



Mack Squad News

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Diary of a Wimpy Kid—The Long Haul

By Traymond D.

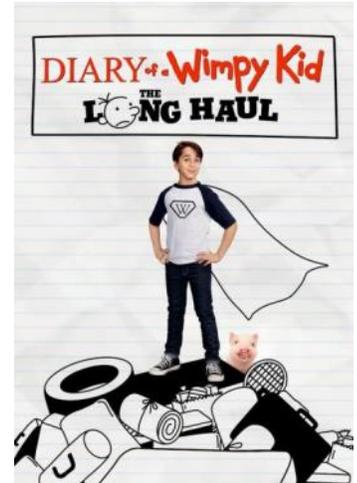
Mack Squad News reporters went to see *Diary of a Wimpy Kid—The Long Haul* at Fox Studios with a lot of other PressFriends newspapers.

My favorite scene in the movie is when the main character, Greg Heffley, feeds a bird a Cheeto, and then more and more birds came. I also thought it was funny when Greg, his

brother Roderick, and his mom got splashed with mud when they were pushing their van out of a hole.

I also liked the scene when Greg was in his family’s boat, and boat slid down a hill and flew into his grandmother’s pool.

This movie is fun to watch—especially during the summer since it is about Greg Heffley’s summer vacation trip.



Robotics at USC

By Dayana C.

John Mack students attended the STEW Symposium for Kids at USC. STEW stands for Science, Technology, Engineering,

and Writing. At the STEW Symposium, we heard from a lot of speakers on engineering topics. My favorite speaker was

Bing Jiang, who gave a robot presentation and it was awesome!

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John Mack students at the STEW Symposium for Kids at USC.

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Do the WRITE Thing

Diary of Wimpy Kid Movie

My favorite scene in the movie, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid—The Long Haul*, was when a bird came to eat a Cheeto from Greg, and then a lot of other birds flew through the open sunroof into Greg's car.

I also liked the scene when Greg's little brother Manny's pig ate all the snacks and when Manny learned Spanish during the

car trip from language tapes playing in the car and could talk Spanish to Mr. Luis., a tow truck driver.

There also was a funny scene where Greg got a diaper stuck on his hand and everyone called him "Diaper Hands."

My favorite character was Greg Heffley because he is clever and smart. Greg is in middle

school and on a car trip. His mom made everyone give her their cell phone, and he tricked his parents saying that he is going to the hot tub but he actually gets his cell phone. He also changed the GPS in the car so they could go to a video game convention.

This is a fun movie to see this summer.

By Daylun H.



Fun Facts About Killer Whales

Did you know killer whales are not whales? They are actually part of the dolphin family.

Killer whales don't attack humans in the wild, but they have done so in captivity.

There are different types of killer whales

and they eat different kinds of food, including large fish, seals, sea lions and other large marine mammals. They catch their food with their teeth.

Calves can swim as soon as they are born, but they stay with their mom for 1-2 years.

Killer whales are black and white, and they are warm blooded animals.

Killer whales can be up to 33 feet long and can weigh up to 22,000 pounds. They also can live up to 100 years old.

By Katherin A.



How Do Robots Make You Feel?

During the USC program, Bing Jiang talked about robots and how there are a lot of materials needed to build one. She also talked about how it can take up to a year to make just one robot.

One day, I think robots will be able to do some of the jobs humans can do! One example is that a robot can be a waitress. Big Jiang also showed videos about how to control a robot and kids building robots.

It was fun to see that the kids built a robot that could pick up all the balls behind a net, and another robot could stack yellow circles.

It was cool that kids made the robot controls.

By Brilynn M.



Luke Southwell, PressFriends founder, and Bing Jiang of Rolling Robots (photo by Michael Owen Baker)

Rookie Robots



Bing Jiang (photo by Michael Owen Baker)

Bing Jiang talked about how robots could walk and talk at the USC STEW Symposium. One day, when I'm older, I'm going to build a robot too!

We learned that robots will be able to take on jobs in the future.

When I grow up, I want to test the robots that I'll build, just like Bing Jiang. Bing Jiang learned a lot about robots because she's really smart and tested out her robots. It takes a long time to build a robot but Bing Jiang

built hers in two weeks! She also talked about her robot and how kids of all ages liked it. They all said they wanted to have a robot just like hers, but they have to put work into building it themselves!

By Aileen H.

Robotics

In my opinion, the best speaker at the USC STEW Symposium for Kids was Bing Jiang, who spoke about robotics. We got to watch the robots in action by trying to make it

dance but it couldn't do all the dance moves. Sadly, the robot was made before the invention of the Dab.

Bing Jiang showed us a video of what robots can do. One of the

things that robots could do was put yellow cylinders on top of each other.

All of the STEW program was fun till the end.

By Chris S.



Bing Jiang

How Robots Are Made

At the STEW Symposium for Kids at USC, I learned that people can make robots with plastic as well as with metal. People make robots with screwdrivers and

other tools. Robots can be hard to make.

I also learned about statues and how people can create them. We also learned how to make planes. Planes can be very hard to build.

On a tour of USC, I saw the statue of Tommy the horse and Tommy the Trojan. I'm jealous about the USC students; I really like the place. It's really cool!

By Ahmed M.



Bing Jiang and PressFriends reporters

Beep Bop

My favorite part of the STEW program was when we took a tour of USC; it was so much fun! The presentation that I

liked was when we got to learn about robots. We saw robots of all size move and change color. That was really cool! Then we saw a

video that talked about how the robots moved. Some robots can stretch while others can pick up and throw things.

By Valeria S.

The Internet

Everyone wants to know how the Internet works. At the STEW Symposium for Kids, we learned from Sivaram that the Internet works starts off with the data center, where the servers are. Each server has its own domain

name. An example of a domain name is like twitter.com. If we had no domain names, we would have to enter a long number code in order to access a website.

In order for a website to work, you have

to put a ending to your domain name, like “.com” or “.org.”

Without the end part, the computer will not recognize the domain name for the website. Welcome to the great world of the Internet!

By Fernando C.



Sivaramakrishnan Ramanatha
(photo by Michael Owen Baker)

Hello Internet!

My favorite part of the STEW Symposium was the Internet presentation because everyone uses the Internet for videos, games, music and to search for things.

Some places like the South Pole can't get any Internet. There are moments where the Internet connection is fast but other times, it is really slow and seems to take forever to load.

All appliances that are connected to the Internet have their own addresses. IP addresses are numbers. There are two hundred and fifty million domain names. There is also Internet in space! The whole world uses the internet and more than 300 million people use the internet per second.

Everyone loves the Internet because they love to use their phones

or tablets. If people don't have the Internet, they cannot call, text, watch videos, load games and use search engines. That's why they have the internet everywhere (except for places like the South Pole).

I love the Internet and you should too. Have fun with the Internet!

By Wendy S.



Sivaramakrishnan Ramanatha

Motors and Machines

Robots are machines that can be assembled and programmed. The Rolling Robots program allows kids to

learn about robots and gave its students the opportunity to participate in robotic competitions. These robots were very interesting

and I personally would like to come to USC in the future.

By Tyler H.



Bing Jiang of Rolling Robots
(photo by Michael Owen Baker)

The World At Your Fingertips



My favorite part of the STEW program at USC was the Internet presentation by Sivaram because of how complicated the internet works! The Internet can connect to all your phones, laptops and other appliances.

The Internet has IP addresses. IP addresses

have two hundred and fifty million domain names. There is also Internet in space; that's so cool! A lot of people all around the world are using the Internet. A long time ago, there weren't a lot of people on the Internet, but now there are millions of people who have access to the Internet. I

don't know people who can live without the Internet, but if they can, then that's very impressive. I use the Internet to watch YouTube, go on Netflix, and play video games. Sometimes people can use the internet to text their friends or call their moms.

By Destiny

The Inner Tube



Nina Singh (photo by Michael Owen Baker)

My favorite part of the STEW program at USC was when Sivaram spoke about the Internet because I always use the Internet. I love to listen to music,

play games and watch YouTube videos.

I also liked Nina Singh's presentation about bacteria. I learned that bacteria is a type of germ. Some

bacteria can make people sick while others are not harmful to the body. Maybe one day a doctor can fix the problem to end sickness!

By Kimberlyn

Bacteria vs. Antibiotics

Some bacteria are good for your body while others are harmful. Certain bacteria can't die with antibiotics which means they

are resistant towards the drugs. As they evolve, they grow bigger and bigger.

Doctors are looking for a medicine to end

the bad bacteria and are looking for more alternatives with better antibiotics.

By Elian

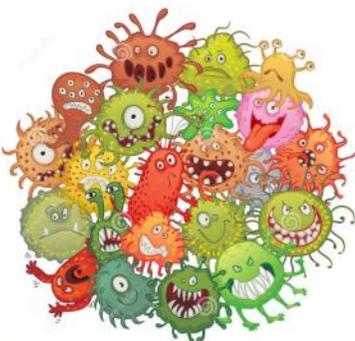
Bacteria STEW

My day at the STEW Symposium at USC was fun because we were going to learn about bacteria. Bacteria is a type of

germ in your body. Doctors can give you drugs to try to kill the bad bacteria. You can die because of the bacteria. Luckily only a

few germs are drug resistant. Being drug resistant means that the antibiotics do not work on that particular germ.

By Loylo



Learning About Antibiotics and Bacteria

In this STEW session, Nina Singh talked about bacteria and antibiotics. Antibiotics is a type of medicine that helps kill bacteria. Although not all bacteria is harmful, some are untreatable and do cause harm to your body. In

extreme cases, some can actually kill you. This topic is important to know. With this information, you will know how to take antibiotics. A lot of farmers are giving their animals antibiotics. That way, when peo-

ple eat the animals, they won't get infected. Only a few germs are resistant to antibiotics. A doctor can help or sometimes a patient can help too.

By Emily V.



Nina Singh

It's All About Bacteria

At the USC STEW Symposium, Nina Singh told us about antibiotic resistant bacteria. One thing that I learned was if the doctor says to drink a medicine for five days, you will get better. However, when a guy only drank it for 3 days and said he felt better, he didn't clean all the bacteria from his system. Because of this, every time he coughed or sneezed, he was spreading all the germs.

In the end, the guy had to see the doctor; that's why you have to listen to the doctor carefully.

The most interesting thing that happened in the program was when they used the antibiotic. It got all the big bacteria but some of the smaller ones that stayed alive duplicated itself to make a lot more bacteria. Some of the bacteria could touch DNA. One of the activities allowed me to

evolve into a bigger disease that could lead to illness or death and no one could cure it.

Another way that you can get sick is when you eat food that came from sick animals. You then become sick and have to go to the doctor. The main idea that I learned today was that the doctor wanted to make a medicine that makes diseases go away.

By Alexander



Antibiotics and Bacteria

At the USC STEW Symposium, I learned that antibiotics is a type of medicine that they give you for your body when it is sick. Bacteria is also a type of germ. A big group of bacteria can

cause big problems for your body. Drink your medicine for as long as the doctor tells you too in order to kill the bacteria. If you don't drink your medicine, you may end up with resistant bacteria. Resistant bacteria

fight the medicine, so that the medicine might not work. Scientists are searching for medicines to keep the resistant bacteria away from people's bodies. That way people won't get sick!

By Yllari C.



My Tour of USC



Yohanna Hanna
(photo by Michael Owen Baker)

I learned that we can fly like birds! If we can design a plane that folds its wings then it may come true. I am also interested in how it is going to benefit us as human beings.

We also learned how they made small drones.

One thing that was fun to see was the biggest plane and how it looked like as well as how many passengers it can carry per flight. We also learned what type of materials they use to build planes to make them faster,

lighter and safer.

The army can use the small drones to see what is ahead to keep them safe from the enemies. Maybe someday I can learn how to fix planes for the military.

By Adrian A.

Cool Airplanes

At the STEW Symposium for Kids, Yohanna Hanna talked about the development of small planes. Some planes have different shapes, angles, and sizes.

Students learned that the smaller the wings

are, the faster it can go. The small planes can go forty miles.

Yohanna made the airplanes look like birds. Instead of making the plane from metal, he made the plane out of plastic. He tested the airplanes inside a

wind tunnel at USC.

Yohanna is making airplanes for the military so that they can see what is ahead of them.

I enjoyed the little airplanes because of all the cool things they can do.

By Branden

Yohanna Hanna



Yohanna Hanna

Yohanna grew up in Lexington, Kentucky and was a Math and Science Magnet student in high school. He was in a program that allowed him to complete a research pro-

ject in college.

Yohanna attended University of Kentucky for college and is now in a PhD program at USC. His goal is to create a droid and a small-scaled helicopter. He told us

about airplanes and how to land one. In order to land an airplane, you have to lower the speed for a while and then speed up gradually.

By Anders M.

Antibiotics to fight Bacteria

The STEW Symposium at USC became great because we were in a class that taught about bacteria. Nina,

the teacher, told us about antibiotics. Antibiotics are some medicine that helps you get better. However, anti-

biotics can't get rid of all of the bacteria and sometimes it can hurt your body.

By Harumy N.

PressFriends Foreign Correspondent

Irish Dancing in Ireland

By Evelina M., Northern Ireland

Irish dancing isn't all big wigs and fake tan. Here in Ireland, it's as common as football or swimming. If you speak to anyone, they will all tell you that they had to Irish dance at some point in their life, willingly or not. Most of us are thrown into lessons as soon as we can walk, but only a few of us actually stay with the sport into our teenage years. We become addicted to the long practice hours and even longer competitions.

Styles of Irish Dancing

There are two main styles in Irish dancing. The light dances that we do in our pumps, which are similar to ballet



shoes. These dances are light and fairylike with lots of high kicks and even higher jumps.

We also have our heavy dances, where we have another pair of special shoes, made of leather with hard taps, like tap shoes. This is my favorite because we get to make a lot of noise and I like to take my anger out on the floor.

Competitions

So, after you know all your dances, you compete at feises, which in Irish translates to competition.

You dance two dances on stage against up to 50 people in your age category, or even 200 at major competitions like the World

Championships. This is where all the glitz and glamour comes in. It's a bit like performing on stage in a play or musical, you want to stand out on, which is why our dresses have so many sequins and diamonds so they sparkle and shine on stage.

We also have to wear stage makeup so that we don't look washed out like a ghost, and it doesn't help that we are already pretty pale in the first place!

I can't sing or dance or play the violin, but I love performing on stage because when you're up there it feels like you're just inches from flying.

Joy of Dance

My favorite bit isn't the competing. It's the friendships that you form. Don't get me wrong though, we come home from every class with sore legs and blisters on our feet and most of the time we don't get the competition results we want, but I Irish dance because I have grown to love both the pain and the beauty of it.



Meet Our Editorial Team

**PRESS
FRIENDS**



Darrius

Darrius likes football. He plays for the Clay Bears.

Darrius' favorite teacher is Ms. Jackson. His favorite subject is science.

Darrius wants to be a professional football player when he grows up. He plays linebacker, running back, defensive lineman, quarterback, and wide receiver. His favorite position is wide receiver.

Darrius' favorite book is *Football Superstars*. His favorite movie is *Goosebumps*. His favorite holiday is Christmas.

By Shyla L.

Daylun

Daylun is 10 years old and goes to John W. Mack ES.

Daylun's favorite movie and book is *Rio 2*. Daylun's favorite character in *Rio 2* is Blue because when Blue was young he couldn't fly but when he got older he could fly.

Daylun's favorite subject in school is math. His favorite song is *7 years* by Lukas



Reporters Katherin, Darrius and Shyla

Graham. Daylun is a cool kid and a interesting dude.

Daylun birthday is on June 26th. Daylun's favorite food is Spicy Chicken Wings.

Daylun is very fun friend and I hope he can became your friend to too.

By Oscar C.

Daylun

Daylun is 10 years old and goes to John W. Mack Elementary. His favorite sport is baseball, and he likes the Dodgers.

Daylun's favorite college is USC. He wants to be an engineer when he grows up.

Ms. Jackson is Daylun's favorite teacher. His favorite superhero is Spiderman. His favorite amusement park is Dis-

neyland, and his favorite ride is Star Wars.

Daylun's favorite animals are dogs, and he has four dogs named Sosa, Misty, Max and Duke.

Daylun's favorite video game is *Titan-Fall 2*, because it has a story and you go through missions with a robot that you can use to defend yourself.

Daylun has four brothers and three sisters, and it is fun every day with them.

by Traymond D.

Jaden

Jaden is a 10 year old and is a student at John W. Mack Elementary School. He is interesting and smart, and he always focuses on his work.

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Meet Our Editorial Team

Mack Squad News:
Why do you like being a student?

Jaden: I want to become be able to get a good job and have a better future.

Mack Squad News:
When did you first think that being a student was important?

Jaden: When I was about 4 years old. I saw some kids with backpacks, and I found out they were going to school. I became curious about it.

Mack Squad News:
What do you want to accomplish in the next 10 years?

Jaden: In the next 10 years, I want to study science and I really want to be a scientist.

By Dayana C.



Traymond, Oscar, Daylun



Jhonny

Jhonny is 10 years old. He likes being a student. He is smart and is interested in school.

Jhonny's favorite sport is soccer, and he scores a lot of goals.

Jhonny likes watching YouTube, and his favorite YouTuber is VanossGaming.

Jhonny's favorite color is red. His favorite book is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Jhonny's favorite app game is ROBLOX. His favorite movie is *Star Wars*.

By Jaden B.

Katherin

Katherin likes to watch YouTube videos. She wants to be a director, actor, and comedian when she grows up. She is very funny.

Katherin is 10 years old, and her favorite teacher is Ms. Ruiz.

Katherin's favorite YouTubers are Shane Dawson, Lisbug, Joey Graceffa, and Patrick Staff. Her favorite book is *Children of Eden* by Joey Graceffa. Her Favorite Movie is *Home Alone*.

Katherin's favorite food is Mexican food. She likes nachos and Taco Bell.

By Darrius D.



Jaden, Jhonny, Dayana

DIARY of a Wimpy Kid THE LONG HAUL

Diary of a Wimpy Kid—The Long Haul

The *Mack Squad News* joined other PressFriends newspapers at a screening of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid – The Long Haul* at Fox Studios. Here are more of our favorite scenes from the movie.

My favorite scene in the movie was when Greg, Rodrick, Manny, and their mom were splashed by the mud while pushing their car out of the mud. I also liked the scene when Greg was giving Cheetos to the birds and then a huge flock of birds flew into the car. Greg was funny because he was in a panic, and his brother Rodrick found his drummer sticks and was swinging them around. When Greg's little brother Manny was getting out of the car, the movie was in slow motion and it was very funny.

By Jaden B.

My favorite scene in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid – The Long Haul* was when Rodrick was covered with mud. Greg, Rodrick, Manny, their mom and dad were in the scene. I liked this scene because it was funny. I also liked the scene where Manny came back for his pig because it was very emotional.

By Jhonny C.

In the movie, Greg Heffley's little brother, Manny, gets a pig. My favorite scene in the movie is when they went back to get the pig for Manny. The characters in the scene were Greg, Manny, Rodrick, and their parents. The scene took place on the road going home from Meemaw's house. It was a very touching scene.

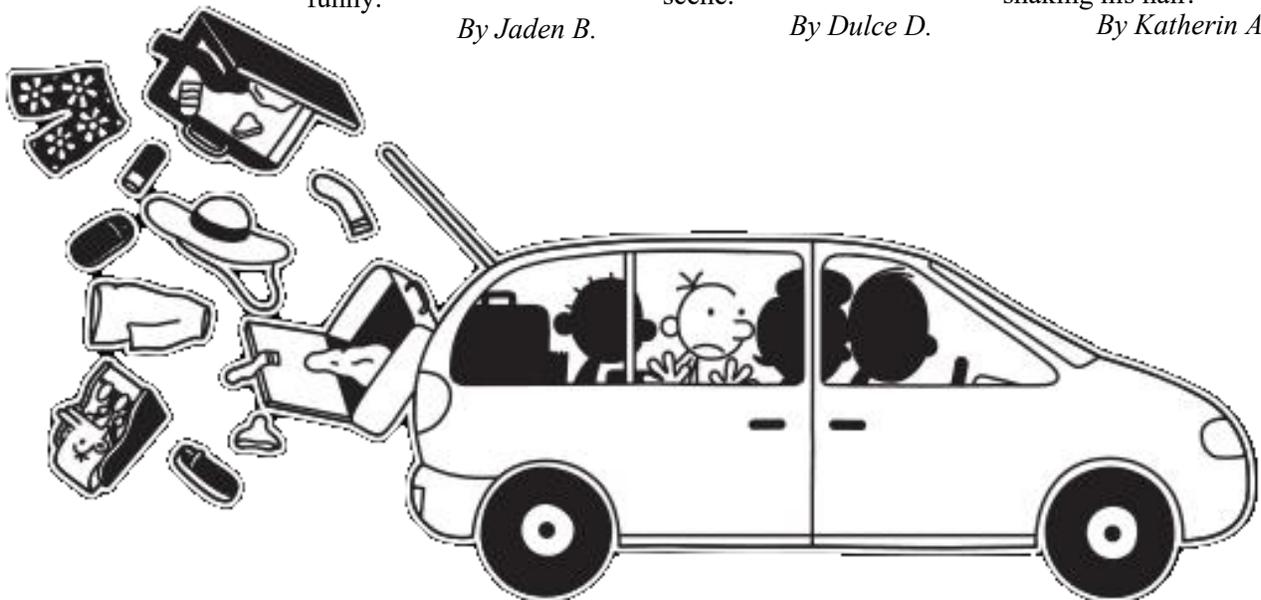
By Dulce D.



My favorite scene in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid – The Long Haul* was when Greg's younger brother, Manny, got his pig back from the farm, and the whole family was glad to get the pig back.

I also liked the scene when Greg was giving Cheetos to the birds because it was really funny. I also liked the scene, because Rodrick found his drummer sticks and got happy and was waving his drum sticks around and shaking his hair.

By Katherin A.



Why School Is Important

School is important because we can depend on it to help us build for our future.

School is a good place to meet new people and have fun. Also, it is nice to learn new things like ABC's, math and reading; reading is very important.

In history we learn about California and America's past. It's important to learn about the past because to see how people suffered for us. We can also learn

from other people's mistakes.

School is important so you learn a lot and it can help you go to college. If you do well in school, you can get a scholarship for college.

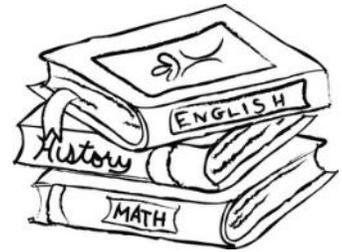
College is important because it is a stepping-stone to get a good job. School also teaches us about how are government works.

A lot of the things we are learning in school now, will be

things that we can use in our jobs when we are older. For example, doctors need to use math and science everyday to help people.

At my school, John Mack Elementary, we have activities and classes like math, science, social science, art, English, iPad days, PE, and computer lab. All of these are important for learning and success..

By Dulce D.



A Day at John Mack

At John Mack Elementary, we had an 'Black History Month' celebration. It was held in the morning. All 5th grade classes did a dance called #unameitchallenge. The song that we danced was started by a lady in a church who was singing for peace and grateful for food. A lot of parents came to watch.

After the performance, my class started reading the story of the week that was called 'These Robots Are Wild!' in our treasures book.

When we finished

reading, we went to the computer lab and on the computers we do Mobymax and Kids A-Z. Kids A-Z is a app for schools that has books and you read it and you get stars as a award. Mobymax is an online education program for students to learn math and helps us be smarter at math.

We went to recess after computer lab and in recess I helped the janitor put away the chairs. I got 3 tickets for helping her the whole recess. Tickets mean if you help or behave good you get tickets and every Fridays there's a raffle and if

your ticket gets chosen you win a prize.

Recess finished and we started working on math and the math was kind of easy for me. The math we worked on was fractions and fractions are pretty easy.

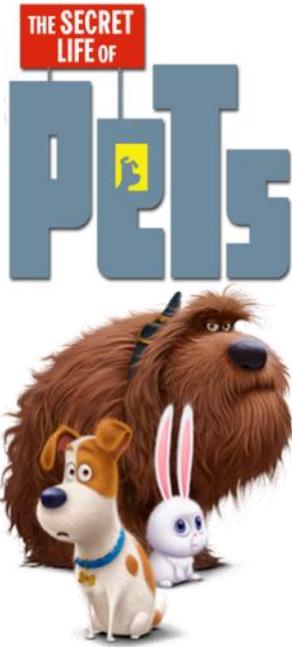
We had lunch and after we came back from lunch we started working on science. In science we were continuing on the 'Celery Experiment' that we had been working on for a week.

We finally finished school and I stay after school for newspaper club and I am really having fun doing this.

By Dayana C.



The Secret Life of Pets



The *Secret Life of Pets* is a great movie. I give it 5 out of 5 stars. It's a PG animated comedy and stars Kevin Hart and Eric Stonestreet.

The story takes place in a park in New York City. It's about a dog named Max. Max's owners and other owners leave their dogs and cats alone and the pets gather and hangout and talk to each other.

Max's owners adopt a new dog, Duke. Duke is huge and does not behave well. Max doesn't like Duke very much. Max and Duke get lost in the park and then someone took them and put them in a truck. They were very scared. The truck was heading

for the pound. The animals try to escape but their captor tried to catch them again. Luckily, they finally escape with the truck. A bunny, the pig, and the lizard then took Max and Duke to the sewer.

They had to get a snakebite in their back because the bunny said they had to get it. Max and Duke end up killing the snake because they didn't want the snakebite.

Max and Duke then escape from the sewers. They came out from the sewer into the ocean. When they got to the surface, they smelled hot dogs and realized they were in a factory.

They came out of the factory and started to look for their owners. You will have to watch it for yourself to see if they are reunited back home.

I really liked this movie because it is funny. I also like this movie because it has a lot of animals, especially dogs, which are my favorite.

The movie is now out on DVD so anyone can watch it for themselves. I think that the kids, boys and girls, and adults would like this movie. You will especially like it if you like dogs.

I hope everyone goes and sees this movie.

By Andy M.

Movie Review: Home Alone



Home Alone is a comedy, full of laughter. The movie is rated PG and is the greatest movie for kids, adults, and for the family.

The stars of the movie are Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, and Daniel Stern. The boy's name is Kevin

McCallister. He is part of a big family, and they were going on a Christmas vacation. They were going so fast in the airport, that Kevin slowed down and got lost. He decided to go home by himself and his parents finally noticed he was gone, but Kevin was home living his life.

Two bad guys were trying to rob his house but Kevin decided not to let them get away with stealing stuff from his house. He did tricks on the burglars to protect the house from getting robbed. The movie showed what kids can do.

By Jhonny C.

Being a Doctor

I would like to be a doctor, when I grow up to help people. I have to finish middle school and high school and then go to college first. I am going to study pre-med classes like biology, anatomy and physiology. After college I would go to medical school.

I want to be a pediatrician. By being a pedi-

atrician I would help children be healthy. I would remind kids what are bad things for you and what are good things like fruits, vegetables and to exercise. It is good to exercise and to not to be obese or too skinny; it is good just to be fit.

I want to teach kids to have healthy habits like not smoking, ex-

ercising, eating well, playing outside for at least an hour a day, going to school, and getting a lot of sleep.

I like helping others and being a doctor is a good way to help people. Being a doctor is hard work but I think it will be worth it.

By Dulce D.



Troy Camp

Troy Camp is a good place to meet new people. Also it is very special to me because it's a whole weekend and you have to be kind and learn new cheers. We also have centers like art and crafts and swimming,

My counselors are

both students at USC. They are nice and kind.

After the weekends end, we meet with our Troy Camp groups every month the rest of the year. Each time we meet we play games, we go on fieldtrips – like going to the pool, the USC football game,

family picnic, and the aquarium.

I love Troy Camp because I get to see a lot of USC and meet the students. They inspire me to work hard and be a good student so I can go to USC one day.

By Dulce D.



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There was a tiny little robot that recognized its colors and whatever shape a paper has. It goes on the shape and tells what color the shape is.

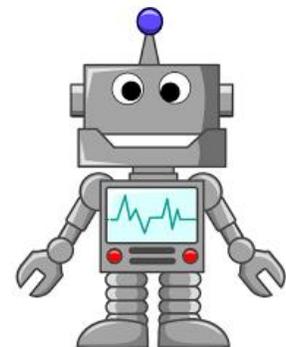
The second robot is a big one and records what you say, and it could also dance! We

told the presenter Bing Jiang to make the robot Dab but the arms weren't really flexible, but she made it do it anyway. The robot messed up the Dab and it was funny.

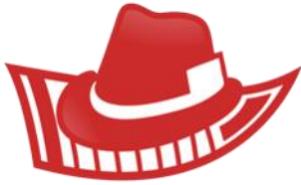
After she showed the robot, Bing showed us some videos about the

robotics awards in 2015. The robot that they had in the awards show was cool since it could connect things and put them where they belong.

We had fun in the robot presentation and learned a lot.



Note from PressFriends



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We are so proud of all the reporters and mentors for their work on the *Mack Squad News*. We really appreciate all the support from your principal Ms. Guzman, 5th grade teacher Ms. Ruiz, and 4th grade teacher Ms. Jackson.

We had a great time at the **Science, Technology, Engineering**

and Writing (STEW) workshop at USC Viterbi School of Engineering in February, along with 10 other PressFriends programs. Speakers will cover a wide range of topics that are covered in this newspaper.

The newspaper club also had a field trip to Fox Studios, where we watched *Diary of a*

Wimpy Kid—The Long Haul with other PressFriends programs. Those stories are also in this issue.

If you are going into 4th or 5th grade next year, we hope you'll join us at the PressFriends afterschool newspaper club in the fall. We hope that everyone has a great summer break!

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