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The Trip to the Car Museum

On Friday, May 2, 2014 the YMCA program went to the Toyota Automobile car museum. The Avalon Pursuit police car was the car that was interesting for kids who want to be policemen.

The car has an engine called the V6 DOHC 24- valve dual wt-i with a horsepower of 268 hp (6200 rpm) and transmission of speed electronically controlled and also an automatic overdrive with a transmission of intelligence.

This overall length is 197.2 in and the overall height is 58.5in. The overall width is 72.8 in. The car

was black and white with a yellow badge.

It is a good place for families to enjoy seeing the cars and taking pictures of them. The cars are old but good-looking, and some are even new. Some cars have even been in movies.

by Eric P.



The Avengers

The Avengers is a great movie. The two best characters in the movie are Iron Man and Captain America. Robert Downey Jr. plays Iron Man.

Iron Man is a key character in the movie because he pushes an asteroid away from the earth, right before it almost hits Earth. He pushes the asteroid away in order to protect his teammates and the people living on Earth. He is able to push the asteroid away without dying because he has a special iron man suit.

Another important character is Captain America. Chris Evans is the actor who plays Captain America. Captain America fights many villains using

his shield. He fights villains in order to save people. In one scene, Captain American helps Black Widow.

People should really go and see this movie because it has a lot of action and has really cool special effects. It is rated PG-13

by Donovan O.



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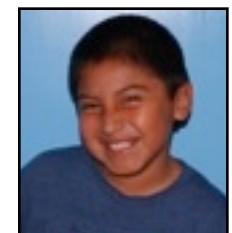
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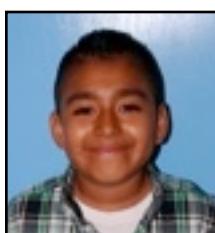
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Let It Go

Frozen is about two girls named Anna and Elsa. Elsa has special powers; she can turn things into snow. When they are little and playing, Elsa accidentally freezes Anna.

Fortunately, a witch doctor is able to

save Anna. From then on, Elsa has to be careful to hide her powers. As they grow up, hiding her powers gets more difficult.

A huge surprise causes dramatic changes in Elsa and Anna's kingdoms. You'll have to watch the movie

to find out what happens.

This movie is really good. It has funny characters and really sweet moments.

by Ashley C.



St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day always takes place on March 17th. On this day, everyone is supposed to wear green.

If you don't, you will get pinched. Wearing green is

supposed to bring you good luck.

St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated by Irish people for a very long time. The leprechaun is a symbol of leprechaun's day. Another popular

symbol is a four leaf clover.

If you find one, it's also supposed to bring you good luck. St. Patrick's Day is a super fun holiday to celebrate!

by Anthony M.



Minecraft

Minecraft is the best game ever to play. Minecraft has two different versions, a creative one, and a survival one.

In the survivor version you need to fight

off zombies, spiders, skeletons, and other creepy characters. You are also provided with food in the game such as cows, pigs, chicken, trees, apples, potatoes, and carrots.

You can get rich from mining diamonds, gold, iron, and coal. This game is not meant for little kids.

by Yahir E.



Lego Movie

The Lego Movie is rated PG. This movie is a comedy, but it also has a lot of action.

It is about Legos saving the universe. The movie takes place in the

Lego world. People will think this movie is entertaining because of all the action.

The movie is directed by Chris Miller and Phil Lord. Families

with children of all ages will definitely enjoy this movie!

by Florentino M.



Matilda



The movie Matilda is about a gifted, bright girl who is really lonely. She's very lonely because she's adopted, and her mom, dad, and brother never really care about her.

Her parents always leave her alone while they go to work at the casino.

One day, Matilda discovers the library. After her discovery, she decides to spend everyday at the library.

Eventually, Matilda decides she wants to go to school. Her dad first says no, but after meeting the principal, he agrees to let Matilda go to school.

Matilda is so excited to be going to school. At school, she has a teacher named Miss Honey. Miss Honey is the sweetest, kindest woman alive.

At the end of the movie, Miss Honey ends up adopting Matilda! This book is funny and has a great ending!

by Natalie C.

A Magical Kingdom



Disneyland is one of the best places ever! You should really check it out! If you want to sleep over and go to Disneyland, you can stay at the Hilton hotel.

Disneyland has many fun rides. One ride is a Toy Story-themed ride. On this ride you ride

on a car and go through different scenes and play mini games.

One game you play is you can shoot at the screen with a pretend gun to score points. At the end of the ride, the person that has the most points wins.

Disneyland is located in Anaheim, California. The best time to go is during Christmas. People should go to Disneyland because there are a lot of fun rides and there are a lot of good gift shops to shop at!

by Nathan A.

Santa Barbara



Have you heard of a place called Santa Barbara? It's a really pretty place to go and visit.

If you go to Santa Barbara, you can go to the beach! You can also

tour a really huge mansion called Hearst Castle.

There's also a college in Santa Barbara you could tour. Santa Barbara has pretty weather. You should go

there for your next vacation!

by Sheyla A.

School Sickness



On March 14, 2014 many kids at Hoover Elementary were sick. At first, the school didn't know exactly what the cause was.

Some kids went straight home, and others

stayed at the nurse's office. Some kids thought it was the breakfast they ate; others thought it was just a flu going around the school.

It was later suspected that the milk

that the cafeteria sold had gone bad.

by Erickson P.

SURVEY TIME

Do you like candy?

Do you like Candy? Candy makes people hyper. It can taste really good. It's pretty easy to get candy.

You can get candy at parties. You can get candy on Easter. You can also just buy candy in the store.

There are many different

kinds of candy.

There's chocolate, cotton candy, and many more! Too much candy isn't good for a person. Candy has a lot of calories and sugar and it might make you fat.

by Chelsea D. and Sally M.



Chocolate: 11 kids
Cotton Candy: 4 kids
Gum: 1 kids
Gummies: 2 kids

Did you feel the earthquake?

Yes: 9 kids

No: 5 kids

survey conducted by Ashley C.



What Caused the Sickness

On March 14, 2014 sickness occurred at Hoover Elementary. The whole school got sick from rotten milk.

People were going to the restroom and the nurse's office,

and they were vomiting everywhere. No one knew who to blame really.

When Hoover Times reporter took a survey, seven kids thought it was the

school's fault and ten kids thought it was the fault of the people that make and process the milk.

by Angel G.



El Ranchito

El Ranchito is one of the best restaurants you'll ever go to. They serve food such as enchiladas, salad, and tacos.

You'll really love the enchiladas; no other restaurant serves

enchiladas as good as El Ranchito. This restaurant is fun to go to with your family and fun to go to on special occasions.

It is affordable too! If you go there, the

restaurant might seem super busy. However, the food is worth the wait!

by Florentino R.



Aca-Amazing

Pitch Perfect is about a teen named Becky who is just starting college. At her school there are many things to do: singing, art, science, and more.

Becky auditions for an Acapella group called the Bellatones. She

becomes a member of the group and practices with them.

The Bellas are not good at first, and don't do well at competitions. As the movie goes on, the singing group gets better and better.

You should watch the movie to see if they end up winning the big competition! This movie is funny and has a lot of great singing. Both boys and girls will like this movie!

by Millie B.



A Great Player

Soccer is a very popular sport. A very good soccer player is Cristiano Ronaldo. His birthday is on February 5th, 1985. He was born in Portugal.

Ronaldo plays for Real Madrid. He is the first top European League player to score 40 goals in a single season. He holds the record for the most

goals scored in one season.

In January 2014, he scored his 400th goal! Cristiano Ronaldo is a fun player to watch play!

by Erick P.



A Very Wimpy Kid

The author of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is Jeff Kinney. The book is about Greg, who is a boy entering middle school.

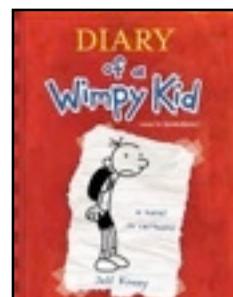
Greg is

unpopular in school, but he really wants to be popular. Greg has an older brother Roderick, who is very mean to him.

He also has a best

friend Rowley. This book is very interesting and very funny. You should read it!

by Alejandra G.



The Invisible Best Friend

My Best Friend is Invisible is by R.L. Stine. Sammy is a twelve-year-old kid who wants to be invisible.

He meets an invisible kid named Brent

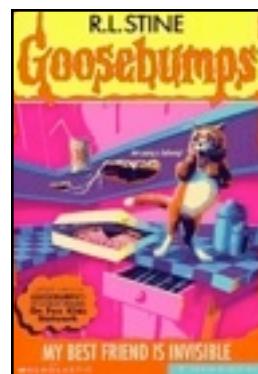
Green. Sammy wants Brent to help him turn invisible, but Brent can't help him.

Sammy, at first thinks Brent is evil, but

later learns Brent was trying to help him.

This book is funny and exciting. Boys and girls will definitely like this book!

by David B.



Hidden Word Search

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CORVETTE
CRUISE
FAST
MUSEUM
STINGRAY
ZORA

CONVERTIBLE
COUPE
DUNTOV
FUN
RACE
WAVE

The Blocks Game

Minecraft is one of the best games ever invented. It's a game that has blocks that you use to build things.

You are also fighting zombies and skeletons in the game. You have to get resources, so you can build a house and protect yourself.

There are three different types of modes

you can play: creative, survival, and adventure mode. In creative mode, you just build things and you have unlimited supplies. In survival mode, you have to protect yourself from mobs and you have limited resources.

In adventure mode, you have to choose to use the right tools like axes,

shovel, or hoes in order to build stuff. You can also mine resources such as gold, iron, diamonds, quartz, and coal.

Both boys and girls will like to play this game. You'll like it because you can build anything that comes to your mind, and you will always have fun when you play!

by Freddy S.



The 1990 Lexus LS400 4-Door

This car is a prototype of the H, Toyota's code for flagship luxury care of the highest order. It went on sale on September 1, 1989. 2,919 vehicles were sold the first month. The price of this car was \$35,000 (base price).

The engine is a V8 and it has a horsepower

of 250 and an rpm of 5,600. The car is white and it has a curb weight of 3,759 lb.

This car is one of the most attractive cars in the Toyota Automobile Museum because it is shiny and has a transmission of 4-speed automatic.

The overall length of the car is 196.7 inches and the width is 71.7 inches. The car is fast because of its horsepower.

The trip to the museum was awesome because the museum has so many different cars and different models.

by Alfredo S.



The Best Toyota Trip

On May 2nd, the YMCA went on a trip. The place was called the Toyota Automobile Museum. The car that kids liked the most was a Toyota T100 racing.

It was the best because it is the "GoodYear Racing

Radicals." Also, it weighs 1,839 lbs, and it is 189 inches and 79 inches and 40 inches. The front of the car is 17 x 13, and the rear is 17 x 15.

The car that the kids also liked was the Toyota T100 Racing. The car is really cool.

Kids took a lot of pictures of the car.

It won the most championships in 1992 and 1993. They think that it was the best car. Even for families, it is the best place to visit.

by Yahir E.



The Clever Dog and His Cool Owner



Don Aldo is a dog who lives at USC with his owner Oliver, Oliver's wife, and 3 cats. Oliver made a book about his dog and him.

It took him 6 months, from October through March, to make

the book. Don Aldo loves people, but he hates squirrels and stray cats. Don Aldo is 5 years old, in dog years he is 35 years old.

Here is a weird fact about Don Aldo - he hates baths but likes to be

clean. Don Aldo is a mixed breed. Don Aldo took Oliver to lots of new places. Oliver wants Don Aldo to be the next USC mascot!

by Millie B.

The Red Toyota Fj40



The Toyota Fj40 Land Cruiser is big, red, and wide. It is awesome and has white on the top. It has a tire on the back for emergencies like having a flat tire.

It is a car made for families to use on vacations or in the mountains. The Toyota Fj40 was ready to be sold in 1979. This car can go 120 - 200 mph! This is a really cool car.

This car can be found in the Toyota Auto Museum. This museum is a fun place for families to go because you can see really cool cars. You should check it out!

by Chelsea D.

The Fast Championship Car



The race car is cool, fast and medium-sized. The car has a lot of writing around it.

The race car is cool in so many ways. It was made to race so they

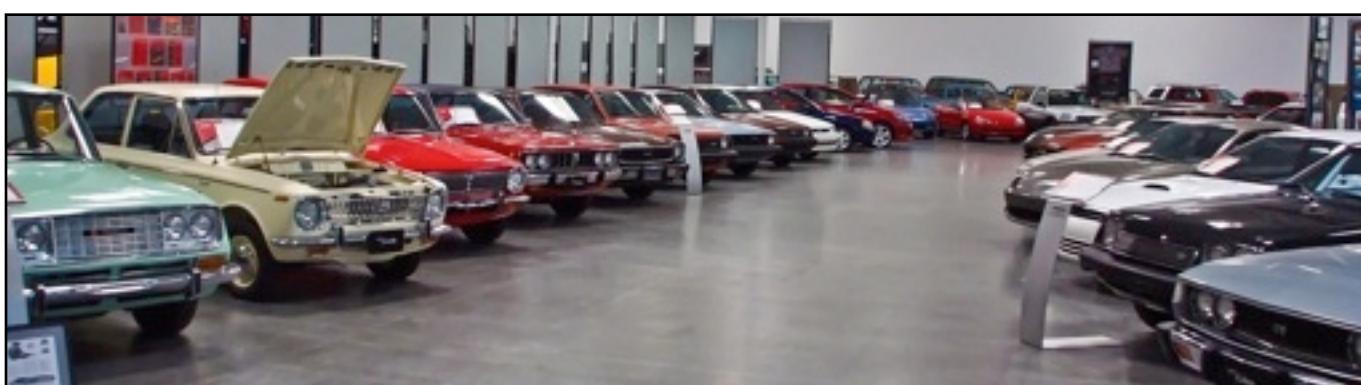
could earn money and win.

The group saw the championship at the Toyota Automobile Museum. The name of the championship comes

from that car. Maybe it won a lot of races.

The car can go from 120 to 200 miles per hour. It won the championship in 2002.

by Alejandra G.



The 1996 Toyota GT

An interesting car in the Toyota Automobile Museum is the 1996 Toyota Gt. It is blue, cool, shiny, and very expensive. Its wheelbase is 99.9 in.

The car's price is pretty expensive: \$22,110 (base price). It received many awards like the

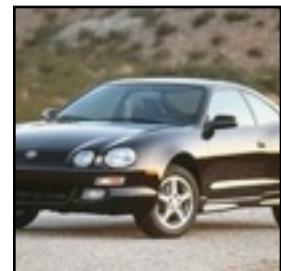
prize vehicle in the 13th annual "Skins Game" golf tournament.

Another award it got was the Consumer Digest Most Reliable Used Vehicle Award. When people grow up, they should get this car because it is fast,

awesome, beautiful, and luxurious.

The trip to the Toyota Automobile Museum was really cool. Everyone should try to visit this museum!

by Anthony M.



A Fun Place to Visit

The name of the car that was interesting was a 4-cylinder car. the shape of the car was outstanding. It had amazing features.

It is so powerful that it goes up to 350 hp. The length is 120 inches.

The width is 57 inches. The height is also 57 inches.

The weight is 900 lbs. It's so much! It has 18 gallons of fuel. It is so colorful, but one is one color or has different designs. It is so small.

If you come visit this amazing place, you will see how skinny and small it really is, so come to this amazing place. People will be able to see the cars they love.

by Natalie C.



The 1929 Land Cruiser

The 1979 Toyota Fj40 Land Cruiser has a red and white top, a wheel on the back, and it is in the Toyota Automobile Museum. The car also has a transportation system 2054. There are 4

windows, and the car is shiny, fast, and cool. It was hard to see inside the car.

At the museum, there was also a Lexus. It was slow, white, and had 6 windows, 4 tires, nice front seats.

Another car was the Toyota Corolla 12500. It was grey, slow, had 4 doors, 4 lights, and 5 people fit inside. The best part of the museum was seeing the cars.

by Sally M.



The Championship

The Toyota Automobile museum was a fun place! The best car there was a Championship 3.5 liter race car. It had cool target signs on the car.

The car was so cool that a lot of kids

wanted one. The car was made in 2002. The length was 210 inches and the width was sixty-five inches.

The height was fifty-seven inches. The weight was 900 pounds. The fuel was eighteen

gallons. It is 10,300 RPM.

Many people will like the Toyota Automobile Museum!

by Ashley C.



Spring

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flowers bloom	birds return	green
April Fool	cherry blossom	Easter
March	bees	Buddha's Birthday
May	seed	Spring break
plant crops	warm	lilac
bears awake	new leaves	picnic



The Cheesecake Factory

The Cheesecake Factory is a fancy restaurant where the servers who serve you food are super nice.

This restaurant has a variety of food and

is famous for its desserts. One delicious dessert is the chocolate cake.

It's a really good restaurant because when you're there, you'll

feel super relaxed. You'll also love the food!

by Anthony M.



Words From the YMCA After-School Program

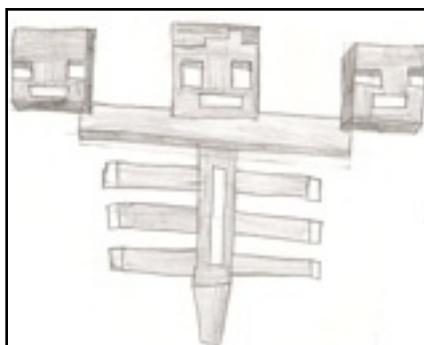
We are happy to be with PressFriends again for a second year. During the first year we worked with the program, the kids had a wonderful experience. They really enjoyed when they went to see *Star Wars*; they are still talking about it. It was a new experience for many of them to get to interview people. Thank you, PressFriends for such a wonderful experience.

Associate Program Director

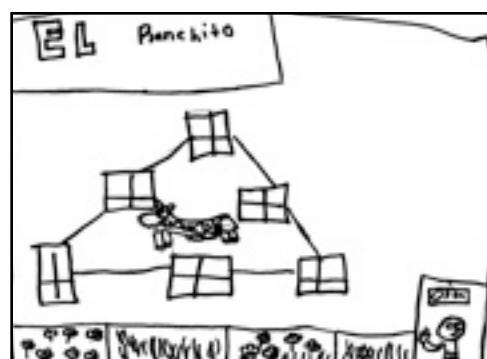
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