

The Gator Gazette



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Davidsonville, MD

Teacher's Pet

By Ella Smith

Have you ever wondered if your teacher had a pet? Well, now you don't have to! After polling the 3rd and 4th grade teachers, here is what I found:

Dogs

Mrs. Neeley
Name: Cali
Breed: Chihuahua rat terrier
Age: 6 years
Gender: Female

Mrs. Lohman
Name: Luna
Breed: German Shephard
Age: 5 on 3/13 (Happy Birthday)
Gender: Female

Mrs. Yancey
Name: Laney
Breed: Golden retriever
Age: 3 ½ months
Gender: Female

Mrs. Lloyd
Name: Mya
Breed: Puggle [pug and beagle]
Age: 6 years
Gender: Female

Cats

Mrs. Kramer
Name: Kona
Breed: Tortie
Age: 8 years
Gender: Female



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ABOVE LEFT:
Mrs. Yancey's Dog,
Laney
ABOVE RIGHT:
Mrs. Kramer's Cat,
Kona

Being a Green School

By Calum Kutchi

Did you know that there is a club at DES that meets on the first and third Wednesday every month to discuss ways that we can help the Earth around our school and beyond? There is! It is called Green School, and it is open to anyone in third grade or above. There, we discuss ways we can help the environment. We also do fun activities from drawing posters that show ways you can help the earth to building birdhouses to making plastic bags into sleeping mats!

I've interviewed a few participants and asked them why they wanted to join Green School and why they like it.

"Lucy, why did you want to join Green School?" I ask Lucie Yeager, grade four. "Because I just love helping animals and the environment!!" She says. "Why do you enjoy it so much?" I ask her. "Because it helps make a little difference in a big world!"

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All About Mrs. Madden

By Sarah Neiderer

As you may know, Mrs. Madden is one of our amazing physical education (PE) teachers and she had a baby boy named Keegan in October 2018. If you want to learn more about Mrs. Madden and Keegan, keep reading.

Keegan Lewis Madden weighed 6lb and 9oz. Mrs. Madden says the hardest part about having a baby in the house is sleeping. However, she says the easiest part is loving him. We know how Mrs. Madden loves to exercise and stay in shape. Luckily, she was able to exercise throughout her pregnancy and only took a one week break from exercising!

Here are some fun facts about Mrs. Madden you may not know:

Mrs. Madden has another job as head coach at True Core CrossFit. Some of Mrs. Madden's favorite foods are pizza and fruit like strawberries and pineapple. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite place to visit is Rehoboth Beach, in Delaware. Her favorite animal is a dog, and her favorite games

we play in gym are madden ball and scooter hockey. She played lacrosse, field hockey, and swam as a kid. She also played field hockey when she was in college.

Mrs. Madden became interested in teaching PE in high school when she was a PE aid. She decided this is what she wanted to do because it was so much fun. She thinks the hardest part of teaching PE is having energy all day because if you get tired you are in trouble! Mrs. Madden thinks teaching Physical Education is the best job in the world!

Here are some ways Mrs. Madden suggested we can stay active outside of school:

- Go to the Gator Gallop
- Visit a playground
- Ride your bike
- Play a new sport
- Go to a tennis court



PHOTO COURTESY OF MRS. MADDEN

Science Fair Fun

By Sophia Manofsky

Have you ever heard of ISEC (Innovators of Science and Engineering Challenge)? In other words, our school Science Fair. About 80-100 students enter every year. The winners are entered into the Anne Arundel County challenge.

The teacher in charge is Mrs. Kramer, the 4th grade science teacher. The parent that is in charge of the Science Fair is Mrs. Moss.

Mrs. Kramer likes projects that test impacts on an object. Mrs. Moss liked a project where different foods were tasted with blind-folds to see if they taste

different. She also likes anything involving paper airplanes.

To find the judges, they ask community members, NSA employees, DES parents who have a careers in the science field, Naval Academy Midshipmen, and South River High School STEM students.

Mrs. Moss said that things that allow charts and graphs would make a good project. Mrs. Kramer however, said that any idea that you are passionate about that fits into the ISEC guidelines would make a good project.

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Faith, Trust, and Pixie Dust

By Sofia Moss

A lot has happened in the past few months. The ever popular song, “Hana Mana Ganda” has brought Emerson Frame, actress for Chief Tiger Bamboo, serious leg pains. Meanwhile, scene 9 has been a difficult and confusing scene. Okay, maybe I’m over exaggerating a little bit, but the play has been going through some rough times. But “what light through yonder window breaks?” In other words, the play has been causing some pain, but with every set-back, we get better and better. Our goal of hitting the stage is in near sight, and we are running the last lap. Okay, maybe a lap and a half.

We have been making progress, though. We have props such as:

- Captain Hook’s hook
- John’s umbrella
- Michael’s teddy bear, mermaid bra, and bow

- The Flying Machine. (tm)
- And other things.

“The Flying Machine?” You may ask. “What’s that?” Unfortunately, you won’t see me, or anyone for that matter, flying across the stage ten feet in the air. No, the “Flying Machine” is a black scooter custom made for each actor, which stage crew will push across the stage. The actor simply puts their stomach on the padded area in the front, lifts their arms, and off they go!

But now, about the actors. Last edition, I interviewed Anthony Shaffer, the actor for Peter Pan, but we can’t let him get all of the attention! I selected 10 actors and assigned them each a different question about them and the play. Here are the results!

- Carly, a brave girl who is part of the chief’s entourage,

was asked who her favorite character in the show was. Carly chose Tinker Bell.

- Elayna, another brave girl, said that “Yes you do. Tell me. Or else!” Was her favorite quote. The chief of brave girls says this line when the lost boys confess that they didn’t have Princess Tiger Lily.

- Shae, one of our cart-wheeling brave girls, said that her favorite scene was scene 6. Of course, scene 6 is when she gets to cartwheel across the stage, so we can’t blame her.

- Kaylee, another one of the members in the chief’s entourage and a cartwheeler, said that she was Team Peter, not Team Hook.

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Magnet Madness!

By Owen Hurson

What are the “Magnet Programs?”

If you’re in fifth or fourth grade and you’re reading this, you’ve come to the right place. Have you ever heard of the AACPS Magnet Programs? Well, that’s what this article is about. You can apply for a magnet program next year if you are in the fourth grade this year. If you are in fifth grade this year and you already chose which program to go to if you made it in, that’s fine! This will tell you about what it will be like at the school and the program!

The Three Magnet Programs

Wait, hold up. Please do read this. You can no longer apply for a magnet program this year! Sorry, but the deadline has passed. I hope you did read that! Trust me, if you didn’t, you’ll be sorry! Okay, maybe that was just a little joke, but yes, the deadline has passed. I’ll now talk about a magnet program called PVA. PVA stands for Performing Visual Arts. If you love music, love writing, love music, or want to be an actor, then this is obviously your type of program. If you ap-

plied for this and were accepted into it, you should go to PVA. Another alternative could be IB. It stands for International Baccalaureate, and it is also somewhat of good program. According to the official International Baccalaureate Organization, the point of the program is to provide an international education for many different students. No, they don’t teach every country around the world. I’ll give you an idea on what the program is like. A school in another country or the same country can become an “IB

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Gator Gamble

By Declan Schnabel

On March 2, a lot of our parents attended the Gator Gamble event! The Gator Gamble is a fundraiser for the school where people bid on items or things like Mrs. Yancey's class basket was a date night in Washington with a restaurant gift card, a night in a hotel and a private tour of a museum of up to ten people. There was also a four hundred dollar gift card to Chick fil a and other Chick fil a merch. One of my personal favorites was a lunch with Mrs. Harris on the roof of the school!!! You could also be principal for a

day. How awesome would that be? You could also have Castle laser tag and Skyzone birthday parties.

Our amazing school PTO puts on this yearly event to raise a lot of money (which they did) to let there be DES sports and clubs and fun nights like candy bar bingo, the social and movie nights because you can't make a social without money. Now that's why they did the Gator Gamble to raise money for our amazing school.



ABOVE: One of the class baskets sold at the Gator Gamble

PLAY

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•Sarah, the third and final member of the chief's entourage, said that her favorite song was the one the brave girls sing in scene 6, Hana Mana Ganda

•Mary, a lost boy, said that she would rather be a pirate instead of a mermaid.

•Ben, another lost boy, decided that he would stay in Neverland and never grow up! Who needs growing up, anyway?

•Kinsey, one of our very own animal fairies,

the famous Fawn, said that she wanted to support the females and become a brave girl, instead of a lost boy.

•Tyler, the actor for Michael Darling, said that Emerson, the actor for the Chief of the Brave Girls, was the best actor.

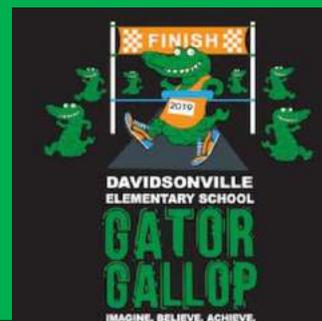
•Calum, who plays John Darling, said that if he wasn't John, he would rather be Peter Pan.

Now you've heard from us! Yes, us. I am excited to be in the play as Wendy! I hope you will come see the play at Central Middle School, April 5th and 6th. Hope we see you there!

Don't forget to register for the
GATOR GALLOP
5K, 1 mile, Fun Run

May 11, 2019

<https://www.active.com/davidsonville-md/running/distance-running-races/davidsonville-elementary-gator-gallop-5k-1-mile-fun-run-2019>



The Smithsonian Zoo: Meet a Zoo Keeper

By Riley Glenn

Mr. Seth is an animal keeper at the Smithsonian Zoo in Washington DC. He has a degree in Zoo Conservation and Management, and he has worked in the small mammal house for 3 years. His job includes feeding all the animal's different diets, training the animals and giving them medical care. Some of his favorite animals are the Brush-tailed Bettong and the Sand Cats. He likes all the animals, but he wishes that the Naked

Mole Rats would stop killing each other while trying to find a new queen. His favorite part of his job is interacting with the animals and training them! When you are older, and you want to work at the National Zoo, you can start by volunteering. Next, get an education specializing in a zoo related field. Finally, you should hope for a job opening because a lot of people want to work there.



PHOTOS BY RILEY GLENN

Lighthouse Shelter

By Tyler Spain

The Lighthouse Shelter is a facility people who can't afford housing, food, and many of the basic necessities that most people take for granted. People and families who use the services provided by the Lighthouse Shelter are called clients. Many are unfortunately homeless. The Lighthouse Shelter is located at 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis, MD and has been operating for 30 years providing many services, including offering housing solutions, employment offerings, and other support services.

The Lighthouse Shelter is known mostly

as a homeless shelter. Unfortunately, there is a need for a homeless shelter because today, not everyone can get a job and because of this, they can't earn enough money to pay for housing. Sometimes even people with jobs have to use a homeless shelter because they don't earn enough. The Lighthouse Shelter can house up to 45 individuals plus five families with up to four children each.

The Lighthouse Shelter also provides affordable housing programs through the Willow House, the Anchor House, and 202 West Street. The Willow

House has rooms for up to five women. The Anchor house properties include one 5-bedroom house and two 2-bedroom apartments. Finally, 202 West Street, which was the original Lighthouse Shelter, can house up to four men. It additionally is the location of the Lighthouse Bistro.

In order to provide all of these services, the Lighthouse Shelter requires a lot of money. The Lighthouse Shelter gets their funding from donations from individuals, churches, foundations, and the government. Also, the old Lighthouse building was turned into a res-

taurant with catering service. Profits from the restaurant go back into helping the Lighthouse Shelter.

The Lighthouse Shelter also relies very much on volunteers. If you want to help, you can donate money or your time. Ways to volunteer include packing lunches and cooking and serving dinners. By donating, the money helps the Lighthouse Shelter to provide their valuable services to their clients. By packing lunches, people can bring the lunches with them and then at

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Who Was St. Patrick?

By Sydney Morgan

St. Patrick was a patron saint and national apostle of Ireland who is given credit for successfully bringing Christianity to Ireland. March 17th is St. Patrick's Day because of his death in A.D. 461. (A.D. means "in the year of our Lord"). St. Patrick was born in Great Britain, and his name was Maewyn Succat. At age 16 (around A.D. 400), he was kidnapped from his home on the west coast and carried off to Ireland to become a slave to work as a shepherd. After 6 years, he eventually escaped, upon returning home, he received his calling during a dream to preach the Gospel. He spent the next 15 years or so in a monastery (which is a building occupied by a community of monks living under religious vows), getting ready for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and eventually, Patrick. Even though some Christians lived in

Ireland at the time, it was Patrick who spread Christianity throughout the land and brought in organized church into existence.

Myths: Did he really drive the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, because snakes weren't native to Ireland.

The Shamrock

We wear a shamrock (also known as a three-leaf clover) on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the holy trinity. The holy trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit known as three divine persons who are one divine being (God). The truth of the St. Patrick legend, however, is still in question, as there is no direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.

The symbol of the St. Patrick is a three leaf shamrock, not a four-leaf clover.

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ABOVE: Annapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade

"Happiness Starts with a Wet Nose and Ends with a Tail"

By Madelyn Logue

I went to the Anne Arundel SPCA and interviewed Jim Ehrig who works there. I hope you enjoy learning about all the ways you can help rescue dogs and cats and even ferrets and bunnies.

What are the good things about getting a rescue pet from the SPCA?

There are great animals here to adopt that otherwise wouldn't have a home. When you adopt an animal from us they have been well trained and have all their shots. Some even already know tricks.

What are some of the things you would say to someone looking for a rescue pet?

That it is a GREAT idea and we will help you find the perfect pet for you! If you like to run and play outside we would find you a dog with lots of energy. We make sure it is going to be a good fit for the dog and the family.

Is there anyway Elementary school students like me could help out at the SPCA?

You can't volunteer here until you turn 13 but before then you can always be kind and nice to animals. And tell your friends to always be

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lunchtime while you sit and eat your lunch the person who received a lunch will be able to eat a lunch. And maybe that

person normally doesn't have lunch and they only eat two meals a day. Finally you can volunteer by cooking dinner. This is something you go out and buy groceries and the you come in and cook for 50-some people and then you serve them.

SPCA

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kind to animals and that it is good to adopt animals.

We've also had Elementary schools do bake sales, lemonade stands, all types of things to raise money to donate to the shelter and help out the animals.

What is the best way to donate to the SPCA?

We don't get any money from the federal government so we are totally dependent on folks like you donating supplies, donating time and effort when you volunteer or donating money that you raise. People

of all ages can raise money for the shelter.

Also, most families have old towels or blankets or sheets, we always need those for the dogs. Any type of dog food or cat food is always needed.

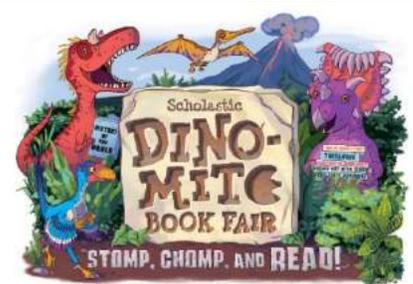
What is your favorite thing about working here?

I love working with the dogs and cats. I get to help train them and I love being able to help as many animals as possible.

Meet Frank! He is a puppy currently available at the AASP-CA. Stop by to meet him all his friends!



Spring Book Fair
Begins Friday,
March 29, 2019



COLUMNS

The Craft Corner With G

Hi guys! Welcome back to my craft corner! For this article, I will be decorating a picture frame. This makes a great gift for friends or family. Or, you can keep this for yourself!

1. First, you need supplies. The supplies you will need are paint, a picture frame, washi tape (optional) and finally, some paint brushes. Also, you should cover your workspace with magazines or newspaper.



2. Before you paint it, you need to make sure that the frame is clean. If it isn't clean, then you need to either sand it down, or use a dry paper towel and wipe it down.



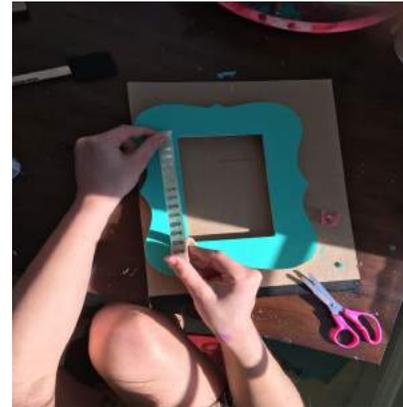
3. Next, you need to paint the picture frame white if it is not already. Mine was a natural color, but if your picture frame is white then you don't need to. Wait for the paint to dry before going on to the next step.



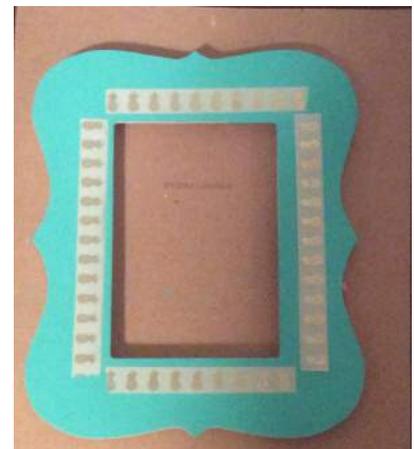
4. After the paint has dried, pick your color of paint. (Mine is teal). Then, use your paint brush to paint the picture frame. You will probably only want to do 1-2 coats of paint if you have a white picture frame. Now you want to let the paint dry.



5. Once the paint is dry, you can put washi tape on the picture frame. You don't have to, but I think it looks really cool. You can put whatever washi tapes you want on your picture frame. You can even glue Pom-poms on it if you want.



6. And now you're finished! You can ask an adult to help you put in a picture that you like! I hope you enjoyed my craft!



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However, long before the shamrock became a main part in St. Patrick's Day, the four-leaf clover was used by ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits. In the early 1900's, O.H Benson, an Iowa school superintendent came up with the idea of using a clover as the emblem (or symbolic object or a badge to represent a nation, organization, or family) for the national club program, later named 4-H: My Health, My Heart, My Head, and My Hands.

Fun St. Patrick's Day Facts

- Blue was the color originally with St. Patrick, but green is now favored.
- St. Patrick's Day is the traditional day for planting peas, even in snow!
- Cabbage seeds are often planted today, too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while in your pajamas!
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the American colonies was held in New York City in 1762.



ABOVE: Parade float in Annapolis St. Patrick's parade
 TOP RIGHT: Corinne Barnes and Natalie Egna from 5th Grade Irish step-dancing down the street
 BOTTOM RIGHT: Sydney Morgan watching the parade

GREEN

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I ask Emerson Frame, grade five, why she joined Green School and what her favorite part of Green School is. "I joined Green School because I like helping out when I can, especially in helping the planet!" She says cheerfully. "And I think that my favorite part of Green School is when we do outdoor activities like weeding the garden." I nod. That's all for the interview!!

WHAT DO WE DO?

In Green School, we do all kinds of activities. Two years ago, we built a massive Cherry Tree Mural using only packing materials and hot glue. If you have ever used the back stairwell, you may have seen it. If you gone down to



Spring Fruit Salad Recipe

By Lucie Yeager

Ingredients

- 1 cup of washed strawberries, sliced
- 2 peeled Bananas, sliced
- 1 cup washed Blueberries
- 1 Tablespoon Honey
- 1 Tablespoon of Orange or Lemon juice

Steps:

- In a small saucepan simmer the honey and juice until thickened and reduced by half.
- Cool honey and syrup mixture completely.
- Mix fruit in a large bowl.
- Mix syrup and fruit thoroughly.

the lower field, you may have noticed some bird boxes! Green School has also made these! You might wonder *now, how does this help the environment?* It doesn't, really. But it does give us a chance to HELP nature by providing a home and get a closer (but still safe) look. We also have been currently working on this majestic thing called PLARN!! It is basically yarn-like string that is made out of plastic bags. (Yarn+Plastic=PLARN)

WHAT You CAN DO!

Green School is always looking for new participants. One way that you can help our school's environment is by turning off lights in a classroom when you are done. Also always make sure that you turn off computers when you're done with them. Remember: It's never too late to join!!



ABOVE TOP: PLARN made by Green School
ABOVE BOTTOM: Bluebird box made by Green School



PUZZLES

Spring Word Search

By Sophia Peeples

Word list:

Chick
Flowers
Easter

Spring
Sun
Candy

Bunnies
Eggs
Grass

Blooms
Fairs
Concerts

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Sports Word Search

By Lucie Yeager

Word list:

Softball

Soccer

Basketball

Hockey

Track

Lacrosse

Football

Tennis

Swimming

Baseball

Field

Run

S	O	F	T	B	A	L	L	C	H	X	Y
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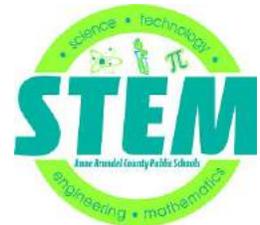
school” which means they will learn the same things that another IB school would learn. Hopefully you understood what I meant. To find out more, you can visit the official website on your computer! Just type in the program name in your browser! If you were asking, yes, this is a great program for everybody. You should consider going here if you applied for it and were accepted into it. Last

and probably the most well known program, STEM. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. The reason why it is so popular is because it teaches you about so many things! If you made it into this program, I think you should consider going here for middle school. Also, IB is located at Annapolis Middle School, PVA is located at Bates Middle School, and STEM is located at Central Middle School, right next to South River High School which is very close to Davidsonville El-

ementary, which is probably where you go to school.

Final Note

This is about all to read in this article. I hope it was a helpful. Like I mentioned in paragraph two, you are no longer able to apply to the programs. You should know if you made it into one by now. Again, this article is just to help you choose which magnet program to go to if you made it into more than one.



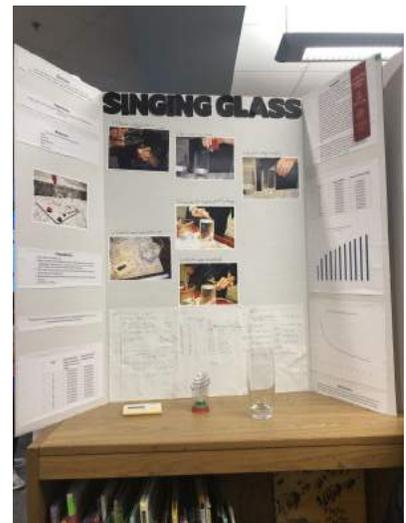
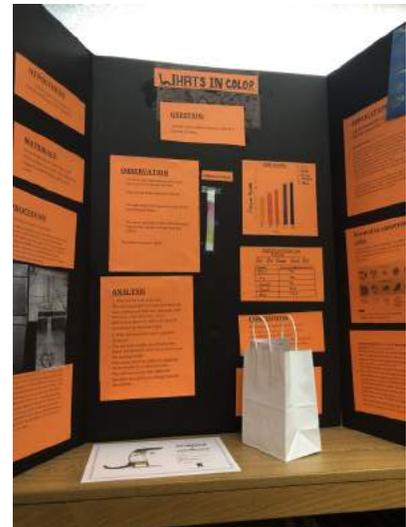
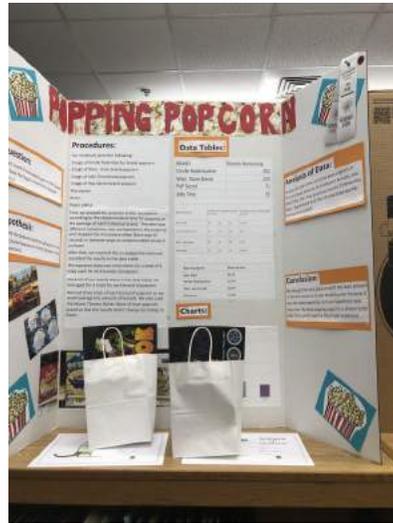
SCIENCE

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Mrs. Kramer’s favorite thing about the science fair is she loves seeing students explain their findings to the judges. She is always proud of their work.

Mrs. Moss likes volunteering because she loves to see all the different projects.

As you can see, Mrs. Kramer and Mrs. Moss do a lot for the science fair and deserve a round of applause!



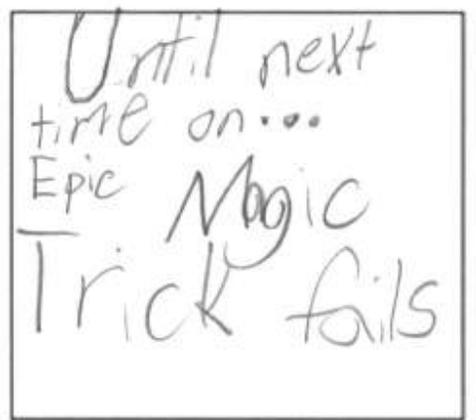
RIGHT: Some of the entries in this year’s Science Fair

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COMICS

EPIC MAGIC FAILS

BY LOGAN DOUGAL



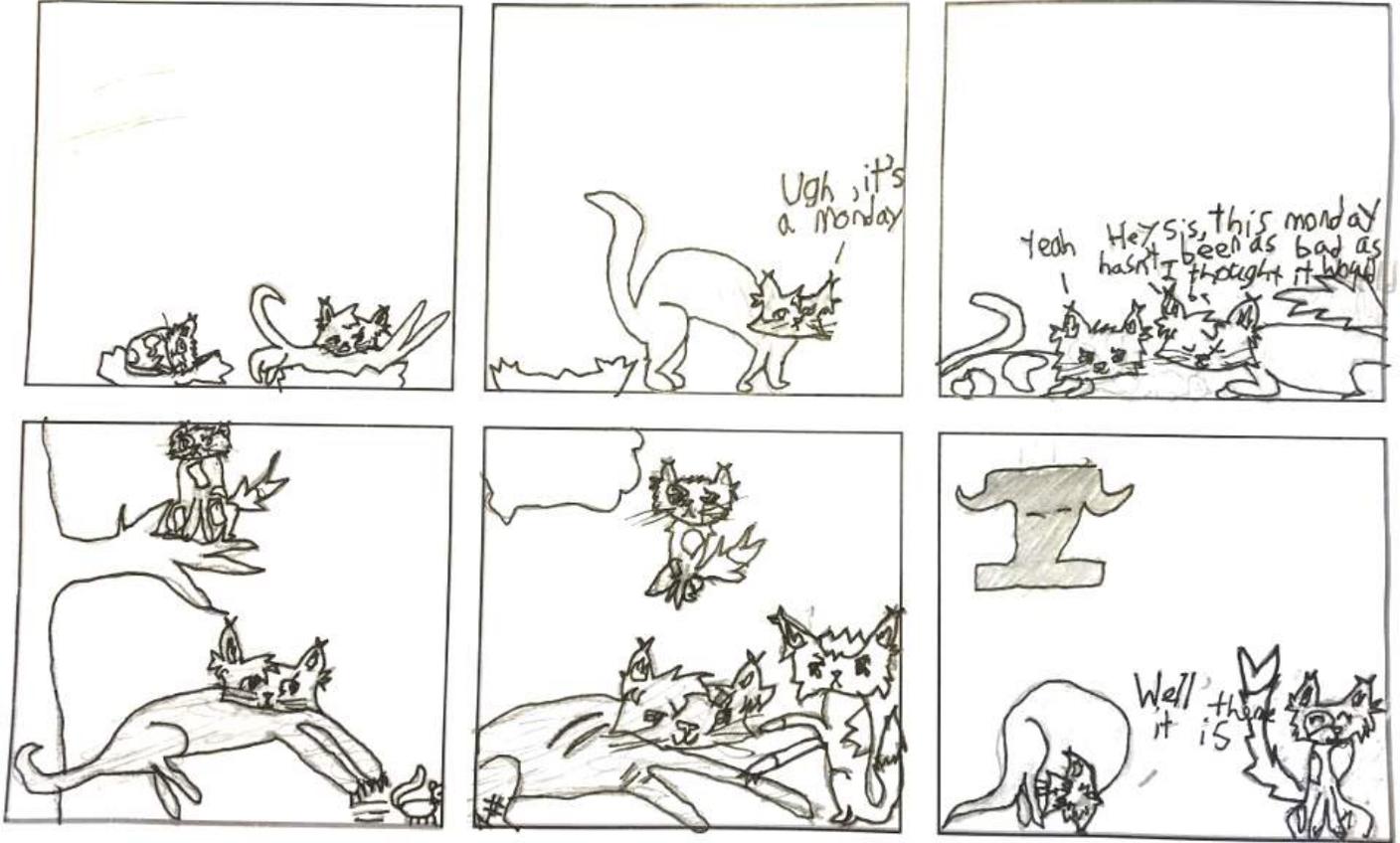
THE MATH TEST

BY DECLAN SCHNABEL



POINTLESS OBSERVATIONS

BY AISLEY KLIGGE



COUCH POTATO

BY JACOB SAVAL

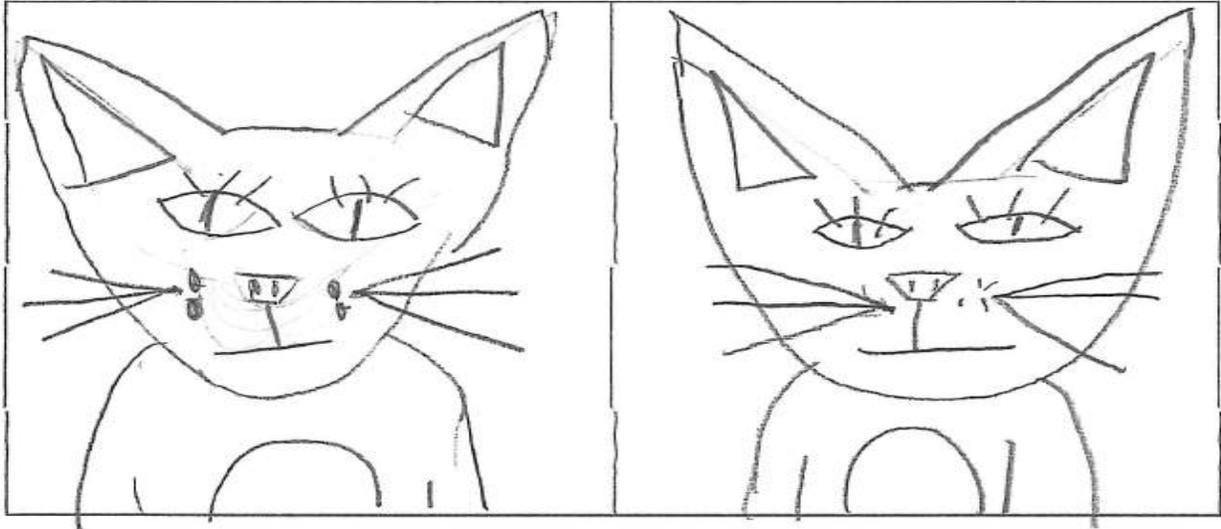


WEEKDAYS

BY LUCIE YEAGER

Monday

Friday



Can you tell the difference ?
I didn't think so.



Aisley Klidge



Ally Siembieda



Brock Frisby



Caden Schnabel



Calum Kutchi



Charlotte Malcomson



Declan Schnabel



Ella Smith



Ghislain Poulin



Irelyn Ulrich



Jacob Saval



Logan Dougal



Lucie Yeager



Maddie Logue



Noah Ryzhikov



Owen Hurson



Riley Glenn



Ryan Lewis



Sarah Neiderer



Sofia Moss



Sophia Manofsky



Sophia Peeples



Sydney Morgan



Tyler Spain

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