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## USC IS FULL OF FRIENDS

By MATTHEW C.

**U**SC and PressFriends are the best. PressFriends teach kids from many schools to write reviews, news, and more!

During the REACH (wRiting, Engi-neering, Arts, Communication, and Health) Symposium for Kids at USC, we learned about germs, technology, and malaria. Everything they said was interesting and made me want to learn more!

After lunch, we heard from the USC acapella group, the SoCal VoCals, and interviewing Jake Bubman from the SoCal VoCals made me feel like a real reporter interviewing a celebrity.

The short lunch break gave me time to think about what I was going to write, but I then realized it was all in front of

me. And going back to the auditorium to write this! I felt like I was meant to write articles and learn everything a reporter would need to write a professional report.

The USC Kids News workshop was a lot of fun. I laughed when the mentors were fighting over the different kids and over who is the real mentor out of them all.

The trip to USC was amazing, and I would always come again to learn more and more of the things I never knew I would be interested in.

PressFriends makes writing fun and interesting. I think when I grow up, I might write stories and books for all ages.

## FIFTH GRADE BIG BUDDIES

By JOSHUA P.

**W**henever kindergarten teachers need us, we try to find an available time. My class, Ms. Vlnkova's class, works with K-1, and Ms. Reynolds is their teacher. It's us Big Buddies and the students in K-1 are Little Buddies.

The kindergartners can be a handful. We may be publishers for our assigned buddies' booklets, but we play a lot. Only some fifth grade classes visit K-1 on Fridays. We have guided them through a math worksheet, counting and practicing writing one to ten before. If we can push the kindergartners to write more than one booklet, that would be great for Ms. Reynolds.

Sometimes we just have a directed draw. And then before we leave, we usually play with the kindergartners. It's the fifth graders who follow their buddies to where they want to play. There are Legos, building blocks, toy dinosaurs, board games, paint, and dolls. There is a whole closet of toys with Ms. Reynolds!

On special occasions or just for the fun of it, we have snacks, such as yogurt parfaits. This past Valentine's Day we had Hairbo gummy bears.

Maybe in fifth grade you'll have Little Buddies too!

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## PRESSFRIENDS AT LOMITA STEAM

You should join us when you are in fifth grade! PressFriends get to write Lomita Magnet School's newspaper.

We got to visit and write about USC, and took home PressFriends T-shirts and a PressFriends bag!

For the after-school newspaper club, we come to the computer lab at 3:00 and stay for 2 hours. While we are waiting

for the high school PressFriends mentors to arrive, you can work on your homework or assignments online! Ms. Breland is the fifth grade

teacher who supervises us.

The mentors may give you advice about your article, check for mistakes, and be friends!

In the end, we leave and go back to afterschool daycare or get picked up by our parents. So do you want to join PressFriends once you're in fifth grade?

*By Joshua P.*



## GARDENING AT LOMITA STEAM

Gardening! One of the best things I LOVE to do at Lomita STEAM! I have been doing this with my friend Valentine and Michelle. They are the best but sometimes we can make bit of a mess!

Gardening isn't an easy job, and sometimes you have to get your hands dirty. We go every single day or we try to. We used to water the plants and put in new soil in our garden, which is messy. Michelle always forgets how to turn off the water so she leaves it

on and then the water makes the soil a muddy mess. Afterwards, we sweep the area afterwards with a broom.

We find many things inside the dirt. We found a ladybug, caterpillar, and the caterpillar's cocoon. And the best of all, Valentine and I found two **BIG CHUBBY . . . SLUGS!**

One day, my teacher gave us special jobs. I personally think that I got the best job. I got to get the pumpkins and smash them open! I just threw them on the floor. Then I

would jump on them! It didn't hurt. I just got right back up again.

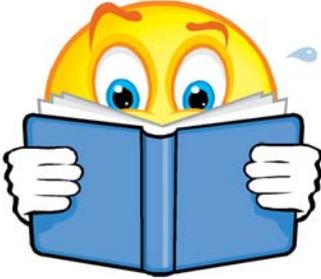
Then right before I was going to smash the last pumpkin, which was also the smallest pumpkin, Michelle stopped me and took it out of my hand and said to keep it whole. Michelle took it home.

I love gardening at school. What about you? What do you like about school? From the first bell to the end of the day?

*By Topanga C.*



## READING IS AMAZING



So you're imagining that you're riding on a unicorn on a rainbow, or you're a spy defeating your archenemy, if you're imagining things like that, you must be reading a book!

Never underestimate a book, because once you start, you can't stop! We think that books are better than all other subjects because of all these reasons that we are going to state. Reading is educational because it helps you learn new

words and exercises your sense of grammar. As growing children, instead of driving people crazy with your imagination, reading a book lets your imagination run wild! Like riding a horse! With all of the details made by your imagination. When reading a book, you feel like feeling what the character feels, doing what the character does, and thinking about what the character thinks.

In our opinion, reading also shapes our per-

sonality, and reading also can show you what type of personality you have. In the future you will use reading a lot. Obviously, reading helped us write this article! Reading has a big impact on our lives, like if you're opening a new toy, you have to read the instructions to play!

Reading is amazing! Think about it!

*By Micah N.  
and Adn M.*



## READING CLASS

My favorite subject in school is reading class! I love reading class or as we call it, Reader's Workshop. We get to read and post-it our ideas. It's really fun. And our teacher is funny! Her name is

Ms. Breland.

Another reason I love reading class is because I get to read! And I love reading!. Reading is cool and awesome.

In reading class I get to read my book, plop

myself in a spot, and get to post-it my ideas into my book or my notebook! How cool is that? This is why I love reading class. This is my favorite subject in school!

*By Topanga C.*

## READING IS THE BEST

In my opinion, reading is the best. We read everywhere! In books, on cereal boxes...you name it! The more you read, the more you know. If you're really reading, you're

thinking about what you're reading. You can picture what's happening in stories.

Some kids may say, "Pfft. Why should we? Reading is a waste of time!"

It is absolutely worth reading. You can learn something new. That is why we're here at school. This is why I like reading *the best.*

*By Joshua P.*



**CATALINA ISLAND MARINE INSTITUTE FIELD TRIP**

This March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd we won't actually be "...going on a trip in our favorite rocket ship." Fifth graders paid good money to go on the Queen Mary ship to Catalina Island. If you've been raising money since 3rd grade for

Lomita in specific selling fundraisers, you get 40% of that money to count for the \$240 to go. You must turn the money in on the week of February 15th, but you don't have to worry about that right now. It'd be too bad if you can't afford to go to CIMI.

We'll be snorkeling, swimming, hiking, seeing marine life, etc... Don't worry about getting hurt, but you should listen to the teachers. And they can decide if you go by your behavior. Mr. Isomoto, who used to teach Room 39 and is now a substitute, assures, "In all my years in CIMI, I have never seen any sharks in the water." If there were, there are radars and you'll be warned. At CIMI we stay in dorms for boys and girls. I bet it will be awesome!

*By Joshua P.*



**LITTLE BUDDIES**

My favorite thing at school is little BUDDIES! Little buddies is usually on Fridays, but sometimes we go on different days to help out. My little buddy's name is Gianna and she is four years old. At little buddies you get to help out like help them create stories, and also sometimes come over to help with math or just help them clean up. On Fridays we come over and usually do drawings or crafts with them. When they and us

are done helping and doing work, we have many things to do with them. One is we can paint or draw some pictures because the teacher Mrs. Reynolds has these little trace pictures and sometimes we do those but not often. The second thing we can do is play on the rug with building blocks, Legos, and connect cubes. The last thing we can do is go outside and play on the mini playground. Well

only the little people can play on it, but it's still fun to watch! And what else you can do outside is go on these little cute bikes. Mostly all the time Gianna wants me to drive so I do. It is actually really hard for me, because I have long legs, so it hurts mostly every time I ride it. Personally, little buddies is the best and funniest thing at SCHOOL! So you should give it a try.

*By Valentine K.*



## WALK THROUGH THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



**W**alk through the American Revolution is something that all fifth graders do. You can learn about the famous people in the revolution, different battles, and much more in a fun way. Students choose a person in the American Revolution, research and learn more about him/her, and dress up and act out the person.

Memorizing your lines is very important. There is a character card and a word card. The character card is the card of the person that you chose, and the

green card is also chosen by you. It is also important to have your costume because both memorizing your lines and your costume gives you credit and points for your team. The teams are the Red Coats, the White Tories, and the Blue Rebels. Some char-

acters have more words and are harder to memorize because it is a VERY famous person (Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, etc.).

When my class had Walk through the American Revolution, I was Deborah Sampson. We had so much fun doing all the activities and learning about the different people. There were different little tests and races between each team that were somewhat challenging.

*By Sophia T.*



## EXTREME VOLLEYBALL

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**M**y favorite thing at school is something my class made up at recess, called Volleyball Four/Two Square, or sometimes it's called Extreme Volleyball. It's when you hit the ball "volleyball" style in a Four



Square court or a Two Square court. We could hit it from inside the court, or just hit it everywhere, into the air. There could be teams, but sometimes it's just everyone against everyone. In Two Square, teams could be formed, and the team goes in one of the squares. We have to go softly, because we're in only one square. When we're playing in a four square, we just hit it like volley-

ball to each other. If the ball goes far, you can just hit it from where you are. We back up sometimes because some people hit farther, and they could hit it far up into the air. Also, in Extreme Volleyball, it is free style, because you can hit it in many ways. Personally, it is very fun, because it is not hard to play, and everyone understands the game. sense of art is unique.

*By Chelcie L.*

## MARINE LIFE WITH DR. DEL ROSARIO

On March 8, 2018, Press Friends and I got to see a presentation by Dr. Rosalie del Rosario. She is a scientist who works on basically anything about endangered species. She talked to Lomita Leopard's Roar reporters about endangered species, and gave us examples of animal teeth, skin and products to examine.

Dr. del Rosario started to talk about the life cycle of her favorite sea animal, Salmon. Salmon and their species lay their eggs at the top of a freshwater river. When



they hatch, it takes them 3-4 years to fully develop.

When they develop and are now "fry." They go to the ocean to live and mate until they have to lay eggs and the life cycle starts again.

Dr. del Rosario also showed us a mystery whale tooth. She did not know where it came from but was hoping to find out.

The numbers of some marine life in the ocean are dwindling, which is why they are called "endangered". Marine life get killed by water pollution such as trash and oil spills.

This is why people are being encouraged to take care of our ocean.

Another reason why marine life get killed is because of people hunt them for their

body parts. Seals have been hunted for their pelts and whales have been hunted for their teeth, blubber and parts that can be preserved and sold as boots, vests and coats.

Lastly, propellers are also being a cause of death of these animals. One of Dr. del Rosario's colleagues worked on a giant green sea turtle, but sadly, the turtle died. Propeller marks were found on the turtle shell. The people who worked on it think that the turtle swam too close to a motor and propeller powered boat.

What is interesting though is that Dr. del Rosario's colleague found out that the turtle had three hooks in its throat.

*By Micah N.*



## AMAZING WHALES

Whales are large marine mammals that live in the ocean. Baleen whales ( filter eaters ) open their mouths and eat. They push the water out through their baylenes and the small itty bitty animals get stuck to their baylenes which the

Baleen Whales eat!

Baylenes are teeth for baleen whales. When I felt the baylene it felt like the bottom of my broomstick. Other whales have teeth instead of baylenes. Like Sperm Whales have teeth. People hunt Sperm Whales for the

brain, which has wax to make candles and fuel in the 1800's. Blue what are one of the example of a baleen whale. Blue whales are the largest animal in the world. Whales are very unique animals that live under water.

*.By Elysha S.*



## NOAH or NOAA?



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Representative, Rosalie del Rosario came to talk to PressFriends about marine sea animals on March 8th, 2018. From the subject of marine animals, she talked about endangered species, and the causes of deaths of animals. Dr. del Rosario talked mostly about whales.

There are many different types of whales such as blue whales, sperm whales, baleen whales, and way more than you may think. Did you know that a blue whale is the biggest animal on earth?! As you can imagine, a human is only a fraction of an adult blue whale. Their tongue weighs as much as an elephant, their heart as much as a car, and their intestines are wide enough for a human to swim freely. Now can you imagine how heavy a blue whale is in total? The blue whale is very gigantic!

A sperm whale has teeth only on the lower jaw, unlike humans, who have teeth on the lower and higher jaw. A baleen whale has bristles on its upper jaw. The bristles

are used to filter whatever their mouth takes in. The sperm whale can open its mouth to get about 10,000 gallons of water at a time.

Dr. del Rosario told us some “not so everyday” facts as well. Did you know that baby salmon are called fry? Now I know what you’re thinking. “Yum... I really want some right now.” Don’t worry, I want some fries as well. Did you know that salmon, as a fry, are born and raised in rivers, then move to the ocean as an adult and that salmon are my favorite kind of fish! Did you know that a king salmon can smell where it was born?! That is really cool! Last fact, I promise: did you know that an arctic seal has special fur for camouflage?

Do you know the many causes of deaths of marine animals? Guess what?! Most causes of deaths of marine animals are caused by us, humans! Marine animals choke on our litter, which stops the poor animal from breathing. It is important that people know we have trash cans for a reason: you can be of great help. One day, go somewhere (any place

that leads to the ocean - sewer, beach) and make sure to have a glove handy. You can bring your own trash bag/can or use a city trash can and grab as many pieces of trash as you can find. The world would be a much better place without litter and pollution. Many turtles have been killed by boats, specifically, the boat propeller. Many marine animals have also be killed because of climate change, which is not always our fault (other than pollution).

Let’s make a deal, and like any other deal, you cannot break it. The deal is to adore marine animals and not kill them. Both of us will not litter. Fun fact: littering is against the law, however, people continue to break it everyday. Raise your right hand and promise to adore animals’ life, to not litter. Now, your hand might be tired and I know, too, that you most likely didn’t raise your right hand but if you did, you may put your right hand down. I hope you learned some fun facts and ‘did you know’ facts in this article. I will not litter!

*By Jordan B.*



## THE INCREDIBLE WHALE

Whales are incredible animals. They are one of the largest mammals on earth.

One of type of whale is the Baleen whale. Baleen whales are ginormous. The largest type of Baleen whale is the blue whale. The blue whale measures up to 82 ft. The largest baleen whales measure up to 40+ feet. Baleen whales do not have teeth. Instead, they have baleen plates. They have these on their upper jaw. They

eat by opening their mouths and all the smaller fish get pushed by the current and get inside. Baleen whales eat zooplankton. Zooplankton is an animal plankton. Baleen whales have 2 blowholes, instead of one. Baleen whales have many species.

Another type of whale is the Toothed whale. Toothed whales are very large as well. The largest toothed whale is the sperm whale. The sperm whale measures up to 18

meters. Most toothed whales measure up to 13 meters. Unlike Baleen whales, Toothed whales have teeth instead of baleen plates. They also have one blowhole instead of one. So do dolphins and porpoises. Toothed whales are mostly hunted for their organs in their heads.

In conclusion, toothed whales and baleen whales have many differences, but are both amazing animals.

*By Samantha V.*



## ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Endangered animals are a big concern all across the world. Many humans poach all kinds of animals for many purposes like clothing, furniture, or even just for display.

In 1973, the government passed a law saying that the federal government must do everything to protect an endangered species. This became known as the Endangered Species Act.

An animal that is endangered is the sea turtle. They get harmed from boat propellers,

pollution, and getting caught up in debris and drown. But other reasons why the sea turtle is endangered is just nature like climate change and predators.

You can help protect the sea turtles by not throwing any trash on the ocean and don't release any metallic balloons. Sometimes the metallic balloon may pop and fall on the ocean. Sea turtles think of those metallic balloons lying on the ocean surface are food and when they consume it.

Another endangered marine species is the sperm whale. This sea giant got its name from one of the parts of its head.

And speaking of the sperm whale's head, it's got the biggest brain for any animal to have! Also it is the largest toothed whale.

In the 1800's, sperm whales were hunted like crazy for their resources.

Hopefully us humans can put an end to the suffering of these animals.

*By Aiden S.*



## FROM RIVER TO OCEAN



Salmon is one of the several marine species Rosalie del Rosario of the NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told the Press Friends about in Ms. Rodriguez's classroom while the computer lab is occupied. Salmon eggs are laid in freshwater like lakes, streams, and rivers in the high mountains. In 40 days, you may see the beady eyes inside the tiny, orangish eggs and after 55 days, they hatch as tiny fris. They wander

around for months as young salmon called parrs until the fris grow into smolts with the adaptation development to live in the salty ocean.

They swim downstream to the ocean as four-year-old smolts and only return to freshwater to spawn their own eggs and life-cycle repeats for the next generation.

Salmon are threatened to the endangered state by our human activity, natural events, and habitat loss. The Sacramento River Winter

-Run Chinook salmon along the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington now only spawn in winter as one population beneath the Keswick Dam.

The Central California Coast Coho salmon have had a downward population decreasing drop for the higher risk of extinction since 2005.

To save the salmon, you can conserve water so they're freshwater habitat isn't wasted.

*By Dami L.*

## NOAA AND ENDANGERED SPECIES



NOAA is a group of people who try and save animals that are endangered. NOAA stands for National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

Rosalie del Rosario spoke to Lomita Leopard's Roar reporters about what NOAA does and animals that are being killed.

Many things cause animals to die such as pollution, ships, poaching, predators, and many other things. One way of

pollution is balloons popping over the ocean, floating on the surface of the water, animals choking on them, and then they die. So make sure you don't let go of your balloons.

Sperm whales have the largest teeth out of all 'teeth whales'. Though, they only have their sharp teeth on their lower jaw. On their top jaw, there are holes for the sharp teeth to sit in.

In 1970, Sperm whales were poached for

their brain. Why? It's because they have the largest brain in the world, that weighs about 17 pounds. Also, their ear wax was usually made into candles.

In conclusion, make sure you keep our Earth as clean as possible and don't poach animals! We need to protect our animals even if it's not our job. NOAA chose to help others animals. It's good that we have people like that.

*.By Sophia G.*

## SALMON

**R**osalie del Rosario is a marine biologist for NOAA. She told us a little about salmon. Salmon are fishes that live in fresh water when they are born, but move to the ocean when they are adults. Chinook salmon (King salmon ) are much bigger than

regular salmon. In fact, they are about 3 times the size of a normal salmon! Chinook salmon are an endangered species in the Sacramento River. Some of the key threats and causes of this are human activities, natural events, and habitat loss. Another

reason is because humans kill salmon to eat them. Salmon honestly do taste pretty good but you need to remember one thing. When you eat salmon, you are eating an endangered species of animals.

*By Dami L.*



## THE ENDANGERED HAWKSBILL TURTLES

**D**o you know that the Hawksbill Turtle is endangered? Hawksbill Turtles are endangered because of their skin and turtle shells.

Hawksbill Turtles are now very rare, and people think it is okay to kill animals to get their skin

and make clothes or to use their shells to make jewelry.

People think this is okay to kill animals but, it is not okay to do this horrible thing. This should be illegal and if it's not illegal yet, please don't do this . Instead

you can help save the poor animals by keeping the oceans clean and not buying clothes or jewelry made of Hawksbill Turtles. You can put an end to their suffering.

*By Allison L.*



## SAVE THE HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLES

**T**he Hawksbill Sea Turtle is a very interesting species but did you know that they are a endangered species? The Hawksbill Sea Turtle is endangered because of its shell, skin used to make clothes and because they eat helium balloons and bait that

drop in the ocean. The Hawksbill Sea Turtle nests on the beaches of Mexico, Florida and the Caribbean. The most difficult part of being a baby Sea Turtle is the long crawl to sea. The baby turtles have to emerge to darkness after being born and then

cue to the horizon. Hawksbill Sea Turtle are endangered species, but we can help by not fishing them, not polluting or putting trash in the ocean, even accidentally. Help save the Hawksbill Sea Turtle and do our part!

*By Mariana H.*



## WHALES



**R**osalie del Rosario is a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) scientist who taught Press Friends about endangered marine species, as the hawk-billed sea turtle and the Chinook salmon. She even showed us a dead sea turtle and the actual baby salmon in its life cycle. But to me, the most interesting topic she talked about was about whales.

A type of endangered whale is the baleen whale. Baleen whales are very different and unique. They are

mostly known for their unique way of eating. Instead of teeth, they have bristles. The baleen whale will open its mouth, making water go in it. When it closes its mouth, the bristles filter out the water that leaves behind krill and other small fish to eat. The reason baleen whales are hunted is because in the 18th and 19th century, their way of eating makes a lot of blubber, or fat, which is a target for hunters to use as oil.

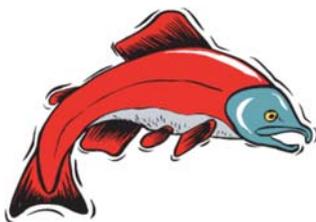
Another endangered whale is the sperm whale. It is the largest of

the toothed whales. Hunters focus on them because of an oily wax sperm whales produce in their brain called spermaceti. The wax was used for candles and fuel, and it is much for valuable than regular whale oil.

In 1975, a law was passed called the “Endangered Species Act”. Now, hunting whales is illegal. Hopefully in the future, whales will live on for the years to come.

*By Sophia T.*

## ENDANGERED SALMON



**D**o you know about the NOAA? It stands for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This company helps with endangered species. Like, salmon! Salmon were one of the most endangered species in the 1800’s. Fishermen would capture the salm-

on and, of course, eat them! Do you kids like salmon? Well, if you do, you know that these species are very important. Most of these endangered species live in the Sacramento river of Chinook and in the central California coast Coho. Thanks to companies

like NOAA, they are not endangered anymore!

King and Atlantic salmon live in freshwater, and go through many changes. They try to get up to the high mountains, so they can get freshwater. They do this so they are able breathe and eat fresh food. Predators like sharks, like to eat them.

Salmon are very great marine animals. So please keep our waters and salmon safe!

*By Onyekachi E.*



## A FISH ON YOUR PLATE

I hope you have seen salmon somewhere else other than your plate. You fish for them in the ocean, but they live in freshwater rivers. They come out of their eggs after 55 days. They are still tiny when they are fry Next is a smolt. These smolts move to

the ocean through where rivers and ocean connect. At 4 years old they return to the river. Sacramento River Winter-run Chinook salmon are depleted from the Sacramento River. The number of Central California Coast Coho salmon is dropping and has been

endangered since 2005. All because of us humans, natural events, and habitat loss. Don't let this fish kind be extinct, especially if you prefer them on your plate than history book!

*By Joshua P.*



## THRESHER SHARKS

Thresher sharks live in the Pacific Ocean. You could find them in different oceans. They use their very long tails to hit and stun fish before eating them.

The three species are the common thresher, *Alopias vulpinus*, which may reach a length of 6.1 meters [20ft] and a weight of over 500 kilograms.

Thresher shark average speed is 30 miles per hour. The other species is the bigeye thresher (*Alopias superciliosus*).

Thresher sharks eat squid and baby whales, schooling fish, cephalopods, and sometimes crabs and shrimp.

Thresher sharks are widely distributed across the worlds temperate

and subtropical oceans. Thresher sharks have a shiny copper color on top, mixed with blue. They have large eyes and a small mouth. Thresher sharks love open and deep waters, they are also found in shallow waters near coastal areas. They are not found deeper than 500 meters [1,640ft]. They favor the Pacific and Indian oceans, especially at the continental shelves of America and Asia.

Thresher sharks threatening humans has only been one documented thresher sharks attack on a person and it was by the thresher shark's tail. On other hand, humans are a threat to thresher sharks.

The bigeye thresher is a species of thresher shark, family Alopiidae, found in temperate and tropical oceans worldwide. Like other thresher sharks, half of its total length consists of the elongated upper lobe of the tail fin. The pelagic thresher is a group of sharks that is characterized by the greatly elongated upper lobes of their caudal fins.

In conclusion I enjoyed learning about the three species and where they live, what they eat and where you can find them. It gave me information and more ideas about the thresher sharks.

*By Angelo S.*



## LOMITA PRESSFRIENDS GO TO USC



*Lomita Leopard's Roar reporters attended the REACH Symposium for Kids at USC, which is PressFriends annual USC Kids News workshop. REACH stands for wRiting, Engineering, Arts, Communication, and Health. The REACH Symposium was sponsored by PressFriends, PressFriends Inc., USC Viterbi School of Engineering, USC Keck School of Medicine, USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, USC Dornsife Joint Educational Project, USC Office of the Provost, and USC Emeriti Center.*

I think this trip was AWESOME! In my opinion, I think everything here was amazing! Take the auditorium for an example. The auditorium is huge with three giant screens up on the front!

If you thought that was cool, you're in for a treat because the three presentations were even better! The first one was about tech and media and business by a USC student named Roberto Romero who has been to many places around the world and knows five different languages! He explained things really well. He gave us reasons

why to think about tech and media, five skills for success, fields to study, and recommendations if you want to work at a tech/media place.

Then this next presentation was about germs and how to prevent getting sick like washing your hands for at least twenty seconds, getting flu shots, avoiding sick people and covering your face when you sneeze or cough. Then we got to play jeopardy with Lekha and Grace, who are also the creators of the presentation.

The last but not least presentation was

made by Samantha McBirney. It was about malaria. Malaria is basically a disease carried by mosquitos. Samantha told us about how the disease first eats the hemoglobin in the blood cells and then the blood cell pop. Before the blood cell pops, the disease releases waste and then the blood cell pops. The waste floats around and is very harmful to the body. Then she told us about how light and a magnet can tell you how bad your body is.

*By Nathan B.*

## THE CLASSROOM AT USC



USC has a beautiful School of Engineering! I really liked the jeopardy time in the second presentation. Lekha and Grace, to me, were the best and gave the most fun presentation. They talked about germs.

They say germs are everywhere, they could go into everywhere in your body that's open!

Another speaker, Roberto Romero, talked about his career which was cool. And Samantha McBirney talked about

Malaria. I personally thought this was weird, but the good thing was that she wanted to stop Malaria!

It was really fun at USC! I wish I could go back again! Bye!

*By Elysha S.*

## GERM JEOPARDY

*Lomita Leopard's Roar reporters learned about germs from USC students Lekha Chirala & Grace Ryu .*

**W**hat are germs exactly, you might ask. There are 4 types of germs including bacteria, viruses, fungi, and protozoa. Germs can get into any opening of your body. You cannot see germs because they are microscopic. Fungi can also cause athlete's foot.

You should always

prevent getting sick. Your germs can travel to different bodies and get other people sick. They might not have a strong immunity, and they could die. Techniques for preventing getting sick are washing your hands for at least 20 seconds. Make sure you cover your cough and sneeze

into your elbow. Get a flu shot! Did you know: even if you get the flu shot, you can still get the flu.

Avoid physical contact with people, because their germs can easily travel to your body. Lastly, stay home if you are sick because you don't want to "infect" other people.

Doctors and scientists are developing better medicine to prevent getting sick. Pills, shots, and cough syrups are all types of medicine. Get prescribed with pills from your doctor. Don't get sick!

*By Sophia G.*



## LITTLE MICROSCOPIC THINGS

**N**ot all bacteria are bad! At the USC REACH Symposium for Kids, Lekha Chirala and Grace Soojin Ryu talked about germs and our health.

Germs are microscopic, meaning that you can't see them with your own eyes, only with a microscope.

There are four types of germs: bacteria, fungi

(which can cause athlete's foot), viruses, and protozoa. Some bacteria can only exist in your body.

Germs are everywhere, and can enter your body through your mouth, nose, eyes, ears, or just any opening in your body, like cuts.

Washing your hands, at least up to your wrist, for at least 20 second,

can help remove germs from your hands. Cough and sneeze into your arm, not in your hands. No one wants to touch food or the doorknob that you touched! Stay away from people who are sick, and stay home if you are sick. You don't want to spread germs or get someone else sick.

*By Chelcie L.*



## THE MALARIA FINDER



**S**amantha McBirney, a biomedical engineer is one of the inventors of the Lazer magnet machines that will detect malaria. But you might ask what is malaria?

Malaria is a virus that feeds on hemoglobin in your blood cells

then when the red blood cell runs out of hemoglobin, it leaves the cell or blows the blood cell up. It then moves to the next cell. It then releases its waste which is metallic, and it is bad for you. The waste floats in the blood stream and that's how

the machine works. The metallic waste blocks light so using a laser then a magnet, they find out if you have malaria or not. More on the tech, it has a detector laser, vile, foot and cover.

*By Christian G.*

## THE DANGER OF MALARIA



**M**alaria has symptoms of a cold but is very different. 3.3 billion people are exposed and at the risk of getting malaria. 1 million of the people die from malaria each year.

Humans do not directly spread malaria, but mosquitos do spread malaria through human

blood. These parasites travel through the blood streams of humans and enters the red blood cell and eats all the hemoglobin and releases hemozoin as a waste product. Hemozoin is a magnetic substance which spreads throughout the blood stream after the parasite pops

the blood cell. Hemozoin in the blood-stream can lead to organ failure which can be lethal.

Malaria can be a deadly disease, but scientists are researching ways to prevent, identify and cure it.

*By Preston F.*

## BAD MOSQUITOS, BAD!



**M**y opinion is that all mosquitos are bad to human life. One reason is that billions of people are exposed to malaria and millions of them die. Another is that people spend almost 3.5

billion dollars per year trying to stop malaria. The last reason why mosquitos are bad is that a lot of children are infected with malaria and die. Some people are trying to stop malaria

and made a malaria day on April 25th. Some people I know that are trying to stop Malaria are Bill Gates and Samantha McBirney.

*By Ryan A.*

## MALARIA NO MORE

Have you ever heard of malaria? A presentation during the PressFriends trip to USC was when Samantha McBirney showed us a device she created to diagnose malaria using light and magnets. When she grows up, she wants to be a biomedical engineer because she loves biology, loves medicine, helping people and asking questions. Malaria is a disease caused by mosquitos. It is very common in hot countries

such as Africa, South America, and Asia. About a million people a year die of malaria. Samantha showed us a video of how malaria is caused. The mosquito's bite gives off a parasite that flows through the blood and live in a red blood cell. They eat the stuff inside the cell giving off wastes called hemozoin. The parasite then pops the blood cell, making the hemozoin flow through the blood, causing malaria. Samantha

created a device that will suck up the partly magnetic hemozoin, using a magnet. First, the light from the laser goes in the skin, sucking the waste, going into a small container. Then, the patient can go to the doctor and treat the rest of the malaria. Her idea was very smart, and I hope it will spread around the world and cure all malaria. I was inspired by her hoping that I could do the same thing.

*By Sophia T.*



## MALARIA: THE WORST DIAGNOSTIC

Warning, warning, warning! Malaria is the worst diagnostic. Malaria is a disease that mosquitos carry around. Malaria kills about one kid per minute because kids today don't can't fight the disease as well as an adult. Malaria is spread when a mosquito injects a parasite into someone. The parasite

lives in you blood cell and what the parasite eats is your hemoglobin. A hemoglobin is the thing that is in your blood cell. Than the parasite releases waste into your cell. When all your hemoglobin is eaten up, the parasite pops the blood cell it has been living in. Than the parasite goes to another

blood cell and does the same thing. You might be wondering, how do I know I have malaria? Well, you will notice you have malaria if your eyes start turning yellow. Sometimes even your skin can be yellow.

People spend about 2.5 million dollars to cure malaria. Thankfully, you can not get malaria in California and you can only get malaria in hot places. Malaria is still a big problem in this world, but don't worry, you'll be fine.

*By Maria B.*



## TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA



The topic of this presentation is Technology and Media. The speaker of this presentation is Roberto Romero. In the presentation, Roberto said that social media is used to communicate with others online. Roberto also said that Airbnb is used to rent out houses and that Uber is used to get from point A to point B.

Disney is an entertainment company. They make movies, T.V.

shows, and there is Disneyland. Teen vogue is a magazine that has things that teens are interested in, like trends and fashion. Roberto says that Teen Vogue is mostly for girls. He also says that Disney is a mental and physical entertainment company.

Microsoft and HP are computer companies. CNN is a news company for journalists. Spotify is used for listening to music for free.

Netflix is a streaming company. It is used for watching movies and T.V. shows.

Roberto said you need to be able to adapt yourself quickly. He also said you need to be focused and respectful to other countries and you need to be able to put yourself in the perspective of others. Roberto also mentioned that you need to be a thinker and a learner and you need to analyze the bigger picture. He said that you should be curious, learn and practice new languages, learn to code, go abroad, and connect with people from different backgrounds.

*By Ariana W.*



## TECH AND MEDIA IN OUR LIVES TODAY



Tech and media are influencing the world's trends and ideas. Today, tech and media bring us joy and entertainment into communities and our lives. Today's jobs involved in the programs that we use on a daily basis, such as Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Apple and so many more. Tech and media are separate but today tech and me-

dia are merging into companies such as Hulu, Netflix, Amazon, Spotify, and so much more that have tech and media intertwined. The combination of tech and media open spaces of new thinking and advancement of society. Today's jobs of tech and media have certain standards of the qualities you need such as adapting yourself quickly to different

environments. Being proud of who you are, be aware and respectful of other cultures, putting yourself in the position of your counterparts, be intellectually curious, learn new things, think big, be ambitious and analyze your whole picture. Technology and media have a major impact in the purpose of life today.

*By Mariana H.*

## WHO IS JAKE?

Jake, who is 19 years old, is in the SoCal VoCals, an a cappella group. He started singing in high school. He started a cappella this semester. Jake likes his friends in the group the best. His favorite song to sing is Hammer. He also sings some solos. His favorite singer is Sam Smith and his favorite color is blue. He practices every day and for

someone who wants to be in SoCal VoCal, he said to practice every day and sing the songs you like to sing.

Jake studies International Relations in USC and would like to be a lawyer. When he isn't singing or studying, he just hangs out with his friends and goes to get food. He has one older sister and he has an iPhone. His advice to sing-

ers about vocal health is to not yell like crazy and to drink water because water helps with your voice. Jake's favorite SoCal VoCal performance is when they were in a singing competition and won 1st place. To pick a song they all vote to see which one wins. Every year the SoCal VoCals do over twenty performances.

*By Malice C.*



## A CAPPELLA SINGING ADVENTURE

Today I interviewed Jake from SoCal VoCals. Jake started singing around high school. He's been singing a cappella for about one semester. He likes the people in the SoCal VoCals the most. He likes to sing the song Hammer with the rest of the SoCal VoCals. He also sings a

little solo. Jake's favorite song is also Hammer. Sam Smith is Jake's favorite singer. The SoCal VoCals practice every day. His advice is you want to be in the VoCals, you should practice and sing songs that you like. Jake studies international relations at USC. He wants to be a lawyer af-

ter he graduates. Jake likes to hang out with his friends when they aren't studying or singing. Another piece of advice from Jake is that you shouldn't scream or strain your voice while singing. His favorite memory of SoCal VoCals is when he got in. Jake's favorite performance was when he won a competition against other schools. Everybody votes for the songs they sing. The SoCal VoCals do about 20 performances per year. The SoCal VoCals seem like a cool group. If you are at USC and like singing, I recommend joining them.

*By Dami L.*



## SOCAL VOCALS



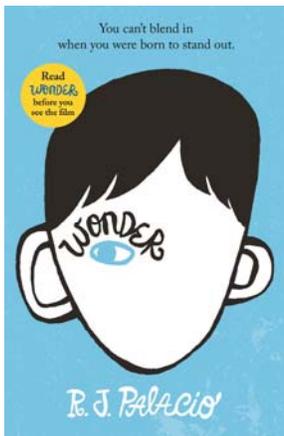
On February 10, the SoCal VoCals performed at the “REACH Symposium for kids” at USC. My school, Lomita Magnet interviewed Jake from SoCal VoCals. We learned a lot about Jake. He started singing in high school. Then, he graduated and got into

USC and joined the SoCal VoCals and sang one semester of a capella. Jake and the SoCal-VoCals won a big competition and they got 1st place. His favorite song that he sang today was “Hammer”. His favorite singer in the SoCal-VoCals is Peyton

and his favorite singer is Sam Smith.

His birthday is February 8, 1999. Jake is 19 years old. Jake studies different countries. Jake is in about 20 performances each year. His favorite food is hamburgers from In-N-Out.

*By Allison L.*



## A WONDER OF A BOOK

**W**onder is about a boy named Auggie Pullman. He had a deformed hand and a cleft palate. One day his parents were talking about him when taking him to school in the car. When

he gets to school, Auggie is sooooo embarrassed because ..... You will have to read the book to find out.

Now you know the book is about Auggie Pullman. This book is

sooo good, because it tells you that even if you look weird, don't let anyone put you down. If you like sad , happy , crazy, and funny stories, you'll like *Wonder*.

*By Anjali G.*

## WONDER THE MOVIE

If you have read the book, you'll really like the movie *Wonder*. Auggie Pullman is finally out of homeschooling! He's just like most people. He likes Star Wars and Minecraft, and Halloween is his favorite holiday.

Auggie has a sister, Via, mom, dad, and Daisy the dog. The reason why he likes Halloween is be-

cause he doesn't have to show his face. Everybody except his family is disgusted, scared, and separated, all because of his face.

His parents both had this gene that affected him. He reminds people of Darth Sidius, an ogre, and Freddy Krueger.

It is hard on hard that no one wants to be his

friend. But by fifth grade graduation he changes everyone's feelings towards him. His friends are Jack, Summer, Amos, and eventually the entire school! There are actually people who are like him, so try to get to know them!

“When deciding to be right, or kind, choose kind.”

*By Joshua P.*



## HARRY POTTER

**H**arry Potter is a movie and a book series that is rated PG just not with the Order of the Phoenix and The Goblet of Fire, which are rated PG-13. The characters in Harry Potter are Harry Potter, Ronald Weasley, Hermione Granger and so many more people.

People throughout the country loved the *Harry Potter* books and movies. *Harry Potter* is part drama action and part comedy with a lot of plot twists and very surprising events.

Ron Weasley, Harry Potter and Hermione

Granger all go to the School of Hogwarts when they get their letters from The Ministry of Magic, accepting them to the school of Witchcraft and Wizardry (a fictional British school).

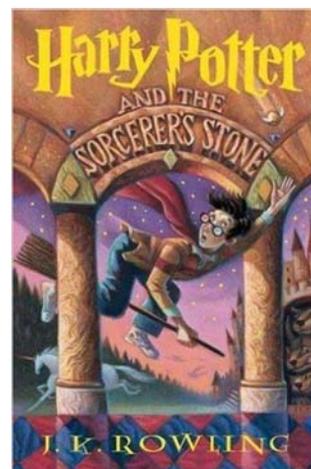
The *Harry Potter* book was created by J.K Rowling and illustrated by Mary Grandpre.

Voldemort is one of the most powerful wizards in the whole world. Voldemort killed Harry's mother and father Voldemort tried to kill Harry but he couldn't because Harry's mother, Lily, protected him and while she

did that a scar on Harry's head was made as a love spell from his mom that protected him from Voldemort.

After Harry's parents died he began to live with the Dursleys. The Dursleys are an ordinary muggle family that lived on 4 Privet Drive and treated Harry Potter badly, like their son Dudley Dursley. Dudley's parents are called Petunia Dursley and Vernon Dursley. When Harry got his letter from Hogwarts, his life turned around on that very day.

*By Mariana H.*



## ONE FOR THE MURPHYS

**O**ne for the Murphys is a very interesting book by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. It is about a 12 year old girl named Carley Connors in foster care. She had an abusive mom who married another man named Dennis who was also abusive. Even though her mom didn't treat her right, Carley still loved her a lot and preferred her more than a nice mom. After her mom got hospitalized, Carley was sent to foster care and Julie Murphy temporarily

adopted her... well, that was the plan. She didn't really get along, or really like the Murphy's. She was rude towards her brothers and Mrs. and Mr. Murphy. But, once she started to get more comfortable with her new school and nice family, her mom gets in contact with her again. This changes Carley's thoughts.

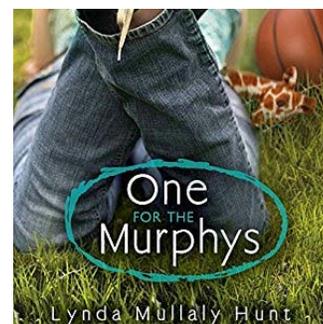
In my opinion, this book is interesting because there is a lot of drama, and it made me want to read more to

know what happens next. It is realistic, meaning that this could happen. It might even be relatable to some people.

This book made me realize that this could happen to someone and that this could be happening to someone right now, but they may not be saying anything, like Carley who 'loved' her Mom.

This would be a good book for you if you're a fan of realistic drama books.

*By Chelcie L..*



## THE LAND OF STORIES



The *Land of Stories* is a series of books by Chris Colfer about two twins, Alex and Conner, whose grandmother gave them a book for their birthday called the *Land of Stories*. I would recommend this book to ages seven through ten because it is *extremely* interesting. There might be some words harder for younger kids, but I think they will be interested in it.

One day, Alex and Conner found out that the book was magical, so they went in the book and got stuck in fairytale. A frogman wanted to help them and told them about the Wishing Spell, a spell in which you have to find items around the kingdoms for a wish, no

matter how extravagant it is.

There are six books in the *Land of Stories* series: *The Wishing Spell*, *The Enchantress Returns*, *A Grimm Warning*, *Beyond the Kingdoms*, *An Author's Odyssey*, and *Worlds Collide*. The *Enchantress Returns* is about the Enchantress that cursed Sleeping Beauty. She is trying to conquer the kingdoms and this world! She first tries by stealing all the cherished items that the monarchs love.

The *Grimm Warning* is about the Grandee Army preparing to attack the fairy tale world and the Masked Man taking the Portal Potion.

*Beyond the Kingdoms* is when Alex and

Conner found that there were more places beyond the kingdoms that were not in the fairytale world.

I haven't read *An Author's Odyssey* but I am sure it is very interesting just like the other books in the series.

Finally, *Worlds Collide* is about the villains in the fairytale world (the Sea Witch, the Snow Queen, Captain Hook, the Queen of Hearts, and the Wicked Witch of the West) wanting to conquer the Other World (the human world), so the fairytale world and all the characters from their worlds collide.

I hope you get a chance to read this series of books. *Happy Reading!*

By Sophia T.



## ALL ABOUT THE *DORK DIARIES*

The *Dork Diaries* are really funny and fun books to read anywhere. If you read one of their books you would be interested in the book and you wouldn't want to stop reading it. Also if you want to get the whole set of the Dork

Diaries books, you could! You could get the whole series of the books. There are series one, two, three, four, and more!

*Dork Diaries* is one of my favorite book series. *Dork Diaries* is funny, dramatic, and there

are interesting things in the book. If you are one of those peoples that like to read funny, drama, and interesting things in the books, I think you should really get the Dork Diaries book series.

By Adn M.

## THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

**T**he *Greatest Showman* is a PG-rated movie that many Americans have watched throughout all of the country. The movie tugs at the heartstrings, makes you laugh with relief and brings out your inner child with its amazing costumes, songs, and performances. This is a wonderful movie for all ages.

This movie is about a man named P.T. (Phineas Taylor) Barnum who finds beauty in all things that may not seem as they would. This movie takes place in New York City, New York in 1871.

The movie stars Hugh Jackman, playing P.T. Barnum; Michelle Williams, playing Charity

Barnum; Zendaya, playing Anne Wheeler; Zac Efron, playing Phillip Carlyle; Keala Settle, playing Lettie Lutz; and more putting creativity, fun, and showbiz into this delighting movie.

I like how this movie shows character, real life drama, family drama, and comedy and it just warms your entire heart.

The music is one of the best features of this movie. For every deep part of emotion in the movie there is a song. There are songs like *A Million Dreams* in P.T. and a girl Charity's youth; *Come Alive* for P.T.'s first circus show, encouraging all the other people to join; *Never Enough* in Jenny Lind's

(Rebecca Ferguson) first concert, with P.T. Barnum as her sponsor; *Tightrope* sung by Charity Barnum, when Charity had to take care of her two daughters alone because P.T. had to go on tour with Jenny Lind; This is *Me* when P.T. neglects his original circus crew, Lettie Lutz and the others decide to stand up for themselves; *From Now On* when P.T. realizes that he has to go back and be a better father and husband for his family; and *The Greatest Show* as the last song in the movie.

This is a movie I would recommend to people of all ages.

*By Micah N.*



## MOANA

**M**oana is a G-rated movie that is funny and adventurous. It is about a girl that has to find a demigod to help restore peace to the entire world.

The movie takes place in ancient Polynesian times, on different remote islands because Moana is a master wave finder!

*Moana* is an amazing movie because the actors who voice the animated characters, Auli'i Cravalho and Dwayne Johnson, use their voices in a very funny and entertaining way.

The movie has amazing catchy songs and little quips that make you laugh. In the movie, it is wonderful

and amazing how the vast, large and sometimes dangerous ocean listens to and calls a young, free-spirited girl like Moana.

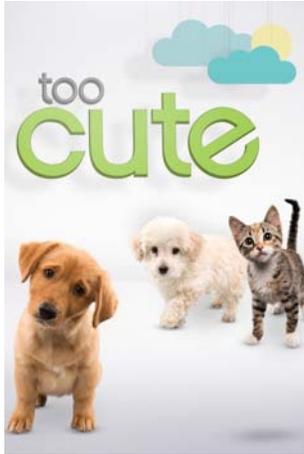
You can find *Moana* on DVDs in Blu-ray anywhere!

*Moana* is a movie I would recommend to boys and girls of all ages.

*By Micah N.*



## TOO CUTE



**T**oo *Cute* is one of the best TV shows. If you are an animal person, you would love to watch this. There are many seasons to this show and there are dogs, cats, and hamsters! You might think this show is all about dogs and cats, but in this show before it goes on commercial it usually asks some questions, and when it comes back on you get to know

the answer.

And also when they are telling you about the dogs, they explain what the breed of the dog is and the history of the breed of the dog.

If you are cat person, you would love this show too. They tell facts, history, and the breeds of the cat (and the history of the breed of the cat like how you get this breed of the cat).

In my opinion this is cute and interesting. *Cute*, because it shows baby cats and dogs as babies growing up and getting adopted. And interesting, because you could learn lots of stuff from this show.

I think you should watch this show, because you will love it!

You can find *Too Cute* on Animal Planet.

*By Valentine K.*

## FORTNITE IS AWESOME



**F**ortnite is a Battle Royale type game and it's awesome for older kids. It was created by Epic Games. Originally, it was supposed to be a PvE game (player vs. environment), but with the growing popularity of Battle Royale games, the developers decided to make it a Battle Royale game.

This game is free. You read it right, *Fortnite: Battle Royale* is free! Pretty much everything else in-gaming costs money.

There are different colors of items in *Fortnite*. Grey is common,

green is uncommon, blue is rare, purple is epic, and golden is legendary.

The best gun in *Fortnite* is probably an assault rifle or a minigun. I recommend a load out with a legendary assault rifle, an epic tactical shotgun, a rocket launcher, and a chug-jug. You can't just equip these right away though. You have to find it in a chest, supply drop, or on the floor.

You can find chests in houses or pretty much anywhere. You should probably jump out of the battle bus at Pleasant

Park, Snobby Shores, or Retail Row.

In Snobby Shores, go to the big house on the left, break the bookcase and there should be about 2 or 3 chests there for you to loot. After that, you can go to the other houses and steal their stuff.

There is going to be campaign PvE soon so that there will be a PvE and Battle Royale mode in the game.

I like this game because it is challenging, but fun at the same time. This game is appropriate for middle schoolers.

*By Dami L.*

## NITRO TYPE

One day search this online game called *Nitro Type*. You get to race typists everywhere!

You start by signing up with a username and password you will remember. Hint, don't just put "password" as your password, too obvious.

What you do is get faster in typing, compete against others, earn and buy new cars, earn money, and join or create a team, which is actually pretty fun.

Students will want to practice typing playing *Nitro Type*. Racing is simple, you won't move on

unless you type the right letter. You can try to get accuracy, or a highest wpm (word per minute).

People sometimes type over 100 wpm! But you race those who are more your pace. There's this furry creature that will give you 50,000 Nitro Type dollars if you beat him, named the Wampus.

From the Dealership you can buy cars for \$5,000 to \$15,000,000! Or you can try doing achievements to earn special cars, and also cash and titles for yourself.

You can create a team for \$5,000,000 or just join one. The point of a team is to try earning the most points by racing, plus accuracy and average speed. When you create a team, you can name it and be in charge! Your team will automatically be your friends who you can race while they're online. They can send a friend request and so can you!

*Nitro Type* might definitely persuade students to type properly. That's what all teachers want!

*By Joshua P.*



## ROBLOX

Videogames are one of the most loved things by kids!

There's one popular videogame called Roblox. You get to dress your avatar and play games on the website. There are many games such as Catalog Heaven, Roblox Got Talent, and one my most favorite games is, Roblox High School! There are many more fun games!

You get to friend people and text them! There's a little side bar to text! Cool right!?!

Like I said, you get to dress your avatar! But you have to buy robux, which cost money, but it's okay! You can still have cool clothes.

I think Roblox is the best videogame because it's not like other videogames. Roblox has over 150 games! And the

best part is that you can make your own game. I made my own game. It's called Wave Runner.

Also another good part is if you watch a YouTuber, you can follow them and buy their shirts! And you can join groups or even make your own group!

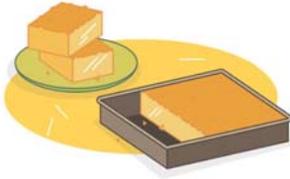
Roblox is a very fun game! Well to me, how about you?

*By Topanga C.*



## HOW TO MAKE CORNBREAD

### Cornbread



To make cornbread this is what you will need, 1-cup all-purpose flour, 1 cup yellow cornmeal, 1/4-cup sugar, 3-1/2 teaspoons baking power, 1/2 teaspoon of salt 1 cup of milk, 1/4 cup vegetable oil, and 1 large egg.

After you have gathered all those ingredients you have to pre-heat you

oven to 375 F, and you want to grease an 8-inch square cake pan.

Then, you combine the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking power, and salt into a separate mixing bowl.

Grab the milk whisk the milk, oil and egg together until it is well blended! Next, you want to add all the wet ingredi-

ents to the dry, and remember mix just until the dry ingredients are moistened. Then pour into the prepared pan.

Put it into the oven to bake to 25 to 30 minutes or until the cornbread turns a light golden brown.

*By Valentine K.*

## HOW TO MAKE A DIY GALAXY SHOE



Have you ever seen a galaxy shoe? The galaxy colors are very famous these days and very beautiful. It's just like the actual galaxy! The colors are dark blue, a bit of hot pink, and a tiny bit of purple. You probably think that the galaxy is very boring. You might even think it includes science, but you're wrong. The galaxy has amazing, vivid colors that soothes and clears your mind. Making a DIY (Do It Yourself) galaxy shoe is very easy, with all the supplies in the house right at your fingertips!

The supplies you need range from \$10 to \$15, or maybe even cheaper! They are mark-

ers, rubbing alcohol with an eyedropper, a pair of white shoes, and white fabric paint (regular white paint is good enough). The process of making a DIY galaxy shoe is super easy! The main part of making it is choosing the colors. The right colors make a more realistic galaxy. The colors will just be pink, blue, and purple.

First, you color thick lines of the colors on the shoes. They must have some white in between some of the colors. Now comes the fun part where the magic happens. You suck up some alcohol in the eyedropper and put a few drops all around the shoe. The

reason you don't want to put so much rubbing alcohol is because the alcohol makes the colors spread and blend into each other, making it look like a galaxy. Finally, you use the white fabric paint and draw small dots in some parts of the shoe, which represents stars. See? IT'S ALL EASY!

I really like making DIY galaxy shoes. They are very easy to make with household items and very simple instructions. I hope you all like the idea of making these easy galaxy shoes and enjoy making them.

*By Sophia T.*

## HOW TO PLAY MASTERMIND

You may like the board game, Mastermind. It's code maker vs. code breaker. This is a game where one person tries to guess the other's code in 10 tries.

Before anything else, decide who will create a code and who will try to guess. After the code maker finishes creating a code, you must try to guess what four of six colors are in the code in

the right pattern. The colors are green, white, yellow, purple, pink, and orange. So when the code breaker makes a guess, it's up to the code maker to show whether they have colors right and, how many of them are in the right spot. But the code maker can't know what color it is that's right or is in the right place. Seeing a white peg means that

one color is correct. A red peg means one of the right colors is in the right place. No peg means you have a color missing. The code breaker keeps guessing with the pegs the secret code.

Scoring is up to you! Mastermind, may seem complicated, but it's a lot easier once you get the hang of it.

*By Joshua P.*



## HOW TO MAKE MILLE CREPES

To make the crepes for the Mille Crepes, a dessert, you will need 4 tablespoons of unsalted butter, 4 eggs, 1 cup of bread flour, 1 cup of milk, and butter for the pan.

For the pastry cream, the mille, you will need, 1 ½ cups of milk, 3 eggs, maple syrup, ¼ cup of cornstarch, ½ cup whipping cream, and ½ table spoon of powdered sugar. And to top it all off you add 2 tablespoons of granulated sugar.

Let's get cooking! First melt the butter and make the crepe batter. Mix it until it looks fine. Then refrigerate overnight.

Get a pan and heat it to medium. And add the butter, no pools of butter!

Take out your batter from the refrigerator and fill the pan but not too much! When the crêpe doesn't look wet, it's ready to flip. It takes 15-20 seconds to cook on each side. Then place on a plate. The crepe should look thin but not too thin! You can make a lot of mille crêpes and stack them one by one.

While the crepes cool, make the cream. Get a blender and add milk, 2 eggs, maple syrup, and cornstarch. Then blend until fine and smooth. Put the custard in a heavy bottomed pot. And heat the pot to medium and stir. Stir while it thickens. Then when thick, you immediately

remove the heat and keep on stirring. Then you whip the cream but not too much because it will be too firm. Whip for at least 1-2 minutes. While whipping add powdered sugar and then you stop whipping when cream is soft and fluffy.

Fold the crêpes into thick triangles then spread the cream on top of the mille crêpe. Do that multiple times. It's not hard to do. and also, it's not long! Then do so and fold. This will look like a very elegant looking cake made out of crêpes! Have fun making this and enjoy eating this too!

*By Topanga C.*



## HOW TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL



**B**y fifth grade we're supposed to play volleyball instead of prisoner ball, so you might want to learn how to play it now.

You can't play volleyball without even teams. We take turns on which team serves. The team you are on will be evenly spread in the front and back of the volleyball court. Whoever is in the corner serves the volleyball on both teams. That depends if your team will be rotating clockwise (direction clock hands

turn) which is right.

After the opposite team had their turn to serve, if the other side wins, the opposing team gets to serve. Say "Serve!" when you are about to serve so the opposite team isn't asleep.

A good serve lands over the net and inside the opposite side of the court. You must control your strength. You have two chances to do a good serve, then it's the opposite team's turn.

Try to remember you

can't hit the volleyball twice in a row. What is an out is when a team hits the volleyball out of the court and if it bounces two times in a row.

You should be able to count on your team to stay alert by the time the class practices for a while. "One Bounce" is an option on how to play and it's exactly what it sounds like. You can let the ball bounce once before you hit it.

This is how you play volleyball.

*By Joshua P.*

## HOW TO THROW A BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL



**T**hrowing a softball or baseball improperly can make your arm hurt or make the ball go in a different direction than you want it to.

It's pretty easy to throw it to your partner properly. First, you get the ball. Make sure the ball is the right size for you.

Then, you put your arm in an 'L shape' behind your head. Your stance also matters on how fast or accurate your throw is. Your left leg should currently be in front of your right leg by

about 2 feet. Your legs shouldn't be directly in front of each other in a straight line. You rock back a little bit, not too much, though. Your arm



with the glove should be pointing to your partner's head or chest.

After that, you shift your right leg over on front of your left leg by about 2 feet. Then, you throw the ball while your moving your arm forward. The ball should be thrown near your partner's head or chest.

Since their glove should be placed (not directly) on the front of their chest, it will be easy for them to catch the ball.

*By Chelcie L.*

## HOW TO MAKE MONEY: EASY OR HARD?

**M**aking money is a regular thing to many adults and some teens, but do kids make money for themselves? Well usually not because they don't know how or can't for themselves, but there are actually many ways to make money such as working or getting a job. Well legally kids or preteens aren't allowed to get a job until you are at least 15 or 14 years old, but the thing about age is that age is that 15 and 14 year-olds are only allowed to work 3 hours a day and 18 hours a week on weeks of school. So practically you could only start working when you are at least 14 or 15. Kids and preteens can't work le-

gally, without working illegally and who would want to do that? So up to the point of today it's pretty hard to make money for yourself when you are a child or adult but what if there was a way to make money for kids, preteens, teens and adults. Well there is a way, without doing anything illegal in the doing. So now out of all this background information, one way to make money is investing in the future. Investing in the future is getting stuff that isn't worth as much today as they might be in the future. Bitcoins used to be about 18-25 cents in the past but over time they have grown to be worth about \$10,950 dollars!

So imagine if you have a small item that is worth like 25 cents right now and in the future it could be worth a lot of money, and there are also so many things that have been invested in the future that are worth so much right about now, even toys can be invested in the future such as the little plastic Boba Fett plastic cannon toy that is worth as much as \$80,000-\$180,000! There are lots of ways to gain money even if you are a child no matter what age because you never know how much a little toy or any other things could be worth in the future.

*By Mariana H.*



## HOW TO PAINT YOUR NAILS

**H**ave you ever painted your fingernails before? Or have you ever chosen the color you wanted to paint your nails? If you have never painted your nails or never felt how it would feel like having your fingernails done or painted, then here is my impression.

First, it feels great. Why? Because it feels nice having your nails painted and it looks pretty on people. Now I'm going to tell you how you could paint your nails. First you get a nail polish and pick the color yourself. Once you pick the color you want to paint your nails with, then you

could get started on painting your nails. If you make or made a mistake well you are painting your nails, it's okay. You could just start all over and then start on painting again. Or you could instead use nail remover to help you.

*By Adn M.*



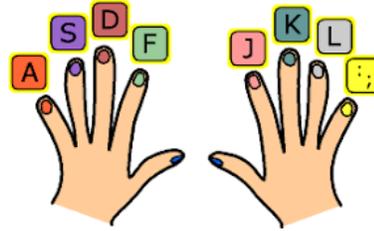
## HOW TO TYPE



**D**o you know how to type? If you do, you know to type with your right fingers on h, j, k, l, o, i, u, y, n, m and to use your left fingers to type g, f, d, s, a, e, r, t, and x, c, v, b.

If you know they keyboard and which fingers to use, there are exercises to help you type faster.

For example, I'll give you a word and you'll tell me proper letters and which finger to use to that word. '



If I gave you the word ' Like' to type. You would tell me that you would use your right hand to type "L", your right to type "I", your right to type "k", and your left to type "e."

Next, you can try again with harder and longer words

*By Blake E.*

## BARN OWL



**T**he Barn Owl is a pretty animal. The barn owl's habitat is amazing. What a barn owl needs in its habitat is rough grasslands also with the need of a populated number of rodents and voles. It also needs field edges, edges of watercourses, grass strips and along the side it needs a forest area for it to hunt.

A crazy fact about a

barn owl is that it swallows its prey whole. Also, a barn owl may eat a voles, shrews, bats, skunks, birds, frogs, mice, and large insects if necessary.

Also, a male barn owl's wingspan could be anywhere from 41-45 inches long, but for a female barn owl it is anywhere from 43-47 inches long. The length of a

male barn owl is from 13 -15 inches, but the length of a female barn owl can be anywhere from 14-20 inches.

Also, the male barn owls weigh from 14-19 ounces and a female barn owl weighs from 17 -25 ounces.

Barn owls have a life span anywhere from 5-15 years long.

*By David C.*



PressFriends 9th Annual Conference at Wilderness Park, Redondo Beach

## SHREK THE MUSICAL

*Lomita Leopard's Roar reporters went to the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance to see Shrek the Musical performed by the Metropolitan Educational Theatre Network.*

**S**hrek the Musical was a fun, kid-friendly and funny musical that was performed in the Armstrong Theater. The whole performance was great and had awesome music. It had all the characters that were in the actual movie. But my favorite character had to be Donkey because he was funny and energetic. In the scenes, the actors acted all the parts really well. I liked it.

*By Nathan B.*

**M**y favorite scene in the *Shrek Musical* is when Fiona and Lord Farquaad were about to get married, except Shrek and the fairytale characters teamed up and stopped the marriage from happening. In the scene, there was Shrek, Fiona, Lord Farquaad, and the fairytale characters. The characters I liked the most were Donkey, Lord Farquaad, and the three pigs. The reason why I liked this scene is because Shrek finally became friends with the fairytale characters and didn't mind them that much because Fiona refused to marry Farquaad and took the time to listen to Shrek. I also liked the

music, drama, and acting. I would recommend this musical to others if they like fantasy. In conclusion, this musical was very good and interesting.

*By Chelcie L.*

**N**ot only adults can perform in a Musical! Shrek the Musical Jr. was the best and only musical I've ever seen. Let me just say there are a lot of things to musicals. As a Jr. musical, it was just for kids!

The characters were Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, the Dragon, Gingerbread Man, Pinocchio, the Three Little Pigs, the Big Bad Wolf, the Three Bears, Goldilocks, and Lord Farquaad. I guess you can never have too many fairytales! Not to mention someone from our own Lomita Magnet, my classmate, David Moreno, was in the musical.

I am pretty sure there must have been over 100 characters in the musical. Every background actor boys and little critters got to play a big part. I think a performance like that would've taken me a year to learn! The props and voices were so realistic and like their characters in the movies, *Shrek*. I

would've asked, "have your voices always been like that? As if you were born to star as your character!"

Everyone's voices were pitch-perfect like singers and movies stars! But the background characters were still great. Who knew Shrek, ogres, donkeys, and animals can bust such moves!

*By Joshua P.*

**S**hrek Jr. the Musical took 3 months to practice and rehearse. The actors sang, acted, and remembered all the songs and their lines. The play was great! The musical was performed at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance.

My favorite actor was Donkey! The actor showed a lot of expression and acted happy, just like the character's traits. My second favorite actor was Fiona. She was great at singing and I think she portrayed the actor very well.

My favorite scene was when Donkey tries so hard to let Shrek take him on his quest. Shrek finally gives up on pushing Donkey away, and lets Donkey come.

*By Sophia G.*



**H**ave you seen the movie *Shrek*? Have you seen *Shrek Jr. The Musical*? If you haven't, you should! This is a fun musical performed by actors 8 years or above.

Shrek is a green ogre who lives by himself in a swamp. His mission is to get rid of the fairy tale creatures (Gingy, Pinocchio, Peter Pan, 3 Blind Mice, Rapunzel, the three bears, etc.) that are living on his swamp.

On the way, he falls in love with Fiona who is part-ogre. She is part ogre because by sunset, she turns into an ogre. However, during the daytime she is human.

*By Jordan B.*

**SHREK THE MUSICAL** (continued)

**M**y favorite scene in *Shrek the Musical* is when Shrek had the flashback of Fiona when she was seven to mid-aged to grown up. I also liked how she sang her songs and wished for a valiant knight to rescue her. In the end of the song, she said, “day 280,500”, which is a long time. Fiona is very anxious for a prince to rescue her. So Fiona begins to start thinking that the stories she read mislead her but, Fiona does not give up hope. Instead, she stays hopeful. Fiona is very beautiful. Fiona was a great character,

*By Alison L.*

**I**n *Shrek the Musical*, the characters were Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Lord Farquaad, Dragon, Gingy, and Pinocchio. The characters that I liked the best were Shrek, Donkey, and Gingy. Shrek was trying to get Lord Farquaad to give the fairy tale creatures their home back. I like this scene because Shrek scares the guards by quietly saying “Boo.” I also like this scene because when the guards don’t run away, Shrek tells them what to do and they do it. Lastly, I like this scene because Lord Farquaad sends Shrek and Donkey on a quest to res-

cue Fiona and tells Shrek that he will give the fairy tale creatures their homes back.

I would recommend this play to other students/families because it is funny and fun to watch.

*By Ariana W.*



**I**n my favorite scene in *Shrek the Musical*, the characters' names were Shrek, Fiona, and Donkey. I liked the scene the best when Shrek and Fiona first met. The reasons why I liked the scene is because Fiona told Shrek about true love's kiss, and Shrek and Donkey laughed. Second is when Shrek tried to get up on the stage but he saw the steps light up. The last reason is that Fiona got intense and mad that Shrek didn't want to take off his helmet to kiss.

*By Ryan A.*

**I** loved the field trip for PressFriends. I thought

it was fun and the play was a lot like the movie. There were so many characters and the actors all managed to keep a hold of their characters' personalities throughout the whole show.

The three main characters were Shrek, Fiona, and the Donkey. There were also princesses, a witch, Pinocchio, a dragon, a gingerbread man, and Lord Farquaad. My favorite characters was Lord Farquaad because he was hilarious and kept faces that made him look obnoxious, but funny. Also, I liked the baby bear because she was so cute and kept pulling her pants up whenever she was dancing. She was small and cute.

In the show, Shrek was always shunned because he was green and an ogre. People thought he was ugly, and because he was an ogre, his parents sent him out on his own when he was seven. Then he met a donkey who was really funny and cheerful. Donkey did not care what Shrek looked like. Then there was Fiona who was trapped in a tower guarded by a dragon. She was secretly an ogre at night. Lord Farquaad only wanted to marry Fiona so he could become king. My favorite

scene was when Shrek confessed to Fiona that he loved her, because it was sweet.

*By Samantha V.*

**S***hrek the Musical* is a very good show to watch. The main characters in the musical were Shrek, Princess Fiona, Donkey, and Lord Farquaad.

The musical is just like the movie, but with real life people and more songs and music. If you had watched the movie *Shrek*, you will probably understand more of this musical.

In the musical, young Shrek was sent out to live by himself when he was seven years old; just like regular ogres. As the years passed, Shrek lived on his own in his swamp. But all the fairytale characters were sent out of their homes by Lord Farquaad, so they went to Shrek's swamp. He was very out-



**SHREK THE MUSICAL** (continued)

raged that they were on his swamp. He went on a journey to Duloc to tell Lord Farquaad that others were on his property. On the way, Shrek found a new friend, Donkey, who was my favorite character.

I really enjoyed *Shrek the Musical*. I would recommend this to anyone!

By Sophia T.

**S**hrek the Musical Jr begins when the seven year old ogre Shrek's parents leave him to grow up in the swamplands by himself. Princess Fiona was also seven when she was locked in the tower guarded by a dragon surrounded with molten lava. She longed for a worthy prince to rescue her for true love for if he gave her a kiss, she would not turn into an ogre from the time the sun set until dawn.

Shrek grew to what the people of Duloc called a big, ugly, stupid ogre that scared people, who screamed when they saw him and ran away from him. That led him to wanting isolation in his own swamp. As the years pass, Lord Farquaad of Duloc searches for a princess so that he could become king. Lord Farquaad forces the gingerbread man to tell him of Fiona. Shrek meanwhile finds all the fairytale people in his

swamp. This included the Three Little Pigs, Peter Pan, the Big, Bad (not really) Wolf, the Three Little Bears, and more.

Shrek demands Farquaad to give back the fairytale people their homes and to determine that the swamp is rightfully his. Lord Farquaad agrees that if he rescues Fiona from the scary, dragon-guarded, lava-surrounded, tower, he will give him the swamp, and Lord Farquaad could effortlessly await for princess Fiona. Shrek sets out to find Fiona for Lord Farquaad and meets Donkey, who is extremely annoying.

By Jeromiah P.

**W**hat's better than some ordinary theatre play? A play with a flying dragon, a three-foot king, a donkey, and an ogre.

The characters in my favorite scene of *Shrek the Musical* were Shrek, Fiona, Lord Farquaad, and Donkey. The character that I liked the best was when Lord Farquaad was introduced. I liked this scene because it was funny, surprising, and Lord Farquaad's accent was funny. I would recommend this play to other students and families.

By Aiden S.

**M**usicals are not really my thing, but this *Shrek the Musical* was perfect. The best scene for me is when Shrek was fighting the dragon. One reason I liked the dragon scene was because I really like dragons. My favorite character was Donkey. Donkey was just so funny and happy.

By Dami L.

**I** cannot think of my favorite scene in *Shrek the Musical*, because they were all my favorite. All the characters had a lot of expression with their acting and it felt like they were real characters. My favorite characters were the donkey and the dragon because the donkey was funny and the dragon was cool because it was controlled by five people and was a huge puppet. *Shrek the Musical* had lots of good scenes and great singers. I would really recommend this to other kids and families.

By Matthew C.

**M**y favorite scene in *Shrek the Musical* was the ending scene. My favorite characters in the ending scene were Shrek, Fiona, and Donkey. What happened in the ending scene is that Fiona was about to marry Lord Far-



quaad because she thought Lord Farquaad was her true love, but then Shrek came and stopped the wedding.

One reason I like the scene was because Shrek saved Fiona. The second reason I liked the scene is because Shrek admitted how he felt about Fiona. The final reason I like the scene is because all the characters were on the stage.

By Maria B.M.

**S**hrek the Musical Jr was such a great musical. There were so many musical numbers, characters, and scenes with plot twists. The musical included Fiona, Donkey, Shrek, Lord Farquaad, Dragon, Gingy, Pinocchio and so many more characters. There were so many musical numbers too, such as "I Know It's Today", "Make A Move", "Morning Person", and "I Think I've Got A Beat".

**SHREK THE MUSICAL** (continued)

Shrek is an ogre that hates the world at first but then goes on a quest to rescue Princess Fiona from the castle that she's been locked in for 20 years. Lord Farquaad sent Shrek on the quest to save Fiona since he was too scared to do it himself. So Lord Farquaad made a deal with Shrek to rescue Princess Fiona and Shrek would get his swamp back. But Shrek fell in love with Fiona and she loved him back as an ogre, and then they lived happily ever after.

*By Mariana H.*



**S**hrek the Musical is such an amazing play. I liked everything about it. The costumes looked so nice.

My favorite part of the musical is the ending scene where everyone comes out and dances. Fiona's voice was so nice and pretty. I had no idea how a voice can be pretty. Sometimes when the lights went out, people would start on stage, which is kind of creepy because you don't know what's going to happen.

I have seen the movie *Shrek* so many times and I never get annoyed by it. If I have to say is that *Shrek the Musical* is an amazing play.

*By Ailyn D.*

**I**n *Shrek the Musical*, I liked the character, Donkey, because Donkey was kind to Shrek and he was a good friend to Shrek. Also, Donkey was being

funny during the show. I recommend my classmates to watch this show because I think they will think it was comical. And they will enjoy watching it just like I did.

*By Adn M.*

**I**n April, PressFriends took us to see *Shrek the Musical Jr.* It is a wonderful and colorful musical, which is like an onion - "onions have a lot of layers", the character Shrek says. It all starts with "The Fairytale Characters Problem". Lord Farquaad has forced all of the fairytale characters from Dulac, their former home. The guards have taken the characters and put them in Shrek's home, the swamp, by order of Lord Farquaad. When Shrek comes back from getting food, he sees the characters, scared and deprived from their homes. Since they are disturbing him in

his home, he gets angry and yells at them, but they don't leave, so he goes to Lord Farquaad to get his swamp back.

*By Micah N.*

**S**hrek the Musical was a grand experience. I would very much recommend this musical because the songs were great, there was good acting, and ventriloquism. My personal favorite character was Donkey. My favorite scene is when Donkey was introduced.

*By Christian G.*





Lomita Leopard's Roar Reporters at the REACH Symposium for Kids at the University of Southern California



PressFriends at Shrek Jr. musical at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance, CA



## THE GREATEST PLACE TO LEARN



Lomita STEAM Magnet is the greatest place to learn. Even though there are difficulties and things that may annoy us, Lomita Magnet is still a great school.

I love the play areas because you get to play fun sports with your friends.

The teachers are amazingly kind and fun. We get to switch classes to see what it's like in middle school, and a lot of teachers do fun art projects with you.

For 5th graders, there's a trip around the end of the year called CIMI (Catalina Island

Marine Institute).

Every grade gets to experience the science lab, the computer lab, Christmas performances, Art to Grow On, and PE. 4th grade and 5th grade get to sing for chorus and perform in front of parents and the school. You must audition in 3rd grade to be able to participate in 4th grade.

In 5th grade, you have to do lots of exercises and laps. These are required to help you prepare for the Fitness Gram Pacer Test. You also get the subject theater! It's so fun to act out with your friends.

Personally, my favorite subject is art. I believe I am pretty good at it! My favorite teachers are all of the ones I've gotten to experience because you get used to what they do in their classroom.

My favorite play area is kickball because it is fun to play out on the field, and kick the ball and run the bases.

Chorus is also a thing I participate in, because you get to sing with your friends and share your talent.

Overall, Lomita Magnet is great school to learn at.

*By Sophia G.*

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