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Learning Robotics

By Carla C.

Robotics is about coding miniature robots. We each have one robot for a group.

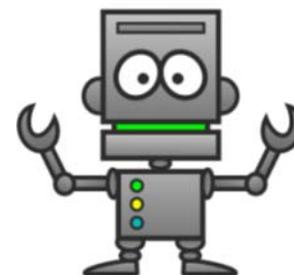
Ms. Pippin is the director of the Robotics program, and there are instructors who work with us. In Robotics, students do robot dances with the robots. Students code robots as a group.

The Robotics program picks us up at 3:15 at the after school program. Then students get con-

nected with the instructors. Students learn that you can create or code your own robot by an app on a tablet or phone.

The groups code the robots to make the robots dance to songs. Some robots dance better than humans!

On November 30, 2016, all the schools in the Robotics program will get together to make their robots dance with other schools.



If you are not in robotics, you should see how Foshay junior coders work.

PressFriends Make Writing Fun

By LaBella S.

PressFriends is fun and cool because students can write about their favorite books and movies!

PressFriends also takes students on field trips, and we get snacks after every meeting.

The teenagers who volunteer as PressFriends mentors are very patient. If some students are unable to type their articles, the PressFriends mentors help out.

I would recommend anyone to join PressFriends unless they are troublemakers. This whole experience has been very good. I

like the way they run and control this program and the kids. If I had to rate it, I would rate it 100%

and an A plus. I hope to be in PressFriends next semester!



Foshay Flash reporters and PressFriends mentors with the *Music Man* cast at the Armstrong Theatre.

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Do the WRITE Thing

Thumbs Up for the Book Up Club

The National Book Up Club is a good program because in Book Club students get a new book every two weeks.

At Book Club, students work with a teacher called Ms. Jones and with a author named Jervey Tervalon.

The first day of Book Club, students got a book called "Ninth Ward".

The second day of Book Club, students had already read half of the book.

On the third day of

Book Club, students had to have finished the book. If you had finished the book, you had to talk about your favorite part.

Then on the fourth day, we got to ask the author questions, and students got our new book called "Drama."

Laura T.

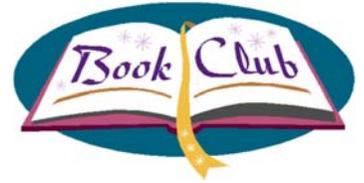
Kids today don't like to read but in Book Club, that's what students do. In Book Club, students make friends and get a

new book every two weeks, because after two weeks, students pick a new book.

In the beginning of Book Club, students get a snack and get to eat it while we are in the Book Club. After that, we start to work on our books that we are writing.

The Book Club leader is an author who writes books. You also have a chance to meet the authors of the books you read, which is super cool.

Dajah N.



World War II Legacy

By Gabriela M.

World war II was a war that lasted from 1939 -1945.

World War II included all the continents except Antarctica. Antarctica was the only continent that did not take part in the war.

Before World War II began, there were already problems going on in the United States of America. There was World War I, which was in 1914-1918. Then, after things were getting back to how they use to be, the Great Depression lasted from 1929-1939.

In WWII, the Nazis were trying to kill all the Jewish people because of Adolph Hitler. The United States did not want to get involved. China was fighting against Germany, because Japan had allied with Germany to take over China.

When the United States found out Japan and Italy were working with Germany, the United States got help from France, Great Britain and the other 47 countries known as the Allies.

How did World War 2 start? It started when Germany attacked Poland and then France got involved to help Poland. They did not want Hitler to start killing Jewish people.

The United States was already in war with Japan, because Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, so then Germany, Japan and Italy started to work together. Germany declared war on the United States so everyone had gotten involved.

The war ended in 1945 because the United States had dropped the Atomic Bomb on Japan, and then Germany surrendered and the United States accepted their surrender.

Germany surrendered shortly after Hitler and Eva Braun died by shooting themselves after getting married. Hitler had married Eva Braun just a day before they both committed suicide. Some reports now say that Eva Braun might have been Jewish.

After WWII ended, Jewish people were free, but about six million Jewish people had been killed.

The question still remains, will there ever be a World War III? There are possibilities.



Dillon Klena is The Music Man

By Alexis M.



I liked the play about the Music Man that we saw at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance. The background had a lot of color. There was a lot of nice singing. It was really interesting at some points in the show.

It was funny in the beginning of the show when they were at the train stop and they got picked up from the train.

After the show, the

Foshay Flash interviewed Dillon Klena, who played Harold Hill. Dillon said that his favorite movie was *Jack* because the character was so interesting.

The *Foshay Flash* asked Dillon what his favorite play is, and he said the *Wizard of Oz*.

Dillon has been in over 50 plays and wants to become a professional actor.

The reason why Dillon thought about becoming an actor who was in musical theater too.

Dillon said that he likes being a part of musicals because he likes entertaining kids and seeing them enjoy the show.

The *Music Man* was first on Broadway in the 1950's and was made into a movie in the 1960's. It was a great experience to be a part of.

Born into Musical Theater

By Dajan N., Michael Re., Mia S., Delilah R., and Alexis M.

The *Foshay Flash* reporters interviewed Dillon Klena, who played the role of Harold Hill in the Music Man.

Foshay Flash: What did you like best about playing Harold Hill?

Klena: I loved playing Harold Hill because of the songs he got to sing.

Foshay Flash: What was your favorite song in the Music Man?

Klena: "Trouble" is my favorite song in the Music Man because it's the first time we get to see Harold Hill and his con man side. It also sets the exposition of the musical in its entirety.

Foshay Flash: What was your favorite scene in the Music Man?

Klena: My favorite scene in the play is "Marian The Librarian" because it shows how much love he

has for Marian and foreshadows the love that grows between the two characters.

Foshay Flash: What was the favorite role that you played in the plays that you've been in?

Klena: During my performing life, there have been many roles that I enjoyed doing. These include; Melchior in *Spring Awakening*, Shrek in *Shrek*, Cat In The Hat in *Seussical*, and Peter Pan in *Peter Pan!*

Foshay Flash: What play would you like to do that you haven't done, and what role would you like to play in it?

Klena: I would love to play Jack Kelly in *Newbies!* That has always been a dream role of mine so I hope it can happen in the future.

Foshay Flash: What is your favorite play?

Klena: My favorite musical is *Spider-Man* because it puts my childhood on the stage. I loved superheroes and it lit up my face every time I would see it!

Foshay Flash: How long have you been acting?

Klena: I started performing at the age of 3

with MET. My brother started in this company when he was 7 and then I was born. I was basically born into MET and born into musical theater.

Foshay Flash: What was the hardest role you've played, and why?

Klena: The hardest role I have ever played would have to be Shrek. Shrek was fun but it was hard because I had to be someone completely different. With the prosthetics and the costume, I transformed into this ugly hideous Ogre.



Sara Gilger's Marian the Librarian

This musical, *The Music Man Jr.*, is about a man named Professor Hill who moved to a town called River City. In River City he wanted to start a band. He wanted to talk to the librarian named Marian, but she seemed uninterested. She was a music teacher as well as the librarian.

After the musical, we interviewed Marian the librarian who was played by Sara Gilger.

We asked her what was her favorite song to sing in the musical. She replied with her liking to sing all the songs she sung.

Another question we asked was what was her favorite play. Sara said that *Newsies* was her favorite play.

Sara plans on becoming a professional actress in the future. She began acting in second grade and is 17 years old. Sara said that playing Marian the librarian was the hardest role she ever played.

An accident that Sara got into during rehearsals was when she got her finger stuck in a chair and broke it.

Sara's first major role was playing Scuttle in the *Little Mermaid*.

If Sara wasn't Marian the librarian in *The Music Man Jr.*, she would have liked to be Winthrop.

Sara said the hardest part of the play was memorizing all her lines.

Sara will be in the musical *The Wizard of Oz* after *The Music Man*.

Sara's favorite costume in the musical was the dress she wore in the library scene.

Sara plans to go to college in New York or Pennsylvania. She said that the hardest part about being in the musical was not getting sick during the tech shows.

Ronald S.

At the field trip to see *The Music Man Jr.*, we interviewed Sara Gilger who played Marian, the librarian.

The *Foshay Flash* asked Sara why she wanted to be the librarian in the play. She said she liked singing all the songs. She said her favorite song was "Goodnight My Someone," because it was the first song she sang in the show and it was emotional.

Sara's favorite scene in the *Music Man* was when the traveling

salesman Charlie drops his suitcase on his foot.

Sara's favorite play is *Newsies*. Her favorite role was playing Eponine.

Sara has been acting for 11 years. Playing Marian was the hardest role that she has played, because the singing style was different.

Sara's most embarrassing moment was when her shoe got stuck on her dress and she almost fell.

Earnest N.

The *Foshay Flash* interviewed Sara Gilger, who played Marian the librarian in the *Music Man* at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance. Her favorite scene in the *Music Man* was when the traveling salesman, Charlie, dropped his suitcase filled with anvils. Charlie was trying to expose Harold Hill as a con artist.

Sara liked all the songs in the play.

When she grows up, she wants to be in plays on Broadway. Sara has been acting 11 years, and she started when she heard about a play at the Armstrong Theater in Torrance. Her parents signed her up.

Sara's favorite part about the play was all the songs they sang.

Sara's favorite play is *Newsies*, because of all the dancing. The hardest part of the play she said was the style of singing because it was different style of singing.

Sara's first major role was Scuttle from *The Little Mermaid*. That's what happened in the play *Music Man*.

Christopher M.



Jeff Grundy as Marcellus



Jeff Grundy played Marcellus, Harold Hill's best friend.

The best song Marcellus sings in the play is "The Sadder-but-Wiser Girl." He said that it was really fun to sing.

Jeff Grundy has been acting since he was 5. He moved to California and started acting in MET2. His favorite thing about his character was Marcellus being such a loyal friend to Harold.

The field trip was fun because we got to see all the people sing, dance, and act. I think they did a great job! My favorite character is the mayor's wife. My favorite part is when the mayor asked who wanted to keep Harold and his wife raised her hand, then the mayor said to his wife, "Put your hand down." That scene was hilarious!

I like the way they set the scenes up in a short amount of time. I think they should put this play on television and the (good) ratings would go through the roof! It was that good!!

LaBella S.

Jeff Grundy's favorite play is *The Wizard Of Oz*. It is not a play that he has been in.

The *Foshay Flash* asked Jeff if he wants to become a professional actor. He said, "Yes, absolutely".

When Jeff was little, he was inspired to act and his first play was when he was five years old.

Jeff's favorite scene in *The Music Man* is when he met up with his best

friend Harold after they hadn't seen each other for 15 years.

The field trip was a fun trip because when we went to the theatre we had a shortened intermission because of our bus schedules - so it was kind of like we were VIP's.

There were many comedy parts in the play, and one of my favorite parts is when the cast says, "the Wells Fargo Wagon is coming" and Wells Fargo is a bank.

In conclusion, I would recommend this play for families but note that this play may use a bit of sophisticated words. This play deserves 5 stars and good ratings.

Michael Ri.

Jeff Grundy's favorite scene in the play was when he got to see his friend Harold after a long time. Jeff's hardest role was having to act as Marcellus because there were a lot of lines to remember. The funniest part was when he said his shirt got caught on the bookshelf.

Jeff started acting when he was five years old. His favorite song is "Sadder But Wiser Girl." My favorite part was when all of the people and all the kids came out and sang. The nastiest part was when they kissed a lot of times.

They sang really nice. I even sang it with them. I still remember the song. I liked all of the characters but mostly the librarian because she is so pretty and she is a good actor. Her brother was shy because he had lisp.

Saira G.

The Music Man Jr. is about a con man who calls himself Professor Harold Hill. Harold Hill claims to be a band director and is selling the townspeople band instruments for their kids.

Charlie is another traveling salesman who doesn't like Harold Hill. Charlie told the mayor that Harold was stealing there money because he didn't know how to play a musical instrument.

Marcellus is Harold's best friend, and he was played by Jeff Grundy. Jeff's favorite part about playing Marcellus is that he loved to hang out with Harold. Jeff's favorite song is Sadder-but-Wiser Girl. Jeff's funniest scene was when Marcellus got his coat stuck on the library sign.

Sky B.

Jeff Grundy's favorite part of the play was when his character, Marcellus, got to see his friend Harold Hill after a long time.

Jeff's hardest role was playing Marcellus because there were a lot of lines to remember. His favorite song in the play was Sadder-but-Wiser Girl.

I liked the play because there was a lot of drama. It also had romance, and I kind of like romance too. I liked the part when Harold and Marian started singing together. The nasty part was when they kissed.

I liked the part where the librarian kept correcting the little girl playing piano, and I really liked the part where the kids came out. I liked when they turned off the lights and started fixing the stuff in the scene.

Samantha A.

The Magic of The Music Man

My experience at *The Music Man Jr.* was incredible! My favorite part was when the kids and adults were singing about the Wells Fargo wagon coming. It was so funny because there is a Wells Fargo bank. Also the Wells Fargo bank has a picture in the front with the Wells Fargo Wagon! Also I have another favorite part that is pretty funny.

My other favorite part is when (The Music Man) Professor Harold Hill was talking to Marian, the librarian, in the library. When they were having an argument, people reading in the library were listening to their argument.

And the books people were reading were normal books except one! There was a man who was reading a notebook! It was funny because notebooks are not for reading they are for writing!!!

Delilah R.

At the field trip we saw a play named Music Man Jr. it was very interesting. It was about this guy that came to this town. He plans on lying to the townspeople about selling instruments and in-

forms the people who were putting orders in for the stuff that he was selling them but it really was a plot to take all their money. The local librarian, Marian, knew that the guy was lying but after a while she started to like the guy more and more.

In the end of the play, there was another traveling salesman that was going to tell all the townspeople about Harold Hill's lie. Harold Hill admitted the lie, but in the end it wasn't a lie and all of the kids had instruments and band uniforms and the kids played the instruments. Harold Hill and Marian kissed on a bridge.

Christopher M.

My experience was great! I loved it. I liked the parts when the cast started singing at random times. That was very funny because it was like high school musical.

The singing was really great because they made it look easy. Their voices were amazing. Also it was cool that the story added a little boy with some sort of disorder because most children plays will not acknowledge that people can be amazing with a condition.

The Wells Fargo part was very funny. The song was really funny and the Shipooopi song was super funny because it was about love and stuff but it was the funniest song of them all.

When Harold Hill kissed Marian it made me so mad because he did it without asking her— I mean rude. At the end of the play, it was really sweet and nice how they actually put the band together and how they marched around. I loved it!

Dajah N.

The Music Man is about Professor Harold Hill. He made the girl he liked, Marian, kiss him. Professor Harold Hill was going around to start a band. There was not actually a band, but he always thought there was a band in his mind.

Charlie, a traveling salesman, told the Mayor and his wife that Professor Hill was stealing money from people's pockets. In the middle, Marian and the Professor kissed. At the end, the kids were in the band and they all had their uniforms and so did Professor Hill. This saved Professor Hill from going to jail.

Jordan P.



MET2's Artistic Director Alison Bretches



Alison Bretches, who directed MET2's *The Music Man* had to learn almost everything about theater to become a director. Her favorite plays that she has directed are *Peter Pan* and *Seussical The Musical*. She likes plays that are imaginative and creative and she also loves plays that have a historical connections.

Ms. Bretches said that her favorite connection in the *Music Man* was the Main Street in Disneyland with River City.

She also liked the idea of change and in *The Music Man*, Winthrop, a young boy who didn't talk much, changed the most because after he started to play his trumpet, more he started to talk a lot.

Ms. Bretches was stressed out because there were 230 kids in the play.

Jordan P.

The Music Man is a play directed by Alison Bretches. After seeing the play, the *Foshay Flash* interviewed the director.

The *Foshay Flash* asked director, "What part of *The Music Man* did you like directing the most?"

She said that she liked the historical setting and the plot.

We asked, "What part of *The Music Man* did you like directing the least?"

She said that it was hard to direct 200 people.

The *Foshay Flash* then asked her, "Did you know your whole life that you wanted to be a director?"

Her answer was "No," because she said before she wanted to be a director, she said she wanted to be a performer on Broadway.

Laura T.

The *Foshay Flash* asked MET2's artistic director,



Alison Bretches, what she liked best about directing "Music Man."

Ms. Bretches' response was that she liked the plot in that everyone changes, and that it was historical.

The *Foshay Flash* also asked her, "What did you like least about *Music Man*?"

Her response was that it was to difficult to direct a play with 200 people in it.

The *Foshay Flash* asked Ms. Bretches if she always wanted to be a director?

She said that she did not really want to be a director but wanted to be a performer.

Carla C.



Associate Director Seth Bowling (left), 4th grade teacher Vanessa Rickmon-Brown (fourth from left), Artistic Director Alison Bretches (fifth from left) and Foshay Flash reporters, parent chaprones, and PressFriends mentors.

Bowling on Broadway

Seth Bowling is the Associate Director of the Metropolitan Educational Theatre Network (MET2). He became a director because he liked the idea of teaching and had an interest in the overall picture. He liked having a large role in the teaching and creative side.

Bowling used to be an actor. He played the character Thenardier in *Les Miserables*.

He thinks that having the ability to listen and trust the crew is important as a director. He doesn't like screaming; it isn't effective because it doesn't seem to make the actors do what he wants.

Bowling said that both of his parents inspired him.

Katelyn M.

PressFriends went on a field trip to go see a play called *The Music Man* at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance. It was fun because *Foshay Flash* reporters got to interview the Associate Director Seth Bowling after the play and ask him a lot of questions.

The *Foshay Flash* asked Bowling whom his favorite director is.

"My favorite director is Alison Bretches," he told us.

Bowling has been directing for two years. When the *Foshay Flash* asked Bowling what he wanted to be before he became a director, he said, "Before I wanted to be a director I wanted to be a chef."

Taylor W.



The *Foshay Flash* interviewed MET2's Associate Director, Seth Bowling. He was very nice to the *Foshay Flash* reporters.

The *Foshay Flash* asked Bowling who inspired him to become a director and he said Alison Bretches and his parents also inspired him to become a director.

The *Foshay Flash* asked Bowling what advice would he give to someone who wants to become a director, and he said to see a lot of plays and to be commanding. When asked what he meant by being commanding, he responded that you have to be bossy in order to control over 200 people.

Chelsie H.

Seth Bowling was inspired by MET2's Artistic Director, Alison Bretches, to become a director. He used to be a actor in plays.

Bowling's favorite director's name is Alvis Moore. To be a good di-

rector, you need to trust the cast and the crew.

The reason why Bowling became a director was because he likes teaching. His parents encouraged him to be a director.

Bowling likes being a director and watching the kids smile.

Aaron X.

Reporters from the *Foshay Flash* interviewed Seth Bowling, the Associate director of *The Music Man Jr.*

The *Foshay Flash* asked many questions like: Who inspired you to be a director? When did you become a director? Who is your favorite director?

Bowling said that Alison Bretches, MET2's Artistic Director, and his parents inspired him to become a director 3 years ago. He said that his favorite director is Alvis Moore.

Bowling gave us really good advice.

Dylan M.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?



HALLOWEEN

The Pumpkin King is a nice-scary king, and he saves people when they are asleep.

Halloween is my favorite holiday because people will give you candy and people dress up as their favorite characters.

The most fun part of the holiday is that when you get home and eat all of the candy! At school, you can do all sorts of activities.

Taylor W.

I like Halloween because it is close to my birthday.

I also like Halloween, because of the candy, and I like Halloween because you get to go trick-or-treating to collect the candy. I like dressing up, because you get to eat and get delicious candy. This year, I wanted to be Harley Quinn, Aurora, Catwoman, or Rapunzel.

This year for Halloween, I'm going to go camping, ice-skating, and trick-or-treating twice. Last year, I was Ariel when I went trick-or-treating for Halloween.

Most people like Halloween and going trick-or-treating, but they sometimes get scared.

Jordan P.

My favorite holiday is Halloween. I like Halloween because we get to put on costumes and get lots of candy. We get to stay up all night.

I don't like Halloween because there are creepy costumes that look

weird. I like the decorations of the houses like the spider webs and pumpkin faces. I like to watch movies after going trick-or-treating and eat candy and popcorn. My mom makes candy apples for us to eat.

Tesla A.

CHRISTMAS

My favorite holiday of the year is Christmas. The reason why I like Christmas is because it's the time of the year when everyone comes and has fun.

There are so many ways to celebrate it. For one, you can celebrate a week before other people celebrate it on the 25th of December. My family and I celebrate on the 24th of December. We have gifts because Jesus was a gift to us. On the 24th, our family comes then we eat. After we eat, we get together and talk, go to sleep, eat more, or complain to the adults about opening our gifts. Although we complain to open our gifts early, we know we're not actually going to do so because that would mess up our tradition. When it's 12:00 a.m. on Christmas, we go to the Christmas tree and open our gifts - but before that we take pictures together to remember the special time.

In the morning, everyone is tired but we're cozy in our pajamas drinking the leftover hot chocolate. Lastly,

we clean up and then comes a new year all over again.

Gabriela M.

My favorite holiday is Christmas, because you get to open presents, eat tamales, spend time with your family, and you get fun, cool presents to play with. I celebrate Christmas on December 25th, so I can open presents with my family. Some people celebrate Christmas by going to church and eating lots and lots of food and spending time with their family.

Sometimes, around Christmas, I go ice skating with my mom and sister and my sister helps me ice skate. I usually follow my sister when we go ice skating because my mom doesn't go with us. I also help my mom decorate our Christmas tree, and it's fun to help her. I like when there are a lot of lights, but be careful because the lights can get hot and burn if you touch them.

Christopher M.

Christmas is some people's favorite holiday and it's mine too. Some people like Christmas because they get gifts. Some gifts are important, some gifts are just for fun, and some people get big gifts like new cars to travel. Some super important gifts are school things for the level/grade you're in - such as pre-K, kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th grade. Some people also like Christmas because when



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

they go to stores, things are on sale.

I love Christmas, because I get gifts such as school supplies and things for my puppy. I also love Christmas because I get to see my family and celebrate holidays, which is my favorite time. Another reason why I love Christmas is because of the food. I also love some of the foods on other holidays, It's a dream to die for. Finally, I like Christmas because it is the last holiday of the year before New Year's.

Christmas is nice because the Christmas tree's scent flows all around your house.

Isabel T.

Christmas in my favorite holiday because you could spend time with your family. Some of my family even come for the holidays from different places.

I have fun on Christmas. When it is Christmas, mostly everyone cries - even me. We decorate the tree with ornaments. We also decorate the outside of our house with music and the lights dance with Christmas music. Sometimes we dance with the music too. Then we open gifts and say thank you for every gift. I get a lot of gifts.

Then, we eat a lot of food and the food is real-

ly good. I get two plates of food. The food that we eat is really good. We eat posole - it is really really good.

Saira G.

Christmas is my favorite holiday because I get to spend time with my family.

On Christmas, I eat hot chocolate, Pan Dulce, candy canes, and cake.

Christmas is a day that people celebrate, because it's the day that Jesus was born.

On Christmas, I got playdoh, but it didn't last long.

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PressFriends Foreign Correspondent

St. Patrick's Day the Irish Way

By Evelina M., Northern Ireland

St. Patrick's Day in Ireland is a little different from the American tradition. We don't hold huge parades, dress up as leprechauns or eat corned beef and cabbage. We do things a little differently.

The week before St. Patrick's Day, we learn all about Saint Patrick in school, about how he was stolen and sold as a slave and how he chased the snakes out of Ireland, but we get the 17th of March off because it's a national holiday here.

Not complaining. Usually everybody puts on their green Irish football tops and climbs Slemish mountain. This is supposedly where Saint Patrick spent his days, herding sheep. If you're really dedicated, you can climb it barefoot just like Saint Patrick did but I've never attempted that.

After that there's a small parade in town. There's usually a band of bagpipes and a team of Irish dancers. Like every year in the past, it will probably get rained on

but that's okay because everybody will just move indoors to the local pub. They take out their fiddles and accordions and play some traditional Irish music. Anybody who can Irish dance does a little jig or if you have two left feet you can just clap along.

Then we eat roast chicken and potatoes, and the adults drink a lot of beer. That's how we celebrate in Ireland. What do you do in America?



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?



I also like Christmas because my family members come over. This year, I want shoes, dresses, and toys. I hope that you get what you want for Christmas this year.

Katelyn M.

My favorite holiday is Jesus' birthday, because it's when people gather around for the birth of Jesus. When they give presents to us, it's like them giving presents to Jesus too. It is fun getting presents and having a feast too. My family goes to a special place on Christmas Eve and countdown to midnight from 11:59 p.m.

The reason people celebrate this holiday is to show their love for Jesus. This holiday stays on the day that Christ was born. Everyone should know this holiday, because it is important.

Ronald S.

I love Family Day, because you can spend the day with your family. It tops all of the other holidays, because you can have a big feast, get candy, get presents, and spend time with your family.

I love Family Day almost as much as my birthday. Birthdays are a time for presents too. Family Day is held on December 25th to celebrate the birth of Christ the Lord. Millions of children across the globe love and celebrate family day too.

LaBella Rose S.

My favorite holiday is Christmas, because I get

to eat lots of food. I also love Christmas because of the presents. It's also a beautiful holiday, and the lights and decorations are just amazing. The Christmas tree is always fun to decorate.

The Christmas spirit is just beautiful. Sometimes I will dress in a onesie that is super comfortable. My mom and I watch Christmas movies together. I don't like how we can't open presents until Christmas Eve, and then you can only open one then. The rest have to wait until Christmas.

Dajah N.

Christmas has been the best holiday since it was created. Everyone loves the presents that come at Christmas, and the food that is made for Christmas. I have mashed potatoes, turkey, and macaroni and cheese.

I am hoping to get a Wii U for a Christmas present. Everyone is hoping to get really good presents.

Some people believe in Santa Claus. Some say he is not real and that he is just a saying so children will behave. But in case he is real, it is better to behave.

Dylan M.

I love Christmas. I get presents and give presents to others. People believe that Santa is real and it is just one reason why we love this holiday.

We eat ham and tamales. On Christmas Eve, my family stays up until midnight to open presents. When we are

done, we go home to open more presents and to go to sleep. After Christmas, we go to Big Bear for five days and then go home.

Aaron X.

My favorite holiday is Christmas. I like Christmas because every year I see my family. During this month of December, my dad, sister, and I go to buy Christmas tree while my mom is cleaning and taking out stuff so we can put the tree there.

We usually go to my aunt's house for Christmas. My family's Christmas tradition is to open presents at midnight, but I don't like waiting especially when waiting for presents. I usually play or watch a movie with my cousin while waiting to open presents.

Chelsie H.

I like Christmas, because I get presents and a lot of candy. I get to see my grandma on Christmas. My mom, dad, sister, brother and I always go my grandma's for Christmas. Then I get to see Santa, which is why I go to my Grandma's house. Santa is so funny, which makes Christmas the funniest holiday.

I like Christmas because I get to decorate the tree and because it is my mom's birthday. I get to eat chocolate cake, which is my favorite.

Samantha A.

NEW YEAR'S

My favorite holiday is New Year's. I like New Year's



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

because all of my family comes over.

On December 26, the day after Christmas, we wake up early at 4:00 in the morning and meet at my aunt's house. When we get to my aunt's house we see if everyone is there. After everyone arrives, we get in our cars and leave to go Big Bear. When we get to Big Bear, we take out the food and our sleds.

Laura T.

THANKSGIVING

Getting together with your family is very special. This article is about Thanksgiving with my family. Every Thanksgiving my Grandma Mama Lou Lou makes posole. Posole is a soup with corn, chicken and chicken broth. She also makes rice and beans. My aunt Martha makes the best macaroni and cheese. I know it's the usual, but she makes it like it you've never tasted it before!

My little cousin is very funny - let me rephrase that, she is hilarious. My cousin and I play Barbie's. She has 20 Barbie's. That is why I always visit her house. Imagine how many Barbie doll clothes she has. She has ten pairs of dresses for each one.

I am the family clown. Right after we eat, I tell a joke - and that is why I love Thanksgiving.

Delilah R.

I like Thanksgiving because I get to eat a lot of food and spend time with family. It is a chance to

say thanks to the people in your life.

My favorite foods are ham, barbeque ribs, and la zaña. Before we eat, we pray, then we eat and talk.

I like the weather at Thanksgiving, because it's windy, rainy, and the leaves are brown.

My mom buys me cute shoes, sweaters, pants, and a warm beanie.

I love when my mom decorates outside and inside my house with leaves, scarecrows and signs. I love when my mom cuddles up with us with big blankets and we watch movies on the couch and drink hot chocolate and eat pumpkin pie.

Amy O.

I like Thanksgiving because it's four days away from my birthday. I also like that my mom makes ham. First she buys a ham, then puts cinnamon and pineapples on it. Then she bakes it.

Thanksgiving is the best day of the year. All of my family comes over, and I like that because I get to play with my cousins. We jump in the jumper.

I'm thankful for my family, friends, and God. Also, because I love the world.

Sky B.

EASTER

The chocolate bunny is the most wonderful thing with all the candy kids certainly love. Who wouldn't love that! It's

the best part of Easter.

I started loving this holiday when I was only three. I'm sure you would too. I started loving it when my grandma brought me a big basket full of yummy treats with a big smile. What a lovely holiday - it truly is the best.

The best part was when my grandma gave me a big hug. It was so warm that I did not want to let go.

So all I'm saying is I love the chocolate bunny! It's a time when my family comes together and exchanges gifts and just has fun as a family together. I hope you have as much fun as I did on Easter.

Leilah L.



I like Easter because of the egg hunts. I like egg hunts because I can find candy and eat it ALL! After the egg hunts, I count how many eggs I got with my friends. We usually go to my cousins' home or to a friend's home for the egg hunt.

I also LOVE Easter because my mom lets me buy anything I want under a certain price. My mom also sometimes makes a big FAT meal and we eat it. It tastes like heaven.

Michael Ri.



Wolf-like Huskies

By Saira G.



Huskies are dogs that are part of the wolf family. Some of them have blue eyes. Some of them also have black and white fur. They have pointy ears, and they can hear really good. They can even hear the wolf howl. They are really hard to train because they are just like wolves.

They are really small when they are born.

They like to run a lot. If you have one, you will know how hard it is to give them enough exercise. They also like to play a lot. They like to eat human food more than dog food. They like to be in a pack with other dogs - any kind of dogs.

I like huskies because they are smart and super cute. I also like huskies

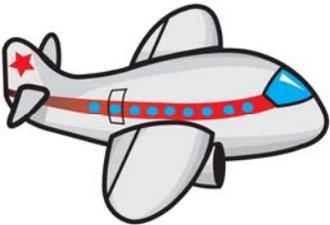
because of their color.

Huskies have a lot of energy, and you could play with them any time. They like doing anything with you that involves running with them.

Huskies do not like sharing their family and owners with other dogs. If you have a husky, you will know how it feels.

Airplanes

By Earnest N.



An airplane is a vehicle that can fly and travel far distances and different places that are far away or that you can't get to by car.

The first persons to fly a plane, and the persons who invented the airplane are the Wright

brothers. They invented the airplane in 1903.

An airplane is used for different reasons. The most common reason is travel. The plane carries people to different places that are far away. The second common way is for war.

Some planes are specially made to be in war like jet fighters. They were made to shoot rockets and fire guns. Fighter planes were used in World War I and World War II and in all recent wars and conflicts.

Swimming

By Tayler W.



My favorite sport is swimming because when you win, you can celebrate, and you can get cake when your team wins.

What's also my favorite thing about swimming is that you can see underwater. Also when you win

a race, you could do some tricks underwater like handstands, front flip, back flip, or the dead man float. Riding a bike in a pool is not recommended.

I swim at the Expo pool. What I like about the Expo pool is that

they have a water fun fountain, which is a fountain that squirts out water on the side, forward, and over.

My favorite bathing suit to wear to the pool is the palm trees bathing suit that is orange, purple, blue, and red.

Book Review: Escape from Lemoncello's Library

By Ronald S.

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library is a book about a game maker who made his own library.

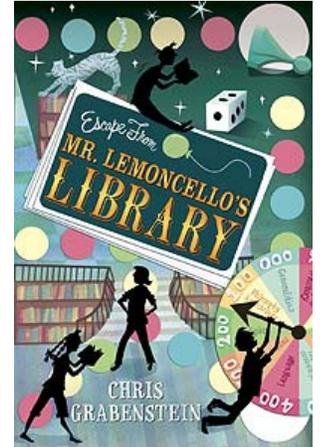
A kid named Kyle is a fan of Mr. Lemoncello and wants to get in the library. The thing is you have to write an essay to get into the library, and Kyle forgot. He had to send the essay the hard way by emailing it. The essays were read and Kyle was picked to go

inside. The hard part wasn't getting inside the library, it was getting out.

Kyle is playing a game where he is the game board. Kyle needs to escape the library and doesn't know the way out.

This book is rated a seven out of ten and I recommend it. People will probably enjoy this book because it is kind of like *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory*. There

are a bunch more kids trying to escape the library. The reason maybe people won't like it is because they might think the maker is copying *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory*. Another reason is because they will just have their own opinions and decide against it but the percentage of that happening is a two out of five. Many people will probably like the story .



Book Review: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

By Alexis M.

I like *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* because the mouse likes cookies and I like cookies, just like the mouse who makes a big mess.

The book is about a mouse and a boy. The

mouse sees the boy with cookies and the mouse goes to the boy's house. The mouse asks for milk. The mouse also asks for a straw and then the mouse has a milk mustache. the mouse goes to

the restroom to take it off and the mouse sees he has long tip of hair so he cuts it and he makes a big mess and then he gets tired and the boy makes a bed for the mouse.



Book Review: The Giving Tree

By Alexis M.

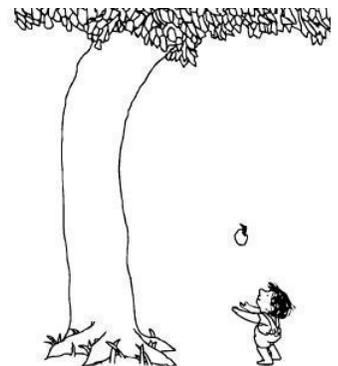
The *Giving Tree* is about a boy who loved this tree and he would climb the tree everyday and visit it.

The boy took a lot of stuff from it like branches to build a house. One day, he wrote a letter and put

it on the tree. He grew more and then it was empty, and the man was very old and he sat on the tree the next day. He was so old that he passed away and the tree was so lonely. My favorite part is when the boy made a

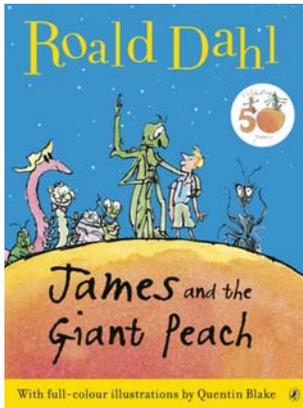
letter for the tree because it was kind of him to do that.

I want my friends to read this book so they can tell me how sad it is and how much they liked it. It would be fun to talk about this book.



Book Review: James and The Giant Peach

By La Bella S.



There is a book and a movie about *James and the Giant Peach*. I prefer the book because you are practicing reading, comprehension, and fluency. When you watch a movie sitting and staring at a screen does nothing for you although it is entertaining. Sometimes when I watch a show or movie, I put the words on and mute the device so I can read the show.

Anyway, the characters in the movie include James, Henry Trotter, Aunt Spiker, Aunt Sponge, The Centipede, The Earthworm, Miss Spider, Glow Worm, Grasshopper, Ladybug, Old Man, and James' mom and dad.

James and The Giant Peach is a great book for anyone. If you plan on reading the book or seeing the movie, don't read the rest of this article.

The story is about a boy named James. His

parents died a horrible tragedy, so he is stuck being raised by his two nasty mean aunts - Aunt Spiker, a tall skinny person, and Aunt Sponge the opposite, a small fat person. Both of them are very old and treat James badly by barely feeding him and making him do all the chores. One day James was outside finding wood and then he saw a old man. The old man explained the bag he was holding was magic and it would make his life better. So James took it and attempted to run home, but he fell. The magic fell on an old peach tree that was all dried up.

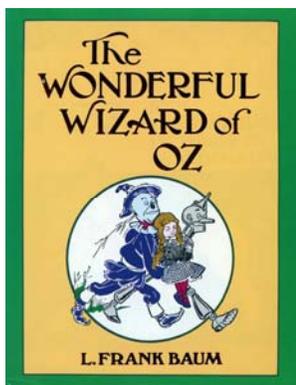
Within a week the old peach tree grew into a big giant peach. Before long the aunts found out and charged people to come into their backyard to see the peach tree. At night James became so hungry (from being starved by his aunts) he

carved a huge hole in the peach and went inside to eat away. But he was in for a surprise. Instead of there being only peach, he saw a spider (named Miss Spider) a centipede (named Centipede) an Earthworm (named Earthworm) a glow worm (named Glow Worm) a grasshopper (named Grasshopper) and a ladybug (named Ladybug). He was scared, but they convinced him not to be afraid and they all became very good friends. Then they had an idea to get away from mean Aunt Spiker and Aunt Sponge. But it would be risky!

To find out what happens, you need to read the book. This book has a good moral—if you want something, go for it. If you want to make your life better, go and make it better. Don't wait around for someone to make it better for you. Anything is possible.

Book Review: Ruby Slippers

By Samantha A.



The *Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum is a great book. The book has both fantasy and adventure.

The book is about a young girl who got lost. Her name is Dorothy, and she is nice and brave. There was a tornado that flew them to the World of Oz. They followed the yellow brick road and she

finds a Scarecrow, then a Tin Man, then a Cowardly Lion who scared all of them even Dorothy's dog. They find a witch who is mean and a witch who is nice.

This book is funny. Dorothy is my favorite character because she is nice to the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion.

I would recommend this book to my friends because I think this book is funny, interesting, and cool. I would rate this book five stars because I liked it, and they were nice to each other. I don't think some people would like it because it's a big book but it is worth it. I also like the movie because it is fun.

Movie Review: Magical Matilda

By Mia S.

Matilda is a very educated girl. The movie is about a little girl named Matilda. She is forced to live with her mother and father who pay very little attention to her. She grows up raising herself and learns to feed herself at the age of 3. She walks herself to the library every day and becomes really

good friends with the librarian.

Matilda's parents can't stand how smart Matilda is so they put Matilda in school. She meets the mean principal and a nice teacher, Ms. Honey.

Ms. Honey becomes inspired by Matilda because Matilda is a genius. My favorite part is when

Matilda finds out she has the power of telekinesis. Telekinesis is the ability to move objects using the power of your brain. Matilda uses that power to defend herself and does really funny things to people.

At the very end of the movie, Ms. Honey adopts her and they live happily ever after.



Movie Review: The Corpse Bride

By Delilah R.

The *Corpse Bride* is rated PG. The movie *Corpse Bride* is interesting because it is a stop-action film!

The main characters names are Victor and Emily. Emily is the corpse, who rises from the dead when Victor practices proposing to Victoria who he is usually

supposed to marry and Victor is the groom who travels from the land of the living to the land of the undead. After she wakes up, she wants to marry him because, when Victor was practicing proposing, there was a wooden hand (which was Emily's hand). At the last part of the proposal he

put the ring on the wooden hand and Emily came alive!

Emily started chasing Victor! Then Victor thought Emily lost track of him. Then when he was at the gate, he turned back and the next thing he knew, Emily was right behind him!!!



Movie Review: Charlie Chocolate Factory

By Tesla A.

I like *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* because it's all about chocolate. The grass, trees, and waterfall are all made out of chocolate.

My favorite part of the movie is when Willy Wonka is singing a creepy song on the boat. My favorite characters are Violet and Veruca.

In the beginning of the movie, Willy Wonka put out five tickets and the holders of the gold tickets would get to go to his factory.

The main character is Charlie Bucket. He had two grandmothers and two grandfathers. They are Grandma Josephine, Grandma Georgina, Grandpa Joe

and Grandpa George.

In *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* there are a lot of crazy things that happen. A boy falls in the chocolate waterfall; a girl turns into a blueberry; a girl falls in a good or bad balance; and a boy gets transferred to a TV. The movie made me sad, happy, and mad.



Movie Review: Willy Wonka

By Saira G.



There is the old movie version called Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. It is a fiction movie that is fantasy and adventure. You can see this movie on Netflix.

I think this movie is really good I would give it a 10/10. I give it a 10/10 because there are a lot of sweets. I also like this movie because there is a lot of action and color.

The characters from the movie are Mike, Violet, Veruca, Augustus, Charlie, Grandpa Joe, and Willy Wonka.

The movie takes the audience to the candy store, Charlie's house, Veruca's dad's job and Willy Wonka's factory. Charlie was poor, Violet was a gum chewer, Veruca

was a brat, Mike was a cowboy, Augustus was always hungry, Grandpa Joe couldn't walk at first, and Willy Wonka was weird.

The movie is about a kid that found a golden ticket. The golden ticket is to go see Willy Wonka's candy factory. There are only five golden tickets to find wrapped in candy bars. Charlie got a golden ticket, and Charlie's Grandpa Joe went with him to the factory.

In Willy Wonka's factory, all the kids do something wrong except for Charlie.

I like *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* because it is really interesting for people. My favorite characters are

Willy Wonka and the Oompa Loompas. I like Willy Wonka because he is so funny and he pretends that he cares and I like his helpers because they are so small and do a lot of work which is just like me but I do less work, and I am not orange and I do not have green hair.

What I do not like about this movie is that Willy Wonka is creepy sometimes - but not all the time. They went too far on the Oompa Loompas. There also is too much music. Sometimes the movie made me hungry. There is bad lighting in some parts of the movie.

I think that everyone in your family will like the movie.

Movie Review: Charlie & the Choc Factory

By Isabel T.



There once lived a man who built a chocolate factory. His name was Willy Wonka.

Willy Wonka built the chocolate factory because he loved chocolate when he was a boy. But on Halloween it was the worst for him, his father was a dentist and after trick or treating, he would check his basket for anything that would give you cavities and if everything in the basket was candy he would burn the basket with all the candy in it. He closed /

locked the factory because a man who has his own factory tried to steal the recipe to the chocolate. Willy Wonka made chocolate bars secretly.

After a while Willy Wonka needed someone to watch over his factory. He put five golden tickets in five chocolate bars. Whoever found the five golden tickets would get a tour around the chocolate factory.

My favorite part is when Willy Wonka mentioned his bubble gum creation that he wasn't

finished with. Then when Violet snatched it out of his hand and started chewing it, until dessert (blueberry pie) Violet started turning into a violet blueberry.

My recommendation for people to watch *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory* is because it is a great (by great it is funny) to spend time with your family. It is also a great time to "sit back relax and enjoy".

Be SURE to watch Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.

Movie Review: Finding Dory

By Dajah N.

Dory has a dream about losing her parents. In the morning, she and Marlin take Nemo on a fieldtrip with his class and Dory gets swept away by the current.

A zoo center place finds Dory and the people put a orange tag on her that means that she is good to go to an aquarium, but she meets an octopus named Hank that wants the orange tag to get out and wants to live in the aquarium instead of the ocean.

Dory tells Hank the octopus that she will give him the tag if he gets her out of there so she can find her parents but then Dory forgets.

They find themselves in the zoo and have a plan to find the part of the zoo where Dory's kind of fish are. They find the place where they need to go, but go to the wrong place and find the whale and dolphin. The whale's name is Destiny, and the dolphin is named Charlie.

Destiny teaches Dory to use sound location to find Destiny. She goes on her adventure with Hank the octopus, and then Nemo comes with Marlin, his father, to find Dory. Nemo goes to the turtles to take a ride and then they reach to the weird part of town. There are a bunch of creatures who tell them to be quiet but Nemo yells out "DORY" and a monster thing comes out of the darkness and chases them. They find themselves in the kelp forest.

They find Dory and tell her "let's go home," but Dory runs to find her parents. You have to watch the movie to find out what happens!



Movie Review: Finding Nemo

By Carla C.

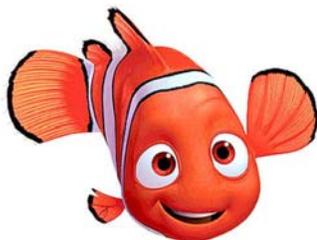
Finding Nemo is one of my favorite movies because it is about a journey.

A clown fish called Marlin is overprotective of his son Nemo. But one day, on the first day of school, Marlin wasn't ready for his son to go to school. Then Marlin took Nemo to school.

Nemo went with three other water animals and trying to see who could go the farthest and touch the boat. Nemo almost touched the boat, but Marlin came and said do NOT touch the boat.

Once Nemo's dad said do not touch the boat, Nemo went and touched the boat. Then humans snatched Nemo and took him.

People should watch *Finding Nemo* because once you see the trailer

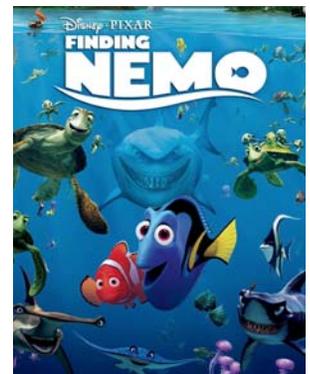


you get really interested and you can't lose your interest in the movie till you watch the whole movie.

Finding Nemo gave me a lot of different emotions. There was sadness, happiness, and in parts I also got annoyed, because there was a human girl who did many terrible things to fishes.

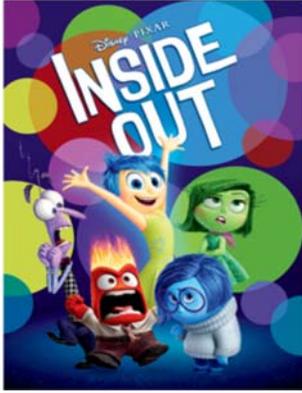
The rating of the movie is 8.2/10 on IMDb.

Personally I would rate this movie with 5 stars because it gave me mixed-emotions.



Movie Review: Inside Out

By Katelyn M.



Inside Out is a fantasy/comedy drama.

Inside Out is about a little girl named Riley that has five emotions in her head. Their names are Disgust, Joy, Sadness, Fear and Anger.

Inside her mind, the emotions keep her memories inside balls. She has different worlds in her head; they are about her memories.

When Riley gets bigger, her interest is hockey and that became one of her worlds.

I think this movie is very interesting because it is very emotional. This is related to real life because some people don't know how to express themselves so they can

express themselves by writing, drawing, and telling people how they feel.

My favorite character is Joy because she is always positive and joyful. A time Joy was very helpful is when Sadness felt bad. Joy brought her back up.

I would recommend this movie to my friends because it is very positive and joyful. I also like this movie because anyone can watch it—

like elders, young, and adults.

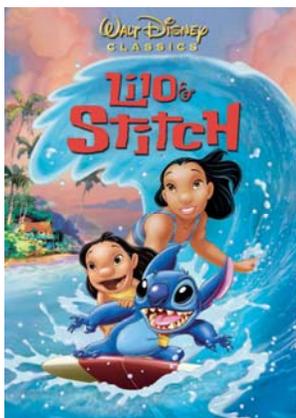
My least favorite character is Anger because he said that people ruin pizza.

My friend Sky thinks that this movie is interesting because some of her favorite emotions are in it. She also likes it because it reminds her to be nice to people and be helpful so when she needs help they can help her too. She likes being nice to people.



Movie Review: Lilo and Stitch

By Christopher M.



My favorite movie is Lilo & Stitch. The genre is fantasy.

What I liked about the movie was how funny it was. It was also very sad; I almost cried. It was still funny when I saw it.

My favorite moment in the movie was when Stitch dressed up as Elvis and he started singing. It is my favorite because Stitch is an alien. I love this movie, because I love fantasy movies and cartoons. Also I watched the TV show, and I liked that too.

It was dramatic when Stitch got captured by

another alien and then Lilo went to save Stitch.

I think people that are a big fan of Disney movies would love this movie. People who wouldn't like it probably don't like fantasy movies or they don't like Disney movies.

I think this movie was great even though many other people might not think it's great. I love the movie.



You can watch this movie on Netflix, DVD, and on other platforms.

I watched this movie on Netflix, and I still love this movie so much.

Lilo & Stitch

Movie Review: Minions

By Dylan M.

My favorite movie is *Minions*. *Minions* is a science fiction and action movie. My favorite part is when the minions use gadgets to steal Queen Elizabeth's crown.

The minions have been alive since the beginning of time. Every day they look for a new boss. It is strange because the minions find bosses easily, but they lose them quickly. Their new boss is Scarlet Overkill.

Their first boss was an alligator, then a dinosaur, then a cave man, then Egyptians. The minions who went on an adventure were named Stewart, Kevin and Bob. My favorite character is Bob.

This is my favorite movie because minions are funny looking. Another reason why *Minions* is my favorite movie. I've watched all the other movies. It's my favorite movie because it has a

lot of history. It takes place in Orlando. You can watch it in theaters, on DVD, online, on TV and on Netflix. This movie can be watched by every one. I would recommend this to my classroom. I would rate it five stars because it has a lot of action and science.

People might not like this movie if they don't like animation movies.



Movie Review: Nightmare Before Christmas

By Delilah R.

The *Nightmare Before Christmas* is about Halloween and the people who like Halloween put Christmas in it.

The movie is rated PG. The movie is a musical because it has a lot of singing in it.

The main character is Jack Skellington and the other characters are Sally, Oogie Boogie, and

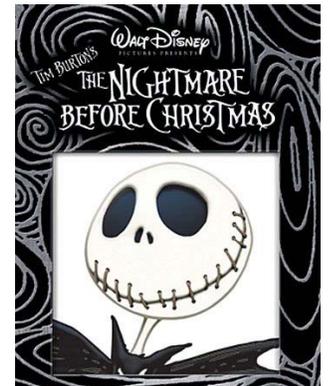
Santa Claus. The movie takes place in Halloween Town with all the monsters in it.

Jack celebrated Christmas instead of Halloween and it is a bad thing because he is supposed to celebrate Halloween and not Christmas. The other monsters think that Christmas is a good idea because they

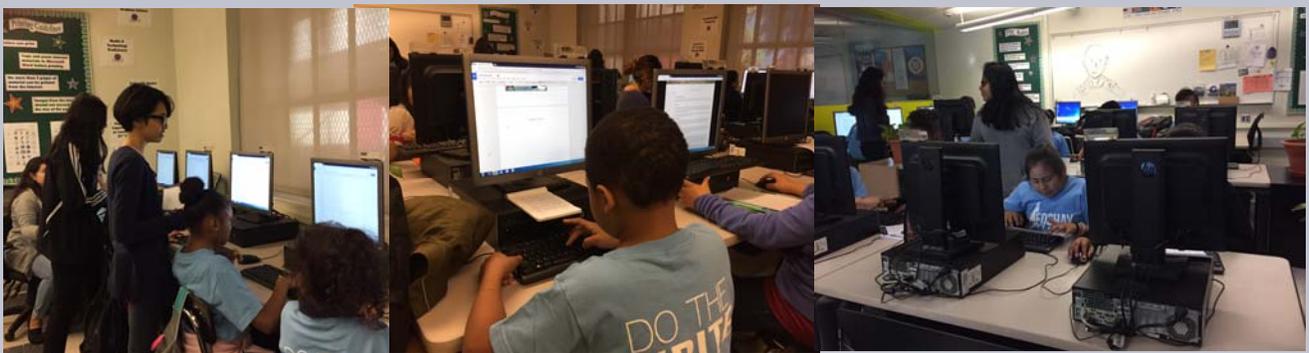
get to make spooky presents and scare children.

The movie wasn't scary because it had a lot of music and singing. It was partly sad because after Jack delivered the gifts, Sally and Jack kissed.

You can find the movie on DVD. Most people would like this movie because it is about Halloween.



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Movie Review: The Princess and the Frog

By Leilah L.



Once upon a time there was a little girl that lived in New Orleans named Tiana. The story begins when Tiana was at her best friend's house. Her best friend's name was Lottie. At her house Tiana's mom was making Lottie a dress because she is a tailor. While she was making the dress, Tiana's mom told the two girls a story called *The Frog Prince*. Tiana did not like that book because it involved kissing a frog.

Ten years later, Tiana was sixteen years old

and had a job and was a hard working woman. Then her rich best friend came into the cafe that she worked in. Her friend came to tell Tiana that Prince Naveen was coming to New Orleans. That meant Tiana had to host the welcome party. So Tiana hosted the party then after the party was done she met a frog that could talk and the frog turned out to be prince Naveen. Tiana decided to kiss the frog so he could turn to human again but she turned into a frog too. So they went

on many adventures and fell in love. Last they met a crocodile and a fireflies.

This is my favorite movie because it involves a princess, and I'm a huge princess fan. Others would like this movie because it is full of action and there is also a villain. The *Foshay Flash* wants you to find out who it is.

I'm a huge fan of this movie and the love story that goes on is very inspiring to me and the rest of the fans. Hope you love it.

Movie Review: Tangled

By Jordan P.



Once upon a time there was a little girl just born with her mom and dad who were the king and queen. The princess was named Rapunzel.

One day Rapunzel was a little baby and then she got kidnapped. Rapunzel's kidnapper, Mother Gothel, wanted to be her mom and did not let Rapunzel go outside.

Rapunzel let Mother Gothel brush her hair so she could stay young.

When Rapunzel was inside the house she was either cleaning or making something for Mother Gothel. Rapunzel's evil mom had a huge tower and Rapunzel had long hair so whenever her evil kidnapper mom went outside she would tell Ra-

punzel to let down her hair and then would climb up her hair to get back up the tower.

Three men were trying to catch Flynn, a thief who stole Rapunzel's crown from the castle, but he lost them when he went inside the tower. Rapunzel caught him and got the crown, but she traded it back to him for his help in taking her to see the sky lanterns.

Rapunzel escaped from the tower with Flynn to go to find the lanterns that her real mom and dad sent out to try to find her. They sent them out on her birthdays. Flynn took Rapunzel to see the lanterns but Mother Gothel found

her and took her back to the tower.

My favorite part was when Rapunzel's evil mom found her with Flynn and she sang to Rapunzel because it was funny to see a evil person singing to a princess.

Anyone of any age can watch *Tangled* because it is funny, adventurous, and risk-taking.



Movie Review: The Lorax

By Gabriela M.

The *Lorax* is a good movie. This movie has a moral in it that teaches you a lesson. The location of this movie is a place where everything is made of fake stuff. Everything there seems to be made of balloons and other things. Because of that being in this setting, it makes the lesson about trees.

There's a man that cuts down all the trees. Then there's a young boy that finally finds out about the town's history, and he protests with the help of his grandmother and friend.

The reason this is a good movie is because of all the adventures that happen and the cool ending to the movie.

There's The Lorax and Danny DeVito plays his voice in the movie. Another character is The Once-ler and he is the man that cuts down all the trees for money. Ted is the young boy that saves the town and Zac

Efron plays his voice in the movie.

Audrey is the best friend of Ted and his crush, Taylor Swift.

Next is Grammy Norma and she is the one that gets all this stuff into Ted's head, and Betty White plays her voice in the movie.

Another character is Mr. O'Hare, and he is the president that the town thinks is doing a good job and doing the right thing for them. Rob Riggle plays his voice.

Ted's mom says that whatever Ted has to say is nonsense. Jenny Slate plays her voice in the movie.

Lastly is The Once-ler's mom and Nasim Pedrad plays her voice in the movie.

The *Lorax* came out on March 2, 2012. Did you know the movie, *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*, was created by the famous producer Christopher Meledandri.

The movie did be-

come a big success but not at first.

Did you know that there is a book about the movie *The Lorax* and the book at first was not part of the best selling books because people didn't care about it? After a while people started to look into the book and movie and the book not only sold about 1.2 million books but also had so many views on the movie.

The Lorax is based on real life companies that cut down trees just for money. We need trees to survive, without trees we wouldn't be here right now. That's the moral in the amazing movie and book.

The Lorax is such a great and wonderful movie because of the adventure in the movie and the story makes it so interesting. If you have not watched *The Lorax* yet then you should because you would really like the movie!



Movie Review: Zootopia

By Earnest N.

Judy Hopps has a dream about being a police officer in Zootopia where there are a lot of animals. But the animals make fun of her because she is a girl and she is a very little bunny.

When Judy Hopps went to police camp, she was the best and she graduated. Then she went to the

city to be a cop and they laughed at her and they gave her a job to give speeding tickets.

Judy Hopps saw something suspicious and followed Nick Wilde. She saw him selling fake popsicle sticks to adults. She got mad and chased him through the city and at the end he escaped.

Judy Hopps got mad that he escaped and after her first day, she got really mad because she got a stinky apartment with really noisy neighbors.

In the end, Judy Hopps finally gets the kind of job she wants and she helps Nick clear his name.



Movie Review: Up

By Alexis M.



Up is my favorite movie because it is funny and interesting.

This movie is about a man who grew up and always wanted to fly a hot air balloon and went to a house and there was a little girl he liked. He and the little girl grew up and married each other. They went on a picnic, and the wife was getting old. She fell down and then passed away. After that he got grumpy.

The man met a little boy that was a Wilder-

ness Explorer (like boy scouts) and the boy had to earn a badge. The way he had to do that was to help a grown up walk or see, so he went to the man's house to help him. But the man was so mad that he told the boy that he could not help him. The little boy said please, I need to help a grownup so I can earn a badge, but the man still said no.

The boy tried again the next day. Workers came to tear down all the houses but not the

man's house. He got mad because it was so noisy so he went outside to tell them if they could keep the noise down.

My favorite part is when the little boy doesn't win, but the man gives the boy a soda cap.

You might want to watch with a friend because you could watch it together and then talk about it afterwards. You could say what your favorite part is.

The movie *Up* is highly recommended for a fun time.

Movie Review: Willy Wonka & the Choc Factory

By Amy O.



Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory is a popular movie from the 1970's. In my opinion, it is the greatest movie ever made. The book was written by Roald Dahl and he wrote the film too.

My favorite character is Willy Wonka because he sings "Pure Imagination".

The movie took place in the chocolate factory where five lucky children found hidden golden tickets in chocolate bars. During this time, chocolate was sold like crazy because everyone wanted to find the hidden golden tickets.

The lucky children

went on an adventure that most children would want to take.

Universal Studios, in the future, is going to create an actual chocolate factory. I will enjoy that in the future. I would rate this movie 100 out of 100.

Movie Review: Willy Wonka

By Michael Re.



The movie called *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* is about a kid named Charlie and he wins a golden ticket.

My favorite part of the movie is when Charlie is in the factory. It is really cool and surprising.

Willy Wonka puts five tickets in five chocolate

bars to find a kid who can be the boss of the chocolate factory. A kid will be caring, and he does not want an adult because an adult will be mean.

There are four other kids who go to the factory with Charlie. One is sucked up by a pipe. An-

other one turns into a ball. Another one will go down a pipe. Another one got really small.

I want everybody to watch this movie if they want to want to. My favorite character is Charlie. In the factory their is a lot of candy.

Movie Review: Little Rascals

By Laura T.

The movie *Little Rascals* is a good movie. The movie is about six boys and a dog. They are always along and hardly ever with their parents.

There is also a girl in the movie. The six boys are Alfalfa, Spanky, Stymie, Froggy, Porky, Buckwheat, and Uh-Huh. The girl's name is Darla.

The six boys are in a girls-hater club. The boy named Alfalfa is actually

in love with Darla. The boys are rascals. In the beginning they start off with playing baseball, then Stymie takes off his hat and uses it to catch the ball. Then while Spanky is at home, he writes a letter to the group and puts it on Petey's collar. First Petey goes to Buckwheat and Porky.

While Petey is running to Buckwheat and

Porky, Buckwheat and Porky were fishing. Buckwheat thought he caught a fish so he started to pull his fishing line up and then Porky started to go down. Then Porky started to pull his fishing line up and it turned out that their fishing lines were stuck together. After that Porky ended up falling into the lake.



Restaurant Review: Burger King is the Best

By Christopher M.

When I was a tiny kid, I went to Burger King. I always ate chicken fries because they were so good. But then they got rid of them and I was so sad.

A couple of years later, they came back, and I was so happy because they had different flavors like hot and spicy, jalapeno, and barbecue original. My favorite

sauce was hot and spicy but I usually just get original.

Every time I go to Burger King, I get chicken fries. They are like chicken nuggets but shaped like French fries. I like chicken fries with ketchup a lot. I also eat my regular fries with ketchup. Sometimes I eat the chicken fries plain, and it still is very good.

My family eats other things from Burger King too. My mom eats a Whopper; my dad eats a chicken sandwich; my sister sometimes eats a Rodeo Burger with onion rings and regular fries.

Chicken fries taste is crunchy in my mouth but when my mom gets me a medium-size order, I'm so happy.



Basketball for Math Lovers

By Alexis M.

I like basketball because it includes a lot of math, and I like math. The reason it includes math is when you try to shoot the basketball in the net, you have to

know how you are going to shoot and how you are going to shoot using your hand.

There are some rules for basketball. If you walk more than two steps

without dribbling, that is called traveling. You can not take more than two steps before you have to pass it to someone or throw it inside the net.



Video Game Review: Minecraft

By Dylan M



Minecraft is a survival game. There are many game modes such as Survival, Creative, Adventure and Hardcore.

You can play Minecraft on PC, XBOX ONE, XBOX 360, PS4 and PS3. You can also play on Wii U, but it is really bad.

Survival means you have to make supplies on your own to survive. Creative lets you do whatever

er you want to do because creative lets you have all the supplies in all of the games. Creative also allows you to fly.

The Adventure mode is sort of complicated. You have to break blocks with the right tools.

The Hardcore mode gives you one set of lives. If you die in Hardcore, you have to delete the world.

In every game mode you play, there is day and night, and once it's night time, "mobs" will spawn and will try to attack you.

There are monsters such as: Zombies, Skeletons, Spiders, Creepers, Endermen, Spider Jockeys, Witches, Silver Fish, Guardians, Cave Spiders, Zombies with supplies, Skeletons with armor, Elder Guardians (etc.).

Video Game Review: Minecraft

By Aaron X.



My favorite game on the Xbox One is Minecraft because you can build anything and you can do what you want to do.

You have many game modes to choose from. My favorite game mode is

survival but there are many more game modes to play.

You can play on a PC, Xbox One SE, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Xbox, PlayStation, PlayStation 2, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, and Wii U.

You can fight monsters. The monsters are a creeper, zombie, skeleton, spider, cave spider, spider jockey, enderman, witch.

The farm animals are a bunny, pig, cow, sheep, polar bear, wolf, and dog.

Video Game Review: Roblox

By Michael Ri.



This game is an online multiplayer experience because it is always going to have other real people playing other than you. The game will have other people playing by chance.

Roblox is a game that has thousands of other games included. To start, you can just be a guest, or you can sign in for

free. If you are a guest, certain things like chat and character customization will be locked until you sign in.

If you have some money to spare you can buy a thing named Robux which is like money to buy new hats, hair and clothes.

The maximum amount of friends is 200 and there are also options such as

following people and blocking users.

This game is very fun and may entertain you for hours, but remember don't stay on electronics all the time. Take one hour a day to do exercise.

So there you have it, you know the basics of Roblox. Now when you play, you're gonna know some stuff.

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LaBella and Katelyn

The Law for LaBella

LaBella hopes to attend USC. She wants to study law and become a lawyer. She likes defending people, and she has wanted to be a lawyer since she was 5 years old. She hopes to eventually become a judge.

LaBella's favorite book is *Matilda* and her favorite author is Roald Dahl. Her favorite foods are ribs and tuna. Her favorite fruit is strawberries.

Katelyn M.

Doctor in the House

When Katelyn she was five years old, she knew that she wanted to be a doctor. She wants to be a doctor to get the chance to save lives. In order to be a doctor, it is necessary to study the human body.

Katelyn was influenced by her mom, who told her to follow her dreams.

She hopes that in 10 years, she'll be brave and be able to face her fear of taking out body parts.

LaBella S.

Wrestling for Tayler

Tayler wrestles in an Academy. She wanted to start wrestling because she has been watching wrestling since she was young. She likes that you can create neat costumes, but she doesn't like doing 150 squats and 50 push-ups to train to be a wrestler. To be a wrestler, you need to train hard, but also just be yourself.



Ronald and Tayler

Tayler wants to be in PressFriends because she can write for the school newspaper. She has fun writing her own stories, and her favorite book is *Esperanza Rising*. Her favorite movie is *Nightmare Before Christmas* because her favorite holiday is Halloween.

Ronald S.

Video Game Designer

Ronald wants to be a video game designer because he could make epic video games. The other reason why Ronald wants to be a video game designer is that he wants to bring joy to people and he wants to be successful

at it. He wants to go to college and go into robotics and learn how to code.

Ronald's favorite food is clam chowder because it is delicious and there's clams in it. His favorite sport is football because it's interesting and there is a lot of drama. His favorite football team is the Denver Broncos. Ronald's favorite show is *Teen Titans Go*, because they are funny, and his favorite movie is *Batman vs. Superman*.

Tayler W.

About Izabel

Izabel decided to join PressFriends because PressFriends is all about writing, and she loves writing. We found out about some of her favorite things. Her favorite cake is *Tres Leches*, and her favorite food is macaroni and cheese. Her favorite singer is Taylor Swift, and her favorite color is red. When she grows up, Izabel wants to be a vet.

Izabel's favorite number is 19, and she had two brothers and one sister. Her favorite food is Pad Thai.

Delilah R.

Creative Delilah

Delilah joined PressFriends to write true stories.

Delilah's favorite class in school is art with Ms. King.

Her favorite place to eat is iHop. Her favorite food is pancakes for

breakfast, macaroni for lunch, and cookies and ice cream.

When she grows up, Delilah wants to be a chef that teaches cooking to kids. She hopes to go to UCLA for college.

Isabel T.



Jordan and Leilah

The Story of Leilah

Leilah is 9 years old. Her favorite color is purple, and she likes to play with puzzles when she is bored.

Leilah likes USC, but for college, Leilah wants to go to Johns Hopkins.

Leilah's favorite subject is math because she likes dealing with numbers, but she hopes to become a famous guitar player.

Leilah's favorite animal is a kangaroo. Leilah likes kangaroos because they got mad hops. She also likes winter because that's when she cuddles up with her family.

Jordan P.

The Story of Jordan

Jordan is a famous violinist. Her favorite color is purple - a very cool color. Did you know that her birthday is October 29? It

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is so close to Halloween there must be a lot of candy at her birthday parties.

Can you believe that Jordan is only 8? She already knows what college she wants to go to - she wants to go to John Hopkin.

In school, Jordan's favorite subject is math. Jordan's dream house would look like a dream. Her dream house would have a staircase, a dining room, five bedrooms and 2 restrooms plus a kitchen.

Leilah L.



Samantha and Saira

Caring for Others

Saira wants to become a doctor. She wants to help others feel better. She knew since she was seven that she wanted to become a doctor. She would have to go to medical school to become a doctor and wants to be able to find a job. Her biggest influence is her sister.

Saira's favorite animal is a dolphin. She likes dolphins because they are smart. She likes seeing dolphins swim in

the water. Her second favorite animal is a zebra. She likes zebras because they have a pattern, but she doesn't like that they stink. The zebra's enemy is the lion.

Samantha A.

A Helping Profession

Samantha wants to become a doctor. She wants to be able to help others. She knew that she wanted to be a doctor since she was eight years old. She likes helping others but doesn't like seeing blood. Her mom influenced her to be a doctor and to go to medical school.

Samantha's favorite animal is a bunny. She likes bunnies because they are fluffy, and she likes to watch them hopping. Her second favorite animal is a dog. She likes dogs because they are playful. Her dog is like a zebra because it is black and white.

Saira G.

Animal Doctor

Mia is 8 years old. Her favorite color is bright red because it is a peaceful color. Her favorite animal is a cheetah "because there are cool spots!" Mia likes to play chess because "it starts my brain going!" Mia also likes to play soccer because it's fun and she has a lot of energy. Soccer is her favorite sport.

Mia's favorite chips are any kind of hot chips. Mia's favorite restaurant



Gabriela and Mia

is In & Out because there is a drive-thru. Her favorite car is a Jeep, and her favorite subject in school is Science because it is cool and messy.

Mia's favorite movie is *Zootopia* because it's about animals. When Mia gets older, she is going to be a veterinarian. She loves animals. However, she also wants to be an undercover agent.

Gabriela M.

Madame President

Gabriela is in 6th grade was born on February 20. Her favorite color is green, and her favorite animal is the Flamingo because some are very beautiful.

Gabriela likes non-contact games. Her favorite sport is tennis because she says it is very soothing.

Gabriela wants to be president or a scientist, entrepreneur, or lawyer.

Mia S.

Studying Animals

Christopher is 10 years old and he likes being called Chris. Chris joined PressFriends because he did not join last year. His

favorite color is gold because it is shiny. His favorite food is chicken fries, eaten with ketchup.

Chris said that P.E. is his favorite subject because he can play sports. His favorite TV show is *Teen Titans Go* because it is funny.

Chris wants to be a zoologist, because he loves animals.

Earnest Nunez



Christopher and Earnest

Serving Justice

Earnest is 10 years old. He joined PressFriends because he wanted to learn something new.

Earnest's favorite food is pizza because it's delicious. He likes to eat it with cheese and chili peppers.

Earnest likes to play soccer at recess. His favorite subject is math because he likes multiplication. His favorite TV show is Pokémon.

When Earnest grows up, he wants to be a police officer because they save lives.

Christopher M.

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Alexis and Michael Re.

A Bright Future

Michael is 8 years old and he is in 3rd grade. His favorite color is gold because it is so bright.

Michael likes cats because they are cute and cuddly. Michael also likes soccer because it is fun.

Michael's favorite type of chips is Takis, because they are hot. His favorite game is chess. His favorite book is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, and his favorite subject is history because he wants to be President.

Alexis M.

Alexis the Chess Player

Alexis is 8 years old and she is in 3rd grade. Her favorite colors are pink and purple. Her favorite animals are dogs, because they are cute and furry.

Alexis likes basketball, because it is cool and fun to play.

Her favorite chips are Takis. She likes Takis because they are hot.

Alexis likes playing chess because it is peaceful.

Michael Re.

Chocolate Reigns Supreme

Dajah is 10 years old, and her goal in life is to be a best-selling author. She has six brothers and sisters and is the youngest one in her family. If Dajah was a superhero, she would stop evil villains.

Dajah's favorite candy is any kind of chocolate. Her favorite food is anything she's not allergic to.

Amy O.



Dajan and Amy

Famous and Musical

Amy is in 5th grade and is 10 years old. She would like to meet Kylie Jenner, and her favorite music artist is Kanye West. Her goal is to be famous. She wants to play violin or piano. When Amy grows up, she wants to be involved in fashion.

Amy's favorite subject is science. Her favorite candy is Wonka's Nerds. If she was a turtle, she would be snapping turtle.

Amy's favorite colors are white, black and olive green. She has seven siblings. She has been at Foshay since 4th grade. She sometimes goes to gymnastics. Her favorite stores are Adidas and Puma.

Amy goes to the mountains for Christmas and for Thanksgiving, she eats a lot. Her favorite holiday is Christmas.

Dajah N.

Math is Important

Laura is smart and nice. She wants to be in Press-Friends because she did it last year and it was fun. Laura wants to be a businesswoman because they do lots of math. Her favorite subject is math.

Laura's favorite color is purple. Her favorite kind of food is sopa de res. Her favorite movie is *Million Dollar Baby*. Laura's favorite holiday is New Year's Eve.

Laura's favorite day of the week is Friday. She's been in Foshay since kindergarten. Laura's favorite song is *Mocking Bird*.

Tesla A.



Laura and Tesla

Doctor in Training

Tesla joined PressFriends because she wants to learn new things and be a better writer.

Tesla's favorite holiday is Halloween, because she likes to dress up every year. Her favorite song is "Ride" by

Twenty One Pilots. Her favorite color is turquoise because it represents happiness to her. Her favorite movie is *Grease*, a musical.

Tesla wants to be a doctor when she grows up because she wants to help a lot of people.

Laura T.

Master Builder

Aaron dreams of being a really good builder. Aaron was influenced by his father, who is a builder. His father told him, "you can possibly fall from a high place" so you have to be careful. Aaron suggests reading and learning from someone who is an experienced builder.

Dylan M.



Aaron and Dylan

Best Doctor in the World

Dylan wants to be a doctor to help sick people. He has wanted to be a doctor since he was five years old. He will have to go to university and medical school. He wants to be best doctor in the world.

Aaron X.

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Do the WRITE Thing

Note from PressFriends

We are so proud of all the reporters and mentors for their work on the *Foshay Flash* newspaper. We had a record setting newspaper, and we wouldn't have gotten to this level without the guidance and support from 5th grade teacher Jasmine Tigolo, who attends every after-school session.

In addition, many thanks to Vanessa Rickmon-Brown who stood in for Ms. Tigolo when she was ill at our Music Man field trip. Thanks too to high school journalism teacher Patrick O'Donnell for also stepping in to

help cover a mentoring session.

We truly believe that the success of the *Foshay Flash* program is due to the community effort. We had wonderful parent volunteers on the Music Man field trip, and we wouldn't be running for our third year without the support of your principal, Tracy Triplett-Murray, and your vice-principal, Fannie Virgen-Gonzalez.

We are very excited to be attending the **Science, Technology, Engineering and Writing (STEW) workshop at USC** Viterbi School of Engineering on Saturday, February 4th, along with 10

other PressFriends programs. Speakers will cover a wide range of topics, and reporters will write about a subject of their choice. All reporters who work with a high school or college mentor will be published in **USC Kids News**.

A special thanks to all of our wonderful high school mentors. They volunteer their time to help the younger kids with their writing. And thanks to our 6th graders who are joining our mentor-in-training program.

We hope that everyone has a happy winter break and new year.

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