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# Spring Ave Sock Hop 

 By: Leah K.This year's Sock Hop is a dance that took place in the Gurrie gym, on Friday, February 3rd. The Sock Hop started at 6:00 and ended at 7:30. There were 102 Spring Ave students among the attendees. The theme was Winter White Out! Thanks to everyone who helped make the Sock Hop fun! become a teacher when I was an engineer and I liked teaching others sol decided to become a teacher.

| I wanted to |
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| help |
| students |
| learn. |
| -Mrs. Wanta |

My grandma and grandad were both teachers. -Ms. Fornaro

Because l like to be creative, I like to have fun and figure kids out.
-Ms. D

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| enjoyed |
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| mean teaching |
| my sister! |
| -Mrs. Musillami |

## By: Charlie P., Bodie M., and Evie R.

INTERVIEWING TEACHERS ABOUT WHAT THEY DID WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG

Ms. Fornaro: Softball, Cross Country XC, Soccer

Ms. Read Softball, Flute, Bassoon, Piano

Mrs. Kay: Piano, Choir, Powder Puff Football, biker, Tap Dance, Aerobics

Mrs. Mindy: Running, Tennis, Cheerleading

Ms. Dickerson: Bowling, Softball, Drawing

Mrs. Rybs: Softball,floor hockey, fishing, XC

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By: Jackson T., Leah K., and Danielle M.
Fact 1: Favorite season: Summer
Fact 2: Has taught 1st grade
Fact 3: Favorite sport to play: ice hockey
Fact 4: Favorite grade to be in: 3rd Fact 5: Favorite food: Indian Fact 6: Favorite holiday: Halloween

Answer on page 30.

# EUESS ULIE TEEELER By: Leah K. 

Fact 1: Has changed the oil on a dump truck
Fact 2: Has played the bassoon
Fact 3: Has lived in 3 east coast cities (Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington DC)

Fact 4: Has been to 5 out of 7 continents.
Fact 5: Has been to Istanbul, Turkey

Answers on page 29.

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## Secret life of teachers By: Emmett L. \& Liam M.

Mrs. Stang: I like to go up north to Wisconsin in Eagle River and snowmobile while l'm up there (in the winter). I go to the gym. I have been teaching for 19 years - this is my first year in 2nd grade. I got married in June, and my last name used to be Pontarelli. I have a U.T.V. and a A.T.V.

Mrs. Dahlin: I coach soccer. I have run a marathon and a couple half marathons I own a lake house. We go to Wisconsin once a year. I have been to Aruba. I was on tv once. I have cliff dived. My roommate in college won an Olympic medal.

Mr. Kratt: I like to cook, bike, and go for runs. I can speak Spanish, and I lived in Spain. My family owns a bakery called Cloud Bread. I have 2 siblings and they're twins. I went to East Grand Rapids High School, The coolest thing l've done is drive to California twice. I am in charge of a camp.

Mrs. Tobin: I like to go to the gym and work out. I like to go for walks. I like to go out for dinner. Before I was a teacher, I did advertising. Some of my prized possessions are my dog Maggie. I like my Birkenstock shoes, I was born with the name Tobin, and kept it even after I married.

## What is your Favorite Valentine's Candy?

By: Frannie C.,Yuvia R., Kate E., and Alex S.

Mrs.Bratner=Dark Chocolate
Mrs.Walsh=Dark Chocolate
Ms. Dickerson=Sea salt caramel chocolate
Ms. Gen=Reese's cups
Mrs. Coffey=Reese's heart
Mrs.Stang=Sweet Tart or Dark Chocolate
Miss Melone=Sour Cherries
Mrs. Dahlin=Dark Chocolate
Ms. Fornaro=Dark Chocolate Heart
Mrs. Wanta=M\&M
Mr. Arneson=Anything
Mrs. Rybs=Sour Patch
Mr. Wilkinson=Reese's
Mrs. Mindy=Reese's hearts
Ms. Read=Fannie May Turtles
Mrs. Jones=Conversation Hearts
Mrs. Kay=Chocolate
Mrs. Moose=Truffles Chocolate
Taylor Schmitt=Dark Chocolate
Ms. Marek =Gummy Hearts
Mrs. Fuller=Plain Chocolate
Mrs. Weiland=Chocolate Covered Cherries
Ms. Eck=Dark Chocolate
Mr. Kratt=Reese's
Mrs. Feldner=Dark chocolate buttercream Fannie May
Mrs.Sutkus=Fun dip cherry flavor
Mrs. Tobin=Dark Chocolate
Mrs. Manganello=Sweet Tart heart candies

# Teachers' Favorite Foods By Jackson T. and Danielle M. 

Ms. Eck: sushi
Mrs. Dahlin: sushi
Mrs. Mindy: pizza
Mr. Kratt: pizza
Mrs. Coffey: my homemade pizza
Miss Melone: my mom's pasta with meatballs
Ms. Fornaro: ramen
Mr. Arneson: Iasagna
Mrs. Jones: pizza
Mrs. Rybs: pasta
Ms. Read: ham
Mrs. Walsh: ramen

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT
What is your favorite type of school supplies?
Written by: Audrey B., Ashley S., and Sadie M.

Mrs. Dahlin
Playdough
Ms. Fornaro
Frixion erasable pen
Mrs. Mindy
Paper mate flair pens
Mr. Arneson
Expo
Ms. Read
Poppin pens
Mrs. Jones
Erin Condren pens
Mrs. Kay
Click it dry erase
Ms. Mare
uniball pens and a new
spiral
Mrs. Ryas
Papermate flair pens
Mrs. Sexton
papermate
Mrs. Wanta
Frixion erasable pens
Mrs. Feldner
Papermate pencil

Ms. D
Uniball and paper
handwriting pen but NO
FLAIR PENS
Mrs. Walsh
Staple remover Kw-trio
Mrs. Stang
Bick-flarestick
Mrs. Tobin
paper mate flair pen
Mrs. Coffey
Parkoo erasable pens
Miss. Melone
Mechanical pencils
Mrs. Branter
Frixion erasable
Mrs. Fuller
Sharpies
Mrs. Musillami
Bic multi click color pen
EVERYONE NEEDS THIS"
Ms. Eck
Erasable pens

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## CUCUMBERS OR PICKLES?????????

By: Sydney K,, Sidney B., and and Bea S.
Mrs. Tobin: Cucumbers
Mrs. Blazek: Cucumbers
Mrs. Weiland: Pickles
Mrs. Fuller: Neither
Ms. Eck: Cucumbers
Miss Melone: Cucumbers
Mrs. Dahlin: Pickles
Mrs. Staelgraeve: Cucumbers
Mrs. Rybs: Cucumbers, but I love fried pickles with ranch

Mrs. Wanta: Cucumbers
Ms.Fornaro: Pickles
Mrs. Coffey: Pickles
Mrs. Jones: Pickles

Mr. Arnerson:
Pickles. I'm kind of a
3 pickles a day guy.
Mrs. Mindy: Pickles
Ms. Gen: Pickles
Ms. Marek: Pickles
Mrs. Moose:
Pickles, especially fried pickles with
ranch from Rafferty's
Ms. Schmitt: Pickles
Ms. Read: Pickles
Mrs. Manganello:
Pickles

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

# Teacher's Favorite Restaurants By Leo F. and Liam C. 

Mrs. Mindy: Ledo's Pizza
Ms. Eck: Prasinos

Mr. Arneson: Lucca's

Mr. Wilkinson: Chick-fil-a

Ms. Fornaro: Cida Thai

Mrs.Wanta: Q BBQ

Mrs. Stang: Taco Bell
Ms. Dickerson: Cafe Salsa

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What's your favorite sport? I bet it's not a triathlon! Almost no schools have this as a sport, and it's a problem. Triathlons should be a common high school sport. The reason being, triathletes are stronger than kids who don't take part in the sport. And it's better for teens to have more exercise than less. High schools and maybe even middle schools should definitely add this as a sport before the next generation becomes inactive adults.

Triathletes become physically and mentally stronger than other kids who don't exercise, or only do one sport. Triathletes are stronger in these muscle groups: quadriceps, hamstrings, shoulders and even upper back. That explains why kids who do sports, specifically triathlons, are physically stronger than kids who don't train for or even attempt a triathlon. Since triathlons make kids so strong they should be a common sport in high school. Kids who do sports get exercise, learn good sportsmanship and perseverance. But the best thing is that they enjoy school spirit and fun. Those are all good impacts on kids' social and mental health. And they all come from the three sport sport, a triathlon.

It's better for teens to have more exercise. Triathlons include three sports: swimming, biking, and running, so it really benefits them. Teens should get at least 30 minutes of exercise a day. And half of that could be and should be at school. If a teen joins a school sports team they can achieve the recommended 30 minutes of exercise. Since Triathlon has three sports, if they are training properly then they would get $3 x$ that!


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 EOLVELNED。 Ece ecelite tioAmerican kids have the reputation for being the least active in the WORLD! Less exercise can weaken the brain and can end up with kids getting worse grades. If people want the next generation to be smart and active, adults should encourage more sports for teens. And the consequences are high for school students who don't get exercise.

Other people think that high schools shouldn' $\dagger$ have sports teams because it can distract the students from academic work. 17 percent of schools graduating kids took one advanced test compared to $50 \%$ of graduating kids who play on school sports teams. Even though some kids pay more attention to sports than school, kids can't do well in academics without sports!

If kids get more into triathlons we can do better in the Olympics for team USA! We can get more support and engagement from teens. And we can recognize this sport that is VERY underrated. A triathlon is a very difficult sport. It takes a lot of time and grit but is so fun once you get into it. We need more athletes in the Olympic triathlon event because this most recent Olympics there were only 5 people competing in the triathlon for the US and almost 30 times that in track and field. We need to raise more awareness in the US for triathletes.

That's why triathlons should be a high school sport because you can't do well in anything without sports!

Spot the difference! (there may be more than one)

By: Bea S

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## What's your future?

## Pick the first letter of your name and the first letter of your last name! Have Fun!

## By: Bea S.

A: A successful future is in your midst

B: Bright future awaits
C: Come on you are so athletic
D: Definitely super
E: Eventually it seems you will have some hard paths ahead of you but you will always find the positives in everything

F: For you shall be a queen or a king

G: Good luck is coming
H: Hmmm, I can't identify yours I: Interesting you may get a pet

J: Jolly future JK your future is unpredictable

K: Kind future, you will be a life saver

L: Lots of love heading your way

M: Marvelous future
N : Naturally talented your future is in sports

O: Oh no I see a big dangerous mountain but you make it safely I think

P: Promising
Q: Questionable
R: Reach for the stars you are a athlete

S: Some days are hard and some are good but you end up successful and smart and live to be very old

T: Terribly unlucky future things never turn out your way but you are a genius

U: U have a strange future one I must not say (hint: it is quite fun)

V : Vocally talented you are a singer
W: With your big heart comes luck and you will be full of it

X: Xtremely fun future
Y: You are going to live until you are 120 years old

Z: Zoom- Zoom you have a car racing future (I am just kidding you have a very rare letter in the front of your name so you will become rich and famous when you grow up)

## 10 ways to help the environment

## By: Bella L. and Makaela M.

1. Bike to places instead of using a car.
2. Recycle!
3. Use reusable water bottles instead of plastic ones.
4. Conserve water.
5. Plant a tree!
6. Save the turtles by not using straws.
7. Use reusable bags instead of plastic bags.
8. Refuse plastic whenever you can.
9. Use long lasting light bulbs.
10. Buy only what you will use.

## Fast food Restaurants Reviews

By：Emmett L．Leah K．Danielle M． Jackson T．Bea S．Leo F．

McDonalds：
 Burger King：$\uparrow$

Hot Dog Company：
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## Chick－fil－a： <br> 

Jimmy Johns：

Taco Bell：


## Politics for Kids

By: Sydney K

The US government includes the armed forces. So Navy, Army, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force. But the SWAT, FBI, Police, paramedics and Firefighter are not considered the government but they keep our country safe just like the armed forces. Circumlocution. Humuhumunukunukuapua'a is also the state fish of Hawaii. Beauteous: Campaigning, electioneering, civics. Administration and Dictatorship. But back on topic, being just about 8 months old Togo has a very high IQ Advanced: acquiesce alacrity abhor. Literally irregardless enormity. Worcester is related to the relation of onomatopoeia and scissors. Anemone. If you are reading this thank you! This was all a test mwahahahaha. If you saw "mwahahaha" go to the library, write a tally and get your prize from Ms. Marek! P.S. keep this a secret. Science lab to do brain tests and when the scientists were done with him they didn't know what to do. Love kids just as much! Togo might be the buddy you are looking for. Social food cha Presidents, the people, congress. US citizens must go to jury duty. Blablabla. Trichotillomania. Uncopyrightable: Quinoa is becoming more popular in the US as well.

## Best Chocolates to get for Valentine's Day! By: Danielle M

- Signature chocolate truffle at Harry \& David
- Belgian chocolate covered Berries \& Ultimate oreos at Goldbelly
- Baby brownie at Sur La Table
- Sea salt caramel at Harrys \& David
- Exotic Truffle's at Vosge Choclate
- Chocolate Lovers at Dylan's Candy Bar
- Jacques Torres Chocolate at Goldbelly


# Interview with Taylor Schmitt, a former Newspaper Club attendee: Now a Journalism Major at Mizzou! 

By: Sydney K. and Bea S

## What was your favorite part of Newspaper Club?

My favorite part of Newspaper Club was that it gave me the opportunity to write a lot and really develop my skills as a writer and as a person who could ask questions and learn about what other people wanted to write and wanted to read about and it kind of create that little thing that people wanted to consume.

## What is your favorite kind of writing?"My

 favorite kind of story to write is going to be probably feature stories. They are just stories where you talk to someone who's really interesting and kind of get to know a lot about a particular subject. You could do a feature story on like the pet parade and talk about who organizes the pet parade. And if you know how the parade got started you know and why is it such a big thing in the community. It's less like hard news if the less like this happened at this time at this day and this...yeah, I really enjoyed that."Do you miss Spring Avenue? Yeah I do miss Spring Avenue you know it was really great all the teachers are very nice and it was a great place to learn and grow. It was very safe and I really enjoyed my time here.

Did you ever feel left out of anything? It feels like a really good inclusive place. I'm from a part of such a fun place. I love coming back to volunteer. I love volunteering in the library and interacting with people.

## Were you excited about going to middle

 school? Well you know there's always things to look forward to. About you know about middle school and high school. Yeah there's like a time like I got to sixth grade and like I want to go to middle school! I think I'm getting to the time when I'm at the and I'm ready to not be in college you like I wanna be done with work!

# CREATIVE WRITIMG 

## Covid Eased on a true stor,

## By: Bea S

The principal came on the speaker. His voice sounded like he was about to say something important. There seemed to be a lump in his throat. My third grade teacher looked up from grading our latest test and told us to shush and listen. I couldn't hear him talk because of the broken speaker we have had to deal with the entire year. Our classroom felt empty as none of us made a peep. It was March 13, 2020 and not me or any of my classmates knew that our lives were about to change forever.
"All classes meet up in the gym." My teacher understood and got us ready to go to the gym. My mind was racing and I walked quickly down the hall, curious about what was going on. I looked at my friends and we shared worried glances. Everyone seemed nervous except my friend Sidney who kept trying to make me and my other friends laugh. She snorted and laughed. I didn't know what was going on, but I knew from my teacher's solemn face it wasn't good. My heart beat was the same as my feet clunking on the floor. I was sorta running but I forced myself to walk. I felt like a volcano had just erupted in my stomach. I was led to a space in the gym. As I walked over to my friends a teacher stopped me. She explained that I had to stay where I was. I felt so confused. All of this was too much. Nevertheless I stayed in my spot. I kept wondering what was going on. I finally sat down and got a second to acknowledge my surroundings. I saw the whole school had been scrunched in the gym. All the teachers seemed bewildered, and I could tell they were just as unbalanced about the situation as us or even more. I watched as my principal took the microphone and held it to his dry mouth. His face was a blank canvas with no color or emotion on it. Once he had courage to talk he started saying something. It was all a blur but I think he talked to us about how we would be taking a break off of school. To me that news felt like a three week vacation, but I now know that it was more than that. He then said something that changed my life forever because he said,
"Hey, call it Covid 19." I didn't know it then but I have been hearing that word for a while now. Well anyway I just sat there on the floor with my mind in a whole different universe. My teacher then collected us and took us back to our classroom. I felt like I had entered a car race. Everywhere I looked people were speeding trying to get their stuff in order. All I cared about was having my chromebook with me at all times. I could not misplace it now. My friends all started to get packed up so I started to follow. Before I could get to my locker my teacher Miss McGinnis handed me what seemed to be a thousand papers. She understood my staggered look and explained that she didn't know when we would be coming back. She hoped that in a couple of weeks this would all be behind us. I still remember seeing tears in her eyes and I quickly forced a smile and walked past. I hoped so too. All I remember after that was when I walked out of the school building. But little did I know that I would not walk inside that building for years.

My heart skipped an excited beat. One which I have not felt for a while now. It's been about a year and a half since I walked into school. I looked around and smiled but I could not tell if anyone was smiling back. Their gray, blue, floral and red masks blocked their faces. I held my head up high and remembered to always stay positive. I knew school may never be the same but I will forever know how amazing it felt to be back in school.

## CREATIVE WRITIIG

## The School Ghost (Scary Story)

 By Makaela M.I never thought that my school was haunted, in fact, that was the last thing I thought about. I thought that I was in a normal, perfect, awesome school that would always be my favorite school in the world. That changed this morning. It all happened when my friend Kiley went into the bathroom, and we were in math working on a long-division test. Then, a scream pierced my ears, shocking all of my classmates, including me. We sat there for a little while, paralyzed by the scream, then Nick jumped out of his seat, and ran out of the classroom.
"Nick!" Miss Bell yelled, "That is totally unacceptable young man!" And she ran after him.
"Why didn't I think of that!" Justin complained, and he ran after Miss Bell and Nick.

## CREATIVE WRITIIG

## The School Ghost continued By Makaela M.

Then, almost immediately, all the kids ran after Miss Bell and Nick. Not wanting to be alone, I sighed, and followed everyone too. I followed them to the girl's bathroom. My jaw dropped in shock. It must have been pretty bad, because the boys went into the girl's bathroom too. I hesitated.
"This was not how I was expecting my morning to go." I muttered to myself, and I went into the girl's bathroom. I accidentally bumped into Quin, who is also my friend.
"Sorry." I said, but Quin just pointed to the sinks that were flooding with water. The bathroom stalls were slammed shut, and Miss Bell was trying to open them. Then I looked at someone who was on the floor. It was Kiley!

# CREATIVE WRITIMG 

## The School Ghost continued

## By Makaela M.

"Are you ok?" I asked Kiley in concern. Kiley's face was pale, and she was shivering. I pushed through the crowd of my classmates, and knelt down beside her.
"I saw-" Kiley started to say, but then she closed her mouth. "You won't believe me." She whispered.
"Your'e my friend Kiley, we believe each other." I murmured.

Kiley stayed silent for a couple more seconds, then said, "I saw a ghost."

I gasped, along with a bunch of other students. Apparently, you can't keep a private conversation in 7th grade.
"Really?!" Elijah said, his mouth open in shock. "Impossible." Muttered the new student Sam. Then everyone started to scream, and cry.
"Everyone calm down! Ghosts aren’t real." Miss Bell said, but she sounded like she was trying to convince herself more than the students. (Go to next page)

# CREATIVE WRITIMG 

The School Ghost Continued.
By Makaela M.
"We are going to die!" Shawn yelled, and he ran out of the bathroom, screaming. Then I heard a sound. The lights flickered, and then I was swallowed in darkness. I realized that I couldn't hear anything but my own breathing.
"Hello!" I called out, hoping to hear a response from one of my classmates or Miss Bell. But no one answered.

A few moments of silence, then, "Boo." Someone whispered in my ear.

I fell backwards in shock, and the moment I fell, the lights flickered back on! My classmates were staring down at me like I was crazy.
"Um, whats up?" I said.
I sounded scared and very confused to my own ears.
"Why did you fall over May?" Miss Bell asked.
"Bad luck?" I said, shrugging.
Miss Bell sighed, and said, "Just be careful, l'm going to go out to see if the principal can call a plumber to fix the bathroom. I will be quick, and don't cause any trouble."

Then she eyed all the boys and said,
"I know this is random but please do not run like a bunch of maniacs, and go to the girl's bathroom like it's the worst place on earth to go in."

She looked at Nick when she said that, and silently left the bathroom. (Go to next slide)

# CREATIVE WRITIMG 

## The School Ghost Continued

By Makaela M
About 15 minutes passed by and Miss Bell didn't come back.
"I am going to see if she's ok." I said,
"No! You will disappear, and the ghost will steal your soul." Kiley said, grabbing my arm.
"I'll be fine." I assured her, and left the bathroom. As I was walking down the hallways, I heard a high-pitched scream. Suddenly, I ran, and then a voice said,
"Stop."
I skidded to a stop, and looked around.
"Hi May." A boy said, appearing next to me.
I jumped, and stared at him . "Sorry if I scared you in the bathroom earlier. I didn't have a very good appearance." He said,
"Who are you?" I asked.
"I am the ghost of the school." He said.
"Why are you here?" I asked.
"To see you." He said.
"Why me?" I asked, very frightened.
"I am your brother." He said, and then an intense light blinded me.

The End

# EOESS KLIE TEEELER By: Leah K. 

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## Did you guess Ms. Read?

# CUEEE TLE TERCLEEL 

By: Jackson T, Leah K and Danielle T

Fact 1: Favorite season: Summer
Fact 2: Has taught : 1st grade
Fact 3: Favorite sport to play: ice hockey
Fact 4: Favorite grade to be in:
3rd
Fact 5: Favorite food: Indian
Fact 6: Favorite holiday: Halloween

Did you guess: Mrs. Musillami?


By Bella L.



By Daniel B.
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## Answers To Spot The Difference!

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## bcabcabcab

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