

The Gazette

W A S H I N G T O N I R V I N G S C H O O L

Third Grade Makes The Switch From Winfield L. Morse to Washington Irving

EVA AND LUCY

In spite of different opinions about how easy or hard the transfer of third grade from Morse to Washington Irving would be, students, parents and teachers have adjusted easily to the change.

Due to budget cuts, Tappan Hill School has closed down. Therefore, the third grade had to move from Morse to Washington Irving to make room for the first and second graders. There were many different opinions about how the switch would turn out. Some people were worried that students would have a hard time in a big school. Based on interviews, we found that the change was not so hard.

Ms. Deborah Rose, third-

grade English Dual Language Teacher, says she was nervous about teaching a new grade at first. Once she started, it was easy. "I went



from fourth grade to third grade, and I had to get to know a whole new group of teachers and children." But she had no problems or confusion.

Nicole, parent of Jade, a third grader, was "confident

that the school was going to take care of making it a smooth transition." Although she's been happy with the switch, she says the early start time has been hard.

Third grader Margaret was not worried about the switch. In fact, she said it turned out great. When asked what the biggest difference was between Morse and Washington Irving, she said, "Here you can walk home by yourself. At Morse, you can't!"

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There is a big problem that we all need to discuss. It is called bullying. Bullying is something kids or grownups do that hurts someone's feelings and can also hurt them physically. It is dangerous because many people have been sent to the hospital because of bullying. Some haven't even come back!

BULLYING BY LOUIS

The people who bully are usually people who are stronger and buffer than the person they're bullying. These bullies were usually bullied by another person in the past. Even if it looks like the bully is acting alone, many times he has a big group of people supporting him. This is because he is really afraid to act alone. Did you know that on

MSN's Homepage it said that 1 out of 6 kids is bullied? Where is bullying happening? Bullying is usually happening in areas at school. But where in school? Usually at the school yard, sports practice or even in the hallways when no one is there, of course. One of the scariest ways to bully that people should watch out for is bul-

THE BLAZE WARMS UP HALLOWEEN BY ELIZABETH

The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze is a pumpkin carving festival held each year in Van Cortland Manor right near Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow in Croton-on-Hudson. The Blaze was started in 2004 and celebrates Halloween and the Legend of the Headless Horseman. They make pumpkins into all different shapes and sizes. For example, they can make skeletons, pirate ships, black cats, dinosaurs and even a graveyard. One of this year's "themed" areas includes an ancient Egyptian installation complete with mummies and a great pyramid. Some other "themed"

areas are Jurassic Park featuring dinosaurs and the Undersea Aquarium featuring carvings of fish and other oceanic life.

There are over 4,000 carved pumpkins at The Blaze. The pumpkins all come from Wallkill View Farm, a family run farm in New Paltz, N.Y. Each pumpkin weighs between five and fifty pounds each. More than 1,000 volunteers help with the Blaze. Prior to each event week, it takes fifteen to twenty volunteers several days of scooping pulp and seeds from the pumpkins to get them ready for the carvers. The pumpkins are

carved by a team of Historic Hudson Valley staff, volunteers and local artists led by creative director Michael Natiello. During each night of the event, it also takes fifteen to twenty volunteers to light the candles in the pumpkins. They usually start lighting about three hours before the event begins. The Blaze begins on October 15th and finishes the Saturday after Halloween. There are seven shows a day starting between 6:30pm and 9:30pm. The Blaze is open for every show no matter what the weather.



It is very hard to get the tickets to The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze so if you want to go they may be sold out. I have heard that The Blaze will amaze you!

MORE ABOUT THE BLAZE! BY COURTNEY

Have you ever been to the Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze? Well, if you haven't then you should go! There are over 4,000 different themed, hand-carved jack o' lanterns. Some of themes are fish, dinosaurs, graveyards, gardens, monsters and so many more. They group hundreds of pumpkins and make a huge shape like a giant dinosaur or spider web. New this year is an Egyptian exhibits filled with spooky mummy and pyramid-shaped jack

o' lanterns. Also new is the cornfield exhibit with crows and corn stalks.

This event takes place in Van Cortland Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, New York on weekends in the month of October and the first weekend in November. It's an annual event, so if you can't go this year, be sure not to miss it next year.

My favorite exhibit is the graveyard because the jack

o' lanterns have skeletons, bats and tombstones carved into them. They even carve skeleton hands into the pumpkins to make it look like dead people are coming out of the ground!

Did you know that they start carving pumpkins in June? They use a combination of real and fake pumpkins. They use the fake ones for the more difficult designs so they don't have to carve them again each year.

I've gone to this event for the past three years and love seeing all of the fantastic faces and other things carved on the pumpkins. I can't wait to go back this year!

"WITCH" WOULD YOU CHOOSE? BY GRACE

Choosing a Halloween costume can be difficult, that is why I am here to tell you the coolest Halloween costumes for 2010! To get my results I gave 43 kids 4 different costume choices... they had to vote for their favorite costume. The 4 costumes were Witch, Vampire, Monster or TV Character. For the votes Monsters

came in first with 15 votes, next in second place we had Vampire with 11 votes, in third place was TV Characters with 9 votes and last but not least... Witch with 8 votes. Then I looked on the internet for the top 4 coolest and I mean coolest costumes for 2010. The top 4 were Lady Gaga, Jersey Shore, Alice in Wonderland

and Nerd. Have any ideas yet? What about Lady Gaga? How about the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland? Do any of these costumes suit you? Maybe they do, maybe they don't. On that note...

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!!!!!!!!



Maybe you would like to be "Gaga" for Halloween.



**STORM KING ART CENTER
BY JORDAN**

I went to **Storm King Art Center** on Columbus Day. It

was a lot of fun! There were several trails with a bunch of different sculptures. There were five sections: North Woods, Museum Hill (which was my favorite), Meadows, South Fields and New Perspectives. There were 100 sculptures in over 500 acres of fields. We walked a lot. One of the sculptures I really liked on Museum Hill was called "87 Degrees." You needed to look through a telescope set at 87 degrees to find a gigantic silver sphere in the dis-

tance that you couldn't see without it. It was fun because it was like a mystery that had to be solved!

While we were walking, we saw a sculpture called "Mirror Fence." It was made out of glass mirrors so we could see ourselves in the fence. We also saw a sculpture called "Sea Change." It was made up of two skinny, wavy, metal poles. They would move left and right when the wind hit them. If you tried to follow one, you would get mixed up and think it was the other. That was pretty cool.

Another sculpture I liked was called

"Viewing Scope." It was a bunch of little telescopes put together to make a circle of telescopes. You could look through them and you would see the hills through it and it looked like a bunch of little hills.

We also sat on a really cool bench that was actually made up of hundreds of silver dollar coins.

Storm King Art Center is located in the Hudson Valley, 45 minutes from Sleepy Hollow. It is their fiftieth anniversary. I recommend this place if you like art in a beautiful outdoor setting!

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**SPIKES, TOUCHDOWNS, AND GOALS
BY CASEY JANE**

Did you know that you can go to W.I. after school to play sports? There are four after-school sports to play. The sports are volleyball, football, girls' soccer and boys' soccer. Each sport is fun and exciting in its own way.

Ms. Vivolo coaches all the sports. She is very positive and energetic. I interviewed

her and she said her teams had good partnership and participation. She says it's wonderful to teach children new skills. Her students have a good attitude for learning new skills.

I also went and watched a volleyball practice. Ms. Vivolo did drills and taught many skills such as spikes and sets. She blasted rock

music while everyone was exercising. I could tell that the kids liked it because they were all smiling and jumping. Ms. Vivolo also had demonstrations on how to do a spike or how to catch a ball.

I spoke to Miles to find out what the team members thought about practices. Football is what Miles plays

and he thinks that Ms. Vivolo is great and builds up the team's confidence.

If you think you missed it all, you're wrong. You can still go to the winter sports program here at WI.

See you there!

**THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN
BY PEYTON**

I wanted to find out why Halloween started, and who or what started Halloween. Everyone celebrates Halloween on October 31st. The Celts started Halloween in Europe; they called it Samhain (Sowen). It was a festival that thanked the good spirits that helped them harvest their food. There were evil spirits too. The people

lit up bonfires and wore costumes to scare the evil spirits away because they didn't want the evil spirits to hurt them. All this was on the same day. Then the Christians came and changed the festival to Allhallowmas that meant the mass of all the hallowed "saintly people". Then they took the bad spirits and called their day All-

hallowe'en which we now call Halloween. Halloween came to America when the Irish people took a boat to America. They started changing it and started playing tricks on neighbors. For the neighbors to stop the kids from playing tricks they gave them treats. The kids went door to door to get treats or they would trick

the people. That's how we got "trick-or-treat". The reason why we wear costumes is because the kids wore masks so no one would recognize them and because the Celts wore costumes to scare away the bad spirits. Halloween went from a holiday of being scared, to a holiday of having fun.



W I R E C E S S B Y H E L E N

When we are outdoors at recess we play a bunch of games and sports, like soccer, tag, football, and running or walking the track. In football on the field, I see lots of arguments and tackling to get the football. One of the people who run the track, one of my good friends, Casey . She likes to run to prepare for gym and to stay healthy. She runs morning and sometimes at lunch because she is very athletic. Unlike Morse, we have two fields, a big gymnasium, and play soccer and football. Don't argue to see who gets football first. Don't really push the person or

tackle the person who you are playing with because I've seen serious injuries and heard about them and they don't look very pretty. Walking the track is a good start of getting comfortable with the it. If you play these games it does not matter if you are a boy or a girl, you will have fun and remember to wear protective wear and to take care of yourself, and to always eat your lunch until you're full As I look at the wind blowing it's getting colder and it's hard to play soccer in coats and jackets. So if you want to play soccer in coats, sweaters, or

jackets that's ok. Good active wear like sweat shirts and sweat pants help you play better in cold weather. The costs of these at Target are \$9.99-\$14.99. Recess is a great time to have lots of time with your friends. Play jump rope or freeze tag because those are really cool games. Tag is a fun game but just don't be too rough because the school staff wouldn't want students getting hurt. You shouldn't skip or not eat your lunch just because you want to go outside. Also later when you're learning in class you might get a stomachache because you're hungry.

There are too many arguments at our school. If you have too many people for a game you can split up and have two groups playing the same games then I think you will have your greatest, most glorious year at our school, Washington Irving.



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R E S T A U R A N T R E V I E W : C A S S A N O ' S B Y F I N B A R R

We ordered: meatball pizza, plain pizza (half and half), linguini alfredo, salad, cheesecake. What My Family and I Think: My brother Liam, who is in 7th grade: "The cheesecake was good, but small. The pizza was better than most, but in my opinion, it isn't as good as Main Street Pizza". Kieran who is my little brother and is in Kindergarten: "The pizza was okay. The pasta was delicious. The salad was okay. The

cheesecake was delicious." My Mom said that: "The pizza was thin and chewy, and I prefer thin and crispy. The salad was very good. The cheesecake was a bit small." I believe that: The pizza was good. I got meatball pizza, and it was actually really good. The lettuce in the salad went well with the salad cheese. If I got the salad again I would avoid the pickled carrots at all costs! This is because it is "picklier" than pickles. The

pasta was different from what I'm used to. They also forgot to put the cheesecake on the menu! The cheesecake was at first forgotten to be given to us! It tasted like most cheesecake, which is high in tastiness. They were also out of my first choice of dessert, which was chocolate covered cannoli.

Rating: **THREE AND A HALF OUT OF FOUR STARS**

T H A N K S G I V I N G M O V I E S B Y S A R A H A N D A N D R E W

We recently watched a DVD with two Peanuts stories, "The Mayflower's Voyage" and "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving". We each preferred different stories. So, you're going to hear little bits and pieces from both of us.
SARAH: I think that "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" was better because it was funnier and I could

make a connection with real life. Charlie Brown's friends invite themselves over for Thanksgiving dinner even though Charlie Brown has plans to go his grandmother's house. Snoopy tries to make a Thanksgiving dinner, but it doesn't work out so well. **FOUR STARS!!!!!!!!!!!!**
ANDREW: I think that "The Mayflower's Voyage"

was better because it's an exciting expedition and it was also very fun. You get to see how the Pilgrims survived when they first came to America. My favorite person was Squanto the Indian. They also had the whole gang. **FOUR AND A HALF STARS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

WHAT'S IN THE FEAST? For "The Mayflower's Voyage": Turkey, mashed potatoes, cornbread, cranberry sauce, beats, applesauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and apple pie.
And in Snoopy's world: jellybeans, pretzels, buttered toast, and popcorn.

If you like Thanksgiving, watch these two movies! You'll learn something and have fun!!!



OUR OWN RUGBY CHAMP BY
ELLA AND MOLLY

Did you know that we have a World Cup Rugby champ at W.I.? Guess who it is. Drum roll please... It's Ms. Vivolo! Rugby is a sport that's like football where players can hold or kick an oval ball, but you don't wear pads and the rules are kind of different.

Ms. Vivolo started playing rugby when she got into college in 1996 when she was 19. She continued after college with the New York Rugby Club from 1999 - 2010. She played for the U.S.A. National Team from 2008-2010

and earned 9 caps, which represents the number of international games that she played in.

She won two National Championships with her team in 2006 and 2010, and the U.S. placed 5th at the World Cup out of 12 countries this past August. The World Cup for Rugby this year started in England and it travels all over the world. The U.S. jersey is either solid blue, red or white, depending on what team they are playing.

Ms. Vivolo loves helping people to learn something new. She has always loved sports so becoming a Physical Education teacher was the next step! This is her 11th year teaching P.E!! She swims

and cycles and is now training for triathlons and various adventure races. When asked if she is married she said, "... not married and no children yet!" Now that she is retired from rugby, she hopes to have more time to socialize with her friends and family. When we asked her if she has a pet she said "Yes, I have a yellow Labrador named Sole, a black cat named Pino, and a grey cat named Greggio. All my animals have Italian names." Her birthday is July 4th. How patriotic of her! It just goes to show that some people that we see every day have very exciting lives that we don't know about! Congratulations Ms. Vivolo!!



THIRD FRIDAY
BY ZOË

Third Friday is a fantastic opportunity to spend time with friends and family. The event takes place on Tarrytown's Main Street on the third Friday of every month, from about 5pm to 9pm. It is something that you can do to get together and see friends and family outside at night with nothing to do in the morning. (Except if you have a sport.)

I like to go to Third Friday because I like to go out to dinner. It is also marvelous to go to Third Friday because it is good to get out and it is fun for the whole

family. There is music, crafts, and a lot more! Most of it is free!

You can go out to dinner (you might have to wait but it is worth it and you have to pay but it is still worth it) and have a lot of fun. The shops I recommend and that are open on Third Friday are Lefteris, the Greek restaurant, and # 1 Chinese Food. I like Lefteris because at the end of a delicious meal, you can pick out a lollipop! Once the theme was pets and they had a pet parade and there were all kinds of dogs and not too many cats. Once or

twice there was cotton candy. The cotton candy smelled so good (At least to me.) It is only about \$1.00. (At least last time I checked.)

The music is very good too. Once I listened to a band that included the father of someone I knew from school. He was very good. Maybe the best part about Third Friday is it's very social. There are a lot of people, but not so many that you can't walk down the street.

All thanks to Jennifer Ross! Jennifer Ross thought of Third Friday.

Look for the pamphlets advertising the next Third Friday. See you there!

BULLYING
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lying online. That is called cyber-bullying. Many kids get threatened and made fun of over the computer and people all over the world can watch it.

How do they bully? They bully by pulling pranks on the victim, by calling them names or even beating them up. That's how the victim ends up sad, frustrated and very angry. When he feels this way, the victim could be turning into a bully himself.

I hope from this discussion you have learned how dangerous and unfair bullying is. If you are getting bullied, be sure to report it to a parent, teacher or your principal. They will help you. It is important to realize that if you are getting bullied, stand up for yourself and your bully will never threaten you again. That is the only way to be free of your bully.



If you are being bullied, tell someone so they can help you.

WHAT TO DO AT RECESS AT WI

BY NATALIE

There are screams every where! Every one is having fun.

A lot of things are going on during recess such as a kick ball game, jump roping, or a soccer game is always happening. New people are joining into existing games every day. So you can just pop right in a game that is going on.

Sometimes you just want a ball, and if you do here are a few things that people do with those balls. You can kick a ball against the wall,

or kick the ball back and forth with a friend. At WI, a kick ball game can have even or uneven teams. There is never a fight going on in these games. Kick ball games at WI are very friendly.

If you are a person who always has energy and wants to run around during recess then I have the perfect advice for you. You probably know the track outside and you can run around it. If you run around the track four times

that would be a mile. I've run the mile before. It is really fun. It is pretty tiring though.

In addition to what we do at recess I would want to have a trampoline (the extra bouncy kind), a pool (a super long one), and of course a tree house (a really big one). That would be my kind of recess if I were in charge.



Join a kickball game at recess!

Do you like recess because I love recess!

WHO WAS WASHINGTON IRVING?

BY ALEXANDRA

Washington Irving is the school to third, fourth and fifth graders in Tarrytown, New York. But do you know how the school got its name? Washington Irving was the person who wrote "THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW." No one knows if the legend is true or not. Washington Irving used to love to read and write stories and he believed that writing will make you smarter and a better person.

Many things in Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown would not be the same without the Headless Horseman legend. Some may have seen the Headless Horseman on Halloween nights riding his horse in the road. Maybe some that live closest to Route 9 saw him rising from his stone and riding in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery on Halloween night. Could it be? Do you think you will see the Headless Horseman with your own eyes? Do

you think it's true about the Headless Horseman?

The one thing we know for sure about Washington Irving and his legend is that he made the village of Sleepy Hollow famous. Visitors will probably go eat at the Horseman diner, get their clothes washed at Van Tassels, drive past the Cemetery and the Old Dutch Church, and maybe try to go to school at Washington Irving.

So, whatever you do and wherever you visit in Tarrytown or Sleepy Hollow, Washington Irving and his story, "THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW," will always be part of the fun.

Who was Washington Irving and why is he so important to our towns?

JONATHAN KRUK BRINGS FUN TO SLEEPY HOLLOW

BY BRANDAN

Jonathan Kruk's story telling of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow brings amusement and fun to the whole family. I am here to tell you about this dramatic event that happens every year.

Jonathan Kruk came to the Old Dutch Church this October to tell the Legend of Sleepy Hollow.

There are two cool things that took place in the storytelling. The first one was when the organ player played spooky music while Jonathan was saying a spooky part in the Legend. The music together with the

story actually fit together nicely and it sounded very spooky like that. The second cool part in the storytelling was all the ghost noises. I really think it was the girl dressed up as the White Lady, but who knows!

The way that Jonathan spoke was like a real storyteller. When he acted like the scared Ichabod Crane he sounded scared. When he laughed like Bron Bones he laughed with strength and loudly like I picture Bron Bones would laugh. No matter who he was act-

ing like it sounded a lot like them (all of them except the women and the children). I think he was cool.

For people who don't know about the story, I will tell you about the part when he disappeared in what is now Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. While Ichabod was galloping on his horse, he came across the Headless Horseman! Ichabod rode as fast as he could but the Headless Horseman was faster! His only hope was to cross the

small bridge. While he was galloping over the bridge he looked back and he saw the Headless Horseman throw a pumpkin at him! "WHAM!" The Headless Horseman hit him and Ichabod fell to the ground. He was never seen again after the sun rose into the morning sky. Our imaginations make us wonder if he perished at the hands of the headless horseman, or if he left Tarrytown out of fear. What do you think?

**FEATURE: IS IT TRUE OR NOT?
“DEEP SEA SHARKS” BY LINO**

I'm scared because it's moving the cage. "Come on Dad, let's go already!" The cage is moving, we're going up. But before I tell you this story, I have to tell you this story.

One day, I went on a boat to go under the sea with my Dad. We put on scuba gear and went in a cage under the water. It was great there. There were a lot of beautiful fish. Then something blocked the sun and we looked up and there was a whale. I wondered what it would be like to see a shark out in the deeper part of the ocean. When I

asked my Dad, he said "okay, let's go."

If you don't want to be dinner, you have to be in a cage when you see sharks. So, later we went down in the deeper part of the ocean where it was all black. My body started to shiver like I was in an ice cube. We went down so far! I looked around and I didn't see any sharks and that was good. Here's why:

1. A shark can rip you apart.
2. That would be my last time seeing my family.

3. It would also be my last time playing video games.

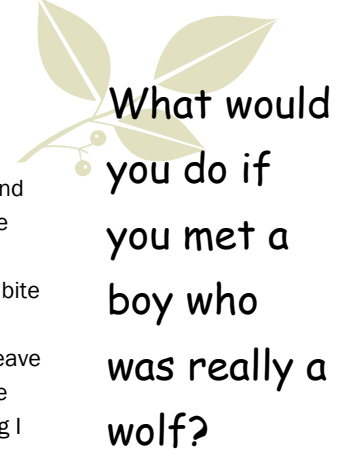
So I know the last reason isn't that important to you, but it is important to me. Then I saw something moving—it was sharks! I was going bananas. I told myself to calm down and I reached out and touched a baby shark. Cool! But I wanted to go up—NOW! I know why sharks attack now—to protect their babies, but who is going to protect me from my own shark? His name is Alex or let's just say he's my BABY BROTHER!

**FICTION: BOY MEETS WOLF
(A STORY IN 3 PARTS)
BY XARIAN**

It was Friday night at six thirty. I was bored so I looked out the window of my apartment building, and saw nobody. I thought that was strange so I looked again. Then I saw a boy sitting in the park. I left my house, crossed the street, and walked over to him. I said "Hi do you want to play?" He said "no." So I asked why. He said "no one wants to play with me because ... oh never mind, don't worry about it." I walked back to my

house and began watching my favorite TV show "Suite Life On Deck". Then I went in my room and wondered why the boy wouldn't tell me why kids couldn't play with him. I fell asleep by ten o'clock and woke up at ten in the morning. I ate pancakes for breakfast. I looked out the window as usual and I saw the same kid again. I ran out the door and said "Can you please tell me what you were about to say

yesterday?" He said "No, and get away from me or I'll bite you!" I was confused so I asked him "why would you bite me?" The boy said "I've already said too much now leave me alone!" I returned home confused. The next morning I woke up at around the same time and went outside. The kid was there. When I started walking toward him he did a weird dance and began changing into a wolf.



What would you do if you met a boy who was really a wolf?

Stay tuned for the next installment of this story in the next paper!!!!

**TRAVEL TIP: LIZARD ISLAND
BY HUDSON AND MAT**

Lizard Island is a small island in the Barrier Reef in Australia. It is a great place to go to in the winter. Yes, that's right, THE WINTER, because they have opposite seasons to the northern hemisphere. This means that when it's summer here, it's winter there.

Lizard Island was discovered and named by Captain Cook in

1770. The only animals they saw were lizards. For obvious reasons, he named it Lizard Island. Even today, lizards freely roam the island. You can go to Lizard Island and stay there for five days for \$3615 in a cool hotel!

The original name of the island was Dyiigurra. The native people thought that Lizard Island

was created in "DREAMTIME." We don't know what it means but it sounds awesome. The island is full of wildlife. There are 1,500 species of fish that inhabit the waters. We find that very cool. We jotted down some numbers and estimated that there are about 50 different types of lizards on the island.



Well, even if you're scared of lizards, Lizard Island is a great place to relax and have a good time! So, if you are planning on having a vacation on a different continent, Lizard Island is your place!

HALLOWEEN HISTORY REVISITED BY I L O N A

Do you know what Halloween was like in the past? Well this is the right article to find out. Halloween is the oldest holiday still celebrated today. It's one of the most popular holidays, second only to Christmas. Millions of people celebrate it today without knowing how it became a holiday. Some people think of it as a time to have fun, put on costumes and go trick-or-treating. While some people think it's superstitious. Halloween originally was celebrated on November first, but is now celebrated on October thirty-first. Halloween's culture can be traced back to the druids, a Celtic culture in Ireland, Britain and Northern Europe. Roots lay in the feast of Samhain (pronounced: sah-win), which was annually on October thirty-first to honor the dead.

Samhain signifies "summer's end" or November. Samhain was a harvest festival with huge sacred bonfires, marking the end of Celtic year and the beginning of a new one. At the same time the Catholic Church also celebrated a similar tradition called All-Hallowmas, means All Saints' Day to honor saints and martyrs. The Celts wore skins and heads of animals. People continued wearing masks because they thought that if you wore scary masks the spirits would stay away. In the 1800s, when the Irish immigrants came to America they brought their Halloween traditions with them. The Celts and the Irish carved turnips

and potatoes and put candles in them. In an old Irish folk tale a farmer named Jack made a deal with the devil before he died. The deal he made with the devil was that the devil would never take his soul away, instead he gave him an ember of light that would never burn away. So Jack carved a turnip and put the light inside of it. That is how the Jack-O-Lantern tradition started. When the immigrants came to America they found out that pumpkins were bigger and better than turnips. There are many origins of trick-or-treating, but mainly the poor would go and sing from door to door to earn food and money. Later people started to wear their costumes and collect sweets.

Today 36 million children are trick-or-treaters that knock on 110 million doors. Last year each American ate 24.5 lb of candy on average. WOW!!!! Overall Halloween is really fun! My favorite spot in our community to go trick-or-treating is on New Broadway in Sleepy Hollow. Every house is decorated and gives you yummy candies. Unfortunately my mom only lets me and my brother keep 15 candies each.

THE GREEN TEAM BY EMMA

"The Green Team is an after school club where students come together to learn about how to make green choices." "The students that participate make lots of recycled projects and learn about taking steps to help save our planet!" says Mrs. Gilligan, the team's organizer. Being a member of the green team, I have already made a project at the first Green team meeting last Friday. We made recycled bookmarks from old newspapers, cards and tissue paper. At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Gilligan talked to us about being environmentally friendly. We also discussed what we could do to recycle more. Some of the kids gave examples

of ways to use less electricity, water, paper, and plastic. I interviewed two other kids in the Green Team to see what they thought about it. Both said positive things about the program! If I were to give my opinion, I would say that the Green Team is an opportunity for kids to learn more about what we should and should not do to help the environment. It also influences kids to go and encourage others to be more resourceful and not waste so much!

Here are 10 easy ways to be environmentally friendly:

- Turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth.
- If you do not need a piece of paper, do not throw it out save it. You can use it for something else.

Do not open your bedroom window if the AC is on.

If you live close to school, ride your bike instead of having your mom or dad drive you.

- Never throw a piece of garbage on the floor, put it in a trash can.
- Always turn the lights off after leaving a room.
- Do not open your bedroom window if the AC is on.
- If you live close to school, ride your bike instead of having your mom or dad drive you.
- Do not leave your TV on when you go out to play.
- Use a reusable water bottle instead of a plastic one.
- Do not leave the refrigerator door open long when trying to find a snack.
- Instead of using your dishwasher all the time, wash some of your dishes by hand.

FLINGING PUMPKINS BY HANNAH

I was walking on the hard gravel, hearing the rocks crunching under my sneakers. The air was crisp and sweet. It was a beautiful fall Friday at Wightman's Farms, and a magnificent way to spend the end of the week. We had just finished the hay ride and next up was pumpkin flinging. I was holding a bag filled with 3 pumpkins. They were all cracked, dented, and oozing

pumpkin juice. I smiled to myself and put the first pumpkin in the slingshot. I looked around with a curious expression stretched across my face. I looked at my friends laughing at the top of their lungs, and saw them let go of their slingshot. The pumpkin flew through the air. SPLAT!!! My expression changed to

a grin, and I pulled the slingshot back. I pulled it farther and farther. I heard one of my peers laughing and realized it was me. I suddenly let go and saw the pumpkin fly, my eyes glued onto the breathtaking scene. It inched closer and closer to the ground. And, CRUNCH! It got cut in half by the edge of the target.

"WOW!" Emma screamed, and I giggled. I knew I missed the target, but I was tingling with joy. I recommend this to anyone who is looking for a way to celebrate the Halloween season.



THE GREAT PUMPKIN MYSTERY BY HANNAH

On a beautiful fall morning, my family and I headed out to the pumpkin farm. We were going to pick out our pumpkins for Halloween. It was very difficult to choose just one because this year the pumpkins were really beautiful. We made careful decisions trying to get just the right pumpkins.

We had no idea that our pumpkins would soon be in for some trouble! We placed our beautiful, orange pumpkins carefully on our front steps. We wouldn't be able to carve them just yet; we would have to wait until Halloween. After school the next day, we were shocked to see that something had attacked one of

our pumpkins! What could it be?? The day after that, another pumpkin was attacked! There were "pumpkin bits" everywhere! We still had no idea who the culprit was. Then we saw a woodpecker pecking at one of the pumpkins...ah-ha! It was the woodpecker! We thought we had solved the mystery, but we were wrong! The following day, a chipmunk and some very suspicious looking squirrels were lurking aroundcould they be attacking our pumpkins too? Would our pumpkins survive until Halloween? Now we really had a mystery on our hands! We wanted to make sure that at least some of our pumpkins would live to be jack-o-lanterns, so we had to come up with a plan. One of our precious little

pumpkins would have to be sacrificed for the lives of the others. We came up with the idea to place a pumpkin in the yard closest to the squirrels' home. We thought that the squirrels would only bother with that one and leave the rest of the pumpkins on the steps alone. We were right! Every day, squirrels have been eating away at the little pumpkin. We watch them from the window as they nibble our brave little pumpkin and stuff their cheeks with the seeds! The pumpkins on the steps are safe... for now. But, at the rate these squirrels are eating this pumpkin, it may not last the weekend! I wonder if the other pumpkins are starting to worry... who's next?

A REVIEW OF HORSEMAN'S HOLLOW BY ARIELLE

Horseman's Hollow is a new Halloween event taking place at Phillipsburg Manor. Some people say that it is scary, but others say it isn't. There are loud noises, screaming, many decorations, people popping out at you, and it was very dark. Many people said that the corn maze was the scariest, because it was like you were stuck in it for-

ever. They also said that there was a blackout room inside the corn maze, the headless horseman guy, lots of blood, people eating each other, and arms were getting ripped open. If kids don't get scared too easily, this may be fine for them to go to. But if you get scared easily, then you shouldn't even think about buying tickets. The people organizing and in this event aren't just people from

in town who thought this would be a good idea. They are professional people, who have done this many times in different places. They are good at this kind of thing. The reason some people thought it wasn't scary, was because when there are too many people inside at once, you have to walk so slow and you can see what is coming up ahead of you. But other people disagreed and

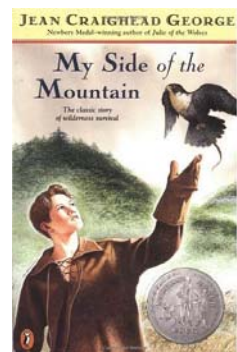
thought that it was extremely scary, because they weren't there when there were too many people so it was pretty much one surprise after the other. That made it scary, because you couldn't see what was coming up ahead of you, and you just had to walk and see what would happen next. If you are looking to go on a scary haunted house next Halloween, then I think you should get tickets and have a spooky time.

BOOK REVIEW: MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN BY LUCA

I read [My Side of the Mountain](#) by Jean Craighead George. This book is about a boy named Sam Gribbley who doesn't like living in the city, so he goes to a library, takes a couple of books about how to survive the wild and reads them very carefully. Then he takes a few things like a jack-knife and an axe and moves into the Catskill Mountains. He makes a home in a tree and survives by his knowledge of the wild. He fishes,

collects plants, hunts for food and makes friends with some animals. But it is very hard for him because he is not as fast as the prey and he still has a few things to learn about surviving on his own. One day he finds a falcon's nest and trains one of the baby falcons to help him hunt. This helps him live through a harsh winter. He also encounters hunters and steals their prey before they find it.

At the end his whole family finds Sam and they confess that they want to live with him in the wild. And that's what they do. I love the book because the writing style is amazing. The book uses very descriptive language and I could imagine everything that was happening. And also, the story is really interesting. You absolutely have to read [My Side of the Mountain](#).



THE SURVIVORS
(BASED ON A TRUE STORY)
BY CAMILLE

It was in the middle of the ocean. Five people were on a good sized Zodiac in great-white-shark-infested waters. They had no food or fresh water. Two men were so thirsty they drank the salty sea water, which gave them hallucinations. They thought they saw land, so they both jumped off the boat. Bubbles shot out of the water as red as blood, and the men were gone. Two women and one man were now left on the Zodiac. That night, one of the women was acting strangely. She started speak-

ing in tongues. She shook the other woman by the shoulders, then fell asleep. The next morning, she too was dead. The remaining couple saved her clothes and jewelry for her family, and pushed her off the boat. Suddenly, the boat jolted sideways. It was the great whites. The sharks kept tipping the boat until the man fell off. His wife tried to pull him out of the water, but she wasn't strong enough. He got so scared that an extra boost of adrenalin ran through his body and he pulled himself onto the

Zodiac. He was alive. The next morning, the woman heard a honking sound. She wasn't sure if it was real, so she asked her husband. He had heard it too. In the distance was a cargo ship. They started screaming and waving their hands. Soon, they were pulled onto the ship and heading home.



CAN YOU
CREATE
THE
FASTEST
TEAM IN
THE
FOURTH
GRADE?

ATTENTION ALL FOURTH GRADERS!

BY JACK
AND MAGGIE

We are hosting a BIG relay race on Wednesday, the 4th of November during lunch. Get together a team of 5 people and enter! The race is running down to the end of the field, grabbing an item and running back. Be the first team to finish with all of your items! Now listen—everybody does not

have to participate but we would LIKE EVERYBODY TO PARTICIPATE. The team who wins will then have a race one way around the track and whoever wins that will be known as the fastest person in the fourth grade! Pick your teams wisely and come ready to race. This will be an elimi-

nation race so be ready to compete!

We hope you will all attend and either race or cheer on the runners.

Rain date to be determined.

Write a funny caption for this picture.



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FUN FALL ACTIVITIES!!! BY STELLA



Halloween is such a popular holiday in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow! If you are looking for something exiting to do then you are lucky you live in this town. Two enjoyable events are Scarecrow making in Patriot's Park and Window Painting along Broadway in Tarrytown. Scarecrow Making is fun and you can do it every year if you want. Each year the Recreation Department invites families to come make a scarecrow. When you're finished with the scarecrow, you can donate it to the town or just bring it home. If you donate it to the town, you might see it around on a street lamp post, or on the fence surrounding Patriot's.

Also you can see the scarecrows during window painting. Window painting is the other fun fall event, but that is for kids in second grade and up. Adults can hang around and chat with friends while watching their kids paint. If you want to join window painting, you can ask your parents to sign you up with the Recreation Department. It is very funny that almost every time we do window painting it rains the day after that. When it rains, the rain spoils the painting by smudging it. Most people will paint haunted houses, pumpkins, skeletons, and other Halloween things like that. My favorite painting this year was one

of a silhouette of a witch flying on her broomstick across a yellow full moon. For Window Painting, just bring rags, jugs of water and that's it because the Recreation Department has paint and brushes. For the scarecrow making just bring old clothes and yourself. The Recreation Department provides you with the stands and straw. When you go to the events, just bring the items along with you. The Tarrytown Recreation Department mails out a brochure with the dates and times of these activities. These activities are free and fun for fall. You can join the fun next year! Happy Halloween!

BEING A STUDENT HERE AT W I BY NATALIA

It feels great to be a student at W.I. I'm having fun getting to do a lot of stuff that I couldn't do at Morse. I think that there's a lot more freedom here. One of the things that I really like about W.I., is that I have my own locker and a lock. This is great because you don't have to share a locker with some else. That means you don't have someone telling you where to put your stuff. Everyone also gets to play outside in the morning instead of just going inside and getting to class. You get to stay outside until the bell rings. Kids have a

choice between playing on the kick-ball field and staying in the front. Some of the things that kids do are talk to their friends, play tag or play on the field. I like the fact that at lunch time you can sit with anyone that you want. You don't have to sit with your class, which I think is AWESOME!!! Also, you don't have to wait for your class to finish eating to go out to recess. To me, that's great because that wasn't allowed at Morse. You can even choose to stay inside during recess. I think that a lot of kids like this flexibility. Another reason why I am so happy to be a student at W.I. is that students

are offered a lot more activities after school. Some of these activities are soccer, football, volleyball, the play, orchestra and band. I have noticed that a lot of kids have instruments at W.I. I think it's cool to learn to play an instrument. I am learning to play the flute and personally, I am having so much fun learning to play it. Another good thing is that the teachers, the principal and the staff members are really nice. I like this school a lot because it offers a lot and has a lot of perks. We can probably all agree that Washington Irving is the best school of all.

Washington Irving School is the best!!!!

BROWNIES IS FUN! BY NICOLE

The Girl Scouts have existed for more than ninety years. There are two troops in Brownies. One of the troops has Brownies on Thursdays and Fridays. The other troop only meets on Fridays. In Brownies, you do a lot of crafts. We do other fun things like playing games, selling magazines, paint-

ing windows and having parties. We play animal games and go on a lot of field trips. The best thing of all is that the Brownies get to march in parades but not all of them. There is a party for almost every holiday. You get a badge for almost every thing you do in Brownies. My favorite is selling cookies. Be-

fore you get into Brownies, you are a Daisy.



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Jack
Finbarr
Maggie
Ashley
Luca
Michael
Hannah
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Courtney
Natalia
Natalie
Julian
Helen

Arielle
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PROFILE: DR. WILLIAM GREENE BY TESS

Everybody knows our principal is Dr. Greene. Here are some things that many of you probably don't know about him. Dr. Greene didn't always want to be a principal. When he was little he wanted to grow up and be a lawyer. But, he was a terrible speller. He was such a bad speller that the monks at his Catholic school made him go to summer school.

When Dr. Greene graduated high school he changed his mind about being a lawyer. He decided to become a teacher because he thought he could do a better job than the teachers who he had. He went to Columbia University for college. After college, he taught 5th and 6th grade. Then he decided to become a principal because he wanted to create a school that everyone would feel comfortable in. He has been a principal for

29 years. His favorite part about being principal is lunch because he loves to see the children playing. And he enjoys organizing things. He loves to plan and he loves to help teachers be better teachers. Although, he could do without meetings.

Dr. Greene has a wife, a son and a daughter. He lives on six acres in Warwick, NY. It takes him one whole hour to drive to Washington Irving School. At his home he has two horses and four hunting dogs. One time when he rode his horse, he tried to do a jump. He jumped, but the horse didn't. Dr. Greene went flying in the air and hit a telephone pole. He then decided he would give up riding. One of his favorite activities is to take a walk with his dogs and his wife. He likes to watch his dogs run in the fields.

One of his favorite memories from being a kid growing up in a brownstone in New York City, was when he and his three brothers had a big water fight on the top floor. Water was even flowing down the stairs!

By the way, the weirdest food that Dr. Greene likes is cow tongue with mustard!



The Greene Family at home.