

# The Gazette

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

## Our Amazing New Playground

BY ALEXANDRA



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How did the Washington Irving Playground get there? Who actually built it? Why is it even there? There are a ton of questions about the newest attraction in town. Here, are some of the answers!

Here is how the playground idea began. A person named David Neilson, President of the EPTA, decided that he wanted to build a playground because when the 3<sup>rd</sup> grades moved up they had nothing but a big field with a baseball diamond. At the 2010 Back to School night, David asked parents and teachers to volunteer to raise money and help build the playground. Many parents and teachers of Washington Irving students volunteered. Then all of the people who volunteered were formed into two committees. One committee was the fundraising committee, mostly made up of parents. The other committee was the planning and approval committee. The planning and approval committee was also made up of parents, as

well as gym teachers (Ms. Vivilo and Mr. Veintimilla) and even students! The planning committee started researching playground equipment that was the least amount of money. They also researched what is best for exercise and asked the students what they wanted in the new playground. While the planning and approval committee was doing their research, the fundraising committee was busy coming up with fundraisers. The fundraising committee came up with two Walk-a-thons (Autumn and then again in Spring), student raffles held at the Morse School as well as Washington Irving School, a wonderful Wine Tasting and Auction at Grape Expectations and Staff Scooping at Main Street Sweets in Tarrytown. The students truly enjoyed the raffles and EVERYONE loved having their teachers scoop the student's ice cream at Main Street Sweets. Donations were also given by many families and local business. Once enough

money was earned the building process was able to begin. Here is how the playground was built. The volunteers dug giant holes to stick the jungle gym pieces into. This was done by many of the Dads at "the build". Then little rocks were put into the holes. Finally, they took cement and poured it into the holes to keep the jungle gym from falling out. They waited for two days for the cement to dry. While that was going on, many of the Moms, teachers and teacher assistants and even students, were bolting together the Spaceball. They took these big metal balls that were black and stuck them into the ground. Then they took green bars and connected them to the balls. Finally, they put the ropes used for climbing in the Spaceball. That was how the playground was built.

## THE STORY BEHIND HALLOWEEN

BY BRYAN

Halloween is a holiday that is celebrated on Oct. 31. On Halloween people have costume parties, hay rides, haunted houses, and they carve jack-o-lanterns. The thing that people look forward to the most is trick-or-treating. Adults get to decorate their houses as haunted and kids get to wear any costume they want and

collect candy.

Many believe that Halloween comes from the Celtic festival Samhain, which meant "summer's end". The word Halloween was first used in the 16th century and it means All-Hallows-Even which is the night before All Hallows Day. Celts believed that one the

night before Halloween the boundary between the world of the living and the world of the dead became blurred. On Oct. 31st, the Celts believed that ghosts returned to earth somehow. In addition to causing major troubles and ruining all the crops, the Celts thought the spirits made predictions about the future. Cool!

## DO YOU DARE GO TO HORSEMAN'S HOLLOW? BY SARAH

My name is Sarah and I interviewed Katie, a tenth grader from Sleepy Hollow High School about Horseman's Hollow. Horseman's Hollow is a terrifying maze where you will find lots of creepy costumes and mazes- as well as lots and lots of blood. It is located at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow.

I asked her about the costumes that the actors and actresses wore. She said, "For Horseman's Hollow, the costumes are bloody and gory old-fashioned costumes. They all look like they are from different war periods, or some of them were prisoners, ghosts, anything- but mostly they were tattered, bloody, and pretty much gross. It looked like they had been beautiful or something once..."

I asked her what kind of people she recommended this for. She said, "The kind of people I would recommend this for are older kids, because you don't want to be too young because it's actually really scary. It would be good for people who like to be scared, because I guarantee that you will be scared."

I asked her how the actors and actresses tried to scare her. She said, "The way that the actors and actresses try to scare you are that they'll sneak up on you, maybe tap you on the shoulder, or just stand really close to you so you'll be shocked when they're there. Sometimes they'll just act crazy and be screaming. But yeah, they try to scare you as best they can."

I asked her where you go, or what the setting is in those places. She said, "You go through a path when you're there that goes throughout

the farm and there's some dark candlelit paths. You go through a graveyard, different rooms, a corn maze, even Ichabod Crane's schoolhouse. You go through a lot of different places and you never know what's going to happen next.

Lastly, I asked her about the ticket and line information. She said "The tickets cost \$20, and the lines were not that long...it helps to get your tickets online ahead of time. It will be held every weekend in October, except the first weekend."

If you're looking for something scary to do, check out Horseman's Hollow- if you dare...

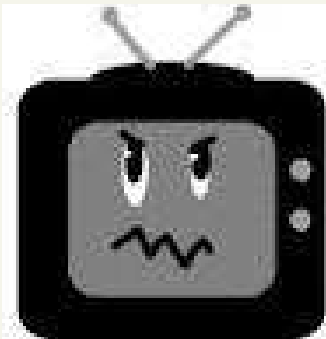
## THE CRUEL MIND-TWISTING BOX OF DESTRUCTION! BY CAMERON AND HENRY

The cruel mind-twisting TV is sucking in little children into watching a lot of TV channels. What are they watching?

The four most popular channels are Nickelodeon, Disney, sports and news. We found out because we took a survey at recess. We surveyed 34 kids, 21 boys and 13 girls. We would have rather been on the playground spinning on the helicopter, but we had to do our work.)

Out of all the favorites, Nickelodeon is the most popular of all the channels because everyone said they watched SpongeBob (except for one person who liked Victorious).

On average, kids at Washington Irving watch 1.5 hours of television a day. The result of our survey showed that girls watched TV more than boys, and only one kid said they watched zero TV. We think the TV is evil because it brainwashes you into thinking it is good, and you



end up watching it more than two hours. Once you start, you can't stop!

## FAVORITE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WASHINGTON IRVING BY ARYA

Our school newspaper talked to eleven kids about what the children at the school like most about the new playground. After reviewing the results, the most popular playground equipment seems to be the helicopters and the wheels. The helicopters are wheels on a bar that you can hang onto with your hands and

swing on. The wheel is a platform that is slightly tilted and there are bars that come up and go across that you can hold onto while the platform spins. Here are some of the comments that the school kids said. Maria enjoyed the feeling of flying on the helicopter. Ciara, a 3rd grader, enjoyed swinging from one helicopter wheel to an-

other. The wheel was as popular as the helicopter with Caroline, Phoebe, Eliza and Giselle supporting it. But kids liked the other equipment too. Mikhalia, 3rd grade, said that she liked pretending she was a spider girl on the spider. People also liked the climbing orb. Andy, a 3rd grader, enjoys swinging on the orb. Nayla likes to climb to the top. That is what the kids said about the new playground.

"I like all of the equipment, but my favorite would probably be the orb."

**The new playground is a HUGE success according to WI kids!!!**



## HOT SCIENCE TOPIC: FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT BY OWEN

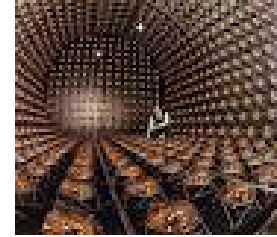
Believe it or not, an experiment just happened that could change the way we understand the universe. A subatomic particle known as a neutrino was shot through the Earth and the results were breathtaking. The particle had apparently traveled faster than light! Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity says that nothing having a mass can travel faster than light. Could this experiment prove him wrong?

A neutrino, a very small mass, is a tiny, tiny part of an atom, like an electron but chargeless. They are formed by nuclear reactions in the

sun and other stars. Because of their small size and neutral charge, neutrinos can travel through any material at nearly the speed of light; some scientists call them "ghost particles". Sixty-five billion neutrinos travel through every square centimeter of your body every second, but could they go faster than light and why would we care?

Einstein's Theory says that at the speed of light, time stands still. Some scientists think that at speeds faster than light, time goes backwards; you could travel back in time! Neutrinos travel-

ing faster than light are an amazing possibility.



A neutrino detector at the University of California.

## Lighthouse Ice Cream and Coffee Licks

By Kira

I went to Licks the ice cream store. I interviewed Kelly, an employee there. Here's what she had to say.

Joe, the owner, had a hobby of making ice cream so he decided to make his hobby a business. He made it at the harbor because it is a really cool spot. At this spot he could call it Lighthouse Ice Cream and Coffee because they are neighbors of the lighthouse.

The first day was CRAZY!! It was the Grand Opening so they had to work out all the little kinks and put stuff in order.

They changed a lot of things like the ice cream flavors, hours of the store, scheduling, pricing, cookies and cupcakes. All days are different

there. On rainy days not that many people come but on sunny days they are very busy. The line is out the door.

They are open seven days a week. Mondays-Thursdays they open at 7 am because they have morning commuters who get coffee and close at 9pm. Friday is 7am to 11pm, Saturday is 9am to 11pm and Sunday is 9 am to 9 pm. The owner is Joe Slakas and Kelly helps him with management.

Their address is 127 W. Main St., at the Tarrytown Harbor, Tarrytown, NY 10591. The phone number is (914)-502-0339. They also have a website which is



[www.lighthouseicecreamcompany.com](http://www.lighthouseicecreamcompany.com). They have so many flavors like Vanilla Bean, Chocolate, Oreo, Reeses, Strawberry, Gelato, Hazelnut, Cinnamon Caramel and more. But there is a bonus. The \*ice cream is home-made\*

I really think you would like this ice cream. About 15 kids liked in three classes and about only three kids said they didn't like it. That's why I think you would like it. I know I did.

## JUNGLE BOOK COMES TO WASHINGTON IRVING!! BY TESS

This fall's musical at Washington Irving School is going to be The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling. The Jungle Book is about a boy named Mowgli who is raised by the animals in the jungle, after he is left there as a baby. He becomes a "man-cub" as the animals of the jungle would say or a human that acts like he lives in the jungle. This story is about what he finds in the jungle and his adventures of growing up. The characters that are closest to him are a panther

name Bagheera and a bear named Baloo. These two characters help him survive in the jungle but want him to leave because a tiger named Shere Khan wants to eat him. Being a part of this show is exciting for most people but could be scary for others because of performing in front of a lot of people. There will be singing and dancing and of course acting in this produc-

tion. The director is Peter Royston, who is known throughout the community as a wonderful and spectacular director for the productions he does. I hope you enjoy the show!





**BOOK REVIEW: THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY  
BY SOPHIE**

The Mysterious Benedict Society is about very intelligent people (like Mrs. Hickey, our ELAE teacher).

The four main characters are: Rene, Sticky, Kate, and Constance, are all orphans.

Rene is a boy and he can just figure out stuff magnificently, like he can figure out plans for the kids to do. Sticky is also a boy. His real name is George Washington but everyone calls him Sticky because whatever he reads or hears sticks to his brain.

Kate can measure

things in her head and they will be 100% right. Kate always has bucket with her with lots of supplies like screws, pencils, a rope, flashlight, screwdriver and lots more. Constance is quite funny although most of the time she drives you nuts. She drives EVERYONE nuts by saying comments like, "Well yes, you are quite magnificent, but you don't have everything."

Mr. Benedict, the good guy, is also an orphan. Mr. Benedict is rounding up children because he needs them to go on a mission to save people from trag-

edy.

Mr. Benedict got these four kids and told them, "There is a man named Mr. Curden and he has a very bad plan and it could affect all of us." Mr. Curden's plan is to brainsweep everyone and have him be the master.

The kids have to go undercover as students at Mr. Curdens school on an island to stop his evil plot!

[Read the Mysterious Benedict Society, to find out more!](#)

**Isabella's Restaurant**

Address: 61 Main St., Tarrytown, N.

Phone number: (914) - 332-1992.



Isabella's is in the lead for best restaurant in town! Isabella's is set for royalty. You will absolutely love the food at Isabella's. Isabella's is located on Main Street somewhere in between Goldberg's Hardware and most importantly, Lollipop! Lollipop is a store with ONLY CANDY! I like to go there after dinner, but that's another story. Isabella's has wonderful appetizers. When you sit

**RESTAURANT REVIEW:  
ISABELLA'S BY AMELIE**

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down, they give you bread and delicious artichoke tapanade that I crave! They also have fried calamari. That's squid. We call it fried Squidward. It comes with fresh lemon that you squeeze on top. They have a kid's menu, but it's not chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese. There's really tasty Italian food like delicious brick oven pizza and spaghetti and meatballs. For parents, they have homemade pasta and many authentic Italian dishes like veal and fish. And, it's not just the food I like. It's also the atmos-

phere! Isabella's is very fancy. They have white tablecloths and flowers. Also, they have waiters who are really nice. The owner always comes up to our table and calls me "principessa" (prin-chi-pay-zah) which is princess in Italian. I would recommend Isabella to you and your family. Buon appetito!

**BOOK REVIEW: INKHEART BY CORNELIA FUNK  
BY CORI**

The book Inkheart is awesome. It is a level T. It is about a girl named Meggie and her father who have a magical talent and go on an amazing adventure. They go on this adventure with characters from a book named *Inkheart* and another book or two. So you know how they were able to do this? When they read out of *Inkheart*, the characters come out of the book into the real world. When Meggie



was three her father read to her mother from *Inkheart*. He accidentally read some people out of the book and Meggie's mother in!

After this, the book disappeared. Meggie and her father needed help to get the book so

her mom could come back to them. They also needed someone to be able to read Meggie's mother out. This was a much older person from their family named Elinor. With Elinor, they go on a wonderful adventure encountering good and bad characters that came out of the book until they reach their goal. I highly recommend Inkheart.

## SUPER HALLOWEEN EVENTS BY COURTNEY

Get ready to get spooked because its Halloween time here in Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown! If you're looking for a blend of horror, fun for the whole family and excitement, then Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown are the towns for you. From The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze to Horseman's Hollow, we've got every Halloween event you can think of.

**Horseman's Hollow-** One word: horror. This event is not for young children. It takes place at Philipsburg Manor. It is the most frightening event here in Sleepy Hollow. They transform the grounds into a terrifying place ruled by the undead and the evil. Have fun... if you dare!

**The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze-**

This event is perfect for the whole family. It takes place in Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton. Over 4,000 jack o' lanterns light up the landscape. From dinosaurs to spider webs, every attraction is made out of carved pumpkins. Wander through the landscape to see breathtaking displays like an aquarium a pirate ship, ghosts, fairies, dinosaurs, a giant spider web, a grave yard and more.

**Irving's Legend-** This is the second year this has been held in Sleepy Hollow. Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk will blow you away with the dramatic and exciting story of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. This event will be held at the Old Dutch Church just across the

street from Philipsburg Manor.

**Legend Celebration-** This event is at Washington Irving's house, creator of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. There will be live musicians, professional magicians, puppeteers and a mime scarecrow. There will also be old fashioned games and hand craft activities. Enjoy tasty treats and tour the house of Washington Irving. Make sure you wear your costume!

**Lyndhurst Boo Fest** – During this event you will walk through a beautiful mansion while they put on a Halloween play! Every room will have a different, spooky scene of the play. Also try some tasty treats, such as, apple cider, doughnuts and more. You can also make cool Halloween crafts.

**Haunted Hayride** – This hayride will take

## SUPER HALLOWEEN EVENTS (CONT'D) BY COURTNEY

**Haunted Hayride** – This hayride will take you through the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in the dark while ghosts, witches, monsters and ghouls jump out at you along the way, and some of them even jump on the back of the truck! This event is not for little kids.

**Tarrytown Halloween Parade** – This event is for all ages. If you want to be in

the parade you can go to Patriots' Park right next to the Warner Library. There will be a marching band, the Headless Horseman and his horse and more. They also throw candy out onto the sidewalks for the kids watching. The parade ends at Main Street. It is a fun event for everyone.

These are all the fun events in and around Sleepy Hollow

and Tarrytown. Have a Happy Halloween!



## RESTAURANT REVIEW: MAIN STREET SWEETS BY CAROLINE



I really like Main Street Sweets ice cream. So I decided to write my article about them. I went to Main Street Sweets on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 and interviewed one of the four owners, Marlaina Bertolacci. The other owners are her sister and her parents. They opened this shop because their family loves homemade ice cream. They

opened it in May 2000. Believe it or not Marlaina makes the ice cream and some of the cones with her husband and their friend Barry. They make everything in a mini factory in the basement of Main Street Sweets. They decide what flavors to make by thinking of a creative idea and turning it into ice cream. Flavors that have

food in the name have that real food in them such as: coffee, strawberry, black raspberry, peach, cherry vanilla, and most of the sorbets. I had fun interviewing Marlaina! **If you are interested in Main Street Sweets bring this article there and get a free topping!**

*Interesting fact: The "glue" that keeps the paper on the cone is sugar!*

### Main Street Sweets

**Address:** 35 Main Street, Tarrytown, New York 10591

**Phone number:** (914) 332-5757

## OPINION: WHY DO KIDS CURSE ON THE BUS? BY MOLLY AND GRACIE

Warning, all names and bus numbers have been changed to protect kids' identities.

Do you ever wonder why kids curse on the bus? My father, Billy Ryan, said kids curse on the bus to be cool. How sad is that?

**Case in point:** Ralph, he is on bus 15. Ralph is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He has been seen cursing on the bus. When Ralph curses it looks like he doesn't notice or care that he was cursing.

**Witness #1:** Danielle is also on bus 15. Danielle is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade as well. Danielle has heard Ralph curse, and she gets very annoyed. We think she gets annoyed because she is tired of hearing Ralph curse so much. We

think this because whenever Danielle hears Ralph curse it looks like she is rolling her eyes.

**Witness #2:** John is on bus 15 as well. John is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

John has heard Ralph curse. John hasn't told us this, but it doesn't look like he gets bothered very much when Ralph curses. That is just our guess, we don't know for sure.

Some bus drivers get very annoyed when kids curse on the bus and some might even quit. The bus drivers might quit because the cursing can get very bad from time to time. Being a bus driver must be hard sometimes. That is how annoyed bus drivers can

get. So that is why it is important not to curse.

Getting back to the point of the story, why do kids curse? It might be that kids want to get other peoples' attention. Or maybe they're trying to act tough. Maybe people curse on the bus because they are angry or mad at someone. My cousin once said that smart people don't curse because they have nice things to say to their friends. Either way, it just sounds rude or disrespectful to everyone that has to listen to it and is a bad influence on third graders.

## STYLE: DECORATE YOUR HOUSE FOR HALLOWEEN BY PEYTON AND JORDAN

From webs to cauldrons to coffins, Halloween decorations make the holiday awesome! Silly to spooky, there's something for every one. Here are some ideas to help you decorate your house. One of the most popular decorations is the **jack o' lantern**. You can carve faces, words and shapes. When you're done, light a candle and let your pumpkin shine. You might also want to use a **sound machine**. Some sounds could be door creeks, evil laughter, foot steps, screams and much more. People don't expect it, so it can be very frightening. If you'd like, you could have a **smoke machine**. There are many colors of light behind smoke for you to use. For example: pink, black, orange, blue or green. People may think that a witch is making a brew in her cauldron and that could be spooky! If you have bushes or trees, you can set up a **spider web**. There are lime green and white webs to choose from. Stretch them and put them all over. Now just get some plastic spi-

ders to add to you web. When people see cobwebs, they think it's an old, creepy house. When you go to a store for Halloween, get some **skeletons**. If you get the skeletons and have a yard, randomly place them in your yard. Skeletons make your house really creepy because they are not something you would see everyday. You can always buy **bats** for Halloween. You can hang them to look like they are flying around your house and the people coming to trick-or-treat get terrified. Most people don't like bats to begin with and that makes your house totally scary. When it comes to Halloween, don't forget to get **fake body parts**. You can scatter them on your lawn, on your steps, in the bushes, or hang them from the railing... put them anywhere. Body parts are so creepy, people will be screaming when they come to your house. You can make your house scarier with **ghosts**. When a ghost is not floating and just standing there it is not scary or fun. But take a ghost and some clear

string and hang it on a tree and you have a floating ghost. People always get scared by ghosts. One last idea: add **tombstones**. The more the better! They will make your house look like a graveyard, which will give your trick-or-treaters the creeps. We hope you love these ideas; they will make your house the scariest on the block. Remember, decorations can be very elaborate or really simple, as long as they frighten people, they are doing their job. Plus, people love seeing your ideas because they can use them for next year's decorations. And one more thing: don't forget to give out candy!



**JETS JETS JETS!!!**  
**BY JULIAN**

The Jets are an NFL football team in New York State. The Jets got a new wide receiver this year-Plaxico Burress. The jets picked him after he got out of jail for handling an illegal gun. I think it was a great choice picking him because he has very good catching ability. He is also very fast and tall. The Jets QB is currently Mark Sanchez. He is a young rookie. He is very good but can make very bad mistakes. My opinion would be to keep him unless he's causing too many losses. The Jets have two awesome running backs: Shonn Green and LaDainian

Tomlinson. They help the Jets get their first downs or even touchdowns.

The Jets used to have blue and gold uniforms but after a couple years they changed to green white. The jets logo never changed. The Jets won their first and only Super Bowl in 1968 they played against the Indianapolis Colts. The Jets were victorious 16 to 7 in Miami, Florida. The Jets QB was Joe Namath and for the Colts in was Johnny Unitas. It was a tight game.

**The Jets Today**

The Jets so far this year are 2 and 2, they beat the Cowboys 27 - 24. They beat the Jaguars 32 - 2. They lost to the Raiders 34 - 24 and they lost to the Ravens 34 - 17. Rex Ryan is the head coach of the Jets. I think he is the best coach the Jets ever had because he led the Jets to numerous victories. I think he was the cause of these victories. If they keep Rex Ryan they will be looking at another Super Bowl win. The Jets next game is going to be against the Patriots. My opinion is that it's going to be close. The Jets do have a big rivalry with the Patriots but last time they played each other the Jets won. The score was 28-21 I was astonished that they actually beat the Patriots.



**THE WOLFPACK**  
**BY SYDNEY**

It was a sunny and very warm day in Tuckahoe and Wolfpack had in their blood that they were going to win the football game. Tuckahoe was a great team. At first we were happy about what we saw. We saw the Tuckahoe Tigers. The thing that made us happy was their size. They were about 3 feet tall. (at least some.) We were defense first. The funny thing was that we made major yards but never scored and Tuckahoe scored 2 touchdowns but had almost no yards at all. Tuckahoe made an awesome entry. They filled up a

tiger head and their cheerleaders were on both sides of the head. And music was playing and they just ran out. It was almost so cool. I was almost scared to death! Anyways we lost 14 to 0. Their player that scored was number 5. We were expert defenders except when number 5 was on the field. Number 5 only made running touchdowns so I think he was a running back. However, I still say "Go Wolfpack!" By the way I am number 65 and I play tackle end and sometimes even corner back. My coaches are coach Joe

Farmer, coach Anthony and coach Dave. If we make the playoffs and win we can go to Florida and play in the state finals. I hope we win!



**OPINION: LUNCH LINE CUTTERS**  
**BY LUCAS**

Have you ever been cut in line while waiting for lunch? Cutting in line makes many people feel upset. If people kept cutting you, by the time you finally got your food it would be cold. Why should cutters get to be in line first? Why don't they just wait patiently?

Here are some reasons why people cut: In some countries there is no such thing as cutting, because nobody waits in line. When they come to this country they don't know the rules, and they just cut in. Some people cut because they want to get their food before everyone else. Others are just very

hungry. And some people are extremely rude. If someone cuts you, tell them to go back to where they were before. And tell them to wait their turn. End of conversation.



**C O S T U M E C R A Z E B Y M O L L Y**

Like me, you are all probably curious about what the costume trends will be for this Halloween. To answer this, I created a survey. I

<b>COSTUME CATEGORY</b>	<b>% STUDENTS</b>
<b>Pretty</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Scary</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Funny</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Cute</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Character from book, Movie, etc.</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Other Category</b>	<b>12%</b>

asked a large amount of WI students to check off the category and type of costume they plan to be for Halloween. Here are the results sorted and estimated by overall category and specific type of costume. Just about 60 students were surveyed and here are the results.

<b>COSTUME TYPE</b>	<b>% STUDENTS</b>
<b>Pirate</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Animal</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Ghost</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Zombie</b>	<b>10 %</b>
<b>Witch/Wizard</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Vampire</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Other type of costume</b>	<b>50%</b>

As you can see, a lot of kids are going to have scary costumes. Also, it seems like people are being creative this year (Since they put other for the second chart). I just made the basics, because I got a lot of crazy costumes like 80's valley girl, Scream, and even Sonic the Hedgehog! I can't wait to see all of these costumes in person. Remember, Halloween rules!

**O P I N I O N : S C H O O L S T A R T S W A Y T O O E A R L Y !**  
**B Y A N D R E W**

What do you think is the worst part about school? Some people may say homework, others may say it's too long... but my least favorite thing about school is what time school starts. Don't you hate waking up at 6:45? Washington Irving has the earliest start time out of all the schools in the Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow school district! Here are some reasons why it's

so bad:  
1.) Say you still have homework to do, if school starts early you might not be able to finish it. If school started at 8:30, you would probably have enough time



to finish it. 2.) Do you ever notice kids almost falling asleep?! If school started later, kids would get more sleep at home and not fall asleep during class. So let's just cross our fingers that the school board will change the start time at WI to at least 8:00am.

**O O O O O , A H H H , T H E H A U N T E D H A Y R I D E**  
**B Y N A T A L I E**

Down at the firehouse on Beekman Avenue there is going to be the annual Halloween Haunted Hay Ride. The dates are going to be Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The ride will go from 7pm-12 midnight. This Haunted Hay Ride is great for kids as young as 5 years old and moms and dads and even sometimes grandparents. This is going to be a great Haunted Hay Ride season. I have a sneak peak on a few of people's favorite scenes and some new ones too. There will be a little scene from the Texas Chainsaw Massacre. Somewhere in there a headless horseman always

seems to pop in. Hopefully he will sneak in somewhere this year. Some of you might spot a few gargoyles staring at you. A mummy could sneak up on you during the ride too. Do you believe in ghosts or goblins? After this scary ride you might start believing in them- just a thought. This Hay Ride is produced by workers of the village of Sleepy Hollow. There is staff from the high school, youth groups, boy scouts and sports groups. Again, if you are interested in being a

part of the act feel free to volunteer. This event is special because the villages of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown participate. They get volunteers from both towns; it's a community event. People get makeup if they need it. But if you do need makeup some people get it done from other people and some do it themselves at home. As for costumes, some characters just wear regular clothes. You may also wear a mask. I recommend for people to go to the Haunted Hay Ride. I have been there other years. I thought it was a lot of fun. There will be new cool things added this year that I'm excited for too!



## INTERVIEW WITH THE OWNER OF A NU TOY STORE BY LOGAN

Who knew that watching a movie would inspire someone to open a toy store in our town! Well, my mom did just that! Before becoming a toy store owner, she was an accountant at IBM, but she loved her family so much that she decided to quit and try to do something that could include her family. What better job than a toy store? I sat down with her to find out a little more.

**Q:** What kind of toys do you sell?  
**A:** We sell new, used, trendy toys, vintage toys, wooden toys, recycled toys and pre-loved toys.

**Q:** What does NU stand for?  
**A:** It stands for New and Used  
**Q:** What is your most popular seller?  
**A:** Legos and Melissa and Doug products  
**Q:** When is your busiest time of the year?  
**A:** November and December  
**Q:** When did you open?  
**A:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday November 2008  
**Q:** What inspired you to have a toy store?  
**A:** I watched Mr. Magorium and the Wonder Emporium and knew that I wanted a toy store like that!  
**Q:** When are you open?

**A:** Tuesday – Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-4, Closed on Monday  
**Q:** Where are you located?  
**A:** 36.5 Main Street in Tarrytown  
**Q:** What are your age groups?  
**A:** 0-13yrs  
**Q:** How many awards did you win and what are they?  
**A:** 2 awards - Family Favorite 2009, and Best of Westchester 2011  
 Come by and visit. This is a great place to get a present for that birthday party you have to go to or to see some toys that you have never seen before.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP PROTECT THE PLANET? BY KAYLA

There are many things people should be doing to protect the earth. But many are not doing them. Today I've asked Maya, to give me some of her time to interview her, to find out what she has done so far for this planet.

**Kayla:** What have you done so far for this planet?

**Maya:** I'm in a group named Twik. Twik is a group where you can help the environment.

**Kayla:** People don't always respect this planet. What do you have to say about that?

**Maya:** I don't think it's nice because it can affect animals and people. It just isn't good for the earth.

**Kayla:** How can the students of W.I treat our planet better?

**Maya:** They could join Ms. Gilligan's green club (just go to her room and ask her about it) and pick up trash.

**Kayla:** What do you have to say to those who disrespect the planet?

**Maya:** They're not realizing that in the future, it's going to hurt their own kind. Every piece of garbage counts! This has been Maya in Ms. Comerico's

class. There are still things you could do to protect this earth. Here are some examples:

- Start an organization with some friends to go around your town and clean up!
  - Join Ms. Gilligan's earth club! Recycle more often
- These are really easy things! And there are so many more.

**PROTECT THIS  
PLANET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## HOW OUR PLAYGROUND GOT HERE: AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. DAVID NEILSEN BY HARRISON

Have you wondered where the idea came from for our new playground? Did you know that it was built by some of our own Moms and Dads and even some of our students? I sat down with Mr. Neilsen, EPTA President for some information about how our playground got here.

**Q:** Why did you decide to build it?  
**A:** Myself and a couple of parents about a little over a year ago thought it seemed wrong that there was no playground at WI. This was because it was originally built as a high school. Furthermore, when I spoke to the PE

teachers, I discovered that the end of the year statewide PE test scores were on the low end. I wanted to give kids help with upper body strength. So I went to the EPTA board and asked for parent volunteers.

**Q:** How did you help build it? Did you actually build it, or just raise the money to build it?  
**A:** The company called "Design for Fun" came and delivered the equipment and we stored it in the shed. Then we got the community to come out and build the playground under the guidance of a man

from the "Design for Fun Company" and other parents who had experience.  
**Q:** Was it hard to build?  
**A:** No, it was a lot of fun and very rewarding.  
**Q:** How long did it take to build?  
**A:** It took one day from 7 AM until about 8PM to physically build it, but it took an entire year to design it and raise the money for it.  
**Q:** How many people do you think play on it?  
**A:** The Space Ball holds up to 35 kids at once. I have seen 20-25 kids on it at once. The other equipment holds 15-20 kids. We wanted to create a playground that can hold up to 50 kids.

## WELCOME TO "WIPEOUT" BY LOUIS



Hello, and welcome to another episode of **Wipeout**, I'm Louis, welcoming you to spills and splats. This is the only show where we

don't celebrate victory, we celebrate defeat. Here's a small peak at our exhilarating show so that you, the viewer, come back week after week. Time to introduce the new back breaking obstacles that give **Wipeout** its

name! First, say "Hi" to the *Flipzee Dazee*, a dominating obstacle with two rotating circles, three pegs and dozens of wipe-outs. Meet *The Big Balls*, four giant balls that are ready to bounce people and their pride into the water below. Finally, watch the *Shake-A-Later* and *Double Barrel*; they're mesmerizing. Round two, contestants start on a platform elevated twenty feet above water, the *Scare-ose!* Contestants hang on Red Danglers, long pole-like swings carrying them to the obstacle's midpoint. After encountering "backbreaking" hurdles, the contestants face the same thing with Yellow

Danglers instead of Red. At this point they can't see color anyway. Uh-oh, *The Giant Sweeper Arm!* After a rotating arm, at knee height, knocks the contestants off the platform, the remaining contestants will enter THE WIPEOUT ZONE, all that separates the bruised contestants from \$50,000!  
"GOOD LUCK.... REALLY!"

## RESTAURANT REVIEW: LEFTERIS BY ZOE, GRACE AND EMMA



Zoe, Grace and Emma ate a nice meal at Lefteris, a Greek restaurant in Tarrytown. We interviewed Bobby, the manager. Bobby also answered some questions about the owner, Chris, who created the recipes in Vietnam. We also had a special guest with us at the restaurant, Daly, a friend of Grace's. Grace and Daly have known each other since preschool. Daly lives in Briarcliff now.

### Interview

Q. Where are the recipes from?

A. The recipes are from Chris the owner. He first created the recipes when he was a cook in the Vietnam War. Chris has been a chef for 40 years.

Q. What's the most popular dish?

A. 50% Gyro, 50% Greek salad

Q. When was the restaurant opened?

A. 1992 (that's 20 years...)

Q. Who was the most helpful person during the making of the restaurant?

A. No one helped during the making. Chris did it all by himself. (It must

have been hard to set up alone).

Q. What is your favorite dish?

A. Bobby told us he enjoys everything depending on the time of day and his mood.

### Review

Lefteris is a very casual restaurant. There are about ten tables inside and another ten tables outside. It is a small restaurant but they serve you so fast you almost never have to wait.

### Lefteris Restaurant

1 Main Street  
Tarrytown, NY  
10591  
524-9687  
Eat-in or Take-out  
Delivery also available

	Spinach Pie	Chicken Gyro	Fried Calamari	Greek Salad
<b>Emma</b>	I didn't try it	Really good but really messy!	Amazing with the sauce and without	Didn't try it
<b>Daly</b>	Very good but doesn't taste much like spinach	Didn't try it	It was the best calamari I ever tried	Didn't try it
<b>Grace</b>	I didn't try it	I like the Chicken Gyro except I don't like the onions	I love Calamari especially with lemon juice	I love the Greek Salad except it could go without onions and grape leaves
<b>Zoe</b>	Very warm and soft	Very good chicken	I liked it a lot!	Only tried the olives but the olives are good



## ACCIO...POTTERMORE!!! BY HANNAH

"The owls are arriving!"...That's the message that J.K. Rowling sent out to introduce the world to a new website called Pottermore. Rowling promised a website that would take the reading of The Harry Potter series to a whole new level. Potter fans were extremely excited at the possibility of continuing their experience with the beloved books! But, not everyone would be able to get access to the site at first...only a lucky few (about a million) fans would be able to "test" the site before it released to all...and I just happen to be one in a million! Here is a sneak peek... Back in the summer for seven days, fans were desperately trying to get access to Pottermore. They first had to be able to log on, but because of the millions and millions of fans around the world, it was very difficult, almost impossible. I tried for four days, getting up at midnight and 5 am with the hopes of logging on. Finally, on the fourth day, I was able to get on! I had to answer a question about the fourth book, The Goblet of Fire, and I received the magic quill, a password and a username. Several e-mails later and I

was up and running through the world of Harry Potter, traveling through each chapter collecting special items, frog cards, potion ingredients and casting spells! Along the way, I also have to make comments about what I think about the site and any suggestions to make the site even better. Users can also request to be friends with other fans on the site, but it is a good idea to make sure you know who the person is before accepting. Currently, fans can journey through all the chapters of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's (Sorcerer's) Stone. But once J. K. Rowling unlocks The Chamber of Secrets, and the rest of the books, fans will be able to explore them too. Fans can walk through Diagon Alley and buy potion ingredients, choose a pet (which will be your profile picture), take a quiz to see which wand is best for you, and go to Gringott's Bank and receive 500 Galleons as your starting account balance. Once at Hogwarts, fans will take a test to see which House they should be placed in...I am in Hufflepuff! In the Great Hall, you can view the House points to see who is in the lead.

There are Wizard Duels, Potions Class, practicing spells, and trying to gather the most House points. This website is so much fun...but, I have saved the best part for last! With Pottermore, J.K. Rowling gives her fans a bundle of new, juicy details about the characters of Harry Potter that she could never fit into the books. Fans will learn interesting background information about the lives of people like Professor McGonagall! I learned that Professor McGonagall played Quidditch when she was a student at Hogwarts but broke her ribs due to a foul by a Slytherin player...after that, she always wanted to see Slytherin lose to Gryffindor! And that Prof. McGonagall's first name, Minerva, was the Roman goddess of warriors and wisdom, which suits her character very well. For fans, like me, who are so sorry when they finish reading one of the Harry Potter books, Pottermore will surely let the adventures continue... Thank you, J.K. Rowling!

## THE DALLAS COWBOYS: AMERICA'S FOOTBALL TEAM BY MICHAEL

The Dallas Cowboys joined the NFL in 1960 as an expansion team. An expansion team is a brand new team to a league. They became such a popular team that from 1990 to 1999 they had 160 sold out home and away games! The Cowboys are the only team to have 20 winning streaks in a row (1966 – 1985). This is one of the longest winning streaks in professional sports. For 11 years the Cowboys played at the Cotton Bowl until October, 1971. The



boys Stadium was complete. Cowboy's stadium is the largest domed stadium in the world! So far to date, the Dallas Cowboys

Cowboys played at Texas stadium until 2004. On May 29, 2009 Cow-

have been to the Super bowl 10 times and they won 5. The 2011 Dallas Cowboys season will be their 52<sup>nd</sup> season. To date they have played four games, of which two they have won. I wanted to write this article about the Dallas Cowboys because they are my dad's favorite team and my favorite team. I hope they go to the Super bowl and WIN!



Jack a 5<sup>th</sup> grader from Washington Irving, interviewed Hussan Jarane, the local owner of Mint about his new restaurant opening up across the street.

**How and where do you get your inspiration?**

From here and from everyday life. You know, they're so many good things, so many good vegetables. You

**A NEW MINT  
BY JACK**

know its just inspiration, it comes from the mind, from seeing things and from tasting different things.

**What are some of the challenges you are facing opening up this new restaurant?**

There are a lot of challenges. There is the challenge of construction and there is the challenge of how you're going to put together the menu. There is also the challenge of deal-

ing with the village. You know, everyday there is a challenge and everyday there is more than one challenge.

**What was your favorite food as a child?**

French fries!

**When will the restaurant be opening?**

The restaurant will be opening in November!

I always knew there was something I liked about Hussan! Ahh, French- fries. Oh! Be sure to stop by the new restaurant and get me some ribs ... and French-fries!

**LET'S GO APPLE PICKING  
BY KATIE**

*Apple picking is great fall fun— even if you hate bees and poison ivy!!*

Many kids went apple picking this year but most kids I talked to did not know where they went.

Some of the apples that the people I interviewed like are, Macintosh, Honey Crisp, Gala, Marigolds and Granny Smith.

At Wilkins Farm there are signs saying that there is poison ivy on the tree bases. No one I talked to got poison ivy because they were wearing rubber boots and long pants.

Some things that annoyed people about apple picking are, you

can't climb the trees, there are lots of apples on the ground so when you run you could twist your ankle and all the good apples are sometimes picked.

Some people are annoyed by the bees that are flying around the eating areas. Another kid was annoyed by when he went apple picking too late in the season and all the apples were gone!

I asked if people would like to have their own farm and one kid said he would not want to

have his own farm because it is a lot of work. One grown up would rather spend a little money on apple picking and then leave.

Some people wanted to have their own apple farm with tractor rides, pumpkins, Christmas trees and apple trees, of course! Another grown up said that she would like to have a farm with lots of trees, children and dogs! Grown ups and kids love to go apple picking!

**MOVIE REVIEW: DOLPHIN TALE  
BY AVERY**

So I'm going to tell you about the new movie Dolphin Tale. I won't give all of it away but I'll tell you a little about it. I saw it right when it came out so I remember it pretty well. To me it was about a four star movie. Since every movie has a lesson, I think that the lesson in this movie



is that if you put your mind to it anything can happen or you can make anything come true.

I think it's the lesson because the two little kids in the movie, Sawyer and Hazel put their mind to something and they make it happen.

They also make Sawyer's cousin, who went to war and got hurt, do a relay race with a really good swimmer and he wins.

It's also a good life lesson for most people. If you listen to the life lesson it could bring you good things in life. So I recommend this movie to everyone who likes a tearjerker and really good movies. So go out and see that movie.



**M E E T T H E M A Y O R B Y M A X**

Mayor Fixell is an interesting man, right away I realized I liked him. He is not just the mayor of Tarrytown, he says that being a mayor of a town this size is not a full time job. He also works with his dad in investments in a small company. He estimates that he spends about 20-30 hours a week, all of them on meetings, phone calls and emails. You might think that isn't much. Well, if we spend 30 hours a week in school, imagine going 30 or 40 more hours there as well; that's a lot of school! For him it is all work, so luckily he gets paid. His favorite part of being mayor is when he finds a good solution to a problem and

working with good, smart people. What he does not like is having to say no to people with good ideas because there isn't enough money or not being able to solve a problem. His hobbies are gardening and fishing. When he goes on vacation in Vermont he fishes; he does not get a chance to do it around here. He obviously is completely obsessed with fishing. He recently got a fresh water fishing boat; he used to have a metal boat with a small motor. Now guess what his favorite childhood memory is: catching his first fish! He was five years old. He thinks that a big part of fishing is having that feeling of hunting, being a predator. He used to keep the fish, now he has lost the taste for killing them and cleaning them.

He is strictly catch and release. He tried to bring his kids fishing but they hated it. He took them skiing, and that did work out. He is also a book reader. He likes to read mostly novels. Over the summer, he read a book about fish - big surprise! He highly recommends, Walk Two Moons. Last, though definitely not least, he loves pizza! His family knows the best pizza in the world, Pepe's! But their favorite pizza is the Original American Flatbread Pizza in Vermont. If you take investments, helping people, fishing and pizza you get Drew Fixell, the Mayor of Tarrytown. It was a pleasure talking to him.



**S O M E S E R I O U S L Y S C A R Y M Y T H I C A L C R E A T U R E S B Y Z A C K**

The first creature we are looking at is the Basilisk. We discovered that if you just look at one you are dead. Also if you are stung by a Basilisk your flesh would fall off. A Basilisk is basically a snake, but with the head, feet and wings of a rooster. It has a tail of a dragon. A Basilisk often has a crown like thing on its head.

The second creature we are looking at is a Griffin. A Griffin was a major monster in the ancient world. Griffins took different shapes, but your basic Griffin had the head of a falcon or eagle, with the appropriate wings, only they were sticking out of a body of a lion. Griffins are sometimes shown with pointy ears, (god knows why). People in the ancient

world could not get enough of them. They were often carved on tombs because people and other monsters were too scared to come close to them (not to mention they were also carved on rings, coins, pots, and of course stone statues).

*How would you like to meet one of these creatures?*

**S C A R E C R O W M A K I N G A T P A T R I O T ' S P A R K B Y M I K H A L I A**

Scarecrow making is a yearly event in October that takes place in Patriot's Park in Sleepy Hollow, NY. This is a very exciting time for parents and kids.

You can make your own scarecrow by taking your own supplies such as old clothes, straw, wood frames and string from home.

Scarecrow making is a terrific craft project. You don't need to be a good artist or a good carpenter to make a wonderful scarecrow. All you need is some imagination and be willing to work at it.

Displays of the Patriot's Park scarecrows can be seen along the road to Warner Library.

I spoke with Lisa, who has

participated with her 7 year-old daughter. She said she looks forward to this every year so they can show their creative sides.

Once your scarecrow is made you can walk among hundreds of them that represent characters from the past, present and future.



## INTERVIEW WITH MRS. HICKEY BY KAYCIE

Have you ever wanted to know more about Mrs. Hickey or why she wanted to become a math teacher? If so, then here you go.

**Q. 1.** Why did you decide to become a Challenge Teacher?

**A.** I just sort of fell into the job. There was an ad for the job and I figured "Why not? It could be fun." Lucky for me I got the job, because I REALLY love it.

**Q. 2.** What is your favorite part of being a Challenge Teacher?

**A.** For me, the best part is letting students study what are interested in and then having them teach me. I have gotten to be so much more educated by learning from my students.

**Q. 3.** What was your childhood like?

**A.** Great! I grew up in Croton and spent a lot of time as a young kid outdoors. I did a

lot of theater and sports up through High School and went to a lot of concerts with my friends. I became a HUGE music head because of that, even though I can only play the radio now.

**Q. 4.** What is your best memory from your childhood?

**A.** I loved climbing the tree in front of my house and would spend as much time as possible up there. I also loved getting on my bike and riding for hours, sightseeing around my own town.

**Q.5.** What funny memory do you remember?

**A.** I loved to play pranks, particularly on my parents. My favorite one was setting up the sink so it would spray my father in the face when he turned on the faucet. I must have gotten him 30 times with that prank.

**Q.6.** Who was your favorite teacher?

**A.** She was my math teacher in 5th -8th grade. I didn't like math at all and thought I was terrible at it. She worked with me a lot. I still was intimidated by math but she was really nice and is the reason I love teaching math to this day. And I also loved her Scottish accent.

I hope you found out more about Mrs. Hickey!! In my opinion she's a really nice teacher because when you need her she's always there for you.

## THE EFFECTS OF ALL THIS RAIN BY KIRSSIS



The extra rain that the north-eastern United States is getting may **effect** the amount of cotton and sugar cane other countries are harvesting. Why is this, you ask? It is affecting the Northeastern part of America because it is making transportation harder to get to the United States. Many of the ports that ships come in to are in the North-eastern part of the United

States. Materials that come into the ports here are then shipped around the United States for manufacturing. If we cannot get here cotton, we will not have materials to make things. If we cannot get sugar cane, how can we make sweet food? Another way the extra rain is affecting the northeastern United States is because it can cause floods and floods

will make it harder for people to get to their jobs. In Westchester County, many of the roads have been damaged by all of the rain and this costs a lot to fix. It will be interesting to see if all of the rain that we are getting turns into us getting a lot of snow this winter.

## THE NARNIA BOOKS: ADVENTURE AT ITS BEST BY CHARLOTTE

I like the Narnia books by C.S. Lewis because there are lots of adventures in them, and I love adventures! I also like all of the cool animals in the books like the centaurs, dryads, naiads, minotaurs, Cyclopes and giants. But there are a lot more creatures that I can't name. And all of the animals talk, which is really cool. I also like the names of the characters in the books. I don't have a favorite character or a favorite book because they are all so cool.

The entrances into Narnia in each book are really interesting. In the first book, The Magician's Nephew, Digory and Polly get magic rings which allow them into Narnia. In the second book, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy, go in through a wardrobe. But in the third book, The Horse and His Boy, Shasta is already in the world of Narnia. In the fourth book, Prince Caspian,

Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy get pulled into Narnia by magic. In the fifth book, Voyage of the Dawn Treader, Lucy, Edmund and Eustace get into Narnia through a painting. In The Silver Chair, Eustace and his friend Jill go into a door in a shed which leads them to Narnia. And in The Last Battle, the seventh book, no one really goes into it from the real world. These are all really cool, but the things that happen in Narnia are incredible!

UPCOMING ART PROJECTS: A CONVERSATION WITH  
MRS. BARRETT BY NICOLE AND STELLA

As you know, our art teacher Mrs. Barrett comes up with interesting projects for the W.I. art classes. As students, we really enjoy hearing about the cool things she is going to teach us. We talked to Mrs. Barrett for our article, "Upcoming Projects in Art," and she told us that we had a lot of fun projects ahead of us. We found out a lot about Mrs. Barrett and the activities she has planned for us. Here are the questions we asked Mrs. Barrett and her answers for the questions.  
**SV & NK:** What are two things for each grade that we are doing this year?  
**Mrs. Barrett:** Grade 3 will be doing Ancient Egyptian Metallic Scratchboards. Then they are doing Greek Mythology. Grade 4 is doing drawings that look like Egyptian drawings in "Draw Like an Egyptian." Then 4<sup>th</sup> grade is doing Ancient Egyptian Lotus Stained Glass Windows. Fifth grade is doing

Ancient Egyptian Jewelry and an artifact box each. Fifth Grade is also doing a "3-D Greek Temple Perspective Drawing Challenge."  
**SV & NK:** How do you come up with projects for your art classes?  
**Mrs. Barrett:** I want to present a broad range of topics and techniques to my students. Every year we do a major historical unit. This year it is "Ancient Worlds." I create projects that use the images from that culture but using contemporary art materials. For example, the Egyptians loved gold, so why not do a metallic scratchboard of Ancient Egyptian scenes or characters?  
**SV & NK:** Why are you interested in these topics?  
**Mrs. Barrett:** It is important to see how

different people at different times in history created pictures and things celebrating life.  
**SV & NK:** Why did you become interested in art?  
**Mrs. Barrett:** I was born an artist. I have made art since I was very small. Over my life I have done many things to support myself as an artist. I worked in publishing and advertising as a commercial artist before I went back to school to get my teaching degree. Teaching is my favorite job by far! I love sharing my love of art with my students. As you can see all of us will be doing something about Ancient Egypt which will be lots of fun to do. Everyone will have more exciting projects that we can all look forward to. We hope you liked this article and learned something about what we will be doing in Mrs. Barrett's fun art classes.

MOVIE REVIEW: MY NEIGHBOR  
TOTORO  
BY EVA & LUCY

**Eva:** On October first, Lucy and I watched my Neighbor Totoro (or *Tonari no Totoro* in Japanese), a movie about how two girls, Mai and Satsuki, move to a new house with their father, and meet some unexpected neighbors, such as the Soot Sprites.  
**Lucy:** Mai is the first to discover Totoro, a big black creature with bunny-like ears and a white stomach. His peaceful breathing rocks Mai to sleep. Strangely, when Satsuki and their dad find Mai, Totoro is missing!  
**Eva:** Later in the story, Mai runs away to give her mother (who is in the hospital), some corn that she picked. She gets lost on the way there, and with help from Totoro and the Cat Bus, Satsuki sets off to find her sister.  
**Lucy:** The ages I recommend for this movie are four and up. This is because I first watched My

Neighbor Totoro when I was four, and I wasn't scared. I think three is too young to watch the movie because even though Totoro is so cute and friendly, he would scare three-year-olds, let alone two and one-year-olds because of his size and loud voice.  
**Eva:** The director and writer of My Neighbor Totoro is named Hayao Miyazaki. His first movie was Laputa: Castle in the Sky. His most recent movie was Ponyo. Some of the most famous movies he wrote are Spirited Away and Princess Monoke.  
**Lucy:** Hayao Miyazaki, second of four brothers, was born in the town Akebonocho, part of Tokyo's Bunkyo-ku. (Fun fact break: Hayao Miyazaki loves Bugs Bunny!)

Hayao Miyazaki's birthday is January fifth, 1941.  
**Eva:** In Toy Story 3, you can see a Totoro plushie with many other stuffed animals. Also, in Neil Gaiman's movie The Sandman: Brief Lives, Princess Delirium is blowing bubbles into impossible shapes, one including Totoro holding an umbrella.  
**Lucy:** My favorite part of My Neighbor Totoro is when Mai was poking Totoro's fluffy tail. He whacks her with it, causing Mai to fall. I like this part because it made me laugh hysterically and Mai was so cute when she fell.  
**Eva:** My favorite part is when Mai is trying to make the magic seeds that Totoro gave her and her sister with Totoro, the smaller Totoros, and Satsuki by doing a motion that looks like a tree position in yoga. She does it a bit too fast and falls over!  
My Neighbor Totoro is a fun movie, and we like it a lot. If you are looking for a sweet movie that you can watch with no thrills, chills, but funny, we highly recommend this one.

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE MOVIES  
BY ASHLEY



Have you ever wondered what the favorite movie of kids our age is? I

asked Ms. Spagnoli's and Ms. Carty's classes what their favorite movies are. They told me about lots of amazing movies. Some of these movies were:

- Soul Surfer; Green Lantern;
- Cowboys vs. Aliens, Zombie Land; Parent Trap; Dolphin Tale; Step Up 3 and The Tooth Fairy. The most favorite movies were:

  1. Soul Surfer
  2. The Green Lantern
  3. Cowboys vs. Aliens
  4. Zombieland

- 5. Parent Trap
- I think I would like to see all of these movies... how about you?



## NAME CALLING HURTS! BY SAYAKO

"Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me." Even though this saying is famous, is it true? I learned that name calling does happen here at WI, as it does in a lot of other places. For example, one 3rd grader I talked to has been called names on the playground. Did being called names hurt this student? Yes, it made the student feel like crying. Students

in this situation often don't tell their teachers because they are worried that the bully would try to hurt them if they do. Another 3rd grader got called a name on the bus. Because s/he knew the parent of the kid who was calling the names, s/he was able to say that it hurt his/her feelings. Common places where kids get called names are the playground and the bus because there is more freedom.

If getting called names is a problem for you, it's important to talk to somebody. Some good options are your teacher, a counselor or a parent. It is important for the school to be a safe place for everyone. For kids who call other kids names, remember that sticks and stones are not the only things that hurt.



Name calling really does hurt.

## WHO IS MR. G? BY TAYLOR

I interviewed Mr. G, the Gym Teacher in training. He has only been here for a few weeks and we don't really know too much about him, but now we're going to find out.

Q: What are the things you like about WI?

A: I like the students; they are always excited to learn so it makes teaching easier.

Q: What is your favorite childhood mem-

ory?

A: Always going on vacation with my friends and family.

Q: What made you decide to be a gym teacher?

A: Lots of people in my family are teachers and I am really into sports so I put them both into one.

Q: How did you pick this school to train in?

A: My college chose it for me and I'm happy with what they chose. It's really fun here and I wish I could stay longer.

Q: How do you become a gym teacher?

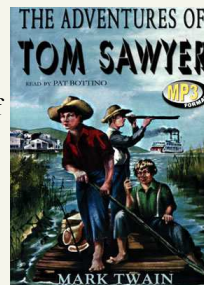
You go to school and learn about the human body then you have to train like I'm doing now.

Good luck Mr. G. We have enjoyed getting to have gym with you.

## BOOK REVIEW: THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER BY NATALIA

Hi, readers I've recently read a book titled, Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain. I know most of you have heard of this book. I know you might think it's boring American Literature. It's not. One reason why Tom Sawyer is a good book is because it tells about Tom's exciting adventures. For instance, Tom and his friend Huckleberry Finn ran away to

be pirates. They also found stolen treasure and helped find a wanted criminal! I loved it! My favorite part of this book was when Tom, Huck and a friend named Joe ran off to be pirates. Their parents thought they were dead and planned a funeral. Tom and his friends smoked cigars and got into and out of many dangerous scrapes. One



of the highlights of the book was when Tom went to trial to save his friend from going to jail.

The setting of this book was in the very early 1900's and Mark Twain really helped me to see what it was like back then. I really think highly of this book and encourage 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to try it. You won't regret it.

# SAFETY TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN!! TIPS FROM THE NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT

An adult should always examine your Halloween treats before you eat them. Never eat open or unwrapped Halloween foods.

Costumes should be flame-retardant and should allow you to walk freely without tripping.

Your ability to see, hear, and move should not be impaired by large, uncomfortable masks.

· Make certain that any face paint or make-up used on skin or costumes is

non-toxic.

· Extra care should be taken on streets and at crossings, especially at dusk and after dark.

· Carry a flashlight and wear reflective or bright colored clothing at night.

· Emergency identification information should be

placed discreetly inside clothing .

· Don't wear your name outwardly on

clothing or jewelry .

· As always, avoid strangers, poorly-lit areas and homes of people you do not know.

Halloween treats should only be eaten if they are packaged appropriately. Don't eat loose candy, open glasses or bottles, fresh fruit, or homemade goods.

Have fun, but be safe.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!!!



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- 4. SCARY
- 5. WITCH
- 6. BROOM STICK
- 7. GOBLINS
- 8. PUMPKINS
- 9. JACK-O-LANTERN
- 10. CARVE
- 11. ZOMBIE
- 12. THRILLER
- 13. TRICK OR TREAT
- 14. GRAVEYARD
- 15. DEVIL
- 16. COFFIN
- 17. MUMMY
- 18. MASK
- 19. WEBS
- 20. POTIONS