

The Amici Dispatch

Our Class-Created Newspaper

10/14/11

Dear 5th Grade Families,

We have been working hard to learn about how to create a timeline to organize events chronologically. Please ask your child to tell you what **EVENLY SPACED INTERVALS**, a **TITLE**, and **ACCURACY** have to do with that. We hope you enjoy our summary of what else we have learned that we have included in this week's newspaper.

In writing of our class news, we plan to make big and small improvements each week with the dual objectives of helping you to feel a part of your child's classroom day, as well as practicing and refining the writing process.

On a personal note, our family typically ventures to LEEDS FARM in Ostrander (just east of Delaware—about 20 minutes up rt. 23) each year about this time and we have a BALL! If you have not made this trip, I'm sure you would enjoy it. There are giant "hamster" wheels that parents and children can spin in, a zip-line, corn-maze, (complete with a historical mystery to solve!) animals galore, a balance ladder, pedal-cars & a track, and much more! They have lunch and you can buy pumpkins and kettle corn, too! Search online for photos—it is really worth the trip!

This news is now available **ONLINE** at the Westerville City Schools website for your viewing pleasure. Link through "Our Schools-Alcott-Teacher Pages-Amici" and you can print out a copy at home for Grandma if you wish.

If you were not able to sign up for conferences, email me and we can figure out a time for you. Congratulations to Mallory Mahoney and Nivi Ramasamy, our new student council representatives.

Autumn Joy,

Linda Amici

REPORT ON MANATEES

My name is Jordin Benedic and I'm doing an report on Manatees. Manatees are really cool and really interesting animals.

Manatees are known as mammals and they are herbivores which mean they eat plants. The manatee's average life span in the wild is 40 years old, and they grow anywhere between eight and 13 feet long. They weigh up to 440-1,300 lbs.

Manatees usually are seen alone in pairs or in really small groups. Manatees never leave the water's surface. The manatee's nose and nostrils are the only things really visible. There are three species of manatee.

Manatees are born under water. They are big and very slow moving animals. They are really nice, though. It is really important that we keep manatees safe because they're beginning to be endangered. They are part of

earth's ocean life and without that one animal it will change the whole ocean ecosystem. v. Jordin B.

Tyler A.

School lunches

Thinking about buying? Our school lunches are filled with delicious meals. They always have soy butter and jelly sandwiches. They also always have chef salads. Everyday something new is on the menu. These lunches are very good.

These are how much the food costs. Milk = 50¢, breakfast = \$1.25, and lunches cost \$2.75. So if you buy, make sure you bring your money. It's a good price, too. Such good food for such a cheap price!

As you can see, these are good values for such good food. We sell great meals here. So, if you like soy butter and jelly or salads, I recommend you buy some of our lunch.

Recess Events

My name is Luke, and I am going to tell you about what is going on at recess. We have it every day and a lot of crazy stuff goes on.

First, I am going to tell you what I do. I play football three out of the 5 days of the week, other than that I play basketball or ball tag. I sometimes play soccer, too. When I

play football, I score a touchdown or get hit into the annoying thornbush.

I don't like to get pricked too much.

Next I'm going to tell you how to play ball tag. I am usually it and you hide and wait until they're close then throw it and if they get hit, then they're it. As you can see, there are a lot of crazy things going on at recess.

Mystery Student +

Ethan
Kugovich
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I interviewed someone
here's the information
I got, he or she is nice, and
funny.

His or her favorite color is
black, and their favorite teacher
is Mr. Poggiali. His or her favorite
food is chocolate cake, and his
or her favorite animal is a
lion. In his or her opinion
two and a half men is
the best show. His or her
favorite book is when you
reach me. His or her
best like animals, and their
favorite movie is get smart.
He or she likes to go to
Cincinnati, he or she plays
soccer but their favorite
sport is football. His or her
best friend is Nick Francescone.
He or she was also born
in St. Ann's hospital in Ohio
on January 21st, 2001. He or
she wants to be a police
man when they grow
up and attend Water damage
college and get a master degree.

That's them and their
name is... Zach RUSH!

All about volleyball

Hi, my name is Haylee
Ternovan and I would like
to talk about volleyball. First,
volleyball is a lot a fun to
play because I play for St.
Paul Rams and it's so much
fun! Before the game me
and my team practice for a
bit then we fool around till
the game starts.

Second, when you begin
the coach will say "Haylee
1." That means I am the
server. If you get a number,
you always start from the
server and count. When
I serve, I prefer overhand
because it has more power
and speed. When you are
close to the net, always
be ready because the
volleyball usually goes
there.

Now, I am going to tell
you some facts about
volleyball: The game is played
on a court 18 meters long and
nine feet wide. The volleyball is
made of leather or synthetic.
There are six basic skills: serve,
pass, set, block, and dig. I
hope someday that you
too could play volleyball like
me!

My News Report on Dolphins

I'm going to tell you all about dolphins! Dolphins are my favorite animal. Here are some facts about dolphins.

Dolphins are highly intelligent marine mammals. They are found worldwide, mostly in shallow seas. The bottle-nose dolphin is around eight feet long and weighs between 440-660 pounds. They are carnivores and they mostly eat fish and squid!

Most dolphins live long lives. The bottlenose dolphin can live over 40 years, and the orca dolphin can live up to be 70 or 80 years! Dolphins are well known for their agility and playful behavior. During mating season, which is through spring and fall, dolphins mate! Dolphins are endangered. So help!

That is all about a dolphin! As you can see they are pretty cool! Remember help Dolphins by keeping are water safe!

By Skive Van h!

Hi, My name is Devon and I am interviewing Sue Cline she is a helper for ARCott She takes care of people and she also call parents when the kids are sick and throw up. She also is at the forway stop. She also takes fevers. If people have 100.2 or something higher than she calls your parents. She helps me get an ice pack and calls my parents when I am sick. She sells stuff at a soccer tournaments.

she supports kids like if they have a headache or is not felling well she is the person to go to. She has a daughter and she has 4 dogs.

she also works part time and rotates with another clinic. As you can see, Sue Cline is a nice and helpful clinic.

By Devon Richardson

Interviewing Mrs. Johnson

Starczar

This week for the Amici Dispatch I chose to interview Mrs. Johnson because she helped me and other students get better at art. Here are the questions I asked. I asked, "Why do you do what do?" she replied "I love art and I love to see what they can do."

I also asked her, "What is your favorite project that you have ever done?" She replied "My favorite project was the Henry Matisse project in first grade." Her favorite candy is anything to do with chocolate in it. Her favorite childrens book is Kauffle Bunny by Mo Willems. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite sports are swimming and football. She loves summer vacation and her favorite holiday is Christmas. She also enjoys

listening to pop music.

Since doing this interview I learned a lot about Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson

drawn by Maya Sullivan

Colored by Zack Starczar



What is the best memory of Alcott? When she got to be in the Willy Wonka play or Exchange City.

"What is your best memory of Mrs. O'Reiloy". Definatly the O'Reiloy store. She really helped her prepare for middle school.

"What is the best memory of Mr. P?". "Mr. P's class was very fun and had good jokes" she said. He really helped her prepare for middle school well.

"What was Mr. P's best story?". She doesn't remember. She just liked how the jokes were on topic. To that I say "ya right".

"What was your favorite thing with Mrs. O'reiloy". Definatly "model houses".

"What do you want to be when you graduate college". Probably a pharmacist. "Who is your best friend". Taylor Todd. (who might be my next interview or Kevin page or Luke Buchanan or if his brother has time Ben Buchanan oh and maybe Max I don't know his last name).

"What college are you interested in". Notre Dame but she doesn't know yet (she even went to check out Yale and Princeton but she still loves Notre Dame).

"What is your favorite subject". If she had to pick Math. "Do you still like Mr. P?". Of course she does, she wishes she had more time to visit him. Ok then (the reason I asked that was because she did not wave to him a couple weeks back). "What is your favorite part of pharmacy". She likes that it includes math and science. She also likes to make

people feel better.

"What is your advice on helping kids do well in school?" Take good notes, study, pay attention and do your home work ahead of time. "What is your advice on surviving Mr. P's class?" "It's not hard", she says. "Ok then you can say that but I won't believe it". "To conclude this interview lets get this off my chest how do you spell 'Rushy'". I spell it R-U-S-H-I-E. There you go she spells it "Rushie" I spell it "Rushy", of course my way is way better but who cares, and that's the end.

by Zach Rush or Rushy

The Library

Do you want to learn more about the library and the people who work there? If you do, read on!

Some of the things that are coming up in the library are the book fair, which is the last week in October. Also, Mrs. Schirg is trying to get an author to come in. She is really wanting Margret Haddix to come in. Some of Haddix's books are Running Out of Time, and the Shadow Kids series. Mrs. Schirg, the librarian, has ordered some new books that should be coming in on October 17, 2011. Here is a fun fact about the library: there is about 18,000 books in the Alcott library. Wow!

Mrs. Schirg is the librarian in the Alcott library, and Mrs. McNeal is the media clerk. Mrs. Schirg's favorite books are Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer, and Captain Nobody. Mrs. McNeal's favorite book is Magyk, the part of the Septimus Heap series. Mrs. McNeal has five people in her family: Briana-daughter, Brandon-son, Brittany-older daughter, Micheal-husband, and herself, Lori. Mrs. Schirg has seven people in her family: Emmi-daughter, Adam-son, three grandchildren, Barry-husband, and herself, Zee. Mrs. Schirg likes middle eastern food, and Mrs. McNeal likes pizza. In her free time, Mrs. McNeal likes to read, and Mrs. Schirg likes to read, bike, and walk.

In the library, the busiest day is violet day. That's when a lot of kids come in. A lot of kids come in the other days, too! Mrs. Schirg loves to work in the library because of all the kids, and she likes buying things for the library. Mrs. McNeal likes working in the library because she loves to work with kids, and she loves to read. Sometimes, classes put their projects in the library, and both Mrs. McNeal, and Mrs. Schirg love to look at them. Mrs. McNeal loves the creativity in the projects, and she learns a lot of things about weather from them. Mrs. Schirg said, "I wish I could do what the students do, they're so creative!" Mrs. McNeal, and Mrs. Schirg are really nice, and the next time you see them, you could say hi.

- Briana McNeal

★ Diwali ★

I, Nivi, will tell you about Diwali (Dhee-va-lee), a big Indian holiday. There are tons of things going on throughout the day. This is a grand holiday all Hindus celebrate. I love Diwali.

Diwali comes every year in October or November. This year, Diwali comes on October 26. I will tell you what I do on Diwali first. Every Diwali morning, I take a shower and if there is school, I wear new clothes to school. Everyone wears new clothes on Diwali. In the morning, after shower, we (my family and me) pray. On Diwali, lots of people get their houses cleaned. They vacuum their house, paint their house, get their yard cleaned, change bed sheets and all that stuff.

Many people cook lots and lots of sweets and food on Diwali. I will make some sweets this year too: Me and my dad are making rasagulla, me and my mom are making gulab jamun (goo-lab jaw-moon) and a friend and I are making Rava laddu. My mom is making a popular Indian dish made of rice and vegetables: biryani. During Diwali, lots of girls wear mehendi. It is a type of henna made of ground leaves. You put the ground leaves in a tube and squeeze it onto your hands and feet in different designs. It will dry and you can scrape it off your hands. It will usually last for a week or two. You can't have Diwali without fireworks. During the night we always use sparklers and do Flower Pots and different types of fireworks. The fireworks are always my favorite part! Diwali is a great time to see friends and family. In India, when everyone visits their relatives and friends, they exchange gifts and money. Many times, we have parties and that is where you eat all the snacks and sweets and wear new clothing and jewelry and henna and watch fireworks.

with friends and play games!

Diwali is so exciting and I have so much fun just telling you about it! I can't wait for Diwali. This holiday will always be my favorite holiday. By the way, if you were wondering why we celebrate Diwali, it is because of victory of good over evil. The word Diwali means festival of lights. I hope you had fun hearing about Diwali. Thank You! By Nani Ramasamy

Jonathan All about Dogs:

Dogs are really interesting animals. Their eye site is 500d. Dogs see Black and white, but they have good hearing and smelling. They are more than 200 breeds of dogs. Dogs have been around for a long time. They are related to the wolf.

Dogs came from many different ~~countries~~ countries. Some came from the U.S.A. They traveled a bunch of miles to get here. I followed the Indians of the people around them. They also did it by the

Their Scientific Classification is:

Kingdom: Animalia
phylum: Chordata
Class: Mammalia
order: Carnivora
family: Canidae
Genus: Canis
Species: C. lupus

I hoped you liked

The End

Timeline of Ohio State History

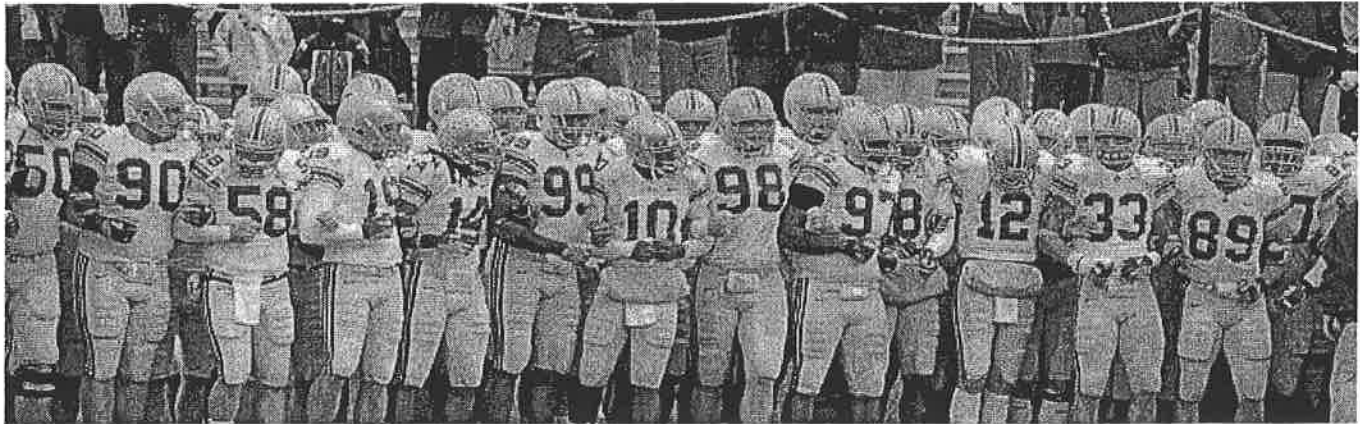


Hi, my name is Austin drum and I'm the #1 Buckeye fan. Right about now is when I will be telling you about the history of the Ohio State Buckeyes.

In 1890, the Buckeyes played their first game against Ohio Wesleyan. 1919: Ohio State beats Michigar for the first time. 1930- Wes Fesler is named big ten MVP. In 1936, the Ohio State marching band performs "Script Ohio" fo the first time.

I hope you enjoyed the time line of Ohio State buckeyes.

By: Austin drum



Art

Parton

Every week in art, it is LOTS of fun! Almost everytime we go to art, we learn something new. In my opinion, art is never boring!

This week in art, we are learning how to draw the Statue of Liberty. I think drawing the Statue of Liberty is cool to draw because Mrs. Johnson (art teacher) shows us step by step how to draw it. That way, it might not be as hard as if we were on our own.

A couple days ago, we had a substitute teacher and we made leaves, and put cool patterns, and designs in them. And a couple of weeks ago, Mrs. Johnson had us draw portraits, and we sent them in to a company called Square one Art, where we get our portraits on water bottles, necklaces, plates, and lots more fun things. I think

it's very cool that we can get our own portraits that we draw on almost anything we want!

I think now you know how fun art is and I hope you like it, too.



Leaf drawing

- Sarah

All About Cheerleading! Interviewing Mrs. Cline

I'm Tiffany Minke.
I would like to tell you
about cheerlead. This
is my report.

In cheer, we do stunts
and we tumble, jump. We do
a lot of stuff in cheerleading.
I cheer for 4½ hours
every week. There are
three different jumps: one
is a toe touch, two is a
pike and three is a hurdler.
In tumble, you can go up
to seven skills one is a
front roll, two is a cartwheel,
three is a handspring, fourth
is a tuck, five is a laid out,
six is a full, seven is a
double full.

That is what cheerleading
is all about. It is very
fun. I hope you try it
one day!

by: Tiffany
Minke

I interviewed Mrs.
Cline down in the nurse
office and she likes
being a nurse because
she loves working with
children. Her hair is a
golden brown, and her eyes
are a bright blue.

Mrs. Cline's favorite
number is 22 because
when she was little she
played basketball and
volleyball, those were
the numbers on her
jersey.

Also she has
four dogs, and their
names are Sophie and
Mickey. They are Scottie.
She also has Desi and
Lucy. They are Bichons.

Finally, Mrs. Cline
is an awesome nurse.

By Mandolyn

Jobs for Alcott 5th Graders

My name is Goma Naigou. You may have heard of me from a special lady. Well now I'm going to tell guys about a couple of jobs going on at Alcott. There are a lot of responsibilities. Like not going off on the job, doing your job, being there. ~~Short time~~ The first job I'm going to tell is School Store. I'm going to tell you what you have to do if you have the job. First you have to get to Alcott at 8:30. Then, you set up and wait until school starts. Next, when school does start, you wait until someone comes up. Then when someone does come up, they tell you what they want. You have to count their money, to see if they have enough. Then, when the announcements are about to come on, that's the end of the school store hours for the day. When everyone leaves, then you count how much money you made and give it to Mr. Mazzon. Now I'm going to list one more. (But there's a lot of jobs) That's recycling team. It's very simple. First you're assigned to a hall. Then you do that hall. If you do the 5th and 2nd grade hall, you'll have to check if Mrs. Johnson wants you to take her box. Now

Now those are the two jobs I'm going to tell you about.

Oh, did I tell you that you get reward parties? Well there you have it the jobs that the kids do.

All about Penguins By: Andrew

Penguins are cuddly, fun, flightless little birds, right? Well looks can be deceiving. I'm Andrew from the Amici Dispatch and I'm here to tell you about one of the worlds only aquatic birds, penguins.

Looks really can be deceiving. They look fluffy on the outside, but on the inside they're meat eaters. Their diet is only fish, but usually feed on extremely small fish called krill. Relax though, there is a really low chance a penguin would hurt you.

Your actual chance of seeing a penguin in the wild are very low. As you probably know, penguins live in Antarctica, but if you went there, you probably won't find many because they spend about 75% of their life underwater.

Now do you still think they're that sweet? Now that I had time to research them, I don't, but, I do think they're ten times cooler. Do you?



Dance

Dance is a really fun sport and you can do it to. Most girls do dance but boys can do it too. I danced for a long time. The place that I dance at now is Generations, but I used to dance at North paine. I do not know wich on I like better.

At Generations you get to do a ton of fun things like a Christmas show, 4th Friday, and the recital. If you do, step one you would probly have alot of fun. I have done dance for a long time. And I loved it for years. There are a lot of types of dance like ballet, Jazz, niphop, tap and ballet alonge.

There are also a lot of people who work there like Mrs. sith, the lady who works at the front deck. There's Cindy and Angie they both help own generations. Cindy is also older than Angie. Angie also has two daughters named Jazmin and Jade. Jazmin has one sister Jade who in collge. Jazmin also has a daughter named charlie.

At generations they also have really cool costems for boys and girls. Girls have mostley dresses and boys have mostly tuxedos. most of the girl costumes are sparkley but boys costems can be sparkley to.

Generations is very fun and I hope that you will want to dane there.

by: chloe michael's

Mystery Teacher

Taylor
Meeks

I went to a teacher's classroom and asked him/her a few questions. In this article, I am going to give you the Qs and As (question and answers) and at the end you have to guess the mystery teacher. On your mark, get set, go.

These are some of the educational related Qs and As that I am going to say. Q, how did you become a teacher? A, four years of college. Q, what is your favorite school subject and why? A, science, because it's hands on. Q, what elementary school did you go to? A, Gardner Manor. Q, what is your best school subject? A, math. Q, why did you want to become a teacher? A, so kids wouldn't have a bad experience, like I did. Once again this is his or her goals in life and also their educational related things, too.

Now we are going into personal favorites.

Q, what was your favorite T.V show when you were a kid? A, Tom and Jerry. Q, what is your favorite color? A, yellow. Q, what is your favorite type of reading? A, straight out of a book. Q, what is your favorite book and author? A, Chris Van Allsburg is my favorite author and The Stranger is my favorite book. Q, what is your favorite sports team? A, the Islanders.

I hope that you enjoyed my ~~my~~ article about the mystery teacher. Here are the options of teachers: Mrs. Cody, Mr. McQuon, Mr. Baylis, or Mrs. Irby. I will reveal the answer in the ~~next~~ next issue.

~ Taylor
Meeks

Soccer ^{Mallory}

I play soccer and a lot of other sports to. When I play soccer, it sometimes gets in the way of my other events, like volleyball and P.S.R. (a religious school). It's sometimes fun running around and leaving early and arriving late.

When I play soccer in games and practice, I usually play goalie. It is mostly my best position. When I don't play goalie, I usually play forward.

Some questions that people usually ask are, who, what, when, where, why, and how. So I will answer them. If you're wondering who - it's me, sometimes my parents and sisters, too. They

have to drive me around every where. What? I soccer. I love it, it is so fun! When? It's just about every week and about two hours every practice. Where? If it is a home game, it's at Copper park, but they're mostly away games. Why is simple - because I love soccer and was able to make my team because I was good at soccer and knew a lot of the players.

My team's name is the Stingers and they're the best! We work hard and practice hard, and it all pays off. Our favorite games are when they are in the rain, and sometimes after our games are over, we go to dinner. My teammates are the best and so are my coaches. My team of friends are all my family and we always have fun.

~ Mallory Mahone

Lunch

What goes on at lunch? What foods do you eat? How much is it? These are all common questions at my house. I'm here to answer those questions.

First, I am going to start with the prices of the food. Breakfast is \$1.25. Lunch is \$2.25. If you want extra milk it cost 50¢. You can either bring money every day or put in money like a bank account.

What food do you have? Offered daily are Chef Salad, SB + J (Soy Butter and jelly) and turkey + cheese sandwich. Every Thursday it is Sloppy Joe. Every Monday is "Meatless Monday." It varies all of the other days. One student said their Hot Dogs are gross. I don't like Hot Dogs in general so I'm fine.

What goes on at lunch? "It's a good time to let loose and be with your friends." says a fifth grade student. Everybody just talks then eats then talks. On Fridays

5th graders get to sit where ever they want! It's awesome when we get to do that.

What goes on at lunch? What foods do you eat? How much is it? Well now you know!

- Olivia Loesch

The Mystery Student By Ty

This person that I interviewed likes any kind of pizza. His favorite color is blue. He was also born in Columbus, Ohio. He has a bro named Grant a dad named Trent and a mom named Kristal. His best friends are Ty, Ethan and Zach R. His favorite book series is Harry Potter also, his favorite teacher is Mrs. O'Hara. His favorite candy is pop rocks and his favorite sport is Soccer. His favorite super villain is the Joker and his favorite shoe brand is Air Jordans.

So Who Do you think it is?

An Interview on Mrs. Simpson

Mrs. Simpson is a very nice person, and here's some information you should know. She has no pets in her classroom.

Also, in her class she is teaching about sound and bats, which sounds like fun. She has twenty-two kids in her classroom. Compared to fifth grade, that's not that many at all. The

good thing is that she has eleven gold fish in her pond at home. Her favorite is named Tiger Lilly. I think that is an extremely wierd name.

Amazingly, her favorite vacation was last year in, Canada, when she got to see a sunken ship!

Strangly, her favorite movie is, My Dog Skip.

It's cool that she says change takes place every day! She is

intelligent, kind, loving person. She never gets mad or raises her voice. Loving, she never ever, ever, does not like a hug. Smartly, she always has a plan and

knows what she is teaching. As you can see you should get a chance to meet Mrs. Simpson.

~ Dawson
Kindall

Who is it? ^{Brandon}

This person is a teacher that teaches 3rd 4th or 5th grade. This teacher's favorite color is blue. This teacher's class room is up stairs.

This teacher likes football and baseball. This teacher's hair is brown. He or her's eyes are blue.

This teacher was born in Ohio. He or she's favorite book is Measle and The Wrathmonk. This teacher has 1 brother and 1 sister. This teacher teaches reading, writing, spelling, grammar and social studies. Who is it?

By Taylor Downard

Mr. Poggiali's Cat

Mr. Poggiali had a cat named Ms. Grimsly. When Mr. Poggiali found her, half her face was paralyzed. Ms. Grimsly was a Calico so she had a mix of many colors. She had tiny feet for a cat, so she'd always eat the feet off the food she caught. For example, she would eat the paws off of mice. Mr. Poggiali thinks she was angry about have small feet.

Ms. Grimsly liked to get into trouble. Once she caught herself on fire, but that is a different story. Sometimes she got the sprints. The sprints are when pets will feel the need to run around the house really fast. One day Mr. Poggiali was sitting on his sofa and he saw Ms. Grimsly. Well, Ms. Grimsly had the sprints that day, so she was running around. All of the sudden, Ms. Grimsly charged and leaped up at Mr. Poggiali. She clawed the wall, ran up the wall, and fell down. Mr. Poggiali never even moved.

Mr. Poggiali had a total of three cats, but Ms. Grimsly was the most special of all three. I'm sure you can imagine life with Ms. Grimsly after reading this little bit about her.



Danceing at Iyouwee.

Hi, my name is Nicolette DiMarzio and I would like to talk about dance. My favorite sport is dance.

I dance at Iyouwee and it's so much fun. I do hip hop, ballet, production, and lyrical. Dance is a lot of work. I have to go on

Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, and then on Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, and on Saturdays from 10:00pm to 2:00pm, but one time I had to go at 9:00pm to 4:30pm!

In Ballet your'e supposed to wear your ballet shoes, a black leotard, and light pink tights. In hip hop your'e supposed to wear tennis shoes, sweatshirts or T-shirts and sweatpants.

In production you wear shorts, tank top and jazz shoes. It's the same for lyrical. I love to dance because it's hard work and I can see all of my friends. It's the only sport that I play. I want to dance for a long time!

The time /y teachers Cat Cought Fire!

I need to tell you about the time when my math and science teachers cat cought on fire! My teachers name is Mr. Poggiali and he once had a cat named Mrs. Grimsly. During the winter Mrs. Grimsly liked to sleep on Mr. Poggial gas stove. She slept over the little hole in ~~the~~ between all four of the burne

One winter morning, Mr. Poggiali came down to the kitchen to see Mrs. Grimsly on the stove. She got up and looked at Mr. Poggiali. He looked at the burnt spot where the hole was sitting on her fur. In less than a second, Mrs. Grimsly's whole body flashed with blue fire. Mrs. Grimsly ran down to the basement like lightning. Mr. Poggiali was still standing in the kitchen. He wasn't panicking, but he said to himself, "Was the cat just on fire?"

He walked over to the top of the stairs and saw Mrs. Grimsly groom herself. The fire was out and she survived. She was twitching while she licked her singed fur. Mr. Poggiali's eyes started waking up and he had eyes as big as golf balls. That was the time my teachers cat cought on fire.

By: Dori Cadly

Anna
Brown

Ticket Lottery

Ticket lottery is lots of fun. We have it every Friday. We, the students, get tickets through the week from Mrs. Amici for being good. To get them you can do things like picking up trash, doing extra credit, and doing chores for Mrs. Amici. We also get them taken away by forgetting your homework, talking, or being bad.

There is a ticket collector every week and, actually, I'm it this week! If one of your tickets gets picked, then you get something out of the ticket lottery box. There are socks, candy, toys, and crafty stuff in it. You can also get picked twice!

We keep points for when we get in line on the locker wall. You can get up to five

points. Mrs. Amici holds up one hand and puts one finger down when we're still talking. Finally, when we stop talking, she sees how many fingers she has up and that's how many points we get. On Friday, she adds up how many points we have for that week, and that's how many tickets she pulls out of the bucket.

The ticket collector goes around the room and collects tickets that the kids have. You can put in as many tickets as you want. Some people save up on them, and some people only have a couple on Friday.

Ticket lottery is very fun! I actually won several times. I hope you enjoyed learning about ticket lottery.