



# Dapplegray Times

## DAPPLEGRAY—HOME OF THE COLTS

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### Science Fair Feats

There were some astounding experiments in the 5th grade science fair this year. Cole P. did a great job with a potato cannon, and Tyler B. showed how there are different taste buds in different parts of your mouth.



It was a tough competition, and Ms. Dunn, Ms. Steinbach, and Mr. London worked hard to choose the winners. This year, first place award went to Garrett T. for his project, To

*Conduct or Not to Conduct—That is the Question.* Second place was won by Katie A. for her study of *Bacteria in Cosmetics.* The third place

prize went to McCall L. for *The Flight of the Ladybug.*

Honorable Mentions went to Christiana S. for *Comparison of Insulation Materials*, Mark N. for *The Light at the End of the Tomato*, Niki K. for *Are Plastics Safe in the Microwave*, Christopher M. for *How Different Liquids Rust a Steel Nail*, and Erin M. for *Hydrate to Urinate.*

Tessa S.

### Upcoming events:

- THIRD GRADE FIELD TRIP — APRIL 19
- RUBY'S NITE — APRIL 19
- FIFTH GRADE PROMOTION PICTURE — APRIL 20
- STAR TESTING — APRIL 24-26, MAY 1-3 (MAKEUP DAYS ON MAY 4 AND MAY 8-10)

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### Major League Baseball At The Plate

The start of the new Major League Baseball season is very exciting. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim have started their season pretty well and have managed to stay in second place of the American League Western Division with a record of 6 wins and 7 losses after the April 16th loss against the Red Sox.

On the other hand, the Los Angeles Dodgers are doing well and are in first place of the National League West with a record of 9 wins and 4 losses after the win against Luis Gonzales' old

teammates, the Diamondbacks.

The National League team with the best record after Monday's games is the Dodgers with 9 wins and 4 losses. The team with the worst record prior to Tuesday's games is the Kansas City Royals with a record of 3 wins and 10 losses.

#### Cool Fact

The average amount of baseballs used in a game is about 12 dozen. Baseball officials change baseballs every top and bottom of an inning and when baseballs



The dangerous Vladimir Guerrero can hit pitches outside of the strike zone

touch the dirt. They start with a new ball after every foul ball too. Imagine that 144 baseballs are used in a game!

Brodie V.

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### A Walk Through the American Revolution

If you think you saw Paul Revere, George Washington, and Betsy Ross walking around the campus, you may feel like you are back in the American Revolution.

Well, actually, you are not that way off. The fifth graders at Dapplegray had an opportunity to Walk Through the American Revolution on March 20th and 21st at the FAST Center. Lori Davis from California Weekly Explorer, Inc. came to Dapplegray on those two days to help the fifth graders to learn about

the American Revolution and to act out the Battle of Trenton and Valley Forge, the Battle of Lexington and Concord, and the Battle of Yorktown with props and music.

Mr. Keller thought that the Walk Through was great and that Lori Davis was enthusiastic with great humor. Ms. Dunn thought that it was a real fun way to learn about American Revolution.

My favorite part of this event was seeing my classmates being the victim of a spray of juice whenever they did not answer Lori's questions with a complete sentence.

Fifth grader, Renee P., said



she was a little confused at first, because was not there for the Walk Through California last year. Once she got the hang of it, she thought it was fun.

Other fifth graders also commented. Sayuri B. thought it was an interesting way to learn history without using the textbook.

Christopher M. liked the dress up part of the event; whereas Elisabeth D. liked the battle scenes.

Megan C., Nina G. and Cassidy B. all agreed that it was real fun.

Dragon S.



### Dapplegray Chorus Performs at the Norris

The Dapplegray Choral Group sang at the Norris Theater in the Brigitte Schuegraf Elementary Choral Festival on March 20th. Lunada Bay and Mira Catalina's choral groups also participated the same night.

Joan Perkins is our Dapplegray choral director. She has been involved with elementary choral music and school productions for more than 30 years. She recently retired from thirty-five years as a

classroom teacher for PVPUSD. In 1990 she named Elementary Educator of the Year. Mrs. Perkins's latest theater production is called "Piecing it Together: Quilting Our Way West."

The theme was "Seasons in Song" and included the songs *Swinging Along the Open Road*, *Red, White, and Blue* with *Let's Wave The Flag*, and *Spring Morning*. My favorites were *De Colores* and *A Candle For Peace*.

This year, the Dapplegray Choral Group met every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (the time and day may be different next year). That is when the choral group sang and memorized songs.

If you are going to be in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year, and you want to join the Chorus, then fill out the Chorus form when you receive it next school year. Trust me, Chorus is very fun!

Hannah R.



## Fun, fun, fun at Multicultural Week

**N**i Hao (hello)! Multicultural Week at Dapplegray was a visit to China, and it was a wonderful experience for everyone.

Mrs. Baune, the event organizer, chose China not only because it's a beautiful country, but also because it is a very powerful country that does lots of business with the United States. She told me that even our iPods are produced in China!

Multicultural Week started by having six Chinese dancers from USC perform tradi-

tional Chinese dances. Everyday, we had fun activities and Chinese food to try. I especially enjoyed games that I grew up with, like pick-up sticks, Chinese jump rope, and fortune sticks.

Koichi B., a kindergartner, liked the pick-up sticks, fried rice and haw flakes, while second grader, Josh O., loved all the activities and the fried rice.

Third grader, Clair D., and fourth grader, Alexandra P., both liked the Chinese jump rope and the fortune cookies.

Jeremy H., a first grader, had fun with the pick-up sticks, and fifth grader, Katy B., liked the Chinese calligraphy and fried rice. Both Christiana S., a fifth grader, and

Aidynn O., a kindergartner, took pleasure in making the Chinese zodiac bookmark.

Overall, this was a great way to learn about another country without having to hop on a plane. Zai Jian (good bye) for now!

*Diamond Naga S.*



DG Times asked a few teachers for their thoughts on multicultural week:

**Mrs. Chapman:** The red lanterns are beautiful. The moms who organized [multicultural week] did an amazing job.

**Mrs. Fleming:** It was an interesting way to learn about another far away country.

**Mr. Keller:** It was very interesting and opened many students' eyes.

## Visit to Cold Stone Creamery

**M**y Brownie troop (First Grade Brownie Troop 1191) went on our first field trip. We went to Cold Stone Creamery. Neal is the owner, and he taught us about what makes his ice cream so special.

First, we learned that it takes nine minutes to make ice cream. Second, the ice cream goes into two different freezers, six hours in one and four hours in another, to freeze. Then it goes out in

front for people to buy. If you want strawberry flavor, Neal puts in fresh strawberries. If you want banana flavor, Neal puts in fresh bananas and so on.

Up in front, if you want Gummi Bears, M & M's, Kit Kats, nuts, Reese's pieces, marshmallows, brownies, chocolate chips, or anything like that, Neal puts those with the ice cream on the cold stone. The cold stone is a long, frozen stone piece where he

mixes all the ingredients together. Then he scoops it all up and puts it in a cup or even a waffle cone with sprinkles.

We had fun on our field trip, and I hope you had fun learning about it. You can visit Neal too at the Cold Stone Creamery, 2169 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, CA 90717.

*Madison D.*



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## Taking a Space Elevator

Have you ever imagined an elevator that would go higher than any elevator you went on? That the elevator would go so high that you're in space? Well, let me introduce: The Space Elevator.

This elevator would use a long cable that is made up of carbon nanotubes. Carbon nanotubes are very strong

and very light. It would take 62,000 miles of carbon nanotubes to reach to the top of the elevator.

The elevator could be as much as one hundred times cheaper than a space shuttle or space station. In addition to being cheaper, this elevator could also be a much easier way to get equipment into space.

NASA sponsors the Space Elevator games to encourage scientists and engineers to research and develop technology for space elevators. The prizes for the October 2007 contests total \$1,000,000.

More information is at [centennialchallenges.nasa.gov](http://centennialchallenges.nasa.gov) and at [www.elevator2010.org](http://www.elevator2010.org).

*David L.*



## Cancer Center of Irvine

Do you have cancer? Probably not, but if you know an older relative or someone who does, I have the perfect place for you. It is called the Cancer Center of Irvine (CCOI).

The Cancer Center of Irvine is the largest privately owned cancer center in Southern California. It is owned by the Tokitas. They specialize in prostate cancer and breast cancer because of a new machine called HDR. It is a small machine that looks like R2D2 and it puts radioac-

tive material right in the cancer from the inside out without burning the skin. The treatment with the HDR is also shorter. The Linear Accelerator is a machine that radiates from the outside in, but there is newer equipment that makes the Linear Accelerator much better and more sophisticated.

To get rid of the cancer, you need to know where the cancer is first. The CCOI has machines for that too. For example, they have a PET/CT scan which takes a 360-degree picture of the body and it works together with a gamma camera that allows the doctors to inject a patient with radioactive material and it will concentrate in the tumor and it will give off radiation. The Gamma Camera then takes a picture of the radiation that was given off. With the Gamma Camera picture, the doctors can then combine that picture with the PET/CT



picture, which then gives the doctors a good clue to where they can then start the radiation with either the HDR or the Linear Accelerator.

The Tokitas opened the Cancer Center, because they wanted a place that focused on the patients instead of the Center itself. The Cancer Center of Irvine opened its doors in January of 2000 and has been in operation ever since. The Cancer Center has five doctors, four nurses, and very kind staff. It is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

*Lauren F.*



## Some Tips on Traveling This Summer

**W**ell, summer is coming up, any plans, yet? Well, here is some useful info I've found lately.

**Pack light.** Wherever you are planning to go, you should know the new luggage rules with the airlines. In February, Spirit Airlines started to charge an extra for checking in a second bag or more bags. Yes, the good old two check-in bags rules might be obsolete soon. British Airways

is having a phase-in period through September this year. So, before you pack, you check with the airlines that you are traveling with and try to avoid paying extra.

**Be patient.** If you are heading to Hong Kong, its airport has started to enforce limits on carry-on liquids and gels that are similar to those in the US. So, expect quite a delay during check-in and security check.

**Check destination deals.** There are many cheap ways to get around Europe due to the growing number of low-fare airlines, but many of them don't fly in or out of the major airports.

Check to see which destinations each airline serves to avoid confusion.

Well, until next time, travel safely!

*Dragon S.*



## Book Review: Island of the Blue Dolphins

**W**elcome Dapplegray readers, to my book review! This issue's review is *Island Of the Blue Dolphins*. If you haven't read this book, you are really missing out. I'm telling you, this is actually my favorite book!

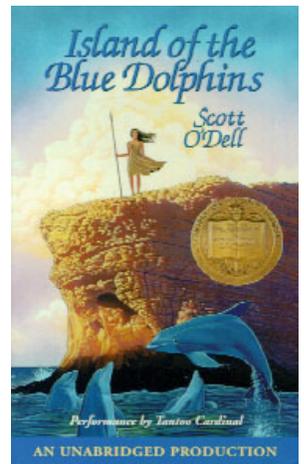
This book is about a young Indian girl who jumped off a boat when her tribe was

leaving, and swam to shore, following her brother who did not want to move. Her brother dies, and she is left alone on a beautiful but isolated island on the coast of California. She spends eighteen years by herself on the island. With enormous courage, she faces wild dogs, rows her boat through a dark cave with dead skeletons,

and the deals with the sadness of her brother's death. But the happy part in the story is that some tourists come and rescue her, and she returns to her family where she belongs.

Happy and sad, this story was actually true! Find out, and then you'll believe me.

*Christiana S.*



## Dear Tessa

**Dear Tessa:** My name is Suffering Sister and my two brothers are very mean to me. They always take me down so please HELP ME!!!!!!

*Suffering Sister*

**Dear Suffering Sister:** If your brothers are older, ignore them or tell your mom and dad. Show your

parents this article so they know it's really bothering you. If your brothers are younger, go to a different room, and if you are trying to study, be sure to tell your parents if you can't study.

*Tessa*

**Dear Tessa:** I have two younger siblings and they always get into my stuff.

One is 2 and the other is 6, so my mother never does anything about it.

*In a Pickle*

**Dear In a Pickle:** Ask your mom for a lock for your bedroom door or for a chest that you can put your stuff in and lock, because your younger siblings are in your stuff.

*Tessa*





## STAR Testing

Did you know that Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Assessments are coming up soon? Second, third, fourth, and fifth graders will be taking tests beginning on April 24th.

### Testing Tips

Here are a few ways to get ready for State Testing:

- Have a healthy breakfast that will give you energy for the morning tests.

- Go to bed at a reasonable hour the night before testing.
- Make up practice questions with friends or family that you think may occur on the test.
- Don't be nervous!!!!!!!

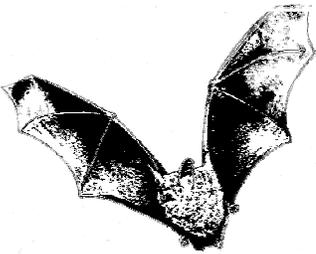
Remember, this is just a test, and you don't get graded on it, but always do your best.

For more information on State Testing, go to the Edline home-

page at [https://www.edline.net/pages/Dapplegray\\_Elementary](https://www.edline.net/pages/Dapplegray_Elementary). Under the "News" section, click on "More News," and there is a flier on STAR assessments that was passed out in class.

One more thing to remember is that tests are only given in the morning. SO DON'T FREAK OUT AND DO YOUR BEST.

*Nina G.*



## That's Weird!

Did you ever try throwing a pebble or a little rock at a bat? Well, if you haven't, guess what happens... the bat will catch it. Amazing, but no matter how hard or fast the pebble is, the bat will still catch it. Don't try hitting these poor animals because they think the pebble is food.

Another interesting fact is that the bats most distinguishing feature is that their forelimbs are developed as wings. Bats are the only mammals that can fly.

Bats have been around more than 50 million years, and they looked very similar to bats today.

Little brown bats can slow their heart rate from 200 beats to 20 beats per minute and stop breathing for 48 minutes at a time when they are hibernating. A little brown bat can eat up to 1000 insects in an hour.

That's real science!

*Elisabeth D.*



## Think about Think.com

Hello Fifth Grade Dapplegray Colts!! Have you gone on think.com lately?

Please write a new article, pick some new mini pix, and feel free to copy and paste pictures of your own. What I love about this website is that you can talk to anyone you want that is on the website at the same time you are. You can get music, glitter names, backgrounds, and

borders from some websites. You can even make up a survey, and other kids will vote.

Parents will love think.com too. It is safe for kids, because the only way for kids to get into the website is to get a special code from their teacher. Only students and their teachers are interacting on the website. You can speak to other students from other schools, but only first

names are used. Make sure you get your parents' permission before you use think.com or any website. Parents may want to check out the website themselves.

There is so much to discover on think.com, and when 5<sup>th</sup> grade is over, your code will not work! So get up, fifth graders, and get onto your think.com page today!

*Nina G.*

## Auckland's Kelly Tarlton's

If you happen to visit Auckland, you should plan a stop at Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Encounter and Underwater World. It sounds like a tourist spot, which it is, but it's pretty unique.

Kelly Tarlton was a commercial diver, marine archeologist, and a treasure hunter. He wanted to build an aquarium where he could share his love of marine life.

He used an old underground sewer tunnel and built an aquarium using an acrylic tunnel that completely surrounds visitors. There are stingrays, eels, sharks, and over 1,500 fish. It is an amazing experience.

The other unique feature of Kelly Tarlton's is the Antarctic Adventure. You ride inside a Snow Cat into Antarctic conditions and into the home of

dozens of King and Genatoo penguins. More than three tons of ice is made daily to help the penguins feel like they're still at home.

Kelly Tarlton's was opened in January 1985, but, sadly, Tarlton died two months later. For more information, see [KellyTarltons.co.nz](http://KellyTarltons.co.nz).

Luke S.



## Life Lessons

If I were to give you lessons in life, naturally, I would teach you how to speak – not just foreign languages, but languages from your dreams and mind.

I would teach you how to write – not just a sentence, but a lively biography of your dreams. How to take

challenges in school. How to be yourself and be proud of it.

I would tell you stories of my life and how you would learn from it.

Most importantly, I would teach you about the taste of the burst of life. The sound of

your voice when you speak your mind. The fragrance of honesty and of truth in yourself. The touch of happiness and cheer. The sight of everyone holding hands around Earth, and especially the gift of life!

Christiana S.



## Riddles

1. What has no question but must be answered?
2. Has no hands and a face, but no body?
3. What can wave but has no hands?
4. What can shine light but had no electricity in it?
5. What can sing but has no mouth?

By Hannah K.



- Answers
1. A doorbell.
  2. A clock.
  3. A palm tree.
  4. The sun.
  5. A CD player.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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