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Spring Avenue Elementary School
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**2018 Battle of
the Books,
February 7.**

JON AGEE VISITS SPRING IN MARCH

By Landon N. and Aidan D.

Jon Agee is an author and illustrator who is coming to our school on March 13, 2018. His visit is sponsored by the Spring Avenue PTO. Jon Agee has written books such as Terrific, The Retired Kid, Palindromania, Dmitri the Astronaut, Milo's Hat Trick, The Incredible Painting of Felix Clousseau, Nothing, Lion Lessons and many more.

He not only writes his books, but he also illustrates them! WOW! Jon Agee will be coming to our school soon to show off his amazing work! Most of his stories include a moral, which is a theme throughout the book

that is supposed to help us better improve ourselves, as well as a happy resolution for the plot. Most characters in his book change for the better by the end of the book. His picture books are for readers of all ages. Well, that's all folks, go out and get reading!

Students who are interested in purchasing a book for him to autograph will receive a book order soon. See Ms. Marek for more information.



SPRING AVENUE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

By Ashlyn G.

Ahh, it's that time of year, again! The Battle of the Books took place on February 7, 2018. Good job to everyone who participated!

Many teams, 21 to be exact, read 12 books and competed by answering questions about the books. The teams had to answer 92 questions (93 if you count the test question). There was a tie between three teams for second place, and it was broken

with a lightning round. The three teams will continue on to the District Battle on February 23, where they are scrambled into other teams to create District teams.

My team, The Wild Readers, came in first, answering four questions wrong. I don't want to brag, but last year we won as well. And the team I was on in the District Battle won! Anyway, I was on this team with Annie P.,

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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS, CONTINUED

By Ashlyn G.

Caroline F., and Rayna A.

The other teams that tied for second place were Operation D.E.L.I., Entertainment Weekly, and Paper Cranes.

Entertainment Weekly's group was made up of four members, Michael B., Jude S., Will B., and Ryan D. They, like the other teams tied for second, got five questions wrong (88 questions correct).

Operation D.E.L.I.'s team also had four members, and the first letter of each of their names made up the word "D.E.L.I.". I found that really creative. The members of this team were Devin W.,

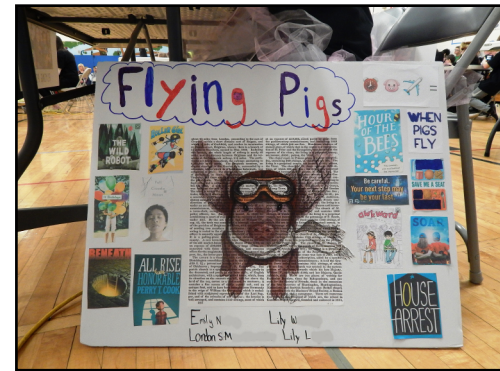
Everett K., Lukas P., and Ian P.

Paper Cranes were the third team that made the cut. The members on this team are Ava W., Caroline P., Sophie I., and Sarah K.

After the lightning round, Entertainment Weekly sadly got eliminated.

Congratulations to the three teams that made it to the District Battle, and the other teams for doing great, too! The District Battle of the Books will be on February 23, 2018.

Many teams made posters to show off their team name. Check out a few of those posters below.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

By Simone B.

Parent teacher conferences are coming up on February 14 and 15. Parents want to hear a good report. Here are some things that kids can do to get a good report:

- Listen like you have the biggest ears on earth
- Respond and be engaged and look at your teacher's eyes as if you're having the world's oddest staring contest
- Turn in homework quickly like you are The

Flash when he was young

- Be helpful in class, but not so helpful where you offer to massage her feet (that would just be weird)
- Smile, but not in a way she thinks you're up to trouble

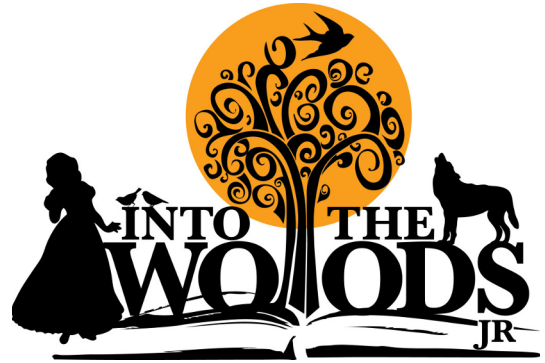
Those are some ways your parents can get a dashing report about you.

Hope you get a shining report!

2018 SPRING MUSICAL

By Camille W.

This year the musical will be *Into the Woods*. The tryouts were held on Thursday, February 1st. Everybody who tried out did a great job. The cast list was posted Tuesday, February 6th at 3:00pm. Congratulations to everyone who made it! And to everyone who didn't, congratulations for being cast as the amazing audience! If you would like to see the cast list you can look on the Spring Website. Go to activities and then District Musical. The dates of the musical are May 9th and 10th.



INTO THE WOODS CAST LIST

By Devin W. (Jack) and Tyler K. (Cinderella's Father)

Cinderella: Mckayla D.	Jack: Devin W.	Steward 1: Adam K.	Caroline F., Thania S., Kamila R., Sarah C., Margaret P., Simone B., Keira H., Maddie R., Genevieve H., Kaitlyn F., Miranda S., Malia F., Samantha C., Claire C., Marissa B., Maddie B., Daisy O., Marko P., Maddie B., Jonathan A., Anthony L.
Jack's Mother: Jeanne M.	Baker: Jonathan G.	Steward 2: Erin H.	
Baker's Wife: Allyssa W.	Cinderella's Prince: Drew C.	Narrator 1: Sydney J.	
Little Red Riding Hood: Reese M.	Cinderella's Father: Tyler K.	Narrator 2: Ava W.	
Witch: Rayna A.	Cinderella's Mother: London SM	Narrator 3: Sophie Z.	
Stepmother: Alyse F.	Rapunzel's Prince: Grant D.	Milky White: Joey O	
Florinda: Sophia D.	Mysterious Man: Jackson G.	Chorus:	
Lucinda: Hailey B.	Wolf: Jackson K.	Lauren E., Katie M., Katie Y., Jacqueline V., Marleen A.,	

SCIENCE FAIR

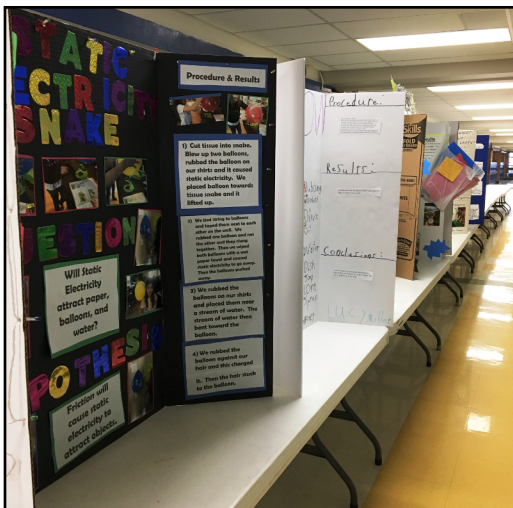
By Ethan W.

Spring Avenue had a Science Fair on January 25, 2018. The goal of the Science Fair is to create a fun and positive experience for all participating students!

Students can work alone or with a partner. Students can choose from two categories: Experiment or Engineering. All projects require a display, oral presentation, and a written report.

Students presented their projects and findings to the Science Fair Judges. Participants explained step-by-step what they did to create their project. People in the Science Fair are supposed to state whether their results agreed or disagreed with their hypothesis.

We will be doing the Science Fair each year at Spring Avenue. Good job to all the participants this year!



HAPPY *Valentine's* **DAY**

VALENTINE'S DAY FACTS

By Simone B. and Jack NM



Valentine's Day was first celebrated by the Romans, and invented by Pope Gelasius in A.D. 500, who created this

day for fertility. Some Fun Facts about the holiday are:

- Heart shapes weren't always a romantic symbol. Italian and French artists began using it to show love and it became more popular.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names to see who they would be spending Valentines Day with and then pinned the name on their shirt sleeves so everyone knew who it was.
- Americans spend an estimated \$18.2 billion on Valentine's Day, of which \$1.7 billion is spent on candy.
- Nearly 9 million Americans will even buy gifts for their pets.
- On Valentine's Day there are more than 36 million heart shaped chocolate boxes sold, the first box was introduced by Richard Cadbury (think Cadbury Eggs).
- \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased on Valentine's Day in the U.S.
- 10-14 million pounds of candy hearts are made in the U.S. every year, and 100,000 pounds of those hearts are sold in the U.S.
- Nearly 10 new candy conversation heart sayings are introduced each year...like "Yeah, right," "Puppy Love," and "Call Home" and they have a shelf life of 5 YEARS!
- Roses were believed to be the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman Goddess of love.
- About 220 million roses are sold around Valentine's Day, 189 million stems are sold in the U.S.
- 73% of people who buy flowers are men, although 15% of women send THEMSELVES flowers on Valentine's Day.
- It used to be bad luck to send a Valentine's Day card, but now over one billion Valentines Day cards are exchanged every year. 85% are purchased by women.
- About 50% of all Valentine's Day cards are purchased six days prior to Valentine's Day (way to procrastinate, people!).
- Americans spend around \$277 million on Valentine cards every year, second only to Christmas.
- Teachers receive the most cards, followed by children, mothers and wives.
- Children ages 6-10 exchange more than 650 million cards a year.
- 3 million people get engaged on Valentine's Day (a kiss on Valentine's Day is supposed to bring you luck for the rest of the year).
- Each year 300,000 letters go through Loveland, CO to get a special heart stamp for Valentine's Day.
- There are enough candy hearts made each year to stretch from Valentine, Arizona to Rome, Italy, and back again. And the number of candy hearts produced is approximately 8 billion.

We hope you enjoyed and learned exceptional facts.



♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥

MORE VALENTINE'S DAY FACTS

By Sarah K. and Camille W.

So we all know Valentine's Day. When you ask someone to be your valentine. That's just the basics but WE'LL be the ones who gives you some advanced facts. Did you know during Victorian times it was considered bad to sign a Valentine's card? Yeah!

- About 3% of pet owners give their pet a valentine's card
- One billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. Christmas is a more popular card exchange day than Valentine's Day.
- The average U.S. citizen spends \$100 on Valentine's Day gifts, meals, and entertainment.
- Eight billion candy hearts were made in 2009.
- 51% of people buy roses on Valentine's Day.
- 40% of people use their smart phones to buy Valentine gifts.

Okay, so I think we told you enough about it. I hope you learned something new.

VIRTUAL REALITY

By Maggie R.

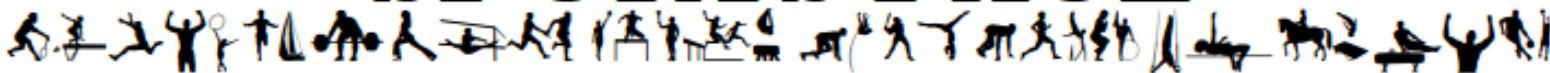
Virtual reality is when you have these goggles that have a screen in them, and you have controllers. You use the controls to play games such as Fruit Ninja and Job Simulation. In Fruit Ninja you aim your controllers at the fruits and then chop away to cut the fruits, but you don't have to press any buttons.

In Job Simulation you have to use the buttons and pick a job such as Gourmet Chef, Auto Mechanic, Office Worker, and Store Clerk. So first you pick out a category for your job. For example, you choose office worker. In this level you are a human but all of the other workers are robots. You then get promoted to be the boss and now in charge.

I love playing the Virtual Reality. I played it at the library. You can get goggles online or from a store.



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TOP 10 NBA ROOKIES OF 2017-2018

By Patrick C., Gavin D., and Finley T.



1. Donovan Mitchell: 18.9 PPG- 3.3 APG- 3.3 RPG- #45- Utah Jazz-

University of Louisville

We added Donovan Mitchell to this list because he is one of the highest scoring rookies.



Arizona

We choose Lauri Markkanen to be on this list because he is an all-around superstar.

4. Lauri Markkanen: 15.5 PPG- 1.3 APG- 7.6 RPG -#24 - Chicago Bulls-

We put Lonzo Ball on this list because he is a great passer, which sometimes helps his team win.

8. De'Aaron Fox: 10.9 PPG- 4.2

APG- 2.5 RPG- #5- Sacramento Kings- Kentucky



We put De'Aaron Fox on this list

because he's good at driving in to the lane, and he's also good at shooting.



2. Ben Simmons: 16.9 PPG- 7.2 APG - 7.9 RPG- #25- Philadelphia 76ers-

Louisiana State University

We chose Ben Simmons to be on this list because he makes great plays, helps his team win, and is a rising star. Also Ben Simmons leads all rookies with triple doubles.



5. Jayson Tatum: 13.7 PPG- 1.3 APG- 5.5 RPG- #0- Boston Celtics- Duke

We picked

Jayson Tatum to be on this list because he is a great offensive player and helps his team win.

9. Josh Jackson: 10.1 PPG- 1.2 APG-

3.7 RPG- #20- Phoenix Suns- Kansas



We put Josh Jackson on this list because

he's a good shooter, and he can have flashy dunks.



3. Kyle Kuzma: 16.8 PPG- 1.9 APG- 6.4- RPG- #0- Los Angeles Lakers-

University of Utah

We picked Kyle Kuzma to be on our list because he is a great offensive player.



6. Dennis Smith, Jr.: 14.8 PPG- 4.6 APG- 3.9 RPG- #1- Dallas Mavericks- North Carolina

State

We chose Dennis Smith Jr. because he's a good playmaker, and he's a good offensive player too.

7. Lonzo Ball: 10.2 PPG- 7.1 APG- 7.1 RPG- #2- Los Angeles Lakers- UCLA

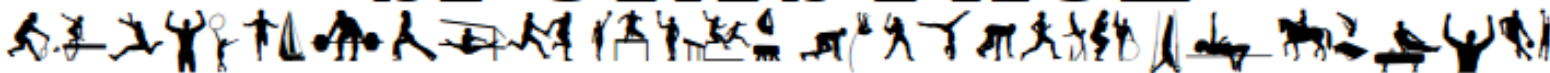


10. David Nwaba: 7.2 PPG- 1.2 APG- 4.5 RPG- #11- Chicago Bulls- Santa Monica

College

We put David Nwaba on this list because he's a sharpshooter.

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TOP 10 QUARTERBACKS FOR THE 2018 DRAFT

By Porter G.



#1 Lamar Jackson, height 6'3, weight 212 lbs, University of Louisville, number 8.

#2 Baker

Mayfield, height 6'1, weight 209 lbs, University of Oklahoma, number 6.

#3 Josh Rosen, height 6'4, weight 218 lbs, University of UCLA

number 3.

#4 Sam Darnold, height 6'4, weight 220 lbs, University of USC, number 14.

#5 Josh Allen, height 6'5, weight 234 lbs, University of Wyoming, number 17.

#6 Mason Rudolph, height 6'5, weight 229 lbs, University of Oklahoma State, number 2.

#7 Riley Ferguson, height 6'3,

weight 181 lbs, University of Memphis, number 10.

#8 Luke Falk, height 6'4, weight 203 lbs, University of Washington State, number 4.

#9 Ryan Finley, height 6'3, weight 185 lbs, University of NC State, number 15.

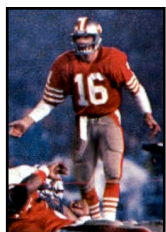
#10 Clayton Thorson, height 6'4, weight 225 lbs, University of Northwestern, number 18.

OUR TOP 5 QB'S OF ALL TIME

By Nathan M. and Jack C.



#1 Dan Marino won one Super Bowl. He had 420 passing touchdowns and 61,361 passing yards.



#2 Joe Montana is in the Hall of Fame. He broke tons of records. He had 273 touchdowns and 40,511 passing yards in his career.



#3 Tom Brady has won five Super Bowls. He played in the 2018 Super Bowl. Tom Brady has 488 touchdowns and 66,159 passing yards in his career.

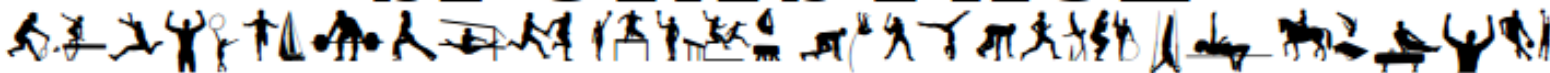


#4 Peyton Manning won two Super Bowls. He has 593 touchdowns and 71,940 passing yards in his career. He played on the Colts and Broncos.



#5 Brett Favre has been on three teams: the Vikings, the New York Jets, and the Green Bay Packers. He had won one Super Bowl. He had 508 touchdowns and 71,838 passing yards in his whole career.

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FIRST FIVE NFL DRAFT PICKS

By Leo C.



last two years and they need a QB and Darnold fits their offense.

1). Browns;
Sam Darnold;
USC; QB. The Browns only won one game in the

no depth there.



good defense and need one almost more than a healthy Andrew Luck.

3). Colts;
Minkah Fitzpatrick;
Alabama; CB. The Colts do not have a

G. The Browns are building a good line with their best player Joe Thomas and have first overall pick with high probability of getting a QB to build around.



season last year. They need a running back because they have

2). Giants;
Saquon Barkley; Penn State; RB. The Giants had a disappointing



4). Browns;
Mike McGlinchey;
Notre Dame.;

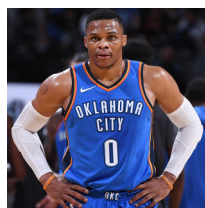


for Peyton Manning and need to build a good offense with a good defense that is not getting any younger.

5). Broncos;
Lamar Jackson;
Louisville: QB. The Broncos have not found a replacement

TOP FIVE POINT GUARDS OF THE NBA, 2017-2018

By Gavin D. and Patrick C.



1. Russell Westbrook: 25.4 PPG- 10.3 APG- 9.4 RPG- #0- Oklahoma City Thunder- UCLA

We added Russell Westbrook to the list because he is one of the best athletes in the world right now.

this list because he is one of the best shooters of all time, if not the best.



Boston Celtics- Duke

We put Kyrie Irving on this list because he has out-of-this-world layups.

3. Kyrie Irving: 24.9 PPG- 5.0 APG- 3.7 RPG- #11-



4. Damian Lillard: 25.1 PPG- 6.6 APG- 4.7 RPG- #0- Portland Trail Blazers- Weber State

We added Damian Lillard to this list because he is great when it comes to the final seconds of the game.



5. Chris Paul: 19.2 PPG- 8.5 APG- 5.7 RPG- #3- Houston Rockets- Wake Forest

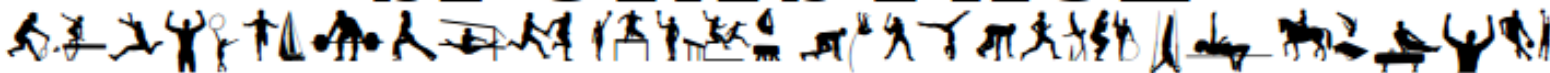
We put Chris Paul on this list because he is one of the best passers of all time.



2. Stephen Curry: 27.5 PPG- 6.4 APG- 5.1 RPG- #30- Golden State Warriors- Davidson

We picked Stephen Curry to be on

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WHAT WE THINK OF THE BEARS DROUGHT


By Gavin C. and Leo C.

The Bears have had some disappointing seasons (3-16 in 2016 and 5-11 in 2017). They hired a new head coach named Matt Nagy to work with young QB Mitchell Trubisky to make him the next STAR.



They need to stay healthy on both sides of the ball. They should slowly increase their win column. They will not have any problem getting younger with prospects Tarik Cohen and

Eddie Jackson. They have a good defense in veterans Akiem Hicks, Pernell McPhee, Danny Trevathan, and Leonard Floyd.



The Bears have a good draft pick (no.8) and should look for wide receivers. Some of the Bears projected picks are Christian Kirk (WR), Joshua Jackson (CB), and Calvin Ridley (WR). And that is what Gavin C. and Leo C. think about the Bears drought.

TOP 7 NFL SAFETIES FOR 2017-2018

By Finely T., Patrick C., and Nathan M.



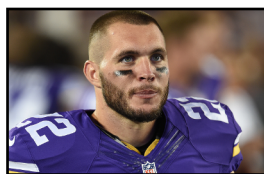
#1 Landon Collins - New York Giants - He is 6'0" tall - 1 defensive touchdown - 4 pass deflections - and 1 forced fumbles-1 interception.



#5 Devin McCourty-New England Patriots-4 pass deflections-1 interception.



#2 Eric Berry- Kansas City Chiefs
- He is 6'0 tall - 5 defensive touchdowns.



6#Harrison Smith-Minnesota Vikings-3 interceptions-6 pass deflections-1 sack.



#3 Earl Thomas- Seattle
Seahawks - 5 pass deflections-40
yard dash time: 4.43 seconds-2
interceptions-1 touchdown.



#7 Tyrann Mathieu-Arizona Cardinals-1 interception-3 pass deflections-1 sack- 1 forced fumble.



#4 Ha Ha Clinton-Dix-Green Bay-
3 pass deflections-1
interception.



MCLAREN P1

By John F.



The McLaren P1 is a very unique car. The side of the rim is curved to get better wind resistance and most of the time the McLaren has a spoiler to make the car definitely look cooler and makes it faster. The top speed it can go is 230 MPH, which is very fast for a car. The McLaren has a weirdly shaped light that not many cars have.

The McLaren P1 can accelerate from 0 to 62 MPH in 3 seconds, 0 to 124 MPH in 6 seconds and 0 to 210 MPH in 20 seconds. There are also only 375 McLaren P1's in the world! The McLaren P1's trunk is not in the back like normal cars, the trunk is in the front of the car where the engine is

supposed to be and the engine is in the back of the car where the trunk is supposed to be.

The McLaren P1 can drive 1 mile in about 10 seconds, do the math! The most common color on the McLaren P1 is yellow. The McLaren P1 costs about 1 million dollars. The doors do not open like most cars you see, they open upwards, those types of doors are called butterfly doors, it makes it so you don't need to worry as much about your door hitting against the curb or the car parked next to you.

If you see a McLaren P1 try to spot these designs and features.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

By Marko P.

Did you know that Florence Nightingale was born May 12, 1820 in Italy? She was an amazing nurse and a wealthy woman.

Here are some reasons why: First, after one year in medical school, she was the best nurse there. Also, Florence worked as a medic in the Crimean War. Lastly, she made an impact on nursing by becoming one of the first women to become foundational philosopher of modern nursing. For these reasons, I think she was an amazing nurse. She definitely deserved to be the first woman awarded the order of Merit of Honor.

My advice to Florence Nightingale is that she should have used her own earnings to become a nurse at an earlier age because her parents didn't approve of Florence becoming a nurse so they wouldn't fund her education.



MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.



RIDDLES



By: Arielle G and Ethan W.

1. What has feet but no legs?

4. What falls but never breaks?

6. When it's ajar

2. What belongs to you but is used more by others?

5. Which month has 28 days?

4. The sun and moon

3. What can you catch but not throw?

6. When is a door not a door?

3. A cold

2. Your name

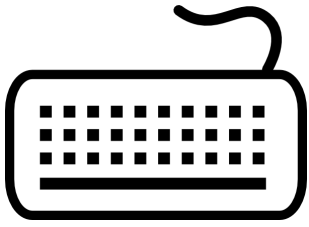
1. A yard stick

Answers:

5. All of them

CHROMEBOOK SHORTCUTS

By Devin W.



All tested on a Chromebook

Ctrl shift x: right click

Ctrl shift c: copy highlighted stuff

Ctrl shift v: paste what you copied

Ctrl shift b: see your bookmarks

Ctrl shift k: get to video

Ctrl shift g: sticky note

Ctrl shift f: take away the tool bar in Google Docs

Ctrl shift d: make bookmarks

Ctrl shift s: speak type

Ctrl shift QQ: shut down your computer

Ctrl shift w: closes your windows

Ctrl shift e: Google search

Ctrl shift r: reload your page

Ctrl shift t: takes you to the Google Docs home page and opens a new tab

Ctrl shift y: opens the dictionary

Ctrl shift u: underlines the text

Ctrl shift o: opens the book marks

Ctrl shift 8: inserts a bullet point

Ctrl shift /: shows you the on-screen keyboard

Ctrl shift ,: makes your text small on the bottom

Ctrl shift .: makes your text small on the top

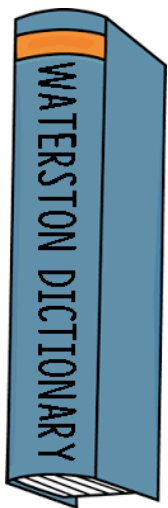
Ctrl shift backspace: deletes the word

Ctrl shift =: zooms in the page

Ctrl shift -: unzooms the page

THE WATERSTON DICTIONARY

By Aidan D.



not?

In the Waterston Advanced Math class, we are the brightest individuals to ever math, so as our intellect shows, we make up funny words because why the heck

But even with the well of words we have created I felt like that

wasn't enough, so I also added some words outside of math Mrs. Waterston created. Enjoy!

Schplutzing (v) The act of prolonging or procrastinating.

Scwoobly (n) The ~ symbol.

Frusticated (v) The act of being frustrated.

Ish (v) The act of rounding.

Heatiadtior (n) A heater.

Magical Black Box (n) A Chromebook in a black Chromebook box.

Guesstimate (v) The act of guessing an estimate.

Differenner (a) More different than different.

Numerize (v) The act of bringing the denominator up to the numerator.

Denominze (v) The act of bringing the numerator down to the

denominator.

Chop Chop Wiki Wiki (v) Hurry up.

Moose (n) 1) A student that works with Mrs. Musalami during Guided Reading.

(n) 2) Mrs. Musalami.

Salami (n) The plural of 1) Moose.

Stone (n) A student who works with Mrs. Waterston during GR.

Water (n) Plural of Stone.

KIDZ KORNER

By: Camille W. and Caroline F.

What's your favorite color?

1. Blue
2. Yellow
3. Purple

What's your favorite subject?

1. Math
2. ELA
3. Art

What's your favorite snack?

1. Pretzel
2. Cheese and Crackers
3. Fruit

Mostly 1's: You are more serious than most of your friends, which you might think is a bad thing. It's not! It just means that you're wise beyond your years. Embrace that!

Mostly 2's: You are one of the kindest out of your friends. You always try to help everyone and they appreciate you for it. Keep it up!

Mostly 3's: You are the most creative out of your group. Your artistic talents will get you recognized. Ideas come to you easily, so remember to express them!

Color:



MONTHLY HOROSCOPES

By Annie P.

Pisces (February 19-March 19) -

You will discover something new about yourself. Your intuitive attitude will help you this month.

Aries (March 20-April 19) -

You will go on an adventure. Your curious attitude will help you this month.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -

You will change something about your look. Your ambitious attitude will help you this month.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -

You'll hang out with all your friends. Your social attitude will help you this month.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -

You will make a new friend. Your sympathy toward others will help you this month.

Leo (July 23-August 22) -

You will find a new hobby. Your creative attitude will help you this month.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) -

You will do better in school. Your hardworking attitude will help you this month.

Libra (September 23-October 23) -

Something unexpected will soon come into your life. Your calm attitude will help you this month.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21) -

You will meet your true love. Your expressive attitude will make an impact this month.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) -

You will experience true happiness. Your optimistic personality will help you this month.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) -

You will discover a new favorite book. Your hardworking attitude will help you this month.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) -

Someone who you helped in the past will repay you. Your caring attitude will help you this month.

'HOW COME' QUESTION

(Questions People Don't Usually Ask)

By. Chris R. and William P.



First question: Why do we get dizzy from spinning around?

It's like having an all-day amusement park ticket every day. Simply twirl in the yard, faster and faster. Then drop to the ground, watch the sky turn, and feel the ground fall underneath you.

These cheap thrills are provided courtesy of the inner ear.

Although we associate the ear with hearing all the sounds of the world. It's also in charge of our sense of balance. Tightrope walkers have perfected their balance; for the rest of us, a sense of balance keeps us walking a straight line across the room instead of wobbling to one side and toppling over.

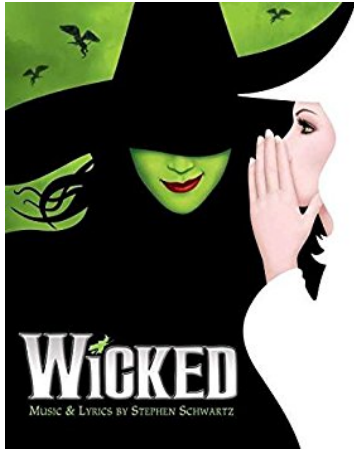
The otolithic membrane tells the body whether it is upright or lying down, moving or standing still. How?

Gravity is always pulling us to the center of the earth, oriented in relation to the pull. This mechanism is called the vestibular balance system, and it's hidden away in the upper ear. The otolithic membrane is like a sensor in the ear. It senses when your head is tilted and tells your brain.

That is how we know if we are at an angle or straight up. If you spin quickly the otolithic membrane gets overloaded, and you get the feeling that you are dizzy. That is why you feel dizzy.

MUSICAL REVIEW: WICKED

By Caroline F.



Wicked is an amazing musical about the real story behind the Wizard of Oz. It follows Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, as she struggles to fit in at her school because of her unnatural green color. She meets Glinda, and they become friends. When Elphaba has a chance to meet the wizard, Glinda and her travel to the Emerald City. But then the wizard tricks her into giving his monkeys wings, and hurting them. She then becomes a wanted person, and the guards try to capture her. Then, Dorothy comes and her house falls on and kills Elphaba's sister.

Elphaba responds by capturing her until she gives her a pair of shoes that are the last remaining belonging of her

sister. Of course, Dorothy refuses because she believes the shoes are the only way for her to get home. Then, Dorothy ends up melting her. Or does she?

Wicked is now on a national tour and recently stopped at Chicago 12-06-17 to 01-21-18. The cast includes Mary Kate Morrissey as Elphaba, Ginna Claire Mason as Glinda, and Olivia Polci as Elphaba Standby, as well as many more actors. I recently saw it for the second time, after seeing it on Broadway in 2016. It was amazing both times and I definitely recommend it. Like, seriously. Even if you can't see it, at least listen to the soundtrack on Youtube or something. It will change your life.

TOP 15 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU'RE BORED

By Kate B.



Bored? Here is a few things to do when you are bored. You can

rip this page out and keep it to cross things off this list.

1. Watch TV
2. Do yoga
3. Play outside
4. Research something that interests you
5. Go outside
6. Exercise
7. Bake
8. Call a friend to hangout
9. Call a relative you haven't talked to in a while
10. Try something new
11. Read a book
12. Learn how to play a game
13. Memorize a song
14. Try to code a game
15. Ride a bike



ROPEZ'S ROARING RECIPES: APPETIZERS

By Kara L. and Lily L.



ROARING RECIPES!

Chicken Salad

- 1 cup diced cooked chicken
- 1 heaping tablespoon minced celery
- 2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Coarse salt and ground pepper, to taste
- 1 heaping tablespoon minced red onion
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh-flat parsley
- 2 teaspoons mayonnaise
- Dash of hot sauce

Instructions:

1. Place all ingredients in a bowl.
2. Stir to combine.
3. Add your favorite dressing if you want.



PUFFY PAINT

By Gabi S. and Jackie K.



Puffy paint is a fun creative craft you can do in less than 10 minutes. Not only does it take little time, but you only need a few things to make it! You will need something to mix in, one full bottle

of glue, shaving cream, spoon (to mix with), and food coloring.

Instructions:

1. Mix equal amounts of shaving cream and glue in a bowl (you can guess the amount, you really can't mess up).
2. Add a few drops of food coloring to the

Italian Wedding Soup

- ½ cup lean ground beef
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons of breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon parmesan cheese
- ½ teaspoon of dried basil
- ½ teaspoon of onion powder
- 5 ¾ cup chicken broth
- 2 cups chopped spinach
- ½ cup orzo pasta (uncooked)
- ½ cup finely chopped carrot

Instructions:

1. In medium bowl combine, meat, egg, bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, basil & onion powder; shape into 3/4" balls.
2. In large saucepan, heat broth to boiling; stir in spinach, orzo, carrot & meatballs.
3. Return to boil; reduce heat to medium.
4. Cook at slow boil for 10 minutes or until orzo is tender.
5. Stir frequently to avoid sticking.
6. Serve with additional Parmesan cheese sprinkled on top.

mixture. Keep in mind that as the puffy paint dries, the color will get darker, so don't be too worried if it looks too light right now. I added about 5 to 7 drops of food coloring into each of the colors.

3. Mix, mix, mix! Then, put puffy paint in a bag and when ready, cut off a little bit of the end with scissors.
4. Repeat and add different color food coloring for different colors.
5. Squeeze out the paint to make a cool design, shape, creation, anything!
6. Wait a day or so for it to dry and it will become puffy!



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

NILLBERT AND DILLBERT: GAME CORNER 64

By Landon N. and Aidan D.



Landon: Gravity don't mean too much to me I'm who I've got to be these pigs are after me, after you run away like it was yesterday and we could run away If we could run away, run away from here.

Temmie: Da lack of breakz mokes is 100k like your rapping. Yee I brooke da 4th woll.

Aidooooon: *Falls from a giant random ocean into the recording studio.*

Jimmy: I finally did it... I will review a game that I love but you two hate... PAPER MARIO!!!

Aidan: wha.. Paper...Mario? I loved that game as a kid!

Jimmy: We agree on a game? No! This can't be possible! NO NO NO NO! NOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jimmy explodes into quantum nothingness and is gone

Landon: *time machines arrives* I JUST FINISHED GOING TO THE 2000's TO PLAY THE GAME LET'S DO THIS (I've never played this game please help me)

Aidan: Alright, this game is not a normal Mario game for a multitude of reasons, like how the game is a JRPG instead of a platformer and how the entire game has a very Paper Aesthetic. Now little bois (yes bois not boys), gather round' near Papa Beavers story corner, and I will read you the tale of Paper Mario.

All of the bois (yes bois not boys) gather and sit around an old rocking chair as Aidan feeds his pet Crabsnake and pulls out a large, dusty paper book.

Aidooooon: *Ahem* Well, this all starts in a lonely star plaza far up in the skies. In the holy sanctuary 8 stars

surround a grand staff, this staff grants wishes and these sentient stars had granted the wishes for all of the Mushroom Kingdom for millenia. It seems as if all is calm when KING BOWSER BREAKS THE FOURTH WALL and breaks into the sanctuary. He then steals the rod and turns all of the Stars into cards while beginning his plans to nuke Mario to The Elder Scrolls: Oblivion. In the morning, Mario and his brother Luigi wake up to find that they have received mail! It's an invitation to Peach's castle for some Netflix and Cake. The two go to the castle and find Peach celebrating a party as a wild Luigi wimps off to talk to toads as Mario and Peach go to the 'cake.' Then Bowser swoops in and kidnaps Peach as you do. While Mario stalwartly tries to defend Peach in the now floating in space castle, Bowser whoops Mario into the seventh dimension. Now, as Mario floats to the surface, we all shall only wonder

whether our stalwart hero shall rise to defend the Kingdom once again, or was this his last dance with the devil? Or er- Turtle?

Aidan silently closes the book before promptly chasing everyone out of the story corner

Landon: Well, the game play is also pretty good. You can interact with tons of things using different tools. It's also kind of open world, but not really. Well, that's all!

Ratings:

Landon: 10/10 I've never played this game

Aidan: 17/10 Fight me

Temmie: I like eating / chickens good game

Jimmy: Who's Jimmy?





ASHLYN'S ANALYSIS: PORTILLOS

By Ashlyn G.

Hello! This issue I will be talking about Portillo's. I know, it's kinda far, and I know, it's not a typical restaurant, where you sit down and eat. Even though you can go inside to eat, I almost always just get take-out. It is located at 7195 Kingery Highway, Willowbrook.

I either get a cheeseburger with pickles (and sometimes bacon), or two hot dogs, one with a pickle, one without. Today, I will be reviewing both.

First things first, the hot dogs. They are really good, being that these puppies are what Portillo's is famous for. Ha, see what I did there? They are hot dogs, and dogs were once puppies, and eh...You get the point. Anyway, they are nice and

soft, and the bun it is on has about a million poppy seeds that fall off onto your plate, but it is all just part of the experience. The pickle adds a nice crunch into the mix, and there are two pickle slices, so, in a way, you get two hot dog's worth of pickles for the price of one!

And now, the cheeseburger. This is really a hit-or-miss, because you can either get a really good one, an average one, or a kinda-bad one. What I mean by this is that the cheese could be really nice and evenly melted, and the patty is just divine, but there are other days that the bun is greasy, the burger

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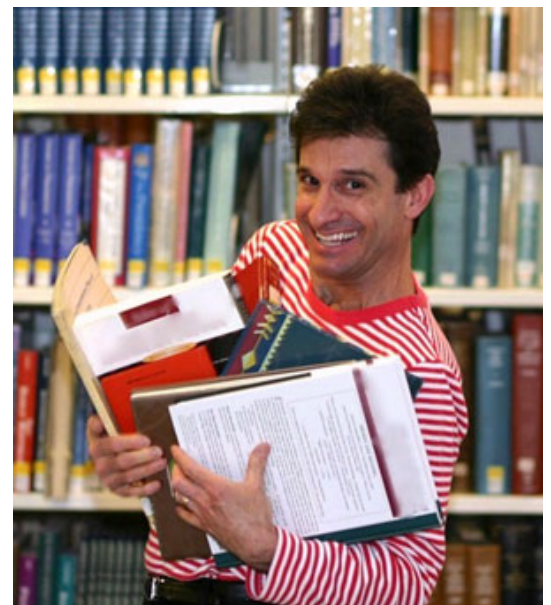
is burnt, and so on. They usually are cold when I get home and eat it, which isn't great. Again, the pickle adds an extra crunch, the bacon supplies more flavor, and the cheese. Is just. Terrific.

Overall, after doing some thinking about both of the meals that I have had, and after doing some math with how I would rate both, I'd rate Portillo's as a four star restaurant. Like I said, the food is great, but the burgers are always cold, and they can be really dislikable sometimes.

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STRANGER THINGS

By Annie P. and Caroline F.



Caution: This show is TV14 so ask your parents if you are interested in watching.

Stranger Things is an amazing show on Netflix. Season 1 follows the story of missing child Will Byers, and his friend's and family's search to find him. His

friends, Mike, Lucas, and Dustin, find a mysterious girl in the woods who has secret powers. Where is Will? Will the mystery girl help? Watch the two seasons to find out!

Cast:

Millie Bobby Brown as Eleven

Finn Wolfhard as Mike

Gaten Matarazzo as Dustin

Caleb McLaughlin as Lucas

Noah Schnapp as Will

Sadie Sync as Max

Winona Ryder as Joyce (Will's Mom)

Natalia Dyer as Nancy (Mike's Sister)

Joe Keery as Steve (Nancy's Boyfriend)

David Harbour as Chief Hopper (The Police Chief)

Charlie Heaton as Jonathan (Will's Brother)

ONCE UPON A TIME

By Annie P.

Once Upon a Time is a show on ABC and Netflix. It is about a girl named Emma and, on her 28th birthday, a boy claiming to be her son brings her to a town in Maine called Storybrook. Storybrook is a town that cursed fairytale characters live in. The Evil Queen cursed them, and they don't know that they are from fairytales. The boy who is "Emma's son" has a book containing the story of the curse, and Emma is supposedly their only hope to break the curse. Will Emma stay to break the curse, or will she leave and all hope will be lost? Watch to find out!





NARWHALS

By Caroline F.

Narwhals, nicknamed The Unicorn of the Sea, are aquatic mammals that can be found in Arctic coastal waters and rivers. The scientific name of Narwhal is *Monodon Monoceros*. They have two teeth, but obviously one is more prominent than the other. It can spiral up to 8.8 feet tall. Narwhals themselves are about 13-20 feet long, almost the size of a school bus. They can weigh about 1.5 tons. They are carnivores, with diets consisting of squid, halibut, shrimp, cod, rock fish, flounder, and crab. Narwhals are related to bottle nose dolphins, belugas, harbor porpoises, and orcas. Like their relatives, they travel and hunt in groups of 15 to 20. However, groups of hundreds and even thousands of narwhals have been sighted.

JAVAN LEOPARD

By John F.

The Javan leopard is a very unique animal. In 2005, Gunung Halimun National Park on the Indonesian island of Java expanded three times its length just for the protection of the Javan leopard!! The leopard is one of the four big cats (lions, tigers, and panthers are the other three). This animal is also known as the Tree Tiger because of its ability to climb a tree.

Unlike lions and tigers who hunt in groups, the Javan Leopard hunts alone and

waits at night until prey comes. The Javan leopard stalks its prey and, bam!, they quickly kill it. As a predatory animal, the Javan Leopard is categorized as a cold-blooded killer. The leopard chooses many different sizes and types of animals as its target. This cat is good at climbing and swimming.

The uniqueness that distinguishes wild cats is that they do not like water. Though the Javan leopards are remarkable swimmers, they just do not like water.

When the prey runs towards the water the leopard has two choices-leave it or search for another victim.



CREATIVE WRITING

WORLD WAR ONE: REMEMBERING THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

By: Tyler K.



Hello my name is Dylan De Larosa, and I am in a harsh war named World War I. About 10

million people already died in this war. I was one of the lucky survivors. Right now I'm in Tannenberg, East Prussia. My brother Frank is also here with me in the war.

My family members live in the middle of Michigan and include my dad, mom, brother, sister, and our dog Lucky. If I die, then I know that I am helping our nation under God. Tomorrow I will be fighting in

the Masurian Lakes in East Prussia. It is harsh seeing all the dead bodies.

Today I got bombed, and I can't walk anymore, and I have to come home with Frank. Frank tells me how proud he is of me. Frank and I will take a bus back home.

Three days later...I'm back in Michigan. I tell my mom I'm home, and she is partially crying but really happy. Then she realizes I lost my right leg and had to replace it with a prosthetic leg. This really impacts my life because I played in a basketball and baseball league, and now I can only stay at home and rest the whole day. I feel really

sad that I can't play anymore.

The US troops got bombed mostly in Europe but our country was never bombed. A lot of people died. It is harder to get food because so many donations were going to the army. In the future I think it will affect the world because there are so many things to rebuild and the government needs to make more laws so no one can hurt us again. Overall I feel really sad that I can't do as much stuff anymore with friends and sports but I'm happy the war is over because the people that didn't get injured are now safe.

JEFF IS ALIVE!

By Reese T,

"Yo, it's your plant, Jeff! And my best bro Steve!" said overly excited Jeff.

They are going on a field trip to a tropical island with not so nice people.

"HEY! THIS IS NOT ABOUT YOU!" said mean Jeff, anyway Jeff and Steve are at the island now, and

"THIS IS NOT BORING TALKING STUFF BOOKS. They are phenomenal you should check

them out, where was I...oh ya, THIS IS STEVE'S AND MY BOOK SO GET OUT OF HERE!" screamed Jeff.

Well, without me this is a boring talking stuff book. Anyway, Jeff and Steve got to the island. Steve ran to go check everything out. There was a big tree with green stuff on it. But Ducky Momo came and started burning the tree!

"Oh no! What's going on!?" but then a kid who is in the "contest" sat on Steve.

"STEVE! NO STEVE YOU GOT SMASHED BY THAT KID!" and Steve was never heard from again.

Jeff ran for his life because Ducky Momos were shooting eggs at him! He hid in a bathroom and fell into the burping gods lair. Jeff was mad at him!

For some reason he kicked him in to a rocket and sent him to space and Jeff was a hero! The rocketship blew up and Jeff the lab plant, won. To Be Continued...

CREATIVE WRITING

TESTED VOLUME 3

By Charlotte S.

I'm dead. I have to be. Whatever that witch did failed and now I'm dead. Oh. My head hurts. Wait, if I was dead I'd feel either healthy or nothing at all, since I feel neither of those things I must be alive! Great, if I'm alive I'm still trapped in the facility. "Wake up!"

Who said that? Was it the witch? No the voice was male. Maybe it was one of the men in the hazmat suits? No, the voice sounds too young. Rocco?

"Wake up! Please don't be dead."

Yep. That's definitely Rocco. Why is Rocco in here? How did he get out of the dark room is a better question. Wait, what if he is still in the dark room and I'm also in the dark room? Only one way to find out. I have to open my eyes. The only problem is my eyelids feel like they are made of lead. Great. Just great.

Come on eyes open. When I finally manage to open my eyes I can't help being a little surprised. There are at least ten kids looking at me. Talk about a lack of privacy. The only people I recognize are Rocco and Anna. The rest of them I haven't even seen before.

"Well she's alive," said a tall tan boy. Then as if on cue all the other kids leave.

"Are you ok? You were out for three days." Rocco sounds concerned, I guess being in a death-like sleep for three days is a big deal (sarcasm intended).

"What happened? My head hurts." This migraine is making me act stupid. How are they supposed to know what that witch did to me.

"The person who took you came back and said something about brain implants. To be honest I wasn't really paying attention. I'm Anna and that's Rocco, who are you?" Anna seems a lot more collected than before. I wonder why the witch told them what she did to me; also brain implants!

"I'm Elizabeth." I'm surprised that I sound so calm 'cause I'm freakin' out. I mean brain implants!! What the heck is wrong with this place! I guess Anna is normal enough but still. That's when I notice Anna is hiding her left arm. Why? Oh no the last time someone was hiding something it was Rocco and yeah, that was not fun.

This place is so twisted! Scaring people's faces, brain implants, and whatever they did to Anna's arm! I'm living a nightmare!

Ok, Elizabeth calm down!

"Are you ok...?" Rocco asks

uncertainly.

I wonder how much of that I said out loud. "I'm fine."

Then suddenly a bell rings very loudly. I jump.

"Relax," Anna says. I can tell she's trying not to laugh. "That means it's meal time."

Oh great, I'm starved.

Remember how I was excited that it was mealtime? Yeah, I'm not anymore. So the food stinks, but I did realize something pretty important. There are hundreds of orphans here, and all of them have either been victim to some experiment or are waiting to be. They're all just trying to survive long enough to see tomorrow.

We're sitting at a long table. The room is huge, it almost looks like a cafeteria except a lot bigger. As some of the other kids walk past us I can see them glaring at Rocco. I don't get why. Rocco is very nice, to me at least.

Then a tall tan boy flanked by two girls sits down at our table. I can tell he's trouble from the moment I look at him. His smirk, spiky hair and just the way he looks at us says it all. He thinks he's better than us and wants us to know it.

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CREATIVE WRITING

TESTED 3, CONTINUED

By Charlotte S.

"I see sleeping beauty is finally up," he scoffs. "Enjoy your three day nap, eh, princess?"

I hate this guy, I hate his snobby no good guts.

"Leave her alone, Alex." Rocco counters.

So his name is Alex, it suits him.

"Oooooooo," Alex says, he's targeting Rocco because he stood up for me, great.

"Looks like somebody's crushing on the new girl. Ha! Think she'd ever want you, you pathetic excuse for a rat? You-"

"Go away," I interrupt.

Did I just say that? Yes, yes I did.

He looks like he's going to start jeering at Rocco so I say it with more force: "Go away!"

Something weird happened the second time. It was like an energy in the back of my head forming the words "Go away" and pushing them straight into Alex's snobby brain.

Then Alex's eyes unfocus, and he does what I told him! After about five seconds, the girls that were with him before get up and follow

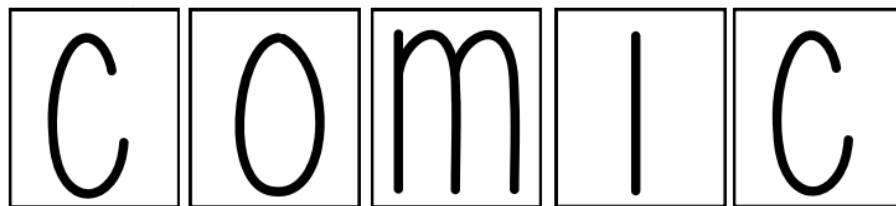
him. When I look at Rocco and Anna their eyes are wide with shock.

"How did you do that?" Anna asks, she seems to have recovered from the shock of seeing me mind control Alex.

"I have no idea, maybe it has something to do with the," I shudder then take a deep breath and say "brain implants."

Then Rocco mumbles something. "What was that Rocco?"

"They're doing it again."



CREATIVE WRITING



Hosted by: Ashlyn G.

Friend of this month: Aidan D.

WARNING: I don't even know at this point.

Ashlyn: Hello, and welcome to another issue of Talk Time with Friends! The friend of this article is Aidan Dill. Aidan?

Aidan: *Violently crashes through the roof with a small aquarium.*

Ashlyn: I kinda expected that to happen. *Pokes aquarium*

Aidan: Uh...hello there Ashlyn, I brought my pet to the pizza party...wait where's the pizza?

Ashlyn: I tricked you! Hehehe...

Aidan: I have a 30 pound Crabsnake in this Aquarium that will bite you if I don't get pizza.

Ashlyn: *Runs to kitchen and puts tomato guts and cheese onto a slice of bread* Good enough?

Aidan: For now... *Throws the makeshift pizza into the aquarium

as a 7 FT long purple snake with two giant claws devours it and looks around the recording studio they were in, quite curious.*

Ashlyn: *shudders*

Aidan: Anyway, why am I here again?

Ashlyn: To talk about something. 'About what?' you may ask. Well, I really don't know.

Aidan: Oh you dragged me on to this didn't you. Could have just told me upfront man. Anyway, I know what we should talk about!

Ashlyn: Da wae???

Aidan: No, by the time our recording gets into the newspaper De Wae meme might be lost, what I want to talk about is VIDYA GAHMES! This also is not a plug for the Nill and Dill Corner (Hosted In The 'Video Game Review' section) which is currently hosting the original Paper Mario. Nope...totally not...*c0f*.

kay... So, then, what video game will we talk about? And please don't say Subnautica, I know nothing about that game.

The Crabsnake, coming from 4546B, is sorely offended

Aidan: Hmm...how about...actually what games do you play?

Ashlyn: Mmmmmm... I have not gotten a video game in a while, but I have watched my brother play Mario Odyssey, and the only thing I play at this time is Minecraft.

Aidan: Fair enough, so, what should we talk abo- I know.

Ashlyn: *crosses fingers* please don't say memes, please don't say memes...

Aidan: MEMEEEESSSS!

Ashlyn: I knew it would come one time or another...

Aidan: Alright Ashlyn what is your favorite meymey?

Ashlyn:
Everything

Aidan: *Dies Of Dank-iac Arrest*

Ashlyn: Alright, that'll be it for now! Hope you enjoyed nothing in particular about this random issue!

Aidan: Bye guys, and remember to check out Nill & Dill in the video game section! *Aidan and his aquarium teleport away after that, leaving only the faint smell of the burning oven that Ashlyn left on*

CREATIVE WRITING

WHAT DESTROYED MY CITY, VOL 2

By Dylan J.

"Get inside," my mom yelled through the wind. "Honey, there's no way we're getting you to school in this!"

"Ok, I'm coming," I yelled back and retreated towards the door.

With the wind whipping at 80 miles an hour and the rain coming down like rocks, this is something I've never seen before. It was like a tornado (which I've also never seen) but 10 times as bad. When I got back inside, I saw my mom shaking her head as if she were trying to process all of it.

"Have you ever seen a hurricane before?" I whispered.

"No," she said, still in a daze. "No, I haven't seen a hurricane ever before."

"Are you going to work?" I asked. "I think it's way too dangerous to go."

"I'm not going," mom answered. "There's no way we're going anywhere in this. I guess we'll go down to the basement and wait it out."

"Ok, can I grab the charger for my phone?" I asked. "It's up in my room."

"Yes, but you have to be quick, sweetheart," she said. Her eyes showed tons of fear, but it looked as if she was trying to hide it to make me feel safe. But, obviously, I didn't.

"Remember, the power will probably go out soon so again, be quick."

"I will." I headed up the stairs. My room was still a mess from last night. My blanket was on the floor, and my clothes were scattered across the floor like an asteroid field. I grabbed my charger and glanced out the window. The rain poured down so hard enough I could hear it pounding on the roof. When lightning flashed across the sky, I finally noticed how surprisingly dark it was. The sky was pitch black, and all of the beautiful houses around mine were just shadows in the midnight dark sky. I couldn't look away from the

window when lightning flashed again, almost blinding this time, and hit the roof two houses away. "Mom!" I yelled. "The Grant's house is on fire!"

They were my favorite. My friends Arielle and Carver lived there. At least their older sister, Zibby wasn't there. I thought. I sprinted downstairs and saw mom, on her phone, about ready to sob. "

"Honey," she whispered through her sobs. "I'm not exactly sure where dad is."

"What," I half screamed and half sobbed. "Did he ever get to work?"

"I don't know," my mom barely whispered. "I don't know if he's going to make it."

"Mom, stay positive," I said, though it's impossible to be positive right now.

"Let's go downstairs."

"Ok," she said and we walked downstairs. My phone beeped. It was a text from Zibby.

To Be Continued...



CREATIVE WRITING

MR. P. BUNNY FIGHTS A MOOSE

By Landon N.

It's a moose. A moose-ter P. B. Not a Mr. P. Bunny, a Mooster P. Bunny. Bunnies are horrible creatures, it's all about the mooses. Mooses are great things that eat cheese. Why am I writing about mooses and not Mr. P. Bunny? Because why not. No! *Write about Mr. P. Bunny! Or I'll do it for you!* How about this Narrator 2, we'll have them battle and the winner gets to have to write the story. *Fine.* But here's the thing: you have to use the moose, and I'll use Mr. P. Bunny. *Deal.*

Mr. P. Bunny is walking down the street when a Moose charges at him, but Mr. P. Bunny quickly runs away. *But then... more Moose came! A swarm of meeserenese piled on top of Peanut.* But then Stop Sign the name changing dog came in to save the day! ... Why is he not here? *I took Stop Sign!* *MWHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!* Mr. P. Bunny squirmed out of the pile and quickly started eating all the meesen mice. Don't question it, he just did it. *You can't just eat all the*

mooses! Yes I can! *Moose Birds swoop down from above!* Mr. P. Bunny runs away!

(Meanwhile, Mr. G. Bunny is sneaking over to Narrator 2 to take Stop Sign back... Just a bit closer... YES! We have Stop Sign!)

Mr. P. Bunny, Mr. G. Bunny, and Stop Sign start throwing pieces of papers at The Moose Birds, and it hit the birds out of the sky. *PAPER DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY! AND HOW DID YOU GET STOP SIGN BACK?! I TOOK 'EM BACK! AND IT'S MY STORY I CAN CHANGE PHYSICS IF I WANT TO!* Mr. P. Bunny picked up the Empire State Building and threw it at the Meesenenene. *However, the building floated for so long that the Meesenenene got away. Then, all the Bonobos in the world flew at Mr. P. Bunny and destroyed him.* Jimmy from Nill and Dill Game Corner then suddenly appeared.

"HOW CAN WE HAVE TH-
woah... Where am I?"

Well Jimmy, it appears you're in my story. You should get

back to Nill and Dill now.

"No!"

Fine. You'll just have to fight the meesen mooses! Jimmy then went to fight them and all the moosi ran away because no one wants to deal with Jimmy. *GAH! NO! WHY CAN'T WE JUST WRITE A MR. P. BUNNY STORY?! I'M JUST GONNA USE MR. P. BUNNY MYSELF!* *Mr. P. Bunny then came back to life and used an army of lions to attack Jimmy.* Jimmy didn't dodge like the failure he is, and all his Jimmy friends came to fight the lions.

It was a great battle between the lions and Jimmies. *However, the lions were winning, and Mr. P. Bunny was summoning more of them.* But then he suddenly failed and Jimmy won.

HA! I won the battle! I get to write about meeserenese mooses!

Fine...

Let's get started! [ERROR! ONE PAGE LIMIT! ERROR!] I knew that would get in the way...

CREATIVE WRITING

THE FINAL GOAL, PART 2

By Luka L.

Jake was both nervous and excited to play in the final game of the season. His coach was going easy on them so they could rest for the game. They were playing the Roadrunners who were fast and their two strikers could score from outside the box easily.



The championship game was tomorrow and Jake was in his yard practicing his shot when he heard yelling from inside his house. He ran inside to find his parents yelling at each other. They didn't see him so he crouched down near them and listened.

They were talking about Jake's mom losing her job and how they might need to take Jake out of soccer to save money.

Right there and then Jake wanted to jump out and say "NO! Soccer is the thing I look forward to every day! Now you are going to take it away from me! Why not cut down on all the sweets you buy for me even though you know I hate them but still buy them so you can eat them all when I'm asleep!" Instead he stayed put and

kept listening.

But after that they stopped talking because Jake's friend Leo came to the door to ask Jake to come to his house. Jake had to stay put or his parents would know he was eavesdropping. He had to wait about ten seconds until his parents were out of the room. He then walked to the front door acting like he had just come from outside and told Leo he would get his bike and meet him outside.

The next day was game day, and Jake woke up feeling great. He ate an omelet for breakfast and drank orange juice.

Then it was game time. Jake's mom brought him to the field and he started warming up.

Before he knew it, Jake was playing. The game was all about defense. Jake had his team's only goal which was from a corner kick. The other team answered with a shot from inside the box.

With two minutes left in the game the score was 1-1. Jake's

team's goalie had just saved a top corner shot. He threw it to Jake and it took Jake a minute and a half just to use all the moves he knew to get past the players.

With thirty seconds left he dribbled to the area where penalty shots were taken and kicked the ball above himself in the air. He did a bicycle kick into the top left corner and the goalie had no chance. As soon as Jake saw it was going to go in he jumped in the air.



His whole team came running. He looked at the clock and it said five seconds left. So they got back to their positions and got ready.

The Roadrunners brought the ball to the edge of the kickoff circle and were met with three of the Tigers. They held him back and so he just shot. He wasn't even close to the goal. The Tigers had won. Jake and his team went for pizza and Jake was so excited he couldn't sleep.

THE END

CREATIVE WRITING

THE VALENTINE'S DAY THAT WASN'T

By Avey R. and Veda R.

Setting: At a school called Ovalteen where they don't have a "No Candy at the Holidays" policy like our school does.

I am Brickston
Robert Bob the III. My
mom is French and my
dad is British, so naturally,
I am German. I go to
Ovalteen elementary
school. Valentine's Day is
coming up soon. Oh, who
am I kidding, it's
tomorrow!! I'm excited for
the CANDY (but not excited for all
the lovabub). I am so happy to get
CAnd... ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ...

The next day

I am waking up and the day is great I am going to get some candy YAY! On the school bus and I am waiting for the CANDY THROW DOWN!!!!!!!! 3 2 1 !!!!!

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAYYYYYY!
EVERYONE'S THROWING CANDY!!!!

I love CANDY! BOOYAH! The bus stopped. Poor bus driver has to clean it up. Well, at least he'll get leftover candy.

Hey... why is everybody's backpack so full? Do we have a test? Are they book... oh, wait they're pulling out candy. Well, I brought a giant parachute recycled into a bag, so ilm good. OOOOOH!

A swirly pop, yum!!! Mphh, okay, so,
I will stop with narration now.

Oh great! Here comes the principal, he is passing out CANDY!! (You see, this is why I love my school on Valentine's Day.) Hey... look at that! Those two kids are fighting over a Kit Kat! "HEY, GUYS! JUST SPLIT IT, IT'S A KITKAT!!!" Hey, wait does... does that

kid have a... a... a... a SUPER DUPER
PEANUT BUTTER
CHOCOLATA
CHOCOLATE CRUNCHY
BAR!!!!!!!!!!!!????!?!?!!!!!!!!!!!? I
need it RIGHT
NOWWW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Finally, the candy
pass - out time has
arrived. And look at
Timmy! He is passing
out SUPER DUPER
PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATA
CHOCOLATE CRUNCHY BARS!!!!!!
YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAY!!!!!!

(Ahem) and I am passing out... WHAT!!!! He is almost to my desk please oh please don't let what happened all the other years happen to me. Kids always run out of candy before they get to me so I never get the best candy. :(Wait...

YES!! Ok, we are good now.
Anyway... I'm passing out. Oh, wait.
Never mind, I'm out. Everyone else
is sitting down, too. Oh, and the
teacher is saying something...

"Ok, class, you are now allowed to look through your candy bags. Just remember: don't eat ALL of them before the day is done!"

YAAAYY!! Let me dig through
to find my SUPER DUPER PEANUT
BUTTER CHOCLATA CHOCOLATE
CRUNCHY BAR and... yes! Here it is!
Ok... unwrapping it... (crunch)

YUUUM!!!! SO GOOD!

Hey, it's Dylan and Joe,
and they are fighting!!
They're supposed to be
best friends!! Hunh...
weird.

As the day goes on, I start seeing lots of different kids fighting. And... "HEY, TIMMY!! STOP LOOKING

THROUGH MY CANDY! I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE DOING!"

"I was just trying to check and make sure I gave everybody a SUPER DUPER PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATA CHOCOLATE CRUNCHY BAR!"

"Hmmm... ok... I guess I can trust you." I already ate that bar so he can't possibly be trying to get it

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CREATIVE WRITING

THE VALENTINE'S DAY THAT WASN'T, CONTINUED

By Avey R. and Veda R.



back. Weird I thought to myself. I didn't mean to burst out at Timmy like that. He is my friend. Why would he steal my candy? It was like earlier today. WHATEVER that is not what this is about...two minutes later "AHHHH everybody is fighting with one another and I am currently

dodging candy from all over! Wait what!!! They are throwing textbooks now! I do not see this ending up well!!! Ohhh! Is that a social studies book! Our social studies teacher Ms. Kansas is going to be sooooooooooooo mad!

This is getting WAY out of control! I have to stop... OH, NO! TIMMY IS THROWING A TEXTBOOK AT ME! IT'S GOING TO HIT MEeee...

Whew, I'm ok... but... I'M IN

THE HOSPITAL!! That book knocked me out and a lot of other people got hurt, too. The doctors say that all that sugar must have made us crazy, but it's all over now. Hunh. Sure is funny that we were fighting ON VALENTINE'S DAY! Well, at least the day's over now...

But all in all, I think this Valentine's day was pretty good!
THE END

BUDDY THE SPY

By Dylan S.

Hello I'm Buddy, I am a hamster. A super fast and small hamster with lots of skills, like being stealthy. I am actually secretly a spy but don't tell anybody. My arch-nemesis is Dr. Berry. He is a bear and he's not nice. He tries to take away my fuzziness.

So I always have to spy on him so he doesn't find a super machine that takes away my fuzziness. I know, I know, why would you want to take a hamster's fuzziness? Well, honestly I don't know. I could stop him, I've done it before. I could defeat him again.

Okay, I'm going to a secret lair now. Oh no! I see him but he sees me run! Just kidding, I can only

see him so now I will blast him with my super-duper bear repellent.

Pshhhhhh! Haha! I got him. Now I must take him to my hamster castle. Okay Berry, time to get sent to space, kapow!

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa! Ha! He has been defeated. My time has come to an end. Goodbye.

The End



CREATIVE WRITING TRICKS IN THE HALLWAY

By Ethan W. and Jenna P.

Scene 1: The Original Day

It was a gloomy day at school and I wanted to do another prank, but I was too busy at work on a test. I have no friends because I have been sent to the principal's office more than twenty times.

But, in my opinion, my tricks are awesome, like that tiger in the hallway. To be honest, the principal deserved it! He took my pencil, and the tiger took his

wallet out of his pocket. It was raining for days! On the drive home, I was so happy because there was no homework, thanks to that tiger! Then I went to sleep.

Scene 2: Fake Money Prank

Last night, I painted a fake \$100 bill for my next prank. Then at school, I go to the principal's office right away!

I say, "Mr. Maple, I feel bad for all the pranks I have done. So I

want you to take this."

"Thanks, Tyler! I will cash this into my bank account right after school!"

Scene 3: The News

I saw my name on the wanted list in the news, and I just knew I was in trouble. Then we hear banging on the door: "Tyler Martin, we know you are in there!"

To Be Continued

WANTED, PART 2

By Sophia K.

Now it's time to try my luck at getting these lotus berries for my time machine. But no matter what happens I will fight for my idea. I expect a VEEEEERRRRYYY long car ride.

A Few Hours Later...

FINALLY I'm here; I've been driving forever. But all I see is grass. According to my book the berries grow in caves. Luckily there is a cave right ahead. Now it's time to go in.

In The Cave...

AH! It's so dark in here. But I see the berries. I really hope I don't get poisoned....OUCH! That hurts. These type of lotus berries have spikes to protect themselves. I guess I'll just get my "just in case" gloves to be safe from poison...

On The Way Home

Now that I've picked all the berries I need to leave and go home. So here I go..... I'm at the airport and

I have a quick pass so I don't need to go through security. Goodbye, see you at the lab.

At The lab

I am about to start my time machine, but I need one more thing. Oh I'm kidding, actually I just need to make it.

To be continued....

CREATIVE WRITING

UNICORN UNIVERSITY

Glitter's Diary, Part Two: Winter Break

By Bridget G. and Molly E.



{Alarm clock goes on } {Pink Fluffy Unicorns Dancing On Rainbows.}

Today is the very first day of Winter Break, and I am so excited. I mean tomorrow is Christmas Eve, and better yet the day after is Christmas. What can get better than that? Wait I might be having too much fun because it's already 9:00pm. Which means that it is time for me to go to bed, oh man. Good Night.

12/24

OMG, today is really Christmas Eve! I am so excited. Tonight we get to do Secret Santa which is so much fun. Guess what? I got an ice cream hat! It is so cool. Enough with that I have to get to bed.

12/25

YES, today is Christmas and I saw the tree and it looks like I have one million presents, so exciting. I opened my first gift and it was an iPhone. That gift was from Sparkles. My next gift was from Magic and it was a tablet. I am getting so many nice gifts. Then I

remember I completely forgot to get them presents.

I run up to them and say "I am so sorry that I forgot to get you presents."

They didn't even care.

They said "you are a lot more important than presents because you are a life lasting present."

What they said right there was something so nice I couldn't believe it. I always knew I could count on them. What they said that day made me know that they would be lifelong friends.

Glitter's Diary, Part Three: Olympic Edition

By Bridget G. and Molly E.



2/8

This may sound crazy but today I spent my entire day either looking for my diary

(which was in between the couch cushions), or I was watching the first day of the Winter Olympics here in South Korea.

The Winter Olympics are like the Summer Olympics but they have winter sports instead of summer sports. I saw unicorns

skating and their costumes were so sparkly. I love them so much. While I was looking for my diary, I found a mysterious note on the ground. This is what it said:

Dear Twinkle Toes,

Good luck at the Olympics. I may end up coming on the last day but as of right now I don't think I will be able to make it. I hope that you get a gold medal. I am always thinking about you. You go get that gold.

Love,

Dad

Then that is when I remembered that Twinkle Toes was the one who had just won the gold medal.

I wanted to write a letter to Twinkle Toes. So I did. This is what I wrote:

Dear Twinkle Toes,

I am here at the Olympics, and I love what you have done I wish I could be that good. Maybe after you are done competing one day you could teach me something? I am always thinking about how you do that. Congrats for the gold medal.

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CREATIVE WRITING

UNICORN UNIVERSITY

Glitter's Diary, Part Three: Olympics Edition, Continued

By Bridget G. and Molly E.

*Sincerely,
Glitter*

I didn't want anyone to see me sneaking into the ice skaters locker room. So as soon as the next performance was done I ran into the locker room and dropped

the notes into Twinkle Toes' locker.

As soon as I dropped them into the locker, I heard someone coming. I ran into the bathroom stall, but someone heard me and apparently someone saw me. I completely panicked.

Guess who it was? It was

Twinkle Toes! I asked her for an autograph and she said of course. Then I gave her the letters. She opened them and was so delighted on how nice I was. I had the best day ever. I had the best day of my life.

Glitter's Diary, Part Four: Valentine's Day Edition

By Bridget G. and Molly E.

Oh my goodness! Today is really Valentine's Day. I am so excited to get the valentine's from everyone. I am handing out the cutest ones. Guess what they are? They are puppies! They are absolutely the cutest. Here is a picture of one of them.



Isn't this adorable? I love them.

Now I am off to school, but

tomorrow I will show you the valentines that I got from Sparkle and Magic. Also, my cards have rainbows on the back of them. I'm just so excited. It was an outstanding day. People loved my cards and were so generous.

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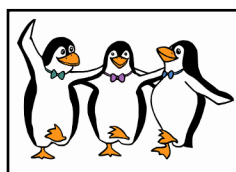
Yesterday was AWESOME I had so much fun!

Here is the valentine I got

from Sparkle.



Isn't it so cute? I loved how much thought that she put into the valentine.



This is the valentine that I got from Magic.

She does love dancing.

After that day I had so many new friends.

This Issue has come to an end but we are giving you guys a bonus.

Here is the bonus:

Glitter's Classmates

Magic
Sparkle
Silver Moon
Enchanted Mist
WildFire
Sassafras
Sassy Hooves

About Glitter

- Glitter's favorite song: {Pink Fluffy Unicorns Dancing On Rainbows}
- Glitter's Favorite Food from Starbucks: Unicorn Frappuccino
- Glitter's Favorite Colors: Teal, Pink, and Purple
- Glitter's Favorite Sports: Dancing and Gymnastics
- Glitter thinks she is awesome, and she loves everybody.
- Glitter's Favorite Food is pizza.
- Also Glitter loves tutus.

CREATIVE WRITING

FLIGHT OF THE OWL, VOLUME III

By Emily S.

"Xiang, you're going to be late for school!"

A wave of nostalgia swept over me as I jolted awake. Who was speaking? It surely wasn't my mother; she took a flight to America and never came back. My father never went near me.

Dizzy, I staggered to my feet and gazed up at a boy with curved, jet-black bangs.

"Chen, I'm not going," I groaned.

"You stay up too late," Chen remarked, oblivious to my response. "What do you even eat, anyway?"

"I sneak into my house when my father's at work," I sighed, "but I only grab a few pieces of tofu so he doesn't notice."

"Then today you're in for a surpri—"

"I told you, I'm not coming!" I hissed.

Chen frowned, remaining silent for a moment. He fidgeted with the tie on his school uniform before trudging down the hill we stood atop. In his hand was a rolled-up string of Christmas lights and a folded kite. I scratched my head, wondering why he had his own.

Night came quicker than I expected. The thick, stormy grey clouds completely obscured the night sky (as usual). Fortunately, I could see the moon's faintly glowing outline beyond the clouds. It seemed even more ghostly blanketed by pollution.

With a flick of my wrist, my owl kite was drifting upwards. Its ascent took a bit longer than usual, as the air was still, tonight. I watched my Christmas lights flicker on, illuminating the dim sky.

Suddenly, a new flash of light caught my eye. I stared out into the distance, surveying the other end of my village from afar.

Atop another hill, part of the valley that shadowed my village, stood a figure slightly taller than me. Above it hovered a hawk kite with Christmas lights tied to its string. I wanted to be angry, but I smiled.

"You can't light up the sky alone!" Chen called, his voice echoing through the sky.

A part of me wanted to scream and badmouth Chen, but another part of me wanted silence. Together, Chen and I made the formerly dim sky radiant with light. People poured out of their homes to watch the sudden

change in the night sky. Children squealed with delight. Parents either shook their heads or smiled.

I glanced over at a house on the outskirts of the village. My father was outside, eyes blazing with fury. I could almost feel

his anger burning into me. What would he do? Didn't he already know that he'd never convince me to stop?

A winged figure caught my attention. I whipped around to spot the dark silhouette of an owl soar above the trees. It seemed to perform an aerial dance just for me. I watched the owl swoop and turn with eerie grace. Eventually it retreated back into the trees beyond the hills.

"My spirit is always with you. Tàitóu."

I averted my gaze to the sky. Just as the sun began its climb over the horizon, a slender hawk began spiraling above Chen. The boy looked up to meet its gaze and smiled. The sunlight bounced off his face.

Was I imagining all of this? My mind struggled to grasp the concept, but I could sense that my heart knew the answer. The dawn was real; sunlight warmed my face. The kites were real; I

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CREATIVE WRITING

FLIGHT OF THE OWL, VOLUME III, CONTINUED

By Emily S.

remembered their papery feel. The night was real; it hung over all of us like a black dome.

"Son, you disappoint me," a gruff voice snarled.

I whipped around, sweat rolling down the back of my neck, to find my father behind me. His arms were crossed and his

expression was that of an owl scrutinizing its prey.

"Fàngqì. I'm not going back," I sighed.

"You have one week to decide. After that I'm not paying for tuition," growled my father.

The broad-shouldered figure before me turned away, stiffly

descending the hill. How could such a cruel, ungraceful creature roam this planet? How did we all manage to breathe the same air as him?

My kite dipped in the air to brush past my face. Along with it came a voice.

"Bùyào qūfú. Persevere and I will show you everything."

DOG SAYS WOOF

By Sarah K.

"Woah," Ms. Alexandra says into the mic, "And Sophie goes high!"

Well, I know that I will love that high jump, even though I didn't train her. Oh, I just realized that Nova has to go on.

"Tsk, Tsk." I say to Nova as we go up onto the catwalk, but for dogs. People in the audience have already seen this, so it was NOT exciting.

"Jump," I whisper to Nova.

She jumps. Now it was the handstand. She still hasn't perfected it but she can try.

"Now, handstand," I say as she goes up carefully.

UP PUP UP PUP! She does it. But now it was, unfortunately, the hardest part. Super Duper

Hard Part. SHE HAS TO WALK. She has never done it before. But, you know. You never know until you try.

"Walk," I say. She wobbles forward but then briskly walks forward.

Now everyone in the audience is gleaming. Ha, now take that Sophie. After a long time the ending came. The stage crew or whatever they were called, bring the trampoline onto the catwalk. Everyone in the audience looks puzzled, but let them be. They all wondered what they were thinking. Nova walks back to the trampoline, gets on and starts jumping.

"Woah!" My parents say while the others clap.

But that's not it. I instruct

Nova to jump and flip. Of course she does.

Ms. Alexandra yells into the mic, "Now that was a show from Nova. Everyone give a big round of applause. Now, did you teach Nova that trick, Symphony?"

"Yes, Yes I did," I reply. I started to blush and tears come down from my eyes.

"What's wrong, sweetie?" Ms. Alexandra asks.

"I'm just so happy that it went alright. When it happened, something left my shoulders. But, I didn't make it happen." I say tearfully while I lean down to kiss Nova and lift her up.

"That is why I give you the prize!" Ms Alexandra squeaked.

I am so happy.



CREATIVE WRITING

FIRE AND ICE

By Bella M., Dylan J., and Blake M.

Just so you know, blue and bold is Crystal and red and italics is Blaze.

Ok, before you start reading this, you might want to know that this is private information that you may not share EVER.

And if you do you might not have any hair.

He means that he'd burn your hair off.

She's right, you know!

If he doesn't burn your hair off, then I'll freeze your hair off!

JK we our good! I think!

No, we are good, Blaze!

Oh! We forgot to introduce ourselves! I am Blaze and that is Crystal.

You see this is about a sister and a brother who found each other and bonded to fight an evil force that could only be stopped by Fire and Ice.

Now our young heroes are in school, one in Florida and the other in Greenland. Our young

heroes are getting tortured by their teachers!

Ok narrator, that's enough. It's our story, not yours. So it all started when I was being bullied by a kid in 7th grade.

Umm, you know guys, your life, no offense, is kinda, well as I said, no offense, boring.

Omg, that's just rude, Frank!

Wait, narrator, your name is Frank???

Blaze, that's closed information!

Well, so is this story, so no one's going to see it!

Ok, back to the story. We were both in history (I know, coincidence, right?) WRONG!! We were facetimeing as our teachers were going on and on and ON about the histories of Florida and Greenland. As the teachers were lecturing, I looked into the kids eyes on the facetime thing.



Hey, I want to tell this part!

Ok fine.

So, she was looking from kid to kid on her side of the screen then she came to mine. Right when we make eye contact, the screen exploded and when the sharp pieces of the screen hit me, nothing happened. It was weird because that was supposed to hurt me. Ironically, it didn't. Then, this weird wind that came out of thin air took me into the air and carried me for a long distance until it finally stopped at this weird place with palm trees and ocean surrounding me. After about a minute of confusion about where I was, a big blue light lit up the sky and before I knew it, my twin fell right on my face.

Hey, it wasn't my fault! The sky threw me at you.

Yes it was and no, I forgot about that.

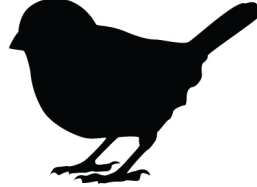
So after a lot of arguing [And yapping] about where we were, a black hole appeared.

To be continued ...

CREATIVE WRITING

WINGED ANARCHY, VOLUME III

By Emily S.



A silhouette against the black palette of the night sky. Crimson feathers in the night would've been scarlet in the sunlight. That one figure was perched atop a redwood, the highest in his forest, observing the land below.

Dusk had just passed. This young male cardinal, newly promoted to a sentry, had been chosen to take the night shift. He had heard from his fellows of a group of corvids enslaving the sparrows. Though afraid to guard at first, this cardinal knew he would be punished if he rejected the task.

The crickets' melody was absent tonight. Upon noticing this, the cardinal's gizzard twisted into a knot of fear. His beady, jet-black eyes widened. Why weren't the crickets out? Normally, this deep into the Sun-Season, the insects were buzzing nonchalantly.

"Scared?"

With a chirp of alarm, the young cardinal whipped around to face another male about his age. The two locked stern gazes,

neither of them backing down.

"It's called being alert, unless you're blind," the sentry spat back.

"Maybe your parents chose your name because your eyes are always blazing with fear," retorted the other.

"Shut it!" Blaze screeched.

Without warning, the angular silhouette of a corvid became visible. It spiraled around Blaze for a moment, cawing maniacally. Just as the cardinals were readying their talons, the corvid folded its wings and dove.

WASTELANDS

By Emily S.

Survivor,

If you're reading this, I advise you to flee. Even in these desolate wastelands, enemies are on the prowl. Find shelter immediately.

Beware the one with the shaggy beard. He wields a shattered ax.

I don't have much time. My brother has fallen very ill. His asthma is worsening by the second. Please find shelter and send help.

The light. It will come. Answer its call.

- Nicole

CREATIVE WRITING

WAR OF THE FOODS

KITCHEN WAR

By Kenny B.

These are the fighting foods (not all are foods are in this... there is some others)

It was a war-ridden place. Two sides battling for total control of the KITCHEN! Juices were everywhere. Bunkers made out of whatever they could find. Baskets and even bags.

It was all happening over the kitchen. Pill Planes flying overhead, Cherry Bombs dropping from the sky. In the right side of the "battlefield" Booming Blueberries were being shot out of cannons. To the left Wet Watermelons were exploding with floods of water. You call this a FOOD FIGHT!

The Peppermint Patrol was the first to see Wet Watermelons. They signaled the siren and started the war. Once it hit, a flood of water drenched them.

Celery and soda were blasting tin cans and celery at the other foods. Mushrooms are the soldiers. Using remains of other food to fire at the other foods.

On the other side mortars



blasted Booming Blueberries, into the sky. Once they landed they would assault the enemy bunkers. The blueberries had backpacks. Once they pulled a string a metal suit would form around them. Making them invincible.

All of the mushroom soldiers had then turned at the sight of a blueberry. They ran for their lives. But they still had a trick up their sleeve. Wet Watermelons flew into enemy territory. Some survived but some smashed causing water to flood the bunkers.

THEN... A human walked into the kitchen and everyone froze. He came to a side and picked up a mortar and some blueberries.

Everyone thought that they were caught. They kept fighting thinking that he wouldn't come back. But he did. With army men and a little bases the war was now a three-way-war!

Both sides had the same idea. But the kid didn't know there was a war. He had just made little bases and had them across the counter. One side took over one camp and the other the same. He left to go to bed later that night. As the war raged on the "ammo" supply shortened. Soon they were using carrots?!

Once he had awoken, the kid sprinted down the stairs and started playing. The war was at ease. Until the night came again, the war would be on hold.

Later that night they heard a loud slam and a car engine. The humans were leaving! It would be a long fought food war.

The right side of the "battlefield" their army was pushing up. Making bridges out of toothpicks...

CREATIVE WRITING

WAR OF THE FOODS

ATTACK OF THE GUMMY BEARS

By Kenny B.

It was a dark night at the main base. The two armies were considering becoming allies. There were weapons such as soda cans and celery sticks waiting outside. In the base the leaders and chiefs were talking. It was all going to end soon. After a couple of hours talking the decision was made. The two sides were now allies.

The allies were in the middle of moving when they saw some little figures moving quickly from a distance. At least from what they could see. As they got closer and closer the figures became more clear. Some bears were translucent and looked squishy. Others varied in color: red, orange, white, green, and a mix of red, orange, and white. It was an attack!

Mushrooms loaded weapons and celery sticks and soda cans ran to go hide.

The gummy bears were

good with their paws and they could crawl and jump. While mushrooms did their best to fight off the bears the foods still had to retreat, making the celery and soda cans cover for them. When a soda can was launched it could take out around 3-4 gummy bears that were bunched together. The celery made them fly back on a stick crashing and melting.

Mortars were loaded and the watermelons and the blueberries launched into the sky. Pill Planes took off with cherry bombs. The bears were in the forest slowly finding their way to the allies.

But then all of a sudden blueberries come falling from the skies with tissue parachutes and their metal backpacks. They would hit the ground, tumble, and deploy their

groups into platoons. It was like D-Day but with food. Gummy bears weren't doing so bad after all. They had a great sense of smell. Once they smelled the blueberries they pounced on them. The metal suits were torn to bits. Gummy bears took the extra metal and stuck it onto their own bodies. Making them harder to hit.

Then the Pill Planes took their strike. Hundreds of cherry bombs fell from the sky, causing tons of dirt to fly into the air.

Mushrooms stopped firing. Until the smoke cleared. The bears number had been reduced but they still were charging at full

force. Celery and the soda were going at full force making hundreds of bears fly or have a hole in their body. Until they retreated the

mushrooms had continued to fire until only a couple of bears stood. They ran and jumped to get away from the army.



CREATIVE WRITING

BITTERSWEET

By Abigail S.

Chapter 1

Jennifer

Cough! Cough! Ugg.
Another awful morning of sch-

Wait! It's Saturday! It must
be like, 10:30.

WHAT!?!?! My clock
must be broken. It can't
be 6:00. Groan.

FINALLY! It's 7:30!
Just then my mom calls
from downstairs.

"Jennifer! Time for your
medications!"

Right. I forgot to mention I
have a lung disease and I have a
lot of medications to take.

"JENNIFER!!!!!!"

"Coming mom!" I stagger out
of bed, and walk down stairs. I
gulp down medicine and pills.
Then I grab a bowl of oatmeal and
a spoon and head back up stairs.

"Where do you think you're
going missy?" asked mom.

"Upstairs to eat breakfast."
I replied.

"You're eating down here,"
mom replied back.

"Fine." I said.

I sat at the table
and ate my oatmeal
in silence.

Later, I finally got
outside. Now I can
ride my skateboard,
I thought!

As I rode around the street
I saw my best friend Jenna. We call
ourselves Double J
because both our
names start with J.

"Hey Jenna!" I
yelled.

"Oh! Hey
Jennifer," she said
back.

"Wanna come over for
lunch?" I asked.

"Yeah. Let's go to the park,"

She said. "

"Yeah, let's go," I answered.
So we went to the park.

When we got to the park,
we were the only ones there
except for Jonathan.

"Oh look it's Wheezy and
Headache. The sick duo." Jonathan
laughed.

"Leave us alone, Jonathan,"
Jenna said.

I was about to say
something too, but first I erupted
into a fit of coughing.

Jonathan, of course,
laughed. I blushed
bright red and ran away
in tears.

"Jennifer!" called Jenna.

She glared at Jonathan,
before running after me. Jonathan
just laughed, and laughed.

To Be Continued...





Hi Jillian,
Who are you?
-Random

Dear Random,

As you know, I am Jillian W. I go to Spring Avenue School, and am in Newspaper cCub. I moved to La Grange last year after my mom got a job opportunity making soap, and though everyone was really nice and accepting, I still didn't have many friends. I decided to start competitive handwriting and fencing. That's where I met my best friends Basil and Cilantro. Just like most of you, I love making homemade cookies and slime. I also play the jaw harp, hurdy-gurdy, and oboe. I love going out with my friends and being with my family. In addition, I have a pet wallaby. I hope that answered your question.

Sincerely,
Jillian

Dear Jillian,
Sometimes I worry about things that happen in my life. Can you give advice to me?
Pencil Paster

Dear Pencil Paster,

I've had have the same problem before, especially when I was at camp, so you're not alone. Just know, that whatever you do, that is just your fear and it is something that is in your head. Your fear is something that is totally normal and I know you can overcome it. If you need more help, you can talk to your parent about additional solutions.

Yours,
Jillian

Dear Jillian,
What happens if you don't fit in with everything or one.
Person

Dear Person,

Be yourself because when you aren't people won't like you. When you don't act like yourself people don't get to know you as well as they should. There is no point in getting people to like you if they don't like the real you, if that makes sense. If you want, read the article from friendless person. That may help.

Yours truly,
Jillian

Dear Jillian,
How do you make friends
-Pizza

Dear Pizza,

We had a question similar question in the last issue of *A Lion's Life Newspaper*. It was from friendless person. You can read that and hopefully that will help.

Good luck!
Jillian

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S U R V I V O R

by Seth H., Matthew M.



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(taking up space)

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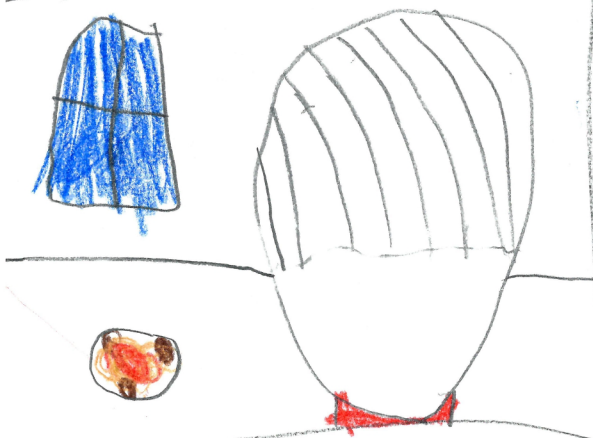
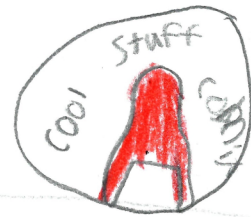
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you saved the day
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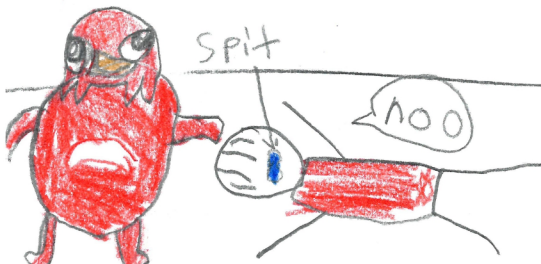
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Spaghetti



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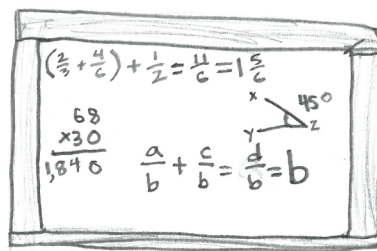
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ROCKET MATH

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Oops... forgot to carry the 2.



MEANWHILE

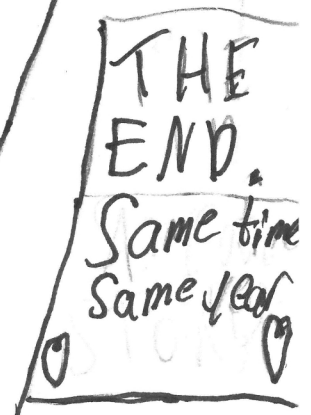
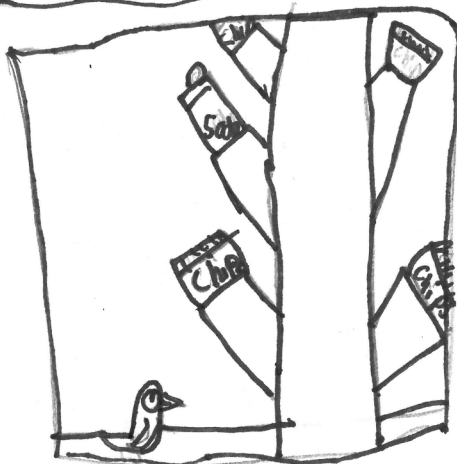
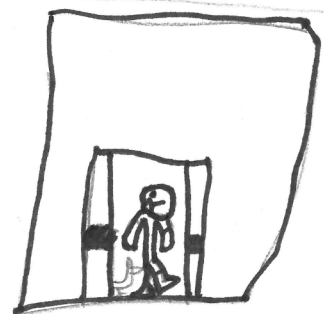
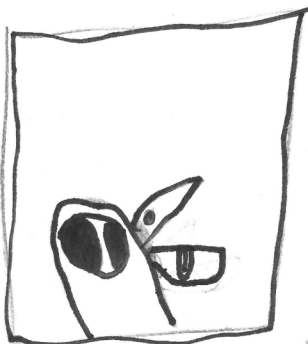


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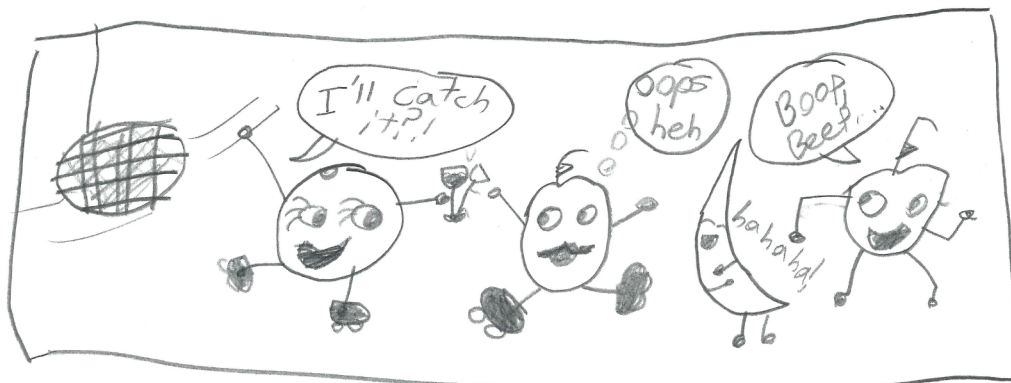
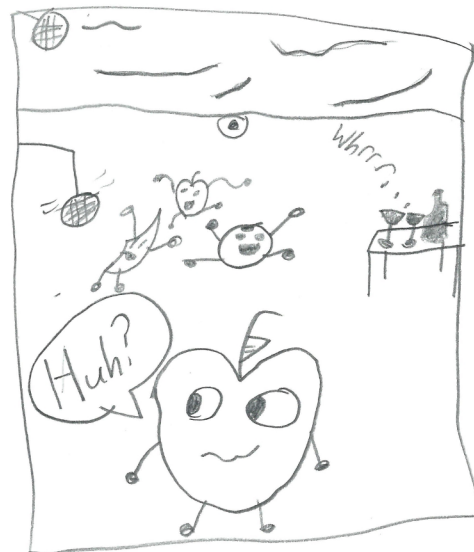
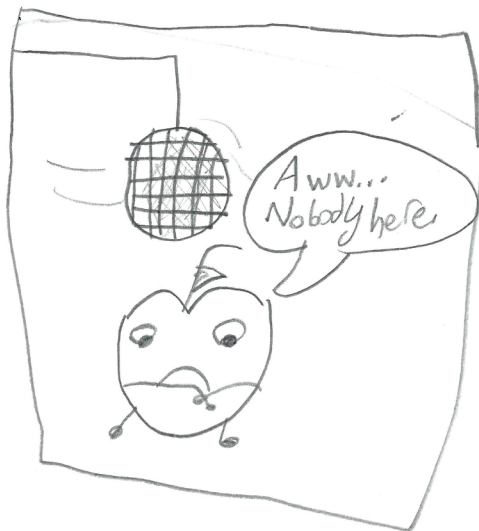
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! Things !

By Eli P.



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The Minecraft Teleporter

Written by: Sophia K. Drawn by: Abigail S

This is Annie and Chip.



I dunno

Hey chip
what's that?



Hey look, a
button

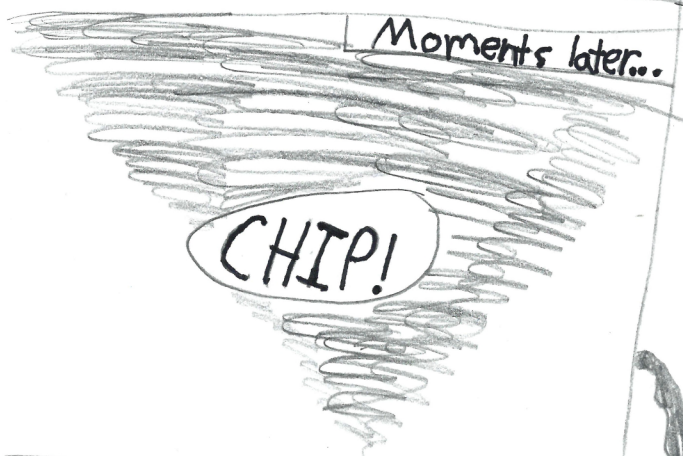


tink!



Moments later...

CHIP!



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More comics of **!THINGS!** coming in March



CALENDAR

February 14, 15 - Parent Teacher Conferences

February 16 - Student Attendance Day (Snow Day
Make up Day)

February 19 - Presidents' Day - No School

February 20 - Spring Ave McDonald's Fundraiser

February 23 - District 105 Battle of the Books

February 27 - Grades K-3 Music Open House,
6:00-7:30 pm

February 28 - Grades 4-6 Music Open House
6:00-7:30 pm

March 1 - Kindergarten Registration Night, 6:30 pm

March 2 - Grades 5 and 6 Sock Hop, 7:00-9:00 pm

March 7 - Cultural Arts Assembly, 9:45 am

March 12 - Grade 6 Mars Field Trip

March 13 - Jon Agee Author Visit

March 16 - Fun Lunch

March 26-30 - Spring Break

April 2 - No School

April 4 - Family Literacy Night, 6:00-7:30 pm

April 20 - Fun Fair, 6:00-8:00 pm

NEWSPAPER CLUB

Kenny B.

Kate B.

Michael B.

Simone B.

Leo C.

Gavin C.

Patrick C.

Jack C.

Aidan D.

Gavin D.

Molly E.

John F.

Caroline F.

Arielle G.

Bridget G.

Porter G.

Ashlyn G.

Emma H.

Seth H.

Dylan J.

Hannah K

Tyler K.

Kellan K.

Jackie K.

Sarah K.

Sophia K.

Kara L.

Lily L.

Luka L.

Jack EM

Jack NM

Matthew M.

Bella M.

Blake M.

Nathan M.

Jack M.

Landon N.

Eli P.

Jenna P.

Ian P.

Marko P.

Annie P.

William P.

Chris R.

Maggie R.

Avey R.

Veda R.

Gabi S.

Abigail S.

Charlotte S.

London SM

Dylan S.

Emily S.

Reese T.

Grace T.

Finley T.

Ethan W.

Lindsey W.

Devin W.

Camille W.

Jillian W.

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