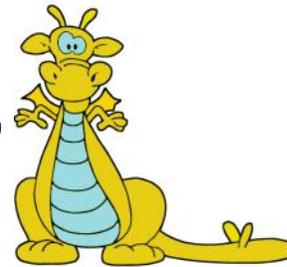


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# LA's BEST Times



## Making Star Wars Come Alive in 3D

By LA's BEST Times news staff

The news staff of the LA's BEST Times interviewed Dorne Huebler, who worked on "Stars Wars Phantom Menace 3D" to find out how the original movie was made into 3D.

**LA's BEST Times:** How long did it take to make Star Wars Phantom Menace into a 3D movie?

**Huebler:** It started in 2010, ended in 2011- a little over one year

**LA's BEST Times:** How many people worked on making it a 3D movie?

**Huebler:** Too many to count...



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## PressFriends See Star Wars at Fox Studios

By LA's BEST Times news staff

LA's BEST Times joined student reporters from other elementary student newspaper in the PressFriends program at a pre-release screening of *Star Wars Phantom Menace 3D* at Fox Studios.

LA's BEST Times interviewed students from the other newspapers to find out what they thought about the new release of *Star Wars Phantom Menace*.



Felix from Twain Elementary said, "I didn't think the movie was scary at all. I liked

the 3D effects in the movie."  
 Wendy from the Boys & Girls Club of Wilmington said, "I liked the movie, and my favorite part was the fight between Qui-Gon Jinn and DARTH MAUL."  
 Bradley from 7th Street Elementary said, "The movie was cool, because of the special effects. My favorite character is Yoda."  
 Be sure to go see *Star Wars Phantom Menace 3D!* ❖



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## Meet Ms. Salgado

By Yajaira S.

**L**A's BEST Times interviewed: Ms. Anayantzín Salgado, who is LA's BEST's Coordinator at 135th St. Elementary School.

I have known Ms. Salgado since I was in kinder, when I started in LA's BEST. She was also a teaching assistant in the morning. She has watched me grow. She cares about the students. She, also, has the same last name as me.

**LA's BEST Times:** Why did you decide to become an LA's

BEST Site Coordinator?  
**Salgado:** I wanted to work with the students here at 135th, and this was a perfect opportunity.

**LA's BEST Times:** What do you like best about being site coordinator?

**Salgado:** I get to work with the children and with the wonderful staff members of the LA's BEST team here at 135th Street.

**LA's BEST Times:** What do

you like least about being site coordinator?

**Salgado:** All the paperwork I do.

**LA's BEST Times:** If someone is interested in being an LA's BEST Staff Member what does he or she need to do or study?

**Salgado:** They can go to the LA's BEST website <http://www.lasbest.org> and fill out an application.

Thanks, Ms. Salgado! ❖



## Star Wars Phantom Menace in 3D

By Michael C.

**W**ant to see an exciting movie? Go see *Star Wars Phantom Menace in 3D*. This is the first Star War episode, and the first Star War movie to be converted from 2D to 3D.

The movie is rated PG and is science fiction. The actors are Liam Neeson as Qui-Gon Jinn, Ewan McGregor as Obi Wan Kenobi, Natalie Portman as Queen Amidala and Jake Lloyd as Anakin Skywalker.

Frank Oz played Yoda, and Kenny Baker played R2D2.

The movie *Star Wars* begins with Obi-Wan Kenobi and Qui-Gon Jinn in a ship, and attacking inside the ship. Then they escape the ship and went to a planet. Queen Amidala lived on that planet. Qui-Gon Jinn told her to come to the spaceship with him so she could be safe. Qui-Gon Jinn found a kid name Anakin Skywalker.

Anakin was in a race and won and he was not a slave again but he had to leave his mother behind. The story takes place in a galaxy far far

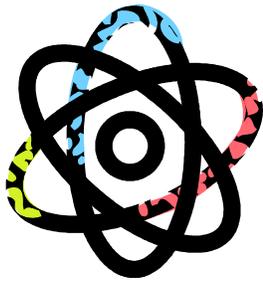
away from milky way galaxy.

The movie looks very cool in 3D, because it pops in front of you. The story is cool because of all the battle scenes, and all the characters are cool, but Jar Jar Binks is especially awesome.

The director and producer of the movie is George Lucas. Thanks Mr. Lucas, Lucasfilm and 20th Century Fox for letting our news staff see the movie before it was out in theaters.

This is a movie that you will definitely enjoy. ❖





### The Science Fair

By Tre'von L. and Robert B.

LA's BEST Times interviewed Mr. Domingo, who is the person who is in charge of the science fair at 135th Street Elementary School. The school science fair was held at the end of February.

**LA's BEST Times:** Why is the science fair important?

**Domingo:** It encourages students to explore knowledge.

**LA's BEST Times:** How many experiments will you be giving awards?

**Domingo:** Five experiments.

**LA's BEST Times:** What happens after a team wins?

**Domingo:** The local science fair winners move on to regionals. These winners will compete in a city wide science fair for various prizes.

**LA's BEST Times:** Who is in the science fair?

**Domingo:** This time we have 3rd and 4th grade students.

The science fair is a lot of fun. Try it next year! ❖



Left to right: Kevin R., Xavier A., and Martin V.

### Martin Luther King Jr.

By Gabriel V.

One of the people we studied during Black History month was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was a strong advocate of civil rights for everyone.

He lived in Atlanta, Georgia from January 15, 1929- April 4, 1968. He was born Michael Luther King, but later changed his name to Martin Luther King.

He inspired many people to protest peacefully for civil rights and is not only important to the black community

but to other minorities as well.

LA's BEST's students from 135th Street Elemen-

tary school participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade on January 14th, 2012, and we all felt proud to be part of it. ❖



## Safe Moves at 135th Street

By Aleida H., Andrea G., and Nerisa C.

In January, a company called Safe Moves came to our school to teach the students about being safe in many different ways.

The event took place in our school's auditorium. They taught us how to be safe in the streets while a person is driving, while crossing the street, to wear helmets while riding our bike, to make eye contact with the person who is driving



before crossing the street, to pay attention to the signs at the street, to only cross the street at a crosswalk or at a corner, not to go far away from a parent without supervision, and at the end of the show, the man did a magic trick with a ball.

The people involved in the activity were Mr. Damian and his assistant, and Safety Sam the stop sign.

Michael Castillo and Brayan Lopez were two of our 5th graders that participated in the magic show at the end of the Safe Moves Show. We interviewed Michael and Brayan about their participation.

**LA's BEST Times:** What did you like most about the event?

**Michael:** It was fun and it showed us responsibility when we walk alone. I got to wear the bicycle helmet to show the safety of bike riding.

**Brayan:** It was cool because the man turned three balls into one ball.

The students learned valuable street skills while having fun. ❖



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## Frozen Yogurt Pops

By Karla L., Anna I., and Ariana V.

Here's a recipe for a yummy and healthy snack—frozen yogurt pops.

### Ingredients

The ingredients for frozen yogurt pops are pretty simple.

Get a 1-8-oz container of your favorite flavor of your yogurt.

### Instructions

First, get a container. Then, you get your favorite yogurt and then put it in the freezer

for 10 minutes. After you take it out from the freezer then get popsicle sticks and put it on the bottom of the yogurt.

Then put the yogurt again in the freezer for an hour and then enjoy and eat. ❖





Helena is a student at Godolphin & Latymer school in London

## Film and TV Favorites in England

By Helena C., London Correspondent

So: the adverts are up, the tension is high, the nominations have been announced- we're all ready for the Oscars! The eyes of every film critic in the world are turned towards America! Right?

Not exactly. The Oscars- or the Academy Awards - are not the only film awards featuring in the media right now. I don't know how widely they are known about in America, but we have our own awards too—the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, or the BAFTA's.

### Television

They don't just award films, as you can guess from the name, TV features highly as well. You've probably heard of *Doctor Who*, the program that exists purely to traumatize small children (I am a huge

fan, not sure what that says about me).

*Sherlock*, the Conan Doyle remake set in 21st century London, may be slightly less well known (still brilliant, though. Again, massive fan).

Both should get something at the BAFTA's if there is any justice in the world.

### Movies

British cinema gets a look in at the Oscars, as well. *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, the spy novel film adaptation born and bred in Britain, has 11 nominations, including Best Actor.

*War Horse*- if you have functioning tear ducts, this will make you cry- is a British film, also there.

*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*- it's in Art Direction, Visual Effects and

Makeup & Hair, not exactly the limelight, but still there- is as British as they come

But this is a two-way street and American productions are there in amongst British trends. *Glee* is very popular, in my school at least. *90210*, *The West Wing*, *Gossip Girl*- all there and popular. *Dancing with the Stars*, the American version of *Strictly Come Dancing*, airs in Britain. *The Descendants* is in the BAFTA nominations shortlist. Et cetera, et cetera.

So, we may be thousands of miles away geographically, but turn on your TVs, and we will probably be there. And (aside from proving that we don't all speak like Cheryl Cole/Dick van Dyke) we will definitely entertain you. ❖

## And the Winners are . . .

The BAFTA Film Awards were held after we received Helena's article. The award winners are:

**Best Film**—"The Artist"

**Outstanding British Film**—"Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy"

**Best Director**—Michel Hazanavicius for "The Artist"

**Leading Actor**—Jean Dujardin in "The Artist"

**Leading Actress**—Meryl Streep in "The Iron Lady"

**Supporting Actor**—Christopher Plummer in "Beginners"

**Supporting Actress**—Octavia Spencer in "The Help"

**Special Visual Effects**—"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"



## Monster High

By Ariana V.

The name of the show is Monster High. The show is science fiction, fantasy, supernatural, adventure, and is a web series.

The voices for the characters are Erin Fitzgerald who is the voice for Abbey Bominable,



Spectra Vondergeist, and Debi Derryberry, Cindy Robinson who plays Jackson Jekyll, Holt Hyde, and Gory, America Young who plays Toralei Stripe, and Howleen Wolf, Kate Higgins who plays Frankie Stein, Laura Dawn Baily who plays Lagoona Blue, and Salli Saffioti who plays Clawdeen Wolf, and Cleo de Nile.

The show is about some nice monsters having fun. This takes place at a High school.

I think the show is cool

because it shows really nice monsters. Lisa Harrison is the author of the Monster High novel series. Garret Sander created the Monster High doll. The web series comes out in a You Tube channel. It's a web series, but it has TV specials.

You Tube/Monster high.com TV specials are created by Wildbrain Entertainment and they air on Nickelodeon.

Families, boys, and girls will like Monster High! ❖



## Chicken Little on the Big Screen

By David B.

“The sky is falling! The sky is falling. This is something you would hear in the movie is *Chicken Little*. It is Rated G.

This is a science fiction family comedy. Zach Braff is the voice of Chicken Little Cluck, Joan Cusack is the voice of Abigail Ducktail Mallard, Dan Molina is the voice of The Fish Out of Water. Steve Zahn is the voice of Runt of Litter, Amy Sedaris is the voice of Foxy Loxy, Mark Walton is the voice of Goosey Loosey, and Gary Marshall is

the voice of Buck “Ace” Cluck, Chicken Little’s dad.

*Chicken Little* is about a little chick named Chicken Little that is afraid that the sky



falling, because a hexagonal-shaped object falls on his head. After that, everyone thinks he’s crazy. The object turns out to be part on an invisible UFO. Chicken Little tries to save the world from the alien invasion.

I like it because it is funny, entertaining, and I think it’s a great movie for kids. It was produced by Mark Dindal and directed by Randy Fullmer. The movie has been on DVD since March 21st, 2006. This is a movie for the entire family. ❖





## Monsters vs. Aliens

By Michael C.

**M**onsters vs. Aliens is about Monsters that needed to protect the city. The persons who directed Monster VS. Aliens were Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon. The writers are Maya Forbes and Wallace Wolodusky.

The stars in the movie are Reese Witherspoon ,Rainn Wilson and Stephen Colbert. The voice of Susan Murphy B.O.B Dr. Cockroach Ph.D. and the missing Link are Reese Witherspoon ,Seth

Roqen, Hugh Laurie, and Will Arnett.

This is an animated feature and involves action, adventure, science fiction, and comedy. It is a good movie for the whole family to watch.

The movie came out on March 27, 2009. It is about a meteorite from outer space that hits Susan Murphy and she turns green and starts to grow. The general takes her to a secret place. Susan sees three nasty creatures that round up for over a year.

Then, the president tells the general to free the monsters to battle a robot alien. They have a huge fight between them.

This movie really caught my attention because monsters were going to battle aliens but the monsters had to fight without weapons. I hope you really like this movie. ❖



## Fashion 101

By Victoria A., Eunice R., & Gianna V.

**W**e are going to talk about girl's summer fashion. The age range for the new fashion is 8-12 years old, this style could apply to people on the west and east coast.

The new styles include dresses, sandals, shorts, tennis shoes, and hats. These clothes were inspired from New York City, London, Madrid, Paris, and LA .It is likeable because, it is, cool, cute & fun to wear.

Fashion is so beautiful & cute, whether you prefer coral, turquoise, or pastel colors. Most girls like summer

fashion, but most girls do not like fashion. Some girls think that fashion is girly and some think its lame, but it all depends on your opinions.



Some girls like to wear dresses to the beach. The fashion industry is a product of the modern age. Fashion has evolved over time; it used to be handmade for individuals, either as home production or on order from dress-makers and tailors.

At the end of the 18th century and the beginning of the 1900's, there has been an increasing rise of new technologies, such as the sewing machine and looms. It seems as if fashion has never changed! ❖



## Giovani Dos Santos

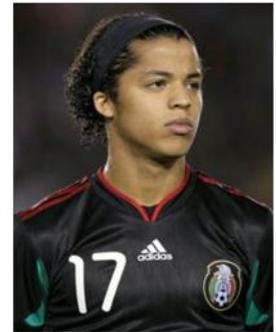
By Antonio S.

Soccer is one of my favorite hobbies to do in my spare time. My favorite soccer player is Giovani dos Santos. Giovani dos Santos was born on May 11, 1989. Giovani dos Santos first team was Mexico he was a very good player. He started playing soccer when he was 8 years

old. Giovani dos Santos has been playing soccer 14 years. Giovani dos Santos made 154 goals in four months, which is just amazing. I could never make so many goals like him in four months. Giovani dos Santos is my favorite soccer player because he is cool and amazing. He is on one of my

favorite soccer teams' ever! Mexico is my favorite team! They have very talented soccer players on their team.

I am a huge soccer fan and the biggest fan that Giovani dos Santos has. I love soccer, I love watching it, and love playing it. ❖



## David Villa

By Kevin P. and Alexis G.

David Villa was born in December 3, 1981. He started to play soccer in Spain. David Villa has made 35 goals in 54 appearances. David Villa favorite teams are Spain and Barcelona. David Villa position is forwards. David Villa has won the Euro cup and the

world cup with his team Spain. David Villa got married to Patricia Gonzalez in July of the year 2003. David Villa had his first baby in December of the year 2005. David Villa started playing since 2005.

David Villa has made 42 goals in total. In the past he

played in Valencia. His weight is 69 kg. Also, his height is 5'9" [1.75m]. He has the number 7 shirt.

Right now David Villa is 30 years old. His team won the game on December 15, 2011 0/4. Also in the final was Barcelona vs. Real Madrid and Barcelona won the final.



## Hot Potato

By Juan M, Steven C.

Hot Potato is a pencil, ink and crayola drawing. The artists is Israel Cervantes, our computer tech aide.

The piece tells a story, and it's funny. We like the tech-

nique that Israel Cervantes used. He draws the pictures and lets students color in the drawing.

This drawing was colored by Nerisa C. ❖



## Lionel Messi

By Brandon A., Brayan L.



Lionel Messi was born in Rosario, Argentina June 24, 1987. Messi's playing position is forward. Messi has been playing since 1995 and began playing in a league at 12. He makes 50 goals a year.

Lionel Messi is the number 1 player in the world and he scores cool goals .

Messi won five "La League" and three champion league titles. .

Messi was the top Scorer of the 2005 FIFA world youth championship with 6 goals, including two in the final game .That year, he was the youngest player ever to score a league goal for FC Barcelona

Messi plays in Barcelona and Argentina. His nick name is Leo. He is 6 and a half feet tall.

At the under-20 World Cup in Holland, Messi not only won the Argentina ,but was also the leading goal soccer and was voted best player in the tournament.❖

## Angry Birds vs. Smurfs

By Elideth P. and Vanessa B.



LA's BEST Times surveyed 135th Street Elementary students to find out which mobile and computer game they liked best—Angry Birds or Smurfs.

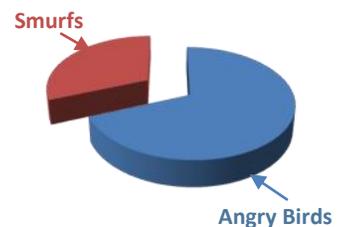
These are two of the most popular games of the kids at 135th Street, so we were interested to find out the results.

We surveyed 119 students and staff at 135th Street. Angry Birds was the winner.

The results are that 82 people like Angry Birds and 37 people like The Smurfs.

Which one is your favorite? Angry Birds is fun and there are a lot of variations. People of all ages like it.

The Smurfs are also played kids and adults, and it's a very popular game too.❖



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## Rihanna

By Guadalupe L.

The singer Rihanna was born Robyn Rihanna Fenty on February 20, 1988. She is from the Barbados and moved to the United States when she was 16 years old.

Her debut album was called, "Music of the Sun," and her single, "Pon de Replay," was in the top five of

the Billboard 200 chart. Since then she has had a lot of hits and won a lot of Grammy and other music awards.

My favorite part is when she is and dancing, singing and performing for everyone. She has a lot of talents and all her songs are really catchy and popular.

When I ask other girls about Rihanna, they all like her songs. The songs are nice and with a lot of energy. And what like most is her talent and how she moves and how she made her back ground and how she looks in the picture and all the boys like her and that's why I like her. ❖



## Keyshia Cole

By Alexis B.

Keyshia Cole was born on October 15, 1981. Keyshia Cole was adopted and was raised by Yvonne Cole and her husband at the age of two. She started singing at age five. At the age of twelve she met Tupak and he helped her become a singer.

Keyshia Cole is the Princess of hip-hop soul. She is a singer and actress. Keyshia Cole In 2002

She became high profile when her 2005 debut album, "The Way It Is" went platinum. Her second album was "Just Like You" and her third

album was "A Different Me." which went gold.

Keyshia also had a reality show called "Keyshia Cole: The Way It Is."

In December 2010, she released her fourth studio album, "Calling All Hearts." She is married and has a son. ❖



## Alicia Keys

By Mailean V.

Alicia Keys was born Alicia Augello Cook on January 25th 1981. She started playing the piano when she was seven. She was raised by a single mother in Hell's Kitchen, which is an area in New York City.

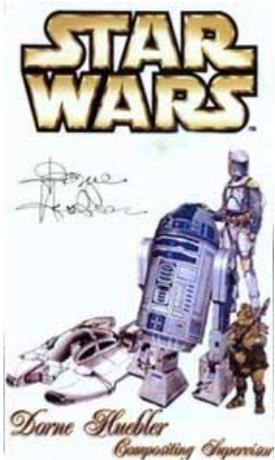
One of her well-known songs is called "Fallin'." Her songs are Rhythm & Blues, and she writes all her own songs.

She also is a songwriter record producer. Her debut album, "Songs in a Minor,"

was a huge success, and sold over 12 million copies worldwide.

Alicia Keys is also an actress, having been in a number of television shows as well as the movie, *The Nanny Diaries*. ❖





## ILM's Dorne Huebler

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**LA's BEST Times:** What were your favorite 3D effects in the movie?

**Huebler:** I love seeing the Pod Race in 3D! It was also really fun to see Watto come to life in 3D too. I felt that was the way he was always meant to be seen!

**LA's BEST Times:** What type of technology did you use to make the movie into 3D?

**Huebler:** When you see a movie in 3D, you are actually seeing two images at once for each frame of the film - one for each eye. They are slightly offset from each other, but when seen together at the same time, it creates the 3D effect.

It was a lot of work, but using computer rendering and painting software (and lots of talent), digital artists did this for every shot in the entire movie.

**LA's BEST Times:** What kind of changes did you make to the force field to make it 3D?

**Huebler:** The force fields are examples of the hardest things to pull off in 3D because they are semi-transparent.

You need to be able to see through them but know that

they are at the right depth in the scene.

Other than that, we tried not to change the look or design from the original movie.

**LA's BEST Times:** What was the hardest scene to make 3D?

**Huebler:** Like the force fields, anything that was partly transparent posed huge challenges.

Examples would be the windshield in front of Anakin in the Pod Race, any hologram shot, or the blur of Watto's wings.

Another challenge was making sure every little wisp of hair was at the right depth so it didn't look like the hair was floating way behind the person it should be attached to.

**LA's BEST Times:** What part of the movie was fun to make 3D?

**Huebler:** I really enjoyed seeing the whole battle sequence come to life in 3D! You had a little bit of everything in those shots - cutting between Darth Maul fighting with Obi Wan and Qui Gon, ship to ship space battles, and Gungans fighting the droids on the ground.

**LA's BEST Times:** What was your least favorite part of making the movie into 3D?

**Huebler:** Once we got started, we knew that finishing the 3D process was going to be a lot of work—and we wanted to make sure that the film would look great.

Sometimes it took a lot of patience, especially when you just wanted to be done so you could sit back and enjoy watching the final 3D film in the theater.

**LA's BEST Times** Was everything in the original movie made 3D?

**Huebler:** The whole movie was made into 3D but this is the first time people will be seeing Yoda in 3D on the big screen.

**LA's BEST Times:** How long have you been making 3D movies?

**Huebler:** I've only gotten involved in 3D movies in just the last few years. With 2200 shots, this project is definitely the biggest one I've worked on!

Thanks, Mr. Huebler, for giving us an idea what it takes to make a movie into 3D! ❖



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