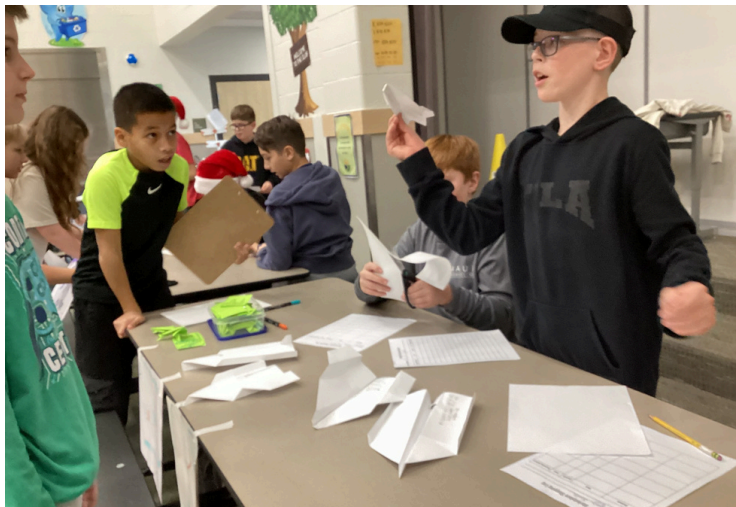


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- Traditions around the world
- Interviews with students & teachers
- Science of fireworks
- Fun things to do in the snow
- Winter stories, comic strips, and more!

5TH GRADE MARKETPLACE

By: Francisco Arellano
Photos by: Mats Mirick

Marketplace is a market where the 5th graders run a business and sell and make their own product. Marketplace happened in the cafeteria on Thursday December 19, end of March, and beginning of June. The Slime Sanctuary sold slime for 12 dollars. The 3 Musketeers sold jewelry. The Girls Goodies sold rings, slime, bracelets. Monkey Inc sold monkey stickers, Styrofoam bananas. 3d Prints was sold rocktopuses.

In total there was 22 businesses. The 5th grade did this to learn how to build business and how to sell. My experience was very good it was fun.

BEST BUSINESS

By: Anna Burt

Photo by: Mats Mirick

I went to the 5th grade market place at 1:15 on Thursday before winter break. The 5th grade marketplace is something that the 5th graders do. They make stuff then sell it. It was in the cafeteria. I chose The Three Musketeers as the best business. They sold bracelets/necklaces, earrings, pom pom pets, and bows.

I chose The Three Musketeers because they made a display to hold their things that they were selling and they were selling a bunch of things.

The owners of the business are Blakely, Shannon, and Norah.



DECEMBER ASSEMBLY

By: Madelyn Weaver

Photos by: Keaton Johnson

When you first arrive, it is packed with people. where the flying mallets were playing a tune. Everything was so bright because we were in our pajamas. Next we did our rewards handed out by miss larsen and miss james for the last time. We did our December and November character traits together which were EMPATHY and GRATITUDE.

Then the band sugar rush featuring miss larsen, mister bay and miss bay came out. And then the best part singing our christmas songs. And then we had a big surprise which was some of our teachers playing the marimbas. Now you are all catch up with our last 2024 assembly.



WINTER BREAK INTERVIEW

By: McKinley Howard

I got to choose a teacher to interview and I chose Ms. Bryan. Ms. Bryan teaches second grade I asked Ms. Bryan some questions about her winter break.

McKinley: What was your favorite part about winter break?

Ms. Bryan: Spending time with my family.

McKinley: What is your New Year's resolution?

Ms. Bryan: To drink more water and less coffee.

McKinley: Did you stay up until midnight on New Years Eve?

Ms. Bryan: Yes, barley.

McKinley: What did you do on Christmas and Christmas Eve?

Ms. Bryan: on Christmas eve it was dinner at my house. On Christmas me and my whole family spent the day at my parents house.

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEW

By: Madison Esplin

Today I interviewed Jaylin. She's really nice. I asked her about what she does in school, what she likes about it, who are her friends, and does she like her teacher?

Madison: What do you do in school?

Jaylin: I'm learning how to count by twos.

Madison: What do you like about school?

Jaylin: I learn different stuff.

Madison: Who are your friends?

Jaylin: Effeny, Audrey, and Avery.

Madison: Who are your friends?

Jaylin: Effeny, Audrey, and Avery.

Madison: Do you like your teacher?

Jaylin: Yes.

I hope you guys enjoyed the interview with Jaylin. See you next time.

ALL ABOUT ARTIC FOXES

By: Emily Steelman



Arctic foxes are well adapted to living in ice-cold environments, such as the arctic and alpine tundra of the polar region in the Northern hemisphere. The arctic fox is also much smaller, stouter and more competitive than more members of the Fox family, which helps to reduce heat loss due to lower total surface area. Arctic foxes they prefer tundra.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

By: Abigail Gropper

Martin Luther King Day is on January 20th this year. Martin Luther King Day is the day we celebrate his birthday. We always celebrate this day the closest Monday to his real birthday.

We celebrate it to honor him because he helped lead Civil Rights. Martin is also famous for his "I Have a Dream" speech. This inspired many people. You now know a bit about Martin Luther King Day. What are you doing for Martin Luther King Day?"

INAUGURATION DAY

By: Nikolas Draskovic

Hello my fellow readers today I will be talking about inauguration day. Inauguration day in 2025 is Monday, January 20th, 2025. Inauguration day is when a new president is elected, 73 days through 79 days is inaugurated as president by taking the presidential oath of office. The inauguration takes place for each new presidential term, even if the president is in office for a second term.

The first inauguration day in the history of the United States of America was on April, 30, 1789. And president George Washington was the first president to get inaugurated.

NATIONAL SPAGHETTI DAY

By: Siyona Singh

National Spaghetti Day on January 4th offers an opportunity to pick your sauce and add it to that long, thin cylindrical pasta of Italian and Sicilian origin. Usually made from semolina flour, this pasta has been a worldwide favorite for ages and loved by millions. There are various pasta dishes based on spaghetti, and the sauce determines most of them. Some examples include spaghetti ala Carbonara, garlic and oil, tomato sauce, meat sauce, bolognese, Alfredo sauce, clam sauce, or other sauces.

In addition, we traditionally serve spaghetti dishes topped with grated hard cheeses such as Pecorino Romano, Parmesan, and Grana Padano. American restaurants offered spaghetti around the end of the 19th century as Spaghetti Italiane (which is believed to have consisted of noodles cooked pasta al dente and a mild tomato sauce flavored with easily found spices and vegetables such as cloves, bay leaves, and garlic). Decades later, cooks added oregano and basil to many recipes. National Day Calendar continues researching the origins of this pasta-loving holiday thank you for reading this bye.

SNOWMAN STORY

By: Tessa Quigley

Artwork by: Joslynn Keehr

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Julia. She decided to build a snowman. It took her all day. She gave the snowman a black hat, red scarf, carrot nose, and big green buttons for eyes. After Julia put on all the finishing touches she decided to name the snowman Shiver.

Building a snowman was a lot of work and Julia was tired so she decided to go to bed. While Julia was sleeping Shiver and all the other snowmen came to life. They huddled around Shiver, since he was the new guy. Shiver asked the other snowmen for a drink, he was so thirsty. He requested hot chocolate. The other snowmen looked puzzled, but they decided to get him the hot chocolate that he wanted.

He drank and drank and drank. It was so good, but so hot! He could feel himself get smaller and smaller. Soon there was nothing left of Shiver but his hat, scarf, carrot nose, and big green buttons. All the other snowmen gasped, one said, "we should not have let him have hot chocolate."

The next morning Julia woke up to a missing snowman. She couldn't understand where he went. She decided to build a new snowman and this time his name was Frosty.

Soon night came and Julia was tired and cold. She went home and cuddled up in her bed. Now it was time for Frosty to wake up. All of the other snowmen gathered around frosty again. Frosty was so thirsty and asked for some hot chocolate. The snowmen gave him hot chocolate. He drank, and drank, and drank, until he melted.

Julia woke up the next morning to a melted snowman. She went to work again to build another snowman. She named this snowman Icy. As night came Julia went to bed. Icy woke up and all the other snowmen came around him.

Icy said, "I am really thirsty, maybe I should have some hot chocolate." He thought for a second and then said, "wait I'm not meant to have hot chocolate, I am a snowman, I will melt."

The next morning Julia woke up to her snowman right outside her window. She was so excited and jumped with cheer. In conclusion that is why snowmen do not drink hot chocolate.



WHAT DOES THE FOX SAY: 2025 GOALS

By: Lacey Gjerdevig
Photos by: Cam Humphrey



To read 15 books
Jillian- 5th grade



Getting better at writing
Keeana- 3rd grade



Read bigger books
Gage- 1st grade



Get better at art
Kiara- Kindergarten



To help other people
Kyah-2nd grade



To get better at math
Siyona- 4th grade

FAVORITE SCHOOL FOOD REVIEW

By: Zoey Barton

First off, I want to thank our school chefs. They are always making sure we all have food to eat for lunch. Plus they always make the best lunches, but my favorite of all time is cheesy bread sticks.

Honesty, why they are my favorite is because they are just sooooo cheesy like when you bite into it it feels like the flavors are melting on your tongue. One of my favorite things about them is the texture from the bread and the creamy cheese. Last, but not least, as you can see, this is why cheesy bread sticks are my favorite school lunch.

PUZZLES OF YETI MOUNTAIN

By: Hunter Ehlert

Artwork by: Nora Eastman

10,000 years ago, in a small village up on a huge mountain, lived a small Yeti family. The two siblings, Eddi and Pom Pom, were out foraging when a huge snowstorm started and blocked the way home.

"Eddi, it's impossible to get through," Pom Pom yelled.

"You're right," Eddi yelled back.

"Let's look for someone to help us," Pom Pom said.

"Oh, let's look for that big snowman Dad is always talking about," Eddi responded.

"But I thought Dad said that the big snowman was a myth," Pom Pom wondered.

"It couldn't hurt to look, so let's go."

So, Eddi and Pom Pom wandered around the forest, looking and looking until they found a maze. Eddi started walking in but hit a wall and opened a new entrance.

"Oh, let's go in this way," he said, so they did and made it within seconds. Then they saw a lake and a house along with a big snowman moving the snow. They started running and realized that the lake was frozen and could break. Pom Pom thought that they could build a snow launcher to launch themselves across the lake, so they gathered resources like sticks, fishing nets from the frozen lake, and crunchy leaves.

They launched themselves across the lake.

"Oh, hi! Are you lost?" the big snowman said.

"Yes," said Eddi.

"Well, I'm Olaf... Aaaaccchooooo—" Before the snowman could finish, he sneezed and flung snow everywhere, leaving an opening for the siblings to go home. The sneeze soaked into the clouds and started snowing.

"Oh no! Go back home quickly and be safe," the kind snowman said.

"Thanks!" Eddi and Pom Pom said at the same time.

"Say hi to your dad for me, he's my best friend," the snowman called as Eddi and Pom Pom ran home. They got home safely and lived for thousands of years.

The end.



SECOND GRADE INTERVIEW

By: Ledger Vance Paulus

Hi Desert Sky foxes! I am going to tell you about an interview that I did. Now let's get to the subject. So I interviewed Wyatt McCoy in Mrs. Preszler's class. I interviewed him about winter brake.

Ledger: What did you get for Christmas?

Wyatt: New markers

Ledger: I know we did not get snow but did you want it?

Wyatt: Absolutely yes

Ledger: What did you do on non holiday days?

Wyatt: Play with neighborhood kids.

Ledger: What was your favorite part about winter break?

Wyatt: New years and Christmas.

SCIENCE OF FIREWORKS

By: Claire Gill

Hello! Have you ever wondered about the science behind fireworks?

Fireworks work by creating a chemical reaction between black powder, metals, and a variety of other chemical compositions that interact with each other to make a display of colors, lights and sounds. There are a bunch of explosions, stars, colors, shapes, sounds and whistles that can be created by mixing different chemical reactions in fireworks. The sound, color and shape created depends on the chemicals used.

Fireworks originated in ancient China, around 200 BC. "The first fireworks were bamboo stalks that exploded when thrown into a fire. Bamboo contains air pockets that expand and explode in extreme heat".

Nowadays, instead of having just bamboo stalks making loud noises, we have figured out the chemistry and technology to have a variety of elements in fireworks such as loud noises, brighter colors, and more visual effects. Adding metal salts like barium, strontium, and copper allow for a wide range of colors in fireworks such as red, green and blue. Fireworks can also crackle, twinkle and strobe based on their chemical reaction.

Fireworks are used today for celebrations such as the Fourth of July, royal events and military victories. Fireworks can make any event extra special. Just remember a small firework or a big firework safety first. I hope you enjoyed this article on the science behind fireworks.



FOX TALES: SNOW CONE

By: Abby Gallaher
Artwork by: Raya Pope

It was January and Felix was disappointed there had been no snow since he really wanted to have a snow cone eating competition. He even bought snow cone syrup.

Then finally it snowed. You could say it was a magical moment since the salmon eggs had just come in. Luckily the kids were just getting out for the weekend so they had the snow all to themselves.

The students were out and Felix had rallied up his friends with the syrup.

"Alright, please pick your flavor!" Hologered Felix "I have picked lime so I'm green team!" Felix said excitedly.

Owl the arctic owl whose name is really Owen picked cherry so he's red team.

Carlos the coyote picked lemon so he was yellow team. Lastly, Icicle picked grape so she's purple team.

Their squares were two feet by two feet or four feet and were about an inch thick.

After every one was ready the challenge began they were chomping away with different strategies all with cold teeth or beaks.

In the end though Carlos one everyone's mouth was freezing so they went inside and had hot chocolate before going to bed.

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FUN THINGS TO DO IN THE SNOW

By: Trinity Jones

Here are some fun things to do in the snow. What I like to do in the snow is to make a snow fort. First you get lots & lots of snow then put it all together and make it any shape you want, keep building up until it's tall & sturdy.

I also like to make snow angels. First you go somewhere that has not been worked on. Next, lay on the snow and move your legs and arms.

Last year my sister and I made a little mini snowman. To make a snowman you make a snowball then you roll it until it gets big. Next you make a smaller one to put on top of the other one. Then make an even smaller one on top. Last put a carrot on for the nose & rocks for the eyes and the mouth. The best thing of all is when my mom makes hot cocoa, it's so yummy in my tummy. I hope you liked all of these fun activities.

BEST NEW YEARS EVE EVER

By: Maya Andebrhan

Artwork by: Emmerson Boyd

It was New year's day and Ruth was so excited because most of her family was coming to her house for dinner and to watch the ball drop. Ruth's mom was in the kitchen prepping for dinner. Ruth's dad was at the store getting dessert for the party, and Ruth was in her room making happy New Year cards for all the people who were going to be there.

Just then Ruth's mom called her name. "Ruth, honey can you come here please? I need your help."

"I'm coming," said Ruth. "Alright I'm here what do you need help with?"

"Can you please shred the cheese?"

"Sure," said Ruth.

"Thank you, honey. Are you excited for our party?"

"Yup, super excited. I'm especially excited for dinner."

"Me too, nachos are my favorite."

"Done shredding. Do you need anything else?"

"Um I don't think so. Oh, I hear dad I think he's home. Can you help him unload groceries?"

Sure, I can do that," said Ruth. Then dad came through the door.

"Hey Ruth, can you go get the ice cream from the car?"

"Sure." Just then the doorbell rang. "I'll get it," Ruth said. Ruth ran to the door and opened it and all her family was waiting for her.

"Hello Ruth!"

"Hi, Aunt K!"

"Hey Ruth!"

Hey Uncle S.!"

"Hey Ruth!"

"Hey Grandma K! Come in, come in, there's plenty of room," Ruth said.

"Dinner's ready," mom called.

It was a great dinner. Now to start waiting. So, they played games, told stories and jokes until finally there was one minute until midnight.

Everyone started yelling, " 49, 48, 47....until the screen went black!! Everyone was like "Noooooooooooooooo." But then, Ruth had an idea. "Let's all go to the neighbors house, they are probably watching it!" So they hurried over to the neighbor's house and it was the best New Year's ever!

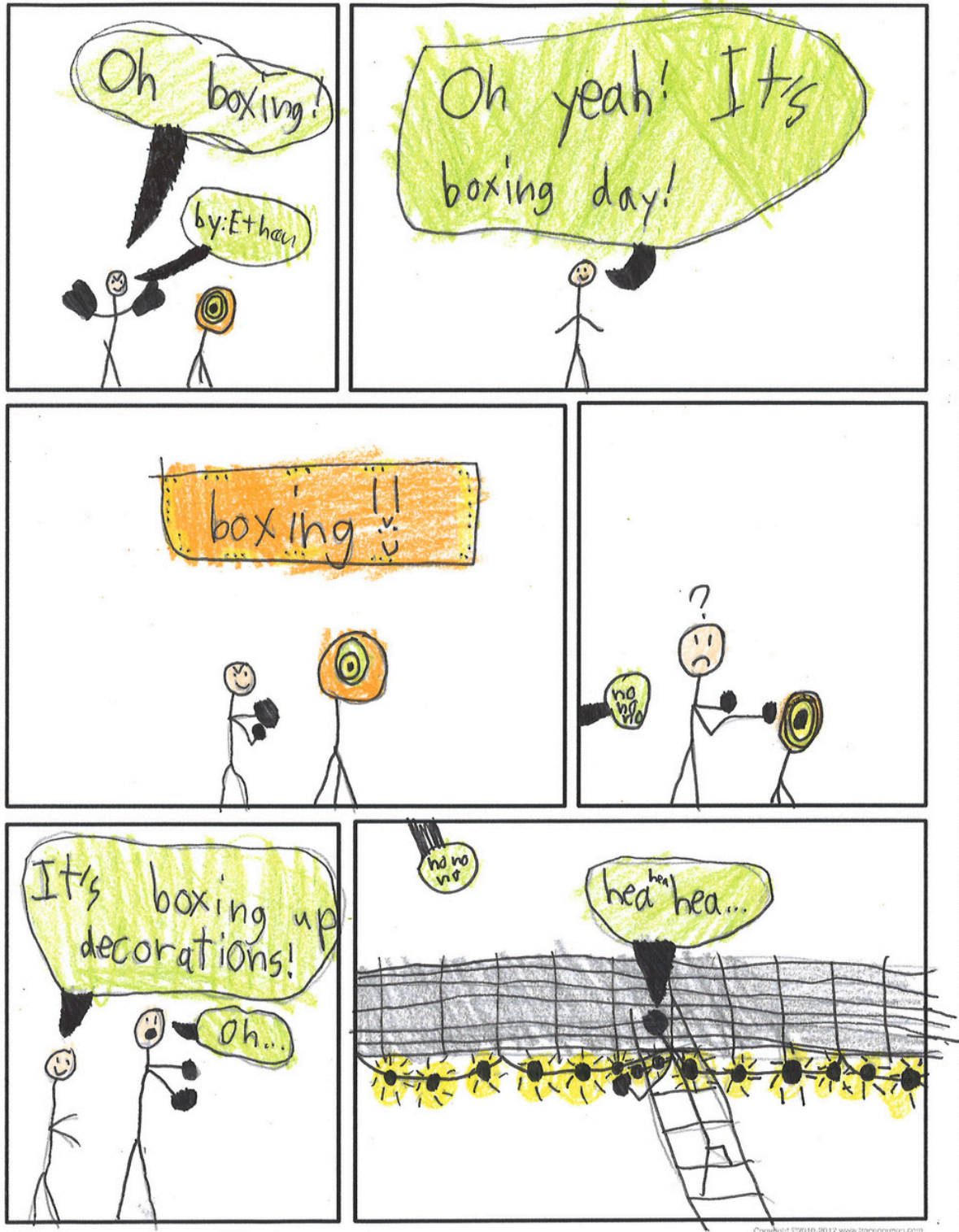
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OH BOXING!

Story and artwork by: Ethan Kippes



NEW YEAR TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

By: Anthony Boadas

Artwork by: Aubree McAndrews

Australia

Australians celebrate New Year by having beach parties. This represents freedom and relaxation. They also celebrate by grabbing a pot and spoon and walking down the street making as much noise as possible. They believe this helps the evil spirits run away!

China

In China, multiple people dress as puppet animals and walk in parades. Making the puppets movements with their hands. They eat dumplings with meat and vegetables inside them. They do this to celebrate the New Year with luck. The Chinese New Year actually occurs at a different time than in the rest of the world.

Mexico

One tradition in Mexico is sweeping the house. They sweep the house to make the negative vibes leave and make room for positive vibes. They eat lentils which is a symbol of wealth and prosperity. New Years is a time to embrace newcomers of the year.

Spain

In Spain, at midnight they eat 12 lucky seeded grapes at the same time. If you are able to eat all the grapes at one time, your wishes will come true. Some people wear red underwear to find love during the year. All of these traditions give them a good start for the New Year.

Venezuela

In Venezuela, at midnight they eat 12 grapes. One at a time for each chime of the church bell. Each grape represents a wish for the New Year. They eat traditional Venezuelan food like hallacas, ham bread and panettone. They dress fancy, men wear suits and ties and women wear dresses. These celebrations are to embrace peace, healthiness and prosperity.



TOWER SHUFFLE: MOONFALL

By: Theo Eastman

Max had lost. The robots were upon him attacking him trying to tear him to shreds. He couldn't do anything then... the robots fell to the ground. He looked and saw the robot glitching; It seemed as if the tower had retaliated. Then he looked and saw someone with a sword looking weapon.

"You knew better than to attack here... B-yT3," he said. Then he came over to Max.

"Hey... you're safe now... I'm Logan, but how do you know that machine?" Logan asked.

"He's always attacked me; as a young child he made me an orphan... I can't forget it, especially since he never left me alone after," Max replied. "Who is he?"

"An anomaly, a glitch in the system who for no apparent reason attacks everyone it sees."

"Yeah checks out," Max replied.

"It shouldn't be long till its awake," Logan said

Then suddenly the robot got up and threw Logan down the building. It walked toward Max, enraged. It wore a smile on its face, but it didn't hide the rage. It stumbled toward Max and suddenly 4 more arms broke out of its back. It then turned into a nightmarish colossus. It swung one of its arms until it pointed at the transmitter and suddenly a meteor hit the tower, and most of the city surrounding it.

It sent Max falling to the ground unconscious. He was about to fall to his death when Logan, still clinging onto the tower, which was still standing due to its impossibly strong build, grabbed his arm.

He had trouble holding on. He couldn't reach the window just above him. He started losing his grip. By then Max had regained consciousness. And in his final act, Logan swung Max up to the window, threw his weapon and fell down.

"NOOOOOO! LOGAN!" Max yelled

He got up, grabbed the weapon and climbed up the stairs to the top. When he got there B-yT3 was waiting, damaged and angry.

He screamed and ran after Max. Max drew the weapon which had an inscription that said "HoloBlade"
He ran up to B-yT3 and...

To be concluded in System 3RROR

HOW TO SHOW PERSEVERANCE

By: Brailyn Elzie

What is perseverance?

- perseverance is pushing yourself to do something hard.

Why is it important?

- perseverance is important because it teaches you to not give up.

How can you show perseverance?

1. finish your homework even if it is hard.
2. Trying your best in p.e. When things are hard.
3. Finishing the race when you are tired and want to stop.
4. Doing four lines win your only suppose to do three lines.



KRAKEN V. DEVILS

By: Blake Maxfield

On January 6, 2025 the Seattle Kraken played the New Jersey Devils. The Devils started the game of with a solid goal after being blocked 5 times. Then the Kraken scored after being deflected 8 times. A good 1st period. Good defense forum both teams goalies, and offense on both sides.

It was a tied game going in to the 2nd period. In the 2nd period the Devils scored slapping the puck in between the goalies legs. Devils led going into the 3rd period.

In the 3rd period the Kraken score tying 2-2 and then the Devils retaliated scoring their 3rd goal of the night giving the Devils the led and the win.

SUPER BANANA GETS FIREWORKS

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