

TIGER TIMES

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Winter at PVMS

As we collaborate on our front page of this Tiger Times issue, all we could think about is the SNOW! We are all pretty much done with snow and are really ready for Spring. Everyone seems really concerned about our Spring Vacation.

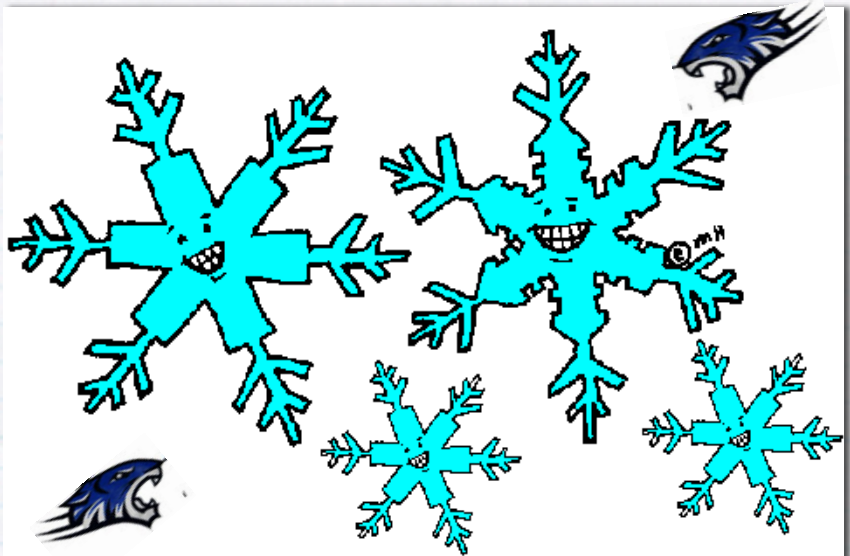
Matt: "Considering that the winter is only halfway through, we have had a significant amount of snow. I was so happy with snow days, now I am sick and tired of it and any more days will take away from our Spring Break."

Tyrique: "We haven't had a lot of school, that is good, but we may lose our spring break, so that is not great!"

Danielle: "I hope the weather gets better, I don't want to lose spring vacation."

Conor: "I liked Winter, but once we got to the 5th storm, then it became annoying."

Owen "I love it and I think I am probably the only person still putting spoons under my bed!"



"Nick: "It is very surprising how much snow we have had. Lots of snow and its much colder than usual. I like to go out and play in the snow, but I don't want any more snow so we would lose our spring vacation. I so want to play outside in warmer weather."

As we try to get past these thoughts, we reflect on the past 2 months of school activities. The following pages of this edition brings to you the events and happenings that have helped us all get through the snow and ice and snow and ice. Enjoy and let's all hope Punxsutawney Phil was right... Spring is near!



PARP sponsored Book Swap took place in the PVMS Library. Kids participated by bringing in books that they have already read and traded them for books that other students have read and enjoyed.



Mrs. DeLeon's ELA group shows their love of writing these days. They were inspired to write after participating in the Taylor Swift live webcast presented by Scholastic, to encourage teenage writing.



Lucas deMey gets ready for the serve from the PV Teacher Volleyball Team during the annual Staff vs Student Volleyball Game Pep Rally.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Here are the winners for the months of November and December 2010.

Congratulations to all our our students!

NOVEMBER

Social Studies	Science	Math	ELA	Other
Yasmine Annabi (8)	Melissa Clements (6)	Elviz Belen (8)	Heather Olsen (6)	Ashlyn Levinson (Reading 6)
Brian Keeler (6)	Patrick Gragert (6)	Connor Cronin (6)	Elviz Belen (8)	Ella Torregrosa (Reading 6)
Susanna Granieri (6)	Angelo Vazeos (6)	Ryan Beckel (6)	Angelie Tomais (5)	
Angelo Vazeos (6)	Connor Cronin (6)	Matthew Budano (6)	Corrine Zastenchnik (5)	
Maria Tomais (5)	Elizabeth Selca (5)	Elizabeth Selca (5)	David Kahn (5)	
Corrine Zastenchnik (5)	Jason White (5)	Jason White (5)	Madelyn Deegan (5)	
David Kahn (5)	Matthew Simpson (5)	Caitlin Vasquez (5)	Olivia Schmidt (5)	
Madelyn Deegan (5)	Taylor Simpson (5)	Carlos Zhinin (5)	Sarah Scocozza (8)	
Oliva Schmidt (5)		Taylor Simpson (5)	Scott Relkin (8)	
		Matthew Simpson (5)	Bryce Fowler (6)	

DECEMBER

Social Studies	Science	Math	ELA	Other
Carly Bartelini (8)	Perry Padovano (6)	Lily Beatini (7)	Holly Jones (8)	Richard Poulouse (Reading 6)
Brendan Fila (6)	Samantha Dalton (6)	Shannon Poulouse (8)	Kaitlyn Tryon (5)	Jaydie Rivera (Health 8)
Lauren DeRubeis (5)	Brendan Fila (6)	Jaydie Rivera (8)	Aurora Sopow-Alleyne (6)	
Morgan Winogradoff (5)	Owen Gifford-Smith (5)	Racine Smith (8)	Lauren DeRubeis (5)	
Cassandra Kuttruf (6)	Isabella Mauro (5)	Angelo Vazeos (6)	Morgan Winogradoff (5)	
Ryan Gannon (6)	Jason Garofalo (5)	Owen Gifford-Smith (5)	Laura McDaid (7)	
		Isabelle Mauro (5)		
		Ava Espineira (5)		
		Daniela Recine (6)		
		John Raineiri (6)		



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Social Studies	Science	Math	ELA	Other
Kelsey Murphy (5)	Matthew Jenkins (6)	Alyssa Anderson (6)	Kelsey Murphy (5)	Bridget Cassidy Health - 8
Michael Gaitan (5)	Nicholas Mignano (6)	Joanna Pelc (5)	Michael Gaitan (5)	Kristen Arraino Spanish (8)
Kellylyn Cottrell (7)	Tess Rhian (6)	Joseph Abate (5)	Meriton Djokic (8)	
	Joanna Pelc (5)	Jamie Galeano (6)	Alish O'Reilly (8)	
	Joseph Abate (5)	Romy Decimus (6)		
		Jessica Wagner Math Honors (8)		
		Samantha Devine (8)		
		Sarah Sainz (7)		



December



November



January

Student Government Organizes Fundraiser to Benefit Local Food Pantry



By Matthew Scolaro

The P V M S Student Government with the help of the club advisor, Mr. Hanna, organized a fundraiser a couple of weeks ago to raise

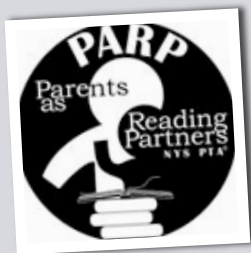
money for the Putnam Valley Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is an organization that collects food for those in need in Putnam Valley and other neighboring communities.

We collected money in empty water jugs. At lunch there were gallon containers that we dropped money in. All the kids dropped in their loose change at their respective lunch periods for a week. We made it a contest

between all grades. The grade level that collected the most money would win a prize.

Sixth grade prevailed in collecting the most money. They won the right to buy snacks at the movie they were going to on a field trip. All together we raised four hundred dollars for the Food Pantry.



By Owen Gifford-Smith

“PARP” or *Parents as Reading Partners* has been going on at Putnam Valley Elementary and Middle Schools. It started on the 18th of January and ended the 11th of February.

During week 1, the participants had to read a traditional piece of fiction. Week 2 participants had to read a fable, a fairytale, or science fiction. Week 3, a mystery and week 4, a piece of non-fiction such as an informal, a biography, an autobiography, or a memoir. There were also special days like “Pajama Day”, and a book swap. One day all the participants wore football jerseys. To celebrate the last day of PARP, there was a bake sale. Also,

on this special day, participants wore red.

One of the events for PARP was a book swap day. Certain sections of the Library were setup with books for us to swap. Kids brought in books that they had read and “swapped” them for other books. Lots of kids brought in books.

I hope you tune in for next year’s PARP!





No Name Calling Week

By Matthew Scolaro

“No Name Calling Week” was the week of January 24-28. The theme was made to make students aware of their character and remember, “no name calling, cursing or hurting”. Each day had a theme related to name-calling to teach us how to prevent name calling and bullying. In addition, each day was represented by a color. Fifth grade’s color was yellow which represented kindness, sixth grade was red for respect, seventh grade was orange for responsibility, and eighth grade was green for character.

Because of the snowy weather, we were hardly here to enjoy it. Monday we had the assembly on the “balance of power” and “daring to move”. Tuesday we had a snow day, so on Wednesday, we donated items to the Food

FUNDRAISING AT PVMS

Wednesday was
* “Dress Like a Friend Day”.
Dionna Keeler, Danille Henry, Lauren Costello, Keri Seiler




Jacqueline Brown, Emma Longden, and Taylor Simpson were winners of these awesome t-shirts. for donating food to the food pantry.

Pantry. Also on Wednesday was “mirror the good in others...dress like a friend from head to toe”, or Twins Day. Thursday we would have worn blue and white for Tiger’s Pride Day, but we had another snow day! Friday was suppose to be “Peace” day, dressing in the 1960’s style of

clothing, but... we had yet another snow day.

Each day had a special quote to remind us to be kind. The quotes came from famous people such as Mahatma Gandhi and John Quincy Adams.



March of Dimes
*Saving babies, together**

DONATION FOR MARCH OF DIMES

By Matthew Scolaro

On Friday, November 5th, 2010, the Putnam Valley teachers participated in a fundraiser for The March of Dimes. It was a Dress Down Day. Mrs Gabari, one of the school’s secretaries, organized the event.

This organization collects money for babies born with diseases and birth defects. This money helps research new studies on these diseases. Last year, we did the daffodil fundraiser, but this year all the teachers wore jeans to support the study of diseases like Leukemia. Let me tell you about the March Of Dimes. It is an american health charity whose mission is to improve baby health by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

The Putnam Valley Teachers raised over 250 dollars for the fund. Great Job!

POETRY CONTEST



Mr. Carlin and Mrs. Pasquale with some of their 5th Grade students who wore RED to promote No Name Calling Week.



Some of our Student Government reps planning more community events.



Mr. Gallo's Social Studies Class working away.

*In the winter snowboarding is fun
but after a while your toes go numb!*

David Kahn

THE WINNER IS:
DAVID KAHN
5TH GRADE

PVMS POETRY CONTEST

This edition, one of our newest writers wanted to run a Poetry Page. At that, he decided to run a poetry contest here at PVMS and the winner would be published in our next edition. All of our PVMS students were eligible to submit an entry. Details of the contest were announced in an eBulletin on Studywiz. The rules were simple: write a poem following the format of a couplet poem about winter, the cold, snow, or anything related to the winter months. Interesting that some people did not follow the rules! Many fantastic poems were submitted, but they were not formatted to be a couplet poem, so therefore they could not be considered when picking a winner. Remember something for the future, if a teacher says "keep your speech to two minutes", keep your speech to two minutes or you may lose points on your grade. Ugh! Congratulations to our winner, David Kahn, for a great poem!

For those of you who have forgotten, here are the rules of a couplet poem as stated at dictionary.com: "a pair of successive lines of verse, especially a pair that rhyme and are of the same length".

Poll Results

PVMS Students' Favorite Winter Sport

By Conor VanRiper

Snowboard 29%

Ice Skating 26%

Sledding 26%

Skiing 11%

Ice Hockey 8%

This poll was available to all students on Studywiz.

Book Fair

By Nicholas Brugnoli

The Book Fair is a week where Scholastic books are available for students and teachers to purchase. They have one fair in the winter, and one fair in the spring. The Winter Book Fair was a hit this year. It was on the week of Monday, November 29th. There were great, new books, such as: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth", "Mocking Jay", "Framed", "Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief: Graphic Novel" and many more. A graphic novel is sort-of like a comic book, but there are some differences. Graphic novels are much longer than comic books. The pages are a lot thicker than comic books. Unlike comic books, graphic novels usually don't involve superheroes. Anyway, lots of books were sold. Some were even sold-out in the first two days. The Book Fair is always fun, and I can't wait for the Spring Book Fair.



Random Facts

By Owen Gifford-Smith

Fact Number One: The first hard drive for the Apple was smaller than the size of the application, *Address Book!* The app is 18.6 mb, the hard drive was 5mb.

Fact Number Two:

Sarah Delano Roosevelt never learned to entrust her son (F.D.R.) with the management of the family's financial affairs and never though he could really do it even thought he was President and had to preside over eight annual budgets of the largest fiscal entity on earth: the United States.

Fact Number Four: A snow ball fight counts as a winter sport.

Band Concert

7th and 8th Grade Concert



By
Tyrique Scantlebury

The 7th and 8th grade band concert was a big hit! Everyone did a really good job. All of the band's hard work paid off and the concert was a big success. On December 21, 2010, the two grades played on the same night but both the 7th and the

8th grades played at separate times. The conductor was Mr. Beucke. The 7th grade played three songs: "Keltic Variations", "African Sketches" and "Sounds of the Season". "Keltic Variations" was a long song full of dynamics and slow tempos. "African Sketches" was a mix of different tempos and dynamics. It combined three songs into one. "Sounds of the Season" was a fast and elegant song. In my opinion, the best song was "Sounds of the Season" with "African

Sketches", a close second. I thought "Sounds of the Season" was the best song because it was cheerful and the piece itself was very elegant. I think both grades did great and it was a very successful concert.

Random Facts Continued

Fact Number Three:

The person who sits to the right of the dealer in a card game is called the "pone".

Fact Number Five:

The longest recorded life span of a camel is 35 years and 5 months.

Winter Chorus Concert

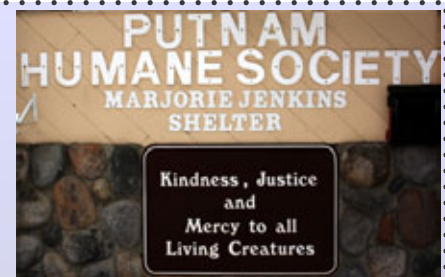
Grades 5 - 8

By Danielle Lopez

This year the Senior Winter Chorus Concert was breathtaking. On December 14th 2010 the 7th and 8th grade sang exciting & incredible songs. Some of the songs include: "Baby It's Cold Outside", "Once Upon A December", "Santa Claus is Coming To Town", "Ocho Kandelas", "Imagine", "God Bless Us Everyone", and "Carol of the Bells". With the soprano's, the altos, and the baritones singing, we also had soloist Eve O'Brian singing "Once Upon a December", Quinn Kelly singing "Imagine", and Annie Pittman & AnnMarie Spica singing "Ocho Kandelas". With a large audience, they did a fantastic job!



Blankets for Animals



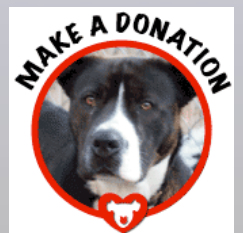
The student government has been collecting blankets for the Humane Society.

The nearest Humane Society location is in Putnam County, New York. We are collecting blankets because it is a nice way to give back to less fortunate animals. This collection will be over at the end of March.

More donations = more animals saved.

Did you know that animals freeze in the winter?

When you are inside your house warming your toes by your fire, animals freeze in the cold ❄️.



PLEASE DONATE



TECH TIPS

By Matthew Scolaro

Tip 1: Doesn't having your computer talk to you sound cool? Wouldn't you like to be able to read a web page better without using too much brainpower?

- Go on to System Preferences and select the tab for **Text to Speech**. Select Text to Speech.
- Check "Speak selected text when the key is pressed" option.
- The default key is **Option+Command+S** to speak the text.
- You can change the voice from a normal male or female to a whisper or a bubbly voice. Just click on the drop-down menu and select the voice and its speed.
- TO HEAR the text, open any page of text and **highlight** the text then press the command keys.
- To stop the computer from "talking", just press the same keys to stop.

Tip 2: Going somewhere in a hurry and need to quickly put your laptop away? Press Option+Shift+Apple+Q to log out immediately.

Tip 3: Spotlight is a useful tool for finding applications, calculating math, and looking up words. Command+Space can get you there instantly.

One of my fellow writers, Owen, tested out my speech method and it worked!

Thanks and tune in for more tech tips!



Mixing it Up for Good!

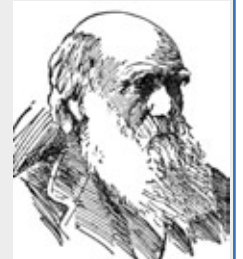
The holiday season made mixers and bakers out of Mrs. Petrillo and Mrs. Aquillino's classes. All of the students had the chance, to measure, mix, crack, knead, drop and sprinkle to make their treats. They made tons of awesome holiday treats to sell at a bake sale they organized while having a great time.

The proceeds of the sale would help their class to plan events for the Spring. They raised over \$120.

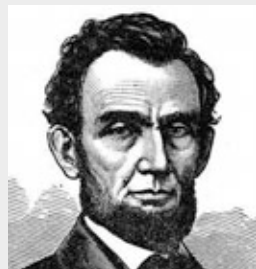
Looks like they had a great time and their treats were fantastic!

Darwincoln Day

By Owen Gifford-Smith



For those of you who are wondering, "Darwincoln Day" is the day both Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States and Darwin, the father of evolution, were born. They both lived their lives helping people however they could. Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection, helped all future and present



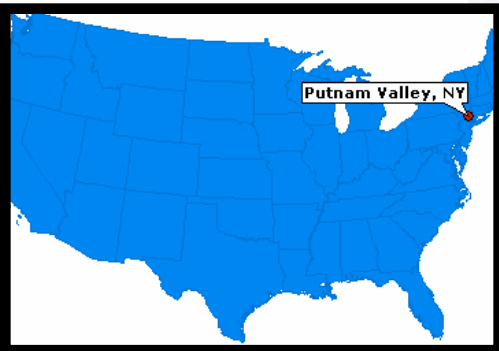
scientists to better understand the evolution of life. Lincoln's "Emancipation Proclamation" helped black slaves get their desired freedom. This special day is celebrated on the 12th of February. Even though this holiday is completely made up, it would be an amazing holiday if everyone celebrated it. I hope you celebrate this great day in the future and... Happy Darwincoln Day!

HISTORY OF P.V.

By Conor Van Riper

Do you think you know Putnam Valley?
Well I bet you don't know its history.

In 1740 the first settlers came to Putnam Valley, one being Thomas Bryant (of Bryant Hill and Pond). In the late 1700's, John Horton bought land around what was then known as Horton's Pond (now known as Oscawana Lake). In 1835, Tompkins Methodist Church was built. In 1839, the town was established as Quincy. At the time before towns its named they were known by numbers. It was changed to Putnam Valley the next year. In 1934 the Putnam Valley school district was created. 5 independent schoolhouses joined together to make the Putnam Valley School District. In 1935 PVCSD opened its doors.



Also, the Civil Service Chief of Police was appointed in 1957. Here are some other interesting facts about PV: in the 1800's thousands of tons of iron were taken from Denny Hill Mine, in the late 1800's a trolley ran from Peekskill train station to Oregon corners off of Peekskill Hollow Rd. PV, there was also a toothpick factory. Also in the 1920's "Babe" Ruth rented a summer home off of Lake Oscawana. PV was even a popular summer resort.

Last on June 18, 2011 there is going to be a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the school district and the 10th anniversary of the high school. There will be many activities! Doesn't Putnam Valley have a great history?

Here are my sources.

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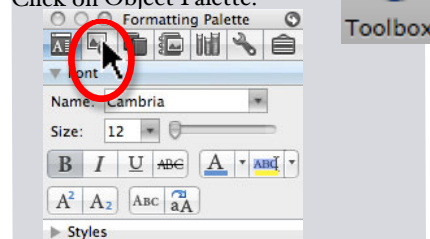
Danielle's Tech Tips

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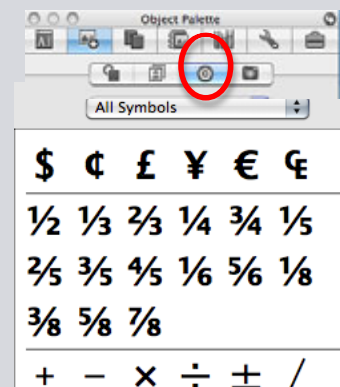
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Command+O = Opens selected item.
Command+N = Opens a new document.
Command+M = Minimizes window.

And To Get Special Symbols....
Open the Formatting Palatte:
Click on Object Palette:



Click on "Symbols" and select from many available symbols'



Martin Luther King Day

By Daniel Martinez

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Martin Luther King Jr. was a very important and educated man who graduated from Morehouse College. After that, Martin became interested in becoming a minister like his dad. What made Martin Luther King, Jr. so special was he fought the battle of blacks being treated unfairly. You see, back in the 1950's people of color were not considered equal to the rest of society. Martin had two white friends that he loved to play baseball with. But once their mothers found out that they were playing with a black child, they were forbidden to even talk to Martin. Martin Luther King also made a big

speech in 1963 called, "I Have A Dream". It was about all of the races coming together and being treated equally. At that time, the Klu Klux Klan (The three K's.) was formed. The Three K's bombed houses and destroyed cars of those who had joined Martin Luther King, Jr. There was one person who disagreed strongly with Martin's ideas. His name was James Earl Ray. James Earl Ray assassinated Martin Luther King by shooting him when he was on his balcony. At 6:00 pm on April 4th, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. died. Since then Martin's family and the world has missed him and will always love him. Some states let schools close for that day for us

to really appreciate him. The reason why we celebrate MLK Day on the 15th of January is

because that is his birth date, and what other day better to celebrate someone so great than on his birthday?

infoplease.com/spot/mlkjrday1.html

Groundhog Day

By Matthew Scolaro

It's that time of year again! It's Groundhog Day! On February 2nd, the bustling media went to Punxsutawney, Philadelphia and found the groundhog, Phil. According to lore, if the groundhog wakes up and sees his shadow, Winter will continue for six weeks. Otherwise, Spring is around the corner! It turns out that our groundhog fellow did not see his shadow. Spring is around the corner, so get ready to plant your tulips and daffodils!



February Week Off

By Owen Gifford-Smith

Anyone outraged that President's Week was not a week **off** of school but a week **in** school? Many people thought this was because of the unusual amount of snow but they were wrong! When planning the school year's days off, the unions, the Board of Ed, and the administration decided that there should be school this week. What a bummer! The good news is that next year we will have no school on this wonderful week in February. So make your plans now and pack your sleds!!

iVoice

By Matthew Scolaro

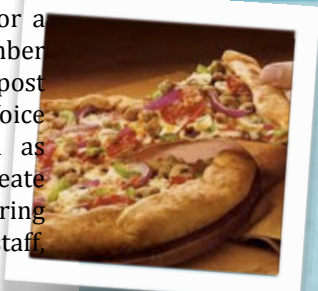
If you do not know, iVoice is a club for a small number of students. I am a member of this club. We create videos and post current events in a cool fashion. The iVoice Club uses various applications such as iMovie, PowerPoint, and iPhoto to create clips, movies or other file types to bring Middle School events to the students, staff, and the PV community.

We use several technological tactics, such as cropping, straightening, and creating titles. Our most recent project was an iMovie of the 7th and 8th grade band performance with photos of artwork by students from all grade levels.

We have all of our creations on our website, which is accessible at pvcSD.org/MS, scroll over to the iVoice tab and click on the iVoice Club selection. Click on that to access our website.



Smile, you
never know
when we will
be around!



A Tasty Debate

By Leif Mangan

Do people want to have more choices in their hot lunch? Instead of having a repeat of lunches, should we have special lunches on certain days of the week like desserts on Fridays or home fries on Mondays?

These are the thoughts I am thinking of when I'm eating my lunch:

- * On the second Monday of each month we could have breakfast, like pancakes or home fries.
- * On certain Fridays we could have desserts, like apple pie or a powdered donut.
- * Maybe for the last day of school before Christmas break we could have an apple strudel.
- * On the last day of school, have a Pizza Hut blast.



SnowStorm Warning: Eleven Days of School

By Tyrique Scantlebury

This winter, Mother Nature seems to want us out of school. Because of all the consecutive snow days that we have had since we returned from the December holiday vacation, (January 3, 2011) there were only 13.5 regular school days as of February 3, 2011. We should have had 24. I can't believe it. We have been out of school so much that I feel like we were going to need name tags so the teachers would remember our names. Well, actually, I am pretty happy about it because we didn't have a lot of school days, but now that I think about it, we are going to have Spring Break days taken off if we have any more snow days. Even though we had so many days off, I am looking forward to Spring Break this year. Hopefully there will not be any more snow days!



Saint Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day

By Erika Seidman

St. Patrick's Day is a day that is celebrated in many countries around the world. Where did it start? Well in Ireland! Celebrated here in the USA it is all about the green, and hoping for some gold.

St. Patrick was born around 385 AD along the west coast of Britain. When he was 16 he was captured by an Irish raiders and sold into slavery. He spent his teen years alone as a Shepard to tend to his masters sheep. After 6 years of being in slavery, he escaped. He had to



travel about 200 miles before he found a ship ready to sail to England. He returned to his family and home. He studied to be a missionary.

He brought Christianity to Ireland and taught there for 29 years. He used the shamrock, a 3-leaf clover to explain the Blessed Trinity. One of the most popular legends was how he charmed all the snakes out Ireland down to the seashore to be drowned by the water. He died on March 17, 461 AD. The anniversary of his death is celebrated as St. Patricks Day. You will find many American's celebrating with parades, parties, wearing green, and wishing people "Luck".



Poetry Page



The wind blows slowly,
As I watch the leaves falling,
Into the winter.

By Danielle Lopez



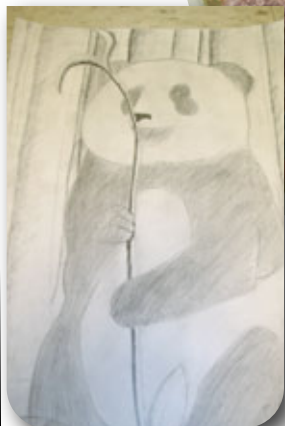
Softly snowing all around,
Already found on the ground.
Tomorrow we will laugh and play,
So I sleep on and on today.
By the fire warm and bright,
At the darkest time of night.
My belly full, my wish complete,
The snow keeps coming, cold and deep.
As the moon rises high,
I let out a contented sigh.
When I awake,
My skates I'll take.
Over hills to the frozen lake.
Once I'm there some friends I'll meet.
I'll bring them home for a special treat.
After we've all said hi and bye,
They all go home with a homemade pie.
The snow will stop, a quarter past one,
Along with it, all the fun.
Then done my day shall be,
Once again I'll sleep, silently...



By Owen Gifford-Smith
and Conor VanRiper

Hooray, Hooray! It's winter break!
Now we can skate on the frozen lake!
Outside we go to play in the snow!
When you come inside you will know
that there's going to be a steaming
mug of cocoa!
At night, you will not have a fright
because you will be in your nice, cozy house,
where you will sleep as quiet as a mouse.

By Nicholas Brugnoli

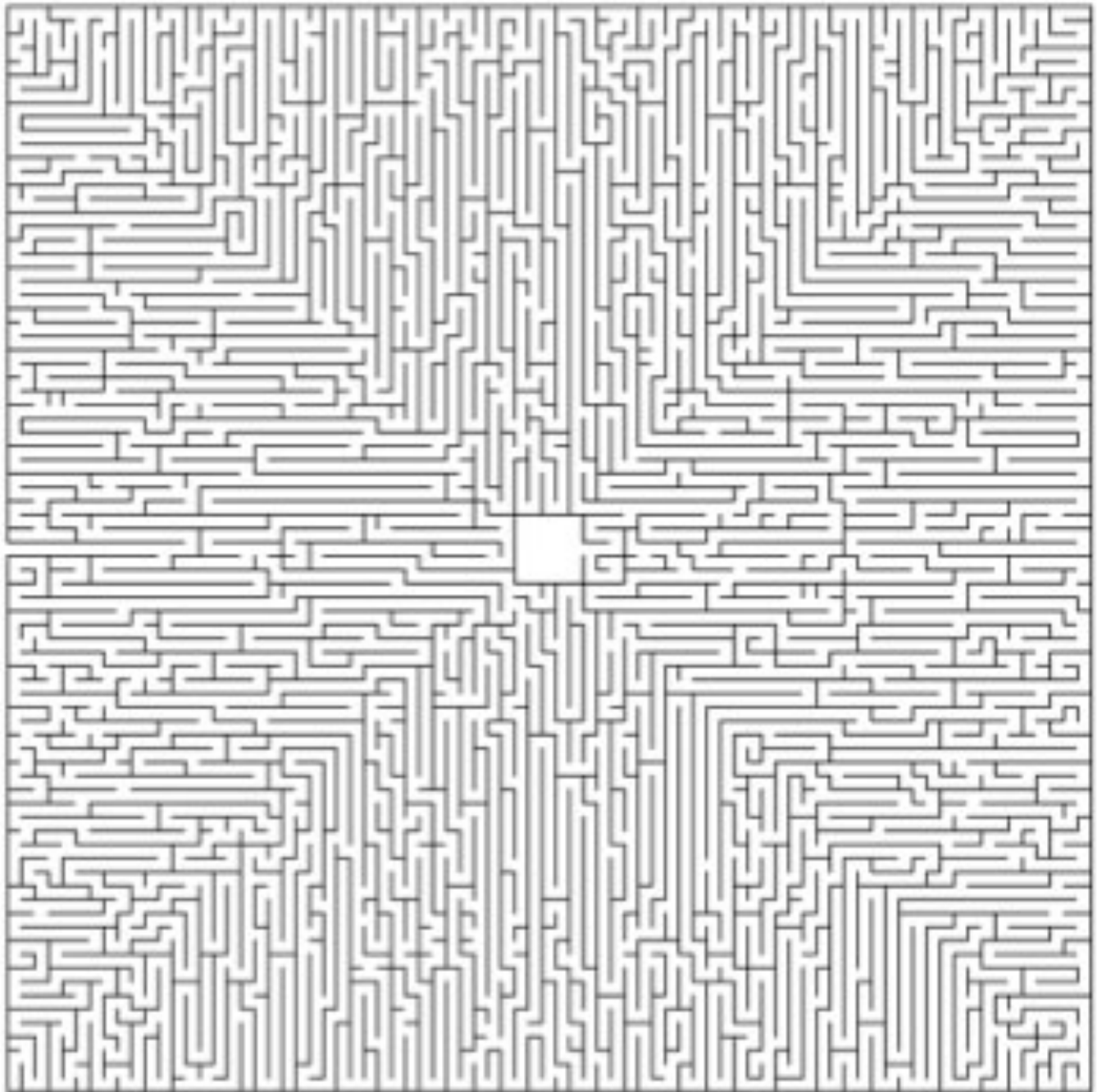


COOL Art
work by
some of our
students



Find The Easter Bunny

By Matthew Scolaro

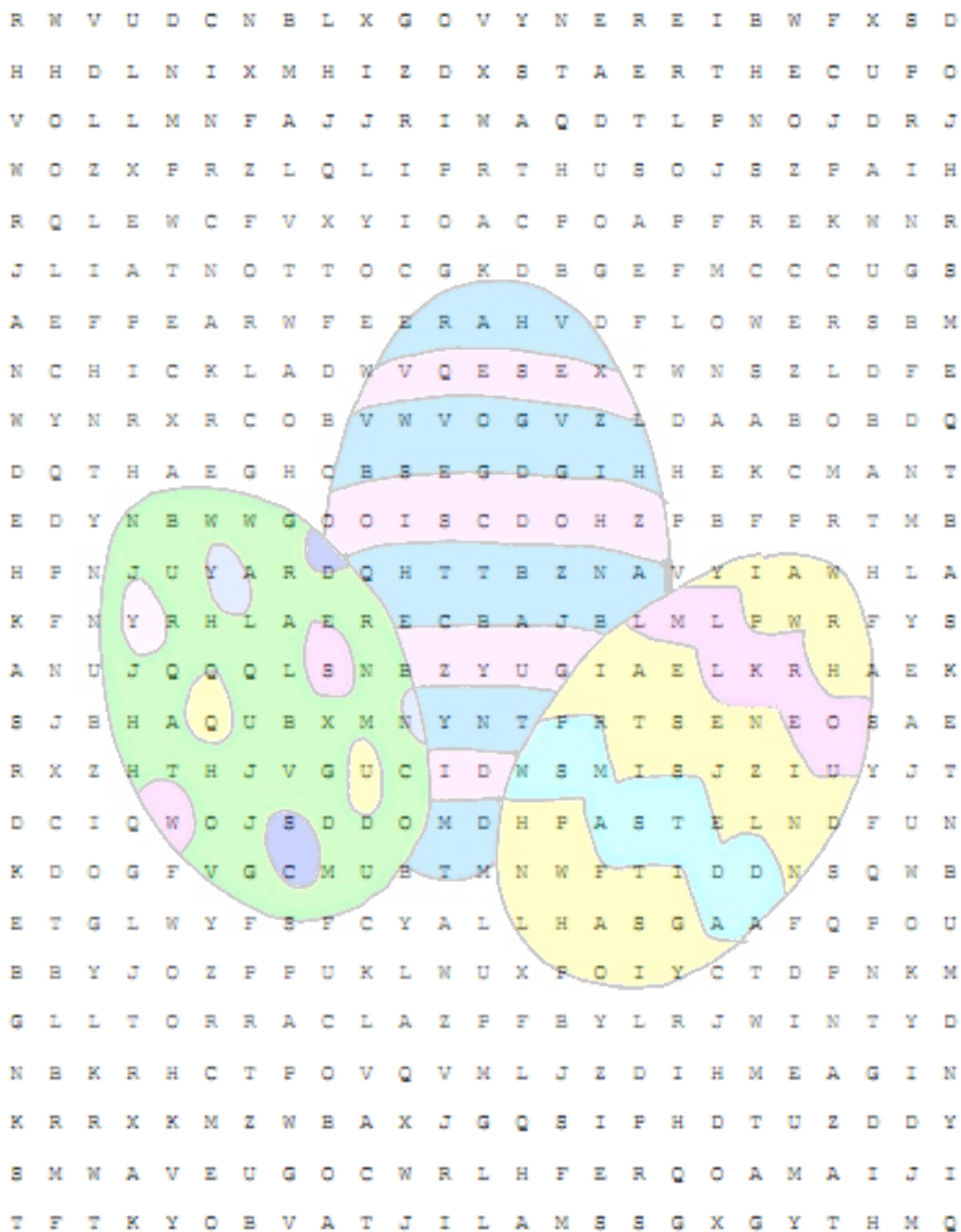


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Easter Egg Hunt

By Tyrique Scantlebury



APRIL
BUNNY
CHICK
COTTONTAIL
DUCK
FLOWERS
HOLIDAY
JELLYBEAN
PARADE
ROLL
TREATS

BASKET
CANDY
CHOCOLATE
DECORATE
EASTER
FUN
HOP
LAMB
PASTEL
SPRING

BONNET
CARROT
COLOR
DINNER
EGGS
HARE
HUNT
MARSHMALLOW
RABBIT
SUNDAY