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Fourth Grade Flowers! By: Olivia L.

Come and join the adventure of the fourth grade flowers! The fourth graders are doing a flower project. Each student gets a little time to think of what they want his or her flower to be. Then, the class goes to the Innovation Station in the CLC and creates his or her plant. Only a little time is given to create the plant. Each student gets to use the things in the Innovation Station or things that he or she has brought from home. Some of the parts you have to include when you make your plant are: a defense, something to represent petals, the stem and all of the other parts of the flower. Some classes do the project with partners and some do them by themselves. When all the kids are finished they have to write a paragraph. In the paragraph, you have to include what represents all the parts of your plant and the name of your plant. After you are done writing the paragraph you share it with your class. Then you will get graded on your plant. We learned a lot and had a blast making flowers!

West School Fair By: Francis K.

Do you know about the West School Fair? The theme is American Road Trip. At the West School Fair there's a cakewalk. There was a really long line for both cakewalks all the way down the hall. It's kind of like musical chairs with no chairs. You stand on a picture of a state that is taped on the floor. When the music starts you walk in circle and when the music stops you land on another state. If your state is called you win a cake. Parents donated hundreds of cakes. In the gym there was a bouncy castle and a softball throw, a hockey shooting game and a basketball-dunking contest. If you are part of the Chorus Club, you sing a song for people at the West School Fair. There's also a PTO Book Fair. At the PTO Book Fair there is a raffle. If you win the raffle you get a gift certificate to buy books. You can also donate money, too. If you donate money, it goes to a school in Chicago that needs books for their students. Lastly, there was a silent auction. During the silent auction, there were a lot of things to bid on. There was a chance to be principal for an hour, office assistant for the day, lunch with your teacher, movie with your teacher, and many more. About \$2000 was raised. I hope you had a chance to enjoy the West School Fair.



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Switching It Up In Third Grade Math

By: Ben B.

The new 3rd grade math classes are here! If you are a Third Grader, you will switch teachers for each math unit. About every four to six weeks, you will switch classrooms, or sometimes stay in your own classroom, for math. You learn more than just math when you switch classes: you are taught by different third grade teachers, you meet kids from different classes and you get to see other classrooms both upstairs and downstairs. You switch classes depending on your pre-test score. All students have the same third grade curriculum but everyone learns differently. There are seven teachers that teach a math class. Every third grade homeroom teacher teaches math and Ms. Leavitt teaches third grade math, too. Teachers never stop teaching math - Not even for a unit! We always bring five items to math, which are: Green take home folder, red math folder, math journal, pencil, and ruler. Most importantly you need your math journal because you use that a lot while in math. Most likely you will do math boxes in your math journal, which

review all the skills you have already learned plus some that are coming later on in the year. You still do a lot of other math skills in your

math journal. You need your take home folder because you need to put your homework in it and other math projects. You need your red math folder because you put in math papers that you will soon take home in your take home folder. Our new math classes are awesome!



Heller Nature Center

By Gwen G.

All the third graders went to the Heller



Nature Center to learn about bees. We learned that there are workers, drones, and a queen. What is a queen bee?

A queen bee is the largest bee. She can sting multiple times and has a stinger that she uses to fight off other queens. What is a worker bee? All worker bees are female. The worker is the smallest bee. On a worker bee's hind legs there are stiff hairs that form pollen baskets. The workers are responsible for finding pollen and bringing it back to the hive. What is a drone? A drone is a male bee that does not sting. They cannot defend themselves. He has huge compound eyes and powerful wings. The drone's job is to mate with the queen. When the cool weather comes, the drones are kicked out of the hive and they die. This happens because the workers and queen need the food to stay alive during the winter. We also had a chance to wear a beekeeper suit! It's a good thing, because a bee landed on me!

We saw the beehives and tasted the honey. It was so good. We had chaperones and my mom was one of them. We had fun and learned a lot!



After School Sports

By: Jonathan M.

Are you in After School Sports? Because if you are in After School Sports, you are aware of all the fun we have there! If you aren't ... then come and join us. After School Sports is a fun and



safe sport club where you get a lot of exercise. Also, the best part is it's all year long. In After School Sports you play all sorts of games. For example, some of the games we play are dodgeball, baseball, and basketball. We have loads of fun playing games, making friends, learning new games, plus a lot more. Mr. Sarubbi teaches After School Sports. He teaches us new games, helps us if we need it, and he even plays some of the games with us. He is the best! We have a lot of fun in After School Sports, so consider joining us! Hope to see you there!

Innovation Station By: Onyka R.



Innovation Station is here in the West CLC! What is the Innovation Station? According to Mrs. Kelly, the Crawford Learning Center Director and Mrs. Zuhr, Technology Inclusion, "This space is designed to foster collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication - as our students tinker with everyday items to solve challenges. Students will be introduced to the engineering design process that involves asking questions, imagining possible solutions, planning, creating and improving on a their plan. The maker movement is all about teaching our children to think for themselves, to think creatively, and to look for do-it-yourself solutions." A lot of the third and fourth grade classes have visited the Innovation Station at West. When our class went, we split up in teams to plan and build our inventions and projects. This is really important. Before we began working we talked about what collaboration means and what it looks like. Then we began to work on our first project. We were broken into teams of two or three to work together. We had to build something that held pennies in a cup. It couldn't be sitting on the table or hanging off of the table. We got to use 20 straws, 10 inches of string, and 36 inches of masking tape. We could use scissors and hole punchers too. My team made something like a swing. Our base was like a pyramid taped to the table. Then we taped on lots of straws on a diagonal so that the top came to a point. We hole punched the cup on both sides and put the string through it and tied it up at the point on the top. When we were done, we went to the other tables and checked out other designs. Our design held 90 pennies before it tipped over. Our team project held the most pennies! There was another team who had a cup that held seven and a couple held two, but that is ok. We really enjoyed working together and had a lot of fun collaborating. I can't wait to visit the Innovation Station again soon.



West School Specials

By: Zoe W.

Just think about all the cool things you do during your specials classes at West School! At West, there are five different special classes. The classes are: Art, library, music, P.E., and Spanish. In Art, the teacher is Ms. Schadel. We make paintings, drawings, ceramics, and sculptures. In Library with Mrs. Kelly, we learn about digital citizenship, Innovation Station, online research, and read books. In Music we learn about instruments, sing, and listen to music with Ms. Porretta. In P.E, taught by Ms. Lee and Mr. Sarubbi, we play sports, dance, and do team building activities. In Spanish (Español) we learn about El tiempo (weather), emociones (emotions), los animales (animals), los colores (colors) with Señorita Evans. Just for fun, I surveyed the third grade to see which special's class was the favorite. P.E. was the winner! Wouldn't you like to be a student at West School and get to do all of these fun activities?



By: Hayes H.

If you want to play Prodigy this is the right article for you. In Prodigy you are a wizard and you have to catch pets, get staffs and customize your character until you are the best you can be. You get to choose your grade level, so the math questions might be some of the same things you are learning in class at school. My friends and I really like the game and that is one of the reasons I am writing about it. Want to start playing today? First, get your parent's permission. Next, go to Prodigy Learn math Free Forever. Then click "Play Prodigy". Once there, you can start creating your character. Since you do not have a class code, you will enter in your email or a parent's email. Clicking enter will not work. Instead, you have to click the arrows on the side of the screen. After that, you will be able to play. Finally, you will start your story. In battles, when you attack or try to heal your pets you will have to answer a math problem. Since I have a class code, the problems are mostly about what we are learning in math. The game will teach you how to catch, battle and become an awesome legendary wizard. If you want to get serious about this game you can become a member. Sadly becoming a member costs money, but if you see what being a member means, it's worth it. Even better you can battle your friends. Just schedule to go into the same world as someone else. Again, don't forget, you need your parent's permission. Soon you will be there with them. Have fun and enjoy Prodigy.



Extra! Extra! Extra! Read All About Sophia

By: Rebecca P.



Sophia is a new fourth grader in Ms. Baad's room. Her family moved here from Miami, Florida because her dad got a job here. She was going to move to the city of Chicago, but her family really liked it here in Glencoe. Sophia's old school was called Saint Christopher By The Sea. Sophia is 10 years old and her favorite color is **blue**. She has a little brother and no pets but rrrreeaaalllllyyy wants one. Sophia's favorite subject is music.

She **LOVES** to draw and play tag because she loves to run. One of Sophia's happiest memories is when her little brother was born. When her brother was born, he was allergic to milk and he could not breathe well because her family didn't know he was allergic to milk. Sophia's mom or dad started to feed Sophia's brother soup and he got better. Sophia loves guitar too. She just started but she loves to play it. Please make sure to stop and say "hi" to Sophia!

Meet the Belle of the Ball

By: Sloane S.

Belle is a new third grade student in Ms. Pryor's class. Belle is from Chicago. She moved here because her parents thought that Glencoe was safer and has better schools. Belle went to Alcott School. She has two sisters; one is at Central and one is at South. Their names are Ava and Shea. Belle likes sports and she plays girls lacrosse. She goes to practice during the week and has games on the weekend. On Wednesdays, she goes to Hebrew School. According to Belle, her mom is a really good cook. Belle's favorite subjects are homeroom and music. She likes to read. When she grows up she wants to be a lacrosse player, musician, a writer, and an artist. She really likes **The Beatles**. Her favorite **Beatle** is Paul McCartney. She dressed up like him for Halloween. Her favorite Beatles song is "Hey Jude". Belle has three pets. She has two dogs and a beta fish. Belle likes to ski in the winter. If Belle was to describe herself in one word, she said she would be described as funny. I had so much fun interviewing Belle!



Nice To Meet You, Mya! By: Rex P.

Do you Know Mya? Mya is a new fourth grader at West School in Mrs. Mullenix's class. Mya moved here from Baltimore, Maryland. Her old school was named Park School. She moved to Glencoe because her dad got a new job. Something that was different between her old school and West is that her old school was bigger and went from grades Kindergarten to 12th grade. She has one little brother. He will come to West next year. Mya likes to play soccer. She's on a team called Lemon Lighting. Her favorite animal is a zebra. Her favorite subjects in school are Art and Music. However, she's not so crazy about math. In Afterschool Clubs, she

goes to Homework Club and Chorus Club. She loves the book, *The Secret Garden*. If she won the lottery, she would use her winnings to help people. Her favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because her entire family comes to her house for dinner. I definitely learned a lot about Mya.

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Ceramics

By: Grace G.

If you like Art, you might want to check out Ceramics Class, which is in the Takiff Center. You will work with Ms. Natalie or Ms. Ana. Ceramics Class is where you can make bowls, cups, and more! You can make a bowl out of clay. It will be fired in the next class. Then you will glaze the bowl with paint. The next week, the bowl gets fired again, and it will be shiny. When you are done, you will take it home! So every 3 weeks you get to take 1 or more pieces home. You learn skills that you will never forget. It is so fun! Every piece needs to be hollow or it will explode in the kiln. You will start with a pinch pot. It is a ball of clay and you stick your thumb in the center. You pinch the sides while turning it to make a pot. Then you can decorate your piece by painting it in the next class. If you are a little bit more advanced, you can make bigger things like a Christmas tree, a building, a small vase, a three dimensional skull, or a small stuffed animal. You can even give a piece to your teacher! There are classes for all levels even adults. You can take classes after school or in the summer. I



I hope you can go to ceramics class because it is a lot of fun and you make a lot of great things.



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A Quick Look at China

By: Alex M.

Did you know China is the fourth largest country in the world? It has the largest population with 1.4 billion people. The country is slightly smaller than the USA. The capital of China is Beijing and the largest city in China is Shanghai. Some of the countries that share a border with China are: Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, India, Kazakhstan, North Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Vietnam. Some more interesting trivia about China is that an animal represents each year. If you were born in 2007, you are the year of the pig. If you were born in 2008, you are the year of the rat. If you were born in 2009, you are the year of the ox. The Great Wall of China was built over 2,000 years ago! Also, most people think that pasta is an Italian food but is likely a descendent of ancient Asian noodles. My sister Nicole was born in China so I got to spend one year of my life in China. I



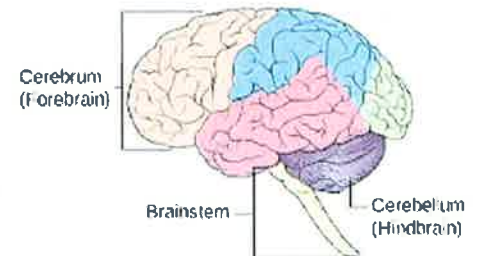
I learned to speak Chinese fluently and I still can, kind of. My mom is from Chengdu. My Grandma from China recently

came to our house. I hope you learned a few things about China.

The Parts Of The Human Brain

By: Roan W.

The brain is the most complex and important organ in your body. There are a ton of parts in your brain, but here are the three main parts. The next time your teacher hands you a test, tell him/her that your cerebrum (suh-ree-brum) hurts just looking at it. The cerebrum, or forebrain, is what lets you think and learn. It is the largest and most complex part of the brain, hogging about 85% of the brain's volume. Your cerebrum also controls some of your movements. The cerebrum is divided into halves. The left half of the cerebrum is called the left cerebral hemisphere, and the right half, the right cerebral hemisphere. Each hemisphere of the cerebrum is divided into four lobes, but that's too complicated for now! The next time your gym teacher tells you to do an obstacle course, tell him/her that your cerebellum (sare-uh-bell-um) hurts just looking at it. The cerebellum controls complicated movement, coordination, and posture. It's located at the back of your brain. It takes up a mere 10% of the brain's total volume. The cerebellum also has a left and right hemisphere. The next time you have running day, tell your gym teacher your brain stem hurts just looking at the field. The brainstem controls heartbeat and breathing. It controls all senses except for smell. It takes up a puny 5% of the brain's total volume. It's located below the cerebellum. The brainstem isn't divided into hemispheres. Now that you've read this article, go impress your parents with your knowledge of the parts of the brain!





My Favorite Author... Brian Selznick

By: Isaac O.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret was written and illustrated by Brian Selznick. He has three very famous books: *Hugo Cabret*, *The Marvels*, and *Wonder Struck*.



The novel, *Hugo Cabret*, won the 2002 and 2007 Caldecott Honor Award! A movie, called "Hugo" was made from the book too. The book, *Wonderstruck* will also be a movie and the screenplay will be by the one and only Brian Selznick himself. Some personal information about Brian Selznick is that he grew up in New Jersey and graduated from the Rhode Island School of Art and Design. He worked for two years after he left school. He even worked to make props and was also a professional puppeteer in some shows. He wrote his first book while he was working in a bookstore. This book was called, *The Houdini Box*, and was inspired by magician Harry Houdini. He has written and or illustrated over 25 books including, *The Doll People*, *Frindle*, *Lunch Money* and *Amelia and Eleanor Go For A Ride*. Selznick splits up his time going back and forth from Brooklyn, New York and California where his husband lives. I hope you read one of his books soon.

Review of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

By: Marianna D.

Have you seen *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*? Well it is a great, but sad, movie in my opinion. Come on everybody! Let me tell you a little bit about the movie. Charlie works hard to get a golden ticket to go to Willy Wonka's Chocolate factory and he eventually got it. He got the very last golden ticket! His grandfather and he went to the amazing chocolate factory. That was the last time anyone was going to go. His grandfather once worked at the chocolate factory but back then it was a toothpaste factory and Charlie's grandfather used to take a couple toothpaste bottle caps home a couple times a month. In the chocolate factory, there were little oompa loompas working in the chocolate waterfall. Also in that room everything was edible. There was a bubble gum girl. Her name was Violet. She had been chewing gum for 3 months straight! Also she went into a machine. She started turning into a blueberry and her mother was so worried. There was also a spoiled girl. Her father would buy anything for her. I give the movie 4 out of 5 stars I hope you enjoyed this review and I hope you will watch the movie!



Zootopia

BY: MIRA J.

Hey everybody! Have you seen *Zootopia*?



If you haven't, in my opinion you should! *Zootopia's* message is that anybody can be anything if they work hard on it! In the movie, a bunny named Judy Hopps wants to be a cop and she thinks that not very far away there is a city called *Zootopia*. In *Zootopia*, you can be anything you want. Actually, there's never been a bunny cop, so everybody finds it funny and a fox teases her. Later she befriended the very same fox, but also she worked hard to become a cop. She came out first in her class! Meanwhile, some animals are going SAVAGE! The police chief is putting cops on the case, but he gives Judy parking duty. Isn't that sad! But the chief said, "I know you came first in class but I simply don't care!" There was an otter whose husband was... missing! Judy said that she would take the case. The chief said ok but only 48 hours, which is 2 days, or she will get fired. I hope you watch the movie to find out what happens! I give the movie four out of five stars!

Big Papi...Big Hitter!

By: Brooks N.



David Ortiz, also known as Big Papi, was a player in Major League Baseball (MLB). He played for the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins for 14 years. Ortiz was born on November 18, 1975 in the Dominican Republic. He has two daughters named Alexandra and Jessica. He became a baseball player because his dad was a major league baseball player for the Dominican Republic. He also loved to play baseball. Did you know Ortiz broke Ted Williams' home run record this year? Now David Ortiz holds the homerun record for the Boston Red Sox. He has 483 home runs. He was a designated hitter and he sometimes played first base. If no one breaks his record for home runs in the next 5 years, he will go to the Hall of Fame for most home runs for a Boston Red Sox player. He has three rings from World Series, which means he has won three World Series. He said he would retire on his 40th birthday and he did. He retired after this 2016 baseball season. I hope you learned a little about recently retired Boston Red Sox player David Ortiz.

N New Trier Swim Club

By: Eshan G.

NEW TRIER SWIM CLUB Do you want to know about New Trier Swim Club?

If you want to swim for New Trier Swim Club, you must tryout. Not all kids that tryout are part of the club. Once you are part of the club, you have practice and meets. Most of the practices are at the Northfield campus and last an hour, but if you are a little more advanced you will practice for one hour and fifteen minutes or one and a half hours. There is practice many times a week depending on how skilled you are. A lot of times you dive off the blocks for practice and you always dive off the blocks in swim meets. You can also compete in swim meets. The times you get for each event you swim is recorded so you can see how much you improve. Sometimes you get prizes if you win your heat. You go to different places like Evanston, Glenview, Mt. Prospect and Lake Forest for swim meets. You can swim all year with New Trier Swim Club.



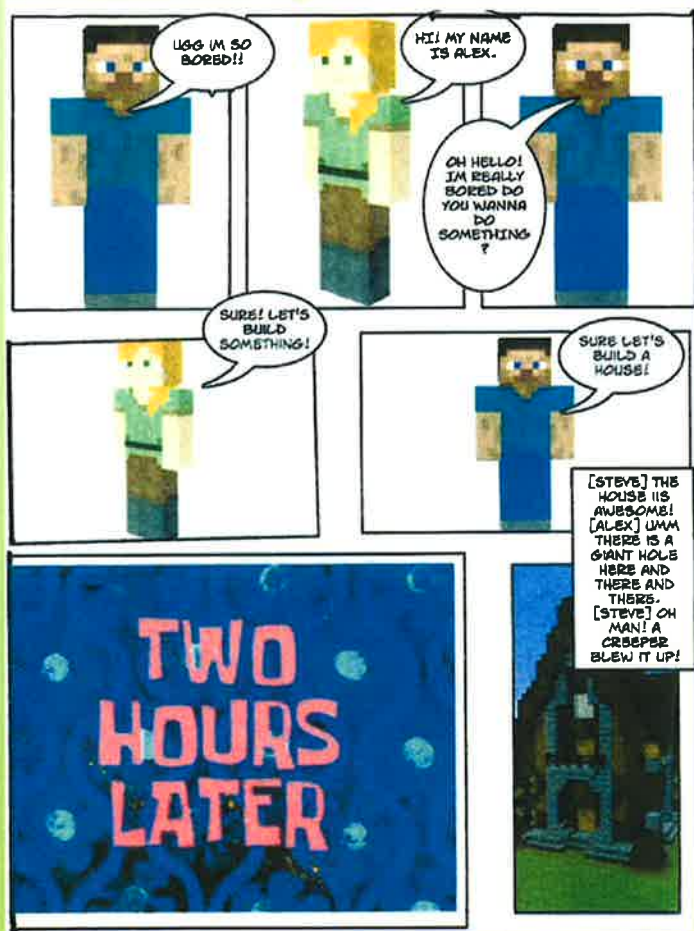
Michael Phelps
By: Ali S.



Michael Phelps

was born in Towson, Maryland on June 30, 1985 to Fred and Debbie Phelps. His two older sisters, Whitney and Hilary, were swimmers too. When Phelps was young, he was afraid to put his face in the water. He overcame his fear and, in 1996, was inspired by Tom Malchow and Tom Dolan during the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Phelps struggled in school and was diagnosed with ADHD. He focused most when it came to swimming. In 2000, Phelps was in Sydney, Australia, where he qualified in the 200-meter butterfly. At 15, he was the youngest male Olympian, in the U.S. in nearly 70 years. He did not earn the medal; he competed in the finals against Tom Malchow, coming in 5th place. Phelps also watched Australian Ian Thorpe. The next year, during World Championship Trials at the Phillips 66 Nationals, Phelps broke his first world record in the same event in which he had competed at the Sydney Games, the 200-meter fly. Still 15, he also became the youngest male swimmer to break a world record. Phelps went to the 2001 World Championships in Fukuoka, Japan, where he broke his record again in the 200-meter butterfly. In Rio, he won Olympic medal number 23. It was his 19th gold medal. Team USA won the final gold of the swimming - a new Olympic Record. Two days after he was done competing at his fifth Olympic Games, Phelps told The Today Show that he was retiring. Here's to one of the greatest swimmers in the world! He will be missed.

Comic By, Ben B.



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