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## Schools to Watch



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**Lakeside MS**

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## Measure LL

I hope you and your family are enjoying the Spring! I wish to update you on an upcoming issue affecting our continued vision for safe, healthy, and award-winning schools.

While we all take pride in the fact that our District is one of the top performing in our area, as you well know, many of our schools were built 70 years ago. Like old homes, school sites need continued health and safety repairs including testing for asbestos and lead.

### **That is why our Board of Education recently decided to place Measure LL on the June 7th Ballot.**

If passed by voters, Measure LL funding will help our District repair deteriorating bathrooms, leaky roofs, cracked asphalt and aging playgrounds; upgrade air filtration and purification and security systems; improve plumbing and electrical wiring, and make upgrades to meet current earthquake safety standards and fulfill accessibility requirements for disabled students.

The proposed Measure LL plan also includes funding to upgrade outdated electrical wiring, improve science, engineering, and computer instruction, and enhance Internet access, which will help ensure all students continue to have access to computers and instructional technology.

Measure LL is an \$36,000,000 school bond measure. If passed, it will cost homeowners 3 cents per \$100 of assessed value for a maximum financing term of up to thirty-two years.

For more information about Measure LL, visit <https://www.llcsd.net>

To register to vote for the June 7, 2022 election online, visit: [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov)



**Dr. Bill Crean**  
*Superintendent*

## Measure LL

Espero que usted y su familia estén disfrutando de esta primavera! Les escribo para darle una actualización sobre un tema próximo respecto a nuestra continua visión de tener escuelas seguras, saludables y reconocidas.

Si bien todos nos sentimos orgullosos de que nuestro Distrito es uno de los de mejor desempeño en nuestra área, como bien saben, muchas de nuestras escuelas se construyeron hace 70 años. Al igual que las casas antiguas, los planteles escolares necesitan reparaciones continuas relacionadas con la salud y seguridad, incluyendo pruebas de asbesto y plomo.

### **Es por esta razón que nuestra Junta de Educación recientemente tomó la decisión de colocar la Medida LL en la Boleta Electoral del próximo 7 de Junio.**

Si los votantes la aprueban, los fondos de la Medida LL ayudarán a nuestro Distrito a reparar baños deteriorados, techos con goteras, asfalto agrietado y patios de recreo obsoletos; así como a actualizar los sistemas de filtración y purificación de aire y los sistemas de seguridad; mejorar la plomería y el cableado eléctrico y realizar actualizaciones para cumplir con los estándares actuales de seguridad contra sismos y cumplir con los requisitos de accesibilidad para estudiantes con discapacidades.

El plan propuesto de la Medida LL también incluye fondos para actualizar el antiguo cableado eléctrico, mejorar la instrucción en ciencias, ingeniería e informática y mejorar el acceso a Internet, lo que ayudará a garantizar que todos los estudiantes continúen teniendo acceso a computadoras y tecnología educativa.

La Medida LL es una medida de bonos escolares de \$36,000,000. Si se aprueba, le costará a los propietarios 3 centavos por cada \$100 del valor catastral por un plazo máximo de financiamiento de hasta treinta y dos años. Para obtener más información sobre la Medida LL, visite <https://www.llcsd.net>

Para registrarse en línea para votar en las elecciones del 7 de Junio de 2022, visite: [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov)

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## We are Thankful

As each school year comes to an end, one cannot help but reflect on the many successes of the school year as well as the positive aspects of our schools and district. As members of the Little Lake City School District, we definitely have much to be thankful for.

We are thankful for:

- The privilege to educate 4,100 students with limitless potential who remind us every day why we entered this profession.
- The active support of our students' parents and guardians who entrust us with the formal education of their children.
- Teachers who responded to a professional calling and who do "whatever it takes" to ensure our students succeed.
- A talented support staff that literally keeps the district running and enables teachers to perform their jobs.
- Administrators who lead at the school and district levels and who model the core values of commitment, collaboration, passion and determination.
- A strong web of community support provided by business and civic leaders that reinforces our effectiveness in serving students.
- A Board of Education that works as a team and maintains the needs of students and the district as their top priority.

We wish all of our students and families the best as we move to the end of another school year. We look forward to coming back in August for another successful year of teaching and learning.

## Estamos Agradecidos

Como cada año escolar llega a su fin, uno no puede dejar de reflejar sobre los muchos éxitos del año escolar, así como los aspectos positivos de nuestras escuelas y distritos. Como miembros del Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City, definitivamente tenemos mucho que agradecer.

Estamos agradecidos por:

- El privilegio de educar a 4,100 estudiantes con un potencial ilimitado que nos recuerdan cada día por qué entramos en esta profesión.
- El apoyo activo de los padres y tutores de nuestros alumnos que nos confían la educación formal de sus hijos.
- Los maestros que respondieron a una vocación profesional y que hacen "lo que sea necesario" para asegurar que nuestros estudiantes tengan éxito.
- Un talentoso personal de apoyo que literalmente mantiene el distrito en funcionamiento y hace posible que los profesores sigan desempeñando su labor.
- Administradores que dirigen a nivel escuela y a nivel distrito y que son modelo de los valores fundamentales de compromiso, colaboración, pasión y determinación.
- Una fuerte red de apoyo de la comunidad, proporcionado por líderes empresariales y cívicos, que refuerza nuestra eficacia en el servicio a los estudiantes.
- Un Consejo de Educación que trabaja en equipo y mantiene las necesidades de los alumnos y el distrito como su principal prioridad.

Les deseamos lo mejor a todos nuestros estudiantes y familias a medida que avanzamos hacia el final de otro año escolar. Esperamos volver en agosto para otro año exitoso de enseñanza y aprendizaje.

## **Little Lake Middle Schools Again Named National Schools to Watch**

Little Lake City School District is excited to announce that Lake Center Middle School and Lakeside Middle School have been redesignated as National Schools to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

“The initial and redesignation process consists of a lengthy application process, an analysis of school practices, and a site validation visit. Little Lake City School District is honored to have completed the processes and have both middle schools going on a combined seven years as National Schools to Watch campuses,” expresses Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Bill Crean.

On October 28, 2021, the National Forum conducted a Schools to Watch redesignation visit at Lake Center Middle School. The National Forum then recommended Lake Center Middle School for a Schools to Watch redesignation. Lake Center Middle School has been designated as a National School to Watch in 2016, 2019, and just recently, 2021.

Jack Sokoloff, the Lake Center Middle School Principal, shares, “This is the second time Lake Center has been redesignated as a National School to Watch, which is a true testament to our faculty and staff’s hard work and dedication to our student’s education.”

Last school year, a Schools to Watch redesignation visit was also conducted by the National Forum at Lakeside Middle School, where they made the same recommendation. Lakeside Middle School has been designated as a National School to Watch in 2015, 2018, and 2021.

“We look forward to celebrating the redesignation of Lakeside at both the state and national conferences to honor the efforts our faculty and staff take to enhance student learning opportunities that prepare them for success in high school and beyond,” states Lakeside Middle School Principal Ana Gutierrez.

Lake Center Middle School and Lakeside Middle School were honored in March at the California Schools to Watch Conference in Monterey, CA. On a national level, both middle schools will also be recognized at the upcoming Schools to Watch National Conference in Washington D.C in June.

## **Las Escuelas Secundarias de Little Lake han sido nombradas de Nuevo como National Schools to Watch**

Al Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City le emociona anunciar que la Escuela Secundaria Lake Center y Escuela Secundaria Lakeside han sido redesignadas como Escuelas Nacionales que Observar por el Foro nacional para acelerar la reforma de grados intermedios.

“El proceso inicial y de redesignación consiste en un largo proceso de solicitud, un análisis de prácticas escolares y una visita de validación al sitio escolar. El Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City se siente honrado por haber completado los procesos y de tener ambas escuelas secundarias durante siete años combinados como planteles de Escuelas Nacionales que Observar,” expresa el Superintendente de Escuelas, Dr. Bill Crean.

El 28 de octubre de 2021, el Foro Nacional realizó una visita de redesignación de Escuelas que Observar en la Escuela Secundaria Lake Center. El Foro Nacional entonces recomendó a la Escuela Secundaria Lake Center para la redesignación de Escuela que Observar. La Escuela Secundaria Lake Center fue designada como una Escuela Nacional que Observar en el 2016, 2019, y recientemente, el 2021.

Jack Sokoloff, el Director de la Escuela Secundaria Lake Center, comparte, “Esta es la tercera vez que Lake Center ha sido redesignada como una Escuela Nacional que Observar, lo cual es un verdadero testimonio al trabajo arduo de nuestra facultad y personal y su dedicación a los estudios de nuestros estudiantes.”

El año pasado, la visita de redesignación de Escuelas que Observación también fue realizada por el Foro Nacional en la Escuela Secundaria de Lakeside, donde hicieron la misma recomendación. La Escuela Secundaria Lakeside fue designada como Escuela Nacional que Observar en el 2015, 2018 y el 2021.

“Esperamos entusiasmadamente celebrar la redesignación de Lakeside en las conferencias estatales y nacionales para honrar los esfuerzos de nuestra facultad y del personal para mejorar las oportunidades de aprendizaje para los estudiantes que los prepara para el éxito en la preparatoria y más allá,” declara la Directora de la Escuela Secundaria Lakeside, Ana Gutiérrez.

La Escuela Secundaria Lake Center y la Escuela Secundaria Lakeside fueron honradas en Marzo durante la Conferencia de Escuelas que Observar de California en Monterey, CA. En Junio las dos secundarias serán también reconocidas a nivel nacional en la próxima Conferencia Nacional de Escuelas que Observar en Washington D.C.



# Little Lake Educational Advancement Foundation

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The Little Lake Educational Advancement Foundation, LLEAF, held its tenth annual golf tournament on Friday, March 11, 2022 at the City of Montebello Golf Course. The tournament was again a success with more than 100 golfers registered for a day of great fun contributing toward a great cause: supporting the educational program for the school district's 4,100 students. The tournament included a round of eighteen holes of golf, a hosted lunch and impressive prizes. Special thanks go to the many individuals who made this year's tournament a success, especially: our corporate sponsors and friends of Little Lake who sponsored the event and donated prizes for the event; the LLEAF Board of Directors for their volunteered time spent organizing and running the event; the Cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs for their promotion of the tournament and of course, the many golfers who chose to support this very worthwhile effort.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the LLEAF golf tournament will be used to fund mini-grants submitted by Little Lake teachers this coming fall of 2022. The grants will provide experiences and supplies that will enrich the education of our students in the coming school year.

Please join us for the eleventh annual LLEAF golf tournament in March 2023. Your involvement in this event will directly impact the schools, classrooms and students of the Little Lake School District.

La Fundación para el Progreso Educativo de Little Lake, LLEAF, llevó a cabo su décimo torneo anual de golf el viernes 11 de marzo de 2022, la Ciudad de Montebello Campo de Golf. El torneo fue otra vez un éxito, ya que mas de 100 golfistas se registraron para tener un día de gran diversión contribuyendo al mismo tiempo a una gran causa: apoyar el programa educativo para 4,100 estudiantes del distrito escolar. El torneo incluyó una ronda de dieciocho hoyos de golf, se ofreció un almuerzo y impresionantes premios. Un especial agradecimiento a todas las personas que hicieron del torneo de este año un éxito, sobre todo: a nuestros patrocinadores corporativos y amigos de Little Lake que patrocinaron el evento y donaron premios para el evento; al Consejo de Administración de la LLEAF por su tiempo dedicado para organizar y realizar el evento; a las Ciudades de Norwalk y Santa Fe Springs por su promoción del torneo y por supuesto, a los numerosos golfistas que decidieron apoyar este valioso esfuerzo.

El cien por ciento de los ingresos del torneo de golf LLEAF serán utilizados para financiar mini-subvenciones presentadas por los maestros de Little Lake el próximo otoño de 2022. Las subvenciones proporcionarán experiencias y materiales que enriquecerán la educación de nuestros estudiantes en el próximo año escolar.

Únase a nosotros en el noveno LLEAF torneo anual de golf en marzo de 2023. Su participación en este evento tendrá un impacto directo en las escuelas, clases y estudiantes del Distrito Escolar de Little Lake.

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This year is quickly coming to a close and it has certainly been a challenging year; however, as you read the articles in this issue you understand the students were focused on academics.

We've included our popular student book reviews on pages 16-18. If your child would like to be a columnist reviewing favorite books, please email me for information. This is a perfect time while they are reading during the summer.

Our next issue is November 2nd. Have a wonderful summer and please remember to include the library among your reading choices.



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## Does Your Child have Allergies... Or is it a Cold? Here's How to Find Out.



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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.

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

The [Allergy Program](#) at the [Children's Pulmonary Institute](#) at [MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach](#) pediatric allergists use allergy tests to identify allergens that may be causing your child's allergies. The allergy tests performed are:

- Skin Prick Testing
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**Linda Rigg**  
Principal

### Positive and Productive

The 2021–22 school year is almost over, and it has been so busy and went by way too fast! We are so excited to be able to have our students back on campus full-time.

In spite of the constraints of the ongoing pandemic, our students, staff and families have worked very hard and accomplished a lot this year. In addition to the powerful learning that was happening in our classrooms, we addressed the social-emotional needs of the students in a variety of ways. Monthly spirit events were held for the students to acknowledge and reinforce positive behavior. Families attended our Awards Assemblies virtually so that we could acknowledge the accomplishments of our students.



Although we could not hold in-person family events, we hosted several drive-through events in their place. Most recently, we hosted a parent-appreciation event to say thank you to everyone for their support.

The teamwork allowed us to make this year positive and productive. Way to go, Team Cresson!





# Jersey Avenue *Elementary*

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**Denise  
Frenes-Gomez**  
*Principal*

## Looking Back in Gratitude

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to thank our families, students and staff for an amazing school year. Despite the challenges we continued to face from the pandemic, our students and staff pushed through and persevered.

It was wonderful to experience a full year of in-person instruction and have our students back on campus. We had many exciting moments to be proud of: SEL lessons provided by our counselor, Mrs. Delgado; many PBIS events and activities organized by our PBIS coach, Miss Worcester; intervention and after-school tutoring organized by our TOSA, Mrs. Wollenberg; STEM classes for our GATE students; Spirit Days; Student of the Month; Kinder/Fifth Grade Buddies; Fifth-Grade Science Camp; Board Game Tuesdays; Community Dodger Game; new sensory equipment; and so much more!



We are so grateful to have been able to provide our students with wonderful experiences this year. We continue to encourage our Eagles to SOAR every day inside and outside the classroom by showing safety, ownership, achievement and respect. We look forward to a successful end to the school year. Wishing our families and staff a restful summer!





## Lake Center *Middle School*

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**Jack Sokoloff**  
*Principal*

### Whatever It Takes!

Lake Center Middle School has multiple avenues to support student well-being. In addition to the healthy meals provided from our wonderful kitchen staff our two counselors, Ms. Tanious and Ms. Dahle, are here to support the emotional needs of our students. As students returned from at-home learning, they played a very important role



**Ms. Tanious and Ms. Dahle**

on our campus. They regularly meet with both individual and groups of students to provide strategies they need for success. There are also many campus events that they plan related to our monthly themes such as kindness and college/career readiness. Our students know their voices are heard when speaking to our counselors. We are very fortunate to have this layer of support for our students.

## Lakeland *Elementary*

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**Georgette  
Baltierrez-  
Manohorathat**  
*Principal*

### Thanks Are in Order!

The 2021–22 school year is quickly coming to an end. We have had a wonderful year here at Lakeland Elementary School. It is truly amazing how much has been achieved by our students, staff and parents in this school year. Our school is successful because of the ongoing collaboration among our parents, teachers, students and staff members.

We had a successful opening to our school year. Even with the everchanging COVID-19 protocols, our school community was able

to persevere and have a successful year. This school year, we added a few components to support students' social-emotional needs. In addition to the Second Step Program already taught in the classrooms, our full-time school counselor, Ms. Duphily, has implemented biweekly social-emotional lessons in each classroom and focused mini-lessons. She also hosts Dance Party Thursdays every week!



A special thanks goes to our Student Leadership Team for continuing to promote school spirit. Once again, our Student Leadership Team helped us set behavioral expectations with assemblies in August and January. The Student Leadership Team also did morning announcements and planned all-school spirit days. Once again, Lu Visi has done an amazing job working with our student leadership team. Thank you, Student Leadership Team and Ms. Visi!

Our PTA did a wonderful job this year supporting us with fund-raising and helping us put on school events. Thank you, PTA, for your commitment to our school and students.

Parents, thank you for your continued support of our school. Without your help and support, our success would not be possible. We especially would like to thank our parent volunteers. Your dedication to our school is extremely valuable. Thank you for dedicating your time to support our school and students. Your continuous commitment and dedication to our school are what make Lakeland a great school!



## Lakeside *Middle School*

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**Ana Gutierrez**  
*Principal*

### Open House

Our first in-person Open House event (since two years ago) was a big success! We also invited our incoming sixth grade families (Aloha!) to join the fun and visit all sixth grade classrooms, meet the teachers and feel the friendly school culture here at Lakeside. Students and their families learned about middle school and the exciting experience that it will be for them in 22-23.

Our families of our current students joined us to visit classrooms, say hello to the teachers and staff and look at their own children's outstanding work samples. Our mascot, Maverick, see photo, also visited classrooms, gave high fives and posed for selfies. It was such a pleasure to see the school bursting with families, visiting classrooms, chatting with teachers and with their children about school. We are accepting new students



to Lakeside. Please contact Mrs. Gutierrez at 562.868.9422 or email at [agutierrez@llcsd.net](mailto:agutierrez@llcsd.net) for more information.

## Lakeview *Elementary*

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**Kelly Love**  
*Principal*

### GATE Program

Lakeview's GATE program has always been a fun and engaging experience for our gifted students. This year our GATE Coordinator, Ms. Cobian, organized four enrichment sessions. Students meet twice a week to participate in enrichment classes. Sessions this year include artist studies and painting, creating graphic novels, woodworking, and STEM activities. All

classes begin with a mini-lesson followed by hands-on self exploration of the activity. Our students are having an amazing time engaging their creativity and developing their knowledge in art, writing, and engineering.



**Lakeview GATE program**



## William Orr *Elementary*

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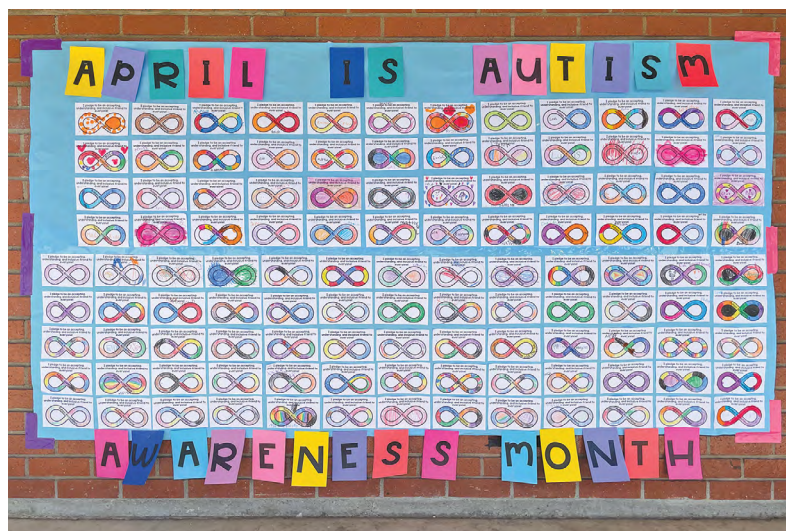
**Rebecca Casillas**  
Principal

### A Busy Month!

April has been quite a busy month for our Roadrunners! We kicked off the month with a chalk art PBIS event in which we created a school-wide mosaic. We also participated in two different fun and engaging assemblies: our Directed Draw assembly, where students created their own drawings, and our

Happiness is Now assembly, where we danced it out to get those endorphins flowing!

Our fifth-graders participated in a week-long fifth-grade Science Week in which they participated in many hands-on science activities, like dissecting owl pellets and launching rockets. We were also very excited to be able to open our doors once again to the community for our first in-person Open House since the pandemic began. It was so nice to see everyone on campus again, and our awesome student work on full display!



And last, but certainly not least, we have spent the entire month of April celebrating Autism Awareness Month with various Spirit Days, student messages, and recess activities. What a great month we had here at Orr!

## Paddison *Elementary*

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**Dr. Lorena Martinez-Vargas**  
Principal

### Great End to Year!

As the 2021–22 school year comes to an end, many highlights come to mind, reminding us that this year was different from previous years. Our students, their families and our staff adjusted to protocols that promoted social distancing and kept us all safe. Even with those challenges, we had a very successful school year. Focused, dynamic and engaging teaching and learning took place at Paddison. Kudos to our amazing teachers and students!

In addition to academics, we prioritized social-emotional learning and fun. Our teachers and school counselor

masterfully supported students, conducting lessons that guided them in building positive friendships, resolving conflicts, bullying prevention and being kind. Fun-filled spirit days and special events took place throughout the school year, making sure that our students had great 2021–22 memories. One of those events was a school cleanup day in recognition of Earth Day. Thank you, Panthers, for caring about your school and our planet.

Next academic year will be even better if we keep building positive and productive relationships with our families and our community partners. Let's embrace Paddison's motto and all work together. Good, better, best—never let it rest, until your good is better and your better is best!



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**Yasmin Ruiz**  
*Principal*

### Color Run Fun!

Studebaker held its second annual Color Run in April. PTA organized an amazing event with the help of parent volunteers. The students all wore white shirts, and as they ran around the track, volunteers would spray them with colored powder. They had the most amazing time! Their laughter every time they were sprayed was music to my ears!

Once they finished their running, the students were treated to water, juice and granola bars, and they even received a medal for completing the Color Run. The day culminated with Dunk the Principal. The class that reached 100% PTA membership first was able to dunk the principal in a dunk tank.

Ms. Martinez's Tk'ers won and were the first to try to dunk the principal. One Tk'er actually dunked the principal!

Students whose name I picked from the raffle also had a turn. Teachers were also invited to participate. The students cheered for one another and chanted "Get in the water!" to motivate each other to dunk me. The day was memorable for staff and students alike.



## Daniel's Review



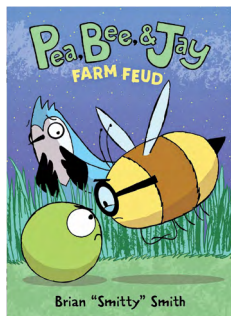
**Daniel H.**

### 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

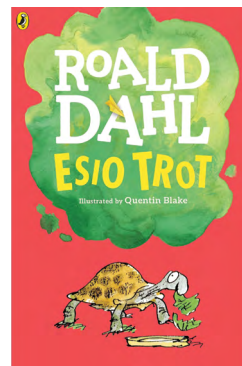
Title: *Esio Trot*

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.

## Jenna's Review



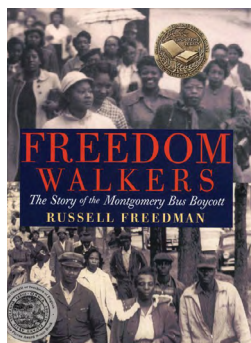
**Jenna C.**

### 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.





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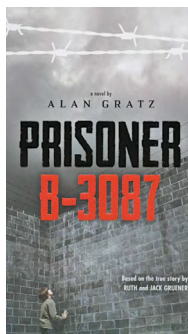
## Tegan's Book Review



Tegan

### True Courage

Based on the true story of Jack Gruener, *Prisoner B-3087*, a beautifully written realistic novel by Alan Gratz, describes a young Jewish boy's life which slowly breaks apart as Nazi soldiers



invade his city. On top of being snatched from his home and forced to work in 10 concentration camps, Yanek Gruener persevered through his hardships by never relinquishing his drive to survive. For example, even when Gruener suffered the pain of starvation and being tattooed, he did not flinch nor express his despair. In the end, he was rescued and reconnected with his neighbors and relatives by the American army; the story teaches readers about determination and self-control. Readers who enjoy sorrowful war tales will enjoy this historical fiction. I am reminded to have a heart of gratitude and to remain strong in challenging times.

Tegan Y. is a fourth grader who enjoys art, mountain biking, tap, writing and reading.

## Taegyong's Book Review



Taegyong 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.

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

## 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.



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