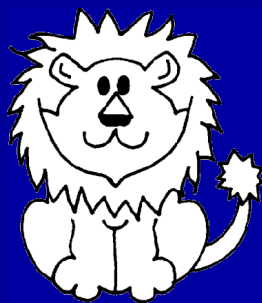


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Welcome to *A Lion's Life* Newspaper

By Mrs. Faldani and Ms. Marek

A Lion's Life Newspaper staff is pleased to present the first issue of *A Lion's Life* this school year!

A Lion's Life Newspaper/Journalism club officially started during the 2008-2009 school year. Since then, dedicated student writers have put together newspapers filled with school news, features, reviews, and quality writing.

This year Ms. Marek, Mrs. Faldani, and Mrs. Webb are excited to welcome back last year's student writers and greet new faces.

A Lion's Life news-

paper 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 on the computer. 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!

If you are interested in joining newspaper club or submitting articles as a guest writer, please contact Ms. Marek or Ms. Faldani. Fourth-sixth grade students are always welcome! Newspaper club meets Tuesdays after school.

You can find our past issues online at the Spring Avenue website under the About Spring link. Continue to look for new topics and additions to *A Lion's Life*. Enjoy!

Spring Avenue's New Run/Walk Club

By Grant S.

Running and Walking Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:55 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

It is hosted by Mr. Arneson, Ms. Gorman, and Ms. Weaver. Students in third through sixth grades can join. The running route goes around the Spring Avenue and Gurrie campus. You can run or walk at your own pace.

The goal of Running/Walking Club is to run

enough miles to add up to a marathon, which is 26.2 miles. This club is good for your health and makes your heart stronger. It gets you ready for the day. Talk to the teachers in charge for more information.



My favorite part of the club is running with my friends.



Happy Halloween Spring Avenue!

At conferences
this month,
take time to
share with the
teachers how it
is going at
home with your
child/children.
If you need
increased
communication,
our teachers
are experts at
different ways
to help this
happen.



Principal's Corner

By Mrs. Webb

Dear Families,

Happy November and happy 2nd quarter of wonderful learning. Hopefully, you and your student(s) have gotten off to a smooth start (after some possible bumps) for the routines of school. This is so much bigger than I think we give ourselves credit for, as parents. As educators, we don't take it lightly that you are carefully and frantically, at times, helping your children get ready, stay ready and enjoy coming to school. It takes true teamwork and open communication between home and school for this to happen successfully. Thank you for the work you do at home to help make our work more successful at school. (From nutrition to bedtime, to extracurricular activities, daycare, reading at home and other homework support, to computer help and beyond...Thank you!!!)

As you may know, there are many great initiatives happening at school and we, too, have gotten off to a big start with some new approaches, new philosophies and new goals. We should all remember that our ultimate goal is to have students learn as much as they can and to learn about their potential in all areas to help them grow as the whole child. (And to have some fun along the way!)

This includes:

- Common Core Standards that are designed to help students grow in their thinking,
- Responsive Classroom practices that are designed to help students grow in their relationships, responsibilities, and self-awareness,
- Increased technology use that is designed to help students move ahead into the next century, and
- Improved goal setting with children that is designed to help students become aware of their potential and have ownership of all they can do!

Again, working together, we can continue to make these things happen at the best and most realistic rates possible. At conferences this month, take time to share with the teachers how it is going at home with your child/children. If you need increased communication, our teachers are experts at different ways to help this happen.

If you are interested in volunteering at school in a special and new way, please consider the following opportunity. We would like to start our own SPOC program (Special Person on Campus) that encourages parents who are not usually able to come to school during the day to plan a lunch period (or more) to be with us at school. We would need you at recesses and lunch, and possibly follow up with some reading time or PE time. There would be some "training" involved, as well as a quick trip for fingerprints. More information will be available from the office in the next few weeks.

Finally, the Variety Show is coming up this month and students are very excited. Our ultimate dream with this program is to have all students included if they desire, and for students to feel good about this event. At times, students' feelings get hurt and this event takes away from homework and regular routines. However, with the wonderful parent sponsors and involvement, it has been better each year. Thank you to Mrs. Wenstrup and our PTO for their hard work to make this event safe, focused and inclusive!

Families- Thank you for all you do!

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Webb

As educators and adult role models, it is critical that we take the opportunity to turn negative situations into learning experiences.

Principal's Corner

By Ms. Gorman

Student Social Reflection

We learn from reflecting upon the experiences we have had, good or bad. The act of reflection provides us the opportunity to replay events that occurred/choices we made and, if necessary, entertain different decisions and outcomes. Our minds use the tool of reflection to guide future choices and behavior.

Children will often make mistakes. This is a natural part of growing up. As educators and adult role models, it is critical that we take the opportunity to turn negative situations into learning experiences. We talk to the students about "fruitful mistakes." Such conversations involve a review of our school-wide expectations and a discussion as to how a student can:

Own a mistake.

Fix a situation to the best of his/her ability.

Learn from an experience with the hope that better choices will be made in the future.

Teaching students to reflect on their thoughts, behaviors, and actions is a powerful way to develop their problem-solving skills, hopefully increasing the frequency of good choices in the future.

On occasion, your son or daughter may come home with a reflection sheet that requires them to think through a situation that happened at school and generate a better outcome than the one that occurred. Our hope is that this reflection sheet will not only serve as an effective source of communication to you, but also function as an efficient tool to utilize when talking through conflicts and poorly-thought choices that involved your son or daughter. We hope that you will find the use of a school-wide reflection document helpful and that this tool validates and supports both the efforts you make at home as well as those made by the Spring Avenue teachers and staff throughout the school day.

Thank you!

Ms. Gorman and The Spring Avenue Staff

Join us for the Spring Avenue Run/Walk Club

Have you been thinking about going for a run or walk in the brisk, chilly morning? Well, we have about 70 students, at least 10 parents and 5-10 staff members doing just that on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Spring Avenue campus. We started a Run/Walk club for 3rd-6th graders, and the turnout has been remarkable. Dads, Moms and teachers join the 70 students as they take the trek around the block (about 1/2 mile each lap). Our goals are to help students increase their health awareness, wake up their brains, and enjoy some fun with friends!

Another exciting spinoff from this Run/Walk club is the idea for our "Hot Cocoa" race planned for November 26th, at 7:40 a.m. come rain or shine. Our amazing PTO came up with the idea and will be sponsoring the morning event for this club with Santa hats, beards, and cheering along the way, ending with a "cocoa and cookie" party of our own. We had originally thought to try to sign up for the official race in Chicago, but the event is already quite crowded and a bit expensive, too. The cost for our event will be a donation for the local food pantry from each and every runner/walker!

Come join the fun any Tuesday or Thursday morning at 7:55 or at the big Spring Avenue Hot Cocoa race on November 26th at 7:40 a.m.



SPORTS PAGE



Most Shocking Trade in NBA History

By Joseph P.

This summer a historic trade went down between the New York Knicks and the Toronto Raptors. The Knicks gave the Raptors the beloved Steve Novak, Marcus Camby, Quentin Richardson, a first-round pick in 2016, and second-round picks in 2014 and 2017 for Andrea Bargnani. The trade was finalized on July 2, 2013.

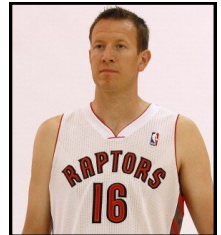
I think this trade gives the Toronto Raptors more than it gives the Knicks. Now the Raptors have a great center, young prospects, and arguably the best knockdown shooter of all-time in Steve Novak. The Knicks get a great player in Bargnani but he doesn't equal all the talent they've given up. This trade puts the Raptors in great position for a title run. With the young talented point-guard Kyle Lowry, a great all-around player in DeMar DeRozan, Sprite Slam Dunk Champion Terrence Ross, one

of the elite players in the league Rudy Gay, and with the addition of Steve Novak they are almost unstoppable. I think this trade benefits Steve Novak because he is not on the same team as Carmelo Anthony who is somewhat of a ball hog.

I am excited for the NBA season because I am eager to see how the Toronto Raptors are going to perform. Are you excited?

Tune in tonight for the season tip-off as the Raptors square off against the Celtics in Boston and Steve Novak makes his debut as a Raptor.

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Brilliant NCAA Bowl Predictions

By Liam R.

BCS Championship: Alabama 42 vs. Oregon 56

Oregon will win in a shootout with Marcus Mariota. Their offense is too good for this new Alabama defense. DeAnthony Thomas will also be a big factor with his big-play attitude. Alabama is fast but not fast enough. Oregon will beat them with their speed and Marcus Mariota will win the MVP. Oregon may not have a good defensive line but they have some athletic cornerbacks. If they are smart they will try to stop Amari Cooper, AJ McCarron's favorite target and Alabama will be forced to run the ball. I can't wait to find out what jerseys Oregon will wear! Oregon with a victory!

Rose Bowl: Ohio St 42 vs. Stanford 31

I believe that these teams will make the Rose Bowl because they have solid players on both sides of the ball. Stanford has a threat with Kevin Hogan to throw the ball, but Ohio State has Heisman contender Braxton Miller who can do everything. It comes down to the defense; Ohio State is interception crazy while Stanford just can stop the run. Ohio State will win because they will cause chaos with Braxton Miller and their cornerbacks.

Fiesta Bowl: NIU 31 vs. Baylor 45

Baylor's fast-paced offense will shred up the defense of the Huskies but you've got to give NIU some love! NIU's offense is very good considering where they are from. They have QB Jordan Lynch who can pass and run. He set the FBS QB rushing yards record for a single game over past NIU player Stacey Robinson. In the end Baylor will win because of their speed on their offense.

Sugar Bowl: Florida St 24 vs. Missouri 14

Florida St's offense is up to the challenge against the Missouri defensive line that is aggressive and has proven to be the best defense line in all of college football. Jameis Winston will still over-power the Missouri secondary. Also Missouri's offense cannot stand up to FSU's defense. Missouri's offense doesn't have any weapons and that will lose them the game.

Orange Bowl: Clemson 27 vs. University of Central Florida (UCF) 24

UCF will win their division because of their win versus Louisville and will make it to a BCS bowl. Clemson's offense will win this game behind Tajh Boyd and company. UCF also has a great offense but their offense hasn't played this talented of a defense. It will be a close game but it comes down to Clemson's offense versus UCF's defense.

Sugar Bowl: Auburn 28 vs. Louisville 27

It all comes down to the QB matchup between Nick Marshall and Teddy Bridgewater. Teddy Bridgewater showed me his inability to finish games and Nick Marshall beat Texas AM in a shootout which tells me that he can pull off big wins. Also Auburn's defense stopped Johnny Manziel and that is hard to do. Louisville's defense can't even stop UCF's offense because of their corners. Auburn is better on both sides of the ball.



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Quarterback Guru and Bears Coach Marc Trestman

By Ben E.

Marc Trestman was born on January 15, 1956 (age 57) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In college he earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and graduated from University of Miami School of Law. Marc Trestman has been a successful assistant or a head coach for many teams. He played quarterback in college for the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State University Moorhead. He has also been successful in lots of different things, such as coaching.



Marc Trestman has coached tons of different teams like in the Canadian Football League. He coached the Montreal Alouettes, and he is currently the head coach for the Chicago Bears. When he was the coach of Montreal Alouettes he led this very good Canadian football team to the Grey Cup twice and one loss in the Grey Cup. He also won the CFL Coach of the Year. In 2005, he led the University of North Carolina State to the Meineke Car Bowl as the offensive coordinator. He was also a running back coach for the Minnesota Vikings and the QB coach for many other NFL teams. To some people Marc Trestman is considered a quarterback guru and a very good quarterback.

There are lots of new head coaches in the NFL and one of them is Marc Trestman of the Chicago Bears. He and his new

looking Bears are on a hot streak starting off the season 3-0 with them beating the Cincinnati Bengals, Minnesota Vikings, and the Pittsburgh Steelers but they have cooled down since because they played two very good teams in the Detroit Lions and a very powerful offense with Jimmy Graham and Drew Brees leading the Saints to a big win. Marc Trestman's Bears had started off 3-2 with a win against the Cincinnati Bengals, Minnesota Vi-

kings, and Pittsburgh Steelers. But a loss to a very strong offense and defense with the Detroit Lions and newly acquired Israel Idonije from the Bears and a very good running in Reggie Bush. Also with a loss to the 5-1 Saints who is led by one of the best quarterbacks so far this season in Drew Brees and a tight end who leads almost all categories from tight ends, Jimmy Graham. The Bears lost to the Detroit Lions 40-32 but the Bears tried to make a comeback from behind but fell short. Last Thursday they beat the now 1-6 Giants 27-21. Then they fell very short to the Washington Redskins with injuries to Jay Cutler and their star linebacker Lance Briggs.

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BIO: Mario Lemieux

By Nathan D.

Mario Lemieux was born October 5, 1965 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He played in the juniors for the Laval Voisins in the QMJHL. He was a righty center. In 1984, Mario was the first pick in the first round for the Pittsburgh Penguins. He won two Stanley Cup titles in his career: 1991 and 1992. He is the only person in NHL history to have a complete game in goals in five different ways. The ways are shorthanded, power play, even strength, empty net, and penalty shot.



Mario holds 11 NHL records. In 1997, Mario was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. In December of 2000, he returned to the great game of hockey. In 2002, he won the gold medal for Canada in the Olympics.

Mario would smoke a half a pack of cigarettes every day, and as a result, he had to quit hockey. He was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. In 2010 his jersey was retired and raised over the Penguins' scoreboard. In his career he played 915 games. He has 1723 points, 6 scoring titles, 3 MVP's, and 2 Conn Smythes (the MVP of the playoffs). He owns the Pittsburgh Penguins record of 46 points in 46 straight games. He has highest points per game average in league history. Finally, he is the Penguins' all-time leader in points, goals, and assists.

Baseball Basics

By Alex V.

Take me out to the ball game! I am going to tell you the rules and some history about baseball. There are four bases in baseball; first base, second base, third base, and a home plate. There are nine players on the field. A baseball field is called a diamond. If a batter swings three times and misses they are out, and the other team gets to bat. If a ball goes out of the white line, it's a foul. If it goes over the fence, it's a homerun!

My favorite teams are the Sox, Cubs, and Cardinals. Some bats are wood in the Major Leagues. All people wear gloves so the ball won't hurt their hand. At baseball fields there are batting cages to warm the players up for a baseball game. There are 36 teams in the major leagues. This season the Cubs won 66 times, and they lost 96 times. The White Sox won 63 times, and they lost 99 times. The Cardinals won 97 times, and they lost 65 times.

When kids start playing, it starts with t-ball, then C league, then B league, then the A league, Babe Ruth league, and finally the major leagues. I played baseball for 5 years. First I played for the Pittsburgh Pirates in t-ball, then the Boston Red Sox, the Royals, then the Tigers. Last year I played for the Cardinals.

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NFL Headlines: Beginning of Season Summary

By Liam R.

The NFL year got off to a great start with 3 big stories. There were 7 undefeated teams and one of them was yours truly, the Chicago Bears. Chip Kelly's fast-paced offense is working, well... okay. The Eagles have two main problems. RGIII is not as good as his old self, and he can't run anymore.



RGIII got off to a slow start with a bunch of losses. He can't run like he used to and now he is becoming a pocket passer. If you remember, RGIII tore his ACL in last year's game versus the Seahawks. His Redskins offensive line is struggling and RGIII has been sacked 6 times. OUCH! If you have him on your fantasy team, you're in trouble. He's got one emerging wide receiver, Leonard Hankerson who is young and gets some big plays but in the end he gets more mistakes because of his inexperience. RGIII's defense is helping him out a lot. His defense has 8 sacks total and their defensive line has gotten most of them. If you are an RGIII fan, the only way he will ever come back is if he becomes more mobile in the pocket.

The Bears are off to a great start with Marc Trestman and co. Jay Cutler's offensive line is way better than last year with some young talent and veterans. Jake Long, their number one overall pick, is doing great - so that pick paid off. Jay Cutler has developed a unique relationship with Martellus Bennett.



He has found Martellus and Brandon Marshall in the end zone most of the time including the game-winning touchdown over the Vikings to Martellus. The Bears defense on the other hand is still interception-frenzy with Charles Tillman, Tim Jennings, and Major Wright. The replacement for Brian Urlacher, DJ Williams, has been doing good, but not as good as Brian did. Lance Briggs has been calling the plays, and he has been doing a good job at it.

Chip Kelly's offense is doing very good in this league with all of his speedy players. If you're thinking "Hey, the Eagles are doing horrible in the record column!" well it's not the offense's fault, it's the defense. The defense has always been horrible. They traded Nnamdi Asomugha, their best corner, in the offseason to the 49ers. Also, the other way they've been losing is because of their offensive line. Their offensive line has let up many sacks and Michael Vick and LeSean McCoy have been running for their lives. The Eagles will probably win their division because all of the other teams don't have as good of an offense as the Eagles.



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What's Wrong with the New York Giants?

By Johnny B.

The New York Giants have gone from Super Bowl Champions in 2012, to going 9-7 and missing the playoffs in the 2012-13 season, and now they've started off the 2013-14 season 2-6. A week one 31-36 loss to the Dallas Cowboys, a week two 41-23 loss to the Denver Broncos, a week three loss 0-38 loss to the Carolina Panthers, a week four 7-31 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs, a week five 36-21 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, a week six 27-21 loss to the Chicago Bears, FINALLY a 23-7 win over the Vikings, and they racked on another win 15-7 over the Eagles, but they still have had a horrific season. Eli Manning, Giants quarterback, has 2,167 yards (8th in the league), but has only 10 passing touchdowns (14th tied with a few). He also has 15 interceptions, which is the most in the league. That's awful! Giants running back Brandon Jacobs has 154 rushing yards (51st in the NFL), three rushing touchdowns, 13th (tied with many) in the NFL, and one fumble, 17th (tied



with many) in the NFL. The Giants defense is ranked 15th most in yards allowed per game (344.2).

So, what's wrong with the Giants? I believe that the Giants might've thought they were too good for everybody, so they got too cocky and didn't try as hard. Or, they just really aren't working together as well this year. They aren't on the same page, so to speak. They played the Philadelphia Eagles this past Sunday, and won. They aren't going to win much this year. I think they'll win about 3 or 4 games at the most. So, maybe 1 or 2 more wins. Some advice I'd give to Eli is to go visit your older brother, Peyton Manning (Peyton has 2,919 yards and 29 touchdowns, both first in the NFL). He could use it. A LOT.

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NBA Season Predictions

By Joseph P.

The NBA season has tipped off, and this article is going to tell you my predictions of how the season will play out. We'll start with the Western Conference. In the Northwest division the Oklahoma City Thunder have always dominated, and I predict that this season will be no different. Kevin Durant is almost unstoppable and will put up big numbers this year leading the Thunder to the Playoffs.

The Pacific division has a lot of talent, but the team with the most talent is the Los Angeles Clippers. Once you read Los Angeles, you probably thought I was going to say Lakers, but I didn't. The Lakers are good, but Kobe Bryant is past his glory days and is also nursing a torn Achilles. The Clippers are fast paced and have a great coach in Doc Rivers. They have arguably the best point guard in the league: Chris Paul. Paul has great chemistry with the high flying, show stopping Blake Griffin. These two alone can make a good team, but they have another great player in Jamal Crawford.

Let's move to the Southwest division. This is a tough division, but I am going to have to go with the Western Conference Champions, the San Antonio Spurs. The Dallas Mavericks get Dirk Nowitzki back but he is getting older and older by the season. The Spurs have one of the greatest ever in Tim Duncan and also have Tony Parker who is a solid player. They have a young, improving player in Kwame Leonard and re-signed Tiago Splitter. They also signed former Bull, Marco Belinelli who is consistent from all parts of the floor. That wraps up the West so let's move onto the Eastern Conference.

The Eastern Conference has a lot of electrifying players, and this is how I think the season will play out for the East. The Atlantic has been dominated by the New York Knicks, and

fellow NY team, the Brooklyn Nets, have a decent team with former Illini player Deron Williams, and a great big man in Brook Lopez. There is one team that really stands out to me though, the Toronto Raptors. The Celtics are too old and only have Jeff Green to put up points. The Raptors had a huge off season, acquiring young hopeful Tyler Hansbrough, the fast paced D.J. Augustin, and the one and only Steve Novak. Returning point-guard Kyle Lowry brings an electrifying aspect to the floor, as well as Rudy Gay who is one of the best in the league. DeMar DeRozan and Terrence Ross are both great physical high-flyers and can also make outside shots. Hansbrough can dominate in the post and is a great tool for Lowry. Steve Novak is arguably one of the best shooters in history, and is just getting started. He is a preseason candidate for MVP and is likely to lead the league in three-point shooting.

The Central Division is a division where every win counts, and I think that the Chicago Bulls will get the most Ws. The Pacers made the Eastern Conference Finals last year. I think they will be the Bulls biggest challenger with big man Roy Hibbert, but Joakim Noah can shut him down. Derrick Rose is returning from an ACL injury, and although he won't be back to MVP form, he is a big contributor to the team. D Rose will propel the Bulls to the playoffs.

The Southeast division has always been dominated by the Miami Heat and I think it will continue to be dominated by LeBron and the Heat. The Heat just have too much talent for the other teams in the division. There are no competitors for the Heat in the Southeast and they will easily win it.

My pre-season finals prediction is that the Toronto Raptors defeat the Los Angeles Clippers 3-2 with the finals MVP being Steve Novak. So tune in tonight for the Raptors first game of the season in Boston. I am hoping for a great season, and I think it will be.

NHL Preseason Hockey Starts

By Drew C. and Patrick S.

NHL season is starting. Do you think that Chicago is going to win or will the Pittsburgh Penguins win? The Hawks might win with their new players, Nikolai Khabibulin, Michael Kostka, Theo Peckham, Joakim Nordstrom, Brad Winchester, and Ben Smith. And the Penguins new players are Steve MacIntyre, Matt D'Agostini, Tom Kuhnhackl, Harry Zolnierczyk. But the Penguins may win with their star players.

On the Blackhawks the star players are Patrick Kane, Jonathon Toews, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook, Patrick Sharp, and Corey Crawford. The Penguins star lineup includes Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Marc Andre Fleury, James Neal, Chris Kunitz, Pascal Dupuis, and the goalies Marc Andre Fleury and Corey Crawford. Marc's save percentage is .883 while Corey's is .926. The Penguins are members of the Eastern Conference,

and the Hawks are in the Central Division, so they don't have to worry about playing each other. The Hawks' rivals are the Detroit Red Wings. The Penguins' rivals are the Philadelphia Flyers.



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Teacher Spotlight

New Assistant Principal, Ms. Gorman

By Olivia W.



We are very lucky to have an Assistant Principal this year at Spring Avenue, so I decided to interview her. Lucky for us, we get an awesome teacher some of us already know!! Ms. Gorman!! I have asked her some things about her job, herself, and her past. I asked Ms. Gorman if she had to apply for the job of being assistant principal, or if Mrs. Webb asked her to be assistant principal. Ms. Gorman said that she had to apply for the job. She is the assistant principal at Spring and Ideal. She shares her times between the schools. Ms. Gorman likes her job a lot, but she said her favorite part is "that I still get to work and interact with all the students in the school." Then I asked her if she hadn't become the SAIL teacher (last year) or the assistant principal (this year) what grade would she like to teach? Ms. Gorman said that she taught 4th grade before and would probably stick with 4th grade. Ms. Gorman and Ms. Webb work together a lot and communicate well with each other, which is important because sometimes Ms. Gorman is at Ideal. Working at two schools is one of the biggest challenges for Ms. Gorman. She said she very much loves her job at Spring Avenue and getting to work with all the stu-

dents. She also commented about how privileged she is to work in two buildings at District 105.

Ms. Gorman said she likes the color red because it's bold and strong. She is most proud of raising her two boys. In her free time, Ms. Gorman likes to play the piano, cook, read, and garden. Did you know Ms. Gorman is also a runner? Her favorite dessert is a vanilla milkshake. Ms. Gorman says some words to describe her are: down to earth, determined, and kind. Ms. Gorman really enjoys folk rock music. She has always lived in Illinois, and she grew up living in Chicago.

Ms. Gorman's earliest childhood memory is when she was swimming in a lake at her summer home in Wisconsin. She still loves the water. Ms. Gorman says while she was still a kid she wishes she would have tried more things, or given more things a chance. She wouldn't have given up because she thought she was bad at something. Ms. Gorman is still in touch with one of her closest friends, who now lives in Washington. Ms. Gorman has two sisters, and she is the middle child.

These are some facts about Ms. Gorman that will help you know more about her!!

New 4th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Mindy

By Cole K.



Mrs. Mindy likes being a teacher because she gets to see kids' faces light up when they learn something new. She has been teaching for 16 years. This is her first year at Spring Avenue. Mrs. Mindy went to school at N.I.U. She lives in New Lenox with her family. She is married and has three children: Julia, age 12, Megan, age 10, and Ryan, age 8.

Mrs. Mindy's favorite color is silver. Dogs are Mrs. Mindy's favorite animals. Mrs. Mindy said her favorite number is seven. Lastly, just in time for Halloween, her favorite candy is candy corn. We are glad you are here at Spring, Mrs. Mindy!

Teacher Spotlight

Teachers' Hopes and Dreams For the Year

By Alejandra M. and Joanie M.

Do you want to hear your teacher's goals for you and themselves? This is your chance to find out!

KINDERGARTEN:

Kindergarten: Ms. Dickerson: Ms. Dickerson has been teaching at Spring for three years, and this year a goal for her students is to enjoy learning. A personal goal is to keep kids happy about learning. Ms. Dickerson plans to accomplish this by making fun lessons for her students. GO KINDERGARTEN!!!

1ST GRADE:

Mrs. Caylor: Mrs. Caylor is a veteran 1st grade teacher. Her goals for her students are to become better readers and to learn more in math. Mrs. Caylor plans to get more sleep this school year.

Ms. Parrino: Ms. Parrino is a 1st grade teacher. Her goals for her students include having them be excited about learning and love learning. Ms. Parrino plans to go to different places in her lifetime.

2nd GRADE:

Mrs. Daly: Mrs. Daly is an awesome teacher. Her goal for her students is to enjoy learning. Mrs. Daly plans to always love the blessings in her life.

Mrs. Richardson: Mrs. Richardson is the new 2nd grade teacher. She taught 1st grade at Spring last year. Her goals for her students are to feel confident in learning and that they can have fun in learning.

Mrs. Richardson plans to keep making lessons that are interesting for students.

Mrs. Walsh: Mrs. Walsh is coming back in December after taking time at home with her new son, Maxwell Walsh.

3rd GRADE:

Ms. McGinnis: Ms. McGinnis is a teacher who loves smiles. Her goal for her students is to do the best they can. Ms. McGinnis plans to give students what they need to learn.

Ms. Melone: My goal for my students is to treat others the way they want to be treated! This year she hopes to read more books for fun.

Mrs. Dahlin: Mrs. Dahlin's goal for her students is for everyone to feel a sense of community. Mrs. Dahlin plans to spend more time with family and friends this year.

4th GRADE:

Mrs. Haymes: Mrs. Haymes is the new 4th grade teacher. She taught 2nd grade at Spring last year. Her goal for her students is to have a higher level of learning. Mrs. Haymes plans to make learning challenging but interesting.

Mrs. Mindy: Mrs. Mindy is the new fourth grade teacher. This is her first year at Spring. Her goal for her students is to challenge themselves. Ms. Mindy

plans to make learning fun.

Ms. Eck: Ms. Eck's goals for her students are for students to enjoy learning and to have fun learning. Her plan is to make work challenging for her students.

5th GRADE:

Ms. Folliard: Ms. Folliard's goals for her students are to unleash their courage and ambition to achieve new heights while learning. She plans to continue to make creative and fun learning experiences.

Mrs. Demer: Mrs. Demer's goals for her students are to become better readers and to work harder. Her plan is to find good learning experiences for her students.

6th GRADE:

Mrs. Wanta: Mrs. Wanta's goals for her students are to all become independent and have fun. Her plans are to exercise more, to make science fun, and to balance the school work she gives out.

Ms. Charlton: Ms. Charlton's goals for her students are to enjoy learning and to challenge themselves. Her plan is to give students what they need to learn.

Have a great school year!



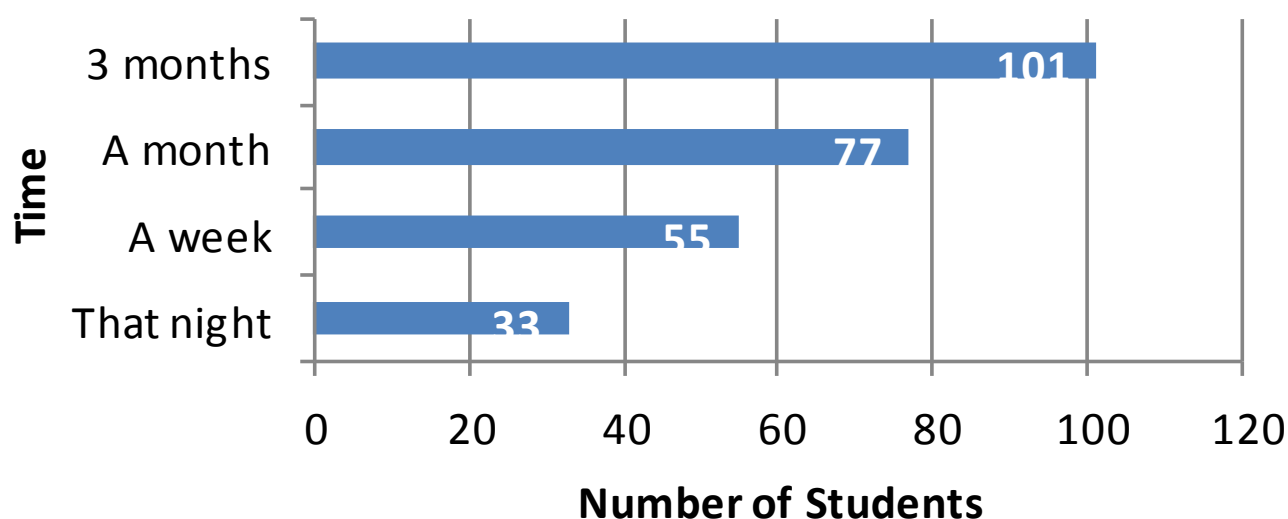
Hey, 4th-6th graders,
there is still time to
join Newspaper Club!
Talk to Ms. Marek or
Mrs. Faldani!

halloween candy survey

By Ava P. and Sophie P.

We were curious and we wanted to know how long it took you eat your Halloween candy.
We have the results right here. We hope you like it! Happy Halloween!

Results: How long it takes you to eat your halloween candy.



Zoom, Zoom, Zoom



By Zoe C. and Ava M.

Look closely, can you guess what the objects are below? Check your answers on page 18 of the Newspaper. Good Luck!

1



2



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The History of Tweety Bird

By Josie B.

What is cute, has big blue eyes, and yellow feathers all over? Here's a hint look at the title. Yep, you guessed it. TWEETY BIRD! You all know Tweety as a cute little baby bird, but here's an inside look at how Tweety was created.

First off, Tweety was originally not named Tweety Bird, but first was named Orson. He was created by Warner Brothers animation artist Bob Clampett in 1942. Clampett got the idea for creating Orson (Tweety) by looking at an embarrassing

baby photo of himself, and because he loved baby birds so much. Also, Orson was actually originally ... PINK! Yes, I know you would think that Orson was always yellow, but nope it was pink. They changed Orson because it made him/her look naked. I guess you would want to know if Orson was a boy or girl. Orson was a boy.

You know Tweety as a cute little bird that is just an angel. Guess what, Orson was originally a wild, mean, and aggressive little bird who showed no mercy for his

foes. His creators changed his character because that evil side didn't go with his cuteness, so they changed him to be a cute little innocent angel who did nothing wrong at all. However, that mean side never went away completely. Later on, Tweety was on the show Looney Tunes, Looney Tunes When They Were Babies, and now the Looney Tunes Show.

Orson's voice was originally done by Mel Blanc, and now someone else is doing his voice to keep his character alive.



pink

yellow



Image Credit: www.fanpop.com/clubs/tweety-bird/picks/show/252293/like-pink-tweety-yellow-tweety-best

So You Think You Are Bored

By Lindsey P.

Bored? No need to sit around doing nothing with this article. Listed here are some (non) boring things to do (some of these may involve school):

Writing:

- If you had a million dollars, what would you do with it? Write it on another piece of paper.
- Write the same word on a piece of paper until you can't write it anymore.
- Write a story. Share it with friends and family.

Reading:

- Write down a list of books to read. Give it to a friend and ask them to write you one.
- Take a book you have read and open it to a random page. Read on.
- Let's say you and your parents have a goal. You read 25 books, you get a prize. Share idea with parents.

Arts/Crafts:

- Decorate your room. Garlands, tinsel, pictures, even quotes will work!
- Take a picture of someone, print it out, and use markers, colored pencils, or crayons to add details (mustache, funny glasses, chicken pox, etc.).

Outdoor Activities:

- Balance on one foot. Throw a ball up and down and see how many times you can catch it without letting foot touch the ground.
- Get into a funky position and see how long you can stay in that position.
- Sit outside. Look and listen to the nature.

Now you have some ideas to keep yourself busy and not be bored!

Russian Blue Cats

By Jennie B.

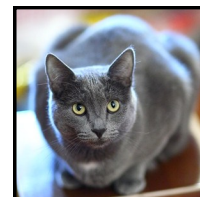
Do you like cats? Do you like ADORABLE cats? Well then keep reading this article, my friend, to learn about one of the CUTEST CATS EVER – the Russian Blue.

What is a Russian blue cat you might ask? No, despite popular stereotypes, they're not actually blue; they're more of a silver grey. Their coats are pure silky grey and their slight curves on the sides of their mouths make them appear to always be smiling.

These kinds of cats are a rather famous breed. They're well known for their beautiful coats of grey, short, but silky fur. Their divine fur mixed with their emerald green eyes makes a combination of a prize-winning breed.

Don't want to base your opinion just on looks? Well no worries, this cat is playful too! Russian Blues will usually play a lot and be full of energy, but prefer to play with their human companion. They also tend to be shy around strangers, but never around their owner.

So, that's all you need to know about Russian Blue cats. Now all that's left to do is look at how adorable they are!



Halloween Jack O' Lanterns

By Olivia W.

Have you ever been wandering around the neighborhood during Halloween and seen a really cool Jack O' Lantern carving? Although I haven't seen the Jack O' Lanterns on this page in person, they caught my eye on the Internet. I wish I could carve pumpkins like these!! Look for more fun ideas at this website: www.makingmemorieswithyourkids.com.



Smile!



Awwwwwww!



Ewwwwwww!



Psych!



Meow!



Help!!



Let Go!

Crafty Halloween Projects

By Emma C.

Mummy Pumpkin

Take a pumpkin of your choice (bigger pumpkins will work better). Take toilet paper or white gauze and wrap the paper from the bottom to top. Glue or use glue dots to add googly eyes to the paper or gauze. Also, you can draw your own with permanent marker. Be careful because the pen might smear! Then put it outside and enjoy your pumpkin mummy!



Floating Ghosts

Take at least an inch of tin-foil. Crumple it into a ball. Next, get an average sized paper towel. Wrap the paper towel around the tin-foil ball. Use a small rubber-band to secure it. You can attach invisible string to his neck and attach it anywhere to make it look like its floating!



Pumpkin Clothespins

First, take a clothespin. Next, take an inch of ribbon (any pattern will work). Glue the underside of the ribbon. Lay it evenly on the clothespin. Take a foam sticker or a button with a Halloween related picture. Then, turn the clothespin upside-down and stick a note in them. Now, you can remember in a fun way!



Teachers' Favorite Halloween Costumes

By Zoe C. and Ava M.

These are teachers' favorite Halloween costumes when they were kids. There are some interesting costumes, and we already have ideas about what we're going to be this year!

Kindergarten Ms. D – Strawberry ShortCake



1st grade Ms. Parrino - Strawberry

2nd grade Mrs. Daly – Snow White



3rd grade Mrs. Dahlin - Gypsy

4th grade Mrs. Mindy - Grapes



4th grade Mrs. Haymes – Princess



5th grade Ms. Folliard – Casper the Friendly Ghost

6th grade Ms. Charlton – Toothbrush



Ms. Weaver– A Bag of Jelly Beans

Mrs. Faldani- Bigfoot



Mrs. Webb – Triceratops

Ms. Marek - Punk Rocker



Top 10 Halloween Costumes This Year

By Rhys W.

Have you ever wondered what the top 10 most popular Halloween costumes are on the planet? If you have, you will like this article. If you haven't, please keep reading this article anyway.

Now I will get on with it. I did some research, and here it is. The number one top costume is a princess. The 2nd costume is a devil. The 3rd most popular costume is a vampire. The 4th costume is a zombie, awesome right? The 5th costume is Batman. The 6th costume is a cat. The 7th costume is a super hero. The 8th costume is a ghost. BOO! Got you! Ok, Ok I will get back to the story. The 9th costume is a Nurse. I know, I do not get it either. The 10th and final costume is a Star Wars character. After reading my article, for those of you who were not interested, are you happy that you read it? I hope you are!

With your parent's permission, find these costumes and many more on the Halloween Express website: www.halloweenexpress.com

Staffs' Favorite Halloween Candy

By Selma B. and Audrey M.

Have you ever wondered about the staff at Spring Avenue and their favorite candy? Well you're in luck! We will tell you now!

Ms. McGinnis: Twix

Ms. Marek: York Peppermint Pattie

Ms. Parrino: M + M's

Mrs. Daly: Dots

Mrs. Dahlin: Skittles

Mrs. Jones: Milky Way

Ms. Kim: Reese Peanut Butter Cups

Ms. Melone: Reese Peanut Butter Cups

Ms. Folliard: Miniature Reese Peanut Butter Cups

Mrs. Demer: Milky Way Dark

Mrs. Haymes: Hersey

Ms. Ahern: Kit Kat

Ms. Gorman: Heath Bars

Mrs. Webb: Watermelon and Green Apple Jolly Ranchers and chocolate covered anything

Mrs. Wanta: M+ M's

Ms. Charlton: Kit Kat

Ms. Matter: M+ M's

Ms. Dickerson: Almond Joy or Twizzlers

Mrs. Kay: Reese Peanut Butter Cups

Mr. Jinx: Snickers

Mrs. Faldani: Snickers

Mrs. Caylor: Fannie May Mint Meltaways

Mr. Wydra: Take 5 and Starburst

Ms. Weaver: Snickers

Mrs. Richardson: Twix



Halloween Word Search

Make your own: <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/code/BuildWordSearch.asp>

By Angelina G.

K N T S T S O T B Z P H F D O
 N X O R P S E P H C E A W F T
 G F D T I I O D P W M L I J O
 L D J E E C D H B M U L T C Z
 S J D E P L K E G N T O C G D
 M A E R C S E O R B S W H K H
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COSTUME
 GHOST
 HALLOWEEN
 JACKOLANTERN
 PUMPKIN
 SCARECROW
 SCREAM
 SKELETON
 SPIDERS
 SPOOKY
 TRICKORTREAT
 WITCHES

Turn to the back page
 for the answers!
 Good Luck!

Top 5 Exotic Rides

By Michael M.

#1 The Lamborghini Gallardo

This hot ride has a top speed of 250 miles per hour. This Lamborghini is the fanciest ride out

of all Lamborghinis. This car was first made in 2003 and is still being made. This car is very cool and I think that is why it makes #1.



#2 The Lamborghini Murcielago

This car has a speed of 62 miles in 3.8 seconds. That

is fast for a car, although we are talking Lamborghini, so that is kind of normal. The first generation was made in 2001.

#3 The Maybach 62

This car has a retractable roof in the back of the car. This car has reclining back seats and an installed refrigerator compartments. That is why it makes #3.



#4 McLaren Mp4 12c

This car's top speed is 207 miles per hour. Believe it

or not this car can make a complete stop from going 124 miles per hour all the way to 0 miles per hour. This is definitely one of my favorite cars so that is why it makes #4.

#5 Pagani Huayra

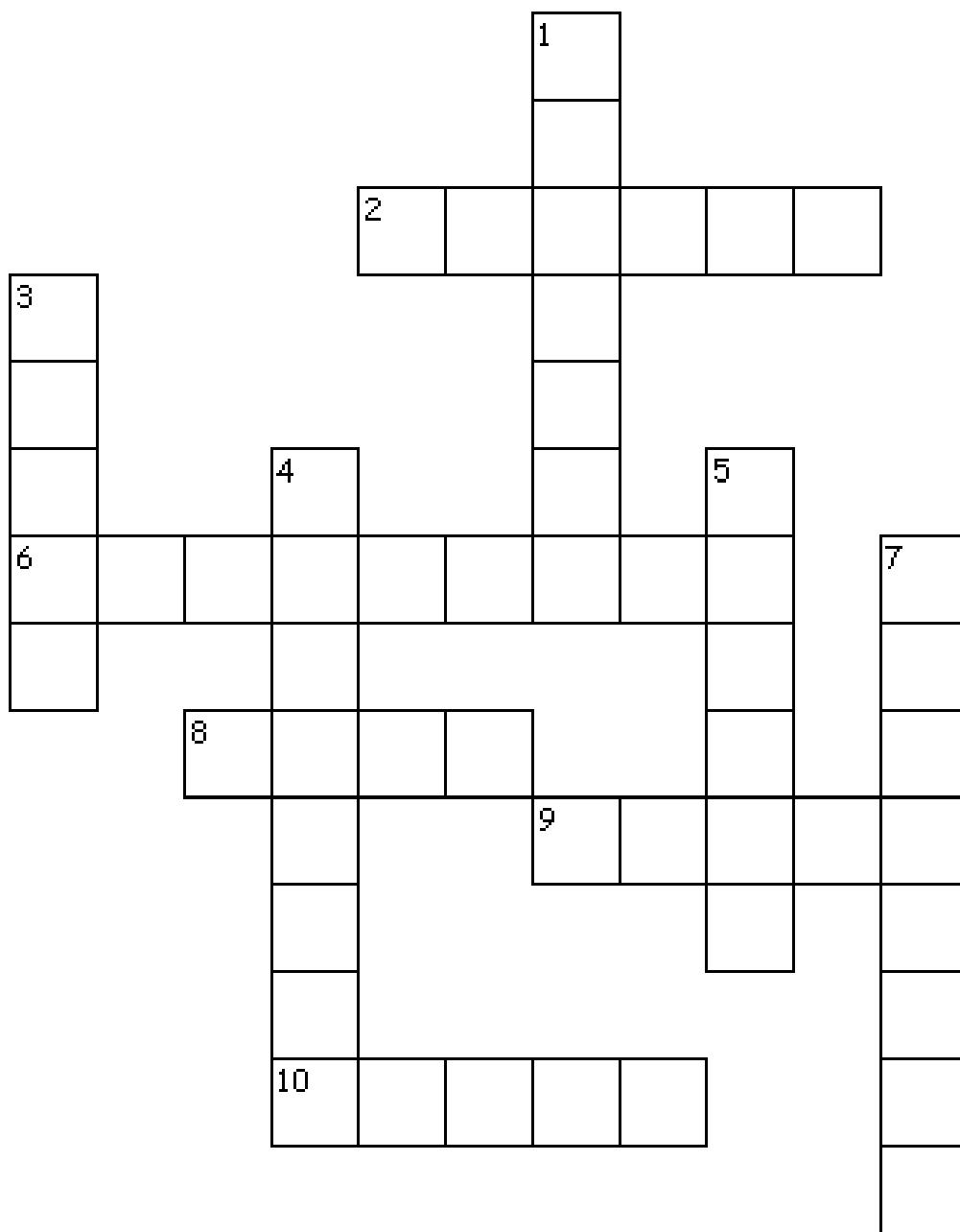
This car has a top speed of around 231 MPH. The thing I think is great about this car is the cool design. This is a wonderful sports car, and I hope I can get it someday. This car is so cool, that is why it makes this list of top 5 cars at #5.



Halloween Costume Crossword Puzzle

Make your own: <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/code/BuildCrissCross.asp>

By Angelina G.



Across

2. Dead, slow, green
6. Cape, powers,
8. Suspenders,
glasses, smart
9. Red nose, colorful
jumpsuit, colorful
afro
10. Wings, wand,
pixie dusk

Down

1. Pale, fangs, black
3. A spirit that is
lurks the earth
4. Hairy, full moon,
beast
5. Woody (from Toy
Story), Texas,
lasso
7. Dress, tiara, prince
charming

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Good Luck!



What Does the Fox Say?

By Shea W.

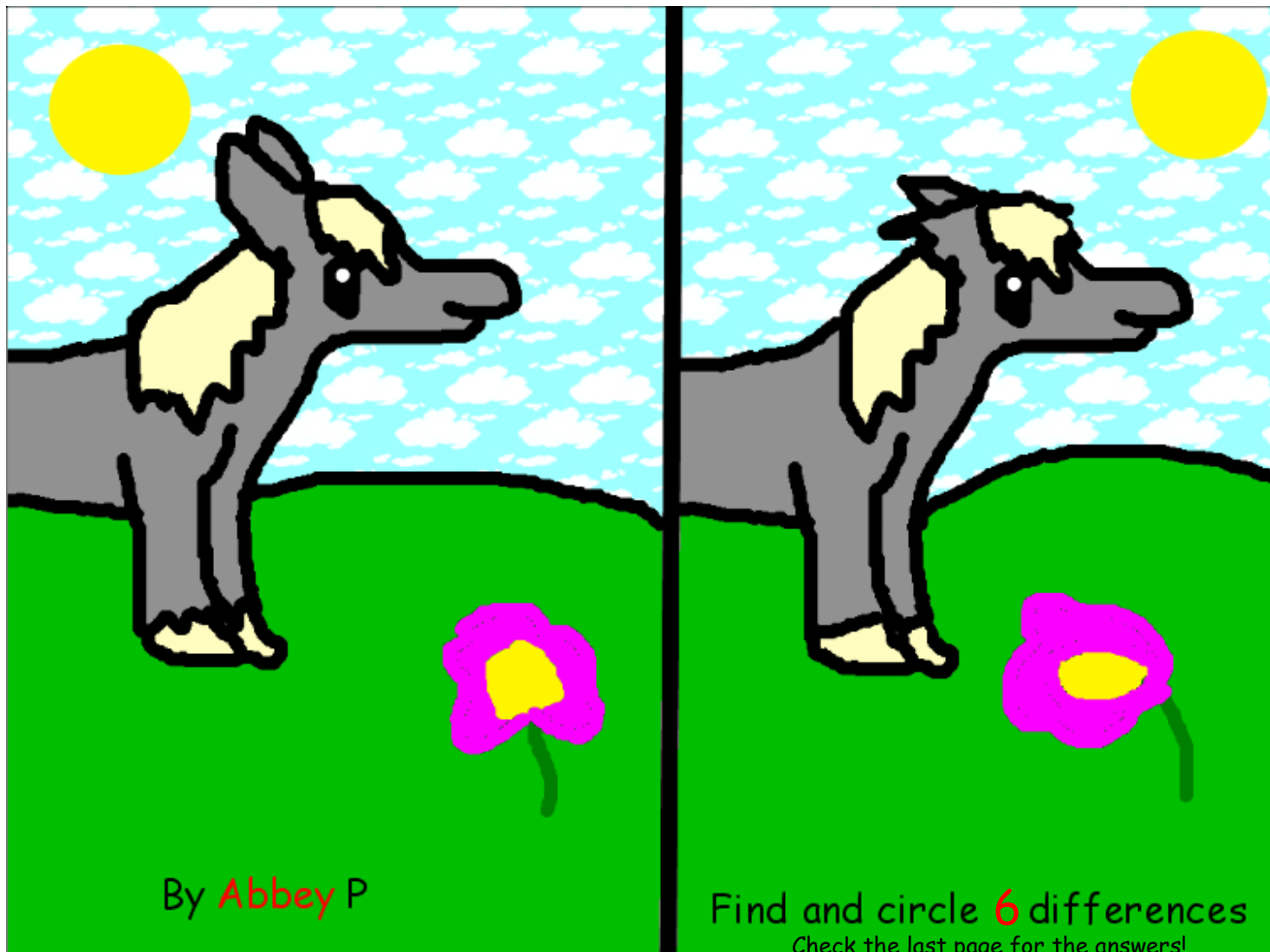
“What Does the Fox Say?” is a viral video on the video sharing website, YouTube.com. A viral video is really popular video on the Internet. “What Does the Fox Say?” is full of laughs and smiles all the way to the end. Plus, this video really made me stop and think what does the fox say? The world might never know. When you think of a fox do you pic-

ture a friend or foe? With a sneaky smile? Or darting for prey? Foxes are known for being sneaky and sly.

I give the “What Does the Fox Say?” video 5 stars. Ask your parents permission before going on the computer and onto the YouTube.com website. Once you have their permission, you can check this viral video out and find out on your own what the fox says!

Spot the Differences!

By Abbey P.



Who Am I?

By Joanie M.



Do you know who I am? Turn to page 18 to see if you're right!

- ? I'm 28 years old (born June 30, 1985).
- ? I won 23 gold medals in the 2012 Summer Olympics.
- ? Swimming was my event.
- ? I'm retired.
- ? My relay racers were Ryan Lochte, Alex Meyer, Andrew Gemmall.
- ? I was the youngest man to have over 20 gold medals.

Important Dates

October 31—Halloween!
 November 3—Daylight Savings Time—Fall Back!
 November 4, 6—2:00 Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences, Book Fair in Library
 November 8—Veteran's Day Celebration at Kick Off
 November 11—Veteran's Day Holiday, No School
 November 13—PTO Meeting, 8:45am
 November 18-19—Vision and Hearing Screening
 November 21—Variety Show Dress Rehearsal, 6:30
 November 22—Variety Show, 7:00pm
 November 27-29—Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
 December 3—Holiday Band Concert, 7:00pm
 December 5—Holiday Choir/Orchestra Concert, 7:00pm
 December 11—PTO Meeting, 8:45am

Lost and Found

Please check the office during your scheduled Parent Teacher Conference time for any lost or misplaced items.



Zoom, Zoom, Zoom Answers



1

Lion on wall in Gym



2

Bookmarks in Library



3

2nd Grade Pumpkins



Who Am I? Michael Phelps



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Halloween Word Search! ANSWER KEY

By: Angelina G.

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