

School News



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Earth Day  
By: Natasha

On Earth Day, Ms. Candace gave us the privilege to make amazing, water colored, recycled butterflies, and “trash monsters.” We made the butterflies out of coffee filters, clothes pins, pipe cleaner, and water paint. We colored the coffee filters with different and amazing colors, and when the colors dried, it looked really nice. Our “trash-recycled-monster” is made out of pretty much anything, like paper, bottles, plastic, pipe cleaners, and stickers. They came out really cute.

Wind Experiment  
By: Sara  
A few weeks ago, Ms. Kim’s class did an experiment testing the speed of wind. To test the speed of wind, we had to construct a model using materials like confetti, paper plates, cups, drum sticks, tape, and wooden rods. I really did not want to construct a catapult, so I just used a cup of confetti and a paper plate. My statistic was that if I put a paper plate on the ground, and try to pour the confetti in the plate, the wind will move the confetti away. My conclusion was right! It was really neat!

Spring 2010 Art Festival  
By: Austin

We have been working on projects for the “Art Festival” in Ms. Candace’s class. The festival will be fun because we have worked really hard on our art projects. Right now we are working on a paper-maché that will become the planets in our solar system. This takes a lot of time because we have to wait for each layer to dry on the planets, but it already looks awesome. We are also working a Hatchet model of the character Brian’s setting that took place in the story. There are also other projects we have been working on, and I hope you will like what you see at the festival!



Current Events

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Adam  
Andrew  
Austin  
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NEWS  
By: Cathy

The NASA space program has never been my favorite program, however, I do know about the STS space shuttle launches and their up to STS 131. NASA has always wanted to explore into the vast unknown.

However, Obama wants to cancel the program. This is because he thinks that \$145 billion dollars has been spent on NASA. It takes a lot of money. On April 19, 2010 Obama shut shuttle launches; however, he gave \$6 million dollars to NASA. We now cannot put a moon base up or get to Mars because STS 131 is the last mission.

College Basketball Finals  
By: Morgan

The basketball finals ended, and Duke won. The game took place in a stadium in Indiana. Butler was thought of as the underdog because no one ever thought they would win. A lot of people bet on Duke more than Butler in the 2010 NCAA. Butler began to catch up to Duke’s points, and the score was close. The final score between Duke and Butler was 61 to 59, with Duke as the NCAA Champions.



Ms. Debbie’s Class’ Earth Day  
By: Taylor

On April 22, 2010 the entire school celebrated Earth Day, and it was so much fun. Ms. Debbie, and Mr. Michael’s class made a big Wall-E “trash character.” Also, they made a camera out of recycled parts that they found that is so cool! They also talked about how if we do not help the planet, it hurts the earth and it can hurt the animals, even to extinction. They talked about how we need to recycle to keep our earth and animals safe.



“We made Wall-E out of a clay bucket, piece of paper, dotted paint, a Coca-Cola can, and forks for his hands. All of these things were recycled, and I had a lot of fun making it!”

-Jolie

**For Your Information (FYI)**



**All About Fish**  
By: Griffin

What are fish? Fish are animals that live and breathe in water. They are vertebrates, and they make up about half of the earth's vertebrates. Fish have fins, scales, and gills which most vertebrates do not have.

Fish use their gills to breathe under water. They have lungs, but use gills to move oxygen to them. The gills suck in water and dissolve the oxygen. Then they push out carbon dioxide.

Fish have a slimy mucus coating to protect themselves from disease and from getting wounds infected. Some fish have toxic slime to ward away predators.

My pet fish are small, but they are crazy! They start feeding frenzies when I put food in their tank. They will even try to search for food on my fingers my nipping at them.

\*Reference: Information provided by Ask.com

**Boeing 787**  
By: Patrick

The Boeing 787 is the next generation of medium size wide body aircraft. The 787 is the first commercial airliner to have the entire fuselage made out of composite material. The 787 was rolled out of the factory in Everett Washington on July 8, 2007; and after almost two and a half years of delays, the 787 finally lifted off into the cloudy skies over Boeing Field on December 15, 2009. The aircraft was commanded by lead test pilot, Mike Carriker, and engineering test pilot, Randy Neville. It will complete a 4000 hour test program, 3000 in the air, and 1000 on the ground. Some of the test includes an icing test at Eglin air force base in Florida at the McKinley climate laboratory. There are six test aircrafts, ZA001 through ZA006. The first four are powered by the Rolls Royce Trent 1000, and the other two are powered by the GE GENx-1B64. Both major Texas based airlines, American and Continental have placed an order for them. American has ordered 42, and Continental has ordered 25 dream liners.

**Nirvana**  
By: Jacob W.

Grunge pioneers, Nirvana, originated in Aberdeen, Washington in 1987. Two years later, they released their first studio album under the name "Bleach." In 1991 they released "Nevermind" with the lead single "Smells Like Teen Spirit." In January of 1992, this hit single displaced Michael Jackson's "Dangerous" on Billboard album charts. Cobain once said, "Our songs used to be angrier, but became happy as I do."

After Francis Bean's birth, Nirvana performed one of their most memorable concerts ever. Before releasing "In Utero," Cobain felt the mixing was imperfect on "Heart Shaped Box" and "All Apologies." Therefore, these songs were remixed to what they are now. In April 1994, Cobain passed away in Seattle, dissolving Nirvana. A battle over custody of unreleased music existed for the next year or so, and now has since been released.



**The Sport of Basketball**  
By: Craig

The sport of basketball was started by a janitor. It soon became a fun game for most people. The first game televised was in 1940. The game has college and pro levels. The game is also played at the summer Olympics. Today the game is now played worldwide, and enjoyed by most.

**Lake Conroe**  
By: Jeff



Last weekend I went to Conroe. I went fishing when we went to my sister's Young Life Banquet. I caught some brim and a carp. I also saw a water moccasin. I stood very still and it went in the water, it was not very big. Then, I went fishing in a different spot because the water moccasin scared the fish away. Then we went home and had dinner.



**Ten Ways to Help the Earth**  
By: Natasha

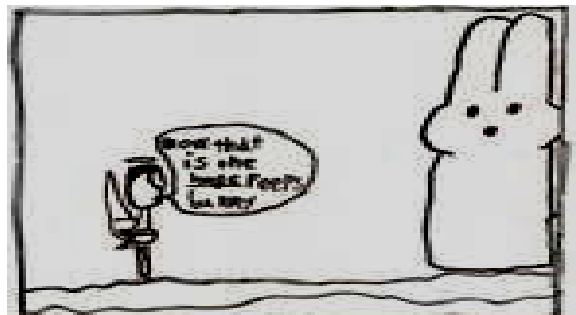
1. Take a shower instead of a bath.
2. Turn off the lights when you are in another room.
3. Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth.
4. Change the light bulbs to low energy light bulbs (the swirl kind).
5. Recycle paper, plastic, and metal.
6. Car pool with your friends or co-workers.
7. Ride your bike instead of using gasoline.
8. Re-use water bottles.
9. Turn off everything before leaving the house.
10. Turn off the TV and computer, and go play with your friends outside.

**Fun Facts About "Peeps"**  
By: Josh

Did you know there are over 200 unofficial Peeps websites? Also, the amount of Peeps that are eaten on Easter could make a circle around the Earth's surface? Now that is a lot of marshmallow Peeps!

Did you know true Peeps fans eat their Peeps freshly frozen, stale, and even in pizza! In the 1950's it took twenty-seven hours just to make one marshmallow Peeps chick, and now today it only takes six minutes.

Did you know that Ghostbusters defeated 100 fast and tall marshmallows called the "Stay Puff Marshmallow Man?"



**LINES**

By: Adam

"Lines" is a word. It is a plural word, meaning more than one line. This is a line -. A lot of letters are made up of lines. This is not a line: &, or maybe, I don't know. There are probably lines around this article; they are also probably red (written on notebook paper). Do you like the color? Fill in the blank with your answer\_\_\_\_\_. Here are some more lines: /\_. That is two lines together. The letter "A" has three lines in it, or maybe like 100 lines if you make it out of a lot of small lines. The title of this article has twelve lines or five if you make it all lowercase. I am not too sure because a lot of the lowercase ones aren't straight. Lines makes up shapes. A triangle has three lines, and a square has four lines. A rectangle is like a stretched out square of Jell-O, but it still has four lines. Actually, since it's Jell-O it would have a lot of lines. Then again it might not because they would not be straight. The End.

**Critics' Choice**

A Wizard of Earthsea Book Review

By: Andrew

Ged, a young wizard, is trying to escape from a nameless creature that follows his every move. This story begins in Earthsea, a magical island realm. People in this realm have two names, one for general use and a "true name" that is kept secret because it gives power over you.

One day Ged began reading a spell, and found that he couldn't stop. The fire went out, and the room became cold. An eerie wisp of smoke appeared from the wall, saying Ged's true name and reaching out to touch him. Ged couldn't move when he heard his true name. He was saved by his master blasting through the door with a shining light, scaring the thing away.

This was the first of many close encounters with the horrifying creature. Can Ged ever be truly free from its pursuit? In my opinion, it's worth reading the book to find out.

The Boy Who Lost His Face (Part II)

By: Natasha

At lunch David told Mo and Larry about how he Scott, Randy, and Roger stole the snake stick from Mrs. Bayfield. He also told them that Mrs. Bayfield put a silly curse on him. David said that everything that happens to Mrs. Bayfield happens to him, except that he did not get any lemonade poured on his head. Larry then told David that when he goes home to make some lemonade, go to the backyard and pour all over his head. Later on after school David did just that while Mo and Larry watched. David's brother saw what he did and he started calling him names.

In school while David was talking to Tori, his shoes became untied and he fell again. David ran to Mrs. Bayfield's house begged her to remove the curse from him, but she said that first he must bring her snake cane.

On the next day David, Larry, Mo, Tory, and David's little brother went to Randy's where they all teamed up to get the cane. Of course Randy's team won, but Tori quickly snatched the cane from Randy's hand. Tori and the others went to Mrs. Bayfield's house to bring back her cane so she would remove the spell. When they went inside, David figured out that Mrs. Bayfield never put a curse on him because she isn't even a witch at all! She is Tori's great aunt.

The End....

Living Abroad

By: Will

When living abroad you most likely have to learn a new language. In some places you have to live there for about a decade just to get a car. Living abroad, you get to try new food, and get to see new sights. You can earn money in some places, but you will have to change currency.



Whataburger is Born!

By: Jacob H.

Way back in 1950, a man named Harmon Dobson opened up the world's first Whataburger on Ayers Street in Corpus Christi, Texas. He had a goal, to make a burger so big that it took two hands to hold and so good that with one bite customers would say, "What a burger!" He succeeded, and now that one little burger stand was made into a legend known throughout Texas and the South.

Years later, with Harmon's son, Tom, Whataburger is still family-owned. Employees at Whataburger are even called "Family Members" and they keep up this tradition that Harmon began. So now almost 700 Whataburger restaurants in ten states, people who take road trips, and people who live near a Whataburger keep returning to "the big orange and white roofs" for the burgers that are cooked when you order and very nice service.

Today, every Whataburger is made right when it's ordered. And they're still made with 100% pure American beef and served on a big toasted five-inch bun with all 'the extras' that you would like on your burger. Extra bacon, three slices of cheese, no tomatoes, and extra pickles.



Maximum Ride

By: Cameron

Maximum Ride is a book about a group of kids that can fly. Before they were experimented on, they stayed in a lab. Each "bird-kid" has special abilities.

In the sixth book a character named Fang dies, but will be replaced by an unknown bird, a kid named Dylan. All of the Maximum Ride stories are filled with action, adventure, and science. Maximum Ride leaves all readers wanting more, and more Max, Angel, Gazzy, Iggy, and Dylan. If you want more facts on Maximum Ride, or any other James Patterson book, go to their websites: maximumride.com, or jamespatterson.com.



L.A. Candy

By: Baylee

This story is about a nineteen-year old girl named Jane Roberts, and her best friend forever (BFF), Scarlett, whom are cast in a new reality show. Jane discovers fame and fortune of her new life, which costs a high price to herself and her friends. After they all become famous, there was a lot of drama going around the set. Soon, Jane becomes the television's hottest star! In the book, Scarlett receives a letter from an unknown person. L.A. Candy is by a Hollywood actress/reality star/designer, Lauren Conrad. I like this book because it is written by an actress, and I really enjoy the story line, and what is it like to become a famous reality star. There is a sequel to this book called Sweet Little Lies, and there will be a movie coming out soon.

**Comedy/Fantasy**



**WANTED:  
BUNNY**

"The Easter Bunny Exists"

By: Bobby

I know for a fact the Easter Bunny Exists. One day I was at the mall and I saw him. It was not exactly what I would have expected because he was being chased by security guards. Mr. Bunny ran into the ice rink. I did not know the Easter Bunny was a criminal.



CATS

By: Guillaume

The cat (or feline) can be a dangerous predator with claws that can open and close. Feline cats include many different types of cats: house cat, bobcat, tiger, lion, and leopards. Some are located in Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America. We can tell if a cat is happy or not by the sounds it makes. Cats are not afraid of water, they just do not want to get wet.