

PVMS TIGER TIMES



The last third of this school year has been a very busy one for sure. PVMS 6th graders sponsored Blood drive, PVMS Players presented "Bye Bye Birdie", 45 new students inducted into the National Junior Honor Society and school work and more school work as we prepare for exams and get ready to end this busy year.

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PVMS congratulates our newest Spelling Bee champions! Multiple awards were earned that evening. Our top prize, the overall school champion was a PVMS Tiger Times writer, 5th Grader, Alex Craven.



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The following is a list of the spelling champions per grade level.

8th Grade Katelyn Gely
 7th Grade Rysheen Hagans
 6th Grade Adrina Silva
 5th Grade Alex Craven

The Tiger Times staff wishes you a happy and healthy summer vacation.

Don't forget to read!

You may visit the Putnam Valley Free Library to find your summer reading lists and books.

BARNES & NOBLE
www.bn.com

If you choose to purchase your books, consider buying at Barnes and Noble. A percentage of all books purchased by PV parents and students comes back to the PTA to sponsor PV events. At check out, tell the cashier you are with Putnam Valley Schools.

check the PVMS website for end of year calendar information!

www.pvcsd.org/MS



School Beautification

By Matt Scolaro

Hair today, gone tomorrow!

I can't believe Mr. Carlin got his hair cut!

The Go Green Club sponsored a fundraiser to help beautify the PVMS landscape. A ticket donation was \$5.00 to take a snip of his hair. They raised over \$200.00

His new hairdo is different. A lot of his hair is gone!

I just hope Mr. Carlin is happy..



By Sarah Sperling

On May 18, students who bought tickets got to cut off pieces of Mr. Carlin's hair went into the cafeteria to redeem their tickets. They walked onto the stage to snip off a piece of Mr. Carlin's hair. Since September Mr. Carlin has been growing his hair in order to donate it for this cause. This fundraiser was organized by Mr. Carlin and the Go Green Club to raise money in order to beautify the school. We sold 41 tickets and raised 205 dollars. Manny Jaffe also got a haircut along with Mr. Carlin.





Supporting Putnam Valley Food Pantry

COLOR DAY

Color Day is an annual fun fundraiser for the whole school. To participate in the event you were asked to donate at least \$1.00. Then you were able to come to school dressed in your class colors. You cannot believe how kids looked!! the school raised \$398 for the Putnam Valley Food Pantry. Job Well Done!

More pictures on next pages



Did you know that for every dollar donated the food pantry is able to buy \$2.00 worth of food?





COLOR DAY

Blood Drive

By: Danielle Lopez



Wow! This blood drive was a HUGE success!

On March 13th, 2009, people came to donate blood at the middle school blood drive. There were a lot of people who came to the blood drive, all of them to donate blood. We should especially thank the 6th graders for getting people to come to the drive. The 6th graders had lots of jobs that day. Some would watch kids whose parent(s) were donating blood at the moment, others wore the Blood suit, handed out snacks after people donated , and more.



Before you donated blood, you had to give a small blood sample to make sure you could donate blood. If you were low or too high in sugar or iron, you would have to leave and were not able to donate blood.

We collected
148 pints of blood.

Did you know
every pint of
blood donated
can save 5
lives!



Student Achievement

By Michael Roman

National Junior Honor Society

Here are the 2009/2010

Putnam Valley Middle School

National Junior Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to all and Keep up the good work!

Abe, Sayaka	Gilleo, Christian	Sainz, Emily
Adamski, Michael	Gragert, Anna	SantaColoma, Clare
Adukuzhiyil, Jessica	Hamilton, Madison	Schechter, Samuel
Azeredo, Juliana	Hoyos, Madison	Shillingford, Rahhim
Beneraf, Marian	Hyndman, Victoria	Smietalo, Norbert
Berisha, Gent	Jacobs, Isabel	Smith, Galen
Biedermann, Eric	Kelvas, Abigail	Soto, Andres
Bottini, Brian	Leone, Gustave	Sperling, Sarah
Brady, Michael	Levinson, Max	Torregrosa, Ty
Brenish, Jason	Liszewski, Luke	Torsiello, Vincent
Bruno, Christopher	Macher, Eric	van deVeerdonk, John
Budu, Samantha	Malek, Audrey	Van Develde, Kathryn
Christmas, Nicole	McIntyre, Timothy	Volpe, Amanda
Christopher, Kyle	McLean, Taylor	Wagner, Melissa
deMey, Austin	Messinger, John	Weise, Emily
		Yetter, Ryan

Student Achievement

By Michael Roman

CELEBRATING OUR ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Student of the Month is Back. The following students are the students that are awarded with

Student of the Month for February, March, and April, 2009.



February



Aliajah Healy	Seamus O'Reilly	Gabriella Zarcone
Dimitrios Tomais	Maryanne Larrea	Gianna McPartland
Samantha Rottjer	Giuseppe Paonessa	Sara Donnelly
Dillon White	Victoria Acosta	Thomas Dalton
Eddie Lent	Melanie Soto	Jamie Turner
Alyssa Stockinger	Justine Ortiz	Jessica Baisley
Zachary Girvalo	Nicholas Brugnoli	Thomas D'Amico
	Stanislaus Torres	

March

Joey Spinola	Shane McDonough	Nicholas DiLoreto
Chelsea Connell	Nick Sirico	Cole Patterson
Issiah Lowe	Michael Toone	Kelsey McCann
Tommy D'Amico	Danielle Dorion	Robert Phillips
Lily Beatini	Marc Orlando	Pablo Diaz
Luis Aguilar	Brittany Schut	Kelly Greenwood
Sarah Sainz	Teodor Marinov	Raquela Zimbaldi

Student Achievement

By Michael Roman

CELEBRATING OUR ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS!



More Student of the Month Awards!



April

Kevin Tompkins	Silvana Ginin	Kaitlyn Phillips
Ryan Moynihan	Danielle LaFleur	Victoria Mullen
Andres Soto	Bryce Hamilton	Tyrique Scantlebury
Nicole Zimbaldi	John Christian	Gavin Kelly
Joseph Montano	Marissa Hillis	Stephen Famularo
Emma Frattarola	Elviz Belen	Mark Mazzarisi
Daniel Delgado	Kristen Arraiano	Tara DePole
Haley Imperato	Alexis Finn	Jacqueline Cunningham
Brittany Cintula	Jessica Lombardi	Isabel Jacobs
Vicki Ponarski	Mariah McDonald	Silvana Ginin
Gina Hendrickson	Ashley Volpe	Kelsey McCann
Patrick McCormack	Michael York	

By Michael Roman and Christina George

Why are our school dances always being canceled?

Recently, we, the PVMS *Tigers Times* Newspaper club, posted a discussion board on Studywiz, our online eApplication, for all students to participate. The purpose of the discussion was to find out why kids didn't want to go to school dances. Each time a dance was scheduled this year, it was canceled due to lack of ticket sales.



There was a Harvest Dance, a Mardi Gras dance, and 8th grade Black and White Dance scheduled. All cancelled.

The discussion board allowed kids to write any reason that they felt was the cause of the cancellations. There were many reasons. Here is a summary of the results.

A big reason that the dances at Putnam Valley Middle School have been cancelled is because they were scheduled at the same time as other events. The Halloween Dance was not held because it was held on the same night as the Variety Show. The Harvest Dance was scheduled on the premiere of the Twilight Movie and many kids chose the premier of the movie over the dance. Another dance was scheduled on a Boy Scout event. Some kids had sports events, some said they were too tired after their sports to go to a dance.



Some students, like a sixth grader named Diego, said that there was not enough time to buy their ticket. The tickets went on sale on the Monday the week of the dance and when they brought in their money on Friday, the dance was already canceled because of low ticket sales.

Students did offer suggestions to try to make the events better. Many students from Mrs. Byrnes' sixth grade class think that the school should have a carnival theme with booths and different activities like basketball in one-half of the gym and dancing in the other half. There could be more snacks than just pizza and candy. Maybe in the winter hot chocolate and in the summer they could have ice cream. There could also be karaoke a few other people say.

Hopefully next years' dances won't be cancelled.

BOX TOPS COMPETITION

By Alex Craven

Have you heard of the Box Tops competition?

The top two home bases received a prize for collecting the most BoxTops. For every 50 box tops a home base collected, they got a spring flower added to our schools spring bouquet. The spring bouquet was hanging at the front office for all to see. Mrs. Weise, one of our school secretaries, took charge of this event and made sure the number of flowers was correct. The home bases with the most flowers won! The competition ended on May 7th and the winning classes were Mrs. Nadell's 5th grade home base and Mrs. Byrnes' 6th grade home base. Their prize was a movie, cupcake and Ice-Cream party!



Box tops that were collected will be used to purchase more new recess toys.



PVMS PLAYERS

By Matthew Scolaro



The PVMS Spring Musical was held on March 27th and March 28th. The directors were Mrs. Craane and Ms. DeNitto. The play was *Bye Bye Birdie*, a play



that originally came out on April 4th, 1963 about a rock singer named Conrad Birdie (Stephen Hertz) who travels to Ohio to make his "farewell" television performance and kiss his biggest fan before he is drafted into the army. All students worked hard on it and put forth their best effort to make this play as great as it can be! Both nights were sold out performances and the crowd loved it!



Spelling Anyone?

By Alex Craven

The 2nd Annual Middle School Spelling Bee

The 2nd Annual Spelling Bee is on May 27, 2001! I am so psyched! In the long run, it's very hard to win the bee! I should know. I was in the 1st and 2nd annual spelling bee for the elementary school. But anyone can win it (IF you study your words)!

If you want to enter, then enter your class bee. Whoever wins that (say yourself) you go to the semi-finals. There is one winner from each class in each grade. All of the kids from your grade can compete. Then each grade level competes. The remaining spellers go to the finals (Lets say that you are one of them)! The bee is a very big occasion for everyone in the school, so come! Even if you don't get in, please come! When there are two spellers left, if someone gets out, the remaining speller has to spell the word the other speller missed, and then spells the winning word. If he misses it, the speller that was out is back in! If the winning word is spelled correctly, that speller wins! (YOU!) Good job! You won the SPELLING BEE!

By, Matthew Scolaro

Speaking of Spelling... that leads us to talk about Books!

BOGO!

(Buy one, Get one)



The **Book Fair** was on April 20th to April 24th. Kids bought books and got another one **free**, or one book was half-price! What a deal. The book fair is run by the PV PTA, (Parent Teacher Association). It is a big fundraiser for the PTA. They accepted cash or check for the books. Lots of kids bought lots of books!



By Peter Penachio

2nd Annual

Spelling Bee

Are you a good speller? Do you know what the word affidavit means? If you do, then you probably want to think about entering in the 2ND ANNUAL SPELLING BEE!!! This year, we watched the movie *Akeelah and the Bee* that shows what it truly takes to win the National Spelling Bee, or any Bee for that matter. This year, we had another Spelling Bee, and it went like this:

1. **Grade-by-grade bee to determine 10 winners in each grade. This began on May 11th and ended on May 15th**
2. **Semi-finals in each grade to determine 5 winners in each grade, on May 21st**
3. **School wide Bee, to determine the best bee in the school!**

So, do you have what it takes?

Check out the spelling list to see what might appear:

<http://www.pvcsd.org/MS/press/spellingbee.php>

Q: What is a spelling bee?

A: A spelling bee is where a group of people compete to spell words correctly. As the bee progresses, the words get harder. When you spell a word wrong, you are out. Last person standing, wins!

Affidavit (n) - a sworn statement in writing made especially under oath or before an authorized officer.

Current Events

The Swine Flu! **AHHHHHHHHH**

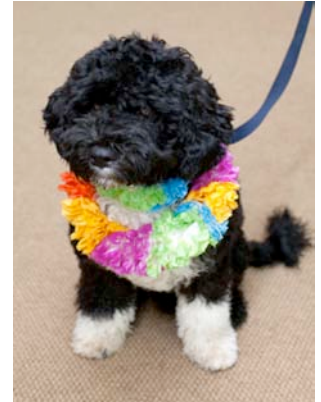
By Alex Craven

The swine flu is here in New York! Just in case you don't know what it is, the swine flu is a flu that originated in Mexico. It's a more dangerous type of flu, however. It has actually killed an assistant principal in Manhattan! But don't fret. The government is using all of their power to protect our country. Even Obama says that we will be safe. But still, it's scary! I hope NO ONE here gets it! Learn a skill, solve a mystery.

The First Dog

By Alex Craven

I think a lot of you love dogs, and most of you like Obama! So this could be the thing for you! The Obama's recently got a Portuguese water dog named Bo. He's so cute! He was named after Bo Diddley, a Rock n' Roll Musician.



Obama promised to get his children, Malia and Sasha, a dog. So senator Edward Kennedy came to the rescue and got a non-allergic type dog, like for Malia, who has allergies. He is only 6 months old and will weigh only up to 35-60 lbs. I hope Bo has a good life at the White House!

**DON'T TEXT
IN SCHOOL!!!!!**

It gives you a one-way ticket to the principal!! You'll get your phone taken away. I have seen many kids handing their phones over to teachers. Do it at home, not in school!

**1 Way TICKET
TO PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE**

By Matthew Scolaro





CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Haugh's Class prepared for Color Day by dyeing t-shirts the colors of Color Day. Looks like they had way too much fun that day!



8th Graders in Mrs. Darreff's Health classes created presentations on Health Awareness and presented their facts to their classes. It was informative, a little scary and fun!



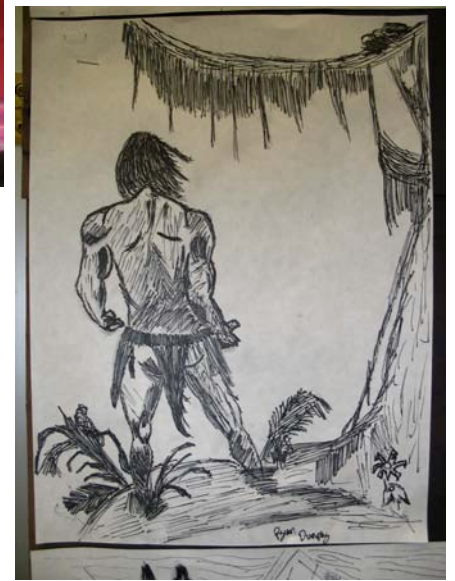
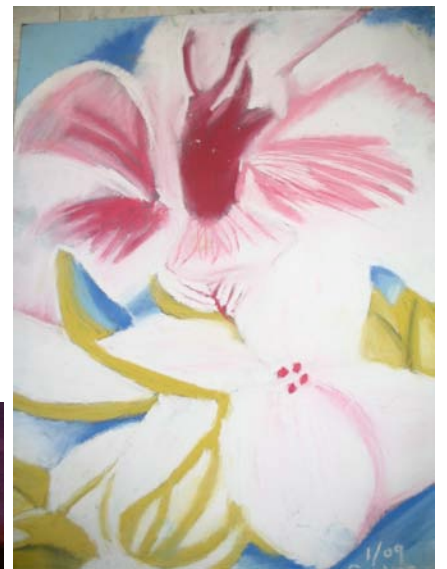
CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



Putnam Valley Middle School Annual Art Show.

This year's art show was held on Friday, May 29th. It was a great turn out of students and parents. Everyone was amazed at the great art work displayed on the walls and on poster boards throughout the cafetorium and hallways.

MS students are truly artists. Just look at a few of these pieces of work from our students. Awesome work! Having fun and learning new things is something that is always happening in Mrs. Racanelli's art room.



Technology

By: Christina George

Isn't today's technology amazing? Cell phones seem pretty popular today. Did you know that the first cell phone weighed two pounds? You could only talk for a half an hour before you had to recharge it. The first cell phone cost \$3,995. It came out in 1984. Computers are very popular also. The first one was made in 1942 and it weighed approximately one ton. Mrs. Sherwood says, "The change in technology over the years has made my life much easier, but, at the same time has made my life much more complex. I can be contacted by anybody at any moment in time. I can be on my computer; I can have information available to me at any second. On the reverse side of that, everyday people have the opportunity to be contacting me. I feel that we are growing attached to a constant flow of communication, as opposed to dedicating time to just work or family time. We are always combining the multiple activities together because we always have the option of communication, so it's frustrating but wonderful."



In this school we use apple laptops to do our schoolwork. Mrs. Pasquale thinks that the laptops are good because they are a good tool to get information. On computers there are browsers like Safari. A browser is software that provides access to information on the Internet. There is Safari, Internet Explorer, Fire fox and many more. With a browser you have access to the Internet around the world. Isn't the technology today amazing?



Technology

i-Team



By Jake Kahn

i-Team is fixing, laptops, printers, and testing the MacBooks in a 5th grade class. I-Team is converting VHS to DVD so **you** can watch them on your laptops. Some of you might know about the “Billionth app download” but if you didn’t, hear it is. The winner (Connor Mulcahey 13 years old from Connecticut) won a \$10,000 iTunes gift card, an ipod Touch 2 gen, a Time Capsule, and a MacBook Pro. But that’s not all. To learn more about the apple program go to <http://www.apple.com/support/>

CRAZY 2009 By Dimitrios Tomais

There are many different movies coming out in 2009!

Movies in May:

X-men Origins (May 1), Battle for Tera (May 1), Star Trek (May 8), Night at the museum battle of the Smithsonian (May 22), UP 9(May 29).

Movies in June:

Imagine That (June 12), and Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (June 24).

In July Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (July 1), Harry Potter and the half-blood Prince (July 15), and G-force (July 24).

I bet most of these movies are going to be a box office smash! My top five movies that I want to see are Night at the Museum Battle of the Smithsonian, Up, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, Star Trek, and last but not least Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince!



APPLE TECH TIPS

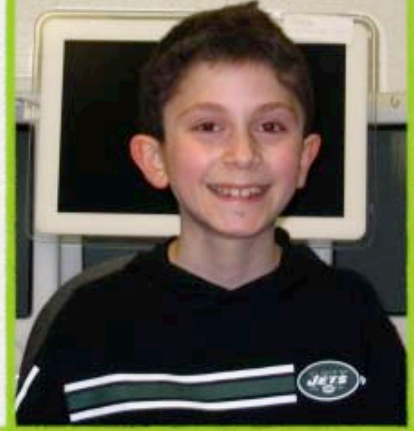
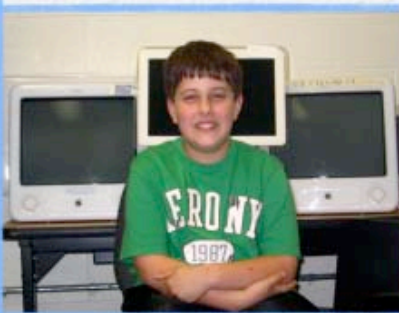
By: Peter Penachio

Did you know that you could:

- Press the Command Key and F to find anything, whether you are in Safari, Finder, or even at the desktop
- In Safari press the Command Key and the T key to open a new tab
- Press the F9 key to show all the windows open, and chose the one you want to see (on some keyboards it is FN/F9)
- In Microsoft Office, you can use the Command key plus X to cut, C to copy, and V to paste
- If you want to use the right click feature with the track pad, hold Control (CTRL) and then hit the click button
- Ever wish to see your desktop as a file without minimizing a window? Press F11!
- In Calculator, use the (+) key for addition, the dash (-) key for subtraction, the star (*) for multiplication, and the dash key (/) for division, and to clear you calculator, press the C key!

Remember, what we used to call the Apple key, is now the Command Key

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



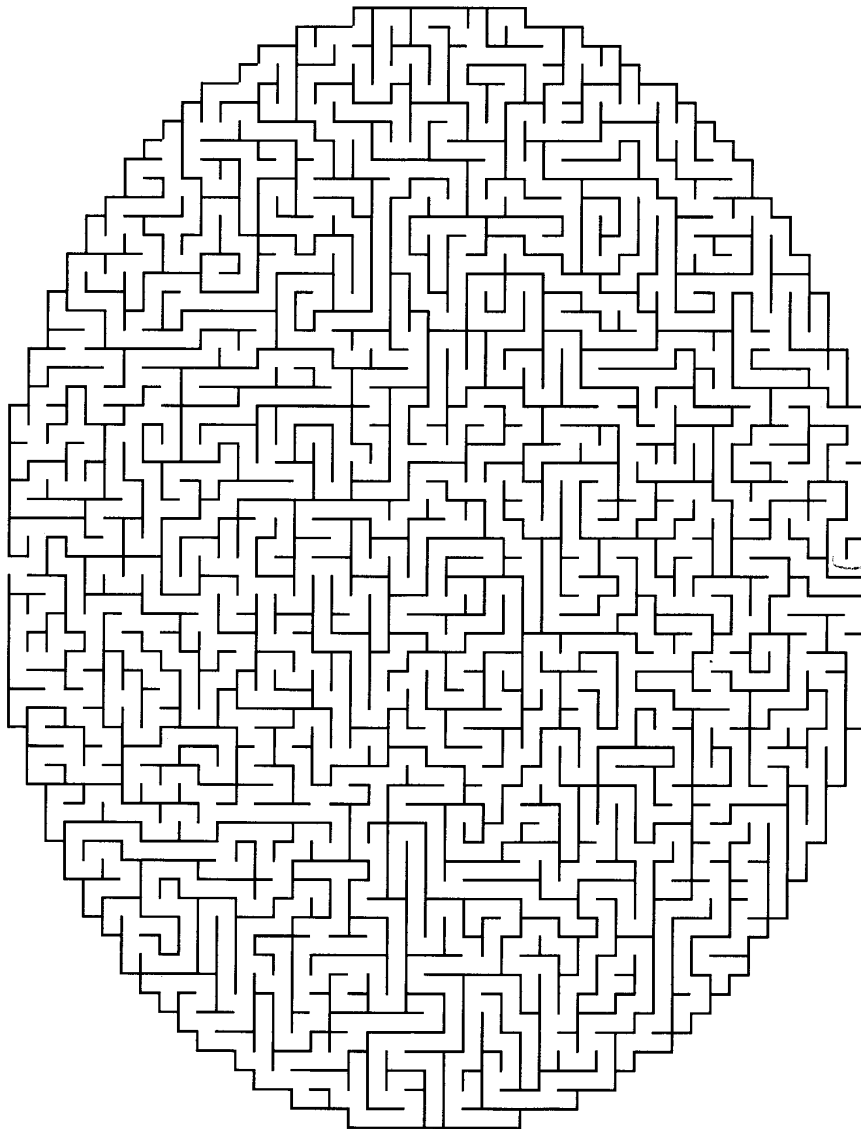
A Few PVMS iTeam Members



Brain Teasers

Easter Egg Maze

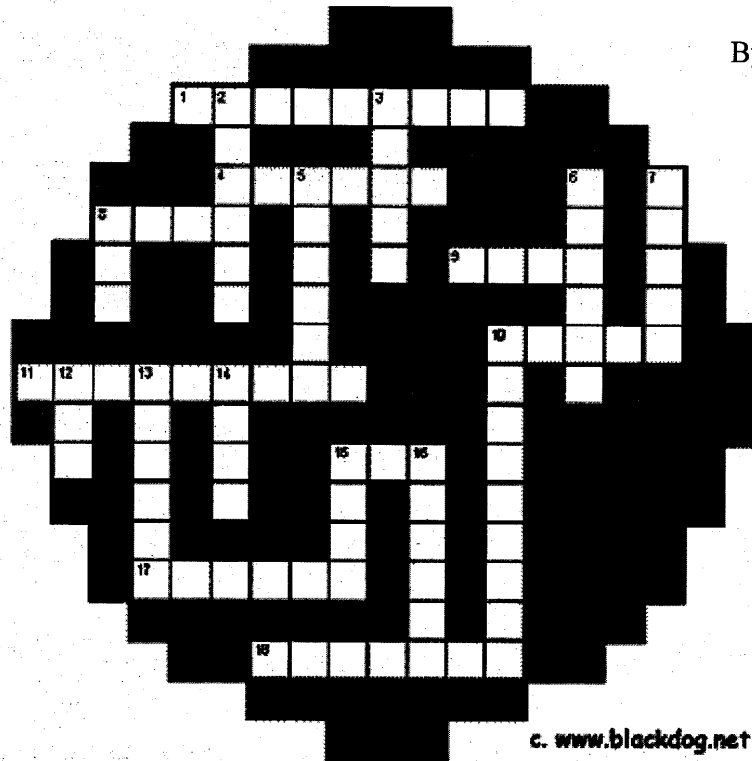
Good Luck By Mark Yetter



Brain Teasers

Easter Word Search

By: Peter Penachio



c. www.blackdog.net

Across

- 1 President Ronald Reagan's favorite candy. (9)
- 4 Easter's season. (6)
- 8 Let's go on an Easter egg _____. (4)
- 9 We search for colored _____. (4)
- 10 What girls buy new for Easter. (5)
- 11 Sometimes bunnies are made of this. (9)
- 15 That bunny has ____ ears! (3)
- 17 Easter is always on this day of the week. (6)
- 18 April showers bring these in May. (7)

Down

- 2 A holiday in Spring. (6)
- 3 The Easter _____. (5)
- 5 This animal hops around. (6)
- 6 The most important tool for an egg hunt. (6)
- 7 A plastic form of this is found in the bottom of many Easter baskets. (5)
- 8 An Easter bonnet. (3)
- 10 Yellow Spring flowers. (9)
- 12 A bunny's preferred means of locomotion. (3)
- 13 The sound they make is "cheep." (6)
- 14 This fuzzy animal loves to frolic. (4)
- 15 A favorite flower at Easter. (4)
- 16 We all love one, especially the music. (6)

Brain Teasers

News Reporter Names

By Mark Yetter

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