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Never Ending Snow Storm

By Angie Uribe, Grade 7

There are people that just can't wait for winter, but then comes the storms, the cold, the FLU, missing work and school, and roads shutting down. Some people just want it to end already.

Don't you ever wonder how much snow we have been getting in Putnam Valley? During this winter season, Putnam Valley has already had over 28.3 inches of snow! People couldn't go to work and kids missed out on a lot of school. We had to give back Monday, April 14 Tuesday, April 15 and Friday, May 23 from our vacation days so far! Let's just hope we don't get any more snow days! We want some Spring vacation!



Welcome, Dr. Wills

By Julia Curry, Grade 5

We would like to welcome our new Superintendent of Putnam Valley Central School District; Dr. Francis Wills! She has experience as a teacher, an assistant principal, a college professor, and even a principal! She created a Professional Development Center at Pace University, and has 22 years of Superintendent experience. We are very lucky to have her as our Superintendent. We hope she enjoys her time here!

"The Souper Bowl" Soup Drive

By Vasilisa Ioukhnovets, Grade 5

The Middle School, Elementary School, and High School all participated in a "Souper Bowl" Soup Drive! The Student Council ran this event. All schools combined collected 516 cans of soup!

When you donated a can of soup you were able fill out a ticket that entered you into a raffle. The more soup cans you brought in, the more raffle tickets you were able to fill out. The prizes for the raffle



were a Beta fish with the tank, a Chima Lego set, and a Rainbow Loom kit, a Yankee sling bag and Yankee ear buds. Congratulations to all of the winners! The soup cans were donated to the Westchester Food Bank. Thank You for all of your donations!



KING MURPHY'S TAX

By Ratu Bolenaivalu, Grade 7

On January 10th, 2014, 7th grade Social Studies instructor Mr. Murphy (a substitute teacher for Mrs. Martino) dressed up as a King and had the title "King Murphy". In the morning, before 1st period, grade 7 students brought in a copy of historical "paper" currency in exchange for a stamp to put on your math homework. When people paid for their stamp, this was considered a tax. Mr. Murphy was trying to recreate how the "Stamp Act" worked during colonial times. Many students thought this was quite an experience and found it educational. It showed what life was like pre-Revolutionary War. Hopefully, we can have more hilarious yet educational events like these in the future!

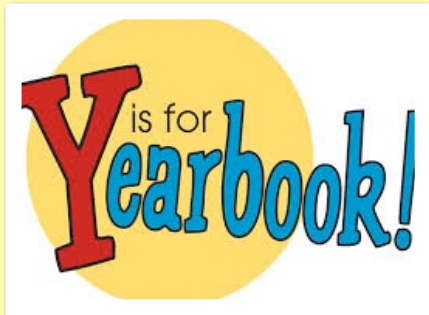




The PVMS Yearbook

By Vasilisa Ioukhnovets

Yearbooks for Sale!!! Our yearbook contains class pictures, team pictures, club pictures, staff pictures, and more! They are \$35 each! You can buy one online, or by phone, but the last day to purchase one is March 28th. I hope you don't miss out on this great memory sake!



Super Bowl XLVIII

By Frank Lopez, Grade 6

Superbowl Sunday was held this year on February 2, 2014. The Denver Broncos played against the Seattle Seahawks at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. It was so cool to have the Super Bowl so close to home. New York and New Jersey were honored to host the big game. On the Wednesday before the big game, PVMS students could wear our football jerseys to school in honor of the big event. The final score was 43-8 and the victors were the SEAHAWKS! The M.V.P was Seahawks linebacker Malcolm Smith. The Seahawks proved they deserved to win the Super Bowl by demolishing the Broncos.

Congratulations to the Seahawks!

Sold Out Performance of The "Pirates of Penzance"

By Jaclyn Pedoty, Grade 7



Lights, Camera, Action! Recently, the Putnam Valley Players performed the play, "The Pirates of Penzance". It took place on March 28th and 29th. It was amazing! There was a huge sellout crowd both nights and the whole audience enjoyed it. It was clear that the actors, actresses and stage crew were very dedicated to this play and worked really hard...not to mention the teachers! Both Ms. Kraus and Mrs. Craane put so much time and effort into this play and it completely paid off! Each show was a delight to watch. Most of the scenery was painted by the PVMS Stage and Scenery Club. The band was amazing as well! At the end, there was a standing ovation for both nights! Wow! Great job to the cast, crew and all involved! You were amazing!



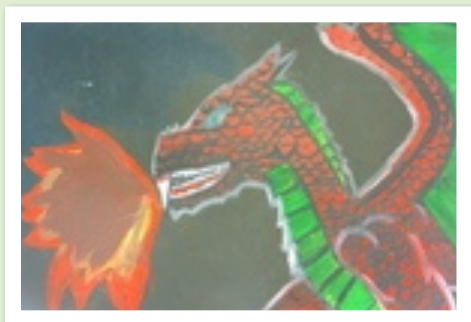
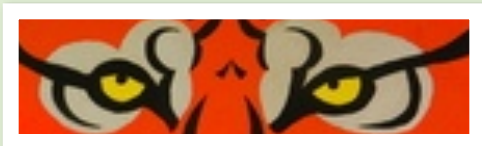
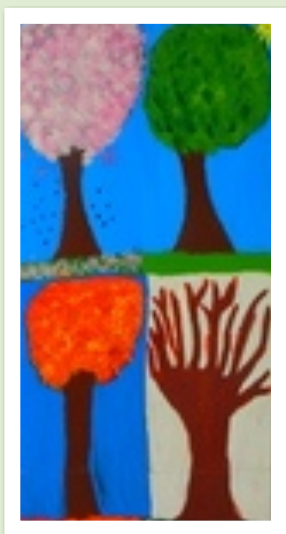
Middle School Mural Club

By Lauren Curry , Grade 5

Ever wonder what those murals around the school are? Mrs. Racanelli and Mrs. Daur run our Middle School's Mural Club. This club is only for 6th through 8th grade, and they meet every Tuesday after school. Each student can design or choose any picture they want for a mural – one student per mural. Some students make 1 – 3 murals per year, and make their murals with different paints on plywood. There are about 20 students in the club. There are lots more murals throughout the school. A few should be familiar to you – remember the white tiger downstairs or the polar bear mural in the hallway near the cafeteria?

We look forward to new murals every year!

Here are some of the murals that are displayed around the Middle School:



Photos by Jaclyn Pedoty and Lauren Curry



Winter and Spring Breaks

By Vanessa Recine, Grade 7

Everyone is very excited for winter! Winter break is extremely fun. The weather changes a lot. Sometimes the air is too cold to be outside. You get to drink hot chocolate and play in the snow and have fun with your family. Children get to build snowmen and do other outdoor sports like skiing, snow boarding and other sports that involve snow. Families also take this time to visit with family and friends to enjoy each other's company.

Spring break is also extremely fun. There are so many things to do during spring break. Springtime is approaching and weather is changing. The cool air is a wonderful feeling. We get to open our windows and see the sweet blue sky. Spring break is also a time when we gather with family and friends and enjoy each other's company. Some families go on vacations to either short destinations or even a plane ride away. So get ready for your great time during the winter and spring break!!!!

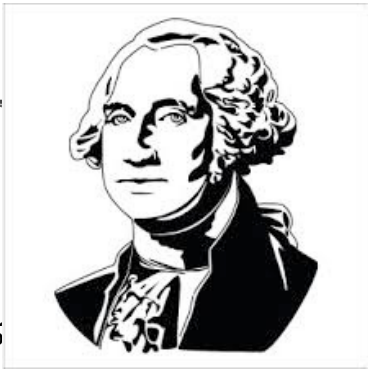
Wacky Wednesday (Crazy Socks Day)

By Elizabeth Mao, Grade 7

As the school continues with the Wacky Wednesday theme, the activities get better and better! One of the most recent ones that took place was on March 5. The theme was "Crazy Socks Day". Students and teachers were encouraged to wear anything that would categorize as a pair of crazy socks. They ranged from mix-matched pairs to several sizes and several varieties of colors. We hope to see your future ideas of the following Wacky Wednesdays!



Photograph by Elizabeth Mao



Happy Birthday to Two Great Men

By Spencer Smith, Grade 5

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were both born in February. George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 and Abraham Lincoln on February 12, 1809. We celebrate their birthdays as a national holiday. Our school was closed this year on February 17 through February 21 to celebrate their birthdays. George Washington (if you didn't know) helped make our country a great nation. He was the first president of the United States. Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president and he helped to abolish slavery. A picture of George Washington is on the U.S. quarter and the U.S. one dollar bill. Abraham Lincoln's picture is on a penny and the five dollar bill.



All-County Festivals

By Elizabeth Mao

All-County is a wonderful experience where students obtain music to play with other schools with students of their grades. The 7th and 8th graders went on February 7th and 8th, while the 5th and 6th graders went on March 1st and 2nd. There were band, chorus and even orchestra students this year. The 7th and 8th grade festival was held at the George Fischer Middle School and the 5th and 6th grade festival was held at the Brewster H.H. Wells Middle School. The 7th and 8th grade band pieces were Joy, Sneak Attack, Shaker Variants and music

from *Wicked*. Their chorus pieces were Come Fly Away in the Firefly Darkness, One Day More from *Les Miserables*, Song for Joy and Shenandoah. The 5th and 6th grade band pieces were The Sound of Fury, Aztalan, Declaration and Dance and Jump Start. Their chorus pieces were A la Cart- The Mozart Song, The Silence and the Song, Round Rolling Moon and J'entend le Moulin. Congratulations to all who participated and we hope to see you participate next year!



5th and 6th Grade All-County Chorus Group



7th and 8th Grade All-County Chorus Group



5th and 6th Grade All-County Band Group



7th and 8th Grade All-County Band Group



By Abby Lowder and Kathleen Gallelo, Grade 5

PVMS Fashion

Looking for the hottest trends? The new **IN** clothes? Well we are here to help!!!

I am Abby!!! And I'm Kathleen Fashionistas, We are here to help solve your fashion stumps!

Spring is coming!!!! Get out of your boring winter sweaters and sad gray colors. This Spring is all about bright colors! Here are some fashion facts to help you get ready for spring!!!!

1) Pastels are great colors to wear in any outfit. Try some pastel nail polish to cheer up your outfit 10x more!

2) Neon colors are sure to wake you up! A happy yellow bow will make anyone who sees it smile!

3) Skirts will prove that you're not stuck in a fashion stump by showing you're ready for summer! Skater skirts are the **IN** thing now!

4) Blazers are in too! When it's too cold to wear just a t-shirts, wear a blazer!!!!

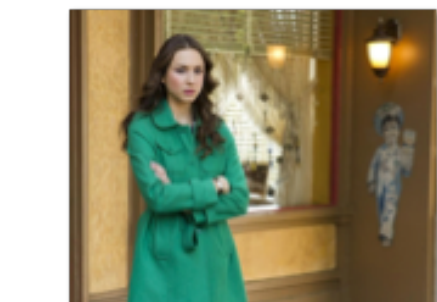
5) Heart prints are soooooo **IN**!!! Heart prints show you **LOVE** is in the air!!!

6) Bows! Bow prints, bows in your hair, and bows on your clothes!

Celebrities love:



Lucy Hale is rocking a sparkly blazer and neon colors!



Troian Bellisario is sporting the bright green jacket!



Harry loves heart prints!



Ashely Benson is rocking the neon belt!



All the girls in these pictures are rocking out all of our tips with bright colors, cute jackets, and neon bags.



XXII WINTER OLYMPICS

By Diego Vasquez, Grade 5


Did you know that the Sochi XXII Winter Olympics just occurred? Indeed it did. It took place from February 6th to February 23rd this year. More than 2,500 athletes from 88 countries had prepared for that moment. Unfortunately, there was some argument over the Olympics


even happening. Sochi has had recent terrorist attacks, so they needed tighter security. First there was an opening ceremony where they lit the torch. This meant that the Winter Olympics had officially begun! But, in the beginning of the games, there wasn't much to celebrate about for the United States. In the Speed Skating, Long Track event, the U.S. were envisioning eight medals, but it was a disappointment; we did not win a single medal in the event. In the short track, the U.S. won only one! The rest didn't go too well either, but figure skating was a turning point. All in all, the U.S. won 28 medals; 9 gold, 7 silver, and 12 bronze. Some of our country's star athletes included the Women's Hockey Team, Olympic snow boarder, Shaun White (commonly known as "The Flying Tomato"), and Charlie White and Meryl Davis; Olympic Couples Ice Dancers. During the closing ceremony, the torch was extinguished. The XXII Winter Olympics had come to a close.


<http://www.sochi2014.com/en/team-united-states-athletes>


EMOJICON DICTIONARY


By Abby Lowder


 : the sender is hinting at something, like an inside joke.


 : the sender is hysterically laughing at whatever you said.

 : the sender is happy about what you just said

 : the sender is sad or hurt about the past texts

 : the sender is surprised or scared about what you just said

 : the sender is upset about the past texts

 : this means LOVE! The sender loves whatever you said

Cool Christmas Lights

By Paul Keesler, Grade 6

When I drove around during Christmas time I looked at houses and they were so cool. Sometimes there were lights that switched and changed colors that went along with holiday music and some just changed colors and some just sat there and stayed the same. There are different types of lights, like clear color lights that can be LED lights that use less energy and LED color lights. There are also just

regular lights that use up a normal amount of energy. Icicle lights that look like icicles hanging off of roofs are also very popular. They come in clear or rainbow. The average LED holiday light uses about 25% less energy than the standard holiday light. So, next holiday season, have your parents consider these facts when they are ready to decorate.





Gods and Goddesses visit the PAC

By Frank Lopez



On March 13th, the 6th grade went to the PAC to watch a performer, Jeffrey Benoit, tell us stories (myths) from Ancient Greece. He told us about three Greek myths. One was about the Sun God, Helios. The other story was about Pandora's Box. The

final story was about Odysseus. The 6th grade audience kept cheering and laughing during the performance. I hope the next 6th grade gets to go to this performance next year!



5th and 6th Grade Band Concert

By Julia Curry

In January, there was the 5th and 6th grade band concert. Both grades had been training and practicing very hard for this concert. It was held in the PAC, because the Middle School is too small. The songs the fifth grade played were Entrada, (the overture for the band) then Great Gates of Kiev, and then Dominance. Did you know that the song Great Gates of Kiev is based on a painting? A composer visited an art gallery and wrote some songs based on the paintings. The concert was a huge success with a wonderful round of applause.



No Name Calling Week

By Jaclyn Pedoty

No Name Calling Week! What is it? To give a short synopsis, No Name Calling Week is a School event that lasts an entire week that celebrates being respectful towards one another and not calling each other names. It also celebrates self-confidence. During the week of "No Name Calling Week" our Putnam Valley resource officer, Officer Pitt, came in to talk to all of the classes. Officer Pitt shared the "Pledge For Being Safe Online" with every class and all of the students were asked to sign the pledge. Also, not only did the students sign their names but they also were asked to put their fingerprint on the pledge as well. The reason for this was because as the students were signing the pledge, Officer Pitt was telling us about "Digital fingerprint." All students listened very well and participated a lot. Great job and happy "No Name Calling Week"!



NYSSMA

By Jaclyn Pedoty

NYSSMA. What is it? Normally, only the people who are doing the program know about it. NYSSMA stands for the New York State School Music Association. This program helps students of different ages learn more about music and improve their musical education as well. There are three fields in the NYSSMA program: Orchestral, Vocal and Band. You can either perform in a solo, duo, trio or quartet. You or your group then get a piece of music to play and, over a period of time, you learn to play or sing the assigned music. Soon enough, the NYSSMA festival comes around and you have to go to a predetermined school to sing or play your piece in front of judges. For a grade for chorus first, you have to sing your assigned solo if you are alone. Then, after this you will be doing some sight-reading that the judges will provide for you. Meanwhile, in band for a grade, you have to play a specific amount of scales that vary on the level of music you are doing along with some sight-reading and your solo as well. This year, PVMS has 29 students participating from chorus and 38 students from band. If you decide to do this program it can also help to get you into another musical program called The PCMEA All-County Festival, which is also a lot of fun. This year's NYSSMA performance will be April 25th and 26th. Good luck to all who participate!

The iPad Air

By Evan Gutierrez, Grade 5

Apple Inc. had recently launched the iPad Air. The iPad Air has some new improvements and features like its all-new design. It is only 7.5 millimeters thin and it weighs only 1 pound! The new A7 chip has very powerful efficiency, too. Ironically, decreasing the battery size makes the battery last longer! The colors you can purchase for the iPad Air are white, silver and space grey. Space grey is a little lighter than the black and slate color. The black and slate iPads are more blue than the space grey. The iPad Air capacities are 16 gigabytes, 32 gigabytes, 64 gigabytes, and 128 gigabytes. The prices range from \$500 to over \$900.



Students vs. Teachers Volleyball Game

By Vanessa Recine

There was a volley ball game on February 28; students vs. teachers. It was very exciting to watch. They played three games. The first game was the 8th grade girls against the women teachers. At the end of the game the score was 31 for students and 33 for teachers. The second game was the 8th grade boys against the men teachers. The score at the end of that game was 22 for students and 36 for teachers. The third game was co-ed (mixed boys and girls against mixed men and women). At the end of that game it was a tie. The score was 37 to 37. Again, it was awesome to watch. The students and staff seemed to all have a great time.



Animals visit Mrs. Aquilino's Class

When Mrs. Aquilino's class finished their Science Unit on Animal Classification, the students had to make a PowerPoint of what they learned. Then in January, the class invited *The Nature of Things* to come to their class. *The Nature of Things* is an environmental outreach program that brings live animal presentations to schools in New York and Connecticut. The students were able to learn about different kinds of animals that are native to this area. They were able to pet a duck, rabbit, snake, lizard, frog, turtle and other animals. It was a great experience for the whole class.



National Junior Honor Society

By Jaelyn Pedoty



To be a part of The National Junior Honor Society is a prestigious honor. The society is for 8th grade students who show attributes of leadership, scholarship, character, service and citizenship. In order to even get through the first stage of induction though, you must have a 92.5 or higher overall average for all of 7th grade and the first 2 quarters of 8th grade. If you have these requirements you will then get a letter that tells you what else you need to have in order to be considered to be a part of the society. This letter states that you need three letters of recommendation from various teachers, or at least one teacher and coaches, employers or advisors etc. Next, you need a form that tells about your extra curricular activities. The form goes into detail and needs to include how long you have been in that activity and what your part is in that venture. Finally, you yourself need to write an essay that tells why you think that you should be in the NJHS. You will also get a document that has different criteria. You must then choose one of the criteria and relate it to one of your personal experiences and then tell why this attribute is a very important quality to have as a candidate. Also, you must tell how you will be a help to the Putnam

Valley community. Having the National Junior Honor Society on an application along with other things could also help you get a scholarship into a good college later in life. Clearly, this society is very beneficial to be a part of in the long run! So, if you are interested, just try your best...starting NOW!



TEACHER FEATURE



A Chat with Mrs. Gallelo

By Kathleen Gallelo

Mrs. Gallelo is a 5th grade teacher at the PVMS. (she is also my mom!). We asked her a few questions about herself.

Me: How long have you been teaching in Putnam Valley?

Mrs. G: 13 years

Me: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. G: I love to teach Math!

Me: Where did you go to college?

Mrs. G: I went to Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY. I commuted everyday because I was also working.

Me: What other jobs did you have before teaching here?

Mrs. G: I worked at a Law Firm as a Paralegal and also at my parents' pizzeria. I was good at flipping pizza and making a mean chicken parmigiana.

Me: What do you like most about teaching?

Mrs. G: I love when a student doesn't understand math and I am able to get them to "get" it. It gives me a very rewarding feeling to know that I have changed a student's opinion about themselves.

Me: If you didn't become a teacher, what would have been your second choice for a career?

Mrs. G: I would have probably studied to be a lawyer. The law is another passion of mine.

Me: What advice would you give to a student about their future?

Mrs. G: Follow your dreams!!!

Me: By the way, what is it like to have your child in your class.

Mrs. G: I have to say that it is truly a great experience and I would not change it for the world.

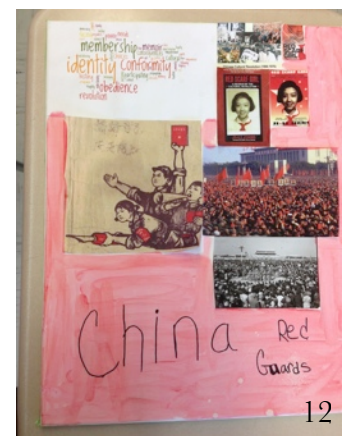
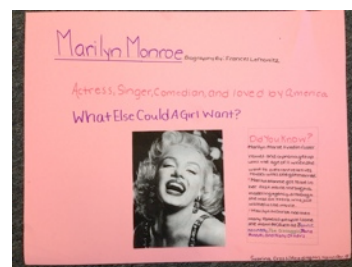
Mrs. Gallelo, thank you for sharing your thoughts with the Tiger Times. It was great getting to know you better.



BOOK TALK with Mrs. Kahn

By Kayla Brundage, Grade 5 and Ryan Hollis, Grade 6

All 6th graders in Mrs. Kahn's reading class do a Book Talk Project. Everyone is required to read a book and then share what they learned in front of the class. In January, every student was required to read a biography. They used posters, and other props for their presentations. All students worked very hard on their projects and everyone learned something new.



Thank you for all of your questions you have written to me. I am thrilled at the overwhelming response I have received. I would love to be able to print a response to all of your questions, but because of the amount of space I can use, I had to pick just a few. Please continue to write and I will answer more in the next edition of the Tiger Times.

Love,

Miss Know-It-All (MKIA)

Dear Miss Know-It-All,
I really need your advice. My friend and I don't agree on something. Now, can you believe it, she is mad at me. She is not talking to me and ignoring me. Please help!

Dear Frenemy,

Hi! Now, your friend is mad at you because you didn't agree on something. The best thing to do is to try to see what your friend wants. If she still doesn't agree with you after you do all that you can, I don't think that is a very good friend. But I really hope it works out! ☺

Love,

Miss Know-It-All

Dear Miss Know-It-All,
WHAT do I do??? I really like this boy; he is so cute. Should I just go up to him and tell him that I like him, should I not? Please help me!

Dear Love Bug,

This boy you like doesn't know that you like him? Before you do anything else, get in the "friend zone". Become good friends and everything will go smoothly. You shouldn't be scared to talk to him. If you like him, get to know him. And, last but not least, DO NOT GET YOUR FRIENDS INVOLVED! If you get them involved, that will just make things even worse! But I really hope this "relationship" thing goes really well! ☺

Love,

Miss Know-It-All

Dear Miss Know-It-All,
Hey, so here is my dilemma. I really want these blue Uggs but my mom is being really mean and saying that I can not have them because they are too expensive. What should I do?

Dear Uggie "Me",

Ok, so you want these blue Uggs. Now, I know these Uggs are really expensive, but I have two suggestions. One; maybe you can come up with the money yourself

by possibly doing chores around the house; earn the money. Second, you should want the Uggs because YOU really want them, not because all your friends have them. Hope this helps.

Love,

Miss Know-It-All

Dear Miss Know-It-All,
In gym I wanted to be the team captain. My friends got mad at me because I wanted to be the captain. They kept asking me why I wanted to be the team captain and were talking in a mean way. What should I do?

Dear Team Captain,

Don't worry. Yeah, ok your friends might be upset but if it makes you happy then you do it. Don't start to feel bad for yourself when you wanted to do something. Also those friends of yours, if they don't like it they have to deal with it. Also, if they get even more mad, they are not good friends.

Love,

Miss Know-It-All

Dear Miss Know it all,
I wanted to ask you a question. How can I get my grades up? I want to do well in school and I feel that it is important. I just wanted to get some great advice from you please.

Dear Mystery Person

Hi! I am so happy that you wrote to me about this. A lot of kids what to know how to get a better grade. The best way is to study, study, study! All you have to do is just take a little time out of your day to study. Also you can pay a lot of attention in class. The teacher is there to teach you something that can help you. So, if you really want to get your grades up, study and pay attention in class. ☺

Love,

Miss Know-It-All





Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes?

By Kayla Brundage

One question you may have in life is, "Why do people have color in their eyes. This question will be answered as best as possible in the article. The colored part of the eye is called the iris, which has pigmentation that determines our eye color. Human eye color originates with three genes, two of which are well understood. These genes account for the most common colors — green, brown, and blue. Other colors, such as gray, hazel and multiple combinations are not fully understood or explainable at this time. We used to think of brown being "dominant" and blue being "recessive." But modern science has shown that eye color is not at all that simple. Also, eye colors don't come out as a blend of the parents' colors, as in mixing paint. Each parent has two pairs of genes on each chromosome. So multiple possibilities exist, depending on how the "Wheel of Fortune" spins.



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History of the Heart Locket

By Kayla Brundage

Locket: A small ornamental case for a picture or keepsake, usually worn as a pendant.

The history of the locket is almost as much of a mystery as the contents of a locket itself. A locket is said to hold the deepest secrets of your heart and is entirely personal and sentimental to the wearer.

Traditionally, the locket would contain a lock of hair, a picture, a love note or even ashes and was inscribed with the owners' initials or words of undying affection for her lover.



<http://www.thelocketshop.com>



History of Hashtags

By Abby Lowder

Hashtags. They are used in practically every social media there is. Hashtags were first used in 1998 in an Internet Relay Chat. They were used almost as much as they are today! The purpose of hashtags is so that the user can search them up and get all content associated with them.

Stowe Boyd is the first blogger to use the term hashtag in 2007. In 2009 twitter hashtags finally were formally adopted by twitter so anything with a # would be hyperlinked, and if clicked on would lead you to a page showing all twitter posts with related content.

Hashtags have been used for 4 years now!!!!!! Over time they have evolved and other social medias such as Instagram, Facebook, and even Google have adopted the term. If over 4 years hashtags became so big, who knows what will happen in the future!

<http://twitter.about.com/od/Twitter-Hashtags/a/The-History-Of-Hashtags.htm>



Hmmm... Interesting! (cont.)



Typing Contest

By Angela Meister, Grade 5

During a Newspaper Club meeting, I held a typing contest with four of the members. In this contest, there were 2 rounds. Round 1, the contestants had to type this sentence: *The teenage girl went to the store with her boyfriend and shared a peach.* Round 2, the sentence was: *I am the fastest typist and I am going to win the contest, for sure!!!*

I timed them and then checked what they typed. The contest was between boys against girls to see who could type the fastest and the most accurately.

Here are the results:

Round 1:

Girl A	Boy A
21 seconds	17 seconds
0 mistakes	0 mistakes

Girl B	Boy B
15 seconds	15 seconds
1 mistake	0 mistakes

Round 2:

Girl A	Boy A
30 seconds	7 seconds
0 mistakes	0 mistakes

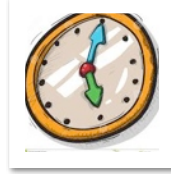
Girl B	Boy B
12 seconds	12 seconds
1 mistake	1 mistake



This typing contest was just for fun and we had a good time competing!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



By Diego Vasquez

"Daylight Savings Time" is a way of making better use of the daylight in the evenings by setting the clocks forward one hour during the longer days of summer, and back again in the fall. Daylight Savings Time (United States) 2014 begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 9 and ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 2. I know it just might seem annoying to have to wake up an hour earlier for school in the Spring, but it is an important concept. Some people theorize that it may lead to fewer car crashes on the roads. Benjamin Franklin first suggested it in 1784, but it was not proposed until 1895 by George Vernon Hudson.

Idioms

By Spencer Smith

Do you know what an idiom is? It is a phrase that means something different than what it sounds like. An example of an idiom is, "**Break a Leg**". It sounds like something mean to say to someone, but it actually means, good luck! It started when people thought that ghosts caused trouble. If you say some thing good like good luck, the ghost would give you bad luck. So to trick the ghost you would say the opposite. Here is another one; "**Close but no Cigar**". This means to nearly achieve success, but not quite. This idiom started because a long time ago, people were given cigars as a prize at carnivals. Today, prizes consist of stuffed animals. Did you know that Odin, the Norse god of storms, was often pictured with dogs and wolves, which were symbols of wind? Also, witches, who supposedly rode their brooms during storms, were often pictured with black cats, which became signs of heavy rain for sailors. Therefore, "**raining cats and dogs**" may refer to a storm with wind (dogs) and heavy rain (cats).

<http://www.pride-unlimited.com/probono/idioms1.html>
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/rainingcats.html>



Tongue Twisters

By Mia Leone, Grade 5

How many times can you say these sentences accurately? Try your tongue at these:

***Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?***

*How many boards
could the Mongols hoard
if the Mongol hordes got bored?*

How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?

*Denise sees the fleece,
Denise sees the fleas.
At least Denise could sneeze
and feed and freeze the fleas.*

Sheena leads, Sheila needs.

*The thirty-three thieves thought that they
thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.*

Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?

<http://www.uebersetzung.at/twister/en.htm>



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Valentine's Day Animal Quiz

By Abby Lowder and Kathleen Gallelo

Take this quiz to find out what lovely animal you are!!!
(results are on page 18!)

- 1) **What do you like to do on your free time?**
 - A) Swim
 - B) Explore
 - C) Take a walk
 - D) Sleep
 - E) Run
- 2) **What is your favorite food?**
 - A) Gummy worms
 - B) Bacon
 - C) Salad
 - D) Fish
 - E) Steak
- 3) **If you had a super power what would it be?**
 - A) Jump super HIGH
 - B) Be able to make really loud noises
 - C) Super flexible
 - D) Have 9 lives
 - E) Run super fast
- 4) **What is your favorite color**
 - A) Dark green, dark blue, light brown,
 - B) White, black, chestnut, yellow
 - C) Beige, light green, dark brown
 - D) Light blue, gray, pink,
 - E) Gold, amber, copper, red
- 5) **Where would you most likely want to live?**
 - A) Forest
 - B) Meadow
 - C) Savanna
 - D) Trees (treehouse)
 - E) Plains
- 6) **How would you describe your personality?**
 - A) Calm and kind
 - B) Loyal and excitable
 - C) Happy and content
 - D) Laid back and curious
 - E) Wild and daring

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Spring Word Search!](#)



Spring, Oh Spring, Oh Spring ☹️

By Spencer Smith

All four season have its ups and downs but...
Spring is a special one to me.
I DISLIKE IT SO MUCH!!!

Flowers are blooming.
Roses are red and violets are blue.
BUT POLLEN IS MAKING ME SICK.

Color of green is everywhere.
It gets warmer than it was in winter.
BUT I LIKE IT COLD AND I LIKE IT WHITE.



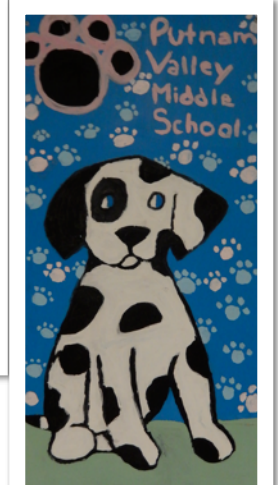
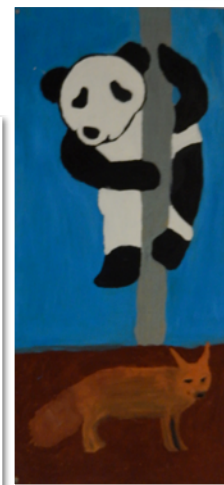
...and more murals from the
PVMS Mural Club!



If I Only Had a Watermelon

By Kayla Brundage

If I only had a **watermelon**, I would savor it.
(Right after I do this.)
If I had a **watermelon**, I would make it
sit in a chair with me.
If I had a **watermelon** it would be a mystery.
If I had a **watermelon** it would be history
(because I would eat it.)
YUMMY!!!





A Limerick

By Angela Meister

There once was a girl named Leah,
 Who wished her name was Mia.
 She liked to jump
 While getting pumped.
 Now she wishes her name was Tia!

Valentine's Day Animal Quiz Results:

If you answered mostly A's you are a: Frog!



If you answered mostly B's you are a: Puppy!



If you answered mostly C's you are a: Giraffe!



If you answered mostly D's you are a: Cat!



If you answered mostly E's you are a: Cheetah



The Craziest Poem EVER

By Catarina Duraes , Grade 5

Soaring like a bird,
 Looking like a nerd.
 Studying like a dork,
 Stabbing like a fork.
 Scooping like a spoon,
 Howling at the moon.
 Writing like crazy,
 Dressing like a daisy.
 Listening to a song,
 Singing along.
 Swishing your hair,
 Playing *Truth or Dare*.
 Asking to play a game,
 Seeing your name in the Hall of Fame.
 Putting on your coat,
 Looking inside a boat.
 Creating snow,
 Going with the flow.
 Eating like a pig,
 Putting on a wig.
 Going to school,
 Acting like a fool.
 Now you're all dirty,
 I want you to peck like a nerdy-birdy.
 In a hammock you lay,
 You listen to "What Does the Fox Say" all day.
 You like to be led,
 And you are ahead.
 You have one friend,
 And she likes to play pretend.
 You are all alone,
 Playing on your phone.
 You like to have fun,
 This poem is almost done.
 You think it's fair,
 Picking *Double Dog Dare*.
 You are eating at a table,
 Reading Aesop's Fables.
 Your favorite color is blue,
 But now you have the Flu.
 This poem is now done,
 I put this line in just for fun!



*We hope you enjoyed reading our
final edition of the
Tiger Times!
Look for us again this coming Fall!*



*FEEL FREE TO CUT THIS OUT AND HANG SOMEWHERE THAT WILL
CHEER UP SOMEONE'S DAY!!!*

