



WELCOME MR. WRZESINSKI!

Let's get to know you a little bit better!

**What do you like about Palos South?**

I love the students, parents, and staff,

**What do you miss about Palos West?**

The teachers, students, and parents, but I do get to see them when they come to the middle school.

**Other than Palos 118, what other schools have you worked in?**

Homer Glen as a teacher and administrator, and I also taught at Conrady.

**What was your favorite subject in school and why?**

Math: my dad was an accountant so at a young age; I helped him with taxes.

**What was your favorite thing to do as a kid?**

I loved playing soccer, and I played for a long time.

**Cats or dogs or...**

For a pet, it would be a dog.

**What is your favorite color or colors?**

Cubbie blue

**What is your favorite sport/team?**

Sports team: Everton FC/ Sport: a soccer team in Liverpool, England

**What do you wish every Palos South student knew?**

That I have three great kids, and I am a big family person. Also, I have a wonderful wife.



# EBOLA

By Eve Cajas

Ebola is short for “Ebola hemorrhagic fever”. The name Ebola hemorrhagic fever came from the most fatal symptom hemorrhagic, which means unexplained bleeding. The Ebola virus strain is an infection that was discovered in 1976 near the “Ebola River” which is now the Democratic Republic of Congo (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). Ebola outbreaks are starting to hit several African American countries, although nobody knows exactly where it came from, it has been around for 35 years.

Treatments for Ebola are in development, but no one has found a treatment that is safe and effective. Many people are donating to help research the disease. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg has donated 25 million dollars to help with this Ebola crisis. Diagnosing a person with Ebola is difficult because of the symptoms, which are similar to the flu: fever, headaches, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal (stomach) pain. America is a great country, and I believe people will come together and do everything they can to stop the spread of Ebola throughout the world.

For additional information regarding the Ebola virus, please click [here](#)



National Handwashing Awareness Week for 2014 is Dec 1-7. [This site](#) gives some important information for staying healthy!

There is a “new” face on Team 8B this year; Mrs. Fitzgerald. Some of you might know her from last year and ALL 8th graders will know her from the lunchroom!

### INTERVIEW WITH NEW TEACHER MRS. FITZGERALD



What is your full name? *Eileen Patricia Fitzgerald*

What college did you attend? *U of I and DePaul*

Do you have kids? If so how many and what are their ages? *4 children, Kevin-17, Reilly-14, Marykate-11, Keira-8*

What is your favorite food? *Chicken carbonara, Yummy!*

What is your favorite color? *The blue that is like the color of the Caribbean Sea.*

What is your favorite subject in school? *L.A. of course!*

What classes do you teach? *L.A. and S.S.*

What was your favorite college class? *I had a debate class. I loved stating my claim and having my evidence to prove my claim.*

What's your favorite book? *Water For Elephants*

What is your favorite movie? *My very favorite classic is Casablanca.*

Who do you look up to as a hero? *My mom and dad. They are immigrants from Ireland. They hadn't had indoor plumbing until they came here! They raised the 5 of us to be independent, compassionate, and motivated. They valued education and family first. We all have a pretty good sense of humor toward life, struggles, and ourselves.*

Welcome to South, Mrs. Fitzgerald- we are glad you are here!



# Fall Decorations and Recipes



*By: Samantha Michniak*

During fall wouldn't you rather spend time with your family creating beautiful non-expensive decorations for your home instead of buying them? --Also hiding all those glass decorations that you hide away in a closet for winter, spring, and summer just keep breaking so, you just end up buying new decorations every year. Well, I'm here to save you from spending too much money on those expensive decorations that just don't seem to last.

The first craft that I think is easy to make and creative is a leaf chandelier. Replicate a chandelier with leaves instead of lights. Drill a 1/4-inch hole in each canning jar lid. Pull a separate piece of rope through each hole, and then tie a knot under each lid. Place single leaves in jars, and tightly secure lids. Tie rope pieces together and hang from a heavy-duty ceiling hook.

Another pretty idea is a leafy banner. Tissue paper and twigs make a pretty, leafy garland to drape in front of a window. First, trace leaf shapes onto heavy cardstock to create templates. Cut out and trace shapes onto colored tissue paper, then cut out the leaves. Glue small twigs on the leaves to look like veins; glue or tape finished leaves onto a thin strip of twine.

If you are still looking for some other fall crafts— check [this site](#) out!



Some great recipes to enjoy around fall are Pumpkin Quesadillas! The ingredients included are: 2 cups canned pure pumpkin, 1 teaspoon ground cumin, 8.8 inches flour tortillas, 4 ounces goat cheese, crumbled, 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted, and 1/4 cup vegetable oil. The steps for this recipe are: in a bowl, stir pumpkin and cumin. Spread over 4 tortillas. Sprinkle with cheese and nuts. Top with remaining tortillas. In large skillet, heat 1 tbsp. oil over medium-low. Cook quesadillas 1 at a time, turning once and adding more oil between batches, until browned, 3 minutes. Cut into wedges. Results should look like the picture to the left.



For MORE autumn inspired recipes, click [here!](#)

# NO TOUCHING!

NASTY bugs that make you want to take a hike (or should)

By Jeffrey Korbitz

Ahh, the wonderful, bug-infested world we live in... With stinkbugs, hornets, Spanish flies, well, the whole package! Well, about these...

**Stinkbugs** are nasty little fellas who fart in your face when squished.

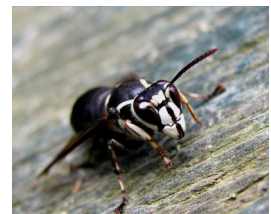


Since predators know this, the bugs live a long life.

**Hornets** are probably the most aggressive insect on the planet (and the second most painful after “cow killers”) so you obviously shouldn’t mess with them. Need I say more?

**Spanish flies** are probably the worst, though.

When killed or threatened, they release a blistering toxin that burns like alcohol and melts skin clean off in a few hours. As I said, No Touching!



# Blue Lobster

By

Daniel Grieshaber

Recently a man in Maine and his daughter caught a one-in-two-million crustacean. The story has a happy ending for the lobster; they will be donating it to the Maine State Aquarium. The aquarium says it has three other blue lobsters and an orange one. Scientist said there is still much unknown about the number of lobsters, but according to some estimates, only one out of two million lobsters is blue. While typical lobsters are often a brown or greenish color, others can be bright red, calico, multi-colored, orange and even albino, which is likely the rarest of all lobster shades. The catch drew attention from around the country, in part because it's so out of the ordinary to find live American lobsters that are any other color than the dark blue and greenish-brown commonly seen in New England.



## Halloween Whodunits

Halloween was created from old Celtic times. It was a holiday of Samhain, and was a day of life and death. In olden times, all superstitions would be easily believable. Back then Samhain was the king of the Underworld. He would torch towns with bonfires. Apparently, the only way to escape Halloween was to disguise people as monsters to camouflage with the creatures. That way, the bonfires would stop and Samhain would believe that everyone was now monsters. But that's just folklore.



By

Liam Yunker





# Some of the Most Amazing Places in the World

By: Anonymous

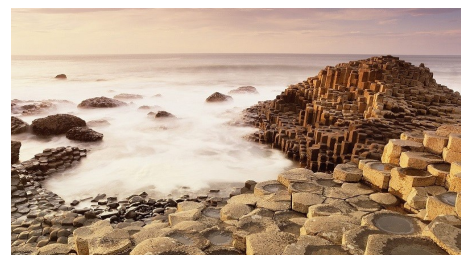
Hidden by the Atlantic, the Giant's Causeway in Ireland is easily one of the most incredible, bizarre wonders in the world. The Causeway is home to more than 40,000 columns, most of which six sides have a honeycomb-like pattern.

Giant's Causeway wasn't always the outstanding tourist hotspot, though. Created from cooled volcanic rock, or magma, took 60 million years of erosion for the columns to be seen. Talk about a big architectural leap into history. Most of the regions scientists believe that they were publicized after the Ice Age.

While some claim that it's some sort of gateway toward the unknown, others are sure the cave looks most like a dragon. Either way, the Hvitserkur rock formation gets all sorts of interest. Located at the northern tip of the Vatnsnes Peninsula, thousands of people travel to see the rock. The rock already has three holes in it, and the structure has been reinforced with concrete (in order to stop erosion).

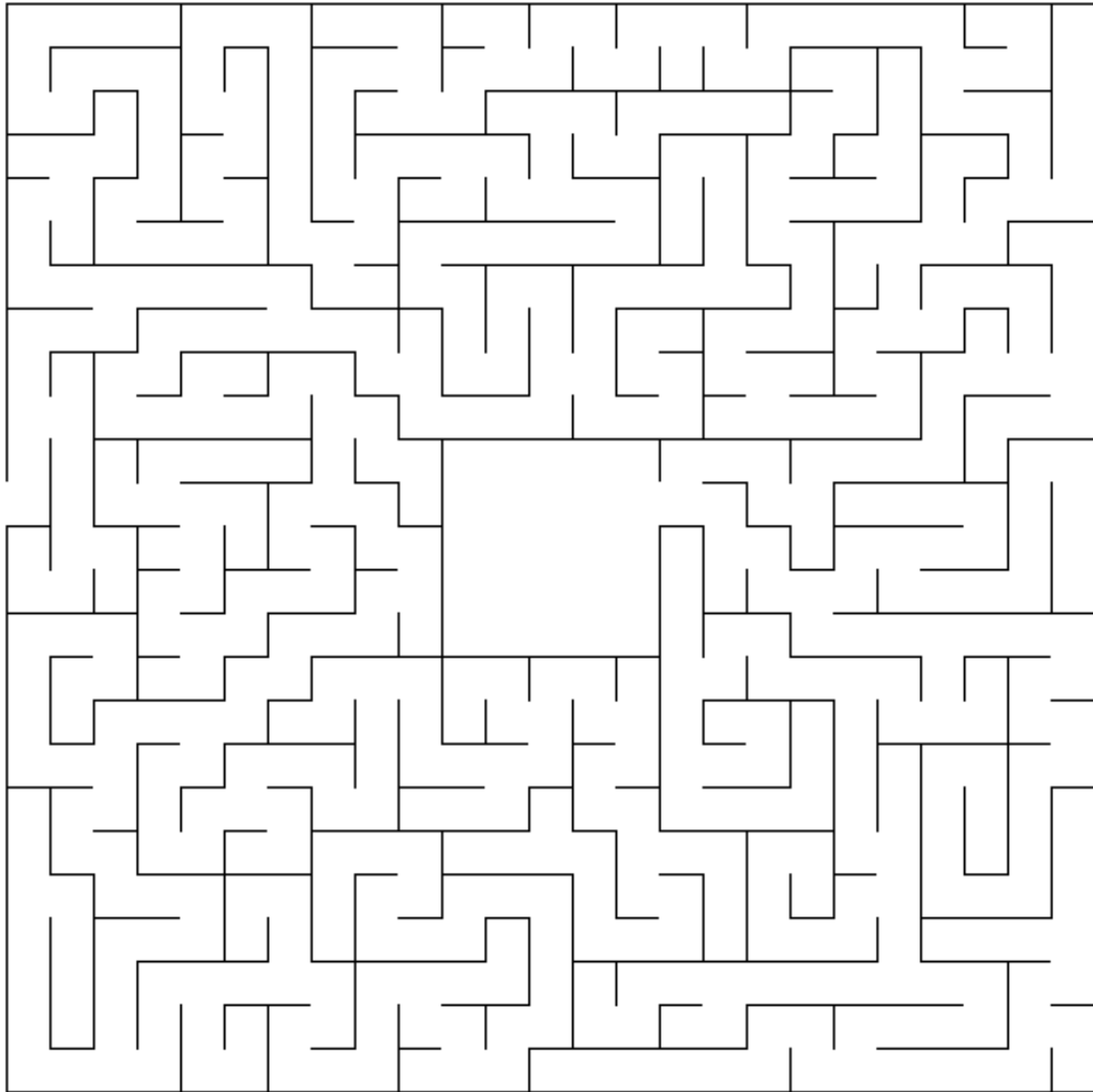


Fingal's Cave is named after the 18<sup>th</sup> century epic poem and has a myriad of geometric columns of Ireland's Giant's Causeway. This cave is formed from hexagonally jointed columns created by solidified magmatic liquid. This cave in the sea is located on Staffa, an uninhabited island, which is part of Scotland. Fingal's Cave contains high, arched roofs that amplify the ocean sounds. Although boats cannot enter the cave, several local companies offer sightseeing tours of the area.



## Jeffrey K's Dungeon Maze

You are in a medieval dungeon. Get from the dragon's lair (outside hole) to the stairwell (middle square).



Good Luck!





## Minecraft Word Search

Created by: Weston Schwartz

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EMERALD

ENCHANTMENTTABLE

FARMINGHOE

GOLD

IRON

MINECRAFT

PICKAXE

PIG

QUARTZ

SHADE

SWORD

ZOMBIE

# Journey to Mars Epic Adventure

## Sector One-The Preparation

Written by Jeffrey Korbitz

“All clear. Training complete”, says the messenger on your belt. The screechy voice reminds you of a hungry, impatient hyena, ready to make a kill. You have been waiting all too long for them to accept you into their elite team of astronauts. You and you alone know where the group is headed-Mars!

The mission crew is you and four other astronauts. Only the best of the best are open to this. It pays fifteen thousand dollars for the expedition, but the experience is priceless.

After another week of training, you are boarding the ship. Soon after, it takes off. A voice on the loudspeakers warns you that the cabin will be filled with an experimental gas meant to make you hibernate until you reach Mars. The voice assures you that there is only a 3% chance that the gas will not work and suffocate you. *What will you do?*

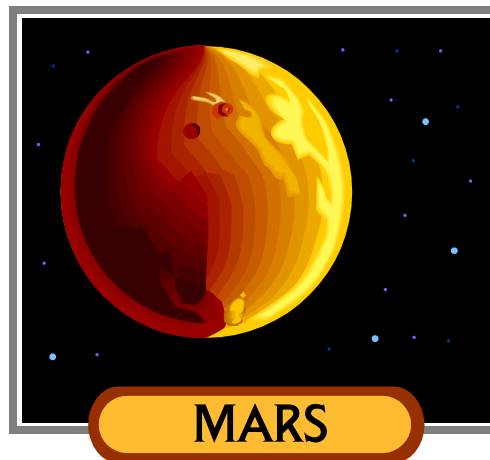
*Do you accept the gas? If so, put your vote in the Choice A box.*

*If not, put it in the Choice B box.*

The choice with more votes will be featured in the next edition. Good luck!

The choice boxes will be on a desk next to the bulletin board across from room 210.

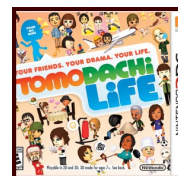
*Jeffrey K.*



Make sure to check out the bulletin board across from room 210  
(Mrs. Schramm's room) to cast your vote!



# Tomodachi Life

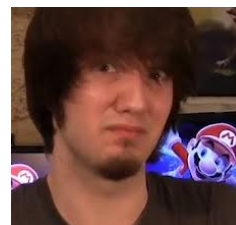


By Weston Schwartz

Hello everyone! I'm Weston Schwartz, and am I going to review a very fun video game called "Tomodachi Life" it's a name by Nintendo, the company who made Mario, Sonic, Etc. To play this game you need a 3DS system and obviously the game. It may be expensive, but trust me it's worth it! Tomodachi Life is a life simulation game like the Sims! However, it uses a cartoony graphic engine. When the game begins, you make your island and make your Miis which are the people on your island. You can add other Miis from other peoples games by using their Mii's QR Code! And you can give them funny, snazzy, and swaggy clothing and hats! Another thing is that you can create any type of character you want in this game! Also they can sing songs and you can make up your own lyrics! Furthermore, your Mii's can get married and have a baby and also can have a best friend! But one of my favorite things about Tomodachi Life is that you can find Mii's favorite foods, and when you do, they do a funny animation! Also Mii's can get sad if they're dumped (not friends with another mii anymore).

I don't want to spoil the game, but there's also a News Tower that can be unlocked and there's sometimes some funny stories on it! Well that's it; thanks for reading my article. I also give Tomodachi Life 10/10 Stars! You should buy this game it's worth it!

Also expert review PeanutButterGamer on YouTube says "That the game is very fun".



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