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If I Were Not A Teacher

By Riley Glenn

We are so lucky at Davidsonville Elementary School to have such amazing teachers! But if they decided not to be teachers, what would they be? Instead of helping children, Mrs. Joyce and Ms. Baumann would help animals and be veterinarians. Mrs. Baird loves horses and would like to ride and train

them as an Olympic Equestrian. Mrs. Akers and Mrs. Balzano like helping people and making them comfortable, so they would like to be nurses. Mrs. Powell wants to have a little more schooling and would like to be a doctor to help save lives. Mrs. Perret and Mrs. Russo both enjoy making rooms and spaces

look beautiful and would want to be interior designers. They might want to use some of Mrs. Kramer's flower arrangements because she would like to be a florist.

Teachers have to be organized and Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Berge would like to be event and party planners. They both love to deco-

rate and have friends and family over for parties. Mrs. Sis would like to be a wedding coordinator because she also likes to plan and create.

Due to their love of math, science and problem solving,

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PHOTOS BY SOPHIA MANOFSKY

Above left: Christmas tree in the SACC room

Above right: Menorah in the SACC room

Happy Holidays!

By Sophia Manofsky

Lots of people celebrate different holidays in the winter time. Some of these holidays are Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Depending on your religion, you may celebrate different holidays.

Christmas is a holiday when you celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is celebrated on December 25, 2018.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday when you celebrate the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. This year, Hanukkah was celebrated December 2-8, 2018.

Kwanzaa is when you celebrate African heritage in African-

American culture. This year, Kwanzaa is celebrated December 26, 2018 - January 1, 2019.

All of these holidays are celebrated in winter by many people, including some Davidsonville Elementary students. Sophia Peoples, a fourth-grade student, celebrates Christmas. Her traditions include decorating the Christmas tree, opening presents, and Christmas PJs!

Emily and Grace Manofsky, second-grade students, also celebrate Christmas.

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What's Up About the Book Fair

By Ally Siembieda

Have you ever been to the Davidsonville Elementary Scholastic Book fair? If you haven't, you should because this year was "one of the best yet", says Corey Siembieda, one of the head book fair volunteers.

This year the theme was Enchanted Forest. To match that, the guessing game candy was little unicorn treats. The dates are November 9th to November 16th. The head people this year are Corey Siembieda, Melissa Allen, and last but not least Becky Brunelle. There are also a lot of other parents that volunteer too, and their kids go to the school, they help with the registers, as well as the main volunteers. Speaking of registers this is the second year the volunteers are using the registers.

Now let's talk about

the main reason to come to the bookfair, THE BOOKS! This year we have all types of books, comics, non-fiction, fiction, realistic fiction, historical, gaming and even fun activities to do with free time. The best part is anyone can come.

There are also posters like sports, animals, graphics, and they are all for boys and girls.

The normal price range for books is \$2.00 to \$15.00 dollars. The price for posters is \$4.75 dollars. All the volunteers agree, they "love working at the bookfair," as they say. They also love seeing kids happy about books. To wrap it up, you should visit Davidsonville Elementary Scholastic Book fair if you have any free time because trust me, it's amazing. The next one is in the spring.



PHOTOS BY ALLY SIEMBIEDA AND SOPHIA PEEPLES

Above: Sophia Manofsky shops at the Fall Book Fair

Below: Books available for sale at the Fall Book Fair



Book Fair Volunteers

By Sophia Peeples

The bookfair is known for amazing books for kids, parents, and teachers to buy. One of the workers we interviewed, Mrs. Corey Siembieda. She helps with getting the book fair ready, making sure there are enough people helping with setting up and working the cash register. She loves to read and is happy the theme was enchanted forest.

Another amazing

worker we interviewed was Mrs. Melissa Allen. She told us she loves reading. She started doing the bookfair because she loves reading. She thinks most boys often like adventures and girls often like mermaids. She also said that over 1,000 people come to the bookfair. She said that she enjoys reading picture books with art.

I hope that we will see you at the spring book fair.



Books available for sale at the Fall Book Fair

Behind the Scenes: Lunchroom

By Lucie Yeager and Riley Glenn

Everyone's been wondering what goes on behind the counter. Well, Ms. Kelly told me they make most things from scratch and some come in bags and boxes. They make the salads and the pasta bake from scratch which means she prepares things like the tomatoes and lettuce for the salad herself. Also, she goes to South River High School in Edgewater, to pick up things like

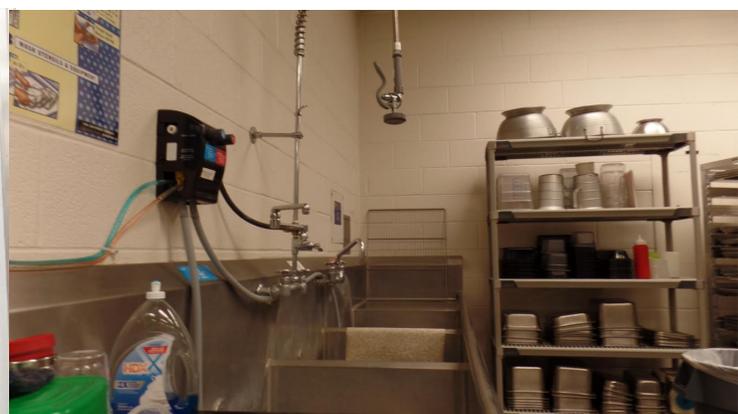
the popcorn chicken and other food that we eat on a daily basis.

Also, she gets the milk and ice cream delivered to the school before we get here so she doesn't run out of milk.

I think our lunch ladies deserve a thanks for all the hard work they go through to make sure we have good healthy lunches every day! Thank you so much!



PHOTOS BY RILEY GLENN



Renaissance Fair

By Tyler Spain

Okay, so I'm willing to bet that a lot of you have heard about the Renaissance Fair, because that is what this article is about. A Renaissance Fair is an outdoor gathering on the weekends that celebrates Renaissance (medieval) times. The one in Maryland is just a temporary thing from August to late October. Generally it has costumed entertainers, musical and theatrical acts, arts and handicrafts for sale, and plenty of festival food. Most fairs are set from the reign of Henry VIII to Queen Elizabeth I but the 27-acre setting here in Maryland is a 16th-century English village named *Revel Grove*. They also welcome other characters such as wizards, elves, and pirates. So, there is lots of entertainment like stages with different performers like this one guy, Lancelot the Bald who

juggles and a thing called Renaissance Rumble where characters from Shakespeare's plays would wrestle while performing a play and this lady who did gymnastics on a rope. Other performers include dancers, magicians, musicians, singers, and the main attraction usually being jousters. But fair-goers are also encouraged to wear a costume

There are also lots of shops (shoppes) like one that made wax hands and one that sold stuffed dragons and a store that sold wooden swords (nothing was sharp) and store that sold lots of games (I got one) and stores that sold giant ice cream cones (like a foot and a half tall!). And there was lots of things to do like a rock wall and a juggling academy and a giant slide. And the food was really good like chicken on a stick.

The streets are also lined with independent vendors selling things. There are over 1,300 employees that populate the village. Four hundred employees work directly for the company. Seven hundred employees work for independent vendors and 200 people work as performers. There are also food and beverage vendors as well as games and rides. The games were stuff like Drench-a-Wench and Soak-a-Bloke which allow a person to hit a target and soak a fair employee and there are also games which require aim [archery and axe throwing].

So, all in all the Renaissance fair is an all ages thing and I really suggest that next year when it's open again, you go to check it out.



Above:
Lancelot the Bald
Below left:
Rope Performers
Below right:
Renaissance Rumble



Marvelous Mrs. McMurray

By Sydney Morgan

If you want to join strings, you'll have to be a third grader! You can only play bass if you have long enough arms. Mrs. McMurray will probably measure your arms.

In case you don't know, Mrs. McMurray is the Davidsonville Elementary School (DES) strings teacher. She was in charge of the winter concert held at South River High School. The spring concert will be in May 2019, if students are interested in playing a strings instrument, such as violin, viola, cello or bass.

Since I got a chance to interview Mrs. McMurray, I will tell you what I have learned about her. Mrs. McMurray began playing violin in the fourth grade when she was

nine years old. The types of instruments Mrs. McMurray can play are violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, and a little bit of piano and clarinet.

Her favorite instrument to play is violin because it brings her joy. She has trained throughout her school years to be a professional violinist and teacher. She enjoys performing in small groups as well as in orchestras.

The music school Mrs. McMurray went to in order to play a strings instrument was the University of Utah for her bachelor's degree in music and to Pennsylvania State (Penn State) for her master's degree in music.

Mrs. McMurray chose to play strings and not band because when she was in school

they gave a music aptitude test. Her test results indicated she would be good at the violin. Her grandpa also had a violin she could use so she started violin lessons in school. Then she added private lessons.

Mrs. McMurray was chosen to be a strings teacher at DES because the music supervisor of Anne Arundel County Schools assigned her there. She was very glad she received the assignment to teach at DES.

Mrs. McMurray has played in orchestras such as the University of Utah symphony, Penn State Philharmonic, Altoona Symphony (in Pennsylvania), Rochester Women's Orchestra (in New York), Annapolis Symphony (as a substitute

player), and currently, the Washington D.C. Temple Orchestra. She loves playing in an orchestra and making music with friends.

The awards Mrs. McMurray has received for playing an instrument were scholarships to both the University of Utah and Penn State.

Mrs. McMurray's favorite songs to play are Beethoven and Mahler symphonies. She chose Beethoven because his music inspires her and Mahler because of the difficulty, challenge, and beauty.

I think Mrs. McMurray is a marvelous strings teacher. She has encouraged her students to try hard, and everyone has improved greatly throughout each year.



Advanced Strings perform at the Winter Concert directed by Mrs. McMurray



Band performs at the Winter Concert directed by Mrs. Fidyk.

The Concerts Are Finally Here

By Caden Schnabel

It's winter, and yes the concerts were a hit. Mrs. Fidyk and Mrs. McMurray have worked for so long preparing all of their students for this moment. When people say they want to play an instrument they think "wow an instrument, this will be so easy," well then you're wrong!! It is not easy, and trust me I play the saxophone. But nevertheless it is loads of fun

when you get the hang of it is easy. Anyway, the concert has just passed, and the kids, rocked this school down!! At this concert, the 5th grade honors band played lots of hard music. They have done so well coming in early, playing music, and listening to their amazing teacher, Mrs. Fidyk.

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Brave Ones Brave

By Sofia Moss

You're there in the front row. It is early April, 2019. Suddenly, some people walk on stage, among them a blue and purple fairy with light brown hair, and a crocodile.

But this is all in the future. Now, it is December 2018, but the preparations are being

made. In the near future, Disney's Peter Pan Jr will hit the stage with a BANG on Central Middle School's stage.

Of course, a lot of work will go into making this production. With multiple parents lending multiple hours a day to making this play a reality, that is just a portion of the helping

hands in this show. With about 90 actors, this is a full cast. There are 40 speaking roles, but every person is important to the show.

But now, a little bit about the show. Fast forward again to April 2019. After siblings of the actors have finished introducing the show, the curtains are drawn back and the show

starts.

When the curtains open, the audience is greeted by fairies and Corrine Barnes, Iridessa, starts the show off with a song.

Soon, you are introduced to Wendy, John, Michael and the big man himself, Peter Pan.

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The show starts and the Fairies strike a pose while Corinne Barnes, Iridessa, starts the show.



Captain Hook's crew practicing their dance for the song, "Yo Ho, A Pirate's Life for Me."



The Lost Boys are featured in "Following the Leader."
PHOTOS BY SOFIA MOSS

Backstage Pass

By Ella Smith

If you haven't already heard, DES is producing the play Peter Pan, Jr. You probably know most of the characters, but have you ever wondered how they can fly or move from one setting to another? What about the group behind the scenes? Every play needs a stage crew. They are responsible for creating the props, scenery, and making sure the play runs smoothly.

Mr. Greg Eggleston is in charge of stage crew, which meets in Mrs. Chester's art room after school from 4:10 to 5:30. He has fifteen members in stage crew this year and needs to create 89 props. In past years he has run a play with only two crew members, but he got it done!

This year the props are made mostly from wood, paint, and card-

board. One of the most important props in the play are the flyboards. The flyboards are what will allow the characters to appear to be flying. How they do this is a stage crew secret.

The hardest prop will be the Darling nursery. It will have a window that can be flown out of and it also has to be able to turn into Captain Hook's cabin. There are also backgrounds to make depending on the scene. If the prop is complex, it could take one or two days to create each one.

If you want to know the secret of how the crew makes all of these amazing props, flying characters, and awesome scenes, come out and join them! Next year if you are in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade and are interested you would be able to join stage crew too.

All You Gotta' Do Is Dance

By Irelyn Ulrich

The Dance Team has made its way around the corner. This year's type is **modern dance**. Modern dance is a type of dance where your body moves naturally. No flexible moves are needed. The moves are sometimes thought of as ugly, but they aren't ugly. Just natural. The song has a very powerful beat. The song is Vivaldi Storm by 2Cellos.

I interviewed the supervisor Mrs. Allison Russo. She cleans up the bits and pieces that are messed up. I'll let her take it from here.

Why did you bring the Dance Company to DES?

I danced every year at South River High School, I was the captain and an All-County dancer. I also danced at High Point University on the dance team. I was very passionate and wanted to do it more often, so I brought the Dance Company to DES.

What is your background on dancing?

Well, I started at age 4 and was competitive. I



Chorus performs at the Winter Concert directed by Mrs. Wyatt.

did Ballet, Jazz, Modern, tap and Musical Theater. Then I went on to dance at South River Dance Company, and continued on to High Point University's Dance Team. I loved it 100%.

What is your favorite type of dance?

I love Contemporary/Lyrical. I just love the emotion being shown and presented. There can be so many emotions at once, that your heart just swells with joy.

What do you want the dancers to get out of this experience?

I hope with all of my heart that these dancers love to learn dance and continue to dance throughout their lives.

What is the most special thing about dance to you?

You can express yourself through movement.

Unfortunately that is all for this edition of the Gator Gazette. I hope you all have learned something new about dance!

BAND

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They played harder music than anyone else. They will play a lot of songs like "Chant and Celebration" and "Rockin' around the Christmas Tree." They now know how hard it is to play all of those songs at once. They all did very well on Veterans day when they came in the morning and played 2 songs 4

times, no stop, for all the parents! So do you want to join the band! If yes, you can ask Mrs. Fidyk. If you're in fourth grade then you can join the band. So remember, the best of the best of the few and the proud have played some of the best music you have ever heard from your fellow school-mates!!!!!! So join the band!!!! You will have soooooooo much fun.

WINTER Crossword Puzzle

DOWN

1. Time off from work or school
2. Largest arctic land mammal
3. No two are alike
5. The oldest season
6. Jewish winter holiday
11. They keep your hands warm
13. Used to decorate a Christmas tree
14. 32 degrees

ACROSS

4. Flecks that fall from the sky
7. Frosty was a famous one
8. Water in its frozen state
9. African-American winter holiday
10. Mean reindeer wouldn't let Rudolf play these
12. Sport on frozen water
15. Measures temperature
16. These hang from your roof when it's very cold

ANSWERS: DOWN 1. vacation, 2. polar bear, 3. snowflakes, 5. winter, 6. Hanukkah, 11. mittens, 13. ornaments, 14. white
ACROSS 4. snow, 7. Frosty, 8. ice, 9. Hanukkah, 10. games, 12. hockey, 15. thermometer, 16. icicles

SPORTS

Scoring High With Sports

By Madelyn Logue and Sarah Neiderer

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be the President or Vice President of the Davidsonville Athletic Association or DAA? If so, this article can answer some of your questions!

We interviewed Mr. Dougal, the President of DAA, and Mrs. Schnabel, the Vice President, to learn about their roles and responsibilities with DAA. Here is what they shared:

Mr. Dougal

1. Mr. Dougal, what is the hardest part of being President of DAA?

The hardest thing to do is to keep the fields grassy. If there is anything I would want to do it would be to improve field maintenance. I'd like a turf field.

2. How long have you been President?

Since September, 2017.

3. What sports are you in charge of?

We have 9 sports: soccer, basketball, football, girls and boys lacrosse, swimming, softball, field hockey and baseball

4. Why did you want to be the President?

Because I wanted to give back to the community and sports are important for the community.

5. Is there going to be a Gator Day carnival this year?

YES! It will be better than last year and we are hoping to get live music!

6. Are you going to be in the dunk tank again

this year at the DAA Gator Day carnival?

Yes, yes I will, but nobody's going to dunk me.

7. What are your favorite sports?

Lacrosse and soccer. Probably because all my kids play lacrosse and soccer and I love to watch them play.

Mrs. Schnabel

1. What is the hardest part of being Vice President of D.A.A ?

I love being the DAA Vice President. And because I enjoy it so much, I do not find any part of my role to be hard.

2. How long have you been Vice President?

This is my 2nd year being the Vice President for DAA.

3. What are your responsibilities as Vice President?

As Vice President, my main responsibility is to stand in for the President if he is ever absent. In addition, I am the first point of contact for all Sports Commissioners and County Representatives.

4. What sports do you manage?

I do not manage a particular sport, but help all the sports in securing field space.

5. What do you think is the best part about being Vice President of DAA?

The best part of being the DAA Vice President is being part of an organization whose goal is to use sports to teach kids the value of hard work, commitment, and determination in achieving success.



Above: Courtesy of www.daagators.org

SAVE THE DATE

GATOR GALLOP
5K, 1 mile, Fun Run

May 11, 2019

COLUMNS

Brighten Your Day With Calum K

By Calum Kutchi

Hi there! Having a glum day? Turn that frown upside down, because you have come to the right place! This piece of the Gator Gazette is split into two different sections filled with inspiring quotes, funny jokes, encouraging sayings, and other uplifting news. You may hear that no news is good news, but in my book, all of *this* news is *great* news!!

For grades K-2

Welcome to this section of the paper. There is jokes, baby animals, and more!

Jokes!

Hi there! Are you ready to be *happy*? I am going to tell you guys a few jokes. You can tell these to your neighbors, your family, and your friends! Enjoy!

Q: Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A: Because 7, 8, 9!

Q: Where does the president keep his armies?

A: In his sleevies!

Q: Why did the cookie go to the hospital?

A: Because he felt crummy!

Q: Why did the banana go to the hospital?

A: Because she wasn't peeling well!

Q: What do you call cheese that's not yours?

A: Nacho cheese!

Q: What's a pirate's favorite letter?

A: Arrrrrrr!

Baby Animals!!



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Book Reviews

By Aisley Kligge

Book One: Percy Jackson & The Olympians: Riordan, Rick

Summary:

This book series stars a boy who is half mortal (human) and half Greek god. He is taken to a training camp for "half-bloods" like him and soon goes on a quest for the most powerful item in the world. Along with his two friends, he battles hundreds of monsters along the way.

Comments:

"Rick Riordan is an amazing author who combines Greek mythology with modern plots in a cohesive way that is extraordinary. The Percy Jackson books are great books for 4th graders, although there is a little bit of romance, and I would not recommend it for children in 3rd grade and younger." -Sofia Moss,

Grade 5

"This book series is amazing with extraordinary detail. Rick Riordan has all kinds of twists and turns that you will never see coming. You will end up sucking yourself into Greek myths and become attached to the fictional characters while reading these books" -Calum Kutchi, Grade 5

Overall rating: Nine and a half out of ten. (There is some violence and romance but otherwise amazing. Recommended for grades 3-5 and other intrigued mature audiences.)



Book Two: Warriors: Hunter, Erin

Summary:

An action filled series! Follow the main character, Rusty, a house cat, as he goes to live in the forest with groups of cats. Watch, as he balances out drama, hardships, teasing (for being a former housecat), tension, pea-

ce, and weird dreams to make a wonderful series. Also, many super editions and special books. (Look out for new books and other series such as Survivors, which has dogs, Seekers, which has bears, and Bravelands a new one, which has a variety of creatures.

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The Craft Corner With G

By Ghislain Poulin

Hi, I'm G. Welcome to my craft corner! This year I will be doing three crafts. For this article, I will be giving my bulletin board a makeover because it's a little bit plain. I hope you enjoy my crafts!



1. First of all, you need supplies. The supplies you will be needing are a bulletin board, fabric, clothes pins, tacks (Be careful!), a piece of string (a little bit longer than the bulletin board), scissors, and any strong glue that will hold on fabric. Also, make sure you have a clean workspace before you start.



2. Now, cut the fabric to fit the board.



3. After you've cut the fabric, use a strong glue or a fabric glue that has a strong hold and glue the fabric to the board.



4. Then, glue the clothes pins to the piece of string with a strong glue, or you can use duct tape to secure it.



5. Next, using tacks (Be careful!), tack the piece of string with the clothes pins on the bulletin board. You can repeat these last two steps as much as you like.



6. Lastly, glue any extra clothes pins you have to the board.



7. And now you're done! You can use this to write important reminders, or just photos that make you happy.

HOLIDAYS

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Grace's favorite thing to do during Christmas is to decorate the Christmas tree. Emily's favorite thing is getting the family together and unwrapping presents. Grace enjoys making Christmas cookies, and Emily enjoys making gingerbread houses. They make cookies for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. One of their traditions is wearing matching PJs on Christmas Eve.

Riley Glenn's Aunt

Rory has celebrated Kwanzaa with a group of friends. They had a feast and celebrated by lighting the seven candles in a kinara.

Noah Ryzhikov and Jordan Messinger, both fourth-grade students, celebrate Hanukkah. Jordan said her favorite thing to do to celebrate Hanukkah is to light the menorah. They open presents all eight nights. They also eat fried foods such as latkes.

These winter holidays all give us a chance to celebrate with family and friends.

sees as a travel blogger.

Mrs. Waite wants to be a TV Food Network Star because she enjoys cooking and trying new recipes. Mrs. Neeley also loves cooking, baking, and creating new recipes and would like to be a pastry chef.

Ms. Haas would like to be an art therapist because she loves art and working with people who have special needs. Ms. Michaels would like to be a member of the Kidz Bop Group because she feels like she is a really good dancer and singer - be sure to ask her to show you her skills! Finally, Mrs. Hoff is not sure what she would want to do, but she wants to keep interacting with kids because she loves them. We love Mrs. Hoff and all of the Davidsonville Elementary School Teachers!

School Calendar

By Charlotte Malcomson

January :

- 1 - New Years Day—No School
- 13 - Make Your Dreams Come True Day
- 18 - DES Group Picture Day
- 21 - Martin Luther King Jr Day—No School
- 23 - Vision and Hearing Screening
- 24 - Compliment Day
- 29/30 - 2-hour Early Dismissal
- 31 - No School
- 31 - Inspire Your Heart With Art Day

February:

- 6 - 2-hour Early Dismissal
- 7 - Send A Card To A Friend Day
- 11 - Make A Friend Day
- 14 - Valentine's Day and school parties
- 17 - Random Act of Kindness Day
- 18 - Presidents Day—No School

March:

- 1 - World Compliment Day
- 5 - No School
- 15 - Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- 26 - 2-hour Early Dismissal
- 30 - I Am In Control Day

TEACHER

From Page 1

Mrs. Vastag would like to be a mechanical engineer and Mrs. Yancey would like to be a rocket scientist. Mrs. LeFaive is also interested in science and how the weather changes, and would want to be a weather forecaster.

Mrs. Lohman and Mrs. Kahl would like to be writers. Mrs. Kahl is working on her second book. And if they need a third career, Mrs. Lohman would want to run a dog day care and Mrs. Kahl would want to be an FBI agent.

Mrs. Kleintank loves to travel and would want to be a flight attendant. She might run into Ms. Williams who would like to get paid to travel and write reviews about all the places she

SAVE THE DATE

GATOR GAMBLE

March 2, 2019

Featuring



BRAVE

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After many adventures, the crew ends up at the “Indian” tribe, where they are shocked to find that the “Indians” are Brave Girls and don’t have any special language. Then, Wendy is pulled aside by the Chief’s daughter, Tiger Lily. As they form a strong friendship, Tiger Lily encourages Wendy to speak out and not let Peter upstage her. Then, the two rejoin the group and end the scene with the phrase, “Strength and truth keep the brave ones brave!” It will be these words that will end the show several scenes later.

Now, you are probably wondering, “What about the actors? Who will be playing each part?” Well, I am not going to spoil it, but I have an interview from the actor for Peter Pan, Anthony Shaffer.

So Anthony, how do you feel about the show?

“I think that the play is AWESOME and I like how many parts there are so everybody gets a part.”

Now, we hear that you’re Peter Pan. What was your reaction when you found out?

“I started running around the house screaming at the top of my lungs.”

What was your family’s reaction?

“My family’s reaction wasn’t much. They just kept smiling at me and looking at me like I was the craziest person in the world!”

What song did you do for your audition?

“For the play audition I sang, “Rewrite the Stars” from the Greatest Showman.”

If you weren’t Peter Pan in the show, who would you want to be?

“I would probably

want to be either a lost boy or a pirate.”

If we weren’t doing Peter Pan, what play would you like to do?

“To be honest, my favorite “Jr.” play is Peter Pan, but if that wasn’t a choice, then I would do either “The Phantom of the Opera” or, “Mary Poppins.”

Anthony has been in 2 other school productions. When he was in 3rd grade he was in Alice in Wonderland where he was a tweedle in the song “How do you do, and shake hands.” Then, in 4th grade he was a foosa in Madagascar. So by now, Anthony has become a pro.

“If you are hoping to do the play next year, I highly recommend it. Not only do you get to dance, sing, and perform, you can [have] the time of your life just by joining the play!” Anthony gushed.

While Anthony highly recommends it, you

don’t have to join the cast, that does not mean it is the end of the show business for you! “Then again, if you have stage fright, you could always join the stage crew, where you can make our sets and props for our plays! Trust me, you guys will have fun!”

I know you are probably all dying to join the drama club by now, but unfortunately, the cast has already been cast, and the play is underway. However, you can always see the play in action in early April! I will give more details about that in the next edition!

But back to the play. You are in the front row when all of the actors are squeezed together on stage and the last line of the play rings throughout the auditorium. “Strength and truth makes the brave ones brave! Hana Mana Ganda!”



Above: Caden Schnabel, Captain Hook, and Ava Linell, Smee, practicing their lines.

Top left: Pixie Hollow Fairies in order from left to right: Aisley Kligge, Corrine Barnes, Irelyn Ulrich, Vivienne Newburger, Kinsey Smith

Bottom left: At the end of earlier mentioned “Following the Leader” the Brave Girls spring their trap and capture the Lost Boys.

PHOTOS BY SOFIA MOSS

BRIGHTEN

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For grades 3-5

You may hear things like "Be kind all the time" and "Choose kindness every day," But did you know that there is a day devoted to kindness? It's true! World Kindness Day is on November 13. It was declared official in 1998 by The World Kindness Movement, an organization formed at a 1997 Tokyo conference of similar kindness organizations from around the world. There are currently over 28 nations involved in The World Kindness Movement! (Which is not connected to any specific religion or political movement.) The mission of the World Kindness Movement and World Kindness Day is to create a kinder world by inspiring individuals and nations towards larger acts of kindness. Wondering what you can do on this day? To start with, take my advice and be utterly and overwhelmingly **POSITIVE!!!**

You can also be, well, kind! Be a little kinder than necessary! Help a friend! Help a family member! Help a neighbor! Help anybody! From saying "Please" and "Thank you" to holding a door for them to cleaning their car! Like Blaise Pascal said, "Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much." Which brings us to the next subject.

Inspirational Quotes

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door. ---**Milton Berle**

A great attitude becomes a great day which becomes a great month which becomes a great year which becomes a great life. --- **Mandy Hale**

"There will be haters, there will be doubters, there will be non-believers, and then there will be you proving them wrong." ---**Jennifer Van Allen**

Kindness is like a boomerang; throw it just right and when you least expect it, it will come sailing back to you and you will be filled with joy. ---**Calum Kutchi**

When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind. ---**Dr. Wayne W. Dyer**

Audentes fortuna iuvat (Fortune favors the bold) ---**Virgil**

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says, "I'm possible!" ---**Audrey Hepburn**

Courage is not having the strength to go on; it is going on when you don't have the strength. ---**Theodore Roosevelt**

Life isn't finding shelter in the storm. It's about learning to dance in the rain. ---**Anonymous**

Spend all your time with negative people and you will become like them. Why? Because you'll pick up their habits, behaviors, energy and their attitudes. Make it goal this year to align yourself with positive people that encourage you, that inspire you, that bring out **ONLY** the BEST in you. Be with people who can contribute to your growth in life and you'll be Happy. --- **Robert Tew**

How people treat you is their karma; how you react is yours. --- **Unknown**

People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do. ---**Rob Siltanen**

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"Awesome series!

Just don't forget to read Into The Wild first and then figure out the order and series names (easy mistake)" -Me (Aisley)

"This series shows the lives of wildcats through their eyes. It opens our minds to treating any cat well, even if it isn't ours" - Kinsey Smith, Grade 5

"As every page turns, I cannot wait for the next! Erin really takes animal behavior plus drama and slowly intertwines them to one great series. I love her work. It was one of the books that got me hooked on the Warrior Cat series." -Adelaide Breece, Grade 5

Overall rating: Nine out of ten. (Would not recommend for grades two and under)

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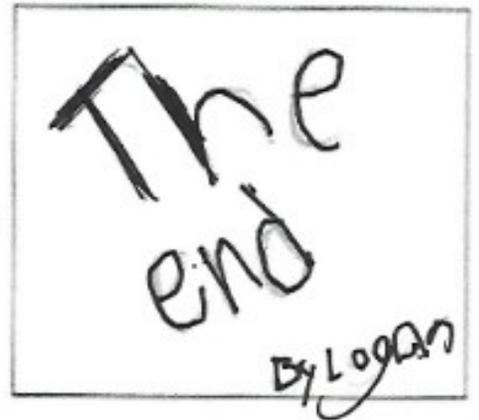
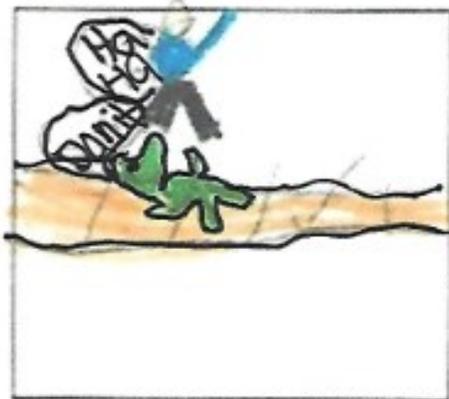
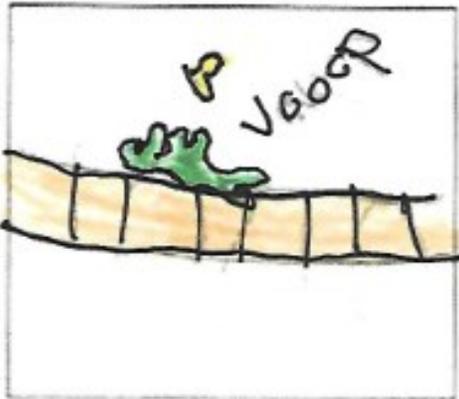
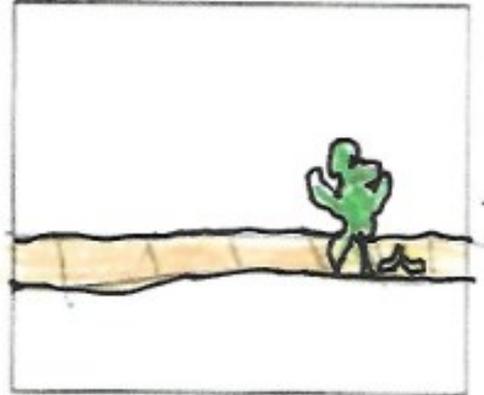
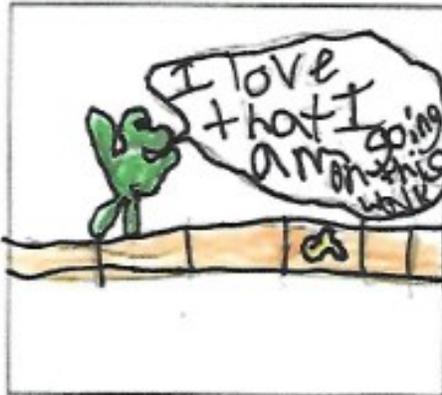
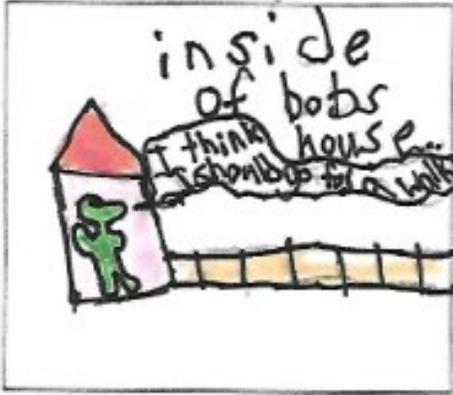
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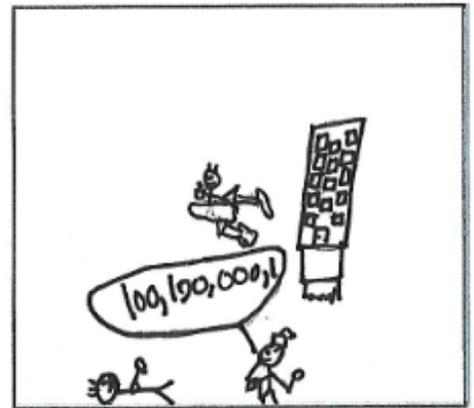
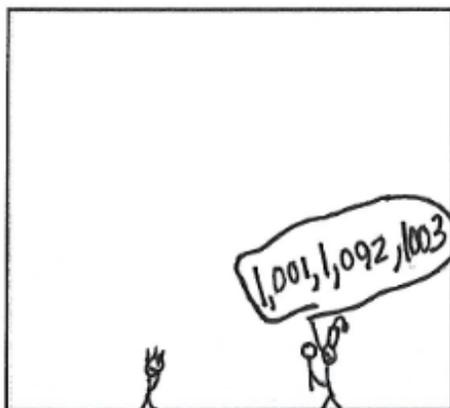
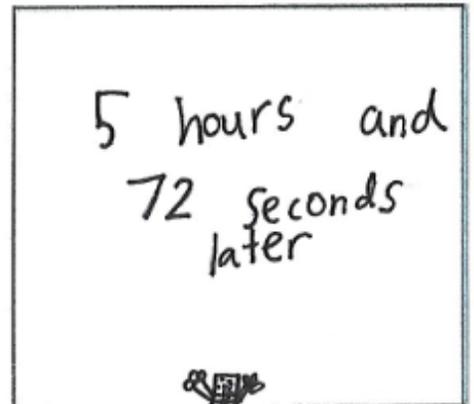
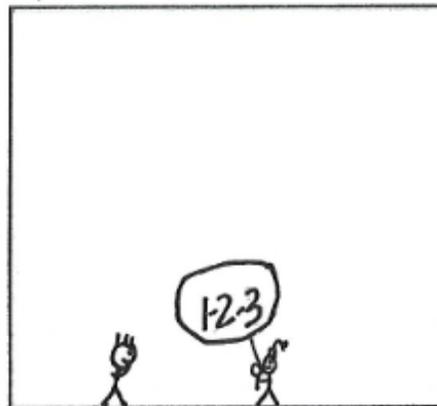
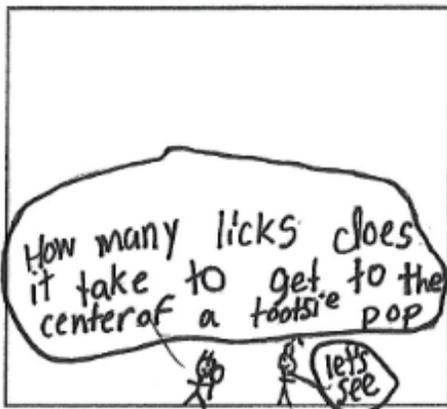
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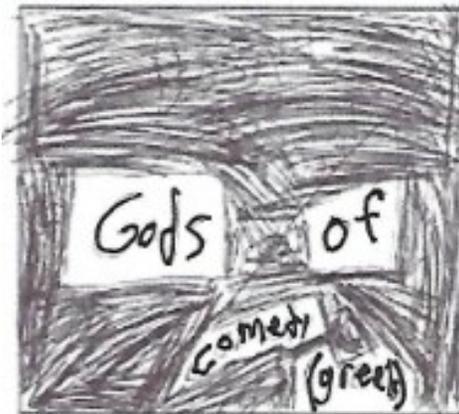
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