

# A LION'S LIFE



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**Students at  
Spring Avenue  
Math and  
Science Night use  
Chromebooks  
with Scratch, Jr.**

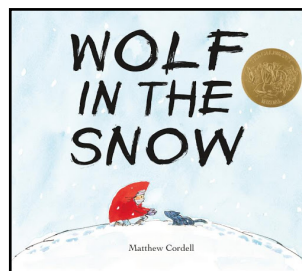
Photo by Vivi K.

## UPCOMING AUTHOR VISIT

**By Eve M., Reese C., Kerryn M., Hannah F., and Emilee T.**

Guess who's coming to Spring Ave? Author and illustrator Matthew Cordell!

He wrote and illustrated Wolf In the Snow, King Alice, Hello, Hello, and his newest book Explorers. He illustrated Bob, Not Bob! He also has some short chapter books that he illustrated, too. Two of them are Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily



Disasters and Like Bug Juice on a Burger. When he comes to our school, you can ask him any questions you want! Also, when he comes he will tell you all you need to know about himself

and his books. You probably got a book order sheet where you can order a book for him to sign for you! When he comes, all of our teachers and staff will want us to be on our best behavior.

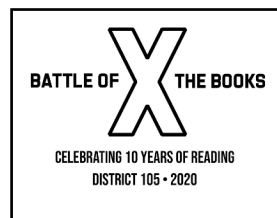
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## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: TEN YEARS

**By Bella M.**

Battle of the Books is a fun competition where you read books and answer questions. This is the tenth year District 105 has hosted a Battle of the Books program.

Some may think you do this on your own like ELA, but you're WRONG! In fact, you are on a team! Even better, you get to choose who is on your team. If you win then you go to D105 Battle of



the Books with the other schools! You are then put onto a Super Team. A Super Team is when you are on a team with people from other schools, not your original team. There are 4 lists: list A, list B, list C, and last, but not least, list D.

I know that this might not be for everyone but don't worry, Battle of the Books is optional! Only 5th and 6th graders can do the Battle of the Books.

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# SCHOOL NEWS



## UPCOMING AUTHOR VISIT, CONTINUED

By Eve M., Reese C., Kerry M., Hannah F., and Emilee T.

Matthew Cordell won the Caldecott Medal for Wolf in the Snow in 2018. This medal is given for the best illustrations in a children's book.



illustrations. For most of his artwork, Matthew Cordell uses ink and watercolor. Each grade will hear his presentation in the library. Matthew Cordell will also be eating lunch with select 4th grade students and teachers.

His style of illustrations is simple but detailed. In Wolf in the Snow, Matthew Cordell uses interesting colors to create the setting. For example, he uses purple in the snow

Our very generous Spring Ave PTO is sponsoring this author visit. We are so excited for his visit on Monday, February 10, 2020.

## AUTHOR VISIT INTERVIEWS

By Jacob F.

The author visit is going to be awesome, and here is what kids think of it....

Miles B. said he thinks he is a cool dude.

Andy S. said he is excited.

Zoe S. says that she thinks it is cool.

Ms. Kubilius is very excited to have an opportunity to see the author come to Spring Avenue and learn all about his books!

That is what some people think of the author coming!

## SPEECH TEAM: AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS. MUSILLAMI

By Veda R. and Maggie R.

Well, it's us here, Veda and Maggie! I thought today we should interview Mrs. Musillami about Speech Team. Speech Team sounds like a fun club. It's VERY different actually.

**How long have you been doing speech team?**

This is my second year coaching a team.

**Do you like Speech Team?**

Yes! I love that I get to know kids better.

**Where did you find the idea to**

**do Speech Team?**

Mr. Ingwersen (A Gurrie teacher) asked if I would sponsor Speech Team for elementary kids.

**What do you do in Speech Team?**

We read/act out readers theater scripts and practice public speaking.

**What scripts have you done in the past???**

"Don't Wake the Mummy" and "A Dirty Job"

**How long is Speech Team???**

We practice for one hour, once a

week. And about 8 or 9 overall sessions.

**What grades can participate?**

Currently 6-8th grade

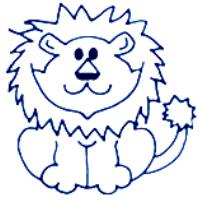
**What is the most common reason kids join???**

The pizza party... JK

To have fun with their friends and get better at speaking on stage.

**What do we do at the end of Speech Team??**

We perform in front of judges, at an event with other schools and have a pizza party! Woohoo!



# SCHOOL NEWS



## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS, CONTINUED

By Bella M.

There is also a Teacher Battle of the Books which is the same except they don't form super teams.

Here is what some teacher and students said about the Battle of the Books:

Bridget (6th grader): I enjoy it and think it is a fun way to express reading.

Ms. Folliard (5th-grade teacher): I love the Battle of the Books! It helps students get interested in reading and they get to share their books with their friends.

Miss Huebner (6th-grade teacher): I think it is a great opportunity for kids to get in teams for a common goal. It lets kids read good and interesting books. It also lets



everyone know about good titles.

Ms. Waterston (6th-grade teacher): I think it is a fun way to engage with students about books. It's also an opportunity to read books I would not have read otherwise.

Veda (6th grader, on the Galaxy Puffins 2 team): I think it's fun and it gives people a chance to read more than they usually do. It's really fun.

The winners are the Bookmarks, a 5th grade team with Luke H., Tony F., Daniel K., Nolan F., and Brendan M., the Galaxy Puffins, a 6th grade team with Blake M., Veda R., Abigail S. and Camille S., and the Army Readers 2.0, a 6th grade team with Zibby M., Jenna L., Jenna P. and Sophia K., who won a three way tie breaker to move into the District 105 Battle. I think these people did really great and deserve recognition.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TIPS

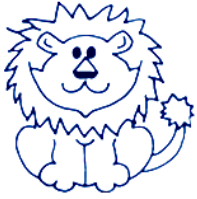
By Carrie R., Emilee T., Avery L.

Battle of the Books took place at Spring Avenue on January 29. The Teacher Battle of the Books was on January 27.

**If you are a reader or thinking of being one in the future, here are some things you should know:**

- 1) Once you have your team of 4-5 people, assign everyone a certain list (list A,B,C or D).
- 2) Think of a name for your team (AKA the fun part).
- 3) Read the books on your list and study them, including the author's name.
- 4) If you win the school Battle of the Books, you go on to the District 105 Battle of the Books where you compete on a different team (that's why it's important to read your list).

Here are some favorite books of people who are in the Battle of the Books: The Great Treehouse War, Space Case, Restart, and The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora. Battle of the Books is a fun activity for 5th-6th grade readers.



# SCHOOL NEWS



## THE SECRET LIFE OF TEACHERS

By Caroline C., Avery L., and Brynn K.

**Mrs. Musillami:** Did you know Mrs. Musillami owns a crafting store?  
#GingerMooseCrafts!!

**Mrs. Coffey:** Did you know Mrs. Coffey ran the Chicago marathon and raised \$3,000 to bring clean water to kids? 65 kids will have clean water for the rest of their lives!!

**Ms. Thomas:** Did you know that Ms. Thomas volunteers at an animal shelter called Paws?

**Mrs. Dahlin:** Did you know Mrs. Dahlin's friend was in the Olympics? Did you also know she was in a TV show?

**Ms. Kubilius:** Did you know that Ms. Kubilius has gone to over 50 concerts in her life?

**Ms. Folliard:** Did you know that Ms. Folliard goes to the gym at 5:00 am? She is the middle of five children!! She has an older sister and an older brother. She also has a younger sister and a younger brother!

**Ms. Marek:** Did you know Ms. Marek's brother ate sandwiches in the shower after soccer practice when he was in high school?

**Mrs. Fuller:** Did you know she likes to make spicy tacos? Did you know she falls asleep in almost every movie?

**Mrs. Wanta:** Did you know that she likes to do Cross Fit? Did you know that she got the chicken pox on her birthday in sixth grade?

**Ms. Huebner:** Did you know she played softball in college? She also is a Gurrie softball coach for boys and girls. She went to 7th Avenue and Gurrie. She also rode a mechanical bull and fell off right away. She is afraid of elevators and spiders.



**Mrs. Tobin:** Did you know her cat got out on Christmas and they haven't seen her since. She has a sweet dog named Maggy. Her daughter is on a swim team. She drinks coffee in the morning and tea at night. She goes to the gym after school.

**Mrs. Walsh:** Did you know she will eat guacamole with a spoon? She will also try to open other cars thinking they are hers.

**Mrs. Dickerson:** Did you know she comes from a big family? She has four brothers and two sisters. She likes Pete the Cat. She doesn't like hugs from adults. She walked into the wrong bathroom at Disney World.

**Mr. Coffey:** Did you know Mr. Coffey fell on a treadmill at a gym? He said it was really embarrassing.

**Mr. Arneson:** Did you know he dressed up as Beyonce for Halloween once?

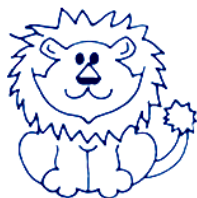
**Mrs. Daly:** Did you know she was on a TV show in an obstacle course and got lost in sixth grade?

**Ms. Melone:** Did you know she doesn't like bacon? She loves singing in the car regardless of who is in the car.

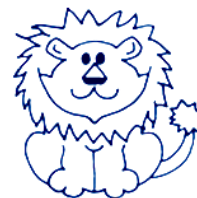
**Mrs. Kiley:** Did you know she had ice cream for breakfast when she was younger?

**Miss McGinnis:** Did you know she ran away from school to her neighbor's garage?





# SCHOOL NEWS



## BRENNAN AND SHUTA'S CORNER

### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PAPER TOWEL DISPENSER?

By Brennan M. and Shuta K.

Hey, if you are a boy, you are probably wondering where the other paper towel dispenser went or what happened to it. Did they just take it out or did something else happen?

Well, we interviewed five people, and here's what we came up with.

(4th Grade) Vinny F. - People kept on throwing paper balls and the paper balls wouldn't go in the trash and would end up on the ground.

(4th Grade) Ryan C. - They got rid of it.

(4th Grade) Declan G.- I don't know.



**Picture of the wall showing the missing paper towel dispenser**

(4th Grade) Evan I.- I think they are going to fix it.

(5th Grade) Tony F.- I do not know.

(Mr.Jinx) The tile wall usually has plastic anchors for the screws, but the paper towel dispenser fell off because the anchors might have broken, been too weak, or the anchors weren't there at all.

We hope that they replace the paper towel dispenser in the boy's bathroom especially because it is nice to have two to avoid lines after washing our hands. Thanks, we'll meet you next issue!!

## TEACHER NAME WORD SEARCH

By Lucy M.

### Teacher Names

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| K | H | V | T | O | B | I | N | H | C | Q |
| F | U | L | L | E | R | Q | M | M | C | P |
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### Word List

|           |          |        |        |       |
|-----------|----------|--------|--------|-------|
| WATERSTON | FOLLIARD | DAHLIN | COFFEY | WANTA |
| MCGINNIS  | HUEBNER  | THOMAS | WALSH  | DALY  |
| KUBILIUS  | MELONE   | FULLER | TOBIN  | ECK   |

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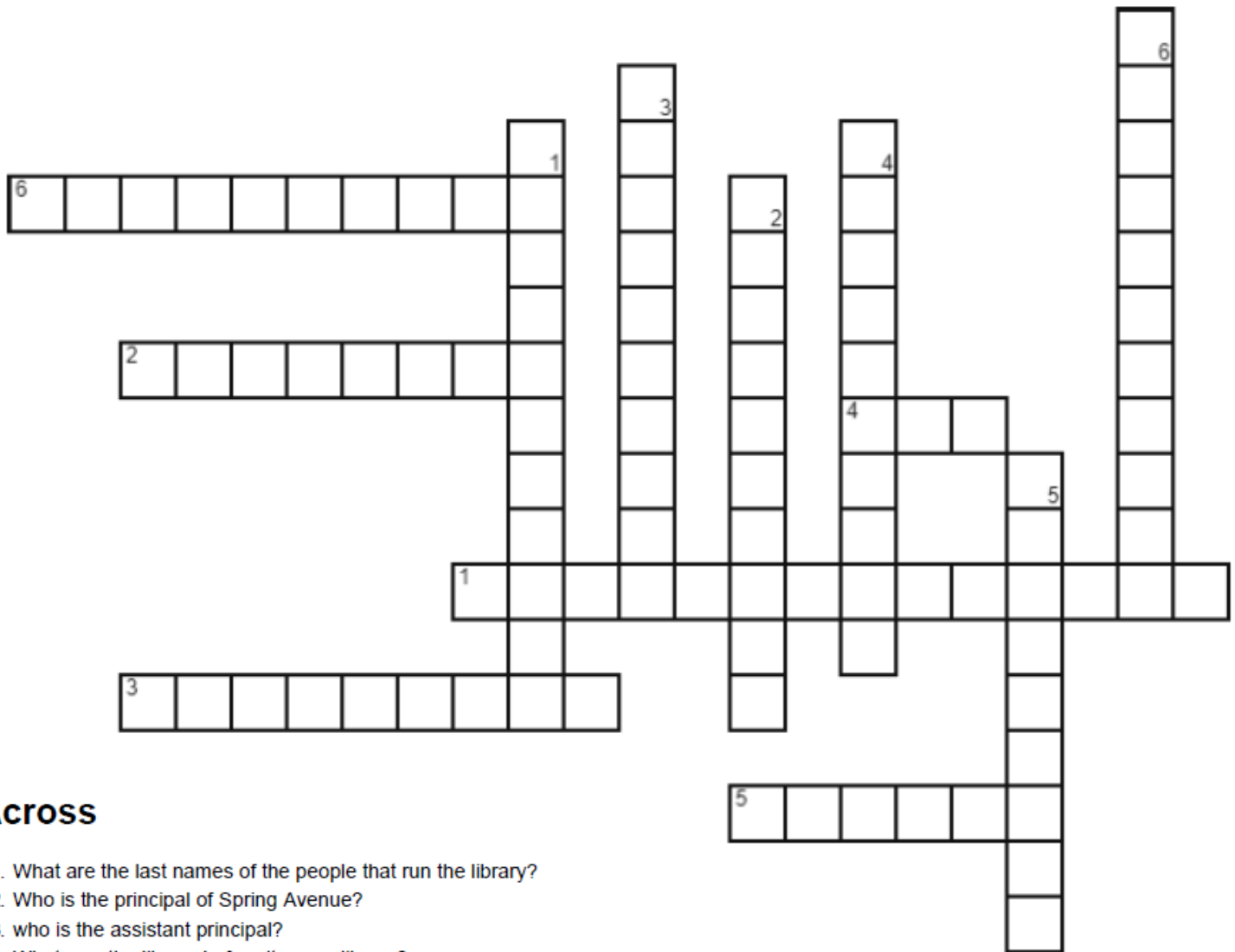


# SCHOOL NEWS



## SPRING AVE CROSSWORD

By Payton M. and Sophie C.



### Across

1. What are the last names of the people that run the library?
2. Who is the principal of Spring Avenue?
3. who is the assistant principal?
4. What was the library before it was a library?
5. How many years has Ms.Kubilius been here?
6. What grade do you do DARE?

### Down

1. What grade does Ms. Tobin teach?
2. What other school does Ms. Kiley teach at?
3. What grade does Mrs. Dahlin teach?
4. What grade does Ms. Huebner teach?
5. Who teaches PE in the spring avenue gym?
6. When do you make a solar oven?

Answers  
on page 7



# SCHOOL NEWS



## WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU? SCIENCE FAIR EDITION

By Carrie R., Emilee T., Nora F.

Emilee: Hi, I'm Emilee.

Carrie: And I'm Carrie.

Emilee: And this is School News with Emilee and Carrie, and right now we will go to the scene where our friend Nora is.

Carrie: First topic is.. the Science Fair.

Emilee: Most of you know how the Science Fair works. You create an experiment or do an engineering project and present it.

Carrie: Now we will talk to Nora who's live at the Science Fair

Nora: Hi, Emilee and Carrie! I am at the Science Fair. This is the most amazing thing I've seen in the last 5 minutes since I got hired and the show ain't so awful falafel (fa-la-full).

Emilee: So what is your favorite thing about the Science Fair?

Nora: Learning about many different topics on fun, decorated posters.

Carrie: That's great. What are some of your favorite projects?

Nora: Did you guys like my Falafel (fa-la-full) joke?

Emilee: Not really, back to the topic.

Nora: Sorry

Carrie: So what are some of your favorite projects?

Nora: One that I see right now is a card shuffling experiment by Nolan H.

Emilee: That is so cool, any other projects you can tell me about?

Nora: Yes, a lot, but we need to get back to the studio.

Carrie: That sounds interesting.

All: That's a wrap!

To be continued.

## A SPECIAL GUEST IN MS. FOLLIARD'S BIRD SANCTUARY

By Eve M., Reese C.,  
Emilee T., and Carrie R

In Ms. Folliard's tree, we found a special guest: A treequin. He came to our tree and stayed for the day but left, and I think that it was too warm in our tree. We didn't name him so if you have any ideas tell us (AKA Reese or Eve or Carrie in 5th grade).

Here are some reactions 5th graders had:

Reese C.: Laughing a lot.

Carrie R.: "I think we have a new species."

Nora F.: "Why are you laughing?"

Emilee T.: "HA HA."

Everyone: (laughing so hard).

So what is the penguin's real story? Penguin-to-be-named-later waddled up from the South Pole to feast on our birdseed. (Mr. Lawson found him at an antique store and decided it would be fun to put it in our tree).

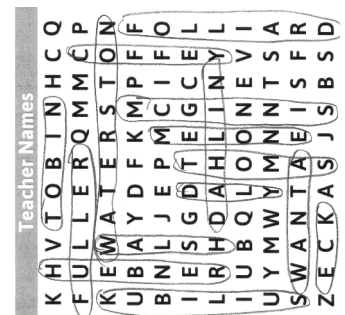
## ANSWERS

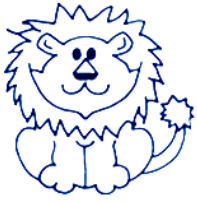
### Across

1. marekandblazek
2. mrlawson
3. ms.caldar
4. gym
5. 2years
6. fifthgrade

### Down

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2. seventhave
3. thirdgrade
4. sixthgrade
5. marneson
6. fourthgrade





# SCHOOL NEWS



## FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE BROCHURES AND NATIVE AMERICAN PROJECTS

By Brynn K.

Fifth grade did some really cool projects in the last couple of weeks. They worked on a science brochure in Google Docs. They are picking an ecosystem and doing research about it. The research they are doing is plants, animals, conservation, climate, and, food chain. First, they do research about the topic. They add pictures around the topics. Finally, they print it in a specific way and they fold it in a specific way so the front of their ecosystem is facing out.

The next project is the Native American project. They pick a Native American tribe and they build a model or structure of that tribe. They can do a project on where they lived or what type of things they used. Fifth graders can also draw it on paper or

make a diorama. There are many other options for the project. Then they have two weeks to make their project. Then on the specific date that they bring in the projects in they try to get to everyone on that day to present to their classmates.

Then two days later parent volunteers come in and the 5th graders present to them. Then the next day they normally take their projects home (sadly). The day that you present to parents you have to dress up and look nice. It takes a lot of perseverance and there are some challenges. You tend to get nervous when you present to the parents. But it is always so fun when you finish and think back. I cannot wait to see all of the projects in the hallway for next year from the students coming to 5th grade!



## VALENTINE'S NAMES, VERSION I

By Kerry M. and Emilee T.

Find the first letter of your first and last name to see your Valentine's Day name.

A - Arrow  
B - Besties  
C - Chocolate

D - Dates  
E - Envelope  
F - Flower  
G - Gift  
H - Hugs  
I - I love you  
J - Jelly beans  
K - Kisses

L - Love  
M - Money  
N - Nummy treats  
O - Oreo hearts  
P - Popcorn  
Q - Queen  
R - Rose  
S - Sassy

T - Teddy bear  
U - Unicorn  
V - Vase of flowers  
W - Writing Valentines  
X - XoXo  
Y - Yummy  
Z - Zig zag of love





## VALENTINE'S NAMES, VERSION 2

By Payton M.,  
Sophia M.,  
Sophie C.

Find the first letter of your first and last name to see your Valentine's Day name.

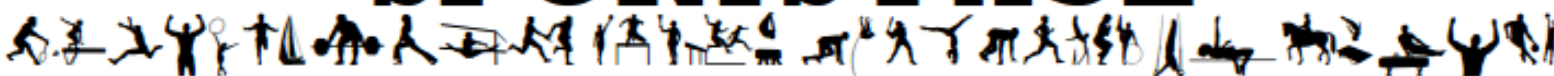
A- Accepting  
B- Believe  
C- Card  
D- Dear  
E- Excellent  
F- Friendship  
G- Gumdrops  
H- Hugs  
I- Incredible  
J- Jewelry  
K- Kindness  
L- Love  
M- Me  
N- Nice  
O- Optimistic  
P- Present  
Q- Q-pid  
R- Roses  
S- Sweet  
T- Treats  
U- Unique  
V- Valentine  
W- Wishes  
X- Xoxo  
Y- You  
Z- Zest

# 51 THINGS TO GET PEOPLE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

By Ainsley L. and Brynn K.

1. Heart-shaped box with chocolates in it (Fannie May, etc.)
2. Teddy Bear
3. Mechanical Pencil (colorful)
4. Board Games (Monopoly, Sorry, Clue, etc.)
5. Heart Erasers
6. A card (funny, happy, nice)
7. Stickers (hearts, smiley faces, the word: Valentine's Day! etc.)
8. Tattoos (hearts, nice message, etc.)
9. Jewelry (Necklace, earrings, bracelet, ring, choker, etc.)
10. Fuzzy Socks
11. Stress Toys (Slime, squishies, etc.)
12. VSCO stuff (Crocs, scrunchies, shell necklace, and/or choker, etc.)
13. Tickets to a concert (Shawn Mendes, Taylor Swift, Aerosmith, etc.)
14. A book they really want (comics, mystery, adventure, etc.)
15. Candle (for teacher)
16. Key chain
17. Gum (Extra, Hubba Bubba, etc.)
18. Bookmark
19. Plant (Flower, etc.)
20. Poster (Bands, Kid stuff, etc.)
21. New Headphones
22. School Supplies (Pencil, eraser, folder, spiral, highlighters, etc.)
23. New headband
24. Article of clothing (socks, t-shirt, pants, shoes, etc.)
25. Newspaper article (from Spring Avenue or anywhere)
26. Painting stuff (canvas, paint, brush, etc.)
27. Art stuff (notebook, pens pencils, etc.)
28. Desk supplies (cute decorations)
29. LED lights (for your bedroom for more decoration)
30. New backpack (for school to have more space)
31. Water bottle (everyone can use a new water bottle)
32. Lanyard (for your neck to carry a key or something you don't want to carry around in your hand all day)
33. Lotion (for dry hands or anything)
34. Paper stuff (cool origami, flowers, drawings, etc.)
35. Gift certificate
36. Stuffed animal
37. Cute mini backpack
38. Lip balm/lip gloss
39. Hair tie
40. Hydro Flask stickers
41. Sports jersey
42. Wreath (for front door or bedroom)
43. Basketball
44. Hockey stuff (jersey of favorite player, a hockey stick, puck, etc.)
45. Favorite TV show shirt
46. Video games (Fortnite, football games, hockey games, etc.)
47. Candy (M&M's, Snickers, Skittles, Pay Day, etc.)
48. Toy (Nerf Gun, Nerf darts)
49. Superhero comics
50. Rubix cube (any size)
51. Tickets for a sports game (Bulls, Cubs, Sox, Bears, etc.)

# SPORTS PAGE



## TOP 10 BEST NBA PLAYERS OF ALL TIME

By Will P. and Declan D.



1. We think the best player of all time is Michael Jordan on the Chicago Bulls. I think he is the

best because he is one of the most athletic players of all time. Also he is also one of the best dunkers of all time. He averages 30.1 points 6.2 rebounds and 5.3 assists a game. 50% from field goal, from 3 pointers 33%, and for free throws, he is 84%. These are some All-Star stats. That is why we chose him for number 1.

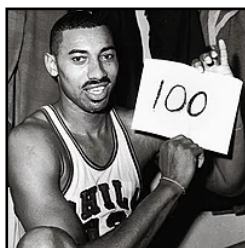
2. We think number two should be LeBron James. LeBron is just great! He has been the NBA MVP 4 times. He averages 27.1 points, 50% from field goal, 34% from 3 pointer. He averages 7.4 rebounds and 7.3 on assists a game. This is why we chose the player LeBron James for number 2 on this list.

3. We think number three is Magic Johnson because he is really good. He is the tallest point guard ever standing at 6 foot 10 inches. Averaged high point guards are only 6 feet 4 inches. He also once made a full court shot on a buzzer beater. That is why we chose Magic Johnson for number 3.

4. We think number four is Larry Bird because he is the one of the best players of all time. He averages 24.3 points, 10 rebounds, 6 assists. He won 3 MVP awards. He played 13 seasons, and he went to 12 all star games. He was the

6th pick in the first round. He was in the Hall of Fame. He was number 33 and played on the Boston Celtics.

5. We think Bill Russel is number five because he averages 15.1 points, 23 rebounds, 4.3 assists. He is an 11 time NBA champion, 5 time MVP, 4 times total rebound champion, and 12 time All Star Pick. 1968-1969 all defensive team. He is also one of the best defenders of all time. At 6.9 Bill Russel had a 7'4" wingspan.



6. We think Wilt Chamberlain is six on this list because he is the only person to score 100 points in a single game. In that game he made 28 out of 32 free throws. One year he averaged 50 points each game for the whole year. That year, in 50 games, he scored more than 60 points. He once snagged 55 rebounds in only one game. One year he averaged 23 rebounds a game.

7. We think number seven on the list is Kareem Abdul-Jabar because he has the most points ever at 38,387. Which might be broken soon by LeBron James. He averages 24 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists a game. He made it to the Hall of Fame in 2012. He was a six time NBA champion. 11 time all defensive team, 15 all NBA, and 6 time MVP in the NBA.



8. We chose Kobe Bryant as number eight because he averaged 25 points, 5 rebounds and 5 assists per game. He was 33% from 3 pointers, 45% from field goal and 84% for free throws. He was 6 foot 6 inches, an 18 time all-star, 2 time scoring champ, and also is 4 time assists MVP 5 time NBA champ 15 time all NBA. And he was also 12 time all defensive team. Kobe tragically died in a helicopter crash on January 26, 2020.

9. We put Oscar Roberston at number nine because he averages 26 points 8 rebounds and 10 assists. His field goal percentage is 49%, 84% from free throws. And no 3 point percentage because there was no threes back then. He was a 12 time all-star, 6 time assist champ, 11 time all NBA. And of course he was in the Hall of Fame.

10. We put Tim Duncan at number 10 because he averages 19 points, 11 rebounds, 3 assists. From 3 points he was 18 percent, from field goal he was 51 percent, his free throw was 70 percent. He was 6 foot 11 inches tall. He was a 15 time all-star, 15 time all NBA, 5 time NBA champ 15 time all defensive team, 3 time final MVP.



# TOP TEN DROIDS IN STAR WARS

By Declan G. and Vinny F.



## 1. R2-D2

R2-D2 has been a droid in Star Wars from the beginning. He does not walk, but instead he rolls on his robot legs. He fights the Empire as a member of the rebellion.



## 2. C3PO

C3PO was created by Anakin Skywalker because he wanted a protocol droid, which is a droid that can speak over 500 languages including some forbidden ones. He is a close friend of R2-D2.



## 3. IG11

This droid was introduced recently in the Mandalorian TV show as a guard for a child. He continually says, "I want to self destruct" because his programming will not let him be captured. If he is captured, he will blow himself up.



## 4. IG88

IG88 is almost IG11's long lost cousin (not really), because they are similarly programmed. IG88 is a bounty hunter droid for the Empire who is good at fighting.



## 5. General Grievous

This droid has four arms that hold four lightsabers that he stole from Padawans. General Grievous fights against the Rebellion, so he is a bad guy. We don't know why, but we have noticed he coughs a lot.



## 6. Battle Droid

This droid is programmed to fight the Rebellion. He was made on a planet called Genosia. There are over one million battle droids, but they are actually not very strong (definitely not as strong as a Stormtrooper).



## 7. Super Battle Droid

Picture a battle droid, but it is bigger and has arm cannons. These droids don't carry weapons because they are built into their arms. These droids are really strong and the only way to destroy them is to use a lightsaber.



## 8. Interrogation Droid

This droid interrogates the rebels and if the secrets are not given, it will inject poison into the enemy prisoner. You can find this droid in *A New Hope*, the Star Wars movie that came out in 1977.



## 9. Medical Droid

This droid helps both sides: the Empire and Rebellion. It is like a doctor robot that can help heal humans and aliens. Droids cannot help other droids. They can only help other humans.



## 10. BB8

BB8 was introduced recently in *The Force Awakens*, which came out in 2015. He is round like a ball and his bottom is a sphere that moves him around. His top part does not move. BB8 is famous because he is the new R2-D2.

## WHAT IS YOUR STAR WARS NAME?

By Nolan C.,  
Ryan C.,  
Sean M.

- A. Anakin Skywalker
- B. Boba Fett
- C. Chewbacca
- D. Darth Vader
- E. Ewok
- F. Finn
- G. General Grievous
- H. Han Solo
- I. IG-88
- J. Jar Jar Binks
- K. Kylo Ren
- L. Luke Skywalker
- M. Mace Windu
- N. Nien Nunb
- O. Obi Wan Kenobi
- P. Palpatine
- Q. Qui gon Jin
- R. Rey
- S. Stormtrooper
- T. The child (Baby Yoda)
- U. Uncle Owen Skywalker
- V. Vulture droid
- W. Watto
- X. X-wing
- Y. Yoda
- Z. Zeb

# 2 TRUTHS AND I LIE

By Sawyer M., Max B., and Peter K.

## #1

- The stage before frostbite is called "frostnip".
- There was a baseball team called the St. Louis Browns.
- Humans only use 10% of their brains.

## #2

- In 2005, a fortune cookie company called Wonton Food, Inc. correctly foretold lottery numbers, resulting in 110 winners and an investigation. No fraud was involved.
- The human nose can detect 50,000 different smells.
- Bananas are berries, but strawberries are not.

## #3

- Humans can see about 500,000 colors.
- "Bluetooth" technology was named after a 10th century king, King Harald Bluetooth.
- A cumulonimbus cloud (a cloud filled with rain) averagely weighs 1.1 million pounds.

Answers on last page

# AREA 51 ALIENS

By Nolan H. and Zoe S.

## Real:

Area 51 probably has aliens, what do you say?

Check on the line:

Yes! Aliens are real! \_\_\_\_

Maybe, I'm not really sure \_\_\_\_

No, Aliens aren't real \_\_\_\_

Speaking of aliens, they ride in UFOs, right!? So, scientists think people from the future are in UFOs time traveling!!!

## Not real:

Hot dogs are going to rule the world.

Yoda is an alien. He's green. He's not from this planet! What else could he be?!?!?!?!?

Birds are cameras in disguise.

The White House is a dungeon.

Dogs are cats in disguise.

Worms are underground spies.

# TOP FIVE DISNEY CHARACTERS

By Colin B.



thing.



Walt Disney creation.



1. Mickey Mouse is the best Disney character of all time because he makes so many kids happy. He is the main character of Disney. Mickey and Walt Disney started the whole

2. Donald Duck is another popular character. He is very funny and was one of the first characters. In my opinion he makes all the episodes he is in better. He is also an original

3. Baby Yoda. When Baby Yoda came out, everybody went crazy and he immediately

became popular. Baby Yoda is easily a lot of people's favorites.. A lot of people got Disney+ because of him.



4. Goofy is another great character because he is original and funny. He is an amazing character and is always funny. And he is a problem solver. This is why Goofy is on the list.

5. Olaf is another funny character. My evidence he is funny is because he likes the summer and he is a snowman. He is also a really fun character to meet. Olaf is in Frozen and it would be such a bad movie if he was not in it.







# 35 PLACES TO GO FOR VACATION

By Hannah F.

I wrote this article to tell you that there are a lot of beautiful places in the world that you should see for yourself. So here is a list of beautiful places.



1. Paris, France
2. London, England
3. Seattle, Washington
4. Tokyo, Japan
5. San Diego, California
6. Miami, Florida
7. New Buffalo, Michigan
8. New York City, New York
9. Vail, Colorado
10. Cannon Beach, Oregon
11. Quebec, Canada
12. New Orleans, Louisiana
13. Boston, Massachusetts
14. Maui, Hawaii
15. Sydney, Australia
16. Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
17. Munich, Germany
18. Barcelona, Spain
19. Bahamas
20. Bangkok, Thailand
21. Las Vegas, Nevada
22. Austin, Texas
23. San Francisco, California
24. Machu Picchu, Peru
25. Prague, Czech Republic
26. Orlando, Florida
27. Rome, Italy
28. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
29. Santa Fe, New Mexico
30. Sedona, Arizona
31. Washington, D.C.
32. Dubai, India
33. Ocean City, Maryland
34. Aspen, Colorado
35. Anchorage, Alaska



ROARING RECIPES!

## COOKIES IN THE KITCHEN

By Kaitlin OB. and Bridget G.

### Cookies and Cream Cake Mix Cookies

By Bridget G.

#### Ingredients

for 12 cookies

- 1 package white cake mix
- 12 sandwich cookies, crushed
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup oil
- 2 eggs

#### Preparation

Combine cake mix, sandwich cookies, oil, and eggs in a mixing bowl.

Using an ice cream scoop or your hand, form golf ball-sized balls of cookie dough and transfer to a parchment paper-lined baking sheet.

Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 10-12 minutes.

Enjoy!



### Mint Chocolate Chip Cookies

By Kaitlin OB.

#### Ingredients

- for 8 cookies
- 16.5 oz chocolate chip cookie dough
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cocoa powder
- 4.5 oz chocolate mint thin, chopped, 1 box

#### Preparation

Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C).

Combine the cookie dough, cocoa powder, and mint chocolate chunks until evenly distributed.

Using an ice cream scoop, place 6 scoops of dough on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet.

Bake for 14 minutes.

Enjoy!





# ROARING RECIPES!

## CHEESECAKES IN THE KITCHEN

By Bridget G., Kaitlin OB., and Caroline M.

### Cinnamon Roll Cheesecake

By Kaitlin OB.

<https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-cheesecake>

#### Ingredients:

16 oz cream cheese, softened  
 ½ cup sugar  
 ½ cup sour cream  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 2 eggs  
 ½ cup butter, melted  
 ½ cup light brown sugar  
 2 tablespoons cinnamon  
 1 package refrigerated cinnamon rolls, with frosting

#### Preparation:

Preheat oven to 325°F

In a bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth.

Add the sour cream and vanilla, and beat until there are no lumps.

Add eggs one at a time, mixing completely after each one. Set aside.

In another bowl, mix the butter, sugar, and cinnamon until fully combined. Set aside.

In a greased springform pan, press all of the cinnamon rolls flat, until they completely cover the bottom of the pan.

Evenly spread the cheesecake batter, then drop spoonfuls of the butter mixture onto the cheesecake batter.

Swirl the butter mixture into the cheesecake using a knife (try to keep it away from the edges!).

Bake for 30-35 minutes, until the cheesecake is firm around the edges but still slightly jiggly in the middle.

Remove from oven and cool completely.

Top with frosting from the cinnamon rolls.

Refrigerate at least 4 hours.

Enjoy!

### Cookie Dough Cheesecake

By: Bridget G.

<https://tasty.co/recipe/cookie-dough-cheesecake>

#### Ingredients:

1 package premade cookie dough, optional, extra for topping  
 24 oz cream cheese, softened  
 1 cup granulated sugar  
 1 cup sour cream  
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
 3 eggs  
 chocolate syrup, to taste

#### Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).

In a bowl, mix the cream cheese and sugar until fluffy.

Add sour cream and vanilla. Mix thoroughly.

Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing thoroughly after each one.

Press a package of pre-made cookie dough into a springform pan.

Pour the cheesecake mixture in.

Optional, drop half teaspoonfuls of cookie dough on top of the cheesecake batter.

Bake for one hour, cool completely, then refrigerate overnight.

Serve with chocolate syrup.



# ROARING RECIPES!

## CHEESECAKES IN THE KITCHEN, CONTINUED

By Bridget G., Kaitlin OB., and Caroline M.

### Chocolate Fudge Brownie Cheesecake

By: Caroline M.

<https://tasty.co/recipe/chocolate-fudge-box-brownie-cheesecake>

#### Ingredients:

for 8 servings

#### CHEESECAKE

1 box brownie mix, prepared according to package instructions

24 oz cream cheese

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar

3 eggs, beaten

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

#### GANACHE

1 lb semi-sweet chocolate chips

2 cups heavy cream

#### Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C)

Prepare the brownie batter and pour into greased springform pan.

Bake until set, about 20-25 minutes.

Meanwhile, beat the cream cheese and sugar until incorporated. Add beaten eggs and vanilla, and beat again until smooth.

Remove brownies and lower oven temperature to 325 degrees F.

Pour cheesecake batter over brownie bottom, and bake for 50 minutes until set and slightly jiggly.

Remove cheesecake and refrigerate for 4 hours, or overnight.

Heat or microwave whipping cream to just before boiling and pour over chocolate chips. Stir continuously until the chocolate is melted and smooth.

Allow the ganache to sit for 10-15 minutes.

Transfer cheesecake to a baking pan with a wire rack. In a circular motion starting from the inside out, pour the ganache glaze over the cheesecake making sure to cover all sides.

Allow ganache to cool and set for 30 minutes.

Enjoy!



## BANANA PEANUT BUTTER SHAKE

By Zoë C. and Caroline M.



#### Ingredients

for 2 milkshakes

1 banana

2 tablespoons peanut butter or Nutella

2 fl oz milk

2 cups chocolate ice cream

whipped cream, for topping

2 tablespoons chopped peanuts, for topping

#### Preparation

Combine the banana, peanut butter (or Nutella), milk, and chocolate ice cream in a blender. Blend until smooth.

Top with whipped cream and chopped peanuts and enjoy!

#### To Make Your own Shake

1. Take milk, ice cream and the ingredients you choose and blend.
2. Add toppings and enjoy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





# UNIQUE BUT ENDANGERED ANIMALS

By Cece S.



There are many unique animals in the world, and here are some of them. First off, the narwhal. They are grey and can also be very dark blue. Also the male has a tusk, unlike the female. They live in water and eat mainly fish and krill.

Now we are onto the next animal which is the pangolin. They are land animals and brown. Also they are kind of like armadillos. Plus, they have strong scales and even a lion can't break through its scales.



We are on our third animal which is an amur leopard. They are land animals and live 10 to 15 years in the wild. Also they can leap 19 feet forward and 10 feet vertically.

Last but not least the dhole. Dholes look like foxes and are carnivores. They live in packs and have 5 to 12 members in the pack.



Sadly all of these animals are endangered.

## VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

## BEST STEAM GAMES

by Matthew B., and James L.

Steam is a great gaming platform that allows you to buy the best games at reasonable prices while having the most recent updates. In this sea of great games, there are a few that are really outstanding in quality and experience. Here we have featured two of the exceptional games you can purchase and enjoy on this convenient platform. We'll be continuing this article in the next issue.



### Kerbal Space Program

Kerbal Space Program, or KSP, if you prefer, is a game that allows you to build spacecrafts and launch them wherever your heart desires. It follows the Kerbals, a race whose thirst for space exploration is unquenchable, who inhabit the planet Kerbin. There is a whole star system to explore, and there is a

"Mars" (In the game it is Duna) Venus, most other planets, and even the moon. It may appeal more to audiences who like science and physics. The only downside of this game is that it is a bit pricey, coming in at \$40.



### Gang Beasts

Gang Beasts is hard to classify as a certain type of game. Steam users describe it as: "Comedy, Multiplayer, Fighting." It is a ragdoll game with

comedy and 3D animated elements where you must be the last man (or team) standing to win the game. This is achieved by throwing around other players or pushing them off of the map. In a game, there are a set number of needed wins that one player must reach to prevail over their opponents and win the game. This game is very simple and we have no complaints.

**By Luc G.**

"Hand it over, quietly," Ted said. Ted had

**By Shuta K.**

*Answers on last page*

# CREATIVE WRITING

## KIDS WITH SUPER CARS

By Tony F. and Luke H.



There are three kids named Josh, Jacob, and Tony. They had supercars. Jacob had a Porsche, and Josh had a Bugatti Yellow Jacket, and Tony had a Lamborghini. One day, they raced, and Josh won, Tony came in 2nd, and Jacob came in 3rd. Josh won \$1,000 and spent it on gas and air for his tires.

### One Year Later

They were all 17 years old, and they went on vacation to Mexico. They went fishing and went on a boat to see sharks. Then Jacob caught a baby shark, and put it on Snapic and it got a lot of views. The next day, they started a YouTube channel about fishing. After a few days, they already had 1,000 subscribers and celebrated at a roller skating place. They had a lot of fun and went four times a week and became pros at it. Then they tried races and won a lot of races, and money. In total they won \$50,000 in cash and split it two ways between Josh and Jacob. Tony came in third by one second, so Tony won \$25,000.

### Two Years Later

Josh went to Tony's house and crashed into Tony's Lambo and drove away. The next morning, Tony asked, "who did this?!"

Then Tony, Josh, and Jacob met up at a race track. They raced and raced and raced. Tony later found out that it was Josh who made the dent in Tony's car, so Tony made Josh pay for the damage.

Jacob bought a mansion from his savings that he won at the races. Tony bought a mansion in Florida. Jacob's mansion was in Wisconsin. Josh bought a new Porsche and lived in a normal house in Illinois with his new car.

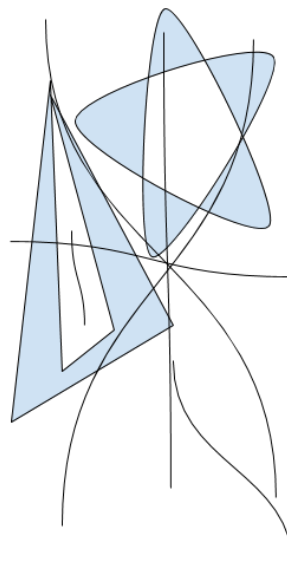


One day, another kid showed up and his name was Caiden. He had a Dodge Viper, two mansions, and had four million gold chains.

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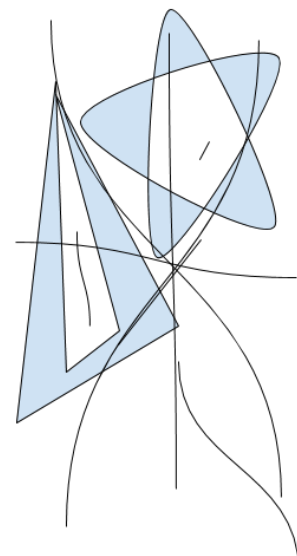
By Max B.



Original

There are two differences in these two pictures.

Difficulty level: 7.5 out of 10



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# CREATIVE WRITING

## RANDOM STUFF CENTRAL

By Luke E.

Yeah. I wasn't lying when I said this was random. For Episode #0, I'll just talk about random things. (Format for today is stories).

Like that one time I went on a big roller coaster and closed my eyes, and I really regretted it. Then that one time when I slept over with my friends James and someone who doesn't know if they want their name in the article, and we did MeMEy things (aka jumping around and making cartoons with stuffed animals.)

Then, on New Year's Eve, I blew a whistle really loud and made New Year's Eve for 2019 a night to remember.

So, I think you've gathered by now that this is a podcast style article. And if you didn't..... Well I'd look like a fool.

Anyways... IT'S ENHANCEMENT TIME. We're gonna give you (the reader) the good details about more stories and other ones in future episodes. Alright, here I go.

First ENHANCED story would be that time I went to a Japanese market that was COLOSSAL. And when I say that, you should know I MEAN COLOSSAL. Not big, not gigantic, not huge, COLOSSAL. And that's where our story begins.

So when my sister, my father, and I entered, we looked for rice and stuff. And during that time I had to keep yelling at my sister to follow us because there was so much cool stuff there! Even I wanted to stop a bit. Alright, story one complete. Story two, start. Just kidding, that's the next episode. HAVE AGUA!

# LUKE AND DANIEL TALK SHOW, 2

By Daniel K., Luke H., and Nolan H.

Hosts: Daniel & Luke

Guest: Nolan

Luke: Welcome back to the Luke and Daniel Talk show!

Daniel: It's great to be back, Luke.

Luke: I know.

Luke: So what's up, Danny?

Daniel: Nothing much, but there is a new guest.

Luke: Sweet, everybody please welcome.

Daniel: OUR ARTISTIC FRIEND!

Daniel: NOLAN H.!!!

Nolan: Hi guys.

Luke: So Nolan what do you do for fun?

Nolan: I draw and sketch.

Luke: Nice I like to draw.

Daniel: Matthew Cordell will come to Spring Ave!

Luke: Oh I think I know him from some books like Wolf in the Snow, Bob, Not Bob and many more.

Daniel: Did you guys see the clock reset!?

Nolan: I found it, Daniel, remember I showed you?

Luke: Yeah, that was so weird on Tuesday 1/14/20 that got crazy.

Daniel: Yeah, that was so funny.

Nolan: We are a day older.

Luke: Let's move it to trends.

Nolan: OK.

Daniel: There are no internet trends, but congrats to Nolan F. for winning the DAR contest!

Nolan: Great job, Nolan!

Luke: And the variety show.

Daniel: Yeah that sounds fun.

Daniel: Also the Battle of the Books: the tenth year!

Daniel: And that's all for today.

Luke: Goodbye!



# CREATIVE WRITING

## LEMON CAFE, PART 2

By Helena E. and Alex V.

This Cafe has been doing quite well, but Mitsuki now has a baby girl, named Akria, that she has to take care of. Shane and I are still single. Kiki is now the co-president of the Lemon Cafe. We now have Lemon Cafes all over the world! Bad news is I have Alopecia. An illness where you lose your hair. People always give me looks, and pity me. Which is VERY annoying, I mean, I appreciate it, but it's just annoying. Yesterday I bought some makeup that made me so happy. I had eyebrows, and pretty eyelashes! Not that having no eyebrows is bad. Anyways, back to the Cafe.



"Hello! How may I help you-Oh my goodness! Are you ok?"

It was a little girl with white hair and one single red horn! I mean, I knew magic existed. Just never seen such stuff.

"Eris! Get back here!" A man with a mask came bolting in.

I scooped up the little one and went to the back.

I knew Alec was strong, so I hoped it would be ok.

"B-bad G-guy.." Eris whimpered.

"Bad is gone for now." Alec was bruised, but proud of himself.

"The police took him, apparently he'd been wanted for years." Alec said, looking at Eris he wondered.

"Was she with him?" "Yep.

She is my own daughter now, though." I said. I was sure.

She had been tested on. I could tell, I will not let her be hurt again.

Eris erupted in tears.

"B-bad.....G-g-g-guy ...gone?" Eris whispered.

"Yes he sure is," I replied.

"Yay!" Eris sighed.

A few days later, Shane and I took Eris shopping at a few stores including Hot Topic. She is so humble, but if she wanted something, she'd ask, then say sorry. I'm assuming she is scared. She doesn't show it though. When we got home she headed straight for my Pomerainien and was so happy!

"Eris, that is Peaches!"

"Peaches!" Eris giggled.

"You want to go to an arcade?" I asked.

"Game?" Eris questioned.

"Eris That's a claw machine!" I said.

She muttered and the claw machine was moving by itself.

So she can do magic?!

I could tell Shane was thinking the same.

When we came home, my spare room was filled with plushies.

\*Knock Knock\*

(Part 3 is called Lost)



# CREATIVE WRITING

## HALLWAY TALK, V.3

By Blake M. and Jimmy K.

Blake: As you might have noticed, which you probably didn't notice, Jimmy has joined us. And he has a LOT to say about it.

Jimmy: I did NOT abandon her. I was too busy with other articles that are not published and she overreacted.

Blake: I did NOT overreact! Jimmy left me without a partner \*sniff\* and I had no one to edit \*sniff\* the article with.

Jimmy: Suureeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee. Cough cough \*She's lying\* cough cough. She's still overreacting lol.

Blake: \*Glaring at Jimmy who is across the table\*

Jimmy: \*Glares back at Blake who is across the table\*

Blake: Fine I guess I am overreacting.

Jimmy: Mmhm you are.

Blake: You don't have to make a big deal about it!

Jimmy: YOU don't have to make a big deal about it.

Blake: Let's actually put our time to something worthwhile like.....looking into your personal life! Spill Jimmy!

Jimmy: I just got rejected into Monthly Night Live and I'm not naming names, but someone named \_\_\_\_\_ made them reject me, and I'm legit sad right now.

\*Hello Darkness plays in the background\*

Blake: Wow. That was.....interesting

Jimmy: You're interesting. Oh wait, nvm. I'M interesting not her.

Blake: \*Shakes her head\* Let's talk about New Year's resolutions. Jimmy, what's your New Year's resolution?

Jimmy: My New Year's resolutions is to start up my Youtube channel again, get better at singing and to eat healthier.

Blake: Wow. You're really serious.

Jimmy: Of course I am!

Blake: OK. \*Turns to the people sitting at my table\* Who has a New Year's resolution?

Katlin: Don't have one.

Carline: No.

Maggie: Na.

Blake: \*turns to Bridget\* Please tell me you have a resolution.

Bridget: No resolution.

Blake: Come on! This is where Jimmy jumps in and says something that leads us to another conversation. Now that Jimmy is gone we will have a guest speaker to talk life advice.

Maggie: Just ok is not ok.

Blake: Very wise words. We will leave you at that. Stay tuned for next Hallway talk! \*Jimmy comes in\*

Jimmy: What did I miss? \*Blake shakes her head\*

Blake: Goodbye readers!

Jimmy: Wait!!! I have to say something obnoxious! \*Blake rolls her eyes\*

Blake: I think you already did. \*Jimmy takes a moment to think about that and opens his mouth to say something but is cut off by Blake\* Bye.

Jimmy: I'M BETTER AHHH \*disintegrates from Thanos snap\*

Jimmy: Don't tell Blake but she thinks we are done with this and we are, but I just want to say, \*sigh\* Here it goes.

Jimmy: I'M ALWAYS 1% BETTER THAN BLAKE AND NOTHING ABSOLUTELY NOTHINGGGG CAN CHANGE THAT SO HAHAAHAHAHAHAHA!!!! Oof on Blake.

The End

**By Sophia M.**

Down went the tree and as sooooon as the others noticed they wanted to live there too.

# EMILINE

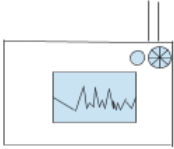
**By Zoey G.**

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# CREATIVE WRITING

## THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE PART 3

By Isabella D., Nolan F., Niraj T.



Nolan, Luke, and I were riding Blueberry to the hospital when the radio started speaking:



"OMG, the radio said that they're in the La Grange hospital," Luke exclaimed.

"Great, we're going there right now," I said.

When we got to the hospital, there were high tech traps everywhere.

"Great, now we have to go around all of these traps," said Nolan. After going around all the traps, the hospital filled with smoke. Then hundreds of zombies broke through the wall.

"RUN!" I yelled.

Then Niraj ran and yelled, "COME ON!"

"FOLLOW NIRAJ," yelled Nolan.

We followed him in, and the door closed behind us.

"Niraj, I missed you so much, did you send the messages?" I asked.

"Yep. WAIT, HOW DID THAT BLUE THING GET IN HERE?!" screamed Niraj.

"EXCUSE ME, THAT IS BLUEBERRY, A VERY HELPFUL DOG!" I screeched.

"Can I put a saddle on him? And take a zombie grenade."

"Perfect," I said.

"Um, Niraj, we are going to Chicago to get a monster truck. Do you want to come?" Luke asked.

"Sure," Niraj said.

So we all went on a train to Chicago. Then I looked through the window.

"Guys, there is a huge cloud over Chicago!" I yelled.

"LET ME SEE!" yelled Niraj.

Right when he went to look, a huge bang erupted from the front of the train and it stopped. Our train car started beeping.

"Guys, it's an ambush, RUN!" Nolan yelled.

We made it out just as the train exploded.

Ouch. I lifted myself up and saw that we were surrounded by zombies.

"Uh, guys," said Nolan.

"I have a plan. We could run to some store and find something that looks like a monster. What are we waiting for? Let's go!" I yelled.

After we dodged all the monsters, we found some clothes at a store.

"There has to be a leader, or how would everyone be zombies?" Niraj wondered.

"Maybe the controller could be in the Willis Tower?" I questioned.

"So what's the plan?" Nolan wondered.

"Wait, what about the monster truck?" asked Luke.

"Guys! Are you done talking... good. So, first we will go get a monster truck, then we will go to the Willis Tower. Meanwhile....

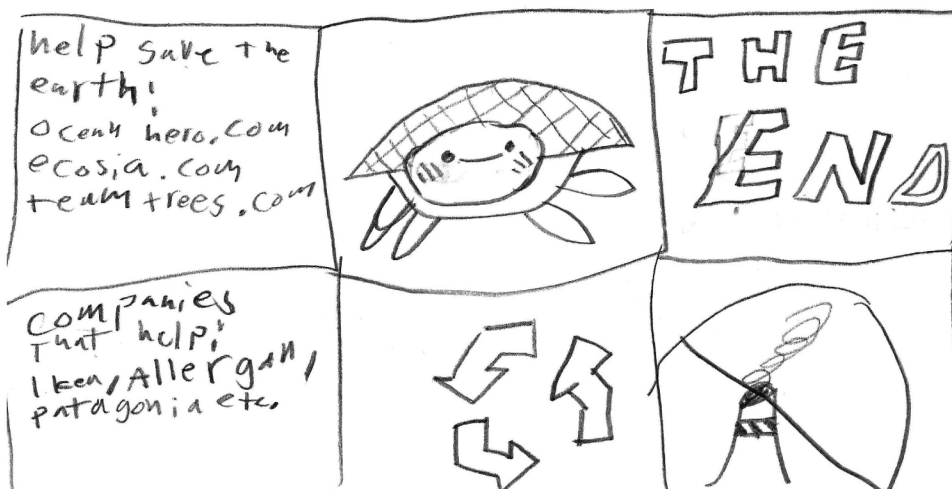
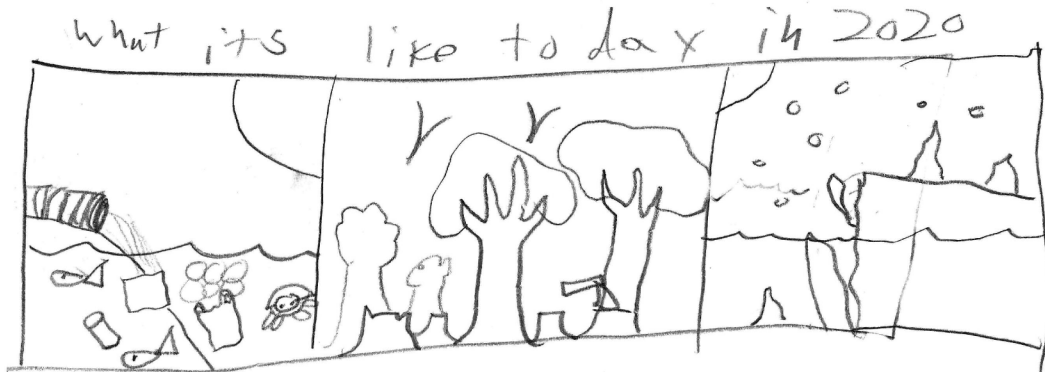
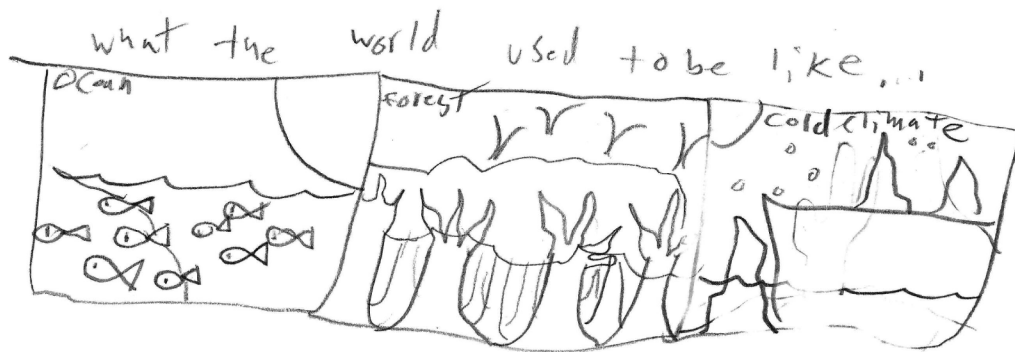
DID THEY REALLY THINK I WAS GONE? I SAID THAT I NEVER DIE.....

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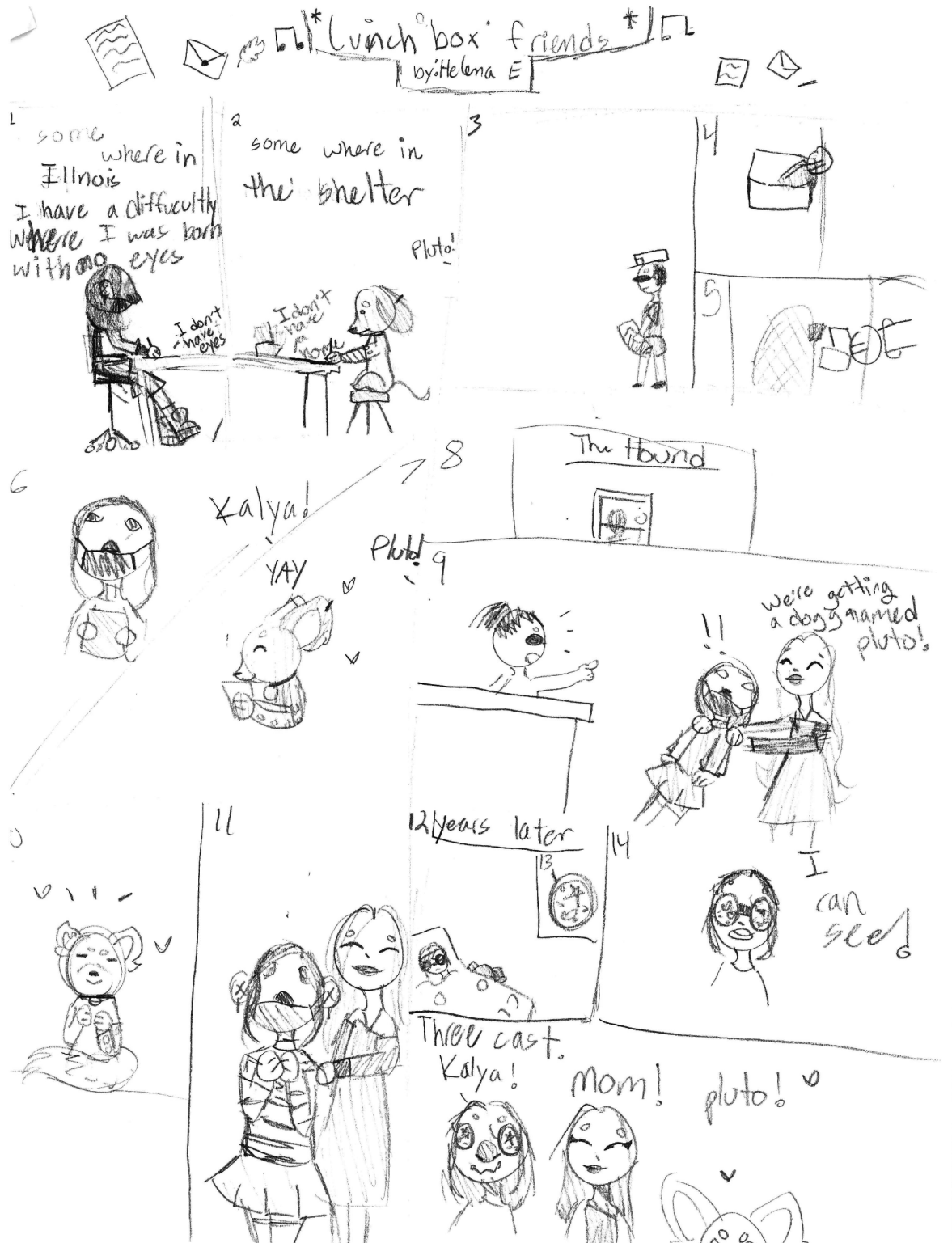


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Anti-Pollution  
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# WINGS OF FIRE

By: Lue G.



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