

4-2017

## Seagull Times : Spring 2017

Peaks Island Elementary School Newspaper Club

Follow this and additional works at: [http://digitalcommons.portlandlibrary.com/peaks\\_st](http://digitalcommons.portlandlibrary.com/peaks_st)

---

### Recommended Citation

Peaks Island Elementary School Newspaper Club, "Seagull Times : Spring 2017" (2017). *Seagull Times*. 1.  
[http://digitalcommons.portlandlibrary.com/peaks\\_st/1](http://digitalcommons.portlandlibrary.com/peaks_st/1)

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Periodicals at Portland Public Library Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Seagull Times by an authorized administrator of Portland Public Library Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [campbell@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:campbell@portland.lib.me.us).



# The Seagull Times

The Peaks Island Elementary School Newspaper | Volume 1, Issue 1 | Spring 2017

## Many Changes Are Happening At Peaks Island Elementary School



PHOTO BY PI

A new fence was installed last Fall. A mural and other changes are yet to come. See "Coming Changes" on page 2.

## Great Growth at PIES

By Sofie & Kayleigh, Grade 4 & 5  
Seagull Times Reporters

We're making our school's lettuce hydroponic garden and planting. We're doing this to see if lettuce can complete photosynthesis without dirt. We are doing this garden with fluorescent lights, a pump that pumps the water up to the top and it drains down. There are rockwool cups that hold the seeds so that the roots can go through and get the water and nutrients that the hydroponic garden is providing.

A couple of days ago we tasted them. They were bitter, but if you try them with dressing it will taste much better. For our "compliment clip party," we are making a salad from our lettuce. Soon we will feed salad to the whole school!

See "Growth" on page 4.

## Peaks Island School Will Help Save The Environment With New Dishwasher!

By Kayleigh, Grade 5  
Seagull Times Reporter

Peaks Island Elementary School is the first Portland Public School to launch an effort to start using real plates, real utensils, and not throwing away plastic in the lunch room. This will require purchasing a new dishwasher.

"The dishwasher is \$3995 and an estimate of \$2,000 for installation and electrical upgrade fees," explained Ms. Serio, Teacher Leader at the Peaks Island school. "The plates and utensils would cost around \$200."

Peaks Island School has 42 kids in their school and so that means a lot of plastic is thrown away every day. Getting a dishwasher is for cleaning the utensils and plates. We would also be getting silverware and real plates.

Having a dishwasher results in less waste which saves money. It would also mean less paper waste which doesn't need to be burned and thus reduces pollution. Plus real utensils and plates feels more real and

similar to having a meal at home. How will the school afford the new dishwasher?

"\$3,000 will be given to the project from the Lion's Club IF we win the ecomaine grant," explained Ms. Serio. "We have asked ecomaine for \$3,500. That total of \$6,500

should cover the cost of dishwasher and installation, electrical upgrade and extra plates and utensils."

Having a dishwasher will increase our electric bill and water bill but the savings from not having to buy forks and plates should make up for the

Continued on page 7



PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH

"This cooler would be removed to make room for the new dishwasher," said Angela Volger, Lead Custodian at the Peaks Island Elementary School.

## Contents

Holiday Craft Fair .....	Page 3
Sugary snacks .....	Page 3
Hydroponics .....	Page 4
Santa .....	Page 4
A better Place .....	Page 4
Lunch For The Mayor .....	Page 5
The Flu wave .....	Page 6
Library Changes .....	Page 6
Invasive species .....	Page 7
Chewonki .....	Page 7
Comics .....	Page 8
Games & Advice .....	Page 9
Book Review .....	Page 9
Fiction .....	Page 11
Joke & Trivia .....	Page 11
Valentines Day Party .....	Page 12



New Kids At PIES ..... Page 5

ILLUSTRATION BY ABE & CAMILLA



New Pets on Peaks ..... Page 3

ILLUSTRATION BY AVERY, CAMILLA, SAVANNAH, LYDIA, & KAMI



# Welcome To The Seagull Times

Every Monday afternoon in our library, our students in the After School Academy newspaper activity are finding something remarkable... their voice. Whether it is an article on the school going green and growing its own vegetables or interviews of the salespeople at the Peaks Island Annual Craft Fair, the students of Peaks Island have a lot to say.

As you peruse the pages of this inaugural issue of *The Seagull Times*, there is something for everyone in this issue. Need some cheering up? Go directly to page 11 and enjoy some unique jokes and riddles. Want to learn about the new students at PIES this year? Please read the piece called, "New Kids at Peaks Island Elementary" on page 5. Wondering what we islanders do on cold, dark, wintry afternoons? Well, wonder no more, just turn to "Panic at the Disco" on page 12.

The work that is closest to my heart as the leader of Peaks Island

Elementary School involves creating a better, greener, and kinder school here at Peaks Island. I am proud to say articles about growing vegetables, a kindness challenge, hydroponics, moving our cafeteria to zero emissions, and installing a new fence are featured throughout this issue.

As you are reading the various articles in *The Seagull Times* as well as enjoying the photographs and illustrations, I know you will share my amazement that all of the writing and artwork were done by children between the ages of 8 and 11 years.

Please share any thoughts or ideas for future issues. We value your feedback.

Most sincerely,

Renee Bourgoine-Serio  
Teacher Leader  
Peaks Island School  
Cliff Island School

## The Seagull Times

*The Seagull Times* is produced by Peaks Island Elementary School Newspaper Club. *The Seagull Times* is the best place to turn to get student-produced perspective on school and community news stories that matter to the kids. Stories from *The Seagull Times* are chosen, researched, written, proofed, and edited by Newspaper Club team.

Have a story suggestion or idea for the next issue of *The Seagull Times*? Want to volunteer and help the club produce the next issue? Contact us at the Peaks Island Elementary School.

### The Seagull Times

Peaks Island Elementary School  
4 Church Avenue ~ Peaks Island, Maine 04108



#### The Peaks Island Elementary School Newspaper Club:

Asa ~ Cedar ~ Pi ~ Tyler ~ Blue ~ Samantha ~ Emmah ~  
Annika ~ Sofie ~ Rose ~ Kayleigh ~ Otis



#### THANK YOU XPRESS COPY!

For donating the printing of our naming poster and the many issue proofs :-)

# Coming Changes at Peaks Island Elementary

By Pi, Grade 4  
*Seagull Times Reporter*

In the next few years, Peaks Island Elementary School is changing for the better.

"In education, if you're not progressing you're not getting better. So improvement happens with good change. Peaks is so small we can show the rest of the city how to do it," explained Renee Serio, Teacher

Leader for Peaks Island School.

PIES is getting a new fence, a mural and some nicer windows. The windows and the mural have not been put in. The mural is being created by kids at Baxter Academy. There will be new aluminum letters on the side of the building on the gym. The fence has already been put in. The fence was put in by the company Main Line Fence. The workers' names were Justin, Dillon, and Eric.

It surrounds the school just like the old chain link fence.

"I think it was a good change because our old fence would have fallen down if it hadn't been taken out within a year," says Annika in a *Seagull Times* interview.

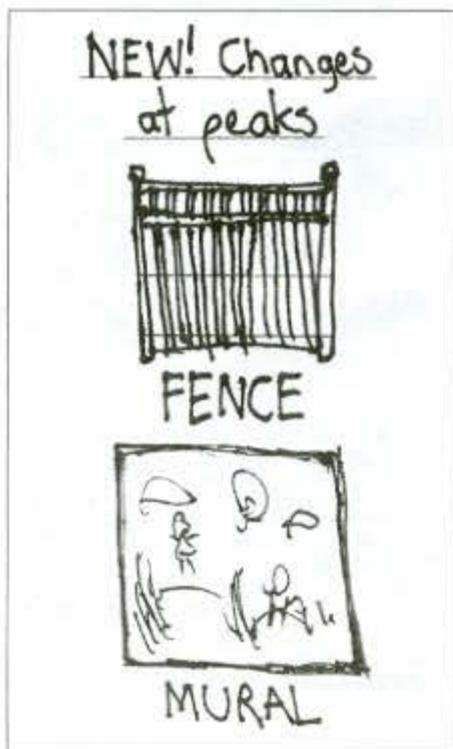
There is also going to be (maybe) a roof top garden! We will grow some of our school lunch and become more sustainable.

"I think its quite unique. I never

seen a school with a roof top garden! I've gone to lots of schools," said Otis in a *Seagull Times* interview.

The school grounds will be covered in new plants and shrubs. Additionally, the school will get a new boiler, new fire escapes, and a dishwasher as well as a new curb.

"The most important thing to change is the outside so it calls attention to the great stuff on the inside," explained Mrs. Serio.



Justin, Dillon, and Eric installed the new fence at Peaks Island Elementary School. It looks fantastic.

PHOTO BY PI

# The 2016 Peaks Island Holiday Craft Fair

*Peaks Island shows off its usual awesomeness*

**By Blue, Grade 4**  
*Seagull Times Reporter*

On December 3rd, 2016, many residents of Peaks Island enjoyed a unique craft fair at Jones Landing. The craft fair was held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There were many people selling and buying crafts.

*The Seagull Times* asked questions to the multiple people at the craft fair. The first person was Mackenzie Berry. We asked her what types of items she usually sold, how long she had been participating and why she likes doing crafts. She was selling calendars, pictures, and magnets. It was her first time selling stuff because she was taking

someone else's place. She also said that doing crafts is a fun way to relax.

*The Seagull Times* also talked to Pi Crosby. They asked him the same questions as Mackenzie. His answers were that it was also his first time selling stuff. He sold dog biscuits and said it was fun to share with the community. He was giving the money to

an animal place in Mexico.

We also interviewed a shopper named Debbie. She said that she typically likes to buy items like mittens and soaps. She had been attending the craft fair for the last ten years. She said she liked to go because the craft fair had the best stuff. There were lots of interesting crafts at the craft fair.



Pi sells homemade dog treats.



Mackenzie sells pictures and post cards.



Jessica sells homemade jewelry.

PHOTOS BY BLUE

## New Pets On Peaks

**By Sofie, Grade 4**  
*Seagull Times Reporter*

Yoko, Casper, Kiara, and Jake are new pets on Peaks Island. These pets are very cute and very lucky to live on an island. Lots of people have pets on Peaks, and these are

the newest members. Yoko is a black lab that lives with Otis and Arlo. Casper is a diabetes dog that lives with Quin and Ava, Kiara is a also a black lab that lives with Ben, Nate, Meleah, and Addie. Tators is a pretty old dog that lives with Blue, Nora, and June.



**Yoko**

Owner: Otis  
Type: Black Lab  
Age: About 8 months  
Tricks: Sit, Shake



**Kiara**

Owner: Meleah  
Type: Black Lab  
Age: 2  
Tricks: Lots



**Casper**

Owner: Quinn  
Type: Yellow Lab  
Age: 2  
Tricks: Diabetic Dog



**Tators**

Owner: Blue + Nora  
Type: Mutt  
Age: Really old - 15!  
Tricks: None

PHOTO BY NORA

## Kids Have Different Ideas About Sugary Snacks.

**By Tyler, Grade 3**  
*Seagull Times Reporter*

Sugary snacks are bad for you because they're way too sugary. When you eat a sugary thing, your blood sugar goes up. If your blood sugar goes up too high, your body will make a lot of insulin. It tastes good but its bad for you and it might rot out your teeth. Sugary foods have more calories and make your body produce fat. Lots of kids bring sugary snacks to school. If you

look at kids' snacks, you'll see more sugar than anything else. People bring Gushers, brownies, cookies, cake, chips, more than one juice box.

How much sugar is there in the world? More people die from trying to steal snacks out of a vending machine than from sharks. There are a lot of commercials for junk food. They try and make junk food look healthy for you. It seems like healthy food is more expensive.

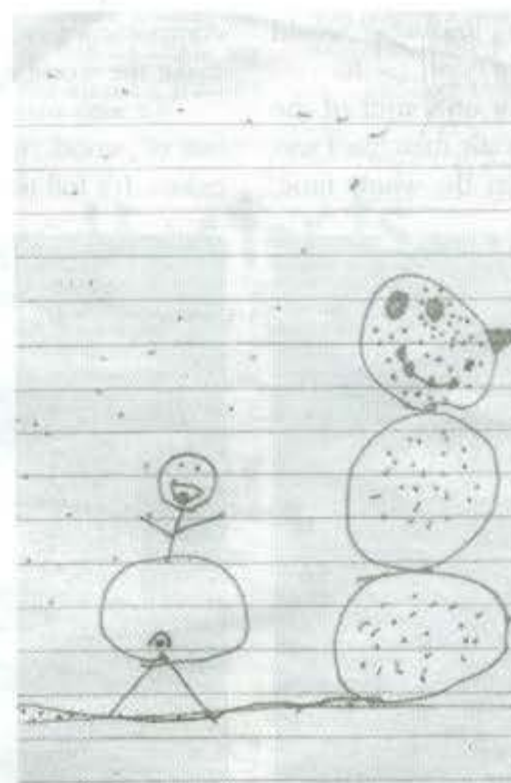


ILLUSTRATION BY TYLER

*It's snowing sugar on peaks island!*



# Santa Came To Peaks Island

By Samantha, Grade 5  
Seagull Times Reporter

Santa came to Peaks Island with presents for all! He gives out presents to every single child at the school and the other island kids at pre-school. What did you get from Santa? I'm interviewing kids to find out what they got:

Annika (5th grade) got a lava lamp. She said "I love it so much that I immediately tried it out. I was amazed it made so many bubbles! It brings my room together!"

Camilla (2nd grade) got a telescope. She said "I like it very much. I can't wait to set it up!"

Blue (4th grade) got a tube sled. She loves it and can't wait to use it once there's a good snow day.

Rose (5th grade) got a lava lamp. She said she hates it. She does not want to use it at all.

Sofie (4th grade) got from Santa a snow tube.

Otis (4th grade) got a snow tube. Pi got a snow tube from Santa - he says he hates it because he broke his collar bone on a tube

Other gifts that kids received are:  
5th Grade: Lava lamp, night vision goggles

4th Grade got snow tubes,  
3rd Graders got Lego set  
2nd Graders got coloring kit



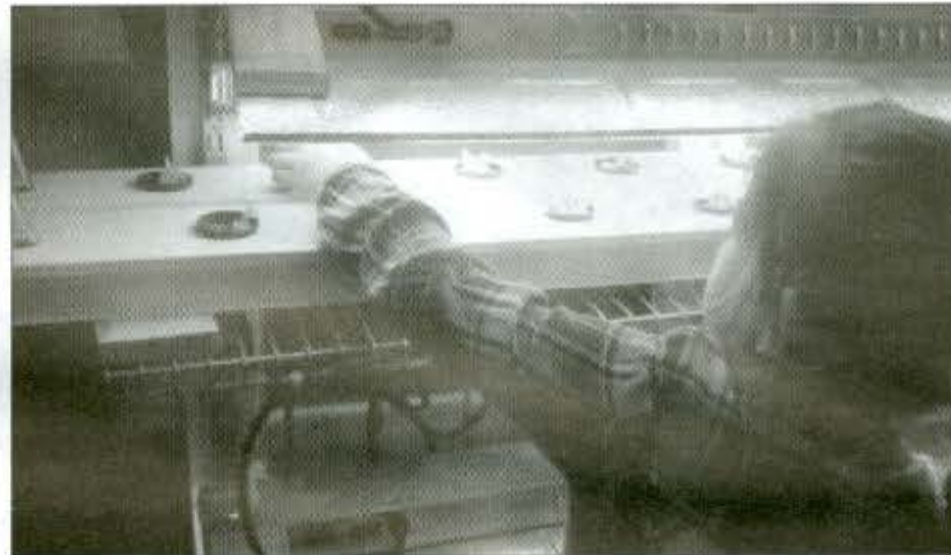
# PIES Shows Growth

*continued from page 1*

In addition to the hydroponic garden, we also planted an indoor garden in containers with dirt. It all started with a box and then we put some soil in there and one week later we put our seeds in and then two weeks later they finally started growing but then it snowed. So we had to bring them back inside and then they started dying rapidly because they did

not have any fresh air and so then today we got to put them back outside!

The photos below are the process of taking them out of the tray we used to start the lettuce and transferring them to the actual hydroponic garden. The last photo shows the plants growing in the containers.



# Let's Make The World A Better Place

By Cedar, Grade 4  
Seagull Times Reporter

My name is Cedar and I'm reporting for The Seagull Times about compost. About a year ago, our school went to a place called Eco Maine and looked at composting and sorting.

Eco Maine is a place and they're all about sorting trash and compost. So we went there and we talked about composting and what would happen if we didn't sort trash.

Then we went on a tour of the factory and truthfully I felt like I was going to throw up the whole time,

but it was still cool. There were a lot of giant machines that would push the trash and let me tell you, there was mountains of trash.

We got so interested that we made a design for a compost turner and we built it with Doug Wilbur. We used PVC pipes, a barrel, and wood. We built it in about a week and we have been using it ever since. Peaks Island Elementary School is composting food to reduce waste to make the world a better place.

We also made a returnable bin out of wood. We painted it many colors. It's full now.



PHOTO BY CEDAR



PHOTO BY CEDAR

*This is the story of how we got a compost machine and how and when we built it. Also, the recycle bin that we built not too long ago. It's been here since summer.*

# New Kids At Peaks Island Elementary

By Annika, Grade 5  
Seagull Times Reporter

My name is Annika. I'm here to introduce the new kids at Peaks Island school.

**Emmah**

Emmah is in 3rd grade. Emmah used to go to Cook Primary in Georgia. Emmah likes Peaks Island and her favorite spot is her house. She misses her church, her friends, and her house in Georgia.

Among her favorite things to do she would pick skate boarding.

**Tyler**

Tyler is in 3rd grade. He used to go to Jameson Elementary School. He likes Peaks and has a favorite spot which is his house. He used to live in Old Orchard Beach and misses his friends. He also loves eating.

**Blue**

Blue is in 4th grade. She used to attend Prism Education Center. She likes Peaks Island as her new home. She'll sometimes think about her old home in Arkansas. Her favorite spot on the island is her friend Camilla's house. She misses everything about Arkansas. When she has some free time, she likes to read.

**Kayleigh**

Kayleigh moved from Georgia. In Georgia she attended Cook Elementary School. She also is fond of Peaks as her new home. She likes Peaks and if she were asked, her favorite place would be



Tyler, 3rd Grade



Emmah, 3rd Grade



Blue, 4th Grade



Kai, 5th Grade



Savannah, Kindergarten



Henry, 1st Grade



Kayleigh, 5th Grade



Mason, 3rd Grade



Daniel, 2nd Grade



Nora, Kindergarten

the ocean. She misses everything from friends and house to her grand mother. Her favorite hobby is eating.

**Kai**

Kai is a 5th grader who moved from the East End. His old school was named EECS. The thing he likes most about Peaks is mini recess. Peaks, unlike EECS, is very small so East End size is the difference for him. On the island his favorite thing to do is play baseball with his friends.

**Nora**

Nora is in kindergarten with four others. She used to live in Arkansas. Her old school was called Prism Education Center. Nora has enjoyed this island. The thing she loves most though is making friends. But she misses her friends she had in Ar-

kansas. The thing she likes to do on the island is, like islanders, go and get an ice cream cone.

**Daniel**

Daniel is a second grader here at PIES. Daniel moved from Portland to Peaks. His old school was named Skillen. Like many islanders, he likes the ice cream store. He likes every thing about the island and doesn't really miss anything about his old home.

**Mason**

Mason is a third grader attending PIES. He used to live in the East End. Mason used to attend EECS with his brothers Kai and Henry. He enjoys having the water near him, where ever he is. He misses his friends at East End. He enjoys going the beach which is plenty prac-

tical because we're surrounded by water.

**Henry**

Henry is a first grader that attends PIES. Henry is Kai and Mason's brother so he also lived in the East End. He also went to EECS. He likes to hang at the ice cream store. He misses his friends that he had at East End. And one thing that Henry likes to do along with most island kids is go to the library.

**Savannah**

Savannah is a kindergartner. She has 2 sisters at PIES (Emmah, Kayleigh). She, like her sisters, lived in Georgia. Her old school was named Cook Primary Education Center. She likes that she found fun friends on Peaks. She misses her Nana back in Georgia. Her favorite thing to do is hang out with her friends.

## School Lunch For The Mayor of Portland

By Asa, Grade 4  
Seagull Times Reporter

Mayor Strimling of Portland came to PIES for lunch with the entire school to taste a meal created by all of the kids from PIES.

Students created and served chicken, fruit salad, sweet potato fries, and fresh baked bread. The

bread was crumbling and tasted ok.

The plan is to serve the same healthy meal to the entire school district.

The Mayor said he liked the meal and the chicken was the best part.

**ARTICLE UPDATE:**

On May 10th, the meal was served to the entire school district!



PHOTO BY MS. PAM

Can you find the mayor? He's enjoying lunch made by the kids at PIES

## The Big Deer Hunt on Peaks Island

By Kayleigh, Grade 5  
Seagull Times Reporter

Residents on three of Portland's islands may hear gunfire during the next seven weeks. But officials say there's no need for alarm - it's just the City's annual effort to thin the deer herds. The special hunts are a regular part of life on Peaks, Cliff, and Great Diamond as the city thins the herds to keep the animals from becoming a nuisance.

**Deer**

hunts began Thursday night on Peaks, Cliff, and Great Diamond Island, said Mike Murray, Portland Island and Neighborhood administrator. The hunters, who are island resi-

dents, typically take up their positions in the late afternoon and stay into the evening. The hunt likely will continue until the end of the year. But will not be a daily occurrence Murray said Thursday.

The deer swim over from Portland

and have babies and then there are too many deer. Peaks Island is over populated with deer. When the deer hunt doesn't happen, we have so many deer on the island that they can't get enough to eat and most of them

starve. People eat the deer meat and some of it goes to the homeless shelter. They put salt on the trees so that the deer will lick them and this is the area that the hunters go.



ILLUSTRATION BY PI

# PIES Mathletes



This is the Peaks Island Math Team. The Peaks Island Math Team are 4th and 5th graders. We are one of the only schools with 4th graders. The students on the Peaks Island Math Team are Kayleigh, Ava, Sofie, Henry, Kai, Ryder, Pi, Calvin, Annika, The leader of the team is Ms. Ellen.

# Peaks Library Changes

*The project is full steam ahead and construction should start in 2017*

By Rose, Grade 5  
Seagull Times Reporter

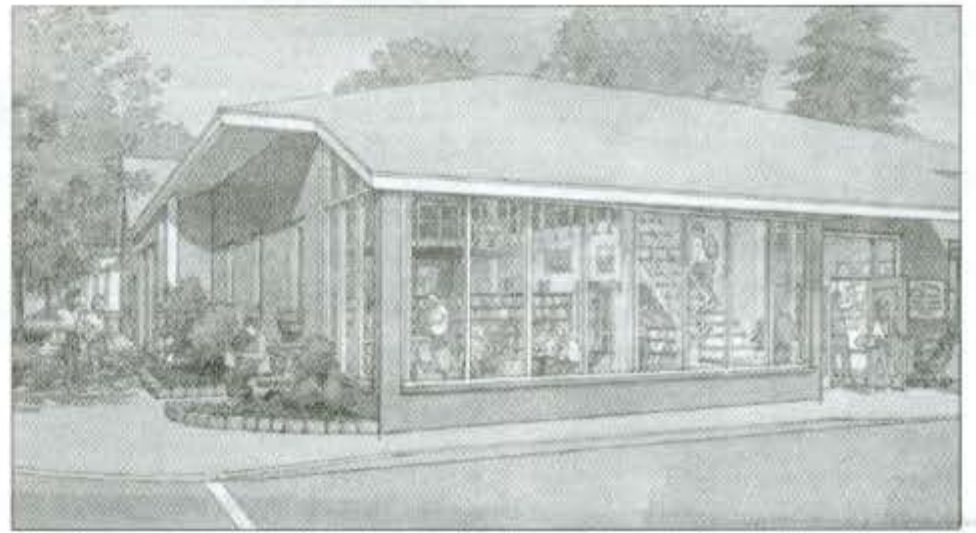
The Peaks Island library now has the money to rebuild. The library will have floor to ceiling glass windows. The Peaks Island school had a "scary cafe" last year which raised a lot of money to help rebuild the Peaks Island library. Priscilla and Rosanne are the librarians. They're always so nice. They also always recommend books for students.

**What peaks kids say.**

Pi says "the library needs more space for sitting. The windows and expanded sitting are good but they don't need new computers."

Cedar says "there will be more computers" maybe ten. He also thinks there will be more chairs and tables.

Asa says "the library is fine now" and is wondering why improvements are necessary.



# The Sudden Flu Wave

By Otis, Grade 4  
Seagull Times Reporter

My name is Otis and I'm a reporter for The Seagull Times on the sudden flu wave. I call it "the Peaks Plague."

How it got here is not known -- probably most likely from a sneeze, cough, or air born! Now islanders are getting sick - uh-oh. But islanders are getting the flu shot. Now be careful, wash your hands, cover

sneezes, and coughs. Ms. Richards, PIES Secretary, said about 10 kids and three adults didn't go to school because of the flu.

But that's not all!!! Pi Crosby, 4th grader, got the flu over winter break \*phew\*

"So i woke up at 5:30 at my grandma's house and I felt horrid. I read until 6:30. When I got up, I played on my iPad for 20 minutes then I went upstairs with my mom and barfed."



ILLUSTRATION BY OTIS

# Top 3 Vacation Places

By Otis, Grade 4  
Seagull Times Reporter

There are so many places to go on Peaks Island. Well, here are some places on Peaks that possibly could interest you. Top three vacation ideas for summer: (1) sandy beach; (2) dock; (3) Down Front. Top three vacation ideas for winter: (1) ice pond; (2) Indian Trail; (3) sledding hill

**Summer:**

Imagine warm sand, crystal clear

water, warm water, and warm weather - that's Sandy Beach!

Dock jumping has been a tradition on Peaks for years.

Down Front is popular for its ice cream.

**Winter:**

The ice pond is GREAT for ice skating and to walk on.

The Indian Trail is great to walk on in the winter.

The sledding hill is crowded (if it is snowy).

# PIES Gets Proclamation

By Blue, Grade 3  
Seagull Times Reporter

The proclamation is about how Peaks Island school did a clean plate project and cooked lunch for the mayor. The mayor gave us the proclamation. His name is Ethan K. Strimling. The proclamation has a bunch of "whereas"s and is located on the wall outside the gym inside the school.



# Guess What? Your Yard Could Be Invaded

*Many yards are getting invaded by these plants*

By Sofie, Grade 4  
Seagull Times Reporter

Peaks Island is home to many invasive plants including bitter-sweet, milkweed, and goldenrod which are taking over your plant's space. The plants are invading the island. The plants are going wild!

There is also a plant that invaded my yard! The plant that invaded my yard is called "Stinging Nettle." One time I got stung by a Stinging Nettle in Connecticut and it hurt. A lot of plants can hurt too but some of them can kill the plants you like. The one that I hate more are the ones that hurt you.

Some of the things to look for are Japanese Knot Weed, Burning Bush, Roses, Stinging Nettles, and so on. Plants are invaders and there are lots of types of invasive plants. There are certain tools to get rid of the plants.

Bees really like invasive plants when they bloom. Monarch butterflies need milkweed to survive and black swallow-wart mimic milk-

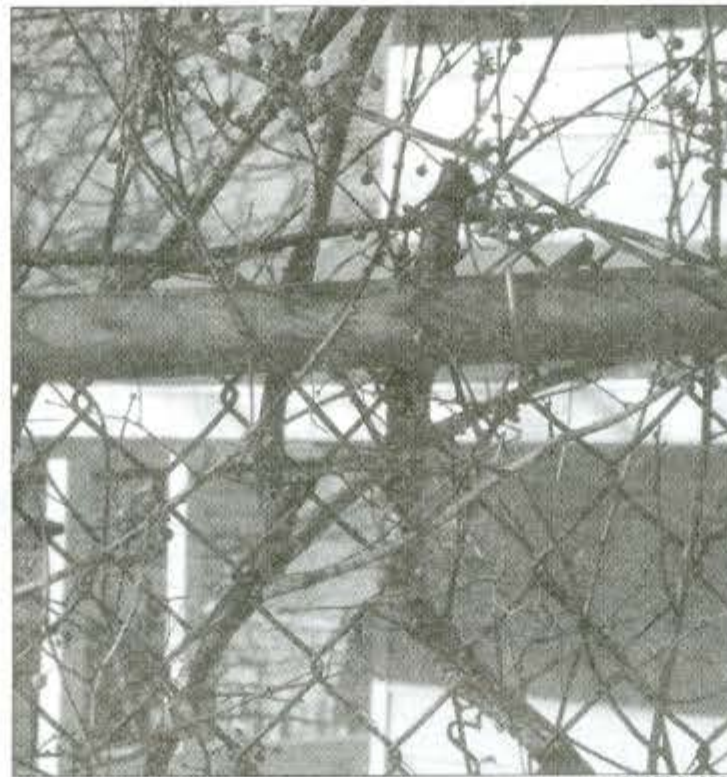


PHOTO BY SOFIE

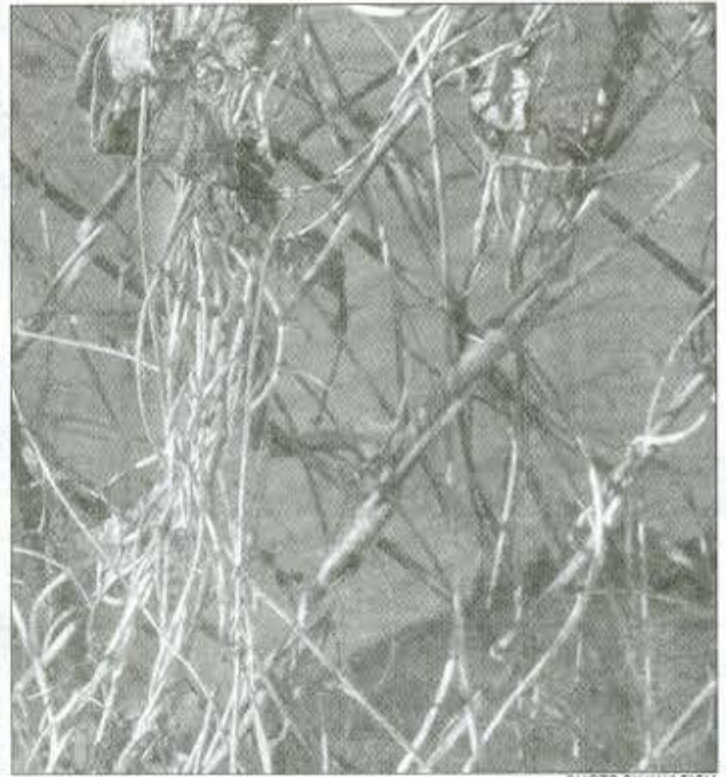


PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH

*Invasive plants usually climb on fences or other plants. If you don't get certain tools to get rid of them, they will kill your plants. Invasive plants are at our school, in my back yard, and just about everywhere on the island.*

weed. They lay their eggs and then babies come out and eat the black Swallow-Wart. That is not good because the monarch butterfly could become extinct.

Bittersweet was introduced to the island to cover and hide the bunkers. The Peaks Island Council created a brochure about invasive species.

In the winter, invasive species are dormant but come back in the spring.

Some invasive species are beautiful.

## The Trip To Chewonki

*A school with a farm and animals*

By Emmah, Grade 3  
Seagull Times Reporter

The students at Peaks Island Elementary School visited Chewonki School to see what other schools are like. Chewonki is about an hour away. They have a bunch of cute little animals; they have many chickens and cute little pigs that are used for pork. They also have meat cows

and milk cows.

This year is their first. Last year was a trial run. They plan on raising the grades from 6th grade to 8th grade.

They compost a lot and they cover their fields in horse poop which helps the food to grow. 5th graders got to pet the pigs.

There is an electrical fence surrounding the fields. They grow 30% of what they eat in the cafeteria.



*This is the Chewonki School: The farm where PIES 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders visited to learn about growing food.*

## New Dishwasher, continued from page 1

increase. And it's better for the environment.

"The idea for a dishwasher came from a summer staff meeting," explained Angela Volger, Head Custodian at Peaks Island Elementary. "A dishwasher was one of the ideas to cut back on waste."

"If we get the dishwasher, down the road I can imagine kids at PIES not using the individual size servings of milk that come in small cartons and instead pouring milk in to reusable cups from one gallon jugs."

And even though this school is small, imagine big schools following

our lead in Portland, New York City, Honolulu, India, and other big cities that learn about what we have done. Here on Peaks we might save 50 plastic forks a day but once other people start learning about it and start doing it, they might save 2000 or 2 million plastic forks a day.

And that is why I think we should get a dishwasher.

### ARTICLE UPDATE:

In late February, Lead Teacher and PIES Principal Mrs. Serio announced that the school was receiving the grant.



*A trash can from the PIES cafeteria full of spoons, forks, and trays.*

PHOTO BY KAYLEIGH



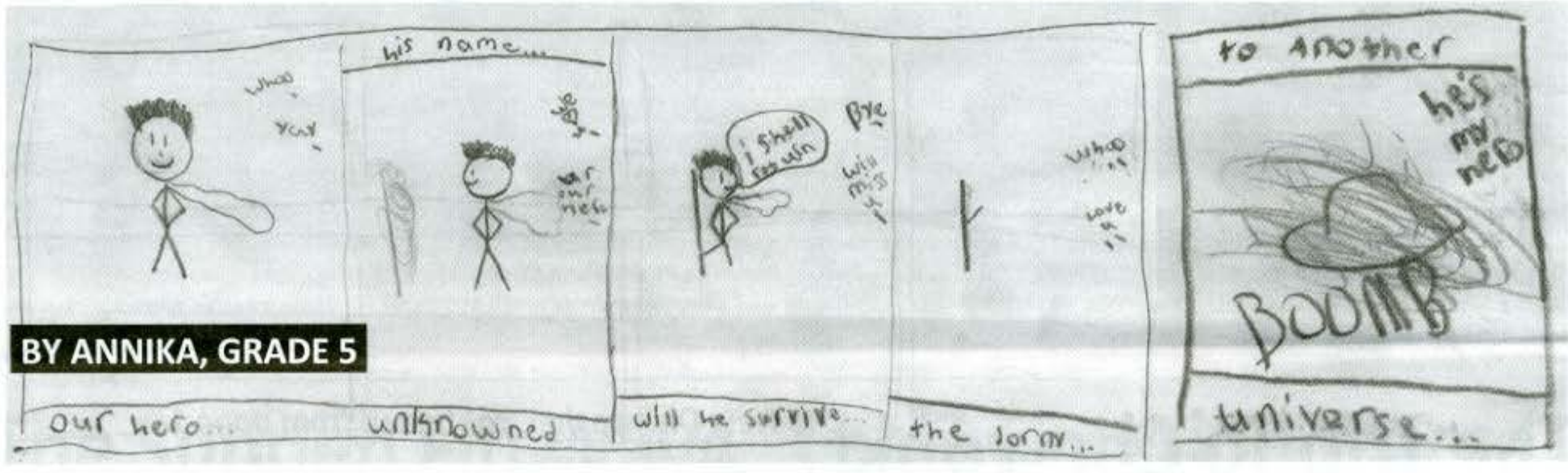
# THE FUNNIES

## Jeff and Bob

by: cedar



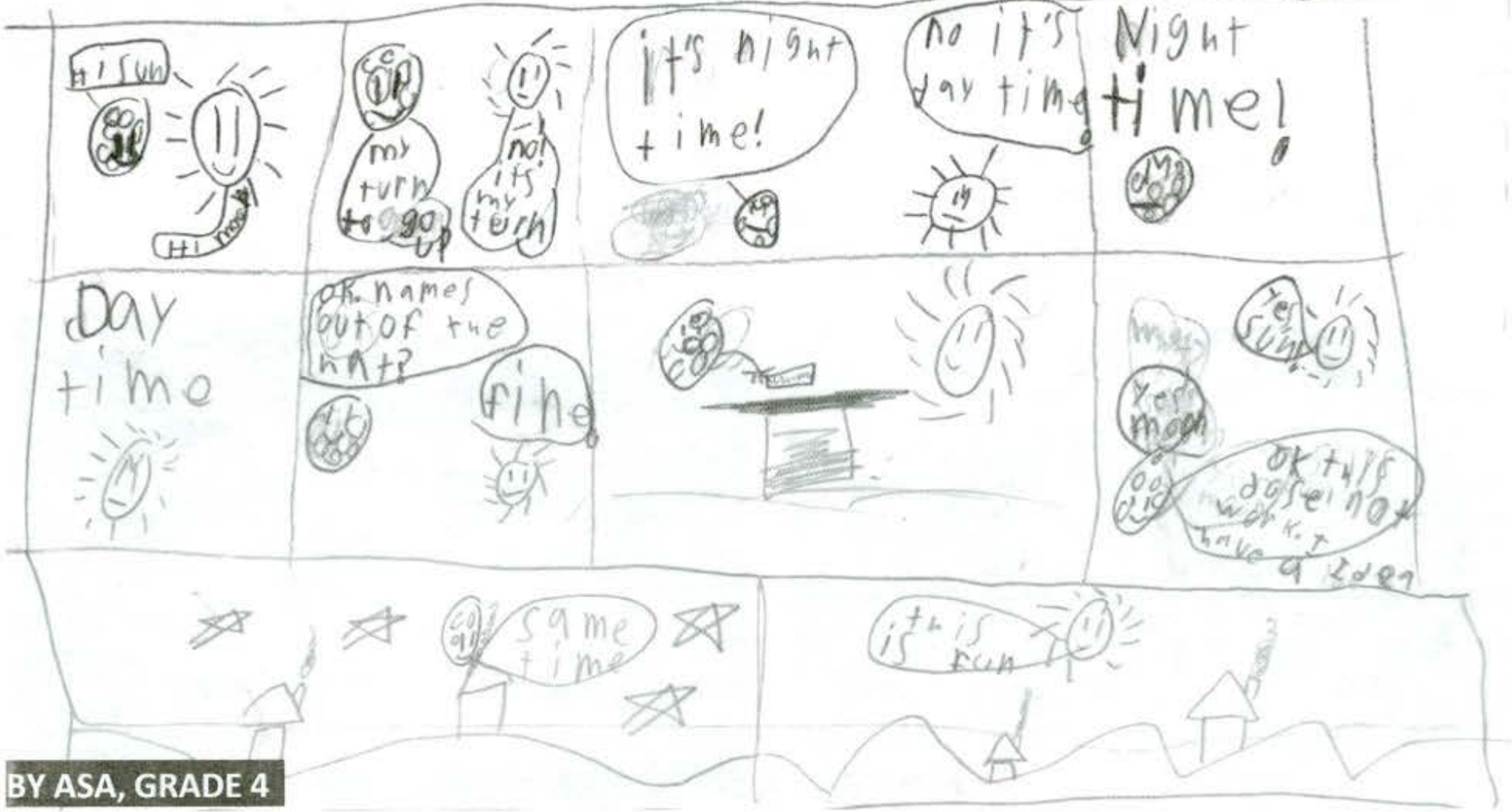
BY CEDAR, GRADE 4



BY ANNIKA, GRADE 5

## SUN and moon

by ASA



BY ASA, GRADE 4

# Pi + Otis' Advice

By Pi + Otis  
Seagull Times Reporter

Dear Dum Dum,

Dear Pi + Otis,

I love to pick my nose and eat the boggers. What can I do?

Sincerely,  
Bewildered

Dear Bewildered,

Just get someone to pick it for you!

Sincerely,  
Pi + Otis

Dear Pi + Otis,

It feels like I'm losing brain cells every day. What should I do?

Sincerely,  
Dum Dum

Scoop some hamburger meat in to that empty noggin of yours and everyone will think you're smarter.

Sincerely,  
Pi + Otis

Dear Pi + Otis,

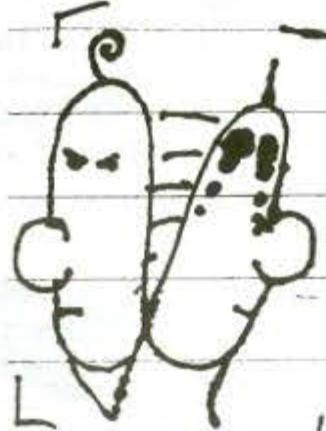
I have serious doubting issues. What can I do?

Sincerely,  
Bill Doubt the III

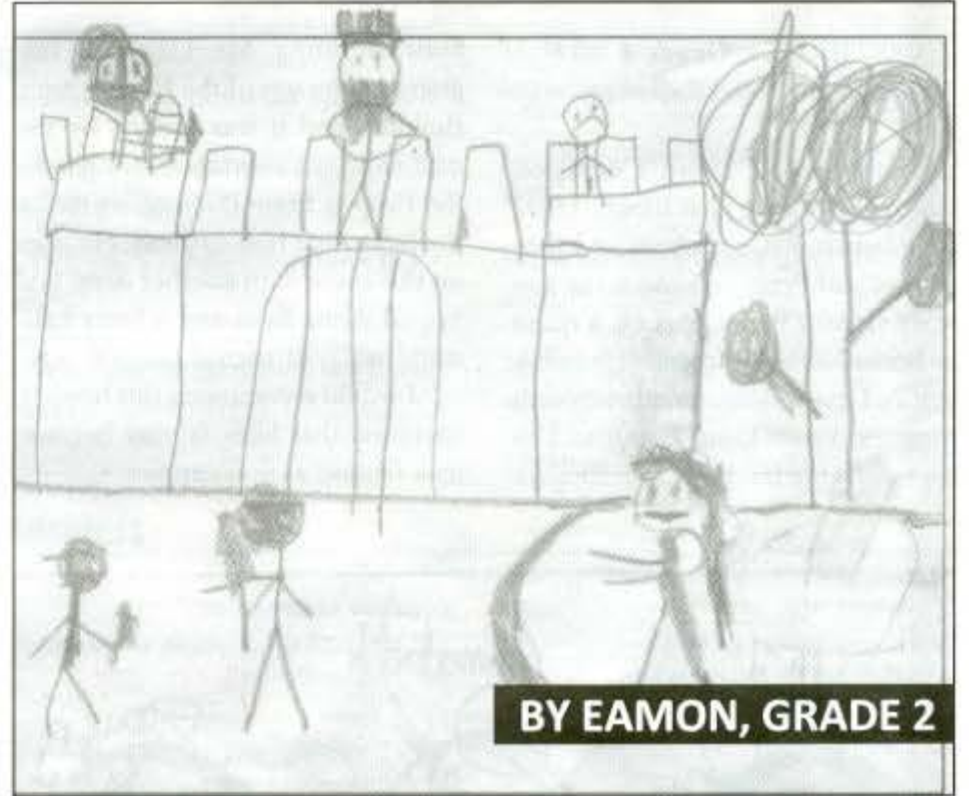
Dear Bill,

Go to the Wizard Of Oz and ask him for self-esteem.

Sincerely,  
Pi + Otis



AD BY PI



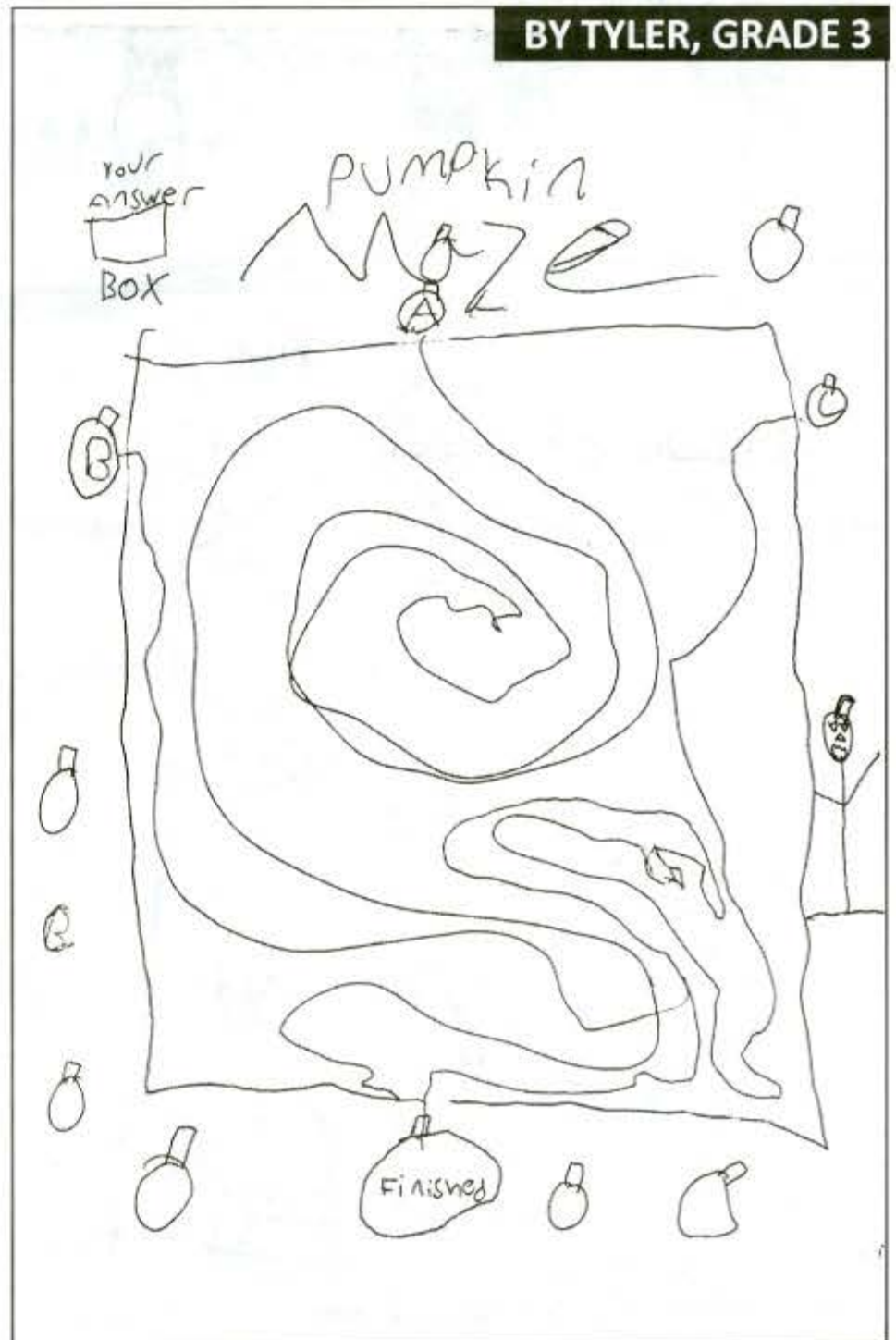
BY EAMON, GRADE 2

BY:PI



BY PI, GRADE 4

BY TYLER, GRADE 3



# Book Review: \*\*\*\*\* Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief

By Blue, Grade 4  
Seagull Times Reporter

This book is about a demigod camp called Camp Half Blood. There are a bunch of Greek gods and they are real and Percy Jackson is the son of Poseidon. Percy goes on a quest to return Zeus's magical lightning bolt and travels halfway across North America. From Long Island to Los Angeles and back to the Empire

State Building. Mt. Olympus migrated to the top of the Empire State Building and it was hidden by the mist from the mortals. Percy climbs the Empire State Building to return the lightning bolt to Zeus. He goes on this quest with another demi-god named Anna Beth and a Satyr half-man/half-goat named Grover.

I would recommend this book to everyone that likes fantasy because its a fantasy as you can get.



ILLUSTRATIONS BY BLUE

# Book Review: \*\*\*\*\* Serafina's Promise

By Emmah, Grade 3  
Seagull Times Reporter

Well, it's about this refugee. She is about 10 or 11 years old and a flood comes and carries her house away and they have to build a new one and it is not fiction.

It is juicy, interesting, and it is

true. Her mother saves her.

Later a tornado comes. It is interesting to read.

She started in Europe but had to move. The rains came and a flood carries her house away and they have to build a new one. Serafina is kind of like that, she hangs out with this dog.



ILLUSTRATION BY EMMAH



AD BY CEDAR

## Is That One Direction?



Guess who's here....? One Direction made a surprise visit to the Peaks Island Elementary School library.

# FICTION: The Night She Disappeared

By Rose, Grade 5  
Seagull Times Reporter

Long ago there lived a girl named Lizzy. But she was no ordinary girl. Every night when the clock struck twelve she would go out till sunrise, and no one knew where. One morning when she got back, she looked filthy as if she had been in a fight or World War II. I tried asking her what happened that night but she just ignored me and said she was fine. I tried again before bed, but she did the same thing.

The next night she didn't leave the castle, nor the next. One whole week later she went out. It took some time but she did. That night I followed her out. She went out the back of the castle, past the river

who you think you are but I can do what I want so back off!" I felt a little bad for yelling at her but I was mad. "Look maybe the sister I'm looking for is gone so I'm sorry for yelling at you." "Well maybe she, is so stop looking for her because she'll never come back. So just go home, Andy, I don't need you... go home." "NO." "Um what did you just say?" I said "NO." "Umm, well, NO is not an answer. " I was so proud of myself for saying no because I NEVER say no. I guess when I was so happy with my self she ran away because when I looked she was gone. I screamed "Lizzy come back, please! We lost Mom- we can't lose you too." I remember the night when my mom went out to the forbidden forest to get the answer. The Wanderer lives

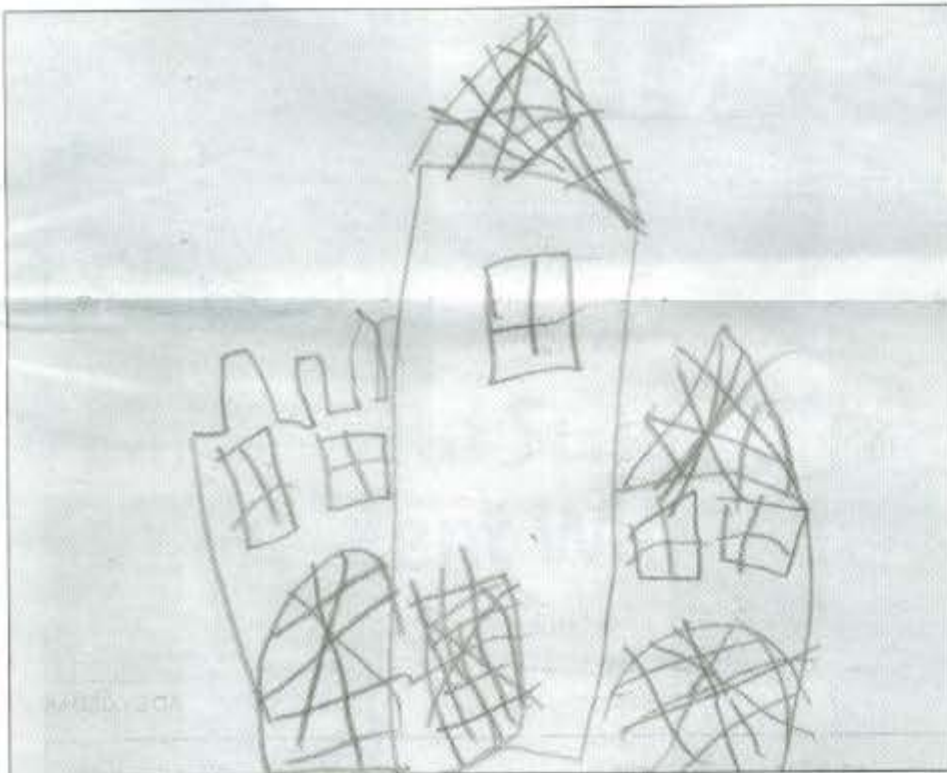


ILLUSTRATION BY NORA

through the town up the hill to the FORBIDDEN forest. I yelled "Stop!" Lizzy turned around, and that's when I saw it - something I never thought I would see - my sister going into the forbidden forest! Lizzy said "why did you follow me? Why are you here?"

I replied, "because I'm your brother and I'm not going to let you go in the forbidden forest and get killed! Do you know how many things could kill you or kidnap you? You're lucky I'm here." My sister replied, "I was not going to get killed. I was just going on a night stroll." By that time I had lost my temper with her. "You come home looking like you were in World War II and you LOCKED your self in your room for a week! Now you're going into the forbidden forest. What do you think you're doing? Where's the Lizzy who never breaks rules? Were did she go?" She answered, " Look, I don't know

there. The Wanderer is a great and powerful God. He's lived there for over one hundred years, but that's just a guess. He will do anything for my mother. One day after my mother left to see the Wanderer and she didn't come back so we have no idea what happened.

I waited for what felt like forever but she never answered my cries. One hour later I heard a bloody scream - of course I thought it was my sister so I ran and followed the screaming I didn't care if I had just broke the biggest rule there ever was. I looked and looked but never found her it was too late to keep looking for her. My dad would be sending a search party out soon.

I ran far far away where nobody could find me. Later that night I heard howling I wanted to follow it but before I did anything I had to get some sleep.

To be continued

# LOL Jokes - So Funny!

By Sofie, Grade 4  
Seagull Times Reporter

1. Why do cows wear bells?
2. What do cats eat for breakfast?
3. How did the frog burn his tounge?
4. What do clouds wear for pants?
5. What do you get when you put a vest on a alligator?
6. Did you hear the joke about the pencil?
7. What did the snowman say to the other?
8. What do you get from a pampered cow?
9. How do you make a tissue dance?
10. Can a kangaroo jump higher than a house?
11. What loses its head in the morning and gets it back at night?
12. How many seconds are in a year?
13. What starts with a E but only has a single letter in it?
14. What belongs to you but others use it more than you?
15. How do you make 7 even

## Answers

1. because there horns don't work
2. mice krispies
3. He tried to catch a firefly
4. Thunder pants
5. A investigator
6. Never-mind, it had no point
7. Do you smell carrots?
8. Spoiled milk
9. Put a little boogie in it
10. Duh, a house can't jump
11. A pillow
12. 12 - March 2nd June 2nd etc.
13. A letter
14. Your name
15. You take the S out of seven and it becomes even (seven)

# Book Review: \*\*\*\* Wonder

By Rose, Grade 5  
Seagull Times Reporter

Wonder is a wonderful book by R.J. Palacio.

Wonder is a story about a boy named August. August is a boy who has mandibulofacial dysostosis. August is going into his first year of middle school. He has never gone to a real school before. His mother had home schooled him for his whole life. It would be very difficult for August

to go to school because of all his surgeries. August has had more surgeries then one person would have in ten life times. Wonder is a story that sees everyone's point of view. First it's August's point of view, then is goes to Ve'a's, Summer's, Jack's, Justin's, August's, Mrandia's and August again. All these people in this story play a part in August life. This on of the best books I've ever read. She also has another book called " Auggie and me."

## Find 5 Whacky Mistakes!

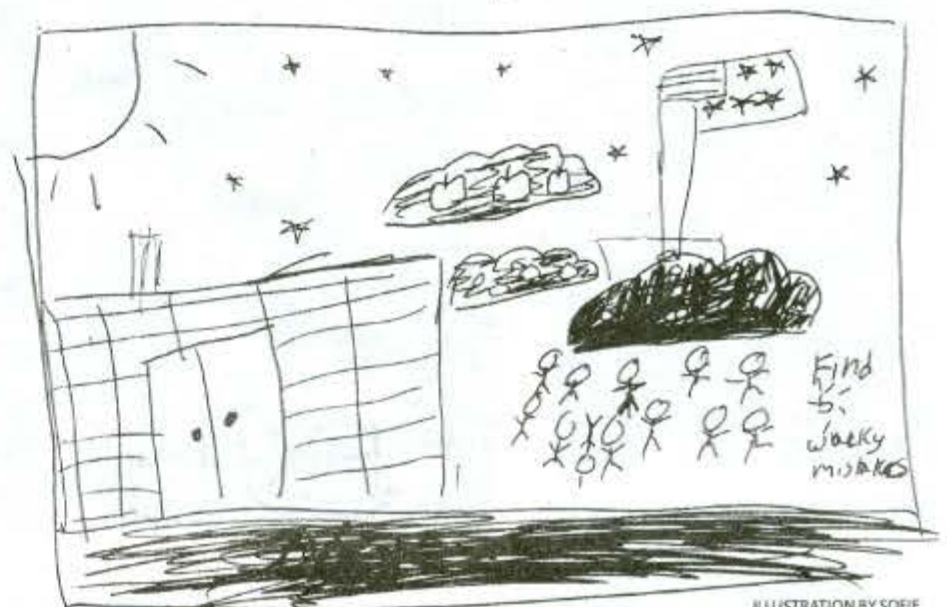


ILLUSTRATION BY SOFIE

# Valentine's Day Party

By Annika, Grade 5  
Seagull Times Reporter

February 14th PIES elementary school hosted the first Valentines

Day party. Some people would say it was a Valentine's bash.

PIES' Student Council decided that instead of having the same fun Friday as last month, it would be fun

to have a Valentine's Day party as the kick-off for the "Kindness Challenge" where PIES tries to witness 200 kind comments before the end of March.

Student Council made the party

happen by using math skills and a little bit of Clynk money and a lot of team work!



## Panic At The Disco!!!

