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Webber Scholars Shine on Stage



Webber students showcasing *The Jungle Book* at Segerstrom Theater of the Arts.

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Dr. Cyndi Paik
Superintendent

Webber Scholars Shine on Stage

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Webber Elementary staff has partnered with Disney Musicals in School to embed a musical theater program. This year, students in 4th-6th grade embarked on a journey for 17 weeks together. The dedication and collaboration of the community has made such a significant impact on all involved. Collaborating with families and the community is already highly valued in WSD. Students this month will be showcasing their performance on stage at Segerstrom. We are excited that Webber will be focusing on an Arts Academy next year with musical theater being one of the many components. We are proud of the amazing work our scholars are doing at Webber Elementary.



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Fryberger's Environmentalist Showcase

By Tina Gustin-Gurney, President, Board of Trustees

Fryberger's TK and Kindergarten Environmentalists showcased their environmental science project based learning expertise to the community on March 31st. Students taught families and staff all about organic gardening and explained what makes their garden special at Fryberger.

Fryberger's Environmental Science Program received the honor of not only being a Green Ribbon School, but the California Department of Education recognized them

with the highest honor of being a Green Achiever Award. Fryberger students have a strong focus on Environmental Science. Students in each grade level complete two project based learning units yearly with an emphasis on Next Generation Science Standards and California's Environmental Principles and Concepts. Reading, Writing, and Listening and Speaking standards are heavily embedded in each lesson. Fryberger's vision is to inspire and develop successful, productive citizens who are environmentally responsible in a changing world.





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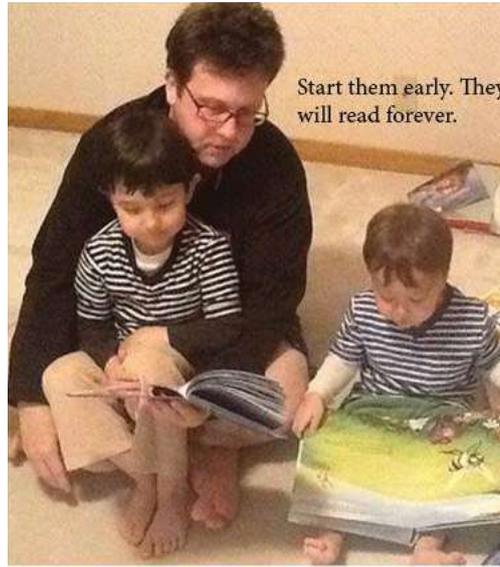
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We are very excited about our new publication layout and hope you are too. After combining Fountain Valley/Ocean View/Westminster School Districts in one publication for 18 years this is the first issue with each having their own publication.

Dr. Paik begins this issue on page 2 with her message highlighting the performing arts at Weber Elementary.

We have included our popular student book reviews on pages 26 & 27. Also, be sure to enter the word search contest on page 27 (all ages may enter).

Our next issue is June 8.



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Saving Water for Our Future Generations

Last month, City of Westminster, Municipal Water District of Orange County and Wyland Foundation held a ceremonial groundbreaking at Coronet Park to celebrate

Westminster's commitment to using water wisely. The water-wise garden "pocket park" was awarded to the City of Westminster in 2018 for its outstanding participation in the 7th annual Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The pocket park will serve as an educational resource and a reminder to residents that water-smart landscaping is achievable, sustainable and beautiful with proper planning, drought-tolerant plants, and the right irrigation equipment.

In 2018, more than 9,500 residents in Westminster pledged to reduce the city water's usage by 38.2 million gallons of water. I was so pleased with the strong commitment to save water from our residents. Also, the



city staff continues to work tirelessly on water conservation through educational programs to promote water conservation as a way of life so all of us can sustain this precious resource for future generations.

My message for water conservation pledge this year: "As a leader committed to efficient use of natural resources, I support the mission of the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, a non-profit national community service program, and in so doing renew my commitment to sustainability for my city and for future generations."

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May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and it's around the time you start seeing running noses and itchy eyes. But is it a cold or allergies? Here are some tips to figure it out:

- Check the mucus, allergies tend to be thin and clear. Colds tend to be yellow or green and thick.
- Allergies tend to come on suddenly when your child is exposed to a trigger and lasts a while. Cold symptoms often start gradually and are done within two weeks.
- Typically, a fever won't be present in allergies, but colds come with a low-grade fever.
- If your child has watery or itchy eyes, it might be an allergic reaction. Watery and itchy eyes aren't usually a cold symptom.

The symptoms and severity of allergies varies in children. Ranging from minor irritation to anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

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After moving to a farm in Westminster, Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez sought to enroll their three children at 17th Street School, one of two elementary campuses in the city.

The year was 1943, and the Mendez children and their parents were all American citizens. Still, they were turned away from 17th Street, then known as “the White school,” and directed instead to Hoover

Elementary, designated for students of Mexican heritage.

That set the stage for the groundbreaking case of *Mendez v. Westminster*, which struck down the legal justification for forced school segregation in California and laid the foundation for the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark *Brown v. Board* decision.

While U.S. District Court Judge Paul J. McCormick originally ordered local school districts to end discriminatory practices against students of Mexican descent in February 1946, his ruling was appealed to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. It was upheld there a year later — on April 14, 1947, exactly one day before Jackie Robinson broke baseball’s color barrier.

This past April marked the 75th anniversary of the conclusion of the Mendez case, which had profound ramifications that reached far beyond our county’s borders. Yet the case wasn’t widely known in the decades that followed — even in Orange County. That began to change when Sylvia Mendez, one of the children at the heart of the lawsuit initiated by five families, began raising awareness at her mother’s request more than two decades ago.

Since then, the Mendez case has been the subject of news articles, books and documentaries, and it was even commemorated with a U.S. postage stamp. In 2000, the Santa Ana Unified School District opened Gonzalo Felicitas Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School. The Los Angeles Unified School District also named a high school after Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez, who became the subject of a Google Doodle.

The family’s story came full circle in 2019, when the Mendez family was celebrated by the Westminster School District, which changed its marquee to read “In Honor of La Familia Mendez.”

“This is such an honor for my father, Gonzalo, and mother, Felicitas Mendez,” Sylvia Mendez said. “My father grew up here in Westminster, and we fought the case and won it. And after it was won, nobody said, ‘Gracias, Gonzalo.’ But look at the wonderful ‘gracias’ we are getting today from this wonderful school district.”

Westminster High School also dedicated its new learning pavilion in Sylvia Mendez’s honor in 2021. Meanwhile, OCDE, which produced a scripted podcast on the case in 2017, has teamed up with the City of Westminster for the creation of an interactive park and trail to recognize *Mendez v. Westminster* and its legacy. Both public spaces are set to open this year.

The Mendez case may still be less known than other high-profile legal battles, including *Brown v. Board*. But it’s a critically important turning point for our nation, with reverberations that extended into all areas of society where separate-but-equal policies stifled equity for all citizens.

Keep in mind that this case was pursued by five regular families who emptied their bank accounts and spent years of their lives working to guarantee access for generations of students they would never meet. For that, we owe them an extraordinary debt of gratitude, and we owe it to them to remember.

As we mark 75 years since *Mendez v. Westminster*, this anniversary is not simply about acknowledging an historic injustice. It should be celebrated as an affirmation of our shared values, a reference point to measure how far we’ve come, and a reminder that ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they band together behind a just case and put children first

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Kim Breckenridge
Principal

“Egg”ineering

Each year, Anderson sixth grade students participate in an engineering challenge called The Egg Drop. In self-selected small groups, students design their own contraptions that will keep a raw egg safe when thrown off the top of a scissor lift. Following the scientific process, students complete background research and plan their designs. Students use a variety of materials

to keep the eggs safe, including balloons, parachutes, bubble wrap, boxes, and cylinders. They are required to keep within a \$100 classroom budget for these supplies. For example, balloons cost \$15 each and cotton balls cost \$3 each. Students test their contraptions and revise their designs. In the final experiment, the principal and custodian throw the students’ contraptions off the top of a scissor lift. Once it hits the ground, the students check to see if their eggs survived. This year only nine of the eggs exploded. Great job sixth graders!



Clegg Elementary (TK-5)

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John Staggs
Principal

Lunch on the Lawn At Clegg After Over 2 Years!

After a long three years, our families were finally able to return to lunch on the lawn at Clegg Elementary! And they definitely showed us how much they missed connecting with our campus and community. Hundreds of families went all out with their lunchtime setup. Catered lunches, whole coolers full of food and drinks, lawn chairs, pop up

tents, umbrellas, blankets and picnic baskets were setup all across the lawn, walkways, lunch tables and black tops. Even with it being one of the hottest days of the year so far (temperatures reached close to 100 degrees!) moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and cousins all turned up to eat lunch and enjoy the afternoon with their Clegg Cougar Cubs. It was amazing to see everyone back on the Clegg campus. We are so grateful for the incredible turnout and look forward to many more campus events to come in the future!



DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Shannon Villanueva
Principal

Earth Day-Coming Together to Raise Environmental Awareness

For years, DeMille has been environmentally friendly with many activities: Girl Scouts doing presentations and providing recycling containers to classrooms, teachers taking care of school gardens, and Student Council hosting Dr. Debris months for each grade level to keep playgrounds clean. This year, Dual Language Immersion 5th and 6th graders participated in a PSA (Public Service

Announcement) Contest hosted by Westminster High School's MERITS students and teachers. Every student did an amazing job in submitting their creative ideas on environmental awareness and conservation using their Vietnamese language skills. On Earth Day, while other classes were doing their Earth Day activities, the contest classes celebrated it together. Winners were awarded with certificates and prizes. All students also received prizes for participation. Many thanks to the generous WHS's MERITS teachers. This is one of the many collaborative events between DeMille and Westminster High School. We love our partnership!



Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

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Jonathan Edelman
Principal

An Eastwood Family Tradition

Each year our families carve out a bit of time from their busy schedules to participate in Eastwood's annual Lunch on the Lawn event. Parents, grandparents, and little brothers and sisters pack up blankets, lawn chairs, coolers, and, most importantly, yummy snacks and treats and head down to our Eastwood campus.

The families are invited onto the campus before the children are released for lunch. They find a shady spot, spread out a blanket, and await their excited

student. When the bell rings, our students all rush out to seek their families and enjoy a warm, sunny day and meal among their friends. The proud students also get an opportunity to show off the campus, and then, with full tummies, usher their parents to the playground where they can demonstrate their sweet monkey bar skills.

Our students have worked so hard these past few years, and they have shown an admirable amount of resilience despite a great deal of adversity. It was truly wonderful to see our families put it all aside for one afternoon to relax on the grass and share a meal with loved ones.



Finley *Computer Science Magnet School*

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Pam LeMuix
Principal

Junior Coach Program

Finley Computer Science Magnet is excited to launch our new Junior Coach program, aimed at building leadership opportunities for our fourth and fifth graders and supporting a healthy and inclusive recess for all. Junior Coaches work with our younger students during their recess time to develop a healthy and safe play. They teach students to solve problems by using “roshambo” or

rock-paper-scissors, lead them in core recess games like switch and handball. As a peer leader, they model positive play language like “Good job. Nice Try!” “It’s really fun to help the kindergartners. They love playing with us and I like being able to help them learn to play,” says fourth grader McKinley. The Junior Coach program is part of Finley’s commitment to providing an engaging and safe environment for play. The benefits of an effective recess impact students in many ways, including physically, social-emotionally and academically.



Fryberger *Elementary School of Environmental Science*

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Michelle Scheiber
Principal

Family Science Fun

Spring is here and the weather is warm enough for our family night events to return to Fryberger. Our first annual Family Science night was a great success. Our wonderful PTA hosted hands-on science activities for students and their families. Activities included learning about the moon phases with cookies, learning about density, learning about sea life, and petting a live

stingray and lobster. Students were able to take home a plant of their choice, choosing between various flowers and vegetables. Students used their imaginations and built forts and other structures and played for hours. Our most popular activities were using engineering and design techniques. Students and families had to build a bridge out of index cards and straws to hold 100 pennies. Families showed off their creativity and engineering techniques when building the tallest tower.. All had a great time and we can't wait to continue this new event.



Student excited to take home a plant and watch it grow.

Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

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Mark Murphy
Principal

Para Educator of the Year

It is with great pleasure to announce that Stacey Barajas has been named Westminster School District's Para Educator of the year. Stacey has been a para educator for the last seven years at Hayden but has been part of the Hayden family for much longer. Both of her children, Sophia and James, attended Hayden and Stacey played a big role on our PTA for many years. She

volunteered many hours to Hayden and our students. Her husband, Peter Barajas, also worked at Hayden for many years as our ESP director. The Barajas family has had a big impact on Hayden for many years and we cannot thank them enough for all they have done. Stacey has earned the admiration and respect from her peers and truly cares about all the students she works with. Congratulations to Stacey Barajas for this well-earned recognition of being Westminister School District's Para Educator of the Year!



Johnson *Middle School (6–8)*

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Daniel Owens
Principal

Music Department

Johnson Middle School recently welcomed back parents and families onto campus for its Open House. Staff and students were given an opportunity to showcase all of the amazing things they have worked on this year from their core content areas as well as the numerous enrichment programs they are involved in. Some wonderful highlights

were our 8th grade students reading their poetry, Drama student's showcasing scenes from the musical "Annie" and our Music department performing various songs. This year we were also able to have our woodshop students display their craftsmanship. It was truly great to have families on campus enjoying the excitement and celebrating their students' accomplishments. It was even more wonderful to have our amazing and talented Johnson Warriors proudly displaying their hard work.



**The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.**

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Nicole Baitx-Kennedy
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The Week of the Young Child

The Week of the Young Child was a wonderful celebration full of fun activities for our young students. Every day was a new theme; Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. Students in each classroom collaborated along with their teachers to decide how they wanted to celebrate each of the theme days. They choose what songs they wanted to listen to or danced along with, what foods they wanted to make, which projects they wanted to work on, and what

they wanted to share about their families. Some children created their own musical instruments, fruit loop bracelets, yogurt parfaits, pizza, and guacamole with tortillas. Others cooked fried rice and baked cookies. One group created their own “Ants on a log” inspired by the “Up, Down, and Around” book. Students also worked together to build towers, castles, schools self-portraits, paintings, and a Welcome Poster. The children really enjoyed this fun-filled week of celebrations!



“The children are building using 3D materials”- Mrs. Guzman



“The kids created their own pizza by choosing their favorite toppings!”- Mrs. Karam

Meairs *Elementary (K-5)*

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Dr. Kathy Kane
Principal

Looking Forward to Middle School

As the end of the year approaches, we start to look ahead to next year. For our fifth graders that means it is time to start thinking about middle school. On Friday, April 29, they were able to visit Warner Middle School to find out what a day in the life of a middle school student looks like. They discovered that it is much different

from what they are used to at elementary school. Instead of one teacher, they will have up to six. They learned what a passing period and an elective class is. They were not happy to learn that recess will be a thing of the past. However, after visiting what will become their new home for the next three years they are not quite as fearful as they were when they left on the bus to visit the campus. They came back excited and ready for their next adventure as middle school students.



Fifth graders visit middle school.

Schmitt *Elementary (K-5)*

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Orchid Rocha
Principal

Engineering & Design at Schmitt School

Schmitt Teachers have been working on planning a variety of lessons to develop students' engineering and design skills. Many of our spring projects included building catapults, bridges, fences, and strong structures that could not be blown down. Most recently, I enjoyed the collaboration of

Kindergarten and 5th-grade students as they took a variety of materials to build bridges and towers. It was great to see every single student completely engaged in thinking, planning, designing, and negotiating as a team. By learning the engineering design process, children practice their speaking skills and build their problem-solving skills. These skills will transfer to other disciplines, such as language arts, math, and science.



Schroeder *Elementary (K-6)*

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Carrie Hernandez
Principal

Our Families are Back!

On April 7 we were excited to welcome our families back to campus with our PTA sponsored Lunch on the Lawn! All Schroeder families were invited to eat lunch with their children during the regular lunch schedule. The lawn turned into a picnic area with benches, lawn chairs, and blankets. Many of our family members and loved ones joined

the student body in this wonderful event! The PTA's mission is to "work diligently to provide continuity between students, families, and staff to improve education by supporting staff, encouraging students, and creating a sense of community." Creating community is a win, win for everyone – parents, families, staff, and most importantly the children. Thank you to everyone who joined us and for always supporting Schroeder! Our community is the best!



Sequoia Academy

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April Derr
Principal

GATE Showcase

In April, Sequoia Academy held a GATE Showcase and Open House for our community. It was thrilling to be back on campus with our families to celebrate all the success our students have had this year. Our students, alongside their teachers, displayed their learning through project based, cross-curricular learning activities. They have worked hard to develop research, writing, and

speaking skills on topics they have been studying. Students were able to think like disciplinarians as they developed their work using higher-level thinking skills, and using depth and complexity prompts, and AVID strategies. Some students thought like a historian as they highlighted their work on ancient civilizations. Some thought about patterns and trends as they used math and marketing to create useful inventions. Even our kindergarteners showed off how they were thinking like a meteorologist by created weather reports. We are so proud of all of our amazing scholars!



Stacey *Middle School*

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Wendy Baird
Principal

Spring Awards BBQ

At Stacey Middle School, we like to recognize and honor those students who excel in their academics and exemplify respect. Students at Stacey are expected to demonstrate respect for themselves, others, learning,

environment, and property at all times. We had a Spring BBQ to honor and celebrate students who earned a 3.0 or above on their trimester 2 report card and earned citizenship and work habit grades of Satisfactory or Outstanding. There were a total of 611 students who were eligible to attend our Spring BBQ! That means approximately 70% of our students earned a 3.0 or higher. At the BBQ, students were able to enjoy food, listen to music, play games, and socialize with their friends. Some of the activities included badminton, ping pong, corn hole, horseshoes, volleyball, and basketball. The students and staff had a great time. We are so proud of our Stacey scholars!



Warner *Middle School (6-8)*

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Dr. Kenneth Lopour
Principal

Celebrating Academic Achievement

Our Warner Middle School staff and students continue to work incredibly hard as this 2021-2022 school year comes to an end, and they are finding great success in both their academic and extra-curricular pursuits. At the end of our second trimester we were able to award over 570 of our students with either a Faculty Award (those earning a 3.0-3.5 GPA), or the Principal's Award (those earning a 3.5-4.0)! This means that over

half of our total student population has earned academic honors, which represents a significant increase over the first trimester.

To celebrate these students, we recently threw them a massive cook-out picnic complete with tons of great food, fun activities, a DJ, and an amazing handball tournament.

Everyone had a great time, and our entire staff could not be more proud of them.

Another exciting project to report on is that we have made a significant investment in our school library. We know that literacy is one of the most important skills a student can acquire while in middle school, and we at Warner also believe that the more books we can get into the hands of our students the better. We also know that our students love graphic novels, Manga, and chapter books, and so we invested over \$11,000 in new books for our library and then created a massive new section just to house everything!

We hope that this will encourage our students to read as much as possible, and in doing so, help them find success in their academic and professional pursuits. It has been an amazing year so far, and yet there are still many great end-of-the-year activities to look forward to.

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Robert Murdock
Principal

New School Garden

This month, our school proudly opened our new school garden. With help from our amazing district maintenance team, we were able to put in garden plots for every grade level. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Brian Johnson, Westminster's Executive Director of Facilities, who arranged for the new garden plots and

soil. Another big thank you to Mr. Keith Tracy, one of our amazing sixth grade teachers, for rallying his students to distribute the new soil, and prepare it for planting. Another exciting development for Webber was the recognition of our 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year, Michelle Chamberlain! We are very proud of all her accomplishments. We are also very lucky to have her on our staff at Webber!



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Cinco de Mayo Celebración

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Willmore Dual Language Academy honors diversity in our Cinco de Mayo celebration, which reflects the regional diversity within our Latino and Mexican community. Our student performances include dances traditional to different regions in Mexico, including the Xochipitzahua dance of the Aztecs, which blends Spanish and native Mexican cultures in Jalisco's La Serpiente

dance, and we celebrated contributions of Mexican Americans to the culture, including a song from Selena Quintanilla, the undisputed Queen of Tejano Music.

Huge thanks goes out to Lulu Pedraza, Aida Ocampo, Natalie Juan-Tapia, and Juan Cortez for organizing and donating to this wonderful event that brings our community together. Students are practicing their dance daily and hours have been put into creating costumes from the different regions in Mexico. Our Thunderbirds will be performing for the entire school, as well as the Westminster School District Board and 150th Anniversary Celebration. They are so excited and we are beyond proud!



Ms. Shook's 4th grade dancers practice with Ms. Pedraza and Ms. Ocampo for Cinco de Mayo: Natalie, Vyanni, Evelyn, Kattie, Kimberly.

Daniel's Review



Daniel H.

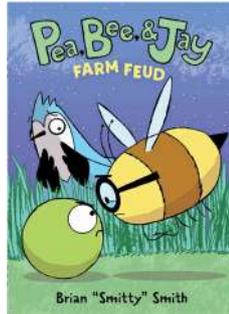
Best Friends Forever?

Title: *Pea, Bee, & Jay: Farm Feud*

Author: Brian "Smitty" Smith

Best friends

Pea (a pea), Bee (a bee), and Jay (a bird) are back in this fourth book of the Pea, Bee, & Jay



series! Pea and Bee are arguing so Jay decides to go find new best friends. Then Pea and Bee try to find new best friends too. At the same time, there is a hungry snake who wants to eat them all! I really liked this funny book with cute characters who are silly and have good hearts. Read this book to find out what happens to them and also to learn the lesson that you should never forget about the friends you have.

Daniel is in second grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, soccer, and basketball.

David's Review



David H.

A Tortoise and Love

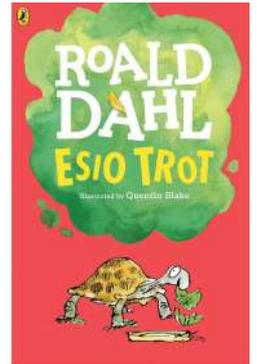
Title: *Esio Trot*

Author: Roald Dahl

Esio Trot is about

a very shy man named Mr. Hoppy and the woman he likes, Mrs. Silver.

Mrs. Silver loves her beloved pet tortoise Alfie and will do anything to make him grow. Mr. Hoppy comes up with a clever plan to make Alfie bigger and have Mrs. Silver fall in love with him. Read this book to find out what happens and if his plan works. I liked this story so much that I've read it multiple times! If you like tortoises and a little bit of love, you should definitely read this book.



David is in fourth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tennis, and basketball.

Yoona's Review



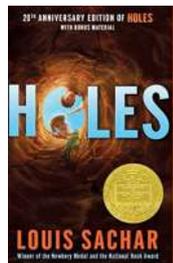
Yoona C.

Holes of Everything

Title: *Holes*

Author: Louis Sachar

This book has lots of themes like friendship and more! The main character of this book is Stanley. He was a 14 year old boy with no friends. He was bullied



at school. He goes to a horrible camp just because he did "something" without any evidence. The horrible thing about the camp is you have to dig very big holes. I mean big. The worst part, it's in the desert. You might think you could just have water to survive, but you have limited amounts of water! Stanley finally gets friends in the camp! He makes deals and has fun with his friends, although some "friends" turn out to be fake. He does get in trouble lots of times in the camp still without evidence. He experienced lots of hardships, but he survived. Yes, the camp was horrible, but there were some good parts! Find out what happens next!

Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

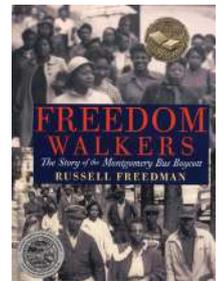
Boycott of the Century

Title: *Freedom Walkers*

Author: Russell Freedman

The bus. The bus is the place where many Civil right movements have started. Buses are more influential than some books. Could you

believe, back then, MLK didn't know he was going to make one of the most popular speeches throughout history? Did you know John Lewis didn't know he was going to work with a bunch of different races and be treated equally? Did you know Claudette Colvin didn't know she was going to start a bus boycott? These all happened because they didn't know what was going to happen but they did it anyway and most importantly, somehow connected to the bus. I recommend this book to people who want to stand up for what's right.



Jenna is a 6th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and drawing. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Who is BOB?

Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead is a magical fiction about a girl who helps an old friend find home. Olivia (Livy) is 10 years old when she travels to Australia to visit her grandmother she hasn't seen in 5 years. Livy doesn't remember



much from her last visit to grandma's, but when she sees Bob, she has a feeling she may have known him. Bob is a short greenish creature in a chicken suit. He doesn't know who he is. He doesn't remember anything about his family or where he came from. When Livy was 5, she promised she would help him find home. Bob has been waiting in her closet at grandma's house for Livy's return ever since. Livy and Bob become closer friends as they try to unravel the mystery of where Bob came from.

This book is sweet, emotional, and magical with a touch of suspense. I also learned more about friendship from the book. I give this book 5 stars.

Kailani is a 4th grader who loves to read. When not playing with her brother, Kailani likes to listen to music, ride horses, and play board games. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

Taeyoung's Book Review

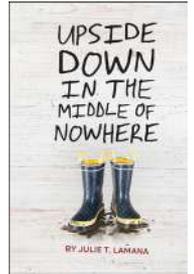


Taeyoung K.

Love and Courage

Title: *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*

Author: Julie T. Lamana
Alex, Betsy, Donna,
Elsa, and Fiona. Do you
know what these are?



They are not the names of
my friends. They are all
hurricane's names. This book is about
a girl and her family who lived in the
Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans where
'Hurricane Katrina' hit.

Armani Curtis is waiting for her 10th birthday. She is very excited for her birthday and looking forward to it. It seems that everything goes well. However, Hurricane Katrina hits her town on her birthday. What will happen to her and her family? Can she go through with this hard time? What do the boots in the book cover mean for her?

This is a realistic fiction story for upper graders. As you read the book, I am sure that you can find yourself cheering for Armani.

Taeyoung K. is a 6th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.

Novelist –Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com Please put Westminster in the subject line.

Entries must be received by July 15, 2022

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

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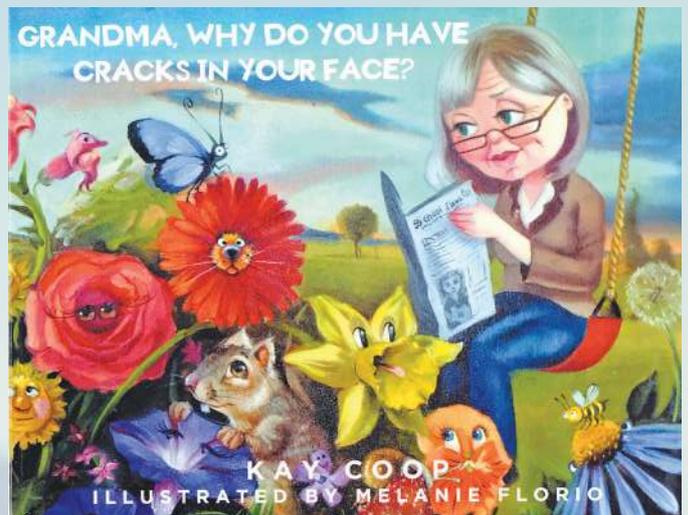


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Debbie Chiong & Huong Luynh
Winners of our March Word Search Contest!



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