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## WELCOME TO A LON'S LIFE

A Lion's Life newspaper staff is pleased to present its first issue 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 creative, quality writing. This year Ms. Marek, Mrs. Coffey, Mrs.

Musillami, Ms. Kubilius, and Mr. Bielanski are excited to welcome back last year's student writers and greet new faces. This is our biggest year so far!

You can find all our past issues online on the Spring Avenue website under the "Activities" link. Continue to look for new topics and additions to A Lion's Life.

## SPRIIIG AVENUE'S ROOTS

## By James L., Niraj T., and Matthew B.

Only a short while ago in class, we had an interesting conversation in which we came up with a theory that the gym was once the cafeteria, and that Spring and Gurrie were once connected specifically considering the tile flooring in the corner in the gym, the cafeteria being the "Multi-Purpose Room," and a lot of school history in which a switch could've happened. This inspired us to publish this article focusing on Spring Avenue's roots. Disclaimer: All work and results are our current understanding of this topic.

We managed to dig up the founding date and the name of

the founder: construction on Spring Avenue was finished in 1952, and was funded and put into act by Dr. William C. Reavis. We also found that Spring Avenue and our fellow school Ideal were proposed and finished near the same time. Within two years, the district was booming, and this resulted in the construction of Gurrie Central High School, which is now called Gurrie Middle School, in 1957.


By James L., Niraj T., and Matthew B.

And we can confirm that the first school in District 105 was Hodgkins.
The earliest records of District 105 are in 1844, as District 4 and our first still- existent school was Hodgkins. It was founded in 1920, and just a fun fact, someone named Henry Ford was at one point superintendent. (Not the real one. This threw around a lot of monkey wrenches into our research, but we proved it wasn't the Henry Ford.) This research will continue in the next issue.

Bibliography: A History of School District 105, a document on the school website.

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## INTERVIEW WITH MRS. WANTA

By Sophia M.
What is your favorite part of fall?
The cool weather and leaves changing colors

What is your favorite color?
Purple

## What is your favorite outdoor activity?

Biking, watching soccer games, walking

What is your favorite Halloween costume you ever wore?
Super teacher

## What is your favorite Halloween candy?

M\&M's

## Are you going to any Halloween parties this year?

Class party


By Blake M. and Jimmy K.
 would gladly give them a hug," said Andy S.
"I wonder what they are listening to?" said the person sitting across from me. Now, let's see what Mrs. Blazek thinks: "I always saw them as comforting. At first, I only had one. Thankfully, I had the opportunity to get another one."

Now that I look at them, maybe they are cute, with their bottomless black eyes and how they look like they are hanging on for their lives..."I am not ok with that!" said Jimmy randomly, going into my article and loudly announcing his arrival. "I can say whatever I want to say and you can't stop me!" As you can see, Jimmy can read my mind. Also, the table next to me just started blasting the song Scatman and are now singing along with it. Welp, that is all for the "CUTE lion show that I, Jimmy, adore very much. This is Jimmy K. reporting, OUT!" and of course, Jimmy has to rudely interrupt. The End

# TEACHER INTERVIEWS 

By Reese C., Hannah F., and Eve M.

1) What is your favorite candy? Mrs. Fuller: M\&M's

Mrs. Bato: Kit Kat
Ms. Folliard: Reese's Pieces
Mrs. Tobin: Dark Chocolate
Mrs. Kiley: Reese's Pieces
Mr. Arneson: Reese's Pieces
Mrs Dahlin: Wild Berry Skittles
2) What was your favorite costume?

Mrs. Fuller: American Girl doll
Mrs. Bato: Disney Costumes

Ms. Folliard: Casper the Friendly Ghost

Mrs. Tobin: Princess Leia
Mrs. Kiley: Wizard of Oz
Mr. Arneson: Ronald McDonald
Mrs. Dahlin: Princess Peach
3) What size of candy do you like the most?

Mrs. Fuller: Fun size
Mrs. Bato: King Size
Ms. Folliard: Fun size
Mrs. Tobin: Mini

Mrs. Kiley: Fun size
Mr. Arneson: Fun size
Mrs. Dahlin: King size
4) What is your favorite Halloween party game?
Mrs. Fuller: Halloween Bingo
Mrs. Bato: Mummy Wrap
Ms. Folliard: Mummy Wrap
Mrs. Tobin: Mummy Wrap
Mrs. Kiley: Mummy Wrap
Mr. Arneson: None
Mrs. Dahlin: Mummy Wrap

# WHAT IS YOUR HALLOWEEN NAME? 

## By Nora F. and Emilee T.

Find the first and last letter of your first name, and there's your Halloween name. Have fun and Happy Halloween. Make sure to say...TRICK-OR-TREAT!
A. Attic
H. Halloween
O. Ogre
P. Pumpkin
Q. Quiet
R. R.I.P
S. Skull
T. Trick Or Treat
F. Frankenstein
I. Invisible
J. Jack-o-Lantern
K. King Sized
L. Lights
G. Ghost
M. Mummy
U. Underworld
V. Vampire
W. Witch
X. X-ray
Y. Yummy
Z. Zombies



By Zoë C., Avery L., Carrie R.

1. Addam's Family
2. Appliances (Dishwasher, Sink, Fridge, etc.)
3. Art Supplies (Markers, crayons, pencils, etc.)
4. Author
5. Backpack
6. Ballerina (dancer)
7. Book character
8. Book worms
9. Business worker
10. Butterfly
11. Candies (Iollipop, jelly beans, chocolate, etc.)
12. Clothing
13. Comic book character
14. Cop/Robber
15. Devil, Angel
16. Elevator
17. Favorite Animal
18. Fireman
19. Fruit (banana, orange, apple, etc.)
20. Ghost
21. Gumball Machine
22. Gummy Bear (blow up suits)
23. Harry Potter
24. Igloo
25. Ketchup and Mustard
26. Lego People
27. Medusa
28. Paw Patrol
29. Peanut Butter and Jelly
30. Peppa Pig
31. Planet
32. Princess/Prince
33. Pumpkin
34. Rainbow
35. Salt and Pepper
36. School Supplies
37. Snoopy or Charlie Brown
38. Snowman
39. Someone Famous
40. Someone You Look Up To
41. Sports Player



# CREATVE WRITITG 

## MONKEY BUSINESS: HALLOWEEN EDTTION

By Eve M. and Hannah F.

Halloween is a week away and Hannah Banana and Gucci the Giraffe don't have a costume! They've been thinking for weeks and the only thing they thought of is being a plant. Everyone had a costume already. Well, everyone except them. It was a big problem. So they went to the Halloween store to look for an outfit. But there were no giraffe and monkey costumes!!! So they looked on AmazonRainforest.com. They decided on a Banana for Hannah Banana (obviously) and Gucci is going to be a person dressed in Gucci (which is real by the way but expensive).
... 5 minutes later...
Their costumes came!!! Which is unusually fast for Gucci and AmazonRainforest.com. So they tried them on and they fit perfectly!! So they went to show everyone what their costumes were like. When they
got there, everyone was freaking out about how good their costumes were! A banana and a Gucci person! Best costumes ever!!

Then the cast was like, "How did you think of this?" and they said, "Well we looked on AmazonRainforest.com. And of course Gucci."

They were so good that people started to change their costumes!! But then Hannah Banana and Gucci stopped it!! They were Heroes because they saved their own costumes!

## October 31st

On Halloween, they went trick-or-treating in Beverly Hills, and they got millions of king sized candy bars and they stayed up till 1:30 AM because they were on a sugar rush. Then they crashed and went to bed. The End!!!!!

By Nolan H., Nolan F., and Luke H.

# SPORTI PAGE  <br> By Max B. and Sean M. 

1. 1972 Miami Dolphins, 16-0 First loss: No loses

2. 1985 Chicago Bears, 15-1 First loss: Miami Dolphins

3. 2011 Green Bay Packers, 15-1 First loss: Kansas City Chiefs

4. 1998 Minnesota Vikings, 15-1

First loss: Tampa Bay Buccaneers

## VIKIIGS

5. 2004 Pittsburgh Steelers, 15-1

First loss: Baltimore Ravens
6. 1984 San Francisco 49ers, 15-1 First loss: Pittsburgh Steelers

7. 2015 Carolina Panthers, 15-1

First loss: Atlanta Falcons

8. 2005 Indianapolis Colts, 14-2 First loss: New York Jets

9. 1983 Washington Redskins, 14-2

First loss: Dallas Cowboys

## REDSKINS



## FIND THE DIFFERENCE ANSWERS



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# SPORT'S PRGE  TOP 7 BASEBALL ROOKIIS 



## 1. Pete Alonso

Alonso has the most Home runs by a rookie in Mets history. He won the 2019 Home Run Derby and had 53 home runs in the regular season. His nickname is the Polar Bear.


## 2. Fernando Tatis, Jr

Tatis finished with 22 home runs in the regular season due to an injury. He is an incredible infielder who was baseball's most exciting player.


## 3. Eloy Jimenez

This left fielder for the Chicago White Sox had an amazing first year in Major League Baseball. He had two grand slams and thirty-one home runs. He hit his first home run at Yankee stadium.


## 4. Yordan Alvarez

Alvarez is the designated hitter for the Houston Astros. He recently had 27 home runs, and
he will probably hit many more in the playoffs. In one at bat he might have hit the longest home run in Minute Maid Park.


## 5. Vladimir Guerrero, Jr

Guerrero is 22 years old. He is a third baseman for the Toronto Blue Jays. He only hit 15 home runs in the regular season, but he had 126 hits. He holds the most home runs in one round with forty home runs in the Home Run Derby.


## 6. Aristides Aquino

He was the first player with 15 home runs in 122 plate appearances. He is a right fielder for the Cincinnati Reds. He finished with nineteen home runs. His nickname is The Punisher.


## 7. Keston Hiura

Hiura is a a second baseman for the Milwaukee Brewers. He hit 19 home runs in the regular season. Also, he had 95 hits. His batting average was 300.

## By Brennan M.

## 2 Differences



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# SPORTS PAGE  TWO famous socecr playinis 

By Dylan G. and Josh C.


## Cristiano Ronaldo

When Cristiano Ronaldo started soccer his number was 28 , so why is he number 7 now? One man changed everything, and that man was Sir Alex Ferguson, who said, "I want you to be number 7." He wanted Ronaldo to be the Manchester LEGEND following in the steps of George Best, Brion Robson, Eric Cantona, and David Beckham. Cristiano Ronaldo said he was so surprised that so many good players wore this jersey, but Ferguson was right because Ronaldo is a beast. Ronaldo had 84 goals in 119 games, three Premier League titles, one Champion's League title, and one Ballon d'Or. His coach said it was the beginning of CR7.

## Lionel Messi

When Lionel Messi started soccer, he wore number 30, so why does he wear number 10 now? He chose to honor two players, Ronaldinho and Deco. These two men helped Messi. When Messi

started he was too shy to talk to anybody and those two players always said, "Come and sit with us." Messi said, "Oh, no I am fine in my corner." But then they basically forced Messi to sit with them. Deco wore 20 and Ronaldinho wore 10, so Messi said $10+20=30$ and decided to wear 30. But when he finally found his place on the pro team, he had to choose a number between 1-25, so he chose 19. In 2008, there was shocking news that Barcelona lost Ronaldinho, who left the club to join the A.C. Milan team. When Ronaldinho left, he told Messi to take his number, so Messi accepted and wears number 10.

Messi is a BEAST! He made four impossible goals, four Ballon d'Or, three Champion League titles, seven La Liga titles, 92 goals in 2012. Number 10 is a legendary number, and Pele wore number 10, so the world's best players wear this number.


# SPORTS PRGE  TOP io QBS IN FANTASY FOOTBALL 

By Will P., Colin B., and Declan D.


1.Lamar Jackson, Baltimore Ravens. He has good legs, and he can chuck it. He can also throw it down the field like a bolt. He looks for a good pass and if they catch it, the crowd roars. And he can run. He is one of the league's fastest runners for QB , not for other positions.


## 2.Russell Wilson, Seattle Seahawks.

Russell Wilson is doing really good this year overall. Russell Wilson was drafted in the 2012 Draft. Russell Wilson has played for seven years. He is number 3 in the NFL.


## 3.Dak Prescott, Dallas Cowboys.

He played professional football league for three years. He also does well in his passing, and he sometimes has perfect passes. He is a really good QB and he is doing great this year. Dak Prescott is number 4 on his team.


## 4. Deshawn Watson, Houston Texans.

 He is the starting QB on the team. He looks for Deandre Hopkins, and then he makes that good pass and the wide receiver starts running for the touchdown.

## 5. Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City

Chiefs. It is like Pat has a laser eye. He can always find the right place to throw it. He can find a good man to throw. It to every time. He is really explosive. He can fire it down the field. Patrick Mahomes' number is 15 . One of the main reasons he is backed up is because he is hurt.

6. Philip Rivers, Los Angeles Chargers. He was drafted in the 2004 NFL Draft. He has played for 13 years. He is the best QB on the team. He is number 17. He can throw it down the field really fast as a snap.


## 7. Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay Packers.

 Aaron Rodgers can throw it to someone even if they are being guarded. He always gets a good pass. He also gets a lot of fantasy football points each week. He is number 12 on his team, like Tom Brady. He is known for his Hail Mary passes.

## 8. Carson Wentz, Philadelphia

 Eagles. Carson Wentz was drafted in the 2016 NFL Draft. He has played NFL for three years. He got hurt in the championship and Nick Foles led them to the championship victory.
9. Tom Brady, New England Patriots. Tom Brady was in the 2000 NFL Draft. He has played for 19 years in the NFL. He has won six championships, and that is a lot for one quarterback. He is probably the Patriot's best QB in team history.


## 10. Jared Goff, Los Angeles Rams.

 Jared Goff has played for three years. He was the first overall pick in the 2016 NFL Draft, and he got the team in the Super Bowl. He can find an open man and is a great QB.
# DO YOU WANT TO RIDE HORSES? 

## By Eileen K.

Do you want to ride horses? If your parents agree, and you are looking for a stable, I highly recommend Double J Riding Club in Countryside, IL. I loved Double J from the minute I walked in. Over half the friends I have are from horseback riding.

Double J is my favorite place in the world. For ages 9+ they let you volunteer during the summer when they have a horse camp there. Also, when you get more advanced, you can enter the student horse show. This is a fun non-competitive show where you demonstrate what you have learned and everybody receives a ribbon.

Ever since I started riding there it has changed

## CHALLENGER 9

By James L.
The Challenger space shuttle was the second space shuttle constructed, and it is famous for an unfortunate reason. Its maiden flight was on October 30,1983 , and its last was on January 28, 1986, when it exploded 73 seconds into its mission. This lead to a two and a half year grounding of shuttle flights. It was named after the British ship HMS Challenger. The Apollo 17 moon lander was also named Challenger. From 1983-86, it flew ten missions and 85 percent of all flights, three times a year. Another interesting fact about the Challenger is that it carried many different people into space. For example, it carried the first American woman, African American, Dutchman and Canadian into orbit. The Challenger was a great and somber landmark in spaceflight history.


## Double J <br> Riding Club

my life for the better. I have been riding for four years now, and I will never be the same again. Because of riding horses, I have improved my core strength and many other muscles. It is all thanks to my mom who let me do the riding camp when I was 6 . It is a program that is fun and hard-working at the same time. So if you want to ride horses, go to www.DoubleJRidingClub.com.

## By Matthew B.

Indian Guides is a fun Y.M.C.A. supported activity. You will go camping and make wooden cars to race against others. Camping trips are scheduled during autumn, winter, and spring. This was made for fathers and sons/daughters (Indian Princesses) to hang out all day together. They will do incredible things like go ice skating, or go on a swing 150 ft off the ground, or shoot a rifle. It is an amazing thing to do. At every campout there will be at least 10 people in your camp cabin. During fall, campout is when you celebrate getting new kids in your tribe. In the spring
we will celebrate letting kids go. There may be different things at different camps and places.

Pinewood Derby is where you will make your own wooden car. You will put weights in it and paint it. You race your car against other Pinewood Derby cars. Every time you win you will move on to the next race. You will continue until your grade is done. You are going to go against the other grade winners. When there is one person left they will get the trophy. But it doesn't matter who gets the trophy because it's always for fun. Now please join us at Indian Guides.

# FIND YOUR UNICORN NAME 

By Zoe S. and Charlotte D.


## HOW MUCH MONEY DOES JEFF BEZOS MAKE?

## By John F.

How much money does Jeff Bezos make per month, week, day, hour, minute and second? According to Business Insider Magazine, Jeff Bezos is the CEO of Amazon and his current net worth is $\$ 137$ billion. Bezos has earned $\$ 6.54$ billion a month, more than $\$ 1.5$ billion a week, and more than $\$ 215$ million a day in the last year. Per hour, he makes a whopping $\$ 8,961,187$ million, which is roughly 315 times Amazon's $\$ 28,466$ median annual pay for each employee.

An Amazon worker earning the $\$ 15$ minimum

# YOUR INITIAL GIFT 

By Mary S. and Brynn K.

Find the first letter of your first name in the list below. Whatever is listed there, someone in your family, or a friend must buy or give you that.
A - Apple
B - Birkenstocks
C - Croutons
D - Donut
E - Elephant stuffed animal

F- Food
G - Gucci stuff
H - Hair extensions
I - Ice cream
J - Jello

K - Kite
L-Lemon
M - Money
N - Nutritious food
O-Organic food
P-Pineapple
Q - Quilt
R-Reading glasses
S-Scrunchies
T-Tutus
U - Unicorn fluff
V - Venus fly trap
W-Whatever you want
X-Xylophone
Y - York mint patties
Z-Zoo ticket
wage would need to work about 597,412 hours, or 24 hours a day for about 68 years, just to earn what Bezos makes in one hour. Bezos' rate is equivalent to \$149,353 a minute. To put things in perspective, in one minute, Bezos makes more than three times what the average US worker makes in one year. In one second, Bezos makes $\$ 2,489$, more than twice what the median US worker makes in one week. For Bezos, time is in fact money. Information for this article is from https://www.businessinsider.com/what-amazon-ceo-jeff-bezos-makes-every-day-hour= minute-2018-10.

## FRENCH BULI DOE FACTS

By Brynn K.

- French bulldogs have roots in England
- They were bred to make great companions
- They can't swim
- They make great babysitters
- They're sensitive to criticism
- They're a talkative breed, which means they bark a lot
- They have two styles of ears
- Celebrities love French Bulldogs




# DIY IN THE KITCHEN 

## By Vivi K. and Kaitlin O. and Caroline M. Fruity Pebble Rice Krispie Treats

By Kaitlin OB.

Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons of butter
- 1 package of mini marshmallows
- 6 cups of Fruity Pebbles (the cereal)


## Work with an adult in the kitchen.



Directions

1. In a large saucepan melt the butter
2. Carefully add in the marshmallows
3. Melt the marshmallows FULLY
4. Keep stirring it until the butter and marshmallows are blended
5. Remove it from heat
6. Stir in the Fruity Pebbles until the cereal is completely coated with the marshmallows
7. Spread the mixture in to a pan
8. Refrigerate the bars for an hour
9. Cut the bars and enjoy!!

Chocolate Cake
By: Caroline M.

## Ingredients

- 2 cups of white sugar
- $1^{3 / 4}$ cups all-purpose flour
- $3 / 4$ cups unsweetened cocoa powder
- $111 / 2$ teaspoons baking powder
- $11 / 2$ teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- $1 / 2$ cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup boiling water

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour two nine inch round pans.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the sugar, flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add the eggs, milk, oil and vanilla. Mix for 2 minutes on a mixer at medium speed. Lastly, stir in the boiling water. Batter will be thin. Pour evenly into prepared pans.
3. Bake 30 to 35 minutes in the oven, or until the cake tests done with a toothpick. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then remove to a wire rack to cool completely. Enjoy!!!

Berry Smoothie
By: Vivi K.

Ingredients

- $1 / 2$ of a cup of mixed frozen berries or $1 / 2$ of a cup of berries and $1 / 4$ of a cup of ice
- 1 cup of cold water
- 3 drops of lemon juice
- $1 / 2$ tablespoon of sugar
- 1 tablespoon of strawberry jam

Directions

1. Grab all of your ingredients
2. Put all ingredients into a blender
3. Put into a chilled cup and enjoy!
4. (Optional) add a strawberry for garnish

# VIDEO GAME REVIEWS 

## TOP TEN MARIO CHARACTERS

By Luke H., Nolan F., and Nolan H.
Number 10: Donkey Kong - He is not in a lot of Mario games, but he has his own spin off games.

Number 9: Toad - His voice is high pitched and that is why I don't like him. Number 8: Diddy Kong - He is not in a lot of games, but he is Tiny Kong. Number 7: Luigi - He is okay, but he needs more love.

Number 6: Bowser - He is insane and he steals other people's wives.
Number 5: Waluigi - He's not in Super Smash Bros.


Number 4: Mario - He is in every game, so give him a break.
Number 3: Princess Peach - I feel bad for her. She is always kidnapped. Mario is a terrible husband.
Number 2: Birdo - He shoots eggs from his mouth,free eggs.
Number 1: Yoshi - He is good, but he can fall off cliffs.

# TOP FOUR VIDEO GAMES 

## By Declan G., Logan M., and Shuta K.



1. Super Mario Maker 2 made a lot of money. After it was released, it was popular after.

It is a game where you can build your own Mario level.

2. Crash Team Racing NITRO ${ }^{\text {™ }}$. When it was released. It was one of the top games.

It is a racing game where you play against your family.

3. Yoshi's Crafted World came out on March 26, 2019. It is only on the Nintendo. You play as Yoshi and collect coins.

4. Kingdom Hearts 3 is a Disney game where you have to fight the Disney villains and collect the key blade.

# ๘TVVIDEO GAME REVIEWS <br> TOP 7 VIIEEOCAMIS YOU SHOOLD PIAY 

By Luka B.


This First game is Super Mario Bros


The Second game is Fortnite


The Third game is FIFA 19


The Fourth game Star Wars Battlefront II


The Fifth game is Super Smash Bros


The Sixth game is Luigi's Mansion Dark Moon


The Seventh game is Madden NFL 19



## THE HOBBIT BY J.R.R. TOLKIEN



The Hobbit is a classic book by author J.R.R. Tolkien and I would recommend reading it for several reasons.

The main character, Bilbo, is selected by the wizard, Gandalf, along with thirteen dwarves to go on a quest to reclaim gold from the ruined dwarvish town of Dale. To reclaim the dwarvish gold, they must scale the Misty Mountains, trudge through the forest of

Mirkwood and face many other perils. I would say it is a fast-paced book in which there is always something happening.

There are also very interesting characters. For example, Thorin, one of the dwarves is the grandson of the king under the mountain, Thror, and was there the day the dragon Smaug destroyed the town. I would recommend this book to older readers, but younger people can read it too, but it can be scary at times.

In this prelude to the trilogy

The Lord of the Rings, the story follows respectable hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. One day the well-known wizard, Gandalf, pays him a visit and selects him to be a burglar for an expedition to reclaim the dwarves' ancestors lost gold. The next day he receives a visit from thirteen dwarves, and he sets off through mountains and forests with the dwarves and occasionally Gandalf to reclaim the lost riches of Dale from the dragon, Smaug. I thoroughly hope you read this book.

# CREATIVE WRITIIng SUPER HEROES US. VILLAIISS 

By Maddy S., Jacob F., and Violet F.

One sunny day a powerful spider was in the woods and then saw a frog hopping along the side of the sidewalk. The spider then crawled out of the woods and the frog followed along the side of the spider. The spider got so mad that he bit the frog. So then when the spider bit the frog that became his new name: Spider Frog forever.

Whenever the spider frog would come save the day he would sing: "spider frog, spider frog, does whatever a spider frog can, spins a web and eats a fly....".

After his theme song the

Spider Frog would go save the world. He would only save the princesses so they would like him. One day the Spider Frog got mad and so did the princesses for some reason. So then he stopped working for the princesses and started saving the kings instead. But then he got so mad at the kings because the kings wanted Spider Frog to be their servant. So then he started working for everyone else but princesses and kings. So then the next day Spider Frog got a call from Bear Claw. So Spider Frog sang his theme song and he was on his way to the

forest. But then Bear Claw threatened to eat him and chase him until he is gone. Spider Frog got away before the bear could eat him. Spider Frog never returned again.

# CREATIVE WRITITG moriry wer we 

By Miles B., Andy S., and John F.

Andy: Hi, everyone.
John: Welcome back to Monthly Night Live!
Andy: We have been enjoying our break from writing over the summer, but now we're back!
*Crowd cheering*
John: We've also hired a new member for our show!
*Crowd oohs and aahs*
Andy: Introducing to our show...
John: MILES B!!!
*Miles comes into view*
Miles: Hi, everyone.
*Crowd cheering*
Miles: I'm Miles an-
*Crowd cheering*
Miles: I'm Miles and I'm joining
Andy and John on Monthly Night Live!
*Crowd roars deafeningly*
John (quietly): Ow, my ears!
Andy: Welcome to Monthly Night Live, Miles.

Miles: Now that the crowd's done destroying our eardrums-
Random Person in Crowd:
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHH! Oh. Was I
not supposed to yell?
*Security drags man out of the room*

Miles: That was weird. Anyway, LET'S DO THE RANDOM WORD


## GENERATOR!

Another Random Person in Crowd: YAAAAAAAAAAAAA! Oh. Uh-oh.
*Security drags man out of the room*
John: Great idea!
Andy: Hold on, I'm pulling it up.
Andy: Okay, I got it.
*Andy whispers something very quietly*
Miles: And the word is...
Third Random Person in Crowd: Songs!!!
*Security drags man out of the room*
John: How'd he know?
Andy: I dunno.
Andy: Ummm....Spring Ave has a school song. It's called the Character Tango.
Miles: Well...that's deflatable (We actually do, though).
Miles: That means debatable, at least that's what it means in Ms. Waterston's class.

John: The Character Tango is actually my favorite song in the whole world!! I've got my charac-
Andy: It's time for a commercial break!


Miles: Okay, we're back.
John: Did you know that there is a song that is making a splash in Ms. Waterston's 6th grade class?
Miles: It's called Scatman's World and it is super catchy.
Andy: It's so awesome!!!
Miles: That's deflatable.
Fourth Random Person in Crowd:
Can I play some music?
John: No.
*Random Person blasts Scat Man's World*
*Crowd covers their ears and windows shatter*
*Security drags man out of room* Andy: RUN!!
*Andy, John, and Miles sprint out back exit*
Miles: Now that we're safe, ummmm...
*Crowd comes charging at them* John: Bye for now!

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## ABBY'S CORNER

By Abigail S.

'Sup y'all? It's Abby here. Reporting for this month's Abby's Corner report. First order of business, the most important order of business, I IS A 6TH GRADER!!!!! Did ya know that? Huh? HUH?

## HUUUUUUUH????

Well, if you didn't, now you do. Anywaaaaay, next thing is this: how many of y'all out there like homework? Not a lot, right? In my opinion, it's the WORST thing about school. Like, we have other things to do besides school work. We don't just have the WHOLE evening to do homework. We have sports, clubs, a desire to do anything else but homework. You get the picture.

Last thing now, Halloween is coming up!!! Pretty soon, now. What are you being for Halloween? Last year, I was The Cat With The Giant Head. This year, who knows? Actually, I DO know, I'm just not going to tell you! :P) Whatever you're going to be, good luck trick-or-treating!!!!! Hope you get lots of candy!!!

Ok, that's all for Abby's Corner this month. Hope you enjoyed it! See you next time!!!!

- Abby



By Luc G.
I hear the wind howling in my ear. It is going to be another wonderful day at Jade Mountain Academy. Wingbeats flying over me,
 dragons roaring and breathing fire. I smell dragon fires and feel mud under my talons. I see dragons flying overhead, tall mountains, deserts, and all the palaces.

I was going to meet my friends, Ferocious, Kind, Tsunami, Sweet, Funny, Sunny, Smart, Starflight, and Glory.

I am at the top of Jade Mountain looking at Pyrrhia. I go back inside to my office and suddenly I hear screaming dragons! I hurry over and there is a fire and it had my friends. The fire is even bigger than me. CLAY HELP US!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I hear them scream. I'm so terrified!

First I try stomping it out but the fire just roars even bigger. I thought it would work. Next, I try pouring water on it, but that didn't work. There wasn't enough water so I carried everyone out. Then we all poured water on it. Finally, it went out but we used so much water now that the underground pond is empty! We all got buckets and flew. It took several days and nights until we finally got to the ocean, filled our buckets, and flew back to Jade Mountain. When we refilled the underground pond everyone cheered and lived happily ever after.
*If you have no idea what I am talking about then read the Wings Of Fire series.*

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## PICTURE DAY MISTAKE

By Nolan H.
It was picture day, and I was NOT wanting it because I was wearing green! I was just a floating head! My teacher was mad at me, and my parents were, too, because my head
 had two JUMBO ears and my peers were making fun of me because I was only a head.

Later that night, I went to my bed and was sad. Now I think my redo picture will be bad, but I will NOT be wearing green. I might wear a blue tuxedo or a sweater with rainbow socks, maybe even my Halloween costume.

Five minutes later...or a neon green golf shirt or just a green shirt, pants, socks, shoes and my lucky green cap and I might even borrow my dad's favorite green sunglasses. The next day is redo pictures so I'll be ready for it. Eight hours later... I don't think there is a re-redo, is there?


## PLEASE DON'T READ ME

Stop reading. By Luke E.
You saw the title.
Seriously, stop.
You don't want to stop reading, do you?
Well, I have a solution.
I'll just write nothing.
Nothing at all.
Are you done yet?
You could be doing more productive things, like exercising, playing outside and doing anything else.
Please stop reading.
Why don't you wanna stop reading me?
I am just a pointless article. Stop reading. Now.
 HA! I'll just stop writing and you'll leave. Goodbye!

## INTERVIEW WITH MS. MCLEAN

 By Zoey G. and Zoe S.Ms. McLean was our visiting librarian at the beginning of the year. We asked her some questions so we could get to know her a little more.

What's your favorite color?

Forest green
What's your favorite book?

The 2 Princesses of Bamarre (in library)
What's your favorite food?

CANDY
Do you like the falling feeling?

YES and spinning
What library are you going to work at after this one?

I want to work at an elementary school library

What's your favorite part about your job?
I love recommending books to kids who love reading

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By Beckett M., Sawyer M., NIraj T., and Declan G.

Hosts: Darth Vader, Luke Skywalker.

Co-Hosts: Wicket, Boba Fett, Han Solo, Bossk.

Guests: Count Dooku, Yoda, Leia Organa, Ewok Nation, Commander Cody, BLY, Rex, and Wolfie, Droideka, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, and Chewbacca.

Darth Vader: *Cough Cough* Hello Ladies and Gentlemen.

Luke Skywalker: When did you get so polite, dad? You're usually evil.

Wicket: Echaba!!! (Yeah, You attacked us!)

Yoda: Evil, You are.
Darth Vader: I'm trying to make a good impression on the people, ok!!!

Han Solo: I've got a bad feeling about this.

Commander Cody: Well, I have no part in this.

Commander BLY and REX: Same.
Droideka: BEEP ZOOP FOP YOOP DOOOOP. (Ok, we get it ,can we just start over.)

Boba Fett: Guys, take it easy!
Ewok Nation: Yabba! Yub Yub!
Echaba! (CHILL OUT!)
Bossk: SSIILLLTTTHHH (Bounty! I

want Bounty!)
Darth Vader and Anakin: Wait a minute. How did you get us here?

Boba Fett: Bossk! Were in a talk show!

Bossk: SSSKKK (Fine.)
Count Dooku: I AM THE INEVITABLE.
Obi Wan Kenobi: Or are you?
Commander Wolfie: Did you just quote MARVEL?!

Count Dooku: Yes.
*Everyone goes silent*
Everyone: WHAT!!!!!
Darth Vader: GO AWAY!
*Yeets Count Dooku into space*
Count Dooku: NOOOOOOOOO!
Chewbacca: AFF HUh Huh HUh (HAHAHAHAHA!!)

Ewok Nation : Yaba Yaba (Is that iron man?)

Iron man: Yo, What's Up!

All: ...
Obi Wan Kenobi: OUT, MARVEL!!!!!!!
*Darth Vader Yeets Iron Man Into Space*

Count Dooku: You too, huh?
Iron man: Yep.
*Back at the talk show* Leia Organa: Sorry I'm Late, Princess work to do.

Han Solo: Sorry, back from the bathroom.
*Han Solo sees Princess Leia*
*Han Solo and Princess Leia stare at each other*

Luke Skywalker: Um...
Leia Organa : Aren't you dead?
Boba Fett: Wait a second, aren't me and Han dead?

Niraj: Wait guys, shouldn't this thing be one page long?
*Darth Vader Yeets Niraj into Space*

Iron Man: Well, this is awkward.
Niraj: Yep.
Darth Vader: That's All For Tonight, Folks!

Luke Skywalker: See Ya Next Time!
Niraj: WAIT THERE'S GONNA BE A NEXT TIME!?

Darth Vader: Yep!
Niraj: NOOOOOOOO!!!!!

# CREATIVE WRITING THH ZOMBBI APPCAIYYSE 

By Isabella D. and Nolan F.


There were two friends Nolan, and me, Izzy. Our life was very average but we didn't expect an adventure to change our entire 10 years of living. This is the story of THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE! It was, once again, the most boringest day at school: no adventure, no drama, AND NO FUN! I was talking to my friend Nolan when the bell rang.
"Finally," I said.
We started walking to his house.
"I'm sooo excited," I said.
"Me too," said Nolan.
"We're going to do so many cool things. Oh we're here," said Nolan.

We walk in his house.
"Do you want to play Roblox, Izzy?" asked Nolan.
"Definitely!" I replied.
We probably played Roblox for five hours. After that we watched a movie and went to sleep.
"GOOD MORNING, IZZY!!!!!!" yelled Nolan.
"AHHHHHHHHHHH!!!" I screamed in his face.
"Why are you yelling so loudly?" I said.
We went to the kitchen for breakfast.
"Wait, where is my mom?" Nolan asked.
"Maybe she's in the basement?" । suggested.
"I heard something, let me check through the window. Nolan!!! I think that it's the end of the
world because there is a 120 foot monster burning the school, and the mailman Bob looks like a frog!!!" I said.
"You just look through a window and assume that it's the end of the world?" Nolan complained.
"Are you kidding me, do you realize that we are probably the only ones alive?!!!" I asked.
"OK," said Nolan.
"REALLY?! YOU JUST SAY "OK"?! I'm going to find a car, get the keys and drive unless you want to drive." I said.
"YES!!! I will do anything just to drive a car!!!" said Nolan.
"Then I will be the leader of the team. We have to find our friends." I said.
"But only if we can drive a monster truck," said Nolan.
"And where the heck am I going to find a monster truck in La Grange?" I complained.
"I didn't say in La Grange. We're going to look in Chicago," Nolan said.
"Wow, great idea, but there are like 1,000 zombies outside," I said.
"We first have to be prepared. Lets look for some other kids in our grade," Nolan said.
"Ok. Well what are we waiting for? Let's go," I said.

# CREATIVE WRITIIG <br> LEMON CAFE 

By Helena E .

Hi...I'm Faith Kennedy. No, I'm not related to John. F. Kennedy. My Mother wants me to take over her cafe. It's called the Lemon Cafe. I think I'm too young, I mean...l guess being 25 is overqualified. In an hour I'll be running the Lemon Cafe, and I have to choose the uniforms AND I have to pick the food, drinks, etc.

I'm excited to choose uniforms and other things. My Mother is retiring with my Father, so they are moving to Canada for the rest of their lives.

I'm not exactly the person to be friends with. I have a small group of friends. We're mostly into Lolita, Goth, Kid-core, and Kawaii stuff. I guess we are all very rich...not like spoiled rich, but we can all afford really big houses.


My friend Shane is really sassy (in a good way). His father owns a company that sells its own brand of electric cars. My other friend Mitsuki is from Japan. She's really shy and, yes, Mitsuki is a very famous model. We all love to go shopping everywhere and watch anime all day. They are my first workers at the Cafe. Mitsuki finds time to work for me, and I appreciate that.

Now I have to walk out into the Cafe. I want to stay in the break room. I emailed all seven of my brand new workers to just wear their daily clothes. Shane showed up wearing Gucci slides, and Mitsuki was wearing a pastel goth T-shirt with a black skirt. A worker called Alex was wearing a yellow hoodie with black ripped
jeans. "Hello! Welcome to Lemon Cafe!" I said.

Other people had either heard of my Cafe or had already been here. Shane was on food duty along with Lily. Mitsuki and Alex were on drinks and smoothies. The others were taking orders or serving the Customers.
*Hours later*
Alex was flirting with Kiki.
"Alright, break it up you two love birds," Shane said laughing with Lily and the others.
*They all left except for Mitsuki, Shane, and Faith* "We did it, guys," I said.
"Yeah, we did," said the other two.

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By Ava S. and Alex V.

Hi, my name is Julie Stone. Today I will tell you how I got stuck in SCHOOL on Christmas day in the closet. Here it goes...My school is very strict and doesn't let us have winter break. We only have Christmas Day and New Year's Day off. Now that you are caught up, here is what happened.

I was talking to my friend Avery Willimas and she said "if you go into the janitor's closet a will make you wake up on Christmas Day."

I didn't believe her because
magic isn't real.
So she said, "Do it then."
Then I went to talk to my teacher. "Mrs. Watson, may I go to the bathroom?" She said ok.

But, of course, I wasn't going to the bathroom. Then I walked into the janitor's closet, and I fell through the floor!! Then I realized that Avery was right. Maybe I should start listening to her more.

Now I just needed to see if I could escape. When I looked
around the room, all I saw was one window and a calendar. I walked over to the calendar, and I hoped it was Christmas. It was!

After that, I heard some footsteps above me. Then I saw a door above me. I had no idea how to get up there. I saw someone fall from the door! It was my teacher!!
"AHHHHHH!!" What are you doing here?" Julie asked.
"I walked into THE CLOSET," her teacher replied.
TO BE CONTINUED....

# 23 <br> COLORADO COWS <br> CREATIVE 

By Payton M. and Sophie C.

My mom's side of the family was driving to Colorado. It was a full car. Papa Bob was driving there. While they were driving, a huge snowstorm hit and the police made everyone get off the road. Since everyone had pulled over, there was only one hotel room left so 12 people had to squeeze into a hotel room for two. Four people were squished into each bed, three on the floor and one in the bathtub! My great-grandma went through each name in the hotel room: "Goodnight Lora! Goodnight Shelly!..." and so on.

In the morning the roads were still closed but Papa Bob said, "I think I know a shortcut."

So they were driving down some country roads when - COWS! COWS started poking their heads through the window! Then cowboys came with lassos on horses and ordered, "Don't move! We will round them up."

Everybody was so scared except Papa Bob. He said to everybody, "Don't be scared. This has happened to me before. They are good cowboys, they help us."

So then Joe and Bill, the cowboys, got the cows under control and moved them away. Then Joe came back and Papa Bob said thank you.

Joe said "no problem," then he left to join Bill.

Then the family kept driving. They got to Colorado and their hotel. They were so tired and sad they missed such a good skiing day.

Papa Bob said, "Now let's get some food."

Then Papa Bob looked up good restaurants.

He said, "Here is a good one." So then they got back in the car and drove to the restaurant.


Then when they got there, they sat down and their waiter came over and they ordered their food. A couple of minutes later they got their food. About 30 minutes later they finished their food and they were all full. Then Papa Bob said, "Let's go. I am so exhausted."

So then they paid, got back in the car, and left. When they got back to their hotel, they were all so tired. Then right after they were done brushing their teeth, they said goodnight to each other. They all went to bed.

Hey, hi, hello, how are ya? This is the monthly gossip gazette! You will get the best tea here and nowhere else. Well, actually the best SCORCHING HOT tea! (Tea means like gossip or gossipy news.) Also, to keep this short and sweet, there will be three-five pieces of SCORCHING HOT tea (I didn't forget it!).

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## GOSSIP GAZETTE

## By Camille S.

This is the introduction article, so we are only going to have one piece of tea. So here we go! Most teachers don't know what VSCO is or what a VSCO girl is! I know, pretty lame and short tea.

If you have any more tea for me that is either in the range of mild tea through scorching hot tea, put the form in the box in the
library and I will take in $2-3$ cold tea' if they are interesting. Finally, this article is meant for entertaining purposes and if the tea is mean, it will not be put in the article. And if the tea is about someone else, make sure to ask for the person's permission first. Thx,

Your tea spiller Camille!

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By: Abigail s. and Jimmy k.


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Jimmy the Bee
By Luke H
Thisis a true story Just once upon a time there ask Nolan HorNolang was ale named jimmy



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# CALENDAR 

October 31 - Halloween Classroom Parties
November 4 - Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:00-7:00 pm, No Student Attendance
November 6 - Spring Ave PTO Meeting, 8:40 am
November 8 - Kindergarten 50th Day of School Celebration
November 11 - Veterans Day and Veterans Assembly November 12-13 - PTO Sponsored Book Fair November 13 - Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:00 November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break December 18 - Next issue of A Lion's Life Newspaper!

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