



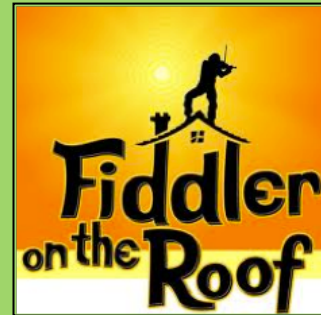
# TIGER TIMES



Welcome, Spring!

<http://pvcsd.org/MS/newspaper/newspaper.php>  
Advisors: Mrs. Sherwood & Mrs. Sharp

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Mark your calendar and purchase your tickets in advance.

Fiddler on the Roof is coming to PVMS!

**Friday, May 11**

**Saturday, May 12**

**7:00pm. PVMS Cafetorium**



## Making a Dream Come True

**Matthew Scolaro, Grade 8**

This is a story about two local 6<sup>th</sup> graders who had an idea, made a plan and made a difference.

Over the summer, after basketball camp, two of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Katherine Mazza and Angelie Tomais found an old basketball court that was left to deteriorate. The two girls brainstormed about rebuilding the court so it could be used as a park for the community. Now the girls had to plan how to present the problem to the town in a way that outlined how to get the job done. The girls made a *PowerPoint* presentation and also went door to door to get a petition signed. Only one person on the whole block said no to the project. They went to the Yorktown supervisor, Linda Puglisi, and discussed the matter. They were told to wait a while so the Town could make the decision. A town meeting was held and at that meeting they would decide if this was to be carried out. It was! Mrs. Puglisi called Mr. Hallisey to inform him of the job well done and to congratulate the two 6<sup>th</sup> graders of PVMS on their accomplishments. These two girls will be recognized in our school forever as two young students with a dream.



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## Cyber Safety

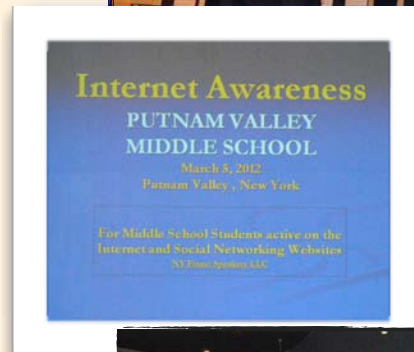
Matthew Scolaro, Grade 8

On Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, we had a presentation on Internet Safety. The presenter was Mr. Thomas Grimes. He is a retired police officer. Mr. Grimes gave us some useful information and advice. An important piece of advise is to respect yourself and value your identity. If you feel you are not being respected while online, he suggests that we **Stop, Block, and Tell**. Save the evidence too! Think before you speak. Some sites capture audio and video and what is captured may come back to haunt you. Identity theft is a big problem. People may not be who they say they are.

The bottom line is to not “friend” people you don’t really know, especially if they are older than you. Facebook opens you up to predators. Meeting new people is not a good thing to do on Facebook, and don’t accept gifts from people. Look for patterns when you are online playing video games to see who you are playing with; do you know them or not. Mr. Grimes said that if you are a victim once, you are more likely to be harassed again. 75% of the victims are girls and 99% of the predators are boys. Here are some sites to help you make sense of what I am saying:

[www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org](http://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org)

<http://www.safelibraries.org/lmirl.htm>



## Leap Year This Year!

Raven Kirby, Grade 5

This year on February 29 was a Leap Year! Being born on a leap year is special. It’s very unlikely for someone to be born on a leap year which only happens every four years! However, some people think that a person born on a leap day only turns 1 year older every four years. That is not true. Did you know that a woman in Westchester gave birth to her third leap day baby this year? The only other woman in the world to give birth to three leap day babies lives in Norway! Another “Baby Palooza” happened at Westchester Hospital. Five babies were born on this leap day! Some people may be wondering why we have leap years. We have leap years so our calendar is in line with the earth’s rotation. Not every day is as interesting as leap day. Too bad we can’t have leap day, every day! :)

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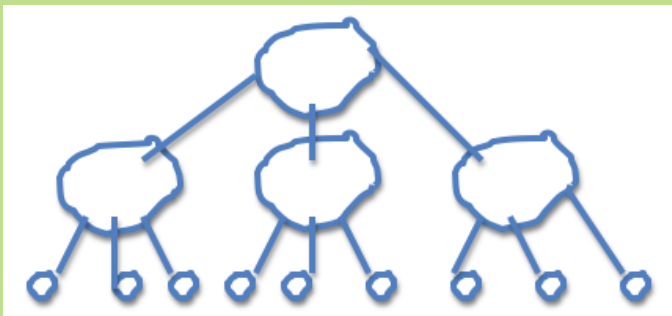
[lohud.com](http://lohud.com)



# Pep Rally/ Pay It Forward

Matthew Scolaro, Grade 8

On Friday, February 17, 2012, the school was supposed to hold a pep rally for a certain sport. This time around it was going to be basketball. The pep rally usually includes a game with two teams; the staff versus the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I was looking forward to playing basketball in the pep rally, but we did not have it this year. Why? Instead, we watched a movie. It was called *Pay It Forward*. It was about a young boy with a dream. His dream was to enact a system called "paying it forward" where one person does a good deed to three people, then they do it to three others. I made this flow-chart to reflect the concept.



pay it forward experience

Pay It Forward Foundation

**Start a revolution  
--it begins with you!**

Thursday, April 26th was Pay it Forward Day.

To commemorate the day, Girl Scout Troop 2053 worked hard to make the event something special at PVMS. Every student received a *Pay it Forward* card. They were encouraged to do a good deed for someone and they would pass along the card to the receiver of that good deed. This would remind the recipient to *Pay it Forward*. In addition, the troop created a video about the day. The video was made available to all of our PVMS students and staff via Studywiz. The video is still online, so ask your child to log into Studywiz so you too will be inspired.

<http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org>

## The Magic of Chemistry

Elizabeth Mao, Grade 5

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade was invited to the PAC to see Lisa Lou on Valentines' Day. She came and showed magic tricks that included teaching everyone about science. She told us how to do some tricks at home and she even made someone float in the air! Were you asked to help Lisa? I hope you were! Remember all of the things she told us? Maybe someday you are going to have a test on the things that she said. You better remember them!



Members of Girls Scout Troop 2053

Jacey Ferraro      Raven Kirby  
Paisley Gardner      Ciara McGinty  
Megan Borchick  
Elektra Kirby



# Blood Drive

Conor VanRiper, Grade 6

Kianna Thompson, Cozette Shields, Raven David, Kelly Simon, and Trevor Earle lend helping hands at the PVMS Blood drive.



On March 7, 2012 our school had a very successful blood drive. It was so successful that we collected 165 pints of blood. It was the best in 10 years! Mrs. Brothers hosts the blood drive every year; it saves lives and makes you feel good inside. Sadly, only 2% of the population of New York donates. This happens because most people are afraid of needles or don't know about it. The Little Doctors program encourages children to work at blood drives; this is why Mrs. Brothers' classes were working at the blood drive. The Little Doctors' main jobs are escorting the patients, wrapping the "blood bags", and talking to the patients at the snack table. Before the patients give blood they get a mini physical to make sure they can give blood. Next the patients wait for their turn to give blood. The actual process of giving blood takes five to fifteen minutes. Finally the patients are escorted to the snack table to fill themselves up with goodies. This great idea saves millions of lives, so give blood today!



Here are some pictures of our 7/8 grade All County Chorus and Band participants:



## All-County Band

Elizabeth Mao, Grade 5

"Hi everyone! I'm Steven Kieley, your conductor for the All-County production."

Steven Kieley was our awesome conductor. He teaches in the Wappingers school district and was asked to be a guest conductor. He is a professional songwriter, a father of a sixteen year old and is very funny. We practiced from January 27<sup>th</sup> to March 3, 2012. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we practiced from the end of school to 6:30 and on March 3, 2012 we met in the PVHS Performing Arts Center dressed in our best. We practiced from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and at 2:00 we had our concert.

We performed four songs: Ancient Dances, A Song For Friends, Abandoned Treasure Hunt and Blast From the Past. We worked on crescendos and dynamics. Brewster, Putnam Valley, Haldane, Garrison, Mahopac and Carmel all participated in the festival. It was a great experience to enjoy.

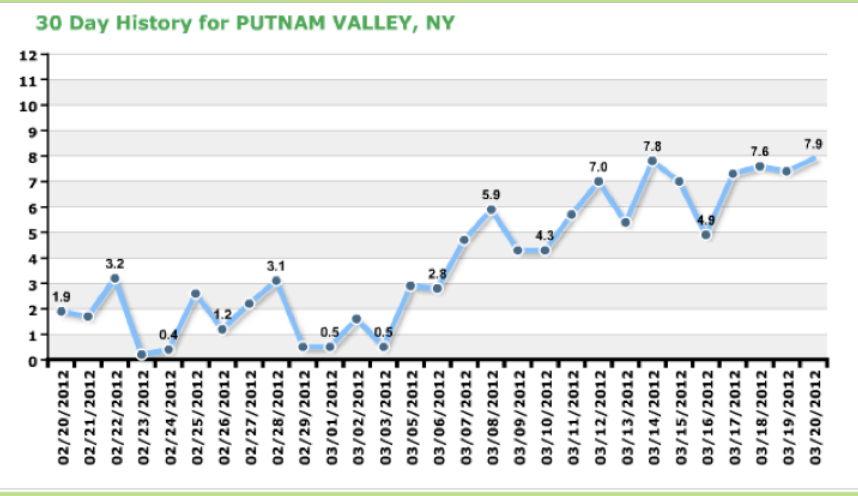


other places. With springtime comes flowers, bugs, animals and allergies. Allergies are terrible to have. Allergies have many annoying symptoms. Remember to wash your hands after you sneeze.

## Time to Sneeze!

Elizabeth Mao, Grade 5

Achoooooooooo! Pollen is flying through the air. Some places have more pollen around than



## Famous Birthdays in March

By, Elizabeth Mao, Grade 5



Michelangelo Buonarroti  
March 6th, 1475



Grover Cleveland  
March 18th, 1837



Vincent Van Gogh  
March 30th, 1853



Dr. Seuss  
March 2nd, 1904



Prince Edward  
March 10th, 1964

1400

Amerigo Vespucci  
March 9th, 1454



1800

Alexander Gram Bell  
March 3rd, 1847



1900

Albert Einstein  
March 14th, 1879



Billy Crystal  
March 14th, 1948



2000

Lady Gaga  
March 28th, 1986





# 5th Grade Movie Night

Sonya Garcia, Grade 5

Calling all fifth graders! On March 25, the Putnam Valley Middle School showed a movie called Jack and Jill. It was open to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families and the admission was free. The movie was a real laugh with Jack, who was played by Adam Sandler, and Jill, who was also played by Adam Sandler. Adam played a man and a “wo-man” [that must have been fun]!! Everyone was laughing so hard throughout the movie. For students who didn’t see the movie, here is a little sneak peek. Jack is a commercial ad writer with a crazy sister. His biggest commercial is Dunkin’ Donuts and he wants to hire Alpha Cappuccino for the commercial. Now, his twin sister is coming to visit but thinks about staying until New Year’s. Jill [Jack’s sister] has no kids because she hasn’t been on a date. Later, Alpha falls in love with Jill. Alpha said that he will be in Jack’s commercial if he can meet Jill. Jill and Jack’s family, including himself, go on a cruise. What’s going to happen next? There is a lot more that hasn’t been said so, watch the movie and I am pretty sure that you will laugh.



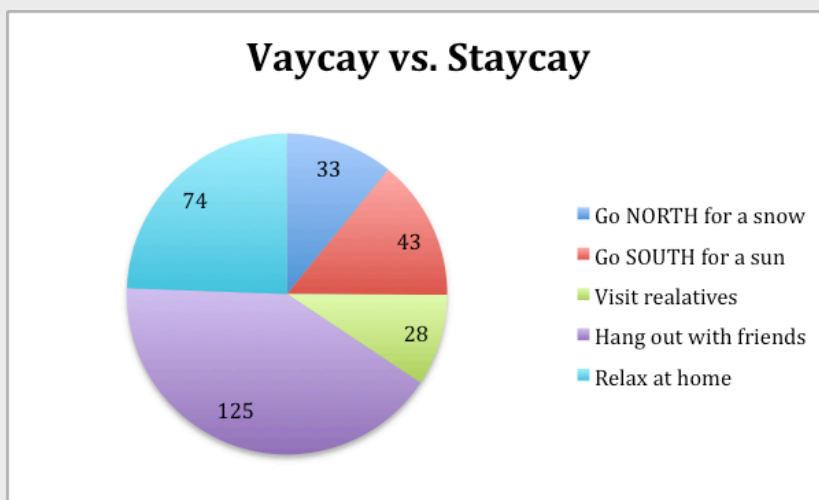
# POLL RESULTS

Sonya Garcia, Grade 5

You might have seen the newspaper poll that was posted on Studywiz and you might have taken it. If you took the poll, thank you to all 303 peers.

It seems that hanging out with friends won! Relaxing at home came in 2<sup>nd</sup>, going south for a sunny vacation is 3<sup>rd</sup>, going north for a snow vacation is 4<sup>th</sup> and visiting relatives is last. Hanging out with friends, congrats! 125 students “hung out with friends” and almost 100 students relaxed at home, most people stayed home.

I really hope you had a great winter vacation. Here are the results as a circle graph.



# St. Patrick's Day

Sonya Garcia, Grade 5

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's day is a day to remember one of Ireland's patron saints, St. Patrick. It also largely celebrates Irish-American culture in the United States. The use of the color green is most popular. Here are some of the things people do on Saint Patrick's Day: they have Irish theme parties, dress in green clothing, eat corned beef and cabbage, and even drink drinks with green dye in it. Irish clubs and pubs often hold very special events or promotions. Parades can be held on large streets and are held to mark St. Patrick's Day. A little about St. Patrick ...he is one of Ireland's patron saints and many Americans with Irish ancestry remember him on March 17. The Irish observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years! Did you know that more than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States? New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations. St. Patrick's Day is a holiday known for parades, shamrocks and all Irish things. A shamrock as you might know symbolizes luck. Also the shamrock symbolizes the rebirth of spring, which is wonderful. The leprechaun is another symbol for St. Patrick's Day. The leprechauns were known for their trickery, which they often used to protect their treasure. Did you look for leprechauns, shamrocks and wear your green?

Damian Kennedy, Nicholas Riordan and Michael Moreira make special deliveries.



Danielle Capodiec and Alyssa Anderson get ready to Deliver a few valentines!

## An E.L.A. B.A.B.Y.

Nicholas Brugnoli, Grade 8

The Putnam Valley Middle School would like to welcome a brand new baby! Mrs. Lutz had a healthy baby boy, named Tyler Robert. He was born on February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:32 p.m. This is her third child. Mrs. Lutz is a very smart, funny English teacher, and we would all like to congratulate her on her wonderful new baby! ☺!



A new  
McBABY Girl!

Tyrique Scantlebury, Grade 8

Mr. and Mrs. McCarty are proud to have a baby girl added to their family. Her full name is Maevery Catherine McCarty. She was born at 11:07 A.M. on March 21, 2012. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. McCarty.

## Working All the Piece of an Business Idea!



In February, Mrs. Aquilino and Mrs. Petrillo's classes sold Valentine carnations for Valentine's day. Each flower cost \$1 and the flower and a special note were delivered to the special recipients by student in these classes.

The students in these classes spend the delivery day and the weeks leading up to this day preparing for a business venture. They advertise, sell, assemble and deliver the flowers as part of a non-profit classroom project. They would like to thank all who helped with any details and mostly to those who bought flowers for their special someone.

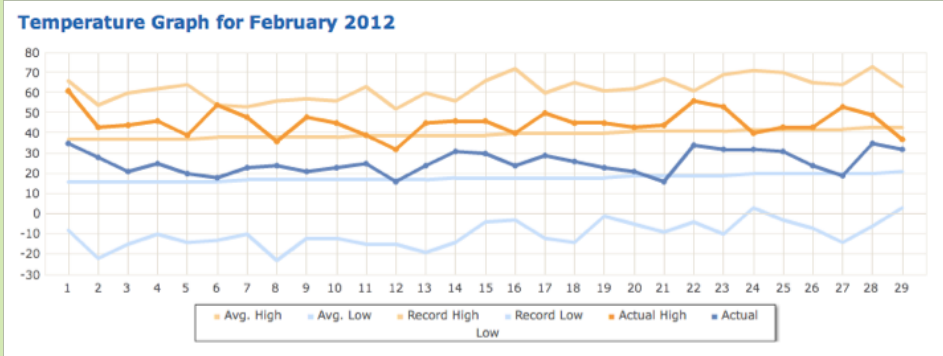




Conor Van Riper, Grade 6

With this strange weather change we don't know what to expect. For all we know there could be snow in July!

During the winter months, the weather had been close to average, without any extreme temperatures. See the graphs below of actual and prediction graphs created by AccuWeather.com. We have, and will have mostly slightly above average weather, thankfully! A good example of this is the chart for the month of March. The forecast for the months March, April, and May look very nice. We have warm weather and fun times coming.





# Easter Around the World

Raven Kirby , Grade 5



Easter in India is celebrated much differently than in the U.S.A. For example, there is no decorating

Easter eggs. The people of India are very well aware of the old tradition, but instead of making them, parents buy



already decorated Easter eggs and give them to their children. Worshippers are in church all day for special prayer. A lot of people go to Goa, a major Easter destination in India.



There are songs and dances, and a colorful carnival is there during the Easter season. Delicious Easter cakes are baked for loved ones.

In France, there are no Easter bunnies. Instead, there are Easter fish. The Easter fish are called Poisson d'Avril which means "April Fish." On April first, as an April fool joke children stick Easter fish on as many adults as possible. "Flying bells" are an important Easter tradition in France. On Good Friday, it is believed that all the church bells in France fly to Rome carrying the sorrow and misery of



those who mourn Jesus's death. But on Easter day all the bells are believed to return and bring lots of chocolate.

Poland has some really cool Easter traditions too. For one thing, they do something called a "Blessing Basket." On the Saturday before Easter a basket is filled with colored eggs, bread, cake, salt, paper and white colored sausages. Then the full basket is taken to the church



to be blessed. It is believed that Lent is not over until the basket has been blessed. Having an Easter breakfast is considered an important tradition in Poland. Each person at the breakfast table wishes everyone luck and happiness. The table is decorated with green leaves and a lamb made out of sugar is placed in the center. Smoking is not permitted. Warm meals are served. It may sound funny, but sharing a boiled egg blessed by a priest, with salt and pepper and with a family member is considered another important Easter tradition.



Wow! Very different countries, *very* different traditions. If you're taking a vacation to another country, you might want to go around Easter season. Who knows, maybe you may want to keep that new Easter tradition and make it your own!

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# Easter Celebrated in Hungary

Sonya Garcia, Grade 5



## HOP

AJ Egel, Grade 6

The Easter Rabbit is a symbol of Easter. But why? The answer is that in some German traditions, an Easter hare brings Easter eggs. The rabbit used to be a dog, until the rabbit was decided as a better animal for the holiday, or church tradition. The tradition of the Easter Bunny was brought to America in the 1700s by German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. Children made nests where the 'rabbit' would lay its eggs. Later, these nests were replaced by decorated baskets. Eggs are put in these baskets, as a symbol of Jesus resurrection. The reason for this 'egg laying rabbit' is that eggs are a symbol of fertility and that rabbits usually multiply many times. There are no references to the Easter Bunny in the bible, but it has long been an adopted Christian tradition. Later, the eggs became chocolate in the U.S. There is no reason for these chocolate eggs, other than a huge profit from companies such as Cadbury. Because of all these profits, chocolate eggs have become an American tradition.

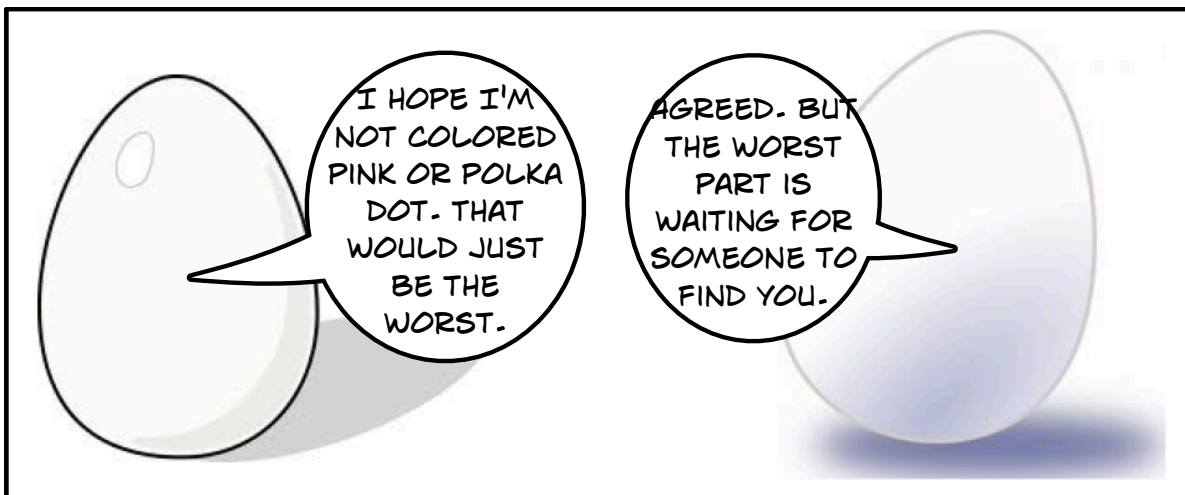
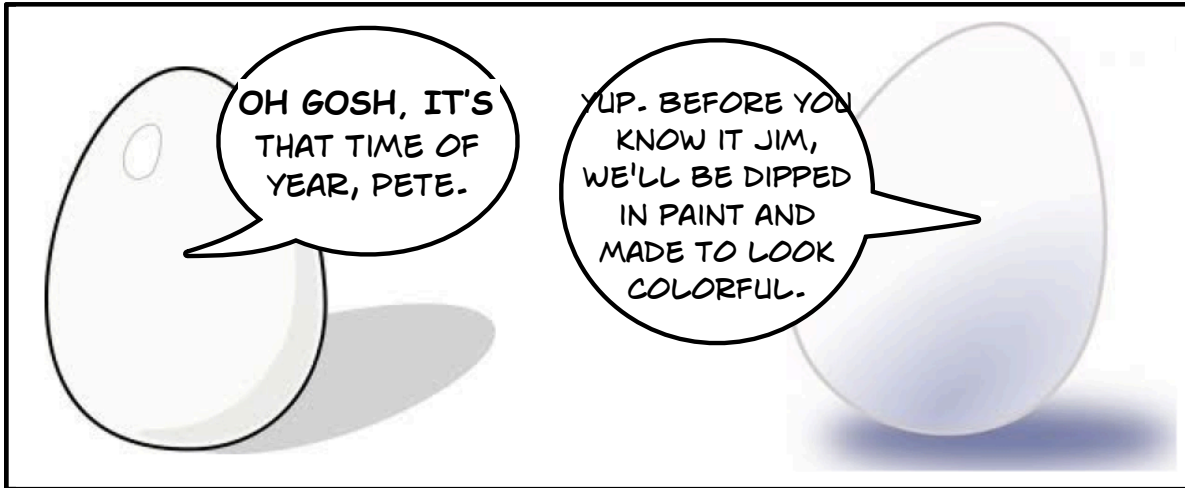
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I researched a couple of countries and how they celebrate Easter, Hungary really stuck out. Hungary is a very religious country. For Easter Sunday, the church is held in the morning. Women spring clean their homes and bake traditional Easter pastries. People of the church carry a statue of Christ and banners in a procession through the parish, singing appropriate hymns. They even celebrate Easter Monday and refer to as Ducking Monday. Boys sprinkle girls with perfume or perfume water, and wish each other good luck. The girls have to reward the boys who sprayed them. They give them coins or Easter eggs. Easter Monday is also a day of hospitality when visitors are welcome, Easter greetings are exchanged and guests are served traditional Easter pastries and small glasses of apricot or plum brandy. Eggs in Hungary are decorated with red flowers on a white ground.



# A Comic for You

Nicholas Brugnoli, Grade 8







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