



# The Ireland Times



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## Snack Shack *by Jack Gudorf and Noah Kurzendoerfer*

Have you ever seen the snack shack going around the school? You may have thought, "Oh, I want a snack!" Sorry it is open to teachers only. It is run by a few students in Mrs. Beck's and Mrs. O'Connor's resource room. The price for almost everything is 75 cents, however sometimes they run a sale on something - two for 75 cents. Diet Coke and Chex Mix are the best sellers. On Tuesdays, they sell very yummy muffins. Chase, fifth grader, says that his favorite part is getting to see what the teachers eat.

Mrs. Beck said the purpose is for the kids to learn things like communication, organization, and counting money. Unfortunately, it will never be open to students because kids are not allowed to get food from there. Students can only eat food at school if it is served by the cafeteria or brought from their own house. Also, parents might get upset if kids are going to bring in money and buy unhealthy food. The Snack Shack has been a HUGE success so far. The teachers look forward the kids stopping by!



Brock Fleck and Jayden Smith are making a snack delivery to Mrs. Kurzendoerfer.

## Hang On!!! - *by Calvin Pfister and Maggie Hanneman*

Trees are green  
 Snow is white  
 Christmas is coming  
 So hang on tight.

## Mercedes Benz Stadium - *by Tyler Emerson and Elena Kelly*

We could pick any topic and we chose to talk about the Mercedes-Benz Stadium. The stadium is a total of 14 acres in all! The Mercedes-Benz Stadium is only 2 years old. Every panel on the ceiling is 500 pounds each! To make the stadium it cost \$1.5 billion in all! The opening and closing motion is supposed to look like a camera shutter opening and closing. The 8 panels on the ceiling are meant to work like railroad cars. It takes a total of 12 minutes to close the ceiling of the stadium. The stadium opened in 2017.

The total number of parking spots there is 21,000 spots! The stadium is 30 stories in all, and 305 feet tall! And guess what? The field is 1,018 feet above sea level. There are 20 elevators in the building, and 25 escalators. The scoreboard is 63,800 square feet wide! There are 460 sport lights. There are a total of 190 club seats. The ceiling of the stadium is 14.5 acres! The stadium is the 70th largest stadium in the world. Arther Blank owns the building. These were some facts about the Mercedes-Benz Stadium.



Mrs. Loveless creates on-of-a-kind teddy bears and critters as a hobby.

Mrs. Best married her husband on New Year's Eve - the last day of the year. (He should never forget their anniversary!)

## Christmas Around the World

*by Tarun Parameswaran, Lily Wagner, and Evie Hewitt*

In the United States we celebrate Christmas with our own Christmas traditions. We decorate Christmas trees, sing Christmas carols, and make gingerbread houses. Children leave cookies and milk for Santa and some even leave carrots for Santa's reindeer. One tradition in America we found interesting is the Christmas Pickle. The Christmas Pickle is an ornament that people hide, and the first person to find it would receive an extra present or a year of good luck. Other countries celebrate Christmas differently. Would you like to know some facts about countries who celebrate Christmas differently?

**Australia** - Christmas in Australia is often very hot. Christmas Day in Australia is usually about 100 degrees Fahrenheit. A traditional meal includes turkey, ham, and pork. They eat plum pudding for dessert. Mince Pie is a little yummy treat. They eat fish, crab, prawn, lobster, and many other kinds of seafood. Aussies often have Christmas Crackers at meal times. They use poinsettia plants as decorations. One street in Australia raised \$35,000 for charity. They usually exchange presents with other families at Christmas. Another word for Christmas is Carols by Candlelight.

**China** - In China, only one percent of people are Christians. Christmas is only celebrated in major cities such as Shanghai and Beijing. In China, Santa Claus is called Sheng Dan Lao Ren. It means Old Christmas Man. Unlike our presents, Chinese people give apples with messages on their skin. They eat turkey, pudding, and brussels sprouts. The top three most famous Christmas songs are Jingle Bells, Silent Night, and We Wish You A Merry Christmas. They also listen to English carols and pop songs at Christmas.

**Germany** - Christmas in Germany is very unique. Father Christmas or Weihnachtsman (Santa Claus) will bring presents to young boys and girls on December 24th. In parts of Germany, there is a character called Krampus who is a big horned monster clothed in rags and carries chains. He is the one who punishes the bad children! Stollen is a popular fruited bread that is eaten at Christmas.

## Christmas

by Lila Hawkes and Allie Sermersheim

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**Christmas ornaments lights tree gingerbread sled evergreen**

**snow reindeer presents cookies carols chimney ivy**

**candy cane joy noel sleigh jingle bell holly elves**

## All About Alex

by Bella Henke and Reagan Hopf



“Goal by Aleeeeex Morgaaaaaan!” When the USA national team beat Thailand 13-0, Alex Morgan got her high score of goals scored in one game! 5! Alex Morgan started playing soccer when she was 14 and she is now 30. Her birthday is July 2, 1989. But did you know Alex Morgan is married? She has a husband named Servando Carrasco. Alex Morgan’s full name is Alexandra Patricia Morgan Carrasco. But guess what? Alex Morgan is Pregnant, too!! She is going to have a baby girl around April 2020.

She attended high school at Diamond Bar High School in CA where she was a three-time all-league pick. When she was there, she was named an NSCAA All-American. Alex also grew up in San Dimas, CA. Some of her partners are Megan Rapinoe, Carly Lloyd, and Hope Solo. She is 5’7” and also plays for Orlando Pride. Her salary is \$450,000! I wish I had that money! To sum it up, Alex Morgan is a pretty awesome soccer player! She worked hard and achieved her dream. You can too!

Mrs. Krueger has run 6 marathons, including the New York Marathon twice, the Boston Marathon, the Chicago Marathon twice, and one in Detroit.

## Here's the Scoop...



on Mrs. Bauer

by Evie Gunselman and Oliver Williams

Mrs. Bauer is 40 years old. She says she loves being the new principal. She has worked here at Ireland for 19 years. She has 4 children Carson is 13, Ethan is 11, Emma is 11, and Luke is 5.



Her favorite part of working with kids is helping them learn. She’s taught 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade. Her favorite animal is a panda. Also, her favorite color is blue. Her favorite subject is math. Mrs. Bauer is so kind! She is the best principal. Mrs. Bauer shows school spirit every day. Thank you Mrs. Bauer!!!





Mrs. Burke and some fourth graders get ready for the Christmas program.

## Student Spotlight

Kindergarten - Corde Leinenbach and Walker Swan

Beau Stein is in Mrs. Britton's kindergarten class. His favorite sport is basketball. His favorite thing about his teacher is her hair. He loves the color light blue. He likes to play basketball. He plays tag at recess. He enjoys doing phonics worksheets. He rides bus 22 to get to school and to get home. His favorite book is Dino Trucks. He loves to eat cotton candy. He has 2 sisters.

1st Grade by Amelia Zehr and Erin Verkamp

Abigail McCrady is in Mrs. Shield's first grade. She has a cat. Her favorite TV show is Captain Underpants. Abigail's favorite food is pizza with extra cheese with pepperoni. Yes, please! She likes school and her favorite special is music. Her three favorite colors are gold, silver, and pink. She doesn't have a best friend, because she is friends with her whole class! That's awesome!! Abigail has 3 brothers and 2 sisters. She likes math and writing because she likes to write books and stories for her family. In her free time, she likes to play basketball and draw. Her favorite season is summer because she likes to go to the beach and go on bike rides with her family. One time she biked one whole mile.

2nd Grade by Tyler Emerson and Elena Kelly

Sam Himsel is in Mrs. Weidenbenne's 2nd grade class. His favorite thing to do at recess is to play football with his friends. He is sooo good at AR that he has won the AR ribbon 3 times! Out of all the things he has done in S.T.E.A.M his favorite has been making goggles. When Sam grows up he would really like to be a construction builder. Sam is also a twin! Isn't that cool? Out of all the books that his teacher has read to him, his favorite one has been Stelaluna.

3th Grade by Lila Hawkes and Allie Sermersheim

Molara Jolin is a student in Mrs. Kurzendoerfer's 3rd grade class. She has a little sister named Molly. She likes soccer and any kind of animal book. She has a dog named Scruffy. Her favorite subject is math, because she likes to multiply and divide. Her favorite color is purple. She moved to Jasper from California, where her grandparents still live. When she goes on vacation, she likes to go to California to visit them. She likes to do homework (WHAT???), and she sometimes has two pages of science. She loves Mrs. Kurtzendorfer as her 3rd grade teacher. When she grows up she wants to be a zoo keeper because she loves animals.

4th Grade by Evie Gunselman and Oliver Williams

Kinley Hardin is 10 years old and a 4th grader in Mrs. Ackerman's class. If I were to describe her I would say she is very, very kind. Kinley is intelligent and has a mind of her own. She loves math. She loves the color purple and enjoys playing softball. She has two siblings. She describes herself as having lots of willpower. She has tons of friends. So if you need a friend go to her.

5th Grade by Audrey Schroeder and Camryn Buechlein

We asked Eliagh Smith, a 5th grader in Mrs. Hoffman's class, some questions about himself. His favorite subject is math because he loves multiplication. His favorite cafeteria food is chicken quesadilla. He has one sibling, a sister named Ellie. She's in 7th grade. He loves dogs and has a pet Labrador Retriever. He likes reading Series of Unfortunate Events. He likes to play four square and basketball with his friends. The funniest thing that has happened to him is he fell off a golf cart, landed on a squirrel and killed it.

## Minecraft

by Corde Leinenbach and Walker Swan

Minecraft is a video game for kids all over the world to play. It is made of cubes and squares. The most popular items are The Grass Block and The Creeper Mob. The creeper is a made up animal (animals are called mobs) that sneaks up on you and blows you up. However, that is only if you are in survival mode. There are 2 modes. Survival and Creative. (There is also adventure mode but that one is boring and nobody uses it.) In survival mode, you are kind of like in real life. In creative mode, you can do anything you want like fly, have unlimited items, and more cool features. In adventure mode, you can't do anything but move. Yeah, that's it about adventure mode. There are made up mobs, and others that are in real life like pigs, cows, chickens, sheep, bats, foxes, wolves, fish, and more. The made up creatures are creepers, zombies, skeletons, endermen, the ender dragon, and more. There are also NPC villages. In the villages, there are wells, houses, and let's not forget villagers! Villagers are the NPC's inside the villages. The farmers grow food, and you can trade with others! There are dangerous pillagers too. They are evil NPC's that kill the villagers. It is completely safe for kids. There are no bad things that kids shouldn't see. It is completely kid friendly. There are lots more cool features about Minecraft, but that is all we can think of. So go download Minecraft! Only \$6.99 on mobile devices!



This is a creeper from Minecraft.

## How to...

by Leah Jerger and Anna Ruhe

### Make a Christmas Tic-Tac-Toe Game

Are you bored on a winter day when there is nothing to do? Well doesn't everyone enjoy playing Tic Tac Toe? Guess What! You can make your own Christmas Tic Tac Toe! Here is what you need to make it.

- A paper plate
- Ten Small rocks
- Green and Red Washi Tape
- A paintbrush
- White Paint
- Gold Glitter Glue

First you find small rocks in your backyard and you paint them white. While you wait for them to dry, you put the green and red washi tape on the plate in the shape of a hashtag sign.

Once the rocks dry, you use the gold glitter glue to paint the rocks. You paint an X on five and an O on five. Then you let that dry. When it's dry you enjoy the game. Have a terrific time playing!



Mrs. Mann's first grandchild, Henry, was born on October 7, 2019.

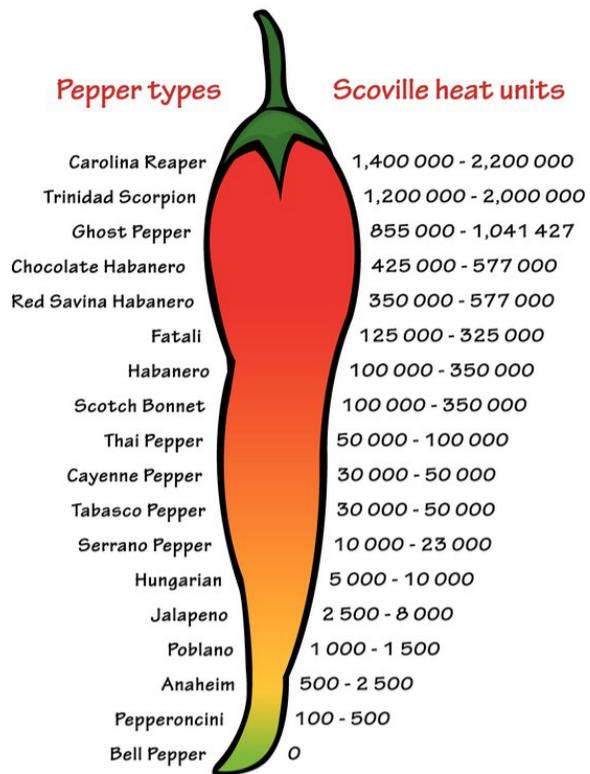
## Riley Hospital - Kids Caring & Sharing

Once again this year, during the week of January, our school will be involved in a voluntary service project with proceeds going to Riley Hospital. For a \$1 donation per day, students may dress up:

Monday - Pajama Day, Tuesday - Mismatch/Backwards Day, Wednesday - Hat Day, Thursday - VSCO Girl/E BOY/Superhero/Disney Day, Friday - Summer in the Winter Day



## Scoville Scale



## Feeling hot, Hot, HOT

by Christian Thornburg, Alex Potter and Parker Erny

Hello! Our names are Alex, Parker, and Christian, and we are here to tell you about some of the hottest peppers in the world. Some of the top 3 hot peppers in the world are Carolina Reaper as the hottest, the Moruga Scorpion as the second hottest, and 7 Pot Douglah as the third. If you grind up 3 pounds of Carolina Reapers, then you will die if you eat the powder! That is a very hot pepper! We may think that the very famous Ghost Pepper (also known as the Bhut Jolokia) is the hottest, but it is coming up in seventh place as of the 2019 update!

The official way to measure the hotness of pepper is to use a Scoville Scale. The hottest pepper, the Carolina Reaper has 1.4-2.2 million scovilles. On the other hand the bell pepper doesn't have any scovilles.

Some of the world's hottest peppers can be found in Fort Mill, India, and Trinidad.

## Presidential Pets

by Jack Rumbach and Everett Hess

Lots of the presidents had pets. Since presidents had such stressful jobs, comfort pets are very useful for them. Theodore Roosevelt had more pets than any other president. His kids had snakes, pigs, a badger, and lots of dogs. He had 512! George Washington also had dogs, and had more than 50! John Adams had 3 dogs and 2 horses. John Quincy Adams' wife had silkworms! Do those even count as pets?? 30 of the 44 presidents had a pet dog in the West Wing. Barack Obama had a dog named Bo, and George W. Bush had a cat named India! Herbert Hoover had a Belgian Shepherd named King Tut! He also had lots more dogs, like Fox Terriers, Eskimo dogs, and a Scottish Collie named Glen. Calvin Coolidge had a raccoon... and a hippopotamus! (I wonder how that could fit in the White House?)

Bill Clinton had a cat named... Socks!!! He was famous for sharing his food with a stray cat named Slippers. Isn't that nice? Later, he suffered from cancer... He didn't survive. Poor Socks!

The presidential pets are very important.



President Clinton's cat Socks.

Mrs. Ruckriegel met and has an autograph from Jim Davis. He created Garfield and is from Indiana.

## Snow Ice Cream

by Graham Collins and Lexi Elkins

### Ingredients:

- About a cup of granulated sugar
- 1 - 2 cups milk (you can use any type of milk)
- Dash of salt
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
- Snow

### Directions

- Whisk the ingredients together in a large mixing bowl until combined. Then pop the bowl in the freezer while you run outside to get your snow.
- For this batch you need about 8 cups (more or less) of fresh snow. (avoid yellow snow)

- Immediately stir the snow into the milk mixture, and keep adding until an ice-cream-ish consistency is achieved. It should be fluffy and scoop-able, but not runny.
- Eat and enjoy!



## That's a Wrap

by Haley Hallett and Hunter Fortwendel



**On Dasher, On Dancer** by Audrey Schroeder and Camryn Buechlein

Reindeer are extraordinary creatures. Did you know that in Canada, Alaska, Europe, and North America they are also called caribou? Unlike regular deer, both the males AND females grow antlers. Reindeer antlers can grow up to 3 feet tall! So really a reindeer is 8 feet tall! Calves (which are baby reindeer) skip the toddler age. At Christmas reindeer's eyes change color! There is a chance that Santa's reindeer run up to 50 miles per hour! The females Santa's reindeer are special, in that they also fly. For Santa to make it all the way around the world in one night, Santa's sleigh moves at 650 miles per SECOND. 🤔



Mrs. Gossett got her first cat when she was in Kindergarten. She picked him because he was sitting on a book and she thought he could read.

**Antelopes** by Maggie Hanneman and Calvin Pfister

Antelopes are mammals with hooves. Their hooves are wide to help them walk on sand. Their hooves also have pads so the antelopes can't slip. Their hooves are usually white. Most antelopes live in grassland, but some live in the deserts and other antelopes live on mountains. They live in Africa, Asia, and parts of the Americas. Now let's talk about antelope horns. Antelopes use their horns to fight predators. Male antelopes use their horns against one another. Cool fact; Did you know that antelopes' horns never stop growing? That's CRAZY!! Antelopes are herbivores, which means they only eat plants. Antelopes eat grass and juicy plants. Tree leaves make up almost all of their food. Antelopes are very fast runners. Some can run up to 43 miles per hour! The tallest antelope is about 6.8 feet tall. That's tall! Did you know that antelopes are large and diverse group of the cow family? Well, if you didn't, you do now!



**Spelling Success!!**



Great work to the Spell Bowl team. They celebrated the day after the Spell Bowl with a pizza party in the LGI Room. Our team came in 42nd in the state!

Mrs. Reckelhoff has 13 sister-in-laws, 15 brother-in-laws, 22 nieces, 20 nephews, 27 great nieces, 32 great nephews, 2 great great nephews, and 1 great great niece.

**Student Art**



Hadyn Knies, Mrs. Kilian's 1st Grade



Rylan Schmitt, Mrs. Kilian's 1st Grade



Spencer Oddo, Mrs. Kilian's 1st Grade

## Guest Writer - Scott Schnell, Assistant Fire Chief

With October 4 - 10 having been Fire Prevention Week, we need to be reminded that there are a lot of things we can do to prevent fires in our homes. Fire prevention shouldn't just be relegated to one week, fire prevention needs to be all year long. As we discussed during our fire prevention program at the school earlier this month we can take steps like ensuring that there are working smoke detectors in the home. The batteries are changed twice a year, not just checked twice a year. We recommend that batteries be changed when the clocks are changed in the Spring and in the Fall.

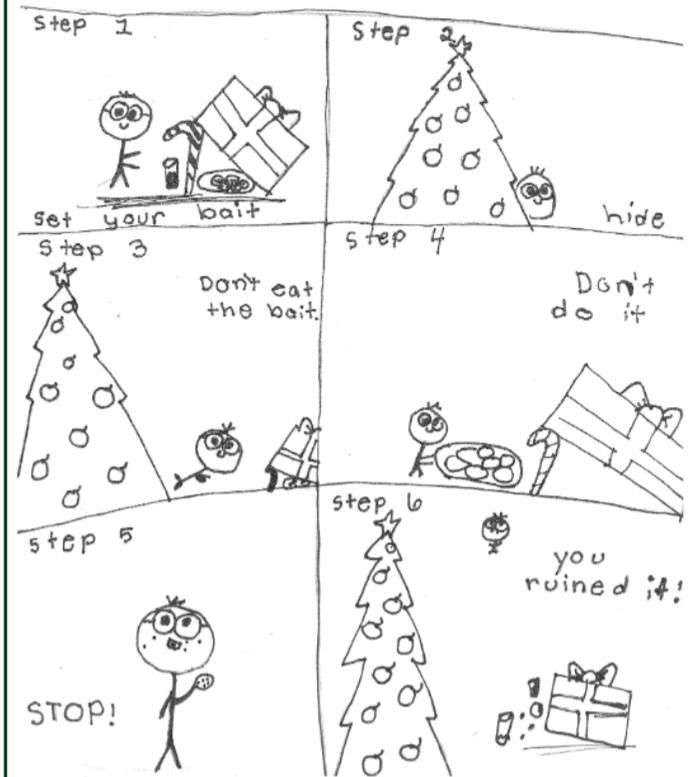


20 years ago a person had 17 minutes to escape the home once the fire was discovered. But due to today's commercialization of home furnishings and the materials and methods of manufacture that 17 minutes has been reduced to around 4 minutes to safely exit a structure. Working smoke detectors saves lives.

As the holiday season approaches, we encourage everyone to practice fire safety. There are many ways to prevent fires that include using caution when plugging in lights for decorations. If you choose a live tree make sure that it is watered frequently. Also, please take caution during the holiday season to prevent injuries from occurring from activities like cooking or deep frying that ham or turkey.

## How to Catch Santa

by Erin Verkamp and Amelia Zehr



## I'm a Teaching Assistant - What's Your Superpower?

by Madison Mauck, Victoria Gunselman and Mya Neighbors

How many different aides do you think you know? I bet we can name them all, we'll start with Mrs. Testerman, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Bartley, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Kress, Mrs. Brescher, Mrs. Peter, Mrs. Vogler, Mrs. Metz, and Mrs. Ruckriegel. All different aides have many different responsibilities. Here are some of them. They help out with fluency, recess and cafeteria duty, some do tutoring, and they do lots more.

We only interviewed a few of them, but we did get a lot of answers. Mrs. Testerman loves getting to know the kids she works with. We asked her if she likes going from class to class helping. She said, "Absolutely!" She loves getting to know all the kids in several different classes. When we asked what her favorite part of being an aide was, she answered, "Seeing all the milestones the kids hit is really a pleasure." The ladies in the Learning Lab had a lot to tell us. Mrs. Mann thought the Learning Lab was a great idea, and Mrs. Peter completely agreed with her. They also liked seeing all the progress of the students in the Learning Lab. Their favorite subjects to help with are math and english. Though they think they need some help with math. They love doing their job. Mrs. Best loves learning the names of the kids and seeing all the different ages. She does cafeteria duty, but she likes it, despite the kids making a lot of noise. She does want the kids to be careful in the cafeteria though so they don't make a mess. Mrs. Best says that from the time she gets up from the time she goes to bed she is helping kids. Mrs. Kress is not only an aide, she also drives a bus. She enjoys it even though it is loud. She likes the different ages of the kids, the older ones included. Even though recess is loud she is still likes doing it. She says that no two days are exactly alike.

Mrs. Lehmkhuler thinks that the aides are awesome, and they're always there whenever you need them. Mrs. Weidenbenner says she likes all the extra help they do. Now you know how important our aides are so make sure you appreciate them.



Three of our fabulous aides: Mrs. Ruckriegel, Mrs. Meyer, and Mrs. Bartley.

Mrs. Peter has a cookie jar for every season.



Hayden Mullins, Hayden Payne, Elijah Berry and Cassidy Hall stopped by the Christmas tree on their way into school one morning to look at all the ornaments.

## Hidden Word Search by Graham Collins and Lexi Elkins

Can you find the following words somewhere in this issue of The Ireland Times? Circle them or use a highlighter! Happy hunting!

- FUNGI
- SOLO
- PANDA
- CAFETERIA
- DIET COKE
- HIPPOPOTAMUS
- PREDATORS
- GLITTER
- PLUM PUDDING
- CONSISTENCY
- BACKYARD
- PREVENTION
- REAPER
- SURVIVAL
- SCOREBOARD



