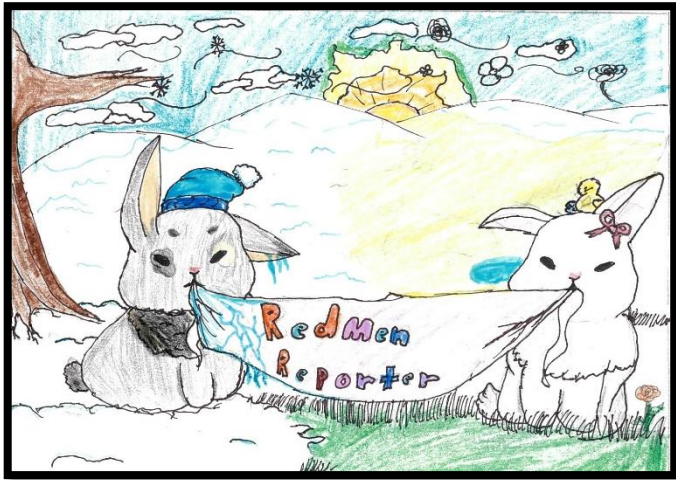


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P.S. I Love You Day By Griffin Byrne

P.S. I Love You Day was celebrated on Friday, February 9, 2024, where students and staff wore purple to promote kindness, empathy and love throughout our community.

All grades participated in a raffle in which students wearing purple were given a ticket during lunch. The 6th grade winner was Kaia Thornton, the 7th grade winner was Sophia Williams, and the 8th grade winner was Gianna DeSantis. They each won a \$10 gift card.

Purple bracelets were sold by Mrs. Nolan for \$1.00. During lunch periods, a photo area was provided with many purple props to use. In conclusion, P.S. I Love You Day was a nice experience for the entire school community.

*Photos by London Villanueva
See more photos on page 2*



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P.S. I Love You Day
Photos by London Villanueva



**By Ryan
Geraghty**

Why the EU hates Apple

Do you like the inclusion of USB-C on the new iPhone 15? Well, you can thank the EU government for that. They've been putting out requirements that phone manufacturers need to do. One of these was putting USB-C on phones, and so Apple had to comply.



Recently the EU made a new rule that 3^d party app stores must be allowed on phones. This means services like Google Play Store must be on iPhones. Also, you'll be able to use a new default browser like Chrome.



The **Girls Leaders Club** collected Valentine's Day cards for veterans back in February. Thanks to all who contributed to this collection! Mrs. O'Donnell delivered the cards to residents at the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook.

Photos by Mrs. O'Donnell



Take The Scenic Route

By Bobby DiVisconti

When you are in the car, does the driver use GPS navigation apps or a paper map? Most people use GPS navigation apps like Waze or Google Maps which are easy to use and you can check locations all over the world! When I look up a destination, I like to check out the different scenic routes and not always pick the quickest, most direct route. It's good to pay attention to your surroundings and still have a paper map on hand, because you don't have to rely on the battery of your phone or internet.

I know a lot of streets that are named after famous people like Robert Moses Causeway. Robert Moses built 416 miles of parkways, 13 bridges and 658 playgrounds in New York. Another main road named after someone is Nicolls Road. It's named after Richard Nicolls, the first English colonial governor of New York in the 17th century. To get to our school, you drive down Craig B. Gariepy Ave, which is named after Craig Barry Gariepy. He was a sergeant who served in the United States Army special forces in the Vietnam War.



When I ride my bike, I also like to check out new routes. I like Hecksher Park, Belmont Park, and Bethpage State Park bike paths. Next, I would like to ride my bike to Kismet from Robert Moses, Field 5 and ride the new bike path on Ocean Parkway. Riding your bike is a great way to exercise, get fresh air, and enjoy nature. I also like to walk the trails at places like Bayard Cutting Arboretum, South Shore Nature Center, Greenbelt Trail, Connetquot Park, Blydenburgh Park, and Avalon Nature Preserve. I like to check out the trails from start to end so I know my way around.

I was curious about the history of East Islip streets and locations, so I went to the East Islip Public Library and the librarian showed me the East Islip Historical Society located in the basement. I got to look at East Islip property zone maps and photographs of East Islip hotels from the 1800's as well as schools, theaters, parks, and more! I learned Harry Bowly Hollins was a banker and influential person in the railroad industry. Hollins Lane was named after him because it was the entrance to his farm. The brick entrance still stands to this day! Stellenwerf Avenue is named after Amos Stellenwerf. He owned the Lakehouse Hotel back in 1849. The weekly rate was \$3.00. Stellenwerf Ave was the entrance to the Lakehouse Hotel. Next, I am interested in learning who all the streets in Country Village are named after. I did learn that Country Village Estates was established in 1955.

It's fun to learn about the history of the town you live in and to actually explore our town and other towns on Long Island by car, by train, bike riding, or hiking.



**World Language Week
March 4 – 8, 2024**

Poster Contest Winners

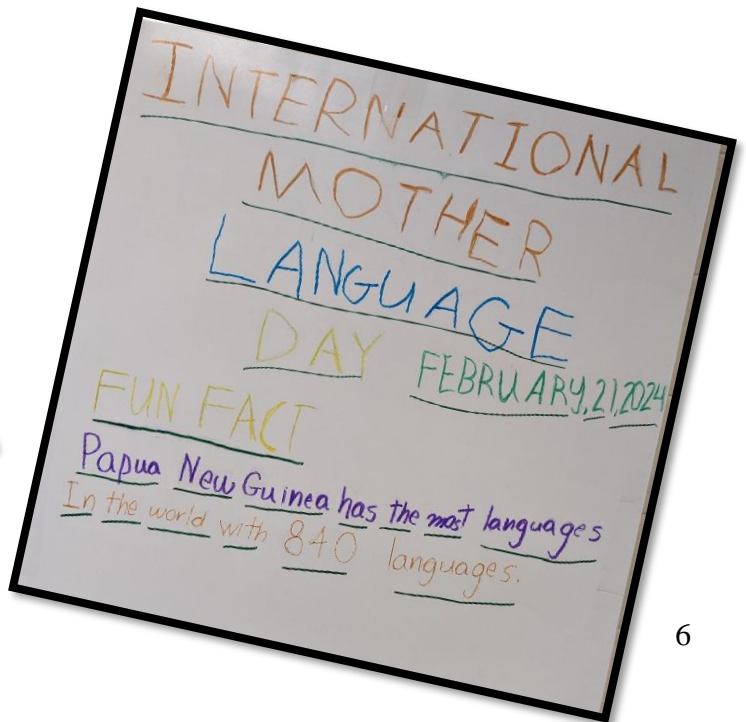
1st Place: Kayden Kuhn
\$20 school store gift certificate
and homework passes

2nd Place: Eva Daugherty
\$10 school store gift certificate

Photos on this page by Mrs. Avella



“International Mother Language Day has been observed every year on 21 February since the year 2000. It was created by the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.”
Source: <https://www.un.org/en/>



★ Shrek the Musical JR! 🎭

By Elena Aurrecochea

Did you go to the play that was held February 2nd and 3rd? Well, I didn't just see it, I was in it! It was a long but great experience. It was directed by Mr. Fernandez and Mrs. Falacara and it was definitely worth the \$10 or \$12 for a ticket.

My Experience

It took hours of work and a lot of rehearsals to make it perfect, but it was worth it in the end. It was my first play, so I wasn't surprised that I got cast in the ensemble, but it was still fun. I had to stay after school every day and miss my clubs just to go to rehearsal. The rehearsals got longer the closer we got to showtime. By the end, we had to stay until 7:00 PM which was very annoying but like I said, it was still worth it.

Being in the show was really fun and I am definitely doing it again next year! If you didn't get a chance to see it or be in it this year, there is always next year. If you do end up seeing it or being in it next year, I'll see you there!



Photos by Mrs. Avella, more photos on next page



Blossoming Spring By Peyton Zusmer

As the weather warms up for spring and things clear into sunny skies, it's time to get out of the house and enjoy the fresh air! You may find yourself bored from just sitting around. A great place to visit this time of year is the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Great River at 440 Montauk Highway. The arboretum is a 691-acre park on the Connetquot River. When you enter, you are greeted with a mansion that was built in the 1920's by the Cutting family.



Once you arrive at the park, the entrance fee is \$8.00 or free if you have the Empire Pass for state parks. After you pay this fee, you are allowed to walk around the arboretum or go inside the mansion. Inside, you will find the Hidden Oak Cafe where they sell a variety of drinks and food which you can eat as you walk around the park. Menu items include sandwiches, quiche, soups, scones, and many other fresh desserts as well as drinks like tea and hot chocolate.



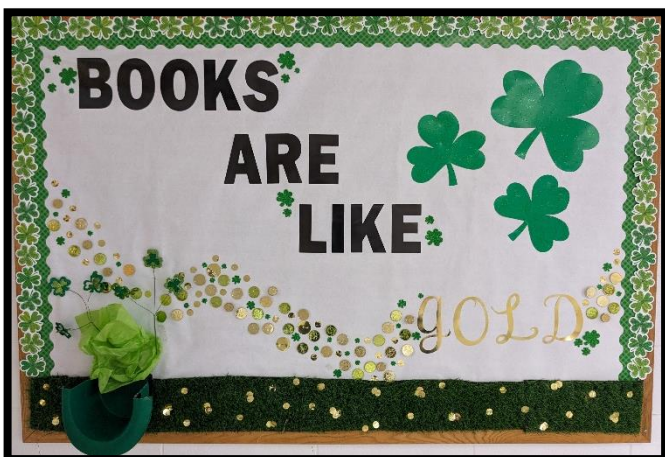
Exploring the park is a beautiful experience filled with various flowers and trees that make the walk through a very vibrant and colorful experience. So, if you find yourself bored this spring, consider visiting the Bayard Cutting Arboretum!



Photos by Mrs. Avella

Awesome March bulletin boards outside the school library!

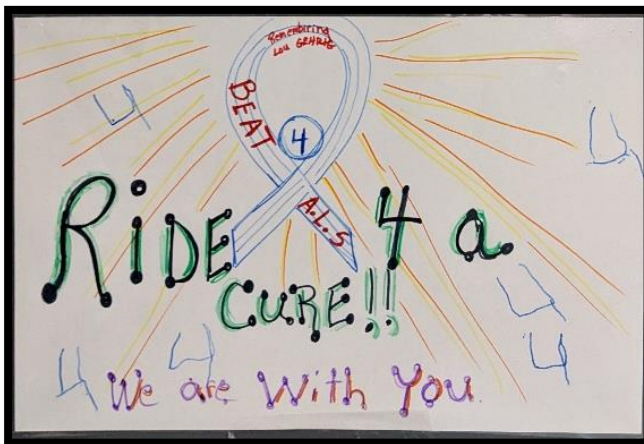
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ALS Ride for Life Presentation February 2, 2024

Thanks to Paul Weisman and Desi Kessler for speaking to our 8th grade students.

See page 11 for information on the ALS baseball fundraiser.



EI EATS

By Sullivan Griffin

Today, I'll be reviewing mozzarella sticks from the school cafeteria. They're not your average cheesy breadsticks though. They are much smaller but come in larger quantities. The cheese is not as stretchy as the cheesy bread sticks, but it's also not as runny. I think they are a solid 8/10. But here is what other people think.

Jayden B: They are cooked well. I like them. 8/10

Hunter K: They are really good! 9/10

Dennis M: They are alright. The sauce is terrible. 5/10

Some staff members also gave their rating. They thought the mozzarella sticks were pretty good but could be crispier.

Mrs. Avella: 8/10

Mr. Reynolds: 7.5/10

Mr. Rogers: 8/10

Mrs. Taylor: 9/10

Mrs. Finnegan: 8/10

Mr. Brunner (aka Kevin, Security Guard): 7/10



Photo by Mrs. Avella

National Junior Honor Society:

ALS BASEBALL FUNDRAISER (through March 27th)

PLEASE HELP THE NJHS RAISE MONEY TO HELP FIND A CURE FOR ALS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE.

Each grade will have a separate color paper baseball and the grade that buys the most paper baseballs will win a no homework night. Baseballs will be sold before school in front of the auditorium and during lunch periods. You can also purchase them from Mrs. Henderson in Room 126.

How can you help us meet our goal of \$1000?

\$1= 1 paper baseball with your name on it that will be hung in the hallway

\$2= 2 paper baseballs and an ALS pencil

\$3=3 paper baseballs and a small pin

\$4= 4 paper baseballs and a large pin

\$5=5 paper baseballs and 1 raffle ticket to be entered to win a \$50 Uber Eats gift card

Also available to purchase are:

ALS bracelets for \$1 and ALS sunglasses for \$5

(you will get 1 raffle ticket for the Uber Eats gift card with each \$5 purchase)

You can keep track of your grades' progress on the bulletin board in the hallway near Mr. Hansen's office. MAY THE BEST GRADE WIN!

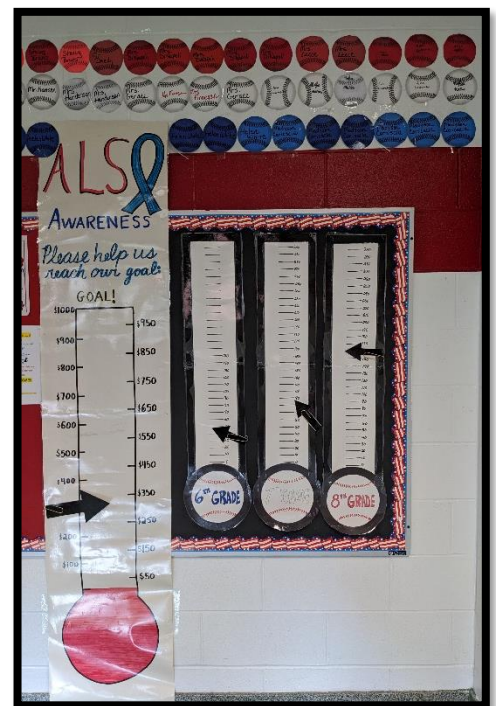


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Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®)

For nearly 40 years, March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools and communities across the nation. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music.

Source: <https://nafme.org/student-opportunities/music-in-our-schools-month/>

Music Fact of the Day from Tuesday, 3/5/24:

The British Navy uses Britney Spears' songs to scare off pirates!

Photos by Mrs. Avella



Why Are We Still Banning Books?

By Sofia Caviedes

Every year, thousands of books across the country are being banned in schools and public libraries. Excerpts from books are taken out of context to get them banned quicker. The focus of some groups mostly lies with banning books containing politically charged themes. But weirdly enough, it turns out that the people who want to ban books are just a loud minority.

Below is an image containing data collected by the American Library Association from a survey conducted in 2022. As you can see, only about 30% of voters are against banning books. America is a democratic country, but we are still allowing the minority to dictate what books should stay in the schools and libraries. The banning of books impact so many people, silencing voices and putting more disconnection in the world.

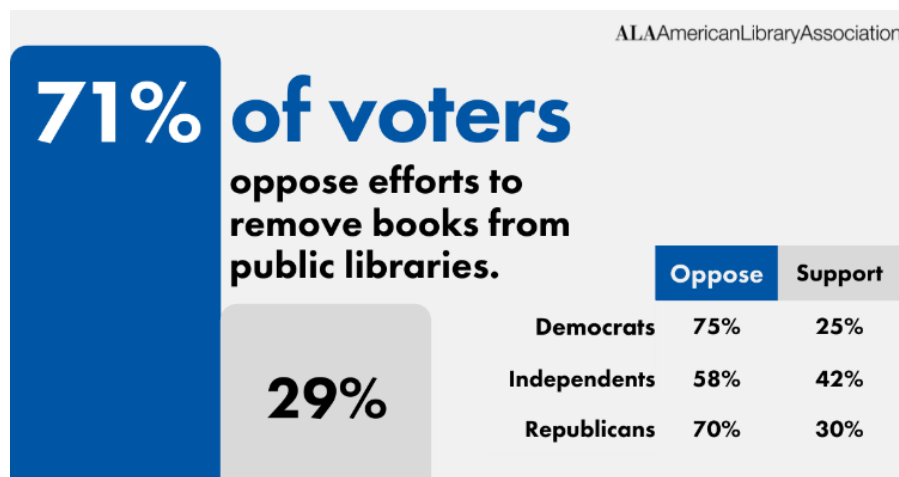


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Dear EIMS,

Thank you SO much for making the February Kindness Challenge a huge success! With your help, we raised \$1,700 and donated dozens of toys to the children in the oncology unit at Cohens Children's Hospital. These toys will certainly help to put smiles on the faces of the children there!

Thank you for helping us to spread kindness!

With gratitude,
Mrs. Voss and Mrs. Hummel

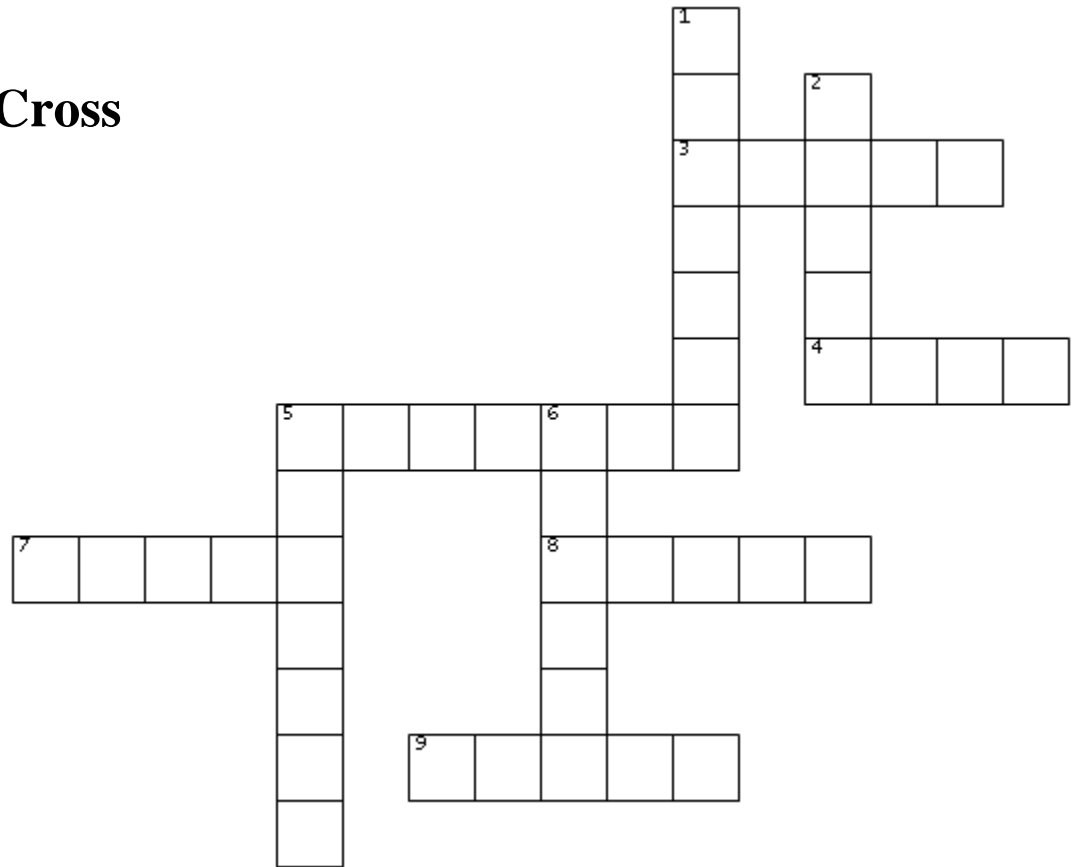
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PUZZLES

Spring Criss Cross

By Darian Primiano



ACROSS

3. they hibernate in the winter and come out in spring
4. droplets that are wet
5. have petals and grows in spring
7. tall plants with color changing leaves
8. when its warm outside
9. they fly south in the winter

DOWN

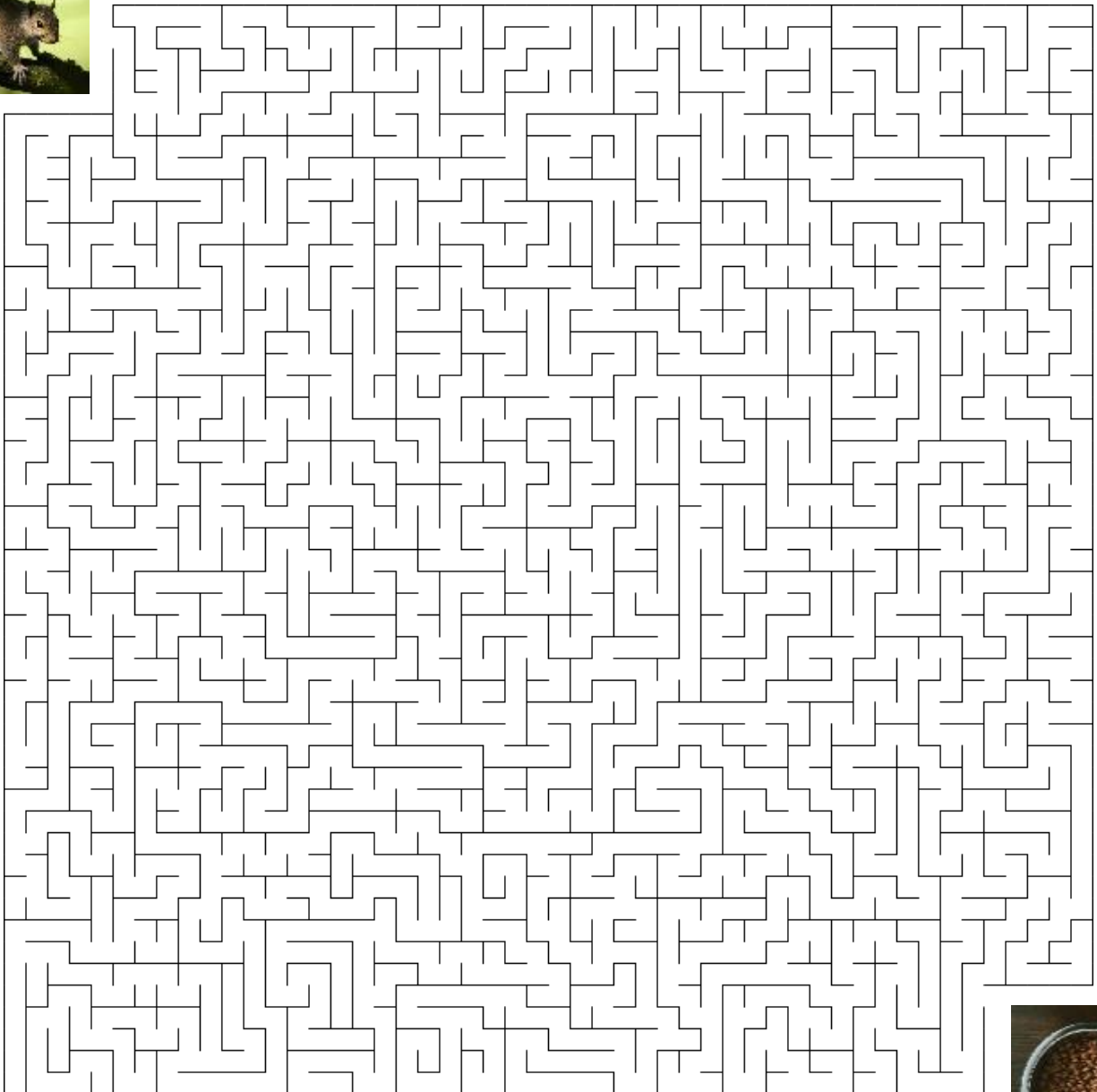
1. they hop around and have long ears
2. when ice melts
5. activity done on the lake
6. when eggs are hidden



Spring Maze

By Gary Lin

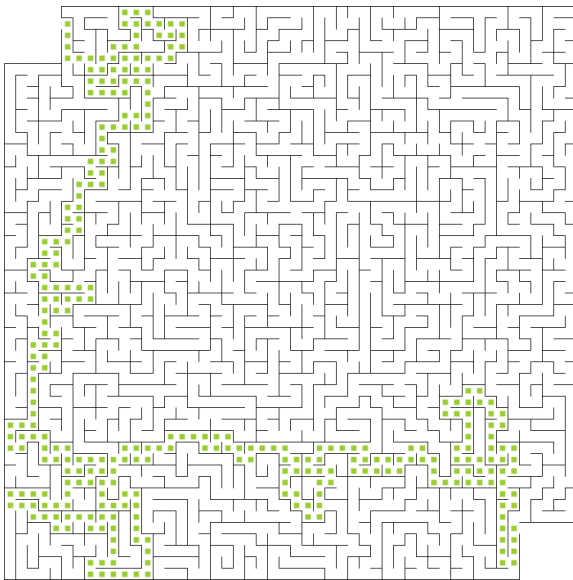
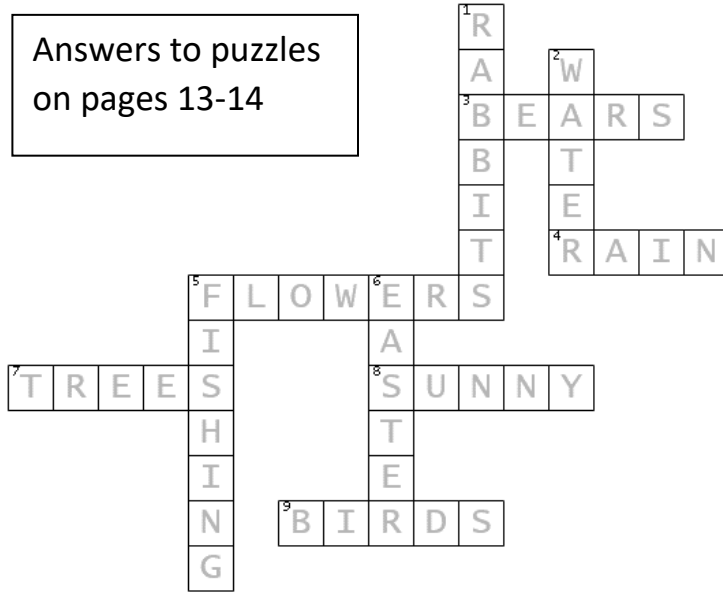
Help the squirrel find the snack!



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Answers to puzzles
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**We now celebrate
 "Cool to Be Kind"
 every week.
 Wear your t-shirt or sweatshirt
 EVERY TUESDAY!**

More Photos from Shrek the Musical JR

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