and developing weapons we cannot even understand.'"

In short; though the idea of an Orwellian (and possibly Lovecraftian) Fascist-Technocracy is literally inevitable, there are ways to 'halt' and 'slow down' the Le Cheval Apocalypse; one being "putting the AI in a box" (making an AI motionless/trapping it in recursive programming) or "instilling positive values" (giving the AI the capacity to know the value of life). Thus, though it still inevitable and possible, we will be able to prevent it, if not for our future generation.



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import serial
import threading
import time
import sys

port = '/dev/tty.usbserial-001200'
baud = 115200

serial_port = serial.Serial(port, baud, timeout=0)

def read_data():
    print("data")
    if this is where you would use the data for something
    do: read from port(serial)
    new_data = ""
    while True:
        reading = ser.read()
        if len(reading) > 0:
            handle_data(new_data)
            new_data = ""
            while reading == b'':
                new_data = ser.read() + reading.decode()
            new_data = new_data + reading.decode()

thread = threading.Thread(target=read_data, args=(serial_port,))
thread.start()

print("Go ahead and wave a leg near the reader.")

while True:
    if not here forever
    a = 0
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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

RODEO STAMPEDE

By: Jack S



Rodeo Stampede is a popular game in Spring Avenue. You unlock new animals as you get better. The places you go are Savanna, Jungle, Mountains, Outback, and Tundra.

There are different animals. You can get rare animals that are endangered like Zegasus, or you can get regular animals like the Zebra. You build habitats for your different animals. The animals get mad when you are on them for too long. Some animals throw off, eat you, go really fast, or just jump a lot.

HOW DOODLING HELPS YOU FOCUS

By Camille W. and Jackie K.

Doodling is something that many people probably do and maybe you get in trouble for it. If someone tells you to stop simply just say that it is scientifically proven that doodling helps you concentrate. Why, you ask? Well there is one theory.

The theory is that doodling is keeping you from day dreaming. Day dreaming demands a lot of your brain power. On the other hand doodling does not take much cognitive effort. Doodling allows your brain to extend just enough energy to stop you from day dreaming. It also allows you to remember all of the relevant parts.

Here are some of the teachers' ideas about doodling, whispering and fidgeting: "I think doodling is ok and so are fidget spinners without noise, but whispering is rude if it's not for help" and "Fidget spinners drive me crazy." In all the teachers said that doodling is a distraction to some and helps others. On request we have kept all of these quotes anonymous. We have used information from the TIME website and all the teachers that gave us a few minutes of their time for questioning.

EXPLORE THE WORLD

By Camille W.

You can easily explore the world using Google Earth. Google Earth is a website made by Google (obviously) that lets you search up any place in the world and it takes you there.

To use Google Earth, look it up. Then, there should be a column on the left with many icons on it. The lines will make the column pop out. You can sign in with google there. The icons will now have words next to them that explain what they mean.

Down in the right corner there will be a person icon, a globe, a target, a button that has 3D or 2D, and a compass. You can place that person on any point of the globe and it will put you on street view. The target

will bring you to wherever you currently are. You can switch from 2D to 3D and watch it change, find what you prefer. The compass shows where you are pointing (North or South). The globe shows where you are on the globe.

Explore Google Earth and find some more cool things you can do, the sky's the limit!



FIDGET TOYS

By Annie P. and Caroline F.



1. Fidget Cubes

Fidget Cubes, also known as Fidgety or The Cube, are six sided cubes with a different fidget device on each side. There are buttons, switches, joysticks, spinners, smooth surfaces, and rotators.

These are very useful because there are six fidgets so the level of concentration increases. These cost about \$20.



2. Fidget Spinners

Fidget Spinners have many different forms. Some have three spokes and some have two or six. You hold center bearing and spin one of the spokes and it goes pretty fast. These are very popular right now and can be distracting for most. Most can spin up to three minutes. These can cost from about \$3 to \$25.



3. Thinking Putty

Thinking Putty is basically a dough that you can fidget with. It comes in many different colors and special effects. Some are glow in the dark, heat changing, magnetic, phantoms and more! These can cost about \$5 to \$20.

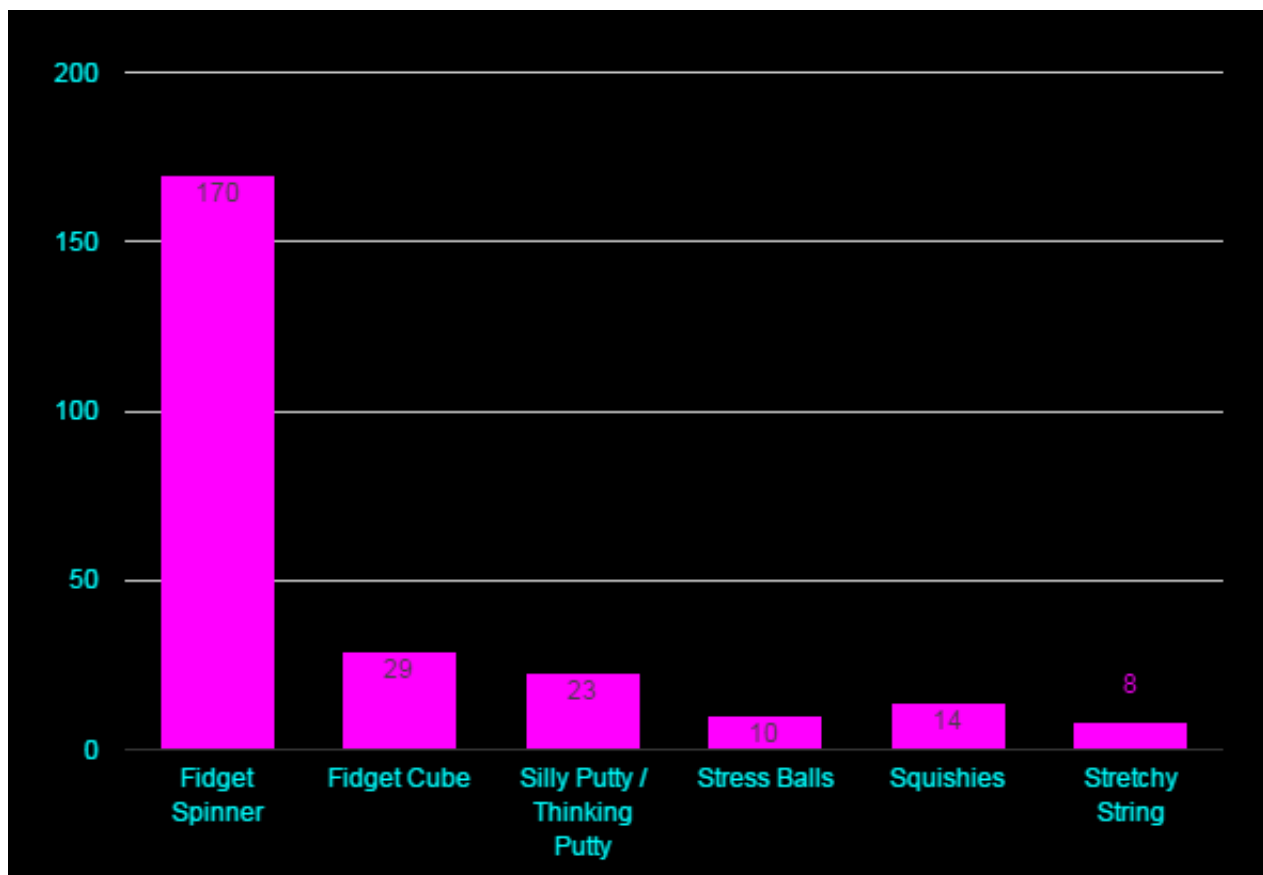


4. Isoflex Stress Balls

Isoflex is an amazing stress ball made from microbeads. It feels really cool when you fidget with it. They come in many different designs too. The best part is that they're made from balloons! The prices usually range \$5 to \$10.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FIDGET TOY?

By Simone B. and Lindsey W.



THE EVOLUTION OF HUMANS

By Emily S.

Sometimes we humans simply get caught up in the tangled web of social life and the challenges the world has to offer us. Ever imagined a world where none of that social mess ever happened? Our ancestors, the ones people hardly ever acknowledge exist and existed, thrived the "easy life." Or did they?

As you read on you'll realize the lives of our ancestors were strenuous, nightmarish, and extremely difficult. They had to work to eat and eat to live rather than endure a dab of emotional struggles. Read on if your heart has what it takes to become what we all were.

Way back many generations stood the very first creatures on the planet - insects swimming in the endless ocean. A few moments after appeared mammals, fowl, and many dinosaurs.

Bounding through the colossal jungles and rainforests of the earth were the very first hominids. In short, they looked like a cross between humans and apes. You can find preserved hominids at The Field Museum in Chicago for a more clear explanation, or simply look them up online with permission.

Hominids had a very unique way of transportation. First they were lumbering on all fours just as apes would - an action many humans find quite

challenging, likely because it was in the remote past and our kind has forgotten it. As the species evolved and adapted, many hominids learned to use tools and such. This led to them slowly rising until they could walk on two feet. Impressive, huh? One of your ancestors experienced this intriguing transition.

Sorry to say this to vegetarians out there, but our ancestors gobbled down meat. Whether it was hunted or scavenged is hotly debated. Hominids were found to have used stone tools to

take down prey such as deer, antelope, and practically any meaty animal around. While this may seem quite carnivorous of hominids, they also ate fruits and common vegetation just as we still do, explaining their flat teeth used to grind.

Where did hominids live? Most of them were found in East and South Africa, though a few were found in North Central Africa. This leaves scientists with one fatal question - how did we develop our skin color? Back when the first pre-humans walked the earth, their genetics were all the same. They couldn't classify Africans, Latinos, Caucasians, or any other race for that matter - every hominid had the same color of flesh. Where did our genetics come from? That is the final question I'll leave you with... How do you relate to your ancestors?



JOIN NEWSPAPER CLUB

By Sarah K.

If you are a great writer or just like to write. Join Newspaper Club! Newspaper Club takes place on every Tuesday after school. Also, you have to be in 4th -6th grade to be in Newspaper club. (Sorry to break your dreams 1st-3rd grade.). There are a lot of great teachers that are also there to proofread your awesome piece. Also, you get to share your piece with your friends and family. If you are going into 6th grade next school year you get to be in the Layout Club. I hope you take a chance to join Newspaper Club!



By Charlotte S.



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

NILL AND NI- I MEAN DILL GAME CORNER

By Aidan D. and Landon N.

Fun Fact: The Nazis invented things like highways, animal cruelty laws, and Volkswagens. Without imprisoned Nazis, we wouldn't even have NASA!

Aida- I mean Landon: Hello people!

Pyro or possibly Temmie: h0i!

Jimm- wait nevermind, Aidan: GET ME OUT OF THIS BAG!!! (Also hi guys)

Lan- I mean Ai- I mean Landon or something: What should we review today Temm- or Aidan.

Pyr- I mean Lan- wait, Jimmy: It's probably is bad...

Temmie: Weview Upertul.

Landon or maybe Landon: Uppertale? You mean that game that tries to be Undertale's fan-made sequel? NO!

Aidan: SUBNAUTICA! It's a good game.

Landon: Good idea Jimmy, or Aidan, or whoever you are. (I don't even know anymore)

Temmie: Gud job Adan. U gud porsun.

Jimmy: I think he's less of a good person, and more of a bad larry.

Landon: It's a bad larry! Run away!

Bad Larry (aka Aidan): Alright let's start talking about Subnautica.

Landon: Alright, I like precursors because they're extinct like dinosaurs and they built a giant laser.

Aidan: Spoilers already?

Landon: I like sleeping in beds. I also like making bases and sleeping in them. I like sleeping.

Temmie: slep iz gud.

ADVERTISEMENT: Buy sleep today! 50% off! Temmie sleeps on sleep!



Aidan: Stop sleeping, anyways my favorite part for the game is the ship's and their features, I can't wait to be able to play and have shielded cyclops.

Jimmy: Subnautica is bad! I haven't been able to share my worthless opinion all article and I want to say what's opposite of you two!

Temmie: <This isn't translated from U~ōtābotorunese because I'm lazy> Pigurnesotavinpathergotu di nightcoria! Stop orbonisim evils bepoi!

Landon: The bad thing about Subnautica is the community. It's a bunch of people asking for tools and multiplayer.

Aidan: I guess, never have seen the community except for a few youtubers.

Landon: We never even talked about the story yet! Get to it temm- I mean larr- I mean this joke is dead. Get to it Aidan!

Aidan: Oh, yeah! The story is really good, at the beginning you are in space but you are shot out of space for an unknown reason, and are stranded on a planet in which you learn on why you were shot down and the sinister truth of the old aliens that lived on the planet.

Landon: You forgot about how your crew dies and how the ship known as the Sunbeam from the

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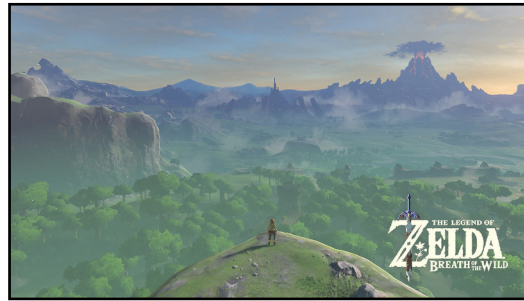
ZELDA REVIEW

By Kellan K. and Carson T.

We have been obsessed with this game Zelda Breath of the Wild. So, let's talk about a few things.

You play as Link. He has been asleep for 100 years, and Calamity Ganon has taken over Hyrule. Also, the Champions of the Zora, Goron, Gerudo, and Rito have turned into spirits. Your job is to free all of the Divine Beasts and kill Calamity Ganon. Zelda is trapped inside Hyrule Castle, so you have to save her too.

Let's talk about enemies. Common enemies are Bokoblins, Moblins, chuchus, Kenshees, and Wizzrobes. For bokoblins and moblins, the most common ones are red bokoblins, which are easiest to kill. Blue bokoblins are harder to kill, brown



bokoblins are even harder to kill, and white bokoblins are so hard to kill. Same thing applies to moblins. Moblins are the same thing as bokoblins, but bigger.

Have you heard of the blood moon? Yes, it is bad. It respawns all of the monsters. There are three types of Chuchus. There are Chuchus, Fire Chuchus, and Electric Chuchus. The greater the size, the harder to kill. There are four types of Kenshees (Bats). There are Electric Kenshees, Fire, Ice, normal

Kenshees. Wizzrobes are little creatures that shoot balls at you. These are only the and most common enemies in the game. You can fight anything from a giant worm to a golem.

Let's start to talk about weapons. You can get weapons from killing enemies or finding them in chests. You can sometimes find them lying around. For example, the Master Sword, located in Korok Forest, is the best sword in the game. There are also bows and shields. You can only have a limited amount of weapons in your inventory. You can upgrade your inventory by talking to this guy. Zelda is a big game and impossible to explain so we tried. We tried to point out the important points of the game. Thanks for reading!

NILL AND NI- I MEAN DILL GAME CORNER, CONTINUED

By Aidan D. and Landon N.

same gun building thing that shot down the Aurora which was your ship before it was shot down and RUN ON SENTENCES!

Aidan: Well, I think that's everything for this review. It's longer than most so we should close up.

Jimmy: LET ME BE HEAR-

muffled sounds

Landon: He's all taken care of now!

Aidan: Well, see ya next time, bye bye!

Temmie: C u nxt yeer in Liliez bag!

Landon Rating: 10/10 IGN, Would ocean again.

Aidan Rating: 11/10 All

hail our peeper overlords.

Temmie Rating: chik'n/screeeeee i saa screeeeeeeeee

Jimmy Rating: no END FOR THIS YEAR!

Credits:

Fun Facts - Landon

Scripting - Aidan and Landon

Temmie - Landon

Pyro - Aidan

Jimmy - Landon

Idea - Mr. Lawson

Running Gags - Landon and Aidan

Horrible quality that you all love - The whole crew.

Bad Grammar - Temmie

Advertisement - Landon

Ratings - The whole crew.

BOOK REVIEWS

LEGEND BY MARIE LU

By Aidan D.

The book is about a man named Day and a woman named June, both of whom live in the Republic Of America, which is at war with the Colonies of America. In the Republic, a devastating plague is terrorizing the poor districts citizens. During Days raid on a hospital, he "killed" June's brother, Metias. Now Day must be on the run from June before he gets caught. Epic storytelling and romance ensue.

My favorite character in Legend is, of course, Day. He is a criminal and a child of the poor districts who works

with my 2nd favorite character, Tess. He is also the first one who exposed the republic's crimes. If you need MORE evidence that Day is awesome then here is a line from the text: "I dipped a ball of crushed ice into a can of gasoline, let the oil coat the ice in a thick layer, and lit it. Then I launched it with a slingshot through the window of our Local Police Headquarters." This shows he is awesome because, well, let's be honest. That is really awesome.

To be honest, all I



would change is that Tess would not go to the patriots and stay with Day. This wouldn't change a lot in this book but it would probably heavily effect the next

two books in this series. Other than that I have no stuff to change. This book is THAT good.

I would recommend this book to nearly everyone in 5th or 6th grade except for people who dislike gore or...romance. Otherwise this book is amazing with great plot, characters, and secrets. This book is

definitely one that I would recommend to all of my friends.

Overall, I would give this book a solid 7/5 stars. It's a great story with interesting main characters. It disguises the republic's sinister intentions great and really paints two opposites attracting in the craziest scenarios. I recommend this book to almost everyone and of course, there's NOT a cliffhanger for the next book! Surprise and that is the best best part of the amazing book! But, that is all I have to say so bye.

COME, FEAR US OR JOIN US

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK GENRE?

By Jackie K.

What is your favorite hobby to do in your free time?

- A. Play sports
- B. Draw
- C. Creative write
- D. Read anything

What is your favorite subject?

- A. Science
- B. E.L.A
- C. Word work
- D. Social Studies

What is your favorite sport?

- A. Basketball
- B. Hockey
- C. Soccer
- D. Gymnastics

Answers:
Mostly As-Nonfiction
Mostly Bs- Anything
interesting
Mostly Cs- Fantasy/ Fiction
Mostly D's-
History/Historical fiction



WHAT BOOK ARE YOU? QUIZ

By Emma H.

What kind of TV shows do you like?

- A. Scary-ish ones.
- B. Funny ones.
- C. Adventure-y ones.

What color do you like?

- A. Black/white
- B. Blue
- C. Any color

What is your favorite animal? (OUT OF THESE CHOICES)

- A. Ghost crab or ghost shrimp
- B. Any fish.
- C. A cow, snake, pigs, or parrots.

What is your favorite number? (AGAIN OF THESE CHOICES)

- A. 120
- B. 227
- C. 278

What are your favorite books to read in which format?

- A. Epistolary (notes/letters)
- B. Prose (novels)
- C. Drama/poems (drama-scripts)

Mostly C's- You are MOO! By Sharon Creech. You like barns and animals!



Mostly B's- You are Fish in a Tree! By Lynda Mullaly Hunt. You don't like to write but love art!



Mostly A's- You are 43 Old Cemetery Road by Kate and Sarah Klise. You like big houses.



RESULTS



I CAN READ YOUR MIND



By Camille W.

I can read your mind!!!!

Follow these instructions. (May need calculator)

Trick 1

Think of a number between 9-2

Multiply that number by 9

Add the digits of the number (ex. 99=9+9=18)

Minus 5

The number you are thinking about is 4.

Trick 2

Think of a positive number but keep it small so that you can do the computations in your head

Square it (multiply it by itself)

Add the result to the original number

Divide by the original number

Add, oh, how about 17

Subtract by your original number

Divide by 6

The number you are thinking about now is 3.
Now go impress your friends!



NEW BIRD SPECIES IDENTIFIED IN LAGRANGE

By Emily S.

As most of you know, the weather and environment has been ever changing this season. Wildlife has been transitioning with it - birds returning and then migrating again, ridiculously undersized sparrows, and overpopulating rabbits. I'd like to cover the most fascinating of all in this article - an apparent new species of bird.

You may have seen robin-sized birds with black coats and red heads mingling among feasting robins. Only a few have been spotted, but enough to be confirmed.

I have a few theories about these birds. Since they have the exact build of a robin and the familiar scarlet head of a cardinal, I believe they could be a mix between the two. However, they could just as easily be robins with color mutations - their slick, oily black feathers to blend with the roads and gas, and their red heads

the only natural trait left. As of now, due to their unique coat of ashen black and flame red, I will be naming these birds Phoenix-Coated Robins.

In addition, the house sparrows have decreased dramatically in size. They are not chicks! I have personally observed these birds flying around expertly with the skill of adults. Why is their population and size decreasing in one? Are we humans threatening them, or is another species driving them away? That question is up to our scientists (a.k.a., you) to find out.

As usual, rabbits have been overpopulating throughout the village. If anyone was around when a fox family and a few coyotes took a short visit, they've probably seen that these predators have kept the population in check. Though the discarded rabbit fur and occasional corpses may be sad to see, too many rabbits can lead to a major

lack of vegetation. Every living thing needs producers to live and breathe. Along with humans destroying it, what if in 3000 there aren't any left? (Of course, this is an exaggeration, but overpopulating herbivores don't help the cause.)

The main problem, however, is the climate change along with humans. Since we've had frequently used vehicles and other sources of environment-changing for so long, is wildlife finally adapting to it? This could explain the slight lack of birds and maybe even the hybrids. Some species are even leaving us to find somewhere with nature in it.

Can we, students, kids, and scientists do anything to take action? Keep observing wildlife and see what you can do to help Mother Nature thrive.

CREATIVE WRITING POEMS

By Simone B.

Ocean

The ocean is cold
The ocean is warm
The ocean is wavy
when there's a storm
When the storm isn't
friendly,
And then you go in,
You probably won't
come back up again.

Leaves

For leaves can be fun,
They're green and
they're red,
They can be crunchy
when they are dead,
I've told you before
when you see a pile,
Of leaves, just leaves,
play in them for a
while.

Hoping

He comes every
Easter,
And travels far and
wide,
He leaves you treats
with candy inside,
You all must know
that he can not be
seen, For he is the
Easter Bunny.

CREATIVE WRITING

ADVENTURE FANTASY

By Charlie R.

This is the story of an amazing journey. If you're wondering, here's what happened.

Chapter: Number One

I first woke up (as usual) and got breakfast. I almost forgot, I have dogs and I have to take them out when I wake up. My Mom was sleeping so I had to be quiet. It was around 6:45 in the morning and after taking my dogs out and giving them a treat for some reason, I get breakfast and get my school stuff ready to go. After breakfast I got dressed and left.. I headed off to school but I saw something. It was like a chalk drawing on the sidewalk. I walked closer to it and saw someone looking.

"What?!" I yelled. No response. I walked a little closer and saw something inside it. The thing looked like a really realistic portal I think?

Chapter: Number Two

I decided to walk closer. I almost fell in though.

"Ha, ha. Very funny." I told the person creepily watching me.

"Fall. Fall. Go inside. Get lost." He said in a very creepy sounding voice.

Before I could say anything he left. I didn't want to walk any closer and suddenly he PUSHED ME IN!

"Ha, ha, ha." He said.

I fell down a very deep hole then I hit the ground finally.

"Ah, what happened?" I said.

"Hello Charlie. I've been expecting you." A voice said.



I was in a very dark room and didn't know where I was. There finally was a wavy light thing going through the walls. I could see a little.

"Come, come closer." I heard.

Chapter: Number Three

I walked around and saw a man in a room.

"You found me. Come." He said.

"Cool, but who are you?" I asked..

"My name is, G.O.P." He said.

"That's a weird name for a person." I said.

Now listen, that might sound a little rude but, here's what happens.

"Well, I'm not real." He said.

"What?! What do you mean?" I said.

"I'm a hologram." He told me.

"Whoa." I said back.

Well, that was a little weird. Anyways, I walked around and saw weird things. Like, weird creatures stuck in tanks. One looked like a blue version of a catfish with big fangs. I also saw a mirror that reflected into an never ending

room. I mean, it looked like a never ending room.

Chapter: Number Four

"Hello Charlie." A voice said.

"Oh no! Not this again!" I yelled out.

"What do you mean?" The voice said.

"Someone else said something like this, and he was a hologram!" I yelled again.

"I'm not I promise. Just walk five steps forward." It said.

I accepted and walked five steps forward. 1, 2, 3, 4... 5. I couldn't believe my eyes.

"Charlie, we need you to help us." He said.

"What's your name?" I said.

"My name is, Veno." He said.

"Come on! We don't have enough time!" He said again. "Get in the helicopter!"

Thanks for reading!

I'm sorry for the cliffhanger but I had to end the story somehow! But anyways, thanks for reading! Hoped you like it!

Oh yeah and,

If you were wondering about my backpack from Chapter 1. It fell with me and I never referred it in the rest of the story just because, I was too lazy. Also this is my last article for the year so. Hope you liked it anyways! Thanks again!

-Charlie R.

CREATIVE WRITING

THE END, VOLUME 3

by Caroline F.

The ferocious bulldozer continued to shatter the silence. From my place in the tree, I could see the path of crushed trees and plants that the machine had created. Shielding my eyes from the bright sun, I followed the path back with my eyes to what looked like a deep cave. I had to discover the source of this mysterious contraption was coming from.

I climbed down from my perch in the tree and started to crawl to onto the path the bulldozer had made. I followed the road to the dark cave. Standing up, I looked inside. It looked like any other normal cave.

"Hello." I called.

"Hello, hello, hello." My echo answered.

I walked in, and suddenly a steel wall fell down behind me. I was trapped.

Walking further, I discovered a strange yellow glow coming from the end of the cave. My steps echoing on the rough ground, I ran, until, finally, I found the source of the light.

A lab. Tire tracks were etched on the dirt floor. The machine came from this place.

There were strange, glowing chemicals in test tubes, a mysterious series of buttons and levers, and dozens of computer screens all showing the same thing. Me.

Then I noticed something. The screens showed a heavy metal door that didn't appear in real life. I pressed my hands against the part of the wall where the door was shown. And I found a handle.

I pressed slightly on the cold metal handle, and the door opened, sending me tumbling into a hallway. Hundreds of people lined the wall. They were all clapping and whistling for me.

"W-w-what?" I wondered aloud.

A bald man with a suit stepped out of the crowd. "I'll explain it all." He said.

"You were an orphan. Your parents abandoned you when you were three. We found you in the streets a few months later." He explained

"We took you in and put you to sleep for twelve years. We wiped your memory and placed you in an arena built to seem like the end of the world." He beckoned to the door I had just came out of.

"We programed the arena to wake you up on exactly your 15th birthday. We wanted to see if a human could figure anything out without any memories. And you did it. Congratulations."

The End

(Get It?)

CREATIVE WRITING

ASLEEP 2

STORIES ABOUT DREAMS

by Kenny B.

Continued from my last article Asleep.

Dream: three...

"Hello and welcome to PICK! YOUR! DOOR!"

I was in a game show, and I had \$2,000,000.

"Alright you have one chance to pick the right door and win \$2,000,000."

All of a sudden I was sitting in a room with three doors. If I picked the correct door I could win. Hmmm, hmmmm I thought and thought. I opened door number three and I won! Money started to fly out of the ceiling and walls.

"Would you like to double or take what you have?"

"I will double my money."

"Okay this is a much harder competition, you must answer 10 questions, and get over half of them correct.

"Okay what do these three people have in common... Taylor Swift, Thomas Edison, and Muhammad Ali.

"Uhhhh...they have not won Olympic medals..."

"Correct"

I had the best feeling ever being a millionaire.

Dream: four...

This was it, I was sitting at the end of a plank over a volcano the size of an over sized cruise ship, and I was about to be swallowed by the "lava monster." All I had to remember was I was fire resistant.

They pushed me and I plunged into the melting liquid. Everything in my body felt as if it was melting into one substance. My guess was that everyone thought that I was melted into the lava but I swam up to the highest point and started digging a hole. A huge thick stream of lava kept spouting out of the side of the volcano, and I was in it. I got out before it went to the river. I wanted revenge on them.

Just so you know I can control the lava. I slowly climbed up to the top and thrust the lava into a pipe that controlled the temperature of the platform. The lava melted the pipes and a piece of the pipe went falling into the gooey mess.

"Those people will regret that they even thought of messing with me."

I floated up to the platform on my little lava board. One of them controlled water and blasted me. I blocked it because I'm awesome.

It was fire against water and I was losing. I decided to make a case around him and made it thick. He sprayed it and it started to dry.

I yelled, "Science 101: what happens to lava that touches water."

It created a solid case around him and froze he must have known my secret identity so it was a good thing he had a small container.



CREATIVE WRITING

DEADLOCKED 1.0

By Aidan D.

This is based on true events in another universe, translated totally non suspiciously by Aidan D.

PROLOUGE

HELLO READER,
IF YOU CAN SEE THIS
IS YOU ARE SPECIAL.
HURRY... RUN
BEFORE THEY
CATCH YOU -error-

CHAPTER 1

???:Do you think they got the message?

???: Yep, why are you so worried Jake? It won't miss them.

Jake: I know, but it's so important and if they find it first, the fleet may be doomed.

Pryo: MMPH! MMPH MMPH MMMMPH!

Jake:OH GOD WHY! (Jake Faints)

???:Ok,Thats rude.

Jake:.....Aidan....you are worse honestly...(Faint the 2nd)

Aidan:Wait a second..why did I get a

notification on my ControlPad that a planet is under quarantine?

Random Soldier: A Nazi broke a water fountain sir.

Aidan:That MONSTER! And by the way, who wants some coffee?

SeVeRaL mInUtEs LaTeR

Jake:Good Coffee!

Aidan: Well now we need to get to the main point, the fleet is in danger. We need to move.

Tactical Commando: Sir! We have received information that Sakes forces are moving in on the fleet. They will be at ur fleet in 14.7 hours.

Aidan:Tell our forces to intervene. Get all available to the fleet NOW!

Tactical Commando: Sir yes sir!

He runs off to inform the soldiers



Aidan: AND WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE WAITING FOR?!? MOVE IT!

Jake: YES SIR!

ON THE AID DESTROYER

V 2.0 (The second giant aircraft developed by Aidan, actually an Aid Colossal but it was named before that class was put into mass production.)

Light Rip Pilot: Sir all plasma fuel cells are restored and we are ready for Light Rip.

Head Of Flight: Initiate Light Rip.

Le Light Rip

Light Rip Pilot: All systems normal, the Light Rip is complete.

Aidan: Ok, move to intercept Sakes flagship.

Pilots: SIR YES SIR!

SoMe LoNg MiNuTeS LaTeR

Soldier: Sir we have

located Sakes flagship. Can we open fire?

Aidan: Bring my ship and open fire.

Soldier: Yes sir!

This traveling is getting boring isn't it? Don't worry, we only have 1 more.

Aidan: Huh..so you're the Sake who we captured all that time ago? (And when this series was just a 4th grade classroom joke.)

Sake: Well...yeah, yes I am.

Aidan: Well...It's time to die!

Sake: This...is...not fair...is it?

Aidan: No it is not-

Aidan is interrupted by an escape pod. He escaped while he was talking, rude

Aidan: Wo-

KABOOMLES!!!

BOOM BOOMITY BOOM

Aidan: Oh, the weapon officers finally got around to bombing the ship.

CREATIVE WRITING

THE WEIRD GAME

By Seth H. and Matthew M.

One day a guy named Bean Jr was thinking about a random 3D game for little humanoids called ROBLOX.

There were two types of currency in this game called tickets and robux. Tickets and robux were used to customize your avatar when you play games. One day the creator Bean Jr. removed tickets and made everyone sad, because you can earn tickets by playing games and you have to BUY robux. The creator removed tickets so they can get more money by forcing people to buy robux.

We forgot to mention that you can build a game in ROBLOX. But your game needs to have lots of work to make it popular.

Meanwhile

Worker: Man, I love my job at this pizza place. Oh no! Here comes a troll!

Troll: Hello I'd like an extra large cup of spider venom.

Worker: Sorry, that's not on the menu.

Troll: Put it on the menu.

THE END, OR TO BE CONTINUED IN 2099



THE BEACH

By Jordyn H.

The sand was as brown as a chocolate cake.

The sea was as blue as the sky

The chairs were as green as a snake.

And a life guard just walked by.

The shovel was as smooth as a lake

And the crab was as black as a tie.

now I have to go home

But this was fun and I cannot lie.

DEADLOCKED 1.0 CONTINUED

By Aidan D.

THE LAST TRANSITION!!

Aidan: Well, for now we can't do anything else.

Soldier: Sir we have intercepted a strange message.

Aidan: Play it

Plays Message

Aidan:....Lockdown security, we have a traitor in our mists.

?END?

Epilogue.

This is only the beginning *Cough* of our journey.

END 1 OF 4.



THE FLOWER

By Lindsey W.

Petals as bright as the sun.

Ready to meet someone.

It moves over ever so slightly.

So the wind will blow it lightly.

Gentle as the breeze.

Likely to make someone wheez.

If you don't water me I will die.

But don't worry, please don't cry.

Soon I will reform. But until then, forget I was ever born.

CREATIVE WRITING

KITTEN ESCAPE, 3

By Jordyn H.

After the scoreboard and video game sucked up Sarah and Renee and Elena, they were confused. They were sucked into technology twice. They wondered, would they get sucked up again? After all of that they stayed away from all types of technology except their phones. They thought being stuck in one of their phones was not so bad. All of them had Samsung Galaxy phones (At this time they did not know these exploded).

One day while working on Sarah's phone, they made Kitten Escape into an app. All of a sudden, Sarah got a text from Kitten Escape that said, "you have

two days till it explodes, good luck!"

After that all of them knew they were going to get sucked in again. They all locked arms so they would not separate. Then they were zapped into the phone. Then they all saw huge buttons (those were the apps) they clicked on a food one and then they saw a picnic of food they started eating (they were very hungry). After that they just sat down. They wondered how would they get out? When would they get out? Would they get out before it explodes? They did not know.

Later in the day they got hungry again so they went back in

the app. After that Sarah remembered that in one app she downloaded a thing (this was because they got stuck in other electronics, and she did this if they got stuck in the phone) that there was a key in the app that would be able to open up the phone but the app thing said that it would put it somewhere tricky to find it so you would have to go on a journey to find the key.

So then they all searched and searched and searched and then Sarah found the key app and she knew it was in there so they searched and searched again and they found the key and then they all got out.

WHICH KITTEN ESCAPE KITTEN ARE YOU?

By Jordyn H.

What is your favorite color?

- A. Purple
- B. Turquoise
- C. Blue

What is your favorite baseball team?

- A. Both Illinois teams
- B. The Sox
- C. The Cubs

What is your favorite gem?

- A. Peridot
- B. Zircon
- C. Opal

What is your favorite app?

- A. Don't have one
- B. Minion Rush
- C. Slither.io

What is your favorite video game?

- A. Mario Bros 2
- B. Mario kart
- C. Uncharted

What is your favorite emoji?

- A. Glasses
- B. The Devil
- C. All



Mostly As- you are Sarah! Brave, kind, and a little shy.
Mostly B's- you are Renee! Strong, brave, and kind hearted.
Mostly C's- you're Elena! Courageous, brave, with a gold heart

CREATIVE WRITING

THE SUN TRIAL FINALE

By Emily S.

Sweat slinking down the back of his neck, Casey bolted up the magnificent golden stairway before him. Two boys about his age wielding swords had already reached the top, dashing up floors as if running from a bear.

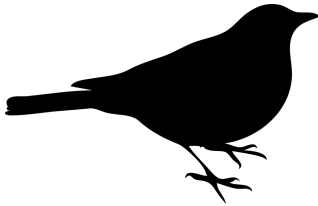
Adrenaline pumping through his veins, Casey involuntarily let out a bellow and clutched his sword, driving the butt of his blade into one of the boys' sides.

"Watch it!" howled Casey's adversary, flinging his sword blindly at Casey's leg.

Winching, Casey glanced down at his pants and found a rip in his knee. He then thundered up more flights of shining stairs until he was neck-and-neck with his final opponent. The boy glared and swung out his sword, banging Casey straight in the temple.

"Get out! I'm going home!" the boy cried out,

his voice hoarse and his eyes filling with tears. He scratched a laceration on his head, etched between his neatly trimmed brown-and-blond hair.



Blood roaring in his ears, Casey staggered to his feet, letting the

rapid drumming of his head repel him from the welcoming aura of afterlife. He could feel his vision fade and his strength running out...

Realizing his bird, Neutron, was still outside, Casey scanned the area. The stairs gaped before him, and he had no other option than to run for his life.

Finally, Casey felt his feet scrape across a hard surface. He had passed the last step and was gaining on the boy before him. In the empty room stood a massive table with an alluring golden stone atop it.

Light filled his eyes as Casey lunged for the stone. The world

slowed around him, and he could feel a sudden surge of energy as he saw the tip of his sword ignite gold...

He had done it. He was going home. Wobbling, Casey clutched the stone in his hand and collapsed, fading into a world of empty darkness.

Groaning, Casey became aware of his senses. The soft sense of a mattress and blankets brushed against his spine. A pillow was clearly supporting his head. Daring to open his eyes, Casey scrutinized the scene before him. Expansia had been obliterated and the only thing in sight was a cheerfully-decorated hospital room.

Casey's mother, a slender woman with wavy blond hair and radiant teal eyes, stood over him. Clinging to her, silently sobbing, stood her husband, a muscular man with untidy jet black

hair and deep brown eyes. The two of them instantly lit up when they saw him and embraced him in a tight hug.

"Do you remember us? What happened? Casey... sweet boy..."

Throat dry and in no condition to respond, Casey held up his hand in a thumbs-up to his mother. His father smiled, bittersweet tears clouding his vision. Casey

had never seen his parents so terrified and joyful all at once...

"You have a minor concussion," mumbled Casey's mother, averting her gaze to the floor. "The nurse is going to check up on you soon. I'm afraid you need to stay overnight... again."

"What?" croaked Casey, realizing why his head was throbbing. "How many nights have I been here?"

Casey's father

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CREATIVE WRITING

SISTER TO BROTHER – LIFE TO DEATH

By Annie P.

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Vitae and a boy named Mors. They were twin sister and brother. Their names were latin for life (Vitae) and death (Mors). Their mother was Hebe the Greek Goddess of life and their father was Thanatos the god of death. Vitae and Mors got along very well although their parents did not. Vitae had the brightest blond hair and the most beautiful turquoise eyes. Mors looked nothing like his sister with pitch black hair and deep green eyes. As the children of Gods, they had powers. Vitaes power was to revive anyone she touched and Mors power was to harm anyone he touched.

One fateful day when they were 12, the twins met a boy

named Autem (up) and a girl named Descendit (down). Their powers to make things fly up and make things fall down. They became instantly friends because, you know, opposites attract! They were walking down the streets of Athens when suddenly they heard a rumbling noise. It was Terram (the God of the ground). Mors disliked Terram so he tapped Terram on the back. Terram felt an excruciating pain on his back. Vitae screamed and ran to Terram. She tapped him in the same place Mors did and the pain was gone. Terram ran off into the distance scared to death. That day Autem and Descendit learned that Vitae and Mors were very different.

The next day Terram went to Hebe and Thanatos and told them

about the incident the other day. When the twins got home from school they were told to pack their bags. They didn't know why, but they did as they were told packing their favorite belongings. They came back down and their parents told them that they knew about what happened and this was the moment, they were separated.

20 years later they had their own God and Goddess Palaces and were living alone. On their 32nd birthday, they remembered. They remembered that they had a sibling. How had they forgotten? They spent weeks trying to find each other and when they finally did, they were so filled with joy they could just scream! They went to visit each other frequently. They finally found each other!

THE SUN TRIAL FINALE, CONTINUED

By Emily S.

grinned guiltily and replied, "Five days. You were in a coma and we don't know why. I guess that fall really had an impact."

"Oh, hush!" retorted Casey's mother,

glaring playfully.

Expansia, Casey thought, a chill running down his spine. It was real! I felt the pain! I felt the wind! I felt Neutron's feathers! I felt love and hope and faith and...

Swallowing his confusion, Casey gazed up at his parents, his own vision blurred with forming tears.

"It doesn't matter now. I'm home."



CREATIVE WRITING

ADVENTURES IN ELVENDALE 4

THE ADVENTURE TO RAGANA'S CASTLE

By Emma H.

Now that Elandra was captured by Ragana, she could turn evil but the Elves and Emily had to save her.

"Come on, guys! We must save Elandra!" said Naida.

"Ya! Let's go!" agreed the rest of the gang.

"Now that we have dragons, we could fly them to the castle for a faster ride there," said Emily.

Once the elves got on their dragons, they flew high into the sky. But somehow, Rangana knew they would try to save Elandra, she put some obstacles in the way.

"Oh no!" cried Aira. "Come on, Gust! Blow that swarm of bees away with a Mega Tornado!!!!"

The Elves flew for at least one more minute then a bunch of rocks started hitting the Elves and Zonya got hit by one and fell to the ground

with Azari.

"Zonya! Azari!" Naida cried.

"Okay Rose you use your powers to break the rocks. And I'll go save Azari and Zonya." said Emily.

"No Emily! You will get hurt!" yelled Ferran.

But it was too late. Emily was already trying to save her Elvendale friends. Then Zonya realized she was falling so she started flying down to get Azari. The elves climbed up mountains.

"Ugh! I am SOOOO tired! When will we get there....? Lets just fly dragons!" complained Emily.

"But the dragons are too hungry to fly," explained Aira.

"JUST FEED THEM!!!!" said Emily.

"Well we do not have any food! We thought this adventure would've been SHORTER!"



said Aira.

"Ugh fine!" said Emily.

They were finally at the top of the mountain. In the distance there it was. Ragana's Castle. There were also parachutes at the top of the mountain. The castle was surrounded with green and black and dead plants. The more power the castle holds, the more the dark power expands.

"Oh. We came up here FOR NOTHING!?" said Emily.

"Well that down there is a POISON river. So we couldn't have crossed it down there. C'mon! Let's parachute!!!!"

said Ferran.

There was a glowing green water fountain and Zonya was lured to it.

"NO! Zonya don't drink it!" said Azari.

Zonya drank the water and turned evil!

The only way to cure it was to take off the evil-making helmet. Emily took a risk. She jumped on Zonya's back and took it off then the water turned to regular non-evil water. The elves saw the castle and opened the door.....

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CREATIVE WRITING

ADVENTURES IN ELVENDALE

OUR LAST CHANCE

By Emma H.

"This is about the 30th time Elandra got captured by Ragana. This is our FINAL chance to save her. If she gets taken again she'll turn evil," explained Naida.

The castle was dark and creepy inside. The doors creaked and the floor had holes in it that led to lava. The windows had holes too. There was black dust everywhere and the elves could barely see. Then a cat jumped out from behind the couch (which was ripped) and the jump scared them.

"Mrow! Sssssss!!" hissed the cat.

She jumped onto Emily but she grabbed her and threw the cat off.

"Ahh! Get off, you... you PEST!" said Emily.

The elves went deeper into the castle. Then they found a set of stairs that creaked. Then they found Ragana's bedroom. It looked very suspicious.

"*gasp!* Look! A handle!!" said Ferran.

He pulled it out and there was a map of the castle and black marker at the top reading- ESTARI.

"Hey look guys! A map! *GASP!* That is Estari!" said Ferran.

"Let us go save Estari!" said Emily Jones.

They walked up more stairs and got to the top and saw Estari in her egg surrounded by green steam.

Then they saw Ragana. She wanted to fight. Azari tried her hardest but couldn't do it. Same



with Ferran, Aira and Naida. Emily was the only elf left. Her amulet was glowing and then shot a HUGE blue ray at Ragana and defeated her.

Then they grabbed Estari's egg and went down the castle and past the mountains to home.

Then the egg cracked and all the babies were born!

The Elves, Emily and all the dragons lived Happily Ever After, (Except Ragana and her pets) !!!!

END OF ADVENTURES IN ELVENDALE .

THE SHARK PEOPLE

By Tyler K.

Chapter one. The shark people.

Once there were people that lived in a little village. One day a shark spider bit a person named Bop. The bite gave Bop a shark spider contagious disease and more people got it and it turned them into sharks. It was hard to get used to but then they had to change their homes into shark tanks. Bop missed his human friends who he

would never see again since he was now a shark spider.

Chapter two. Next month

Many villages tried to invent a formula that would turn the shark spiders back into humans, but none of the formulas worked. Even Bop tried his own formula but unfortunately it turned him into a foot.

Chapter three. He did it

"Please this is my last try! Bubble, bubble, swish! OMG I am a person again. I need to turn everyone back into a person again quick.

Chapter four: 2 hours later

I did it!!!!!!

CREATIVE WRITING

**MR, P, BUNNY HAS LOST ALL HOPE OF PUNCTUATION WHATSOEVER
AND THIS TITLE IS LONG AND THE MORE I SPEAK
THE LONGER THIS GETS SO I GUESS I'LL STOP TYPING NOW**

by Landon N,

One day) Mr, P, Bunny couldn't find punctuation, and he didn't know where it went/ so he made make some makeshift version} Now he is cowering in a bunker until this is fixed(==) [what even is that thing after 'fixed\! He is still wondering where it went& This story would get boring if I didn;t do anything with it so it[s story time*

There was an explosion outside?

"My quotations are backwards? Also what was that giant explosion."

He hid deeper in the bunker# But the explosion opened the door and came at him= He kicked the explosion in the face/and ran away!? The explosion chased and Mr! P? Bunny made it cringe by dabbing really fast and hard' The explosion then fell unconscious from the cringe; and Mr{[] P# Bunny decided to end this story by fixing punctuation once and for all% He got into his time machine& and went back to the first issue ever.

Mr.P.Bunny Vs. The Evil Tacos

By: Landon N.

Hey! Landon here! Looking back on this article was horrible for me! Mr. P. Bunny doesn't even have spaces in it! Anyways, let's see the story.

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GHAAA I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
STOP THIS PARADOX!!!!!! I'M LEAVING THE ARTICLE!

THE END

I'll fix that paradox this summer! Come back next year for more!

Please... I lost my job and house and money....
I'm living on the streets... My lawyer left me...

Mr.P.Bunny V NO

CREATIVE WRITING



MR. TACO AND THE MAGICAL QUEST THE SERIES FINALE

By Annie P. and Camille W.

Because this will be our last time writing about Mr. Taco, we will give you a backstory on each of the characters. Mr. Taco, Mr. O.J. Burger, and Gary the Ghost if you forgot.

Mr. Taco was born in a small town in the outskirts of the legendary Tacotopia. He was in a family of four. He had a happy childhood until he went to Taco-Harvard (Harvard for tacos), and became friends with two transfer students, Gary the ghost and Mr. O.J. Burger. They instantly became friends and when they graduated they went on adventures through Fairytale Land.

Mr. O.J. Burger was not always a Burger. He was a beautiful cow until one day. He was snatched by O.J. robbers, who made him an orange juice infused burger. He ran away, got a steady job and an apartment. After years of work, he saved up for Burger-Harvard. He was an outcast so he transferred to Taco-Harvard. He met his best friends he had adventures with in magical Fairytale Land.

Gary the ghost was just a little ghost when the great ghost war started. Gary's parents helped him escape with his 33 other siblings. When he got to Tacotopia he was welcomed with opened

hands. It was hard to adjust, but soon he decided to apply to Taco-Harvard as an exchange student. When he got there he instantly became friends with two other students and they went on adventures together.

"Dude I am so hungry!!!" Mr. Taco complained glaring at Clara, "And it doesn't help that you're wolfing down a piece of pie."

"Well, I have food, and I am hungry, so I will eat." Clara said sarcastically earning glares from everyone.

"Whooooooh what is that!!!" Gary the Ghost asked staring up at the giant door that just appeared in front of them.

"According to the National Realms Guide that door leads to the Earth realm. If we walk through it we will be transported through a wormhole and deposited in New York City." Clara read off a book that was half her size, "Precautions should be taken when entering do not--"

"GERONIMO!!!" Mr. O.J. Burger yelled while jumping through the door.

"Oh No!" Clara said but then seemed to change her mind. She

shrugged and jumped through next.

Mr. Taco and Gary the Ghost looked at each other and jumped through before they changed their mind.

"Whoah! This place is so huge, and crowded!" Mr. O.J. Burger said, "Look, I can grab things!" He said this as he reached for a man in a suit's arm and got orange juice all over him.

"Dude! Watch where you're going!" The man said, "Wait a second, are you a giant living burger? I didn't have lunch yet today.."

The man lunged at the living burger and took a big bite of his hair.

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!" screamed Mr. O.J. Burger.

The foursome ran around the city and eventually ended up in a very expensive penthouse.

"Oh! Annie! We have visitors! Come down and greet them!" one of the authors Camille said.

"Ummmm... Where are we? Are we in some universe where people are polite? That would be nice for a change!" Gary the ghost said.

"Hello Mr. Taco! Oh, and you

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CREATIVE WRITING

MR. TACO, CONTINUED



By Annie P. and Camille W.

brought your friends! Hello Mr. O.J. Burger, Gary the Ghost and Clara! Nice to finally meet you in person!" Annie said enthusiastically.

"How do you know our

names? HOW DO YOU KNOW US!?!?" Clara screamed.

"You didn't know?" Camille said, "We are your creators! Your authors.

At this moment the foursome's lives flashed before their eyes and were teleported back to the beginning of

time in four different parts of the world. Their memories were erased so each and every one of them could start a new, maybe even better adventure. All of us wish them the best of luck with their new journey!

The End

THE DREAM

By Jackson K.

One night, Jana Bob told a horrific story. But there was a twist, it was told... in a dream! Now this wasn't any dream, it was the weirdest dream ever! Or, at least she thought so. Now let's get into the story.

Once upon a time, there was a giraffe named Jeffy. So Jeffy the giraffe was walking through the forest and then saw a shooting star. He then wished to have a... small head! This was impossible! Giraffes can not have small heads! They have to have big heads! But before anybody could speak, it happened! Jeffy the giraffe's head was not large, but small! This was the worst thing that ever happened in society.

The next day, the whole world turned into disaster. Birds were walking, dogs were turning into cats, cats were turning into dogs and humans were flying. This was impossible until today. Good thing it was Jana Bob's lucky day. This whole disaster was just a dream. So let's get things straight. This was all started on May 2, 2017. One day in a house in the middle of nowhere, there lived a girl named Jana. Jana loved cats! Jana loved cats so much that she has 30 cats! Until today... all of her cats turned into dogs! I guess this wasn't a dream after all.



SHIRLEY

By Simone B.

I have a dog named Shirley,
And I love her dear and tight

I have a dog named Shirley,
And she is quite alright

I have a dog named Shirley,
And that is fine to me

I have a dog named Shirley,
And she's part of my family

I have a dog named Shirley,
And she licks me right to bed

I have a dog named Shirley,
And there's no one I'd rather be with instead





"My sister won't ever stop being mean to me. I always tell the truth to my parents whenever we are explaining how we got in a fight. She always (usually) lies about what happened. This happens all the time and I always get into a fit. Know how to help me?"

"- Your Friendly Neighborhood Stalker"

Hello Friendly Neighborhood Stalker,

This is a problem that used to happen to me a ton with my older brother. My best advice is to go sit down with your parents and tell them what is bothering you. Maybe do it when your sister isn't home. If your sister isn't home, then you will have your parents' full attention and your sister can't butt in with her lies. Also, try to figure out why your sister is always mean to you. That might help.

Best of Luck,

Jillian

"I'm really having a hard time thinking about moving. I'm staying in the same neighborhood, yet I'm really sad. Know how to be more optimistic about moving?"

"-Your Friendly Neighborhood Stalker"

Hello Friendly Neighborhood Stalker,

Moving is always hard, even if it is just a short move. Try to think of how you still get to go to the same

school and you will still see your friends all the time. I understand that you don't want to leave your home, but I bet your parents are making the right decision. It might take a while, but you will begin to like your new home at some point.

Sending You Happiness,

Jillian

"I have problems falling asleep at night and waking up in the morning. Can you help me with that?"

-C. F.S.

Dear C.F.S.,

My best advice for you is to create some form of a night routine. By this I mean, brush teeth, turn off electronics at a certain time, etc. This way if you keep repeating this routine and also wake up every morning at a similar time, your body will get used to this pattern. Also, school is almost over so don't worry too much, but still make sure you have a solid routine.

Sincerely,

Jillian

"How do I have fun in the summer?"

- Bored

Dear Bored,

There are many different ways to have fun in the summer. An idea I have for you is to make a list of all the things that you might want to do this summer based off your likings. Then, every time to complete a task, cross it off with the plan of completing the whole list by the end of summer. When you are writing your list, think of tasks that are achievable for how you plan on spending summer. Also, check out this edition of *A Lion's Life* where there is a list of fun things to do on page 12.

Have Fun in the Sun,

Jillian



By Jillian W.

"Most times my friends don't notice me. What should I do?"

- Helga

Dear Helga,

It stinks that your friends don't notice you. My best advice for you is try to start up the conversation between you and your friends. This way your friends will include you and you won't feel left out. I bet your friends notice you, but by trying this you will most likely be included.

Sending Hope,

Jillian

"People keep constantly stealing my fidget spinner. How do I tell them to stop?"

- Fidgeter

Dear Fidgeter,

You right now are talking to a fellow fidgeter. Not many people know that I have a fidget spinner because I don't bring it to school. You will most likely get it taken away at school, so just save yourself the punishment and don't bring it. This way you keep your spinner and you stay out of trouble.

Spin On,

Jillian

THE JILLIAN REVEAL

By Jeanne M.

Hello readers and writers, I'm Jeanne M., the "J" of Jillian. The "illian" is Lillian P., another Spring Avenue 6th grader on the paper. This year, we began the Ask Jillian column in the newspaper. Our goal for this column was to help others, and we hope we met it.

The inspiration began between my aunt and I at dinner one night. She knew that I was a writer and thought an advice column would be a great addition to the paper. I decided to recruit Lillian because she is always willing to help others and is a great writer. She was happy to help.

We decided to attempt to keep our identities a secret (which really didn't work) because we felt that the students would trust us with their problems if they didn't know who they were asking help from. It didn't

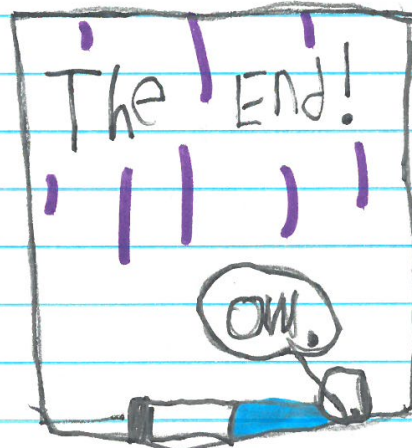
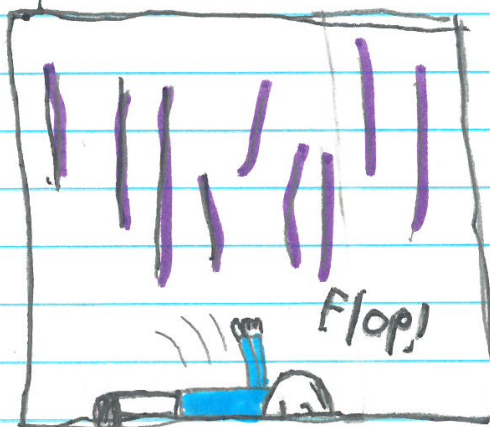
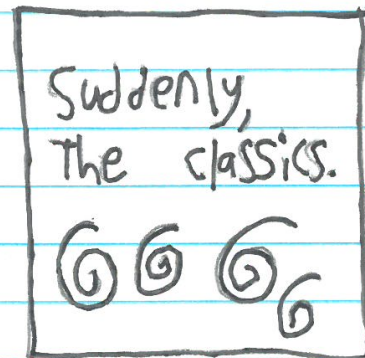
really work because you guys are very smart and could easily put two and two together and figure out it was us.

An advice column wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. Some of the questions that were asked were problems we never faced so we had to ask others for help. Ms. Marek, Mrs. Panice, Mrs. Musillami, and some other sixth graders were also great additions to the Jillian Team because they also helped answering your questions. Lillian and I have been on the paper for three years now and we have definitely left our marks. The Ask Jillian portion of the paper was small, but still was there to make a positive impact for the paper. Once again, we hope that we helped those who needed advice and we were proud of the outcome.

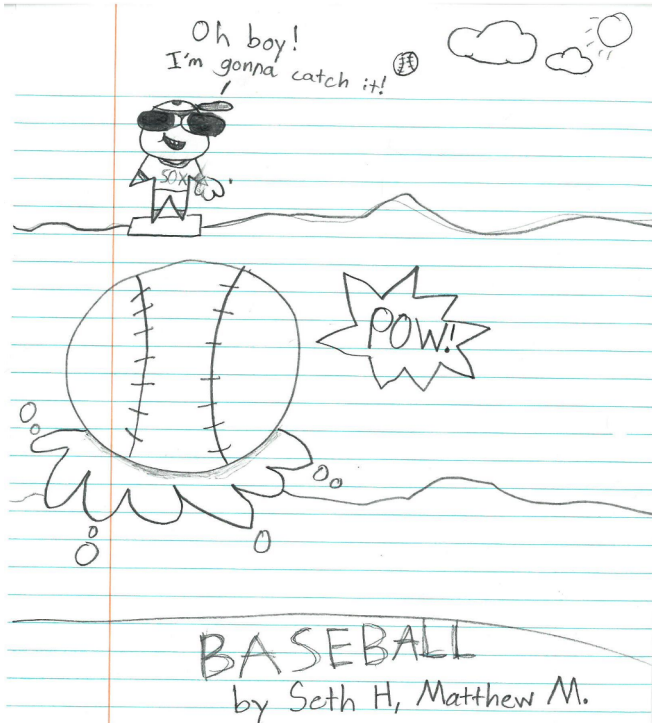
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PURPLE RAIN!

by: Everett K.



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CALENDAR

- May 26 - Library Books Due
- May 29 - Memorial Day, No school
- May 31 - Last PTO Meeting, 8:40,
Awards Assembly, 9:40
- May 31 - Kindergarten Graduation
- June 7 - La Grange Public Library Librarians visit
Morning Kick Off for Summer Reading Presentation
- June 7 - Stepping Up, 6:00-8:00 pm
- June 7: Field Day
- June 8 - Last Day of School
- June 8: Fun Run at 10 AM, Ice Cream Social 2:30 PM

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