

# The Poggiali 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

# Music

by Lenac

Let me introduce to you what we do in music. In music, we are reviewing notes and rests, and also we are learning new notes and rests. The notes that we know are, whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes. The rests that we know are whole rests, half rests, and quarter rests. The new notes that we are learning about are dotted half notes, dotted quarter notes and sixteenth notes. The new rest that we were introduced to is an eighth rest.

Also in music we are learning syncopation. Syncopation is when you cont notes and then one or a few notes are not exactly on the beat. Next we can talk about gui guitars. What we are doing with guitar is learning to have good hand position. Then we learned all the parts of the guitar. To be specific, the parts of a guitar are the headstock, the top of the guitar, the tuning pegs, the pegs on the sides of the headstock. The neck, which is the long skinny part of the guitar, the <sup>sound</sup> hole; the hole in the middle of the guitar, and there are other parts, but then that would take a while to explain.

In music, we play games. Some of the games that we have played at one point are the slaves of Jobe; passing the ball on the beat, and tennis ball (bounce the ball on the beat). We also do dancing in a group.

Going back to the guitars, we learned how to play an easy C chord and an easy G7 chord. We also learned that our guitar neck must be by our left shoulder. Our class has only used finger one (index finger) and we have to keep a good hand position. The hand position is to pretend there is a ball in your hand and your thumb is behind the neck and your finger is close to the fret wire (metal lines on a guitar). As you can see music has a lot of fun things to think learn and do.

# How Tim Tebow became A great Player

When Tim Tebow was a freshmen in college, the coach for the Florida Gators knew he was special. His freshmen year, he got named the starting quarter back. After that, he was dominant. He won his team a National championship his sophomore year, and his Junior year won the Heisman Trophy. His senior year, he won his team, the Florida Gators, the Tortilla bowl.

When he went into the draft draft, everybody expected him not to make it to the N.F.L. but he did. He was picked in the first round, pick 25. In the regular season of 2010, Tim Tebow threw 82 passes and completed 41 of them. He scored five touchdowns, and three interceptions, and he only played nine games! His rushing stats were 43 attempts, 227 yards, and six touchdowns!

In 2011, he was the third string quarterback. In front of him was Kyle Orton starting. Next it was Brady Quinn at back up. But after his impressive performance verses the San Diego chargers, he was named the starting quarterback!

Tim Tebow is an amazing quarterback. His stats in college were out of this world! He deserved the starting quarterback

Position. I hope he  
will stay there and  
win some games, because  
they're one in five  
and need a great  
comeback, and Tebow's  
going to be able to  
help them do it!

By: Tyler Combest

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# Video Game News

by: Josh Plzak

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In this week's news, you will be learning about video games. First, the top 10 Xbox games in 2011 and 2010. Next, the top ten 2009 games and they are 10) Forza Motorsport Three, 9) Halo Wars, 8) Street Fighter IV, 7) Resident Evil Five, 6) Dragon Age Origins, 5) Halo Three ODST, 4) Star Ocean Last Hope, 3) Alan Wake, 2) Bioshock Two Sea of Dreams, 1) Call of Duty Modern Warfare Two.

The top 10 2010 Xbox games of the year are: 10) Alan Wake, 9) Dead Rising Two, 8) Max Payne, 7) UFC Undisputed, 6) Bioshock Two, 5) Mass Effect, 4) Halo Reach, 3) Fable III, 2) Splinter Cell Conviction, (Bonus Pick: Dead Space Two), 1) Final Fantasy.

The new 2011 Xbox video games are Call of Duty Modern Warfare Three, Rage, Halo Four, Forza Motorsport Four, and Gears of War Three. Halo Four is coming in one month and is the continued story of Halo Three. Call of Duty Modern Warfare Three is coming out but the story is they may not make a Modern Warfare Four. Now let's do Forza Motorsport Four. They say this new game has high-speed racing, better tracks, and real cars. Gears of War Three is going to have a longer campaigning, more challenges, and harder levels. Lastly, Rage is an action packed game you would want.

In conclusion, there has been a lot of game news this month. Some of the video games have been listed every year. Each year the games get better and better.

# Fav. Fifth Grade Books

## The library

There are many people that loves books. In our school, we have the Alcott library. It has lots of books you will enjoy. Some of the new books you will enjoy are... Theodore Boone, Liar Liar, For younger kids are Pete the cat, Rocking in my shoes, I wanna new room, and new series for second graders and third graders are Magic Puppies and Magic Kittens. Those sound like great books for little ones and big ones.

My favorite book from the library is Because of Winn-Dixie. It's about this girl named Opal. She found a dog she named it Winn-Dixie. If you would like to read it's at the library.

What else is Mrs. Schung, the librarian, reads books to children which is great! Thank you for training hup!  
by Maya

There are many great books in the world, here are some of the favorites of people in Mr. Poggiali's class.

The first book is Lost and Found by Andrew Clements. This book is about twins that tried to switch lives, and all the troubles they faces. The next book was also written by Andrew Clements, and it's called Lunch Money... is book is about a guy who kept collecting lunch money, then he becomes nice, and well, you'll find out the rest when you read the book. Some other books that people seem to like are I bet the Odds and Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Some others are Inkheart and Goony Bird Green. One of my favorite books is The Mysterious Benedict Society.

Now that I've told you some terrific books, I hope you found some. If you don't read at least one, well, then you're missing out.  
~ Elisabeth Steele

# All about the Pittsburgh Steelers

The Steelers are one of the best teams in the NFL and have been to eight Super Bowls. One of their best players is Troy Polamalu who plays safety for the team. A safety is someone who is positioned behind all the football players and tackles the other team's players if they pass the defensive line. They can also catch interceptions. An interception is when the quarterback throws a bad pass and the defense catches it instead of the offense. Another player on the Steeler's team is Rashard Mendenhall. He is a running back for the team. He takes the ball from the quarterback and runs it to the end zone to try and make a touchdown. His team number is thirty four and he weighs two hundred twenty five pounds and is five feet ten inches tall. Another important player for the Steelers is Ben Roethlisberger. He weighs two hundred forty one pounds and is six feet five inches tall. He is a quarterback for the Steelers. The quarterback is the first one who gets the ball once the plays starts and either hands the ball off to running back or throws it to the wide receiver to run the ball. As you can see, the Steelers have some of the best players in the NFL therefore making the team one of the best teams in the NFL.

*by Brenden*

# Water What We Need! - H<sub>2</sub>O

P. 91 by Jaek Riceborn

People live off the 1% of the water we can drink. So you would think we would take very good care of it. We do not! We do all this stuff to harm it like: litter in it, pollute it, and put all kinds of poisons in it. One way to fix it is, if you see some litter on the side of a pond or lake, pick it up. It is really hard to get poison or pollution out of the water, so just do not do it in the first place.

One way that poisons get into our only drinking water. Is when you fertilize your grass, and then it rains, the water carries the fertilizer, which is poisonous, into our sewer which then leads to our lakes, ponds, and farms. If we keep doing that to all our water, it will be all poisons. Without water, there is no life on earth. Sometimes, people do not understand how lucky they are. In the U.S.A. we can just turn on a faucet and get water, but some people have to walk miles to get a gallon of water, and then they have to walk back!

In some places, you have to live with only one bucket of water a day. We use this much water when we leave our faucet on



When we brush our teeth one time. Sometimes, a whole village has to live with only one pump ONE PUMP. For use, it takes about nine buckets to do our laundry. For them, they use one bucket for all their laundry. Well, people say why don't we just drink salt water? Well, it is way too salty. It is possible to make salt water into fresh water, but it is very expensive and you need to use fossil fuels which is also a limited resource. I would be really nice if we could do it without fossil fuels, and for free.

People always underestimate water. They probably do not notice how much they really use water. You use water for a ton of important things like: to go to the bathroom, when you do your laundry, to wash your car, water your grass, and flowers, but most important to drink it so we can stay alive. Some other weird uses of water you may not even realize are: to make your shoes, and the clothes that you are wearing right now. You are 75% water. Your bones are made up of 50% water, and without water you would only live about three days. Surprisingly in other countries people still use a river to do their laundry and chores, but with dirty

water, that is hard. Now I hope you know how important water is, and the next time you put fertilizer on your grass or garden, or brush your teeth, and even see some litter in the water what will you do?

## Inside Lunch Volume 1: by Jordan George

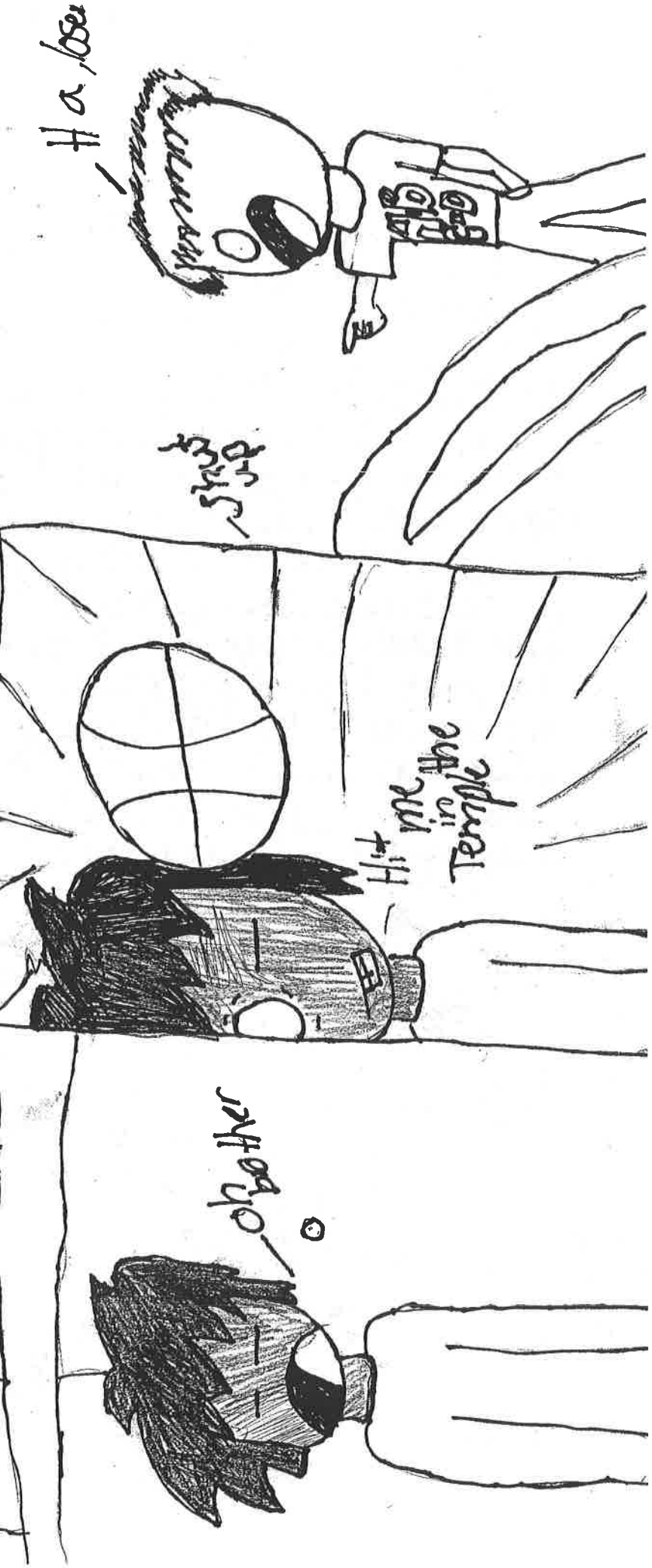
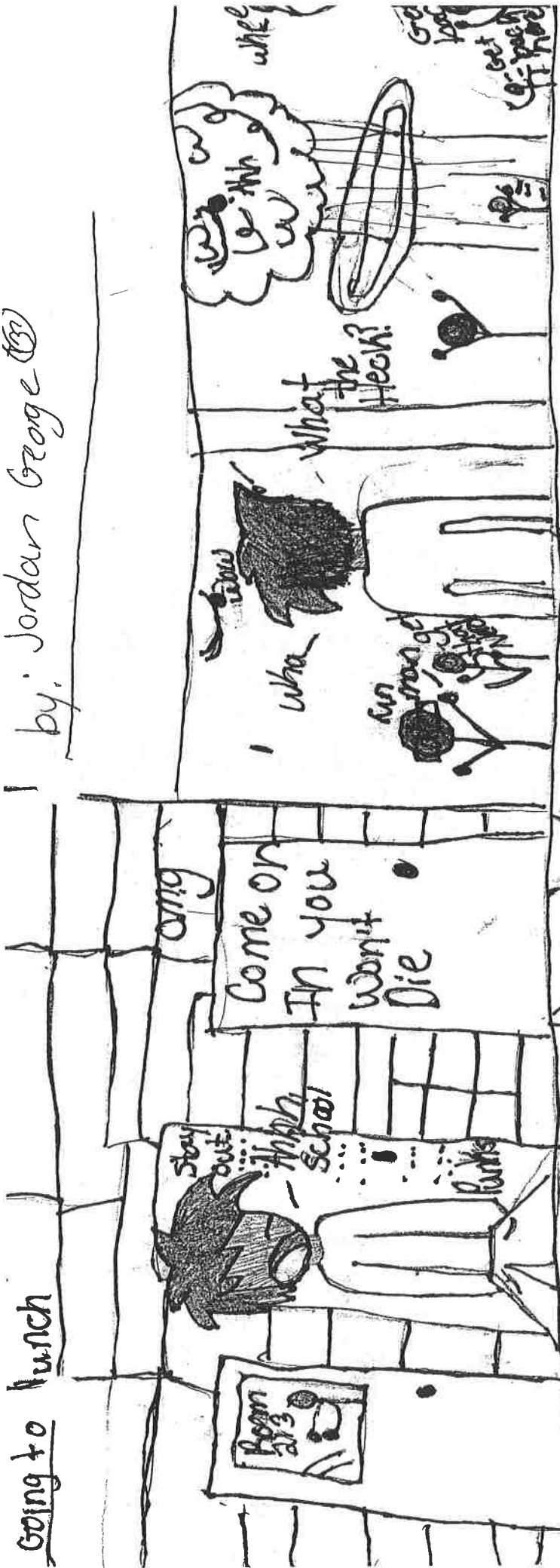
Welcome to the very first volume of, Inside Lunch. As you can see, this is all about lunch, and its advantages and disadvantages. 1) lunch is a great place to talk to your friends and junk. 2) you can have yummy types of food that can be bought, when you buy lunch.

a People ask what goes on at lunch? That is a very commonly used question by parents or whoever. Although a lot of kids say "it was O.K.", that is one of the very much used by kids. Here are some excuses "It was good I sat next to my friend Jim" (or whoever). "It was nice", or just "Nothing".

So, now the disadvantages. You have people watching you and you get in trouble if you talk to a person 6 tables away from you. So, that's all folk wait, wait, wait, we still have a comic to do.

going to lunch

by: Jordan George



# Mystery Teacher

Our mystery teacher is a male. He is a kind generous man. If he wasn't a teacher he'd be a firefighter. He has a wife and a baby girl, Emerson.

The mystery teacher's favorite restaurant is Mitchell's Steak House. He had a cat, dog, frog, and hamster. The mystery teacher's funniest moment he has ever had was when Emerson sneezed and got banana all over his face. He went to Otterbein College when he was younger.

Mystery teacher's most important day of his life was when Emerson was born. His absolute favorite desert is peanut butter ice cream. On a scale from 1-10 he'd say his artistic skills are a number 3. If his best friends started to fight he'd try to find a great solution that makes everyone happy. Who do you think is the mystery teacher?

- Shayla Ta

# Volleyball

I'm going to tell you about a sport called volleyball. It's a boy and girl sport. Here are some things about volleyball.

Some players wear socks when they play volleyball. The point of socks is just a fun part of it. They also wear kneepads, the point of kneepads is that when you have to dive, you get on your knees. So the kneepads protect your knees.

When you play volleyball, you have to be focused. You also have to have a good form. You have to have your feet spread out, but not spread out far apart. Your hands shouldn't be on your knees. You should also have your feet spread out, and your legs bent. When the ball comes over your hands shouldn't be put together until it comes to you. In a game you have 20 minutes to get 30 points. You play 2 games that are 20 minutes, and if you win one and the other team wins one, you go to a third game that is 15 minutes. Whoever wins the third game wins the whole match.

As you can see, volleyball is not a hard sport. It can be fun, to some people. I hope other people get an interest in volleyball.

By, Marah Keller

I'm Matthew and I like science.

Science is a way people solve things or problems. The scientific method is one of the tools scientists use.

Usually, scientists have a lab. Scientists mix stuff. It can cost a lot, a fortune.

Scientists are good and helpful. They have found a lot of cures and that's good. We are appreciative of the cures they have made.

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## Mason Fortin's favorite sport team

We are here interviewing Mason Fortin on his favorite sport team. His favorite sports team is the Tampa Bay Lightning. He likes them because they are a hockey team, and he loves hockey.

Right now, this year, they have beat the Hurricanes 5-1. They lost to Boston 4-1. They also lost to the Capitals 5-6. Last year, they went to the Stanley Cup play offs. In the round to go to the Stanley Cup, they lost, but they made it through five rounds before that. So as you can see they are a pretty good team.

Noah  
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## The Yankees

Last week, I wrote about my summer vacation. But, this week I'm writing about the New Yankees. Also, I will write about how good or bad the New York Yankees are doing.

These are some things about the New York Yankees. Their theme colors are dark blue and white. The Yankees have won more World Series than any other baseball team in Major League baseball.

Now I am going to write my story. First, I am going to describe the major events they won and their players. They have won the World Series more than any other team in MLB.

There is one player and he was the reason why Yankee Stadium was built. His name was Babe Ruth. He set the record for the most homeruns in a season and the Yankees were playing the Red Sox soon. That is why Yankee Stadium is standing today.

Now I am going to write about more players from the New York Yankees. I am going to write about two more players. Their names are Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez. I like them both because they never give up in a baseball game. Also, because they are one of the best players on the New York Yankees. In conclusion, that was my newspaper for this week!

By  
Noah

# Mystery Student By: Ashley C.

Today I interviewed someone from Alcott. Can you guess who I interviewed by reading the clues?

This person's 11 years old and has a birthday on July 11, 2000. He/she also does not like art class very much. The mystery person has had the following teachers: Kuhar, Peak, Simpson, and O'harra.

He or she has two cats named Frank and Roxy. His or her favorite color is orange and blue. This person is currently reading The Haunting of Freddy. His or her favorite book is Skinny Bones. This person has dark blue eyes and light brown hair. They love to go to Kings Island.

Now can you guess who I interviewed?  
\*The answer will be at the bottom of nexts week's paper 😊

Or do this and find out the first letter of their first and last name.

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- Ashley Crabtree



# Art

This week in art, we have been working hard. In particular, we have been working on drawing and painting the Statue of Liberty. It has been going very well!

First, we started out by getting the basic shape of the statue's head and face. Then we worked down her body, and created her arms. The first arm held the flame, and the other arm held a book with the date July 4, 1776 on the title. Then we finished by drawing the pedestal, and the buildings in the background.

Next, we started outlining everything with sharpie, making sure to get all the details. Some of the details we included were the ruffles on the statue's dress, which really helped it look real. Also, another detail we included were windows on the buildings in the background.

Now, we have begun to paint the drawing. We mixed green, with a little bit of black, to get that old copper look on the statue. Next, we painted the water blue behind the statue, and the pedestal underneath the statue brown.

I have really enjoyed making the Statue of Liberty in art. They are really neat, and have been a lot of fun to make. I loved making the Statue of Liberty in art!

By Callie Barry

# Interviewing the Mystery Teacher

Let me introduce you to the mystery teacher: She has six children. Her oldest girl is a senior in high school and her youngest is a girl ~~is~~ in second grade. She also has two rabbits Flopsy and Cottontail and has a dog as pets. Her birthday was on February 28, 1968. She has worked all around the world in countries like Costa Rica, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and Europe.

The mystery teacher has a teaching degree to teach grades 1-8, English as a second language, Kindergarten, and an administrative certification. She has been teaching at Alcott for four years now. She loves teaching at Alcott and she says, "the families and students here are the best." ~~She~~ She has taught three other places other than Alcott, she taught at Bexley City Schools, All the Children of the World, and Pointview Elementary School.

Now, I want to see if any of you can guess who I am talking about. The answer will not be told yet. Have fun trying to figure out the puzzle.

By: Malia White

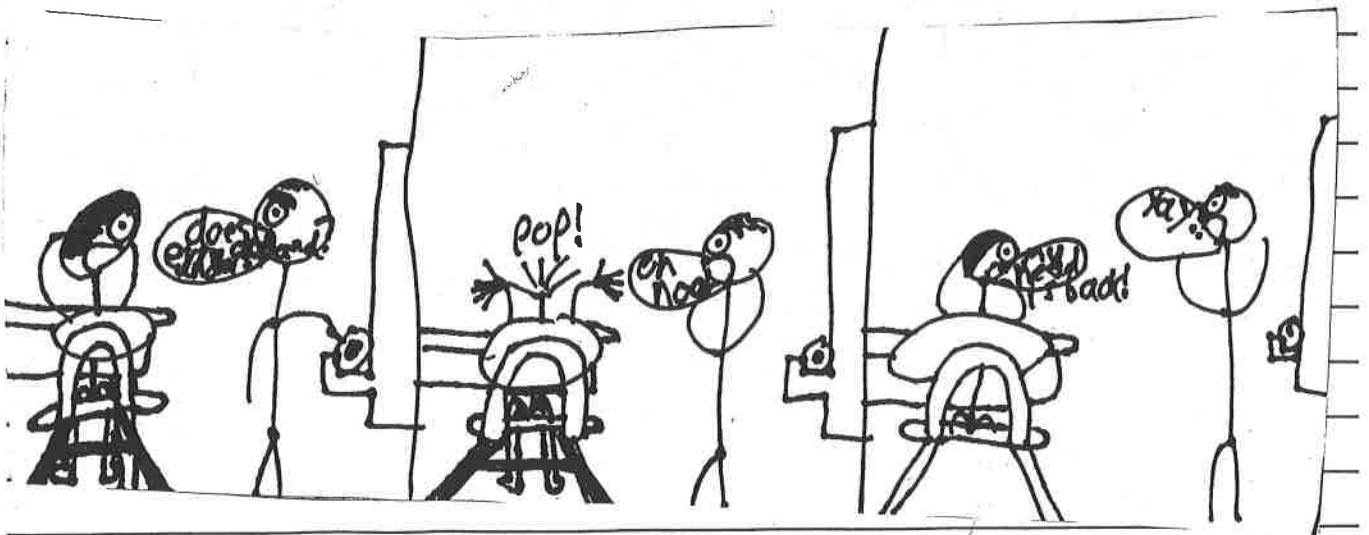
# In Side Math

by Max

WELCOME back to the NEWS ROOM.  
Are you in for some MATH? No, well OK, but listen.  
In MATH, we are studying graphs. We just  
learned about the negative parts of a graph.

When Mr. P (Mr. Poggioli) explained, a few  
kids heads popped, and a few spun around. After he  
told us to read it from the x axis, then y axis, we  
got it. It was pretty simple after he explained  
it.

Well, thats all for to day, folks. Would you  
like some COMICS? Yes, well, enjoy.



# My Hockey Team

By: Grant Rodge

My hockey team, the Columbus Capitals, is an excellent hockey team. We pass the puck smoothly across the ice, and we all talk to each other on and off the ice. We all help each other up, and we don't let a teammate down.

Our whole team plays with class and sportsmanship. My team's record is eight wins two losses and one tie, and our only losses are to teams that are older than us. My hockey team is the best team in the Cleveland Suburban Hockey League (CSHL). I am the best goalie in the league, and the second best in the nation at the 2000 Double A level.

My team really knows what it's doing. We don't check, we follow the rules of the game, and most of all, we play as a team.

Come watch us play on 10-22-11 at Chiller North time 3:40. As you can see, the Columbus Capitals is a really good hockey team.

By: Grant Rodgers

# Alcott P.E. News

By Brandt  
Video games

Hello Alcott staff and students.  
Alcott P.E teacher, Mr. McDonald, has fifth grade students playing volleyball. He has taught us how to pass and set the ball. Fifth grade student, Brandt Gebbie, has found that setting the ball is harder than it looks. He stated that some movements could make you mess up the whole move. Besides that Brandt likes what they're doing in P.E.

Brandt decided to do some interviews on students in his class. First up is Nicole.

Q. How are you doing?

A. Good.

Q. Do you like what we are doing in P.E.?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there anything that you have to say?

A. No.

The next person Brandt interviewed is Jordan George.

Q. How are you?

A. I'm doing well.

Q. Do you like what we're doing in P.E.?

A. No.

The last person Brandt interviewed is Max Davis.

Q. How are you doing?

A. Well.

Q. Do you like what we're doing in P.E.?

A. Yes

Interviewing Max Davis continued —

Q. Do you have any thing to say?

A. yes, volley ball is very fun but sometimes it is hard to do the movements required.

As you can see, 2 out of 3 fifth graders like what we are doing in P.E. Look for this article next week.

# Bullies

Bullying is a problem that has been going on for a while. Anybody can be a bully, anywhere. It all depends on how you act, or the words you use.

You can bully someone in a few ways. The first, and most common known way is physical contact. This is when someone hits, or kicks someone in a mean way, or do it to make the other person mad, or irritated. The second way is to say mean things, or say threats to someone. This one is commonly done in school, and even sometimes by adults.

One type of bullying is growing with the internet. It's called cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is when you send a threat, or make mean comments to or about someone. One example is posting a personal picture on Face Book or Twitter, or texting threats to someone. Those are both examples of cyber bullying.

Anyone can be a bully, even your best friend. You can help stop bullying by not bullying people, standing up to bullies, and getting an adult to help stop bullying.

Now, together we can work to stop bullying for Alcott. Then, Alcott will be a better place to learn and play.

- Sophie Domanik

# The Mystery Student

I interviewed someone here at Alcott. I asked "How many people are in your family?" Five people. Her favorite book is Tales Of The Fourth Grade Nothing. He or she has two pets, he/she's favorite sport is gymnastics. He or she loves to dance. He or she is in fourth grade in Mr. Talley's class.

Here are some more questions I asked he or she. Who do you play with at home? Andi Zimmerer. He or she plays with Jessica at recess. He or she has a brother and a sister. He or she's favorite color is blue.

Last, but not least, the last question I asked he or she is... Why do you like your teacher? "He or she replied he's nice." I interviewed this person because he or she is very nice.

- Andi Zimmerer



# Volleyball

I am going to tell you about a sport called volleyball. It is a boy and girl sport. So here are some things you need to know about volleyball.

You can only have three hits on your side. You can only serve under hand or over hand. When you serve under hand you have to start low, hold it with one hand, make a fist, hit it with the fist on the bottom of the ball, and hit it over the net. When you over hand serve, you throw it up and hit it with your open hand.

The things you can do in volleyball are bump, set, and spike. You bump by getting low, putting one hand over the other, thumbs folded in. You also have to have your arms together without overlapping them. Use your legs to push up your body to move your arms to hit the ball. When you set, you put your hand like you are showing five, push up the ball, almost catch it but you don't.

As you can see, volleyball is not complicated. It is really fun. I always have a good time when I play or when I watch.

By Nicole Polito

Mitchell

# Safety Patrol

10/13/11

Safety patrol is a school job. It requires a certain amount of members for each day of the week. These members have to fill out a sheet of paper saying that they're right for the job. When they go outside for work they have to put every piece of equipment on. Safety patrol is not always simple you have to watch out for cars and busses.

When safety patrol members get off duty, they have to safely cross their partners. If one of the safety patrol members forgets to do this, Mr. McDonald or another member has to cross him or her over. The way safety patrol members know to go in is that the captain calls for the person at the stop sign. It's the safety patrol members responsibility to know to cross their partner over.

Then, when safety patrol goes inside, the lieutenant has to tell how to hang the stuff up properly. The lieutenant has to tell them specifically because if there not hung up correctly, Mr. McDonald has to blame the lieutenant. It's also the lieutenant's responsibility to fill in for the captain if he or she is sick.

The whole point for safety patrol is that no one gets hurt while going to school. Safety patrol is very important for school. It tells us that our school is safe. I think all schools should have a type of safety equipment so no one gets hurt.

As you can see, safety patrol is great for our school district. It makes our students feel safe while walking to school and back. Again I think safety patrol is a good idea for the school district.

# How Michael Jordan Became a Basketball Player

I'm telling how Michael Jordan became a basketball player to a basketball legend.

First, he started in a varsity team. Then, he started to become better. When he finished the varsity team, Michael got invited to a Five Star basketball camp for the summer.

The scouts there were so impressed with Michael they offered him a scholarship to college, so he took it. He made the U.N.C. team which is really rare for the first year of college.

So let's talk about him becoming a legend. When he finished college the NBA accepted him. His first NBA team was the Chicago Bulls. Well that's my story. Hoped you liked it.

~ Jack Reichardt

# My Interview of a Mystery Safety Patrol

I think the <sup>person</sup> most exciting part of safety patrol is getting to be at bus crossing. You get to cross more people there. Also middle crossing is fun.

I will be interviewing a mystery person on safety patrol. This person likes to play hockey. His favorite vacation was at California.

Here are some more mystery things. His favorite colors are pink and red. He doesn't really have a favorite ~~season~~ <sup>season</sup>.

Here are three more. His favorite part of safety patrol is raising and lowering the flags. He is a good hockey player. He chose safety patrol because most of his friends do it.

That is my mystery person's life. Be ready for more news! Also try to figure out my mystery person.

Sincerely, Gage

## How to Play Basketball

You play basketball like this: you dribble the ball, but don't smack the ball, push it up and down. Then you try to keep control and dribble towards the hoop, now you push up and make it like you are reaching for the cookie jar. Where you play is on a basketball court inside or outside. You practice where you play. The rules are you can not double dribble that is when you dribble and you pick it up and dribble it again, another rule is you can steal that means you can take the ball from the person and you have the ball, another rule is you can steal the pass by getting in front of the pass and getting it. And you can also block the shot by jumping up in the air when they shot and those are all the rules. You need to be six or older to play in a league but you can play basketball for fun no matter how old you are. If you are short, then you might want to make shorter shots, but if you are tall then you could shoot from far away. You feel the excitement, the fun thing that makes you play, it feels really good. You will need a mouthguard, and basketball shoes, shorts and your basketball jersey. You could be in shape, you have to run, and you have to dribble. If you are really good at basketball, you will see that you will score a lot of points, steal a lot, and have very good shooting. So this is how you play basketball. I hope have fun playing basketball!

