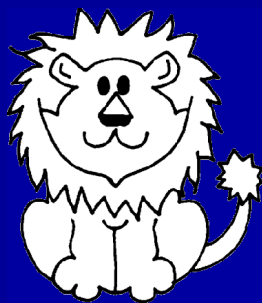


honor
high respect, as for
worth, merit,
or rank



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Spring Avenue Receives Blue Ribbon

By Zoe C. and Jade B.

The Blue Ribbon is a great honor for our school. This is our first year winning the award, and teachers, students, parents, the community, and the principal all are excited. What is the Blue Ribbon honor and why did we win it?

The Blue Ribbon honor is recognition for schools that excel. The schools that win the award demonstrate hard work and achieve high goals. In 2014, 337 schools, including Spring Avenue, for won the Blue Ribbon award: 287 of them are public schools and 50 schools are private.

We won the award to "recognize what we do and all the hard work everyone puts into this school," said Mrs. Webb. Secretary Arne Dun-



can gave us the award and said, "These great schools are fulfilling the promise of American education—that all students, no matter their name or zip code, can flourish when schools provide safe, creative, and challenging learning environments."

Mrs. Webb said she felt "excited, proud, overwhelmed, and recharged" about winning the award.

Also, Mrs. Mindy

said she felt "proud, not surprised, and everyone is so amazing."

"I think it's a great honor for our school, but it should be shared with everyone teachers, students, parents, and Mrs. Webb," said Mrs. Demer.

"Spring Avenue is a great place to be and the community is very supporting through good times and bad," said Mrs. Demer.

The blue ribbon award is special because it "tells kids, staff, parents, and the community that hard work is worth it" said Mrs. Webb.

Mrs. Webb accepts the award on November 11th in Washington, DC. We are very proud of our school and Mrs. Webb. We hope to win the award again.

Welcome to *A Lion's Life* Newspaper

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.

A 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 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.

You can find our past issues online at the Spring Avenue website under the About Spring link.

Enjoy!



Happy Halloween Spring Avenue!

We are all
learning
together about
this productive
struggle and
encouraging
students to
solve their own
problems and
fix their own
situations.

Principal's Corner

By Mrs. Webb

Dear Families,

Happy Fall! There are so many great things happening at Spring Avenue and the students are the main reasons for this! Students are reaching out to one another when needed. They are helping others when needed. They are being a great support to one another when needed. We are still working on stretching this kindness out to all students where we make attempts to get to know new people and include everyone in our play. We're getting there. Please talk to your child/children about who they are playing with and with whom they sit at lunch.

A big THANK YOU goes out to our most recent SPOCs- the police and fire departments came out in a big group to support the students and eat lunch with them. They played basketball, four square and tag with the students, as well. The Leadership Club did a great job in greeting, seating and serving our favorite First Responders! Thank you!! **(PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU CAN BE A SPOC- Special Person On Campus! We need you!!! Dad, Grandfathers, Uncles, Moms, etc- you are all welcome to schedule a day to come to school and help in lunch and recess wearing your SPOC shirt with pride!!)**

We have completed our first round of conferences and so far, all is well. Students are working harder than ever. Teachers know their students and the individual needs better than ever. Parents are continuing to play a huge part in the learning process and in knowing how to help their child at home. We are all learning together about this productive struggle and encouraging students to solve their own problems and fix their own situations. We continue to talk about how to Own it, Fix it and Learn from it when we have a challenge or difficult situation in front of us. This includes math problems, recess issues and even spelling. Thank you for checking in with your child on a regular basis.

Please feel free to provide us with feedback about the following:

CURRICULUM NIGHT

CONFERENCES

PROGRESS REPORTS

COMMUNICATION NEEDS (BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL).

Our Blue Ribbon celebration is to honor each and ever person related to Spring Avenue. This includes students, staff, parents, grandparents, step parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, volunteers, First Responders and babysitters!!! Please keep in touch about these festivities and celebrations during the week of November 16th! A Teacher, Myself and some other district personnel will be attending the formal ceremony in Washington DC next month!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE AND ALL! We are very proud of our School Community!

Happy Fall. Please feel free to contact us if you wish to discuss anything at all. We appreciate all you do for our school and our children!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Webb

Principal



SPORTS PAGE



Game Review: Detroit Red Wings @ Chicago Blackhawks

By Sammy K.

Two amazing NHL teams face off for their first pre-season game. They are the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Blackhawks! Some new players are David Rundblad, Brad Richards, and Phillip Danvult.

Hawks win the opening puck drop. After about five minutes there's not much action. Then Detroit gets the puck Porter shoots, and Glending deflects it in for the first goal! The Hawks win the face off after the goal and take it into Detroit ice. The puck is bouncing around. It is getting dicey but the puck gets cleared! At about the eleventh minute in the first period, the Hawks are down 1-0 after two powerplay chances. So far the new players have not touched the puck much but have been very aggressive. Now the Hawks are on the power play. Sadly they don't score. Hawks finally commit a penalty: it was against Hossa for hooking and it is a Detroit power play. However they don't score. It was against Hossa for hooking at the final minute of period one.

At the beginning of period two, Hawks are on the pen-



Image Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/photo-galleries/2014/09/24/detroit-red-wings-chicago>

alty kill and they do a great job of killing the power play. Eight minutes left in the 2nd period and they pull Crawford who has made some outstanding saves. Then they put in Raanta. Late in the second period Hossa passes the puck to Kane. He gets a breakaway and scores! The 2nd period finishes up 1-1.

During the 3rd period the Hawks control the puck for most of period. The Hawks hit the post a few times and Raanta makes some outstanding saves and the period finishes up 1-1, which means overtime.

Blackhawks win the faceoff in the opening of OT. Then Saad gets a breakaway, shoots and hits the post! Then the Hawks pick up the puck. Keith gets it shoots! Then the goalie watches the black saucer whizz past him as it goes in and swooshes the net! It is a goal for the win in overtime 2-1.

Based on this game I think the Hawks are going to be great this season.

2014-2015 Heisman Watch

By Garrett R. and Michael S.

Marcus Mariota—Marcus Mariota, Oregon's quarterback with 4.4 speed deserves to be a Heisman candidate. That's because so far, Marcus has zero interceptions this season. Also, he has 13 passing touchdowns, and three running touchdowns.

Bryce Petty — Bryce Petty, Baylor's quarterback deserves to be a Heisman candidate. That's because he has had 1,534 yards and 15 passing touchdowns so far this year.

Dak Prescott—Dak Prescott, Mississippi State's QB deserves to be a Heisman candidate. That because he has 576 rushing yards and 1,478 passing yards this year so far.

Todd Gurley — Todd Gurely, Georgia's running back deserves to be a Heisman candidate. That's because he has eight rushing touchdowns and 733 rushing yards so far this year.

Melvin Gordon — Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin's running back deserves to be a Heisman candidate. That's because he's rushed for 1,046 yards and has scored 13 touchdowns.

Reserves — Javorius Allen, USC's running back / Ameer Ab-



Image source: sneakerreport.com

dullah, Nebraska's running back / Amari Cooper, Alabama's wide receiver, Jameis Winston FSU's QB, and Cody Kessler, USC's QB.

Information gathered at <http://espn.go.com/college-football/heisman14/>

SPORTS PAGE



Best NFL Players by Position

By Drew C. and Charlie F.

Nick Foles, Quarterback: 75 complete passes, 123 pass attempts and 6 touchdowns.

DeMarco Murray, Running Back: 75 attempts, 385 yards, 3 touchdowns, and 2 fumbles.

Bobby Wagner, Linebacker: plays middle linebacker with 19 tackles and 16 assists.

Emmanuel Sanders, Wide Receiver: 334 yards, 13.4 average and 0 touchdowns.

Martellus Bennett, Tight End: 161 yards, 8.1 average and 4 touchdowns.

Brian Anger, Punter: 21 punts, 986 yards and 41 average.

Ted Ginn: 5 returns, 77 yards and 15.4 average.

Bennie Logan, Defensive Tackle: 14 tackles, 2 assists

Dan Carpenter, Place Kicker, 9 field goal makes, 10 field goal attempts

Mike Adams, Safety: 15 tackles.

We think that it is important that these athletes practice every day to stay at the top of their game and be the best they can be.

Michigan State Spartans

By Emmett D., Patrick E., and Adam K.

Michigan State University's (MSU) football mascot is a Spartan warrior named Sparty. Their school colors are green and white. MSU has won six national championships in football in the years of 1951, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1965 and 1966. They also won the Rose Bowl four times in the years of 1954, 1956, 1988 and 2014!

Michigan State football began in 1884 and became a varsity sport in 1896. In 1951, the Spartans ended a season undefeated. After waiting several years the team was admitted to the Big Ten Conference as a regular member in 1953. After the 1953 season, Biggie Munn, the legendary Spartan coach turned the team over to his protégé and future legend Duffy Daugherty. During the 1950s, when Detroit was known as the world's automobile manufacturer, Michigan state was often referred to as the nations "football factory." Those are our facts on Michigan State!!



Information gathered from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_State_Spartans

LaGrange Celtics Soccer

By Sophie P. and Lilly M.



The La Grange Celtics is a travel soccer team. We are on a team with fifth graders (U11). If you are on Celtics you usually have practice two days a week. We love Celtics because we have great coaches and great teammates! The club motto is "Conatu et Constantia" which means "with effort and determination." That quote is in Latin. Each team is given a pre-Roman English Celtic name such as Concani or Dobunni. Our colors are green and black.

2014 World Cup

By Hannah E.

The World Cup is when most of the countries of the world play in a soccer tournament. In the World Cup of 2014, Germany won 1-0. Argentina came in second place they have one of the best players in the Euro League on their team and that is Messi. He is the number 10. USA sadly lost to Russia in the tournament.

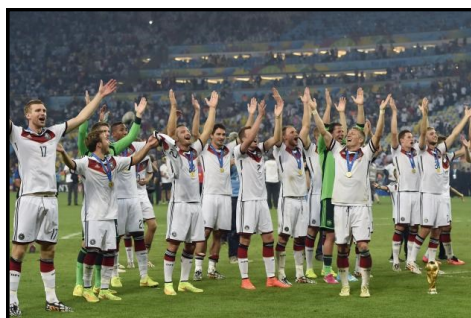


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Jay Cutler Stats

By Roland C.

Yards: 1,676.
Touchdowns: 13
Interceptions: 6
QB Rate: 97.4

I think he's a good QB for the Bears. His arm fires like a canon! A lot of people say he needs improvement, but I think he's awesome!

In my opinion, Jay Cutler belongs on the Bears team!

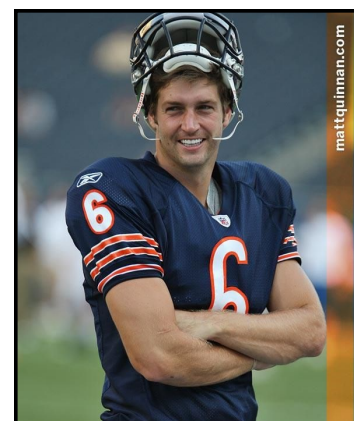


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SPORTS PAGE



Top Football Players of 2014

By Aidan W.

This list is a list of the best NFL players right now and their stats along with their teams.

Top QB — Andrew Luck (Indianapolis Colts) with 334.2 passing yards

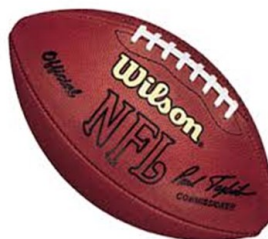
Top RB — Demarco Murray (Dallas Cowboys) with 534 yards

Top WR — Jordy Nelson (Green Bay Packers) with 459 yards

Top TE — Jimmy Graham (New Orleans Saints) with 340 yards

Top Kicker — Pat McAfee (Indianapolis Colts) with 1,728 yards total

Most Field Goals Made — Dan Carpenter (Buffalo Bills) going 10 for 10



Top Returner of Kicks — Andre Caldwell (Denver Broncos) with a 54.0 yard average each return

Top Punter — Bryan Anger (Jacksonville Jaguars) with 1,099 yards total

Most Sacks — Justin Houston (Kansas City Chiefs) with a 5.0 sack average

Top Scorer — Nick Novak (San Diego Chargers) (A kicker!) with 40 points total

Most Touchdowns — Marshawn Lynch (Seattle Seahawks) with a total of 10 touchdowns

Most Interceptions — Kyle Fuller (Chicago Bears) with 16 interceptions

Who Am I?

By Joanie M.

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



- ? I play softball.
- ? I was on three teams, the Chicago Bandits, the Arizona Wildcats, and the U.S.A. National softball team.
- ? I was on the Olympic team in Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008.
- ? My team won gold in Athens and silver in Beijing.
- ? I retired on July 20, 2010.

We Asked You: Teachers and Students “Who is your Favorite President?”

By Gabriella L.

Ms. Eck = Abraham Lincoln
Ms. Marek = Abraham Lincoln
Mrs. Faldani = Harry Truman
Margaret P. = Abraham Lincoln

Hannah E. = Abraham Lincoln
Brandon H. = George Washington
Jeanne M. = Bill Clinton
Sammy K. = Thomas Jefferson

Leo W. = Abraham Lincoln
Mrs. Jones = Ronald Reagan

Who is your favorite president?





Happy Halloween Spring Avenue!



Are you a Trick or a Treat?

By Emme M. and Shea W.

Circle the answer that best describes you:

1. You accidentally splash an elderly woman while riding your bike, what do you do?

- A. Help her dry off and offer to do her laundry for a week.
- B. Help her dry off, but no way are you doing laundry.
- C. Speed away quickly and hope she does not recognize you.

2. You're over at your friend's house, and their mom has made you a dinner you don't like, what do you do?

- A. Say thank you so much and eat it. It's not your house.
- B. Say thank you so much for your effort, but is there anything else I can eat?
- C. Say that's disgusting and throw it away.

3) Your mom buys you a new pair of gym shoes that you think are ugly, what do you say?

- A. Oh, I love them so much thank you!
- B. I like them but they're not my favorite.
- C. Oh! I DON'T LIKE them. I hope you can return them!!!

4) Your teacher gives you a book that you already read and hated it, What do you do?

- A. Read it again and say that you loved it.
- B. Say I already read this and didn't like it so much.
- C. Say I didn't like it the first time and then walk away.

5) You've been wanting a phone for a long time. Your parents buy you a phone that can only call home and 911, what do you say?

- A. Thank you I've always wanted a phone!
- B. Thank you so much, but can I get a different one?
- C. This is not a phone. Come back when you have a real one.

6) You overhear your parents talking about going on a cruise, you start packing. Then you find out you're not going, What's the first thing you do?

- A. Say I'm so happy you're going on a cruise together. I was packing to go to Aunt Sally's.
- B. Say Oh I'm sorry. I thought I was going with you.
- C. Throw a temper tantrum then go sulk in your room.

7) Your mom buys you a horrific costume that you truly dislike, and, to top it off, it's a matching costume with your five year old sister. What do you do?

- A. Say I love it! We can be twins!!!
- B. Say I already thought of what I was going to be. Thank you anyway.
- C. Say eww I don't want to be the same costume as my sister!!!

8) Your parents finally say you get your own room just like you've always wanted! But it's covered in your least favorite color and it's tiny!

- A. Say I love it. I've always wanted my own room!
- B. Say it's a little small and I can't fit anything in here. Do you mind if I go back to my own room?
- C. Say I really can't stand this room and storm out!

Answers:

If you got mostly **A's**: You're a treat! You're incredibly sweet, people will be looking for you in the Halloween basket.

If you got mostly **B's**: You're a treat with a little trick. You're sweet and sour, and people will be searching for you in the basket.

If you got mostly **C's**: You're a trick! You are very sour, and people will be dared to find you.

How to say "Happy Halloween" in different languages

By Gabriella L.

Spanish= Feliz Halloween
Afrikaans= Gelukkige Halloween
Catalan= Felic Halloween
Cebuano= Malipayon Halloween
Croatian= Stretan Halloween

Irish= Sásta Oiche Shamhna
Latvian= Lamigs Halovini
Slovenian= Vesel Halloween
Turkish= Mutlu Halloween





Happy Halloween Spring Avenue!



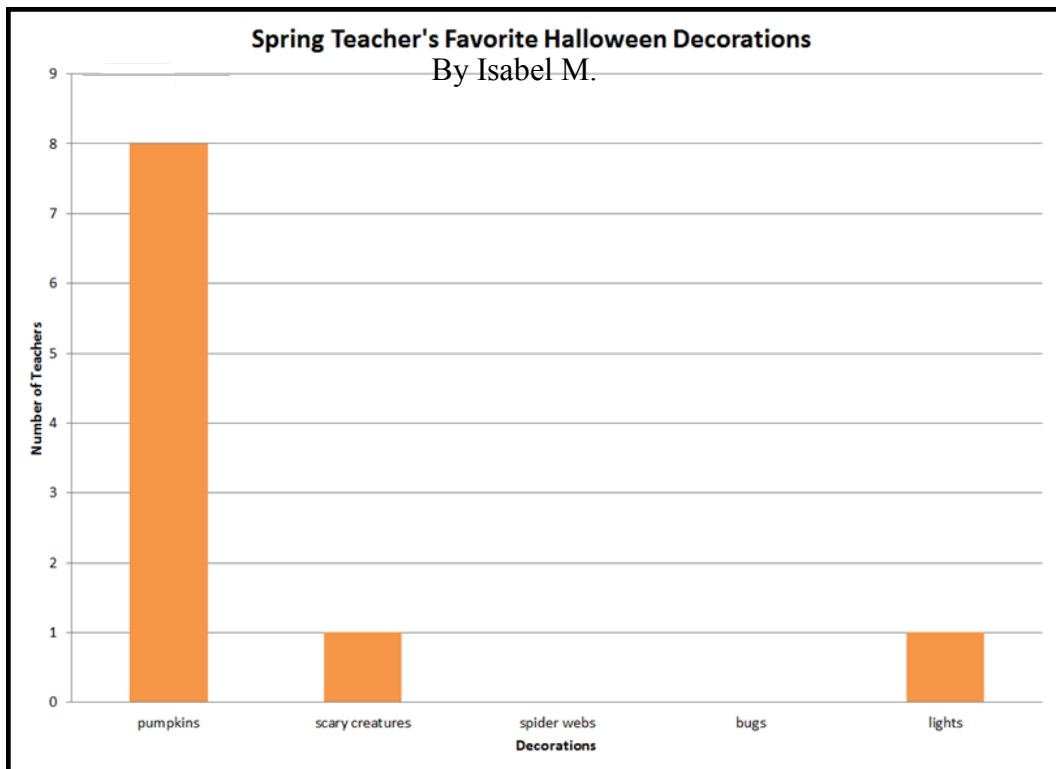
Teachers Favorite Costumes as Kids

By Jeanne M.

Ms. Marek — Punk Rocker
 Ms. Eck — Graduate
 Ms. Lynn — Witch
 Mr. Arneson — Pig
 Ms. Dickerson — Strawberry Shortcake
 Ms. Weaver — Witch
 Ms. Charlton — Toothbrush
 Mrs. Olinger — A Bunch of Grapes
 Ms. Parrino — A Strawberry
 Ms. Joise — Lion
 Mrs. Kay — Gypsy
 Mr. Jones — Brian Urlacher
 Ms. Caylor — Gypsy
 Ms. Johnson — Wreck it Ralph
 Mrs. Dahlin — Gypsy
 Mrs. Mindy — Witch
 Ms. Melone — Glinda the Good Witch
 Miss McGinnis — Cowardly Lion
 Ms. Folliard — Casper the Friendly Ghost
 Mrs. Podgorski — Baby
 Ms. Kim — A Clown
 Mrs. Panice — A Bag Lady
 Mrs. Jones — A Witch
 Mrs. Wanta — Harry Potter
 Ms. Wiegand — Ballerina
 Mrs. Demer — Cowgirl
 Mr. Jinx — Wolfman
 Mrs. Weiland — A Hobo
 Ms. Matter — Genie
 Mrs. Bernson — A Football Player
 Mrs. Webb — Cowgirl
 Mrs. Manganello — Wonder Woman
 Mr. Meyers — Dinosaur
 Mrs. Stec — Bumble Bee
 Ms. Keillor — Melting Man
 Mrs. Haymes — Cupcake
 Mrs. Faldani — Bigfoot
 Mrs. Blazek — Dorothy
 Mrs. Walsh — Witch

Spring Teacher's Favorite Halloween Decorations

By Isabel M.



Make Your Own Halloween Costume: Three Ideas

By Sophie M. and Lillian P.



BIG FOOT

First you are going to buy some brown leggings or sweat pants and a brown shirt. Next you are going to buy a brown hairy mask. Then you are going to buy some brown fur. Next you buy big shoes and put some the fur on the shoes. Then you are going to get really strong glue or a hot glue gun and glue the fur onto the leggings or your sweat pants and shirt. When you are done you put your mask on and trick or treat. That's how you make a Big Foot costume.



SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS

First we are going to teach you how to make a salt shaker. First you are going to buy a white dress or pants

and a t- shirt. Next take a gray sharpie and make gray polka dots. Then you take a chef hat and poke holes or take a black sharpie and make dot. Finally you go trick or treating! For the pepper shaker it is the same thing but with a gray dress or pants and a shirt. Then you get a gray and black sharpie. Finally you go Trick or Treating!



LION

First you buy an orange shirt and orange pants. Then you get yellow fur. Next you get a yellow hat and put the yellow fur on it. You also put the yellow fur on the bottom of your pants and on the bottom of the sleeves. Next go trick or treating! That's how you make a lion.



Top Ten Candy Passed out at Halloween

By Audrey H. and Lindsey P.

1. Snickers
2. Nerds
3. Tootsie Rolls
4. Life Savers
5. M&M's
6. Reeses PB Cups
7. Twizzlers
8. Butterfinger
9. Skittles
10. Candy Corn

Information gathered from:
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Happy Halloween Spring Avenue!



Teachers' Favorite Halloween Candy

By Olivia G., Alexa H. and Margot P.

Ms. Halfpenny – Reese's Peanut Butter Cup
 Ms. Dickerson – Almond Joy
 Ms. Parrino – M&M
 Mrs. Caylor – Kit Kat
 Mrs. Daly – Twizzlers Pull and Peel
 Mrs. Richardson – Twix
 Miss McGinnis – Kit Kat
 Mrs. Dahlin – Purple bag of Skittles
 Ms. Melone – Reese's Peanut Butter Cup
 Mrs. Haymes – Chocolate
 Ms. Eck – Snickers
 Mrs. Walsh – Reese's Peanut Butter Cup
 Ms. Folliard – Snickers
 Mrs. Demer – Chocolate
 Mrs. Wanta – Twix
 Miss Johnson – Reese's Peanut Butter Cup
 Ms. Charlton – Kit Kat
 Miss Church – Skittles
 Mrs. Blazek – Almond Joy
 Ms. Marek – Peppermint Patty
 Mr. Meyers – Butterfinger
 Mrs. Bernson – Tootsie Roll
 Mrs. Jones – Health Bar
 Mrs. Webb – Reese's Peanut Butter Cup
 Mrs. Kim – Candy Corn
 Ms. Wiegand – Butterfinger
 Mr. Jinx – Babe Ruth

Halloween Poems

By Emma C.

Light it up

On a porch.
 On a stair.
 Some with round eyes.
 Some with hair.
 Circle nose,
 triangle eyes,
 toothy mouth,
 what a surprise!
 Scary mouth,
 three eyes,
 a curvy ear,
 light it up now, you hear?
 Put a candle in it,
 watch it flicker and dance,
 Carve your pumpkin at Halloween,
 it's your only chance!



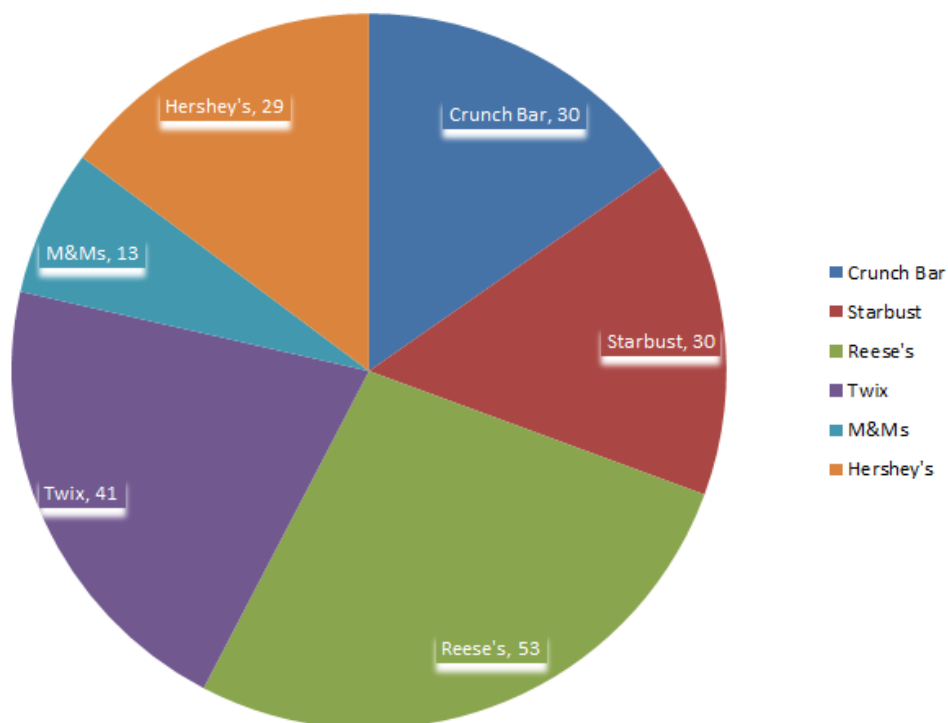
Behind You

Spooky,
 Scary.
 Frightening,
 hairy.
 Three eyes,
 Four eyes,
 Twelve legs
 or more.
 Watch what's
 Coming to your door.
 Tall and big,
 Small and stinky
 Some with tails
 Like a slinky.
 Howling to the full
 moon,
 Headless, Body-less, wrapped
 up tight.
 Scaring people
 Through the night

Student Survey: Favorite Halloween Candy

By Maggie B., Alexa H., Grace K., Lilly R., and Ella R.

Favorite Halloween Candy



How Much Candy?

By Leo W.

Hey, do you like candy? I do! Lots of people like candy. Halloween is coming up, and I thought you would like to know how much candy kids eat on Halloween. Kids eat about 7,000 calories worth of candy! That's the same as 13 big macs! That's a lot of candy for one night.



Happy Halloween Spring Avenue!



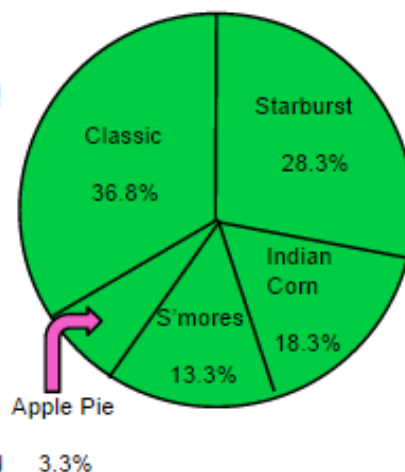
Candy Corn Taste Test

By: Meah L. & Ava M.

The fall season is upon us and with that comes... Candy Corn!

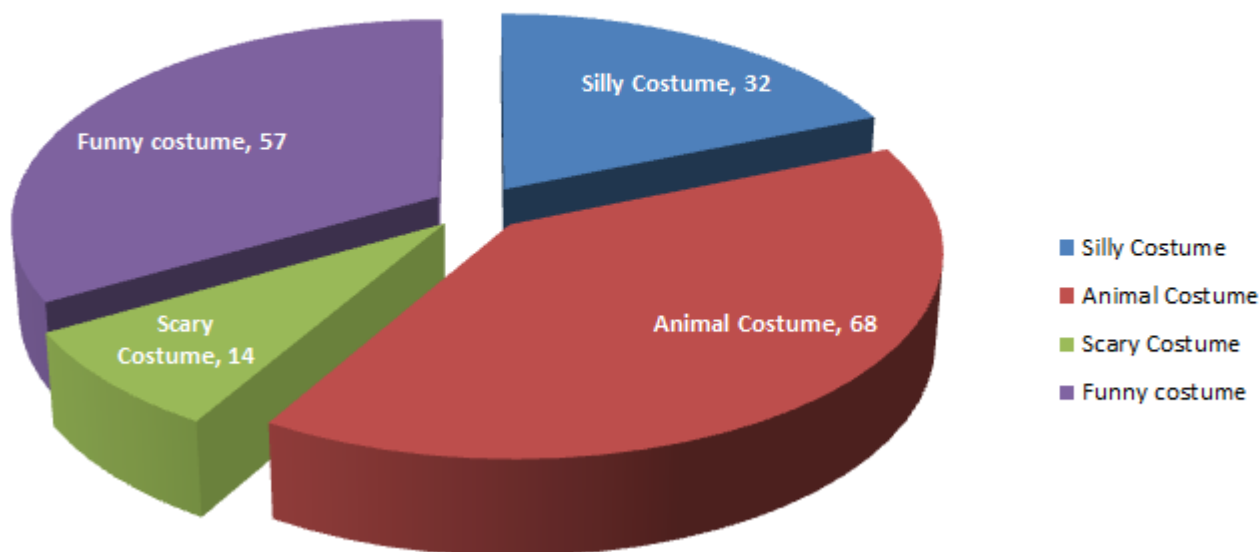
Halloween always reminds us of sweets, and Candy Corn is by far the most recognized candy of the season. Candy Corn was created in the 1800s by George Renninger. In the beginning candy corn was made by hand. Marshmallows were added to the ingredients to provide a soft bite. The marshmallows also made them yummy. The mixture is heated and poured into shaped molds. Three passes, one for each colored section, are required during the pouring process. Each piece is approximately three times the size of a real kernel from a ripe or dried ear. The colors of the candy corn represent the harvest and fall. Did you know that there are a variety of flavors besides the original? We were determined to find out how the newer flavors compared to the original one.

There are several different flavors out this year. Have you tasted them all? We asked 60 people which Candy Corn flavor they liked the best out of Starburst, Indian Corn, Apple Pie, S'mores and Classic. The winner with 22 votes was Classic!



Candy Corn

Which Describes Your Halloween Costume?



Student Survey: Halloween Costume

By Maggie K. and Ava P.



Happy Halloween Spring Avenue!



The Pumpkin Man, Part 1

By Brandon H.

It was a dark, gloomy night in the small town called Ghoul. It was the night before Halloween. The streets were silent and empty. But then a clop-clopping sound broke the silence and woke up a young boy named Bob. Bob looked out the window and saw a figure with a billowing black hooded cloak. The figure was wearing a dark brown jewel-encrusted scabbard on his back. Suddenly, the figure pulled out a long, gleaming, silver broadsword. Bob held back a scream. He was almost positive it was the dastardly, villainous Pumpkin Man. Then the figure pulled off his hood revealing a perfectly male, human face.

"Huh?" Bob said aloud. Then the figure looked at him with piercing, blue eyes. The hair on the back of Bob's neck stood up. "Could this be a ghost?" He thought. Then the man spoke as if he was in a trance, tendrils of mist seeping out of his mouth. He spoke only five words: The. Pumpkin. Man. Is. Coming. The figure darted in to the shadows and Bob collapsed to the floor...

Bob awoke at exactly 8:00 A.M. He was going downstairs for breakfast when he remembered last night's events. He was smack dab at the top of the stairs. Then he started falling down, down, down, down. The fall

seemed to go on forever. Bob awoke to the sound of an air horn. Bob sat straight up. What happened?

"You fell off the stairs," his dad said.

"What time is it?" asked Bob.

"11:00 P.M.," answered his dad.

"Wow!" Bob exclaimed. "I was out for a long time!"

Later Bob was tossing and turning in bed. That was when he heard some scratching sounds outside of his room. Bob jumped out of his window to investigate. He looked outside to see a black-clad figure. Then the figure pulled off his hood. It

revealed a pumpkin head. Bob screamed and the Pumpkin Man turned toward him. Bob ran inside with the Pumpkin Man in close pursuit.

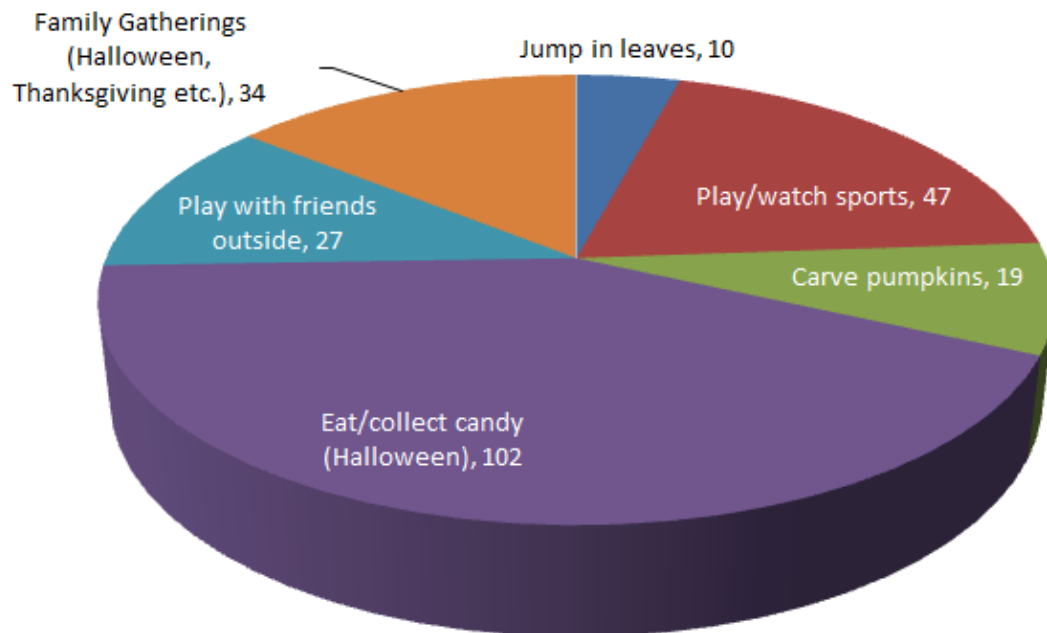
"Ahh!" Bob screamed. Bob's parents heard Bob's screams and came to the front door to investigate. They saw the Pumpkin Man and ran for the car. Bob followed them to the car, and hopped in the back. Then Bob's dad slammed the doors shut and drove for miles and miles until they got to a town called La Grange.

The next day the family read the newspaper headline: *Town of Ghoul invaded by Pumpkin-headed Men.*

Student Survey: Favorite Fall Activity

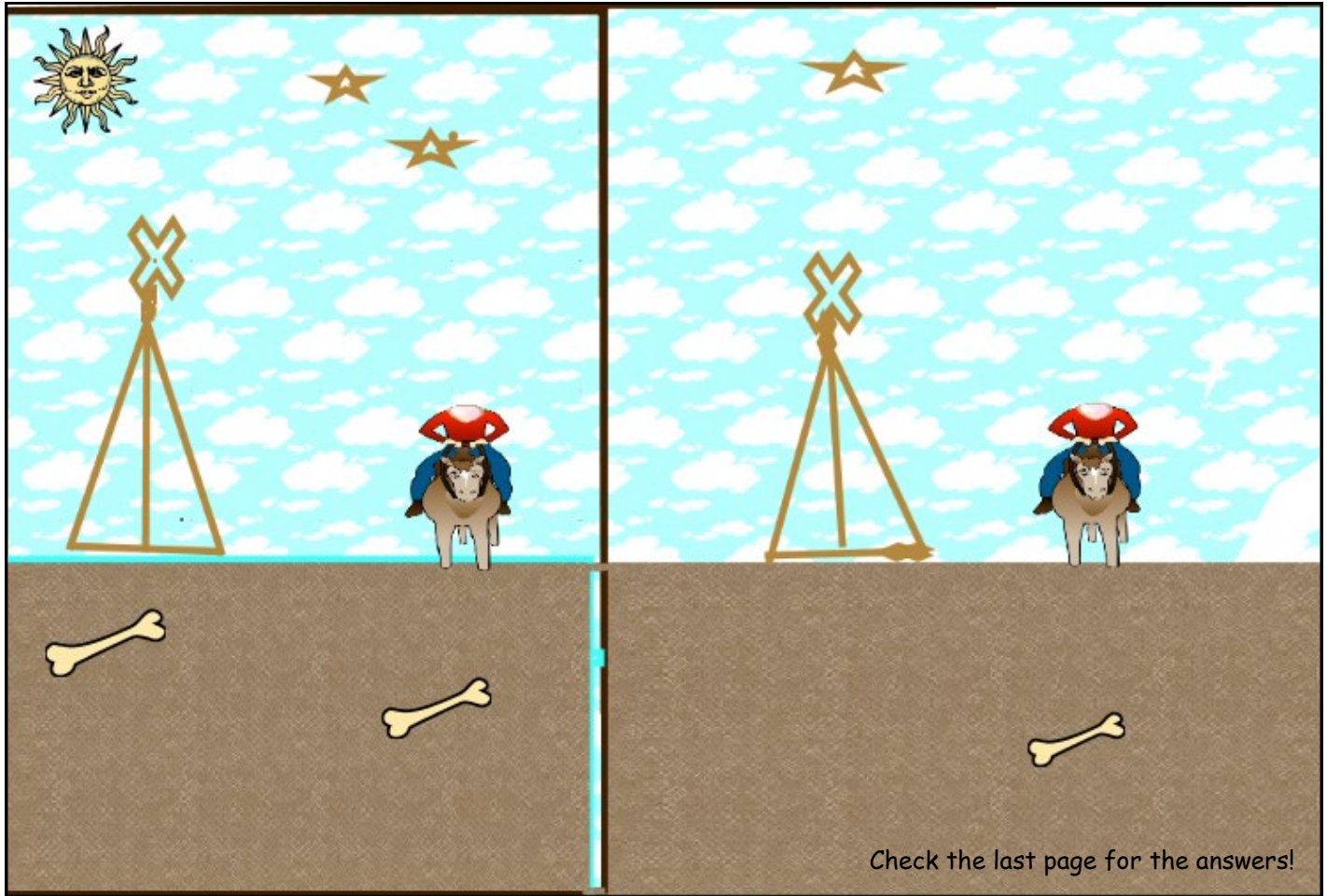
By Maggie K. and Ava P.

What is your Favorite Fall Activity?



Spot the Three Differences!

By Niko S.



What Am I?

By Carter H.

Do you know what I am?
Turn to the last page to see if you're right!

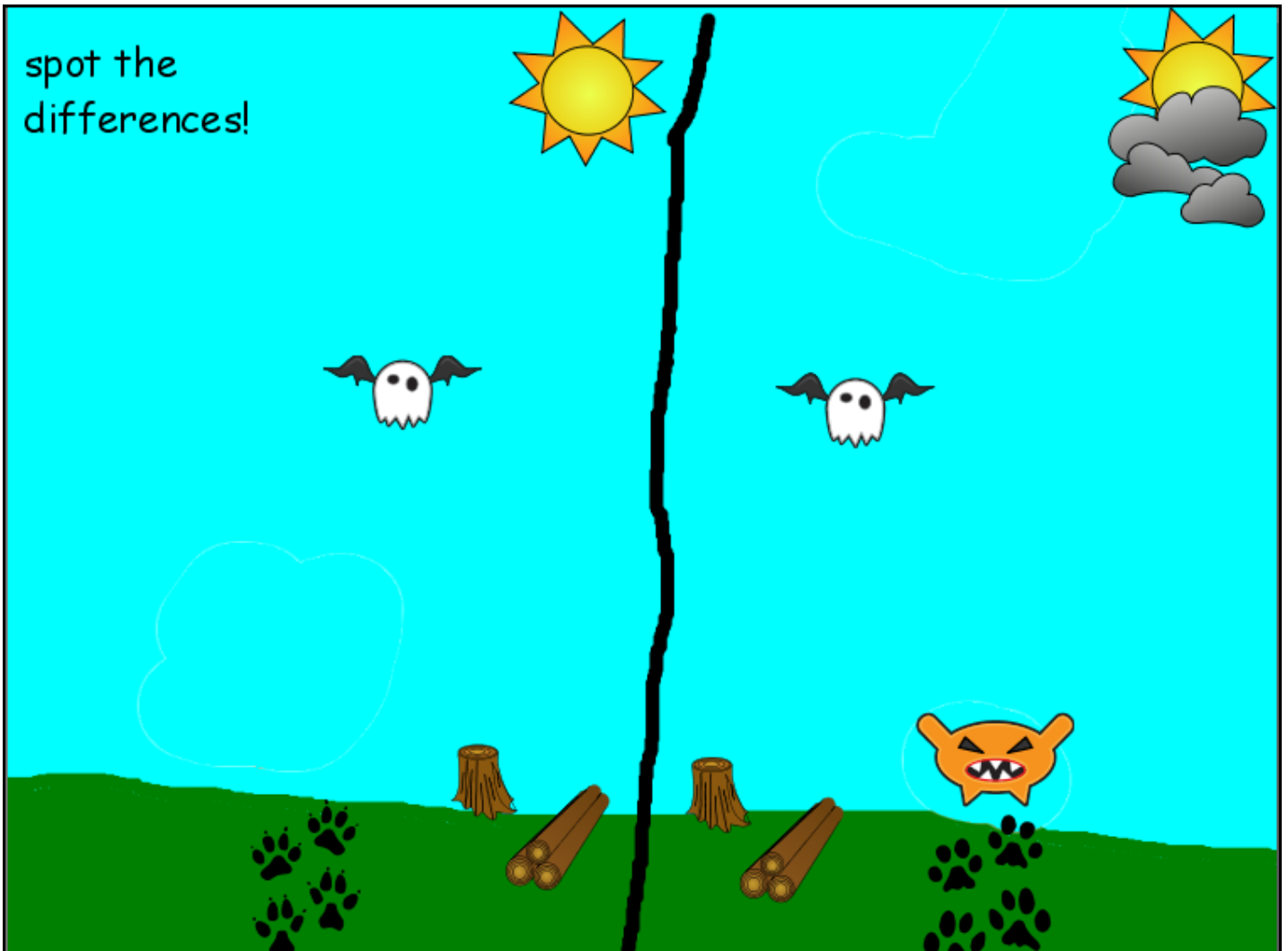


- ? I sit on a stick.
- ? I can be many different flavors .
- ? Most people like me but not all.
- ? I am super sweet.
- ? Hint: I am candy.

Spot the Four Differences!

By David M.

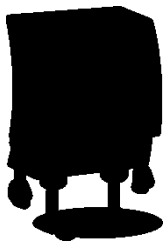
Check the last page for the answers!



Who Am I?

By Carter H.

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



- ? I work all day for no pay.
- ? I know karate.
- ? My friend lives under a rock.
- ? Even though I work all day I can still soak up some fun.
- ? My friend is a star.

Rick Riordan (Rhymes with Firemen, sort of)

Article and Graph by Selma B., Stella C., Olivia M.

Rick Riordan is an American author best recognized for the series Percy Jackson, The Kane Chronicles, the first book of The 39 Clues, The Heroes of Olympus and his adult series Tres Navarre and much, much more.

In elementary school Rick hated to read books the only things he would read were comic books. He was also not a super smart boy. He didn't really like school at that time. In middle school he decided to take his hair to a new look and grew it out. In high school he found his passion for music and writing. Rick started to play guitar and edited his school newspaper. He also found his Annabeth, Becky, who he would share his life with forever. (Annabeth and Percy Jackson are good friends in the books.)

Richard Russell Riordan Jr {Rick Riordan's full name} was born June 5, 1954 in San Antonio, Texas. He taught English and Social Studies for eight years. Throughout his life he learned to love to write and always had an adventurous imagination, but he didn't take writing seriously until after he graduated. Riordan made minor attempts at short stories but they failed at first. He soon became successful and sold over 40 million copies of his famous series Percy Jackson.

Rick Riordan started out writing adult books but soon got into writing children books with inspiration from his kids. Percy Jackson had dyslexia inspired by his son, Haley who also suffered from this reading disorder.

He used the books he wrote as bedtime stories for his two sons and his three loving cats and one curious dog.

In conclusion Rick Riordan, the New York Times bestselling author is an interesting, imaginative author.

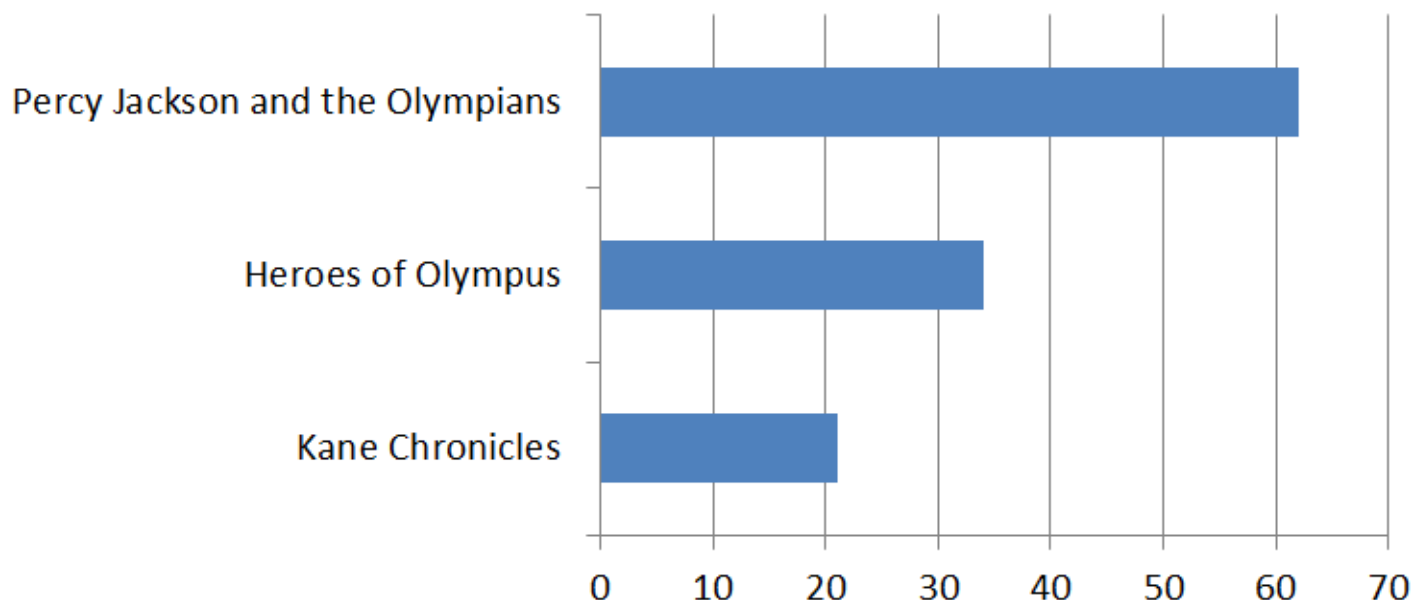
For those of you who are not sure how to pronounce his name it is Rye-er-dan and it sort of rhymes with fireman.

To hear him pronounce his name go to www.rickriordan.com.



Image source: <http://www.rickriordan.com>

Favorite Rick Riordan Titles From 4th-6th Graders



Hope and Winter: A Dolphin's Tale

By Audrey H. and Lindsey P.



Image source: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2978462/>

After Winter's best friend Panama died, Winter was devastated and lonely. She had to be paired up with another dolphin, and quick. Does Hope hold the key to the end of Winter's sadness?

Winter's story:

Winter was found entangled in the ropes of a crab trap on December 10, 2005 in Mosquito Lagoon in the coastal waters of Florida. Winter got her name because she was found in December. The rope cut off the blood flow to her tail so she couldn't use it anymore. That is how Winter became famous. When she swam, she moved left to right, and not up and down like the natural motion of a dolphin. That could cause pain when she got older. She could die if she continued that motion.

A team of experts took a year and a half making and testing a tail just for Winter. Eventually the solution turned out to be a simple silicone and plas-

tic tail that fits over her "tail" perfectly without irritating the skin underneath.

Hope's story:

Hope was found on December 11, 2010, five years and one day after Winter was rescued. She was discovered on the shallows of Indian River Lagoon as a 2-month old calf, trying to nurse from her mother, who died after becoming beached. It was determined that Hope would never be released because she was too young and did not know the necessary survival skills to be out in the wild.

To find out what happens, watch the movie Dolphin Tale 2 because we will not spoil the ending.

Information gathered from: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winter_\(dolphin\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winter_(dolphin))

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clearwater_Marine_Aquarium

Animal Spotlight: Tiny Tweets: Chickadees

By Lilly R.

Chickadees are tiny birds that have colors ranging from white to black along their body. Chickadees have a black throat followed by their white cheeks. Their back is a grey color. They range in size from four to six inches long.

Chickadees are a very common small bird in North America. These birds nest in trees for shelter. They will also nest in tree trunks and make their nests out of available material such as plant fibers and fur. The chickadee will eat bugs, berries, and nuts. Some common behaviors of chickadees are that they do not migrate and will huddle together for warmth in the winter. Female chickadees will lay six to eight eggs in the spring.



Image source: www.nwf.org/wildlife/wildlife-library/birds/black-capped-chickadee.aspx

Animal Spotlight: Dumbo Octopus

By Christopher S.

Image Source: ocean.si.edu/ocean-photos/grimpoteuthis-dumbo-octopus



When I saw this octopus, I knew it was something cool to research about. So, I decided to write an article to let you all know about this unique and rare animal. I like to learn about ocean animals because, I love the water so much.

This octopus is called the Dumbo Octopus because of its fins that look like ears. The Dumbo octopus is a rare animal because it lives so deep in the ocean. It is found in the Mariana Trench, which is the deepest part of the ocean, at depths of 900 to 15,000 feet!

Homemade Cat and Dog Treats

By Audrey H. and Lindsey P.

Want to bake a treat for your cat or dog? Here are two recipes you can bake as a surprise for your pet to be happy and healthy.

Basic Biscuits For Cats And Dogs

Ingredients:

3 cups whole grain flour (plus a little more for rolling them out)
1/3 cup olive oil, butter, or meat drippings (most dogs' favorite)
1 egg
1 cup water, stock, or milk

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, adding a little more flour or water if needed to make a smooth, not sticky, dough. Grease two cookie sheets or line them with silicone sheets. On a lightly floured surface,

roll the dough out about a 1/4-inch thick and cut into desired shapes (many cooking stores now carry "bone" cookie cutters), place shapes on the cookie sheets, and bake at 350 degrees F for 20 to 25 minutes or until browned and firm. Cool and store in an airtight cookie jar. Cats who enjoy catnip will go wild for these if you add 1/2 cup of dry or 1 cup of minced fresh catnip to the dough and roll it out about 1/8-inch thick.

Bacon-Chip Cookies For Dogs

Ingredients:

1/2-lb pastured bacon
3 cups whole grain flour
1 egg
1 cup water, stock, or milk

Cook the bacon over medium heat until

it is crispy.

Crumble the bacon into little bits and add the rest of the ingredients, adding more flour or liquid to make a stiff cookie-like dough. Drop by the teaspoonful onto greased cookie sheets, flatten to about 1/4-inch thick with a wet fork, and bake as for basic biscuits.

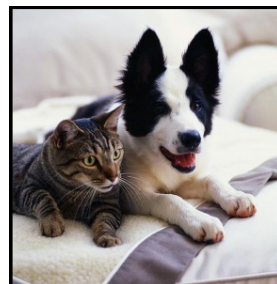


Image Source:
www.tailsinc.com/2013/12/top-10-dog-and-cat-names-of-2013/

Information gathered from:
www.pawnation.com/2012/02/21/healthy-homemade-recipes-for-dog-and-cat-treats/

Homemade Classic Macaroni and Cheese

By Christopher S.

Pasta is my favorite food! I thought other people would like it too, so I found this recipe for my favorite kind of pasta, macaroni and cheese. This is an easy recipe for adults and kids to follow. You can use this recipe for simple macaroni and cheese, or you can add some of your own ingredients to make it fancy—I would add cooked chicken!

(This recipe came from Allrecipes.com and was posted by Cordi Tierno.)

Classic Macaroni and Cheese Recipe

Ingredients:

1 (16 ounce) package of macaroni
1 pound sharp cheddar cheese, sliced
1 tablespoon butter
Salt and pepper (to taste)
1 (12 fluid ounce) can of evaporated milk



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to boil.
3. Add pasta and cook for 8-10 minutes (or until al dente). Drain.
4. Grease a 2 quart casserole dish.
5. Place a quarter of the macaroni on the bottom, cover with an even layer of one quarter of the cheese.
6. Dot with butter and season with salt and pepper.
7. Repeat layering 3 times.
8. Pour evaporated milk evenly over the top of all.
9. Bake, uncovered, for one hour, or until the top is golden brown.

Recipe and Image Source: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/classic-macaroni-and-cheese/>

Favorite Fall Activities

By Gabriella L. and Margaret P.

Margaret P. — Pumpkins
Gabby L. — Watching Harry Potter
Jeanne M. — Fall Festival
Carter H. — Watching Football
Ms. Melone — Watching Football
Maggie K. — Jumping in leaves
Ms. Keillor — Halloween
Lillian P. — Hanging out with friends, Enjoying nice weather, Halloween
Sophie M. — Jumping in leaves
Hannah H. — Halloween
Brandon H. — Watching Football



Comic

By Cano R.



GRANDPA? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



I'M TRYING THE NEW EYE PHONE
AND IT'S NOT WORKING



GRANDPA, IT'S AN IPHONE AND
YOU'RE USING IT WRONG



THAT'S WHAT I AM SAYING



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

The END!!!

Important Dates

October 27-31—Red Ribbon Week
 October 31—Happy Halloween
 November 2—Day Light Savings - Fall Back
 November 4—No School, Election Day
 November 7—PTO Flying High Night, 7:00-10:00 pm
 November 8—Ideal Vendor Fair - Community Welcome
 November 12—PTO Meeting, 6:00pm
 November 14—Trimester 1 ends
 November 16—Family Night, Roller Skating, 4:00-6:00 pm
 November 17-18—Vision and Hearing Screening
 November 17—Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm
 November 26-28—Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 10—PTO Meeting, 8:45 am
 December 15—Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm
 December 16—Open House / Music Program, Primary
 December 18—Open House / Music Program, Intermediate

Who Am I Answers:



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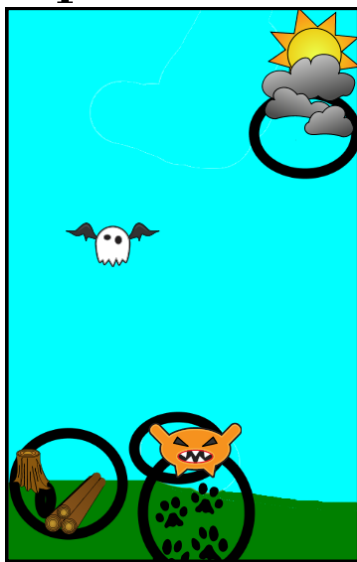


PAGE 11: A Lollipop



PAGE 12: SpongeBob SquarePants

Spot the Differences Answers



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