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HALL OF PRESIDENTS

By Miles Young

It's that time of year again. The snow is falling, it's very cold, and the fifth graders of LV are working on their presidents projects. Each fifth grader was assigned a president based on their number, and made a project about that president (I got James A. Garfield). Once the projects were turned in, they got put up outside of the library. There are so many cool projects! You should definitely check it out.



5TH GRADE 80'S DAY

By Makeda Girmay

Friday, January 30th was the 100th day of school. Fifth grade dressed like they were in the 80s. Students in fifth grade wore stuff like colorful clothes and hair, leather jackets, and different

hair styles. They dressed like the 80s because there were 80 more days of school left. 5th grade had so much fun dressing up.



HAMMERS MTB

By: Callen Lenches

Hammers MTB is a mountain biking team for Danville that rides at local areas, such as Hopewell Memorial Park or Geisinger Stewardship Forest. The biking season is over, but you can join spring of 2025. You cannot ride if you are under sixth grade, but there is an exception, if you are not in sixth grade you can ride with a parent. Personally being on the team is like heaven on a bike. The top three are: Up and Out, Easy Peasy, and last but not least, Firm Foundation.

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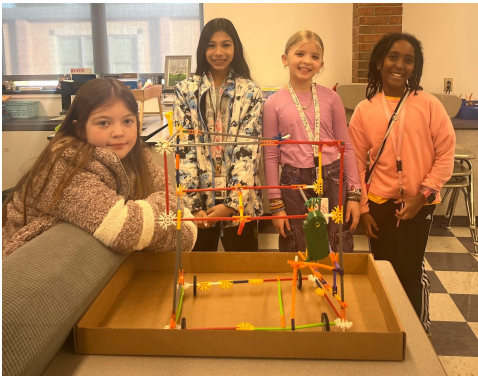
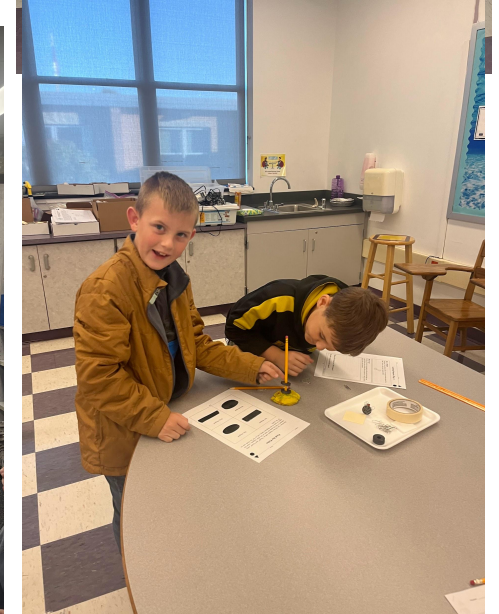
In newspaper club you get to write fun articles like this one and it will be in the school newspaper. You can join any time of the year. Newspaper club is for 2 out of the three grades: 4th and 5th. Newspaper club takes place on the first 3 days of the week out of the six. You are not required to come if you have to get to class, or if you just don't want to come.

**GUESS WHAT GRADE 3?
WE'RE READY FOR YOU!
LISTEN TO THE MORNING
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
MORE INFORMATION!**

STEM CLUB

By Parker Patraw

Stem club is a place to do science and do a lot of fun things with Mrs. Adams. In stem club you get to make projects with Mrs. Adams too. Each grade gets to go even if you don't sign up, but you don't come on days one, two, and three, because there is newspaper club on those days. Check the announcement board in the morning to see if it is your grade's day for STEM Club. In February, STEM club will be 24 practice for fourth and fifth graders.



PUBLISHED AUTHORS

Students in third, fourth, and fifth grade had the opportunity to enter Young Writers USA's Scary Tales contest this fall. Students wrote a mini saga, a story of 100 words or less, and submitted their stories to be published. The students recently discovered they have been chosen for publication. Students will have their mini sagas published in a book this spring.



Students pictured:

Back Row: Braeden Dometita, Adeline Showalter, Charlotte McCabe, Penelope Stender

Front Row: Matteo Modesto, Rona Triffo, William Zhao, Quinn Coffey

Not pictured: Henry Hirschhorn

MEET MRS. HEISTAND

By Hope Knotts

Has anyone wanted to know more about Mrs. Heistand? Well, here are some facts about her!

Q: How long have you been an art teacher?

Mrs. Heistand: I have been an art teacher for 19 years, but this is my first year teaching at LV.

Q: Where did you grow up?

Mrs. Heistand: I grew up in New Columbia (Milton School District).

Q: How many children do you have?

Mrs. Heistand: I have 2 daughters.

Q: What college did you go to?

Mrs. Heistand: I went to Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Q: How long have you been married?

Mrs. Heistand: I have been married for 12 years.

MEET MISS TURNER

By Makeda Girmay

Miss Turner thinks that it is a very nice community, and she loves teaching 3-5 grades. She started working here 13 years ago, and she worked at the middle school before. She loves the new school store and the students.

She is a reading specialist, she works with all grades, and she helps them take apart words to help them be confident leaders. She likes working with different kids, and helps them feel better about themselves. She doesn't like that she doesn't have a lot of time to see students.

Outside of school she likes to lift weights and skateboard and garden with her two cats. She has a black cat named Belle and a gray cat named Georgia, and they are both 9 years old.

FORGED IN FIRE: MARKING PERIOD 2

The first Forged in Fire assemblies were held on January 17, 2025. Check out the grade level winners below:



Third Grade

Grady Burns
Lennon Mori
Korbin Elliot
Hunter Suchodolski
Themie Appleman
Aleeza Cheema
Charlie Banting
Madden Foust
Lennyx Perry



Fourth Grade

Emilia Dugan
Bryson Claycomb
Reese Murdock
Aylah Tobias
Breana Yeater
Evelyn Kremer
Vera Dissinger
Callie Mowrer
Neveah Duque



Fifth Grade

Miles Young
Cherokee Dennis
Jacob Snover
Owen Rakovan
Tessa Smith
Amara Chang
Daniel Kurtz
Bryce Hafer
Briya Stotler

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

By Ritik Puvvula

The Northern lights are called Aurora Borealis. When the sun is really active it produces tiny high energy particles.

They go really fast billions of miles away from the sun, some of them hit the earth. The earth's magnetic field makes it slow down, it directs up to the North pole. Then these high energy particles enter



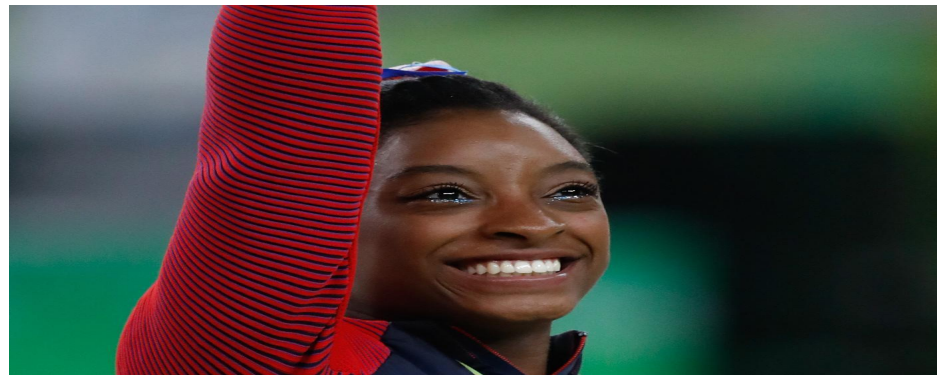
through the North Pole and they collide with oxygen and produce different colors. I saw red, pink and green Northern lights in the sky in Danville on October 10, 2024. I was super excited to see the Northern lights..



SIMONE BILES/GYMNASTICS

by: Hope Knotts

Gymnastics is a sport that takes a lot of strength. It tests your belly and shoulder muscles. There are over 4 million people in the United States that do gymnastics, and one of those very talented gymnasts is Simone Biles. Simone Biles is a gymnast who was born on March 14 1997 in Columbus, Ohio. Simone grew up with her 3 siblings Ashley, Tevin, and Adria. Simone's mother was an alcohol addict and was often never home. At the age of 6, Simone and her sister Adria were adopted by their grandparents. Soon after she was adopted, her parents enrolled her in gymnastics. When Simone was 14, she became an elite gymnast. In 2016, Simone competed in her first Olympic Games, where she won 5 medals, 4 gold all-around medals, and 1 bronze medal on the balance beam. Simone Biles is one of the best gymnasts in history and is still competing until this day.



Facts About Gymnastics

- There are four events in gymnastics, beam, floor, vault, and bars.
- Gymnastics isn't just for girls; a lot of boys do gymnastics too!
- Gymnastics was first introduced into the Olympics in 1896.

MY TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

By Iris Long

DAY ONE

When my family and I went to New York City, we had a lot of fun! My family and I went to a lot of places.

First, we went to Times Square to see the ball. Next, we walked through Rockefeller Center. We saw the ice skating rink, the big angels, and the really, really big tree. Then, we went shopping at the American Girl store. After that, we went to Central Park and rode the Roosevelt Island Tram. The tram took us across the river, onto Roosevelt Island. Finally, we walked to the Roosevelt Island Memorial, and we came in for dinner.

Last of all, we rode the subway to the bus station. When we got to the bus station, we got in a very long line, and then there was a 30 minute delay. We waited about 25 minutes. Then the bus came, but since the line was so long we did not make it on that bus. When we got on the bus we rode to the hotel. End of the first day.



SECOND DAY

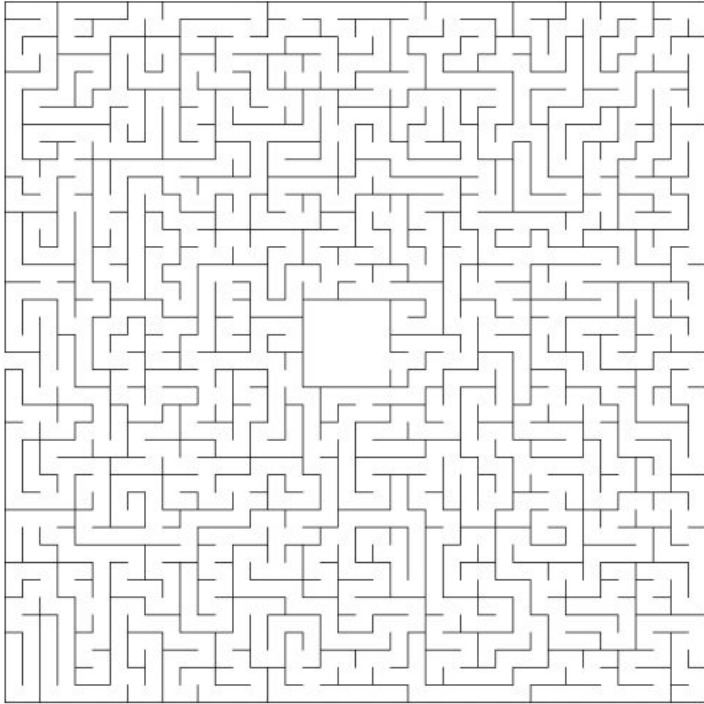
On the second day we walked to Bryant Park. We got our skates, but when my sister and I put on skates they were soaking wet from previous skaters. We all went skating, and then we got to buy new socks. When we were skating, we saw the Empire State Building. Fact- My great-grandmother used to live near the Empire State Building right after it was built. As we walked to Macy's we ended up walking right by the Empire State Building.

Next, we went shopping at Macy's- THE LARGEST STORE IN THE WORLD! But, we really didn't get much except for a tiny Lego person. We took the subway to see the Statue of Liberty. It was so cool!!! Since we saw it from far away, we did not see it very well. It was still cool. We got pizza close to the World Trade Center Memorial at a place called Hank's Pizza.

The last place we saw was the Brooklyn Bridge. It was so crowded! We only walked a little bit of the bridge. We turned around to go back. I got hungry so I had watermelon from a street vendor. Finally, we rode the subway back to the bus where there was no delay!



Holly Jolly Maze!



Australian Words

By Sutton Renn

G'day mate! Take this quiz to see how well you speak Australian for the quiz. Write what you think the American word is in the blank and add points up at the end.

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 biscuit _____ | 2 bickies _____ |
| 3 breckie _____ | 4 capsicum _____ |
| 5 chips _____ | 6 fairy floss _____ |
| 7 icy pole _____ | 8 jelly _____ |
| 9 jam _____ | 10 lollies _____ |
| 11 boots _____ | 12 bonnet _____ |
| 13 petrol _____ | 14 jumper _____ |
| 15 nappy _____ | 16 sunnies _____ |
| 17 thongs _____ | 18 bathers _____ |
| 19 rubbish _____ | 20 arvo _____ |
| 21 cot _____ | 22 dummy _____ |
| 23 holiday _____ | 24 lift _____ |
| 25 postcode _____ | 26 sandpit _____ |
| 27 trolley _____ | 28 star jumps _____ |



WHY BLOBFISHES ARE UGLY

By: Braeden Dometita

Blobfishes are known to be ugly, but they weren't always that ugly. You see mother nature made a pink fish that lives deep in the sea due to the pressure. Once the pink fish comes to the surface, the air pressure is not enough to keep the blobfish in fish form. As a result, the blobfish collapses into a slimy blob that we know and love today. Blobfishes got their name for being one of the ugliest creatures. Look at this picture (It's kind of growing on you, right?)



RIDDLES BY MILES

What has to be broken before you can use it?

An egg

What starts with "p" ends with "e" and has thousands of letters?

A post office

I have teeth but can't bite. What am I?

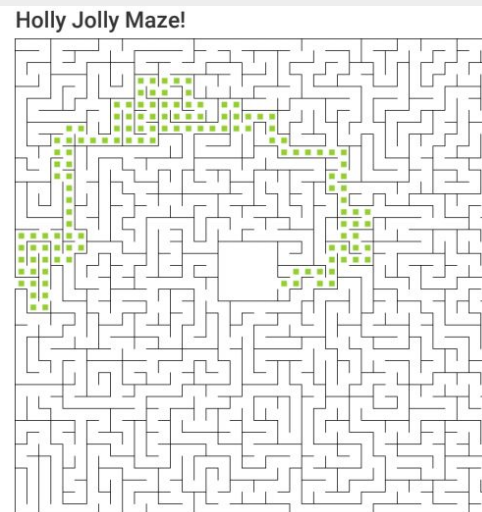
A zipper

What is the richest nut?

A cashew

Answers

1 cracker 2 cookies 3 breakfast 4 green pepper 5 fries 6 cotton candy 7 popsicle 8 jello
9 jam 10 candy 11 trunk 12 hood 13 gas 14 sweater 15 diaper 16 sunglasses
17 flip flops 18 swimsuit 19 trash 20 afternoon 21 crib 22 pacifier 23 vachon
24 elevator 25 zipcode 26 sandbox 27 shopping cart 28 jumping jacks



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