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Alvin and the Chipmunks—Chipwrecked

By Liliana L.

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked is one of the best movies of all time.

When you watch the movie, you'll laugh so hard, your sides might hurt, but we can't give away too much of the story, or it will spoil the movie for you.

The movie is so funny; it's also full of excitement, and it has a shocking se-

cret. There is a lot of singing and dancing that you'll love.



The Chipmunks and the Chipettes are excited about going on a cruise, but after fooling around, they go overboard and end up on an island. What will they do?

Alvin and the Chipmunks—Chipwrecked will be in theaters on Friday, December 16. Make sure you go to see it! Everyone in your family will have a lot of fun. ❖

Alvin's producers—Ross Bagdasarian and Janice Karman

By Liliana L.

The 7th Street Sailor attended the press junket for Alvin and the Chipmunks—Chipwrecked and interviewed Ross Bagdasarian, producer and voice of Alvin and Dave in the hit cartoon, and his co-producer and wife, Janice Karman, who is the voice of Theodore and Brittany in the cartoon. They didn't do the speaking voices for this movie, but were the producers for the movie.

7th Street Sailor: Mrs. Karman, do your kids want to



7th Street Sailor reporters Liliana and Sebastian with Alvin producers Ross Bagdasarian and Janice Karman

work with Alvin and the Chipmunks?

Janice Karman: My daughter loves the Chipmunks and

my son does too, but my daughter helps me with the

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Alvin's Director Mike Mitchell

By Liliana L.

The director of the movie, *Alvin and the Chipmunks*—*Chipwrecked* is Mike Mitchell.

The *7th Street Sailor* and other newspapers in the PressFriends program got to interview Mr. Mitchell at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills.



7th Street Sailor: Did you like *Alvin and the Chipmunks* when you were a kid?

Mike Mitchell: I loved *Alvin and the Chipmunks* when I was a kid. I have two kids now, and they love them too. We can go to the [Alvin] movies together, and it's cool to have something we can talk about that we have a connection with.

7th Street Sailor: How do you direct animated characters?

Mike Mitchell: I direct the voice actors, and then the animators listen to the voices and then animate the character to what the voice is saying.

7th Street Sailor: Who is your favorite character in the movie?

Mike Mitchell: I like Theodore, because he is such a cutie. He wears green, my favorite color, and he's a funny guy too.

7th Street Sailor: What makes a good director?

Mike Mitchell: Someone who can say "action" and someone who is a good storyteller.

7th Street Sailor: Who is your favorite actor to work with?

Mike Mitchell: I did a film called *Sky High*. The dad in the film, Kurt Russell, is one of my favorites. I also liked working with Amy Poehler who is Eleanor's voice. ❖



Mike Mitchell

Jason Lee as Alvin's dad Dave

By Liliana L.

Actor Jason Lee plays Dave Seville, who is the "dad" to the Chipmunks and Chipettes.

The *7th Street Sailor* got to interview Mr. Lee.

7th Street Sailor: Did you ever imagine being in a movie when you were a kid?

Jason Lee: When I was a kid, I was a skateboarder. It was my passion. I went on to become a professional skateboarder so I didn't really think about acting until I was

getting out of the skateboard profession and landed a movie role.

7th Street Sailor: Did you take acting classes?



Jason Lee: Years ago, I took an acting class for about 6 months, but then once I started working, work became the acting class.

7th Street Sailor: Which Alvin movie is your favorite?

Jason Lee: This one. I liked the first one because you really got to see how it all started. This one is definitely the most fun, because it's the most adventurous. The crazy things they do make it the most exciting. ❖



Jason Lee

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PressFriends mentor Mitchell and 7th Street Sailor reporter Sebastian H.

The Alvin Press Conference

By Sebastian H.

One day my principal, Ms. Saldivar said, "All of the newspaper reporters go down in front of room 1".

When I went down, she said "Fox Studios invited two of our reporters to watch the new *Alvin & The Chipmunks* movie. The next week the reporter who gets chosen will go to a press conference in Beverly Hills."

I got so excited. We did a raffle to see who got chosen. I got chosen!

I had to go to watch the movie before the press conference. It took a long time to find the movie theater.

The next day, I dressed very fancy. When I went to school Ms. Saldivar drove me to the press conference. It also took a very long time.

When we got to the hotel where the press conference was held, there were a lot of people. I also ate breakfast. I had eggs, bacon, melon, and French toast.

When I went to the room where the press conference was held for all the student reporters in the PressFriends program, my PressFriends mentor was Mitchell.

I met Jason Lee who plays Dave, the director Mike Mitchell, and the producers Ross Bagdasarian and Janice Karman. It was awesome meeting them.

That was the day I attended a real press conference! ❖



BOGO Answers

By Julia P., Amber L., and Isabel M-H

The *7th Street Sailor* interviewed our principal, Mrs. Saldivar, about Bogo Erasers.

The interesting thing about Bogo erasers is that they are so cute yet they are erasers. You can use them as decorations in your room, collect them, or use them as an eraser.

7th Street Sailor: What do you think about the Bogos?

Mrs. Saldivar: I think they're very cute, but that they would be distracting in class.

7th Street Sailor: Would you use them yourself?

Mrs. Saldivar: Yes, I would use them.

7th Street Sailor: Which is your favorite one?

Mrs. Saldivar: The cupcake and the hamster.

7th Street Sailor: Would you give them out to perfect attendance kids?

Mrs. Saldivar: Yes, I would.

7th Street Sailor: Do you think that they are cute?

Mrs. Saldivar: Yes, very.

7th Street Sailor: Would you collect them?

Mrs. Saldivar: I don't really like to collect a lot of things.

7th Street Sailor: Would you use the BOGO erasers to display or erase?

Mrs. Saldivar: I would use them to erase.

7th Street Sailor: Why do you keep them in your office instead of giving them out?

Mrs. Saldivar: I didn't realize what they were until Mrs. Packer showed them to me.

Wow! Amazing answers from an amazing person. We didn't just learn about the Bogo erasers, we also learned Mrs. Saldivar's thoughts about them and how she would use or not use them.

So there you have it Seventh Street Sailors....the Bogo answers!! ❖

The “I Scream for Ice Cream” Survey

By Jackson P.

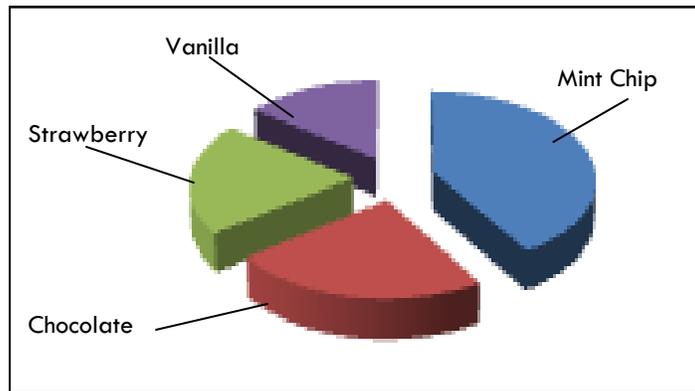
The *7th Street Sailor* wanted to know what flavor of ice cream students at 7th Street like best: strawberry, chocolate, vanilla, or mint chip.

We surveyed 35 students. 14 students choose mint chip. 8 picked chocolate and 7 strawberry. Last but not least, vanilla was selected only 5 times by students.

One student did not choose any flavor. So I asked him why and he told me, “I don’t really like any of them. I like Rocky Road best.”

So the results were mint chip, then chocolate, then strawberry, and in last place was vanilla.

Now I know what flavor of ice cream students prefer at our school and that is something to scream about! ❖



We want to know!

By Daniela J. and Roxy M.

The *7th Street Sailor* went out on a journey to find out what Seventh Street students liked better—strawberry or grape jelly?

We wanted to find out the answer to the question.

After school, we asked students which type of jelly they liked better.

This quest was challenging, and the results were quite shocking!

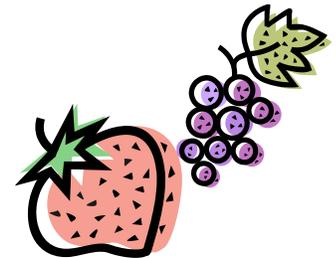
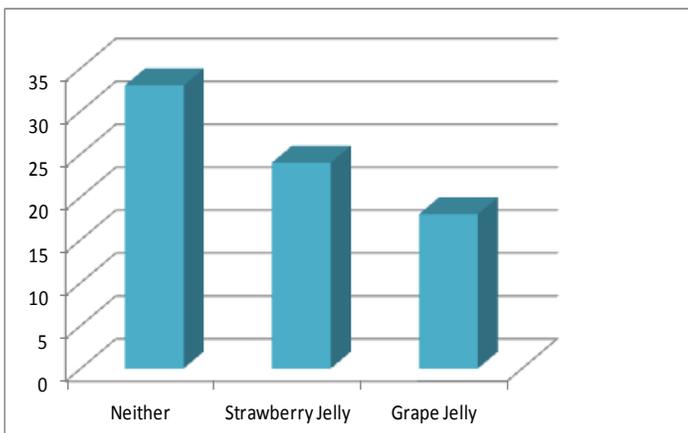
Survey Results

We surveyed 80 students. 24 voted for strawberry jelly, 18 voted for grape and 33 voted for neither.

The people who voted for neither were asked why.

Some said they were allergic to jelly or jam. Some said they didn’t like it, and others wouldn’t answer.

It was a fun experience. Now we know many people don’t like strawberry or grape jelly, but people do like strawberry better than grape jelly. ❖



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From our London correspondent

On the Start of the New School Year

By Helena C.

In the UK, the school year always starts in early September. This means that it is officially autumn when the school year begins.

Slightly depressing, but it means that we're not ever in the middle of a major heat wave when we're sitting at our desk. Not that we ever are in the middle of a major heat wave.

I'm sure you'll have heard about the notorious British weather. As a native, I can tell you it's not as bad as it's cracked up to be, but even so you very rarely get temperatures above thirty degrees [centigrade—equivalent to 86°F], even in August.

The first day of school is not very eventful. In England, we only have three stages of school: primary school (age

4-11), secondary school (age 11-18) and then optional university. I am in Year 8—the equivalent of seventh grade in America—but this is my second year at secondary school so I am already fairly well informed as to how everything works.

Last year, on my first ever day of secondary school, we were split into teams and sent running wildly round the school filling out a quiz. I think the purpose of this was to help us memorize the layout of the school- they didn't make it very clear- and for some of us it worked; but for me- not so much. My primary school was extremely small so it took a while for me to adjust.

This year I start a new subject- Spanish. You cannot

quit any subject until GCSE level (GCSEs are a qualification, one for each subject- a bit like individual middle school diplomas for maths, English, Spanish, etc.) which isn't until Year 11 (tenth grade for you) so that means this year I am taking maths, English, chemistry, physics, biology, French, Spanish, Latin, drama, ICT, Cooking, History, Geography, Art, Philosophy, Design Technology, PSHE, Music, and Sport- nineteen subjects in all. As you can imagine, this makes for quite a packed timetable. In two years I will have to learn either Russian or Italian, but apart from that there will be no changes to my timetable for the next three years.

Be grateful for the American system. ❖



Helena is a student at Godolphin and Latymer School in London

Nike, Just Do It

By Emanuel M.



Do you like Nike? Well I do. Nike is the best shoe brand to me because it has a nice and cool style. I like how in every Nike shoe there is a big check or swoosh in the middle.

I know a lot of people who like Nike—for example Ms. O, my dad, my uncle, ...

well my whole family likes Nike.

I only wear my Nikes on special days like going out to dinner at Olive Garden or at family parties. But if I lose my school shoes, I will wear my cool Nikes.

You can buy Nikes everywhere. You can buy Nikes at

Footlocker, the mall, and other stores that sell shoes.

I like the 6.0 Nikes the most because they look a little newer, and they look brighter.

I love the shoe brand Nike a lot! Do you like Nike shoes now too? ❖

A Big Change

By Daniela J.

The president, government officials, and people involved in Congress are discussing a big change. They are deciding whether or not to take away the dollar bill! They would replace the dol-

lar bill with the dollar coin. They say Americans would get used to the dollar coin if the dollar bill wasn't available any more.

President Obama thinks that we need to respect the

dollar coin more. The dollar coin would last 30 years, while a dollar bill only lasts three years. Since we don't have to make coins so frequently, it would save us a lot of money. ❖



What does Justin Bieber Like?

By Juliet P., Amber L., and Isabel M-H

Ever wonder what Justin Bieber likes? Well, let us tell you.

Justin has played hockey all his life. It all started when he was a little boy and he continues to play.

The Flintstones top his list of must see cartoons while Rocky 4 is the movie to see. You might not guess this, but his favorite color is purple!

Justin's favorite number is "6," while 7UP, orange juice, and vitamin water quench his thirst.

Justin Bieber loves all animals but his favorite animals happens to be dogs and zebras. He owns a Papillon dog.

Justin's favorite food happens to be Spaghetti Bolognese, and the rumor is

that he always orders apple pie after meals. Apparently, he enjoys cup cakes and ice cream sundaes too. Strawberries are another favorite, and his favorite candy are Sour Patch Kids.

Now you are in the loop as to the favorites of this pop star. ❖



JOKES

By Tyler A.

Why did the old man put his car in the oven?

Answer: To get a hotrod!

Why did the kid bring string to the game?

Answer: To tie the score!

Why did the kid put sugar on his pillow before he went to sleep?

Answer: To have sweet dreams!

What did the blanket say to the bed?

Answer: I got you covered!

What did the squirrel say to the other squirrel when he ate the cheese?

Answer: Are you nuts! ❖



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Baseball Player Alex Rodriguez

By Michael Z.

Alex Rodriguez is on the Yankees. He is 36 years old. He was born on July 27, 1975. He started playing pro ball at age 18. He makes a great living playing baseball; and has a 10-year contract with the New York Yankees for \$275 million.

People argue that Rodriguez shouldn't get \$275 million dollars, because he didn't play a lot of games. He only played 99 games out of 162!

Rodriguez has been playing since 1994. That's a lot of years of playing baseball.



And he has gotten better at baseball, that's why he bats clean up. But this year he only got 16 homeruns; almost every season he gets 30 homeruns. I bet he will do better next year.

Alex Rodriguez plays third base and before joining the Yankees, he played shortstop with the Texas Rangers. Before playing with the Texas Rangers, he was drafted out of high school by the Seattle Mariners.

Alex Rodriguez is also called A-Rod. That's all about Alex Rodriguez. ❖



Dodger Matt Kemp

By Joey S.

Matt Kemp has been playing baseball for the Dodgers for 5 years and is one of their best players. He won the Gold Gloves award in 2010 and 2011. He played in 161 games this year and had 39 homeruns and 126 RBI's. He plays center field.

Matt Kemp was born in 1984 on September 23rd. He is from Midwest City, Oklahoma, and he got a diploma at Midwest City High School where he excelled at basketball as well as baseball.

Matt Kemp has an 8-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers. He sometimes does poorly in the beginning of the season but then in the end of

the season, he is on fire.

Matt Kemp is not only a great baseball player, but he also is involved in children's charities. He is awesome! ❖



Fairy Tail

By Marisa J.

There is a really good Japanese comic book called *Fairy Tail*. The main characters are named Natsu Dragneel, Happy the blue cat, Lucy Heartfilia, Gray Fullbuster, and Erza Scarlet. They work in a guild called Fairy Tail. They are the strongest team in Fairy Tail.

Fairy Tail is a magic guild made for people called mages. The name of the master of the guild is Master Macarov. His power is to stretch and grow.

My favorite mage is Mirajane Soul. Her power is

to transform into the power of a demon woman.

Natsu Dragneel's power is to fight with the power of the dragon! It is called dragon slayer magic.

Happy the blue cat also has powers too. He can fly, talk, throw any kind of food at enemies, and carry one person at a time with his long tail!

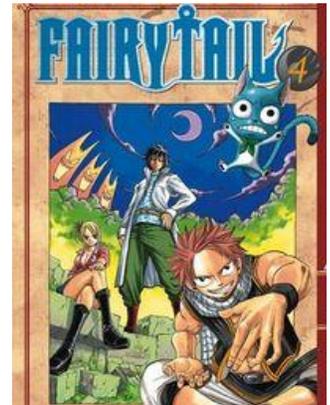
Lucy doesn't have any powers, but she has great skills of hope and courage. Since she has that gift, she can use stellar magic and she can use spirit keys to unlock spirits to help her fight!

The names of the spirits are in the constellation. For example, Virgo, Aquarius or Leo!

Gray's magic is to use ice. He can transform ice into any shape with his bare hands and fight with it.

Erza is the strongest mage in the guild. Her power is to transform into any armor in 2 or 3 seconds! She is a very good sword fighter. The mages work in dangerous jobs for money to buy food.

This comic is so good that anyone who reads it will enjoy it! ❖



Short Story: The K-9 Crew Adventure

By Blake F. and Brianna C.

Once upon a time a group of four dogs, called the K-9 Crew, were walking to the park. The names of these dogs are Cotton, Candy, Cinnamon, and Roll.

They were at the park because they were cursed by



Cinnamon



Roll

an evil witch. The curse will happen at about 10:00 p.m. and when the curse happens, the K-9 Crew will turn into the things that they were named after.

The clock struck 10:00 p.m. RING RING! At that very moment, Cotton and Candy turned into cotton candy and Cinnamon and Roll turned in to cinnamon rolls. Yummy! And they lived happily ever after as cotton candy and cinnamon rolls.



Cotton

Candy



an evil witch who they battled earlier.

When they fought her, they weren't scared. The witch lost the fight and ended up in jail, but, before that, she put a

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Producers Ross Bagdasarian and Janice Karman

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designing of the costumes. I trust her opinion. They both love the Chipmunks, but I don't know if they'll want to get into the business.

7th Street Sailor: What is the hardest part of your job as a producer?

Janice Karman: Making sure that the characters are represented correctly and that the audience likes them when they leave the movie, especially Alvin and keeping him from getting too bratty.

7th Street Sailor: Did you come up with the idea for the movie?

Ross Bagdasarian: No, the best idea I had was marrying Janice because she's got such great ideas about what's right for these characters to do and while she didn't come up with the title and that they're going to be on an

island, she came up with all the ideas about what the characters are going to be doing. My biggest contribution is marrying a smart woman.

7th Street Sailor: What is something we might not know about Alvin?

Ross Bagdasarian: When my dad started the Chipmunks, he worked on them for 6 or 7 years and then stopped doing it. After he passed away, I wanted to bring them back for people to enjoy what my dad had created.

Janice Karman: It took us five years, knocking door to door, going everywhere we could trying to get the chipmunks to even getting a meeting with someone.

Ross taught me tenacity which means not giving up. If you want something, keep working at it, keep working at it, because five years is a long time to persist and keep

believing so that was such an important lesson for me that you just don't take no for an answer if you believe in something.

7th Street Sailor: Who is your favorite Chipmunk?

Ross Bagdasarian: It's hard not to have an affection for Alvin, not just because I did the voice for 30 years but because he represents so much — having such confidence in what he's doing even if he's totally wrong.

Alvin also loves his brothers, and he's incredibly loyal, so if there is a problem that Simon or Theodore have and they really need his help, he'll be there to help them.

Janice Karman: I'm like a mom; I love them all. I love Theodore's vulnerability, I love Simon's wit, and I love Alvin's loyalty.

You love them all for different reasons, and you can't pick one favorite.❖



My Cat, the Dog

By Abigale H.

I have a cat that acts like a dog. She acts like a dog because she drools, she comes when I call her, and when I am very loud, she just stares at me and does not run away.

Also, if I put my blocks on her she does not run away.

One time I was playing with her when all of the sudden she started to get tired so she laid back and fell off of the bed.

I said, "Zeuss are you ok?"

She meowed and I laughed and laughed and laughed

because she just would not stop staring at me.

She looked sad because I had laughed at her.

"I'm sorry Zeuss" I said.

She meowed. I knew that she said I forgive you. That is my Cat, the Dog..❖

A Lost Friend at 7th Street

By Angela R.

One warm summer day, it was my first day at 7th Street Elementary, and I was super scared. During math time, a kind-looking girl tapped me and said "Are you new?"

"Yes," I said back.

Later at recess, she played with me after I was

done with my breakfast. Ever since, she was my friend. Later on she introduced me to her friend Areli C.

At the end of the year, I cried because she told me she would have to move.

The next year I felt sad because I missed her very much.

Now we communicate by writing letters to each other, or sometimes she will call me. She is a very kind girl, whom I will always remember in my heart as much as I remember our story.

She was a very sweet, kind, spirited, and good-hearted person. ❖



Happy Holidays from PressFriends



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PressFriends would like to thank Mrs. Saldivar for all her work on this newspaper and with the newspaper club. She has endless patience and has put in many, many hours to make this work for your students and for our middle and high school mentors.

We hope to see you all at the next newspaper club meeting. In the meantime, PressFriends has two free writing workshops coming up.

Whale Fiesta Writing Workshop the CMA for 4th and 5th Graders

Sign up now for PressFriends' science writing workshop at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on January 29, 2012, during the CMA's Whale Fiesta. Students' articles will be published in the winter issue of CMA Kids News. Sign-up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/cmakids7>.

PV Kids News Arts Galore Workshop

This February 4th workshop involves a visit to the PV Art Center to learn how to write art reviews. Sign-Up is Required. Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/pvkids6>. Articles will be published in the winter issue of *PV Kids News*.



Message From Mrs. Saldivar

To the wonderful students, staff, and families of 7th Street School:

This school year has gotten off to a wonderful start! I have enjoyed spending time with our students in their classrooms and on the yard.

Our students are engaged in high-level thinking activities and reading more than ever

before. I am thankful for the hard work of the students, the expertise of the staff, and the support of the parents and community, and I look forward to the good work that we will continue to do in the new year.

Over the Winter Break, I would encourage you to read at least 20 minutes every day and discuss your reading

with your family. Below are some questions to help guide your discussions.

I hope you enjoy your time with your loved ones and take the time to rest and relax because we have a lot of work to do when we return! Happy Holidays!

Fondly,
Mrs. Saldivar

Questions to ask before you read

- Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?
- What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in our story?
- Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?
- Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?

Questions to ask during the reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- Can you predict how the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)
- As I read _____, it made me picture _____ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?
- As you read, what are you wondering about?
- Can you put what you've read in your own words?

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