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SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT

By KYLA D.

The world needs help, and humans are why the world is not clean.

Humans can help the world by picking up trash so the plants and ocean animals can be safe. Another way we can help the world is to not throw trash or litter because it can go to the sewer and out to the ocean where marine animals live. If you do litter, the ocean animals can get killed or injured.

We also need to help plant trees because you can get more healthy oxygen. Another problem people still have is pollution that can go in the air and into people's lungs, and they get sick.

Some people think that the environment is not important but it really is. Al-

so, there is one more way you can help the environment, and that is recycling. Recycling is good because you can save plastic and some people make it something new. That is why you need to help the environment.



5TH GRADE TRIP TO CATALINA

By JASMINE T.

CIMI stands for the Catalina Island Marine Institute, and it is our 5th grade trip to Catalina Island. At CIMI, you can go snorkeling under the sea to see wild life like dolphins, fishes, sharks and more. The cool thing is that the breakfast is a buffet



along with lunch and dinner. At Cimi there are separate cabins for girls and boys, but all the girls will be stuck in the same cabin and all the boys will be stuck in the same cabin. Every night you go to bed at 10:00 p.m. and wake up at 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 a.m. For this trip, 5th graders stay for 3 days and 2 nights. Every 5th grader is going and maybe is really excited.



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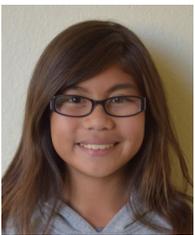
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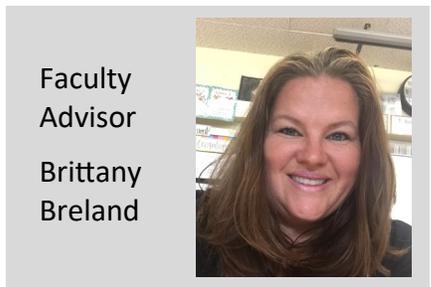
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FACTS ABOUT LOMITA MAGNET

By KEIRA P.

Did you ever wonder how our school became a magnet school or how we became a California Distinguished School?

Our school became a magnet school in 1978. Lomita Magnet has been a hard working school ever since.

In 2010, Lomita Magnet became a California

Distinguished School. The award is given by the California Board of Education to schools with outstanding educational programs.

An interesting fact about our school was first named Lomita Math/Science Magnet School. Then, Lomita Math/Science/Technology Magnet School, and after that

we became Lomita Math/Science/Technology/Engineering Magnet School.

First, we were S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, math), and then we became S.T.E.A.M., which stands for science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. .



LOMITA IS THE BEST MAGNET EVER

By ARIAH R.

Lomita is the best magnet school. There are lots of fundraisers and good events. Our school lets us go on field trips. It also allows for people to come to our school and put on shows, such as mime shows,

dances, and basketball. We also get to go to CIMI (Catalina Island Marine Institute).

The friends here are very nice. We also have a student council and vote for a student president for our school. The kids

and teachers get to vote for who they want to be president, but only fifth grade can vote. I am an alternate so if someone is absent then I will have to do their job.

Lomita is a great school for smart kids.



RECESS

By LEZA O.

Bounce, bounce. When the first recess bell rings, kids start talking, playing volleyball or Prisoner, handball, kickball, softball, basketball, and other energetic sports.

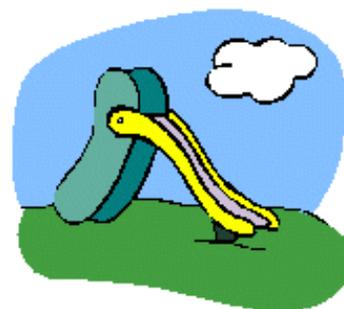
During recess, kids usually sit down and eat

their snack. People don't have to eat a snack, and they can run around and play games like tag and jump rope.

Handball is very popular at Lomita Magnet. Kids get more aggressive with handball and Four Square.

It's sometimes hard to get around the HUGE playground. Kids can get hurt when other kids are playing with the equipment, and when all the activities are going on.

Kids love recess here at Lomita Magnet.





CHANGING THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER

By **BIANCA L.**

How can you change the world?

Well we can start by recycling glass, plastic, cans, paper, and extra stuff. Also we could stop throwing trash onto the street so it doesn't wash

out to sea and kill help less marine animals.

We could stop cutting trees down so we could have a beautiful earth with live plants and animals. This will make a huge difference in our planet.

It is always better to save the world that we live in than kill it while we live in it. This will affect 99% of our world.

This is our world that we live in, so stop hurting the world that we live in.

STOP BULLYING NOW

By **BIANCA L.**



Emoji are very popular. Now there is an emoji you can use if you find cyber bullying.

You can post the "I am a witness" emoji or the hashtag #Iamawitness if someone posts a rude or mean comment.

There are always bad things with any thing. Even before we had the "I am a Witness" emoji, we still

had cyber bullying. But now the emoji makes it's easier to try to stop it if you are playing an online game and see bullying.

Bullies make other people feel bad, but it could be because they may have been bullied too. They might bully other kids to make themselves feel better.

There is always a kind

of bully who is looking for a new target once the target doesn't to go back to school. If you never confront them, then you're going to be really miserable. You need to tell a grownup that you trust so that bully issue can be taken care of.

Never be afraid to tell someone this. **BULLYING STOPS NOW.**

LOMITA'S HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

By **SYDNEY E.**



Did you go to the Halloween Festival this year? Well, if you did, I hope you had as much fun as I did.

The parade this year was on October 28th on the playground. We had game booths, food, and much more! The whole

school was invited and costumes were optional. There was a raffle for a brand new bike! All you had to do to enter is to spend \$20 on tickets.

Hopefully, the Halloween parade will got you into the Halloween spirit! This parade has been go-

ing on for a very long time now.

The Halloween event was only a couple of days away from Halloween night.

I hope you made it to the Halloween festival and dressed up fun costumes! I hope you had fun.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

By MAAB E.

Did you know there are many endangered species? Animals like whales, giant pandas, and Cross River gorillas are all endangered. Other animals are also endangered.

One of the causes for all of this is humans. When humans cut down forests to build homes and throw trash in the ocean, these actions affect the environment and ruin animals' homes.

Most animals are suffering because of us. People have the power to protect animals. Some animals like the dodo bird, saber-toothed tiger, and the Tasmanian tiger have become extinct due to humans.



If people stop destroying homes and polluting the environment, then we would have many animals, and people would have many animals to cherish.

So it is up to you. If you like animals and care for them, you can volunteer at a wild life reserve. Animals are a gift to our world so we should definitely take care of them and cherish them—hopefully for many years to come.



PETS

By BAN J.

Pets keep you company. Pets can be cute and adorable.

Some pets, like fish, are not cute but fun to watch and feed. Some pets teach you more about them like how some male and female cats play or argue with each other.

Some puppies and dogs hunt while they are young. Some fish chase your finger in the fish bowl if they are really hungry. Some reptiles eat fast, and some eat slowly. Reptiles and birds can be playful.

Some birds try to escape when everyone is sleeping or when a window is left open—usually because they really dislike their owner or something like that but because they want to explore.

Pets love their owners and like to play with them. Pets like cats and dogs come to you and cuddle with you. Puppies and dogs will give you kisses by licking you.

Bunnies and rabbits are so soft like cats and dogs. They are so soft feel like tiny soft pillows.

Pets teach you stuff while you look, smell, feed, and learn how they live. Pets make life better. Dogs are always happy to see you.

I hope your parents agree to bring you a pet. If you don't have anyone to play with at your house, then you can play with a pet.

There is such thing as a class pet but class pets are small pets like reptiles and small birds or spiders.

Pets are so much fun. I hope you enjoy your pet.



WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

EID



What is your favorite day of the year? Mine is Eid. Eid is twice a year. I enjoy Eid because sometimes I get to miss school for it.

Unlike most holidays Eid is determined on the position of the moon.

Eid is a day when Muslims all over the world take a day off to celebrate this holiday. The meaning of Eid is festival. During Eid, I get many gifts including money. Also, the food is delicious. This is why Eid is my favorite holiday.

Maab E.

HALLOWEEN

Do you want to be scared for fun and get candy on the same day? Well then, Halloween is the day for you. On Halloween, people dress up and go trick-or-treating. That is when



kids and parents go to houses and get candy.

Halloween is a fun day for people that like to be scared on purpose and for people that like candy. I LOVE Halloween. My favorite part of Halloween is the candy because you can get a WHOLE lot of candy just by knocking on a neighborhood door and saying "trick-or-treat."

You can also dress up as something scary or pretty or funny. You can dress up as anything. Halloween is so much fun. I hope you enjoy Halloween too.

Ban J.

CHRISTMAS

My favorite time of year is Christmas because you get lots of presents, you get to spend time with your family by decorating a beautiful tree putting leftover decorations from last year.

Each year is a new surprise. On that night you get to watch a movie while your mom makes hot cocoa.

On Christmas morning, you get pretty good presents. You get mostly what you wished for. After you open all your presents you get to go

outside and play with snow. When you go back inside, your mom has made awesome delicious pie.

Bianca L.

Have you heard of the most wonderful time of the year? Well, it is Christmas, and it is so wonderful. Christmas is about joy and happiness. Also it is about when families spend their time together.

I like Christmas and I like presents. Also people sing Christmas carols. Last year I had a party and I saw people I knew. That is why Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Kaycee D.

Do you like Christmas? Well my favorite holiday is Christmas. Christmas was named for the birthday of Jesus, and lots of people were celebrating when Jesus was born. Christmas makes me joyful and it isn't just about getting presents. It's about loving other people.

My family and I have a party every year. We eat Filipino food because I am actually Filipino.

Another thing I do during Christmas is do raffles. Next, we do team games. Also, I like to sing karaoke. My family and I also play



games like football and more fun stuff. Another thing we do is open presents from other people.

These are the reasons why Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Kyla D.

The best holiday is Christmas because you get lots of gifts, you can wake up earlier than other family members, and you can surprise them!

Christmas is on December 25th. Christmas is a fun celebration where you get to enjoy time with your family, drink eggnog and hot chocolate, and enjoy gifts and grandma's homemade cookies! Nothing is better than grandma's homemade cookies!

It's very fun when your family members open gifts, and you can see their reactions. Christmas is the best holiday and it's enjoyable! Hurray for Christmas!

Marissa M.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

VALENTINE'S DAY

Is there a day more lovely than VALENTINES DAY?

Hey you do love Valentines Day, handing out valentines, candy and love poems? Well I sure do.

There are a lot of cute things about Valentines Day, like making heart shaped cookies with red frosting! Yum!



When it comes to making valentines, "glitter" is my middle name. This part is the part when you show and tell all your love to "The Chosen One."

So is Valentines coming where you live? Then get ready because THE LOVE BOMB IS COMING!

Kharol S.

EASTER

Many people forget about Easter, but other people like it. Many people like this holiday, because of the Easter egg hunts. Other people like getting candy and gifts. Most people like to spend time with their family.

People have parties, and celebrate the day Jesus resurrected. Some

Guatemalan families collect eggs and fill them with confetti. They crack them on people's heads.

Easter is very fun.

Angel G.



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?



MEET OUR REPORTERS



Angelina and Aleeyah

PAGING DR. ALEEYAH

Aleeyah is a student in Mr. Stenzel's class here at Lomita Magnet. She decided to go into PressFriends because she likes to write.

Aleeyah wants to be a doctor when she grows up because she wants to help people.

What Aleeyah likes best in being in Mr. Stengel's class is that she likes learning there, she meets new people, and she learns new things. What Aleeyah likes least about being in school is that sometimes for her it can be hard, complicated, and also even boring.

Aleeyah has to get good grades in Science class because she wants to be a doctor. The person that influenced her the most was her mom because she helps Aleeyah and teaches her new things.

In the next 10 years Aleeyah wants to go to college and to get all good grades.

Angelina G.

ANGELINA THE VET

Angelina really likes to write. Angelina wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up because she wants to help injured animals. Angelina loves animals.

Angelina says that the hardest thing about school are the difficult homework questions and tests, but she works hard.

Angelina's sister influenced her the most because she helped her through a lot and encouraged her to work hard and get good grades.

In ten years, Angelina wants to get accepted to college, learn, get good grades, and get a good scholarship so she can get a good job to work at when she is older.

Aleeyah S.

ANGEL THE MAGNIFICENT

Angel is a person that is smart at everything. He is responsible for everything he is supposed to do. When I need help sometimes, he would be there to give me the advice.

Angel loves to read. At school, all he does when the teacher says its time to read is get his Percy Jackson, Carter Kane, and Magnus Chase books out and straight away he would start reading a book.



Angel and Nathan

When Angel grows up, he wants to be an architect or a policeman. The reason why Angel wants to be an architect, is because he loves drawing and planning stuff. Also, he wants to be a policeman because he got the idea from watching the *Spiderman* movie.

Angel is a smart kid. What he likes about being smart is to correct people. Finally, what he doesn't like is doing everything for his little brother.

Overall, Angel is a great friend.

Nathan C.

BIANCA THE BUSY BEE

Bianca is a student at Lomita S.T.E.A.M Magnet

School. She wants to become an office worker. She also wants to try to get a degree.

Bianca wants to become an office worker because her mom was one. She discovered that she wanted to become an office worker during this interview. The thing she likes most about becoming an office worker is getting paid. The worst part is dealing with people who have a bad attitude.

Bianca said that you don't need to study to become an office worker. You just need to be prepared.



Bianca and Keira

Who influenced her, we asked? Well, she said it was her mom. Bianca said that because her mom worked and worked hard.

Bianca said that she wants to get a degree. Will Bianca Lopez be in your office someday way out there?

Keira P.

MEET OUR REPORTERS

CARING FOR ANIMALS

Keira wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up because she has always loved animals. She has loved animals since the second grade. The thing she would love the most about being a veterinarian is helping animals get cared for that are not in a good condition. The least favorite thing for her is to tell animals' owners bad news, such as cancer that she can't remove .

To become a veterinarian you need to study a lot. Keira was influenced by her parents because they went to a good college. She wants to get all of her degrees and go to a good school.

Bianca L.

HURRAY FOR TEA

The person that is being interviewed is Jacob. He is 10 years old. He wants to be a teashop owner.

Jacob wants to be a teashop owner because he likes tea. He likes tea because it is good, depending on which tea bag you pick.

Jacob said that he would call his tea making shop "Tasty Teabags."

In Jacob's free time, he likes to use his phone or read books. Jacob's



Jacob and Ivan

favorite game to play on his phone is *Clash Royale*. Jacob's favorite book is called *The Ascension*. Jacob likes to be at home for free time.

Ivan G.

A HELPFUL TEACHER

Kenia wants to become a teacher. Although Kenia likes to dance, Kenia decided to become a teacher when she grows up. She wants to help students get smarter, get good grades, and become highly educated. Kenia wanted to become a teacher when she started 3rd grade.



Kenia and Ban

When Kenia is a teacher, she will not like it when children talk while she is talking and when children don't listen.

Kenia is going to study every school subject so she can teach the children in her future class. Kenia's mom influenced her the most. In the next ten years she will try to attend college.

Ban J.



Andrea and Violet

NEW SINGER IN TOWN

Andrea is a great singer. She said, "It all started when I entered a talent show, then I sang. I came in second place."

During the interview, she said, "I knew I wanted to be a singer when I was singing in public, a stranger came up to me and said I was a great singer. It brightened my day."

When asked, what do you like best about being

a singer, she responded with, "I love the thrill before and after the performance."

She was also asked what she likes least about being a singer, and she doesn't like it when someone criticizes her singing. "I think they are just jealous," she said.

Violet O.

CREATIVE KHAROL

Kharol is a very imaginative and creative writer, reader, and drawer. She was born on December 7th, 2005.

Kharol's favorite foods are sushi and samosas. Her favorite colors are blue, sea-foam green, and robins-egg blue.

Her friends are Mina, Erin, Benjamin, Amber, and Elizaveta. Her two brothers' are Emmanuel Granados, Gerardo Isaac Reyes. Emmanuel is 13 and Gerardo Isaac is 1 year old.



Marissa and Kharol

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MEET OUR REPORTERS

Kharol is influenced by her mom because her mom expects her to be the best she wants to be.

Marissa M.

ALL ABOUT MARISSA

Marissa is a very responsible and loving girl. She is in the fifth grade and is nine years old.

Marissa's favorite color is blue. Her friends are Deja, Amber, Hailey, and I. She has three siblings, Maya, Marcus, and Mariah.

Marissa's favorite foods are mac and cheese, bacon cheese burger, and chicken tenders.

Marissa really likes to write so she applied for PressFriends.

Marissa was born on October 23, 2006. In the next 10 years she wants to go to college and then get her Master's degree.



Sydney and Maab

Marissa's hobbies are drawing, playing baseball, and writing fictional stories. She likes to play outside with her sister Maya and her cousin Tano.

Marissa likes to watch the Disney TV channel. She like to get beverages at Sonic.

Kharol S.

MAAB'S UNIQUE HOBBY

Maab is 10 years old with an amazing hobby of knitting!!! She became a knitter when her cousin learned to knit and Maab wanted to learn too. So it became her hobby too, and it became her amazing passion.

Her favorite thing about being a knitter is that she loves to create things. Although it is her favorite hobby, she hates when she does a mistake in her knitting. She does not like when she does even one little mistake.

Maab's advice to anyone who is interested in learning to knit is to stay focused and to keep knitting.

When her cousin knits, she gets inspired to make more unique creations. She also wants to create much, much more.

Maab's goal for the next 10 years is to eventu-

ally make many more creations.

Do you have a unique hobby?

Sydney E.

KID MUSICIAN SYDNEY

Sydney is a kid musician. Sydney decided to become a musician because she decided to take a chance and try something new.

Sydney first got the thought that she wanted to be a musician when she got her own guitar.

Sydney enjoys playing her music for her family. Sydney says everything about music is divine but her hands have some pain in them after playing.

Sydney said that the key to be a musician is to practice.

Sydney may have gotten the gift for music from her grandpa who plays music as well. Sydney hopes to become a professional musician.

Maab E.

WRITER LEZA

Leza likes to write and she is a PressFriends writer. Last year she learned a lot of about writing, and she likes it. Her teacher told her about PressFriends, and she wanted to be in it.

Leza said that the best thing about PressFriends is



Leza and Mikaley

that you get to meet more new people. What she really doesn't like about PressFriends is that you get limited time to write. She says if someone wants to become a PressFriends Writer to ask his or her teacher about it.

Leza's friend Jasmine inspired her the most of all people. Leza plans to go to college for six years.

Mikaley G.

VANESSA THE ARTIST

Vanessa is an artist who can draw many things like sketches of people, flowers, sunsets, animals, and so much more. She decided that she wanted to be an artist at the age of 4.

What Vanessa likes best about being an artist is that you can draw anything you want. What she least likes about being an artist is that you need a lot of materials and they can be expensive.

MEET OUR REPORTERS



Vanessa and Kaliyah

The things you would need to study is sketching, lighting, and darkening.

The one who influenced her was her mother because she draws really well. Vanessa wants to become a doctor in the future.

Kaliyah P.

KALIYAH THE GYMNAST

Kaliyah is a Gymnast. She likes to do many flips and other tricks every gymnast should know.

Once she saw people doing flips and cartwheels. she then knew that she wanted to be a gymnast.

Learning how to do flips is fun. She likes being taught by people who do gymnastics. Kaliyah goes to gymnastics class every Friday.

The things that Kaliyah dislikes about being a gymnast is that you need to put chalk on your

hands to get a good grip on the bars. Kaliyah is really interested in being a gymnast, so she needs to practice doing flips.

Gabby Douglas is the gymnast who inspired her the most, because she has gotten a lot of medals. Kaliyah wants to become a champion just like her.

In the next ten years, Kaliyah wants to become a doctor. She wants to be a doctor to help take care of kids and help them get better. She also wants to be a doctor to make a lot of money too.

Vanessa Yanez

ALL ABOUT ANN

Annmarie decided to become a reporter because her grade in writing is really good and she loves writing.

Annmarie knew that she wanted to become a martial arts student when she was nine years old because she wanted to show how strong she is. She also wanted to do martial arts because she wanted to win medals and trophies.

Annmarie likes using an app where you can get access to a lot of songs and videos, but you don't have to use your own voice.

Sabina A.

PRESSFRIENDS IS PROUD TO SPONSOR LOMITA LEOPARD'S ROAR

PressFriends are middle and high school mentors who have been working with your after school newspaper club on *Lomita Leopard's Roar* for four years.

PressFriends is all-volunteer and led by students.

PressFriends also works with 10 other programs and over 400 elementary students every year.

MEET OUR MENTORS

CLAIRE

So here is some scoop on one of the PressFriends mentors, Claire. Claire mentors PressFriends students. She decided to become a PressFriends mentor because she loves working with the PressFriends students.

Claire first knew that she wanted to be a PressFriends mentor around a year ago when she was offered to be a mentor.

What Claire likes best about being a mentor is that she likes meeting PressFriends students, getting to know students, and helping the PressFriends students become better writers. She least likes when she doesn't get to see the PressFriends students every day.

If someone was interested in becoming a mentor, Claire said, "You need to sign up and go to training sessions."

The person who influenced Claire the most was Morgan, because she is so good at her job and inspires Claire to be better.

Claire wants to graduate from college, travel the world, and learn French.

Kaycee D.

ETHAN

Interviewing Ethan was exciting.

Lomita Leopard's Roar asked Ethan, "What is your favorite sport?" He said his favorite sport is swimming.

How good are you at swimming? Ethan says that he started competitively at eight and his favorite strokes are the butterfly and breaststroke.

What is your goal?

Ethan wants to get a new high score in a 25-meter swim.

What is your favorite color? Ethan's favorite color is blue.

Overall, interviewing Ethan was fun!

Ethan P.

KATHERINE

Katherine is a mentor and a student. She decided to become a mentor because she wanted to help people write stories. Katherine has been a mentor for a couple of years. She started in the beginning of the year.

The reason why students volunteer to be mentors is because they like talking to kids and helping them.

If some people want to become a mentor they

will have to practice writing a lot.

The person who influenced Katherine was her own mentor, because she had seen what she did and she wanted to be just like her.

In 10 years Katherine wants to be an accomplished writer.

Ariah R.

KELLY

Kelly is a mentor in PressFriends. Kelly wants to be a pharmacist because she wants to help people when they're sick. She has wanted to become a pharmacist since last year.

The thing Kelly doesn't like is that you still have to work before getting the job and you have to go to school.

Kelly said, "If someone wants to become a pharmacist, you have to go to college for 4 years and then go to school more again." The person who influenced Kelly the most was her grandpa, because he worked hard to come to America.

In the next 10 years Kelly wants to have a job that she would enjoy. This would be interesting to people because she didn't think about being a

pharmacist before this year.

Kelly would be a great pharmacist because she likes to help others and work really hard.

Kelly also likes to cook and hangout with her friends.

Jasmine T.

MORGAN

Morgan is a PressFriends mentor. Morgan loves writing and wants to share her passion with kids.

Morgan found out about PressFriends in 9th grade. She likes to see other kids' reaction when kids are writing papers. The thing she hates is that she does not have time to volunteer at more sessions.

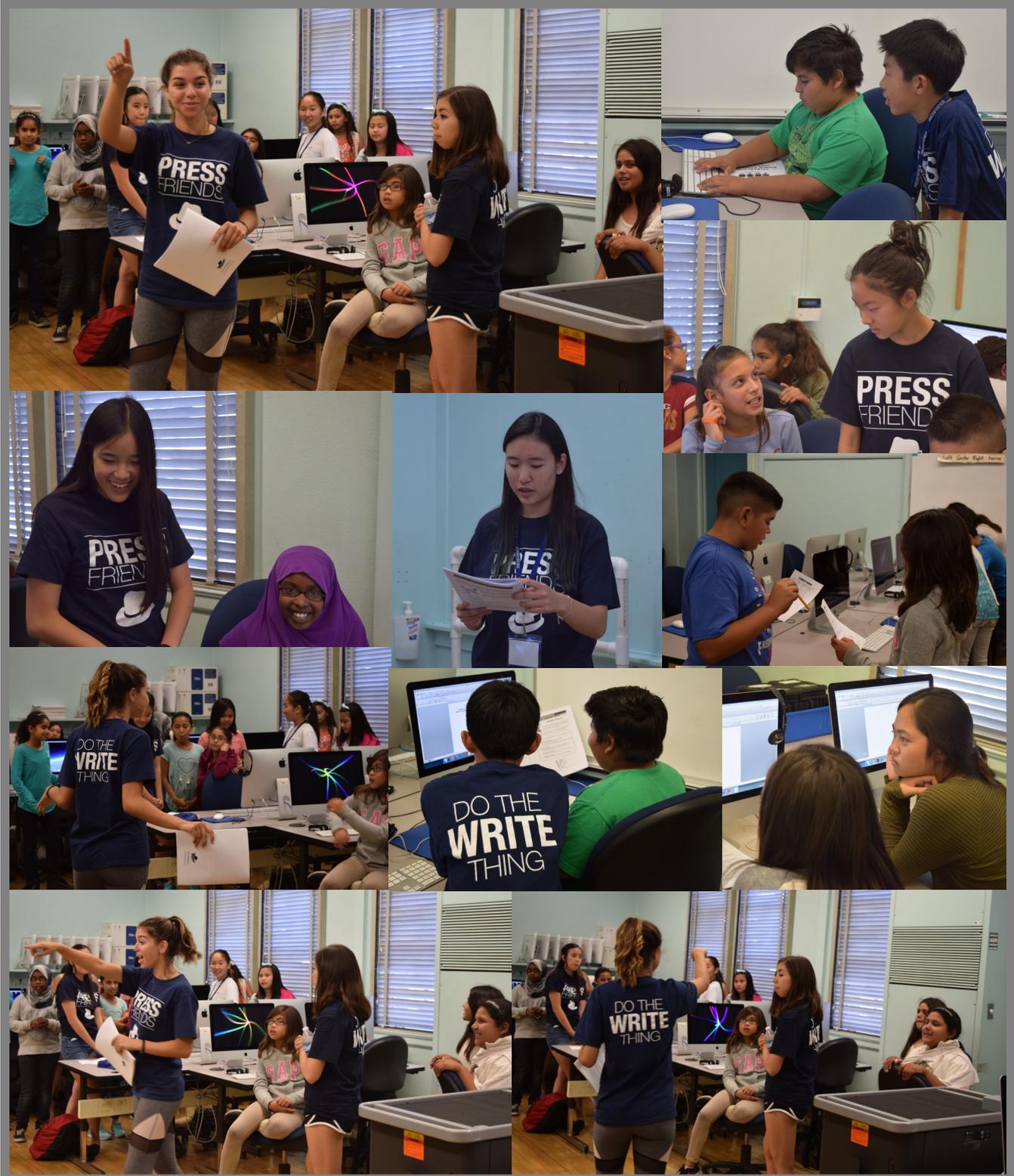
If students want to be PressFriends' mentors, she thinks they have to have great writing skills, like being with kids, and have good public speaking skills.

Morgan was inspired by her 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Nilson. Her teacher loved writing and taught Morgan how to write.

Morgan wants to go to college and pursue a career where she can work with kids.

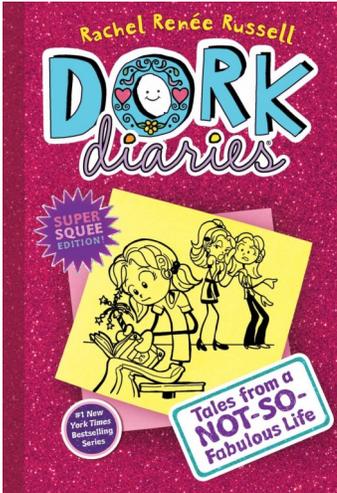
Kyla D.

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DORK DIARIES

By KAYCEE D.



Have you ever wanted a book that is a series? Well, *Dork Diaries* is one of the books that is in a series.

Dork Diaries is about a girl who was new to Westchester Country Day Middle School and has problems facing her way.

The first book was when it all started. This book was called *Dork Diaries Tales from a NOT-SO-Fabulous Life*. Then, it

kept building up more books of *Dork Diaries*.

The author who wrote these books is Rachel Renée Russell. She was the one who made a lot of books.

These books have tons of pages, but it doesn't take too long to read them. It only takes a few days to read the entire book.

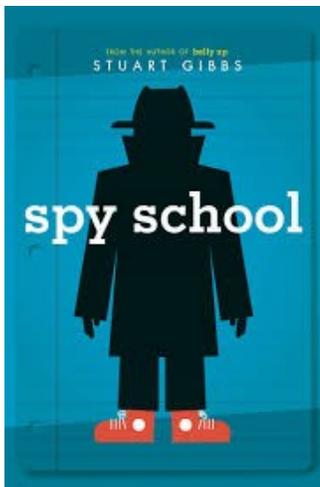
The character who is mainly in the book is Nikki

Maxwell, who is the person who was writing about mainly her life. Well I hope you try this book, and I hope you like it.



SPY AGENTS

By KYLA D.



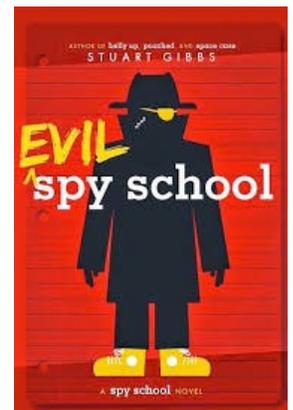
Have you ever heard of the book *Spy School*? Well it is a series of books that is written by Stuart Gibbs. The books in the collection are *Spy School*, *Spy Camp*, *Evil Spy School*, and there is a new book coming out this October, which is *Ski Spy School*.

The first book, *Spy School*, is about Ben Ripley getting accepted to Spy School. He got a mission, and the other students that have been there longer than him didn't get a mission yet.

The *Spy Camp* book is about Ben Ripley going to camp far from the school because they need to train more in the wilderness.

The *Evil Spy School* book is when Ben Ripley goes to the evil organization, and he got a mission from the evil organization. Murray Hill is the bad agent, and he got out of jail. Murray and his friends are really good agents in that evil organization. Ben and his friends try to stop Murray from doing bad things.

This book series is interesting and has a lot details. There is nothing bad about this book series. That is why this is a good book to read when you are bored.



ZOO FUN

By IVAN G.

If you want to see some cool things you should really go to the zoo. It has many different and unique animals it might even have your favorite animal.

My favorite animal is the panda. I like pandas because they are so cute and very intelligent.

At the zoo, they have many gift shops and many toy animals that

you can choose from but the choice might be too hard, and you might not be able to choose.

At the zoo, you can see many cool animals, and you get a really good exercise.

In conclusion, if you haven't gone to the zoo recently, I think that you should really go to the zoo.

Right now, the LA Zoo has LA ZooLights until January 8. There are lights all over the zoo, and they are on from 6-10 p.m. The tickets are pretty pricey — \$18 for adults and \$14 for kids.

Go to <https://lazoo.showare.com/>



KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

By KYLA D.

Have you heard of Knott's Berry Farm? Well, Knott's Berry Farm is a place where you can ride rides and do lots more stuff.

There are different kinds of rides like scary rides, baby rides, and more. Some scary rides are Supreme Scream, Ghost Rider, and Silver Bullet. The easy rides kids can go on are Jaguar, Pony Express, and Balloon Race. That is just one part about Knott's Berry Farm.

There are some

restaurants and food carts you can go to. Some good places you can go to are Mrs. Knott's Chicken Diner, Johnny Rockets, and Pancho's Tacos.

There are also food carts you can find in Knott's Berry Farm. The food carts you can find are churros, French fries, and more. That is another

part of Knott's Berry Farm.

Knott's Berry Farm also has fun booths that you can go. Some fun booths you can find are sketch booths, basketballs, and balloon pop. That is some of the fun booths you can go or play.

Knott's also has shows in Camp Snoopy, on the Calico Mine Stage, a stunt show at the Wagon Camp, and many more live shows.

Those are the main parts you should know about Knott's Berry Farm.



SUPER HEROES IN ACTION

By ANGEL G.



Who is your favorite superhero? There is the Hulk, Deadpool, Electra, The Punisher, Ghost Rider, Howard The Duck, Captain America, Hawkeye, Falcon, Black Widow, Devil Dinosaur, Thor, Ant Man, Jack of Hearts, Iron Lad, Green Arrow, Captain Atomic, Night Wing, Disgusto, What's-His-Face, Professor-X, Captain Rip, Invisible Woman, Nick Fury, Iron Man, Gambit, Martian Man Hunter,

Meanstreak, Storm, Skylar Storm, Super Man, Mr. Fantastic, The Thing, The Human Torch, Doctor Voodoo, Doctor Strange, Captain Mar-Vel, Captain Marvel, Captain Universe, and many other incredible superheroes.

We forget about the real superheroes of the world. There are doctors, policemen, and many other heroes. Doctors help us by giving us medicine.

Police help us by sending criminals to jail,

and prevent people from hurting us.

Fire fighters put out fires and save us from danger.

Mediators help us resolve conflict.

Psychologists help us talk through our problems. They also give us good advice to help people calm down and think more clearly.

We all know that Superheroes with amazing powers don't exist, but we know that mortal heroes do.

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL

By MARISSA M.



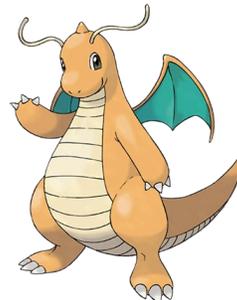
Pokémon Go is a fun app created by Niantic Labs. You can catch Pokémon, fight other Pokémon, and evolve Pokémon.

When you download the app, you can choose one of these three Pokémon: Charmander, Bulbasaur, and Squirtle. These three are the starter Pokémon. After you catch one of those three, your Pokémon journey begins!

Pokémon randomly spawn anywhere you are standing or sitting at. When you see a poke

stop, you can collect pokeballs, revives, eggs, and potions. These are all important during your journey to be the best.

Potions and revives help your Pokémon stay alive. Pokeballs are what you use to catch Pokémon.



Eggs hatch when you walk. You could walk 2 kilometers, 5 kilometers, and 10 kilometers. The higher amount of kilometers you walk, the better Pokémon you get.

There are many people who have downloaded Pokémon Go. This app is widespread and most popular app of 2016.

Happy catching!

VIDEO GAME REVIEW: MINECRAFT

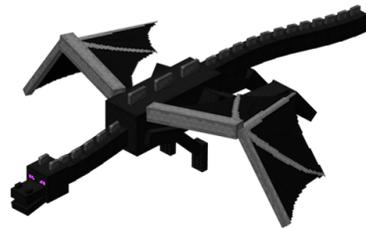
By ETHAN P.

Many people play Minecraft. Minecraft is a game where you are creative. You can build and you can spawn monsters.

There are many types of monsters. My favorite is the Blaze, which is a mob that lives in the Nether. The Nether is a place where many mobs live. The mobs that live there are Ghosts, Zombie-pig-men the Wither, Wither skeleton, and Magma cubes.

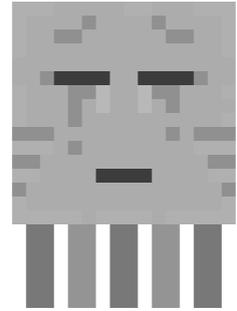
To get to the Nether you need to make the Nether portal. You make the nether portal by using 14 blocks of obsidian flint, and steel.

Minecraft also has the Ender portal; the Ender



portal is a portal that is made of 12 Ender portal blocks and 12 Ender eyes. You also need lava on the bottom. In the Ender there is a dragon called the Ender dragon. When you kill the Ender dragon you get experience, Ender Eyes weapons and armor.

In conclusion, many people should play Minecraft because it is fun and you can be creative.



VIDEO GAME REVIEW: MINECRAFT

By KALIYA P.

Some people like Minecraft because you can build whatever you want. There are tutorials on YouTube on how to build certain things. You can build restaurants, places, houses, and so much more.

There are different modes—survival mode, adventure mode, and creative mode.

Survival mode is where you kill zombies, creepers, skeletons, zombie pig men, and other things. You can wear armor and get a sword or other weapons.

Adventure mode is almost the same thing as Survival mode but it is harder to destroy blocks and your life goes by faster.

Creative mode is different. You get all these different kinds of blocks and other cool things. You

can build so many things, and you can name your worlds. You can even make a flat world.

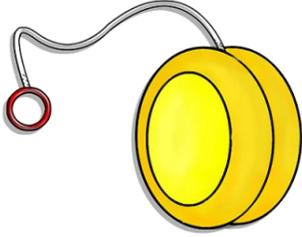
There are animals and mobs in worlds. If you create your own world, you don't have to have them in your world. That is why most people like Minecraft.

Minecraft can be played on PC's or Mac-Book's, on your Android or iPhone, or on an Xbox 260, Xbox One, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Wii U, and most other platforms.



YO-YO'S

By GABRIEL B.



Some yo-yo's come up and down. But there's one type of yo-yo that doesn't come up and down; it is known as an unresponsive yo-yo.

You can do a lot of tricks with a yo-yo. They even have competitions for yo-yoing. There are even competitions for responsive yo-yoing.

A lot of people go to competitions, but they do not always win; only the best win.

In conclusion, I say, yo-yoing is really fun.

MINION CUPCAKES



Do you like baking or minions? If so, this is the recipe for you. This recipe is a cupcake that looks like a minion. This cupcake is found in various places but, the easiest recipe is found on the nerdy nummies website (<https://rosannapansino.cucumbertown.com/despicable-me-minion-cupcakes-recipe>) or on her YouTube channel.

This recipe is delicious, looks adorable, and is fun

to make. The ingredients you will need are a vanilla cake mix or your favorite recipe, Twinkies, frosting in the color blue and black, and sprinkles that are round and white and brown and short. You will also need blue cupcake liners, cooking spray, and a cupcake tin.

Preheat and your oven according to cake mix. Once the cupcakes are done baking, let the cup-

cakes cool off. Once the cupcakes have cooled off cut the Twinkie to the size of your choice, dip the long brown sprinkles in frosting, and insert them on the top of the Twinkie. Then put frosting on the back and a black dot on the front of the white sprinkle and put it on the front of the Twinkie. Frost the cupcake, and put the decorated Twinkie on top and enjoy.

RICE KRISPIES ANYTIME



Rice Krispies Treats are always delicious. You can now buy them pre-made in the store, but they never taste as good as when you make them yourself.

Ingredients

You need 6 cups of Rice Krispies cereal, 3 tablespoons of butter, and 1

package of marshmallows (or 4 cups of mini-marshmallows).

Directions

In a large pot, melt the butter over low heat. Then add the marshmallows until they are all melted. Remove from the burner.

Add the Rice Krispies cereal and gently fold into

the marshmallow mixture until all the cereal is coated. Then press the mixture into a 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan that was coated with a cooking spray.

After the mixture has cooled, you can cut into squares and enjoy!

This recipe and more Rice Krispies treats recipes are at www.ricekrispies.com.

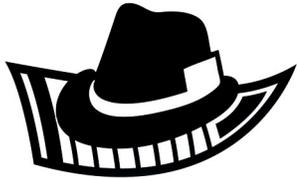
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Do the WRITE Thing

NOTE FROM PRESSFRIENDS

We are really proud of all the hard work that the *Lomita Leopard's Roar's* reporters put into this issue.

A very special thanks to our faculty advisor, Ms. Brittany Breland, who volunteers her time to oversee the program.

Also, many thanks to your principal, Mrs. Monica Friedman, for her support. We are thrilled to be bringing the *Lomita Leopard's*

Roar's reporters to USC in February for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Writing (STEW) Symposium for kids. Your reporters will write about what they learn and their articles will go in *Lomita Leopard's Roar* AND *USC Kids News*.

A special thanks to lead mentor Morgan and her mom Eileen and to all of our other lead mentors including Marissa, Laura, Claire, Kristin, Katherine,

Zara, Aishani, Anish, Haris, Eric, and Stella, and their moms. PressFriends is an all-volunteer, youth-led nonprofit, and PressFriends relies on our student volunteer mentors and their parents.

We hope you all have a wonderful winter break and get a chance to have fun with your families. We look forward to working with *Lomita Leopard's Roar* in the new year!

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