



What's Up, Warren?

Friday,
April 17,
2015

FAMILY FUN NIGHT A BLAST



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WARREN STREET IRONMAN & IRONWOMAN COMPETITION			
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2008	JOSH SCARPA 3500		BRENNAN KALKREUTH 3360
2009	JORDAN MONETTE 3537		CASEY VAN VALKENBURGH 3688
2010	JACOB CERASUOLO 4176		MOLLY MORRISON 3590
1011	GARRETT WAY 4348		CASEY VAN VALKENBURGH 3800
1012	GARRETT WAY 3904		EMILY HILLES 3010
1013	ALEX OULLAN 3976		KATIE ROHANO 3388
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IRONMAN ACTION

A.R. HEATS UP



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PRINCIPAL LENT THRILLED

Report: Warren's PARP Program a Success



Warren Street Elementary school has completed their month long PARP Program. Throughout the month of March, students read with their parents, logged their minutes, and participated in special PARP calendar days. Since this year's theme was, "Read All About It" the students also wrote articles for their school newspaper. Students submitted suggestions for newspaper names and the whole school voted on naming the newspaper. "What's Up, Warren?" submitted by Cameron Arminio of Mrs. Wagner's class was the winner by a landslide.

Although not all of the numbers are tallied yet, when asked about the PARP Program, Principal Mrs. Lent told reporters, "It has been so exciting to see the whole school working together to create our newspaper. The students have really gotten into it and the end result is awesome! I hope families will enjoy reading it together!"

The newspapers will be distributed at a special PARP celebration held on April 17th. Classes who had 90% participation will send their teacher to the JOUSTING RING.

Mrs. Lent added, "I am hopeful that through PARP and other opportunities here at Warren Street, students will develop a life-long love of reading. I read every day, for knowledge, and for enjoyment!"

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National Headlines

FERGUSON GONE WILD

By: Abigail VanValkenburgh of Mr. McCullough's Class

On Wednesday, March 11 in Ferguson Missouri, two police officers were shot and wounded while patrolling a peaceful protest for the Michael Brown shooting that has raised much controversy. The two officers were listed in serious condition, but the police spokesman said their wounds were not life threatening.

One of the officers was 41 years old and worked for the St. Louis police force in Missouri. The other officer was 32 years old and works for the Webster Grove police force, also in Missouri. Both officers were released from the hospital the next day.

On Thursday, March 12, 2015 a house was surrounded as part of the investigation from the shooting. The Ferguson Police brought in a lot of people for questioning, according to Sergeant Brian Shellman, but none of those people were arrested. By Thursday evening the police had no one in jail for this case.

Later that night, President Barack Obama appeared on ABC's Jimmy Kimmel's Live Show, where Obama said we needed to arrest the responsible party for this most terrible crime. President Obama wrote on twitter, "The violence against police is unacceptable. Our prayers are with the officers in Missouri. The path to justice is for all to travel together."

On Thursday night there was another shooting. The man who was arrested is a 20 year old with the last name of Williams. Violence has also been aimed at police in recent months, while most protests to the Michael Brown death have been peaceful. People have been holding vigils, hoping for peace after these terrible acts of violence.

**BREAD DAYS AT WARREN!
HOST AN UPCOMING BREAD DAY!**

Area News in Brief

FAMILIES HAVE A BLAST AT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

By: Mrs. Muller's Class

On Wednesday, March 11, Johnstown had its annual "Family Fun Night" from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Johnstown High School.

The entire fee was \$1 per person or \$5 for a family of 5 or more. You



could race your friend on an inflatable obstacle course with a slide and a ladder, or you could challenge a friend or friends to a game of basketball in the gym.

If you brought your bathing suit, you could swim in the Johnstown High School's beautiful pool that is 12 feet deep in some places. You had to donate change to get delicious trail mix and if you got thirsty you could have a drink of water.

The local high school kids helped out by doing face painting. If you went upstairs, you could work out in the weight room or climb the rock wall that is overlooking the gym. Back downstairs, in the cafeteria, they had a community information table. Johnstown's family fun night was a big hit with a lot of people. All of the families enjoyed a night out!

LOCAL WEATHER

WEATHER WOES

By: Mrs. Reed's Class

March has come in like a lion. We have had record breaking amounts of snowfall and record breaking freezing temperatures this winter. Now March is going out like a lamb. Earth is finally tilting towards the sun again and everything is melting.

The tilt of the Earth's axis is the most important reason why seasons occur. We have



hot summers and cold winters because of the tilt of the Earth's axis. The tilt of the Earth means the Earth will lean towards the Sun

(**Summer**) or lean away from the Sun (**Winter**) 6 months later.

Spring is on its way. Soon some outdoor activities will be starting like soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball, and more. Get prepared for spring everyone because it's coming!

Weather in Johnstown, New York 12095
msn.com/weather Data from WDT

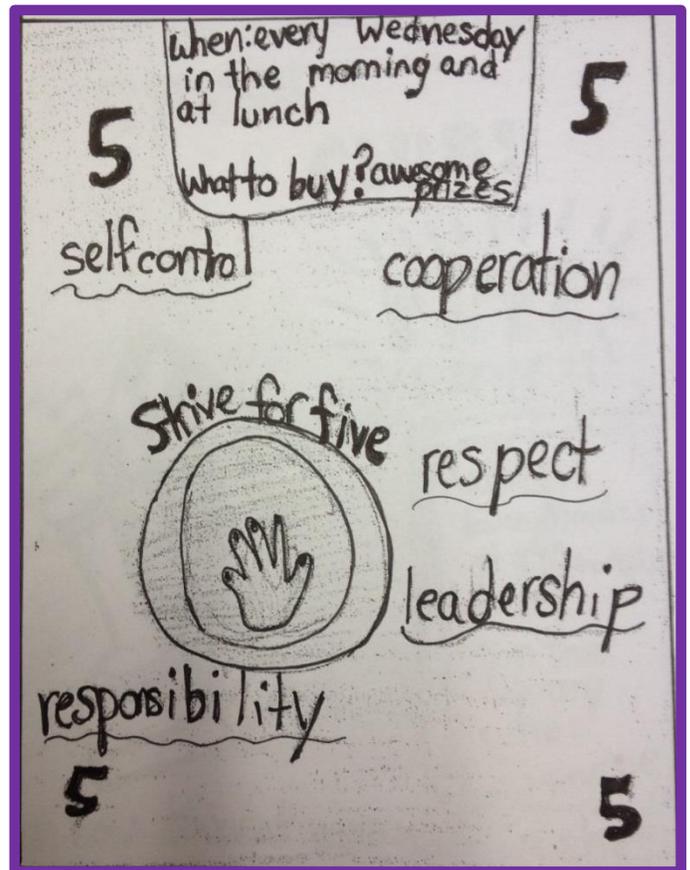
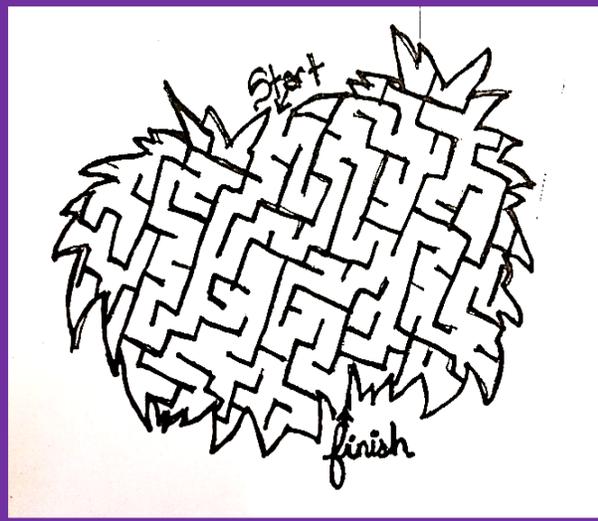


Heroth's LOL's

- 1) What has a mouth, but never talks?
- 2) What has a foot, but no legs?
- 3) What has one eye, but cannot see?

SEE PAGE 9 FOR ANSWERS

Mrs. Heroth's Class is A "Maze"ing



School Spotlight

BUILDING UP WARREN

By: Mrs. Wagner's Class

Mrs. Wagner's fourth grade students interviewed Mrs. Peck on March 16 to learn more about the *Warrencraft* themed reading program here at Warren Street. Mrs. Peck, along with Mrs. Ringer, volunteered to create and run *Warrencraft* this year. Mrs. Peck reported that

they came up with the *Warrencraft* theme as they thought that something related to video



games would be more interesting to the older students of this district. She reported that the kids love it, and the program is motivating students to READ and take accelerated reader tests. Students love to earn blocks and other items to create towns for their classes.

Warrencraft has been a big success since it started. Mrs. Peck states that Gus Fagan, fourth grader of Mrs. Wagner's class, has the most points for all fourth grade students **as well** as the entire school earning 320.9 points. Ethan Petrie is the leader for 5th grade at 214.2 points, and Sarah Connway leads 6th grade with 255.3 points. There are classes in each grade that lead in total points, too. They are: Grade 4 - Mrs. Ringer's class, Grade 5 - Mrs. Riley's class, and Gr.6 - Mrs. Heroth's class.

Reporters learned that the towns are booming throughout the school. Each class created a unique town which are called Wagner Wonderland, Reed-a-Ton Kingdom, Hart Valley, Meashawcraft, Ringer of Fire Island, Rileytown, Mullerchusetts, Kollarsville, Victory Village, Stinky City, Herothtopia, Hamlet of Hartlieb, 6Sville, and Flandersville. Just check out the school halls to see each town. Amazing!

Every town is different
and growing.

~Mrs. Peck

During the interview, Mrs. Peck reported that sixth graders earned a total of 4,998.2 points, fifth graders earned 2344.5 points, and fourth graders earned 2449.3 points. Another remarkable fact is that the school has read 70, 070, 057 total words in their reading! They also discovered that Eagle Song was the number one quiz taken. It was taken 104 times! The second most read book was The Lightning Thief, and that AR test was taken 90 times. The third most read book was Esperanza Rising, and an AR test was taken 89 times.

A question everyone wanted to know was this... Whose town is the biggest? Mrs. Peck replied that some people are buying little things whereas other people are buying big things, so it is hard to tell. Data collected for



this article was from November to March 16. The *Warrencraft* program began in November

and will end in early May. Therefore, keep reading, and keep building up the towns at Warren Street School!

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National Sports News

6th GRADERS GO MAD IN MARCH!

By: Mrs. Swartwout's Class

Sixth Graders at Warren Street School aren't the only ones who go mad in March. Men and women college basketball players, coaches, and fans are all MAD for March Madness.

March Madness is the exciting time of year when 64 college basketball teams are chosen for the NCAA Men's and Women's Championship Tournaments. The selected teams

begin their road to victory during the third week of March.



Only teams that win, whether they are underdogs or undefeated, continue to play in the regional and semifinal tournaments.

The beginning rounds of the men's and women's tournaments are held in various locations by region. Albany's Times Union Center will host the Women's Sweet Sixteen and Elite Eight games. The Men's Final Four is taking place at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, on April 4th and 6th. The Women's Final Four will be held at the Amalie Arena in Tampa, on April 5th and 7th. One thing about March Madness is certain; there is ALWAYS controversy over who will be crowned.

Sports fan and Pleasant Avenue Principal, Mr. Jeffrey Vivenzio, confidently stated, "Kentucky looks to be the lead competitor at this point, but if Virginia gets healthy, they could beat Kentucky."

After much thought, Mrs. Karlene Peck confessed, "I can't make any comment about March Madness because the games are past my bedtime."

For a review of last year's men's tournament, click here:

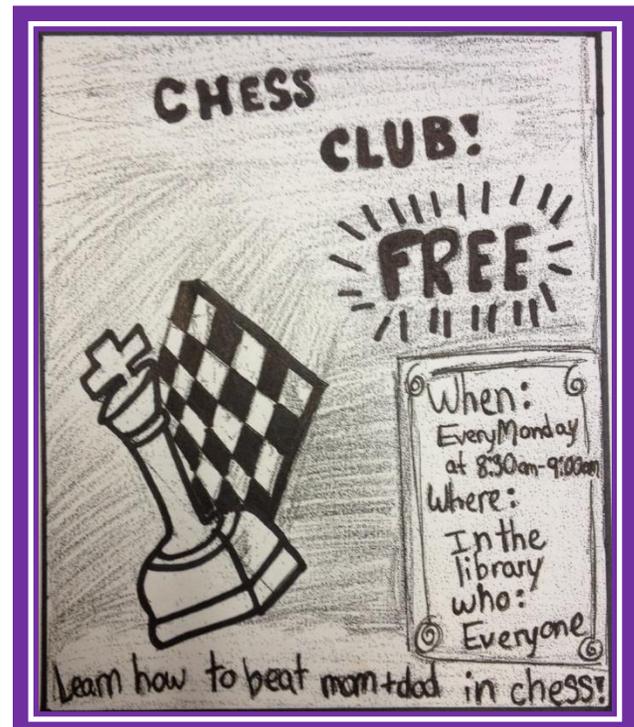
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b52dpQ5QfKc&noredirect=1>

For a review of last year's women's tournament click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdEdw7lgZpg>

Mr. Robert Kraemer expressed disappointment that his favorite team, Syracuse, won't be welcomed in the tournament. "Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Syracuse Orangemen will not be participating in this year's tournament." He continued, "I am NOT rooting for any particular team."

While Mrs. Peck sleeps and Mr. Kraemer protests, Warren Street's Sixth Graders and the rest of the NATION will be cheering on their favorite teams and hoping for true buzzer-beating MARCH MADNESS!



Local Sports News

LACROSSE MADNESS

By: Vincent Tolleter of Mrs. Johnson's Class

Looking for a youth sport league to join in Johnstown? Lacrosse is the way to go!

Lacrosse was created by the Powhatan Indians and it has been passed down through the years to prepare tribes for battle. Today, lacrosse may be a rough contact sport, but safety always comes first. The rules for boys and girls are different. For girls, the sport is less aggressive and does not allow checking and body contact.

Practice is a lot of hard work and determination. You practice drills, run laps, and coaches push you to the max. Coaches want to push players to the max because working out as hard as possible not only makes you a better player, but you gain confidence, become stronger, and learn how to be a team player. These skills will help you throughout your life.

I would like to give a shout out to my coach, Scott Petrie. Scott is an example of leadership and he pushes you to your full potential. I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for him.



School Sports News

WARREN STREET STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR TIME TO SHINE

By: Mrs. Ringer's Class

IRONMAN

Ironman and Ironwoman is a multi-event sporting contest demanding stamina here at Warren Street Elementary School. It consists of eight athletic events where students compete against each other to achieve the highest score possible. Students compile points in the following events: PACER test, mile run, Harvard step, slide test, standing long jump, push-ups, sit-ups and flex arm hang.

After all eight events are completed both girl and boy winners from each grade will be announced, as well as 2 overall school wide winners. The two overall winners will be honored with the hanging of their names on the Ironman & Ironwoman plaque in the gym. Best of luck to all who compete!

STAYING ON TRACK

Yes... the rumors are true! There will be a Johnstown Elementary Track Meet this year 2015. Students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades will compete together and against one another in our 1st Annual Grade-Level Grouping Elementary Track Meet at Knox Field. Teams will be created by Coach Kraemer consisting of one 4th, 5th, & 6th grade classroom; corresponding teachers of those classes will be honorary captains. The teams will then be assigned a Strive for Five characteristic (self-control, responsibility, cooperation, leadership, or respect) name and color (red, orange, green, yellow, or purple). We are excited to see who comes to "play" and represent their team's name to the fullest. How exciting... stay tuned for more details coming soon!



In my opinion, the movie was extraordinary! It has a five star rating from me!
~Roslyn Chapin

Kollar & Christman's Movie Review

INTO THE WOODS

By: Roslyn Chapin of Mrs. Kollar's Class



Into the Woods, a fairy tale adventure, is an eye-catching musical about all of the different fairy tales combined into one. There is Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and so many more! The main story plot is about how a man and his wife go on this adventurous search for a bunch of things to bring to a witch to bring his daughter back to him. She was taken away when the man's father stole three magic beans from the witch's garden.

Yes, it is a musical, but it doesn't have a song every two minutes. I thought it was breathtaking! This movie is very long, though. Right when you think it's going to end, it keeps on going. Into the Woods isn't exactly like the original fairy tale either. For example, Cinderella's hair is not blond, but brown. Her dress isn't blue and her shoes don't look like glass! Even though some things aren't the same, I still enjoyed this spectacular movie!

I hope this review made you want to see this phenomenal movie. I really enjoyed Into the Woods, and I hope you do and will, too! If you like fairy tales and musicals, you will like this movie! Overall, I thought this movie was very exhilarating!

Hartlieb's Book of the Month Club

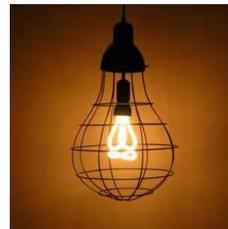
THE MYSTERIES OF EMBER

By: Siew Goh, Kyle Wood, Josh Hayes, Haley Case, Sarah Pratt, Morgan Hotaling of Mrs. Hartlieb's Class

Ember has been a city of light in a dark world for over 240 years. Two sixth-graders, Lina Mayfleet and Doon Harrow, find mysterious instructions. What are they for? They live in a world where there are only street lamps and the supplies are running out. Who can they trust to help them solve the mysteries of Ember?



If you like mysteries, read the City of Ember plus the sequels called, The People of Sparks, The Prophet of Yonwood, and the Diamond of Darkhold. In these books, they take twists and turns and you never know what's going to happen next. Mrs. Hartlieb's class gives this book 5 stars.



WORD SCRAMBLE

1. COLSHO _____
2. RPAP _____
3. PRTEANS _____
4. SA _____
5. EDRGAIN _____
6. TPNRARES _____
7. OOKBS _____
8. TFICONI _____
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DAWN OF THE DRONES

By: Abby VanDeWalker, Gracie Giarrizzo, Anna Lee of Mrs. Flander's Class

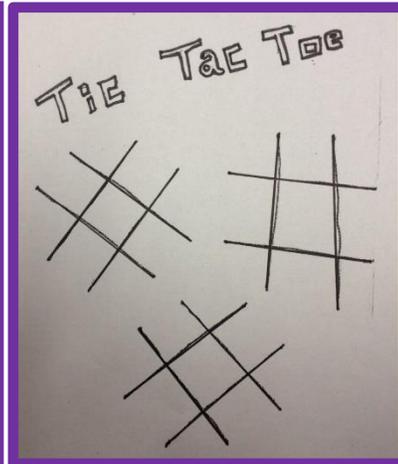
Way up high in the sky, you never know when something's lurking nearby. What could be lurking around every corner? Drones.

Drones are unmanned aircrafts that are quickly filling the sky with cameras. Many people worry that drones will invade privacy and affect their safety. Should drones be allowed to search the skies? In our opinion, no.

Although drones can be used for many good purposes, such as by the military. In war situations they could potentially save soldiers' lives. Drones are also used to make movies and can even deliver packages.

But unfortunately, drones can also be used inappropriately too. Drones can be used to spy on people, and the government. Flying way up high, drones can easily watch anyone, especially with night equipment. Recently a drone landed on the lawn of the White House, raising questions of even the first family's security from drones. Many people fear that the government will use drones to spy on citizens. The FAA, The Federal Aviation Administration, hasn't yet passed laws for the recreational use of drones. This means that for now people can freely use them, which as you can see isn't always a good thing.

So drones...while very useful can also be very dangerous, and might even be watching you now. What do you think? My advice, shut your window shades!



NEVER JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

By: Shawn Ammann of Mrs. Riley's Class

In September of 2014, many Johnstown residents, including myself, were skeptical about the grade level grouping proposal. By November though, we realized that it was actually a decent idea. I had comrades that didn't go to my school before, so I could only see them outside of school. Now I get to see all of my Johnstown peers.

Another good thing about grade level grouping is that we can have a variety of teachers, and learning experiences. This year there are also assemblies that are appealing to everyone. Not everyone is intrigued by a K-6 assembly.

The last upgrade is that we have themes that everyone can relate to like the Accelerated Reader theme of "Warren Craft". It was impossible to have a relatable theme for children age four through twelve. I have learned to never judge a book by its cover!!!!

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The Grade 4 Voice

Dear Principal Lent,

We are writing to you today to ask you to investigate a problem at Warren Street School. We feel there is a situation with the lunch line and getting to recess on time.

When we go to lunch there are three classes scheduled to eat at the same time. Through our observation, we have discovered that over half of each class eats the school lunch most days. That means we have to wait an extremely long time just to get our milk or food. We were wondering if there could be an extra server and a second line to shorten the wait. There are a few options at how this could be done. For example, milk and alternate in one line and main menu in the other or split into two lines for main menu because it is the most popular. We feel this might be a good way to get through the line faster, eat with manners, and get to recess on time.

Another idea to make the wait shorter is to have less classes go through the lunch system at once. If you separated the classes by five minutes we wouldn't all be down there at one time. As our 20 minutes of lunch were done, a lunch monitor could walk us to recess. Then the monitor could go back for the next



class and do the same thing. Our teachers would pick us up 5 minutes apart too.

While we are talking about recess, we would love an extra 10 minutes! It would be great exercise for our bodies and a break for our hard-working minds. We could get more time to practice our manners and getting along with our schoolmates. This could allow us time to see friends from other classes too. The way lunch and recess are set up now we don't even get a full 15 minutes to play!

In conclusion, we feel that our lunch and recess program needs some HELP! We hope you will take this request and information seriously and look into it. We would be happy to help form a committee with students and staff to research this problem further.

Your concerned students,
Mrs. Meashaw's 4th grade class

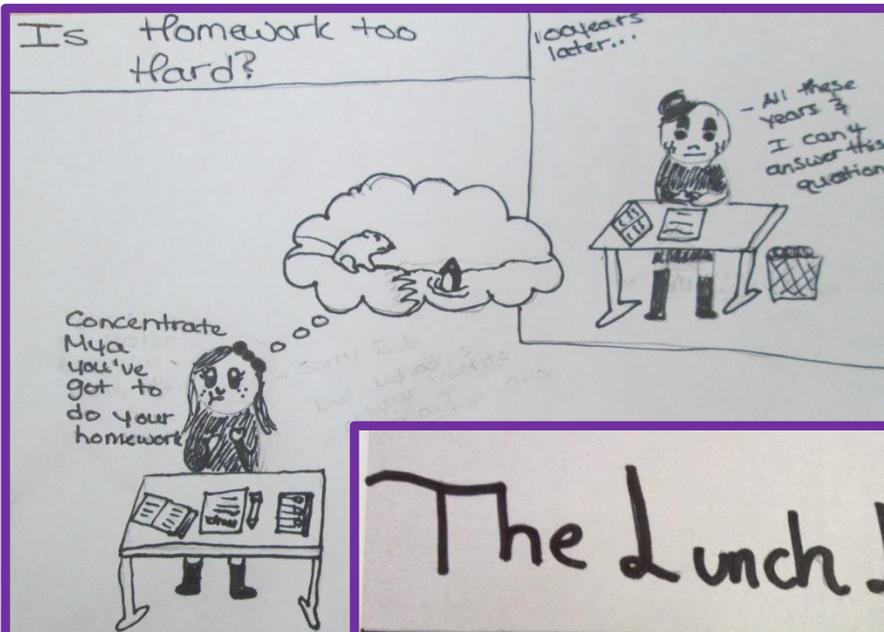
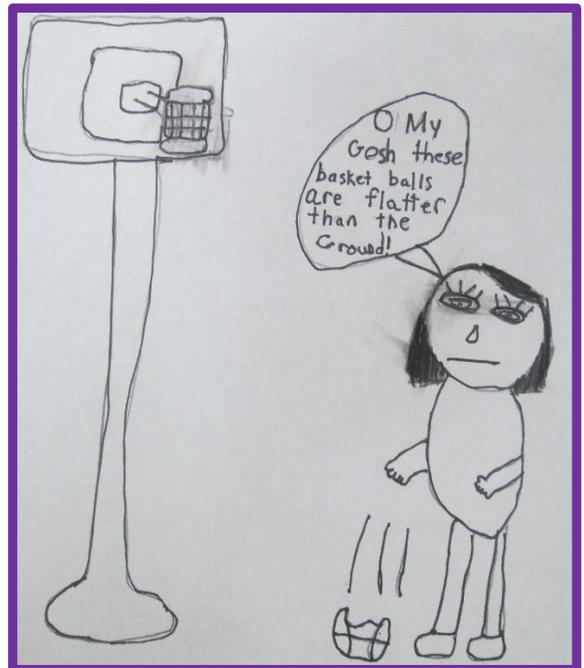
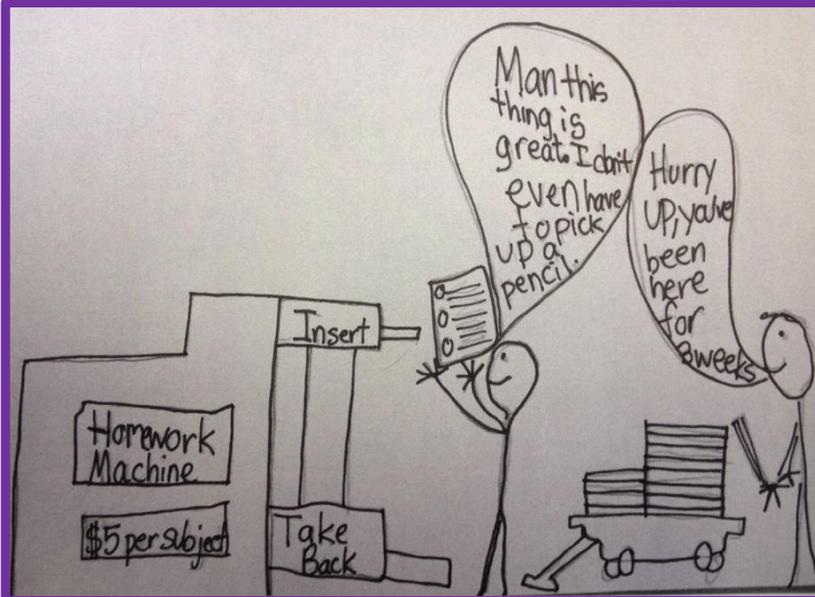
ANSWERS HEROTH'S LOL'S

- 1) A RIVER
- 2) A SNAIL
- 3) A NEEDLE

SCRAMBLE ANSWERS

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| 1) SCHOOL | 2) PARP | 3) PARENTS |
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Comical Concerns



WARREN'S CARTOONISTS

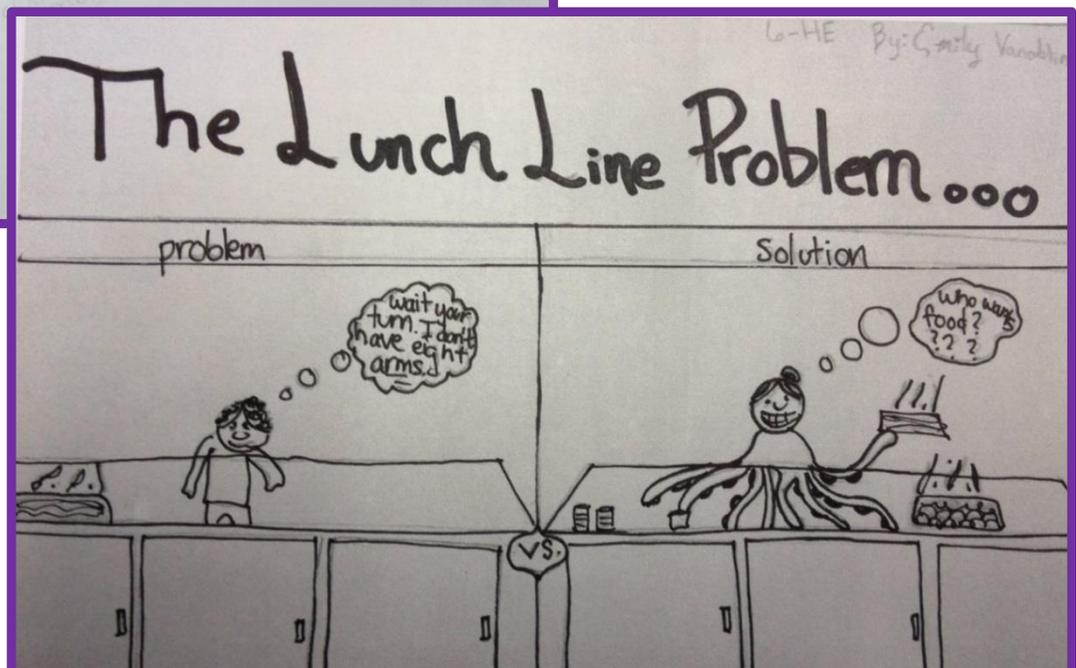
Top Left: Mystery Artist

Top Right: Talia Anderson

Center Left: Kyla Herrick

Bottom Right: Emily Vanalstine

Bottom Left: Emily Blood



*The Science S"COOP"***There's Something FOWL
in Room 18**

By: Mrs. Walton's Class

Mrs. Walton's class had a guest speaker join their class. Mr. Adam Walton (yes, Mrs. Walton's husband) joined the class in a discussion about chickens. The class is gearing up to participate in an upcoming project of incubating a dozen and a half eggs after spring break. Incubating is the easy part, but how do you take care of the chickens after they are born? That is one of the many questions asked today.

"What do chickens eat?" asked Brandon. "Well, they eat corn, seeds, grains such as oats, oyster shells (to help chickens lay eggs with a strong outer shell) and grit. Grit helps the gizzard function properly" answered Mr. Walton.

"What's a gizzard?" asked Jozlyne. "A gizzard is what helps the chicken grind up its food, since chickens don't have teeth" replied Mr. Walton. Mr. Walton also shared that putting vinegar in the water helps keep parasites and bacteria away, so that the chickens stay healthy.

The class also learned that when chickens are born, the chicks need warmth, food that is finely ground up, water and a form of bedding, such as wood chips, straw or hay. This serves 2 purposes: to keep the chicks warm and so they have a place to go to the bathroom.

The students also learned from Mr. Walton why it is important to keep the bedding clean and dry. "Why do we need to keep the bedding clean?" asked Billy. "Well, if the bedding gets really dirty and wet, germs can grow and make the chicks very sick."



Mr. Walton stressed to the class that when taking care of chickens in the classroom takes team work and everyone has to work together. To prove that, the class practiced cleaning the bedding, changing the water and food and did so as a team.

So, if you hear a peep, peep sound in the building, you know that room 18 is raising chickens!

**CHICKENS CAN DO WHAT??
Bizarre Chicken Facts**

Chickens can't taste sweetness in foods however they can detect salt, and most choose to avoid it. HOLD THE SALT, PLEASE!

The chicken is the closest living relative to the great Tyrannosaurus-Rex. GRRRRRRR!

Chickens are able to remember and recognize over 100 individuals; they can also recognize humans. HEY, I KNOW YOU!

Like other birds and mammals, chickens experience REM sleep, which is associated with dreaming. SWEET DREAMZZZZZZZZ!

Scientists have shown that mother hens display signs of empathy for their baby chicks.

MY POOR BABY!

Travel Tidbits

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

By: Connor Lago of Mrs. Walton's class

Last summer my family and I took a plane from Albany to Orlando, Florida. When we got there my grandpa and cousins were waiting for us. We climbed a staircase into a treehouse, rode a pirate ship and got wet, danced in a parade with Disney characters and saw many cool 4D shows. The next day we went to LEGOLAND. I built with Legos, went on the Lego Chima Ride and got soaking wet. It was awesome! At the resort we stayed at I hung out with my family, went swimming, and watched movies. It was nice to visit with family, but the best part of my trip was going to Disney. We are planning another trip very soon.



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OCHO RIOS, JAMICA

By: Brady Houser of Mrs. Hart's class

On winter break, I went on a cruise. One of our stops was Ocho, Rios Jamaica. Ocho Rios means eight rivers. While I was there I went to Mystic Mountain. I rode a sky ride for fifteen minutes to the top of the mountain. At the top of the mountain there was zip lining through the jungle (*my dad and sister did this, I was too small*), Jamaican Bobsledding and an amazing infinity pool with a waterslide overlooking the ocean. The view was really beautiful. There was a restaurant and some souvenir shops too. I went bobsledding and it was fun. I went really fast. I swam with my family and friends in the infinity pool. That was so COOL! The waterslide was big. Mystic Mountain was awesome.



There is a lot of other things to do in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. I definitely recommend going there; I want to go back soon!

All Things Oz Museum

By: M.J. Enchautegui of Mrs. Swartwout's class

I liked going to the All Things Oz Museum because it had a lot of memorabilia from the movie, The Wizard of Oz. It also has the yellow brick road to walk on to get to the museum.



There are many items to look at, everything from the outfits worn in the movie to different collectables such as comics, plates, toys, and

the movie script by author L. Frank Baum, whose hometown also happens to be in Chittenango, New York.

"Where Oz All Began"
219 Genesee Street,
Chittenango, New

I would recommend this destination to others because you can do this as a day trip, and it's fun for the whole family.



My favorite part of the trip was when the town had a parade and every float was a different part of the movie. The best part of the museum to me was seeing the costumes worn in the movie, especially the guard's costume.