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## Thank You

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another school year. As always, I want to thank you for all the support you continually give to our students, teachers, schools, and district.

As I shared with the community earlier in the year, this will be my last year with the Little Lake City School District. As you all know I have made the very exciting decision to retire at the end of this current school year.

Beginning with the first day I entered a classroom as a teacher, and continuing throughout the many years that followed, I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every level of my career as an educator. However, it can honestly be said that without a doubt, the highlight of my career has been the years spent here in Little Lake. My time as Principal of both Lakeview and Lake Center was both enjoyable and rewarding. I will retire with a great deal of wonderful and fun memories of both sites. I am extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to spend the last seven years as your Superintendent and to work closely with all the school sites and departments within the district. I will leave Little Lake in June feeling very proud of our many accomplishments. More importantly, I will leave in June feeling honored to have worked with such a wonderful community that truly supports their schools and the education of their children. It has been an absolute joy working with all of you.

The decision to retire was not made in haste, as I love what I do. Throughout our time together we have accomplished some incredible things. However, I feel comfortable leaving LLCSD knowing that as we finally approach the end of the COVID pandemic, we have our high quality in-person instructional program back in place, the district is academically and fiscally strong, the community support of our schools and district is exceptionally high, and the initiatives we currently have in place will continue to move this district forward to greater levels of success. I personally am ready for this next phase of my life because of all the work we have done together over the years to make this an easy transition for all. I can retire at this time knowing that I have given my best to the Little Lake City School District, its students, staff, families, and communities.

I will always be appreciative for the incredible opportunity to work in what I believe to be the best district in California. I have grown personally and professionally during my 16 years here. I thank each of you; every student, every family, every community member, and every Board member for the support you have continually provided to me. My tenure here will forever be a significant part of who I am.



**Dr. Bill Crean**  
Superintendent

## Agradecerles

Es difícil creer que nos estamos acercando al final de otro año escolar. Como siempre, quiero agradecerles por todo el apoyo que dan continuamente a nuestros estudiantes, maestros, escuelas y distrito.

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Comenzando desde el primer día que entré a un salón de clases como maestro, y continuando a lo largo de los muchos años que siguieron, he disfrutado completamente todos y cada uno de los niveles de mi carrera como educador. Sin embargo, se puede decir honestamente que, sin duda, el punto culminante de mi carrera han sido los años que pasé aquí en Little Lake. Mi tiempo como Director de Lakeview y Lake Center fue agradable y gratificante. Me retiraré con muchos maravillosos y divertidos recuerdos de ambos sitios. Estoy extremadamente agradecido de haber tenido la oportunidad de pasar los últimos siete años como su Superintendente y trabajar cercanamente con todas las escuelas y departamentos del distrito. Dejaré Little Lake en junio sintiéndome muy orgulloso de nuestros muchos logros. Más importante aún, me iré en junio sintiéndome honrado de haber trabajado con una comunidad tan maravillosa que realmente apoya a sus escuelas y la educación de sus hijos. Ha sido un auténtico placer trabajar con todos ustedes.

La decisión de retirarme no se tomó a la ligera, ya que amo lo que hago. Durante nuestro tiempo juntos hemos logrado algunas cosas increíbles. Sin embargo, me siento satisfecho retirandome de LLCSD sabiendo que finalmente nos acercamos al final de la pandemia de COVID, tenemos nuestro excelente programa de instrucción en persona nuevamente bien establecido, el distrito esta académicamente y fiscalmente fuerte, el apoyo comunitario de nuestras escuelas y distrito es excepcionalmente alto, y las iniciativas que tenemos actualmente continuarán impulsando a este distrito hacia mayores niveles de éxito. Personalmente, estoy listo para esta próxima fase de mi vida gracias a todo el trabajo que hemos realizado juntos a lo largo de los años para que esta sea una transición fácil para todos. Puedo retirarme en este momento sabiendo que he dado lo mejor de mí al Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City, sus estudiantes, personal, familias y comunidades.

Siempre estaré agradecido por la increíble oportunidad de trabajar en lo que creo que es el mejor distrito de California. He crecido personal y profesionalmente durante mis 16 años aquí. Les agradezco a cada uno de ustedes; cada estudiante, cada familia, cada miembro de la comunidad y cada miembro de la mesa directiva por el apoyo que me han dado continuamente. Mi tiempo como Superintendente aquí siempre será una parte importante de quien soy.



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Dr. Crean begins this issue with his message on page 3. Personally, I would like to thank him for his commitment to education. Dr. Crean's enthusiasm is contagious. I wish him well in his retirement.

We have included student book reviews on pages 19-23 and a word search contest on page 21 (all ages may enter).

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Our next issue is November 1

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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 Board of Education, we definitely have much to be thankful for.

We are thankful for:

- The privilege to support the education of students with limitless potential who remind us every day why we love being Board members.
- 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 de la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City, definitivamente tenemos mucho que agradecer.

Estamos agradecidos por:

- El privilegio de apoyar la educación de estudiantes con un potencial ilimitado que nos recuerdan cada día por qué amamos ser miembros de la Junta.
- 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 Educational Advancement Foundation

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The Little Lake Educational Advancement Foundation, LLEAF, held its eleventh annual golf tournament on Friday, March 24, 2024 at the El Prado Golf Course in Chino Hills. 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 9 schools. 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 2023. 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 twelfth annual LLEAF golf tournament in March 2024. 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 undécimo torneo anual de golf el viernes 24 de marzo de 2023, en El Prado Campo de Golf situado en la ciudad de Chino Hills. 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 las 9 escuelas 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-subservenciones presentadas por los maestros de Little Lake el próximo otoño de 2023. Las subservenciones proporcionarán experiencias y materiales que enriquecerán la educación de nuestros estudiantes en el próximo año escolar.

Únase a nosotros en el duodécimo LLEAF torneo anual de golf en marzo de 2024. 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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**Erin Dunroe**  
*Principal*

## Stellar STEM Saturdays

This was Cresson's first year hosting STEM Saturday School events. The first event was held on March 11th and the second was held on April 29th. STEM education has a variety of benefits for elementary students such as: improving critical thinking skills, encouraging creativity and curiosity as well as enhancing communication and social-emotional skills. This enriching event

allowed students to circulate through separate activities in science, technology, engineering and math. Students investigated the adaptation of smell to determine if a smell could be food and explored the concept of momentum with hotwheels. Young engineers collaborated on designing and building a leprechaun tower and students created art using math. The students ended the day by playing coding games that taught concepts of computational thinking. During this event we provided students with breakfast, lunch and recess. We can't wait for our next stellar STEM Saturday!



**Two students work together to build a leprechaun tower that will hold the most coins.**



# Jersey Avenue *Elementary*

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**Denise Frenes-Gomez**  
*Principal*

## Thank You!

Thank you to our school community for a successful 2022-2023 school year! Every student, teacher, staff, and community member contributed to making Jersey an amazing place to be!

This was the first year since the start of the pandemic that we had a great sense of normalcy on campus. Jersey held many fun and exciting events this year: assemblies, on campus field trips, readers, fundraisers and celebrations! We kicked off the school year with an assembly to review our PBIS school-wide expectations. We also held a Kindness Challenge Kickoff, Count on Me: Character Counts assembly, Halloween Parade, Holiday and Spring Performances, and so much more! Throughout

the year we recognized our Students of the Month and VIP Students with a special lunch with our Eagle mascot. Our PTO organized several amazing school events for all of our students and families to enjoy: Book Fairs, Holiday Fest, Color Run, Field Day, among many other wonderful events. Our teachers did an outstanding job with our students in and out of the classroom and prepared them to continue to be successful in the years to come.

THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to making Jersey a wonderful place! To our Jersey Eagles and families returning next year, have a wonderful summer! Be safe, relax, and enjoy time with your families. I can't wait to see you in August to begin the new school year. To our 5th graders moving on to middle school, we wish them the best on their new journey. They will always be part of the Jersey family and an Eagle for life!



# Lake Center *Middle School*

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**Jack Sokoloff**  
*Principal*

## 8th Graders take Over the East Coast!

Forty-eight Lake Center 8th grade students spent an AWESOME 8-day trip touring the East Coast starting in Baltimore, MD where they visited Ft. McHenry where Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner. From there they headed to Washington, D.C. and explored the Smithsonian Museums, Monuments, the Capitol, George Washington's home. Their

stay in D.C. concluded at Arlington National Cemetery and the Changing of the Guard ceremony in which 4 students laid a wreath on behalf of the school. They also traveled to New York City and spent two days there touring Central Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Wall Street and the 911 Memorial pools. They also visited Salem, MA where they went on a tour of Nathaniel Hawthorne's House of the Seven Gables and saw a play about the 1642 Witch Trials. A big THANK YOU to everyone that helped make this trip possible!



# Lakeland *Elementary*

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**Georgette  
Baltierrez-  
Manohorathat**  
*Principal*

## Heartfelt Thanks

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of you, including the students, teachers and staff, on successfully completing another outstanding academic year. As the principal of this remarkable school, I feel privileged to be a part of such a supportive and dedicated community.

Our school has had a fulfilling and productive year. We introduced a new program called Saturday STEM Day, where students participated in various STEM activities and took home some amazing prizes. Moreover, our counselor continued to provide biweekly SEL lessons to our students. I would like to extend my gratitude to

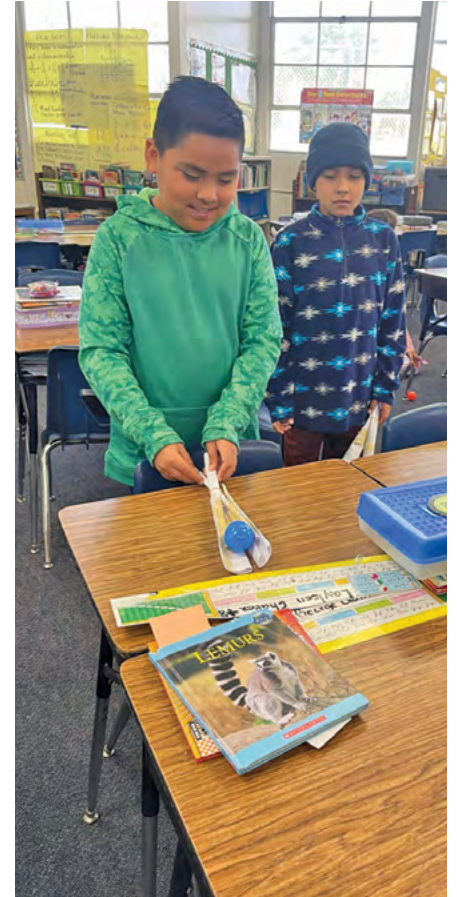


Ms. Lu Visi for leading us on our PBIS journey, which resulted in our school being awarded the Gold Status for our PBIS implementation. I also want to acknowledge our Student Leadership Team for their efforts in promoting school spirit and helping us set behavioral expectations through assemblies in August and January.

Our PTA has done an exceptional job of supporting our fund-raising efforts and organizing school events throughout the year. Their commitment to our school and students is commendable. I would also like to thank the parents for their unwavering support and dedication, which is integral to our success.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the teachers, staff and students for their tireless efforts in making this

academic year a success. It is your dedication and hard work that make Lakeland a remarkable school.





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**Ana Gutierrez**  
*Principal*

## A Fantastic Year

The 22-23 school year has been a fantastic year of learning, engagement and lots of fun activities. Students have demonstrated growth academically, socially, and emotionally. According to research, the middle years have been described as a ‘developmental switch point’ and a sensitive phase because it’s such a transformative phase of life with heightened sensitivity to the new middle school environment.

This year our environment offered some changes: a move to block schedule, new digitally based history and science programs, an exciting Robotics GATE program, musical performances, and school dances (!). I am proud that at Lakeside the prioritization of our students’ safety and mental and emotional well-being has been at the core of every decision we’ve made. As I say my good byes and begin a new chapter in my life, I leave with the hope of a bright future for my wonderful Lakeside school community. Go Mustangs!



# Lakeview *Elementary*

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**Kelly Love**  
*Principal*

## Lakeview Garden

It has been my dream to plant a garden at Lakeview since I first came to campus. As it happens, several other people shared that vision. In conjunction with support from our School Board, Little Lake City School District and our Lakeview PTO,

we are making that dream a reality. Each grade level has chosen a plant to grow with their students. The planters are arranged around brand new picnic tables to create an outdoor learning space that classes can use for instruction. It's going to be an incredible space for our students and it's only just the beginning! Planting will begin soon!



# William Orr *Elementary*

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**Rebecca Casillas**  
*Principal*

## Continuing to Celebrate Diversity

We are very excited to share the news that William Orr was recognized as a 2022 CSBA Golden Bell Winner for our celebrating diversity with the school's Autism Focus program! This award is given to honor the hard work and dedication of the governing boards and district staff members who create innovative programs that improve student achievement and well-being in the state's preK-12 public schools.

Our Autism Focus program is both exemplary and innovative. It has positively impacted our entire school culture, allowing us to celebrate diversity and function as one student body with the goal to become successful and caring citizens.

We did just that in April while celebrating Autism Awareness Month. Some examples of how we commemorated this event included teachers being provided with various instructional materials to use in their classrooms to help educate their students about autism and what they may see on campus. All of the students were also invited to sign our school-wide pledge, and have different students from our autism program share weekly facts about autism during the school's morning announcements.

Thanks to our fabulous and hard-working staff, and the support of our district personnel and board members, we are very honored to have received such a wonderful recognition, and to continue to be able to grow our autism program.





## Mental Health in Children

By: Ioana Pal, Psy.D., clinical psychologist, Stramski Children's Developmental Center, MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach

Mental health issues like anxiety, depression, and self-harm among children have risen in recent years, and can have long-lasting effects on a child's physical, emotional, and social development.

Factors that can affect a child's mental health include genetics, environment, and life experiences. Common mental health disorders in children include anxiety disorders, depression, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and behavior disorders. These conditions can impact a child's ability to learn in school, interact with others, and develop healthy relationships.

Parents and teachers play a crucial role in promoting positive mental health among children. Some strategies for support include providing a safe and supportive environment, encouraging open communication, promoting healthy habits like exercise and good nutrition, and seeking help when needed.

Recognizing the warning signs of mental health issues in

children is important. These may include changes in behavior, mood, sleep, or appetite. Additionally, a child may express feelings of sadness, worry, or fear, have difficulty concentrating or completing tasks, or exhibit physical symptoms such as headaches or stomachaches. They may also isolate more than before.

It's important not to minimize their feelings. Children need to feel safe coming to parents with their issues, and as parents it's important to ask them how they feel if there is a change in behavior.

Early intervention and treatment can significantly improve a child's mental health outcome. Treatment options may include therapy, medication, lifestyle changes or a combination tailored to each child's needs. By supporting their mental health, we can help children develop into healthy, resilient adults.



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# Paddison *Elementary*

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**Dr. Lorena  
Martinez-Vargas**  
*Principal*

## Building Positive Relationships

As the 2022-2023 school year comes to an end, there are many wonderful highlights for us to recall. Much focused, dynamic, and engaging teaching and learning has been taking place at

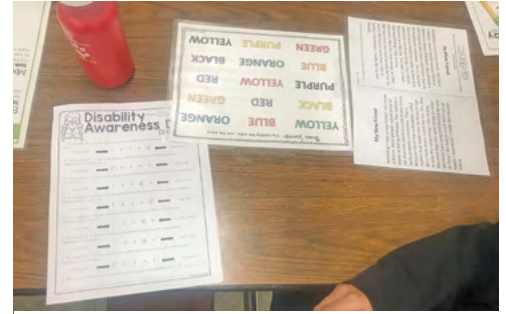
Paddison throughout the school year. Our students, families, and staff members have been coming together to support all of our students.

In addition to academics, we also prioritized social-emotional learning and fun. Our teachers and school counselor masterfully supported our students by conducting lessons that guided them in building positive friendships, resolving conflicts, preventing bullying, and being kind. Fun-filled spirit days and special events also took place throughout the school year as well.

One of those special events was a Disabilities Awareness Day. Students rotated through a series of stations in which they experienced what it would be like to be in school



**Working on Paddison's Garden.**



**Disability Awareness Day Station**

with a variety of disabilities. They also had the opportunity to invite their parents to experience the stations after school.

We are very excited to be working on the development of Paddison's new garden. Our garden will provide opportunities for science lessons, outside learning, and calm walks. Thank you Mr. Ramirez (second-grade teacher) for making this great idea come to fruition!

The next academic year will be even better if we keep building positive and productive relationships with our families and 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!

As always, Go Panthers!



**Students and parents at Disabilities Awareness Day.**

# Studebaker *Elementary*

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**Yasmin Ruiz**  
*Principal*

## A Huge Success

GATE has been a huge success this year. Miss Jackson has brought in many speakers to challenge and broaden the GATE students' knowledge. Students went on a field trip to the Cabrillo Beach Museum where they learned about all types of sea animals and even were able to see some in their natural habitat from the tidepools. The students took part in the Cube Workshops. In these workshops they learned about fossils and dissected owl pellets. The last speaker taught them about fossil fuel. How it goes from crude oil to gasoline. Students have truly enjoyed expanding their knowledge.



## Aubtin's Review



**Aubtin M.**

### Be Brave

Title: *Geronimo Stilton – The Treasure Of Easter Island*

Author: Elisabetta Dami

Geronimo Stilton is a best-selling author running a newspaper called The Rodent's Gazette. He lives in New Mouse City, Mouse



Island. Geronimo's sister Thea went to Easter Island in hope of finding treasure there. But then she was captured by pirates! Geronimo went to Easter Island looking for the same treasure in hope of finding Thea. Can Geronimo find Thea? Will he also find the treasure that Thea had been looking for in the first place? I recommend you read this book to find out.

This book is very funny and makes me laugh. I hope it will make you laugh too. This book also has very nice graphics and pictures.

Aubtin is a 1st Grader. When not playing, Aubtin does writing, reading, and drawing. He also likes sports, swimming, music, computers, and trains. He cares a lot about his family and friends.



## Daniel's Review



**Daniel H.**

### Crazy Medicine

*George's Marvelous Medicine* by Roald Dahl is a really funny book about a boy, George, who has to give his mean grandmother her medicine one day. George decides that her medicine is not



strong enough because she takes it every day but she doesn't get any nicer. Then he swaps his grandmother's medicine with medicine he makes using crazy ingredients. Funny things start to happen! You'll have to read the book to see what they are. It will make you laugh!

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

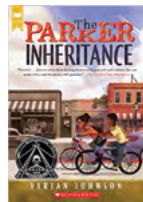
## Kailani's Review



**Kailani T.**

### Solve Clues for \$40 million!!!

*The Parker Inheritance* is a part historical and part realistic fiction written by Varian Johnson. The book is about a 12-year-old girl named Candice who spends a summer in her grandmother's house in Lambert, South Carolina after her parents'



divorce. Candice makes friends with Brandon, an 11-year-old neighbor. The children found an old mysterious letter in Candice's grandma's attic. The letter states that there is a multimillion-dollar fortune for whoever solves the clues. Is this letter real? What is the purpose of the person creating the clues? Will Candice and Brandon succeed in solving the mystery of the letter?

This is a complex book to read. I think readers can experience fun, mystery, and suspense all in this book. It is over 350 pages long, but I can hardly put the book down. There is also plenty of history readers can learn by reading this book. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars and would highly recommend it to anyone who likes mystery and suspense.

Kailani is a 5th grader who loves to read. When not reading, Kailani likes to play with her brother, jump on the trampoline, listen to music, and ride horses.

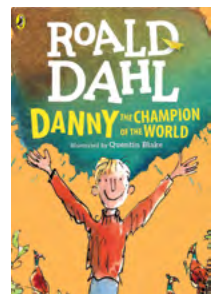
## David's Review



**David H.**

### Father and Son

*Danny the Champion of the World* by Roald Dahl is about Danny, who lives with his father, who runs a gas station. Danny's mom died when Danny was a



baby. He loves his father and thinks he is the best father in the world. Danny's father even taught him how to assemble a small car engine when he was 7! One night, Danny's father disappears and Danny goes out to find him. That's when Danny discovers his father's dark secret...

You'll have to read the book to find out more! I really liked this book because it has a lot of heartwarming moments, especially between Danny and his father. It also has many funny moments. I highly recommend this book!

David is in fifth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and activities such as tennis, basketball, and bowling.



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## Maple's Review



Maple

### A Dangerous Journey

Title: *The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone*

Author: Jaclyn Moriarty

Bronte is ten years old when her parents suddenly die. She lives with her Aunt Isabelle when she finds her parents' will. It says that she must visit all ten of her aunts, except for Aunt Isabelle, and give them gifts. There is ancient magic in the will, and if Bronte does not do what it says, then her town, Gainsleigh, will be ripped apart. On Bronte's journey, many wonderful things happen, such as visiting a beautiful library and learning to speak some of the Dragon language. This book has fun mini quests, and some pretty big ones too. If you enjoy books about danger and tough girls, you will love this book. I adored this book, and I bet you will too!



Maple is in 5th grade. They love reading, petting their dog, and playing with their friends. They want to be a librarian when they grow up.

## Tegan's Book Review



Tegan

### Mysterious Saves

Title: *The In-Between*, a captivating fiction written by Rebecca Ansari, revolves around the complicated life of Cooper, a teenage boy living in a poor household, with the

absence of a father. As a strange new neighbor; a young girl named "Elena" moves in alone, Cooper and his younger sister Jess start to investigate the secrets she hides.

While Cooper and Jess realize that Elena has been the ignored figure that saved one juvenile's life each mass incident, they fail to quickly recognize that Elena herself has to die painfully and wake up only to repeat the process. Cooper and Jess introduce themselves into the dark world where the mysterious girl is trapped in between life and death, and make it their mission to save Elena. Readers are taught the importance of remembering the forgotten and what it means to be seen. All in all, I rate this novel 5/5.



Tegan Y. is a fifth grader who enjoys art, biking, writing, and reading.

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## Yoona's Review



Yoona C.

### Friendships

Title: *Rules*

Author: Cynthia Lord

Catherine is a 12 year old girl that is talented in drawing. She has a brother named David. David is diagnosed with autism.

David and Catherine's mom would go to OT. Catherine would sometimes come to

That's where Catherine met a friend called Jason. Jason is a teenage boy in a wheelchair that can't talk. They first meet when Catherine is bored and draws Jason. Jason catches her and tells his mom with his communication book. Jason's mom gets angry, but that soon leads to Catherine making word cards for Jason. Catherine also meets another person named Kristi. Kristi is a "cool" girl as said by Catherine. At first, Catherine is embarrassed to tell Kristi she has a brother that has autism and a friend who is in a wheelchair. Will Catherine learn to value good friendships? Will she find out what is truly important to her? Read to find out!

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



## Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

### Friendship

Book Title: *Crash*

Author: Jerry Spinelli

Have you been desperate to do or get something? Well in this case a boy named John who prefers being called

Crash bullies a neighbor named Penn. Crash bullies Penn so he won't lose his popularity.

Crash has a friend named Mike who also likes making fun of Penn. Suddenly, this all changes when Crash's "crush" Jane comes up to him and confronts him about a letter that was sent to Penn from someone unknown saying that they have his beloved pet turtle. Jane thinks of Crash as a bully and bad person, so of course she thinks he sent the letter. After Crash denies any of these comments he goes straight to Mike's house and finds Penn's pet turtle. Crash returns the turtle to Penn and wants to be friends with him. Do you think Penn will want to be friends with him after everything Crash has done to him for so many years? Read to find out!

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



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## Eric and Eva's Review



Eric and Eva

### We love to Read Bilingual Books

We enjoyed the book  
*Rene Has Two Last Names*.



The book was relatable to us. We have two last names. Just like Rene, our last names remind us of our grandparents.

The book made us happy.

There must be other kids like us with two last names. Our last names are long, but we love to have both mom and dad's last names to remind us of where we come from and our abuelos.

Eva and Eric are in a kindergarten Dual Language class. We are Twins! Which means we share a birthday together. We enjoy reading and learning. Eric likes math, playing baseball, dancing folklórico, painting, and spending time with his family. Eva likes dancing folklórico, crafts, fashion, shopping, and spending time with her family.



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