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#### STORYTELLING

By: Mykaela Santos



Photo Credit: Nicholas Connolly

Once upon a time, in an Intermediate School, there was an after school program called storytelling. Now what is this storytelling I speak of you ask? Well, I had that same question so I decided to investigate. I asked fellow classmates Alexandra True and Katie Bettencourt some questions to inform you about this after school program.

"Why did you decide to do storytelling?" I asked them. Lexie said; "Well the last year Mrs. Chase, the storytelling teacher, came up to me and handed me a flyer. I thought it looked really cool so I took it home to my parents and they said I could do it. I liked it so much that I decided to do it again this year." Katie replied: "Last year I had decided to do it because of my stagefright and loved it so I am doing it again this year."

Next I asked them, "What is your favorite thing about storytelling?" "When I tell my story in front of the audience for the first time," Katie said. "I really like how you get to pick your own story but the games are pretty fun too," said Lexie..

The last question I asked was "Would you recommend storytelling to any fourth graders that haven't done it this year to do it next year? Why?" "Definitely," they both said. "It is a good way to get over stage fright, it's very fun, and you learn how to speak on stage." Both Lexie and Katie agreed that it was a great opportunity and lots of fun.

So that is storytelling my readers. Does it sound fun? Did this make you want to join storytelling? Well, I'm sure Mrs. Chase would love some more students next year!



## SPring Pictures around the corner

By: Aurora Corbett



Artwork By: Madison Gilbert

Smile! Spring pictures are around the corner. I know some of you may not like picture day, but I bet some of you do. But I mean come on, some parents don't even buy pictures! If your parents do buy pictures you have to look **PERFECT**. Although some of you may dislike picture day people have other opinions with other reasons. Students may think of picture day as an opportunity to look their very best. Some students may like dressing up for picture day. As you can see there are different opinions supporting both arguments

If some of you are like me who either have trouble picking what clothes to wear or what to do with your hair I have your back.

**Tip 1:** If you are having trouble with picking out your clothes you could ask your parents for help. I know some of you may not have time in the mornings (like me) so try asking your parents the night before. If don't want to ask or can't you could simply wear jeans and a plain shirt.

**Tip 2:** Having trouble with your hair girls? I can help. Ponytails or pigtails might do the trick. Or if you're not into the tails, try a braid. If you have short hair you might as well put in a clip. But, you could just leave it down.

**Tip 3:** Not a morning person? Try picking out your clothes the night before or do your hair (blow dry, straighten, curl, etc.) Also, don't forget to do your homework the night before. If you try to do it in the morning you'll have less time to pick out your clothes or do your hair for picture day.

I hope you readers will take these suggestions into thought. If you have any questions feel free to ask me.

DON'T FORGET PICTURE DAY! Monday, March 12th

#### A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW: RECESS MONITOR

By: Autumn Arnone



Photo Credit: Phoebe Quinn

All the monitors are there to ensure that you have a safe school day; everyday. You know recess monitors as the people who tell you line up and to follow the rules, but they have so much more to say. This month we asked Mrs. DiRuzza a handful of questions; here are her responses.

**Reporter**: If you could go anywhere for vacation where would you go?

Mrs. DiRuzza: Utah.

**Reporter**: If you got three wishes, what would you wish for?

Mrs. DiRuzza: Health for everyone, money/ win the lottery, and a personal chef

**Reporter**: What's the best thing about your job?

Mrs. DiRuzza: Playing with the students Reporter: What's your least favorite part about your job?

Mrs. DiRuzza: Kids talking back.
Reporter: What is your favorite thing to do on the weekends?

Mrs. DiRuzza: Eat

I hope that after reading this you step back and realize that the recess monitors are people too. They are humans and deserve to be respected. So, next time a monitor asks you to follow the rules, be respectful and do as you are asked. For they are not trying to be mean they are just doing their job!

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## UNICORNS HISTORY, FACTS, & MORE!

by: Delaney Bazydlo



Artwork By: Delaney Bazydlo

Do you believe in unicorns? All of the students I interviewed throughout fourth and fifth grade did believe in unicorns. Unicorns were first recorded over 2400 years ago in Greek natural history. Marco Polo wrote during one of his journeys that he saw a unicorn and that it was very ugly. Marco Polo actually saw a rhinoceros. A circus had a "living unicorn" named Lancelot. People from all over the world came to see "Lancelot the Living Unicorn," however Lancelot was just a goat with naturally infused horns. Unicorns are the animal of Scotland. In "The Unicorn Song" by the Irish Rovers it says, "Them unicorns were hiding, playing silly games, kicking and splashing, as the rain was pouring. "Close the door it is pouring and we just can't wait for unicorns." "While the Unicorns cried the boat drifted away and then the water drifted them away. That is why you will not see a unicorn, to this very day."

I interviewed six students and got their opinions on unicorns. I asked the students what they know about unicorns. Most students said they knew unicorns were magical, mythical creatures, and they have one horn. I also asked what they think a unicorn would look like? Everyone had a different answer about what they thought a unicorn would look like Autumn A. said, "White fur, a rainbow mane, and a gold horn." Another question they answered was where do you think unicorns come from? Most students said a magical universe, but Addison A. said, "Up in the clouds creating rainbows and spreading goodness around the world." The final question I asked was do you believe in unicorns why or why not? All of the students I interviewed said they do but most of them had different reasons why. Addison A. said, "Yes I do believe because, how would people know about unicorns if they were not real?" Ethyn T. said "Yes I do believe in unicorns because I saw them on the internet." Did your opinion about unicorns change based on this information?

#### Interview with Mrs. Penini →

By: Madison Nunes



Photo Credit: Joslyn Mota

## Teacher profile: Mrs. B

By: Cameron Poirier



Photo Credit: Ava DiGiammo

Cameron Poirier here, reporting live from the GRAIS Rising Star. I interviewed Mrs. Boissonneau because she is the greatest art teacher ever! Below are the questions I asked and the answers that I got.

#### When did you first want to be an art teacher?

- I have always wanted to be an artist all of my life until college when I decided to become an art teacher.

#### What is your favorite class project?

- My personal favorite class project is clay because it is similar to playing in dirt and I love to play in dirt. Also, some of the earliest was made out of clay.

## Who are your favorite artists? What is your favorite artwork?

- My favorite artists are Andy Goldsworthy and Phoebe Wahl and my favorite artwork is named the Mountainous Landscape behind St. Paul Hospital by: Vincent Van Gogh!

#### If there was no such thing as art what would you do?

- If there was no such thing as art I would be a farmer because I love fresh grown food and I love to know where it comes from. I love the texture of the soil too.

## What's your favorite masterpiece or project that you've done?

- My favorite project that I've done was a French Folktale in college.

#### What is one thing that know one knows about?

- I like to listen to heavy metal.

#### INTERVIEW:

#### Q: What is it like to be a counselor?

A: I have fun and I like talking to students.

#### Q: What made you want to work here?

A: My friend told me it was a good school.

#### Q: How old were you when you decided to work here?

A: I was in highschool.

#### Q: What do you do at our school?

A: I do group, I work with kids, and I do lunch.

#### Q: What is your #1 rule?

A: To be kind to each other.

#### Q: When did you start working here?

A: In 2017.

#### sanity or slime?

By: Ava Richmond & Sarah Doherty



Photo Credit: Sarah Doherty

"Mom!!!! Can you get me a paper towel? Why? I got slime all over the place.

"Ahhhhhhh!" Most of the time that is the reaction from kids and parents when they first see or hear the word "slime". Slime is sometimes gross and sometimes cool, but what matters is what type of slime you like. Is it the sticky slime, the jiggly slime, the butter slime or one of the amazing others?

What is slime? Okay, you may think I am crazy asking a question like that, but there are actually people out there who do not know what slime is. Would you be surprised to learn that slime was originally green with no other available colors like blue, pink or purple? Believe it or not some things in slime are toxic and can hurt you like Borax. Some recipes call for Borax, but I suggest not using it. There are a lot of recipes out there that all make different types of slime but some fail and some succeed!

Sticky slime is so fun to play with, but make sure not to get it all over the place. Most people like the ooey gooey mess of the sticky slime. They say they like the feeling of the softness on their fingers. But most importantly, how do you make sticky slime? You can make this easy slime recipe with everyday home items! First, you need a Ziploc bag or an airtight container. Then you need Elmer's glue and laundry detergent. If you want to make colored slime, remember to get food coloring. Next, pour Elmer's glue into a bowl. Add as much glue as you want to the slime. If you want colored slime, then add the food coloring (if you are using colored detergent it will turn that color) and mix it in until it has fully blended in. Then, pour in a little laundry detergent and stir. Don't pour in too much detergent, or it won't be slime. Keep adding detergent and mixing until it looks like slime. Play with it in your hands until it turns into slime!

Are you a person who dislikes sticky slime? If you are, you will probably like jiggly slime. Jiggly slime is not sticky at all and is fun to play with. The only bad thing is that it sometimes breaks apart easily. You can make this fun and non sticky slime with just a few ingredients. First, weigh some poly vinyl alcohol (PVA) powder and mix it with 25 times as much warm water. Let that sit for about 12 hours, then stir for two minutes or until the PVA mixture is clear. When you are done stirring, add some liquid food coloring if you want your slime colored and then stir again. Now it is time to prepare some activator by mixing equal amounts of water and Elmer's glue. In a Ziploc bag, add 1 part of your activator for every 10 parts of your PVA mixture. Then you can fold and knead it with your hands until it is fully formed. Let sit for 2 hours and then you have jiggly slime!

Butter slime is probably almost everyone's favorite. You can stretch it, play with it, and create bubbles with it. You may be thinking, but how do you make butter slime? First, pour in some Elmer's glue, a bit of cornstarch, and a little shampoo.

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Then, add body lotion and laundry detergent. Don't forget to include food coloring if you want your slime colored. Mix together until it is soft. Then play with it in your hands until you get the texture just how you want. Finally, put it into an airtight container or a Ziploc bag to be sure it will not dry out.

Have you ever been stressed? Do you really love slime? If the answer to both questions is yes, then you are sure to love fluffy slime or "cloud slime," as some people call it. Fluffy slime is easy to make and fun to play with. There are many cool ways to make fluffy slime such as the glue recipe or the recipe that does not use glue. I am going to tell you how to make a non sticky slime recipe with glue. Lets get started! First, take one teaspoon of borax and one cup of water and mix them together in a bowl. Then set the bowl aside and get a new one. In that bowl, mix one half cup of glue with one half cup shaving cream and one half cup of foaming hand wash, and stir. After that, add one tablespoon of cornstarch and a couple pumps of body lotion and stir again. Then for everyone's favorite part, add the food coloring! Once your food coloring is mixed in, add a little at a time from your borax mixture and start to knead it in your bowl. As soon as it is not sticky, take it out and then you have fluffy slime. Yay!

There are many types of slime, and they all can be fun and exciting. Different people like different types of slime. Which is your favorite type? Did reading this article change your mind about slime? Do you like the way it feels or what it looks like? The next time you see or play with slime, try to think about whether this is the right time and place!

#### Fire salamander

By: Jaden Barth

A fire salamander is a black and yellow salamander. They can crawl out of the fire and they don't even get burned! But in reality, they're really escaping the fire because they don't like it. Their predators are hedgehogs so they squirt out a poisonous liquid that the hedgehog doesn't like. When they eat they blink while chewing. They live in Europe in the Black Forest. They eat worms and slugs. They hide in logs and under moist wood. Sometimes the salamander needs to find water to stay cool and wet. If you want to learn more, check out *Wild Kratts* Fire Salamander on PBS Kids!



#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

By: Ayvia DaSilva & Orianna Hernandez



Photo Credit: Ayvia DaSilva

St. Patrick's day is a holiday most people neglect without knowing what it is or why people celebrate it.

You may ask why do we celebrate this holiday? St. Patrick's day came from the Roman Catholics Feast in Ireland, which celebrates St. Patrick who died on March 17th. He was a foremost Patron Saint of Ireland. We celebrate St. Patrick's day to honor St. Patrick. But did you know that St. Patrick wasn't even Irish?

How do we celebrate it? Well, many people celebrate it by wearing green and shamrocks to show Irish culture. You could also go to a St. Patrick day parade or festivals.

Two symbols that represent this holiday are the shamrock and leprechauns. The shamrock is a sacred plant in ancient Ireland that symbolizes the rebirth of spring. The Irish wore shamrocks as a way to show their heritage and pride for their country. Another well known symbol is the leprechaun. Leprechauns are a type of fairy in Irish folklore. They are usually known as little beared creatures wearing a green hat and coat, who cause mischief. Irish legends say if you are lucky enough to catch one, it will give you three wishes. Do you know people would punch you if you were not wearing green on St. Patrick's day? This is because people thought that if you were to wear green on St. Patrick's day that you were invisible to a leprechaun. However if you were not wearing green on St. Patricks day the leprechauns would pinch you. So if you are not wearing green on St. Patrick's day then would be pinched by someone!

There are many interesting ways St. Patricks day is celebrated and how this holiday had originated. I hope you have a great St. Patrick's day!

#### **FRIENDSHIP**

By: Hailey Botelho

Friends are important. The most important quality for a nice friendship is **HONESTY!** Being honest is really, really important to a good and healthy friendship. If you start off with honesty, you're off to a good friendship.

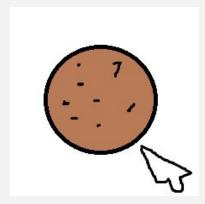
As we all know, you can have more than one friend. But make sure you don't shut one out; you want to spend equal time with everyone.

Here's three tips on what to do and on what not to do in a friendship. First, be honest, fair, nice, and helpful. Second, don't lie to your friend, it won't bring you anywhere except to "no friend town." Plus if you are still friends after that and your friend finds out that you lied to him/her than he/she won't trust you anymore. If they still trust you don't expect her/him to trust you every time. Finally, use uplifting words like good job or you can do it when talking with your friends.

I asked some of my friends what they think of the word friendship and one said, "Friendship is being there for each other, like asking if they're ok if they are sad or crying, and you should always try to make them happy and not hurt their feelings." Remember, always be nice and caring to each other and you will have great friendships in the future!

## TOP THREE SMARTPHONE GAMES

By: Anthony Sergio



Computer Artwork By: TJ Mullin

The first game is **Balloon Tower Defense**. It is a simple tower defense game. You place monkeys in the way, which attack the wave of balloons until the next wave. The second game is **Mini Dayz**. After you make an account you start with a tee shirt, jeans and bandage. In the game you try to survive as long as possible. You have to be well fed, hydrated, warm, and try to keep your health up. Also, try to avoid bandits, wolfs and zombies as they will try to attack you. Clothing also can be used for protection and to store your stuff. Finally, the third game is **Cookie Clicker**. Basically, you click a giant cookie to get more cookies. Then, you use the cookies to buy stuff that will help you get MORE COOKIES. For me, this game is the best one on the list!





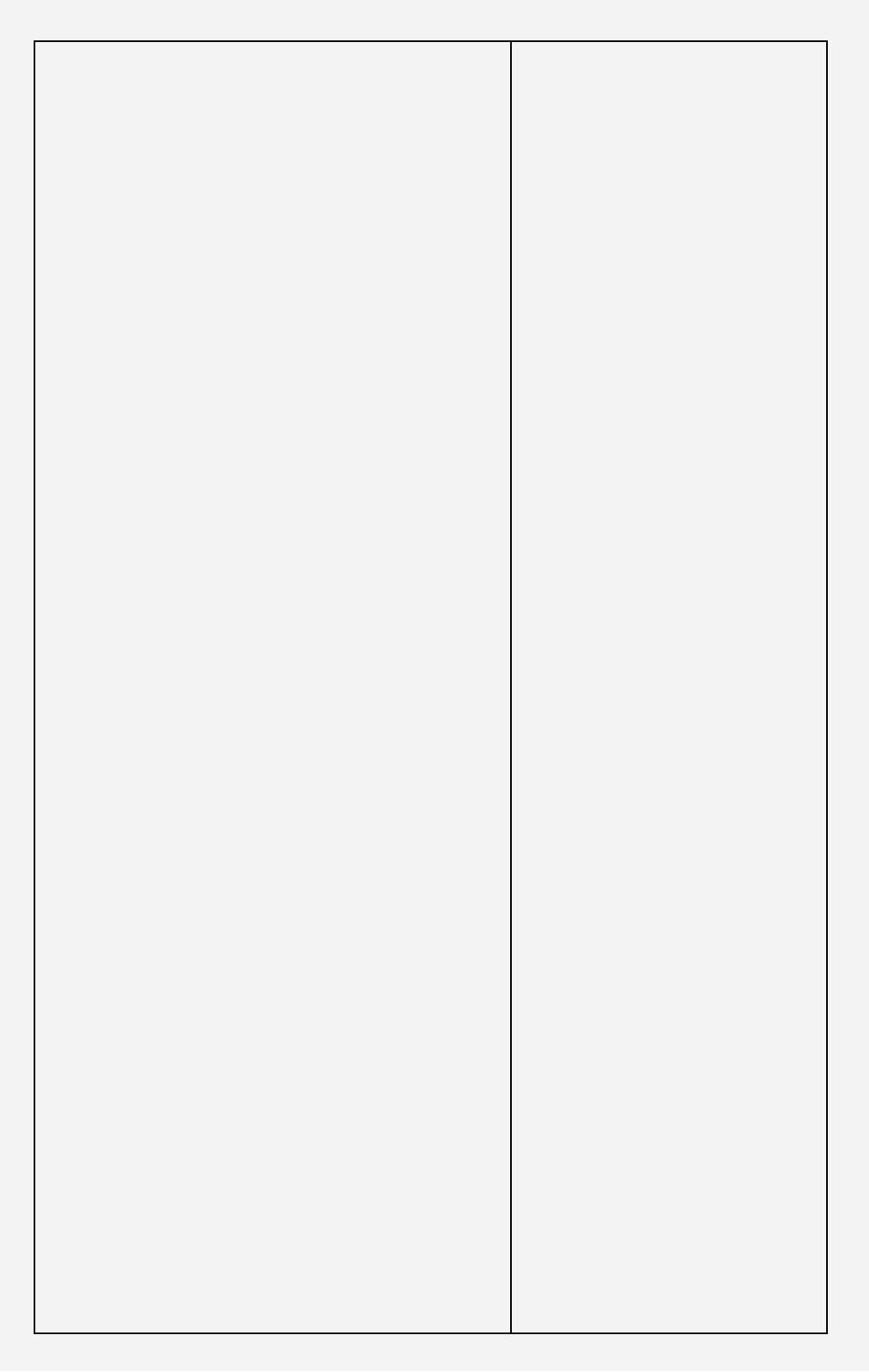




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Original Artwork: Madison Gilbert



Original Comic: Anthony Sergio

#### **GRAIS HAPPENINGS**

Check here each month for updates on some of the important activities, events, and dates for 4th and 5th grade students at GRAIS!

#### **SPRING CHORUS SIGN UPS**



GRAIS Spring Chorus will begin on **Wednesday, March 28th!**PERMISSION SLIPS are available from Mr. Duff any time.
They will be due by **Monday, March 26th!**- Mr. Duff (Music)

## CALLING ALL ACTISTS! ART SHOW & SQUARE ART ORDERS!







Early Dismissal for students @ 11:00 am	Thursday, March 1st		
PTO Sponsored Shamrock Social	Friday, March 2nd		
4TH GRADE HANDBALL	Monday, March 5th		
NEWSPAPER CLUB W/ MR. LESTAGE	Tuesday, March 6th		
SPRING & CLASS PICTURES	Monday, March 12th		
4TH GRADE HANDBALL	Monday, March 12th		
MCAS REHEARSAL	Tuesday, March 13th (GRADE 4) & Wednesday, March 14th (GRADE 5)		
2ND TRIMESTER ENDS	Friday, March 16th		
REPORT CARDS POSTED TO PARENT PORTAL	Friday, March 23rd		
COFFEE WITH DR. SULLIVAN (Parents/Guardians)	Friday, March 23rd (9:00am)		
GOOD FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL	Friday, March 30th		

## YOU WON! CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FOR PLAYING!



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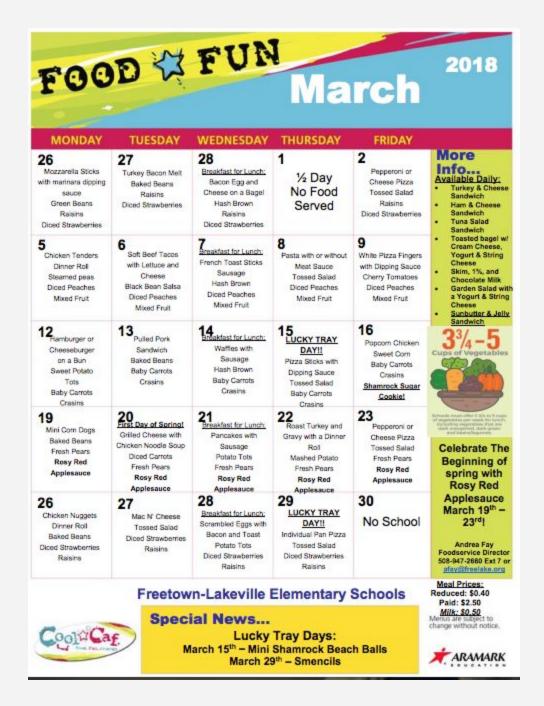


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