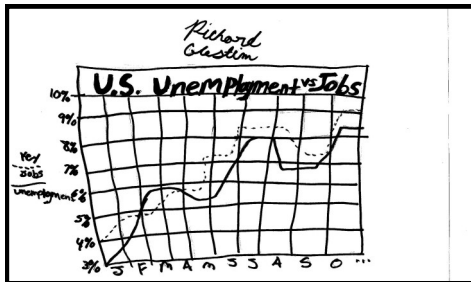


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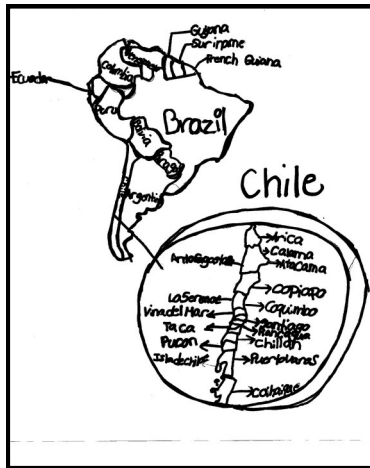


Unemployment Still High But There are Good Jobs
 By Richard Celestin, 6th Grade
 Nathan Hale; Meadows Garden

The unemployment rate has been just below 10% and was starting to decrease, until the latest figures came out and showed that it was going up again.

However, if you have a job, or are looking for a job, a recent report published by CNBC and the Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed the 10 best jobs to have in America at the moment and how much they pay on average.

#	Job	What they Do?	Median Salary
10	Dental Hygienist	Helps with teeth	\$32,380
9	Accountant	Helps with financial information	\$54,630
8	Statistician	Analysis of problems of both public and private	\$65,720
7	Paralegal Assistant	Assists attorneys in the preparation of legal documents	46,120
6	Mathematician	Does complex math for businesses and global issues	\$100,000
5	Historian	Analyzes historical information	\$48,520
4	Biologist	Studies living organisms	\$76,320
3	Computer System Analyst	Incorporates technology	\$69,760
2	Software Engineer	Designs computer software	\$79,780
1	Actuary	Assesses risks	\$82,800



The Cholera in Haiti
 By Clarenz Jean, 7th Grade
 Friends School; Washington Village

On October 29, 2010 a major catastrophe hit Haiti again. Beside the earthquake there was an infection called Cholera. Some people believed that cholera was caused by dead people who had been decaying and who had been dumped in the water. Cholera is exponentially dangerous because it will dehydrate you until you die.

Cholera is an infection of the small intestine caused by the bacterium Vibrio cholera. So far over 2000 people have died and more than 10,000 people are infected and hospitalized, according to the CDC.

Health minister Alex Larsen encourages people to make their own rehydration serum out of salt, sugar, and water to drink on the way to the hospital. Bad stuff comes in many ways maybe stuff will change for the people in Haiti.

Miners in Chile Rescued
 By Fabian Castillo, 5th Grade,
 Cranbury; Washington Village

On October 12th, more than 2 months after a Chilean mine collapsed and trapped 33 men half a mile beneath a mile down the earth's surface, a powerful drill fitted with pneumatic hammers pulverized the last feet of volcanic rock and rescued them.

In the Chile desert bleary-eyed-family members, who had gathered at the site through the night waved the flag of Chile and sang the national anthem of Chile and shouted "Viva Chilean miners!"

Below, the miners erupted in cheers, and their cries were transmitted by radio to the surface. They had been trapped for 66 days; the longest know time that miners have survived a collapse. On the other side of the drill tip was their escape shaft to the surface.

"There have been hard moments, beautiful moments, sad moments, moments filled with happiness, there were night when it was really cold. Juan Sanchez said "we just going, trusting god that this would all work out. Right now all I feel is happiness; it's a calm that has come over us. Finally, all the Chile miners were rescued on October 13th. It was a special miracle for the families of Chile.

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NATIONAL: PRESIDENTIAL PROFILE

My Point of View on Obama By Karl Gregory, 4th Grade Pear Tree; Meadows Garden

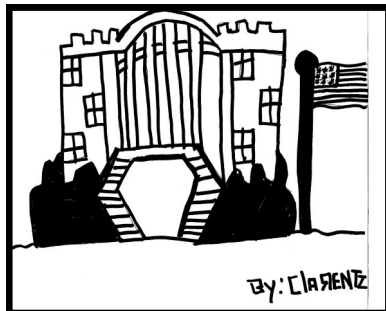
Barack Obama's full name is Barack Hussein Obama II. Obama was born August 4, 1961. Obama is the 44th president and the first black president. Obama was born and is from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Obama made an arms control treaty with Russia. Obama took away combat troops from Iraq, and put more troops in Afghanistan. Obama used to be the US Senator for Illinois from January 2005-2008. In October 9, 2009 Obama got the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

Obama went to Columbia University and Harvard Law School. Recently, Obama went to India.

His democratic primary presidential campaign started in Feb. 2007 and he won against Hillary Clinton.

His first name, Barack, means "blessed".



Barack hasn't liked ice-cream since he was a teen. When he was a kid he was called "Barry". He worked at Baskin Robins.

He made a bill to require the police to videotape interrogations in capital crime cases.

Obama likes to play scrabble. The people Obama admire are Martin Luther King Jr., Mohandas Gandhi, Pablo Picasso, and John Coltrane.



How Obama Became President, By Edith Rios, 4th Grade Silvermine; Meadows Garden

This is the life of BARACK OBAMA and how he became the President of the U.S.A.

He was born in August 4 1961.

BARACK OBAMA was community organizer. He worked as a civil right attorney in Chicago and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004.

Barack Obama's mom died of cancer.

Barack Obama because 2003, Obama became chairman of the Illinois Senate's Health and Human Services Committee when the democrats regained the majority.

In 2004 he was elected a US Senator from Illinois.

Barack Obama became the first black President of the United States.

Obama Is A Good President By Liliana Feliciano, 1st Grade Cranbury; Meadows Garden

Barack Obama is a good president in my opinion because he has been taking care of many people and not being a selfish person. Most of all he is a loyal persona and he always takes care of his family. He loves his family so much and he is very smart.

He will always love this country more than he loves to be president. He will always be a kind person to everybody.



PHOTO BY: Justin Folston, 8th Grade, NHA Art Center. The picture is called "Tiana and Kamau". I asked Ms. Tiana if I could take her picture and a kid named Kamau came up and stood behind Ms. Tiana and took the picture with her. I shot the picture in black and white to make the picture more recognizable or "pop out" to show the characteristics of feeling and

EDITORIAL OPINIONS

Are You Being Bullied ?
By Danielle Banks
7th Grade, Nathan Hale;
Roodner Court



Are you being bullied? That can feel pretty awful. But no matter how bad it makes you feel sometimes you

should know you're not alone. That's right... there are plenty of kids all over the world who go through the same thing you do every day. And even though you may feel helpless sometimes there are a lot of things you and others can help stop the bullying.

Always tell an adult. It's hard to talk about serious things with adults sometimes, but they can help put a stop to bullying. Tell an adult that you trust and can talk to you like your parents, teacher, your school counselor, your coach, and your neighbor. If you've told a grown-up before and they haven't done anything about it tell someone else.

And if you're afraid to tell an adult that you have been bullied, get another person like a friend, sister, or brother to go with you. Having someone else there to support you can make it a lot less scary. Tell the adults exactly what happen how long it's been happening to you and how it's making you feel. If you talk with an adult at your school, ask what they will do to help stop the bullying and where and when it happen. It is their job to help keep you be safe. Most adults really care up bullying and will do everything they can to help you.

If you are being bullied on-line, this may actually make the bullying get worse. Instead, be sure to tell your family member or another adult you trust. If possible, block any more communication from this person and save evidence of the bullying. If you get nasty e-mails, print them out or save them so that you can show an adult.

How Very Scary !!!!
Cindy Makaba, 5th Grade,
Wolfpit; Meadows Garden

The story I'm about to tell you is serious. It all starts when 33 miners from Chile got trapped, about 2 thousand feet deep under ground for 70 days and 70 nights.

After 2 weeks the miners got discovered and the people who discovered them brought them some food so they could eat something.

If it was me, I would be scared because I would be stuck under ground and I would not have any family with me. Another thing, I would be scared of is that there would be no food and no water to bathe with. Luckily these miners got saved and are still alive

African Lions Endangered?
By Jason Iverson, 4th Grade,
Cranbury; Washington Village

Lions are threatened throughout most of their African range. But nowhere is their condition most endangered than in the Kenyan Maasailand.

Lions there number less than 150 and are under threat of extinction from Maasai herdsmen who are retaliating against the lion prides who prey on their cattle.



Courage to Speak Delivers
Message By Syndie Lauture,
7th Grade West Rocks;
Washington Village

The Courage to Speak Foundation was founded in 1996, shortly after Ginger and Larry Katz lost their son, Ian to a drug overdose. Ginger made a promise to her son in which she would do anything in her power to prevent this from happening to another family. She even wrote a story about it. The story is for all ages. It tells of joyful times and of sad times and how a best friend was needlessly lost. It is narrated through the eyes of Sunny, the family beagle, and his young master Ian, beginning with their meeting at an animal shelter.

Ginger visited my school at West Rocks Middle School and she visits schools all over Norwalk to talk to kids about Ian's story. Ginger Katz is actually helping people and kids and parents are so thankful that they write letters to her. I took their idea and wrote a letter to Mrs. Katz and it said this:

Dear Mrs. Katz

Losing a loved one, due to drugs, can be very hard. I have not experienced that yet, and I don't plan to anytime soon. When you talked to us about Ian's story, I never really thought about how bad this situation can be. I used to think about people dying due to old age, or car crashes, but I never thought about people dying due to addiction. The worst thing about addiction is that the person doesn't just die. You have to watch the person dying bit by bit, and day by day. Even though you can see what's happening to the person, they can't. The worst thing is, they're suffering, and you're suffering, and before they know it, they're dead, and a part of you has been taken away from you.

Sincerely, Syndie

A note to everyone out there: Don't smoke, drink or do drugs. I think people do it to comfort themselves, but it doesn't. It just damages your life and the people who love you. So, if you ever find yourself in a situation that's hard to handle, talk to someone instead of going on the wrong road. Like my mother always says, "The hardest thing in life is to decide which road to cross and which one to burn." And no one can make these decisions for you, only you can do that. So make the right choice to find success."

BOOK REVIEWS

Dork Diaries
By Angeline Moresca
4th Grade, Naramake;
Roodner Court

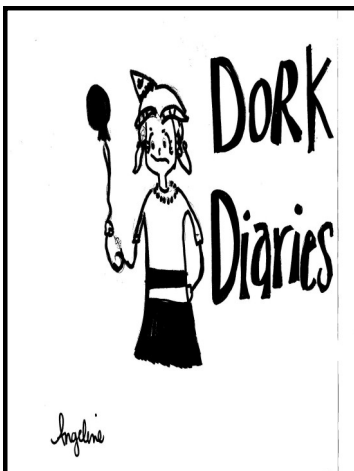
The Dork Diaries is book by Rachel Renee Russell. This book is rated for 3rd and 4th graders. This book is a fiction book. The story is about a girl name Nikki who is kind of a dorky girl in middle school and another girl named Mackenzie, who is very popular. They both like this boy named Brandon. Also, when they heard that they were going to have a dance at their school they both wanted Brandon to ask them .

On another occasion Mackenzie had a party and both girls accidentally got chocolate on themselves and got very embarrassed.

At the end Brandon asks Nikki if she could go to the dance with him and in the end she felt less dorky.

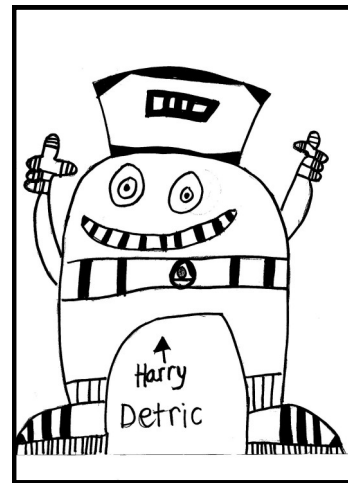
I liked the book because it tells about the girl's life.

I would recommend this book to everybody.



Harry Hates Shopping
By Detric Cherry, 4th Grade,
Wolfpit; Roodner Court

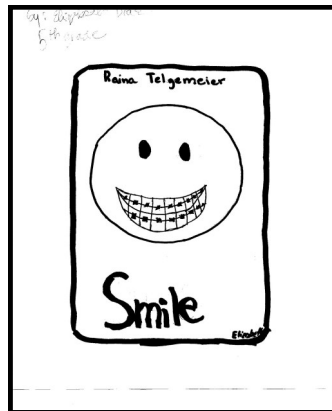
The story is about a boy named Harry who hates shopping and needs shoes for school. So they go to a shoe store. The mom buys purple underwear, then Harry goes under a chair. Harry finds a pair of black boots he really liked and he showed the salesman, but they didn't have his size. Harry then found some brown boots. They bought them. They had lunch at the end.



What Will Happen In 2012?
By Mauhamed M'Bengue
5th Grade, Cranbury;
Washington Village

Many people think that the world will end on December 21 2012. No one really knows because the Mayan Calendar is going to end and this is an ancient calendar started between 2000 BC and 900 when the Mayan civilization lived.

People think that when the calendar ends, the world will end. Scientists are really working hard to find out what is really going to happen. I



Smile
By Elisabeth Diaz,
5th Grade, Columbus;
Washington Village

The book Smile is about a girl named Reina who is going through puberty. She has dental problems and boy problems too! This book is really good because it's preparing you for what you will go through in life as a pre-teen.

The author's name is Rania Telgemeier. She went from unknown cartoonist to gifted and highly sought after illustrator.

Don't miss her next book Babysitting Club. Just look for her book with a Smile with braces.



myself just think that they are just trying to get good publicity, but it is not working with the movies, the blogs, etc. It is just making everyone scared. If this does not happen, the person that started this rumor will be the most hated person because they just got everyone scared for nothing.

VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

Club Penguin

By *Areyona Patterson*,
4th Grade, Brookside;
Roodner Court

My opinion of Club Penguin is that it is a fun website for kids between 7-10 years of age. It is a safe website. The website is www.clubpenguin.com.

You get a penguin and explore around, meet new friends and play games and make a shelter for your penguin. You can also put on clothes, and buy a pet called a puffle.

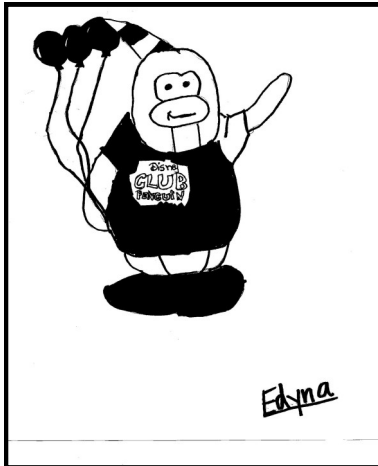
There are many games to play on the website. For example:

- Coffee games: you put coffee bags in a truck
- Connect four: you get four in a row competing with a friend
- Surfing, you get lessons first in surfing on water
- Fishing you put bait and lower it down into the water and the fish levels get harder. For example a shark can eat or a jellyfish can sting your fish
- Dojo Courtyard Karate you compete with others and you pick out cards (ie fire, ice and water) and which ever card is highest gets the point.

Disco Dancing: Arrows pop up and you click on them as they pop up, trying to follow like dance steps.

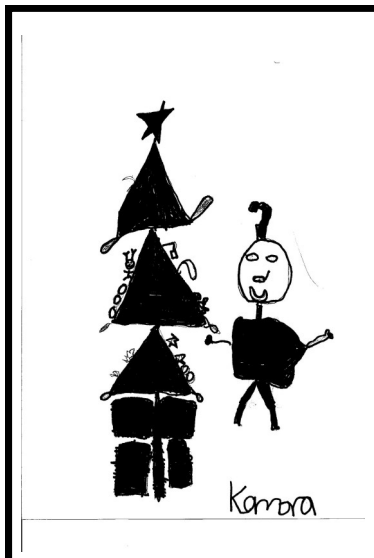
If you are naughty or say a bad word on the website, you will be banned for a week or if it happens again you will be banned for your lifetime.

I like Club Penguin because it is safe for kids and you can have fun. I would give it 5 stars.



What Kids Want For Xmas
By *Kamora Prince*
1st Grade, Wolfpit;
Washington Village

Magic Meatball- Brian
Steelers Pajamas- Jalen
Pre Paid Phone- Karl
Camera- Edith
I TOUCH PHONE- Benoise
Ipod- Jaki
Ipod- Lilly
DOLL- DANI
I PHONE- ANTHONY
SHOTTY GUN- RICHARD



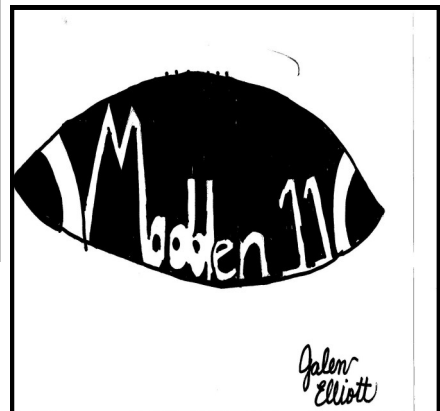
Madden 11 Football
By *Jalen Elliott, 5th Grade*
Wolfpit; Meadows Garden

Madden Football is a game that is about how you can pick any football team and play *Old School*, *Super Bowl* or *Holiday Mode*.

You use the controller to move and catch the ball. You can get the game for X-Box 360, Wii, PS3 and PS2. You can create your own player on each team.

My favorite part is when you play Super Bowl mode and when you win the Super Bowl you get to the White House on the game and you give the President a jersey of your team and the game confetti comes down onto the field.

Madden 11 has sold approximately 5 Million copies. If the Madden series was added up over the years



since 1988, over 85 million have been sold.

I think Madden 11 rates a 10 on a 1-10 scale. I like Madden Football because I love to play football and it has all of my favorite teams and I like the game modes, so I can pick Super Bowl, Holidays and Old School.

LIFESTYLE

7 Reasons To Love Chocolate By Clarenz Jean, 7th Grade, Friends School; Washington Village

Chocolate is one of the most popular sweets of all time. Women crave it, men hoard it, and Aztec kings were said to have been the first to eat it. But why do we love chocolate so much? Below are just a few reasons why chocolate is so popular--and why you shouldn't give it up completely, even if you're on a diet!

It melts in your mouth - Chocolate contains fat--that's no surprise. The cocoa butter in chocolate gives it a rich, creamy consistency that also transmits the cocoa's flavor perfectly. It also has a melting point that's just a bit lower than the average human body temperature, which gives you that melt-in-your-mouth feeling every time you pop a piece of chocolate in your mouth. Chocolate lovers often describe this melting feeling as a true moment of ecstasy.

Just the right chemistry - According to a study done at the University of Michigan in the United States, chocolate contains chemicals called opioids. Opioids are also found in opium, and they serve to dull pain and give a feeling of well-being to people who ingest them. According to the study, people who eat chocolate produce natural opiates in their brains that soothe their nerves and make them feel good. When the receptors that detected opioids were blocked, that chocolate craving was lessened.

Chocolate also naturally contains "uppers" like caffeine, sugars, and phenylthylamine, which will make your heart pound a little harder, your breathing come a bit more quickly, and give you a feeling of alertness. The effect is not dramatic enough to be uncomfortable in most people; it's mild enough to produce a pleasant "high," which is often equated to the feeling of being in love.

Chocolate equals love - Speaking of love, the association might not be completely physiological. Women crave chocolate more often than men do. Women are also habitually given chocolate as birthday and Valentine's Day presents. In our culture, chocolate is thought of as a romantic gift. It's outside the realm of mundane, day-to-day food, reserved for special occasions--and, for women especially, it's associated with love and romance. That could be another reason why women particularly love chocolate: deep down, it makes them feel loved, cared for, and pampered.

It really is good for you - Recent studies suggest that chocolate--especially dark chocolate--contains chemicals that lower the risk of cancer and heart disease. Flavanoids and antioxidants in dark chocolate have been shown to make a difference in cardiovascular health.

Until recently, tea was considered the main source for these chemicals. Now, scientists recommend that you have a chocolate cookie or biscuit with your tea so your body gets more of those life-lengthening chemicals. Don't have milk with your dark chocolate, however--the same studies show that milk can cancel out the healthful effects of eating chocolate by preventing those helpful chemicals from being fully absorbed in the body.



Aeropostale Rocks! By Penda M'Bengue, 5th Grade Cranbury; Washington Village

Aeropostale is the best fashion trend for the 21st century. Aeropostale clothing is in the US, Puerto Rico, Canada, and the United Arab Emirates. Their stores are basically located in shopping malls, and large marketing areas. They sell fashion apparel including outerwear, accessories, footwear, tank tops, hoodies, sweaters, jeans, and fleece etc. Aeropostale's teen brand is a success, but they are launching a new brand for kids called P.S. from Aeropostale. The first Aeropostale was opened in New York City in 1987 by R.H. Macy and Co., Inc.

Aeropostale in French means "air mail". There are lots of competitions with the other outfitters with Aeropostale, like Abercrombie & Fitch and Hollister. I think they're the best because their styles are amazing and they look cute on me and anyone who wears them. I love their tops the most because they have trendy graphics on their shirts.

When I turn 16, I want to get a job there because I like to help people pick out clothes because I know there's going to be something that looks nice on them. And I can get a discount on my clothes. Aeropostale makes clothes for each season like winter, fall, and

summer. The first Aeropostale in Canada was opened in August 3rd 2007. Forty five major malls across the most recent openings. Aeropostale is the most popular teen and children around the US. So get out your wallets and get shopping at Aeropostale. I'm sure there's going to be something you love and you are going to save lots of money. There's no doubt you are not going to leave the store without buying something you love.

Styling Your Own Hair Is Fun By Mariana Diaz, 5th Grade, Fox Run; Colonial Village

There are many hair styles. People wear many hair styles this year. Some hair styles can be the best and people can love them and use them. Lots of hair styles can be popular. My favorite style is when you put twisty on your hair and a crown and you leave your hair straight in the back.

That is my most favorite hair style. Sometimes I like to wear it when I go to the hair salon or if someone does my hair.

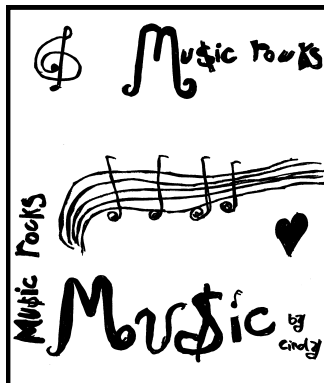
You can get a Barbie doll and try to practice doing hair on the Barbie doll.

You can use a flat iron to straighten you hair, a curling iron to curl your hair or a blow dryer to blow dry your hair. If you want to straighten your hair you can use grease to make your hair thinner. Sometimes when I straighten my hair it does not like to straighten that much so I use grease and it looks a lot better. I love to do hair. I hope you like it too!

You should try to do hair too, it is so amazing! You can learn new things about doing hair and you can try out some of the different hair styles!



MUSIC REVIEWS



Green Day Is Best Punk Rock Band
By D'Andre Hernandez
5th Grade, Fox Run; Colonial Village

I am writing about Green Day because they are the best punk rock band in the whole world.

Punk Rock music is a rock music genre that developed between 1974 and 1976. By the end of the century pop punk had been adopted by the mainstream bands such as Green Day.

My favorite three songs are: *American Idiot*, *Holiday*, and *Boulevard of Broken Dreams*.

This band was the Number 1 punk band in the world. Green Day also won the Grammy Awards on MTV. Green Day has sold over 65 million records worldwide. Billy Joe Armstrong, Mike Dirnt and Tre' Cool are the members of the band. Green Day had the Best Album for the second time called *21st Century Breakdown*.

Green Day has been the best punk rock band since I was 3 years old and Green Day is the best rock band that will ever be.

Selena's Life Cut Short
By Briana Tosado, 5th Grade
Fox Run; Colonial Village

Selena is a famous Mexican American singer. She was identified with the name the queen of tejano music. Tejano music is a fusion of country music and Mexican music.

She made a big difference in people's lives. I know that she worked with

kids in the DARE program to keep kids away from drugs. She also helped battered women.

Selena's father opened a restaurant called Papa Gayos. He had Selena and her brother and sister sing. Their group name was los Dino. Some of my favorite songs are *Dreaming Of You* and *Like a Flower*. I love Selena a lot. I wish that she hadn't died.

Pop Stars Gone Bad
By Tanicha Dupervil,
6th Grade, West Rocks;
Washington Village

As you know many pop stars have gone bad including stars like Lindsay Lohan, Hilary Duff, Britney Spears and Paris Hilton.

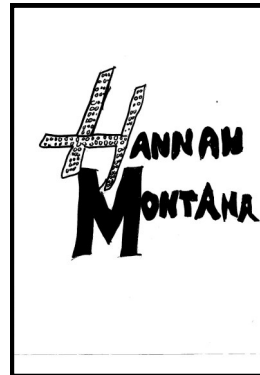
I know what you're thinking... how? Well let me tell you how... they have experienced an addiction to drugs and alcohol. It's is bad because they're losing their fans and their career. I say this because when you make someone your role model you follow their footsteps. But when they start doing bad things it affects them because they lose their fans. And without fans no one is going to buy their albums and if their albums don't sell, their careers are dead.

The Jonas Brothers Are Cute
By Jurnee Gilchrist, 4th Grade,
Columbus; Colonial Village

The Jonas Brothers are a famous boy band from New Jersey shore. The Jonas Brothers are famous for their songs. Some of their songs include: *S.O.S.*, *When You Look Me in the Eyes*, *Hold On*.

My favorite show is *JONAS L.A.* I like the show because it is funny. My favorite Jonas Brother is Joe because he is the cutest one!

Hannah Montana Quits?
By Danaish Shavers, 4th Grade,
Fox Run; Colonial Village



Hannah Montana was born on November 23 1992. Hannah Montana has 1 half sister and 1step sister. She also has 3 step brothers. When Hannah was little some people thought and told her that her mom died but she found out that she didn't die.

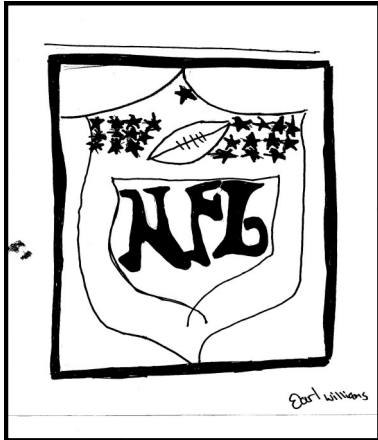
She made her first song in 2003. The song was called *Best of Both Worlds*. My favorite songs are *Party of the USA*, *The Climb*, *Best of both words*, *got to get this and ho down throw down*. Her real name *Destiny Cyrus*. Miley's dad got married again. Miley might give-up being Hannah. A lot of people are mad at her.

The Black Eyed Peas Rock!
By Victor Rodriquez, 4th Grade
Cranbury; Washington Village

The Black Eyed Peas are a band that sings rap songs and pop songs. They are one of the most popular singing bands. One of their best songs is *Pump It*. They also sing a song called, *Don't Phunk With My Heart*.

The Black Eyed Peas started to sing in 1995. I like the Black Eyed Peas because their music is very interesting. The other reason is because it hypes me up!

SPORTS



I Like The Pittsburgh Steelers
By Jerrell Thomas, 5th Grade
Jefferson; Colonial Village

The Pittsburgh Steelers are the oldest team in the AFC and 5th oldest team in the NFL. They won 6 super bowl titles and they won 7 AFC championship title games in the AFC. They have been owned by the same family since 1933. The family's name is Rooney. Their record is 5-2 for now.

My favorite player is number 43 Troy Polamalu his statistics include 38 tackles 00 sack's 0 fumble's and 2 interceptions.

The Pittsburgh Steelers are my favorite team because they are from family's home state of Pennsylvania and they have won a lot of title's.

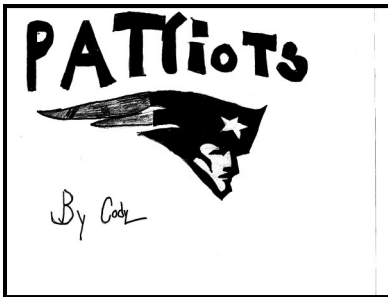


New England Patriots Have Long History

By Cody Lewis, 6th Side By Side; Meadows Garden

Before Tom Brady was their quarterback, their name was The Boston patriots, now they're the New England Patriots. They have played in every possible venue from Boston University to Boston College, Hartford and Fenway park. Now they have their own stadium.

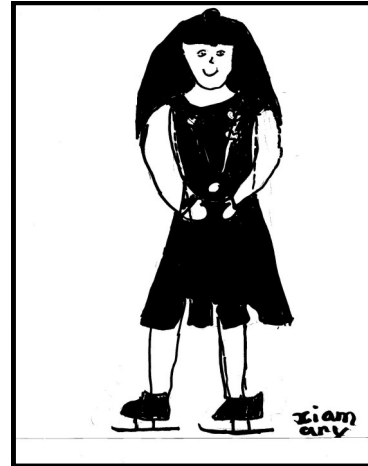
The Patriots have won three Super Bowl's since 2001. It took eight teams just to put them into the



American League. They started their team in 1970 and their owner was named Victor Kiam.

Drew Belside was the quarterback for the team. They lost to the Green Bay Packers in 1988 68-29.

They are ranked number two in the most wins totally 115 and they were the first team to win four Super Bowls.



Early Mornings Help Tara
By Ximary Castillo,
3rd Grade, Cranbury;
Washington Village

Tara Lipinski was born on June 10, 1982 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. When Tara was six years old she and her family moved to Sugarland, Texas.

She had to wake up at 3 o'clock in the morning to go ice skating.

When she was eleven years old she wanted to compete in the Olympics and her mother moved her to Delaware so she could train for Olympics. Tara wanted to win the gold medal in 1998. When it was time for her to skate that night of the program, she earned the gold medal.

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