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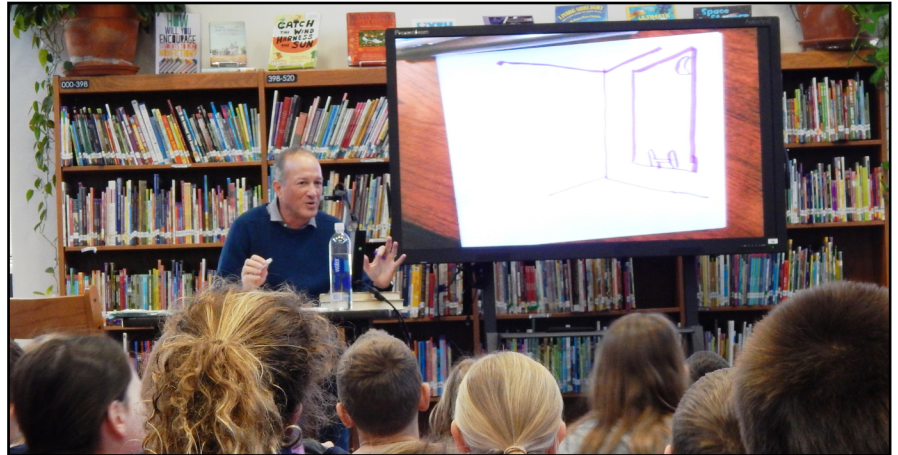
Spring Avenue Elementary School
La Grange School District 105



Kindergarten students watch as author and illustrator Jon Agee draws and tells a story.

JON AGEE CAPTIVATES SPRING

by Jackie K.



On Tuesday, March 13, Jon Agee came to visit Spring Avenue, with his sense of humor, and an amazing, unique presentation! He is such a wonderful author and artist and entertained us with his wonderful drawings and sketches. I think you should all read his books

because they are really good for kids. I think he makes his books in a clever, smart way because he tries to find a way to put something extra in there which you realize once you are done and it is a smart something. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring his visit.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER FROM SPRING



Fifth grader London SM submitted an essay for the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest. The

theme of the essay was life during World War I. London's essay won as the best 5th grade essay for the local chapter. After days of practice and preparation, London read her essay at the local DAR chapter meeting on February 17. On Friday, March 2, London read her essay at the District IV DAR banquet. To read her essay, turn to page 26.

Congratulations London!



AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. LAWSON AND MS. HALL

By Bridget G., Molly E., and Maggie R.

How long have you worked at Spring Avenue?

Mr. Lawson: 2 years

Ms. Hall: 2 years

How old are you?

Mr. Lawson: 45

Ms. Hall: 30

Where did you attend Elementary School?

Ms. Hall: Hartford Primary

School

Mr. Lawson: Robert Frost School

What High School did you go to?

Ms. Hall: Wheaton North

Mr. Lawson: Wheeling High School

What College did you go to?

Ms. Hall: Eastern Illinois

Mr. Lawson: North Central

If you were stranded on an island, What three things would you bring?

Mr. Lawson: Family, Guitar, Barbecue

Ms. Hall: Water, Food, Friends

How many jobs have you had?

Mr. Lawson: 4 jobs

Ms. Hall: 5 jobs

What is your favorite kind of shoes?

Mr. Lawson: Black Work Shoes

Ms. Hall: Tieks

What are you doing over Spring Break?

Mr. Lawson: Visiting Sarasota, Florida

Ms. Hall: Staycation

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. JINX

By Molly E., Bridget G., Maggie R., and Blake M.

How long have you worked at Spring Avenue?

I have been here 24 years.

How old are you?

25.

Really?

55 (mumbling).

Who started the Cheese Touch with you?

I don't know.

Was it Cano Rogers?

Ya, that sounds right.

What instrument do you play?

The mandolin.

Where did you attend Elementary School?

I went to St. Mary's.

What High School did you go to?

I went to RB.

What College did you go to?

I went to Loyola University.

Why do you like to draw in the classrooms?

I like to make people happy, and I like to draw and it can be a stress reliever, and I like to surprise people in the morning.

If you were stranded on

an island what three things would you bring?

I would bring my Mandolin, Lots of water, and a lighter.

How many jobs have you had?

Eight jobs since I was a kid.

What is your favorite kind of shoes?

Sandals.



TEACHERS: SPRING BREAK SURVEY

By Hannah K. and Sarah K.

We asked multiple teachers what they're doing this year for Spring Break. We interviewed Ms. McAuley, Mr. Jinx, Ms. Waterston, Ms. Hall, Mrs. Walsh, and Mr. Lawson. Here are their replies:

Mr. Jinx: Mr. Jinx is having a staycation. He will be working from 1-3:30. He might have a lazy day, and he does not have any relatives coming into town.

Ms. Waterston: Ms. Waterston is going to Budapest, Hungary. She will be going with Ms. Eck and Ms. Parrino. She is staying for one week.

Ms. Hall: Ms. Hall is having a staycation. She will be painting her house. She will definitely be relaxing, and she will not be seeing any of her relatives over the break.

Mrs. Walsh: Mrs. Walsh is going to Mammoth Cave National Park. She is staying for four days. And she might have a lazy day.

Ms. McAuley: Ms. McAuley is going to Starved Rock, and both of her boys are having birthdays. She is staying at Starved Rock overnight. She will have movie nights. She will miss the funny jokes that her 6th graders make.

Mr. Lawson: He is going to Sarasota, Florida with his family. He is going to visit his wife's aunt and uncle. They are going to be at the beach a lot and will hike and go to museums and other places. He will not miss any school for that vacation.

We hope you learned more about some of these teachers!

AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS. WANTA AND MS. ECK

By Molly E., Bridget G., Maggie R., and Blake M.

How long have you worked at Spring Avenue?

Mrs. Wanta: 9 years

Ms. Eck: 20 years

Where did you attend Elementary School

Mrs. Wanta: Allen Elementary

Ms. Eck: Cossitt

What High School did you go to?

Mrs. Wanta: Strongsville

Ms. Eck: LT

What College did you go to?

Mrs. Wanta: Ohio State

Ms. Eck: Iowa

If you were stranded on an island what three

things would you bring?

Mrs. Wanta: Family, Food, Blanket

Ms. Eck: Optimism, Hat, Fishing Rod.

How many jobs have you had?

Mrs. Wanta: 4 jobs

Ms. Eck: 4 jobs

What is your favorite kind of shoes?

Mrs. Wanta: Converse

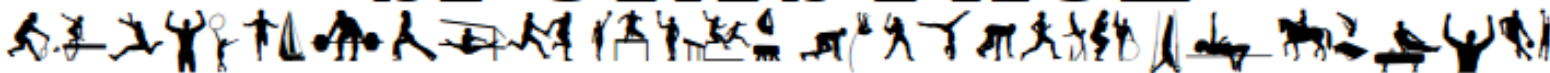
Ms. Eck: Adidas

What are you doing over Spring Break?

Mrs. Wanta: Going to Orlando, Florida

Ms. Eck: Going to Budapest and Vienna

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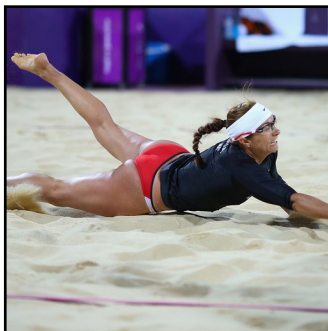
TOP 3 US WOMEN VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

By Lindsey W.

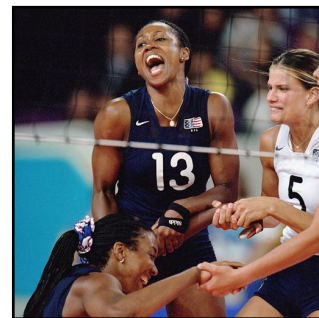
1. Kerri Walsh Jennings: She is one of the best women volleyball players in the history of volleyball! She previously played indoor at Stanford, but she ended up in the beach game. Kerri has been an Olympian four times, and is a three-time gold medalist.



2. Misty May-Treanor: She and Kerri Walsh Jennings have been partners for a long time. They made history with their winning streaks. She started indoor at Long Beach State, but is currently in the beach game. Just like Kerri she is a four-time Olympian and has three gold medals.



3. Tara Cross-Battle: She is a four-time Olympian in indoor volleyball. This is a very uncommon thing! She is one of the greatest players in the world. She played the outside hitter position for team USA. She is known as a amazing passer. She is responsible for a part of the serve-receive formation. She won the bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.



TOP 5 PLAYERS IN THE BIG TEN FOR THE 2018 SEASON

By Porter G.

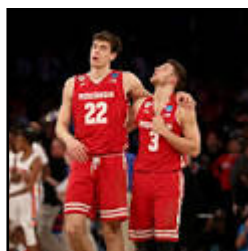
1. Miles Bridges: Height 6'7", weight 225 lbs, Michigan State University, 16.9 PPG, 6.9 RPG, 2.8 APG.



2. Moritz Wagner: Height 6'11", weight 245 lbs, Michigan University, 14.5 PPG, 7.1 RPG, 0.8 APG.



3. Ethan Happ: Height 6'10", weight 235 lbs, University of Wisconsin, 17.9 PPG, 8.0 RPG, 3.7 APG.



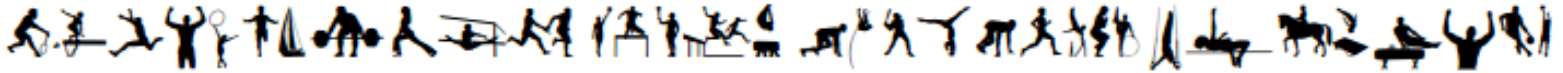
4. Tony Carr: Height 6'3", weight 200 lbs, Penn State University, 13.2 PPG, 4.8 RPG, 4.2 APG.



5. Nick Ward: Height 6'8", weight 245 lbs, Michigan State University, 13.9 PPG, 6.5 RPG, 0.4 APG.



SPORTS PAGE



TOP 3 HOCKEY PLAYERS

By Nathan M.



#1 Wayne Gretzky had more assists than any other hockey players. He won four Stanley Cups in his career. He had more assists than goals. He played on the Edmonton Oilers his entire career.



#2 Sidney Crosby's Olympic team was named the best hockey team ever. He won two gold medals, and he won two Stanley Cups on the Pittsburgh Penguins. He can do a move that no other hockey player can do, which is a one handed backhand shot .



#3 Bobby Orr was the best defenseman to ever play hockey. He played for the Chicago Blackhawks and the Boston Bruins. He had more goals than assists in his career.

2018 NFL HONORS

By Leo C.



Offensive Rookie of the Year: Alvin Kamara

Defensive Rookie of the Year: Marshon Lattimore

MVP: Tom Brady

Defensive Player of the Year: Aaron Donald

Offensive Player of the Year: Todd Gurley

Walter Payton Man of the Year: J.J. Watt

Touchdown Celebration of the Year: Eagles Electric Slide

TOP 5 POWER FORWARDS OF 2017-2018

By Patrick C., Gavin D., Finley T., Nathan M.



1. Anthony Davis:
27.4 PPG- 2.4 APG-
10.7 RPG- #23- New
Orleans Pelicans-
Kentucky

We put Anthony Davis on this list because he's a great defender and he's a great scorer, too.

list because he's a good outside shooter.



3. Kristaps
Porzingis: 23.7
PPG- 1.2 APG- 6.8
RPG- #6- New
York Knicks- He
did not go to

college

We put Kristaps Porzingis on this list because he's great at outside shooting.



4. Blake Griffin:
21.8 PPG- 5.4
APG- 7.6 RPG-
#23- Detroit

Pistons- Oklahoma

We put Blake Griffin on this list because he has flashy dunks, and he's a pretty good shooter.



5. Tobias Harris:
18.3 PPG- 2.1 APG- 5.4 RPG- #34-
Los Angeles Clippers- Tennessee

We put Tobias Harris on this list because he's a rising star, and he's a flashy player.



2. Lamarcus
Aldridge: 22.4 PPG-
2.0 APG- 8.4 RPG-
#12- San Antonio

Spurs- University of Texas at
Austin

We put Lamarcus Aldridge on this

CAN YOU FOLLOW DIRECTIONS?

By Camille W.

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|--|--|---|
| 1) Write the name George Washington. | one becomes the first, and the third becomes the second. | 11) Add a D after each fourth letter, and at the beginning. |
| 2) Take out all the E's. | 6) Take out the last two vowels. | 12) Replace every S with an N. |
| 3) Counting the remaining letters add L after each seventh letter. | 7) Wherever a double consonant appears, take out both letters. | 13) Take out the three middle letters. |
| 4) Move the second G to the beginning and put the last letter in its place. | 8) Beginning with the third letter from the left, interchange each two letters until you get to the end. | 14) Drop the first letter. |
| 5) Wherever three consonants appear together, change them in order so that the first consonant in the group becomes the last, the second | 9) Take out the last two letters. | From : Challenger Learning Center |
| | 10) Move the last letter so that it will be the first. | Answer on the last page. |

THINGS TO DO OVER SPRING BREAK

By Kate B.

Hey I am Kate! If you get bored over Spring Break you can do some of these things:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
With friends	Go to the park	Take a bike ride	Hang out at the park	Go to lunch	Go for a run	DIYs	Water balloon fight	Go to a local pool
By yourself	Read a book	Draw	Cook something	Make lunch	Go for a run	DIYs	Go get some ice cream	Do some yoga

By Leo C. and Ian C.

Check the last page for the answers.

By Dylan J. and Bella M.

That's all for this time! We'll have more names and their meanings next issue!

By Bridget G.

Bananas
June: Floating Bubbles
July: Sparkle Floss
August: Blueberry
September: Orange Creamsicle
October: Fluffy Tutu
November: Fancy Feet
December: Sassy Hooves



Write Your Unicorn Name Right Here:

MONTHLY HOROSCOPES

By Annie P.

Aries (March 20-April 19)- You will find a new hobby. Your open-minded attitude will help you this month.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)- Something unexpected will come into your life this month. Your patient attitude will help you this month.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)- You will go on an adventure. Your fun-loving attitude will help you this month.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)- You will meet your true love this month (even if you don't realize it). Your expressive attitude will help you this month.

Leo (July 23-August 22)- You will change something about your look. Your ambitious attitude will help you this month.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)- You will find a new favorite book. Your hardworking attitude will help you this month.

Libra (September 23-October 23)- You will learn something new about yourself this month. Your initiative will help you this month.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)- You will hang out with all of your friends this month. Your loyal attitude will help you this month.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)- You will meet a new friend this month. Your optimistic attitude will help you this month.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)- You will do better in school this month. Your hardworking attitude will help you this month.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)- You will experience true happiness this month. Your caring attitude will help you this month.

Pisces (February 19-March 19)- Someone who you helped in the past will repay you. Your selfless attitude will help you this month.

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GRAMPA

By John F.



KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS, CHROMEBOOK 2

By Devin W.

Ctrl Shift Alt reload	turns the page in a full circle	Ctrl t	new tab
Ctrl Shift reload	turns the page in a ¼ circle	Ctrl u	view source
Ctrl switch	window screen shot	Ctrl l	focus address bar
Ctrl full screen	mirror window	Ctrl p	print
Ctrl 1	tab 1	Ctrl a	select all
Ctrl 2	tab 2	Ctrl s	save
Ctrl 3	tab 3	Ctrl d	add bookmark
Ctrl 4	tab 4	Ctrl f	find text
Ctrl 5	tab 5	Ctrl g	find again
Ctrl 6	tab 6	Ctrl h	history
Ctrl 7	tab 7	Ctrl j	downloads
Ctrl 8	tab 8	Ctrl k	focus address bar for search
Ctrl 9	last tab	Ctrl o	open
Ctrl 0	reset display to 100%	Ctrl z	undo
Ctrl -	zoom out	Ctrl x	cut
Ctrl +	zoom in	Ctrl c	copy
Ctrl backspace	delete word	Ctrl p	paste
Ctrl tab	next tab	Ctrl n	new window
Ctrl w	close tab	Ctrl /	help
Ctrl e	focus address bar for search	Ctrl left arrow key	previous word
Ctrl r	reload	Ctrl right arrow key	next word

ARENA VR

By William P.

Arena Virtual Reality is a virtual world with three games: Zombie Survival, Engineerium, and Singularity. I played Zombie Survival. In Arena VR they put you in a room. When you're in the room, they put a heavy backpack on you, and then you get a headset and VR goggles. When you put the goggles on you see a giant room with circles on the floor. One of them has your name on it. You walk into the circle and your character gets a name. Then a weapon appears in front of you. The "Game Master" tells you to pick up the weapon in front of you. In real life you are actually holding a weapon. Then a timer starts and

you can shoot the weapon at virtual blocks.

Zombie Survival is about millions of zombies overpowering a city. You have to fight off waves of zombies with a variety of weapons. At the end you need to fight off a hoard of zombies from a machine almost like an elevator. The playing time is 15 to 20 minutes.

In Singularity, there are waves of robots. The robots have gone mad! You need to protect your team through a large hallway. The AI (artificial intelligence) is very good in this game. The playing time is 45 to 60 minutes.

The third game is Engineerium. This is a game that



has a very zen feeling. You and up to seven teammates need to solve puzzles and defy the laws of physics. The playing time for this one is also 15 to 20 minutes.

Make sure you are 10 years of age or older before you play this! This is a very fun gaming experience! I think you should try it. The only downside is that it is expensive.

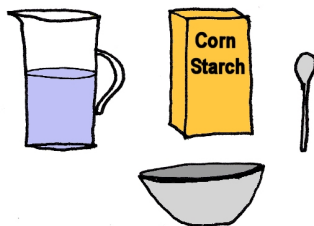


HOW TO MAKE OOBLECK

By: Grace T and Hannah K.

Oobleck is a solid and a liquid at the same time! Today we're going to teach you how to make it.

First, gather all the ingredients. You will need a bowl, a spoon, cornstarch, water, and food coloring. Start by adding cornstarch and water (1 to 1 ratio) into the bowl.



Next add food coloring until you get your desired color.

Continue mixing the ingredients together until the mixture is hard to stir.

After a while it will be really hard to mix. Then you're done.

Option: Add the oobleck to a balloon to create a stress ball!!



DIY GLITTER BOTTLES

By Jackie K. and Gabi S.



Today you are going to learn how to make a glitter bottle. It's super easy, calming, fun, and quick. Here's what you need...

1. Clear Water Bottle
2. Hot water
3. Any color glitter glue

First, you need to you take water bottle and add hot water until the water is almost up to the top of the bottle.

Then add the glitter glue until it is about $\frac{1}{4}$ full of the bottle or a bit less or more (it depends on how much glitter you would like).

Once that is done, close the bottle (make sure it has a good cap) and shake it.

If you are angry, nervous, sad, etc., watch the glitter slowly fall down after shaking it a bunch and take multiple big breathes in through your nose and out through your mouth. It will help you calm down. Hope you enjoy doing this and have fun with it!

GUESS THE CHARACTER

By Camille W.



Hints:

- Minions
- Villain
- Twin

Check the last page for the answer.



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

NILL AND DILL DINOSAUR CORNER: STRANDED OFFLINE

By Landon N, Aidan D, and A Dinosaur named Steve

Landon: D.nnr! <acy orppf nrbi nabiagi.v

Aidan: *Falls through the roof while holding his phone, which is playing The Entire History Of The Soviet Union, Arranged To The Theme Of Tetris*

Landon: Ok, let's connect to the internet to review Tetris! Wait... the internet is out! SAVE US!

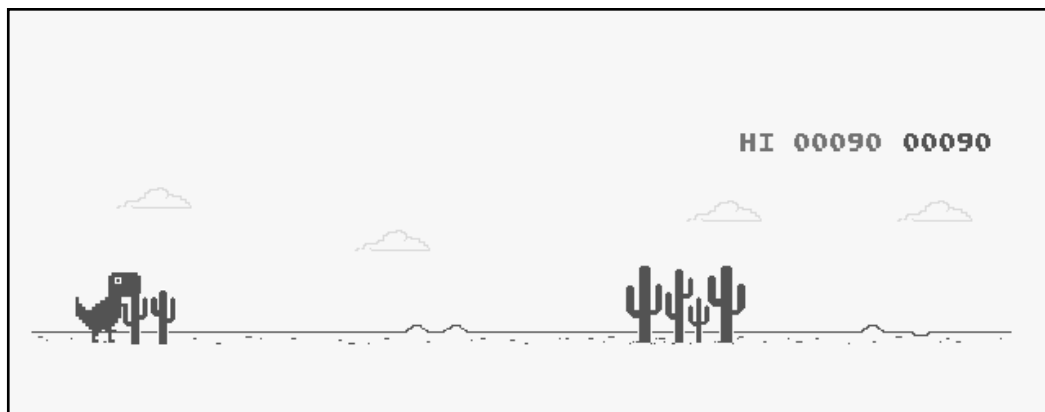
Aidan: *Massive amounts of Expletives*...wait...we can use this...TO GOOGLE!

Temmie: DINO MORE GOME!

Aidan: YES TEMMIE-CHAN YOU ARE A GENIUS!

Landon: The dinosaur is a game where you control a dinosaur and jump over cacti. After a bit there are pterodactyls that you jump / duck from. There are also day and night cycles and the game progressively gets faster.

Aidan: ... Why the holdup...oh no, are you expecting me to actually tell a story from this game? My goodness, you do. Alright, fine...wait where are



the others?

Mipha and Pyro, as if on cue, both crash through the studio's door, clearly in a panic.

Mipha: ARE WE LATE?!

Aidan: Yes, now get to the Story Corner.

The children are all dragged to the story corner, and then Aidan sits in the rocking chair. After contemplating, he turns around and opens a book and begins to read:

Aidan: A long time ago a boi (yes boi not boy) named Steve wanted to travel the world. But he was stuck in a small rock town. One day cacti and pterodactyl tribes scavenged his home. So brave little Steve set out across the wastes of

the Mobi Desert to get revenge.

Landon: The game plays good. You move sometimes.

INTERNET ON

Temmie: FREE DOMS!

Ratings:

Landon: 10/10 like every game we do

Aidan: 6/10 its kinda boring but still fun

Temmie: MEMMEMEMMEMEMS

Pyro: *French Mmph*/10

Mipha:

Jimmy: I HAVE RETURNED! Oh wait! This is the end of the article, isn't it?



MOVIE REVIEW



UPCOMING MARVEL COMICS MOVIES

By Michael B.



I love Marvel Comics. They have provided many of my favorite superheroes, including Spider-Man and Rocket Raccoon. They have many more movies coming up, so I will be listing the next few and the dates so you know when to go!

April 27, 2018	<p><u>Avengers: Infinity War</u></p> <p>This is the third "Avengers" movie, and contains the event we've all been waiting for. Twenty two heroes fight the Mad Titan "Thanos" for the ever so powerful infinity stones. This is rated PG-13, but suggested for every kid who loves superheroes.</p>
July 6, 2018	<p><u>Ant-Man and The Wasp</u></p> <p>Sequel to "Ant-Man" featuring his new partner "The Wasp."</p> <p>Rated PG-13, but still suggested for kids.</p>
October 5, 2018	<p><u>Venom</u></p> <p>The first movie featuring the scary "VENOM," this is definitely not a kid friendly movie, and it may be rated R. Kids, please don't go without adult supervision.</p>
December 14, 2018	<p><u>Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse</u></p> <p>An animated "Spider-Man" movie featuring the Miles Morales Spider-Man. Many "Spider-People" will be featured in this movie. Who? We don't know.</p> <p>It has not been rated yet, but is definitely leaning towards PG.</p>
March 18, 2019	<p><u>Captain Marvel</u></p> <p>This will be the first ever Marvel movie to have a female superhero be the main character, and that female superhero is the amazing "Captain Marvel!"</p> <p>This has not been rated yet, but is probably going to be rated PG-13.</p>
May 3, 2019	<p><u>Avengers: Infinity War Part II</u></p> <p>The fourth "Avenger" movie and part 2 of "Infinity War." This will be the final showdown between the Avengers and Thanos and his armies.</p> <p>Rating: Probably PG-13</p>
July 5, 2019	<p><u>Spider-Man 2</u></p> <p>The sequel to <u>Spider-Man: Homecoming</u> will most likely take place after Infinity War. No other information can be added at this time.</p> <p>Rating: Probably PG-13</p>



A WRINKLE IN TIME

By: Jack NM

For my book review I'm doing the book A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle. In this book Meg Murry, her brother Charles Wallace, and her new friend Calvin O'Keefe and the Misses: Miss Who, Miss. Whatsit, and Mrs. Which meet them first. Mrs. Whatsit spontaneously spawns at Meg's house when she can't fall asleep during a storm. They go on an exotic adventure through time and space to look for the Murry's dad and themselves.

While finding their dad they use the fifth dimension, the phenomenon known as the tesseract.

Let's just say there is an ant on a piece of felt. What is the quickest way to get across? Well, if you said to walk across it you're wrong! Why? The tesseract's main purpose is to wrinkle the space between to get to one place to another without even moving. MIND BLOWN!

I like this book because It has a lot of cliffhangers and some action.

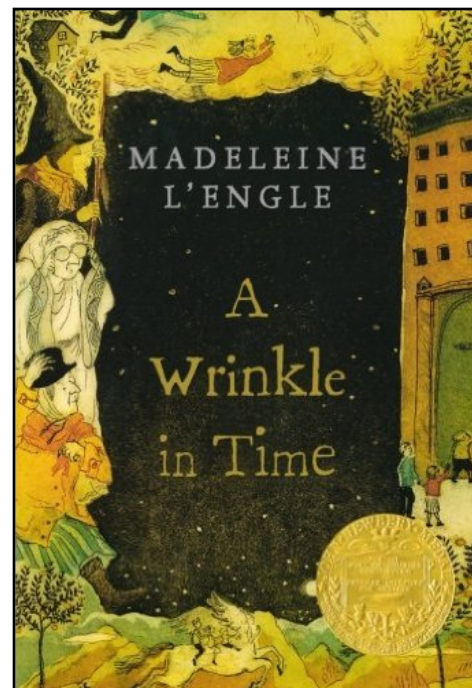
In the book they encounter The Happy Medium, IT, The Black Thing, and more.

These characters are also good and with characters like with

Charles Wallace something peculiar happens.

As you probably know the new movie has came out on March 9th, and is definitely good, so I would recommend seeing it too.

In the movie it's cool cause they use special effects. Special effects are used in TV shows, movies, and other film relevant things to simulate imagined events or a virtual world. Definitely consider reading this book if you like the genre science fiction or if you like



Newbery Honors.

This book has a good theme and is definitely a good book to read, and I recommend t a lot.



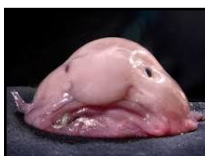
CRAZY UNDERWATER CREATURES

By Gabi S.



The first creature is called a Dumbo Octopus. Known for being named

after disney's Dumbo, this underwater animal is only 7-12 inches (20-30 centimeters) in length.



Another amazing creature is called a Blobfish. As you can tell from the name and the picture, it is a blob. One was found in New Zealand in 2003. After spending 10 years in vinegar (yeah, I know it's gross), its skin tightened.



The Lanternfish (*Symbolophorus barnardi*) is a fish that, as you can tell, lights up! There are over 2,000 types of Lanternfish, and they are actually known to be the most common deep sea fish. Lanternfish can grow up to 6 inches.

ASHLYN'S ANALYSIS: J. ALEXANDER'S

By Ashlyn G.



Welcome back to my restaurant review section! For this issue, I am reviewing J. Alexander's. Again, it is kinda far away, since it is located at 1410 16th St, Oak Brook.

But, oh my gosh, I love this restaurant. I have been eating at it forever! The fries are the best fries I have ever had. And I have been to a lot of restaurants and have had a lot of different fries. These are the best out of all of them. They are usually soft and tender, but sometimes they are crispier,

and they are always the best, no matter what. They also taste really good with their ranch dressing.

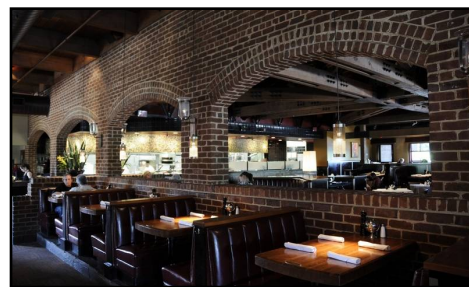
I have the Chicken Fingers most of the time, but I sometimes have the Grilled Cheese. Starting with the chicken, let me tell you how much I love it. A lot. There are parts of the chicken that are tender, parts that are crispy... And it's cooked very well overall.

Now for the Grilled Cheese. Not much to say about it, except for the fact that it comes with a pickle spear or two next to it. And, I could just be crazy, but the pickle taste seems to mix with the cheese a bit.

Last but not least, their cake is superb. It is a slice of warm

chocolate cake with a giant scoop of vanilla ice cream next to it. And the whole plate is evenly drizzled with chocolate syrup!

If you couldn't tell, I LOVE this place and would certainly recommend it. And because their food is always so good, no matter when I come here, I will rate J. Alexander's five stars!



FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

APRIL 4, 2018 6:00-7:30PM

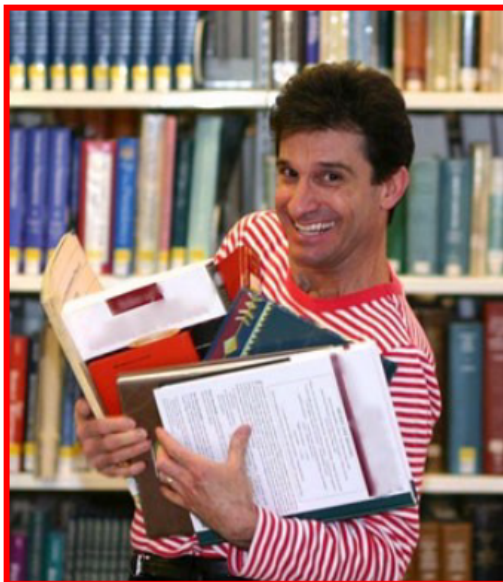
FEATURING CHRIS FASCIONE

Join us for his show featuring a combination of storytelling, mime, juggling, and comedy as he creates colorful characters from literature who tell their stories as laughter abounds.

SCHEDULE

6:00-6:30 — Juggling and games in the lunchroom for children, PTO Meeting in the library for parents.

6:30-7:15 — Performance for families by Chris Fascione in the gym.



SPRING AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CREATIVE WRITING WANTED, THE FINAL STEP

By Sophia K.

Now that I have collected all the materials, I need to build. I need to hurry up because if I don't I will get caught in the act. And if I want to travel to the future I need to start now.

Building

Now that I am ready I can build. But I have to be aware of anything around me and everything outside. So I need to close all the blinds on the windows

and lock the door.... Now that I am prepared for everything I need to start. I've got my bolts, lotus berries, wood, plastic, and the generator.

First, I need to build the wood structure. Then I need to make the plastic interior. After that I must place the generator in the structure and finally put the lotus berries in the exterior tube. Now that I have the plan settled, I need to build.....

(A few hours later)

Viola! My masterpiece is done!

Traveling In Time

Now that I have an idea on where I want to go I can take off. But It will be very loud so cover your ears. And I can never come back so goodbye. 3....2....1....0 BOOOOM! Wowwww! It is nothing like home. Now it's time to overtake the world!!!!

The End

RAT INVADERS

By Maggie R.



In a land far, far away called Ratsylvania an army of rats was trying to take down the world. They were the Rapid Rodents.

Their first mission was to take down the Sweetwater troop. Their boss assigned this troop for their first mission because anyone could defeat the Sweetwaters. They packed up all their weapons and headed to the Sweetwaters' base.

When the Sweetwaters were out on another mission the Rapid Rodents snuck in and took their place. When the Sweetwaters arrived the Rapid Rodents set off a bunch of traps and a bunch of tasers and they fell right to the ground.

WE DEFEATED THE SWEETWATERS!

To be continued...

CREATIVE WRITING

FLIGHT OF THE OWL, VOLUME IV

By Emily S.

"Shàngshēng. Rise."

I opened my eyes and groaned, the brilliant afternoon light causing my vision to become blurry. Before me sat a majestic, yet eerie, great horned owl. Scratching my head, I stared into its contracting pupils. Those deep black circles of light could possess the knowledge of the universe.

Steadying myself, I rose at the owl's command. My clothes were worn and dirty from being up on the hill for so long, so I quickly brushed them off. The owl held my gaze, its emotions undecipherable. Nothing could rip apart the connection that held us together, standing atop the valleys shadowing my village.

"Why are you up?" was all I could think to say, standing atop my hill, dazed and confused.

"I can rise and fall as I wish, unlike the stars you seek," replied the owl, shifting its weight.

Stunned, I tried to speak but the words didn't come. Instead, I watched as the owl spread its wings and glided into the trees. In the distance, a small mountain range could be seen. The owl's silhouette was headed in that direction.

Glancing over my shoulder,

I surveyed the area to see if Chen was still atop his hill. As I expected, he had vanished. Perhaps he'd gone back to his home after dawn. I found myself surprised by how lonely I felt. Did I want him around?



Sighing, I turned and charged as fast as my legs would allow me to move after the owl. I could almost feel its silent wingbeats in the air,

hoisting the owl atop drafts of wind.

Finally, I skidded to a halt where the forest came to an abrupt end. Before me was a wall of jagged, moss-covered rock. The owl must've flown upwards and atop the rock. Gritting my teeth, I dug my nails into a crevice and hauled myself upwards. I allowed my legs to hang until they were supported by footholds. Muscles burning, I continued upwards until the stones continued at a slant. After that, I loosened up and began crawling upwards, as the shape of the wall supported me.

Before I could process it, the air grew thin. I found myself gasping like a fish on land, forcing air into my lungs. Was this owl

trustworthy? Why would it lead me up some sort of rocky surface for no reason?

"I am with you."

I craned my neck to gaze at the owl, now gliding smoothly above me. Its pupils grew thin to block out the radiant sunlight.

"Keep going and you'll learn to breathe as I do," the owl cooed, its voice a soft, deep flute among the sharp breaths of the wind.

"I can't hold out," I panted. "Show me quickly if you want to spare my life."

As I spoke, I realized I was breathing normally. The owl was right; I had learned to breathe as it did. It was as if the air had suddenly thickened, stalling the burning in my lungs. Even my muscles felt less strained.

Narrowing my eyes, I scanned the stones ahead of me. The rocky landform was about to slant, shooting up vertically again. There weren't as many crevices as there were below. Speaking of which, I glanced down. Normally I would've felt a sickening twist in my gut, but the owl's instincts turned that aura of death into that of happiness.

Climbing the landform was exhilarating. My expression broke



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CREATIVE WRITING

FLIGHT OF THE OWL, IV, CONTINUED

By Emily S.

into a smile and my ascent quickened. With every reach of a hand came the skid of a foot. My limbs worked in perfect harmony. If this was a point before death, it was better not to realize it.

"Chàbùduōle," I muttered absently. "Almost there."

"Yes," cooed the owl.

After mere seconds, I had hauled myself onto the peak of a cliff. Staggering to my feet, I took in the vast scenery around me. From here, I could overlook even more of the village than I could on my hill. The afternoon light stretched across every building, illuminating the land with a fiery glow.

Talons on my shoulder distracted me. I turned my head to lock gazes with the owl.

"I have to make a choice," I said. "I have to choose between the life expected of me or this life. I'm just a child among this big world. What I'm doing now would be described as insanity. Qǐng, spirit kin, help me."

The owl averted its gaze to the sky, pupils expanding to take in more of the village. I followed its gaze to observe the wispy clouds of twilight, painted like a wildfire in

the air. Was such a thing even possible? Anything seemed possible now to me. I felt that if I wanted to, I could dive off this cliff and glide smoothly to the ground.

"Time can change swiftly, can't it?" the owl hooted after a while, folding its wings closer to its deep brown sides.

I began to grow impatient. "I'm asking you to help me! Can't you do that?"

In the distance Chen's shadow spread across the top of a hill. His lean figure loomed behind the shadow, a hawk kite at its side. Chen was preparing for another light show. If I was lucky I could make it in time to join him.

Suddenly, that presence began to fuel the boiling heat in my bones. Adrenaline pumped in my veins, a log beneath a bonfire. The only difference was that this time I couldn't control the fire. It was no longer a bonfire, but a massive wildfire. Chen was a part of my life now. He was willing to aid me in both my spiritual and normal life. Which would I choose?

"You've already been fighting for too long," the owl

cooed. "I cannot fight your battles for you. What I can do, however, is show you the beauty of both worlds."

The sun sank beneath the horizon. Within moments, the clouds rolled apart to display the night sky. I gasped softly. Beyond my meager village was an entire world, formerly hidden by clouds. Stars, twinkling orbs of alabaster light, were speckles in the black-and-blue palette of the sky. The moon hung in the center of everything, a ghostly sphere of secrets.

"How many people haven't seen this?" I breathed, surprised to find myself tearing up.

Nothing could replace the stars. I knew that, without a doubt, as I stood gazing at everything I'd missed for fifteen years. My kite was nothing but a disturbance, its golden lights mocking everything above. It was as if the lights were fighting for control of the sky.

"I can see it now, my son," the owl sighed. "You wish to remain with me."

"No," I smiled. "I will have a foot in each world. Nothing can change that."



CREATIVE WRITING

BATTLE CASH

By Reese T.

PROLOGUE

SEPT 5th: As I looked around, green scraps and chipped metals was all I could see. The once loved Slots Casino was in ruins. The poker table was now a barracks and HQ, and the slot machines fired rapidly to fight off the counterfeit troops automatically reloading more chips. The blackjack tables were our last line of defense against the counterfeit money that invaded the casino two weeks ago. The counterfeit leader, Sargent Profit is as smart as he is evil! While we, the mint, have the smartest coin alive, General Income. He is the best at battle strategies. I am a plain old one dollar bill, whose life is about to change in the Lottery war.

PLANS OF ATTACK



SEPT 3rd: I got out of the truck filled with fresh troops from the mint factory. I went to the poker tables HQ. When I went through ration tent General Income stopped me. His grey beard was puffy.

He barked, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING SOLDIER!"

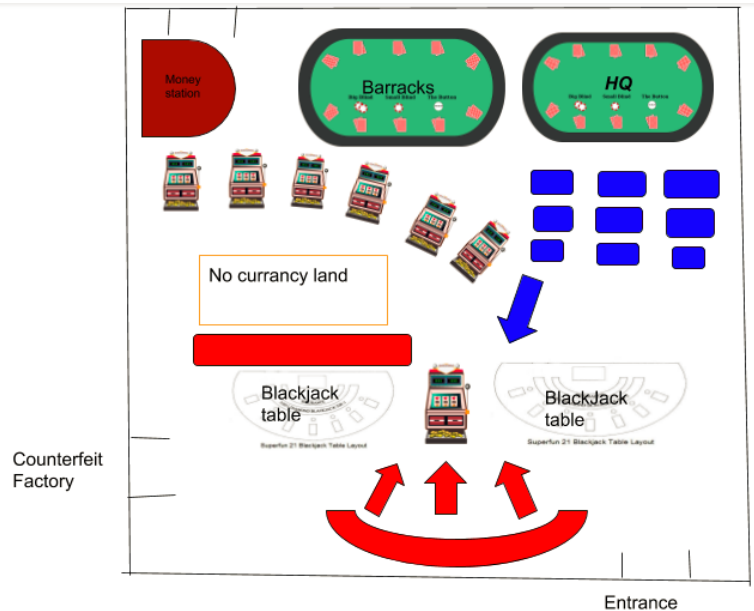
I saluted and said, "trying to find orders SIR!"

He responded by nodding and asked, "What's your name?"

I was kinda surprised because the recruiter said that General Income Knows every soldier. I answered his question and said:

"Private Jim Thompson SIR!" His face looked like he was remembering something, but trying to forget it at the same time.

"Come with me," he said. "You look like you need some orders," he added.



"I do," I said.

He then took me to a tent and told me that we needed plans to defeat the counterfeit. He then showed me our plans:

"This is a map of the whole casino. We are the blue, the red are the enemies, got that?" He said with authority?

"YES SIR!" I said,

He then led me to a jeep.

"We need some good troops," he said, lowering his voice.

I nodded.

"So, I'm sending you to the most dangerous place here" he said smiling.

"Wha.. What?!?" I questioned.

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The next BATTLE CASH is going to be longer.

CREATIVE WRITING

FOOD WARS: THE SUGAR STRIKES BACK

By Kenny B.

The place was covered in food and sugar. The sugar foods had turned on the goods.

They were jealous; parents and now even the teens had started eating healthy! This was horrible. The sugar was losing their mojo. Only kids were eating them. The soda, gummy bears, and every other sugary thing wanted war to settle this once and for all.

The regular foods flew into the sky screaming 'till they hit the ground. Watermelons and Blueberries landed. Only there was a problem. The sugar didn't know how to build bases. So when one of the architects/blueberries came, they tried to pounce on them and take the prisoner in the Can of Nothing! Luckily only one was captured. The Blueberries had some new tools they had recently installed. One was a Potato Chip cutter and a handheld food cannon. With their new canon they could blast through walls and, well, a lot of things. Thrusting into poorly built trenches, they

slowly rolled around.

The sugar had created a weapon that could cause collateral damage. It launched and blew



away hundreds of fruits. General Mills had complete control of the cereals. With their numbers they dominated the battlefield. At least until the cherry bombs started falling. The sky turned red and dirt flew into the air and it didn't stop.

Once the bombing ended the cereal lay in crumbs on the ground. The sugars fled with their biggest numbers destroyed.



One of the mushrooms sat back and laughed. All of a sudden flaming sugar fell from the sky. Mushrooms screamed in terror. The celery saw the gummy bears.

Then he radioed, "I see a gummy bear. Get ready for a silent attack squadron."

The other side replied:

"Yes."

The celery saw the squad slowly move out to the mortars. Then he heard a loud screech on his walkie-talkie. He saw hundreds of guards slowly come out the trees and bushes. He was about to scream then he thought it would give away their position.

He ran down the stairs and told every single troop to be out here in full battle gear. Within a little time all the soldiers were outside. The chiefs gave them a

quick debriefing of the mission. More than 200 soldiers were captured and being slowly tortured. Snipers, soldiers, planes, mortars, and bombs were outside. They

slowly moved to the base.

Soon thousands of gummy bears lay without an ear or something like that. When they found the prisoners they looked so thin you could see their bones....

To Be Continued

CREATIVE WRITING TESTED, VOLUME 4

By Charlotte S.



Elizabeth

Once again Rocco's words echo in my head. "What are they doing again?"

"It's hard to explain," he says as he looks away from us.

"Please try." Anna looks curious and scared at the same time.

"Okay, I'll try. Five years ago when I first came to the facility there was a group of five orphans that had brain implants that gave them 'super powers' so to speak."

"What sort of powers?" I interrupt.

"I was about to tell you that."

"Sorry, continue."

"One of them could mind-control people," he says looking straight at me. "His name was Troy. Another one of them could control shadows, her name was Raina. Her brother, Jayson, could control light. Andrew could move things without touching them and communicate without speaking."

"Rocco, that's only four people." Anna points out.

"Who was the fifth?" I ask.

"Her name was Elexia, she could control... lifeforce." He looks around almost as if he is scared someone is going to hear us.

"What's lifeforce?" Anna asks.

"It is the thing that keeps us alive."

"Oh, okay, continue."

"All right, Elexia and I became friends, and by this time I was already," he gestures to the side of his face that is covered by his bangs. "Everything was sort of okay until the witch decided to do another experiment on Elexia."

"Two experiments on one person!" Anna interrupts, "That's insane, what happened?"

"I was about to tell you that!" Rocco says obviously frustrated that we keep interrupting him.

"Continue."

"She went into the lab and... never came back out."

"She's a prisoner."

"No, she's dead."

"Rocco, I'm sorry," I try to comfort him but he looks like he's going to cry. "You don't have to keep telling if you don't want to."

"No, you deserve to know. About a week after Elexia died, her brother Andrew came to me and said that he and the other four

orphans with powers were planning an escape and they wanted me to help them. I agreed. But despite two months of planning the escape failed and we were stopped."

"What happened then?" I prompt.

"The witch and her crew put every single orphan at the facility into a cell that was way too small for us and told us to go to sleep. When I woke up the next morning everyone was gone."

"Gone as in dead?" Anna asked fearfully.

"Gone as in poof. I was the only one still here," he says tears, welling in his eyes again.

"Why would they do that?"

"It was their cruel way of punishing me for trying to escape. As you can see they started getting new orphans straight away."

"How old were you when this happened?" Anna asks.

"I was ten." So Rocco is 15, just like me.

Anna looks like she's about to say something else but just then a girl with long jet-black hair and strange solid neon green eyes comes running up to us.

"Anna," she says, out of breath.

"Clarie what is it?"

"It's your brother! He's out!"

CREATIVE WRITING

BITTER SWEET, CHAPTER 2, JENNA

By Abigail S.

I woke up with a headache so nasty I felt dead. I get headaches a lot because I have a sickness like my best friend Jennifer. We call ourselves Double J 'cuz our names both start with J. Anyway, I trudged downstairs to get my pain medicine, when I noticed the note from my mom.

It said:

Dear Jenna,

I had to run out of town because of work. You are welcome to play with Jennifer.

Love, Mom

After I read the note, I ate a leftover pancake, and headed outside.

I was outside for about an hour when I heard someone yell, "Hey Jenna!" I looked and it was Jennifer!

"Oh! Hey Jennifer!" I yelled back.

"Wanna come over for lunch?" she yelled.

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

"Yeah, let's go," she said

back. So we walked to the park.

When we got there no what was there but Jonathan. "Oh look, it's Wheezy and Headache!" laughed Jonathan.

"Leave us alone, Jonathan," I spat back.

Just then Jennifer started coughing and it sounded bad. Jonathan laughed and Jennifer ran away crying. I shot Jonathan a nasty look, then ran after Jennifer calling her name. Jonathan just laughed and laughed.

THE BRAVE ONE

By Reese T.

Once upon a time there was a lovely boy. He and his parents went to the castle to help for the king's birthday they helped with the cake. When the king came it was the happiest day of the boy's life.

Then an evil dragon came and took the king. The dragon screamed at the visitors and said to remember his words! "I will hunt all of you until you're all banished to a different dimension!"

Everyone screamed and ran away except the boy. His name was Edward. He trained really hard with his cheese powers. Bam! Sticky! Cheese! Then he got his magic Cheeto sword.

Then Edward had to battle the dragon with his little Dorito puffs. The minions had been teleported using the new tele-o-port, and man, were they ugly. Edward slashed and dashed and defeated the dragon.

The end.

CREATIVE WRITING

MR. P. BUNNY DOESN'T LIKE SAND

By Landon N.

Mr. P. Bunny was taking a nice walk in the forest when he saw a desert. He quickly backed away and hid.

"I don't like sand. It's coarse and rough and irritating and it gets everywhere," said Mr. P. Bunny.

He then ran home and starting making warning signs about the sand.

Somebody Save Me I'm Stuck in a Dead-End Job the name-changing dog told Mr. P. Bunny that there was nothing wrong with sand but he ignored him.

He then went to the edge of the forest and started putting up warning signs about the sand. *Somebody Save Me I'm Stuck in a Dead-End Job* came over and walked into the desert to prove that sand was okay, but then the sand sucked him in!

"I TOLD YOU! SAND IS COARSE AND ROUGH AND IRRITATING AND IT EATS DOGS!" Mr. P. Bunny shouted and dabbed because he likes dead memes.

Mr. P. Bunny then dove into the sand to rescue *Somebody Save Me I'm Stuck in a Dead-End Job*. The

sand tried to bury him, but it was too late as he already buried himself and tunneled through the sand trying to find *Somebody Save Me I'm Stuck in a Dead-End Job*. He then found him and pulled him out of the sand.

"YOU WERE RIGHT THE SAND IS EVILLLLLLLLL" shouted *Somebody Save Me I'm Stuck in a Dead-End Job*. Mr. P. Bunny and *Somebody Save Me I'm Stuck in a Dead-End Job* then rode out into the sunset and the sand took over the world. All life forms then died.

LEGO ROBBERY

By Dylan S. and Tyler K.



Hey my name is Tom, and yesterday I was in my room playing with my legos and building a spaceship. Then I had to talk to my mom because we are going to Mexico in two days.

After that I came back to my room and my window was open and my legos were gone! It was very sad, but I had a suspect in mind. It may have been Jimmy, the bully of my school, as he was just

walking by.

The next day I had a talk with Jimmy, but when I tried to talk to him he punched me. I saw that coming.

To get all my legos recovered, I will sleep in his house and see if he plays with MY legos.

Ok, it's time to see.

"Hey Jimmy, what are you playing with... my Batman and Joker set and my Mr. Freeze?" I shouted.

"It's not what it looks like!" Jimmy stammered. "Fine, I'm sorry your legos are just so cool, so I stole them."

"Hmmmmmm, well my legos are awesome but because you have none you can have one person, Mr Freeze," I offered.

"Oh thank you!" Jimmy said. "Now I will never bully you again."

From that day I never got bullied again.

CREATIVE WRITING

Q AND A

WITH YO MAN CHRIS P. BACON

By Seth H.

"Yo yo yo! It's yo man Chris P. Bacon with our first Q & A show! We'll get started right away with our three questions and their answers."

"Well Mr. P-Butter, a chore is an assignment parents might assign you, and sometimes parents might give you money for completing your assigned chores."

"Ok first question is from Sally."

"Ok last and definitely least, Mr. WhoPants."

**DEAR
CHRIS P. BACON,**

DO YOU REMEMBER ME? YOU STILL OWE ME THAT 10 BUCKS YOU BET ON THAT MATH EQUATION. REMEMBER? IT WAS $1 + 1$, YOU GOT 3 AND I GOT 2. YOU STILL OWE ME. I'LL BE WAITING BY THE MAILBOX IF YOU DECIDE TO DROP IT OFF.

ALWAYS WATCHING
-SALLY

**DEAR
CHRIS P. BACON,**

OH MY GOSH, CHEEEZ? DID SOMEONE SAY CHEEEZ? I LOVE CHEEEZ. WHY IS CHEEZ YELLOW?

A FORGOTTEN FRIEND
-MR. WHOPANTS

"No Sally, I will not give you that 10 bucks unless you give me back that limited edition Barbie doll you stole from me a long time ago."

"Well Mr. WhoPants, obviously cheese is yellow because there are lemon in cow milk. Also, I love cheese too."

"Ok next question is from Mr. P-Butter."

"Welp, this is all the time we have for Q & A With Yo Man Chris P. Bacon. If you'll excuse me I need to use the washroom." >:3

**DEAR
CHRIS P. BACON,**

I LIVE IN S. BUTTFUZZ AVE. I NOTICED THAT MY FRIEND HAS SOMETHING CALLED "CHORES". WHAT ARE THESE "CHORES" HE SPEAKS OF. I THINK HE JUST MADE UP A WORD AS AN EXCUSE TO NOT PLAY WITH ME. WHAT IS A CHORE? IS IT AN ACTUAL THING?

YUN YUN YUN OOO
-MR. P-BUTTER

CREATIVE WRITING

WHAT DESTROYED MY CITY, VOLUME 3

By Dylan J.

*Zibby: i heard about the storm.
anything i must know?*

*Kate: yes, i'm sorry to tell you this
but, lightning struck your house :(:(:(*

*Zibby: what! i can't believe this. i've
never seen a hurricane before and
i'm not sure i ever want to see one
either. i'm crying now. what... i just
don't understand...*

*Kate: i feel so bad. i wish it didn't
happen. i want to make it up to you.
anything i can do 4 u?*

*Zibby: i'm not sure if u can do
anything for me. i want to go back in
time and stop this whole storm, but i
know that's not possible :(*

*Kate: i know, i wish i could of
stopped it 2. but, if there's anything i
can do...*

*Zibby: no i'm sorry i don't have
anything u can do for me*

*Kate: it's a disaster down here in
Maui. houses r being blown down,
palm trees off their roots, it's crazy*

*Zibby: sry, my boss just called me so
i gtg but, update me on the news
about my house*

Kate: i will



And that was that. I couldn't talk to Zibby, because obviously she had some kind of meeting. Zibby is 16, but she just moved to San Francisco, so she doesn't know that many people yet.

My mom and I were just sitting downstairs listening to rain pound on the roof. My mom was on her computer, trying to reach dad while the power was still on. I was just sitting there, trying to find something to do.

Then I remembered someone that would always answer my texts. Not right now though, I thought. He probably has other stuff to worry about. Like, maybe lightning struck his house or something, I don't know. I could text Lucy...I don't think that would be a good idea.

I'm worried because my dad is either stranded at work or still on the expressway (which is super close to the ocean, so he could be gone too). Mom looked up from her computer to look at me.

"Kate, honey, I-I-I know this is hard for you," Mom whispered. "But, we just have to get through this together, ok?"

"Ok," I said.

Then, as if out of thin air, water came speeding down the stairs at a speed faster than a race car and picked me up and took me back upstairs.

"Katherine!!!" mom yelled. "Honey, come back!"

"MOM!!!" I yelled back. "NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, I WILL FIND YOU!!!"

And the water pulled me out the door and into the raging storm.

To be continued...

CREATIVE WRITING

THE PORTAL, VOLUME I

By Bella M. and Dylan J.

Maria

Hi. My twin Hope and I are in Arizona for a vacation and it's very boring and hot! Not a single drop of rain since we've been here. I guess we've only been here for a week, but it seems like FOREVER! I actually think we HAVE been here FOREVER! All the dust and humidity, and more dust. Wait, did I already say that? Who cares!? Not a person in the whole world!

Anyway, Hope and I were just walking around the Grand Canyon (aka The Grand Canyon of Boring, that's what Hope calls it). We were just walking around the top of the Canyon, murmuring that we could definitely be doing

something more interesting than this, when Hope stumbled over something.

Hope

Hello! As you know I am Hope! My sister and I were walking along the Grand Canyon of Boring. What? Do you know that already?

Well, you get to hear it again! Bad for you, good for the rest of us!

Then I almost fell off of the The Grand Canyon of Boring! I mean WHAT THE HECK!!!!!! Anyway, the thing that I stumbled on (and almost killed me) was a book! A very annoying book on the outside (that's what it looked like). The title was "The Portal". I thought it was

not that interesting.

Then Maria said, "Let's open it and see if someone left a charger in it! Mine went down the The Grand Canyon of Boring."

"Bad for you, and good for the rest of us!" I exclaimed!

So we opened it and a black hole appeared! We are on the Earth and there are NO black holes! I know that for a fact! The black hole sucked us up and I landed on a puffy piece of cloud. I took out my iPhone and texted my sister.

Hope: Where are u?

Maria: In a gummy bear!

To Be Continued...

QUIZ: WHAT MYTHICAL CREATURE ARE YOU?

By Bridget G.

What's your favorite color?

- A. Purple
- B. Blue
- C. Black
- D. Pink
- E. Green
- F. Red

- E. Dolphin
- F. Gorilla

What is your favorite sport?

- A. Gymnastics
- B. Soccer
- C. Basketball
- D. Football
- E. Hockey
- F. Swimming

What's your favorite animal?

- A. Horse
- B. Bird
- C. Dog
- D. Fish

What is your favorite subject?

- A. Reading

B. Social Studies

- C. Math
- D. Science
- E. Writing
- F. Word Study

What's your favorite sports brand?

- A. Adidas
- B. Nike
- C. Under Armour
- D. ASICS
- E. Puma
- F. New Balance

Mostly A's you are a Dragon. You love to win, and when it comes to calming down you have troubles. Mostly B's you are a Leprechaun. You are very sneaky and love to play tricks on people. Mostly C's you are an Unicorn. You are very magical and cheer everyone up. Mostly D's you are a Phoenix. You like to light up everything and have a lot of fun. Mostly E's you are a Mermaid. You love to swim in the water and love having fun. Mostly F's you are a Fairy. You love to fly around and make people's day magical.

CREATIVE WRITING

WORLD WAR I: REMEMBERING THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

By London SM

After all this fighting, blood, and tears, I no longer need to be afraid of war. I guess I did not really understand it, until my Dad and Uncle had to leave to fight, and then the fear started to weigh in on my shoulders. I sit outside on my dirt ridden porch and squint out into the breaking dawn, waiting for word of my Father. He went away to fight in the war one year ago when the war started for the United States of America, and I have not seen him since. My Uncle always thought that we needed to be in the war, my Dad not so much. When Woodrow Wilson proclaimed we were entering, my Dad and Uncle left to fight. My Uncle volunteered, my Father was drafted.

Life changed so much when the war started. When the men left to fight in the war, my Mother along with most of the other women went to take the jobs the men had. My Mother went to work at a local farm, and within a few months was in charge of the bookkeeping and

production of all the food. She has been running everything for about five months now, and it has put a lot of pressure on me. I wonder if now that the war has ended, if things will go back to the way they were. I am proud to see that my Mother has taken such an important role in society. I want to be like her when I grow up, a strong powerful woman. Maybe now that the war is over, I will be able to be like her.

The war has had such a big impact on the world. Now, women have proven their worth as farmers, businesswomen, and all the other jobs. The war has been so terrible, but it has allowed women to pave a new path for themselves as strong, courageous leaders! I am not sure how this will affect the rest of the world, but here, things will not go back to the way they were. Women are now pictured as strong people that can do everything a man can do! It is like a dream come true. Papa will be so proud of Mama.

Sometimes I wish once

again I were a baby. I would have no worries, I would have no recognition of the war. I hear footsteps from inside the house and know that Mama is up. I hear her rummaging through the cupboards for something that she can make a grand breakfast out of in case today is the day Papa comes home. In the distance, I see a little figure emerging from the horizon. Could it be Papa?

I yell to Mama as I sprint across the lawn. We both run and run. As I reach Papa, I embrace him, and for one moment I feel like nothing can go wrong. I look into his soft green eyes and feel comfort. His short hair has grown out. We all walk back to the house, Dad tells us about everything that happened, and I just smile. I hear that my Uncle was hurt in the war, but he is doing better. Me and Mama make a grand breakfast. Mama tells Papa all about how things have been going around here, her job, and my grades. Papa tells me that he missed me, and I smile.

CREATIVE WRITING WASTELANDS

By Emily S.

Reader,

over...

My sister says to tell you to follow the light. My brother, Nick, is really sick. (That rhymes!) My sister won't tell me what's wrong, but she's been mumbling about the atmosphere.

That just gave me an idea. If plants give us oxygen, Earth will live to see the 30th century...

On that note...

Apples have seeds. Seeds become saplings. Saplings become plants. Apples are in the abandoned grocery store. If I can sneak over to the grocery store, grab some apples, and plant them all

Honestly, it's just a test to see if plants adapt to the infected soil.

My sister just left to patrol the grounds. I know I'm supposed to be taking care of Nick, since he might get hurt, but... I'm sure he'll be fine... Just for a minute...

Like I said, follow the light.

I am the light.

-- James



bad, you might want to talk to an adult and visit a doctor. Hope it gets better!

-Jillian

Dear Jillian,

Some boys tease me because of my name and how I look.. I don't like it. How do I fix this?

-Girl

Dear Girl,

Some things you can try are just ignoring it, confronting them, or telling an adult. In the meantime, just know that you are perfect and you never have to change anything about yourself. Some people are just mean, even if they don't realize it.

-Jillian

Dear Jillian,

Me and my brother are always fighting and one of us always gets in trouble. How can I stop this?

-Cool

Dear Cool,

This is what my friend and her sister always do when I go over. It really depends on what you're fighting about. If it's something stupid then say you're sorry and walk away. If it's serious then tell a parent or a trusted adult.

-Jillian

Dear Jillian,

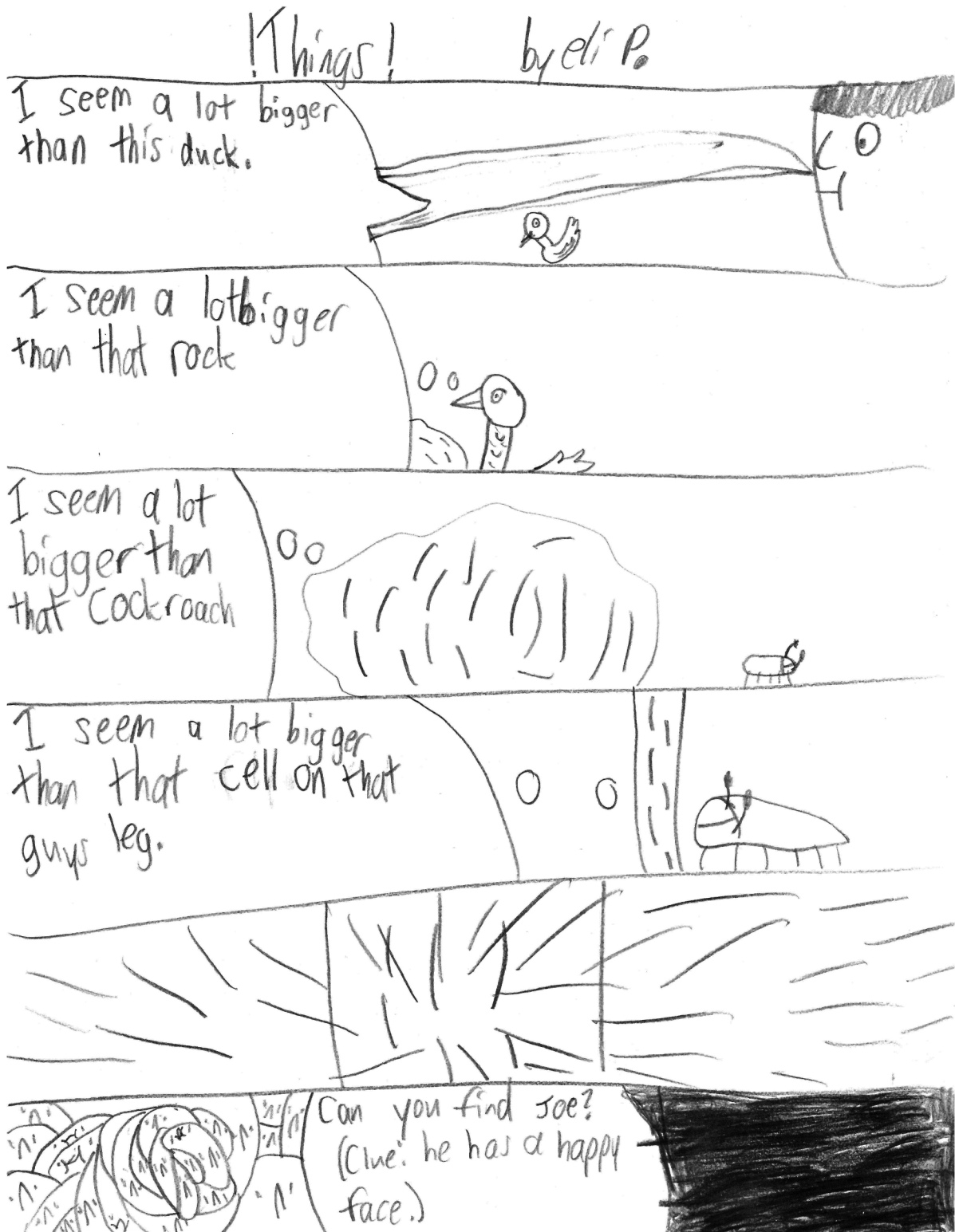
I don't sleep well and I'm always tired at school. How do I sleep better?

-Couch Potato

Dear Couch Potato,

There are so many techniques for getting good sleep, but not all of them will work for you. I suggest trying different methods until you find one that works. Some methods include: drinking warm milk, listening to soothing sounds, or even meditation. If it gets really

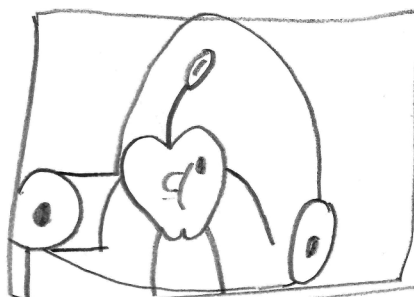
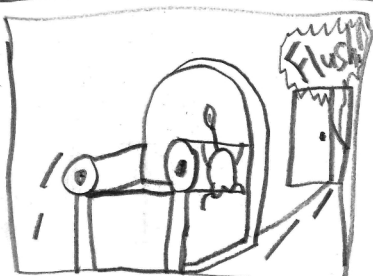
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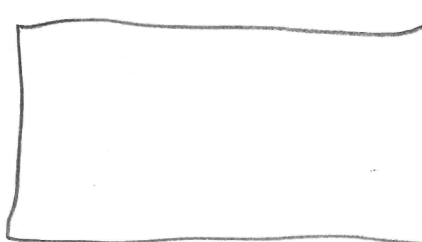
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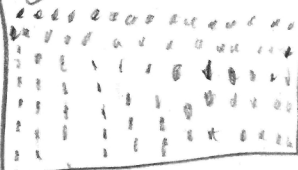
by eli P.



Hi there, I'm apple from the
apple. Let's look at some funny
moments from the apple.
Just so you know we teleported
to the movies. (For some reason.)



There were no
good moments...



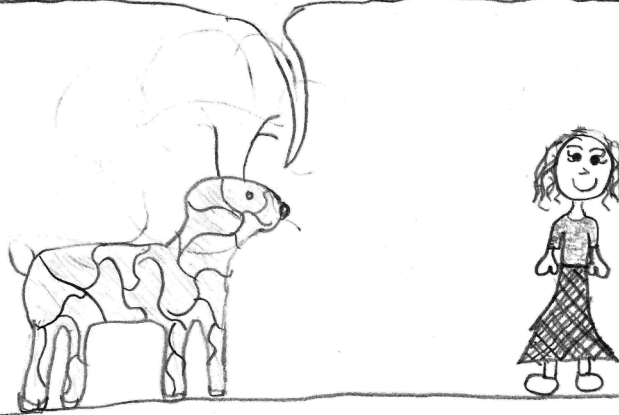
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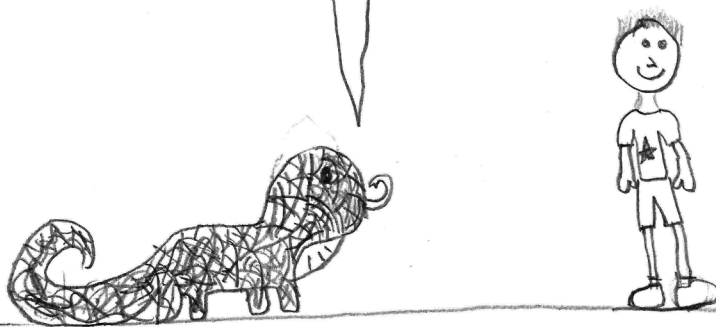
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Spirit Animal By: Sophia K.

Hi I am Ellie. I am Lucy's Spirit animal.



I can also be Jeff's spirit animal. Also I didn't mention that I am a Shape-shifter.



But sometimes they fight about whose is better.



My spirit animal is better!

No mine is



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NORTH POLE

by Seth H.

I'm so glad
we finally made it
to the north pole.

ye

I wonder
what polar
bears look
like in the
north pole?



Hello I'm
a polar bear.

MAKE
IT STOP
!!!



THE END

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Cheese & man

by ReeseT



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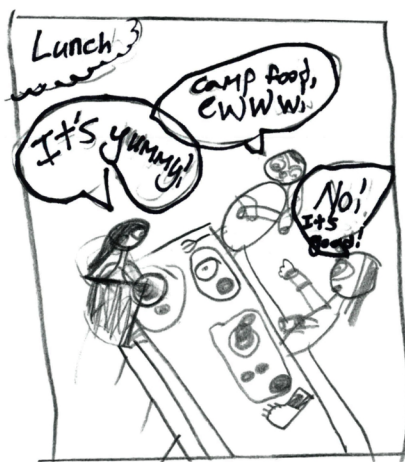
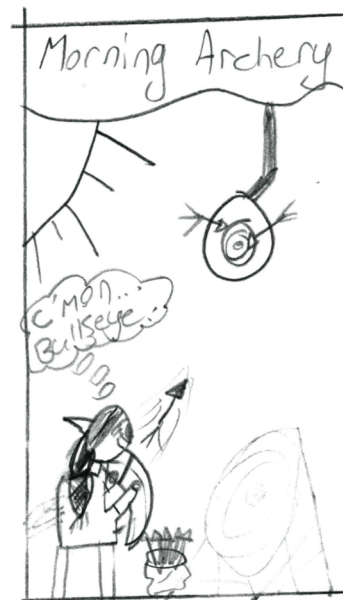
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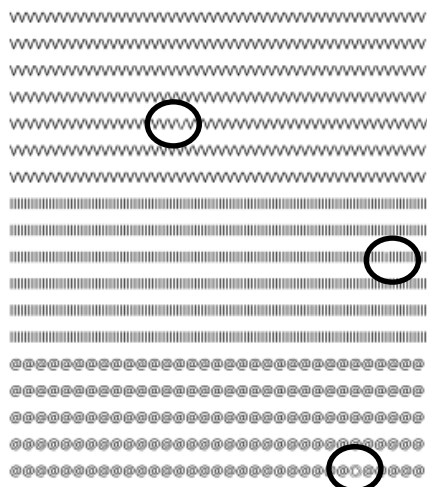
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Camp WildStone 23 By: Enna H.



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"Dun Dun DUNNN!!!"

Answer to *Can You Follow Directions:***Holland****Answer to Guess the Character:****Gru****FIND THE ERROR****CALENDAR**

March 26-March 30 - Spring Break

April 2 - District Institute Day, No Student Attendance

April 4 - Family Literacy Night, 6:00-6:30 pm, Juggling and games in the lunchroom for children, PTO Meeting in the library for parents. 6:30-7:15 pm, Performance for families by Chris Fascione in the gym.

April 9-27 - PARCC Testing

April 17 - 6th Grade Orientation at Gurrie

April 19 - Band Aid Concert, 7:00 pm, Aurand Hall

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

April 24 - Spring Orchestra Concert

NEWSPAPER CLUB

Kenny B.	Tyler K.	William P.
Kate B.	Kellan K.	Chris R.
Michael B.	Jackie K.	Maggie R.
Simone B.	Sarah K.	Avey R.
Leo C.	Sophia K.	Veda R.
Gavin C.	Kara L.	Gabi S.
Patrick C.	Lily L.	Abigail S.
Jack C.	Luka L.	Charlotte S.
Aidan D.	Jack EM	London SM
Gavin D.	Jack NM	Dylan S.
Molly E.	Matthew M.	Emily S.
John F.	Bella M.	Reese T.
Caroline F.	Blake M.	Grace T.
Arielle G.	Nathan M.	Finley T.
Bridget G.	Jack M.	Ethan W.
Porter G.	Landon N.	Lindsey W.
Ashlyn G.	Eli P.	Devin W.
Emma H.	Jenna P.	Camille W.
Seth H.	Ian P.	Jillian W.
Dylan J.	Marko P.	
Hannah K.	Annie P.	

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