



Turnagain welcomes Lake Hood

By Emlyn LeBoeuf

Turnagain welcomed almost 90 new students through its doors at the beginning of the 2025/2026 school year. The big change happened, in large part, due to a rightsizing project affecting several schools in the Anchorage School District.

According to Turnagain Elementary School principal, Christine Dennis, ASD enrollment has been going down over the last five years. Ms. Dennis said, “So the district decided to work with the Anchorage School Board to investigate some innovative ideas for how we can have smaller schools potentially put into another school site in order to have more resources, to have smaller class sizes, and to make sure that the students are getting the learning environment that they need.” Through the rightsizing process, the Anchorage School District decided to close Lake Hood Elementary and move its students and select staff to Turnagain and Northwood Elementary Schools.

When asked how she felt after finding out Lake Hood Elementary School was transferring students and staff to Turnagain, Natalie White, a third grade teacher at Turnagain, said she felt, “A little shocked, had to kind of process it a little bit.”

Students at Lake Hood were also surprised about the news. When asked how he felt when he found out Lake Hood was closing, Beau Srisaneha, a third grader from Mr. Mason’s class, said he felt, “Kind of sad and nervous, ‘cause like, I was like, what if all my friends go to Northwood and I don’t have any friends. And also like, what if a bunch of people bully me?”

When Cerena Robertson, a third grader from Ms. White’s class, found out she was moving to Turnagain, she said, “I kind of felt sad, but excited because I was going to make new friends.”

Alexa Morales Rodriguez, a fifth grader from Ms. Kyle’s class, has been a Turnagain Tiger since kindergarten, she said, “I was happy and nervous at the same time to meet the new Lake Hood kids.”

The transition from Lake Hood to Turnagain was very emotional for Rickey Mason, Turnagain’s new third grade teacher. Mr. Mason was a fifth grade student at Lake Hood when the school opened in 1996, “I was very emotional ... It was kind of sad ‘cause you know, I was



Third graders line up after recess.

there when it first opened, so I remember when it all, you know, when it all started. And, uh, it was just like, ‘why, why our school?’ You know, it could have been any school, but it was like, ‘why our school, um, that has to shut down?’”

Turnagain started preparing students and staff for the transition from Lake Hood to Turnagain last spring. Ms. Dennis said, “We made sure we had an open house so that families and students can see our whole building and figure out how to navigate around, be able to meet teachers and staff so they’ll have familiar faces ... Our student council worked to come up with ways to welcome the students from Lake Hood ... We also did family night to welcome them in early so they could start meeting our families and our students before the school year even started.”

Students Jayden Blair, a fourth grader from Ms. Kyle’s class, and Cerena Robertson both said that the field trip to Turnagain in April helped them with the transition. Cerena said she got to do a fun activity to get to know her future classmates.

Beau Srisaneha says he attended Bingo Night at Turnagain last spring, “It made me less nervous because I saw, um, my friends from Lake Hood there, so I knew some of my friends will be at Turnagain and it made me happy that I could get new books.” **CONTINUED ON**

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Shutdown shuts down popular field trip destination

By Cora Moe

Every year Turnagain fifth grade students go to the Campbell Creek Science Center (CCSC) to learn team building skills. Every year parents pay \$14 for their children to go on a fun field trip. Imagine getting on a bus the morning of the field trip. Imagine the excitement as you and your classmates ride the bus to the CCSC. After finally arriving, the bus pauses at a locked gate, then your teacher explains to you that the science center is... CLOSED! This became the reality for Turnagain fifth grade students when they arrived at the Campbell Creek Science Center on October 8 for their annual fifth grade field trip.

Heather Ballard, Turnagain's fifth grade Russian immersion English teacher said, "When I found out, I looked at Mrs. Eastham with kind of a panicked look, and then I called the Campbell Creek Science Center and their answer machine reported that they were closed due to the federal government shutdown."

Ms. Ballard and Mrs. Eastham did not receive any notifications before the bus left saying that the Science Center was closed nor that the field trip was cancelled. Many people did not expect CCSC to be closed. Mrs. Eastham, fifth grade teacher, said, "I thought it was state run and I didn't realize that it was BLM. BLM is the Bureau of Land Management and that is federal and so, yeah ... it didn't even cross my radar that they wouldn't be open."

Brooklyn Delph, a fifth grader from Mrs. Eastham's class said, "Our teacher gave a speech of how the government shutdown was preventing the Campbell Creek Science Center from being open and there was nobody there." When asked how she felt about the news, Brooklyn said she was, "disappointed and angry."

Amina Little, also a fifth grader from Mrs. Eastham's class, was with her dad when she heard it was closed and she said, "Well, it was actually a pretty hard thing. Me and my brother were, like, walking around and we found out that it was closed because this nearby kid just started saying it was, like, closed and everything."

Vasilika Pokhilko, a fifth grader in Russian immersion, said, "I was sad because I want to have fun with my friends and play some games with them and do some activities."

The Campbell Creek Science Center is run by the United States Federal Government, specifically, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management. CCSC is one of the many programs that was closed because of the shutdown of the federal government. The shutdown began on October 1, 2025, and is now the longest shutdown in American history. According to an article by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), "Republicans and Democrats could not agree to pass a bill funding government services past

1 October, when the federal budget expired. Under the US system, Congress must agree on a spending plan to send to the President to sign into law." The BBC article then says, "Not all aspects of government stop during a shutdown. Services deemed essential continue as normal, but most staff are not paid until the government reopens."

The government reopened on November 12, but families are still recovering from not being paid for so long. Ms. Ballard said, "I feel really sad that the government shutdown has affected our school. But I feel even more sad that it has affected lots of families for such a long time; people who haven't been able to go to work to support their families for more than a month, that makes me really sad and a little bit frustrated."

When *Paw Print* initially tried to contact CCSC for a comment, we received the same voicemail message Ms. Ballard did the day of the field trip. As this article was being written, the government reopened and on November 14, *Paw Print* called CCSC to get a comment about the government shutdown and why Turnagain did not get any notifications. Scott Claggett, BLM/CCSC public affairs specialist, responded and told us that they are not making any comments on the shutdown right now and that an email should have gone out.

Ms. Ballard said, "I did get an email from Recreation.Gov asking for feedback about the field trip, but I did not respond because there was no field trip."

Instead of doing activities at CCSC, fifth grade classes still made the most of it. They took a short hike through the woods and then headed back to Turnagain early to go on with their normal activities. Vasilika said, "We took a walk and we were in the forest and we did some fun stuff. Our imaginations said it was '99 nights in the Forest'."

The money that parents paid will be used for another field trip the fifth graders are going on in December. Mrs. Eastham said, "What we decided to do is to keep the money, 'cause it's really hard to return, but we're gonna' use the money towards the pool party that the fifth graders are going to have in, December 18th, and so we're using it towards that so nobody has to pay on December 18th."



Photo Courtesy Ms. Ballard: Students hike in woods near Campbell Creek Science Center.

Turnagain's fifth grade students dig deep for a good cause

By Cora Moe, Janson Seda and Evie Shasby

Turnagain Elementary fifth graders got their hands dirty helping the Turnagain United Methodist Church (TUMC) with their annual garden harvest project. DeeDee Brandeberry, a member of the congregation and one of the garden coordinators, said they have been doing this activity for ten years, and this is the first year the school has been involved. TUMC is one of the school's business partners. Rev. Nico Reijns, the pastor of TUMC, said that being a business partner in his perspective means, "It is an opportunity for us to be in relationship with the school and the families, and to find out how we can help be supportive of our neighbors. If people need a place for events, if families need extra support in any kind of way, if there is anything that we can do to help make the school year better for the students, those are all opportunities we love to have."

Don Olson, another member of the congregation and garden coordinator said, "The purpose is to harvest produce that we grow here at the garden that will be taken over to Bean's Cafe Kitchen ... they cook food for people in shelters, camps, Children's Lunchbox, anybody who is in need." He also said, "It's a church mission that involves everybody."

Turnagain's involvement in this event started last spring when last year's fifth graders planted all the crops on the last day of school. This year's fifth graders returned to the garden on September 24, 2025, to harvest the potatoes, kale, and other vegetables planted last year.

Mrs. Olga Pustina, who teaches fourth and fifth grade Russian immersion, said, "The first purpose is for the fifth graders to help our business partners, who help us a lot at school, and to help them with labor and helping them harvest the potatoes and other vegetables and also to show the students how they can participate in service work because that's basically what it is, you are volunteering your time and efforts to help others." She also said the kids are "wonderful students, who are ready to help at any time!"

The fifth grade split into five groups to work in different areas. One group harvested potatoes. Those harvesting potatoes had three jobs: they had carriers, harvesters, and viners. The second group had to carry large turnip bins and dump them into other bins. The next group shoveled garden soil into buckets and then dumped the soil into large bins. The fourth group harvested all sorts of plants and vegetables. The last group would rake the dirt into a pile to make it an easy access for the manuring group.

Mia Bellino, a fifth grader in Mrs. Eastham's class, said the TUMC harvest is not what she expected because she said, "We are picking potatoes from a bucket not the ground." Ailani Shanklin, another fifth grader from Mrs. Eastham's class, said that the purpose of this event is "so homeless people can have food."

Brandeberry said the church got a micro grant this year from the Alaska Department of Agriculture for \$1,500. "Our goal was to increase our production by 10%, give food to Bean's and the congregation, and grow and give fruit away. We spent the money on tools, seed potatoes, fruit trees, current and blueberry bushes. We met our goals!"

Brandeberry said the church is working on increasing their collaboration with Turnagain, "We appreciate the help you all provided and hope this can be an activity that we do each spring and fall with the fifth grade class."

Once everything was all harvested, everyone went inside the church where one of the church members made brownies. After a long, cold day of harvesting, Turnagain's fifth graders walked back to Turnagain happy that they helped people in need of food.



Photographer Ryann Kyle: Above, Turnagain fifth graders transfer soil to buckets. Below, fifth graders dump soil into garden box.



Hot Lunch Count – Something’s not adding up!

By Ryann Kyle

There is an issue at Turnagain Elementary! Hot lunch numbers are not accurate, so when Ms. Martha Andrade, the cafeteria manager, receives the lunch count she makes at least 15 to 20 more to be ready for extra students. Some days not as many kids come, so she has to throw away the leftover food. When she does not make extra lunches, kids pile in and she has to make more on the spot. Ms. Martha says she wishes “that the numbers are a bit closer to what I need to prepare. Cause I don't like to waste food ... if my count is 120 so I will make 135, 140, but if there comes 150, I'm short, so I'm cooking at the last minute and I don't like that especially if it's in the microwave.” Ms. Martha is not allowed to give the left overs to kids after school due to allergies and legal reasons.

I spoke with a few teachers, including Mrs. Ram, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Ashcraft and Ms. Ballard and they all said that after the announcements and attendance, they ask their students to raise their hands for hot lunch, then they have a student walk the lunch count form down to the cafeteria before 9:15 am.

Ms. Martha does not think the inaccurate numbers are due to the teachers, but that students may not be raising their hands when asked.

I spoke with students in the cafeteria who had hot lunch during the third and fourth lunch periods and asked them if they had raised their hands that day. Out of the 20 students polled, all but two said they did raise their hand; one of the students who didn't raise his hand said he was late that day.

I was then told that lunch counts could be off because of the number of tardy students in the morning. I interviewed Turnagain's administrative assistant, Ms. Dawn Bloechl. She reported that there are days where up



Photographer Evie Shasby: Students pick up hot lunch from the cafeteria.

to 48 students are late to school. If they do not tell Ms. Martha or their teacher that they are getting hot lunch, this could add to the missing counts. Ms. Dawn said, “I also think our free lunch thing is also causing lunch count issues ‘cause kids are getting extras sometimes, and I know Ms. Dennis is working on that, but ... the tardies is definitely a problem, especially when they're coming in over an hour late.”

Some ideas that can help resolve this issue include: students getting to school on time; parents checking the ASD app under “Web Menus” so students can decide if they want the hot lunch before they come to school; or asking Ms. Martha what's for hot lunch first thing in the morning. Finally, if students are late and know they are having hot lunch, they need to tell their teacher or Ms. Martha as soon as they get to school so she can prepare enough lunches.

In conclusion, there is a problem at Turnagain, but if we work together we can resolve it.

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Despite the preparations, some students were still unsure about each other at the beginning of the year. Ms. White said, “It was a little hectic at first because the kids seemed to want to divide up ... but we did a lot of SEL assignments that really helped us just be one community instead of two jagged ones.”

Cerena from Ms. White's class said, “I think we made friends right away because our teacher did this activity where you get to say your favorite food ... you go in a circle, then somebody calls out your name, then you tell them your favorite food, then you give them a handshake.”

Now that he's been here for a while, Jayden Blair said, “Oh, it feels great. I'm just surprised that they have, like, lockers and stuff.”

Beau, who was nervous about being bullied said, “When I got there one of the teachers from Lake Hood, Mr. Mason, he went to Turnagain, and I was happy because I knew him ... I made new friends with the people from Turnagain, too, and then now I'm happy.”

Mr. Mason said, “I really feel Turnagain embraced the Lake Hood community and the kids, I feel like our communities are so close that it wasn't that hard of a transition ... As far as I see the relationships ... with the teachers and the students, I think it's going pretty well.”

And now that our new students have been at Turnagain for a while, Ms. White said, “I couldn't even tell you who my Lake Hood kids are anymore ... they're Turnagain Tigers.”

Student Council Your Vote, Your Voice

By Lorelei Benson

The purpose of the student council is to help make decisions that benefit the school for students. For the past few years, the student council at Turnagain has been responsible for organizing spirit days, operating the ROAR Store, and running Snack Shack.

In the past, the student council would get together and vote for student council positions amongst themselves, but this year was a little bit different. This year Turnagain held a third through fifth grade school-wide election thanks to student council co-advisor Madeline Ramuglia (known to students as Mrs. Ram). Mrs. Ram is our new kindergarten teacher at Turnagain, and while this is her first year teaching student council at Turnagain, Mrs. Ram said she did it for three years at her old school, Sand Lake Elementary. Mrs. Ram said, “We decided to have grades three to five vote because we thought it was important for students to have voice in who represents them at school. It also allows those interested to practice speech making and public speaking, both of which are very important in adult life.”

Student council co-advisor Ashtyn White (Ms. Asch), a first grade teacher at Turnagain, has been Turnagain’s student council advisor for four years. Ms. Asch thought having a school election was a great idea, saying, “The whole school body can have a voice on who is to run as like president, vice president, so on, and that everyone can kind of see what student council is a little bit more about on the deeper level.”

Interested student council members had to decide what position they wanted to run for. The candidates made posters, which were hung around the MPR. They also recorded campaign speeches explaining why they should be chosen for a certain position. Third through fifth grade students watched the candidates’ videos during lunch on October 9. The following day, students voted for their favorite candidates using a Google Drive ballot. The votes were counted by Ms. Asch and Mrs. Ram and the results were announced the following Tuesday, October 14.

Fifth grader, McKenzie Saelee, was elected as president. McKenzie wants everyone to enjoy their year and plans to make it the best year that it can be. McKenzie wanted to be in the student council because she wants to help other kids have fun and help out other communities and those in need.

Fifth grader, Noa Amstislavski, was elected as vice president. Noa’s job is to work closely with the president and to take the lead in her absence.

Fifth grader, Thea Gloria, was voted secretary. Thea says she likes writing; as secretary she will record important information at student council meetings.

VOTE!



Campaign posters from student council election.

Our treasurer, fifth grader Scarlett Nidoy, will keep track of the student council budget by adding and subtracting money that gets put in or spent.

Not all candidates got a position. When *Paw Print* interviewed William Wikner about his bid for president, he said, “I didn’t feel very depressed. I felt normal.” William figures he is only in third grade and has a couple more years to run.

When asked what he thought student council was all about, William said, “In student council you’re a role model and you show everybody to be respectful, open minded, always kind and responsible, and that’s what we represent. We represent our school and we help think of spirit days and help to fundraise our school and our community.”

This semester, the student council voted to raise money to help Alaskans displaced by the floods. Mrs. Ram said, “Student council is doing a fundraiser for the Red Cross to help Western Alaska! Please buy circles from the snack shack (four for \$1). The class that buys the most will win a doughnut party!” The fundraiser is called “Feed the Giving Snake.” The winning class will be announced in early December.

Trunk or Treat is a sweet treat for the school and its neighbors

By Janson Seda

Trunk or Treat has become an annual tradition for Turnagain Elementary School and this is the second year the event was held at Turnagain United Methodist Church (TUMC).

TUMC is Turnagain's business partner. According to ASD's School Business Partnerships webpage, this means the school and TUMC work together "to serve both student needs and the business mission." Rev. Nico Reijns is the pastor at TUMC. When asked why TUMC hosted Trunk or Treat again this year he said, "We love our community and we love our neighborhood and we think that it is just such a wonderful opportunity to partner with the school and the neighborhood and bring everyone together for a whole lot of fun."

Lots of kids from elementary to middle school were at the event. Kids came dressed in costumes such as Naruto, Harry Potter, the Scarecrow from the *Wizard of Oz*, a fox, a bat, an axolotl, and Toothless from *How to Train Your Dragon*.

Fifth grader Isaac Lukhtanov said that he came to the Trunk or Treat event to do his job as a representative from Turnagain's student council. He signed up to help run the games and show people how the games worked. Isaac came dressed as an astronaut and said that his favorite part of the event was the candy.

There was also a contest for best trunk. 20 trunks were displayed in the church parking lot decked out in the best decorations. The themes consisted of the "Witch's To Do List", Bluey, a carnivorous flower forest, Mothman, Cookie Monster, a giant black cat, a Credit Union 1 ATM, a bee keeper, a pumpkin patch, and a Russian tea party, to name a few.

As another fun thing to do, Trunk or Treat had lawn games such as bowling, witch-hat ring toss, and a rat toss game.

Derek Musto, PTA president and Turnagain parent, said that this event is a joint effort, "We have volunteers here from the school, from the PTA which is families and staff from the school, we got volunteers here from the church today, we got volunteers here from MIR, the Russian Immersion program, we have neighborhood kids and families, and Russian immersion kids and families, so it's quite a bit."

When asked how else the PTA supports the school, Musto said, "PTA is usually assisting the schools in getting school buses for field trips, helping support families that don't have the money to attend field trips, supporting teachers in different types of events throughout the entire school year." Musto went on to say, "Membership is very little, it's only \$10 a year, I believe, and it goes to a really good cause."

The trunk that won the event was Cookie Monster. The award was a \$25 gift card to Target. The names of the winners are Jacob Misurelli, who's in kindergarten, and his mom, Nikki Misurelli. "I honestly had no idea who would win because of all the amazing competition!" said Misurelli, "I was thinking we had no chance because of all the complex details people put into each of their trunk decorations!" Misurelli added, "We will definitely do it again! I really enjoyed the participation!"



Photo Courtesy Derek Musto: Jacob and Nikki Misurelli pose with winning trunk.

Calendar

December 12	Barnes & Noble Book Fair and Choir Performance
December 17	Russian Immersion Winter Concert "New Year Celebration"
December 18	Annual Choir Concert & Holiday Sing-Along
December 19	No School for Students
December 22 - January 2	Winter Break
January 5	Classes Begin



Spooky Science Night

By Rohan Borders

Spooky Science Night was an event full of snacks, Halloween candy, games and fun projects, the perfect combination for a fun family night.

Julie Doepken, Turnagain's school librarian, was a co-organizer of Spooky Science Night, "I had been hoping to start doing family events for a while when I started working here and then Ms. Dennis made kind of an extra job to organize family events, and I signed up for it."

Over 100 students and their families showed up to Spooky Science Night. Mrs. Doepken had a lot of help to pull off the event, "Ms. Zoske was my main helper for ideas and for getting all the things together and then we had a lot of staff members stay too ... I think about 12 other people volunteered to stay and help."

Families had a lot of fun going to different stations and trying new things. Mrs. Doepken said, "We had skulls and fur from the Department of Fish and Game; we had sensory boxes with gross kind of food in it to make it sort of feel like a heart or maggots or things like that; we had oobleck; we had an amazing fin whale that you could get inside ... there was a whale bone and a whale vertebrae."

Atlas Dahl from fourth grade was at Spooky Science Night to help the student council with Snack Shack and to have fun. He also got a chance to visit some of the stations at Spooky Science Night, "There's a big whale that you can go into ... I also did the fizzing lemon ... and I did the thing where you reach your hand in the sensory boxes."

Third grader Lillian Mayer came to Spooky Science Night with her sister, her mom, and her grandma because she loves science. Lillian said one of her favorite stations was the oobleck, "It's kind of like glue, but when you take it out it feels hard like on the bottom, and then on the top it's like, it feels gluey."



Photographer Janson Seda: 48-foot fin whale fills the MPR.

The biggest station at the event was a 48-foot fin whale. Zan Zoske, event co-host and Turnagain SPED teacher, said she made the whale with an ocean club at a former school. She said the whale is made out of clear sheeting and garbage bag material. The material is duct taped together and inflated with a two-foot box fan. Ms. Zoske said, "I have a suitcase on wheels and you just roll it up and shove it in the suitcase and you have a whale on the go!"

When asked which stations people liked the most, Mrs. Doepken said, "I think the fin whale was very popular, people liked getting inside of that. And I think the fur and skulls, I think people were interested in those, too." Mrs. Doepken added, "It was really exciting to see so many kids come and it looked like everybody had a lot of fun, so I'm glad everybody came for it."

This was the first of three family nights being held at Turnagain this year. The next family night is on February 17, 2026.



Photographer Auggie Baldwin: Students looking at skulls and fur provided by Department of Fish and Game.



Photo courtesy Mrs. Doepken: Students pose inside 48-foot fin whale with Mrs. Doepken at Spooky Science Night.

The Tigerific Book Fair

By Violet Moore

Every year, the Scholastic Fall Book Fair brings families together in the Turnagain Elementary School Library. Julie Doepken, Turnagain's librarian, is the chairperson for the Scholastic Book Fair. Mrs. Doepken says, "I love seeing how excited kids get about it and they know that there's going to be cool books and they love the little ... pens and all the tchotchkes and things like that."

Mrs. Doepken says the Turnagain PTA and parent volunteers help support her with the Scholastic Book Fair, "... so it's kind of a community thing."

When asked why Mrs. Doepken does the book fair, she said, "I'm doing it because every dollar that's spent kind of counts towards books I can buy for the library ... so wherever the kids are in the school they just have more access to books."

Families were able to attend the book fair from October 22-23 and October 27-29. Mrs. Doepken said, "I usually do a book fair around fall conference week." Doepken added, "It's a good time for families to come in because they're already coming in for the conferences and they can come shop with their kiddos and see and talk about the books they might want to have in their house."

Mrs. Doepken helped many students and their families at the book fair, including first grader Jaxon Robinson who came to the book fair with his mom and dad.

Jaxon said he came to the book fair looking for books about Roblox and Minecraft. Some of the books Jaxon ended up picking include: *100% Unofficial Secret Builder's Guide: Minecraft Mobs*, *3D Sharks!*, and *I Am Ruby Bridges* for his dad.

Vincent Moore, a second grader, came to the book fair with his mom and sister. Vincent said he came to the book fair because, "I was hoping to find a journal and like some other books, I don't know what other books, but, a good journal."



Vincent Moore and family purchasing books at Scholastic Book Fair.

Vincent went home with the books *The Couch Potato* and *The Big Cheese*. Vincent also picked out a shark eggs dig kit and he managed to find a journal with a frog on the cover.

Sisters Indie Vigil, from kindergarten, and Levy Vigil, from first grade, came to the book fair with their grandma. Indie said she was looking for a book with a toy on it and Levy came hoping to find an axolotl book.

Levy ended up picking a finger pointer and the book *The Bad Seed*. Indie picked out a book about Pokemon that came with a Poke Ball eraser and a Galarian Darumaka pencil topper.

Third grader Silas Winegardner came to the book fair with his mom. Silas said he was looking for some books that he saw during the book fair preview, "I have two, *Gravity Drop* and like a snake one. It has like a skull, like a snake skull, and it's really cool."

When asked what his favorite part of the book fair is, Silas said, "Books! I absolutely love books!"

If you love books as much as all these students and their librarian do, or if you need more books and want to support Turnagain, there is another book fair coming up in December. It will be at Barnes & Noble on Friday, December 12. See you there!



Jaxon Robinson picking books at the Scholastic Book Fair.



Student looking for books at the Scholastic Book Fair.

FEATURES

Father Frost

By Evie Shasby

Father Frost is a Russian tradition that most Russian families pass on and celebrate. Since Turnagain is a Russian immersion school, we also celebrate it. It is a way to see the Russian community and learn about the culture. Also, kids enjoy the Russian candy that Father Frost gives out.

Father Frost (Ded Moroz) usually makes an appearance at the Russian immersion winter concert. This year the concert takes place on December 17. All immersion students memorize songs and lines that they start learning in November. The Russian teachers usually have a lot on their plate when they make this, but somehow they get through it with their powers. Ms. Olga Piekarski, the kindergarten and first grade teacher who directs the morning performance, said the purpose of the show is to see the fun things kids are learning about and the good time they have during the show. Parents find the performance interesting and cute. There is also an afternoon concert for the older classes.

Father Frost may also come to hand out presents to the whole school on December 16, depending on the weather. Classes usually get to meet him with his daughter, Snow Maiden (Snegurochka).

Russian immersion fifth grader, Jesse Reeves, said, “I do like the fact that he gives out candy instead of just presents.”

Polly Hesson, a fourth grader in the neighborhood class, said the thing she likes about the Father Frost celebration is, “It’s fun” and “that we get presents.”

By the way, a lot of people mistake Father Frost for being Santa Claus, but there are many details that are not the same. “Novy God” means New Year and is celebrated in many Russian-speaking countries on New Year’s Day in place of Christmas. You know how Santa Claus has elves? Well Father Frost has his beautiful daughter: Snow Maiden. Have you ever wondered who Snow Maiden’s mom is? Well she is actually Spring Beauty! As you can tell, there are many reasons why Santa Claus and Father Frost are definitely not the same. Make sure next year you don’t have them mixed up!

Choir prepares for holiday performances

By Auggie Baldwin

Turnagain’s choir is preparing for some exciting performances this holiday season.

Matthew Pustina is the general music teacher at Turnagain and the director of the school choir. Mr. Pustina said he likes teaching choir because it gives students something to buy into, “I think it’s important to give children the opportunity to perform music in a live setting, and it’s a fun way to get kids involved in school besides doing, you know, traditional academic subjects.”

The choir has 40 students from third to fifth grade, and rehearses every Wednesday after school. Phoenix Brenner, third grade, said she likes choir because, “I always sing in class and I get in trouble for it, so I like to, I like to sing somewhere else where I can let my energy out.”

Mr. Pustina said choir is important because, “it helps develop teamwork, it helps develop students’ singing voices, it helps students get used to performing live, and ... it’s just fun.”

Mr. Pustina puts a lot of effort into preparing for choir. In the fall he usually goes to a music teacher website to find songs that kids are able to sing, he is able to play on piano, and that are entertaining and, or beautiful for the audience.

The choir is preparing for two performances, including the annual choir concert and holiday sing-along. Mr. Pustina said, “I think that the sing-along is an awesome annual tradition. I think it’s important for schools to have traditions. Something to look forward to and something that brings together the whole school community.”

When asked what we can expect from the performances, Mr. Pustina said, “Really great music. I don’t want to give away anything ... but there are going to be students singing and performing on several different instruments.”

Elias Campbell, fourth grade choir member, said that one of his favorite things is that Mr. Pustina doesn’t use recorded music, he actually plays it. The thing he most looks forward to is singing the song “Cardinal.” Elias said, “It’s my favorite song and it’s amazing when they do the duet and I love it.”

When asked what he likes about the holiday choir concert, Elias said, “For one, I like that there’s like five trillion students and parents watching you, and for two, I don’t know, it’s just fun.”

The choir will perform at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair on December 12 and the choir concert and holiday sing-along on December 18.

When asked who might enjoy seeing the choir perform, Mr. Pustina said, “Everybody! Anybody!”



TURNAGAIN TIDBITS



By Janson Seda, Evie Shasby, and Cora Moe

ART CLUB

The art club is a new after school club where students do arts and crafts. Kids' art will be displayed throughout the school for others to enjoy. Art club is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Ms. Liz says that art club, "Is a chance for kindergarten, first grade students, second grade students and third grade students to get together to make art." In art club the kids do painting and paper collaging which kids don't do in class because it's messy. The kids are currently exploring what they can do with paint. The art club is run by Ms. Liz with the help of Nurse Chelsea, Ms. Louise, and Mrs. Yagodin.



Photographer Janson Seda: Students work on project in Art Club.

LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE

Turnagain's first Lunch With a Loved One was a huge hit! Students from every grade invited their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other loved ones to eat lunch with them. On Thursday, November 20 all the tables in the lunchroom got pulled out and colorful paper went over them. Students enjoyed catching up with their loved ones and introducing them to their friends. Hopefully the next Lunch With a Loved One in the spring will be as popular as this one was!



Families eating lunch in the MPR during Lunch With a Loved One event.

BRIGHT SPOTS

Bright spots is a new thing at Turnagain. The way it works is students look for other students being kind around the school. If something happens to a student, like they drop something, and another student helps them, if someone witnesses it, they can tell Ms. Dennis and write it down on a piece of paper. Bright Spots are hanging on the bulletin board near the cafeteria. So if you do something good, look at the board to try and find your name!



Student council president, McKenzie Saelee, helps kindergarten students fill out Bright Spots.

BOOKMARK CONTEST

This year's bookmark contest theme is "Dive Into Books @ Your Library". The bookmark needs to be original and fit the theme. All bookmarks were due December 5, 2025. The winning bookmark from Turnagain will be declared on December 12. The winning bookmark for the whole district will be copied and given to other schools to distribute to their students. All you need to do is use your imagination and have fun!

TIGER TUTORING

Tiger Tutoring is a program for Turnagain students who want to boost their reading and math skills. Tiger Tutoring was created three years ago and Breanna Plumb, Turnagain's school counselor, is one of the original supervisors. She is supervising the program this year along with Sawyer Pondolfo, a special education paraprofessional at Turnagain. Tiger Tutoring started on October 27 and will go for six weeks. There are 12 students taking advantage of the program this semester. Ms. Plumb says she loves seeing the progress the 12 students make each week!

SPOTLIGHTS

Superintendent Spotlight: Dr. Jharrett Bryantt

By Clarissa Boekhout

Color: Red

Animal: Would like to adopt a little husky

Book: *The Anxious Generation*

Food: Indian food, curry

Hobby(s): Going to the gym

Holiday: Christmas

Sport/Sports Team: San Antonio Spurs/Basketball

Vacation Place: Maui, Hawaii

Movie: *Legally Blonde* (it kind of inspired him to get to college)



Photo Courtesy Dawn Bloechl: Dr. Bryantt poses with Ms. Dennis and Paw Print reporter, Clarissa Boekhout.

During a recent visit to Turnagian Elementary School, ASD superintendent, Dr. Jharrett Bryantt, took time to sit down to answer a few questions for *Paw Print*.

When asked what his daily job looks like, Dr. Bryantt said, "Every single day is different, but the most important thing I can do is to make sure people like you are getting a really good education. So I get to make sure that our schools have the best principals, like Ms. Dennis. I get to talk to the community; sometimes I get to go on the news so I can talk about what I'm seeing at school. So next time I'm on camera, I'm going to talk about our wonderful Russian immersion program, I'm going to talk about all the great things that our Tiger community is doing, I want to talk about the *Paw Print* 'cause it's actually really rare that we have young people engaged in journalism, that's a really important line of work. So I get to just spotlight all the really good things to all the community."

Dr. Bryantt says the coolest thing about his job is getting to meet lots of different people, "I get to work with principals, I get to work with our elected school board members, I get to talk to parents, you get to talk to business people and all sorts of people. And it's just really neat to understand why they love Alaska or why they love ASD, and I just learn a lot about what it means to be a good human being because of what I do."

Dr. Bryantt says the hardest part of his job is that he has to make difficult decisions and it is impossible to

make everyone happy, "Sometimes only I am the one that has all of the information, but it's my responsibility to try to catch people up 'cause not everybody went to superintendent school, so I have to help them understand you know, funding, and teaching and learning and meet them where they're at and then when we make a decision ... sometimes, you know, someone's gonna be upset with the decision, right? ... Like if I said that every Tuesday is gonna be Taco Tuesday forever, some people might not like that, and you know, I'm always gonna have to deal with the people that remembered, 'hey, you should've chosen burgers for Tuesday'."

Some advice Dr. Bryantt has for young people includes, "Just remember that you, as a young person, you have a lot of different opportunities — don't let somebody push you in a box. You're allowed to change careers, you're allowed to decide just because you're a math person this year doesn't mean you can't be a social studies person next year ... I think it's important because too often we tell young people, you know, you need to stay on this track and we forget to tell people that, hey, passions can change, people can evolve." Dr. Bryantt went on to say, "My success is because people always supported me and they always told me that, you know, the world is my oyster and I want more people to tell other people that the world is their oyster. I think if we all know that we all have the potential to achieve our dreams, I think the world would just be a really better place."

Teacher Feature: Mrs. Berbig

By Emilia Lagoda

Color: Green

Animal: Stout (short-tailed weasel) or platypus

Book: *The Hobbit*

Food: Sweet potato corn chowder

Hobbies: Walking dog, sewing, knitting and crocheting

Holiday: Christmas and/or Easter

Sport: Biking and skiing

Vacation Place: Costa Rica

Movie: *The Hobbit* and/or *Lord of the Rings*

Casey Berbig is the health teacher at Turnagain. She has worked at Turnagain for four years. Mrs. Berbig said “I love teaching health. Otherwise I also love teaching any sciences.” When asked to name her favorite things about Turnagain, Mrs. Berbig said, “I love – the student body here is wonderful and the teachers are very wonderful, too.”



Photographer Auggie Baldwin: Mrs. Berbig and Mr. skeleton.

Paw Print Spotlight



Paw Print's fifth grade reporters on assignment. Evie, Janson, and Cora covered the first newspaper story of the year, the TUMC garden harvest. Ryann was the photographer. They took on the task the day after the very first newspaper club meeting and came away with an awesome story!

Staff Spotlight: Mr. Sonny

By Rohan Borders and Ms. Karen

Color: Black and white

Animal: Dog

Book: The Bible

Food: Chicken teriyaki

Hobbies: Playing with his dogs

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Sport/Sports Team: Basketball/Lakers

Vacation Place: Hawaii

Movie: *James Bond*, he has the collection

Mr. Sonny is Turnagain's Building Plant Operator (BPO). He has been at Turnagain for 9 years. Mr. Sonny says his job includes, “Mostly everything. Cleaning, security, secure the building, and especially for safety for the kids.” Mr. Sonny says he's always the last one out of the school in an emergency, “No matter what, earthquake, anything, I have to come and check the school. And I'm gonna' be the last one to go out, you guys, I want you to safe first before I go out.” Mr. Sonny says his favorite thing about Turnagain is, “Respect. Oh, I love those kids, very respectful.” He also said, “I love it. This is my second house now.”

Turnagain celebrated Mr. Sonny Day on October 2, School Custodian Appreciation Day. Students from every class drew a picture of Mr. Sonny. The drawings surrounded a sign in the MPR that read, “Mr. Sonny, we can't picture our school without you!”



Photographer Rohan Borders: Above, Mr. Sonny poses with students on Mr. Sonny Day. Below, student drawings



Student Spotlights

By Lorelei Benson, Clarissa Boekhout, Ryann Kyle, Violet Moore, & Timofei Shapovalov



Akim Buzdugan is a kindergartener in the Russian immersion program, so he has two teachers, Mrs. Hudson and Ms. Olga. Akim said his favorite color is blue, his favorite animal is a zebra, and his favorite holiday is Christmas. He also said his favorite movie is *Beauty and the Beast*. Last but not least, his favorite thing about Turnagain is playing, having fun, recess, and the lunchroom.



Sloan Tennant is a first grader in the neighborhood program, her teacher is Ms. Asch. Sloan's favorite holiday is Christmas, her favorite color is pink, and she likes the movie *Aladdin*. Sloan's favorite animal is a tiger, which is funny because that is our mascot. Oh, I almost forgot, Sloan's favorite thing about Turnagain is the ROAR store.



Isla Nidoy is in Mrs. Thomsen's second grade class. Her favorite hobby is dance and her favorite sports team is the Dallas Cowboys. Isla likes going to Hawaii and she likes the holiday Thanksgiving. Her favorite thing about Turnagain is that we have recess and specials.



Evie Speyerer is in Mr. Mason's third grade class. Her favorite color is green, she loves *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, and she loves music. Her favorite thing about Turnagain is that there are lots of nice people.



Svetlana Mironenko is in fourth grade and she is in the Russian immersion program. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite animal is a cat. She likes to go to Japan and her favorite book is *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza*. Her favorite thing about Turnagain is that all the teachers are nice.



Dwayne Dollison is a fifth grader in the Russian immersion program. Dwayne's favorite color is turquoise, his favorite animal is a lizard, and his favorite subject in school is math. Dwayne said his favorite thing about Turnagain is that it's so easy to make friends and everyone is different.



Genevieve and Chelsea have fun at recess.



Kahea is all smiles at running club.



Noa tries the "double dribble."



Enjoying Lunch With a Loved One.

SPORTS

Battleship

By Janson Seda

A popular board game sailed into the gym at Turnagain! For two weeks in October, Mrs. de Guzman, Turnagain's physical education teacher, had her P.E. classes play a game called Battleship. Battleship is a game Mrs. de Guzman got off the internet. The game is modeled after a board game called Battleship.

According to Google AI Overview, "The game of Battleship originated as a pen-and-paper game during or before World War I, possibly with roots in Russian officials' version called Salvo. The first commercial version was the 1931 pencil-and-paper game *Salvo*, followed by Milton Bradley's 1943 release of *Broadsides: The Game of Naval Strategy*. The iconic plastic version was released by Milton Bradley in 1967."

In Mrs. de Guzman's version of Battleship, she split up kids into two separate teams. She divided the gym into two sections using multiple gym mats which blocked each team's view of the other side of the gym. Each team got nine bowling pins and three hula hoops. The teams strategically placed each hula hoop on the gym floor and set up three bowling pins in each hoop. After the teams set everything up, Mrs. de Guzman told the kids to sit down, she threw out dodge balls onto each side, then she yelled, "Play!". Once the round started, the kids threw the dodgeballs over the mat blindly.

Mrs. de Guzman said the P.E. version of the game relates to the board game because, "opposing teams don't know where the other team put their targets, but it's different because if a student catches the ball then they are able to have a little sneak peek and then find out where the targets are." Once the whistle was blown, the round ended. Mrs. de Guzman would see who had the least bowling pins knocked down. The team with the least bowling pins knocked down won the game.

Aria Raidmae, a fifth grader, said that the game was a bit weird because the taller kids could just see over the mats.

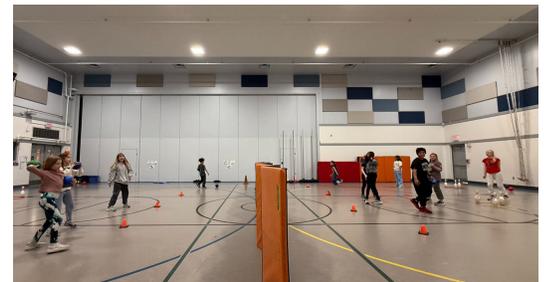
Fourth grader Milo Johnson said, "I liked that it was kind of like dodge ball and you got to knock over pins."

Aella McCarthy, from fourth grade, said, "I really liked trying to dodge the dodge balls and throwing them."

Elias Campbell, fourth grader, said, "I really like the Battleship board game ... it was practically like Battleship because you can't see the other team's pins."

Mrs. de Guzman hopes the kids think that P.E. Battleship is a hit!

Photographer
Janson Seda:
Mrs. Pustina's
fifth grade
class plays
Battleship.



Basketball

By Cora Moe

Turnagain students hit the court and made some hoops in P.E. from November 3 through November 26. Mrs. de Guzman, P.E. teacher, taught basic basketball skills like dribbling and shooting. Mrs. de Guzman said, "I think basketball is so popular because there are many great professionals that kids look up to. Whether it's LeBron James, Steph Curry, or Caitlin Clark, those who enjoy the sport have motivation to become a great athlete. It's also accessible to a lot of people. You can play outside in the summer in your driveway, go to a school playground, or gym and basketball is always an option! You just need a ball!"

Charlotte Moudy, a fifth grader in Ms. Kyle's class, likes learning basketball because she thinks it is fun. Her favorite part of basketball is "dribbling and shooting hoops."

Did you know that basketball started in the winter of 1891-1892 at Springfield College? According to an article on the Springfield College website, "Where Basketball was Invented: Basketball History" and an article from Under Armour's website, "A Brief History of Basketball," it started after some football players were bored because their sport was in the warmer seasons. Their coach, James Naismith, took it into his own hands and invented basketball. The first version of basketball included only passing and was very physical. It was played without dribbling and used a peach basket hung off of the gym's balcony, which was about 10 feet high, the height of professional basketball hoops today. It was not until later that they added dribbling to the game and cut a hole in the bottom of the peach basket. Adding dribbling made the game less physical so fewer people got hurt. The game of basketball spread very quickly after that. By 1898 there was already a professional basketball league.

Running Club

By Timofei Shapovalov

This fall, 110 Turnagain Elementary students from kindergarten through fifth grade joined the Turnagain Running Club for a fun season of running and teamwork! The club met after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, helping students get ready for a big running jamboree.

Students practiced at Lloyd Steele Park, rain or shine. Many students ran together and cheered each other on. Everyone enjoyed being part of the team and spending time outdoors.

Evie Kim, a third-grade runner, said, "I like to be a part of after school clubs and I liked the games we played in the running club." Evie also said, "I liked running with my friends."

Third grader Tyler Hickein said the games they played included "Sharks and Minnows" and "Blob Tag." When asked how running games help kids become better runners, Tyler replied, "It can make your leg muscles stronger and you can run more faster."



Students do running drills during running club.

Joyce Hudson, a kindergarten and first grade teacher at Turnagain, coached the running club this year. She was grateful for all the help she received, "I could not have done running club on my own. If it wasn't for all of the teachers, Ms. Liz and Mrs. Doepken, as well as the many parents that helped, that was really great."

Mrs. Hudson said, "I think the kids had a really good time, and it was exciting that we had that many people out there running and being active."

The final event, the North Anchorage Cross Country Running Jamboree, took place on September 25th, 2025, at Bartlett High School. Turnagain runners worked hard and showed a lot of school spirit!

Turnagain goes to the big jamboree!

By Auggie Baldwin, Clarissa Boekhout, and Emilia Lagoda

This year 1,000-1,200 students showed up for the North Anchorage Cross Country Running Jamboree. The jamboree was held at the Bartlett High School soccer fields and trails. 44 students from Turnagain Elementary School participated in the event.

Ben Elbow is a P.E. teacher at Romig Middle School and a co-coordinator for the jamboree. He said that Turnagain was one of the 33 schools invited to participate in the jamboree. Mr. Elbow said there is also a South Anchorage Elementary Jamboree and a Chugiak/Eagle River Elementary Jamboree.

Kindergarten through second grade did a three-quarter-mile run and third through sixth grade did a 1.5-mile run.

Aria Raidmae from fifth grade said, "My favorite thing about this event is getting to see other people from different schools that I know from my activities and stuff and other races that I did."

First grader, Yvonne Morrison, said she decided to do the jamboree because she loves running. She said it was fun to run with kids from other schools and that her favorite thing about the event was that a lot of her friends were there and she said, "I love feeling the wind in my hair."

Third grader Sloane Bellino said she came to the jamboree because, "It's good cross-training for hockey." She also said her family runs a lot.

It was the first jamboree for Apollo McCarthy who is a kindergartener. "I came because I wanted a golden medal and to be strong, healthy and fast."

Mr. Elbow said that "some students participate in after-school running clubs at their elementary school, and so the jamboree acts as a capstone event that those running clubs can look forward to. For other students who rarely get outside for exercise, the jamboree is hopefully a positive experience for them that motivates them to want to get outside a bit more."

Raidmae said, "I like running and ... I like races. It's just so fun to run on the trails and I just think it's really entertaining. Also, I like the scenery, especially at the Cross Country Running Jamboree."

There were no race winners at the jamboree, but according to Mr. Elbow, all the participants received a medal when they finished.

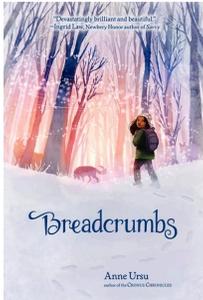


*Photo courtesy Jess Rude:
Kindergartener Apollo
McCarthy shows off his
medal.*

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Book Review: *Breadcrumbs*

By Ryann Kyle



You should try the fifth grade Battle of the Books novel, *Breadcrumbs*! It is a fantasy book about two kids who go back-and-forth between two worlds: a fantasy world and reality. *Breadcrumbs* is a book about an 11-year-old fifth grade girl named Hazel and her 11-year-old fifth grade friend named Jack.

Hazel and Jack have been best buds for years imagining they were in the jungle when they were actually in Jack's backyard. Jack is an artist who loves drawing super heroes and super villains in his notebook and Hazel helps him give his characters powers. Hazel is so happy when she gets to transfer from the private school she has been attending, to the public school Jack goes to. Jack missed Hazel during the school day when they went to different schools, but during school, when Hazel wasn't there, he would hang out with her bullies a lot more often. After a huge fight at recess, Jack storms off and Hazel hits him in the back with a snowball. As soon as the snowball hits him, Jack

falls to the ground covering his eye crying. Hazel tries to talk to Jack, but he ignores her. Did Hazel hurt him? Is their friendship going to last? Or is there something deeper? Read the book to find out!

I like the book because it is a heartfelt story about adventure and friendship and how Hazel and Jack go out of their way to protect each other.

Breadcrumbs was written by Anne Ursu. You can find it at the Turnagain Library, Barnes & Noble, and on SORA. *Breadcrumbs* is suitable for kids in third grade and up.

I give the book four out of five paws. Enjoy!



Movie Review: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

By Clarissa Boekhout

***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* is a wonderful movie about a young boy who finds out he is a wizard.** He is also an orphan and lives with his mean uncle, aunt and cousin who treat him badly and make him sleep in a cupboard. At age 11, Harry's whole life changes. He is given a letter by a giant man named Hagrid that invites him to go to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry accepts the invitation and goes off to school. Along the way he makes friends with fellow students Ron and Hermione, learns about his parents, and goes on lots of adventures, including coming face to face with a dark wizard from his past.

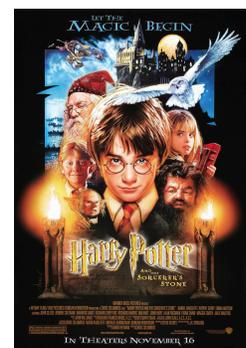
The movie was directed by Chris Columbus and is based on a book written by J.K. Rowling. The actor who plays Hermione, a smart know-it-all, is Emily Watson. Daniel Radcliffe stars in the movie as Harry. Ron is played by the actor Rupert Grint, who does a good job acting as a loyal friend to Harry.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone came out 24 years ago and it is still popular. The movie does a pretty

good job following the book. They left out a few details from the book, but they capture the most important parts from the book. The movie has magical special effects and I like how well they make the scenes seem real.

The movie is rated PG and is suitable for ages six and up. It may be scary for younger children.

I give the movie five out of five paws.

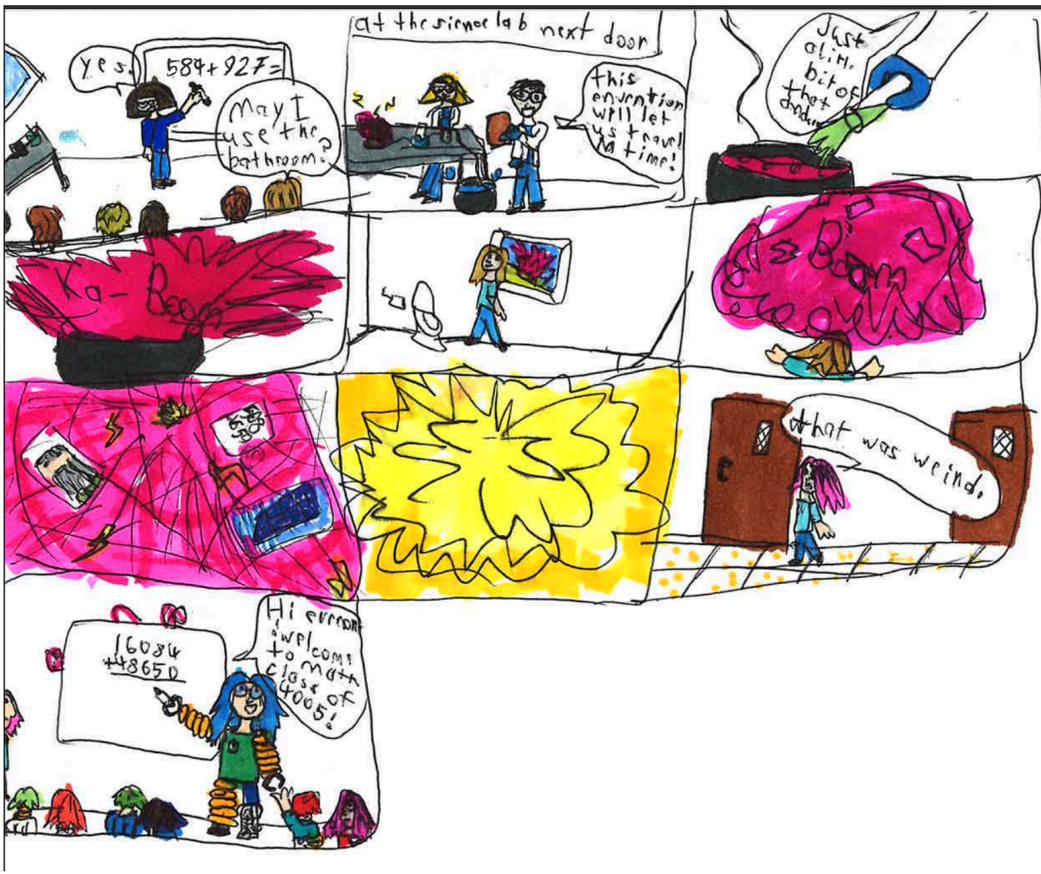




TALENTED TIGERS



Sofiia Zozulya, third grade



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 * Paw Print is accepting art, *
 * poems, comics, and short stories *
 * for our next issue! Drop off your *
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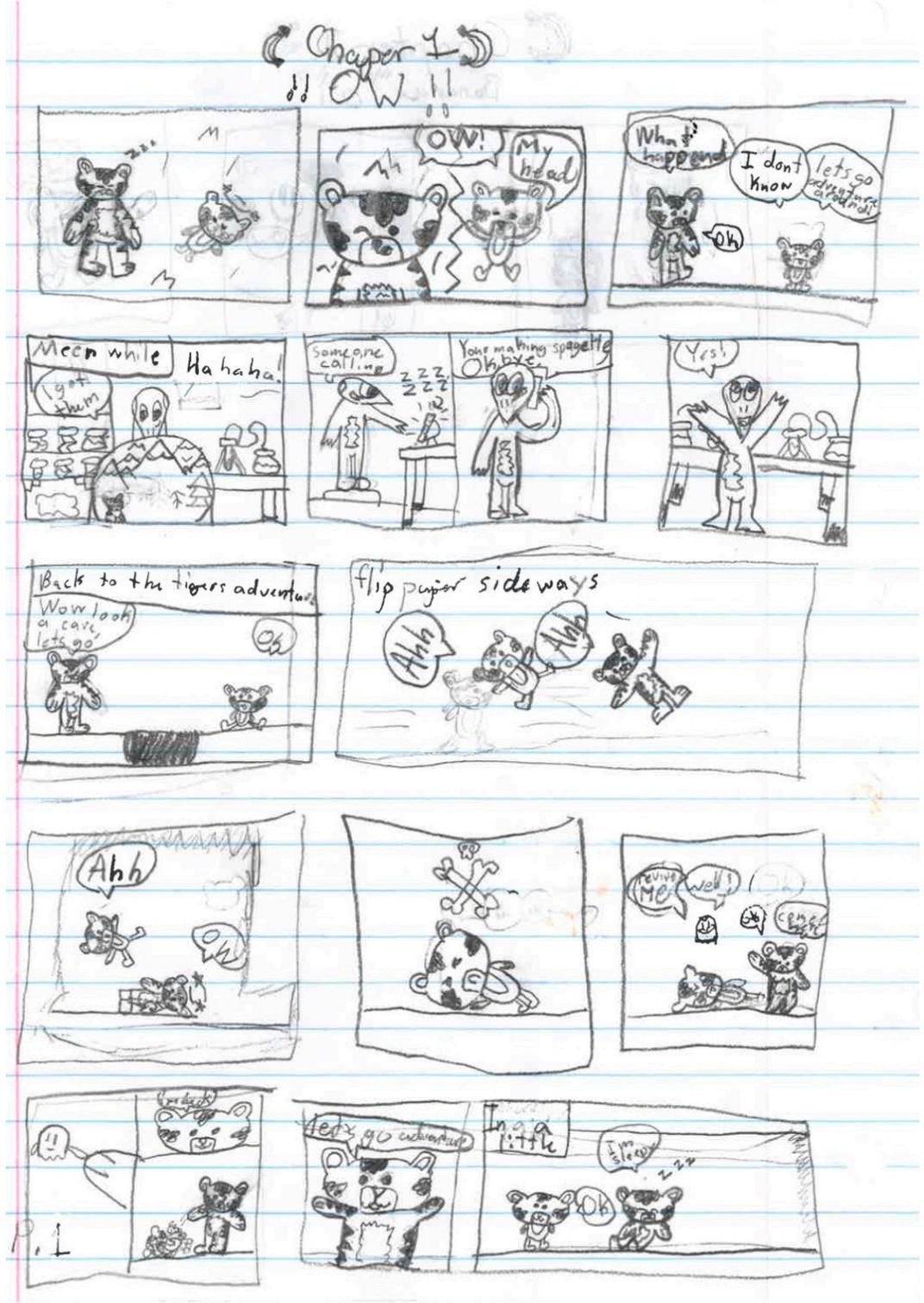
Pasha Yagodin, second grade



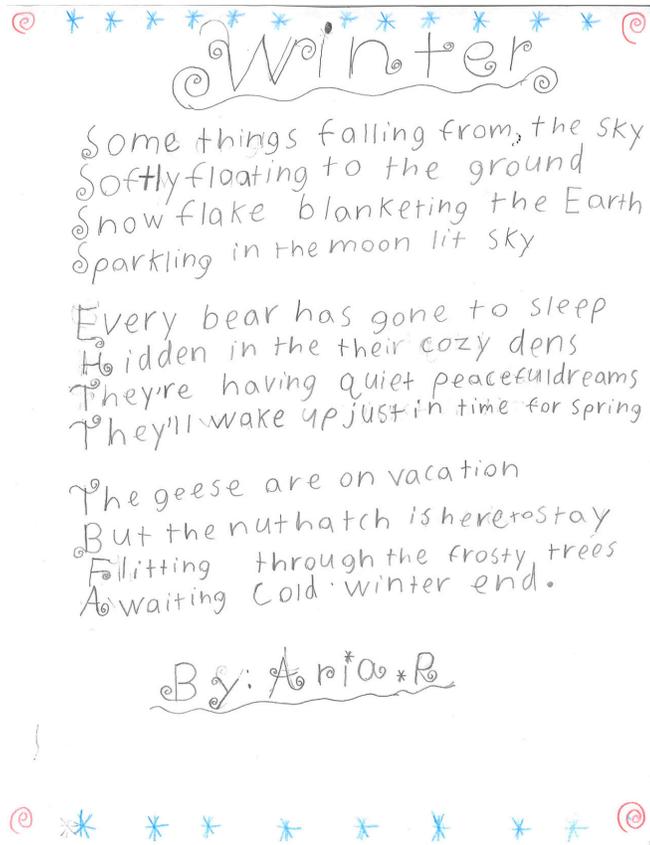
Eleanorah Yagodin, fifth grade



The Two Tigers Adventure by Dwayne Dollison and Gatorian Houston, fifth grade



Aria Raidmae, fifth grade



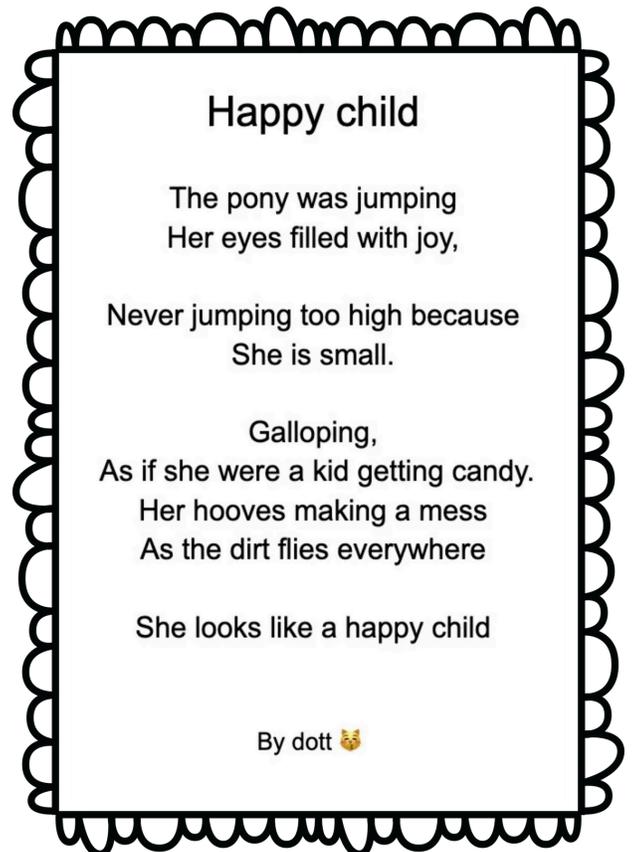
Brooklynn Delph, fifth grade



Eliana Mellerstig, first grade



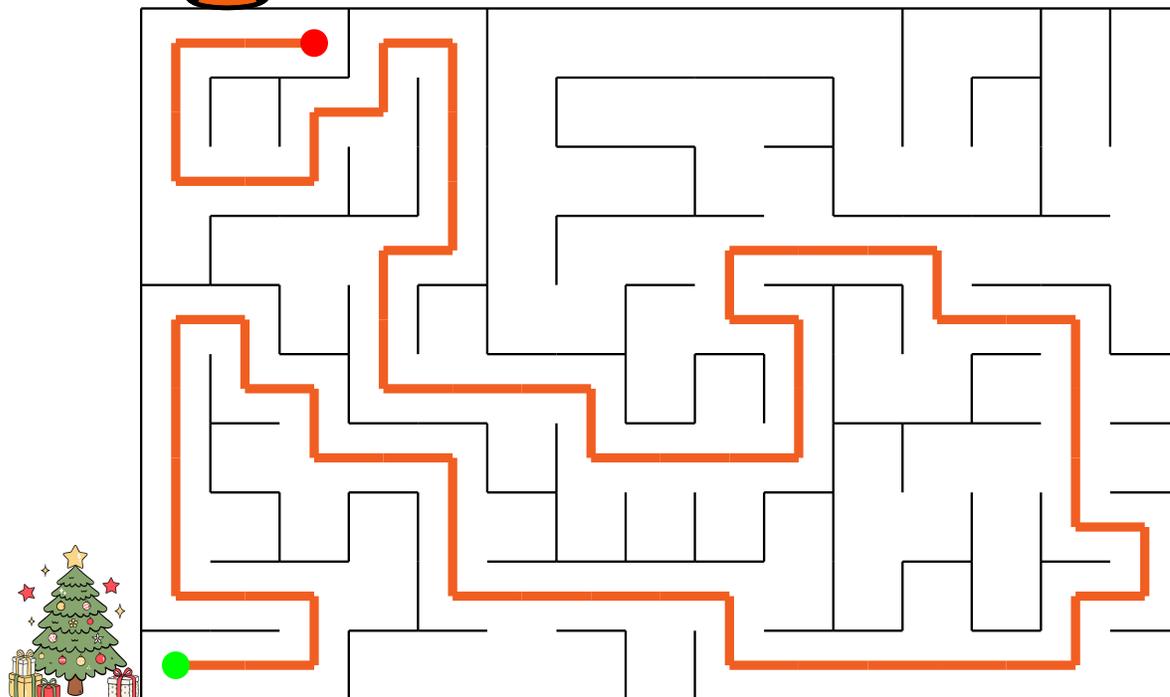
Dott Llanos, fifth grade



Maze



Help the tiger get to the presents



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- BACKPACK
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- HOMEWORK
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- RUSSIAN
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Riddles

1.
Q: A man rode to his grandma's house on Tuesday, he stayed for two nights, then left on Tuesday. How is this possible?
A: **The man rode his pet tiger, whose name is Tuesday.**

2.
Q: Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
A: **The chicken wasn't alive yet.**

Tiger Trivia

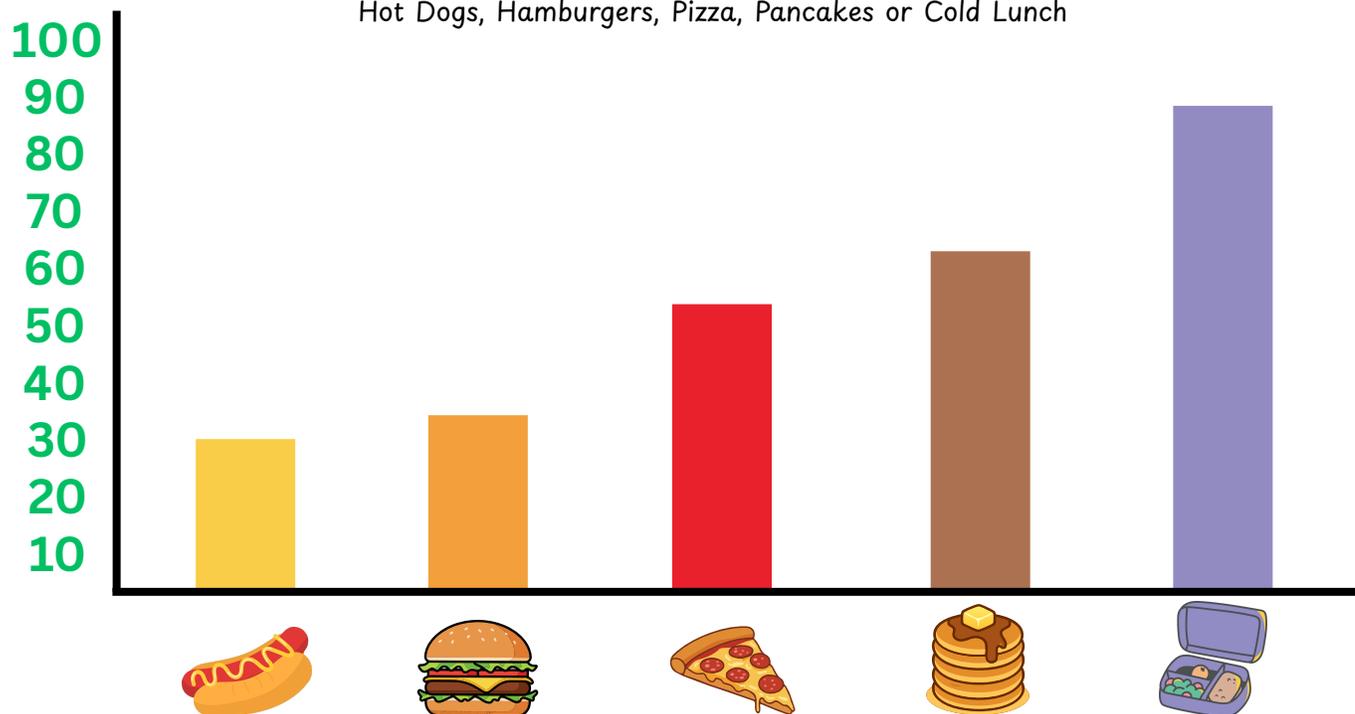
Where did the tiger in the library come from?
A. A man went on a hunt in India and donated it.
B. It's a space tiger from the moon.
C. A woman went on a hunt in Africa and donated it.
D. Ms. Dawn bought it.

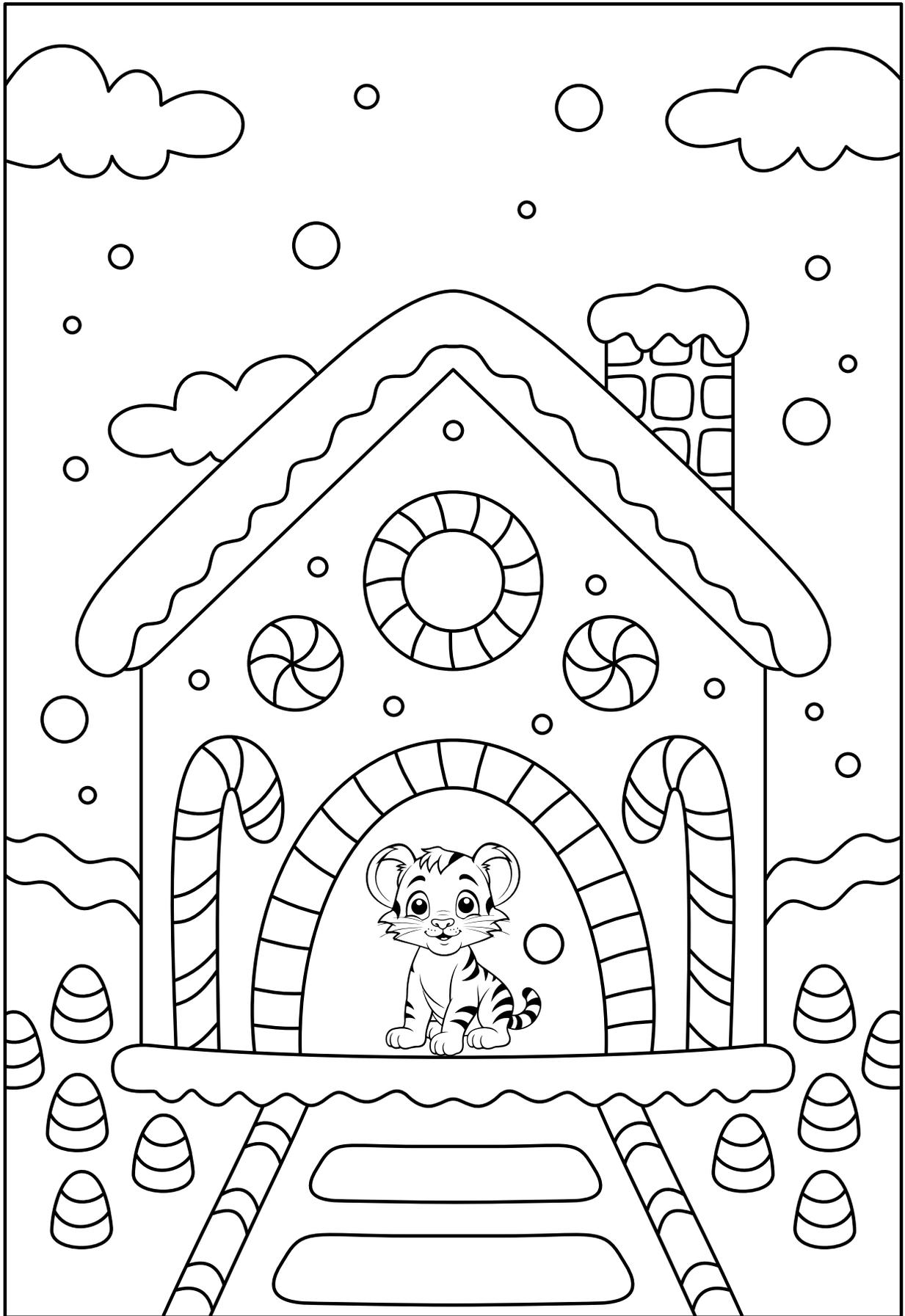
Which staff member attended kindergarten through 6th grade at Turnagain?
A. Mrs. Hudson
B. Ms. White
C. Ms. Dawn
D. Mr. Sawyer

School Poll

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH?

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pizza, Pancakes or Cold Lunch





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Third Grade



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ASD Publication Services

Welcome to the first issue of Turnagain’s new student newspaper, *Paw Print*! It was started by Ms. Karen Seda, to give students an opportunity to learn about the importance of journalism, and to practice their news-gathering and writing skills. 13 students from third through fifth grades were selected to join Newspaper Club, and that is how *Paw Print* was created. *Paw Print* is a student-led newspaper bringing students, staff, and families stories about Turnagain events and issues from a student's point of view. *Paw Print* staff have turned room 12 into the *Paw Print* press room, which is where *Paw Print* meets once a week!

We would like to thank our wonderful administrative assistant, Ms. Dawn Bloechl, for being our honorary copy editor and making sure all students’ names are spelled correctly in the newspaper. Thank you to our spectacular principal, Ms. Dennis, for allowing us to start a newspaper club. A special thank you to Mrs. Alisha Lagoda for providing snacks for *Paw Print* meetings. And to our parents and teachers for supporting us as we created Turnagain’s new school newspaper – we couldn't have done it without them!

