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BEHIND THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

by ROBBIE

Have you ever heard of the Star Spangled Banner? Most probably have. Well, this is what it was inspired by. It all began one evening at Fort McHenry in 1814. Boom, Bang, Smash, Splat! The most dangerous night in American history had begun. Guns where firing, bombs where exploding, and flags were hoisting.

The American patriots were fighting the British navy. The British had the best navy at the time. The Americans were sheltered in Fort McHenry, while the British were in the ocean. The British were firing cannons, guns, and so much more. If the Americans kept their flag up all night, they would win. And surely enough they did.



Carpenters were rebuilding the flag's flag pole, meanwhile soldiers were dragging the dead bodies away from the pole. The Americans were not shooting and then hiding - no, they were straight up firing.

The British were doing something crazy. They were bursting bombs in the air. That may sound like a waste of bombs, but it was pretty smart. When the bombs explode, parts of steaming hot metal fall to the ground. If that hot metal were to touch one of the patriots, it would feel like touching lava. Ouch!!

All through the night the Americans fought hard and in the morning we came out victorious. After a long, harsh battle, the British surrendered.

FATHER OF FOOTBALL

by JOSEPH & ETHAN

American football started in 1879. It was based on the English game of rugby. It was started by Walter Camp, a coach at Yale University. He was born on April 17, 1859 in New Haven, Connecticut. Camp was an athletic director, chairman of the board for the New Haven clock company, an author, and director of the Peck Brothers Co. He was general athletic director and head advisory football coach at Yale University from 1888-1914.

One of Camp's influences was William Ebb Ellis, a student at Rugby School in England. Ellis was the first person noted for picking up the ball during the soccer game and running with it, thereby breaking and changing the rules.

In 1876 at the Massasoit convention, the first attempts of writing the rules of American football were made. Walter Camp edited every rulebook until his death in 1925. He contributed the following changes from Rugby and Soccer to American football. One side retained undisputed possession of the ball, until that side gives up the ball as a result

of its own violations or failing to cross the line of scrimmage after 4 downs. There were 11 men on a team instead of 15, and the quarter-back and center positions were created.



Camp also started the forward pass, standardized the scoring system, and created the safety, interference, penalties, and the neutral zone. The touchdown points increased to 6 points and the field goal points to 3.

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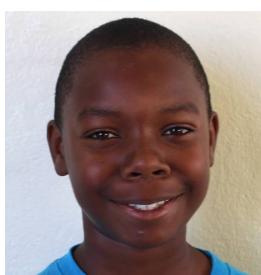
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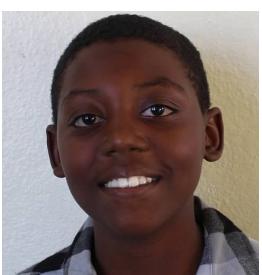
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NOT PICTURED: PRECIOUS

WASTING WATER?

by SAMANTHA

Did you know that the ice bucket challenge is a good thing and a bad thing. Although it is spreading awareness and getting people to donate, it is also wasting lots of water.

In a survey, 37 students said that the ice bucket challenge is wasting water, while 14 students said it is not. The challenge is wasting water because some people do it in places where the water can't be reused. I think the

challenge is good because it doesn't waste water since most people do it in a pool, plus it's for a good cause.

Would you want to do the ice bucket challenge? Well, 13 people said that they want to do the ice bucket challenge and 11 people said they don't want to do it. Why you ask? Because some people think it is wasting water and some think it is not.



CANCER PROBLEMS

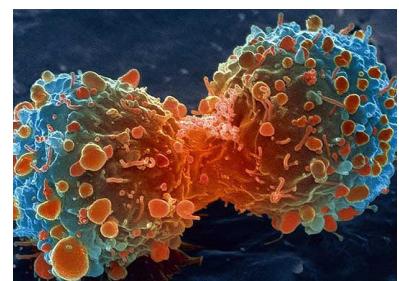
by RAYA

What do you think cancer is? Cancer is an uncontrolled growing sickness that is all around the world. There are many different types of cancers. A few examples of types of cancer are bladder, colorectal, head, and neck cancer.

How is cancer treated? Some treatments depend on what type of cancer it is. The goal of doctors is to cure cancer. Not all cancers can

be prevented. "I think that there will be a cure for cancer," says student Omalee Wells.

Some cancers are uncontrollable. Not all doctors can find a treatment or a cure. Some people are born with cancer, and others have developed it over time. Some simple treatments can control the cancer cells in the body. "I believe that, in the future, all cancers will have an easy treatment," says student Andrea Cruz.



HEAVEN IS FOR REAL REVIEW

by KAYLITZA

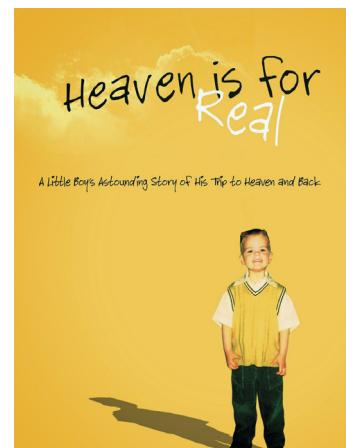
Heaven is for Real, by Lynn Vincent and Todd Burpo is about a little boy's astounding journey to heaven and back.

The Burpo family has been having a difficult year. Todd, the father of the family, is the main wage earner. He is a pastor, and he installs garage doors as a side business to supplement the church income. In one year, he battled cancer and a severe leg break. After he recovered, he and his wife decided to turn a church conference into a fun, family vacation.

Right before Todd's wife, Sonja, drives the kids to meet their father on vacation, their three-year-old son, Colton shows signs of illness.

Fortunately, he quickly gets better so they are able to travel. Unfortunately, he becomes ill again on the trip, and things get worse quickly. The boy can't stop throwing up, and he soon becomes listless.

The family rushes home to obtain medical care for the young boy, but he keeps getting worse. After seeing several doctors, they determine that his appendix has ruptured and toxins are seeping through his system. The boy is at death's door when his parents leave him when he is wheeled off for surgery. This is a really interesting book that everyone will like reading.



SPIRIT ANIMALS

by ISAAC

Kids should read the book, *Spirit Animals*. The author of *Spirit Animals* is Brandon Mull. The main idea of *Spirit Animals* is that four children named Conor, Abeke, Melein, and Rollan bond to or call a spirit animal in a

place called Erdas. The four children summon a legendary beast. The animals are a Wolf, Leopard, Panda, and Falcon. Then, the four heroes must work together to defeat a dark force to save all Erdas.



IS SEA WORLD GOOD FOR ANIMALS?

by **EMILIO**



Sea animals should not be at Sea World because the animals are getting hurt by sharp edges, the people, and the food. The sea animals are scared of the humans because they have not seen them in their lives, not even as babies. The animals are confused because they have not seen building or the food that they are eating. They are scared. People want to

keep them in a tank, but some people want the animals to be free because some where taken from their families and their homes.

The animals are afraid about their surroundings because they are not near ice or they are in danger. You have to think about it the next time you go to Sea World. Remember this article.

DOG FACTS

by **ISABEL**



Dog's diet: Dogs are carnivores and/or omnivores. Dogs can adapt to a wide ranging diet and are not dependent on meat specific protein nor a very high level of protein.

Dog's tail: As with many canids, one of

the primary functions of a dog's tail is to communicate their emotional states.

Dog's smell: In some dogs breed, such as blood hounds, the olfactory sense may be up to 100 million times greater than a human's.

AMAZING LEOPARDS

by **ANDRES**



Leopards are powerful and graceful cats that are closely related to lions, tigers, and jaguars. Leopards are the smallest of the large cats. They are also warm-blooded, meaning that they can make their own body heat even if it is cold outside. Whether it is very cold or hot outside, warm-blooded animals have body temperatures that usually stay the same. Leopards mainly feast on boars and deer, and sometimes birds and rodents. They hunt alone at night.

Leopards mainly live in Africa and southern and northern Asia. These huge beasts' environment is the savanna and the rainforest. A savanna is a grassland ecosystem.

Do you want to know why leopards have spots? Experts think leopards have spots because the spots help them camouflage and hide to attack their pray. No wonder these amazing animals became our school mascot. Leopards roar!

PLAY MINECRAFT

by **SAMUEL**



Minecraft is an amazing game and many people play it and they love playing it, too. Minecraft is fun. You can explore, have fun with your friends, and even battle with mods. Mods are creatures that attack your character. The best part about it is players can customize their own players' skin. Players can customize their own game. By that, I mean that players can have random people join even when you

aren't online. For example HungerGames is a map where there are 24 people and there are chests randomly put everywhere on the map and they are filled with foods, weapons, and armor. The systems minecraft is on is PC, Mac, xbox360, PS3, xbox one, PS4, the wii U, and PS vita. Minecraft is amazing, and people love it. Minecraft is popular, and a lot of people will agree with me.

GAME MODES OF MINECRAFT

by JACOB

Minecraft has two game modes to play on: survival mode and creative mode. Survival mode is a free roam mode where you can get resources and build swords to fight off evil mods at night. With pickaxes, it would make it easier to get better and more powerful items. With more powerful items, it makes it easier to survive at night. In survival mode, the players have to survive, but players can compete in competitions over who has the best house or who has cooler furniture.

In creative mode, players have many types of resources and as much they need. In this mode, people can build awesome structures like a giant city or a village made of diamonds. In creative mode, there is no way to die, most of the time. The only way to die is to fall out of the world and go into the void. Most people recommend having fun playing Minecraft because there are so many possibilities and there are so many things to build.



POPTROPICA

by JEREMY

Poptropica is a fun game on the computer and, recently, on portable devices.

Surprisingly, the game was created by Jeff Kinney, the author of the book Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and owned by Pearson PLC.

In the beginning, players get a menu where players can customize their characters. Also when players earn credits, which can be earned by completing islands, the player can buy items, mini games, and costumes.

Players can go to different island. Each island has its own "quest" to complete. After the island is completed the player is rewarded with a medallion and 50 credits to spend in the store.

The first 3 islands available were Early

Poptropica, Shark's Tooth Island, and Time Tangled Island.

In Early Poptropica, the early poptropicans are missing items from their village including a pig, a flag, and a bucket. The player must explore around the city and the early poptropican village to find these three items.

In Shark's Tooth Island the people of the island are troubled with a shark called "the Booga." The player must explore the ancient ruins and temples to find a solution.

In Time Tangled Island Dr. P Pendulum invents a time machine and history goes horribly wrong. The player must go to different time eras to return and fix the different time era.



PEWDIEPIE

by ASHLEY

People may not recognize the name Felix Kjellberg, but they might recognize his YouTube channel called PewDiePie. He has more than 31,658,024 subscribers. Right now he is the number 1 most subscribed person on the history of YouTube. He has different series on YouTube, such as "Friday with PewDiePie", "Fabulouser" and " Surgeon Simulator 2013". He did his first video in 2010 and titled "hug". He has 2 dogs named Maya and Edgar, and a girlfriend named Marzia, all of whom live in England. He doesn't play games on his own, he plays with other YouTubers such as, Smosh, The Fine Bros, and SeaNanners. Or, sometimes

plays with his girlfriend Mariza. PewDiePie calls his subscribers "Bros" and also on the end of his videos he says "Brofist". What makes PewDiePie different from other YouTubers is that he is can be more funny, honest, and fabulous because he has a lot of self-confidence. He has won four awards from his YouTube career, including the Starcount Social Star Award and Shorty Award in 2013, and he won the Teen Choice Award for Web Star: Gaming and was nominated for the 4th Streamy Award both in 2014. In the future, PewDiePie will hopefully make more videos, gain more subscribers and get married to his girlfriend.



TECHNOLOGY: HELP OR HURT?

by LARS



Did you know that one of the first modern technologies was invented in 1876? Well, the telephone was invented at 1876—a great help and a danger. Soon, everyone would rely on technology way too much, people more obsessed with their phone screens more than the world around them. Also, people wouldn't stop taking selfies. Also, good news, people haven't seen very many blue screens lately. That means our newer computers can handle a lot more data. Also, many other technologies are improving and helping us a lot more.

Phones have improved to tablets and iPhones. Computers used to be huge in the past, and now, we have flat-screen computers like Apple computers.

We also have games better than Pong, like Plants verses Zombies and Super Mario. Also, old game consoles like the Atari have now upgraded to Xbox, Wii U, and PS4. Technology can hurt our eyes, but it can help us research and give us entertainment. Do you like technology, too?

APPLES

by JOHNSON



Do kids need to eat apples? Apples are delicious, fresh, and juicy. They contain vitamin C, K, E, and B. Sometimes apples can rot, but they can be very good. Apples can be big and small in certain countries. Apples are big in China and Japan. There are also more than 38 different kinds of apples! An apple tree usually stands from 1.8 to 4.6 meters.

Bees, flies, butterflies, moths, humming birds, etc. pollinate the apple blossoms. You can sometimes cut apples, or you could just bite it. Apples can be planted with their own seeds!

Apples can be sometimes hard and sometimes soft. Some apples are the regular red one, Apricot apple, and the Arlet apple. There are more apples in the world, but I only named three of them.

Apples are relatively small but sometimes very big. Apples can be sweet, soft, hard, sour, or nasty. Apples can sometimes taste very horrible. They can be in stores, farms, or you can just grow them. Apples can also have worms in them.

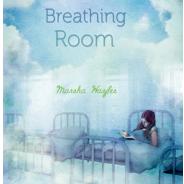
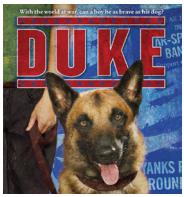
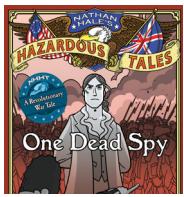
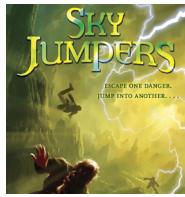
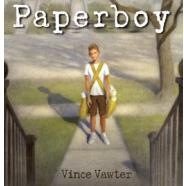
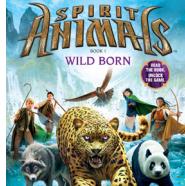
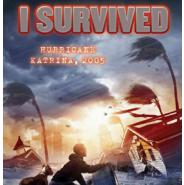
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TOP 10 BOOKS OF 2015

from the Beehive Award children's book nominees

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 BREATHING ROOM
MARSHA HAYLES | 5
 OF GIANTS AND ICE
SHELBY BACH | 8
 RUMP: THE TRUE STORY OF RUMPELSTILTSKIN
LIESL SHURTLIFF |
| 2
 DUKE
KIRBY LARSON | 6
 ONE DEAD SPY:
NATHAN HALE'S
HAZARDOUS TALES
NATHAN HALE | 9
 SKY JUMPERS
PEGGY EDDLEMAN |
| 3
 ESCAPE FROM MR.
LEMONCELLO'S
LIBRARY
CHRIS GRABENSTEIN | 7
 PAPERBOY
VINCE VAUTER | 10
 WILD BORN
BRANDON MULL |
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We had a great time this fall with the reporters on the Lomita Leopard's Roar newspaper. We would like to thank your teacher, Ms. Brittany Breland, for overseeing the program. She volunteers her time to help with our writing workshops.

We would also like to thank your principal, Ms. Monica Friedman for her support.

My brother and I, and four friends, founded PressFriends in 2008. We had started a newspaper in our elementary school, and felt we learned a lot from running the newspaper

ourselves. We wanted to share what we learned with other kids and that led to PressFriends. Today, we mentor over 500 elementary students a year in fourteen programs. All of our programs are free to the schools and programs we work with, and we print two newspapers a year for each of those schools and programs.

We are looking forward to a fun spring semester with the Lomita Leopard's Roar.

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