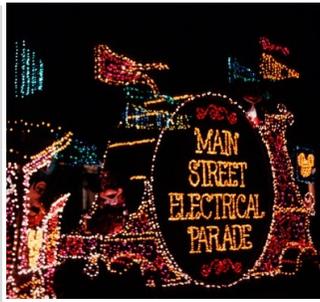




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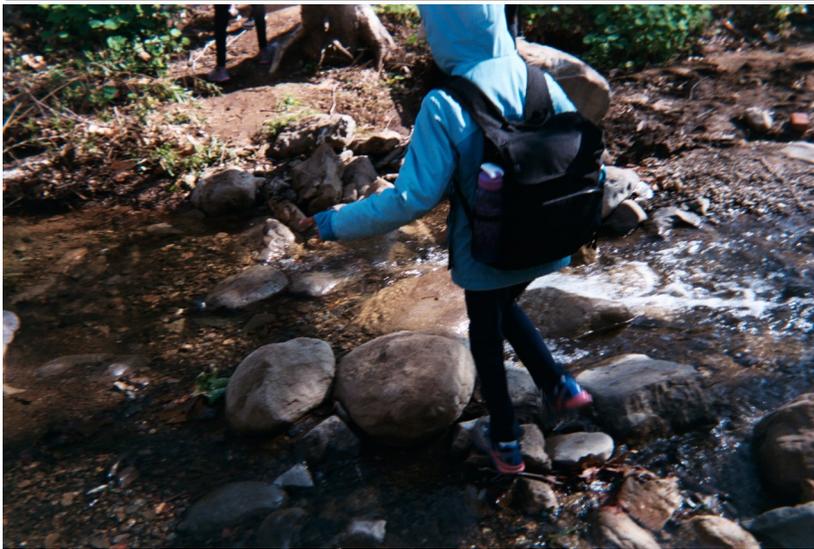
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EASY DOES IT: A 5th grader carefully navigates a rushing stream

Fifth Graders Make Camping A Science

The 5th Grade right-of-passage continues

BY LEILANI K., 5th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

It's an Overland tradition: 5th Grade Science camp. The camp actually wants to be referred to as science school, because they don't want the kids to think that a week away from Overland means no homework and study time (you still have homework).

Science school was an amazing experience. Many kids who had worries about the five-day, four-night trip, didn't want to leave when it ended. Tears glis-

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Want To Really Know Ms. Born? Read This Now

Overland's principal shares details about herself

BY LEXIE A., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

We asked Ms. Born questions. Let's see her responses:

Q: *Is there anything you would improve in the school?*

A: I would get a salad bar and a dance room.

Q: *What's your favorite part about being a principal?*

A: Working with kids.

Q: *Do you like going to school around 8 a.m.?*

A: I would rather go at 9 a.m.

Q: *What's your favorite place to go on vacation?*

A: Paris.

Q: *Do you have any siblings?*

A: Yes, I have three brothers and one sister.

Q: *If you could change anything in the school, would you?*

A: I would have a nurse every day.

Q: *Did you want to become a principal or would you have rather been a teacher?*

A: I loved being a teacher, but I would stay a principal.

Q: *Have you ever taught before being a teacher? If so, for how long?*

A: 16 years. I have taught 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Q: *How long have you been working at this school?*

A: I have worked here for 13 years.

Q: *Have you ever worked at a different school before?*

A: I worked at three different schools

before I came here.

Q: *What do you do during school?*

A: I like going into classes, helping teachers if they have any questions or problems, and I set up schedules.

Q: *Why did you decide you wanted to be a principal?*

A: I decided

OUR PRINCIPAL looks ahead.

after teaching for 12 years. I took some

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Ms. Born, cont.

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administration classes.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: California and Michigan.

Q: What month is your birthday?

A: May.

Q: What's your favorite part about being a principal?

A: Making a great school.

Q: What's your favorite hobby?

A: Riding my bike.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: I like working on my garden.

Q: If you could do something else besides being a principal, would you?

A: Yes, I'd start a company.

It was nice getting to know you. Thanks for your time.

Real Meaning Behind Black History Month

BY SOFIA C., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

It's a great time to celebrate diversity

February is Black History Month. This is the month where we thank all the African Americans that made a difference in our world. Here are a few examples of African Americans and the differences they made in the world.

When Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't allowed to play with his friend (that had white skin) because they had different colored skin, that's when Martin Luther King Jr. knew something had to be done. Dr. King's 1963 "I Have A Dream" speech changed the way people were thinking about segregation.

Harriet Tubman found an underground railroad in Lake County. She rescued slaves and they all escaped down the underground railroad. Those are two examples of African Americans that made a difference in our world.



I HAVE a dream.

Science Camp, cont.

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tened on the cheeks of some as the camp staff waved goodbye to the departing buses.

There are many reasons for the cause of the tears and sadness when leaving. Here are six reasons (three for kids, three for parents) for why science school was fun.

KIDS:

1. **The food was amazing.** If you have doubts about the food, do not worry. It is incredible, and there are vegetarian and gluten-free options available.
2. **Cabin time!** (You get some time every day to spend inside your cabin). At science school, you are assigned to a cabin with about seven other people. I hadn't really socialized much with some of the girls in my cabin, but cabin time gave me a chance to talk to them and learn that they are super nice.
3. **Evening activity!** There is an evening activity every night that always results in ultimate fun. Some of the activities are a scavenger hunt and a campfire night (without s'mores).



CABIN TIME at camp. (photo by Ms. Park)

PARENTS:

1. **No electronics allowed.** If your kid can't remove their eyes from the screen, this is the trip for them. They'll learn that there are still fun things that don't involve you with your nose five inches from a device.
2. **Responsibility.** If your child needs constant reminders to brush their teeth or change their clothes, etc., they will learn the importance of self-responsibility at science school. They will also learn how much you, as a parent, help them stay responsible on a regular basis.
3. **Good training for 6th grade.** After consulting with a parent, I learned that they believe that it was good training for 6th grade, like if you went to a school that is fairly far away like Paul Revere or Millikan, you are going to be about an hour away from your parents. You will need to learn how to take care of yourself. Science camp helps build preparation for that.

Those are some of the reasons why science school was a fun experience. If you are in the 4th grade and have worries about science school, push them aside and focus on the present. Science school is still pretty far away.

But as the time comes near do not be afraid, I assure you that you will have fun and learn a great deal.

Getting To Know Dylan

BY ANNABEL G., 4th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writer

One student gets to know another one better

Q: What do you like to do at recess?

A: I like to exercise and go to the library.

Q: What do you think this school could improve at?

A: Longer lunch because

more things are available to you.

Q: What is your favorite subject in teaming?

A: Language Arts.

Q: Would you rather have the cafeteria food or pack your own lunch?

A: I would rather have my own lunch because I would be able to choose what I want.

Q: Do you feel safe at this school?

A: Most of the time.

Annabel Opens Up

BY DYLAN S., 4th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writer

We learn more about what Annabel thinks of things

Q: Annabel, what is your favorite part about going to Overland?

A: Seeing all my friends and my teacher.

Q: What are your top two favorite series to read at school?

A: "The Mysterious Benedict Society" and "The 68 Rooms."

Q: What is your favorite subject in school?

A: Math!

Q: What is the most fun activity you have done with your class this year?

A: When we got to have a yoga class.

Q: What is your favorite food in the cafeteria?

A: The bean and cheese mix with chips.

How To Make An Edible Chocolate Bowl

BY TATIANA T., 4th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writer

Two words: Chocolate bowl

For this chocolate bowl you will need chocolate chips (white, dark or milk), a glass bowl, water balloons with a pump, a pot and sprinkles. The sprinkles are optional!

Step 1: First see if your glass bowl

doesn't fall to the bottom of your pot when you put your glass bowl in the pot. It should stay at the top when you let go of the glass bowl.

Step 2: Take the glass bowl off the pot and fill the pot with hot water.

Step 3: Put your glass bowl on your pot filled with water. Put your chocolate chips in the glass bowl and stir till all chocolate chips are melted down.

Step 4: Pump up your water balloons

with the pump and tie them.

Step 5: Dip your balloons in your melted chocolate.

Step 6: Sprinkle sprinkles on your melted chocolate on your balloon.

Step 7: Refrigerate until chocolate is hardened.

Step 8: Take out your hardened chocolate balloons and pop the balloons.

It is a yummy treat.

5th Grade Science Camp: A Week To Remember

BY SOPHIE G., 5th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writer

Much learned in this week away

We 5th-graders went on a fantastic one-week camp with our teachers at the end of January. We were very lucky it didn't rain that week until the last day. Here are the highlights:

Monday

We arrived at Science Camp in Malibu! We met the camp naturalists counselors and moved into our assigned cabins. We had a campfire and a scavenger hunt. In the dark!

Tuesday

During the day, we hiked to the beach and learned about the water cycle. The night hike was awesome! We actually saw stars and learned a lot about stars and constellations.

Wednesday



A DAY AT the beach. (Photo: Sophie G.)

We hiked to the beach and saw a family of three deer on the way! We also hiked up "I Scream" ("Ice Cream") Mountain to have a picnic. It was quite a treacherous hike but it was worth it. Afterwards, we hiked to another mountain and we saw a rattlesnake peeking out of the rocks! We got a surprise visit from Ms. Born and Ms. Lee! They

brought us letters from home. That evening, we learned dance moves and had a dance party! We even did limbo!

Thursday

We found some newts on our hike and we got to hold them (slimy)! We picked up interesting rocks and made our own "Rock Museums." That evening was Skit Night and my group made a skit about the water cycle. It was fun. And funny.

Friday

We had breakfast, packed up, and went back to Overland.

As you can see, Science Camp was really fun and I had a great time with my friends, teachers, and counselors. By the way, the food is fantastic! I have no doubt that you will enjoy yourself and make lots of wonderful memories when it's your turn to go to Science Camp.

Sweet Hawaii: Finding The Real Maui

BY KATIE S., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

Find out why Hawaii is such paradise

I was greeted at the Kahului airport in Maui, Hawaii, by a strong breeze and crowds of people rushing to get to where they need to go. People who knock little kids down and don't even have time to turn around and apologize. As soon as we got over to the baggage claim, I peeked under and around the towering trees of the human forest to see if any of our bags have come to sight. Nope. There were at least 50 people on our flight and that meant long lines and a lot of baggage which concludes to waiting. Waiting is one of my biggest struggles. I'm always ready so why can't everyone else be. Not to get off topic but waiting is hard especially waiting to wait. Like waiting to get on the waiting list to get on the waiting list.

Skipping to the good part after leaving the rental car place which also involved a lot of waiting we got my favorite thing on earth. Food! Which happened to be from Costco and we happened to get warm, delectable, mouth watering... pizza! I'm usually not a big junk food fan but after being on a six hour flight from 8:00 am to 2:00 p.m. and not having food, junk food sounded especially good. We also met up with my grandparents, and I won a bet. Wait. Rewind to that winning a bet thing. *The bet* (don don dooooooon!) I made a bet



BEAUTIFUL HAWAII (Photo: Katie S.)

with my mom that the first thing my grandma would say would be "fancy meeting you here" and of course, it was the first thing she said. She says that all the time even when it isn't very fancy to be meeting her wherever we are.

After a 45-minute drive from Costco we arrived at our final destination, the house where we would be staying for the next 10 days. Surprisingly our grandparents beat us to the house from Costco. They must have found a shortcut. After all, they had been in Hawaii for a few more days than we had. My brother, Danny, and I changed into our bathing suits in the car as soon as we pulled up in front of the house. After greeting everybody and looking at our room (and everybody else's) we jumped right into the pool. Let's just say that it wasn't what you would call warm. After nearly freezing to death, we hopped

right into the Jacuzzi which was being heated. It felt so good after swimming in the polar ice caps. After a long and soothing swim we got out and changed into dry, warm, cozy, clothes. Dinner started at around 5:30pm so we stumbled into our seats just before the first course was served. I sat next to my grandmother on my right and my older brother on my left. My grandparents had hired a chef to come and cook for us since it wasn't really easy for any of us to cook for

18 people. The chef was such a good cook. Each meal had 5 to 6 courses. The first course was an appetizer, Then a salad. Then, there was an exotic type of pasta. And after that, there was the main course and finally there was a unique dessert. I was unable to enjoy this meal because the main dish was fish and am allergic to all seafood. I just had leftover pizza from that afternoon and yogurt. Luckily, I was able to have the dessert. After dinner I got my pajamas on. After all, it was 10 a.m. (Hawaii time). After brushing my teeth and reading a little, I climbed into one of the two bottom bunk beds in our room and dozed off. It had been a long day and I was exhausted. I could not wait to see what exciting adventures I would go on the next day.

Show Your Love For Overland With Box Tops

BY IAN G., 3rd Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

Your box tops make a big difference

Did you know that Box Tops for Education started in California in 1996? Isn't it great that you can help Overland earn money by clipping Box Tops from products you already have in your house? You can find Box Tops on tissue boxes, cereal boxes, snack boxes, soup cans, trash bag boxes, yogurts, and

many more. Just remember to clip them and don't throw them away because each one is worth 10 cents!

Save your Box Top clippings and put them in the Box Tops collection box in front of our school office or in the plastic boxes by the Student Council board in the main building. Ms. Amy Loos is our Box Top coordinator and she makes sure our Box Top clippings get sent in and our school



gets the reward (Thank you, Ms. Amy!). Go check out the Box Tops for Education website (www.boxtops4education.com), it has a list of the many Box Top products and you can find out how much our school has earned. It also shows you other ways of earning more Box Tops money for our school. For example, right now there is a "I love my school!" sweepstakes where we can win 5,000 Box Tops (that's \$500!) for our school! Let's all show our love for Overland with Box Tops!

The Marvelous Ms. Levi

BY GABRIELLA S. and VERA S., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writers

Learn all about this fascinating student teacher

Q: Why did you choose teaching over any job?

A: My mom was a teacher. I saw her making a difference in the lives of so many students and wanted to do the same.

Q: What is your favorite hobby?

A: When I'm not at school, I like to read. Fantasy novels are my favorite. I also like to go hiking with my dogs.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Pizza and fish tacos. I also love ice cream!

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Aqua.

Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

A: Porta Via. They have the best bread!

Q: Do you have pets?

A: I have two boxer dogs. Their names are Ellie and Beau.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: The Harry Potter series. The 3rd book is my favorite one.

Q: What is one of your main goals?

A: To become an elementary school teacher. I want to help my students enjoy learning.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Dogs.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: Social studies because I like learning about the history of the U.S.

Q: If you went to Hogwarts, what house would you want to be in?

A: I would be in Hufflepuff and be friends with Luna Lovegood.

Have Questions For Ms. Kirschenbaum? We Did!

BY EMMA H. and ELIOR B., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writers

Our beloved teacher shares personal details

Q: Do you like teaching room 3?

A: I love teaching room 3 because it is the "hub" of our school. It is next door to the office and I get to visit with the lovely ladies there and answer the phones on occasion.

Q: How long have you been teaching, and what grades have you taught?

A: I have been teaching almost 30 years and I have taught 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I like to read and exercise. I like to hang out with my friends and family.

Q: What is your favorite book to read to the class?

A: My favorite book to read is "Matilda."

Q: What made you want to be a teacher?

A: I was inspired by my mother because she was a teacher and ever since I was little I wanted to be a teacher.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: My favorite foods are pickles, ketchup and Funyons.

Q: What is your favorite place to go on vacation?

A: Mexico

Q: What is your favorite childhood memory?

A: I loved going to Disneyland.

Q: Did you like school when you were younger? Why?

A: There were certain teachers like my 1st grade teacher.

Q: What was your favorite grade? Why?

A: My favorite grade was 1st grade because I loved my teacher, Mrs. Lippman.

James' Giant Trip To Washington D.C.

BY JAMES F., 3rd Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

The Nation's Capitol beckons

On summer break I went to Washington, D.C., with my family to celebrate my birthday. We got there in a train. We passed many states. When we arrived at Washington D.C., and we started going to our hotel (in a taxi cab) I saw signs, in fact many signs, that led to the White House, Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial. I begged my parents to take us to the White House after we unpacked but

they said we will have time to do it later. It was August the 1st which is close to my birthday which is on August 6th but closer to Barack Obama's birthday.

One day later it was getting close to Barack Obama's birthday. I decided to write a birthday letter to him. When I finished I mailed it and waited. And waited. Then finally, I received a letter from him. He said thanks to me for the letter and sent pictures of his family, including his dog in the White House.

Two days later: It's now Barack Obama's birthday. My family and I and lots of other people came to see the president come out of the White House, wherever he was going.

Two days later: It's my birthday. We (my family and I) are going to the Washington Monument. We decided that we are going to the top of it. When we got there, we stayed in a line for quite a while. Then finally it was our turn. We took an elevator to the top. Up and up we went. When we got to the top, what I saw out the window was awesome. I could see the Capitol, the White House, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. The people looked like dots because the Washington Monument was so tall. I also visited the White House, Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial. They were all really cool and I wish I could go there again some day.

Behind The Scenes: Disney's Main St. Electrical Parade

BY ALLISON W., 5th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

Yes, it's magical. But there's more to it.

Do you know the Electrical Parade just came back to the Main Street of Disneyland recently? If you do, you might be interested in the history of the parade. In 1972, the parade had a dress rehearsal. Only one 3rd of the parade floats were finished. One group of the parade even crashed into a building! Also, sparks flew from dazzling and lighted costumes. The dress rehearsal parade was a disaster!

The reason to host a light parade started back in December, 1971. A new amusement park called Magic Kingdom had just opened. They had a wonderful opening brass tune, which Disneyland Brass got jealous of how much attention Magic Kingdom was getting. A man named Ronald Miziker, the Disney director of show development, his boss, Robert Jani, vice president of entertainment, and park president, Card Walker decided something had to be done.

Then, Miziker came up with an idea. He thought, "What if we could use Main Street as our stage?" Then we can do floats that will illuminate the sky at night. Then he made a rough blueprint. Robert Jani gave Miziker the job. Now, all they had to do was figure out how to make it work.

Their first question was what would they use to power up the floats. Car batteries didn't have enough juice. Extension



ELECTRICAL PARADE sketch (By Allison W.)

cords have a hazardous trip danger. Gas generators were too noisy, and created fumes. That's why they settled on nickel-cadmium batteries. They could have enough energy to run a parade, but would need a recharge for a second parade.

Since the test run was a disaster, they only had a parade for two weeks. The nickel-cadmium batteries only lasted from Disney town square, to Mount Matterhorn. But, this inspired many other theme parks for new ideas in terms of creativity and problem solving. This is why this is an inspirational, not-giving up story. If you get a chance to see the parade yourself, think of the amazing story behind the dazzling light and illusion.

My Kind Of California Town, San Francisco!

BY ASHER G., 1st Grade

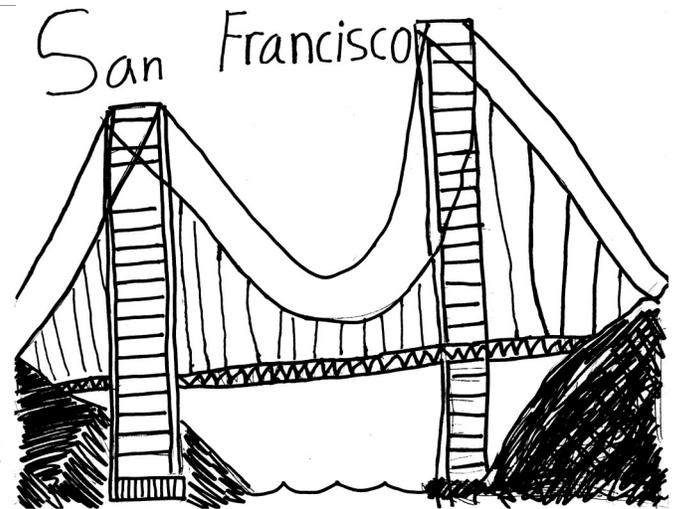
Soaring High, Staff Writer

Take a whirlwind tour to S.F.!

This is a review of the city of San Francisco. It is a short flight from Los Angeles, but my family and I chose to drive there. We made lots of stops along the coast to see the ocean, enjoy the California coast and to take selfies in the beautiful sunset. In San Francisco, we stayed at the Clift Hotel. There are lots of interesting chairs there, like the gigantic one in the lobby. And the only way to sit on it is to jump on onto it. In our hotel room, we could see a lot of San Francisco. I would give the hotel 5 out of 5 stars.

The whole reason we went to San Francisco was to see my favorite team, the New England Patriots, play against the San Francisco 49ers. We watched the game at Levi's Stadium. Levi's Stadium is the newest stadium in the NFL. While we watched the game, it started to pour rain! The stadium is pretty nice. I would give it 4 out of 5 stars because there were not many places to stay dry to watch the game.

The places we visited on our trip were the Golden Gate Bridge, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the Walt Disney Museum and of course, Levi's Stadium. The Golden Gate Bridge



LOVELY BRIDGE over San Francisco (By Asher G.)

is one of the coolest bridges to ride over and take photos in front of. The aquarium was very interesting because I got to pet bat rays. Another place you can visit is the famous curvy road in the city. The curvy road is fun and very narrow to drive down. We are lucky to live in California with such great places to see and visit.

Super Bowl 51: Was It The Best Big Game Ever?

BY RYAN M., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

Falcons fans hate the 2017 Super Bowl. There was a point spread of 3.5 favoring the Patriots. The Falcons were up 28 to 3. The Patriots had a comeback, ending up in 34 to 28.

BY WILEY S., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

Two weeks ago on Sunday, the New England Patriots played against the Atlanta Falcons for the Lombardi Trophy. Unfortunately, the Patriots beat Atlanta 34 to 28 in overtime. It was the first overtime game in Super Bowl history. It was probably the best Super Bowl win I have ever seen because of the Patriots' comeback.

BY MAVRICK R., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

What about Super Bowl 51! I don't know how the Falcons lost with a 28-to-3 lead! As you can maybe tell I wanted the Falcons to win. Everybody is shocked that New England won when nobody thought they would win at first because they were losing by so much!

BY MICAH J., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

Kickoff had begun. The Patriots had the ball but then they had to punt the ball. So then, the Falcons had the ball but then they had to punt. Then it was the second quarter. In the second quarter, the Patriots had started with the ball and had to punt the ball. So the Falcons had the ball and went down the field and scored so that made it 7 to nothing. Then, the Patriots had went down the

BY NOAH L., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

This might have been the best Super Bowl ever! So many records were broken. Tom Brady threw for the most passing yards in Super Bowl history and it was the first Super Bowl game to go into overtime. When the game started the Falcons and the Patriots could not score in the first quarter. In the second quarter, though, the Falcons started to heat up. Matt Ryan threw two touchdowns and they had a pick six. When it was almost half time, the Patriots kicked a field goal to make the score 21-to-3, Falcons winning.

At the start of the third quarter, the Falcons scored again to make it 28-to-3. Then the Patriots made the biggest Super Bowl comeback ever! The Patriots scored a touchdown but missed the extra point. Then Matt Ryan fumbled and the Patriots recovered. The Patriots scored a field goal

BY RYAN H., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

On Feb. 5, 2017 Super Bowl 51 happened. In the first half, the Falcons shredded the Patriots' defense while getting 28 points. In the other half, the Pats scored three points and it was 28 to 3. In the locker room Bill Belichick was able to get them in the game after the third quarter. It was 28 to 12 and in the fourth quarter Tom Brady led a drive, scored and got the 2-point conversion. After that the Pats held them to a punt. After that, they scored and got the 2-point conversion. In overtime, Brady drove and scored. They won! Brady and Belichick combined for five records.



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field but had to punt. The Falcons had the ball and scored again so that made it 14 nothing. It is the third quarter and the Falcons had the ball and scored so it was 21 nothing. Then the Patriots had the ball and scored a field goal so it was 21 to 3 in the third quarter. Then the Falcons had the ball and they scored then it was 28 to 3. Now it is the fourth quarter. Then the Patriots had the ball and scored a touchdown so that made it 28 to 9. The Falcons got the ball but then they had to punt. So the Patriots had the ball and

to make it 12-to-28. They made the Falcons punt and then they scored and got the two-point conversion.

That made it an eight-point game. The Falcons were in field goal range to win the game, when they got sacked and had to punt. When the Patriots got the ball back, Brady led them on an incredible drive to score a touchdown. Now they had to go for another two-point conversion to send the game into overtime. The Patriots threw a screen pass to Danny Amendola, a Patriots wide receiver who caught the ball and scored. This was about to be the first Super Bowl game to go into overtime. The Patriots won the coin toss, and elected to receive the ball. If the Patriots scored a touchdown the game would be over. When the Patriots got the ball at the 25 year line, they drove 75 yards for a game winning touchdown. The Patriots had won Super Bowl 51.

then scored a field goal. So now it is 12 to 28. The Falcons have the ball and went down the field but did not score. The Patriots have the ball and then scored a touchdown so now it is 20 to 28. Now the Falcons have the ball but then had to punt. So the Patriots get the ball and score a touchdown and go for two and make it. Now it is 28 to 28. Now they go into overtime. The Patriots get the ball go all the way down the field to score the winning touchdown. Finally, the Patriots win the Super Bowl.

Dispatches From Soaring High's New York Bureau

BY ARISTOTLE M., 5th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

Heres how to find a middle school—in New York

NEW YORK—Middle school is imminent; do you know where you are going? I have to wait until April because of the long middle school application process. Here is how it works for kids who are applying for public schools in N.Y.C.; middle schools look at your 4th grade report cards, depending on how you did you may be invited to an interview and/or assessment. Based on your performance in the interview and/or assessment you may or may not be accepted to the school. However, you have to rank the schools in terms of which one you want to go to the most and most schools only accept students that rank them number one. Most also give students with siblings already attending the school priority. As you can see, the middle school application process is fool-proof.



BROADWAY bound!

I applied to NESTM (New Explorations into Science, Technology, and Math), Clinton (Clinton School for Writers and Artists), and MAT (Manhattan Academy of Technology). In case you were wondering, I was invited to the interview and assessment for all of the schools that I applied to. NEST uses Scan Tron test. Clinton uses a writing assessment, a computer math assessment, and a group interview. MAT uses a writing assessment, a math assessment, and a group interview. I also seemed to stutter every time I had an interview because I was nervous. I hope that these interviews and assessments help me prepare for high school and college interviews.

Enough about schools, let's talk about the most popular Broadway show: Hamilton. It is about the untold story of Alexander Hamilton, the forgotten founding father. My mom took me to the play. The talent of not only the actors but also the composers astounded me. This play will soon be available in theaters in L.A. Even if you don't see the play, you should listen to the music. One of my favorite songs from Hamilton (and one of my favorite song of all time) is "Guns and Ships" because it informs you of the situation for the Americans in the Revolutionary War in the form of a rap song.

Now you know what kids attending my school have been busy doing recently. They are going through the extremely long and intense middle school application process that tests your academic ability and also watching the famous Broadway Show, Hamilton.

Until next time, keep your eyes peeled for theaters showing Hamilton near you.

BY ATHENA M., 2nd Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

East Coast Skiing —Rocks!

NEW YORK—I was at home and it was snowing outside. So, we went to the Poconos, Pa.

My dad drove while I drew in the back. I drew an emoji face with glasses because I was bored and it was a long trip. We stopped for breakfast and I ate eggs and bacon. We also went to a park

and ran because we had been sitting for a long time.

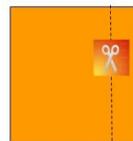
Finally, we got there and I was so happy! We got all of our equipment at the ski shop. Soon I got on the snow and skied to the lift. It was a very high hill so the lift took a long time to get to the top. After we got off the lift we skied. I felt scared and excited to go down the hill. It took us about 15 minutes to go down. When we were at the bottom of the hill, we saw a rescue vehicle with an injured boy in the back. I wondered what had happened. We went back to ski many more times after that. I really had a great time skiing that day!



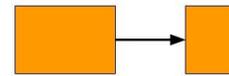
SHREDDING in the East Coast!

ORIGAMI BY DANNY S., 5th Grade

For step one on making an origami butterfly, cut $\frac{1}{4}$ of a square paper off.



Then, fold in half down, then across.



This next step is slightly tricky*: reach inside one flap and flatten into this: Repeat on other side.



Next, inner reverse fold the corners inside.



Lastly, fold each corner of the colored triangle down at the angle you would like for the wings, and you are finished with your butterfly!

THE MYSTERIOUS SHIP

BY JAMES F., 3rd Grade

One day, a mysterious rocket ship came down to Earth. An alien with ten ears looked out the window. It didn't take long for two young children Chase and Matthew to realize that the alien had been to many states and seen many problems in each of them. He started sending them on missions. So on their first mission, he sent them to a faraway place in England that was haunted with witches, zombies, and ghosts. The alien taught them how to drive the space ship. Soon they were driving like pros. They had to go find a blue jewel to save England. So they set off. When they got there someone was looking at them. Chase and Matthew shivered. The man didn't have a face but had a big bubble in its place. He only had one eyeball. He didn't have a nose or mouth. In his mouth's place was a bone. He started walking toward them slowly. Chase and Matthew screamed and started running to the other side of him but another man that looked just the same started walking toward them. Everywhere they faced another man, or should I say zombie, walked toward them. They were trapped and didn't know what to do. Their hearts were beating fast. They all stopped and laughed evilly and said, "There is no escape now," and started laughing again. Suddenly a big man with a sword and fifteen eyeballs and two heads dropped out from the sky. Then came people with black coats riding on broomsticks. Their hair was made of poisonous snakes. Suddenly Chase spotted something blue close to one of the zombies. It was the blue jewel! He whispered it to Matthew and together they started to go get it but one of the witches shot blue fire out of her eyes and Chase was frozen with ice. Part of Matthew wanted to run away but half of him wanted to save his brother. He took a deep breath and started running to Chase with stones he had gathered this morning to crack the ice. But the others took action. They shot fire out of their eyes but Matthew picked up a sword from the ground and shot the fire back to the zombie that had launched it. The zombie died instantly. Matthew fought as hard as he could. He chopped off zombies' bubble-heads until they burst. Finally everyone was on the ground. Matthew ran to Chase and hit the ice until it broke. "Thanks Matthew," said Chase trembling with coldness. Then Chase ran to the blue jewel, picked it up and together they went to the spaceship and climbed on and blasted back to Los Angeles and presented the jewel to the alien. The alien thanked the children.

MATTHEW'S STORY BY JAMES F., 3rd Grade

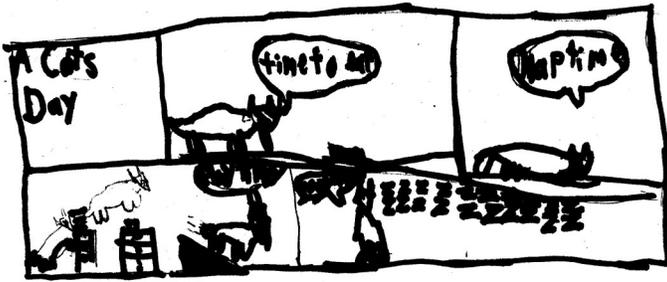
Chase and Matthew were grounded for putting their sister's doll in the toilet. Their mom was screaming at them for doing what they did and sent them to their room. Chase and Matthew couldn't stop laughing. Then finally they stopped. There was silence. Then Chase said to Matthew that the alien was probably waiting for them. So they climbed out the window and started down the street. And there it was. The alien. He told them that they now had to go to Paris to save the Eiffel Tower. So they set off. It took them about an hour to get there but they made it. They looked out the window. They saw a gigantic spider climbing on the Eiffel Tower laughing evilly. That's when it caught sight of Matthew. It climbed off the Eiffel Tower and started coming towards the space ship. Chase tried to drive away but it was out of gasoline. Matthew reached for the gasoline bottle but it was too late. The spider picked up the space ship and started to bring it somewhere. Chase and Matthew were kicking and screaming but the spider would not let go. It brought them to a hot, steaming, bubbling volcano and started to laugh. But meanwhile Chase and Matthew were putting gasoline on the space ship. When the spider let go Chase drove away just in the nick of time. But the spider didn't care. He just went back to the Eiffel Tower and started to eat it with its huge mouth but Chase and Matthew got into action. They drove to the spider, tapped on its huge back and drove away. The spider started to follow them. They went all the way to the volcano and asked the spider if he was scared of something and the spider said no. So they dared him to go into the volcano. The spider said okay but in fact he was scared but did not want to admit. He climbed in and was never seen again. Matthew and Chase flew back to Los Angeles and told the alien all what had happened and the alien thanked the children just like on their other adventure.

BE A POET BY ALLISON W., 5th Grade

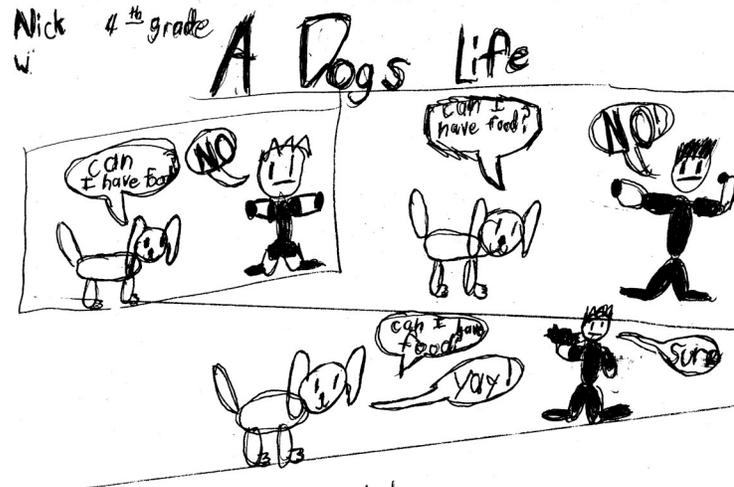
This is a way to challenge your poem making skills. Pick two very different topics; write them at the same time sentence by sentence. Have fun!

Lightning... Bird
 As lightning struck...As I set the bird free
 The tree was knocked down...I wave it goodbye
 As it ceases to exist... I see it has left me a feather
 I take a deep breath... Under a little willow tree
 As I look through the window once more...The little bird is flying north
 My hair swings left to right... To Canada I believe
 Outside it is not a beautiful sight... I wish to soon see this bird
 As I lay down in my bed... Flying the mountains
 The frigid air strikes me... Flying the sea
 At last the storm is over... Following the fellow
 And I can snuggle tight... Who followed their dreams
 ...I wish to be a bird watcher
 ...Who can follow a bird's every move
 ...Yes, that is what I'm going to be

A CAT'S DAY BY WILL S., 4th Grade



A DOGS LIFE BY NICK W., 4th Grade



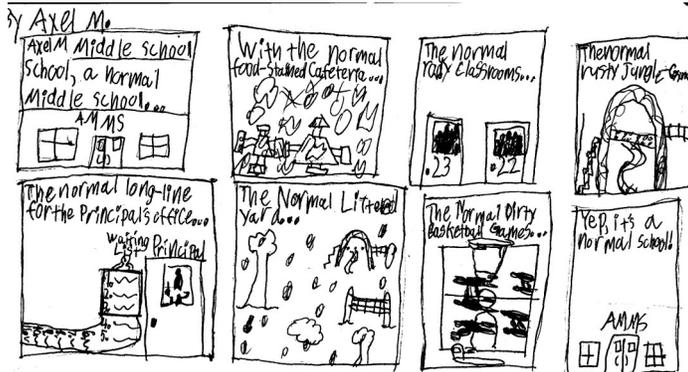
ADVENTURES OF ICE CREAM MAN BY CONNOLLY N., 4th Grade



MATH PROBLEM BY PAIGE L, 4th Grade

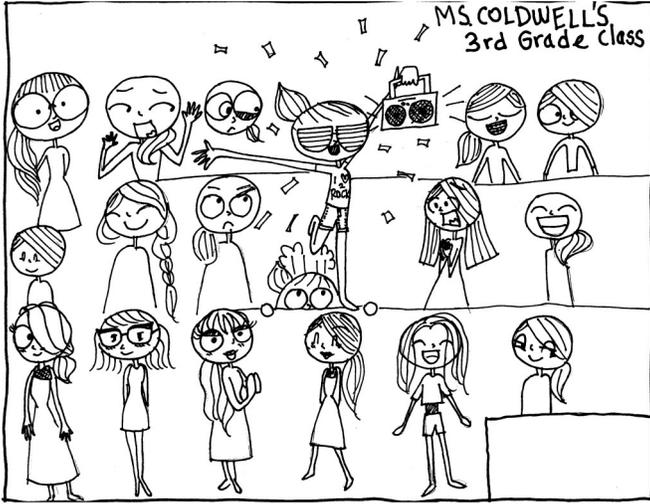


AXEL MIDDLE SCHOOL BY AXEL M., 5th Grade

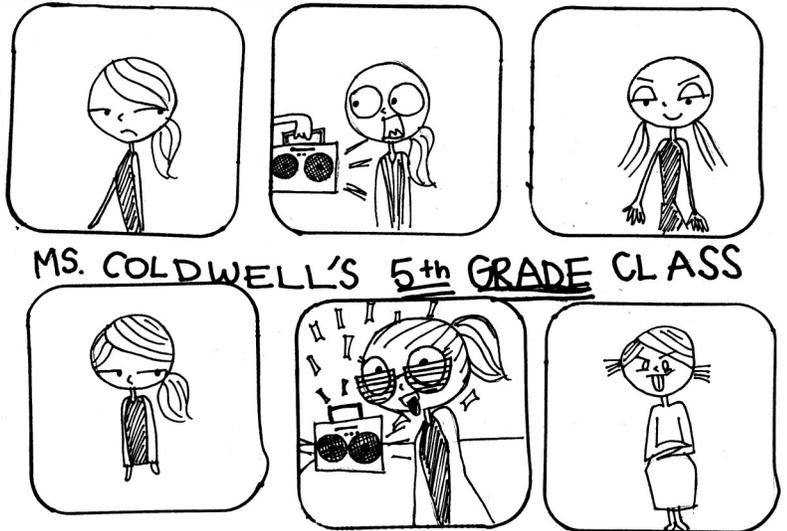


JUMPING for heart health. (Photo: Ms. Gof-fin)

MS. COLDWELL'S 3RD GRADE CLASS
BY AUDREY C., 5th Grade



MS. COLDWELL'S 5TH GRADE CLASS
BY AUDREY C., 5th Grade



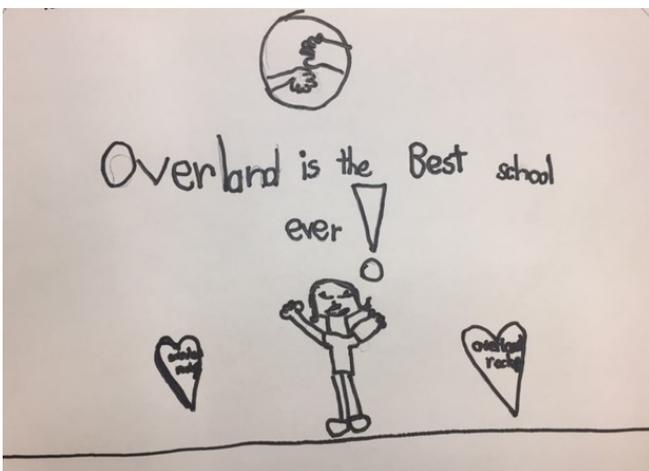
HOW TO DRAW A GERMAN SHEPARD
BY ISABELLA C., 4th Grade



BACKYARD ART BY ALLISON W., 5th Grade



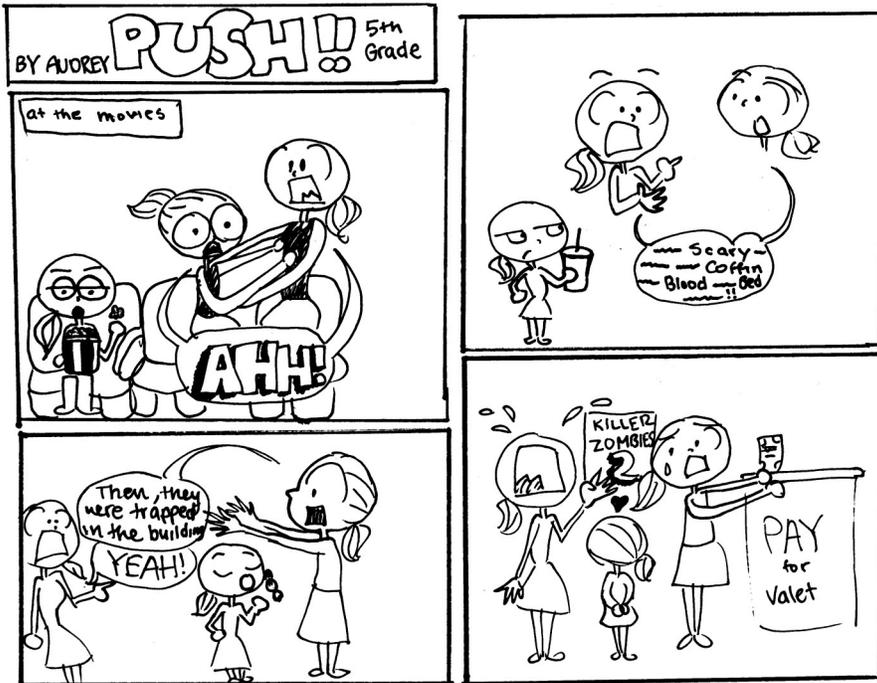
OVERLAND ART BY RIA N., 1st Grade



THE LATE SHOW BY ANNIE S., 4th Grade



PUSH !! BY AUDREY C., 5th Grade



PUSH!! PART II BY AUDREY C., 5th Grade



ZOO PARADISE

BY JAMESON M., 4th Grade

This is a continuation of a seven-chapter story. This is the fourth installment. See Vol. 6, Issue 4 (June 2016) of Soaring High for the beginning.

The zoo guards were just pulling into the docks. They started to think fast, idea after idea was going past their brains. The best idea they had was to pose with the dinosaur statues to the east. There was only one problem, the guards were coming from the east. Their second best idea was to leave now and get it all over with. Which was what they did. They wiped out a few guards (947,335,821 guards) before they made it to their ship. After a few hours, they figured out how to set the ship's course. But the names of land on the map were unfamiliar to them so they didn't know where they were going. So they finally settled on the piece of land called C-A-L-I-F-O-R-N-I-A.

CHAPTER 3: C-A-L-I-F-O-R-N-I-A

This decision turned out to be a bad one. They hit a massive storm. A lot of dinosaurs were knocked overboard. Well, on the map it said that there was an ocean cyclone. Minutes later, the ship wasn't being thrown around anymore. They thought it stopped, but then their ship was flung into the air like a toy. But when they crashed down they were on land.

Sadly, in two brief seconds their ship was swept back into the water and was set off course to India. They encountered several near-death incidents. They finally got to India after 2 months, 13 days, 18 hours, 56 minutes, and 495 near death incidents. They were going to dock at dock 10, at noon. They knew they would be identified as fugitives for sabotaging a zoo. But they just wanted to get past the zoo to explore more land. They knew they would be killed by the government if they invaded more zoos and they were noticed.

What's Your Dream Vacation?

BY ZIMRA K., 4th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

- "I would want Taylor Swift and I to go to Bora Bora." Tatiana T.
- "I would go to Antarctica." Wiley S.
- "A very clean beach." Isabella C.

- "To go to Paris." Sofia C.
- "A hotel with glass floors over the ocean." Tessa M.
- "I would take a two-week vacation to Australia" Ms. Kirschenbaum
- Well, hope you guys have a great day! Adios!

TONGUE TWISTERS!

BY ZIMRA K., 4th Grade

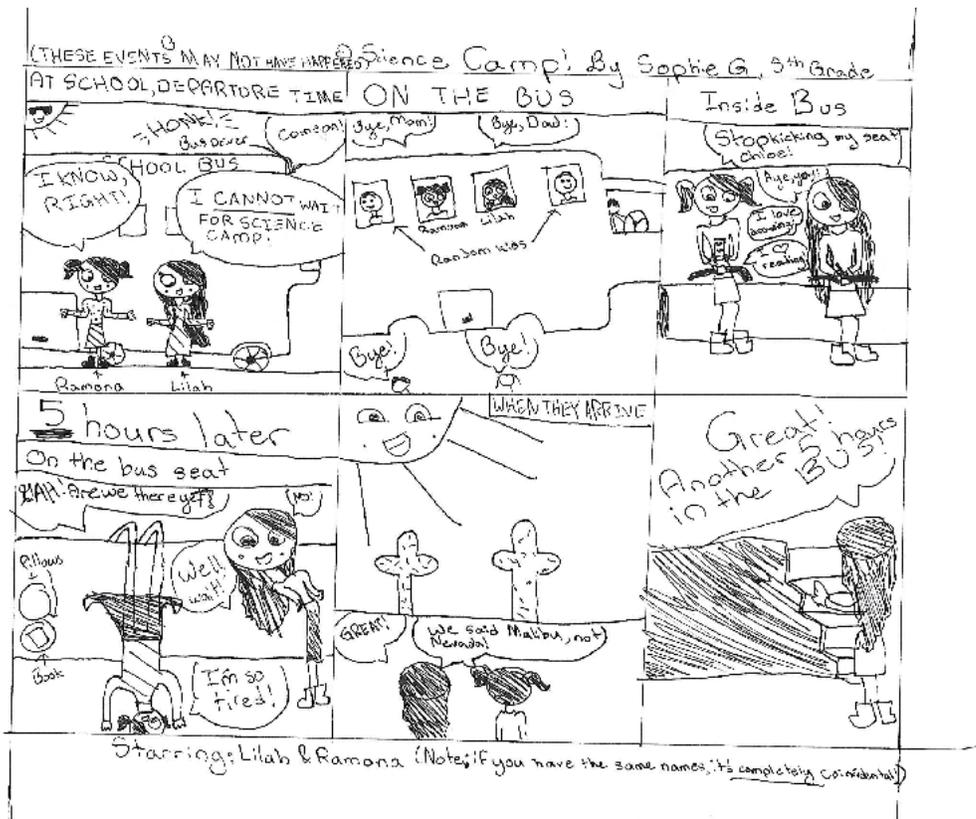
The soldier wanted a shoulder massage
 Boy three, get three free!
 How much could a woodchuck chuck if a
 woodchuck could chuck wood?

COMICS & ART

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SCIENCE CAMP !! BY SOPHIE G., 5th Grade



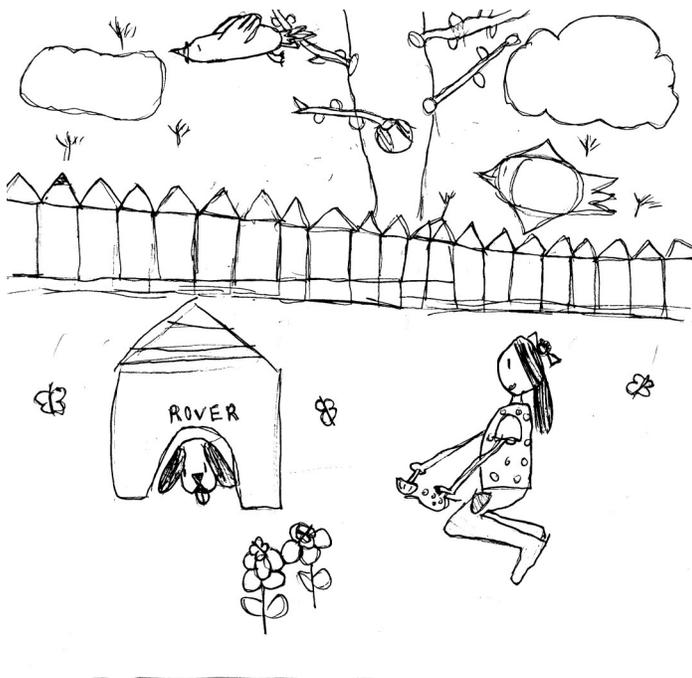
Soaring High Wants You!

Consider sharing your photos, games, articles, interviews, creative writing, art and jokes for the June issue. If you'd like an assignment, ask Ms. Goffin or email Matt Krantz at mkrantz@outlook.com.

Turn in submissions by **Thursday, May 11** to Ms. Goffin's mailbox or to soaringhighstaff@outlook.com.

Thanks!

OBJECT SEARCH !! BY LEILANI K., 5th Grade



Hidden:

- Pencil
- Carrot
- Bell
- Hourglass
- Traffic Cone
- Flame
- Strawberry
- Beach Ball
- Mushroom
- Glasses
- Lollipop
- Pineapple

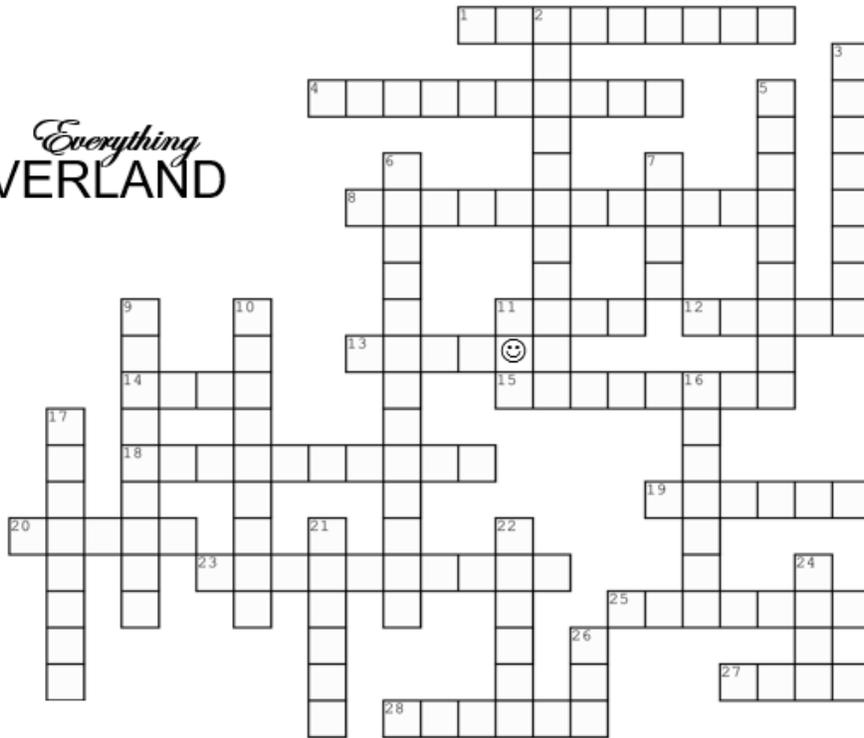
THE EXOTIC DOGS BY ADDIE S., 4th Grade



By addie S grade 4

EVERYTHING OVERLAND! BY SOPHIE G., 5th Grade and IAN G. 3rd Grade

Everything
OVERLAND



Across

1. The _____ Garden at our school is a beautiful and peaceful place to be
4. The theme of our Art Show this year
8. The bins we search through to find things we misplaced
11. Ms. _____ is our wonderful Art teacher
12. Our school's address is 10650 _____ Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064
13. Mr. _____ is our school's Plant Manager and he raises and lowers the flag for us everyday
14. Ms. _____ is energetic and leads us at O.I.M. every Friday
15. Mr. _____ helps keep our school clean
18. Ms. _____: our beloved and best librarian
19. Ms. _____ makes Science fun
20. The special assemblies we have every month on a Tuesday where we receive our Special Occasion books
23. The play our 5th graders are working on
25. Day of the week when we get out of school an hour earlier
27. The kind of school Overland is
28. Our drop-off lane is on _____ Avenue

Down

2. The awesome name of our awesome school newsletter
3. Overland has a big fair in April to celebrate this day
5. The two weeks each year when we log our reading times and earn cool T-shirts
6. What we do on Halloween dressed up as characters from books
7. Ms. _____: the Commander-in-Chief of our school
9. The day we get up and don't need to get changed to go to school
10. The current age of our school (hint: Overland opened its doors in 1931)
16. The kind of camp our 5th graders go to for an entire week
17. The awesome theme of our school's 2016-17 Math & Science Night
21. Our school mascot
22. Overland in _____: how we all start our day at Overland
24. The computers we have in our computer lab
26. Mr. _____ rules at our Overland cafeteria

THE LIFE OF RICK

BY TESSA M., 4th Grade

Rick is a simple ... wait, no. He's a strange man. He had \$7 billion, but he spent most of it on French fries he didn't eat. Rick now only has \$1 million left. Even though he can afford food he believes that it's healthier to live on grubs, dirt, grass and thrown-away food. He even has a grub garden.

Each morning Rick gets out of bed at 4:21 a.m. No earlier, no later. Then he gets dressed in a velvet suit that is always a different neon color. Next, he puts on his Skechers work shoes. Finally, Rick goes downtown to dig through the trash. After a few minutes, Rick saw something he had never seen before. An entire bagel. His mouth gaped open. Instinctively, he grabbed it in a matter of seconds. Yes! He took a huge bite. It tasted wrong. In fact, it had some green fuzz on it. Rick started throwing up into the trash can.

That was really weird, thought Rick. He grabbed a half-eaten piece of toast. More barf. He headed home to his grub garden and ate some. But they actually didn't taste good. Rick realized that grubs and trash weren't a great diet. So, Rick went to breakfast at Maestro's Steak House. He took a bite of the clean piece of steak they lay before him. It was delicious! Rick kept eating. And eating. And eating. When the bill came it was \$1,000. Rick didn't want to pay so he ran away but got caught and went to jail.

Opinion: The Case For Candy

BY SANAYA L., 2nd Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

Why can't our school have candy? It's not fair! I know that we can't get an overdose of candy, but we won't have that much and besides now we can't give each other candy on Valentine's Day just because of the rule. On birthdays at school we can't have candy

in goodie bags. On a day where 5th graders run around the track after they were done running around the track they got Popsicles. So why do 5th graders get to have Popsicles and everybody else does not get Popsicles so it should be everyone gets Popsicles or no one gets Popsicles and also why is there no candy and Popsicles because Popsicles have sugar and candy has sugar.

