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Meet Our Principal

By Hannah P.

Mrs. Lisa Saldivar is the new principal of 7th Street Elementary School. Many students haven't gotten a chance to find out about her and would like to find out more.

7th Street Sailor got a chance to find out more about Mrs. Saldivar, and we think 7th Street is lucky to have her!



Lisa Saldivar

7th Street Sailor: Who or what inspired you to become a principal?

Mrs. Saldivar: The students I have had over the years have inspired me to become

a principal. There is nothing more rewarding than hearing a child read or seeing a

child finally understand a difficult math concept. I wanted to see this school-wide. I have enjoyed teaching children and working with other teachers, so I thought being a principal would give me the opportunity to work with a larger number of students and teachers and see student success on a larger scale.

7th Street Sailor: When did you first start to think about becoming a principal?

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Having Fun with Devon Bostick

By Christian F.

In the book and movie, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*, Rodrick is having so much fun that it's hard not to have fun yourself. There are lots of funny situations that Rodrick and his brother Greg, and Greg's best friend Rowley, get into. You'll definitely enjoy watching the movie, and *7th Street Sailor* talked to actor Devon Bostick, who plays Rodrick, to find out more.

7th Street Sailor: What was your favorite scene in the movie?

Devon: My favorite scene is probably the talent show, which you see at the end of the movie, because I get to rock-and-roll. I play my drums for an audience and be goofy - that's definitely my favorite.

7th Street Sailor: Was it hard being mean as Rodrick?



Devon Bostick

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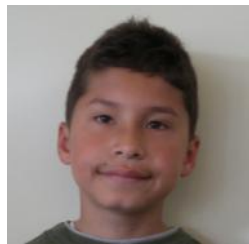
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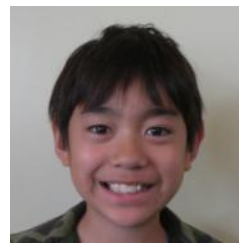
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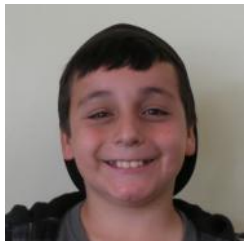
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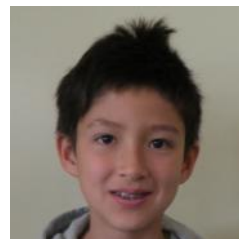
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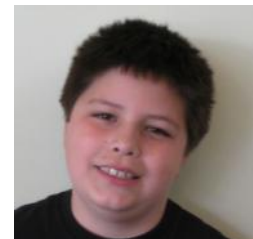
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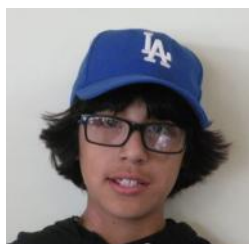
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London's Green Scene

Helena, our London correspondent, tells 7th Street students about how London recycles

In London, almost everything has to be recycled. Everything, from food, to cans and tins and aluminum, to cardboard and newspapers, to plastic. There's even a recycling service for shoes and diapers. (The material is reused, not the actual diaper.)

Every Monday morning, we bring all our recycling out in front of the house. Each kind of material is in a different box. Most are in dark green plastic bins, but there's a bucket for food waste, a woven white bag for plastic, and a woven pink one for leaves and plant waste.

Watch Out for Foxes

Everything except food waste is already in the front

garden so we don't have to carry them all the way through the house. We never leave the food waste out over Sunday night because if you do the foxes that haunt our roads come and eat whatever food might be in the rubbish. On my way to school I often see black plastic bin liners which have been left out overnight, the bags ripped open, the rotting contents strewn across the pavement.

The Green Cycle

I also see the huge green trucks driving slowly through the street, stopping every so often for the drivers to get out and throw the contents of the bins into buckets and grinders inside the truck. I

hear the smashing of broken glass when they throw that bin in and it always makes me wince.

From there, the various items are separated and taken to the local depot. The glass, for instance, is broken down and melted, then solidified into new bottles. So every glass bottle I see is made up of a million glass bottles, each of which was made up of a million glass bottles... Hard to get my head around.

Good for All

Every council is fined if they don't recycle. So basically, it's cheaper, environmentally friendly, and a good idea in about every possible way. ❖



Helena is a student at Godolphin and Latymer school in London

Spring Fashions

By Tyler C.

Spring is coming! People are wearing short shorts, crewcuts, skinny jeans, strapless dresses, short skirts, Uggs, Converse, and slip-ons.

The 7th Street Sailor interviewed third grader, Rosie L., to find out what she liked to wear. She likes crewcuts, skinny jeans, and shorts, and likes clothes in bright pink and black. She also likes ripped shorts, strapless dresses, Converse, Uggs, and slip-ons.

The 7th Street Sailor also interviewed Indy K., who also is in third grade. She likes to wear shorts, leggings, skinny jeans, Adidas jackets, and Uggs.



Old Navy Boys' 2011 Fashion

Finally, we got a chance to talk to Raelyn S., who is a fourth grader at 7th Street Elementary. She said she likes to wear spaghetti strap dresses and likes to shop at Abercrombie and Fitch.

What do you like to wear? There are a lot of options this Spring, from Old Navy, Target, Hollister, Aeropostale, Abercrombie & Fitch, Forever 21, and Tilly's, but remember to wear the appropriate uniform clothing to school! ❖



Forever 21 Girls' 2011 Fashion

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Meet author Jeff Kinney

By Dylan P.



Author Jeff Kinney has sold over 42 million copies of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books

“...SILENCE IS A BULLY’S BEST FRIEND, SO I ALWAYS ENCOURAGE KIDS TO TELL YOUR TEACHERS AND PARENTS IF YOU ARE EVER BEING BULLIED.



The 7th Street Sailor interviewed Jeff Kinney, author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, about his books and about the new movie, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*.

7th Street Sailor: How has Greg changed from the first movie to the second movie?

Jeff Kinney: I think that Greg has chilled out a little bit. He’s not as self-centered in the second film. He’s a better friend to Rowley and this time he’s kind of the victim to his older brother Rodrick.

7th Street Sailor: Did you get involved in the casting of actors for the roles in the movie?

Jeff Kinney: Yes, I did. I helped with the casting and I helped decide who I thought should be in the film. It was really exciting to be part of that whole process.

7th Street Sailor: Do you plan to write any books other than the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books?

Jeff Kinney: I don’t have any plans now. I definitely want to write more *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books, but I hope I come up with a new series as well. I’d like to come up with something new.

7th Street Sailor: Where did you get the ideas for the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books?

Jeff Kinney: I got a lot of ideas from my own child-

hood. I think that every kid has a lot of stories if they would just take the time to write some of the funny stuff down. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is part of my imagination and part of my real life all mixed together in one big stew.

7th Street Sailor: How did come up with the characters in your book?

Jeff Kinney: I wanted to create characters that felt like real kids. Greg is kind of a bad version of myself in middle school and Rowley is a good kid who is not in a rush to grow up, so that’s why Rowley is my favorite character.

7th Street Sailor: Were you ever bullied in middle school like some of the characters in the book?

Jeff Kinney: I was bullied a little bit. There were some real bullies in my middle school and even in high school. Bullying is something in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books, that’s not taken very seriously, but in real life, I take bullying very seriously. I meet a lot of kids who tell me that you should never snitch, that you should never tell on a bully, but silence is a bully’s best friend, so I always encourage kids to tell your teachers and parents if you are ever being bullied.

7th Street Sailor: Will there be more surprises in the movie, other than what’s in the book?

Jeff Kinney: Yes, we try to give the fans what they are expecting but add some good new jokes too.

There’s a scene in the new movie where Greg and Rowley are trying to become Internet sensations that’s really funny.

7th Street Sailor: Why does Patty Farrell have a bigger role in the movie than the book?

Jeff Kinney: That’s true. We needed to come up with a villainess, and Patty Farrell seemed to fit the bill. What’s funny about Laine McNeil who plays Patty Farrell is that she’s just a really sweet kid and she’s the actor who is least like their screen character.

7th Street Sailor: Where did you get the idea for Rowley’s costume on Halloween?

Jeff Kinney: I think that a lot of kids have to change their Halloween costumes to feel safer so I thought it would be funny to have a really ridiculous-looking costume that Rowley’s mom and dad made, with safety tape and things like that all over it.

7th Street Sailor: What steps did you take that led you to be a good author?

Jeff Kinney: I worked at it for a really long time – thank you for saying I’m a good author – I came up with my idea for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and then worked on it for 8 years before I got it published, so I took my time. ❖

Meeting Actor Zachary Gordon

By Elijah M.

The 7th Street Sailor and eight other elementary school newspapers got a chance to interview, by phone, Zachary Gordon, star of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*.

We wanted to find out about Zachary and about how he felt making the second *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* movie.

7th Street Sailor: What role would you like to play other than Greg?

Zachary: Another role that I've really looked into is Rodrick. He's a lot of fun; he plays the drums, which is

awesome, because I used to play the drums, and in general likes to have a lot of fun even when he's torturing Greg. So yeah, totally.

7th Street Sailor: How does it feel being the main character in a movie?

Zachary: It's really something else. It was an amazing experience filming the movie, and it's also an experience seeing people shaking when you walk up and whispering "It's the Wimpy Kid." I look up to Leonardo DiCaprio and Johnny Depp, and it's amazing that people look up to me like that.

7th Street Sailor: Which movie was more fun for you, the first or second movie?

Zachary: Both were extremely fun, but I love the first of everything. *Wimpy 2* is better than the first movie, because it's really funny. But the first one was really fun to film because I didn't know anyone, and it was challenging getting to know everybody as well as portraying a stick figure with three hairs.

7th Street Sailor: In what other movies have you acted?

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Actor Zachary Gordon reprises his role as Greg Heffley in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*

Rowley's Got it All Together

By Serena

One of the favorite book series of all time is the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, and everyone's favorite character in the book is Rowley, who plays the best friend of the lead character Greg Heffley. In the movie, Rowley is played by Robert Capron.

7th Street Sailor: What movie did you like working on most - the first or second *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* Movie?

Robert: They were both really fun to film. I think there were more crazy scenes in the second one, so I guess that may have been a little more fun to film.

7th Street Sailor: Who is your favorite actor or actress that you haven't worked with but would like to work with?

Robert: That's a good question. I like a lot of good actors, but if I have to pick one, maybe Robert Downey Jr— if they make an *Ironman III*, then I could be in it!

7th Street Sailor: What kind of trouble should we expect you and Greg to get into in the movie?

Robert: You should expect us getting into a lot of trouble with my dad and Greg's mom and dad like the time we try to become Internet

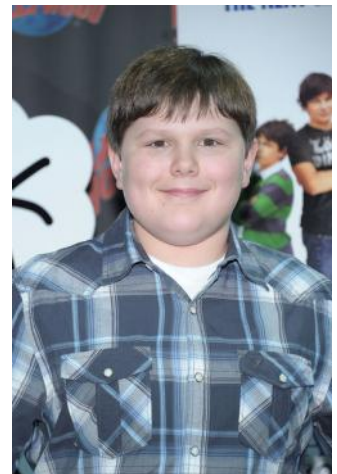
sensations and throwing a party that Greg's mom and dad didn't know about.

7th Street Sailor: Which character in the book would you want to be other than Rowley?

Robert: If I could be a character other than Rowley, I would probably like to be Fregly, because he's so funny and it would really be fun to be him and to be as insane as he is.

7th Street Sailor: What was the best part of playing Rowley in *Rodrick Rules*?

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Robert Capron plays "Rowley" in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules*

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Ur Not In Fashion (UNIF)

By Art E.



Eric Espinoza, owner of UNIF clothing company

What does Justin Bieber and this reporter have in common? Well, here's the story. We both wear clothes by UNIF, which is the fashion company started by my brother, Eric Espinoza. On the March 2011 issue of *Rolling Stones* magazine, Justin Bieber was wearing UNIF fashions.

UNIF was started out of my brother's love for music. He enjoyed both listening and playing music, so after

high school he decided he wanted to be a D.J. Soon he started playing for friends and family and at various parties. Finally, he was invited to DJ at the LA Convention Center and at Hollywood events.

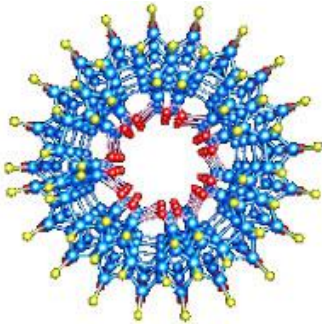
Eric wanted to look different, so this is how he got started in fashion. He started creating his own clothing that he wore on stage, and his t-shirts grew in popularity. The popularity of his clothing line

continued to grow and now he's dressing various Hollywood celebrities like superstar, Justin Bieber. ❖



Science Inventions

By August K.



The future of science is here! Scientists have invented new and improved machines that will blow your mind.

Scientists in Seoul, Korea, have developed a machine

called the "Water Walker," which used the principles of insects walking on water.

Scientists are developing cool machines like "nanomicrobes," that will be used to go inside your body to take

out things that are making you ill. Scientists are also creating filters with nanopores to remove small viruses. ❖

Tap That App

By Johnny



The iPhone has 350,000 apps that can be downloaded from the App Store. The App Store also has apps for the iPad, iPad2, iPod, and iPod Touch.

Angry Birds is the top game not only on the iPhone but on all makes of phones.

Another fun game for the iPhone is *Halo Wars*, which is

a science fiction game where humans battle aliens, and it is the best action game on Earth.

Apple Inc also has the iPad and iPad2 if you want a bigger screen to play games. The iPad2 was just released and has more features than the original iPad and the iPhone. It can be

used as a laptop, but it is portable, and lighter and easier to carry. It can be used as an e-Reader and has a camera for video chatting. It comes in WiFi or 3G for web surfing. It is still hard to get an iPad2, and there is a lot of demand for it. ❖

Names for Dogs

By Rosie

If you need a name for your dog, think of a name that you really like. You could use the name of your favorite book character, movie character, or someone in your family. You could also name your dog with a descriptive word, like Tiger, Bear, Scout, Trooper, etc.

The most important thing when getting a dog is to give it lots of love and attention. ❖

BOY DOG NAMES		GIRL DOG NAMES	
Herman	Buster	China	Zoe
Max	Duke	Molly	Lola
Buddy	Cooper	Bella	Ginger
Jake	Bear	Lucy	Roxy
Bailey	Murphy	Maggie	Gracie
Rocky	Lucky	Daisy	Coco
Charlie	Tucker	Sadie	Sasha
Jack	Sam	Chloe	Angel
Toby	Oliver	Sophie	Lily
Cody	Oscar	Bailey	Princess



What Does Your Dog Need?

By Indy

If you get a new dog, the first thing you want to do is name your dog. There are lots of good names to choose, such as Herman, Tiger, Channing, Misty, Scout, Dog, Oscar, Sophia, Tia, and Trooper.

If you need to train your new dog, then you can take

them to our local Petco on Western Avenue next to McDonald's. They train your dog to be well behaved on a leash and to listen to you when you call. They learn to sit, lay down, roll over, and stay.

The trainers at Petco are very nice, and you can also

take your dog there to be groomed and trimmed.

Petco is located at 852 North Western Avenue in San Pedro.

Petco is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and on Sunday, it is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ❖



Family Traditions

By Raelyn S.

There are lots of holidays for families. When it's Mother's Day, we usually give my mom Edible Arrangements or a card.

On Father's Day, we take our father somewhere special. For example, my father likes to go out for a meal at

a restaurant.

When one of my sisters and brothers has a birthday, we like to go to Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and Universal Studios.

On Thanksgiving, we go to each of my grandmothers' homes.

For Christmas Eve, we get presents, and that's really fun. We wait until just after midnight and open our presents and then go to sleep.

These are my family's traditions. How does your family spend holidays and birthdays? ❖





Sara's Adventure in Las Vegas

By Nariah

One day, a little girl named Sara and her Mom and Dad all wanted to go on a trip to Las Vegas.

Sara said, "Mom, Dad, are we there yet?"

Sara's mom said, "Almost, almost."

When Sara woke up, she saw a whole different room.

Sara said to her mom, "Mommy, I'm kind of scared."

Sara's mom said back,

"Do you remember? We are in Las Vegas."

Sara said, "Oh yeah, I forgot."

When it was the next morning, they all went to a restaurant. Sara was so happy, you could see a big smile on her face.

After they were done eating, Sara got lost in a big restaurant. When Sara got lost, she got extra scared.

Soon she was crying, and a little kid named Rowley noticed Sara and wanted to help her.

Rowley told Sara, "What hotel are you staying in?"

Sara said, "I don't know. I just got here."

Then Sara's mom found her, and Sara was so happy that her mom found her and that she made a new friend, Rowley. ❖



A Crazy but Smart House

By Areli

I have a Smart House. It is awesome and cool. It's like a dream house, but smart! The house can think for itself. You don't have to clean or cook, and the televisions in the house are 3-D.

One day, our Smart House went crazy. When it

was supposed to cook food, instead of serving it on plates, it began throwing food all over the place.

My mom walked in and screamed—like crazy.

"Clean this room," she said. But the Smart Room ignored her, so we had to do

it ourselves. It was a huge mess, and just when we didn't know where to start, Rowley from the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* jumped out of the book to help us clean up. But keep it a secret, because if my mom found out, she'd go crazy again. Shhhh! ❖



Mr. Paper's Help

By Kenjo C.

Once upon a time, there was a woman named Ms. Pen and a man named Mr. Pencil. One day they met, and Mr. Pencil really liked Ms. Pen, but he could tell that Ms. Pen did not like him. So he was very sad all the time.

Then, his friend since second grade, Mr. Paper, noticed how sad Mr. Pencil was and said, "Do you need any help?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Pencil.

Mr. Paper then dressed Mr. Pencil up all fancy in a tuxedo.

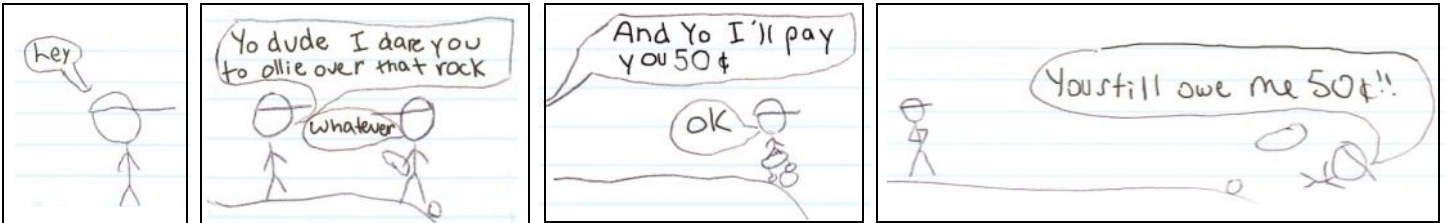
Mr. Pencil said, "Thank you," and he set off for Ms. Pen's house. Mr. Pencil impressed Ms. Pen with his new outfit, and he took her on a date.

One year later, they got married, and Mr. Paper was right in the first row.

COMICS

Bob the Kid

By Dylan P., Austin S., and Timothy G.



Joe, the Clueless Man, and the Dentist

By Jackson P.



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Rodrick Rules Actor Devon Bostick



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Devon: I've acted mean before on camera, as an actor, so I'm used to it, but with Rodrick, it's playing him mean in a way that people could enjoy. It was a little hard, but it's fun to act that way when you're not actually as mean as Rodrick, because you don't get to be that way in real life.

7th Street Sailor: Are you anything like Rodrick in real life?

Devon: I'm like Rodrick in that I like sleeping in a lot. I love sleeping in until noon or 2 pm or however long Rodrick does. I'm not as lazy or as mean as Rodrick, so that part's acting, but Rodrick and I both have a quirky sense of humor. Rodrick is really mean to his little brother, but me and my younger brother get along very well, so I'm not really like him.

7th Street Sailor: Was it more fun shooting the first or second movie?

Devon: It was definitely more fun shooting the second movie. I was only in the shooting for the first movie for two or three weeks, and you only get a glimpse of Rodrick and who he really is. We only got to see him be mean or play tricks on Greg. It was very fun to do the second movie, because in the second movie, you get to see his playfulness, his happy side and his vulnerable side, and also his dark side. So I had a lot more fun shooting

the second movie, because I was there every single day on the set working with the kids and the crew and there was a lot more opportunity to show who Rodrick is.

7th Street Sailor: How old were you when you started acting and what was your first role?

Devon: When I first started acting, I moved to a new area when I was in grade one and I didn't know many people. I was very shy, and one of the few friends I had in that area, invited me to a theater camp. So, I joined the theater camp and I played the old man in Jack and the Beanstalk in grade one. I did that theater camp for four more years. Then I asked my mom how I do this professionally, got an agent and got my first professional role when I was ten, playing a gothic teen, because they couldn't find a teenager to play the role. I had one line in my first role— "That's a lame costume, dude."

7th Street Sailor: What has been your favorite acting role?

Devon: My first favorite acting role was playing this troubled kid in a movie called *Adoration*, which was an Atom Egoyan movie, and it's a journey of this kid trying to figure out why his parents died.

That was my favorite role until Rodrick came into my life. Now Rodrick is by far

the most exciting, exhilarating, funny character, that I've ever played. I love Rodrick with all my heart.

7th Street Sailor: What did you like most about making the movie?

Devon: It's definitely working with people that are really funny and really smart and then also just playing a character in a film that I want to be. It's such a funny set with funny people that I enjoyed every second of it and it didn't seem like a job at all.

7th Street Sailor: Did you learn to play the drums for the movie or did you already know how to play?

Devon: I didn't know how to play, actually. I learned how to play the drums three weeks prior to filming with a drum teacher who taught me the drums in a matter of three days. I learned really fast, and I actually became too good for Rodrick, because Rodrick is not supposed to be that good, so I had to stop playing because Rodrick spends more time twirling his drumstick than learning how to play.

7th Street Sailor: Do you plan to stay in acting as a career?

Devon: I do plan on staying in acting as a career. Hopefully people will still hire me. I'm hoping that I'll be able to do this for a long time and expand into writing and directing. I love all parts of this industry and making movies. ❖

Wimpy Kid Star Zachary Gordon

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Zachary: *National Treasure: Book of Secrets, Georgia Rules, Lower Learning, The Brothers Bloom*, and in some television shows.

7th Street Sailor: Do you have any brothers or sisters, and what is your relationship with them like?

Zachary: Yes, I have two older brothers named Josh and Kyle, and my relationship with them is kind of like Greg and Rodrick's. I got picked on a little when I was younger, but now that I'm older I can kind of defend myself.

7th Street Sailor: How are you similar and how are you different from Greg?

Zachary: Greg is manipulative and he takes things way too far. He takes advantage of people. He does things without thinking them through. I have a lot of friends and I'm nice and that's a big difference between Greg and me.

7th Street Sailor: What do you like to do when you aren't acting?

Zachary: I love to play basketball, I love to play on the computer, I love to roller skate, I learned that from the *Wimpy Kid 2* and I am continuing with that. I love to play ping pong and football at school, and I just like hanging out with my friends.

7th Street Sailor: What do

you want to be when you grow up?

Zachary: I'd really like to be a director. I'd like to continue with acting as well. I really like writing; I have a passion for writing. I'd like to write films and maybe star in them and direct them.

7th Street Sailor: Do the kids in your school treat you differently?

Zachary: Some do. Some just want to be my friend because I'm the movie. My friends who were with me before I even got the movie have been really supportive. But there are some people who still want to be my friend just because I'm a nice person. ❖



Rowley's Robert Capron

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Robert: The best part of playing Rowley was that he got to do a lot of really crazy stuff. He got to go inside of Rodrick's van and get tossed all over the place, which was really fun to film. He got to sit on a tin foil ball with spikes which was really really fun. He got to do a lot of really funny stuff.

7th Street Sailor: What would you like to be when you grow up?

Robert: I definitely want to be involved in movies. I want to be an actor, but I also

want to be a director or a writer for movies. I just want to be involved in movies.

7th Street Sailor: What other movies have you been in?

Robert: I was in a movie called *Bride Wars*, and I was also in a movie called the *Sorcerer's Apprentice*.

7th Street Sailor: How does Rowley's life compare to yours?

Robert: I don't have a lot in common with Rowley. I'm gullible like him but our lives are really different. I don't wear the stuff Rowley wears.

7th Street Sailor: Are you and Zachary Gordon good friends like Rowley and Greg?

Robert: Yes, we are very good friends. We hang out with each other all the time.

7th Street Sailor: What was the hardest part playing Rowley in the movie?

Robert: The hardest part of playing Rowley in the movie was doing the Tik Tok dance thing, because it was so embarrassing, and it was hard not to crack up laughing in the middle of it. ❖





Meet our Principal

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Mrs. Saldivar: I first thought about being a principal in 2006 when I was working as a math coach.

7th Street Sailor: What is the best thing about being a principal?

Mrs. Saldivar: I love that I get to know all of the students in the school and their families. Being a principal allows me to interact with all of the students, not just one class of students. I feel fortunate to be able to talk with and get to know everyone in our school community. I also love that the students all know me. I feel like a rock star when children yell out my name as I'm walking by.

7th Street Sailor: What is your least favorite part about being a principal?

Mrs. Saldivar: I do not like having to discipline students. It is disappointing to me when students do not behave like the respectful and responsible students that I know they can be. I have very high stan-

dards for the behavior of 7th Street students because I feel like we should always represent ourselves in the best way possible.

7th Street Sailor: What kind of advice would you give to someone who wanted to be a principal?

Mrs. Saldivar: I would tell them they need to laugh a lot and do something every day that brings them joy. Often, I spend my day disciplining students or solving problems that arise.

This can often be exhausting, so it is important that I spend part of my day teaching or walking classrooms watching students learn because these things bring me joy. Also, I would tell them that they need to be able to multi-task and be willing to work hard because there are going to be a lot of challenges. They have to be willing to put in the work to overcome challenges and be part of the solution.

7th Street Sailor: Who influenced you the most?

Mrs. Saldivar: I had a student years ago who made tremendous progress in reading while he was in my class. I often think of him when I think about the reason I became a teacher.

7th Street Sailor: What would you like to improve at our school?

Mrs. Saldivar: I would like to improve the bullying situation at our school. Too many students are calling each other names and treating each other poorly. All 7th Street students are special and it is important to me that everyone feels special and safe on our campus. Bullying makes people feel badly about themselves and I don't want anyone to feel badly about themselves. I would like a campus filled with students who are kind to each other and who treat each other with the respect that everyone deserves. ❖

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