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A “Wordy” Halloween

By Ava Collazos and Alanna Frier

On October 31st, did you see Fifth Grade students parading around in crazy costumes with words all over them? Well, what you were witnessing was the first ever Fifth Grade Vocabulary Parade! The parade took place on Halloween this school year, which worked out perfectly for those who wanted to dress up.

The Fifth Grade teachers came up with this project, and Mr. Carswell, Lower School Director, loved the idea. He explained, “I agreed to this because when students delve deeply into something like this it helps them to really learn and internalize. If you learn something quickly you just forget. So you have to take it in slowly.”

The goal of the parade was to teach kids a new word that was hard to express visually. That’s when the creative part came in as students were asked to create a homemade costume that represented their word. The process of this project was to first pick a random word out of a bucket while closing your eyes. Next students had to study the word by finding its definition(s), using the word in the sentence, and creating a model drawing of their costume showing how it would represent the meaning of the word. Students then had to create a shirt or costume that labeled and represented their word. Lastly, on Halloween students had to come to school in their costume and walk around the school . . . A Vocabulary Parade!

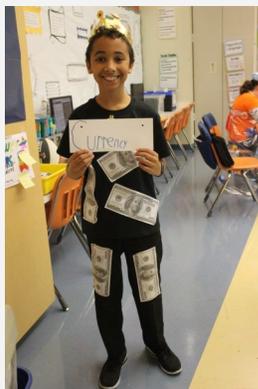
Most of the Fifth Grade students said the hardest part was creating the costume, and they had two weeks to develop it. Mr. Carswell agrees with this. He said, “It is a big challenge to make the costume.” His family worked hard over the weekend to create his Fifth Grade daughter’s costume. Some Fifth Grade students faced a real challenge with their words, but others didn’t. For example if you had the word “elder,” that was easy to dress up as. On the other hand if you had the word “utensil,” it was quite difficult to dress up as a fork!

Students around the Lower School enjoyed the vocabulary fair greatly. Nina Anderson, a Third Grade student said, “It was cool to see and looked hard to make a costume.” Josiah Holt, also a Third Grade student revealed, “I like the idea because it involves vocabulary and words are my favorite thing to learn about in school.”

The Fifth Grade Vocabulary Parade was a great success and hopefully it will become an annual event from now on!

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FEATURES

Wondrous Wonder

By Antonia Velosa

Have you ever been around someone with a disability? Many of us have passed by someone with a disability on the street, or may even have a friend with a disability. On November 17, 2017, a movie called WONDER brought this all to our attention. The movie is based on a best-selling book that tells the inspiring story of August Pullman, also known as Auggie. Auggie was born with facial differences and had gone to a special school up until Fifth Grade. The story follows his journey entering Fifth Grade and the struggles of his family, classmates, and community as they work to find their compassion and acceptance.

Many students here at the Lower School personally know someone with a disability. Nicholas Wallace, a Fifth Grade student, said that he has a friend with a disability. Her disability was she never developed the ability to talk. Nicholas explains, "Growing up it was hard to understand what she was saying, but since then she learned to talk."

Being around those with a disability can sometimes make you feel sad but happy at the same time. On one hand you may feel sad because they can't do what others can do, but happy because they are living and enjoying life. Mrs. Osorio, a Fifth Grade teacher feels the same whether someone has a disability or not. "It feels normal to me because I grew up with them." Zoe Harvey, another Fifth Grade student, feels very sad for those with disabilities, especially if they are made fun of. "I would feel miserable because everyone would be laughing at you behind your back and that hurts."

To wrap it up the movie, Wonder, teaches a great lesson on how to accept, love, and embrace those with differences. If you haven't seen it already, put it on your list as something to do over your holiday vacation!



WONDER

Gummy Bears Are Everywhere!

By Charlotte Reitman and Lucy Crawford

Have you ever wished your school gave out candy? Well your wish almost came true! Mr. Bowden, a Fifth Grade teacher's assistant, used to give out gummy bears as a reward system to Fourth and Fifth grade students.

"It's very unlikely that I will continue giving out gummy bears because it became a distraction and people were too focused on getting gummy bears instead of focusing on the lesson," Mr. Bowden states. Fifth grade student, Maria Lagunas, agrees that giving out candy is a disruption to the class because, "everyone wants those gummy bears!" She also thought the system for giving out gummy bears was not consistent. She explains, "Sometimes the class would get them for a reward, but other times not."

In Fourth grade, gummy bears were usually given as a reward in Mind Lab. Randi Larocca, a Fourth Grade student shares, I think the system is fair because Mr. Bowden gives it to people who win games or behave well in Mind Lab."

Regardless of everyone's opinion, it looks like the real reward given at school is simply the ability to learn. So kids, guess you will have to wait until you get home to get that candy!



Mr. Bowden



The Secrets of Starbucks

By Maddie Gannon and Isabella Morales

What's so good about Starbucks? Maybe it's the 87,000 different options of drinks they have to offer, or their extra menu with awesome and unique selections, or it could possibly be how viral the coffee shop is on social media. Not only do teenagers and adults go to Starbucks to buy beverages, but a lot of children, including students in the Lower School, enjoy going to Starbucks too.

Many adults enjoy go to Starbucks to get a coffee in the morning, and teenagers like to hang out there, but why do children go there? Lucy Crawford, a 5th grade student says, "I think Starbucks is really trendy because teenagers love it and younger kids want to be like them, so they go to Starbucks too." But, William Hawkins, another 5th grade student, has a different opinion. "Starbucks is really trendy because it is a great study place, a great place to hang out with your friends, and that's why everyone likes to go there," he reveals.

So, it seems as if Starbucks has grown from an "adult only" place to a coffee shop that both teenagers and younger children like as well. There is no denying that Starbucks is a great place with kind employees, great service and amazing food and drinks!



Hamilton? Spamilton?

By Chloe Shapiro and Kate Litman



Have you ever heard of Hamilton, the hit Broadway play by Lin Manuel Miranda? It is about an American founding father named Alexander Hamilton who tells the story of his life through rap. Most people who have seen the show rave about it. In fact it takes months if not longer to even get tickets to see this well-regarded show. Although most people think Hamilton rocks, others may have a different opinion. So, for those who don't love Hamilton, there is another alternative out there. It's called Spamilton.

Spamilton is a play by Gerard Alessandrini and it is a spoof of Hamilton. A spoof is basically a joke or an opposite version of something. So Spamilton is just really a joke on Hamilton, but in a comedic way. Jack Steinman, a Fifth Grade student, reveals, "I personally would watch it because if Lin Manuel Miranda the creator of Hamilton liked it then so would I!" What does he mean by that? Well on August 10, 2016 Lin Manuel tweeted, "We just came from Spamilton. This is Dan Rosales, the talented young man who plays me. I laughed my brains out." So this play is not just for Hamilton Haters it's for Hamilton lovers too. Spamilton isn't such a waste of money to go watch. It's cheaper than Hamilton because it's an off Broadway musical. So, people can avoid standing in those really long lines to purchase Hamilton tickets, and go see Spamilton instead

Yet, some people will still remain true to the original Broadway show, afterall, it became a hit for good reason. Mrs. Lieberman, a Fifth Grade teacher's assistant explains, " Hamilton is a really great learning resource, and it actually gets children to like learning about the Revolutionary War and stuff that happened in that time period. I personally would not watch Spamilton, but I think other people would just to get a good laugh." Either way, you can catch Hamilton on Broadway and Spamilton off Broadway, but hurry up because Spamilton closes January 7th, 2018!

Do You Like School Lunch? By Avery Eichel and Emma Leffin

Do you like the school lunch? The Great White Gazette asked some students and they had many different opinions. Guy Peretz, a Third Grade student, said that he liked the pizza, French fries, chicken, and pasta. “The only thing I really dislike is the crispy baked cod.” Emily Gabriele, another Third Grade student agreed that the pizza and French fries rock. “I am just not a huge fan of the grilled cheese.”

So there are some obvious favorites, but what would students really change if they could?? Guy and Emily both revealed, “We would like a sushi bar, more rice and additional salad options.” Although every students’ opinion is different, it seems like kids just want healthier choices for lunch overall. What do you think of the school lunch?



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-Guy Peretz & Emily Gabriele**

Squish, Squash, Squishies

By Noah Sterne and Eitan Peretz

Squishies have grown from an object that releases stress to a trendy toy in just less than a year! You probably have seen them around. They come in various 3D shapes, including bread, cookies, toast, donuts, cake, emoji's and so on. You can squish and press them to release anxiety and anger. Once you squish it, they toy slowly rises back to the exact same shape in various speeds. They are soft to the touch and often smell like bread and cake flavors!

At first these were seen in the hands of mostly girls, but now everyone wants them, including some boys. Evan Weiss, a Fourth Grade student thinks Squishies are cool. He says, "I think Squishies smell great and they are soft to play with." Te'a Starks, a Fourth Grade student, is a big fan of Squishies as well. "I like them better than slime because they don't melt in the sun and cost less money!" Some teachers think that Squishies are a distraction for students, but allow them in their class. Ms. Finn, a Fourth grade teacher shares, "My students do not usually bring them to class, but when they do and if they are a distraction, they simply put them in their locker."

Squishies are still used for stress relief, but kids just really like smushing, throwing, or sometimes even coloring them! You can find Squishies in the stores that have a section for kids. The prices are very low depending on how big or how Squishy it can be. Squishies are a great invention for boys and girls of all ages!



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-Ms. Finn, 4th Grade teacher





California Sparks

An Editorial
By Tara Parikh



Moving to a new state is not an easy thing to do, especially when the place that you call home is on the other side of the country. I moved to South Florida in August of 2017 from San Carlos, California. Although I love my new school, and have made many friends, I still miss my old home. I keep in touch with many of my friends, and recently have been concerned about the wildfires that are spreading around Napa, California.

Wildfires happen for one of two reasons; either they can be a result of Mother Nature or caused by humans. It is believed that the fires in Napa might have been human related this time around. I asked a couple of good friends from back home to talk about their experiences.

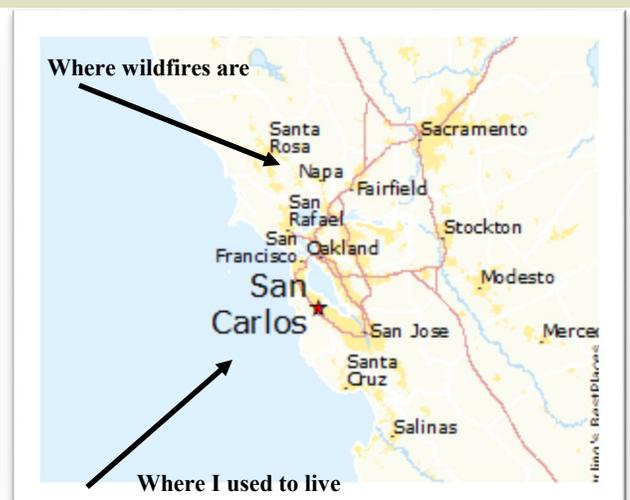
My friend Paige lives in San Carlos, California and although the fire did not directly impact where she lives, Paige explained, "The air quality was very bad. There was a lot of smoke. We bought masks to protect ourselves from the smoke and most kids wore masks to school. They also passed out masks at school to stay safe. Everything, including recess and PE, had to be done inside because of the smoke." I did like the PE inside because it was fun. The teachers treated the smoke like a rainy-day recess, so we got to play games on our chrome books. The smoke wasn't that scary since the actual fire wasn't where I live. I was bored though because I couldn't play outside because of the smoke."

My old neighbor Denise also lives in San Carlos, but owns a ranch in Napa where the fire hit. She reflected, "So many friends lost everything. My neighbor's mom's house burned down in less than 15 minutes! The saddest thing now is driving past the neighborhoods that burned and seeing melted kids bikes, swing sets, and burned out cars." However, in a time of need, you really can come together as a community. Denise saw this happening right in front of her eyes. "Whether it was bringing food, or taking care of other people's animals, the whole Sonoma County came out to take care of its people."

My mom's friend, Lori lives in San Mateo, California, but her parents live in Napa. She told me what happened and their story is perhaps the most devastating of all. "Unfortunately, our family's home was right in the path of the Napa fire and did not survive. Most of our friends and neighbors lost their homes too. We were asleep when the fire department came and started yelling for people to get out of their homes and evacuate as quickly as possible. The power was out so it was difficult to find anything. We had very little time. We kept a file box of important papers and we were able to get that—but that's about it. We made it out with one car but could not open our garage door in order to get the second car because of the power. The winds were fierce and the fire department knew that they could shift at any moment and hit our neighborhood—that is why we had to get out so fast. We evacuated at 11pm on Sunday, October 8th and by Monday morning 80% of the homes in our neighborhood had been burned to the ground."

Friends and family have come to the rescue during these most difficult times, along with first responders. Everyone in the community has been amazingly supportive. Many people didn't even have clothes on their back, so stores were offering huge discounts. It is truly an inspiration to know that communities as well as humans can come together so beautifully in a time of crisis.

In conclusion, wildfires can bring great devastation as they are unpredictable, life threatening, and dangerous. But when communities gather together and help all those affected, triumph can win over tragedy!



What's the JoJo Deal?

By Shayna Snyder, Ruby Sas, Jane Shanahan and Hallie Turner

School, malls, restaurants, birthday parties everywhere you look, people are wearing JoJo Bows. JoJo bows are big hair accessories created by the mother of a Youtube superstar JoJo Siwa. They come in different colors, designs and sizes. The Great White Gazette went around the Lower School to see what's the deal with JoJo's?

Lotem Blives-Krespy, a Fourth Grade student, is a huge JoJo Bow fan. "I wear JoJo bows at least two times a week!" Myla Lassiter, a Second Grade student, loves her bows too. "I match my JoJo bows with my outfits!" she said.

JoJo bows can be found at many locations, including Claire's, Target, Justice and Walmart. The color options are endless, but most girls prefer rainbow and solid colors like pink, purple and green. Brooke Bernstein, in Third Grade, said, "If I could create my own JoJo bow it would be the colors of a sunset!"

JoJo Bows may be a current trend, but they don't seem to be going out of style anytime soon. One thing is for sure . . .when they do, a new trend will be waiting to take their place.



PUMPKIN SPICE MANIA

BY XARA CASE, NICOLE SANCHEZ AND ABIGAIL POTTER

ARE YOU A PUMPKIN SPICE MANIAC? WELL, AS SOON AS THE FALL SEASON APPROACHES, THERE IS PUMPKIN SPICE STUFF IS EVERYWHERE. THINGS LIKE PUMPKIN BAGELS, PIES, CAKES, CEREAL, COFFEE CREAMER, YOGURT, BUTTER, CHOCOLATE, AND MANY MORE LINE THE SHELVES OF GROCERY STORES. TRADER JOE'S, A LOCAL SUPERMARKET, HAS A HUGE VARIETY AND COLLECTION OF DIFFERENT PUMPKIN SPICED ITEMS.

SOME PEOPLE LOVE PUMPKIN ANYTHING, AND SOME PEOPLE JUST LIKE TO STICK WITH THE TRADITIONAL PUMPKIN PIE. SOPHIA CASANOVA SAID THAT SHE IS NOT A PUMPKIN SPICE MANIAC, BUT DOES LIKE ONE PUMPKIN FLAVORED THING, "I REALLY LOVE PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE!"

BE SURE THAT PUMPKIN ISN'T JUST FOR HALLOWEEN AND THANKSGIVING AS IT GOES RIGHT ON THROUGH UNTIL THE NEW YEAR. WHETHER YOU ARE A FAN OR NOT, IT IS HERE TO STAY. SO GRAB AN ITEM, BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS YOU CAN PUMPKIN SPICE YOUR DAY!



Sweetened Whole Grain Oat Cereal

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Fast Food Should be Gone...FAST!

By Rubi Katz and Peyton Eichel

Have you ever been to a fast food restaurant before? Do you notice that smell when you walk in? That's the smell of frying oil, a lot of it. Those yummy, tasty, french fries, burgers, chicken tenders, pizza, etc... all come with very unhealthy ingredients. These foods are high in sodium, which means they are full of salt and other things that are bad for your heart and your health.

Students around the Lower School make very wise food choices when it comes to lunch, but what happens after they leave school? Natalie Morales, a Third Grade Student, had a strong opinion. "I think fast food is bad for you, because they put too much fat in their meals and it is full of unhealthy ingredients." Although this may be true of SOME fast food restaurants, are all of the choices out there really that bad? Noah Avellenet, a Fourth Grade student shared his view, "Burger King is the worst. The food tastes bad and you can easily get food poisoning there!" It seems as if Lower School students agree that fast food is not a healthy choice and not a smart decision! It definitely is wise to try to eat at healthier restaurants to avoid getting sick from unhealthy food!



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-Natalie Morales, Third Grade



The Star Wars Saga Continues...

Rafi Niemtschik and Aadi Patel

Star Wars fans around the world are asking the same question, "What is going to happen in the next Star Wars movie?" Well, no one will know the answer to this until December 15th, but in the meantime, there are plenty of theories going around.

Connor Carey, a Fifth Grade student that has a like for all the Star Wars movies says, "Finn is going to get braver, I think that we are going to get more into Rey's story, and I think that she might be a Kenobi (Daughter of Obi Wan Kenobi)." Connor also says that, "Captain Phasma is going to appear more in the movie." Another Fifth Grade Star Wars fan, Collin Crum also reveals, "Snoko is going to have a black lightsaber, Luke is going to turn his light saber into a white one, Yoda's ghost is going to be featured in the movie, and Luke will use the force of lightning."

As you can see everyone will most likely have a different opinion, but we will all see when the movie premieres on December 15th. Get ready Star Wars fans because here comes the next Star Wars movie to add to the saga.

SPORTS



Varsity Comeback!

By Krisalynn Fleches and Maya Berkman

Do you like football? If you do, you will be happy to hear that the NSU University School's Varsity football team had a great season! The Sharks have made huge progress throughout the years, considering they are a fairly new team. Even though the University School Sharks have only been in existence since 2006, as of 2017, some players have been scouted to play as a part of the Alabama Crimson Tides, Miami Hurricanes, Ohio State Buckeyes, Michigan Wolverines, and the Wisconsin Badgers! Will Wynn, a quarterback on the team, said, "The season has been going great. We have won seven games and lost none so far. Right now, we are undefeated."

Playing football requires much more than being athletic. Emile Aime, an inside linebacker, agreed, "When you are the inside linebacker, you have to be very smart and plan ahead of time." The team is hardworking and practices from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Fridays are reserved for weekly games. Yet football also brings about many other rewards than actually winning the game. Jeremy Czerenda, the offensive lineman, explained, "Being on the team feels rewarding, comfortable, and like you're an active person in the community."

The NSU University School Sharks are ranked 44th in the state of Florida and even made it to states this year. The playoff game took place on Friday, November 24th, 2017, and although they did not win, it is certain that the 2017 football season was a great success.

GO SHARKS!!



Letter from the Editor



"We are all beginners once." This is quote I have heard often. One that is preached easily, but very hard to digest. Being a beginner means you have to listen, be taught, and above all, develop your excellence. It's very scary, yet if you push through it can be the most rewarding experience. Most of my staff are "beginners" at writing non-fiction text. Yet, they all approached it with an open, devoted attitude. When in doubt, they didn't give up, even if it meant teaming up or handing an article in at the very last deadline.

I am so proud of their perseverance and look forward to working together once again on the summer edition of the Great White Gazette!

Sincerely,
Fanya DeMaria
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The Great White Gazette Newspaper