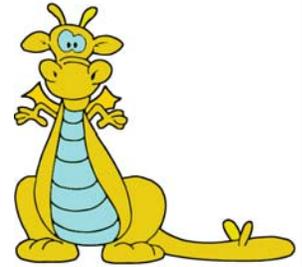


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LA's BEST Times



Our Principal, Pablo Osorio

By Giselle N.

Dr. Osorio has been the principal at 135th Street Elementary School since August 2013. Dr. Osorio knew he wanted to be a teacher in college, so he studied math, English, science, and writing. He also took classes about how children and adults learn.

What Dr. Osorio likes the most about his career is helping children learn and helping the teachers instruct the students. Dr. Osorio worked as a substitute



Pablo Osorio with reporter Giselle

teacher, teacher, assistant principal, and finally reached the principal position! He has worked at many schools, such as Rosecrans, Figueroa,

109th St., Kingsley, Griffith Joiner, 99th St., and Weingand.

Traveling, museums, and going to the movies are a few things he enjoys!

Dr. Osorio continued the tradition of popsicles and churro Fridays that our former principal Mr. Camacho started as a smart way to raise funds for our school

We would like wish Dr. Osorio the best of luck and we are confident he will do a great job! ❖

The Best of LA's BEST, Wendy Beltran

By Adriana E.

Ms. Beltran is 27 years old and has worked with LA's BEST since 2007.

Ms. Beltran is nice, and has been in charge of many different clubs and activities at LA's BEST such as cooking, coaching, science, Best Fits, PressFriends, Theater-Friends, Typing To Learn, Kids Lit, Kids Math, and Clever Crazes!

She is a very fun person that loves working for LA's BEST.

Every day she helps us with our homework and makes sure we know how important it is for us to do our best in everything we do.

Ms. Beltran's team is the Los Angeles Dodgers, her favorite food is tacos, and her favorite color is purple. ❖



Wendy Beltran with reporters Edgar and Adriana



Adriana



Britney



Edgar



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Giselle



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Jisel



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Kathy



Prisila



Trayveon



Victor



Not pictured: Chasity W., Katherine B., and Liz,

Coach Jesse

By Lil Joe, Gabriel and Victor

Mr. Jesse is our LA's BEST LA84 sports coach at 135th St. Elementary. Mr. Jesse has worked with LA's BEST for six years. He is the fourth grade leader at LA's BEST.

Mr. Jesse's favorite sport to coach is softball he teaches softball because he wants to

help his students get better. His favorite sport to play is basketball. His favorite basketball team is the Lakers, and his favorite player is Kobe Bryant.

Mr. Jesse's favorite experience is when he almost made it to the championships at his old school.

You can see that Mr. Jesse likes and teaches a lot of sports. If you need advice, go to Mr. Jesse, and he will help you. He knows hints and tips to almost every sport. He is very good at basketball and other sports. ❖



Gabriel, Coach Jesse, Victor, and Joe

Clever Crazes is Crazy Fun

By Katherine B.

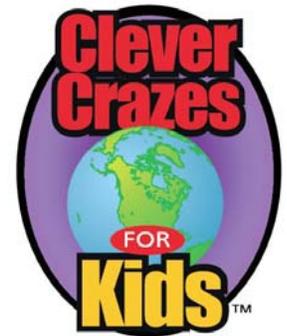
Clever Crazes is an educational game where kids can play and help their school. If students get good scores, they can raise money for their school and get gift cards as a prize. It's great because you can learn a lot, and you can play educational games like *Making Lemon-*

ade with Ana and more! Besides who wouldn't want to raise money for their own school, in return you might get a field trip. You can get to go to places like Knott's Berry Farm, John's Incredible Pizza, and more!

Clever Crazes is a great educational site. It teaches

you about science, language arts, planets, astronomy, saving money, math, and more! The computer club is directed by Ms. Beltran. She is one of the best staff of LA's BEST I know! She is kind, fair, and the best of the best.

Maybe one day you will play Clever Crazes too! ❖



Let's Get Cooking!

By Britney B.

LA's BEST has a cooking club. This year, it is directed by Ms. Sutton, who is one of the LA's BEST Staff. Ms. Sutton has been nice to everyone in the club.

Students write their cook books every Tuesday and Thursday.

Then, every Friday, students get a chance to cook. Students have made root beer floats and will be making nachos. It is fun cooking on Fridays, because we don't have any homework.

We make healthy hot sandwiches with tomatoes

and lettuce, turkey meat, turkey ham, and regular turkey.

We learn about the process of cooking food. We also learn how to use different ingredients. You might be in cooking class next year too! ❖





The Legendary Jackie Robinson

By Isaac L.

Jackie Robinson was born in January 31, 1919 and died in October 4, 1972.

Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play Major League Baseball. Jackie Robinson broke the

color line when the Brooklyn Dodgers started him at first base on April 15 1947.

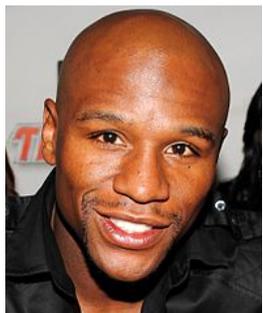
Jackie Robinson was one of the most popular baseball players in the country and helped advance Civil

Rights for black athletes. In 1955, he helped the Dodgers win the World Series.

Jackie Robinson retired from baseball in 1957, with a career batting average of .311. ❖

Floyd Mayweather Jr.

By Victor O.



Floyd Mayweather Jr. was born on February 24, 1977. He is 36 years old and is an American professional boxer. His nickname is Pretty Boy or Money.

Floyd Mayweather is 5 ft 8 in tall, and he is currently undefeated and has done 45 matches and won them all. He

is a five division world champion, having won eight world titles. Mayweather is the WBC welterweight champion and also a two-time Ring Magazine Fighter of the Year.

Boxing has been a part of Mayweather's life and he wanted to be a boxer since he was a kid. He put on his first

boxing gloves at age seven. He won the National Golden Gloves in 1993, 1994, and in 1996.

Mayweather is a great and popular boxer everywhere. He has beaten many other boxers like Canelo. He is the best boxer ever and my favorite. ❖

Soccer in Mexico

By Edgar V.



The México national football team represents the country of México. This football team has qualified for fourteen world cups. Amazingly, they have qualified consecutively since 1994.

Fabian Marco and Javier Hernandez play on the México national team. Their shirts are created with the dark colors

green, white, and red, the colors of Mexico.

México became the first host nation to win the FIFA tournament. Also, they scored a second goal for Argentina.

The Estadio Azteca stadium is where the team practices. In Spanish, it is known as El Colos de Santa Ursula.

On August 9, 1927, the group of official judges of the sport of football in México was founded.

The games are fun to watch every Friday on television. Each game is usually two hours. There are many advanced players on the Mexico team. This team is very cool! ❖

LeBron James

By Kathy C.

LeBron James is one of the top basketball players in America. He lived with the family of a local football coach who introduced him to basketball when he was nine years old. James went on to join the pros and he won the NBA Rookie of the Year.

LeBron James was born on December 30, 1984 in Akron, Ohio. He and his

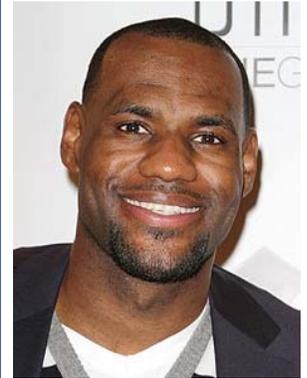
friends played on a youth basketball team and were called the Fab Four. They went to the same school together, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, which was a private school instead of going to a public school.

James was the first pick in the 2003 NBA draft and was picked by the Cleveland Cavaliers. And

was named Rookie of the Year.

In 2010, he became a free agent and signed with the Miami Heat.

LeBron was the best and brave. He has made a lot of money and is very rich. He has won the NBA Championship twice with Miami Heat. ❖



Flash

By Victor O.

Dwyane Tyrone Wade Jr. born January 17, 1982. His nickname is Flash or D-Wade. He is an African American Professional basketball player who currently plays for Miami Heat, a team in the NBA.

Wade's jersey number is 3. He was named Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated.

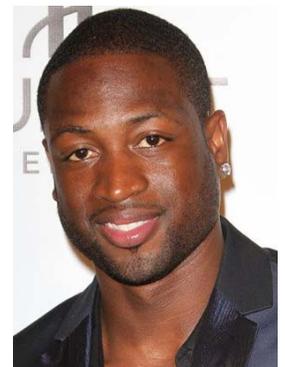
D-Wade is known to be a member of the Big 3, which also includes LeBron James and Chris Bosh.

Wade is one of the most popular basketball players in the NBA. Dwayne Wade can dunk, shoot and dribble.

Dwayne Wade is one of my favorite basketball players in the NBA, because he has talent. He is one of the best

basketball players on his team. He is good at doing crossovers and passing. He can jump shoot too. He is fast and flexible. He is a really good basketball player.

Dwayne Wade plays on the same team as LeBron James and Chris Bosh. All 3 of them together are called the Big 3. He is a really good player. ❖



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Terrifying Tigers

By Liz

Tigers are one of the most dangerous animals on the planet. Tigers are recognized by the reddish orange black stripe coat they have.

The Tiger is one of the biggest cats in the world. This big ferocious kitty can weigh from 720 pounds to 363 kilograms and it stretches 6 feet 2 meters long.

This powerful predator hunts alone. Their prey is deer, antelope, and gazelle. They look for their prey at

night and sneak close to its victim and devourer's the prey. Tigers kill a big animal by biting it in the neck same goes for the small animals too.

Some Tigers eat up to 60 pounds of meat and most of the time it takes a Tiger whole day to eat an animal and if it dose not finish it hides it and hopes an animal dose not get it.

Most members of the cat family like the Tigers like water. They swim and often soak in the water to cool

down they also take their cubs to bathe them.

Did you know that another name for the Tiger is panther there are many more names for the Tiger. There are lots more places for the Tiger to live in like in Bengal, China, and Indochinese. Some Tigers when in trouble far away their roar can be heard for miles.

Tigers only live for 23 years. Tiger females live alone to raise her children because after 6 months they depart and live there life. ❖

Bugatti Speeds to the Top

By Erving Z.



A Bugatti costs \$2,000,000. It is the fastest car in the world. I like it and so do other people because it looks so cool. I would like to buy a Bugatti when I am an adult.

The Bugatti was always built to be fast. Today, a

Bugatti is faster than a Ferrari. It is the best car in the world because it goes more than 500 miles per hour. It is faster than a cheetah!

The Bugatti automobile was founded in 1909. The first two people who ever made it were Ettore Bugatti

and his son Jean Bugatti. The company stopped production after Ettore Bugatti died. In the 1950s, Roland Bugatti tried to start up the company again with race cars, but wasn't too successful. The company made airplane parts and was sold to Hispano-Suiza in 1963 and to Volkswagen Group in July 1998.

A Bugatti car has a cool look, colors, and designs. The designs are the Grand Sport, Super Sport, Vitesse, and a Legend series. That's why a Bugatti is my favorite car in the world. ❖



Taylor Swift's Life

By Giselle N.

Taylor Swift was born on December 13, 1989. They made her a singer in Pennsylvania, because she was really talented. She wrote her first song when she was sixteen years old.

Songs with a Story

Taylor Swift wrote the song called "Tied Together with a Smile." The reason she wrote that song was because

one of her friends had bulimia. Bulimia is when a human being eats more than they have to and then vomits to get it out to try and lose weight. Taylor felt sad because her friend could get killed like that so Taylor wrote that song just for her friend.

Taylor Swift wrote "22" because she liked the age of "22" so she wanted to sing

something interesting about her life and that was her fourth studio album and it was given on one of her concerts. The album that was given out had lots of her songs on it.

Taylor Swift has a great voice and writes beautiful songs, and that makes the crowd crazy for her. She is still one of the most popular singers. ❖



Ariana Grande's Life

By Katylen M.

Ariana Grande was born and raised in Florida. Her parents are Joan Grande and Edward Butera.

Ariana was funny in *Victorious*, a show on Nickelodeon where she played the red haired and well-liked character Cat Valentine. Now she has black and kind of brown hair.

In 2008, she got a lot of attention when she played the role of Charlotte in the musical *13* on Broadway.

Ariana has lots of music. She really like acting, and is sweet and funny. She likes having friends.

Ariana's birth name is Ariana Grande-Butera. She

was born on June 26, 1993, and is now 20 years old.

Swindle

Ariana was in a Nickelodeon movie called *Swindle* last summer. The movie was about kids who are swindled, and they then swindle the swindler. The other actors in the movie were Noah Crawford, Chris O'Neal, Jennette McCurdy, Noah Munck, and Ciara Bravo. Her name on that show was Amanda Benson.

Other TV Credits

Ariana Grande was on *iCarly* once for iParty with Victorious, and it was cool.

Since 2013, Ariana is starring in another Nickelodean show with Jennette McCurdy called *Sam and Cat*.

Music All the Way

In March 2013, Ariana reached music fame after her new single "The Way" came out. "The Way" was successful the moment it was released. The song was written by song producers Harmony Samuels and Amber Streeter.

Ariana likes to sing a lot and has a nice voice. She left high school when she was very young. Ariana's friends are talented like she is. She is so pretty and cool. ❖





The Incredible Justin Bieber

By Jisel R.

Justin Bieber is incredible. He is very talented and sings songs. One of his best songs is *Never Say Never* because it shows how Justin Bieber felt when he was in the situation that many people are in right now. He is saying don't say never and is telling you to follow your dreams.

Some people wonder, why is he so famous? People believe that he is just lucky but I think he is incredible. People adore his singing.

Some of the songs he has sung are *Baby*, *Boyfriend*, *Beauty and a Beat*, *As Long as You Love Me*, *All Around the World*, and *Never say Never*.

Justin Bieber is adored by millions of people in the United States and other countries. People love Justin Bieber and he has millions of loving fans. He sings song to inspire others to make fewer mistakes in the world. Now people understand why Justin Bieber sings songs and pursues music. ❖

A Canadian Idol Star

By Prisila C.



Carly Rae Jepsen was born on November 21, 1985, in Mission, British Columbia. Her parents' names are Alexandra Jepsen and Larry Jepsen, and she has a stepfather named Ron Lanzarotta.

Jepsen was in the Canadian Idol show, and came out in third place. But it helped her launch her career, and she

released her album *Tug of War* afterwards in 2008.

Tug of War included the single of the same name, a cover of John Denver's song, *Sunshine on my Shoulders*, *Bucket*, and *Sour Candy*.

In 2011, an EP called *Curiosity*, which included the song *Call Me Maybe* that was very popular on YouTube.

In 2012, Justin Bieber heard her and referred her to his own manager, Scooter Braun. Braun signed her to his record company.

In 2012, Jepsen released her second album called, *Kiss*.

Next for Jepsen is Broadway! She is going to take over the role of *Cinderella*. ❖

Bella Thorne

By Chasity W.



Bella Thorne was born on October 8, 1997. That means that she is 16 years old, and acts on the TV show *Shake It Up*. She and Zendaya are famous singers and dancers. Bella's name in

Shake It Up is Cece. She is the show's best character.

Her songs, "Bubblegum Boy", *TTYLXOX*, "Contagious Love", "Made in Japan", and "Watch Me" are very popular.

Bella Thorne is an amazing and talented person. On *Shake it Up* she is supposed to be fun and act like a dumb person, but she is actually amazing in real life and the best character on the show. ❖

Bob Marley

By Joe M.

Bob Marley was born on February 9, 1945. Bob Marley is a singer and songwriter who was born in Jamaica. He is famous internationally because he has a series of crossover reggae albums.

Bob Marley began singing in 1963 with the group, The Wailers. He has a very distinctive song writing and vocal style that helps many audiences around the world



recognize his songs now. When the Wailers broke up in 1974, Bob Marley tried for a solo career. He was successful, and the album he released in 1977, *The Exodus*, was his career's highest point.

Bob Marley has made many different songs. He made the songs "Jammin'", "Buffalo Soldier", "Rat Race" "Is this Love" and "The Three

Little Birds". Those were some songs that Bob Marley made.

People call Bob Marley the legend of Reggae. Everyone that sings reggae knows Bob Marley's name. Bob Marley has a son named Ziggy Marley.

Bob Marley died on May 11, 1981. The last words Bob Marley said before he died were, "Money cant buy life".

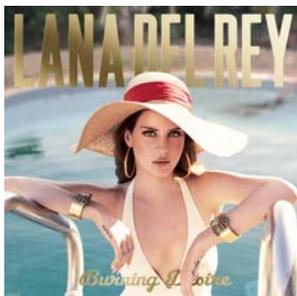
Bob Marley is the King of Reggae, because he is the best reggae artist who ever lived. ❖



Way to go, Lana Del Rey

By Britney B.

Lana Del Rey was born on June 21, 1986 and is now 27 years old. She was raised in New York. When she was only 18 years old, she started to write her own songs. She wrote "Born to Die", "Blue Jean" and



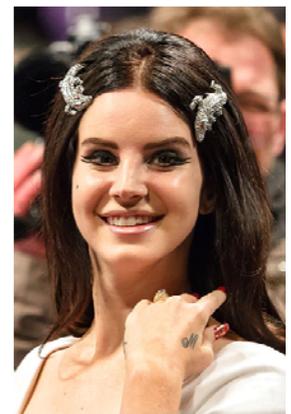
"Summertime Sadness."

She made her first recording contract when she was 22 years old with 5 Point Records. She won the British Phonographic Industry's award for "International Breakthrough Act" in 2012 and "International Female Solo Artist" in 2013.

On April 25, 2005, a seven track disc was taken to Lana Del Rey. The application was named "Rock Me Stable" and another title was "Young Like Me." It was a secret from 2005 to 2006.

When she was 20 years old, she signed a record contract of \$10,000 and she moved to a mobile home park in New Jersey. One of her songs released is "Born To Die." It was released on January 31, 2012. She was on the Jonathan Ross Show and performed during the show on January 7, 2012. She has also performed on The Voice UK..

Her best song so far is "Summertime Sadness" because it is catchy and it is played a lot on the radio. ❖





Karmin and Nick

By Edith H.

Amy Hiedman (Karmin) was born on April 29, 1986. Nickolas Noonan (Nick) was born on April 27, 1986. They are both 27 years old and are now worldwide sensations. Amy met Nick at Berkley College of music in Boston. Amy graduated at

Nebraska. Nick graduated from Old Town High School in Maine. He was a member of a concert in jazz band. Their first album was EP, which came out in May 2010.

Karmin has many songs, such as "Hello", "Broken-

hearted", "Crash Your Party", "I Told You So", and a bunch more. Their best song, "Acapella", is a hit. It was released on July 23.

Karmin has over 27 covers, all of them are really cool.❖



Injustice, the Movie

By Gabriel S.

Injustice is cool movie with many characters like the Flash, whose mom died when he was little. He arrests bad guys like the bad Flash who put a bomb on the good Flash and who put concrete on Batman.

Another bad guy that the Flash encounters is the Joker. The Flash also has to get the Joker because what if the Joker sets up a bomb or robs the bank. The Joker can also poison people by using a poison that makes you

laughs so much that it will make you die.

Injustice is an animated movie, and is better for older kids to watch. Be sure to check with your parents before you watch this movie.❖



Link Leaps Ahead

By English J.

Link is the hero of Time because he got the green shard, gooron shard, and the zoron shard.

Link is a character in the *Legend of Zelda* video games and also appears in the *Super Smash Bros* and a lot of other video games.

The *Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time*, Link got the ocarina of time from Zelda who dropped it. Ganon picked up Saria's ocarina and took it.

Link is blonde with a green shirt and a green hat. Zelda is blonde and the

Sheik is Zelda but is in a male form.

When Link gets the master sword link turned into an adult, seven years pass. The first temple is the forest temple, the fire temple, water temple, shadow temple, spirit temple. ❖

Batman battles over the years

By Trayveon K.

Batman is a comic book super hero who saves people. One of the coolest things is his motorcycle because it has big wheels and weapons for good.

Batman first appeared in comic books published by DC comics. Batman was created by artist Bob Kane

and writer Bill Finger and the first appeared in comics May 27, 1939.

He was originally referred to as "The Batman" and today is usually just called "Batman." In the 1960s, Ed Graham produced the television show based on the comic strip Batman and

aimed at kids. The show was a lot like other comic book-based shows, like *The Adventures of Superman* and *The Lone Ranger*.

The new movies like *The Dark Knight* and *The Dark Knight Rises* have a lot of action and are aimed at older kids and adults. ❖



Video Game: Lego Batman

By Jahidi B.

Defeating *Lego Batman 2 DC Superheroes* is exciting because afterwards, new characters like Cyborg arrive. Cyborg is half man, half robot, which is weird. Cyborg's super powers are walking on metal walls and shooting red laser eyes at gold pieces.

Green Lantern's super powers are flying and building things out of green Lego pieces.

Superman can fly, shoot lasers out of his eyes, and make water freeze with his mouth.

Wonder Woman can fly and lasso things with her whip.

The goal in *Lego Batman 2* is to try and beat Harley Quinn, the Riddler. To pass the second level, the goal is to defeat the Joker when he's in his Joker boat while he's throwing potions that might make the player lose a life if they are hit. The game is rated "E." ❖



Pikachu and Pokemon

By English J.

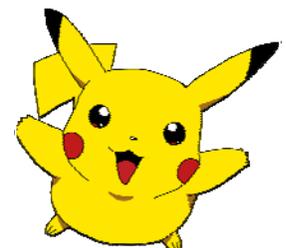
Pikachu is an electric Pokemon, who can fire lightning when he is fighting other Pokemon.

Pikachu's Pokemon trainer is Ash Ketchum, and

Pikachu is Ash's first Pokemon. Pikachu and Ash start out not liking each other very much but then become great friends.

Piplup, a blue penguin, and Oshawott, a sea otter, are

friends but they like a Pokemon named Meloetta. Piplup and Oshawott get mad at each other over the Pokemon Meloetta, who sings beautifully and makes them blush. ❖



LA's BEST's Best Programs

By Prisila C.



In LA's BEST we do all kinds of activities like sports, cooking classes, loom, drill team, LA's BEST After School Arts Program (ASAP), science, arts and crafts, Press-Friends and computers. All the kids in LA's BEST get a chance to pick the clubs they want to join, because LA's BEST is a "Kids Choice Program."

In sports we all play softball basketball football and

soccer. In cooking classes we write our recipes and then we actually make the food. In loom, we make bracelets from colorful rubber bands. In drill team we create a hip hop routine, go to competitions which is a lot harder than you can imagine it takes a lot of hard work and dedication.

In our current ASAP club we play the drums and do all kinds of sounds. We

have also done lots of different art projects that then get displayed to all of LA's BEST. Now in Press Friends we work on articles for our *LA's BEST Times* with the help of the high school mentors. In computers we play *Clever Crazyies* where we win gift cards for playing.

These are activities that entertain kids but most importantly they learn in the process! ❖

Note from PressFriends

By Luke Southwell, President, Student Advisory Board



PressFriends had a great fall semester with 135th Elementary School and LA's BEST afterschool program.

PressFriends are middle and high school mentors who come to work with your LA's BEST afterschool newspaper club. We are very lucky to be working with a talented

group of reporters this year and have a huge amount of help from Ms. Beltran.

Not only did we work together on *LA's BEST Times*, but Ms. Beltran also helped us run a Theatre-Friends Program. Students met weekly with Press-Friends' mentors and did

singing and dancing and then joined all of LA's BEST in a holiday program.

We have lots of fun stuff ahead this spring and hope that you'll be joining LA's BEST and PressFriends! ❖



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