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Meet Author Liesl Shurtliff

By: Zoe W.

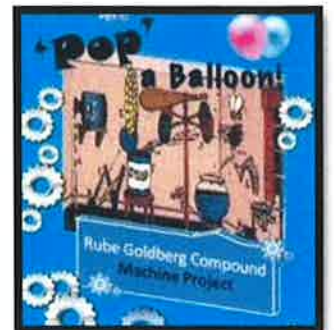
Author Liesl Shurtliff wrote the books *Rump, The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin*, (a Bluestem Award Book) *Red, the True Story of Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Jack, the True Story of Jack and the Beanstalk*. As you know, these books are based on the classic fairy tales *Rumpelstiltskin*, *Little Red Riding hood*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. On Friday, January 27th. Mrs. Shurtliff came for an

author visit. Mrs. Shurtliff grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has seven siblings! She now lives in Chicago with her husband, and three children. Her hobbies are dancing, singing, playing the piano. As a child, reading was a challenge for her until she discovered *The Boxcar Children* series and also books by Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary, and Roald Dahl. She also read the *Grimm's Fairy Tales*. When explaining how she writes her books, she told us that she thinks ideas are all around us. Sometimes she gets ideas from *Why, What, Where, and When?* Her brother inspired her book, *Jack*. The story, *Red*, was inspired by her relationship with her Grandmother and her Grandmother getting sick. *Rump* was partially inspired by her name because it is unusual and people often get it wrong. Before she got married her last name was Robbins. Liesl Shurtliff has great books! Make sure to check them out!

Rube Goldberg Project

By: Lucia S.

This year most of fourth grade is doing a project about Rube Goldberg. He was a cartoonist. In his cartoons he would draw things that go from one step to another. This series of events would cause something to happen. For example, first it would start out by something touching something. Then that object would touch another object to make other things move. Finally another object hits a button to make the machine do something. Most of the fourth grade classes made a balloon popper. It was hard. We split into groups. If your project didn't work, then it's on to Plan B, or an alternate plan. We designed a ball, which hits a car, which hits three more cars, then goes and pops the balloon. (Please do not steal this idea!) Some ideas did not work, so students made a Plan B. Some ideas did not work and they did not have time to fix them. Before building the project we would show our plans to each other in our group. We would pick the best part of each plan and then we put it altogether. Some first plans did not work. In Mrs. Widman's class we had two weeks to finish this project. We didn't use many supplies, but it made our balloon pop. Mr. Lyon's class had about three hours! Ms. Baad's class had only had a day to work on this. Mrs. Gavenda's class had a few days. We don't know if the machines in the comics by Rube Goldberg actually work...but most of West student's designs popped their balloons. Everyone did a great job!



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Welcome To Our School



All About Emma

By: Olivia L.

Meet Emma! Emma is new to West School and is in Ms. Gavenda's class. She moved to Glencoe in the summer of 2016. She moved here because her family was all crammed into one little house and now they have more space. It was hard to move at first, but then she got used to it. She made friends very easily. Emma's old school was called Nettelhorst. She liked Nettelhorst but she likes West too. Her favorite subjects are math and reading. She likes Ms. Gavenda and all the other teachers. Emma has one sister named Abby and a dog named Markley. Emma is a very caring person and she is so nice. Interesting fact 1: Emma and I are first cousins! Since we are cousins that may be why her family chose to move to Glencoe. Interesting fact 2: If Emma could have a power it would be to be able to fly. If you want to know more about Emma then take a minute to talk to her. Hope you had fun learning about EMMA!

Catching Up With Katie

By: Marianna D.

Katie F. is a new third grade student in Dr. Shapiro's class. She moved from the city of Chicago. She used to go to school at the British School. She moved because she and her family wanted to live in a house instead of an apartment. She likes West School better because there is more room and there are more subjects to learn. Also, West School has a playground. She also did not have a school library. Her favorite subject is literacy. Her happiest memory is making friends with me. We have been friends since we were six months old because our moms are friends. We used to see each other a lot in the summer but not so much during the rest of the year. Now we live near each other and get to play everyday. Katie likes being a kid because kids get candy...which she loves. If she could use one word to describe herself it would be pretty. Her advice to her parents, specifically her Dad, it would be to shave his beard. If Katie could be an animal she would be a cheetah because they are fast and she loves their pattern. Katie is a very good friend - you should meet her too!



Learn About Lucy

By: Lucia S.

Lucy A. is new to West School. She is in fourth grade in Mrs. Widman's class. She moved to Glencoe because her mom's job was closer to Skokie and Glencoe was closer. If they stayed in Geneva, it would be 2 hours away. Her old school was Heartland Elementary in Geneva, Illinois. Lucy's real name is Lucille, but she goes by Lucy. She is named after the actress Lucille Ball. Her happiest memory was when she would tell stories and play hide-n-seek. Once when she was about 2, she hid under the bed and they couldn't find her! If she won the lottery she would get a better house and a new bed. Over the weekend she likes to hang out with her family. Her family members are her two dogs Henry and Harry, her two sisters, and her mom and dad. One sister is at South School, Lucy's at West, and the other is at Central. Her mom and dad both work. Her favorite meal is Taco Bell. For a summer activity she is going to sleep away camp. Her best talent is gymnastics and her favorite subject is math. Her favorite books are *Dork Diaries* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. She likes to play video games. I hope you liked learning about Lucy.

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Meet Awesome Anya!

By: Ellie J

Anya has just moved here from Chicago! She is in third grade and joined Mrs. Juozaitis' class in January. Anya's old school is Saint Mary of the Angels School in Chicago. She is 8½ years old and her birthday is May 3rd. Her favorite thing about West School is the teachers. She misses her friends the most from Saint Mary of the Angels School. Her favorite sports are swimming and soccer. Anya's favorite special class is music. She likes music because she likes the way the music sounds. She likes her classmates, the Mighty Juozaities, the most! She likes to go swimming in the summer because it cools her off. Her favorite animal is an elephant. She also really likes Monster High dolls. Her favorite thing to do for fun is play Barbies, Monster High, and more! Something that you should know about her is that she can do lots of silly voices. She also has an older sister in 4th grade named Beatrice, who is in Mrs. Mullenix's room. Make sure to say hello to Anya

when you see her!

Who is Beatrice?

By: Max R.

I think that in West School we should know the names of all the kids because our school is so small. We often get new kids in our school. In fact, right after winter break, Beatrice and her sister, Anya, moved to Glencoe from Chicago. Beatrice is in Mrs. Mullenix fourth grade class and Anya is in Mrs. Juozaitis third grade class. She loves Anya because she is her cute little sister. One of the grossest things Beatrice can think of is a spider! One of her funniest moments is when she kept being dunked under water by Anya and they both laughed. The one thing she loves doing with her friends is Facetiming and going to the movies. One of Beatrice's happiest moments is when she was in a musical version of Sleeping Beauty at her old school. She played a bunny. She really likes to sing and act. When she grows up she hopes to be a famous singer or actor. Beatrice is getting a new dog soon. Beatrice likes to go to the pool or hang out with her cousins on the weekends. She likes being a kid and doesn't want to grow up too fast. One word that describes her is TALENTED. If she could be an animal, she would be a baby tiger because they are cute. Beatrice would like to have \$1000.00 to spend on lots of toys or a mansion. Beatrice has only been at West School for about a month but she already has tons of friends. You should get to know her too!





Introducing Emin

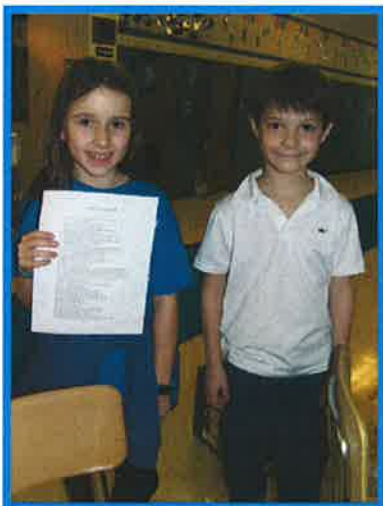
by: Joan M.

Emin is a new student in Mrs. DeHorn's class. He moved to Glencoe from Chicago. He moved because he heard it's nice here and his mom has a friend in Glencoe... so they moved here! His old school was named Alexander Graham Bell school. At his old school there were no lockers. There were hooks! Emin's favorite subject in school is math. He has a twin brother, Aidan. He says one thing about having a twin is that people mix them up sometimes. A way to tell them apart is Emin has a freckle near his nose. His favorite thing about his brother is they play together sometimes. He and his brother don't get along some of the time. Emin has no pets but he wants a dog. His happiest memory was making friends with Ben, Quinn and Connor. He likes to play computer games. If Emin were an animal he would be a lion because they are furry, strong, and could have a lot of cubs. His favorite thing to do in the summer is to play outside. When he grows up, he wants to be a vet, a dentist, or a doctor. Emin's nickname is Em. His talent is dodging like in dodgeball. He wants to go to Cancun, Mexico for a vacation. If Emin won the lottery he would save the money until he needs it. He likes the more realistic version of The Jungle Book. The most embarrassing thing Emin has done is in his old school he was dared to be girlfriend and boyfriend with somebody. He did not do it but he said he did. Welcome Emin to West!

Meet Aiden D.

By: Ava K.

Meet Aiden. He is in third grade in Ms. Pryor's room. He moved from Chicago because it is safer in Glencoe and his mom has friends here. His old school was Alexander Graham Bell School. He has a twin is named Emin who is in Mrs. DeHorns's class right across the hall. Aiden said that the secret to telling which twin is which is that Emin has a freckle on his face and he does not. Aiden does not like being a twin because he does not like sharing stuff with his brother. He likes being a kid...sometimes. He likes being a kid because kids go to school and school is fun! If he could be an animal he would be a lion because it is the king of the jungle. One of the things he doesn't like is bugs. He likes to play on his iPad and computer for fun. Meet Aiden at West!





All About Ana

By: Sofia S.

Ana is new here. She just moved to West. She is in fourth grade and in Ms. Baad's class. The family moved here for her Dad's treatments. She moved from Bucharest in Romania. It's usually colder in Romania than it is here. Her old school was called British School. She had to wear a uniform, which she didn't like. The teachers were much stricter than here. Ana has one brother and one sister. She has five dogs - four live in Romania and one lives here in Glencoe. Her favorite color is **pink**. She likes being a kid because she wants to learn and have fun. If she had one way to describe herself it is "happy". If she gave advice to her family it would be, "Don't be afraid of the future... just worry about now." If Ana could be any animal she would be a dog because dogs don't have to go to school. When she wants to do something fun she does arts and crafts. Ana is proud to be here. Say "hi" to Ana when you see her in the halls.

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*Kidsview Reporter
here to
Interview You*

What Do You Know About Wynn?

By: Tiernan T.

Wynn D. is a new student from Highland Park. He is in Mrs. De Horn's third grade class. His old school is named Ravinia. Something different about the two schools is West has better technology. If he were any animal he would become a wolf because they live in his favorite habitat. The nicest person he has ever met is his best friend Will, who is at his old school. He is in the Dodgeball Club. Fat dogs make him laugh the hardest. His favorite book is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Old School*. The most embarrassing thing that he has ever done is when he was in preschool he had to do a play and when he was on stage he shouted, "Mommy I have to go potty!!!" If he could have three wishes they would be infinite money, an iPhone 7, and owning everything in the world. His biggest fear is clowns. The **grossest** thing he can think of is a **snake gut and mustard smoothie**. His favorite holiday is **Christmas**. For Christmas he travels to his Nana and Papa's house in Michigan. His favorite tradition is his birthday. For his 9th birthday he went to **Hot Ground Gym**. We are very excited that Wynn moved to Glencoe.



Heeerrreee's Hudson!

By: Grace G.

Mrs. Pasquasi is a resource teacher at West School. She just had a baby. She had a boy who is named Hudson. He was born on December 14, 2016. He weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces. Hudson has one older brother, Jameson, who is three and a half years old. Mrs. Pasquasi and her husband chose the name Hudson because they did not have many names they agreed on, but her husband really liked the name Hudson and she ended up liking it too. While he is not crawling yet, he has started to smile and giggle. He giggles when his brother, Jameson, talks to him. Keep an eye out for Hudson at West because his mom will bring him by this spring.



The Boxcar Children Reviewed by: David P.

If you like to read mysteries, adventures, or travel, I recommend reading *The Boxcar Children* series. The title really fits the theme because in the first book the children live in a boxcar. *The Boxcar Children* tells the story of four orphans, Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny. The orphans are running away from their Grandpa, who they think is mean. The Boxcar Children spend the night in a baker's house, but the baker and his wife only want to keep the older children and send Benny to the children's house.



The plot of almost all of them is that they are going to different places and there is a mystery for them to solve. Some of the other titles in the series are: *Surprise Island*, *The Mystery of the Purple Pool*, and *The Camp Out Mystery*. If you're looking for a new series to try, why not try *The Boxcar Children*? I think the books are really great.

The Land of the Stories

By: Rebecca P.

This is the most magical book! There are six books from *The Land of Stories*.



In the first book called, *The Wishing Spell*, there are two kids named Alex (the girl) and Connor (the boy). Alex and Connor are just "normal" kids having a "normal" life. Then their grandmother gave them a book. Find out more by reading the book. The second book, *The Enchantress Returns*, is when an evil enchantress wants to take over the world. I am not going to tell you what world... but a world. The third book, *A Grim Warning*, is my favorite so far. In this book there is an army that comes into a world but they were stuck in a portal for two thousand years. The portal closed for a long time and then it was reopened. Find out what happens by reading this book. The fourth book, *Beyond the Kingdoms*, is when Alex and Connor travel with their friends into a book. Some had to stay behind and some kept going. When they were so close... BOOM. You must read that book to find out more. It could be a good boom or a bad boom. The fifth book, *An Author's Odyssey*, is about Alex and Connor collecting stories that Connor made. He made an army to defeat another army. Find out what happens by reading *The Land of Stories*." The final book is... the Sixth one!!! Well, it is not out yet but it comes out in July 2017. The 6th book is called, *Worlds Collide*. If I had to give the book series a rating of 1 to 5, I would give it a... 6!! It is that good!

Rosie Gigglepip's Lucky Escape

A Book Review by: Gwen G.

Rosie Gigglepip's Lucky Escape is a great book! This book is the eighth book in the series called, "Magic Animal Friends". The genre of the book is fantasy. The main characters are two girls, Jess and Lily, and a cat named Goldie. The girls discover the friendship forest when Goldie brings them there. There is also a dragon, named Breezy, who created a big storm to destroy the friendship forest. A witch, named Grizelda, kidnapped four baby dragons and is using them to rule the Friendship forest. This book is full of adventure with families getting caught in a tornado and trying to summon the mother dragon. These animals are special because they walk and talk and stand on their hind legs while living in the Friendship forest. Check out the book to see what happens. I recommend you read this series, starting with the first book, *Lucy Longwhiskers Gets Lost*.



A novel by W. Bruce Cameron

Reviewed by: Mira J.

A Dog's Purpose is a book that will make you wag your tail for joy! In the story, there is one dog that has many lives. In the first life, the dog's name is Toby. He also narrates the story. In this life, he is a stray and has to tear up garbage bags to find food with his family. Then one day some people scoop up Toby and his family and put them in a place with other dogs. Here they settle in with their new life, but then Toby gets into a fight and breaks his leg so has to be put down. He is then reborn as a Golden Retriever. He has an eight year old owner who is a boy named Ethan. Ethan named him Bailey. Bailey grows up with Ethan, but years later, one of Ethan's enemies set his house on fire and Ethan was trapped inside. When Ethan got out, his leg was so badly injured he wasn't able to walk properly ever again. Bailey cheered him up and played with him but his time with Ethan was coming to an end. Next, he is reborn as a GIRL dog named Ellie. This time her purpose is to save people. She saves a little girl who was kidnapped and an Alzheimer's patient who wandered away from home. Her owner was injured so she needed another owner. Her new owner is named Maya. Years later, while living with Maya, Ellie got weak and she passed away. She was reborn as a BOY and in his final life mean owners adopted him. He escaped and wandered for a couple days. He saw someone familiar and realized it was Ethan! He suddenly realized that all of his past lives were so he could find his long lost Ethan. He had fulfilled his purpose. The moral of the story is to find your purpose and be who you are.

The Amazing



By: Katie F.

This year, Broadway Bound performed the musical, *Annie Jr.* It took place at Matz Hall/Winnetka Community House in Winnetka. There were two performances on Saturday, January 14 and two performances on Sunday, January 15. In those two days, sixty children performed on stage in front of a full house. There are a lot of people in third, fourth and fifth grades that were there at the show. West teachers were very nice to come and see the show as well. The musical *Annie Jr.* is about an orphan, Annie, who stays at an orphanage and she hopes to find her parents but they never come to get her. A billionaire, Daddy Warbucks, adopts her but only after two con artists pretend to be Annie's mom and dad to collect a large reward. Luckily, they don't succeed and Annie and Daddy Warbucks live happily ever after. The young actors performed some of the popular songs like, "It's The Hard Knock Life", "Tomorrow", and "I Think I'm Going to Like It Here." *Annie Jr.* was an amazing show, but the performances are over. The good news is Broadway Bound started rehearsals for its next performance, *The Lion King, Jr.* Don't forget to mark your calendars to come see it!



The Lion King

By: Lucia S. & Sofia S.

This year, a new year In Broadway Bound, we are putting on the musical, *The Lion King*. Broadway Bound has never done *The Lion King* before. This is their first time doing it. The auditions were done on Monday, January 30 and Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Before the auditions, we would learn a dance, lines from a script for the part you are trying out for, and two songs -- like Rafiki's solo, "The Circle Of Life" and "I Just Can't Wait To Be King." We performed these in the auditions and then the next week, on Monday and Tuesday, depending which class you are in, they told you what which part you have. You can only miss three classes because they go through so much that they don't have time to catch you up on a class. Also, you might not be able to memorize your lines and learn all your moves for dancing. When they gave us our parts we get to take home a colored folder with a copy of your lines, what parts other people got, and everyone who is in the cast.



When you first audition for Broadway Bound it can make you nervous.... but this is our first time doing it and it is really fun. Lots of Westie students are doing it this year. You have to be from third to fifth grades to perform with Broadway Bound. We get 17 weeks to practice for the show. That means 17 practices in 17 weeks. Maybe next year you can join Broadway Bound for fantastic fun!



Pool table derby car

Pack 28 in the gym

Pinewood Derby By: Jonathan M.

Have you ever wondered what happens at Pinewood Derby races? The 2016-2017 Pinewood Derby race was held at West School on January 22, 2017. The Pack 28 Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts had the race in the gym at West School. It is a fun event that Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts do once each year. Also siblings of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can join in. Everyone gets a kit that contains: 4 wheels, 4 axles, 10 stickers, and a block of wood with pre-cut axle holes. You can build any car you want, but there are a few exceptions. First, there is a maximum weight of 5 ounces. Also, you can't cut new axle holes, change wheels or axles, and must use the block of wood they give you. Some designs look like bacon, Steve/Minecraft, pool tables, and even Star Wars X-Wings. When making a Pinewood Derby car you use many tools. You can use weights to get a heavier car. You can paint your car. You can cut it to get a good shape, and much, much more. When you are making a Pinewood Derby car you can put as much creativity into it as you want. Making the car is only half the fun though! If you want to put your car to the challenge then you can race your car against other cars. So if you're interested come and do the Pinewood Derby Race with us next year.



Baking With Will

By: Will E.

My favorite thing to bake is my homemade Monster Cookies. What are Monster Cookies? Well, I just tried making a cookie cake over winter break and it tasted so good! I enjoyed making the cookie cake so much; I decided I would keep baking! Also, below, I have shared my Monster Cookie recipe with you. When I make cake I usually use yellow cake mix. Cakes aren't all I bake. One time when my mom's friend came over, she taught me how to make cornbread with yellow cake mix. It tasted so good! This year, for my U.S. symbol project, I made a cake and decorated it to look like the World War II Memorial. Make sure to make some Monster Cookies!

Will's Monster Cookies

1-cup butter, softened
2 cups sugar
2 cups packed brown sugar
3 cups creamy peanut butter (28 oz.)
6 eggs

1-1/2 tsp. corn syrup
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
4 tsp. baking soda
9 cups rolled oats
1/2 lb. M&Ms
1/2 lb. chocolate chips (8 oz.)

Cream butter, sugar, and peanut butter until smooth. Beat in eggs 2 at a time, then corn syrup and vanilla. Mix in baking soda and oats until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips and M&M's.

Drop onto foil and flatten slightly with a fork.

Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees.



Wind

By: Roan W.



I'm pretty sure you've all felt that breeze everyone calls (what's it again?) wind, but what exactly *is* wind? You might think wind is just plain old moving air, but guess what? Wind is just plain old moving air! What causes wind, though? How is air moving on its own? Well, warm air is lighter than cold air, so it rises. Then, cold air moves in to fill in where the warm air was. That (I just can't think of the name right now!) breeze you're feeling is cold air moving to cover the warm air. Wind can be called many different things. Whether it's called a tornado, a twister, or even a cyclone, it's pretty much that same old thing.

The Beaufort scale is meant for classifying wind

This is what it looks like:

Calm: Less than 1 m.p.h. Less than 1 k.p.h. Unnoticeable
Light air: 1-3 m.p.h. 1-5 k.p.h. Chimney smoke drifts
Light breeze: 4-7 m.p.h. 6-11 k.p.h. Weather vanes active
Gentle breeze: 8-12 m.p.h. 12-19 k.p.h. Small twigs move on trees
Moderate breeze: 13-18 m.p.h. 20-28 k.p.h. Small branches move on trees
Fresh breeze: 19-24 m.p.h. 29-38 k.p.h. Small trees sway
Strong breeze: 25-31 m.p.h. 39-49 k.p.h. Umbrellas are hard to use
Moderate gale: 32-38 m.p.h. 50-61 k.p.h. Whole trees sway
Fresh gale: 39-46 m.p.h. 62-74 k.p.h. Twigs blown off trees
Strong gale: 47-54 m.p.h. 75-88 k.p.h. Shingles blown off roofs
Whole gale: 55-63 m.p.h. 85-102 k.p.h. Trees collapse
Storm: 64-73 m.p.h. 103-118 k.p.h. Houses collapse
Hurricane: 74 and above m.p.h. 119 and above k.p.h. Violent destruction
With this knowledge, you can blow away your family and friends!



History of Valentine's Day

By: Ana N.

Valentine's Day is a special day celebrated on February 14. One tradition is to send valentines to your loved ones, your friends, your family members or anyone you care about! Many valentines have romantic verses and others have funny pictures that go along with phrases like, "Will you be my valentine?" or "Be my valentine." There are different versions throughout history on how Valentine's Day became Valentine's Day. First, some people say that Valentine's Day started during an ancient Roman Festival called Lupercalia. Second, others say that Valentine's Day started with one or more saints in the early Christian church. Lastly, others believe that in Old England, birds chose their mates on February 14. The Valentine's Day we celebrate today may be a combination of all three. Who knows? But at least we celebrate Valentine's Day!