
OFIS NEWS

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4th Grade Choir

By: Kaitlyn W.



The 4th grade choir is taught by Mrs McClellan and the theme for this year is "Disney". The concert is on Thursday, April 19th. Mrs McClellan has said that there are around 90 kids and there are about 11 different homerooms. The songs are "In Summer", "Beauty and the Beast", "Friend Like Me", "I Just Can't Wait to Be King", "Under The Sea", "Dig a Little Deeper", and "How Far I'll Go".

4th grade choir first listens to the part in the movie where it plays that song and we sing with it sometimes. Then, we learn the first verse or verses and try to make it as best as we can. We learn the long songs first so that we can finish those and then start the short songs so that we have time to finish them all.

There is a trivia and a candy raffle. In the beginning of class, you will get a ticket. If you are being bad or being bad in class, you will lose your ticket and so far, there is no way to get it back. At the end of class, if you still have your ticket, you can put it in the candy raffle or the trivia raffle so that when Mrs McClellan draws a ticket at the concert, you could have a chance of getting pulled for the trivia and getting a prize!! You can also earn **2** tickets if you are being really good!

There are some special parts too! There are dancing, solo talking, and solo singing parts, but the dancing is an altogether thing. The dancing started before the singing and talking parts. The singing and talking parts are audition for in class. The dancing is just a sign up. We have a few 5th grade helpers that help with the warmups, the songs, some of the dances, and they are the ones who can hand out extra tickets.



In the photo above, some 4th grade choir members practice their dance performance during their recess.

Choir is a lot of fun and I can't wait for our performance!

Meet Mrs. Judson!

By: Talia

I hate math but Mrs. Judson makes it fun. She always tells stories and sometimes when it's a short day she let us go on the Chromebooks and play math games. So I decided to interview her and here are my questions:

When did you want to be a teacher?

"I wanted to be a teacher after my first day of first grade. I came home and said, "I want to be a teacher just like Mrs. Atkinson." I've never changed my mind!"

Where did you go to college?

"I went to school at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan."

Why did you want to be a teacher at the Intermediate School?

"I like all kids. I originally thought I wanted to teach middle schoolers. But, when I got my job in 4th grade, I loved it even more! Plus, kids turn 10 in 4th grade. As a math teacher, I appreciate what a cool and powerful number it is!"

What do you love doing at you house?

"I love playing with my kids, cooking, and baking."

What your favorite food?

"I love Thanksgiving food!"

What's your favorite dessert?

"I love anything with chocolate!"

What would you do if didn't teach math?

"My second job choice was to own and run a Bed and Breakfast."

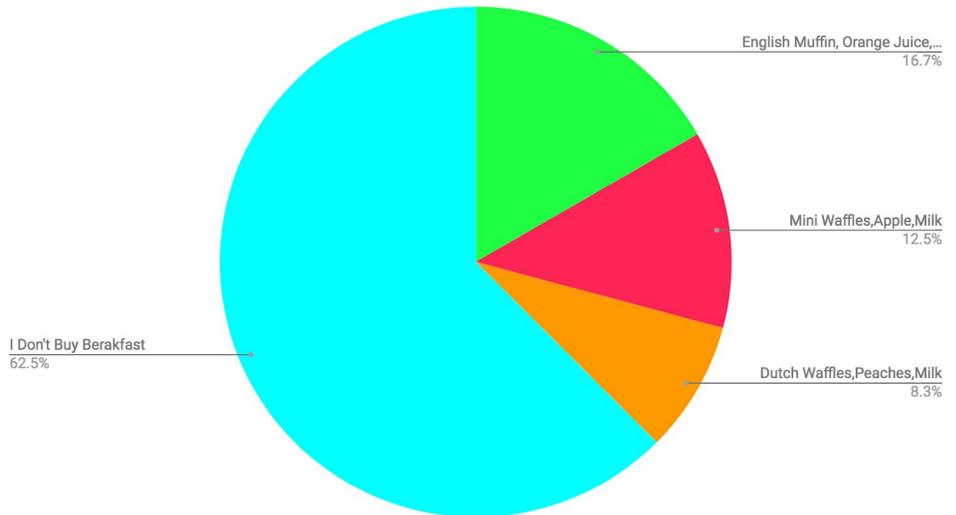


What is Your Favorite Breakfast Choice

By: Emily G.

- I asked several 4th and
- 5th graders what their
- favorite breakfast choices
- are from the Bulldog Cafe
- and here are the results!

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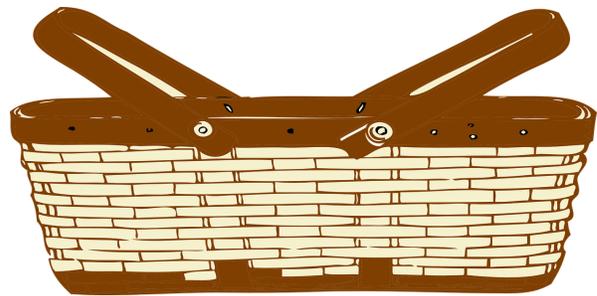


Creative Writer's Corner!

Picnic Sundae

By: Jonathan M.

I ate a picnic sundae
And it was quite the kind.
It had sprinkles, Ice cream,
And It sparkled all the time!
"Oh, How Yummy!" Said My Brother,
"Oh How Funny!" Said My Mother,
"Oh How Sweet!" Said My Father,
"I Like Popcorn!" Said My Aunt Rubber.
The Picnic Was Quite A Feast
But soon, I Will Have More To Eat!



Meet Mrs. McClellan!

By: Tyler D.

I interviewed Mrs. McClellan because I really like music and I play two instruments (guitar and keyboard). I also interviewed Mrs. McClellan because she is really funny and I really wanted to see some of her answers to some of my questions. Mrs. McClellan also interested me into trying new musical instruments. Mrs. McClellan is the best music teacher I could ever have.



1. What would you teach if you didn't have the opportunity to teach music?

"That's a tough question because I really like teaching music. However, for a time before college I debated about becoming a history/social studies teacher. I had a really great history teacher in high school that made it super interesting and almost swayed me into wanting to teach history instead."

2. What is your favorite part about teaching music?

"I think my favorite part is getting to make music with my students. It's so fun to teach kids how to play, or sing a song. When they finally know it enough to take ownership over it and we can perform it together, that's the best. I also love dancing - any kind of dancing is really fun!"

3. If you could be any animal what would it be?

"I'd probably be a dog. My dog always seems to be happy and kind so I wouldn't mind being her."

4. What is your favorite instrument?

"I love playing the piano. It was the first instrument I learned to play and still enjoy playing it for fun today. However, my favorite non-pitched instrument is the vibraslap. It is so cool! - I just had to add it because it's awesome. :)"

5. If you could be the president of the USA, what would you hope to make a law of the USA?

"I don't know if I could make this a law, but I'd like people to be kinder to each other. I'd like people to think about others a little more and themselves a little less. I think we'd all be a little happier if we were a little nicer to each other."

6. If you didn't work for Olmsted Falls, where would you work?

"Disney World. It's my favorite place to visit and I think it would be fun to be there everyday."

7. Who or what interested you into teaching music?

"I was a member of a children's youth chorus, *The Singing Angels*, for 8 years growing up. Being a part of this group really cultivated my love of music and ultimately instilled a passion for music that I wanted to share with others."

8. If you didn't live in the USA, what other country would you live in?

"Oh, I don't know. I would love to visit many places, I haven't really thought about living anywhere other than the U.S. However, I think Prince Edward Island, just outside of Nova Scotia, Canada would be my pick. I loved the "Anne of Green Gables" series as a girl and have always dreamed of living in the quiet lake country."

Meet Mr. Holzworth!

By: Sarah A.

Mr. Holzworth is one of my two teachers, he is really nice so I wanted to interview him. He does a lot of coaching sports like he coaches basketball, and he also plays golf. He is a really funny teacher in class!

Do you coach any sports?

I have coached both golf and basketball.



What is your favorite sport that you coach?

My favorite sport to coach is golf. I've played golf since I was a little boy, and really enjoy being out at the golf course. It is very gratifying helping my players improve their golf games.

If you had the choice about getting to be our principal would you be it?

No, I would rather be a teacher. Helping kids discover the joy of learning is something I would not want to give up.

If you could be anything in the world what would you be?

I already am. I'm Joey's daddy. There is nothing more special than being a father.

If you couldn't work at OFIS what job would you have?

I would work as a park ranger in the Rocky Mountains.

What's your favorite word?

My favorite word is "perspective".

What's your favorite thing in the room?

My favorite thing in my classroom is the Jack Sparrow life size cut out because it reminds me of my daughter, Rebecca. She has come a long way, and I am so proud of her.

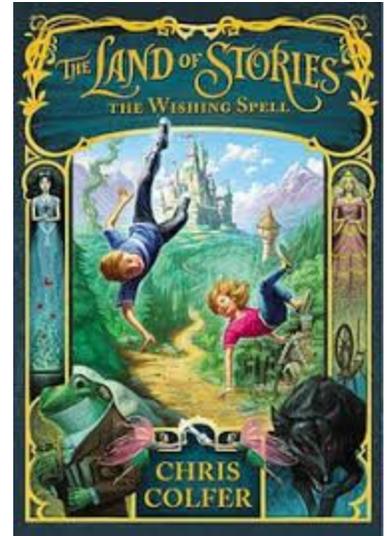
The Land Of Stories–The Wishing Spell

By Chris Colfer

A Book Review By: Nia B.

You would think that Alex and Connor are the normal sixth-graders, falling asleep in class, and being the teachers pet, but when they find themselves in another world... are they prepared for their journey of talking frogs, the Big Bad wolf PACK, and princesses?

I think you should read this action-packed series because it includes most of the well-known fairy tales and is a really interesting book. If you want to read this book will you be ready to face all of the dangers of the other world and go all over the other world?



5th Grade Hallway Talk

What's Your Favorite Fruit and Favorite Candy?

By: Tregian G.

What's Your Favorite Fruit?	What's Your Favorite Candy?
Mikey S: Grape Tyler K: Grape Jimmy R: Cantaloupe Tre G: Watermelon Jeremiah B: Orange	Mikey S: Gum Tyler K: Hershey Kisses Jimmy R: Gum Tre G: Reese's Jeremiah B: Reese's



Science Club

By: Xander S.

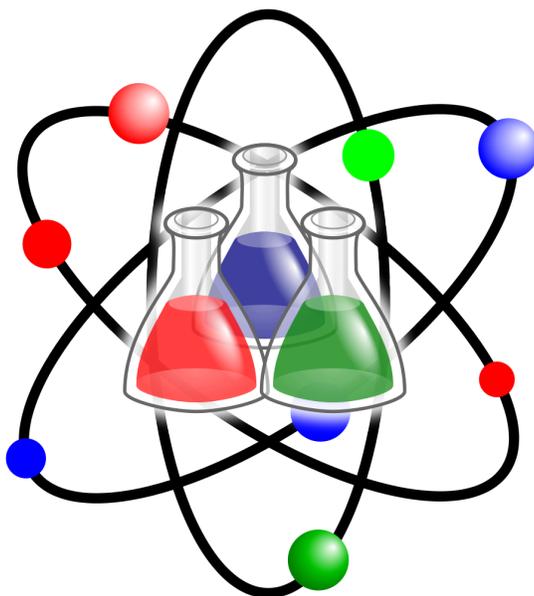
Science Club is a club after school that has projects that are Science related. Science Club has six projects that you can do in four weeks. I have done two projects in Science Club so far.

The first project is for space. My friend and I had a string and we had to get a marble on the target. And we have to line the cup up and drop the marble down so it hits the target underneath.

For the second project, I was building a bridge that had to be out of pins and straws. The goal was to connect the pins to the straws so a metal bucket did not fall when you put sand in it. The person with the most sand in the bucket and does not fall wins!

For our next project, we will be building a catapult. We will be hitting a target on the wall and we will use many materials such as: cups, rubber bands, a ball, plastic sheet of paper, and some sticks.

In my opinion, Science Club is a very good club to join. I suggest that everyone who loves science should come to Science Club!



Ask Anabelle

By: Anabelle S.

The ask Anabelle column is an advice column where students have asked me questions and I give them advice on their questions.

Question: Should I go to a basketball game or girl scouts?

Dear Mckeely,

Well if you don't mind me asking which one is more important to you? I know I should give you advice, so here is some advice. I think that you should do whatever your heart tells you to do.

From Yours Truly,
Ask Anabelle



Question: Why are pugs so cute?

Dear Lacey,

Well I don't know why pugs are so cute but I can tell you why I think they are cute. First of all, they are not cute. They are adorable! But there has to be some science behind it. So if you want I can get some information and get back to you.

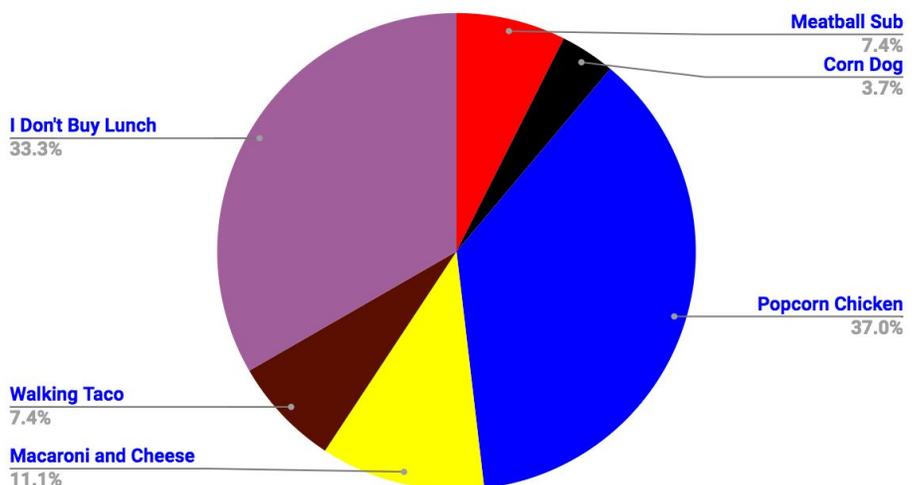
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What's Your Favorite Lunch Choice

By: Emily G

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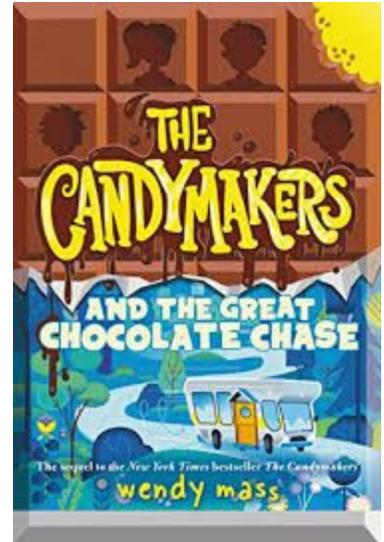


The Candy Makers and the Great Chocolate Chase By Wendy Mass

A Book Review By: Nia B.

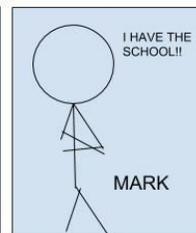
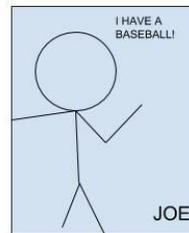
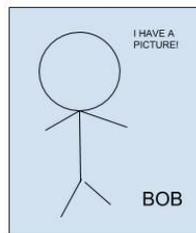
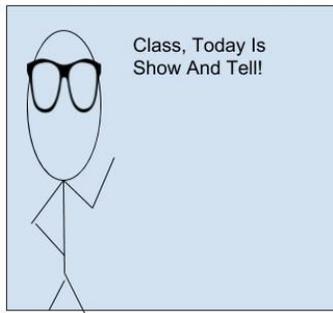
Logan, Daisy, Miles and Philip are just normal candymakers... until they go on their first road trip ever. When they find something wrong with the chocolate in the Harmony candy and find out it has healing powers, will they solve the mystery and uncover the truth?

I think you should read this 533-page book and go on this action-packed mystery with them and find out what they will do to save the Harmony candy!

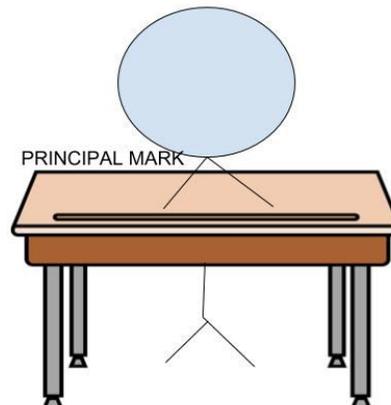


Comic's Corner

By: Jonathan M.



And So He Was Principal..



Interesting Info...

The History of Olmsted Falls

By: Jonathan M.

Olmsted Falls, Ohio, was founded in 1763. When the Europeans explored Ohio in the historic age, they ran into a "New Land," including a river (which is now known as "Rocky River!") Olmsted Falls was purchased for \$30,000.

The main founder was Aaron Olmsted, a Captain, and his brother, Charles Olmsted. Later, Aaron Olmsted cut portions of Olmsted Falls into townships such as "Olmsted Township, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville, ETC.")

In 1970, the Township had a 90% vote to officially contract the township name "Olmsted Falls." Other areas in Olmsted are famous too, (Other than the main town,) The Vitamix Company Headquarters is located a half-mile away from Olmsted Falls (an estimate), and Olmsted Falls **INTERMEDIATE** was founded near Bagley Road.

Today, Olmsted Falls is a popular landmark in Cleveland for its old town and businesses such as the Grand Pacific Hotel.

Wonderful Work Group 3!!