

Lions' Latest

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Valentine's Day ♥

By: Gianna Garcia and Sienna Cardoni

Valentine's Day is one of the most cherished and loving holidays in the United States that brings many joys and happiness to thousands of people. While some people don't enjoy it, the majority of people do love this holiday. We interviewed many people in the Wesley community about their opinions about this holiday.

Starting off with the fifth graders, we interviewed Felix Bernstein, Marlowe Porter, and Briggs Levin. Each of them displayed their excitement for treats and free dress. Then, we moved on to some sixth graders. Emet Hershkovitz, Leia Edwards, and Jemma Elliot, all said that they were excited! Next, we talked to a seventh grader, Emma Meyers, who said she was excited for Valentine's Day. 8th graders Finley Katunich, Parker Vazquez, Sarah Bahadori, Eden Castaneda, Atticus Papahadjapoulos, and Kai Norman all said that they were looking forward to Valentine's Day.

Some people do not enjoy this holiday though. Coach Kyle and Miss Sarah both said that they aren't a big fan of spending money on relationships that should be happy without chocolate and flowers. Both of those faculty members specifically said that they think it is a, "Hallmark Holiday".

However, Sienna and I both agree that Valentine's Day is a nice holiday because it puts smiles on peoples faces. In our class, we passed out Valentine's Day cards, candies, and little toys to each other to spread joy and kindness. Other grades also had a way of passing out some sort of gift to one another and spreading happiness. While some people do not enjoy this holiday, Valentine's Day is the perfect day to bring people together, and celebrate joy and love.



LIONS' LATEST WESLEY SPORTS

Wesley Sports

By: Cleo Krankel, Camden Abbott, & Lola Kessler

This year's winter sports have just finished. Here is what a few Wesley students had to say about their seasons.

Luna, played on the fifth grade soccer team. Luna explained, "I enjoyed soccer because of the coach. I thought she was outstanding!"

Also from fifth grade, Briggs, who played basketball said, "It was really fun. We could have played better, but it was super fun."

Stella, who played in 6th grade girls soccer, explained that she liked playing soccer. She said, "I thought we played really hard, and I am happy we made it to the playoffs."

6th grader, Sawyer G., played basketball this past season. When asked about his season he responded, "It was fun, but we only won 2 games."

William, who played in 7th and 8th grade boys soccer, explained that he liked participating in and playing soccer with his teammates. He said that their season was, "good."

Overall, most sports teams this past trimester had good seasons, and most of the athletes had fun! Let's go Wesley Lions!



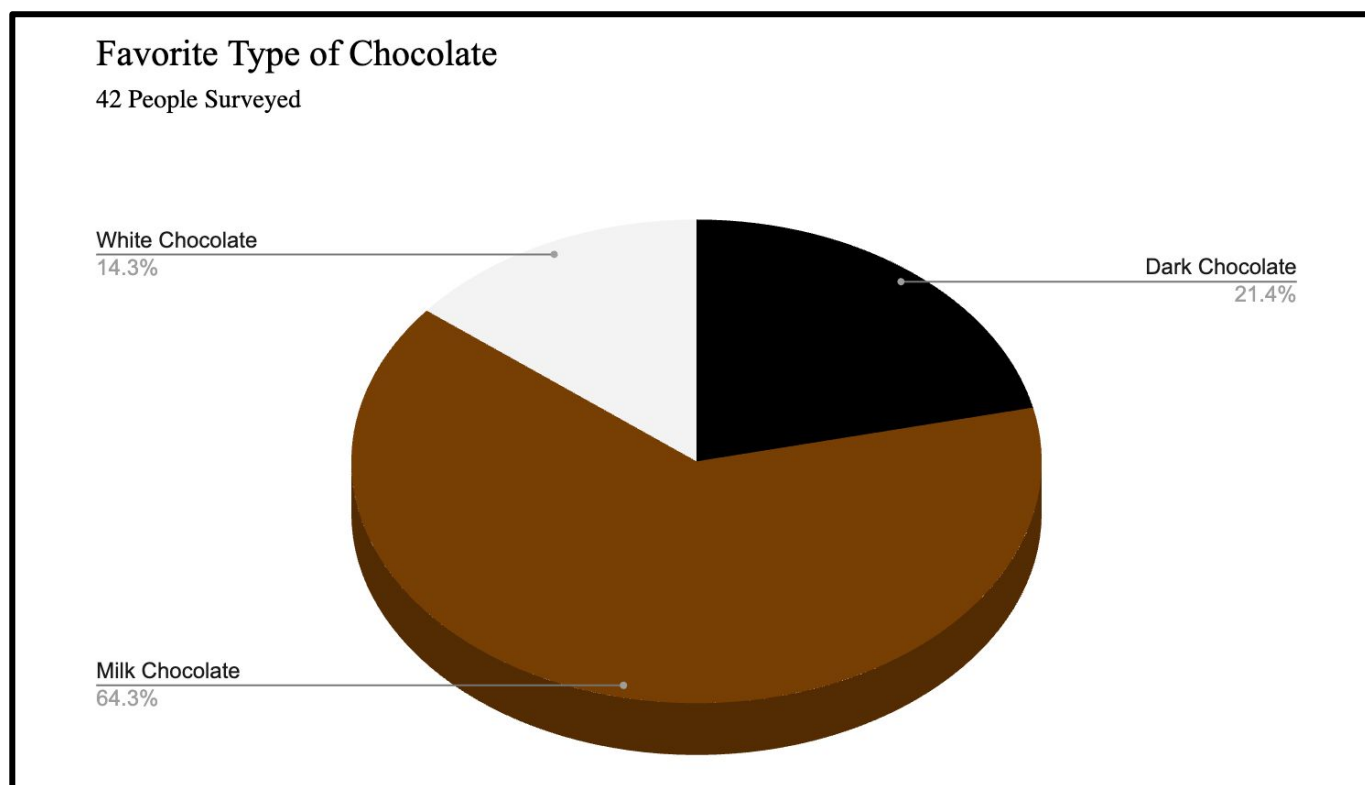
Random Acts of Kindness

By: Marlowe Porter

Recently, our school took part in a fun way to spread kindness. It was called "Random Acts of Kindness Week!" A jar was placed outside the library, filled with suggestions for random acts of kindness. Students could pick from the jar and complete simple tasks like complimenting a classmate, helping a teacher, or sharing a kind note. In addition, everyone was encouraged to come up with their own ideas for acts of kindness. Students wrote them down and added them to a separate jar for others to try. This project was very effective, everyday, people were greeted with thank you notes and other kind gestures. Overall, Kindness Week was a huge success!

What's the Favorite Type of Chocolate?

By: Marlowe Porter & Connor Mort



The Wondrous Book Club

By: Lyra George & Genevieve Hetzner

This year, in fifth grade, Mrs. Papa and Ms. Gaby started a book club. Everyone in the club votes on which book to read next. So far, we have read 2 books, and we are currently reading our 3rd. The books we have read are, *The Explorer* and *Ghost*. We are currently reading *Glitch*.

Since people have started reading *Glitch*, they said that it is not their favorite book.

This is Luna Turner's opinion on *Glitch*, "*Glitch* is the worst book I have ever read. I don't know what is going on."

When we read *The Explorer*, it was a hit in the club. Everyone enjoyed reading it so much! After finishing reading it, the club had a small celebration! Mrs. Papa and Ms. Gaby got a special treat, for everyone in the club, that had something to do with the book that was just read. They brought the food the characters in *The Explorer* survived on, such as pineapples, coconut, and mochi. Although these weren't all the exact foods the characters survived on, they were pretty close.

Book Club is a fantastic and enjoyable club that is full of fun!

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Bella and Bodhi

By: William Fernandez

Our school is so lucky to have two very cute dogs, Bella and Bodhi, who bring joy to everyone!

Bodhi, a playful and fluffy dog, lives in the library with Mrs. Gunderson. He loves to run around, and play with students with his spunky energy. Mrs. Gunderson explained that whenever Bodhi comes to school he gets excited. Mrs. Gunderson also said that Bodhi has really changed how her days at Wesley go. She gets a lot more visitors to the library. This makes her really happy.



Bella, Bodhi's twin sister, is also an incredibly friendly dog that makes Ms. Bass' office feel like home. When people take tests in the office, sometimes Bella is in the testing room.

Everyone loves both of these dogs and think they are very adorable. Both puppies add a special touch to our school. Next time you see them, be sure to stop by and say hello!

Fifth Grade State Creative Projects

By: Camden Abbott

Did you know that fifth graders are currently working on their State Creative Projects? Here are what a few fifth graders had to say about their projects.

First, I interviewed Gigi Garcia, who is doing a report on South Carolina. She told me that she is narrating a video about South Carolina and making a trifold. She also told me a fun fact about South Carolina is that they invented barbecue and sweet tea. Yum!

I next interviewed Genevieve Hetzner, and she told me how she is creating a video on Montana. Genevieve also told me some fun facts about Montana, like how there is a ghost town with one building in Genevieve, Montana. She told me that her favorite part of creating her project is filming and editing her video.

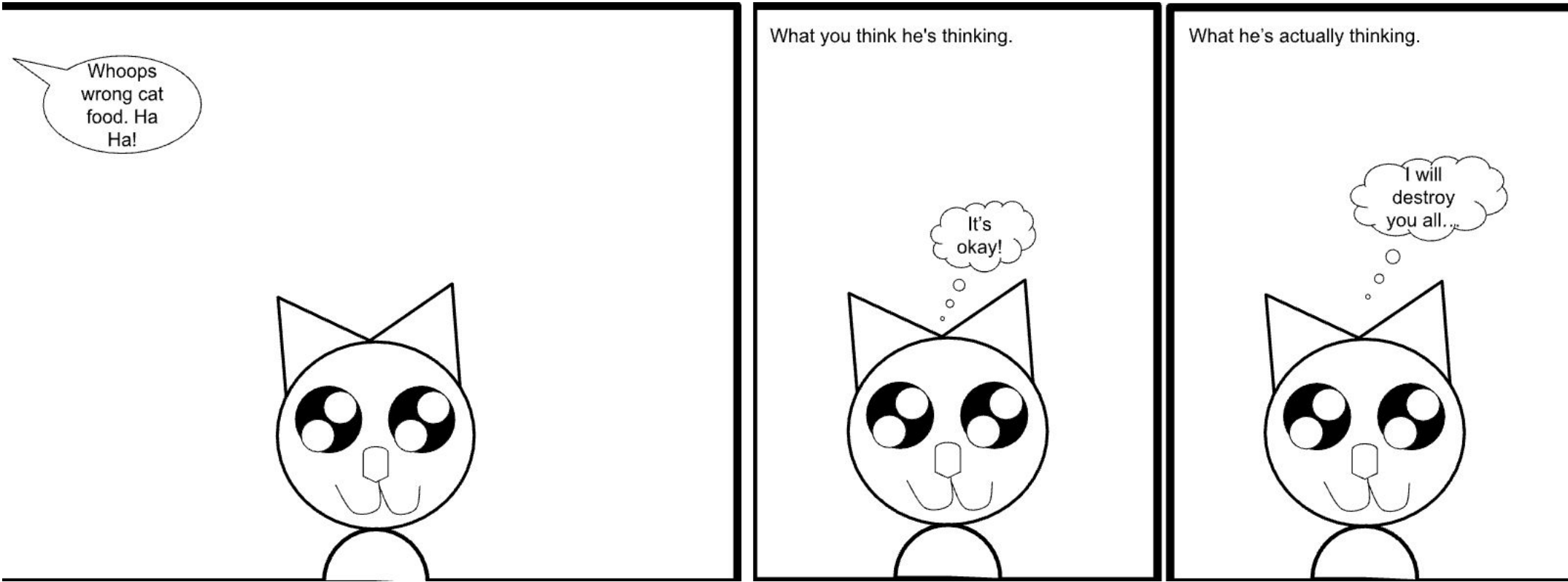
Lastly, I interviewed William Fernandez, who told me about how he is working on an animation about the battle of Trenton, and the crossing of the Delaware River. He told me some fun facts about his state too, like how there were 3 separate crossings of the Delaware River, and that the Hessians fought the Americans during that battle, not the British.

In conclusion, these fifth graders have worked very hard on their State Creative Projects! All of their final projects should be fantastic!

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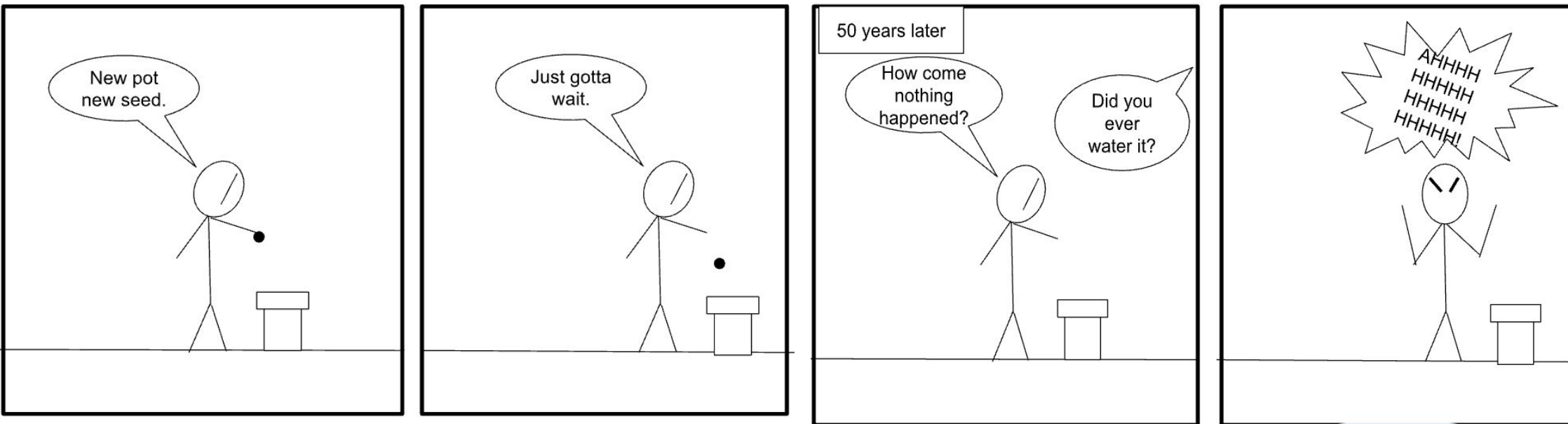
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