



# Dapplegray Times

## DAPPLEGRAY—HOME OF THE COLTS

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### Fifth Grade Graduation Activities

All of the fifth grade students sure have a lot to look forward to in the last two weeks of school!

#### End-of-Year Auction

One of the first activities these students get to enjoy is *End-of-the-Year Auction* on Thursday, June 7. This is the last auction of the year, fifth graders. So, BE THERE!

#### Read-In

*Read-Ins* will take place in all of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms on Friday, June 8th. Recommended supplies are sleeping bags, pillows, PJs, snacks, and, of course, books. The students will spend time relaxing, snacking, and reading.

#### Capture the Flag

Get your game on, fifth

graders! On Monday, June 11th, *Capture the Flag* is coming! Remember to exercise so you will be pumped up for the game. Which class will win? Nobody knows! The decision is up to you, fifth graders!

#### Field Day

*Field Day* is another exciting event on June 11th. Fifth graders will get to spend the day playing and competing in many fun fifth-grade games.

#### Catalina

Don't forget Catalina! For those fifth graders who have chosen to attend this trip to Catalina on June 12th, you will experience some great activities, including the Amazing Race! Be sure to bring useful items (like a beach towel, bathing suit, and sun



glasses) on your journey to this lovely island.

#### Softball

There will also be a softball game between fifth grade teachers and some fifth grade students on Wednesday, June 13th. Come cheer for your favorite team!

#### Graduation

Throw your hat because it is graduation time, fifth graders! Soon, on June 14th, fifth graders can call themselves graduates. But before you head to middle school, you will have a whole summer to relax with NO homework. Congrats Grads!

Nina G.

### Upcoming Events:

- FREEDOM BOUND—JUNE 1
- 2ND GRD ANCESTOR DAY—JUNE 1
- 4TH GRD MISSION EXHIBIT—JUNE 4
- COLD STONE DAY—JUNE 6
- 3RD GRD NATURE WALK—JUNE 6
- RUBY'S DAY—JUNE 7
- SPIRIT ASSEMBLY—JUNE 8
- 5TH GRADE FIELD DAY—JUNE 11
- 5TH GRADE CATALINA—JUNE 12
- 5TH GRADE SOFTBALL—JUNE 13
- 5TH GRADE GRAD—JUNE 14
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—JUNE 14

### Freedom Bound

Get on a boat and sail across the sea...

These are lyrics from the fifth grade play, *Freedom Bound*. *Freedom Bound* is a musical that tells about the Anton family moving to America in the late 1800s.

Once the family gets to Ellis Island, they find that it isn't so easy to get off the island to New York City. And

when they do reach New York City, they find that life doesn't get any easier. Immigrants were not treated well, and it was hard to find a job.

The Anton family goes through happy and sad times, from the father's sad solo "Who Ever Said it was Easy" to the cheerful song "The Grass is Greener." In the end, the Antons prevailed, and the father finally found a job.

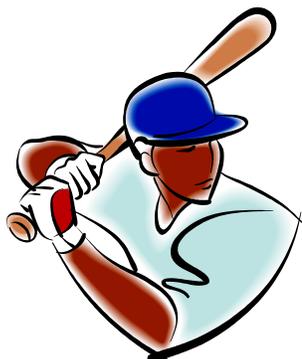


The fifth graders hope you had a great time watching the show!

Luke S.

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## A Player's Perspective

As a sports player, you get a lot of different chatter at games, from your coach, parents, fans, and other players.

When you are playing an action sport such as soccer, lacrosse, basketball, or football, all you hear is the players on the field or your coach. You don't hear much of what the parents or fans are saying, because you are playing nonstop or because there is a lot of noise on the field. When I play soccer, all

I hear from parents speaking to me is, "BLAH BLAH BLAH!"

As for softer sports like golf or tennis or gymnastics, you often hear your parents or other people talking. In these sports, you need to concentrate and try to tune out the comments by onlookers.

So, when it comes to listening in sports, listen to the person with the best advice. In my games, I only hear my coach, because parents are often trying to tell you what they

think you should be doing. Luckily, my dad is a parent whom I like to listen to. He was the assistant coach of my sister's soccer team, and he gives us useful advice.

Next time you are at a sports match, do what you have been trained to do and what your coach tells you to do. Don't listen to all the friendly coaching from the crowds, including advice from family and friends. In sports, the coach knows best.

*Brodie V.*



## Bye Bye Fourth Grade

In a few weeks, the school year will end. I have mixed feelings about it. I am sad because I really enjoyed being in Mrs. Chapman's fourth grade class, doing the archeological dig, listening to her stories, and learning many challenging things throughout the year. I also had fun having a chance to have all the fourth grade teachers in the same year for different types of science.

On the other hand, I am excited about going up a grade and doing all the awesome fifth grade assignments, such as the Character Walk, Science Fair, Walk Through the American Revolution, I-Search, Moon Journal, the *Freedom Bound* play, and many more.

So, I've asked a few fourth graders what they thought

about leaving fourth grade behind.

Most kids are looking forward to Astrocamp and Catalina Island; however, besides the field trips, kids want to be a fifth grader for other reasons.

Chloe K. is delighted about actually being in the *Freedom Bound* play instead of watching it.

Ian G. said that he is excited about getting nearer to college.

Nika B. is thrilled about graduating next year.

Brannon M. is truly looking forward to Astrocamp and Catalina Island.

Maiko B. is elated about the science fair, because she is

going to have fun doing a scientific experiment.

Henry H. is looking forward to learning new things and making new friends in fifth grade.

Haley H. is eager about being older; however, she has mixed feelings about the graduation, because that means she'll be leaving Dapplegray.

On the other hand, not all fourth graders were excited about going into fifth grade.

Michael T. said, "Who said I was excited?"

Actually, I do share his feelings, because I will miss Mrs. Chapman, Mr. Garland, Ms. Clavadetscher, and Miss Dodel.

*Diamond Naga S.*

## Asking the Writers about the Writers' Workshop

The Writers' Workshop at Dapplegray was clearly a huge success! After the assembly that Mr. London planned, all of the students headed off to their seminars. Each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grader got to attend two workshops.

Afterwards, the presenters were able to enjoy a nice lunch provided by parents, the PTA, and the Depot restaurant. The Dapplegray Times asked some of the presenters for their observations about the Writers' Workshop during the lunch break.

What did the presenters think of the First Annual Writers' Workshop? Here is what some of them had to say.

**DG Times:** What did you like best about the Writers' Workshop?

**Scott Sommer:** How interested and excited the kids were to be in the workshop.

**Kris Skeie:** The enthusiasm of the kids.

**Gary Hershberger:** The enthusiasm of the kids and how passionate they were about the art of writing.

**Robyn Friend:** The kids. I appreciate seeing the emphasis that your principal puts on character traits.

**Leigh Platt Rogers:** I like the way the workshop was organized.

**Duke Addleman:** My students.

**Walter Erlinger:** Everything was so well organized. Mr. London is fabulous how he orchestrates everything; and the parents were very helpful in the classroom.

**DG Times:** What would you like the students to remember about what you taught them?

**Scott Sommer:** To learn how to think visually and to learn that writing is rewriting.

**Kris Skeie:** Don't be afraid to write. At every point in

your life, you need to write. The more you write, the better you get.

**Gary Hershberger:** Five turning points.

**Robyn Friend:** That writing is about organizing thoughts, and the most important thing to do is to start writing and not be afraid to write.

**Leigh Platt Rogers:** I want the students to remember that if they can tell a story, they can write it down.

**Duke Addleman:** To remember how to picture a scene in their imagination.

**Walter Erlinger:** Our objective was to show students how to persuade through words, either written or verbal. To learn how to use key words that make an immediate impact.

Yes, all of the presenters enjoyed the Writers' Workshop at Dapplegray. Did you?

*Nina G.*



Gary Hershberger shares a moment with Lori and Scott Sommer after the Writers' Workshop

## Third Grade Adventure at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

On Wednesday, May 16th, third grade classes went to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

First, we went to the touch tank and saw sharks and big fish. We got to touch sea anemones, starfish, and sea urchins.

Second, we went to the lab and touched bones from sea animals like whales and sharks. After we did that,

we used binoculars and looked at different sea birds near the water.

Third, we did a project to see if we could find any sand crabs or sand worms. One person would shovel up sand. The second person would stand on a bucket with a net on the bottom. A third person would look inside and see if there was anything. The lady who worked there also showed us sand crabs that a

man who worked there had caught earlier that morning.

Once a year, at Cabrillo Beach, grunions come up to shore and dig in the sand to lay eggs. The Cabrillo gave us each a jar with grunion eggs, and we shook them very gently to see little grunions.

We guarantee that you will love the Cabrillo Aquarium.

*Tessa S. and Daniela M.*





## Mr. Keller is a Superstar!

As you might know, Mr. Keller is the new fifth grade teacher this year at Dapplegray. Most kids, including myself, enjoyed being his students and think he's the best. The Dapplegray Times interviewed Mr. Keller to find out about his first year teaching experience.

**DG Times:** Why teaching?

**Mr. Keller:** I picked teaching for three reasons. First, it's fun. Second, you get to be on your feet and walk around all day. And third, kids are great!

**DG Times:** Was the year more challenging than you anticipated?

**Mr. Keller:** Yes. There was so much to do in too little time.

**DG Times:** What subjects did you enjoy teaching the most?

**Mr. Keller:** Probably social studies and math.

**DG Times:** How would you sum up your first year teaching at Dapplegray?

**Mr. Keller:** That's hard. The learning curve for me was steep. I learned a lot very quickly.

**DG Times:** If you were not teaching, what would you do?

**Mr. Keller:** Real estate!

**DG Times:** Besides surfing, what are your favorite sports?

**Mr. Keller:** I like basketball, golf and tennis.

**DG Times:** What advice would you give to the incoming fifth graders next year?

**Mr. Keller:** Organization and responsibility are the keys to success.

**DG Times:** What about advice for the graduating fifth graders?

**Mr. Keller:** Be confident! Study and be organized.

**DG Times:** One last question. Are you going to get teary seeing your first class graduate this year?

**Mr. Keller:** Yes. I think the first class for any new teacher is always extremely

special, and one that will always stand out for me.

Court 29 thought you were special and a standout too, Mr. Keller!

*Dragon S.*

## The Fifth Grade Buzz

Dapplegray Times asked the other fifth grade teachers about Mr. Keller.

**Ms. Dunn:** He is a superstar!

**Mrs. Steinbach:** He's flexible, dedicated and innovative. Also, he has no problem keeping up with our lesson plans.

**Mrs. McLaughlin:** Mr. Keller is really easy going, easy to get along with, and easy to work with. He goes with the flow. He finds ways to make topics like social studies interesting and fun for the kids.



## You and Your Health: Vitamins

Did you know that you can get vitamins in your food? Well, they're not the types of vitamins I know you're thinking about.

The types of vitamins I'm talking about are the ones that are natural, for example, the vitamins in a carrot. Carrots contain Vitamin A that helps your eyes, while other foods provide other

vitamins. There are many vitamins in foods like Vitamin A, B, C, D, and E. Vitamins can help your skin and help keep you healthy.

Also, you can't taste vitamins in food, well, at least I can't. They're not even close to those vitamins that you buy that have a terrible taste and make you feel uncomfortable in your

mouth. I mean, do you think carrots, apples, or oranges, taste bad?

Besides that, how much do think you know about these two different types of vitamins? Try to get as many vitamins as you can through food (from all five food groups), since vitamins sold in stores are poorly regulated.

*Katy B.*

## The Remarkable Ms. Roth

I have had four wonderful teachers at Dapplegray who told me amazing stories, but Ms. Roth was the one who thought that I was a great storyteller! I wanted to find out why she decided to go into teaching—a lucky decision for us!

**DG Times:** How did you first decide to go into teaching?

**Ms. Roth:** I always knew I wanted to be a teacher from the time I was a little girl. In fact, my mom loves to tell stories of how I used to line all my dolls and stuffed animals up along the stairs and play school and "teach" them. So I guess I've been teaching forever!

**DG Times:** How did you go into teaching at Dapplegray?

**Ms. Roth:** I had been teaching in Orange County and living in Newport Beach, but I really wanted to move to Manhattan Beach and teach in the South Bay.

Miss Kuykendall and Miss Lampert were friends of mine and they introduced

me to Mr. London. The rest is history. I have been happily teaching at DG for the last three years.

**DG Times:** What do you like best about teaching?

**Ms. Roth:** I love that you get to be creative every single day! I also like that every day is different and no two years are ever alike, which makes teaching such a fun and challenging job.

I love seeing the happy look on students' faces when they finally understand a tricky concept and watching their confidence grow during a school year. Those are things that make teaching extra special.

**DG Times:** Why did you choose second grade to teach?

**Ms. Roth:** I have enjoyed teaching 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. I love teaching the 2nd grade curriculum and how enthusiastic second graders are about learning. We work hard but we have a lot of fun doing it!

**DG Times:** Did you ever want to be anything besides a teacher?

**Ms. Roth:** No, I always knew I would be a teacher and I can't imagine doing anything else.

**DG Times:** What do you like to do when you're not at school?

**Ms. Roth:** I love going to the beach, working out, riding my bike, reading, going to lots of concerts, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family.

**DG Times:** Who is your role model?

**Ms. Roth:** My role model is my Aunt Susan, who was a kindergarten teacher for 30 years. She has the most positive outlook on life, she lives each day to the fullest, she has the kindest heart, and she is one of the most fun people I know!

If you get Ms. Roth for second grade next year, you'll have a fun year!

Tessa S.



## Hangin' Out in PV: Avenue of the Peninsula

I know many of you love to go out, but sometimes don't know where to go. I know the perfect place! Why not Avenue of the Peninsula? It's a great place for you and your family to have a lot of fun.

### Restaurants

There are many yummy restaurants, such as Marie Calenders, Ruby's, Rubio's, Marmalade Café, Red Brick

Pizza, and so much more! Don't forget to get a sugar rush at Cold Stone.

### Clothes, books and more

The top places to get fashionable clothes and cool stuff are Abercrombie & Fitch, Angl, Claire's, Gap, Borders, Small Wonders, and Sharper Image. For all you ice skaters, go to the ice skating rink next to Ruby's. Want to see

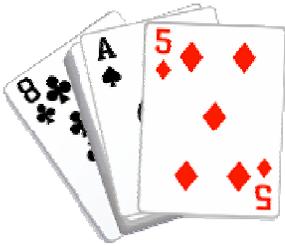
the latest movie? Grab a flick and some popcorn at the Regal Cinema.

### Your favorite picks

After an informal survey, Claire's, Regal Cinema, Ice Chalet, and Cold Stone rated high. Other favorites are Abercrombie & Fitch, Sharper Image, Rubio's, and Ruby's. See you at the Avenue!

Tyler B.





## Play Your Cards Right—Bridge

**G**o fish, war, and rummy. They're all card games. Some are easy, some are fun, and some are just plain weird.

I am sure that you know many card games, but I know one card game that few people know how to play. It's called *Bridge*. I'll let you in on one secret. You can't learn how to play bridge in one day. It actually takes a few months. To learn the basics just takes a few days though. Once you learn, it is really fun to play.

It took me a long time to learn how to play. Many seniors know how to play be-

cause they were taught how to play when they were young.

Bridge did not catch on for younger people so not many children today know how to play. My mom however, was taught how to play when she was a child, and she had enough patience to teach me. I also took classes with my dad and my brother at the South Bay Bridge Club (SBBC).

I play with my mom and sometimes with older people at SBBC when I get the chance. I usually come in dead last, but one day when I played with my mom, I got a lot of good hands and came in second!! I was excited because if you

come in first, second, or third, you can get points. That day, I got 22 points and my confidence back. After trying and trying, I finally did it and got what I wanted.

Bridge really is a fun and logical game. I think it even helped me in math, because I am thinking so much about how to get in my hand or stay on the board.

I am sure that if you started playing right now, you would realize how hard it is. But keep trying, and someday, you will be able to pass it on to your kids.

Lauren F.



## Comics

### Incredible Edibles

By Natalia J.

## HS Musical Trivia

1. Where does Troy Bolton live?
2. What's the drama teacher's name?
3. What food item gets dumped on Sharpay in the cafeteria?
4. What is the name of the girl who sings opera in the auditorium?
5. What are the names of the lead roles in the musical?
6. What is the name of the musical?
7. What is Troy's jersey number?
8. How many school plays has Sharpay done?
9. What does Zeke want to cook perfectly?

Answers:  
1. Albuquerque, New Mexico  
2. Miss Darbus  
3. Chili fries  
4. Cindra  
5. Arnold and Minnie  
6. TwinkleTown Musical  
7. 14  
8. 16  
9. Creme Brulee

By Hannah K.

## Fifth Grade Reminiscing

**A**s a fifth grader, I never thought that the year would go by so quickly. I have had so many wonderful memories of things here at Dapplegray that I was curious as to what other fifth graders thought.

**Nina G.:** I loved doing all of the plays. I loved all of the nice teachers, and I liked being on Student Council. I have so many Dapplegray memories; Dapplegray is a great school.

**McCall L.:** I have had such a great time at Dapplegray

that I have a hard time writing down my fondest memory at Dapplegray. The whole experience at Dapplegray was amazing.

**Vincent L.:** My favorite memory at Dapplegray was doing all of the plays with my friends. I have no regrets!

This year, for me, has been amazing. I never knew I would be able to write articles and reports for the newspaper and TV show, or become student body president as I had always dreamed of being.

This year, we have made our mark in history by producing the first ever School News At Dapplegray, and of course, the ever so popular Dapplegray Times. We also introduced the first annual Student Council breakfast. These accomplishments were the first at Dapplegray, and I am very proud to be part of the 2007 graduating class. I will really miss Ms. Dunn and doing all the fun activities Mr. London and the teachers organized, and I will always remember my years here at Dapplegray with a smile on my face!

*Taylor W.*



## Summer Bling!

**W**ant some great tips for this hot new summer that is buzzing by? Then look no further! If you are a sun lover, I would grab some shorts and a nice t-shirt. Make sure those shorts are not too short and that the shirts are not spaghetti straps!

If you are a person who talks, walks, but likes to stay out of the sun, you could choose fashionable fleece pants (that roll up), with a nice pop out color t-shirt!



### Color Tips

Here are some tips to keep you cool. Wear bright colors such as pink, orange, yellow, blue, and green. Make sure you dress by the school rules but be as cool as possible!

### On the Beach

What is a great summer without going to the beach with your family and friends?

When you go, keep these tips in mind:

- For girls, over your bathing suit, think of wearing a nice tank top and a skirt and some cool flip flops!
- A nice swim suit bottom with a light t-shirt and cool flip flops would look just dandy!
- Also go to the beach with some style! Add a beach bag with fun colors.

### Lookin' Good in the Shade

Here are great tips on how you can look good in the shade!

- Bring a bright comfortable towel (that stands out).
- Bring an umbrella that makes the beach go WOW!
- Wear a fashionable hat and some groovy sunglasses.
- The last thing—enjoy yourself and have a great summer!

*Megan R.*



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# June 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Freedom Bound play; Ancestor Day	2
3	4 4th grade Mission Exhibition	5 PARENTS - VOTE TODAY	6 Cold Stone Day; 3rd grd nature walk	7 Ruby's Day; 5th grd auction	8 5th grd read-in; spirit assembly	9
10	11 5th grd Capture the Flag/Field Day	12 5th grd Catalina	13 5th grd softball	14 5th grd graduation; last day of school	15	16
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