



Explore the Philippines

By Harper Asuncion

Philippines is a country in Asia. It has 7,641 islands. The capital is Manila. Philippines' climate is very hot and humid. Did you know - it is summer weather during Christmas? Another interesting fact is that instead of putting up a tree they put up Parols. Parols are a star-like lantern, which lights up and is a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem.

The Philippines is in the Pacific Ocean, South of China and North of Australia. To get to the Philippines from White Plains, NY, you would have to take a plane. The plane will be about 18 hours long, but it is worth it!

Next, I will tell you about the Philippines' flag. The flag is red, white and blue like the United States. Instead of stripes, it has three sections, a white triangle, and a red and blue trapezoid. The red stands for war and the blue stands for peace. The blue trapezoid is on top of the red because the country has peace. Next, the white triangle has 3 stars. These stars represent the main parts of the country: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Also, the sun has 8 rays that represent the 8 countries who fought in the Spanish War which gave the Philippines its freedom.

I think you should try and visit the Philippines' beaches someday.



WORLD CUP KICKOFF

By Matteo Catauro

With the world cup just around the corner, the participating teams are preparing for kickoff on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

The world cup is a soccer tournament that is held once every four years. This year, the world cup lasts from June 11 to July 19 and this year it is staged in USA, Mexico and also Canada. The world cup features 48 different countries all over the world. The teams play a group stage, then if they qualify, they play a knockout stage. The winner of the World Cup gets a really cool trophy that has a globe on it.

In the first ever world cup, Uruguay became the first ever champion. In the last world cup, 2022, Argentina with player Messi beat France with player Mbappe in penalty kicks. It was Gonzalo Montiel who scored the final penalty kick claiming victory for Argentina.

Did you know - in 1966 the world was shocked when the world cup trophy was stolen. Thankfully, it was recovered by a dog named pickles by using his canine powers. Pickles used his nose to locate the trophy beneath a bush in South London. Sadly, in 1983, it was stolen again and never recovered.

Overall, the world cup is a worldwide sensation that is super fun to watch. Tune in sometime on fox to watch it.

Softball

By Aria Annunziata

Softball is a fun sport to play in the spring and summer. Softball is like baseball but for girls. Most towns have their own softball teams. White Plains has a team for 3rd and 4th graders. They also have teams for other grades. My team's name is the Bruins.

Playing softball is good for your health and strength. To play softball, you need a helmet, bat, batting glove, face mask, and a softball. The difference between softball and baseball is that softball uses larger balls than baseball. Next year, maybe you can try it.



Knicks Knicks
How good they all are
Hart and Brunson
Shoot the hoops
Shoot they scored
They don't need any
free throws.
They're in the finals
YES! It's true
I hope they don't get
out. WATCH
THEM SHOOT!!!

- Nora Barelli



America's Birthday – 4th of July

By Brooklyn Delaney

The Fourth of July is a holiday celebrated on July 4. The fourth of July celebrates the annual federal holiday in the United States celebrating the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence was signed on August 2, 1776. This declaration gave us freedom to become our own country. On the fourth of July people wear red, white and blue because they are the colors of the U.S. flag. Families also host barbecues, and a tradition is to watch the fireworks. This year, America is turning 250 years old. Even though there are no presents on the fourth of July, it's still fun to celebrate and even better that we are off from school.

RUBIK CUBES

By Izzy Advincula



Rubik Cubes were invented by Erno Rubik in the year 1974. It was originally designed as a "Magic Cube".

The Rubik Cube has 6 colored sides, red, and blue, green, yellow, orange, and white. Each side has 9 squares. Rubik Cubes are like a puzzle. When you first get them, all the colors are on the same side. Then, as you twist the cube, it becomes hard to unscramble.

Rubik cubes can be found at stores such as Target, Amazon, and some bookstores. Are you up for the challenge?

Narwhals

By Sadie Dino



My name is Sadie Dino, and I drew a picture of a narwhal. I think that Narwhals are a fascinating animal. Some people think they are fake, but they are actually real. Narwhals are Arctic Ocean animals. People call them the unicorn of the sea.



BTS

By Joshua Huh

Do you know BTS? BTS is an EXTREMELY popular K-pop group that just reunited after their military training. The members are RM, Suga, Jungkook, Jimin, V, J-hope, and Jin. They unleashed a new album known as "Arirang". Recently, they made history by being the ONLY group to have 7 songs in the no.1 songs in America which shattered the records and dominated the charts. That is why they are popular.

Fun in the Sun Tips

By Saige Bradley

Here are some fun things you should think of doing this summer:

- 1: You should always go to the pool at least once in the summer
- 2: You could go on vacation, but you must get your parents' permission.
- 3: You could go to the beach and tan, swim, and even just play.
- 4: You could go to the zoo and see all the amazing animals and even if you go to the petting zoo and maybe even pet some.
- 5: You could go to a Waterpark. My personal favorite is Dorney Park.
- 6: Even though it is summer break, try to practice some of the things you learned in the classroom this year.

With all these amazing tips, you are sure to have a good fun packed summer!

GOAT USA

By Nora Barelli



GOAT USA is a popular clothing brand. GOAT also sells water bottles, chains, sticker binders and more. They are known for their GOAT stickers! People and kids collect them and trade with their friends.

GOAT USA is one of my favorite stores. They sell girls, boy, men and women clothes. The clothes always have a goat with a crown on it – this is the store's logo. GOAT USA is good for gift giving for athletic people but also it would probably be a great gift no matter what!



A Horse called Swiftstorm

By Elle Gonzalez



My first instinct was to run, I don't know why it just was. My first memory was my mother's warm breath and gentle nuzzles. My aunt neighed at me " He looks very strong. Oh yes. What will you name him?"

"I don't know we'll have to see what he's like over time."

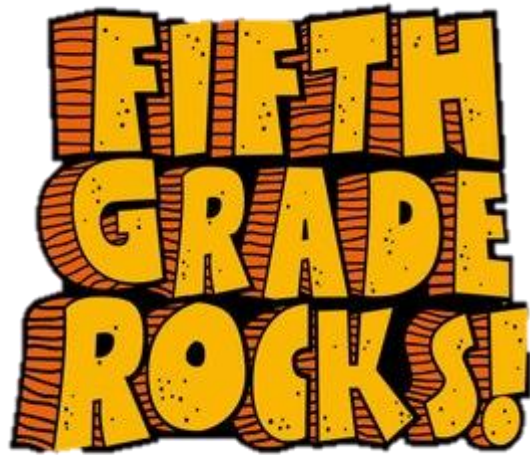
A colt poked her head through the crowd of aunts and uncles. "Hi!" she said cheerfully. "What's your name? Mine is Sky! Can you get up? I want to see how fast you are. I'm the fastest colt in the heard!" she bragged.

I rolled my eyes. But my legs had itched when she said fast. I was determined to stand. Slowly, I picked my little legs off the ground. I stood. Yes! I did it.

"Ok great, now let's race!" She trotted over to a little meadow.

"We will race to the tree and back. Ready, set GO!" I shot through the meadow toward the tree. The colt was in front of me, but I was determined. I pushed myself to run faster. In a matter of seconds, I was in front of her. I looped around the tree and raced back toward my family. They cheered as I crossed the finish line." YES!" I won!

"My he's fast!" " Indeed." my mother nodded. From now on you will be known as Swiftstorm!



Fifth Grade Fun

By Jackson Kava

This June the 5th Graders have a bunch of activities. Some of them are the fifth-grade breakfast, two different field days, yearbook distribution, the fifth-grade celebration and the fifth-grade graduation. The first field day is at the high school, with all fifth graders in the district joining for a fun day. On field day, they split all the fifth graders up into teams. The second field day is for the fifth graders who are from MAS. The fifth-grade celebration is when the fifth graders have fun, dance and celebrate together in the gym. There are themes like out of this world, beach theme, and glow in the dark. This year's theme for our fifth-grade class is glow in the dark/beach theme. I hope you have as much fun as we have in fifth grade.

Father's Day

By Saige Bradley



If you do not know what to do for Father's Day, you're lucky because this article is all about Father's Day. You could buy your dad something he has been wanting, or you could get him a card. Maybe you could do all the house chores that dads do: including sweeping, cleaning up, and making your bed. You could make him breakfast in bed, play catch with him, or give him a "yes" day and say yes to him for the whole day. Or if your dad does not want a gift, let him know that you love him. That would make him feel very special. Following these tips will leave a great impression on your dad. Then at the end of Father's Day, give your dad a hug and make sure to tell him how much you love him.

KATSEYE

By Sophie Sanchea



Katseye is a group of girls that dance and sing. The group started in 2023. Some of the dance members' stage names are: Sophia, Megan, Daniela, Lara, Yeonchae.

Unfortunately, Nanon has stepped out for a little to take a break from the group. All of them work together to make songs or to do choreography. Here are some of their songs: Touch, Charly, Internet girl, Pinky up, Debut, M.I.A, Came boy, I'm pretty, My way, Mean Girls, etc. Maybe, if you haven't heard of them, you can listen to their songs and see if you like them.

SOCIAL MEDIA BANNED IN AUSTRALIA

By Millie Dino



In December of 2025 social media was banned from users under the age 16 in Australia. One of the reasons it was banned because of teens becoming addicted to screens, which effected their mental health. Mental health issues have risen noticeably in the past few years by about 40%! Another reason it was banned was because of cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is when people leave mean comments about people's appearance or content. Lots of kid creators were being cyber bullied which sent a negative message to them. I wonder if social media will be banned from users under the age of 16 in the US next?

INTERVIEW WITH MR. CABIBBO

By Izzy Advincula



Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Red

Q: Why did you start teaching?

A: I want to help people.

Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

A: RameNesque in Peekskill

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Elephant

Q: What is your favorite superhero?

A: Captain America.

Q: What is your favorite sports team?

A: The Washington Commanders.

Q: What's your favorite ice cream?

A: Mint chocolate chip.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. JONES

By Millie Dino



Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?

A: "I wanted to become a teacher because I enjoy helping kids and molding them into future leaders."

Q: What was your favorite military experience?

A: "My favorite military experience was riding in a black hawk helicopter."

Q: What branch of the military were you in?

A: The army

Q: What are some hobbies you enjoy?

A: Martial arts, football, astronomy, and playing the banjo.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

A: Science

Q: What is your favorite band?

A: The punch brothers

Q: What is your favorite movie

A: Top gun, and The Last Samurai

INTERVIEW WITH MS. NOVIELLI

By Nora Barelli

**Q: What is your favorite color?****A: My favorite color is blue because it makes me think of the sea and I love the beach.****Q: What is your favorite animal?****A: My favorite animal is a dolphin because I think it's cool how they communicate and how they move through the water.****Q: Who is your favorite singer?****A: I love listening to all types of music but if I had to choose a favorite singer it would be Whitney Houston.****Q. What did you want to be when you were a kid?****a. I always knew I wanted to be a teacher. When I was a kid, I used to play school with my younger sister. She was the student and I was the teacher.****Q. What is your favorite food?****a. Italian food because my mom is a great cook and I grew up eating really good food.****Q. What is your favorite thing about teaching?****a. My favorite thing about teaching is bonding with my students and watching them grow.****Q. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?****a. My favorite ice cream flavor is S'mores from The Creamery. It's so good!****Q. Why do you like teaching?****a. I enjoy watching confidence grow when my students learn.****Q. What do you like doing in your free time?****A: I like cooking, baking, reading, going to the beach and spending time with my family.****INTERVIEW WITH MR. BRICE**

By Saige Bradley

**Q: Where did you go to college?****A: Philadelphia****Q: What is your favorite food?****A: Pepperoni Pizza****Q: What is your favorite sports team?****A: Knicks – but I do not really watch sports.****Q. What is your favorite color?****A: Red, but I also like black.****Q. What is your favorite drink?****A: Cranberry juice.****Q. Where do you go for entertainment?****A: The movie theater.****Q. What do you do on your spare time?****A. Play video games.****Q. Do you have a pet? If not, what pet is your dream?****A. I do not have a pet. I would like a dog.****Q: What is your favorite restaurant?****A: Benjamin's Steakhouse.**



Space

By: Leo D'Angelica

Space is a wonderful place. Many rocket-ships have been sent to other planets. Space is like a void. Our galaxy is called the milky way! Do you know what black holes are? They are like extremely strong vacuums, but in space. They can even suck in light! (That's not a joke).

My favorite planet is mars because of its red color, and because it was visited by a Mars rover. Do you know about the Mars rover? The Mars rover is a remote-controlled robot made to explore the surface of Mars.

Actually, there were several rovers that visited Mars. Now when you look at one, you may wonder how it got up there, (if not it's okay). The mars rover (or rover's) cannot launch until mars is in position- meaning Mars is closest to earth. Then, the rover is packed into a spaceship which heads towards mars.

As you may see, space is wonderful.

LUNCH

By Jason Gecht



I think you know lunch as a meal, but did you know there is a place called LUNCH! My favorite food from LUNCH is their Mac 'n' cheese but I suggest you try the lobster roll

- "my family loves it."

LUNCH is located in Southampton New York. It was founded in 1949.

This summer- I think you should try Lunch!

ABOUT OUR 5TH GRADE AUTHORS**Abby**

My name is Abigail Ziegler. I attended the newspaper club from January-April. I like doing gymnastics, basketball, swimming and lots of other sports. I am going to miss MAS a lot because all my friends are here mostly since I will not be going to Eastview next year- I am going to a private school.

Brooklyn

My name is Brooklyn Delaney. I have been in the newspaper club since January (the first session). I enjoy basketball, softball, volleyball, and going to the beach. I also enjoy singing. I want to thank all the teachers for helping me learn all the things I needed to know to get ready for middle school. I am so lucky to have been at MAS school, I truly will miss this school.

Jackson

Hi my name is Jackson Kava. I am a 5th grader here at MAS. I have been in the newspaper since January. Things I enjoy are soccer, baseball, swimming, lacrosse and hanging out with my friends. I am so grateful to all the people who made my MAS experience so fun. I want to thank all the teachers that helped me prepare for middle school. My favorite memory is meeting my friends.

Joshua

Hi! I'm Josh or Squid (that's what my friends call me). I am from South Korea, and I have a king as my great x19 grandpa. I am really smart and I like squids and warships ALOT. I am a 5th grader. I am also good at Taekwondo, and I am horrible for the enemy team in soccer because I can steal REALLY good.

Matteo

My name is Matteo Catauro. I am in Ms. Wilson's 5th grade class. I love playing baseball and hockey. I can't wait for you to be in fifth grade. It is so fun! We go on like, 10 field trips! I hope you have fun in 5th grade!

Millie

Hello my name is Millie Dino. I am a 5th grader here at MAS. I have been in the newspaper club since January (the beginning). Some things I enjoy are softball, basketball, singing, swimming and volleyball. I want to thank all the staff for making my MAS experience so memorable. I will miss this place so much.

Sofia

Sofia Arzen is a 5th grader who joined the newspaper club for session 1. Her articles and humor were a great contribute to the newspaper. She wrote about aliens, and Scott Pilgrim. Sofia will be missed by all her teachers



JUNE

Summer Word Scramble

KEIB

ACPM

ATHE

ANF

MEUSRM

DNSA

EHCBA

KIEH

TOSSRH

EIFR

LOPO

NSU

ELKA



Why does ice cream always get invited to the party?



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