

# WILDCAT TALES

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## About the Artist, Daniela E.

Regina H., Editor, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Daniela E. (3<sup>rd</sup> grader) is the cover artist of this edition. This was the first time that Daniela had submitted artwork. She loves to draw many things. When she first heard about the “Welcome Wildcat Spring” theme, she thought about flowers blooming, nature being reborn, trees with new green leaves, and kids going outside to play. In her drawing, she has two friends looking at the flowers, enjoying the beauty of the spring and sharing a flower. She drew a lot of flowers blooming, the trees with nests, one of them with a new born bird. She also drew bushes with a lot of flowers. Note the OLGC name so everybody will know that this is OLGC artwork! It took Daniela about 45 minutes to create her drawing. In spring, everything starts new again, the birds sound like a symphony, and the air smells like perfume. Spring is a very happy time. Daniela’s favorite thing about spring is looking at the different flowers with many colors and looking at the butterflies, birds, and cherry blossoms in DC. Her favorite springtime bug is the butterfly and her favorite spring flower is the tulip, particularly those that are yellow and red in color. The first day of spring, March 20, is Daniela’s birthday, so spring is a very special time for Daniela. Thank you, Daniela, for your contribution to Wildcat Tales.

## A Message from our Student Council Vice President

Becker S., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hello, everyone! I'm Becker S., your Student Council Vice President, and I just wanted to inform all of you on the various things we have been doing this year. I, personally, think this year has been very productive. We've had a chance to donate money to so many causes and were able to do that through many dress down days, such as Go Pink Day, Red, White, and Blue Day, and Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. We also collected pumpkins for Catholic Charities in October and collected a lot of food for needy families in Fairfax County before Thanksgiving. Our International Project will be very exciting this year as we work to help a Catholic girls' school in Africa. We are also excited about the return of OLGC TV. In the past, everyone had to watch it at the same time and now we can produce it so teachers can share it with students whenever they want. The production quality of it is much better, and we have a theme song!

That's all that is happening now, but we have more things up our sleeves for the rest of the year. Bye!

## WILDCAT SPRING

### Easter Traditions Around the World

Regina H., Editor, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kids in the U.S. grow up expecting a delivery of eggs and candy from the Easter bunny each year, but it may seem odd to an outsider. Brought to this country by German immigrants in the 1700s, the practice is rooted in the belief that rabbits and eggs symbolize fertility and rebirth. While a visit from the Easter bunny may be the norm in America, other cultures have their own unique Easter celebrations.

In Finland, children go begging in the streets with sooty faces and scarves around their heads, carrying broomsticks, coffeepots, and bunches of willow twigs. In some parts of Western Finland, people burn bonfires on Easter Sunday, a Nordic tradition stemming from the belief that the flames ward off witches who fly around on brooms between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

In Poland, pouring water on one another is a Polish Easter tradition called Smingus-Dyngus. On Easter Monday, boys try to drench other people with buckets of water, squirt guns or anything they can get their hands on. Legend says girls who get soaked will marry within the year. The refreshing tradition has its origins in the baptism of Polish Prince Mieszko on Easter Monday in 966 AD.

In Southern France, don't forget a fork on Easter Monday. Each year a giant omelet is served up in the town's main square. And when we say giant, we mean giant: The omelet uses more than 4,500 eggs and feeds up to 1,000 people. (Continued on page 2)

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The story goes, when Napoleon and his army were traveling through the south of France, they stopped in a small town and ate omelets. Napoleon liked his so much that he ordered the townspeople to gather their eggs and make a giant omelet for his army the next day.

On the Greek island of Corfu on Holy Saturday morning, the traditional "Pot Throwing" takes place. People throw pots, pans and other earthenware out of their windows, and it all smashes on the street. Some say the custom derives from the Venetians, who on New Year's Day used to throw out all of their old items. Others believe the throwing of the pots welcomes spring, symbolizing the new crops that will be gathered in the new pots.

In Norway, Easter is such a popular time for Norwegians to read crime novels that publishers actually come out with special "Easter Thrillers" known as *Paaskekrimmen*. The tradition is said to have started in 1923 when a book publisher promoted its new crime novel on the front pages of newspapers. The ads resembled news so much that people didn't know it was a publicity stunt.

At the Vatican, on Good Friday the Pope commemorates the *Via Crucis* (Way of the Cross) at the Colosseum: A huge cross with burning torches illuminates the sky as the 14 Stations of the Cross are described in several languages. Mass is celebrated on the evening of Holy Saturday, and on Easter Sunday, thousands of visitors congregate in St. Peter's Square to await the Pope's blessing from the church's balcony, known as "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the City and to the World").

In the Czech Republic and Slovakia, you'd better watch your back! There's an Easter Monday tradition in which men spank women with handmade whips made of willow and decorated with ribbons. According to legend, the willow is the first tree to bloom in the spring, so the branches are supposed to transfer the tree's vitality and fertility to the women. This playful spanking is all in good fun and isn't meant to cause pain.

On Holy Thursday in the medieval town of Verges, Spain, the traditional *dansa de la mort* "or" death dance is performed. To reenact scenes from The Passion, everyone dresses in skeleton costumes and parades through the streets. The procession ends with frightening skeletons carrying boxes of ashes. The macabre dance begins at midnight and continues for three hours into the early morning.

In Hungary, "Sprinkling," is a popular Hungarian Easter tradition. It is observed on Easter Monday, which is also known as "Ducking Monday." Boys playfully sprinkle perfume or perfumed water on girls. Young men used to pour buckets of water over young women's heads, but now they spray perfume, cologne or just plain water.

### Spring Brings New Life to OLGC

Victoria D., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Each spring, symbols of Easter come to life in the kindergarten and second grade classrooms at Our Lady of Good Counsel School.

In late April or early May, twenty-five caterpillars will arrive in Ms. Braeuer's and Ms. Petrella's kindergarten classrooms. The caterpillars come in kits with everything needed to take care of them. The kindergarteners will feed the caterpillars with food from the kit until they become chrysalis. Then the kindergarteners will watch the chrysalis and wait for butterflies to come out. The kindergarteners will like feeding the butterflies tiny pieces of fruit left over from their snacks. Butterfly release day is kind of happy and kind of sad. It is so cute to watch the butterflies fly from the nets and land on flowers, but it is so sad because you know you will probably never see them again.

"It's really cool for the kids to see the life cycle live in the classroom," said Ms. Braeuer, who also enjoys all the activities related to the project, including writing in butterfly journals, making handprint butterfly art, and reading books about butterflies.

Meanwhile, in second grade, twelve eggs will arrive in Mrs. Valleskey's and Mrs. Franchise's second grade classrooms. Each classroom will have an incubator, and the students will monitor the temperature in the incubator, keep the eggs moist, and rotate the eggs. After three or four weeks, the eggs will begin to hatch.

"It is going to be cool to see nature happening in all its glory in the classroom," said Mrs. Valleskey, who will be leading the project for the first time. She is looking forward to helping the second graders nurture the eggs and take care of the "cute and fluffy" chicks. The second graders will observe each chick's features and personality and then vote on a name for each chick. When the project is completed, the chicks will go to live at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon, Virginia.

According to The Holiday Spot website ([www.theholidayspot.com/easter/easter\\_symbols](http://www.theholidayspot.com/easter/easter_symbols)), chicks and butterflies are traditional Easter symbols. The egg symbolizes the rock in front of the tomb where Jesus was buried, and the chick that hatches out of the egg symbolizes new life or re-birth. The lifecycle of the butterfly also symbolizes the life of Jesus. "The first stage is the caterpillar, which stands for His life on Earth," says the website. "The second phase begins from the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage is the butterfly, representing His raising from the dead in a glorified body."

### What are You Giving Up for Lent?

Brayden V., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

With spring comes Easter and with Easter comes Lent. I looked up the meaning of Lent and this is what I found: "Lent is a Christian tradition that is observed in many denominations. It is the hallowed forty-day period of sacrifice leading up to Jesus' death and Resurrection." Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, lasts for forty days, and ends on Easter Sunday.

Lent is a good time to give up things that we like. That is called a sacrifice. We give things up because Jesus gave his life up for us. You can give things up that you enjoy, but some people also do something good to give back in a positive way.

I am giving up eating sweets for Lent and boy is that hard! I decided to take a poll and asked some of my friends, teachers, and even Mr. Poole what they were giving up for Lent. These are some of their answers: Some of my friends said they were giving up, eating candy, fighting with their sister, cleaning, eating sugar and watching too much TV. Mrs. Valleskey said she is giving up sweets. Dr. Lee said she is giving up buying things not needed. Mr. Poole said he is giving up eating snacks between meals and also increasing his spiritual readings so that this is now a daily occurrence. Of all the things that people were giving up, sweets and candy were the most popular. It's going to be a long forty days.

### The Top 5 Things People Gave Up For Lent

Mallory V., 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Candy/Desserts/Junk Food  
Video Games  
YouTube/Netflix  
Social Media (Snapchat and Instagram)  
Phones/Electronic devices



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Kindergarten

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## WILDCAT UPDATES

### Hard at Work: OLG's Green Initiative Program

*Kit S., Editor, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*

OLG's new Green Initiative Program is accomplishing great things this school year as it guides our community in recognizing the importance of how our actions affect the environment. The program was started by OLG parents who have been making environmentally-friendly choices in their homes and wanted the same to be done at the school. The program has definitely made an impact so far.

Every day during the lunch periods in the Counsel Room, the Green Initiative Program has been supporting the recycling of lunch items that were previously thrown in the trash cans. For example, an empty plastic apple sauce cup would take 450 years to biodegrade, or break down, if thrown in the trash. Instead of using styrofoam plates, which do not easily biodegrade in our landfills, OLG's Hot Lunch Program now uses only paper plates. "Little changes can make a big difference," explained Miss Forbes, who is a leading member of the Green Initiative Program.

Thanks to OLG's Green Initiative Program, all students are reminded and encouraged to recycle their lunch items. The OLG science club has been making and hanging posters to build awareness of the importance of recycling during lunch. In addition, during Catholic Schools Week, students at OLG decorated paper sack bags showing the great benefits of recycling. The bags were brought to the Giant in Vienna so that shoppers can be reminded of this important message too.

The Green Initiative Program is considering other projects for the OLG community in the future. For example, each classroom may be supplied with dedicated bins to recycle scrap paper and plastic water bottles. Another idea the program is investigating is the possibility of a compost system where leftover lunch foods (cheese, bread, fruit) can be collected. A compost crew company attended OLG's STREAM night with an informational table where attendees could ask questions.

Please be on the lookout for an OLG Shred Event this April in the OLG parking lot. It will be a great opportunity for the OLG community to dispose of its paper documents in a safe and secure manner while supporting the need to recycle.

We can all agree that the OLG Green Initiative Program is doing great work for our school. Their efforts are so appreciated!

### Who Ya Gonna Call? Mrs. Barker!

*Regina H., Editor, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Who do you go to when you feel sick, get hurt, or anything else? Mrs. Barker, of course!

School nurses are often the first place a student thinks to go when they don't feel well or have been hurt. An increasing number of students enter schools with chronic health conditions that require management during the school day. The school nurse has a crucial role in the seamless required management and the provision of comprehensive health services to children and youth during the school day. They provide a wealth of information that supports a successful education as well.

The National Association of School Nurses defines school nursing as "a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well-being, academic success, and lifelong achievement of students. School nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development; promote health and safety; intervene with actual and potential health problems; provide the case management services; and actively collaborate with others to build self-management, self-advocacy, and learning."

Mrs. Barker is from West Helena, Arkansas. She knew she wanted to be a nurse in ninth grade. She went to school in Arkansas, and got her BSN degree. After school, she worked as a nurse in Arkansas. Mrs. Barker has two sons, the oldest being Greg and the youngest being Ryan. Greg lives in New York City and Ryan lives in Nashville. She has a rescued lab mix named Elmer. She has worked at OLG for eleven years. Her favorite part of her job is the kids. Mrs. Barker's funniest memory is when she asked someone to go to the bathroom and she snuck out and waited by the door for five minutes and came back claiming she did. Her school projects include working with the Health and Wellness community.

Everyone knows and loves Mrs. Barker, especially my fellow bell ringers and me, because we talk to her every morning and afternoon while waiting to do our job.

I am sad to report that Mrs. Barker will be leaving us at the end of the school year. She will be moving to Little Rock, Arkansas, because she has family there and will be closer to her parents. Mrs. Barker plans to be a school nurse at another school in Arkansas. When asked what part of OLG she will miss most, she simply replied, "the kids."

What will you miss the most about Mrs. Barker? Send in your comments, stories, or memories to the school office, and they will be printed in the Summer Edition of Wildcat Tales.

National Nurses Week this year is May 6-12. National School Nurse Day (the Wednesday of National Nurses Week) honors all school nurses who care for the children in schools every day. Remember Mrs. Barker on this day! ☺

### Cub Scout Clean Up Helps Get OLG Ready for Spring

*Tony I., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Cub Scout Clean Up is when scouts go to the baseball field area and clean up trash.

Scout parents get bags that kids put the trash in. The kids get gloves to protect their hands when picking up the trash. Some of the many things scouts pick up are plastic bags and drinking cups. Scouts also go to the back playground to clean up trash there.

The scout pack does this because it helps OLG and the environment.



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### What is the Origin of Groundhog Day?

Megan B., 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Groundhog Day can be traced back to a poem from Scotland that goes like this:

*If Candlemas Day is  
Bright and clear  
There will be two winters  
This year*

This means that if the day of February 2 is sunny, there will be six more weeks of winter, or “two winters.” Candlemas Day means an animal will cast a shadow: if it doesn’t have one, we will have an early spring. Records show that people have been celebrating Groundhog Day since the 1800s. Every year, people would go into the woods to see the groundhogs’ shadows.

Gobblers Knob was eventually declared the official groundhog place. Now, people around the globe watch on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to see if we will have an early spring or a late winter.



Artist: Tricia S.,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Punxsutawney Phil

Catherine V., Jr. Editor, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

It’s that time of year again: the rodent of the winter comes out to tell the news that everyone wants to hear about. Will spring come early this year? Now, if you don’t know about the rodent I’m talking about, his name is Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog.

Each year on February 2nd, the legendary groundhog comes out of his temporary home on Gobbler’s Knob in Pennsylvania to tell us if spring is coming early. Punxsutawney Phil has made predictions for 103 years. Only 17 of those years were predicted as early springs.

Sadly, this year, Phil saw his shadow. That means we are going to have six more weeks of winter. I will have to disagree with Phil on this one: since we have just had beautiful weather the past couple of days, I think there will be an early spring. However, I’ll leave it to the furry expert to decide, so let’s hope we get an early spring this year!!



### All about Dangerous Weather

Selma K., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

First of all, weather is caused by the heating of the Earth’s surface. The sun’s energy heats the surface, which causes a change in atmospheric pressure. Clouds, rain, and wind are caused by these temperature differences.

**1 Rain:** Rain forms when water droplets in the atmosphere combine and fall to the surface. Rain can cause floods, evacuations, and dangerous street conditions.

**2 Tornadoes:** Tornadoes form when warm air mixes with cold air. There is a place where tornadoes form, known as “Tornado Alley”. The states located in Tornado Alley are: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa.

**3 Hurricanes:** The most brutal storms are hurricanes, also known as cyclones. Hurricanes are rainstorms with winds ranging from 74 mph (miles per hour) to 200 mph. The wind swirls in a circle and builds up speed. All hurricanes form on the ocean’s surface and make landfall causing damage. If you live in places like Kansas, you will not experience any hurricanes.

**4 Snow:** Snow forms when water droplets freeze and fall to the ground. A snowstorm is a heavy fall of snow with high winds. A blizzard is a severe snowstorm with 35 mph winds.

**5 Avalanche:** Avalanches are easy to explain. Avalanches fall mostly in the spring and summer. Warm temperatures melt the snow combined with strong winds cause snow to fall down the mountains. The Saint Bernard is a special dog breed, which is known to rescue people caught in avalanches. Avalanches can be very deadly, even the minor ones.

**6 Sandstorms:** Sandstorms occur when the wind blows loose dirt into the air. In 2009 Australia experienced a major sandstorm that lasted two days! It covered the Australian states of New South Wales and Queensland. Reminder: A sandstorm is dangerous and people should be cautious around them.

**Conclusion:** Weather can be deadly and form unexpectedly. Sources that can help you observe weather patterns are the news, radio, and internet. Every day you should check the weather with one of these sources so that you are aware of dangerous weather.



Artist: Victoria D.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### The History of April Fool’s Day...and This is The Truth and Not a Prank!

Aidan S., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Do you celebrate April Fool’s Day every year on April 1<sup>st</sup>? Did you play a prank on someone or did someone play one on you? April Fool’s Day can be a lot of fun. It is a day when you can play fun tricks on people, and it can also be fun to have a trick played on you. Have you ever wanted to learn the history of April Fool’s Day and how it started?

A long, long time ago, people in France celebrated the New Year on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Back then, their year was from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. In 1562, Pope Gregory decided to change the calendar so that the New Year would start on January 1<sup>st</sup>, just like we do today. Many people back then didn’t hear about the change or they heard about it but wanted to ignore it and kept celebrating the New Year on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone who did this were called April Fools and tricks were played on them.

The important thing to remember when playing tricks on people on April Fool’s Day is to make them fun and not mean. Here are some really good April Fool Day pranks to try some year:

Take a shiny quarter and glue it onto the sidewalk so when a person sees it they have trouble picking it up!

Take out the cream center part of an Oreo cookie and fill it up instead with white toothpaste (yuck!)

Hand your Dad a glass of “orange juice” for breakfast made the day before with orange jello!



### Poem

Quin L., 8.5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Spring is coming

Snowflakes

Snowflakes falling on the ground

Some are thin, others round

Building slowly

Stopping our schooling

Spring is coming

The sun is coming out, the snow is melting

Now we play in the sweltering heat

Running in our bare feet

Scraping our knees

Avoiding bees

We run with cheer

Spring is here

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## WILDCAT UPDATES

### A New Version of the OLGC Website Coming Soon!

*Margaret M., Co-Editor, 7th Grade*

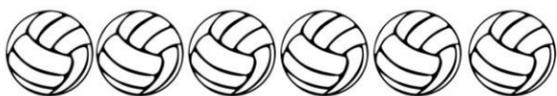
Clicking around on OLGC's website is a frequent activity for our students. Homework, school news, and uniform policies are just some of the few pieces of helpful information found here. I know that I use the website daily to check up on when the next Wildcat Spirit Day is or what the Hot Lunch is for that week. While we love our version of the website now, Mrs. Briody says that there will be a new version of the website coming out next school year! There will be vibrant pictures, interactive activities, and other things added so that students can enjoy the new site and have the best possible experience when looking for information. The location of everything will remain unchanged, though, so you will still be able to conveniently find all of the material in the same place. Make sure to look out for this new and improved site next school year!

### What is Catholic Schools Week?

*Ella H., 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which, in 2017, was January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 was "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." We had fun celebrating Catholic Schools Week at OLGC this year.

On Monday, the theme was "In Our Community", so our school went to Mass. On Tuesday, the theme was "Celebrating Our Nation", so we celebrated by having red, white, and blue day. For Wednesday, "Celebrating Our Students" day, we had a twin day, where students could dress alike. On Thursday, we were "Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers", and we had our annual eighth grade versus teachers volleyball game. This year, the teachers won! The eighth graders played well, too. Friday was jersey day. Students could wear their favorite sports team's jersey. Catholic Schools Week was very fun, and I hope we get to do many more fun things next year.



### Annual Volleyball Game

*Quin L., 8.75<sup>th</sup> Grade*

This year in the annual teacher versus 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball game, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders lost. This loss broke an 8<sup>th</sup> grade five-year winning streak. The teachers had some new-found talent with the killer duo of Sr. Bustamante and Mr. Zambito. They worked like a well-oiled machine, just constantly spiking the ball. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grader myself, I can assure you we all took the loss well and had a lot of fun.

## TEACHER FEATURES

### Spanish Teacher by Day, Soccer Coach by Night

*Kit S., Editor, 7<sup>th</sup> grade*

Thanks to Quinn L.'s interview with Sr. Bustamante in the winter edition of the Wildcat Tales, we learned that our middle school Spanish teacher has played high level soccer since he was very young. I was curious to learn more about this part of his life. Sr. Bustamante was kind enough to answer a few questions about his love of the game.

Sr. Bustamante started playing soccer at six years old with his family. His dad was a semi-professional player in Peru, where Sr. Bustamante grew up. When he was a teenager, he was selected to play for the U16 Peruvian National team as a defensive center mid. It was here that he started to evolve into a very accomplished player. He continued playing at this high level until he was 20 years old, when he was then called to play for the U23 Peruvian National team. He later traveled to Los Angeles, California, to compete in a few matches. Sr. Bustamante said it was a great opportunity.

Sr. Bustamante attended Long Island University on a four-year, full soccer scholarship here in the United States. He shared that it was a great experience, but that it was also extremely hard work with four practices a day for two weeks at a pre-season camp. Here, at Long Island University he was a 1993 First Team All American soccer player and the 1994 Northeast Conference Player of the Year. He also has the school's record for assists. After college, he played in the MLS for the Jersey Dragons and the New Jersey Stallions.

Two years ago, Sr. Bustamante created the Walter Bustamante Soccer Academy, where his goal was to help kids who want to learn the great sport of soccer and to instill the basic techniques needed to play. Here, he works on basic skills and technical drills while also helping the more advanced players improve their ability on the ball. Currently, Sr. Bustamante coaches a soccer team in Reston, but will be starting a U13 boys and a U13 girls travel soccer team in Great Falls.

As you can guess, Sr. Bustamante follows professional soccer teams! He is a fan of Barcelona, Manchester United, and Bayern Munich. He shared with me that he follows these teams because they play good soccer and that it is similar to the style of soccer he likes to play. His favorite players are Ronaldinho, Maradona, and Messi. He predicts that Argentina or Spain will win the 2018 Men's World Cup.

All of our teachers at OLGC have many varied and unique interests. It is fun to learn about them. Thank you Sr. Bustamante!



### Interview with Mrs. Crawford

*Sweetie E., 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Q. What was your most favorite job?  
A. I was a police cadet.

Q. Have you ever lived anywhere else besides Winchester, Virginia?  
A. I grew up in Falls Church, Virginia. I attended St. James from Kindergarten to eighth grade and then went to O'Connell. I later graduated from Marymount University and then finished by graduating from George Washington University and earned my Masters in Community Counseling.

Q. Who or what inspired you to become a teacher?  
A. A nun, Sister. Janet, talked me into being a teacher.

Q. Do you have any kids?  
A. I have four kids.

Q. Do you have any siblings?  
A. I have 4 siblings; 3 sisters and 1 brother

Q. Did you play any sports?  
A. In college, I played softball and was a fast pitch catcher. In high school I played basketball.



### Getting to Know Mr. Hall

*Sammie M., Co-Editor, 7<sup>th</sup> grade*

You probably all know Mr. Hall, OLGC's very own director of liturgy. But did you know he taught himself how to play and read music without ever having a lesson, or that he's been to Rome and Finland with the bishop? Keep on reading to learn all about our new liturgical minister.

Mr. Hall grew up in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and went to college at New Mexico State. After college, he decided he wanted to work as a liturgical minister. Mr. Hall had played the organ for his church when he was young, and had always wanted to work for the church. He went to courses at Notre Dame in preparation for being a liturgical minister.

Originally, Mr. Hall worked in Raleigh with Bishop Burbidge, our newly-appointed bishop. Mr. Hall worked with Bishop Burbidge for eight years as his master of ceremonies, traveling the world with him.

After eight years in North Carolina with Bishop Burbidge, Mr. Hall moved to Virginia. He was looking for a new parish to be liturgical minister. He accepted an interview with Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (OLGC), was offered the job of liturgical minister, and accepted his new job.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Idaho

Tricia S., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

The third grade is holding our annual State Fair in May. Each student was given a state to learn about and share with their class. My state was Idaho. It is located in the northwest region of the country. The capital is Boise and other popular towns are Twin Falls and Pocatello. Winter skiers enjoy visiting Sun Valley Resort and visitors come to see a large lava field called the Craters of the Moon. Sacajawea is a famous Native American that was born in Idaho and helped Lewis and Clark discover a trail to the Pacific Ocean.

Idaho is famous for many things, but is most well-known for its delicious potatoes. Idaho potatoes can grow up to 100 pounds!

### 10 Interesting Facts about South Carolina

Callie L., 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

South Carolina's state bird is the Carolina Wren.

South Carolina's state flower is the Yellow Jessamine.

South Carolina's state animal is the White Tailed Deer.

Two attractions are The Grand Strand and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

South Carolina's mottos are "Prepared in mind and resources," and, "While I breathe, I hope."

South Carolina's nickname is "The Palmetto State."

South Carolina's capital is Columbia.

Columbia's population in 2010 was 130,000.

Columbia is located in the center of South Carolina.

Three major cities are Charleston, Greenville, and Myrtle Beach.

### Sharks

Alexander A., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

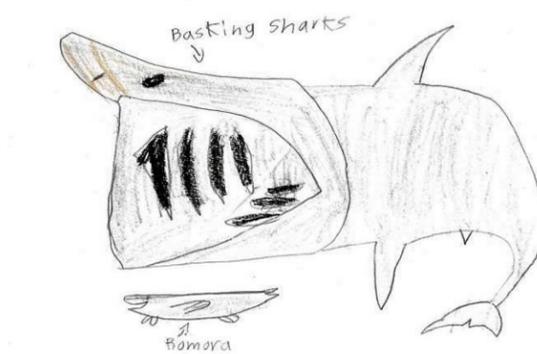
Spring Break will be here in no time and many people will do their annual trip to the beach. It is also the time when TV stations and newspapers will be reporting about Shark Attacks. Beware of the sharks! These creatures can be attracted by blood, splashing and by dogs. One bite from a shark is enough to kill a person.

Why are sharks attacking people? Forty-nine percent of the attacks involved surfers. The attacks do not indicate that sharks are attacking people more often. Rather, the human population is growing and there are more people swimming, surfing and diving in the ocean.

Are all sharks dangerous? There are about 375 shark species. Three species are responsible for most human attacks: the great white, tiger, and bull sharks. Most of the sharks are not threatening to humans; some are harmless such as the sand, whale, and the basking sharks.

The basking shark is the second-largest living fish, after the whale shark. The basking shark eats plankton. An adult basking shark reaches a length of 20 – 26 feet in length; they are grayish brown and prefer to swim in the warmer waters.

The next time you go to the beach, use caution and stay safe. Have a great Spring Break!



Picture of Shark  
Artist: Alexander A.  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### One Last Season at RFK

Aidan S., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

If you have never been to a DC United soccer game at RFK Stadium before, you should really try to go this season. This season is the last one that DC United will play at RFK stadium because they will be getting a new stadium next year. This is good news and sad news.

The good news is that DC United will have a brand new stadium of its own just three blocks away from where the Washington Nationals play. A new stadium is very exciting and it will be very different from RFK Stadium, where DC United played for 20 years.



The sad news is that we will have to say goodbye to RFK Stadium. RFK Stadium stands for the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium and was built in 1961, 56 years

ago! It is very old and beat up but so many things have happened there. The Washington Redskins played there for 36 seasons! Before Washington had the Washington Nationals playing there, a baseball team called the Senators played at RFK stadium in 1962.

So, now is the time to visit RFK Stadium because soon you may not have the chance. You can then get to see a great soccer game with DC United too!

### Six Vienna, Virginia Facts

Rebecca H., Jr. Editor, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1. The primary coordinate point for Vienna is located at latitude 38.901223 and longitude -77.265260

2. The alternate unofficial name for Vienna is Ayr Hill. In the 1760s, John Hunter, a native of Ayr County in Scotland, married Colonel Broadwater's daughter. Partly by marriage and partly by purchase, he succeeded Colonel Broadwater as the area's principal landowner. John Hunter built a house in what became the town in 1767 and called it Ayr Hill after his native land. As the village grew, it assumed the name Ayr Hill, by which it was known for a hundred years.

Unseasonable weather in the north and attractive land values in northern Virginia brought considerable migration to the Ayr Hill area from the 1840s to the 1860s. Among those immigrants was a family named Hendrick that came to Vienna in 1854. The Hendricks wanted Ayr Hill to change its name to Vienna, the name of their hometown in upstate New York. The change was willingly made, probably because the family owned a lot of land and had become influential in local affairs. The Vienna, New York, that was Hendrick's hometown changed its name to Phelps in 1855.

3. The Presbyterian Church was built in 1874, then the Methodist in 1890, and in 1896 the Episcopal Church was organized. As the number of churches increased, citizens began to speak of "The Street" as Church Street; so we know it today.

4. In 1881, Howard Money founded an undertaking business; today, Money and King Funeral Home is Vienna's oldest continuous business.

5. The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department is the oldest in Fairfax County. Fathered by Leon Freeman, it started in 1903 with a small hand-drawn chemical engine that was housed under Mr. Freeman's porch to prevent it from freezing in cold weather.

6. A trolley line came in 1903, furnishing hourly transportation to and from Washington, D.C. This gave way to the automobile age. The first car owned in town was Mr. Freeman's Franklin in 1904. The speed limit was 12 mph.

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## DID YOU KNOW

### Cont.

#### Town of Vienna Upcoming Events

Regina H., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Family Fishing Rodeo Saturday, April 22**  
**Incremental starting time slots available:**  
**9 AM, 9:30 AM, 10 AM, 10:30 AM, 11 AM, 11:30 AM**

#### **Wolftrap Creek, Wildwood Park**

Pre-registration is required. Tickets are \$3/fisher; limit of six per household. Tickets go on sale at 8 am January 30 for in-Town residents; all remaining tickets will be available starting February 6. All participants over the age of 16 must possess a fishing license, available via <https://dgiflicense.virginiainteractive.org/>.

**Big Screen on the Green Friday, May 12**  
**8:00 PM, Town Green**

Catch a family movie outdoors on the big screen! Movie will begin at dark. Free popcorn while supplies last.

**ViVa! Vienna! Saturday, May 27-29**  
**Sat/Sun: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Mon:**  
**10AM – 6:00PM, Vienna Town**  
**Green/Church Street**

Rides, music, crafts, food, entertainment, FUN!! ViVa! Vienna is a family- and community-oriented celebration of Memorial Day and the greater Vienna community spirit.

#### Easy Easter Candy Jars

Mallory V., 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Supplies Needed:

Small jars (any size or kind will do-mine are from the craft store)

- Decoupage
- Paint Brush
- Fine Glitter
- Craft foam or construction paper in pink, white and orange
- Candy
- Pom Poms
- Googley Eyes
- Hot Glue

Instructions:

- Paint a thin layer of decoupage all over your jar. Sprinkle glitter on it and shake off excess.
- Set aside and allow to dry.
- Cut ears from your white and pink craft foam and hot glue them to the lid of your bunny jar.
- Hot glue a pink pom pom for a tail.
- To make the face glue on googley eyes and a pom pom nose and then cut whiskers and glue them in place as well.
- For the chick, cut some little feet and glue them to the bottom of the jar and a little triangle beak and eyes for the face.
- Fill them with candy and give them to a friend!

## MOVIE REVIEWS

#### LEGO Batman Movie Review

Mateo A., 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

The movie is about Batman learning teamwork. In this movie, Batman first wants everybody to notice his job. The problem is he can't defeat Joker and his new army alone. He needs help from his adopted child, friend, butler, and Joker's old army. The ending is when Batman's friends and Joker's old army use teamwork to defeat the Joker. Batman joins a party at his house at the end.

The best part is when Batman realizes he has to use teamwork to defeat the Joker. He realizes that he cares about someone and finally has some fun.



#### Moana

Sofia R., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

*Moana* is a terrific movie! It's about a young girl named Moana. She is the chief's daughter, and she lives on an island. Her dream is to leave and explore the sea beyond the island. When the ocean itself chooses her for a great quest to restore the heart of Defiti, the powerful creator of life, Moana cannot refuse and decides to leave her family for this mission.

She travels the whole ocean and meets a demigod called Maui. Maui refuses to help her restore the heart of Defiti. After a great deal of convincing, Maui finally gives in. However, the trip is full of monsters and challenges. Maui teaches her how to battle these creatures, but he knows that something far worse awaits them. Then they realize the only way to save the world is to look deeper than the surface, or in this case, the earth.

Moana is a very courageous, caring girl. She is always learning something new. Maui can change into any animal with his magic hook. He is also very bold. Moana additionally has a pet chicken who enjoys being noisy.

I would rate *Moana* as a five-star movie because it tells the story of how a girl follows her destiny to save her family. I really enjoyed this movie and strongly recommend it to all who love an adventure.

#### Rogue One Movie Review

Ian M., 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Rogue One*, directed by Gareth Edwards, is one of the best movies in the Star Wars franchise. *Rogue One* is an intriguing story because of its humor as well as its serious themes. The main character Jyn Erso, with the help of other rebels, must find her father who constructed a massive super weapon called the Death Star for the Galactic Empire. The Death Star has the potential to destroy cities and planets. Jyn has to steal the plans that contain a secret defect in the Death Star in order for the Rebel Alliance to bring hope that the Death Star can be demolished. What is unusual about *Rogue One* is that it is a prequel to the first release, *A New Hope*, in 1977, and it helps to explain the events immediately leading up to the opening scene of that movie. The audience finds out why Princess Leia was being pursued by the Galactic Empire at the beginning of *A New Hope*.

This movie has some of the best acting and humor than any of the other Star Wars movies. Unlike *A New Hope*, there is much more attention in the dialogue about continuing the rebellion and the rebels articulate their ambivalence concerning their roles in that struggle. At one point in the movie, Jyn gets into a heated argument with fellow rebel, Cassian Andor, about who has suffered more and who has sacrificed more to the rebellion and has the right to dissociate from it when the going gets rough. In *A New Hope*, the rebels came across as a resolute bunch or as mostly extras on the set: the only doubter is the genial Hans Solo. But even Solo is rehabilitated by the rebels at the end of that movie.

Furthermore, the actors wear amazing costumes that reflected the different cultures of the Star Wars saga. The iconic science fiction technology within the movie was exactly the same to the technology seen in *A New Hope* such as the Stormtrooper blasters, the firing sequence of the Death Star, and the lights and switches inside a Galactic Empire Base, X-wing, or a TIE-fighter. It also has more realistic shoot-outs and battles due to the Stormtroopers having improved aim and accuracy, often hitting their targets more often. The computer-generated images produce some of the best battle scenes on the ground and in space.

*Rogue One* earned \$155 million on opening day. According to the movie review site Rotten Tomatoes, *Rogue One* is considered to have been one of the most successful movies in 2016 and the second Star Wars movie to have made the most money. Even if you are not a *Star Wars* fan, you will enjoy this movie.

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## TV & BOOK REVIEWS

### Review of *Adventure Time: Islands*

Maya H., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Season eight of *Adventure Time* kicked off with a blast, and the episodes have been better than ever. More importantly, the newest mini-series came aired a couple weeks ago: *Adventure Time: Islands*. This mini-series was the most adventure-filled eight episodes ever. It contained so many fun-filled quests as Finn, Jake, BMO, and Susan Strong set out to find Founder's Island to discover Finn's past.

It all starts off in "The Invitation," when a human transport ship looking for Susan Strong comes upon Ooo. While searching for her, it comes across Finn and verifying that he is a human, and it welcomes him on board before Jake smashes it to pieces. After examining the ship, Susan Strong realizes that she needs to go back to Founder's Island where the ship was supposed to transport her back to. Finn insists that he could discover the keys to his past and boards the H.M.S. Sugarspit in search of Founder's Island with Susan, Jake, and BMO.

In "Whipple the Happy Dragon," Whipple helps our heroes across the ocean to Founder's Island only to be confronted by the Colossus, which separates the team. The episode "Mysterious Island" continues with Finn's journey to find his lost friends on a bizarre island. Finn eventually finds Jake only after he meets Alva and her bear, Albert. In "Imaginary Resources," they find BMO in his virtual reality world, and they find Susan remembering her past in "Hide and Seek." It only gets better as we discover how Finn ended up in Ooo in an emotional "Min and Marty," and the last two episodes, "Helpers" and "The Light Cloud" show the heart-warming reunion of Finn and his mother.

*Adventure Time: Islands* does a wonderful job of explaining Finn's past and answers so many deep questions about humans in the series. I felt so satisfied after watching this, and knowing that *Adventure Time* will end after season nine, I have enjoyed every single second of each moment in this wonderful show. I absolutely loved it, and I recommend every person who loves a fun-filled but deep adventure to watch this amazing mini-series. I give it a five out of five stars.

### Sisters Book Review

Vanessa H., 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

This story, *Sisters*, is written and drawn by Raina Telgemeier. The main character is a girl named Raina. Raina couldn't wait to be a big sister. Once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be. Amara is cute, but she's also a cranky, grouchy baby, and mostly prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years. But when a baby

brother enters the picture, and later, when something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all.

I like this book because it is an easy comic book for younger kids to read. I like the colors and pictures because it makes you feel like you are in the story. The characters are real and teach you a good lesson about how you should love your family the most even if you don't get along so well. I recommend this book for kids ages 6 to 10. I rate this book 5 out of 5 stars.

## WILDCAT BITES

### Strawberry Lemonade Bars Recipe

Maria B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Emery B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Ingredients:

*For the crust:*

- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

*For the filling:*

- 1 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2-3 teaspoons lemon zest
- 3/4 cup chopped strawberries
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- powdered sugar

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350. Line a 9 x 13 pan with foil or parchment and spray with cooking spray. In a medium bowl, beat the butter and sugar together, until fluffy. Add the flour and salt and mix until a crumbly dough forms. Pat the mixture into the prepared pan, spreading in an even layer. Bake 15 minutes, or until lightly golden around the edges.



### Chocolate Mousse Recipe

Mary Grace S., 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ingredients Needed:

- 1 cup chocolate
- 1 cup whipped cream

Directions:

- Melt chocolate and cool
- Fold chocolate into whipped cream until fluffy
- Refrigerate 1 hour
- Enjoy!

## WILDCAT BITES Cont.

### Chipotle and Starbucks

Ben N., 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Hmmmm. Chipotle and Starbucks are two of my favorite places to eat with my family, but they are two very different places. Which one is healthier and cheaper than the other? Here are the pros and cons of the two.

At Chipotle, I will order a bowl with steak, brown rice, sour cream, cheese, and lettuce with an iced tea. Seems like a healthy meal. Let's see what I would get at Starbucks. I'll order a Strawberries and Crème Frappuccino with a nice warm sausage, cheddar, and egg sandwich. Which meal is healthier-Chipotle or Starbucks?

The total calories for my orders at Chipotle verses Starbucks are closer than I thought. At Chipotle, all the things in the bowl are a whopping 585 calories, and the iced tea is zero calories. At Starbucks, there are 370 calories in a Strawberries and Crème Frappuccino, and the sausage, cheddar, and egg sandwich is 500 calories; totaling 585 calories at Chipotle and 870 calories at Starbucks.

Now, which one is cheaper? At Chipotle, the bowl is \$7.80 and the iced tea is \$1.95. At Starbucks, the Strawberries and Crème Frappuccino is \$4.95. The sausage, cheddar, and egg sandwich is \$3.45. The bowl and iced tea is \$9.75. The sandwich and Strawberries and Crème Frappuccino is \$8.40.

For a healthier meal, I would go to Chipotle. For a cheaper meal, I would go to Starbucks.



### Molly's Yogurt

Catie B., 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

When I walked into the cozy store, I was hit with the refreshing air conditioning and the ever-present roar of the freezers. The cashier smiled, and I took a look at my options. There were some yogurt machines behind the counter and a big freezer of gelato. There were the normal flavors, such as chocolate and cookies and cream, and the more out-of-the-box flavors that got changed every once in a while, such as raspberry basil and cherry blossom. I chose dark chocolate gelato and asked how much were the toppings. To my surprise, she said that it was free. I piled the mini chocolate chips on and took a seat at the big steel table. The price for one cup of gelato was about five dollars. The flavor of the gelato was exactly the same as the real thing, which has become their signature. Overall, I would give Molly's Yogurt 4.5 stars only because when I went to the bathroom to wash my hands, there was a stack of chairs in there, which was odd.

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## SPORTS

### Give It Up For Your New Washington Nationals!

*Peter F., 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*

The Washington Nationals were good last year: they won their division and put up a very good fight in their playoff series against the L.A. Dodgers. Manager Dusty Baker wants to do everything he can to make sure that the Nats are good again this year. The Nationals have most of the same guys as last year, but they did lose a few players, such as Mark Melancon (the closer), catcher Wilson Ramos, and shortstop Danny Espinosa.

There are also some new Nats. The key new Nats are Adam Eaton, Matt Weiters, and Joe Nathan. Last year's center fielder Trea Turner will also be changing positions to be the shortstop this season.

Adam Eaton is... a speedy center fielder from the Chicago White Sox who might bat leadoff. To get Eaton, the Nats traded their three best pitching prospects in Reynaldo Lopez, Lucas Giolito, and Dane Dunning. His fancy new stats like wins against replacement (WAR) are good, but the traditional stats like batting average and home runs are not.

Trea Turner is... a fast player who played center field for half of the season last year and was a great hitter. He switched positions this year because the Nats wanted to get rid of Danny Espinosa. Either Turner or Eaton will bat leadoff.

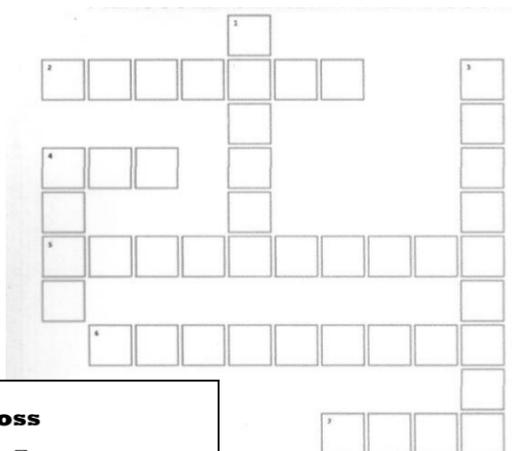
Matt Weiters is... a catcher from the Baltimore Orioles, who signed with the Nats because he was injured, so the Orioles didn't re-sign him. He will replace Wilson Ramos, who hurt his knee so badly he can't catch for at least a few more months. Ramos went to Tampa to play DH and maybe to catch later in the season.

Joe Nathan is... one of the greatest closers of all time. The Nats got him from the San Francisco Giants because he was injured. This will be his 17<sup>th</sup> season playing baseball (for a baseball player that is a very long career). As I mentioned earlier, the Nats need a new closer, and Dusty Baker thinks Nathan, Shawn Kelley, or Blake Treinen might be the one to fill that role.

Hopefully the Nats will be good again this year. I think that the Nats might be able to win their division and go to the second round or even the World Series in the playoffs.

### Men's College Basketball Mascots

*Peter F., 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*



**Across**

- 2. The Zags
- 4. The Tarheels
- 5. The Cardinals
- 6. They won the NCAA title last year
- 7. They are the Blue Devils

**Down**

- 1. Their mascot is a Jayhawk
- 3. The Fighting Irish
- 4. They are the Bruins

### STEPHEN CURRY

*Alex B., 4<sup>th</sup> grade*

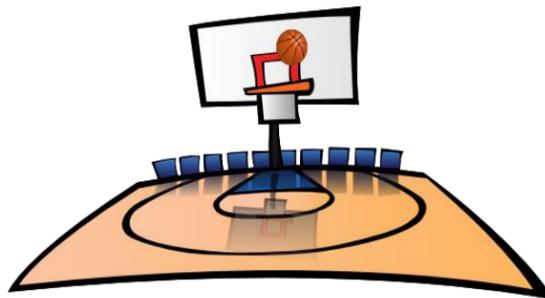
Stephen (Steph) Curry is a point guard for the Golden State Warriors and an electrifying shooter. He was born on March 13, 1988 in Akron, Ohio, the same city as NBA star LeBron James. Curry's brother, Seth, and his dad, Dell, both have played in the NBA as well.

Steph signed a four-year contract with the Warriors. His pay from this contract is 44 million dollars. In the 2015 season, he won the Most Valuable Player Award and NBA Championship. He'll be a free agent at the end of this season and will be eligible for a five-year contract worth as much as \$207 million. He can sign for slightly less if he chooses to play for a new team. Steph also has a big endorsement deal that includes part ownership with Under Armour.

In each of his first 4 seasons in the NBA, he has made it to the All-Star game. He's only 6'3" tall but can still dunk. However, he's much better known for his 3 pointers that seem to always swish. In the last few years, Steph's broken the record for most 3-pointers in a season. He's also one of the most efficient shooters in the NBA. He makes almost 45% of his shots from long-range. In addition to his accuracy from 3-point range, Steph has been known to hit many half-court buzzer beater shots.

Stephan Curry played for Davidson during his college career. In his final season, he led his team to the Elite Eight, beating powerhouse schools like Gonzaga, Georgetown, and Wisconsin. In his first-round game against Gonzaga, he scored 30 points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, hitting 8 threes in total.

I like Stephen Curry because he praises God and is a good sport. He's also an outspoken leader on issues that matter to him.



### February Frenzy

*Jack B., 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*

This is my first year as a non-player in the House League tournament at OLG. My first year playing, I was a CCF participant. Last year, I changed schools and played as an OLG student. Over the past two years, I had a lot of fun competing and hanging out on the bleachers and in the Counsel Room with my friends. I had always hoped that my team would advance to the championship, but unfortunately that didn't happen. I came the closest as a fourth grader when my team made it to the semifinals.

This year will be another new perspective. My younger brother will be playing as a fourth grader and my dad coaches his team, the Euro Gods. I asked my dad for his thoughts about competing in the House League tournament.

For example, I asked him if it was stressful heading into the tournament. He said, "It is stressful because the kids have worked so hard throughout the season to improve, but you never know how each kid will respond to the pressure. Plus, in the double-elimination format, you never know who you'll be playing the next game. After your first loss, you'll be fighting for survival."

I also asked him about how sportsmanship at this tournament compares to so many other games he's coached in. My dad responded, "Good sportsmanship is so much more important than winning the championship. The reason for that is most of these players will see each other in school and you want to be sure that competition doesn't get in the way of friendship. In addition, the tone is set before each game when the teams say a quick prayer and shake hands. It's my hope they have that same feeling after the whole tournament is over."

Regardless of which team you were pulling for, I hope everyone enjoyed the games and the delicious food that they served. For those playing, I hope that you played the best that you possibly could!

Editor's Note:

Congratulations to the two teams who won this year's February Frenzy!



*Boys' February Frenzy Champions:  
Team M&Ms*



*Girls' February Frenzy Champions:  
Team Lightning Bolts*

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## GLOBAL WILDCATS

### A Rant about Airports

Becker S., 8<sup>th</sup> grade

I have a lot of issues with airports. Airports are like that one person at a party that no one invited but they came anyway. I was recently in an airport and while just standing there, I realized how many problems there are with airports. The problem is that to go somewhere amazing, you have to deal with an airport. It's like that skin treatment that makes your skin worse before it gets better: it's a struggle.

For example, I don't like the fact that you have to wait for literally everything. It's like a very depressing and crowded amusement park. Check your bags? You have to wait. Do you want to buy food? NO, unless you want to wait an endless amount of time in a line. Waiting for the plane to take off? You are pretty much going to sit there, waiting. Security? OH MY GOSH, SECURITY. If you are waiting to go through security, you will feel like it will take forever. I just don't understand why everything takes 4,093,128 years to do in an airport. I am a very impatient person and I like when everything is done very quickly. I am working on being more tolerant about things, but for now, I want to be finished and moving on as soon as possible. It's how I am.

The next reason I hate airports might just be me: I lose everything, but in an airport, it seems like you are a hundred times more likely to lose something important or valuable. It's like the Bermuda Triangle of buildings.

Another thing: Why is everything in airports that I want to buy 20 dollars more expensive than that item would be anywhere else? For example, on a recent plane trip, I left my headphones at home, so I needed a new pair. Usually, cheap headphones can cost between 5 to 10 dollars, right? But, in an airport, they have these super-low-quality headphones that are 23 dollars! I was shocked! My aunt eventually paid for them, but I felt bad because they were so expensive. You could get the same pair at 7-11.

So, you can see why I think airports are awful. Rant over!

### Upcoming Movies

**Leap Paris, 1884:** An orphaned girl arrives in Paris from Brittany. Félicie Milliner is 11 and has no money, but one big, passionate dream: to become a dancer. With nothing left to lose, Félicie takes a big risk: she “borrows” a spoiled brat’s identity and enters the Opera Ballet School. How long can she be someone else? Mentored by the tough and mysterious cleaner, Odette, Félicie learns that talent is not enough: it takes hard work to be better than her ruthless, conniving fellow students – that, and the value of friendship. Felicie's inventive, exhausting, and charismatic best friend, Victor, also has a dream: to become a famous inventor. Together, they both encourage each other to reach for the stars. (Starts showing on April 21)

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2** Based on the Marvel comic characters first published in 1969. The movie continues the team’s adventures as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill’s true parentage. (Starts showing May 5)

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul** Based on Jeff Kinney’s series of books (A Wimp Will Rise). A family road trip to attend Meemaw’s 90th birthday party goes off course, thanks to Greg’s newest scheme to (finally!) become famous. (Starts showing May 19)

**Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie** Based on the popular eight-volume book series by Dav Pilkey. Tells the story of two overly-imaginative pranksters named George and Harold, who hypnotize their principal into thinking he’s a ridiculously-enthusiastic, incredibly-dimwitted superhero named Captain Underpants. (Starts showing June 2)

### April Fools’ Day around The World

Regina H., Editor, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

What Americans know as April Fools’ Day is observed at different times in different parts of the world. Though historical evidence is ambiguous, most believe that when the Gregorian calendar was adopted in the late 1500s, the New Year was moved from April 1 to January 1. Those who kept to the old tradition and the old date were labeled fools, hence the association.

**France** – The holiday here is known as Poisson d’Avril, which translates to “April fish”, and is also celebrated in Italy as Pesce d’Aprile. Traditionally, schoolchildren will tape a picture of a fish on the back of an unsuspecting classmate and wait for the transgression to be discovered.

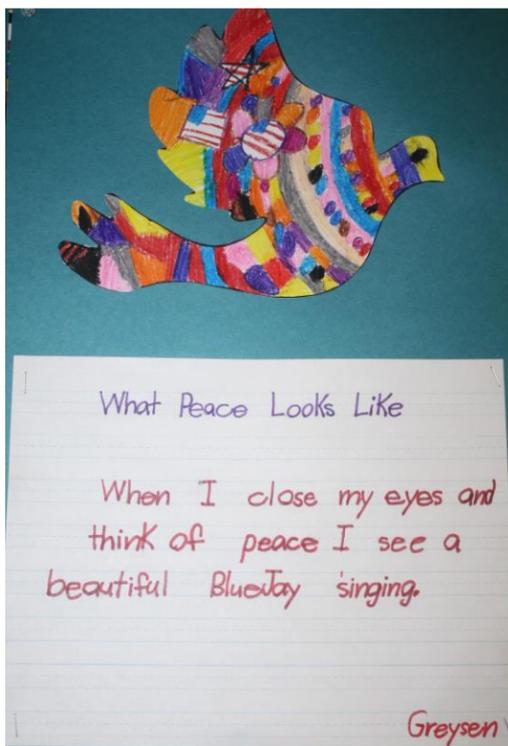
**Iran** – The 13th day of the Persian New Year is called Sizdah Bedar, and usually falls on April 1 or April 2. Pranks have reportedly been played on this holiday since 536 BC, making it perhaps the oldest-known joke day.

**Spain** – December 28, Holy Innocent’s Day or Childermas, is also celebrated in Latin America. Though it technically is a Christian feast day, the pranking tradition that it’s now known for is strictly a cultural invention.

**Portugal** – The Sunday and Monday prior to Lent is when the Portuguese celebrate April Fools’ Day, and they have embraced one prank as their own: throwing flour on someone.

**India** – India’s Holi festival is celebrated on March 31 and is a day to play jokes, toss colored dust, and wear face and body paint to inaugurate spring.

**Denmark** – May 1 is Maj-kat (“May cat”), a joke day, although here and in Sweden they also celebrate April 1 as April Fools’ Day.



Artist: Greysen C.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### OLGC Happenings

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Summer Uniforms Permitted

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Baseball Opening Day Lunch & Wildcat Spirit Day

**April 7<sup>th</sup>:** End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**April 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Passion Play

**April 13<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>:** Easter Vacation

**April 26<sup>th</sup>:** Health & Wellness Jamboree

**May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Teacher Appreciation Day

**May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Cinco De Mayo Fiesta Lunch & Variety Show

**May 10<sup>th</sup>:** Wildcat Spirit Day

**May 12<sup>th</sup>:** Screen on the Green

**May 19<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Dance

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## WILDCAT FEATURES

### How to Make Slime

*Elizabeth V., 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

After experimenting many times on how to make slime, I found one recipe that I can guarantee will work if you follow these simple instructions.

The materials you need are:

- 1 tsp Borax
- 1/3 c water
- 1 c water
- 1 bottle of Elmer's Glue
- Food coloring optional
- Glitter optional

Begin by dissolving 1 tsp of Borax into 1/3 c water. It may not dissolve completely, but that is okay. After the Borax has dissolved, pour 1 cup of water into a big bowl. Now, pour your bottle of glue into your bowl with the water. Then, use a mixing utensil to mix the glue and water together until it is smooth. If you are adding any food coloring or glitter, you should add it now. Stir this mixture until the glitter and coloring are mixed thoroughly. Add your borax-and-water mixture to the glue and water. Now, start to mix them both together and it will clump. You will have to use your hands and knead the slime until it is not sticky.

Some helpful tips are:

After a while, the slime keeps sticking to your hands. You either have to knead it more or wash your hands for it to not stick to your hands anymore.

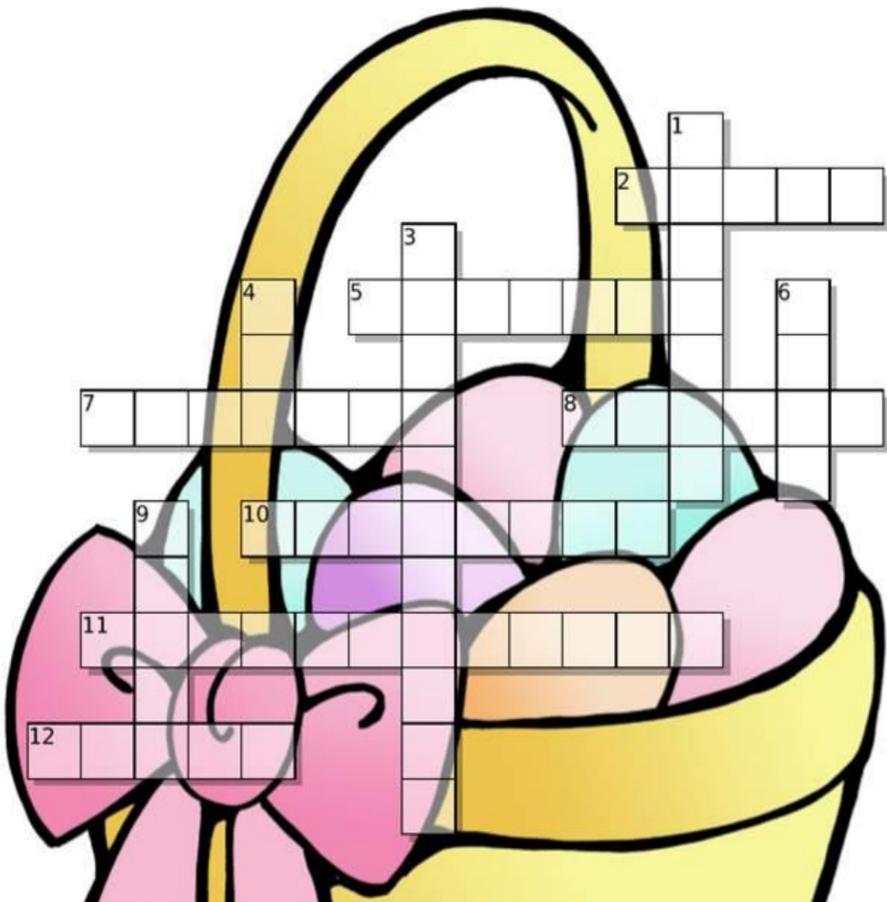
If you are looking for interesting effects, you can try putting small objects, like sequins, in the slime when you add the food coloring.

Remember to keep your slime in an air-tight container or plastic bag.

I hope you have fun making slime!

### Spring Word Search

*Maria B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Emery B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*



#### ACROSS

- 2 What flowers do in spring
- 5 Colored arc in the sky
- 7 OLGCS school mascot
- 8 Season between winter and summer
- 10 Used to keep dry
- 11 When the Last Supper was celebrated
- 12 He has risen

#### DOWN

- 1 April showers bring May
- 3 Brings Easter goodies
- 4 Our Father
- 6 What is 40 days before Easter
- 9 Jesus was meant to die on this

### Easter Word Search

*Megan B., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

S	E	Y	O	L	S	O	I	Z	M
V	B	A	S	K	E	T	F	F	O
P	D	Z	M	J	W	Q	E	X	B
G	J	U	D	T	S	W	M	D	Y
V	D	D	O	D	G	U	W	J	B
T	H	Y	J	M	X	C	I	J	L
Q	I	H	E	R	E	O	T	Y	A
R	Y	O	S	T	A	H	N	Y	T
Q	H	B	U	T	R	Y	E	G	G
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Z	B	D	O	C	Y	R	S	D	F
R	G	J	V	C	G	E	S	L	V
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R	F	J	S	U	O	R	M	V	C
T	K	Q	W	H	C	K	X	F	N
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| BUNNY  | CANDY | CHURCH |
| BASKET | EGG   | RISEN  |
| SEARCH | JESUS | DYE    |



### Spring

*Chloe N., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Spring is neat,

I hear birds cheep!

This year's spring is new,

Our flowers grew, grew, grew!

Let's go play on a beautiful day,

Wow, I saw a blue jay!

Spring is here I want to cheer,

It's not the end of this whole year!



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## WILDCAT FEATURES

### EDITORIAL

#### **Easter Meaning**

Regina H., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Have you walked through store aisles lately? There are many reminders that Easter is coming. What isn't so obvious is that, for Catholics, Easter is truly one of the most significant days of the year.

At the store we find baskets and eggs as the symbols of Easter, instead of a cross and an empty tomb. We also see bunnies that bring candy instead of a Savior who brings life.

Do you ever wonder why children are more excited about the coming of the Easter Bunny than about the coming of God's kingdom? We spend many days on egg-coloring and baskets but focus on Jesus Christ's death and resurrection for about an hour on Sunday morning.

During school break, try to look for ways to make the *true* significance of Easter a reality.

### EDITORIAL

#### **Cake Boss**

Kit S., 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Quick! You are given a number of mysterious food ingredients. You have access to a stove and a small amount of time to create a dish that will really impress world renowned judges. Oh, and you are doing this while competing against others who resolutely want to win too. Welcome to the world of television cooking and baking competition shows!

More and more cooking and baking competition television shows are becoming very popular. There are many to watch and enjoy: *Chopped*, *Iron Chef America*, *Cutthroat Kitchen*, and *Cupcake Wars* to name just a few. In addition, there are also many fun cooking and baking reality type shows. One that has been around for a long time and one of my favorites is *Cake Boss*!

*Cake Boss* is about an Italian family's bake shop, Carlo's Bakery. They make delicious cannoli, famously-good lobster tails, and savory biscotti, but they are best known for their ornate and unique cakes. Carlo's Bakery was founded by Carlo Guastaffero in 1910 in Hoboken, NJ. After his passing, his son, Bartolo Jr. "Buddy" Valastro, has run the business by collaborating with his sisters, mom, and other extended family members. In *Cake Boss*, Buddy, his family, and employees are shown making their specialty desserts and amazing custom cakes with great talent and finesse. Through *Cake Boss*, you really get to know Buddy's loving, genial, and loud Italian family and learn more about how their amazing creations evolve. It is a great show that is fun for the entire family, and I guarantee you will love it!



#### **Oreo Snowman Recipe**

Stephanie S., 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

The ingredients you will need are:

- 1 package (8 ounces) of brick cream cheese
- 1 box of Oreo cookies
- 2 packages of white chocolate chips
- 1 box/bag of mini Oreos
- Decorative icing

Directions:

First, put the Oreos in a blender or hand-crush them. Add the cream cheese and slowly mix it in the crushed Oreos on a bowl. After that is done, shape the Oreos into balls with your hands. [Make sure your hands are clean!] Next, put the balls into the freezer for at least 20 minutes. I would recommend nothing more than 45 minutes. Take them out and let them sit. Melt the white chocolate chips by using the microwave or stove. The microwave is the better choice in my opinion because it might burn on the stove. Be careful! Then dip the balls into the chocolate. Make sure the chocolate does not dry. Then, put the mini Oreos on. This will be the hat. Let them dry for about 10-20 minutes. After that, start decorating! You can go crazy, or simple!



#### **Wildcat Tales Guest Reporters**

Are you in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and want to be a Guest Reporter? Pick a topic from the list below and submit your article to the school office or to a *Wildcat Tales* editor.

- Dorsa Derakhshani
- 3D Scans for King
- Tut's Tomb
- Zhou Youguang
- Grimaldi,
- Copernicus, Sea of Clouds

## DEAR WILDCAT

Dear Wildcat,

*I don't see the 8th graders very often. When will the Spring Fest be?*

*And are they selling candy at lunch soon?*

*Lotsa Questions*

Dear Lotsa Questions,

The next time you see the president, Sophie Page, in the hallway you should ask her how plans for Spring Fest are going and when they will sell the candy. I am sure the Student Council is working hard to set everything up.

As for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, maybe try to come earlier in the morning and talk to them before school.

Your friend,

The Wise Wildcat

Dear Wildcat,

*Why can't we have recess with our prayer partners? I think that would be fun.*

*Recess*

Dear Recess,

That is such a great idea! You should put that in the Student Council suggestion box in your classroom. You can also ask your teacher to set up a recess time with your prayer partners. I think you all will have a lot of fun!

Your friend,

The Wise Wildcat

Dear Wildcat,

*I am in House League basketball for the first time.*

*I am not very good and now I have to play a game in front of the entire school soon.*

*Should I quit?*

*House League Player*

Dear House League Player,

By the time you read this, House League will be over. I hope that you kept playing because House League isn't about being the best. It's about having fun and learning. I'm sure your first game went well and I really hope you had a great season!

Your friend,

The Wise Wildcat

#### **Spring Word Search Answers**

Emery B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Maria B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

