

A LION'S LIFE



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**Spring Avenue Elementary School
La Grange School District 105**



**Illustrator
Sarah Klise
draws during the
author visit on
April 8, 2019.**

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, JR.

By Simone B. and Everett K.

Every year students in 5th-8th grade audition for the District Musical. This year District 105 is presenting Beauty and the Beast Jr. Beauty and the Beast is about a girl named Belle who falls in love with a cursed prince, who has been turned into a beast. Gaston, the buff man in town, wants to make Belle his bride. He finds out about the beast, and attempts to win Belle



over with a daring gesture. When he finds out the beast is real, he goes on a mission to destroy the beast. It is not like the other princess stories. The story has a very manly touch to it, so it isn't all girly.

Rehearsals are after school in the Gurrie cafeteria until 5:00. The directors are Ms. Quinn and Mrs. Lansford. You can see the cast list at the end of this article.

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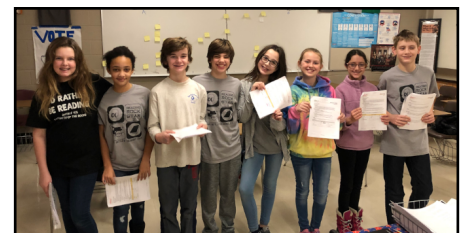
SPEECH TEAM WINS BIG

By Tyler K.

Speech Team was an event with a total of seven teams divided into a few groups doing different types of speeches. For example, Nic P. from Gurrie did an event called Slam Poetry with a loud presentation of poetry. Also, our 6th grade group performed a Reader's Theater with eight kids including London SM, Tyler K., Everett K., Ian P., Jordyn H., Simone B., Kate B., and Lily L. Our D105 team was actually 6th grade and Gurrie.

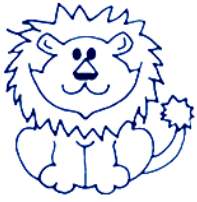
One thing I really enjoyed was sprinting to see all the district's scores from each presentation.

The teams were judged on



stage presence, voice, and script reading. Eventually, after eating snacks, looking at scores, and team talking, there were awards! A team gets a trophy for 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place. Our team proudly got a 3rd place trophy.

Some of these may sound boring, but comedic acting always gets laughs from the judges. When you get older, or if you are old enough, DO IT!



SCHOOL NEWS



DIO5 PRESENTS BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, JR.

By Simone B. and Everett K.

The dates of the play are May 8 and May 9th. There is a matinee for students in grades 4th-8th on Thursday, May 9 at 1:30.

You might not like princesses, but even if you don't, this is a SHOW for you! There are many funny scenes in this show. So please be our guest!

Cast List:

Aristocrat Lady: Aaliyah M.
Babette: Makayla D.
Baker: Dan W.
Beast: Everett K.



Belle: Allyssa W.
Book Seller: London SM
Butcher: Marissa B.
Candle Lady: Lily L.
Chip: Lydia B.
Cogsworth: Tyler K.
Egg Lady: Genevieve K.
Enchantress: Alexa H.
Fish Lady: Maddie B.
Gaston: Jackson K.
Hat Seller: Samantha C.
Lady with Baby: Kara L.

Lady with Cane: Kamilia R.
Lefou: Devin W.
Lumiere: Naomi K.
Madame D'argue: Alyse F.
Madame De La Grande Bouche: Jeanne M.
Maurice: Jackson G.
Milk Maid: Sophia I.
Mrs. Potts: Julia Alvarado
Narrators: Thania S., Allyssa H., Simone B., Genevieve H.
Old Beggar Woman: Sophie I.
Sausage Girl: Abigail M.
Shepherdess: Camille W.
Silly Girls: Ava W., Daisy O., Kendhal P., Sydney J.
Villagers: Jordyn H., Evelyn M., Lily R., Veda R, Joey O.

DISTRICT 105 WRITING FESTIVAL

By London SM

Hello readers of *A Lions Life*! There is a really awesome writing competition the District hosts each year called the Writing Festival. The deadline passed and the winners will be announced soon.

The Writing Festival

accepted any form of writing. You could write poems, short stories, non-fiction tales, anything! There were page limits though. You have a one page limit (it can be double sided) for your writing. This event is a really great opportunity for those of you that like to write. Fifth

and sixth graders had to submit something. All submissions must be typed and printed and submitted with a cover sheet.

The actual Writing Festival is May 15th in the evening. The winners will read their pieces.



SCHOOL NEWS



AUTHOR VISIT RECAP KATE AND SARAH KLISE

By Sophia K.

On April 8, Kate and Sarah Klise came to our school for an author visit. One idea that Kate talked about was the clock of a story (4th, 5th, 6th grade). The first strategy on the clock is the introduction of characters. Then, about ten minutes later, is when the main problem is introduced. Next the journey starts, and it takes up the majority of the story. During the journey the main character makes a big decision. After the journey is over there is an "OH NO!" moment. Finally, there is an "Aha!" moment and the story is resolved.

To grades K-3 she talked



about 1-1-1. This stands for one character, one problem, and one journey. This is like a simpler version of the clock, and it explains the plot of the story. They also called kids up to create a story.

While the kids created a story, Sarah would draw a picture to match their stories.

Fourth grade students had the opportunity to write a letter to Kate and Sarah Klise, and of those students, 10 were randomly selected to have lunch with the Klise sisters and the 4th grade teachers.

Thank you to our Spring Ave PTO for sponsoring this event for our school.

Lastly, remember that Kate and Sarah Klise encouraged everyone to keep reading and to keep growing as writers.

CUB SCOUTS ON TV

By Luke H.

A D105 Cub Scout Troop was invited to compete in a TV news Quiz Game with other Boy Scouts. The Quiz Game was all about Presidential Trivia. Our Troop won! One of the questions was "What did Barack Obama collect as a kid?" The answer choices were comic books, pencils, or stickers? Do you know? The answer is comic books!

Our troop was asked to be on the TV and our Cubmaster said, "Sure!" When we got the studio, we had to wait in a room, which was kind of boring. Next we got to see inside a news truck. It was

awesome and there were a lot of buttons. The buttons were very tempting to push. I accidentally fell on one, but fortunately it was just an air heater button.

Next on our tour was the news studio. We saw the newscasters talk to the cameras. We had to wait for a commercial. Then the cameras turned to us. Then we did the Quiz Game.

I was there with three other Spring Ave students, Niraj T., Nolan F., and Connor M.



SCHOOL NEWS

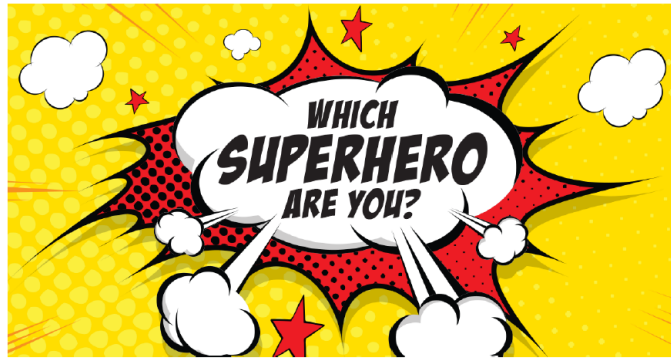


SOCK HOP!

By Camille S. and Veda R.

The Sock Hop is an amazing event! There are friends, dances, and music, and, of course, SNACKS! There have been two Sock Hops this year for 5th and 6th graders. At the first Sock Hop, the theme was Halloween, so you could wear your Halloween costume if you wanted. The second time, the theme was superheroes, so you could dress up as a superhero.

Now, I know what you're thinking, "Cool! Spiderman!" or, "YES!! Avengers!" or, "Awesome! Marvels!" or whatever you can think of like that. We don't have to be that kind of superhero. Do you know how many women have done something to make something



right? Like Rosa Parks, or Sally Ride. Those people are considered superheroes to us.

Now that we talked about the theme, let's talk about the music. There is a DJ who plays EPIC songs or parts of the songs. If the DJ sees you have some awesome moves, he will give you a CD or slip of paper, then you can go to the prize table and pick out a prize or

prizes (if you get more than one CD or slip of paper).

Now, the moment you have been waiting for...SNACKS! You get chips, pretzels, Cheetos, etc. But the sad thing is...YOU ONLY GET ONE bag (sad face). You can also get water, and of course you

only get one, but there is a drinking fountain. You need time to dance! There are strobe lights that you dance under and it just feels like it's the BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE! It was two hours long from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

P.S. For little kids. This is not where you take off your socks and hop around with them in the air.

JOKES MR. LAWSON LOVES

By Maddy S. and Helena E.

#1. If I had a child at Spring Ave, I would call it No Birthdays because when there are no birthdays my child can stand up and then they can say, "3.. 2.. 1.. Happy Birthday!"

#2. A man who really loved penguins had ten penguins as pets, and he liked to take them for rides in his convertible-top car. One day, he was driving down the

street and a policeman saw him and pulled him over.

The policeman asked, "What do you think you are doing with these penguins?"

The man replied, "These penguins are my friends!"

The policeman said, "You can't drive these penguins around, you need to take them to the zoo."

The man said "OK" and that he would take them to the zoo.

The next day, the same policeman saw the same man driving the same penguins in his car. The policeman pulled him over and said, "Hey, I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo!"

The man replied, "I did. Today we're going to the movies!"



SCHOOL NEWS



IAR VS. PARCC

By Blake M.

You might have heard about the PARCC test being changed to the IAR test. There are many differences between the the IAR test and PARCC test. For example, the IAR test is one third shorter than the PARCC test. Also, the IAR test matches up better with what teachers are teaching than the PARCC test. Additionally, the



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Assessment of Readiness

IAR test makes it easier to translate the test into a different language. Unlike the PARCC test, if you get a question right, the next question is harder, and if you get the question wrong, the next question is easier. To conclude, those are the differences between IAR and PARCC.



INTERVIEW WITH MRS. PANICE

By Jenna P.

Q. What's your favorite food?

A. Pasta with vegetables.

Q. What do you like to do for fun?

A. Spend time with family, be outdoors, and cook good food.

Q. What's your favorite movie?

A. 101 Dalmatians.

Q. What's your favorite drink?

A. Coffee

Q. What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

A. Strawberry

Q. What's your favorite book?

A. The Foot Book, by Dr. Seuss

Q. What's your favorite subject to teach?

A. Math!

Q. Did you have any pets?

A. Yes, a dog, a long time ago.

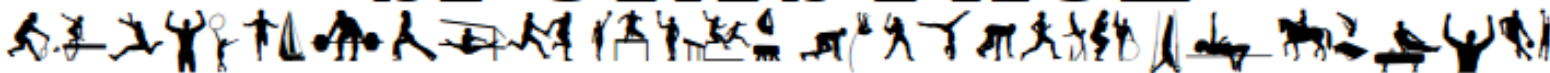
Q. What's your favorite military branch?

A. Army, because my son is in that branch.

Q. How many siblings did you have?

A. Three. Two sisters and one brother.

SPORTS PAGE



WHO WILL WIN THE NBA CHAMPIONSHIP?

By Patrick C., John F., Gavin D., Jack C., and Nathan M.



Patrick: My prediction is that the Philadelphia 76ers will win the 2019 NBA Finals. I believe this because the big four of Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons, Jimmy Butler, and Tobias Harris are unstoppable.

Also, the team has amazing chemistry and gets along really well. The 76ers have two All Stars Embiid and Simmons. Joel Embiid is also a MVP candidate and is averaging 27.5 PPG, 13.6 RPG, 3.7 APG, and 1.9 BPG. Additionally, the team has one of the best coaches in the game in Brett Brown. Brett Brown is also a candidate for coach of the year. Lastly, the Sixers are third in the East, which is a great spot to win games. That is why I believe that the 76ers are going to bring home a championship.

John: I think the Raptors are going to win because they have super star Kawhi Leonard who averages 26.7 points per game. Kawhi also has been elected four times to the All Defensive team,



two time All NBA Team, three time NBA All Star Team and two times Defensive player of the year. The

Raptors also have a very good shooter named Kyle Lowry. He averages 14.2 points per game and has been elected on the All Star Team five times and on the All NBA team one time. Another reason I think the Raptors are going to win because they are the number two seed in the EAST.

Gavin: I believe the Oklahoma City Thunder are going to win the NBA Championship because they have Russell Westbrook, Paul George, and



Steven Adams. Also, they have a great coach in Billy Donovan. This year Russell Westbrook is averaging 23 PPG, 11 RBG, and 10.7 APG. The last three years Russell is averaging a triple double. He is an eight time all star and 2016-2017 MVP. Paul George averages 28.1 PPG, 8.1 RPG, 4.1 APG. He is a six time all star, three time all defense and 2012-2013 Most Improved Player. Steven Adams averages 14.1 PPG, 9.6 RPG, 1.6 APG. He was a 2013-2014 All-Rookie. They have a great coach in Billy Donovan, and I believe they will win.

Jack: My prediction for who will win the the NBA final is the Milwaukee Bucks. I chose the



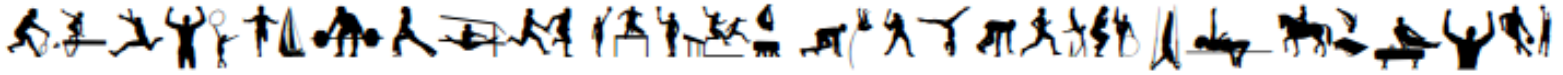
Bucks because they're the best team in the East. Another reason I think the Bucks will win is because they have Giannis Antetokounmpo, who is one of the best players in the NBA. The Bucks also have Chris Middleton and Eric Bledsoe. Giannis Antetokounmpo averages 27.7 points per game. Also, the Milwaukee Bucks have a coach that could win coach of the year.



Nathan: I think the Golden State Warriors will win the 2019 NBA championship because the Warriors are the best in the Western Conference and they have some of the best players in the NBA like Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Klay Thompson, Demarcus Cousins, and Draymond Green. They also have won the past two years in 2017 and 2018.

Steph Curry averages 27.6 point and 5.3 assists per game. Kevin Durant averages 21.6 points and 5.3 assists per game. Klay Thompson averages 21.6 points and 2.34 assists per game.

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TOP 5 COLLEGE BASKETBALL PROSPECTS IN THE 2019 NBA DRAFT

By Daniel K.



5. Caleb Martin averages 19.2 PPG. He gets 5.1 RPG and 2.8 APG. He is a great forward, and he can drive to the hoop and score. I think he might be drafted to the Heat because they need a new forward since Dwyane Wade is retiring this year.



4. RJ Barrett averages 22.3 PPG, 7.6 RPG, and 4.3 APG. I think he is going to get drafted to the Hawks. The combination of Trae Young with RJ Barrett is going to be great. They can both shoot long threes. And he has a little experience from Zion Williamson and Coach K.



3. Ty Jerome averages 13.6 PPG, 4.2 RPG, and 5.5 APG. I believe that Phoenix will draft Ty Jerome because with Devin Booker, Deandre Ayton, and Ty Jerome, the Phoenix Suns will be MUCH better.



2. Ja Morant averages 24.2 PPG. He was great this season with Murray State, and they made it to the March Madness Tournament. Besides, the Bulls need a new Guard. They need someone who can drive and shoot threes.



1. Zion Williamson is a great basketball forward. He gets 24.2 PPG, 8.9 RPG, 2.1 APG. His team lost in the Elite Eight vs Michigan State but I think he can learn from that loss with the New York Knicks. He will probably get drafted by them because he was the best basketball player in the NCAA. (Knicks might have first pick).

6 ITALIAN SOCCER CLUB LOGOS

By Luka B.



Napoli



Juventus



Roma



A.C. Milan



S.S. Lazio



Italy's Soccer Team

By Nathan W., Harrison K., Conor C., and Ethan P.

NC Vs. AU

The logo features a large orange 'T' for Tennessee, followed by 'vs.' in a small black font, and a large gold 'P' with a black outline for Penn State.

D vs. **S**

 vs. 



GU vs. **T**

 vs. 

KU Vs. 

N vs. **FLORIDA**

 Vs. 



The image shows the logos for Ohio State and Iowa State. On the left is the Ohio State logo, featuring a red 'O' with a white outline and the word 'OHIO STATE' in black. On the right is the Iowa State logo, featuring a red 'I' with a yellow outline and the word 'STATE' in yellow. Between the two logos is the word 'Vs.' in black.

The Buckeyes upset Iowa State in the first round. The score was Iowa State 59 and Ohio State 62.

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CLEVELAND BROWNS FREE AGENCY AND ROSTER

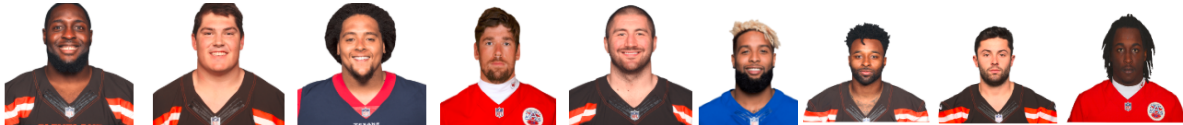
By Daniel K.

Odell Beckham Jr. recently got traded to the Browns. Now he will be with his best friend Jarvis Landry who was his college teammate at LSU. They will have a great team with superstar running back Kareem Hunt and young Heisman Quarterback Baker Mayfield. My prediction is that the Browns are going to be sixth in the whole league,



losing in the wild card round against the Raiders. I might be wrong this year, they finished with a record of 7-8-1. Here is the predicted starting line up: Kareem Hunt RB, Baker Mayfield QB, Jarvis Landry WR, Odell Beckham Jr WR, David Njoku TE. THIS IS A FANTASY FOOTBALL TEAM!!! They also added Oliver Vernon for the defense.

2019-2020 ROSTER



HARMFUL WATER BOTTLES

By Gavin D.

If you heap up all of the plastic water bottles that humans use each year, it can reach from Earth to the moon sixty times and back. This debate is about whether plastic water bottles are beneficial or harmful. People believe that plastic water bottles are harmful because marine creatures can eat the plastic and get sick or die. Others believe that plastic water bottles are helpful because people in some areas can't drink faucet water because it's not safe. In my opinion, I believe that plastic water bottles are harmful because only thirty percent of plastic water bottles get recycled. Also, for the water bottles that don't get recycled, it takes seven hundred years to break down the plastic.

To begin, marine life eats the plastic. One reason, why plastic water bottles are harmful is because they end up in the ocean. As a result, marine creatures eat the plastic and can get sick or die.

Another reason why plastic water bottles are harmful is because they create a ton of trash. Plastic



water bottles should be banned because only thirty percent of one hundred billion plastic water bottles get recycled a year. That means that seventy percent doesn't get recycled each year. Around seventy billion plastic water bottles don't get recycled a year. This shows how harmful plastic water bottles can be to the environment.

Plastic water bottles are disgusting because a lot of people litter. Therefore, plastic water bottles end up in landfills.

On the other hand, plastic water bottles are helpful because some people don't have access to clean water. If there weren't plastic water bottles, then over two billion people wouldn't have water to drink.

To wrap things up, plastic water bottles are harmful because they don't get recycled and, end up in landfills. In the future, more plastic water bottles need to be recycled. If most plastic water bottles are being recycled, I won't have a problem with plastic water bottles.

GET RID OF THEM

By Patrick C.

Did you know Americans buy nearly 100 billion bottles of water a year? Stack those up and you can make a tower that stretches from earth to the moon 60 times! The usage of water bottles is creating a debate because people are buying so many bottles of water it is causing tons of trash. However, on the other side people believe plastic water bottles are helpful because it is so easy to use! You just grab it and go. I believe stores should remove bottled water because it is not healthy and they hurt the environment.



To begin with, much of the water from plastic water bottles isn't any healthier than tap water. Bottled water often isn't any better than tap water because the water has only been run through a filter. Also, the water could contain germs or chemicals. The text also stated, "Bottled water companies aren't required to test as strictly". This means they often don't test their water. So, why are people buying bottled water?

In addition, markets/stores should get rid of bottled water because it is hurting the environment. The text stated, "The biggest objection to water bottles: They create a ton of trash." As evidence, we are taking up a lot of space and creating a ton of trash. We are buying nearly 100 billion bottles of water a year!

Most important, plastic water bottles are ending up in the ocean where animals are eating plastic and dying. We need to get rid of bottled water or lower the amount.

Add this to the fact that people aren't even recycling half the amount of bottles we use! Research shows that less than 30 percent of water bottles are recycled. Furthermore, we either need to recycle these bottles or stop making them because they are ending up in landfills and destroying the environment.

However, the other side might say that some types of bottled water contain fluoride which protects your teeth from cavities. However, the water could have germs and chemicals that affect your health and change the earth.

To conclude, I urge the government and markets/stores should get rid of bottled water. They should get rid of plastic water bottles because the water is the same as tap water and the plastic is creating a ton of trash, and we are not recycling enough! I think the future will be better if we limit the amount of plastic water bottles used.

JOKES

By Daniela B., Luka B., and Simone B.

Q: Why did the candle get a round of applause?

A: Because it was on fire.

Q: Which hurricane has a lot of water in its ear?

A: Hurricane Eerie.

Q: What do you call cheese that isn't yours?

A: Nacho cheese.

Q: Why was the baby ant confused?

A: Because all his uncles were ants.

Q: Why was six afraid of seven?

A: Because seven, eight, nine.

Q: What do you call a pig that knows karate?

A: A pork chop.

Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because it was not peeling well.

Q: Why wasn't the teddy bear hungry?

A: Because he was stuffed.

Q: Why do some people eat snails?

A: Because they don't like fast food.

Q: What kind of music scares balloons?

A: Pop music.

Q: Why did the football player cross the road?

A: To get to the other side line.

Q: What did the triangle say to the circle?

A: You have no point.

By Daniela B.

X	A	Q	A	S	Z	E	R	R	K	C
R	V	R	F	N	I	A	R	E	C	X
E	A	F	W	A	R	M	N	N	E	D
S	F	I	K	L	L	M	B	I	A	A
E	T	L	N	F	G	W	G	H	S	N
G	B	R	O	B	R	B	N	S	T	I
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N	O	P	J	O	M	I	S	J	Y	F
D	E	B	O	J	O	V	I	C	I	S

Flowers	Easter
Spring	Rain
Green	Rainbow
Warm	Sunshine
Bloom	Trees

Answers on page 18

FIND THE DIFFERENCE ANSWERS

Answer key

Diagram illustrating a DNA sequence alignment. The top sequence (Reference) is a long string of 'A's. The bottom sequence (Sample) is a long string of 'A's with a 'G' at the end. The alignment is shown with vertical lines connecting the 'A's. A yellow box highlights the 'G' in the sample sequence. A yellow box highlights the 'A' in the reference sequence at the end of the alignment.

Three overlapping Easter eggs are shown. The egg on the left is light blue with pink, green, and yellow zigzag patterns. The egg in the middle is green with pink, yellow, and blue zigzag patterns. The egg on the right is yellow with pink, blue, and green zigzag patterns.



SHARK NEWS

By Ainsley L. and Mireya B.

A story in South Africa has just been spread around the world. A man named Richard Hardiman has made an amazing invention. He has formed a shark-like drone that survives on plastic, and other floating trash on the surface of the water.

"It was welcomed with open arms by the African people." African people said in a [www.Dogonews](http://www.Dogonews.com) article. It has been a miracle that



people can have something that can clean up the trash that they started. Now, these fish won't get hurt and it can keep the environment clean and healthy. Some boats have been destroyed by the 'shark'. This is a good thing for our environment.

You can learn more about the WasteShark by visiting this website:
<https://www.dogonews.com/2019/4/8/trash-eating-sharks-are-taking-over-harbors-worldwide>

FLOWER WORD SEARCH

By Dylan J., Blake M., Clara D., and Molly E.



WORD LIST

MARIGOLDS
 SNOWDROPS
 HYACINTHS
 DAFFODIL
 PRIMROSE
 MAGNOLIA
 FLOWERS
 DOGWOOD
 TULIPS
 CROCUS
 GRASS
 PEONY
 PANSY
 ROSE
 IRIS

COUNTDOWN!

2019 ABC Countdown Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/29	4/30	5/1	5/2	5/3
Art Day	Bring a Book Day	Colorful Day	Dice Day play dice math games!	Exercise Day
5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9	5/10
Flip Flop Day	Game Day	Hat Day	Interesting Fact Day Bring in a fact share in class	Joke Day bring in a joke
5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17
Kindness Day	Listen to Music Day	Moustache Day	Numeracy Fun Day	Outside Day
5/20	5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24
Quiet Time Day	PJ Day	Read! Day <i>Library Books due on Friday!</i>	Spirit Day	Team Day
5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31
No School Memorial Day	Under the Desk Work Day	Visit from next year's teachers Day "flying up"	Wacky Hair Day	Xtra Fun Day
6/3	6/4			
Yearbook Day	Zero days left, so we are zooming out for summer!			

ABC COUNTDOWN, TAKE 2

By Maddy S.

A. Appreciate Your Teacher Day!

B. Bring Your Own Book Day!

C. Crazy Hair Day! Chalk Day!

D. Drawing Day!

E. Electronics Day!

F. Finish Your Homework Day!

G. Game Day!

H. Hat Day!

I. Ice Cream Day!

J. Joke Day!

K. Kite day! Fly a Kite!

L. Llama Day!

M. Mom day! Tell her you love her!

N. Name Yourself Again Day!

O. Opposite Day!

P. Pajama Day!

Q. Quiet Time Day!

R. Racing Day!

S. Stuffed Animal Day!

T. Tie-Dye shirt Day!

U. Under Your Desk Day!

V. Veil Day! Bring your own Veil to School!

W. Whale Day! Save the Whales! Bring stuffed whale to school!

X-tra Recess Day!

Y. Yo-Yo! Bring your yo-yo to school!

Z. Zoom out of School for Summer!



RED MANGO FROZEN YOGURT

By Hannah F.



Red Mango is a frozen yogurt shop in downtown La Grange. They have a variety of flavors and toppings including Original, Pomegranate, Vanilla Bean, Slam Dunk (Oreos), etc. Some of the toppings are cookie dough, boba, sour patch kids, skittles, M&Ms, etc. They have a lot of nice workers too. When you go to sit down there is one table with some games for the kids. They recently added a new topping, which is Jelly Beans! I would give it 10/10 stars because I really like the type of flavors and toppings, and I think they have really good staff and service.

HONEY FLUFF DONUTS

By Karenn K.



I am going to explore the best donuts in and around La Grange. Today I am reviewing Honey Fluff Donuts, near Joliet Road and Willow Springs Road. I was told that it was really friendly neighborhood store with good donuts, so I decided to go there for my first donut trip.

It was very welcoming. The owner there was really, really nice. As I looked around, I saw a lady drinking some coffee and eating a donut. The owner was talking to her like a regular customer, so I thought it was a shop that is like a second home. Also, there were very nice places to sit and cute signs with positive messages.

Last, but not least, the donuts. We ordered a chocolate raised one and a glazed. Some of the other flavors include sugar twist, marble iced, sprinkle, raspberry, lemon, strawberry, apple, custard, chocolate and vanilla long johns, and honey twist. The glazed donut was light and fluffy, and it was really good. It was perfectly homemade and glazed, with a texture of a sugary cloud. The chocolate raised was done as well as it could be and frosted just right. Stay tuned for my next review, and let me know if you have a favorite place to go!

CREATIVE WRITING

A LIFE FULL OF MYSTERIES, PART 2

By Camile S.

(Flashback) BOOM! Then the world fell black...

(Present time)

Everything was black for what felt to me like five minutes, but I could be wrong considering I fell to the sidewalk unconscious. When I woke, I was not where I last looked at the world. Now I'm in a dark brown room. My eyesight is foggy but starts to clear up over time. Where am I? I wonder if I should ask if anyone is here. Since this is the only thing I can think of doing, I decide to do it.

"Hello? Is anyone here?" I ask.

My response is a muffled moan. I

start to feel the hair on the back of my neck stick up and I start to get goose bumps on my arm. I stand up to take a look behind me, but instantly collapse to the floor. I don't know why, I mean my body feels fine except the ache on my neck, but a neck ache is never the reason for collapsing, at least for me.

The moan comes back, however, louder this time. I start to get SUPER scared. I wish I never opened the note. Actually, I REGRET opening the note. Well, now I have nothing to do except try to find out who is making the moaning sound. Last time I heard the moaning I was trying to stand up, but then I just fell. So there are

two choices: Try standing up again (although last time I tried I fell), or ask who is moaning (although when I tried the first time I just got a moan). I decide that I am going to stand up and see if the moaning sound comes back or see if I get a different sound. So to avoid falling again, I am going to run across the room so that I don't fall again (or at least I hope). I stand up and run across the room. Then I wait for a response.

"Guess you finally figured out how to get a new message from me," said the voice.

To be continued in the next issue.

MINI POEMS

By Mireya B.

Silent Snow

The snow is silent in a silent space,
The silence in the snow is spine chilling
As said, in the stores in the stone
That is what the silent snow sees

Mini Pepper

Mini pepper, mini pepper
I love you so
Mini pepper, mini pepper
Your seeds are pure
Mini pepper, mini pepper
I love you more

CREATIVE WRITING

TWO SPECIFIC PEOPLE TALK ABOUT STUFF EPISODE 2

By William P. and Eli P.

William: Hello! And welcome to Monthly... uhh I mean Two Specific People talk About Stuff!

William (*whispering*): awkward... Huh? What? Commercial Break!

Boop doop
chicken
scoop

best food ever - boi

bike crashes through the window

William: Eli!

Eli: Oi.

Producer: DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THAT WINDOW COSTS?!?!?!?!?

Eli: \$1464.95?

Producer: oh, ok.

Eli: So, what are we talking about.

William: umm, Baguette!



William: O noes! That's not a baguette!



IF YOU CAN READ THIS YOU ARE COOL.

William: DAT THE EVIL POTATO!!!

Eli: He is not my favorite.

Evil Potato vanishes

William: Speaking of favorites! What's your favorite animal?

Eli: SLOTH! That's my profile picture

Random Bystander 1: It's gotta be a wolf.

Random Bystander 2: Uhh...Myself

Random Bystander 3: Umm, Umm, Umm, Umm...Chihuahua

Random Bystander 4: A Wallaby

Random Bystander 5: Giraffe

Random Bystander 6: *Gets in trouble* (we can't interview them anymore)

Random Bystander 7: A flying squirrel.

William: Bearded dragon!!

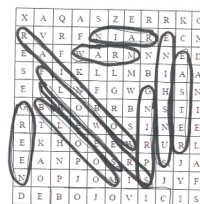
William & Eli: The end!



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By Helena E..



CREATIVE WRITING

A DOG'S STORY

By Daniela B.

Hi, my name is Bella and I'm a dog, the chihuahua kind. Every day in the morning I eat my delicious dog food. My owner, Daniela, usually takes me for a walk in the mornings, too. Then she has to go to work at Walgreens. While she's at work, I have to stay home all by myself. Luckily she only works five hours every day, except for Wednesdays when she doesn't have to work at all.

All I do while she's at work is eat, sleep, lay on the couch wrapped in my blanket, and wander around the house. Then

one day, while Daniela was at work, I heard glass shatter really loudly, and it sounded like it was coming from the upstairs window. I ran upstairs to the window to see what had happened.

There was a man. A really strange man. I was really frightened and my heart was beating so much. His shirt was black, his pants were black, his shoes were black, his socks were black, his hat was black, his gloves were black, his mask was black. Everything on him was black, black, and black. I tried to sneak up on him, to get closer and then I



started barking at him so that I would scare him. He was holding this ginormous black bag that was as big as a chair. I went closer to the man and tried to bite him. But it was too late. He got me.

To be continued...

A SELECTION OF POETRY

By London SM

The White Knight

Inky blackness swarms the land,
Where a valid soldier now stands,
Though she has no shining armor,
She fights for truth and honor,
Her intentions are bold and true,
She is in every one of us,
Me and you

Little Feather

Flowing in the gentle breeze,
Swaying in the wind,
Gracefully dancing across the sea,
Soaring high above the clouds,
As free as a bird,
Is what I wish to be,
All these things are me

A Solemn Rose

A solemn rose sits all alone,
On its prickly stem,
Its petals crippling,
Seeing how the world is ending,
But who would want one solemn rose,
Sitting all alone

CREATIVE WRITING

WEEKDAY UPDATE

By Luca P.

Hello everyone! Welcome to Weekday Update, I'm L.P.

L.P: The Sock Hop was March 1st and, oh my, was it HYPER.

L.P: It was so hyper that it felt like everyone literally drank 15 cans of Red Bull.

L.P: If you don't know what Red Bull is, wait till you get your own wings.

L.P: Fun Lunch happened a couple months ago. Here to comment on the aftermath will be John & Andy of Monthly Night Live after this commercial break.



L.P: We are back with John & Andy of Monthly Night Live. What are your thoughts?

John: I think we need more time to eat. Andy has the math.

Andy: 20 minutes of lunch - 10 minutes in line = 10 minutes to eat/talk and not eat at all.

John & Andy: By the way, please take the survey in your classroom about whether we

should change our series name to "Monthly Not Live" or keep it as "Monthly Night Live".

L.P: John and Andy from Monthly Night Live/Monthly Not Live, everyone!

John & Andy: Make sure to read our article on page 21!

L.P: A tragic fire broke out in Notre Dame Cathedral on April 15th. Luckily, no one was hurt. But, I gotta say, you know what else is tragic? A Nickelback concert with 10,000 people.

Producer: That's pretty good to be honest but... that's a wrap!

L.P: Oh, ok. For Weekday Update, I'm L.P and good night!

UNLOCK THE SECRET SAFE

By Alex A.

Bonnie : Hey guys today I have a little secret code for this locked safe with a lot of mone- I MEAN PIZZA ! YEAH JUST PIZZA!

Anyways, here is the code :

10-21-19-20 16-9-26-26-1

Bonnie : Yeah I'm pretty sure that it's like this : A=1 I=9 J=10 P=16 S=19 T=20 U=21 Z=26 .

Yeah I just can't get it ! Here I'll give you some boxes to fill in .

Bonnie: Oh, hey, look a note ! it says: (Answers on back) Welp! I don't know what that means.

(go here if you got the code)

Bonnie : YEAH, GOLD BARS- I MEAN GOLD PIZZA !! * SIRENS *

Bonnie : UH OH * runs away * AHHHHHHHHHHHH

(go here if you didn't get the code)

Bonnie : Agh, man, that's ok, I'll just go ask Foxy or Chica.

Answer : JUST PIZZA

CREATIVE WRITING ONCE UPON A TIME

By Hannah F.

Once upon a time . . . I won the lottery! It was great! I got a puppy and flowers and a new swing set and some movies and a couple books and . . .

"Trenton. You're talking in your sleep again."

Once upon a time . . . I lived on the moon! It was great! I flew on a rocket and I jumped really far and I was on T.V. and I stuck a flag in it . . .

"Trenton, wake up, it's time for breakfast."

But once upon a time . . . I lived till I was 200! It was great! I got a Guinness World Record and I got to eat more ice cream in my life than an average person and I got cool rainbow glasses and I had a really comfy chair and . . .

"Does he not know that he is only 7?"

Once upon a time . . . I was

a baby forever! It was horrible! Everyone ran away from me because I could talk and I had to eat so much baby food and I had to take naps in my crib everyday and . . .

"TRENTON!!! Wake up!"

"Ok, I'm awake. Mom, do you want to hear a story?"

"Sure."

"Okay. Once upon a time..."

"Please, not this again!"

MONTHLY NIGHT LIVE

Andy S. and John F. with Eli P.

Eli: Hello and welcome to Monthly Night Live!

cheers

Eli: It is so great to be hosting Monthly Night Live!

more cheers

Eli: From now on someone new will be hosting Monthly Night every issue!

John: Hey Eli, what's up?

Eli: I'm fine, but why am I called host?

Andy: Cuz. It's a term of respect.

Eli: But you guys always do it, so you should host.

John: But we don't want to.

Eli: Fine.

Andy: And it's time for the random word generator!

Eli: Hold on, technical difficulties...

Eli: Okay, I got it.

John: AND THE WORD IS-

Eli: Creature.

John: Oh come on, put some enthusiasm into it!

Eli: LIKE THIS?

Andy: Perfect.

John: Eli, what do you think of creatures?

Eli: Let's look into their oranges!

Andy: Hold on, I almost got the page up.

Andy: Okay, humans are from Africa.

John: All of them?

Eli: Yep

Andy: And then they went everywhere.

Andy: And the orange juice squid came from Khan Academy!

John: Oh, yeah! I just got 10,000 energy points!

Eli: Oops, we're out of time.

All: Bye!

CREATIVE WRITING

THE CREEPY HOUSE DOWN THE STREET

By Daniela B.

It was Halloween and 12 year old Jane went trick or treating with her friends Abigail and Grace. They walked down the street and saw this creepy looking house. They checked to see the time, and it was 3am.

Jane said, "Let's trick or treat here."

"Don't you know," Grace said frightened.

"What?" Jane responded.

"At 3 am scary stuff is supposed to happen," hollered Abigail.

"I'm sure it's fine," said Jane.

So they rang the doorbell, but no one answered. They rang it again but still no one answered. Jane checked to see if the door was open. It was. It looked more like the house was abandoned on the inside. They searched rooms to see if there was any candy. Abigail and Grace at the same time asked in fright, "Are you sure this is a good idea?"

Jane told them both, "I'm sure it's fine, and whoever made up this 3am stuff is just a wimp. Don't worry, it's not real, and I'll prove it. Let's go down to the basement to check if there's any candy."

So the girls went down to the basement. When they were heading down, Abigail tripped on the stairs and bumped into a

bookshelf. Behind the bookshelf was a passageway that lead to another room. "Let's go," said Jane.

So the three girls walked into the room. They started to explore the mysterious room and look for candy. Then they heard a loud slamming sound. They turned around and the door was closed. They ran to the door and tried to open it but it was locked. Abigail pulled out her phone to call the police, but her phone was dead. "Try your phones," Abigail said.

Jane and Grace both pulled out their phones,

but theirs were also dead. The girls were frightened. They kept exploring the room and then Jane found a key hidden under a piece of cloth. She tried to see if the key would open the door, so that they could get out of there. Then the girls found another locked door hidden behind a painting. Jane used the key to open the locked door and it opened. There was a blanket on the floor and it looked like something big was hidden underneath it. The lights started to flicker, on and off and on and off.

"Guys, really, you can stop now, I'm not falling for any of your pranks," said Jane.

"Jane, it's not us," Abigail

and Grace said with fear.

"They are telling the truth, Jane, they're not doing all this, it's me," said a voice.

"Who said that?" asked Grace.

"Me," said the voice, "Behind you."

The girls looked behind them and a man was floating in the air. "Ah, guys, guys," said Grace. "What?" asked Jane and Abigail. "That looks exactly like the shape that was under the blanket," said Grace.

"Yes, you are correct, that is me," said the man.

"Ahhh," the girls shouted.

"Guys, you were right, scary stuff does happen at 3am," Jane confessed to them.

"Happy Halloween!" the man shouted.

"Huh?" Jane, Abigail and Grace said at the same time, confused.

"Can someone explain what's going on here?" asked Abigail.

"Yes, girls, I pranked you guys," said the man.

"What, why?" Jane asked.

"Because it's Halloween and I love to prank people on this day, especially when it's 3am," answered the man.

"So, you live here?" asked Grace.



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CREATIVE WRITING

5 ELEMENTS PART 2

By Zoë C.

When Noah started floating, Najia was the only one who didn't freak out. She knew the group was special, but apparently the group did not. Noah came down. Maddy went back onto the grass. Next thing you know, Maddy was hidden in grass. Flowers grew all around her.

Jason walked over to help her get out, but as soon as he touched the grass, it lit on fire. Najia told the group they represented the five elements; Jason was Fire, Maddy was Earth, Najia was Water, Noah was Air, and Olivia was Light. The kids were only discovering their

powers.

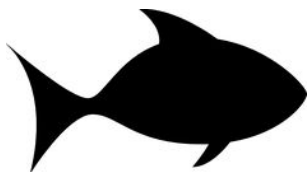
But little did they know what lies ahead...

Hey readers, I couldn't wrap it up in time so...sorry, not sorry, for the teaser!!! Look for the rest next year!- Zoë C.

FISH STORY

By Luka B.

Once there was a fish, he was the smallest fish in the whole world and he was only one centimeter long. Then one day, an enormous whale shark ate 1,000 fish in one second and the whale shark was bigger than two schools. The fish went on the whale shark's head. Then the whale shark moved his head and the fish flew into the sky one million feet in the air. The fish was super scared. Then the fish landed in someone's pool, and by the way it was winter. It took six months to warm up. So, the fish was frozen for six months! Then the fish lived in the pool forever.



THE CREEPY HOUSE DOWN THE STREET, CONTINUED

By Daniela B.

"Of course not. I work at a prank company and I live on the other side of La Grange, close to Waiola Park," said the man, "and shouldn't you guys be home now? I mean it's almost 4am."

"Yes, we're gonna leave now," Jane answered.

"Oh, girls, wait," said the man.

"Yeah?" Abigail replied.

"Here's some candy for you, to make up for all the pranking," said the man.

"Wow, king sized candy bars, thank you so much!" Grace said.

"No problem, no one really comes trick or treating here anyways," the man said.

"Yeah, I can see why," replied Jane.

"Goodbye girls!" the man said.

"Bye," the girls answered.

"I think we know where we're going trick or treating next year and the year after that," said Abigail.

"Yes, we do," replied Jane.

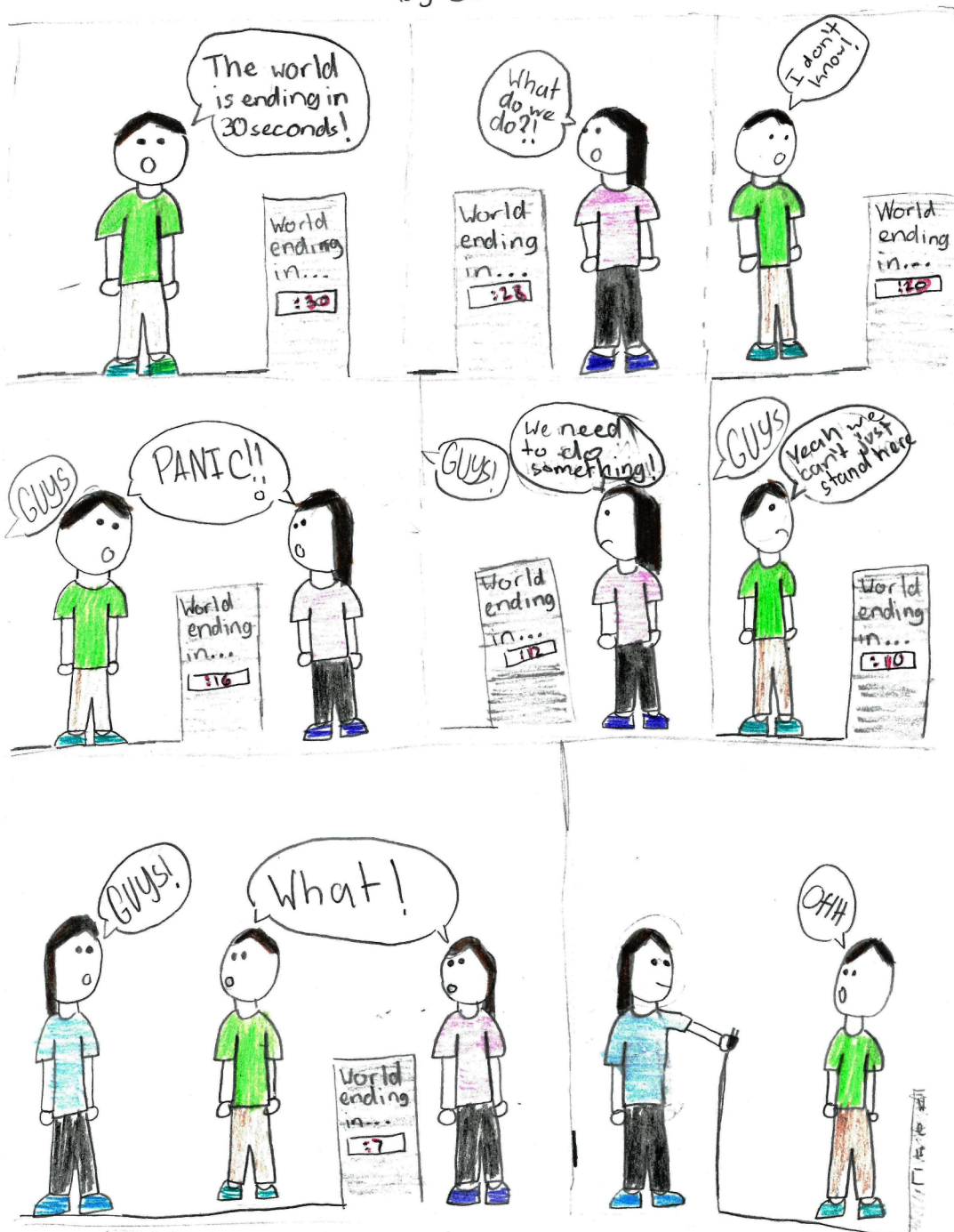
Ever since Jane, Grace, and Abigail went to that house, they went trick or treating there, year after year after year, mostly because the man gave out king sized candy bars.



C O M I C

The World is Ending!

By: Carrie B



C O M I C

THE COOL KID

By Matthew M., Seth H.



TOP 3 FAMOUS ONLINE ANIMALS

By Jenna P.



Grumpy Cat is one of the top three famous online animals and she is a girl. Most people think she is a boy. She is famous for always looking grumpy and being a meme.

Keyboard Cat is the second most famous online animal. He is famous for playing the piano and wearing a shirt. Sadly, Keyboard Cat died March 8, 2018.



Boo is the most famous online animal. He is famous for being cute and doing cool tricks. One trick that he does is that he rides skateboards.

CALENDAR

April 29-May 24 - MAP Testing Window

May 2 - Spring Orchestra Concert, 1:30 pm student matinee, 7:00 pm Concert, Aurand Hall

May 3 - Kindergarten Cinco De Mayo Celebration

May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8-9 - District Musical, 7:00 pm

May 9 - Musical Matinee, 4th-8th grades, 1:30 pm

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 23 - Kindergarten Graduation, 1:30 pm

May 27 - No School, Memorial Day

June 4 - Last Day of School

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