



TIGER TIMES

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SNICKERS

By Thomas Zamora

What is your favorite candy?
Well, I love SNICKERS.
I LOVE the taste of chocolate and caramel mixed together. I like how the caramel in the Snickers is gooey. It tastes very good to me. Snickers have peanuts. I like the crunch of the peanuts.

Snickers are sold at local stores. The candy bar usually costs between \$1.50-\$1.60.

Snickers are the best candy, and I think you should try it!



Why the Tigers?

By Brooklyn Delancy

You may be wondering, how does a school pick a mascot? Why did White Plains pick their mascot to be a tiger? Why not an elephant or a shark? I am going to explain.

A tiger symbolizes strength, fierceness and courage. The tiger was most likely chosen to represent White Plains school districts' bold spirit, determination and fighting pride.

Want to know more about Tigers?

They live in the wild.

They are carnivores (which means they only eat meat). They can swim.

Tigers live in jungles, grasslands, forests, savannas, and swamps across Asia.

If you ask me, I think that White Plains chose the right animal for our mascot!

BRAIN TEASER RIDDLES - Riddles 1 through 8 are names of MAS 4th graders.

Can you guess who? Riddles 4 through 6 are brain teaser riddles. Answers on page 5.

Riddle 1:

1/4 Kale
1/10 Watermelon
1/5 Apple
1/7 Monster
1/9 Education

Riddle 4:

Nobody empties me but I never stay full for long. What am I?




Riddle 2:

1/7 Baseball 
2/5 Oddish 
2/5 End 

Riddle 5:

What goes up but never goes down?

Riddle 3:

1/6 Rocket 
1/6 yellow 
2/3 ant 

Riddle 6:

What has many keys but cannot open any doors?

2025 SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP - RECAP

By Millie Dino

2025 was a year full of super exciting sports moments, new champions and returning champions too. In this article, I will recap some of the champs from this past year.

Baseball: The Dodgers won the MLB world series for the second time in a row. The world series is the championship for baseball where the first team that wins 4 games out of 7 wins. 2025 was a fierce battle to the end between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Toronto Blue Jays. The series was tied 3 games to 3. It went all the way to game 7.

Basketball: The Oklahoma City thunder (OKC) won the NBA championship in 2025. Just like the world series in baseball, the first team that wins 4 games- wins the championship. The Indiana Pacers and OKC battled it out all the way to game 7. where OKC took it all, winning 103- 91. Shai Gilgeous Alexander won the MVP (most valuable player) award.



Football: Football: The super bowl for the 2026 season is coming up soon, but the winner of the 2025 season was the Philadelphia Eagles. The eagles battled it out with the chiefs. Unlike the world series, and the NBA championship in the super bowl it's a winner takes all one game not series.



All about Axolotls

By Laila Mejalli

Axolotls are amphibians (aka animals that live under water all their life). They eat little fish and bugs because they are small and not a lot of things can fit in their mouth so that's why they eat such small things.

Axolotls come in colors like white, pink, and translucent. They are popular pets and come in many colors. Some axolotls are darker, but they can also be golden black or mottled. One Axolotl in particular that is really cool is the one that glows in the dark under a black light.

Their wide mouths give them a happy expression. They have no teeth - so when they eat, they suck their food like a small vacuum cleaner.

Did you know that the name Axolotl comes from the Aztec language (Nahuatl)? Axolotl is linked to the Aztec mythology dog-headed god of fire - Xolotl. Axolotls are known as water dogs or water puppies.

Most animals have either lungs or gills, not both but what is cool about axolotls is they have both so they can gulp air from the surface and can breathe underwater.

Maybe one of the most fascinating things about axolotls is the fact that they can regrow lost limbs, tails and even parts of their brain and heart. Unlike people and most animals, axolotls have the ability to regrow an organ - and that's amazing if you ask me!

Pigs in Space?

A fictional story

By Nora Barcelli

Imagine if a pig went into space - or - if a mouse went into the ocean.

Well - I could tell you what would happen if a pig went to space.

If a pig went to space...

First - you would have to give the pig a spacesuit.

Once you give it a spacesuit, you will have to give it a space helmet.

After you give it the space helmet you will have to give it some food of course!

Next, You will have to give it some space boots.

Then, you will have to give it a American flag.

Finally, you will need to give it a rocket ship.



ARE ALIENS REAL?

By Sofia Arzen

Aliens are space-dwelling creatures from other planets. Some people think they are real and some people don't.

Do you think aliens are real?

If you don't that is ok. I do, but I don't have any proof. I think that aliens are real, but they live in different universes.

Here is a list of movies that involve aliens (kid friendly):

E.T. - Extra-Terrestrial (1982)

The Iron Giant (1992)

Lilo & Stitch (2002 & 2025)

Space Dogs (2010)

Elio (2025)



The Disney Wish

By Sophie Sanchez

Disney Wish is the name of a cruise ship that is one of the many Disney cruises. It has a bunch of activities based on movies. A popular thing to do there is the live shows. They also have Disney movies playing.

One of my favorite things to do onboard this cruise is to learn to draw some of their Disney characters like Minnie. Also, kids can go to the Oceaneer Club. The Oceaneer Club is only for kids, and they have a Star Wars area, a Belle place and Marvel section. If you go, you will the kids meet characters (like Spider man and Belle). The Disney Wish ship has pools on the top of it and water slides. They also have pirate night, and you dress up like one. There is so much stuff to do on the Disney Wish cruise.



I Woke Up a Werewolf

A fictional story

By Abigail Zaiger

I woke up with a jolt, something felt...off. Never mind, I thought. I started getting ready for school. I went downstairs to eat breakfast. Then I went outside to meet up with my best friend Lily. We went to the bus stop, and saw my enemy, Laura. She saw us, oh no! I thought. Then she walked up to us.

"Well, if it isn't Lily and the little brat, Addie."

"Go away Laura" I said.

"Yeah, go away!"

"Oh, Be quiet, Lily. I just wanted to tell you that it's the first day of school. That means new teacher, and I'm going to have at least one class with you, and I'm going to make it miserable. That's all"

We got on the bus and all I was thinking was, what she said is true, my life is going to be miserable.

When Lily and I got home, we were happy because we had three classes together, but we also had two classes with Laura. That night when I went to bed, I did not feel tired which I thought was weird because I had been tired all day, I did not think much of it, I just tried my best to fall asleep.

To Be Continued...

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

By Matteo Catauro



Do you like sports and getting together with your family to watch them? If that is true, this article is for you.

Over 100 million people get together for Super Bowl Sunday. Last year, in 2025, the Philadelphia Eagles beat the back-to-back champion, the Kansas City Chiefs 40-22. The previous year (2024), the Kansas City Chiefs beat the San Francisco 49ers 25-22 in overtime. In 2023, the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Philadelphia Eagles 38-35. The year before that (2022) The Los Angeles Rams beat the Cincinnati Bengals 28-20. The winner of the Super Bowl gets a silver trophy called the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Every year, the Super Bowl is hosted in a different stadium. They choose the stadium before the season, so that no team has a home field advantage. Every so often, a team's stadium gets chosen and they make the Super Bowl, which would mean they get a home field advantage. For example, the LA Rams won the Super Bowl in their own stadium (SOFI Stadium).

This year, the Seattle Seahawks beat the New England Patriots 29-18. Bad Bunny performed the most-watched halftime show ever.

FUN FACTS:

According to some surveys, most food eaten in the USA is on Thanksgiving. The second most is on Super Bowl Sunday.

The teams with the most Super Bowl wins are the New England Patriots and the Pittsburgh Steelers with six apiece.

The Green Bay Packers are the only team owned by their fans.

The Green Bay Packers won the first two Super Bowls.

Some Packers fans wear hats that look like wedges of cheese.

Hudson River Museum Third Grade Field Trip

Sadie Dino

Mr. Jones, Ms. Pugliese/Mr. Cabibbo, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Berube and Mrs. Novielli's classes went on a field trip to the Hudson River Museum. The museum is located in Yonkers, NY.

When we were there, we got to see all the different phases of the moon in the planetarium. Did you know - There are 8 phases? It was very fun to see, but looking up made my neck hurt a little. I learned that the moon may look like it changes shape, but it does not.

There is also a part of the museum that you can make crafts. There is also a gift shop that you can also go to at the Hudson River Museum.



4th Grade Class Spotlight: Ms. Batson/Mrs. Johnson

By Kayla Cole

My name is Kayla Cole, and I am in Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Batson's class. Here are some things about my class that you should know. My classroom is big and nice. It is in Room 208.

Our teachers are nice. For example, Mrs. Johnson helps us when we need it, and Ms. Batson is super kind! They teach us Arts and Letters and even math.

In my class we have a reward system called the "pom-pom jar". The pom-pom jar goes like this: If the class is good, we get class dojo points and then as a class if we get 100 dojo points, we get a pom-pom in the jar. When the jar is full, we get to do something fun the class agrees to do.

I think Ms. Batson/Mrs. Johnson's class is THE BEST 4th grade class!

INTERVIEW WITH MR. JANOWITZ

By Jason Gecht

Q: What is your favorite sport and why?

A: Tennis (to play) and Baseball (to watch).

Q: What is your favorite food and why

A: Italian food because of pasta and tomato sauce.

Q: Why did you become principal of M.A.S.?

A: I became principal of M.A.S. because I love this community and it feels like a family.

Q: If you were to take something from MAS, what would you take and why?

A: I would take my relationships with the people.



Q: Where is your favorite place to go?

A: The beach with family because it is relaxing.

Q: What is your favorite season and why?

A: Spring because it not too hot or too cold.

A Wolf Called Wander: Book Review

By Elle Gonzalez



In this article, I am going to tell you all about a book titled "A Wolf Called Wander" by Rosanne Parry.

A wolf called wander is a true story about a wolf who traveled over 3,000 miles. Wander had to relocate because an enemy pack invaded his home and killed not only his father but most of his pack members.

In my opinion, this book is amazing. It explains how Wander, the wolf, had to face wildfires, starvation, hunters and the intense summer heat on his journey. Throughout the book, Wander escapes death many times.

This book explains how Wander and his family struggled. Unfortunately, he wondered whether his family was alive or not, and this is something that he never got the answer to. If you like this book, you may want to consider the next book in the series called "A Wolf Called Fire" by the same author.

All about The New York Knicks

By Jackson Kava

The New York Knicks are a basketball team. They have been a team since 1946. As of February 2, the knicks are 31-18. They are second in the east conference, behind the Pistons. Their home court is Madison Square Garden in New York. Here are some of the best players; Josh Hart is there best shooting guard, Jalen Brunson is there pointing guard, Karl Anthony towns his position as a center. The knicks have won 2 championships they won in 1970 and in 1973. Both times they one against the Los Angeles Lakers. Hopefully, they will have a great season this year.



Answers to Fraction Riddles (Page 1):

(#1) KWAME

(#2) BODEN

(#3) RYAN

(#4) The moon

(#5) Age

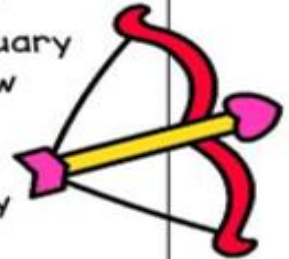
(#6) A piano

Valentine's Day



WORD BANK

cupid
 February
 arrow
 love
 rose
 candy
 mine
 conversation
 chocolate
 fourteenth
 heart
 red
 teddy bear



Across:

4. heart candies with phrases on them
5. the month of Valentine's Day
8. kisses or candy in a box
10. Valentine's Day is a day of _____
11. stuffed animals given as gifts
13. expression said on Valentine's Day "Be _____"

Down:

1. symbol of love
2. Valentine's Day is February _____
3. a sweet gift given on Valentine's Day
6. favorite Valentine's Day color
7. the darts that Cupid shoots at people
9. shoots arrows at people
12. a favorite flower for the holiday

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