

# The NFO Post

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FOSTERING A CULTURE OF LEARNING

## CAMPUS HALLWAYS COME TO LIFE



### *CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION CLUB HARD AT WORK ON MURAL MAKEOVERS*

By Canyon Pfeil

Hi! My name is Canyon Pfeil and I am in 6th grade at NFP. There are a lot of cool things happening at our school and one of them is that Leslie Conner and some middle schoolers are painting the walls and doors in the foyers. They started in foyer B and are trying to lighten up the school and make it more fun and colorful. Maybe you've seen all the flowers and animals that were painted? It reminds me of Dr. Seuss. The theme for the next foyer is going to be bubbles! If you want to learn more about it you can ask Leslie C. Bye for now!

Bubb



Foyer A is an enchanting garden scene.



## DELICIOUS PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST ENTHUSIASTS

Hi! My name is Olive Pfeil and I'm a 3rd grader at NFP. One of my favorite things to have for breakfast is pancakes! We have a recipe we make at home that I'd like to share with you if you want to make pancakes too. The recipe adds blueberries, but I like them better without.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 1/2 cups unsweetened almond milk (or milk of choice)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cup frozen blueberries (optional)

### Instructions:

1. Gather all the ingredients
2. Mix all the dry ingredients
3. Mix all the wet ingredients and then add them to the dry ingredients. Stir until just combined. They are thicker than normal pancake batter.
4. Add the blueberries, if using, mix gently
5. Cook over medium heat until golden brown. Flip and cook the other side.
6. Enjoy with Maple Syrup and fresh fruit!

I hope you try 'em!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/7-11 Spring Break
- 4/25 Multicultural Faire
- 5/23 Spring Market
- 5/30 It's Showtime play

## BOOK REVIEW: FISH IN A TREE BY LYNDALY MULLALY HUNT

By Abhi Mohanty

There are many books I've read in the past and still love to this day. Last year, I finished a book called "Fish in a Tree" by Lyndal Mullaly Hunt, and it's my new favorite. Now, this book isn't literally about a fish in a tree. It's about a quote that says, "If you judge a fish's ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid." (Since a fish can't climb a tree, it doesn't mean it's bad at everything. But, it believes that because you judged it for something it can't do).

This quote heavily relates to the main character of the story.

This story is about a girl named Ally Nickerson who has dyslexia, meaning she can't read and write properly. The school bullies, Shay and Jessica, think she's a freak. She usually wouldn't write anything for her assignments, and would doodle in her notebook (or the desk) instead. Despite this, she had so many friends who were nice to her. She has a special notebook called "The Sketchbook of Impossible Things." Her old teacher, Mrs. Hall, even sent her to the principal's office because she intentionally



drew on the desk.

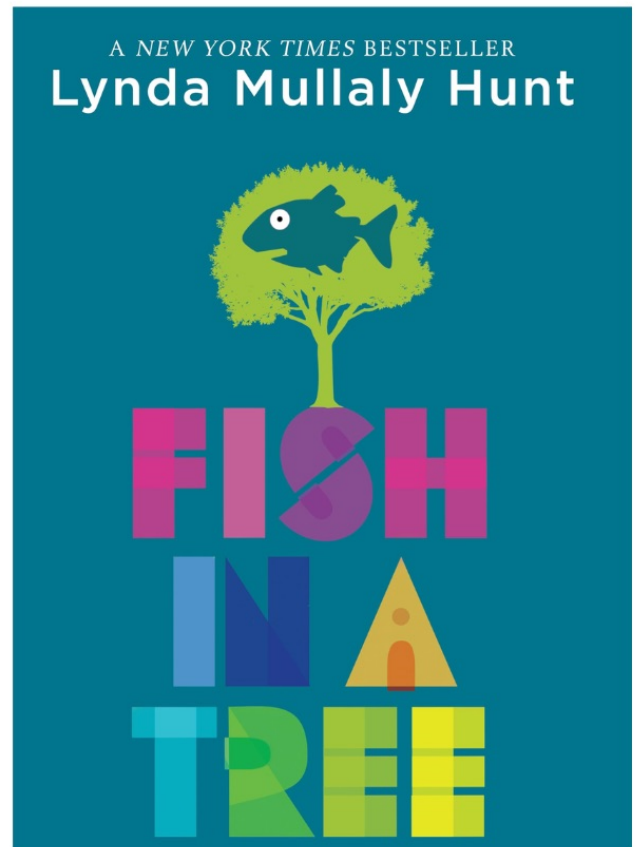
A few days later, there is a new teacher, Mr. Daniels. In the morning, he would give addition and subtraction problems to students and make them do it in their heads. No paper, no pencils. Ally thought this was much better than writing.

After Mr. Daniels and Ally got to know each other, he asked if he could play chess with her after school. She accepted because it meant there would be no homework for her (she initially declined the offer, but he said she wouldn't have homework for a few days if she did play). She carried around a piece of paper in her pocket to keep herself in a positive mood. It simply said the word "impossible," but Mr. Daniels put a slash in the word, and now it's "im/possible." The only reason she knew what it said was because he read it to her. She has remembered it ever since.

Ally has a bigger brother named Travis, and they would go to a restaurant named A.C. Petersen's. Their mom works there, too. Pretty sure they get ice cream for free...

This book is great! I love books where the main character has some sort of disability or problem. It makes the story much more interesting because they need to do things differently.

Fun fact: this book was written in 2015, which was after the author wrote another favorite book of mine, *One for the Murphys* (written in 2012)!



## SURVEYS ABOUT WRITING CLASSES IN

Students in Kim Skelton's writers workshop classes have been giving and taking surveys as a part of their writing endeavors. Below are the first in a multi-part series detailing their results. Enjoy!

I love cats a LOT. I like tabby cats in particular. When I did a survey in my Thursday period 2 class (including my teacher), I gave them the choices of tabby, solid color, and calico, as well as a "don't like cats" option. I found out that two of them liked tabby, like me, four liked calico, four liked solid color and two didn't like cats. So the majority of my class liked calico and solid. By Victoria Meyers

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## SURVEYS CONTINUED...

Today I will be telling you about my survey! So, the question was “which of these three pets would you choose? Cat, dog, snake, or none?” So the favorite was cat, with 7 votes. Dog came in second with 3 votes, Snake was third with one vote. None tied for third with snake. The only person who voted for non was my sister who was begging for ‘camel’ to be an option. In conclusion, cat was the favorite! Thank you.

By Elliot Gray

I really like reading and I wanted to know what my classmates’ favorite reading format was. 9 of 13 of my classmates like graphic novels. 4 out of 13 like chapter books. I gave an options for picture book but nobody chose it. Most of my classmates like graphic novels like me. But nobody in my class likes picture books more than novels or graphic novels.

By Lily Burden

Hello readers! I am a student of the Writer’s Workshop class second period on Thursdays. I wondered what my classmates thought about these options of the Greek gods: Athena, Artemis, Apollo, and a “don’t know” option. I personally would choose Athena, goddess of War, wisdom, and the arts.

My results were six classmates chose “don’t know” and four chose Athena. I think that the kids chose Athena because she was popular. Then, the next week, when our class was 12 students again, the last two chose Athena!

I thought all the kids in my class knew about the Greek gods, but the first week, I found out! It was exciting to find that Athena and “don’t know” tied! Maybe you can try surveying your friends or family! Which god or goddess would YOU choose?

By Livia Koppenol

I like pets but my favorite are cat and dog. I wanted to get my classmates’ opinions so I made a survey. Four people chose cat, four people chose dog, one person chose bunny and three people chose hamster. I was surprised that cat and dog tied!

By Faye Gould

