



A Lion's Life

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Welcome Back to The Lion's Life!

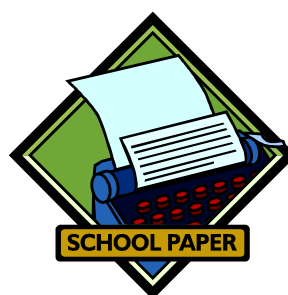
By: Ms. Marek and Ms. Maschmeyer

The Lion's Life Newspaper staff is pleased to present the first issue of The Lion's Life this school year.

The Lion's Life Newspaper/Journalism club officially started last year. We had a very successful year!

Thanks to all the students who worked hard to make each issue the best it could be. This year, Ms. Marek, Ms. Maschmeyer, and Mrs. Webb are excited to welcome back last year's staff and see new faces on the newspaper staff.

The Lion's Life newspaper club teaches students about journalism skills, such as how to write a detailed, factual article. Students



are learning about photography and how to upload photos into the paper. There are also layout/design jobs where students learn to format the newspaper and edit articles to make sure they read fluently and fit appropriately. Some students have also become editors, in which they strengthen their writing skills to help fellow students write the best articles possible.

Above all else, the newspaper club accomplishes tasks as a team!

Like last year, the newspaper will be printed every other month. If you are interested in joining our newspaper club or submitting articles as a guest writer, please contact Ms. Marek or Ms. Maschmeyer. New students are always welcome! Newspaper club meets Tuesdays after school.

You can also find our newspaper online from our Spring Avenue website under the About Spring link. Continue to look for new topics and additions to the Lion's Life. Enjoy!

An Old Friend Moves On

By: Olivia B.



Mrs. Imbrogno has moved on to another school called Peterson in Chicago

Public Schools.

Some of you may know her as Mrs. I. She worked with Ms. Witte in the third grade last year and they were so much fun together!

Mrs. I was really fun and exciting, but always knew how to get work done

quickly. She would always be so helpful when I or anyone needed help with something, we would always know who to go to!

She was so nice and friendly and I'll never meet someone like Mrs. I. We will miss you Mrs. I!!!!!!!



Principal's Corner

By: Mrs. Webb

Dear Spring Avenue Families,

The Autumn season has certainly provided us with many exciting events at school! We are up and running with all our students moving ahead at great rates. We are extremely proud of the Spring Avenue students for the hard work and positive attitude they bring to school on a daily basis. Your help and support in getting them ready and helping them with homework is very much appreciated. We enjoy working as a team with our parents!

We are continuing our Acknowledgment of Accomplishments throughout the next quarter. Students and staff members are recognizing adults and children for their contributions to the community, to our school and towards their personal goals. The following individuals were recognized during this first quarter: Hannah M., Abby F., Mrs. Zale, Ms. Folliard, Ms. Marek, the Naseef-Chabria Family, Devon W., Mrs. Pearson, Abby Y., Jetson R., Bailey Z., The Tracy Family, and The Neale Family. We are very pleased to recognize all these people and many

more. Well done!

Please continue to check out our website as we are working very hard to keep this updated for you and for our communication improvements. As always, if you have questions, ideas, concerns or compliments, please feel free to contact us by email or phone.

We also look forward to seeing parents at the Parent-Teacher conferences on November 9th or 11th. The PTO will be holding the Book Fair during these evenings, too, so please feel free to stop into the library on your way in or out of your conference. You will receive your child's/children's report cards on November 6th, so please look in their backpacks as needed. We will be sharing progress and data with you during the conferences. Please contact us in the office if you have not received a time for your conference.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for 8:40 on Thursday, November 12th. Please join us as we move ahead with plans and events for all children. If you have never attended the PTO meetings, please consider

joining us. There is babysitting included and we would love to have you here!

Here are some additional November dates to know:

November 9, 11: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Book Fair in LLC (5:00-8:00)

November 12: PTO meeting @ 8:40 a.m.

November 13: No School, in honor of Veteran's Day

November 20: PTO sponsored Variety Show

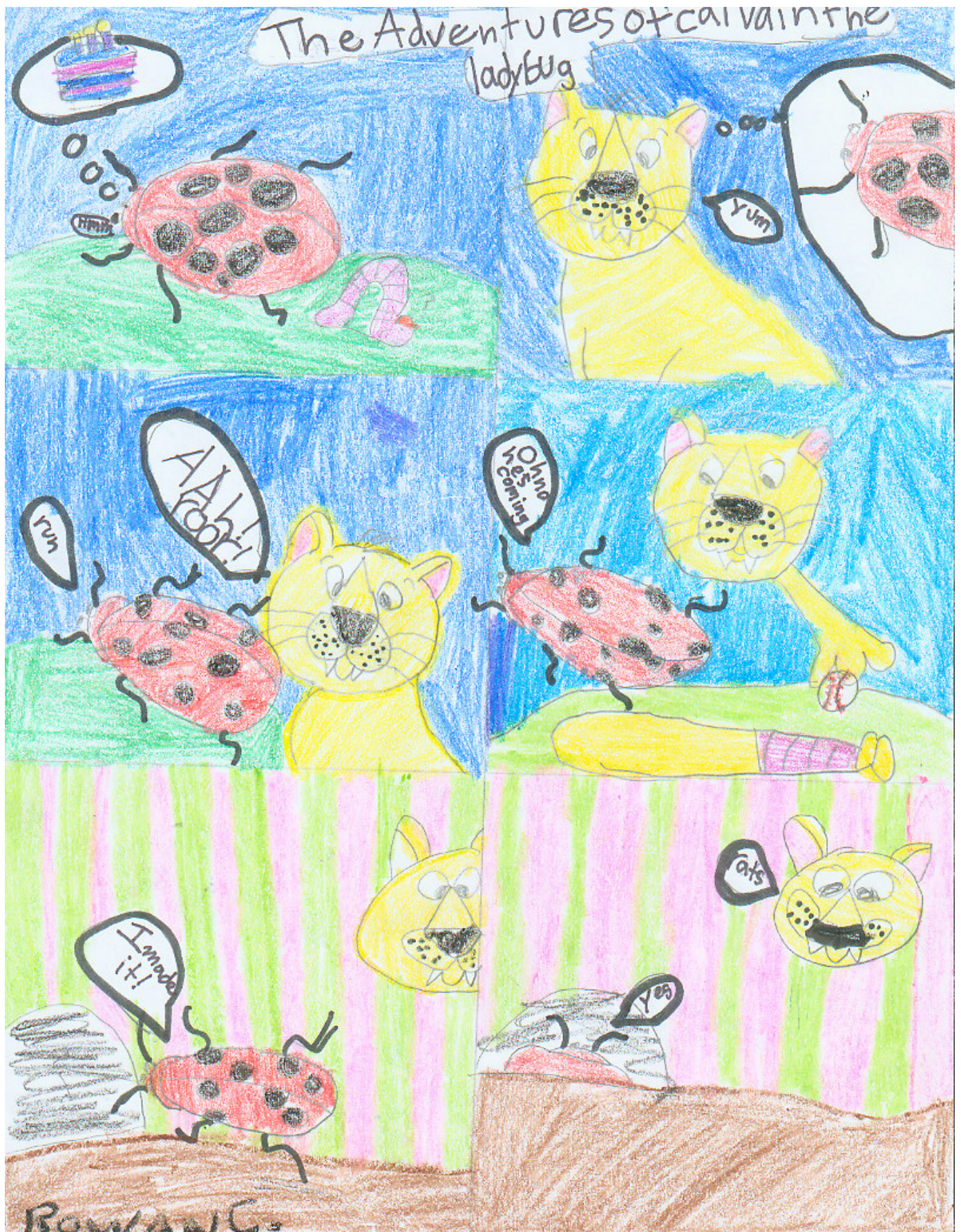
November 25-29: Thanksgiving Break

****We are moving our Family Literacy Night to a winter evening so we can all gather for reading, writing and warmth! (Date and Theme will be announced.)**

Respectfully,

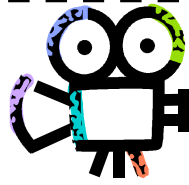
Liz Webb Peterman
Principal

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Movie Review

By: Katie L.



Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Flint, the main character, dreamed of being an inventor ever since he was little. Flint lives in a town called Sardine Land. Sardine Land has a mascot that is a baby.

When Flint steps in with his new invention, the town becomes Chew and Swallow. Flint becomes the new mascot. When the invention over loads and Sardine Lands last hope, do all of the people in the town have to move?

Rating:



Hannah Comes to Town

By: Katie L



The amazing pop sensation Hannah Montana comes to Chicago in October. This is what I hope she does: I hope she will sing "He Could Be The One," "I Want To Know You," and "Ice Cream Freeze."

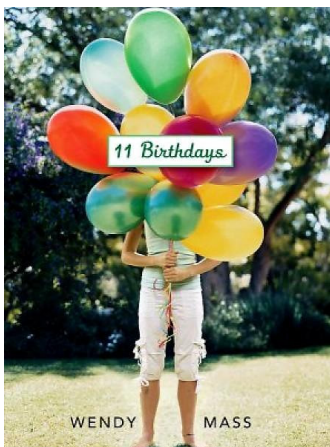
Some of the songs from her new movie are "Butterfly Fly Away," "You Will Always Find Your Way Back Home," "Lets Get Crazy," and "Hoedown Throwdown." Hannah Montana did a duet with David Archuleta [I Want To Know You] and the Jones Brothers [We Got The Party With Us].

Miley Cyrus / Hannah Montana has lived in Tennessee ever since she was a little girl, but when she started her career that all changed. Now she lives in a huge mansion in LA, California with her two sisters, her brother, and her Mom and Dad.

I like Hannah Montana because she expresses her feelings in her songs. I think this is good because it helps you understand what is going on in her life. Make sure to buy your tickets to her concert!

Book Talk: 11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass

By: Katie L.



Amanda and Leo are born on the same day. When their mothers leave the hospital, they expect to never see each other again.

One year later, for first birthday, the moms accidentally double book a room not knowing who is who. When they meet again, they start to have every single birthday together, except their eleventh.

On their tenth birthday Leo says something he does not mean. Leo and Amanda have ignored each other. But when chaos breaks out, and they end up talking once again.

This is a great book! You should read it. I give it 5 bookmarks.

This weeks book is rated:



5 out of 5 Bookmarks

Q & A With New Teachers

By Danielle N. and Olivia B.

Teacher Spotlight Mrs. Wanta

What did you want to be when you were younger?
A lawyer

Have you taught before?
Yes I have

How long have you been teaching?
9 years

Was it hard teaching 6th grade math?
No I liked it

Who's in your family?
I am married and have two kids named Joel, eight, and Colin who's five

Favorite book?
Harry Potter

Favorite author?
J.K. Rowling

Do you like Spring Avenue?
Yes I do



Teacher Spotlight Ms. Dickerson

What college did you go to?
Elmhurst College

Have you taught somewhere else before?
No, this is my first year

What is your favorite book?
The Art Lesson, By: Tomie dePaola

Do you have any pets?
Yes, 2 cats named Phoebe & Zoey

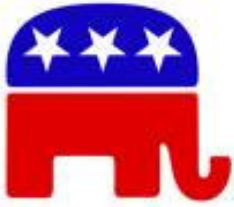
What is your favorite color?
Green & purple

What is your favorite song?
Anything from the 80's

Have you gone on any cool trips?
Yes, the Caribbean & Snorkeling with sea turtles

What do you like about Spring Avenue School?
There are nice teachers and students. And all the kids care so much about each other



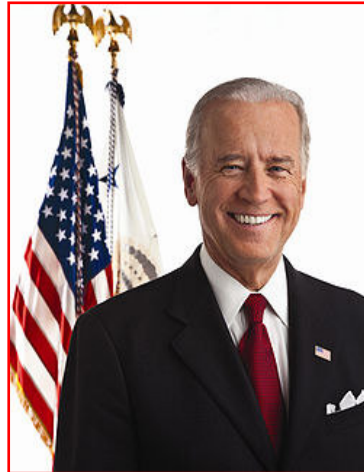


Political Corner

By Representative Brandon H.



President
Barack Obama
Birth Name: Barack Hussein Obama II
Birth Date: August 4, 1961
Birthplace: Honolulu, Hawaii
Age: 48
Party: Democrat
 44th President of the United States



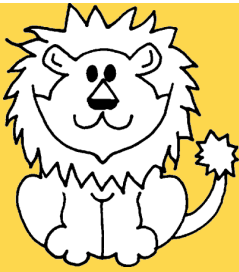
Vice President
Joe Biden
Birth Name: Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr.
Birth Date: November 20, 1942
Birthplace: Scranton, Pennsylvania
Age: 66
Party: Democrat
 47th Vice President of the United States



Speaker of the House of Representatives
Nancy Pelosi
Birth Name: Nancy Patricia D'Alesandro Pelosi
Birth Date: March 26, 1940
Birthplace: Baltimore, Maryland
Age: 69
Party: Democrat
 60th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives



Secretary of State
Hillary Clinton
Birth Name: Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton
Birth Date: October 26, 1947
Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois
Age: 62
Party: Democrat
 61st United States Secretary of State of the United States



Lion Listeners

My best friend was playing with someone who hates me and was laughing and giggling and just acting plain not normal. Help I feel I am losing her.

- *Girl Losing Friend*

"Ask your friend to come over and play."

Olivia B., 4th grade

- "Talk to her, and tell her how you feel."

Joanna Z., 5th grade

"When your friend is talking with that person join in and try to make friends with them."

Danielle N., 4th grade

- "Get to know her."

Mrs. Jones

"See if the three of you have any common interests so you can do things together."

Ms. Folliard, 5th grade teacher

Want to voice your opinion to help a fellow classmate? Stop in by the LLC to help the newspaper staff. You must be willing to give your kindest, mature, and most honest advice!

Write To Learn

By: Anna S.



EAT UP OR ELSE



Once there was a man, Harry, who just moved into a new house in the swamps of Louisiana. Unfortunately his dear wife wouldn't be able to see the house until she returned from her business trip. The day after Harry moved in a strange old lady knocked weakly on his door. She had a hunched back and wore a lot of makeup which covered what appeared to be a green face. When Harry opened the door he almost screamed. The old lady handed Harry a soup-like concoction to welcome him to the odd town. Or so it seemed. Frightened, Harry just said thank you. As the old lady was walking away in a screechy voice she said "Eat up or else!" Seeing that soup-like concoction didn't look very appetizing to Harry.

"Bubble, trouble, toil and..." chanted the strange old woman as she hunched over a cauldron. "I will now add the frog's legs, toes, bat's ears, snot, and the final ingredient, a hair from Harry's head!" She was creating a potion for Harry to drink.

The next night the strange old woman came back to the house and once again knocked on the door. Harry opened the door and put on a fake smile, after all she was just a lonely old lady in his eyes. She handed him the drink and said, "Drink it, please! I will come inside and watch you do so." She then trudged inside Harry's house and sat down at the table. "Um, ok," replied Harry. He plopped the drink on the table and sat down. She reminded him to drink it and he did.

The next morning his wife came home from her business trip. She saw the old lady dragging a big black trash bag. The wife shrieked when her husband was nowhere to be found.

Important Dates

By Kendall F.

Nov. 9 th	Book Fair / Conferences
Nov. 11 th	Book Fair / Conferences
Nov. 12 th	PTO Meeting 8:40 am
Nov. 20 th	Variety Show



The New Playground: What the Students Think

By Sophie d. and Elizabeth C.

Second Grade

Christopher C: My favorite part is the basketball hoop.

Third Grade

Kate H: My favorite part is the monkey bars.

Fourth Grade

Olivia B: My favorite part of the playground is the monkey bars.

Danielle N: My favorite part of the playground is the stand and spin thing.

Katie L: My favorite part is the three way slides.

Fifth Grade

Toni M: My favorite part of the playground is the spinny chairs.

Joanna Z: My favorite part is the spinney chairs.

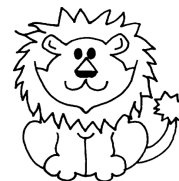
Kendall F: My favorite part is the standing spinny thing.

Sixth grade

Michael C: My favorite part is the things where you stand and hold onto bars while spinning.

Anna S: My favorite part is the circle monkey bars.

Lizzy D: My favorite part is the stand and spinny thing.



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Recipe: Crispy Topped Fruit

By Toni M

Ingredients

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
1 bag (16oz) frozen unsweetened sliced peaches (do not thaw)
1 bag (12oz) frozen unsweetened raspberries (do not thaw)
2 cups Apple Cinnamon Cheerios cereal
¼ cup chopped walnuts, if desired
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
2 table spoons butter or margarine, melted
Raisins, if desired

Instructions

Heat oven to 375° F. In large bowl, mix flour and brown sugar. Stir in frozen fruit until coated. Spread in ungreased 8-inch square (2 quart) glass baking dish.

Bake uncovered 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, place cereal in a resalable food –storage plastic bag; seal bag and slightly crush with rolling pin.

In medium bowl, mix cereal, walnuts, tablespoons of brown sugar, and the butter until crumbly.

Sprinkle cereal mixture evenly over hot fruit mixture; press lightly. Bake 15 to 20 minutes longer or until light golden brown and fruit is tender when pierced with fork. Top with raisins. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before serving.