



Highland Elementary Schools

Mrs. Murphy

Highland Elementary Schools
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Highland, IL 62249

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Enrollment: Primary 607 / Elementary 734



Primary Principal, Mrs. Julie Korte



Elementary Principal, Mr. Jeff Humes

Highland Primary Faculty & Staff

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Mrs. Connie Sparlin Early Childhood

Mrs. Sparlin
Mrs. Meyer
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Quinton Holzinger
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John Nyquist
Isaiah Parsons



Ryan Riggs
Logan Rinderer
Caily Roberts
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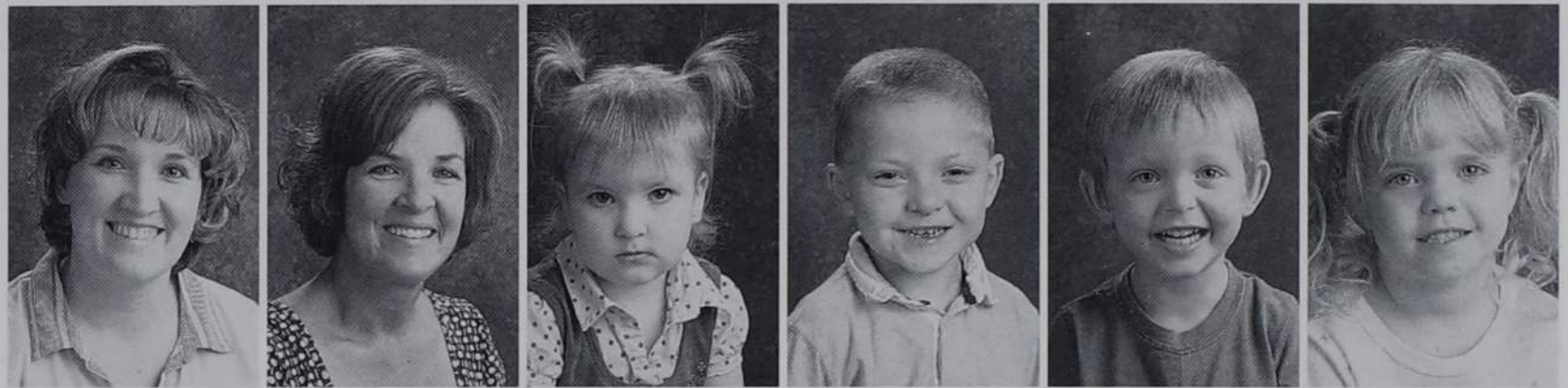
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Colton Daiber
Keely Gruenenfelder



Reilly Harper
Samantha Hassell
Olivia Hess
Austyn Kutz
Nicole Luong
Annabella Pike



Grayson Price
Krista Rittenhouse
Isaiah Rivera
Reese Schrage
Brionna Schwappach
Sage Thole



Brayden
White-Schwappach
Samantha Woll



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P.M. Pre-Kindergarten



Mrs. Belford
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Shelton Black
Maddison Deien
Michael Downey

Joel Durbin
Mason Gaddis
Kassidy Goth
Brissie Johnson
Camryn Keher
Cyle Korunka

Micah Lowry
Alyssa Miller
Torin Ogara
Nathan Owens
Annie Reynolds
Adam Rieke

Kagney Riggs
Shalem Veitel
Jasmine Watson
Roybn Watson
Robert Williams
Brett Williamson



Mrs. Kristy Cox Kindergarten

Mrs. Cox

Ethan Andrews
Molly Barry
Kaleb Bell
Gage Bircher
Jeffrey Blunt



Alex Buchmiller
Evan Clarkin
Cody Cooper
Jayla Cosgriff
Claire Friederich
Ciarra Guenther



Jacob Judge
Hailey Knecht
Cecelia Kustermann
Elizabeth Livingston
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Madison Myers



Landyn Oestringer
Taylor Olliges
Hunter Swift
Reese Isabelle Tackett
Julianna Vogelmann
Tristin Young



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Kaleb Bijarro
Alexandra Coleman
Colby Davis
Bailey Grigg
Jacob Russell Kloss

Samantha Kutzgar
Christina Lents
Tristan Maslar
Dale Miller
Allen Morillo
Camden Nelson

Lauren Oberkfell
Dylan Overturf
Alexa Padak
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Brett Paubel
Canada Rawley

Faith Scott
Hunter Seiberlich
Eli Thompson
James Tillotson
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Jasmine Tatlici

Mrs. Brenda Grigg Kindergarten

Mrs. Grigg
Maddison Adolph
Lia Basden
Noah Baxter
Jack Beiermann
Kaleb Blunt



Kara Braundmeier
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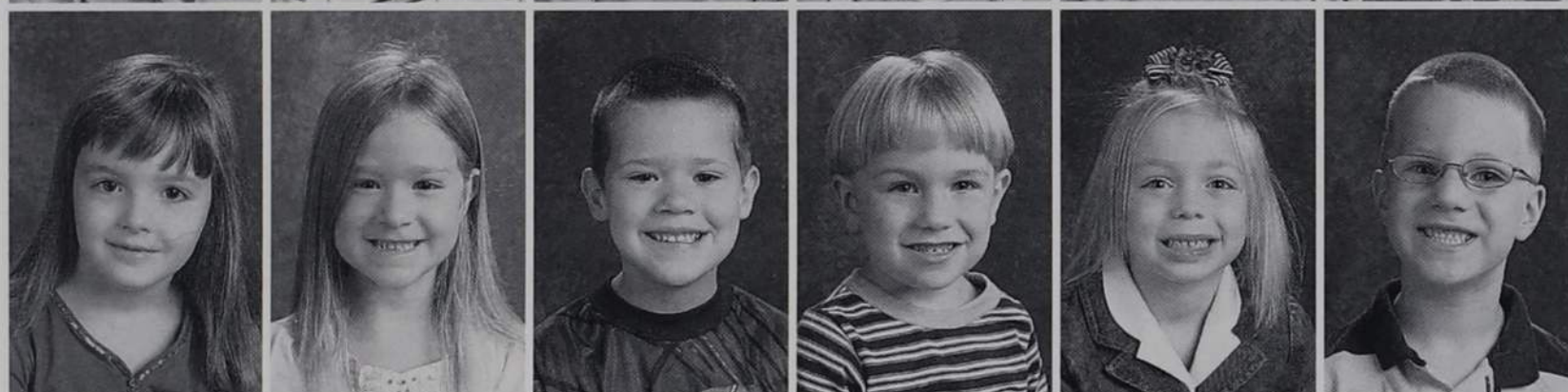
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Kate Ziegler



Mrs. Susan Mortland Kindergarten



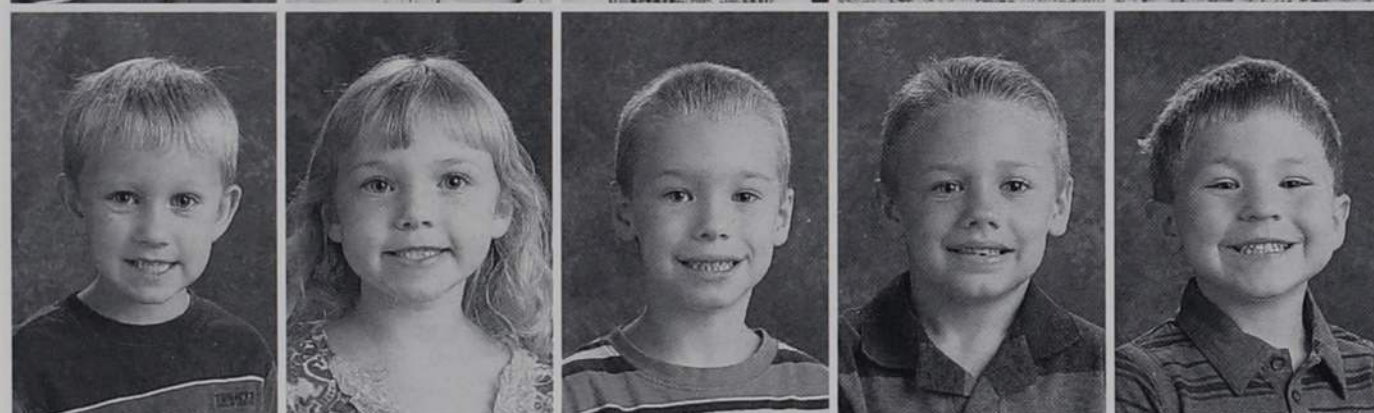
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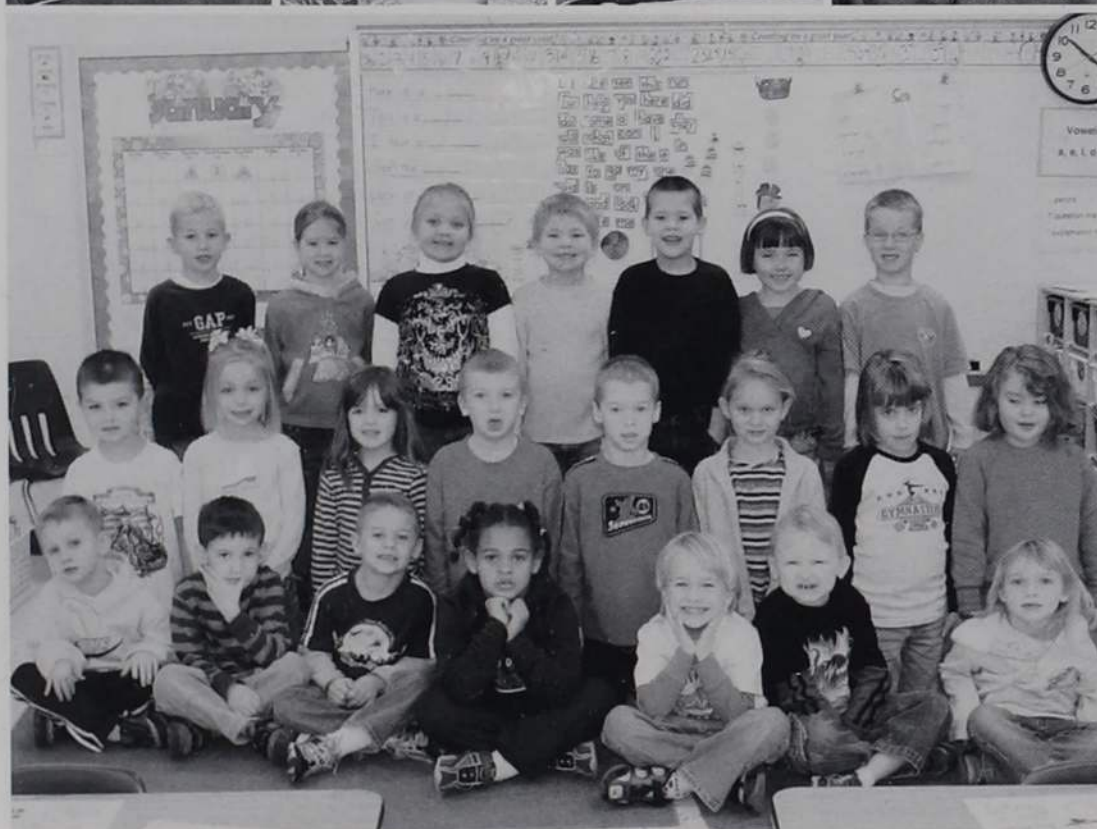
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Mason Rolland
Isabell Scaggs



Dylan Schmitt
Jessica Watson
Chase Wilson
Tyler Woll
Trevor Zobrist



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Joshua Doty

Mrs. Joanne Nathan Kindergarten

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Hannah Beard
Ellie Brown
Joshua Eldridge
Cole Frey
Landon Fuller



Carlin Gualandi
Cody Jakel
Hunter Jolliff
Elijah Kehrner
Daltyn Kutz
Dylan Litzenburg



Taylor Pinkel
Alexander Price
Alexie Rose
Shelby Stallard
Jarrett Tebbe
Vanessa Walters



Levi Weak
Payton Wernle
Fayth Whicker
Kaylee Winkeler
Elizabeth Wolf



Mrs. Linda Stearns Kindergarten



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Christian Alexander
Ethan Augustin
Trent Beard
Lucas Dillow
Bree Etherton

Kaitlyn Feldmann
Kenzie Gelly
Sophia Hartlieb
Dalton Hudson
Ashlyn Klucker
Tess Korte

Bryan Peters
Faith Kay Rivera
Austin Sanzottera
Brian Schmidt
Brenden Schmitt
Wesley Schmollinger

Meckenna Scholl
Galena Stewart
Ayiana Turner
Austin Welles
Steven White
Adrian Wille



Mrs. Linda Watts Kindergarten

Mrs. Watts
Cameron Altgilbers
Haley Amos
Ashley Basden
Mackenzie Becker
Zane Bircher



Camryn Byrd
Madison Clarke
Reagan Crask
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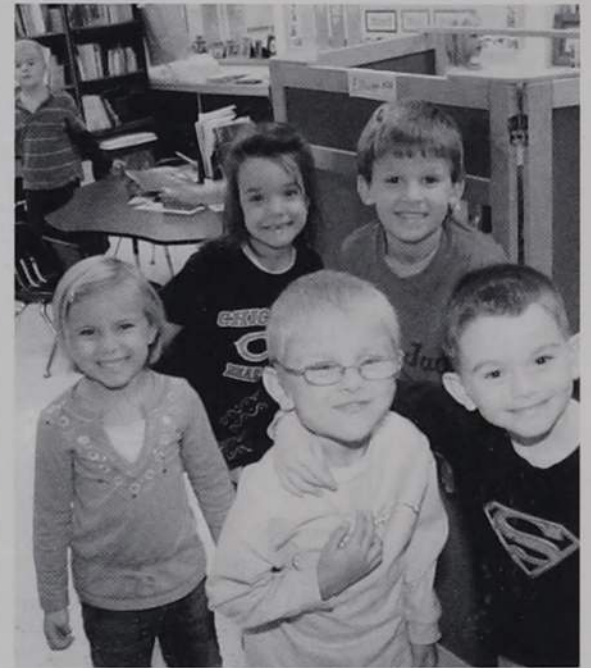
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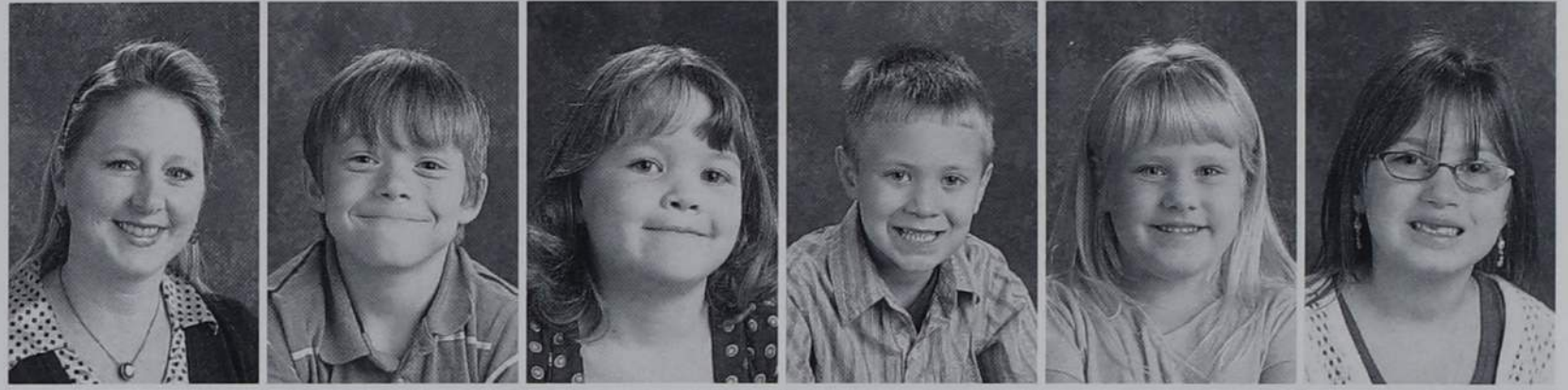
Kindergarten Kids!



Mrs. Cheryl Barnett

First Grade

Mrs. Barnett
Sullivan Allen
Sadie Baxter
Logan Berry
Abigail Beyer
Mikayla Bloemker



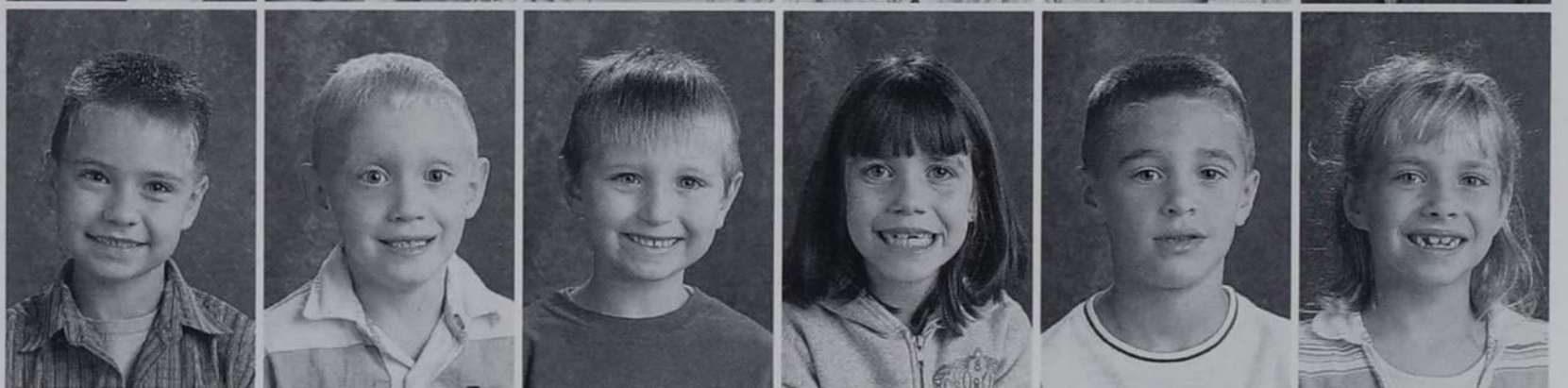
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Easton Ellis
Kolby Frey



Blake Gaddis
Griffen Haller
Rebecca Hammer
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Jamie Hickam
Jacob James



Dylan Joseph Kloss
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Nicholas Sikora
Kazlyn Weber



Kierra Winkeler



Mrs. Krista Charnisky

First Grade

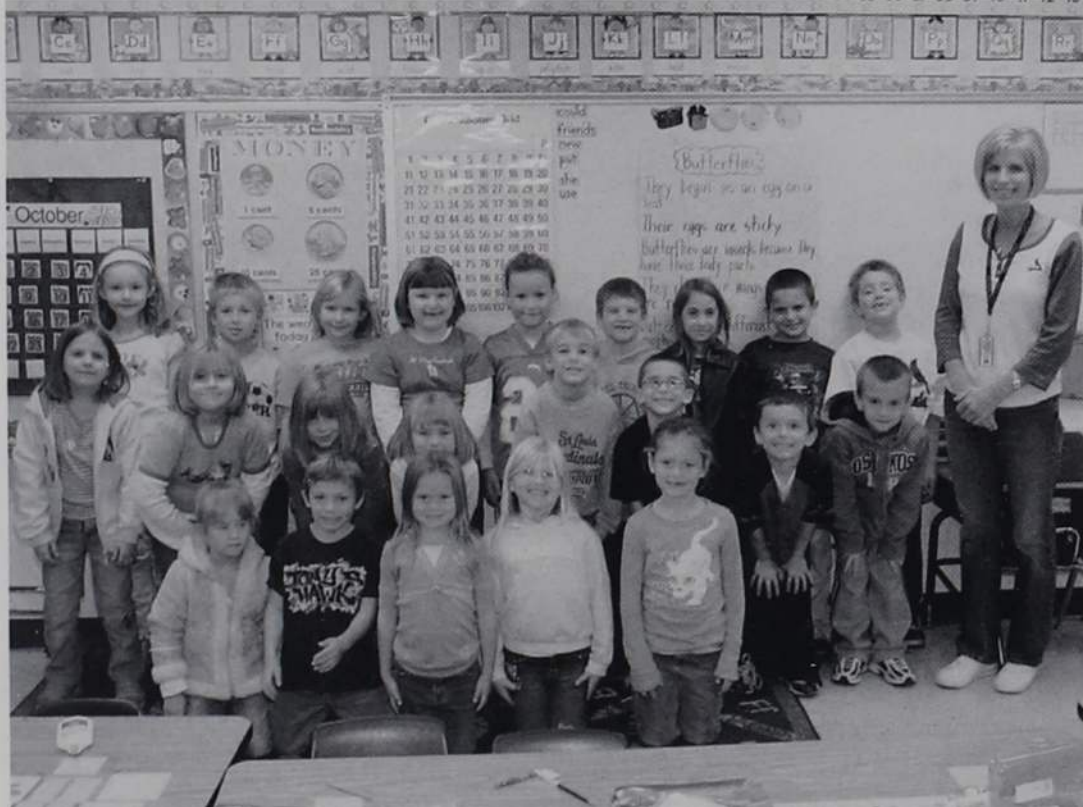


Mrs. Charnisky
Lane Allison
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Lexys Elder
Brady Feldmann

Riley Field
Kyleigh Giger
Brianna Haley
Drew Hulvey
Marion Imming
Sarah Kampwerth

Rion Lance
Victoria Lynn
Nicolo Marchese
Isabella Mueller
Hailey Niebrugge
Karlie Rossy

Samantha Segrist
Lillian Sheahan
Eve Sugg
Carter Sutterfield
Lauren Townsend
Benjamin Arthur Wille



Mrs. Kim Clasquin First Grade

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Kara Boatman
Ashley Buchmiller
Abigail Casper
Jade Chasteen
Isis Cooper



Jaqlyn Ferguson

Jack Girdler
Terrence Harris
Madisyn Hart
Caleb Hooton
Dylan Hummel



Mackenzie Jones

Trent Lammers
Tyson Lobb
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Reece Mercer
Olivia Mueller



Keegan Ogara

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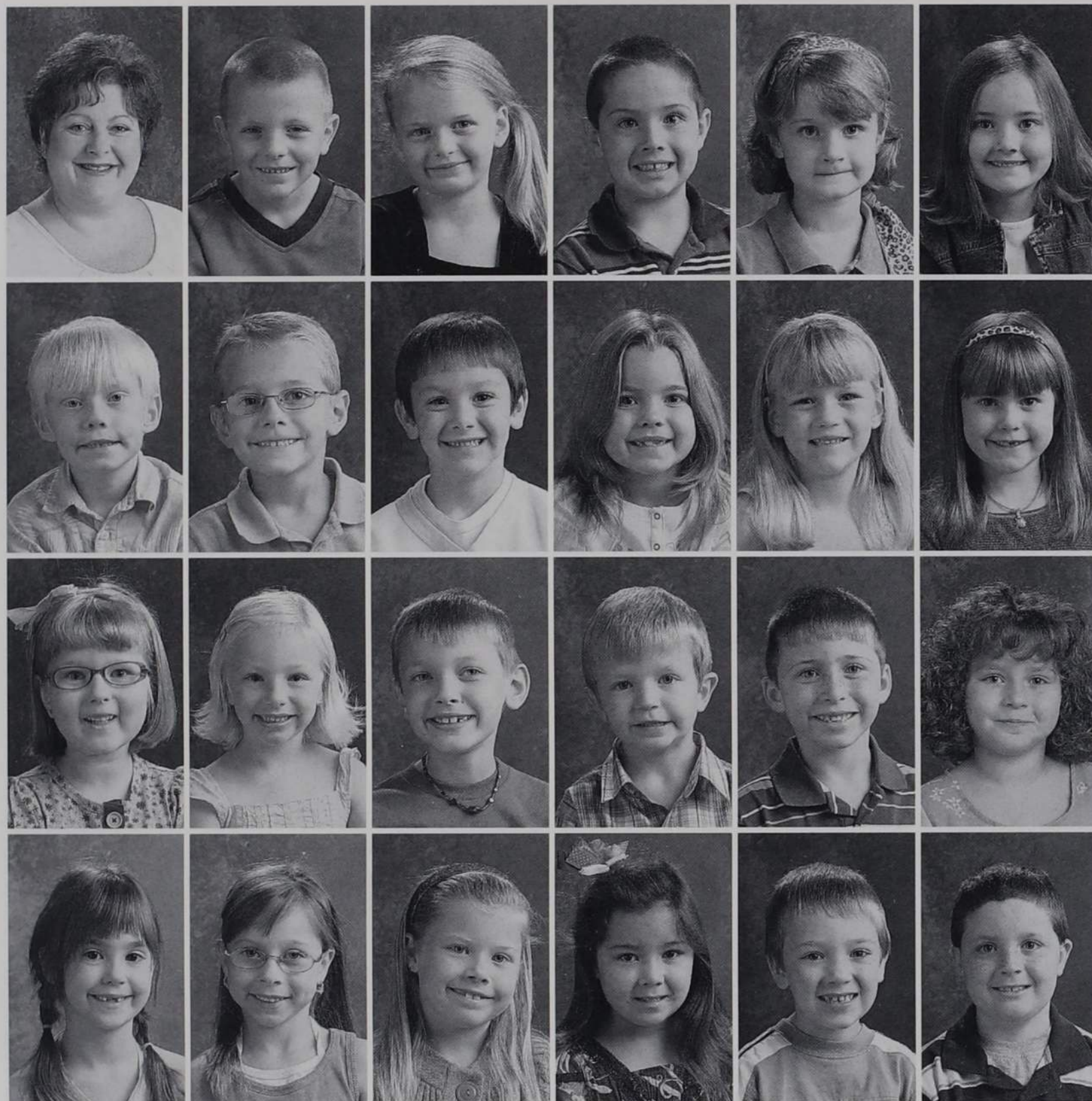


Dennis Trickey



Mrs. Michelle Ficker

First Grade



Mrs. Ficker
Jacob Baldock
Darla Balint
Jacob Bartony
Madison Clemons
Laney Cooper

Bryce Dennison
Cole Diesen
Chandler Dugan
Kelsey Gruenenfelder
Jayden Head
Abbigail Herreid

Emilie Hoepker
Brianna Korte
Jayce Kustermann
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Michael Moss
Brianna Rachilla

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Parisse Waldman
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Christian Wiedle

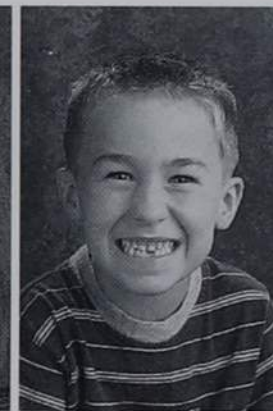


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Nicholas Aaron Dugan
Ethan Fenton



Elyssa Forsythe
Alexis Gibbons
Tanner Gorbette
Jane Hyten
Drew Kaminski
Sydney Lankford



Olivia Loyet
Bryce Paubel
Allison Peery
David Pitkin
Megan Ramsey
Mae Riffel



Lauren Riggs
Gregory Schlegel
Levi Shipton
Dominic Sirko
Alexandra Thies
Blake Tinsley



Holland Wrobbel



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Dietrich Gossmeier

Mrs. Michelle Huhn

First Grade



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Delaney Grimes
Jason Haase
Emily Hess
Madyson Kapp

Patrick Knebel
Derric Luong
Toni Marshall
Isaiah O'Connell
Kris Alan Parent
Alice Pendegraft

Taylor Reidelberger
Mackenzie Schoeck
Jordyn Schrage
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Spencer Roderic Wise



Mrs. Terri Moss

First Grade

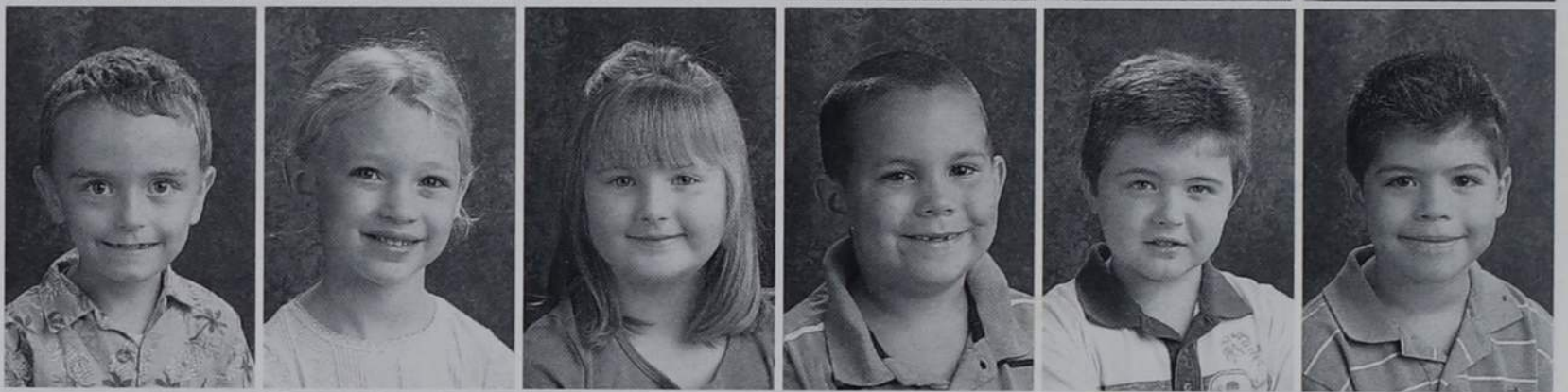
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Makenna Grohmann
Ryan Hormann



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Heather Kim
Kennedy Klucker
Joey Kutz



Kevin Lance
Anna McArthur
Mallory Morgan
Clayton Rieke
Ross Spies
Reid Tiemann



Abigail Wagner
Ryan Walter
Avery Wasser
Madeline Wesselmann
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Mrs. Patti Townsend

First Grade



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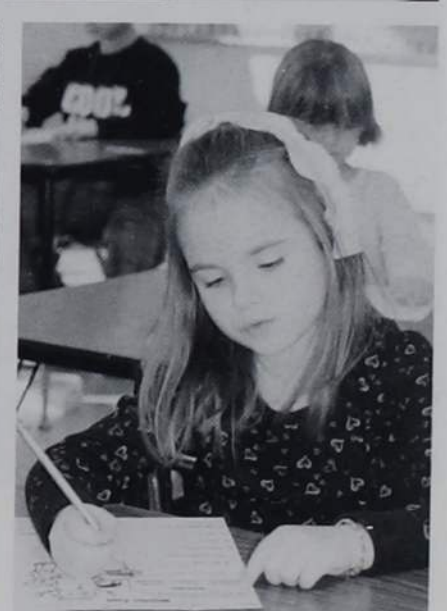
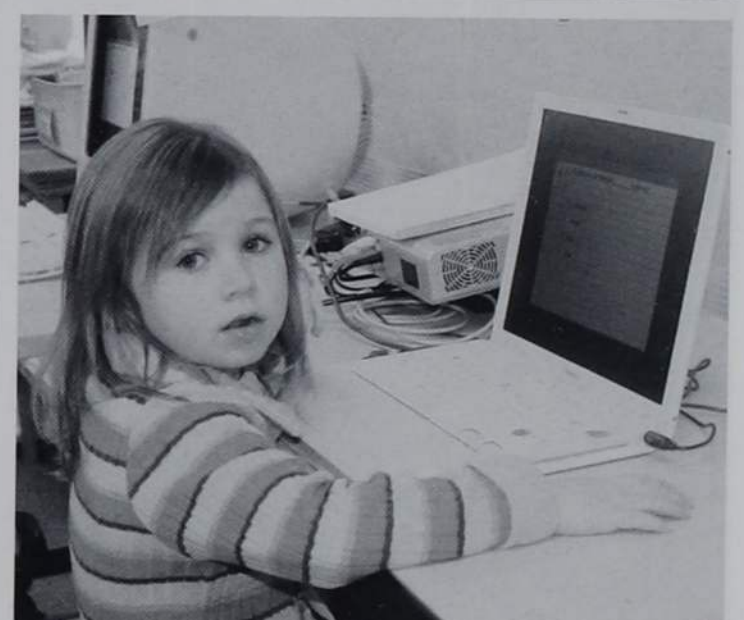
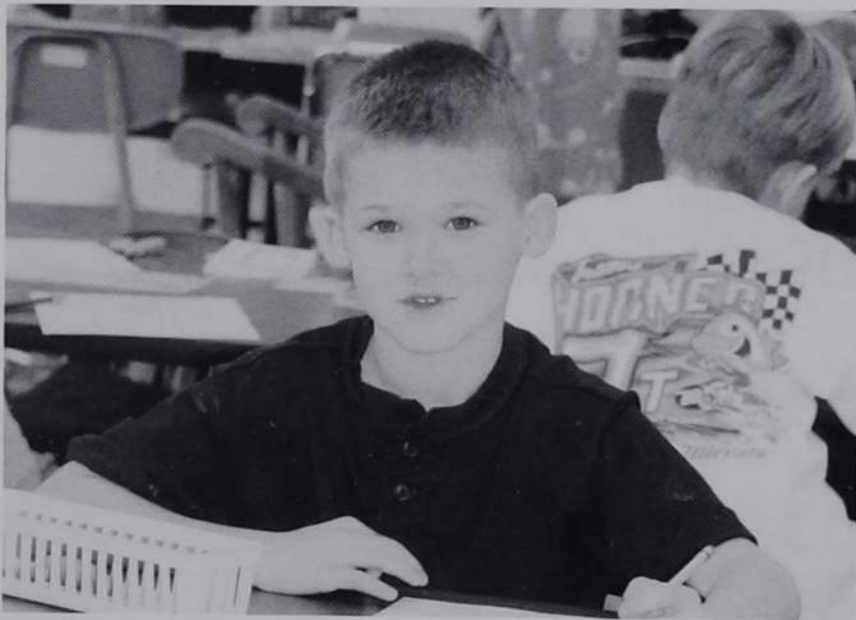
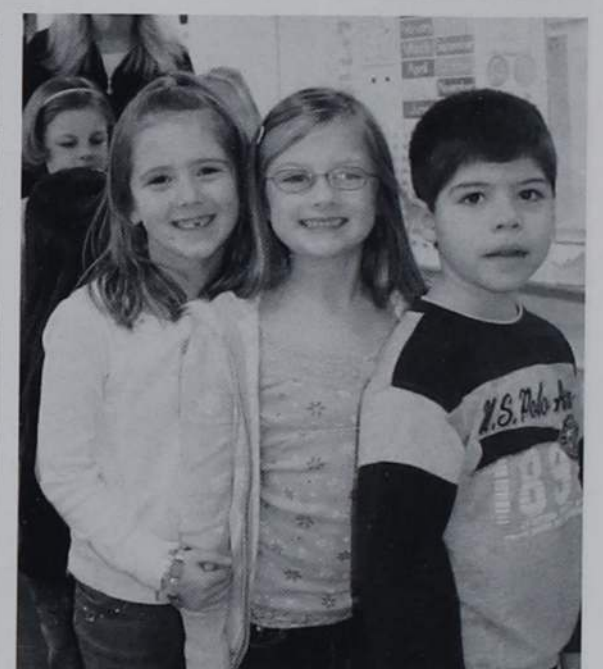
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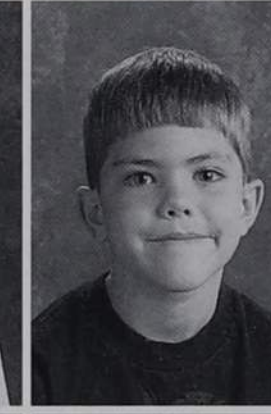
Madison Self
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Hannah Wilson



Fabulous First Graders!



Mrs. Ann Albers Second Grade



Mrs. Albers
Breanna Alexander
Tyler Baublitz
Makayla Baxter
Alexis Bergesch
Ty Black



Taylor Braswell
Madilyn Brinkley
Tristan Buss
Gabrielle Byrd
Paul Diebold
Emma Drysdale



Paige Foster
Blake Funderburk
Mason Geiger
Katie Good
Lucas Robert Haney
Dalen Hultz



Lawson Korte
Riley Long
Eric Luna
Alexander Phalen
Cynthia Pham
Amber Waters



Briar Weiss

Mrs. Megan Hohlt Second Grade

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Megan Amos
Dylan Barker
Caitlin Basden
Chloe Beard
Gage Beekman



Benjamin Brauns
Austin Habermehl
Samantha Haller
James Hanke
Alana Hollenkamp
Chelsey Iberg



Colten Knebel
Zackery Korte
Tyler Leroy
Madelyn Potthast
Elliott Prott
Travis Rehkemper



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Dacoda Riechmann
Donovan Rivera
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Hanna Rose
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Britney Schmitt



Ms. Katie Kellerstrass

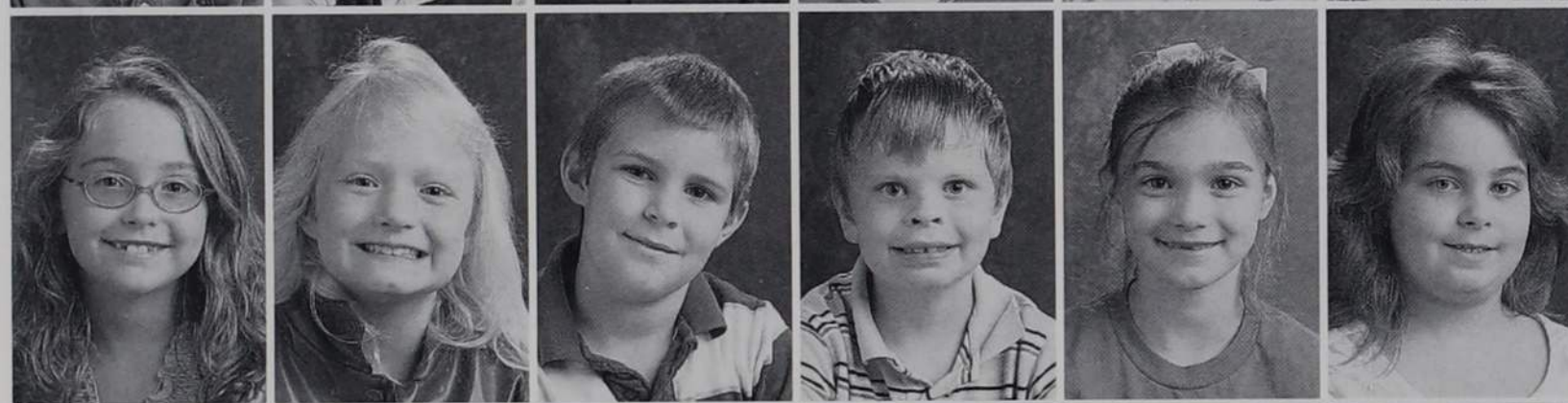
Second Grade



Ms. Kellerstrass
Gabrielle Berolatti
Austin Dahm
Nathaniel English
Brian Evans
Jacob Funderburk



Drake Gehrs
Blake Hagler
Evan Herman
Savannah Hund
Mallory Klostermann
Garrett Marti



Abigail McTeer
Emily Meadows
Hunter Merkle
Zachary Moore
Ciara Paubel
Raehgen Price



Megan Rapien
Dylan Rolfingsmeier
Andrew Schuepbach
Dakota Smith
Hannah Sullens
Tanner Zbinden



Kourtney Zobrist

Mrs. Audrey Koch Second Grade

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Tyler Allen
Cameron Altadonna
Matthew Atnip
Kylie Boushey
Kelsey Cook



Gerald Ferguson

Olivia Genteman
Sara Good
Blake Lampe
Kyle Lane
Marcus Langenhorst



Cole Mikulait

Justin Miller
Brandon Munie
Kennedy Nelson
Janelle Prante
Autumn Reckamp



Michael Riffel

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Christian Zuccarelli



Mrs. Sheila Laird

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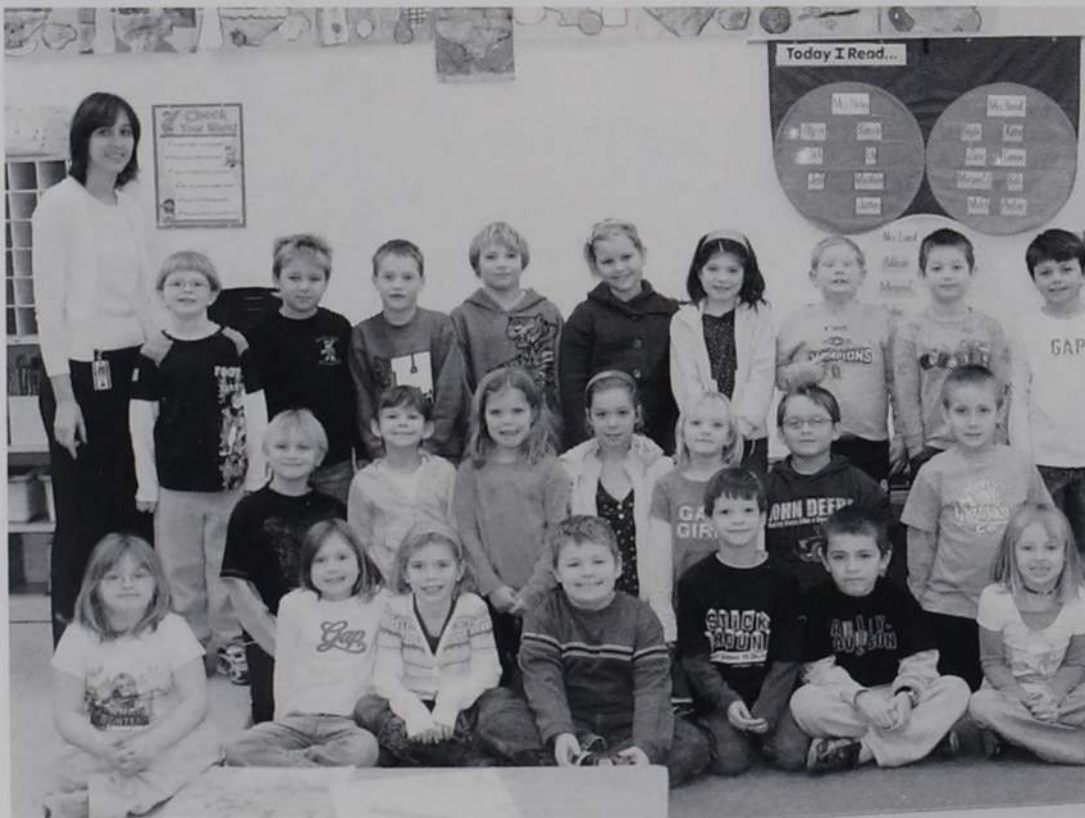


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Josh Burke
Amber Dalhuisen
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Morgan Mesle
Elijah Moore
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Connor Pinsker

Addison Rinderer
Zane Robertson
Kali Rutz
Chandler Smith
Tristan Sorocko
Katrina Sumner

Henry Vogelmann
Alyssa Voss
Justin Wheeler
Kyle Whittaker
Mitchel Allen Widman
Morgan Zobrist



Ms. Teri Schatz Second Grade

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Nolan Clarke
Dylan Cosgriff
Carli Fields



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Gavin Kohlbrecher
Emma Kuehl
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Destany Morland
Kallie Painter
David Palenchar
Steven Price
Connor Pugh
Esteban Ramirez



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Keely Rittenhouse
Adam Seger
Carson Siedhoff
Spencer Smith
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Cory Stieb
Logan Wieter



Maya Zobrist



Mrs. Jill Sinnock Second Grade



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Brett Bailey
Logan Blankley
Tricia Braundmeier
Mason Clarke
Nickolas Cranick



Brandon Downs
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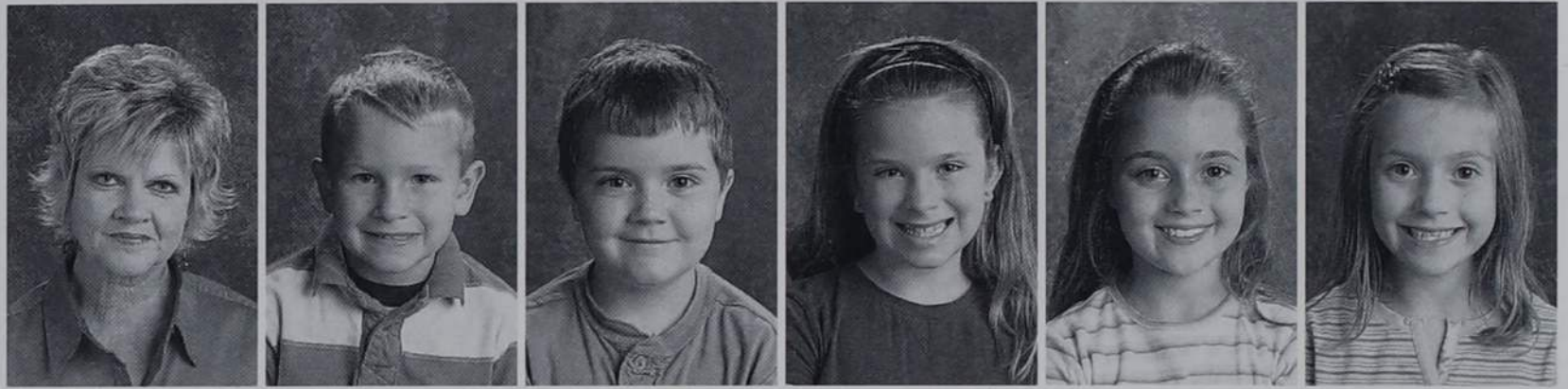
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Sebastian Wolf



Mrs. Jane Wessel

Second Grade

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Lake Bircher
River Buchanan
Abigail Ermer
Mariah Evans
Cassie Fuller



Olivia Fuller
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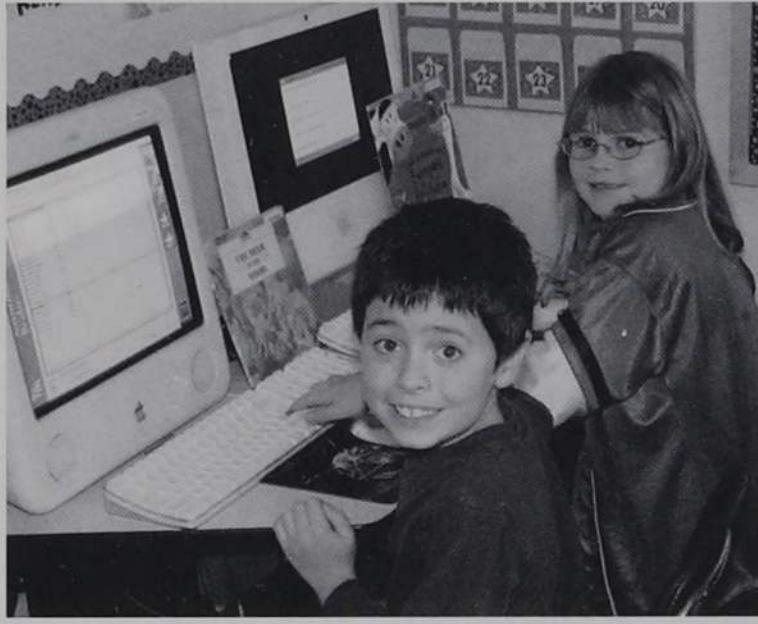
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Taylor Ann Zajac



Second Grade Scholars!



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Mrs. Ahlgren
Mrs. Ammann
Mrs. Atherton
Mrs. Athmer
Mr. Bardill



Mrs. Barker
Mrs. Berg
Mrs. Bottom
Mrs. Bourque
Mrs. Brauns
Mrs. Brinkman-Marlar



Mrs. Buch
Mrs. Chapman
Mrs. Clemons
Mr. Conway
Ms. Coode
Mrs. Cotto



Mrs. DeSelm
Mrs. Eilers
Mr. Farel
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Mrs. Foehner
Mrs. Ford



Mrs. Fralinger
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Mr. Gallatin
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Mrs. Mesle

Dr. Mezo
Mrs. Murphy
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Mrs. Osterwisch
Mrs. Ponce
Mrs. Powell

Mrs. Reiff
Mrs. Rife
Mrs. Schmidt
Ms. Steiner
Mr. Vrell
Mrs. Wander-Vrell

Mrs. Wellen
Mrs. Wildhaber
Mrs. Wilkins
Mr. Wilson
Mrs. Wilson
Mrs. Zeisset

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Mrs. Horrell
Mrs. Thomas

Mrs. Lisa Ahlgren Third Grade

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Jordan Braundmeier
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Caleb Denby



Jacob Fenton
Ian Fraser
Justin Gill
Cauy Hartlieb
Autumn Hoerr
Sierra Huelsmann



Hope Imming
Luke Jones
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Colin Knipp
Candace Luitjohan
Nicholas Mannhard



Alena Mahrie Morillo
Graydon Slusher
Brett Sperber
Sara Strom
Reagan Thornton
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Danielle Zobrist



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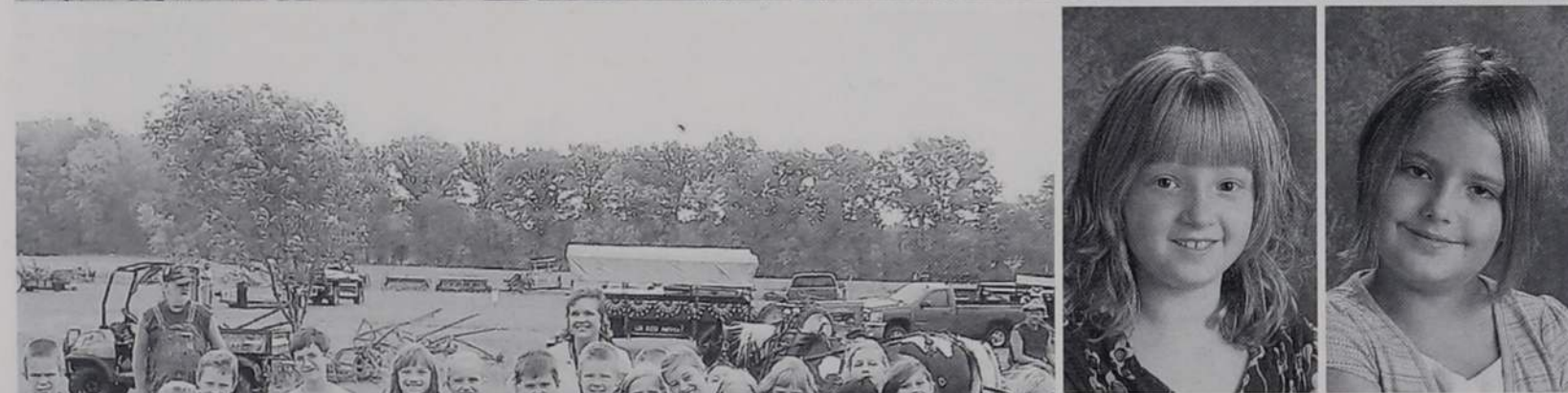
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Jacob Mitchell
Sydney Nyquist



Jacob Plocher
Robert Ramsey
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Taylor Townsend
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Christopher Vulliet

Mrs. Dana Favre

Third Grade

Mrs. Favre

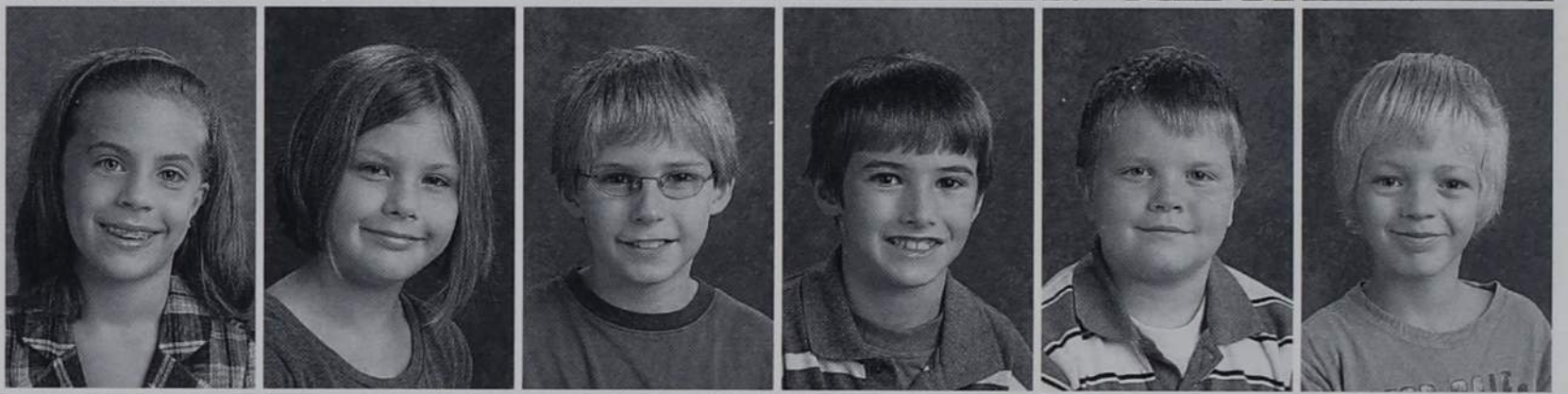
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Brett Korte



Claire Marchal
Morgan Marcus
Hunter Micheletto
Andrew Molinari
Brett O'Connell
Micah Owen



Trent Rakers
Brent Rapien
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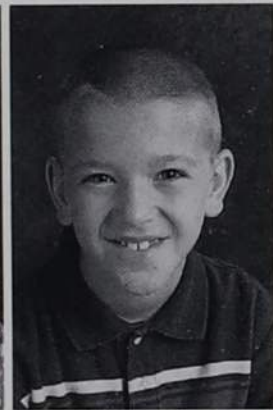
Third Grade



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Wade Clarkin
Bret Cochran
Corbin Daiber



Camden Fort
Montana Gilbert
Mikalyn Hart
Olivia Holt
Trent Hund
Elizabeth Isaacs



Kayleen Kampwerth
Taylor Lauth
Kaitlin Mayberry
Jamie McArthur
Ashlyn Medina
Collin Meyer



Alexis Mumper
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Braden Rehkemper
Karlee Rongey
Georgia Solice
Cory Steinwagner



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Jenna Gnaedinger
Alisha Iberg



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Jaykob Marti
Shannon Miller
Ciara Rachilla



Brock Schrage
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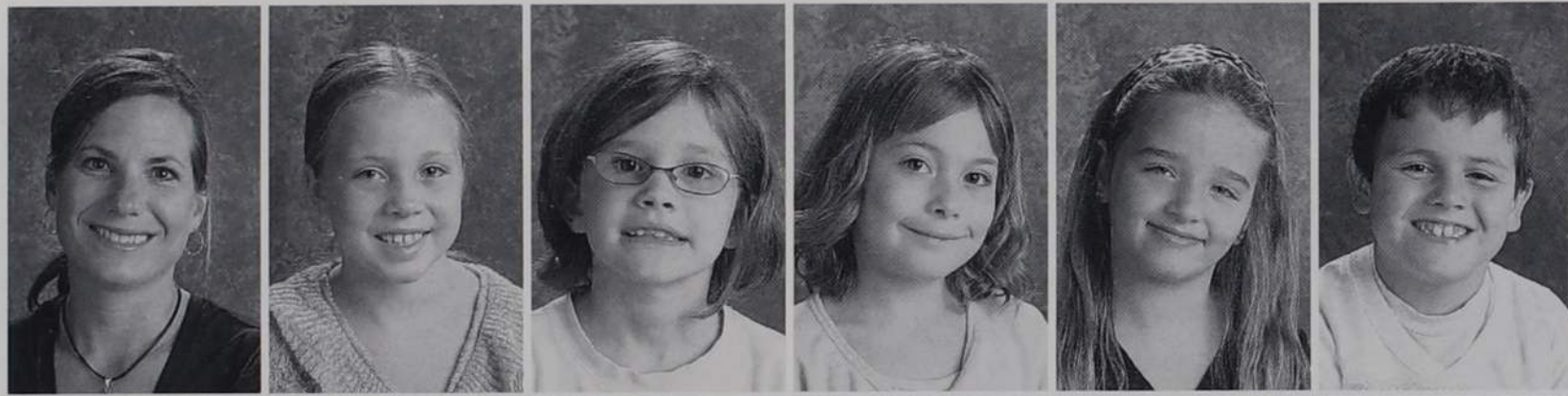


Bailey Wills



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Tyler Mitchell

Mrs. Terri Thies Third Grade



Mrs. Thies
Emily Baldock
Johannah Comish
Rebekah Cummings
Sierra Curran
Logan Guerra



Eric Harrison
Quincie Madelyn Hayden
Peyton Holzinger
Dustin Hubbard
Caley Jerman
Andrew Kampwerth



Madison Korte
Christopher Kutzgar
Shawn Lada
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Megan O'brien
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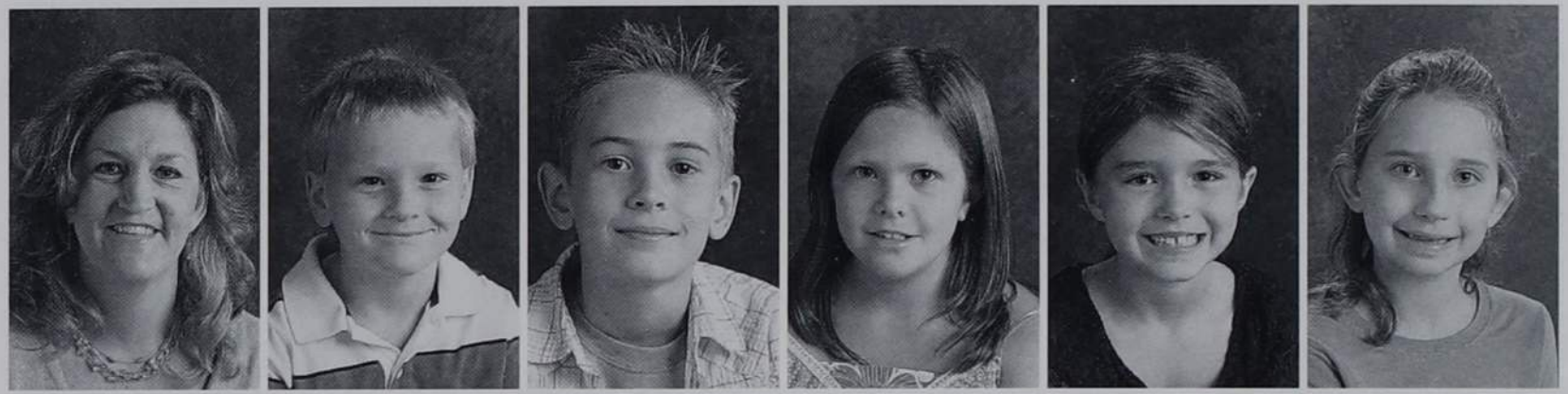
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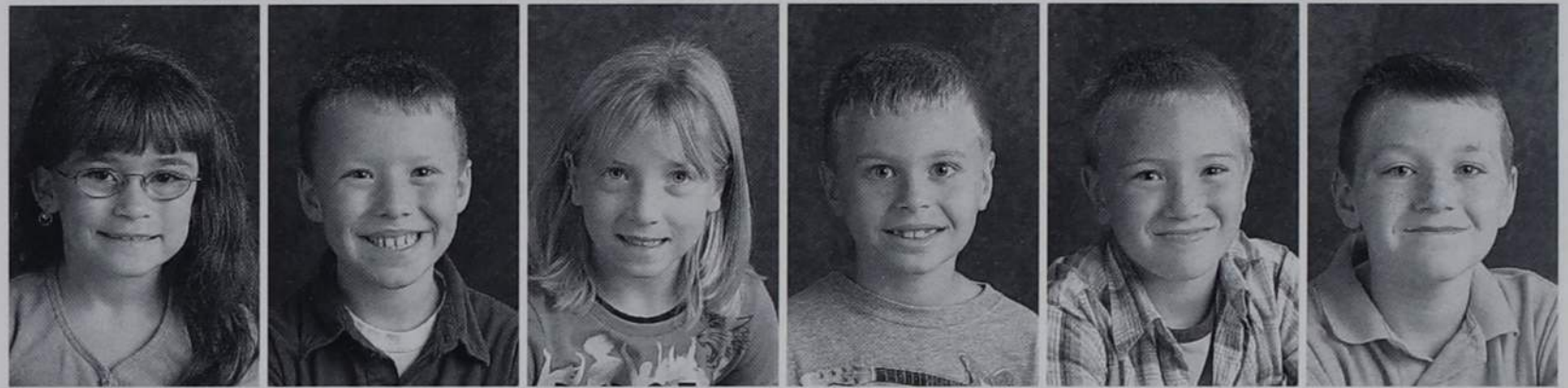
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Tyler Cooper
Jessica Eades
Breanna Frahm
Megan Frey



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Isaac Imming
Erica Jerman
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Alivia Meskil
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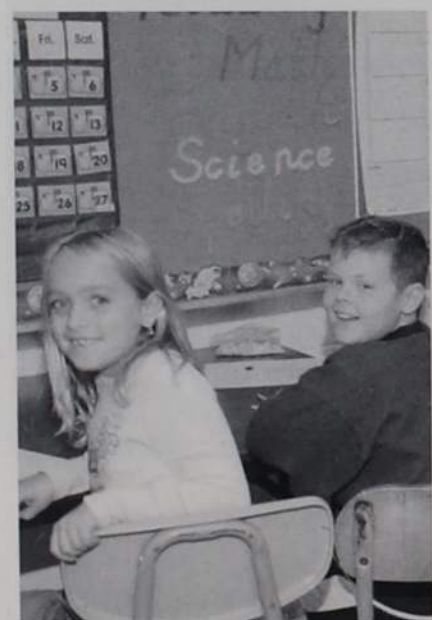
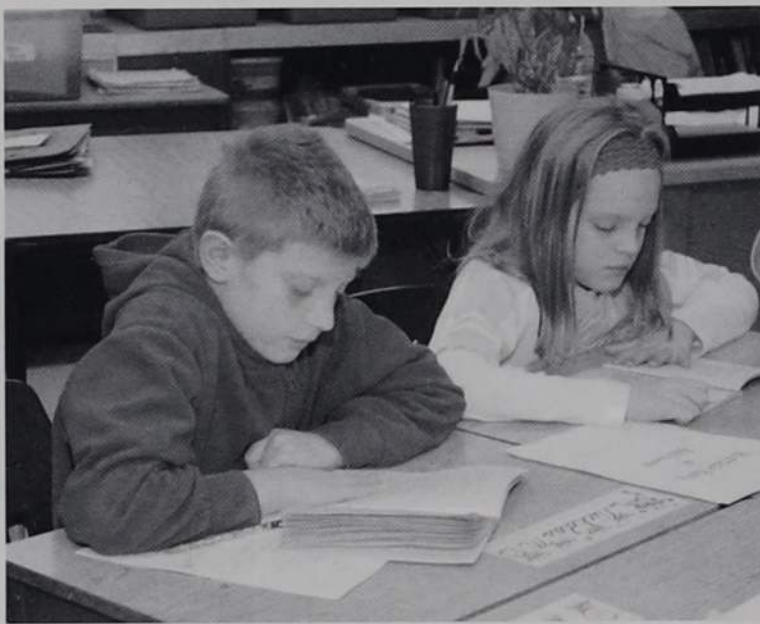
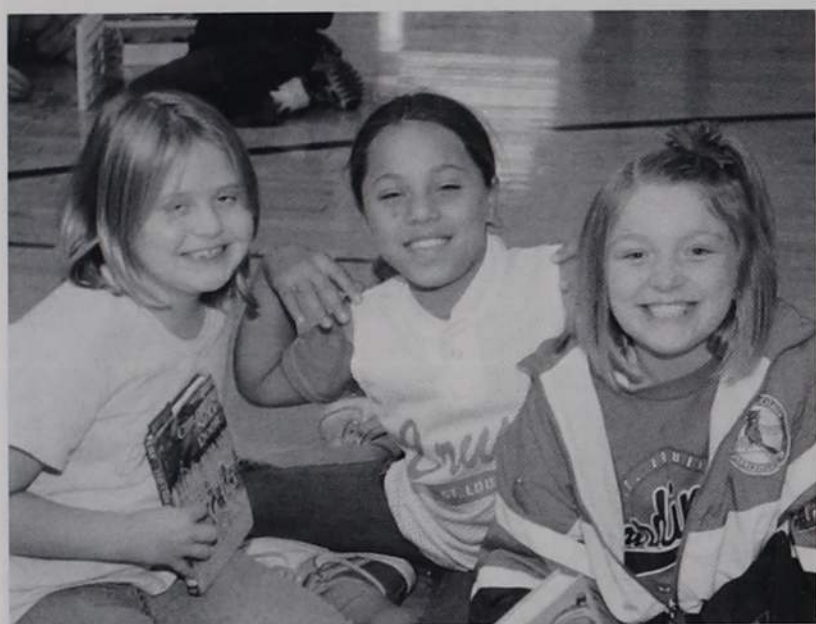
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Jessica Wilson



Kailin Yann



Third Grade Times!



Mrs. Heather Athmer

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Athmer
Summer Allen
Elizabeth Arend
Lauren Bardill

Brianna Becherer
Kaelyn Blunt
Cally Callahan
Trent Carriger

Lucas Ciszczon
Ethan Emery
Hunter Gray
Lily Happold
Shawn Iberg
Morgan Jacobs

Audrey Kosydor
John Lents
Seth Levad
Michael McGill
Amanda Ponce
Jimmie Smith

Megan Smithey
Jenna Spies
Michael Torre
Aislyn Vaughn
Joshua Wagner
William Walker

Griffin Welz
Hope Wilken
Gina Zbinden



Mrs. Heather Luitjohan

Fourth Grade



Mrs. Luitjohan
Alyssa Anderson
Jessica Andrews
Brooke Arbogast
Austin Baker
Marcus Beekman



Kristopher Benton
Cory Bolhofner
Nicholas Borrer
Ana Cantrell
Montana Carter
Allie Friesland



Cole Goestenkers
Emily Gutzler
Clayton Kessler
Joshua Paul Kineke
Alexis Korte
Miranda Kustermann



Samuel Kutz
Jennifer O'brien
Stephanie Olivares
Lucas Pena
Jocelyn Prante
Lane Rinderer



Reagan Stowers
Cheyenne Tremmel



Alic Wille
Andrew Winning

Not Pictured
Jason Arbogast

Mr. Mat Conway Fourth Grade

Mr. Conway
Mary Austin
Kyle Blankley
Carsten Brauns
Emily Canterbury
Austin Elledge



Amanda Graves
Cyndel Hasler
Travis Hoette
Sophie Elizabeth Howard
Kayla Hultz
Robert August Jacobs



Bryce Kuhner
Shelby McCarthy
Blake McCaslin
Lauren Medina
Will Michael
Samuel Million



Morgan Oldham
Nathan Prott
Joseph Rittenhouse
Dune Robertson
Katlyn Rogier
Katherine Sikora



Kortney Talbot
Tanner Wetzel



Mackenzie Wiedle
Allison Young



Mrs. Debbie Fralinger

Fourth Grade



Mrs. Fralinger
Brett Barker
Caitlin Baxter
Austin Brown



Mitchell Campbell
Jonathan Dempsey
Leslie Drueke
Leah Erickson



Brandie Francois
Will Greenwald
Alexis Hagler
Caitlin Lammers
Seth Luitjohan
Brayden Menke



Caroline Moore
Christian Munguia
Emelie Mustain
Karigan O'Connell
Alec Rebbe
McKenzie Rosen



Baylee Schneck
Veronica Sheahan
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Luke Thies



Joshua VonBokel
Tabitha Waters
Jillian Wrigley

Mrs. Kim Keeney

Fourth Grade

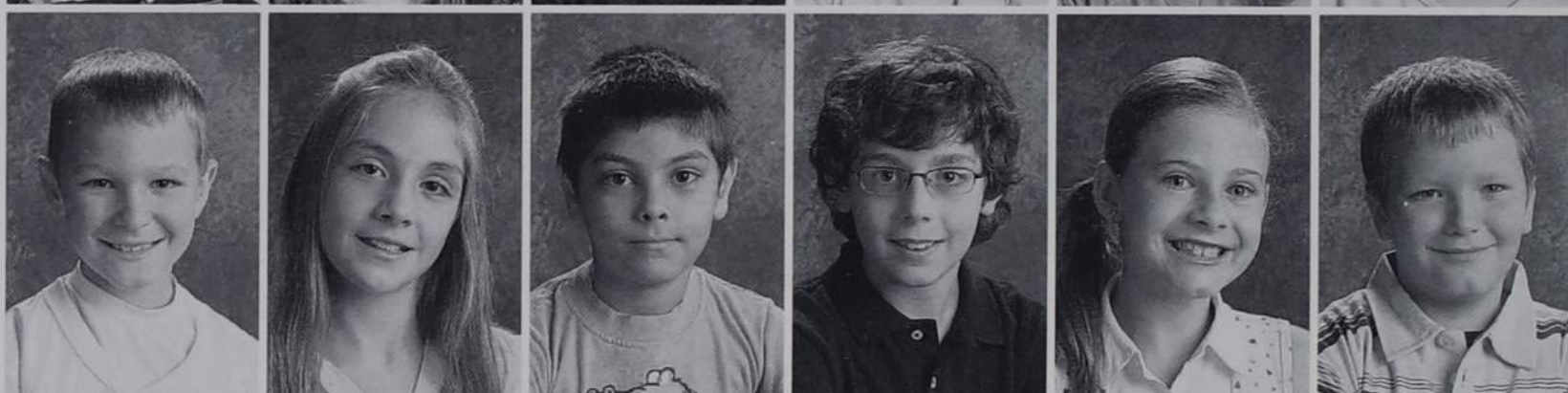
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Kyle Craig
Madeline Field



Jared Fletcher
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Samuel Greene
Justin Haase
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Isabella Herreid



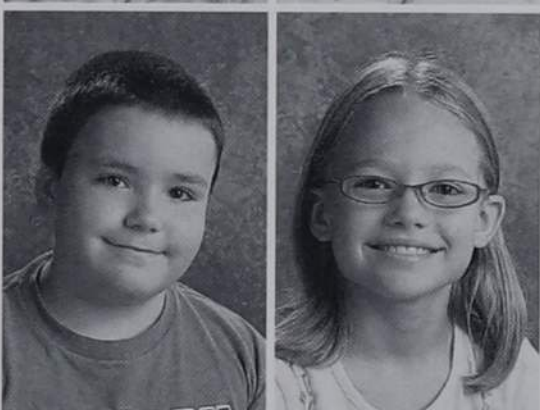
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Victoria Netzer
Matthew Oldham



Gavin Potthast
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Rachael Watkins



Sjon Weiss
Emmalee Wilkins



Lauren Wright
Cody Zobrist



Mrs. Keri Mueller

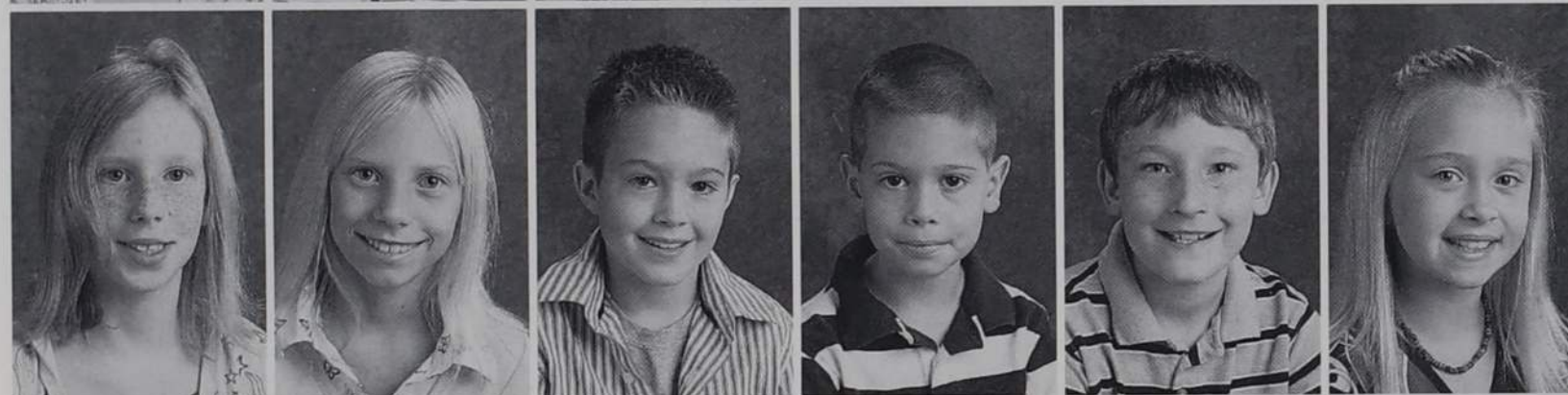
Fourth Grade



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Heather Andrews
Jimmy Barr
Samantha Beyer
Alyssa Bitticks
Stephen Blanchard



Lauryn Cook
Joseph Hobbs
Benjamin Little
Brady Logan
Hunter Lyerla
Abigail Metzler



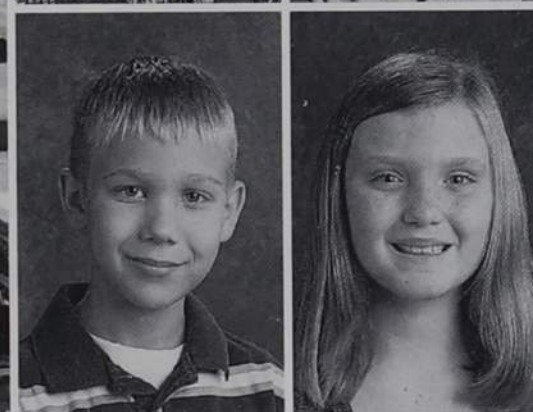
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Lydia Schutzenhofer



Madelynn Shively
Kelsey Straub
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Chelsie Sumoski
Madalyn Taylor
David Terrill



Kathryn Volker
Jordan Vonbokel



Kyle Wasser
Meghan Wellen

Mrs. Stephanie Schwappach

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Schwappach

Alexander Bandy
Matthew Beyer
Chase Bircher
Zachary Black
Morgan Capelle



Rianne Dalhuisen
Nicholas Davidson
Austin Davis
Madelyn Feldt
Keegan Gutzler
Tiffany Haney



Zander Hayes
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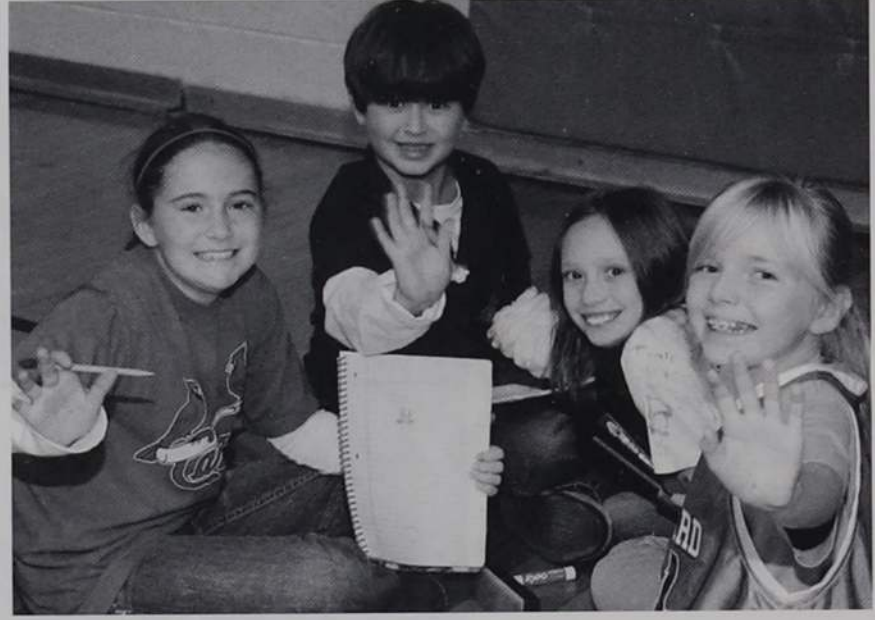
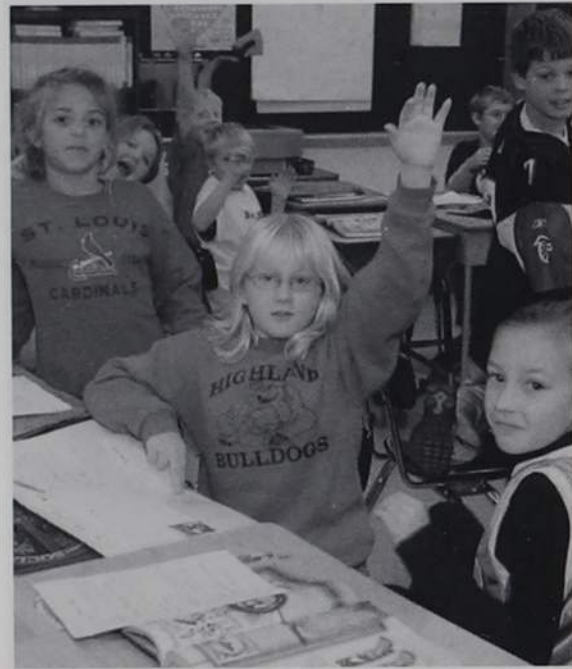
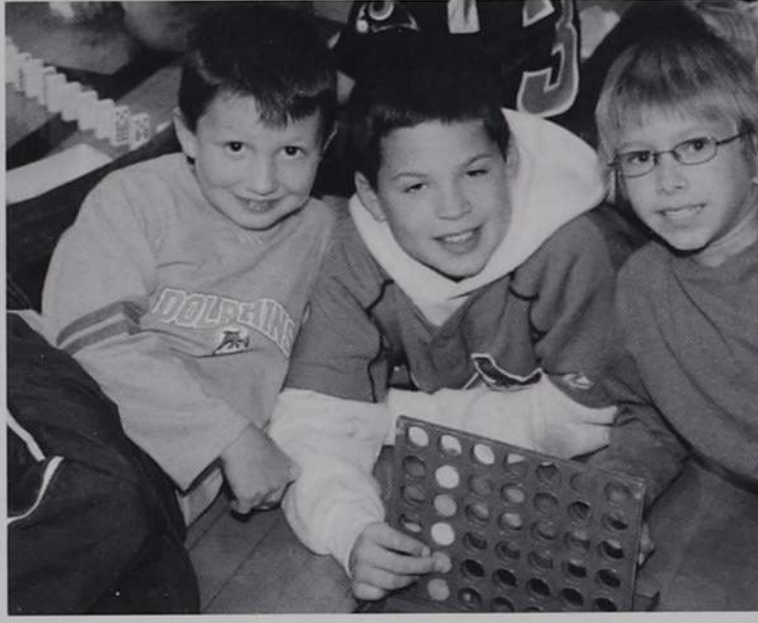
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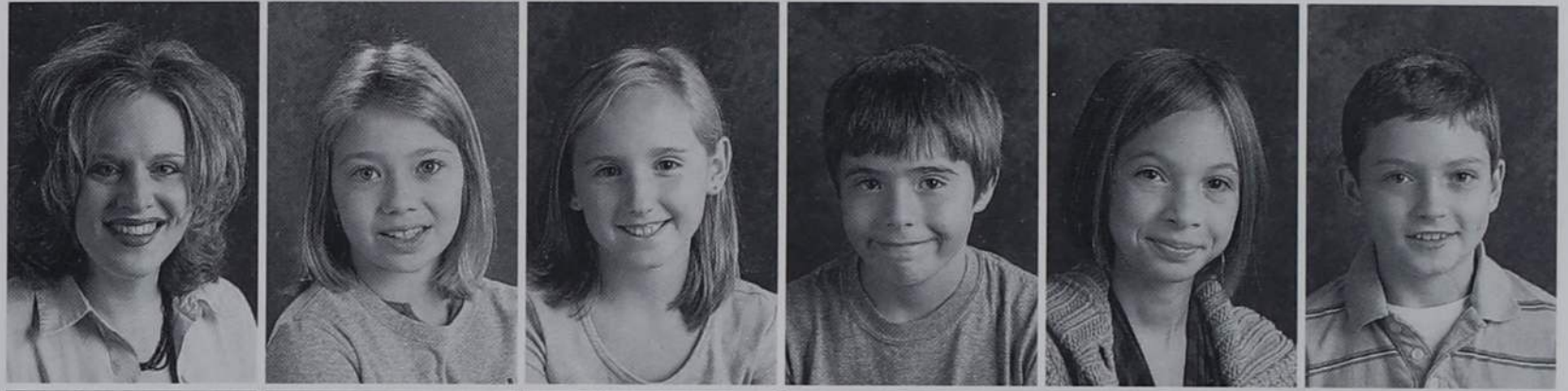
Fantastic Fourth Graders!



Mrs. Linda Bottom Fifth Grade

Mrs. Bottom

Emily Amos
Kaylee Baer
Tristen Bauguss
Sydney Brecht
Alexander Bruchhauser



Justin Bruggemann
Allison Buchmiller
Collin Chasteen
Mikayla Diebold
Gabriela Fort
Kylee Gutzler



Taylor Harpster
Kristen Hundsdoerfer
Hayley Klobuchar
Rachel Koehnemann
Phillip LaFrance
Ashley Lauth



Claire Litzenburg
Benjamin Menke
Mitchell Munie
Blake Rushing
Morgan Sikora
Dillon Skinner



Brett Wetzel
Caymon Wilkins



Madison Zobrist



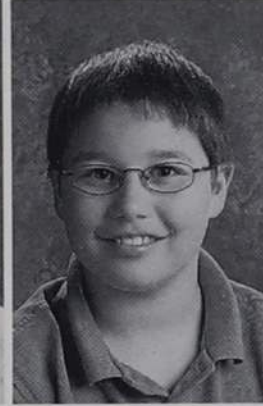
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Mrs. Cotto
Mrs. Ammann
Chelsie Barker
Benjamin Clayton



Katie Conklin
Emily Ellis
Shayne Ferguson
Logan Geiger



Amelia Graham
Brett Harrison
Zachary Heffron
Abigail Johnson
William Kaepp
Rachel Kampwerth



Samantha Moss
Madelynn Nickerson
Chase Odle
Austin Peters
Amber Potts
Taylor Prusa



Taylor Rogier
Kaylyn Rolfingsmeier
Marlee Singler
Brendan Sperber
Rebecca Tanner
Troy Vosholler



Zachary Wesselmann
Damon Wilderman
Austin Zurliene

Mrs. Chris Ford

Fifth Grade

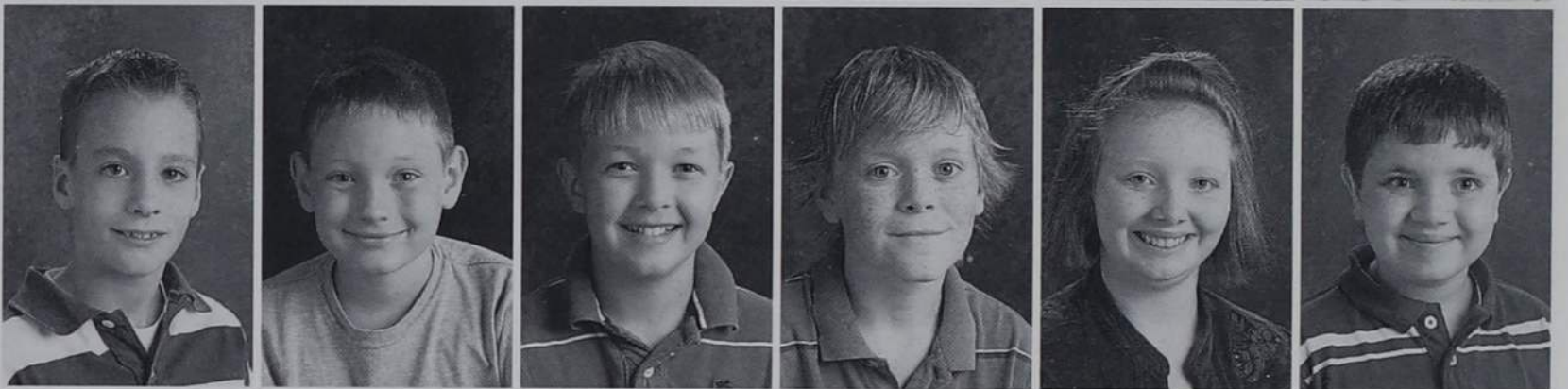
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Cali Byrd
Kathryn Daiber
Emily Deichmann



Jessica Drewer
Jacob Gill
Matthew Hoffman
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Logan Kharibian
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Shayne Korte
Corey Lada
Mason Lee
Marcus McGill
Ashley McPherson
Austin Mettler



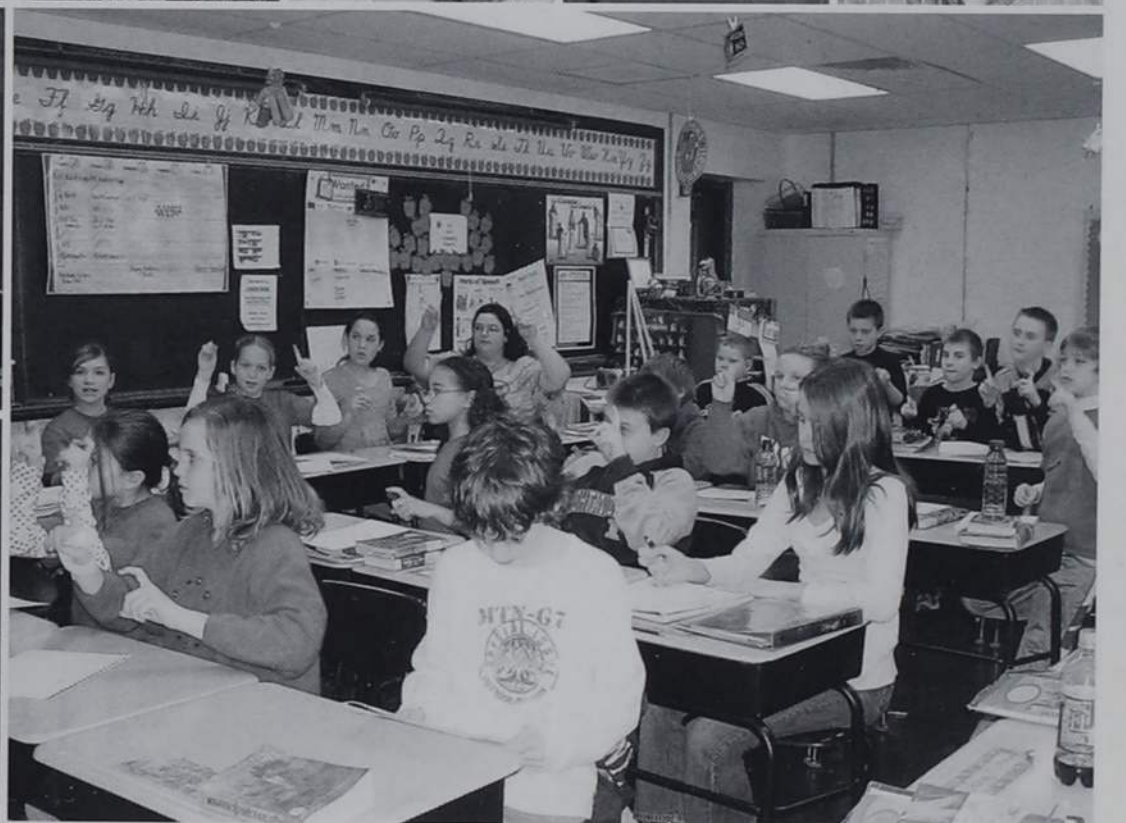
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Zachary Plocher



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Dylan Spencer



Samantha Szoke
Zachary Wellen



Mrs. Dawn Huffman Fifth Grade



Mrs. Huffman
Anthony Alberternst
Austun Byrd
Jordan Comish
Bailey Crouch
Gavin Diaz



Brooke Dickerson
Jarrad Drzewucki
Alexander Dugan
Tamera Hanna
Bryanna Kampwerth
Allison Klostermann



Analyse Lampe
Allison MacManus
Melissa McGrath
Bret Mueller
James Ponder
Jayden Shelton



Michael Short
Abby Sloan
Zachary Stewart
Dakota Stock
Ryan Stone
Nathan Sullens



Amy Sutterfield
Hayleigh Westberry



Melanie Wick

Mrs. Karen Nave Fifth Grade

Mrs. Nave

Madisen Beard
Grant Burke
Hannah Dawson
Sarah Devries
Julia Dillow



Michelle Ferguson
Samuel Fredericksen
Ashlyn Gietl
Heaven Glasco
Savanah Ishum
Cassandra Jenkins



Kane Kathmann
Brennen Kronk
Trevor Langhauser
Benjamin Leman
Ryan Long
Tiffany Luong



Cole Molkenbur
Samantha Schlaefer
Melissa Sellers
Jordan Uhls
Donovan White
Riley Zimmermann



Not Pictured
Dimitri Gossmeier
Heather Gumbel



Mrs. ShiAnne Shively Fifth Grade



Mrs. Shively
Amber Auffert
Taylor Barker
Peter Baumgartner
Austin Cleveland
Thomas Cummins



Samantha Downey
Carly Duff
Daniel Goebel
Evan Goedelmann
Peyton Guthrie
Tasha Kernan



Kelsey Koller
Chelsie Langenhorst
Caleb Lintzenich
Moira Lynott
Rebecca Nation
Molly Schutzenhofer



Dominik Sorocko
Jacob VonBokel
Mitchell Wallace
Tristin Welch
Valerie Welles
Taylor Wendler



James White
Trevor White



Brook Zapisek

Mrs. Kerri Spies Fifth Grade

Mrs. Spies
Matthew Bartels
Mary Bijarro
Adison Black
Nicole Cayson
Zachary Chapman



Mitchell Dahm
Michael Ferguson
Karygan Frey
Jordyn Grawe
Devon Henson
Taylor Hohl



Seth Huelsmann
Brooke Hustedde
Adrianna Jakel
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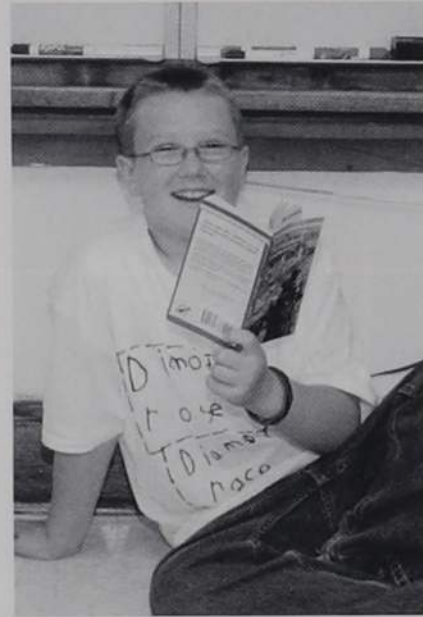
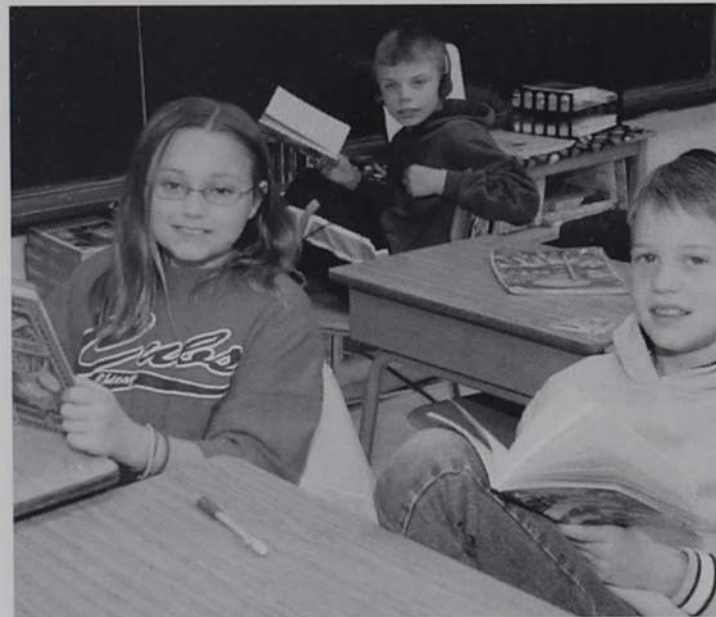
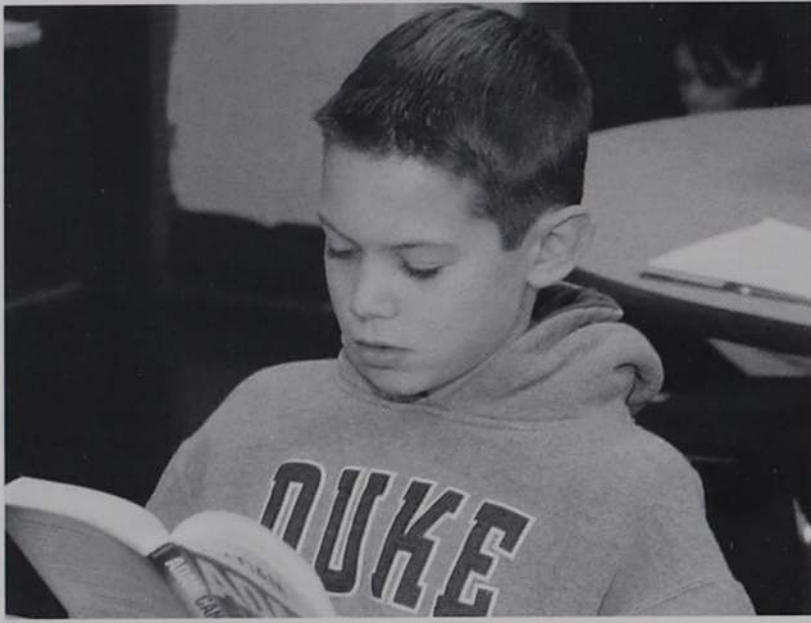


Dylan Sparrowk
Rhianna Ybarra



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Danielle Glasco

Fascinating Fifth Graders!



Ms. Susan Coode Sixth Grade

Ms. Coode
Sutton Allen
Christina Amaro
Blake Baum
Matthew Bruning
Dustin Buchanan



Harley Clay
Erik Cochran
Sara Fischer
Devon Friedel
Jennifer Gerwel
Austin Goldsborough



Jacob Henderson
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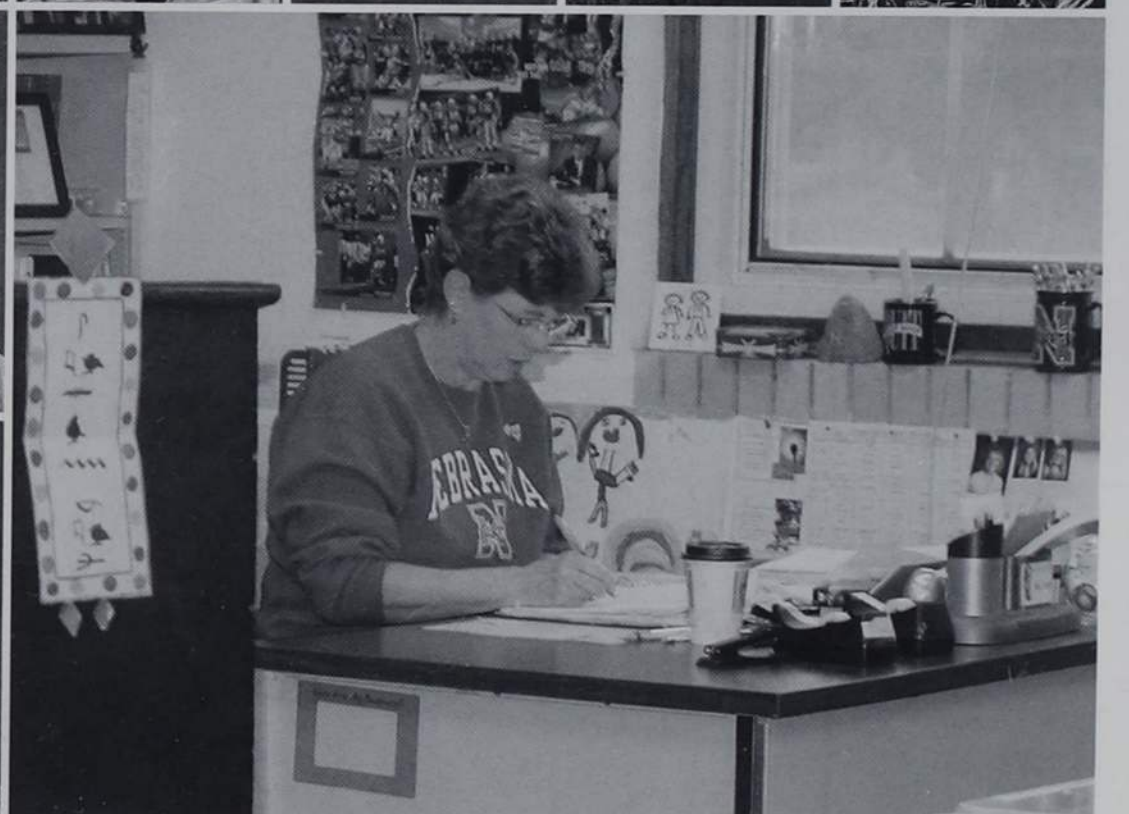
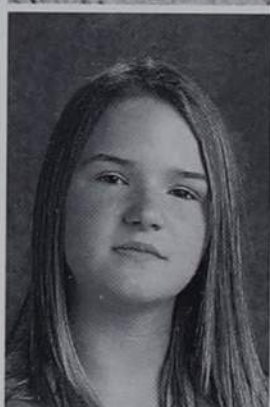
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Kacey Miller
Dante Pena
Raymond Pottios
Dalton Smilek
Tyler Toberman



Jacob Troxell
Zoie Waymoth



Corissa Williams



Mr. Jim Gallatin Sixth Grade



Mr. Gallatin
Tiffani Atnip
Joseph Bardill
Lauren Campbell
Angela Cruz
Zakkary Davis

Derek Frey
Audrey Fuesting
Joy Gu
Victoria Isaak
Joshua Jackowski
Alyssa Johnson

James Kiou
Kevin Knebel
Josie Kutz
Trevor Miller
Andrew Pope
Morgan Reaka

Tristan Rickord
Lucas Rinderer
Cassidy Roderick
Jared Sharp
Shane Skelt
Jesse Sowell

Travis Voss
Aaron Waters
Kendra Wiegand
Tanner Zimmermann

Mrs. Sheila Gruender Sixth Grade

Mrs. Gruender
Nickolas Alexander
Shane Campbell
Guy Ceppenati
Hailey Dunn
Hannah Hartlieb



Ian Hipkins
Kaelin Hirsch
Emily Holtzclaw
Amber Hubbard
Madison Hug
Ellen Imming



Makenzee Isaacs
Brenden Kauhl
Nathan Koonce
Paige Lampe
Shane Lawrence
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Kathryn Walker



Shanna Welz
Cody Wiegmann

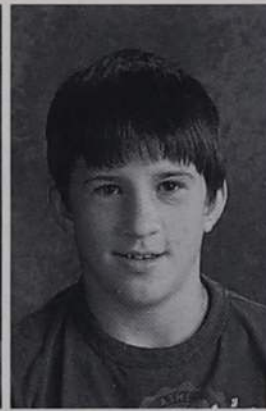


Drake Zappia



Mrs. Susan Hooker

Sixth Grade



Mrs. Hooker
Alexis Barker
Steven Canada
Lonnie Cleveland



Aaron Elledge
Jennifer Emery
Peyton Gehrs
Carrie Gibbons



Anthony Jones
Miranda Jones
Jonathon Meadows
Ashlie Mindrup
Paige Mumper
Derek Rickher



Kylee Rongey
Addison Rosen
Kaitlin Rutz
Christian Schuepbach
Austin Schwappach
Kelly Setar



Caylee Solice
Bradley Sperber
Devin Thompson
Mariah Voyles
Mackland Waldman
Brandon Webb



Megan Widman
Landon Wolf

Mrs. Jill Klostermann Sixth Grade

Mrs. Klostermann
Mrs. Ammann
Paige Ahlgren
Olivia Bruno



Joshua Case
Katie Clark
Michael Conklin
Alexander Cranick



Taylor Cygan
Jordan Dahm
Lena Giger
Sabrina Haller
Lauren Hammel
Shelby Hanke



Kayleigh Hester
Blake Hustedde
Jesse Johnson
Tyler Korte
Evan Lauer
Caroline Menz



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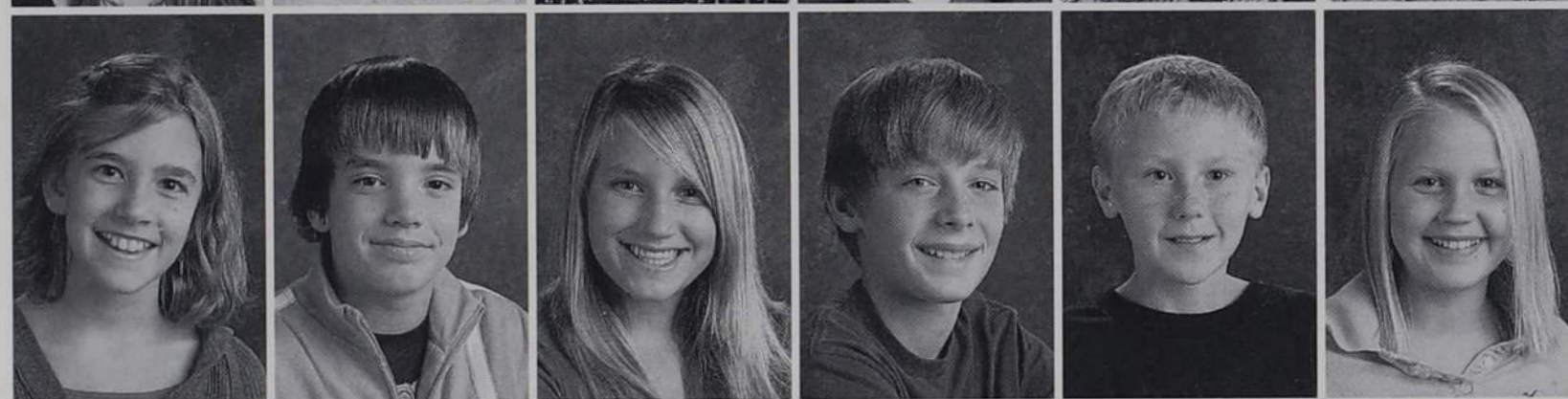
Mrs. Barb Tally Sixth Grade



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Olivia Hickey
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Chloe Potthast



Cody Schuchardt
Ryan Schumacher
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Kody Welch



Jacob Wellen
Morgan Wheeler



Jordan Wilson
Adam Zobrist

Mrs. Cindy Tolbert Sixth Grade

Mrs. Tolbert
Danielle Balint
Christopher
Brandenburg
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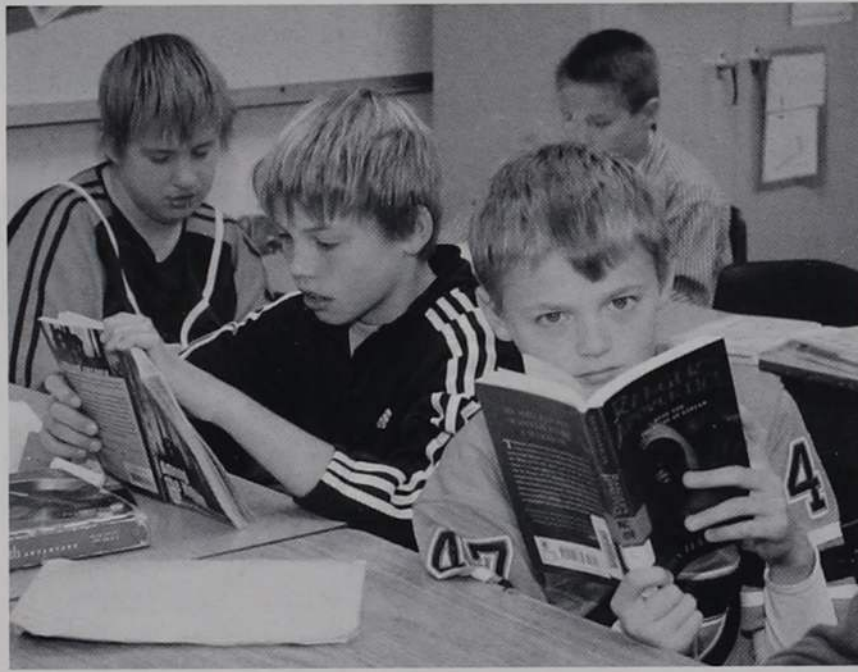
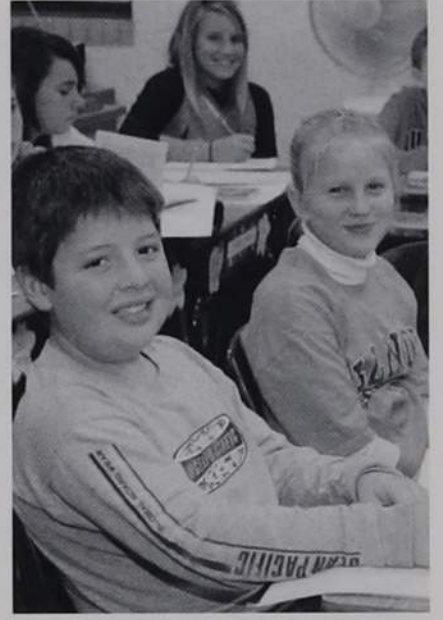
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Austin Stanek
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Hanna Trout
Stephen Williams

Katielyne Woolner
Trent Workman
Brendan Zeisset
Benjamin Zuccarelli



Spectacular Sixth Graders!



New Dogs in the House

Early Childhood/ Pre-Kindergarten

*Maurice Harris, Tyler Kutz,
Kaitlin Borrer, & Blake
Michaelis*



Highland Primary

*Back Row - Cheyenne
Carroll, Jennifer Taylor,
Dietrich Gossmeier
Front Row - Joshua Doty,
Jasmine Tatlici*



Highland Elementary

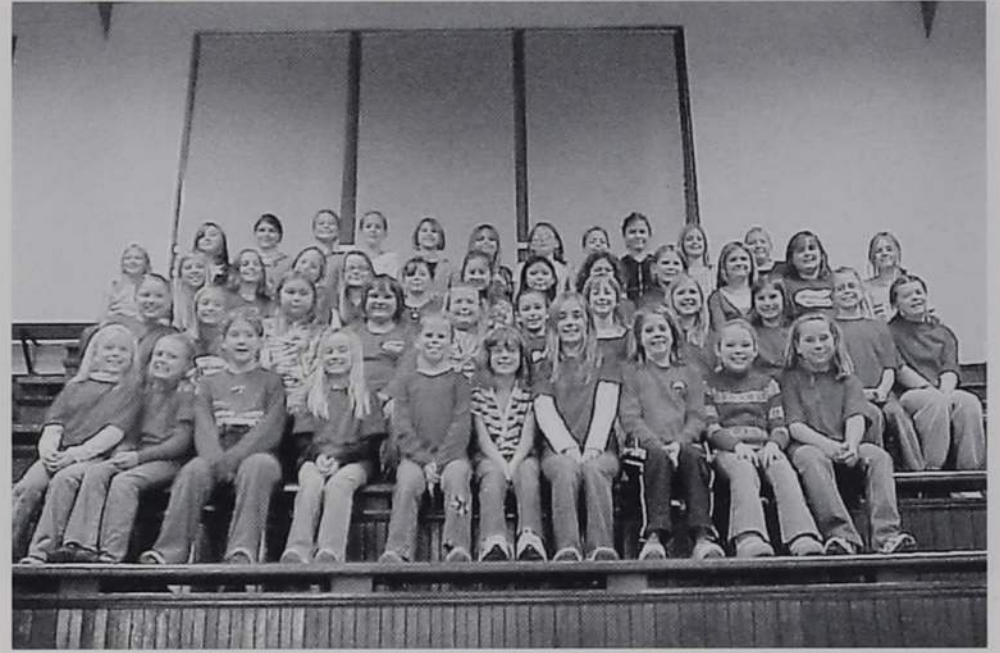
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Karpan, Michelle Wildhaber,
Brady Kunkel, Jacob
Niebruegge, Emily Doty
Middle Row - Cyndel Hasler,
Rebekah Cousson, Jessi Lynes,
Heather Gumbel
Front Row - Dimitri Gossmeier,
Dylan Crossen, Jason Arbogast*



Big Dogs Making a Change



Student Anti-Bullying Committee



Third and Fourth Grade Sign Language



Fifth and Sixth Grade Sign Language



5th Grade Extended Art

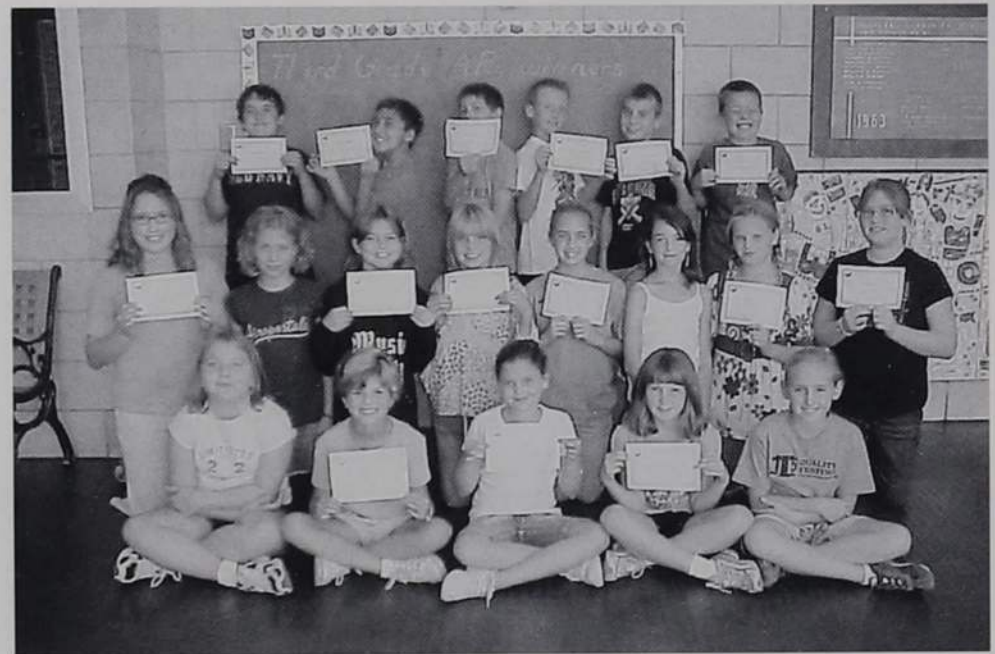


Sixth Grade Extended Art

Very Important Principles



Dogs Making a Difference



Leading the Pack



Geography Bee Winner



Spelling Bee Winner (right) -
Runner Up (left)



Fourth Grade Spelling Bee
Participants



Fifth Grade Spelling Bee
Participants

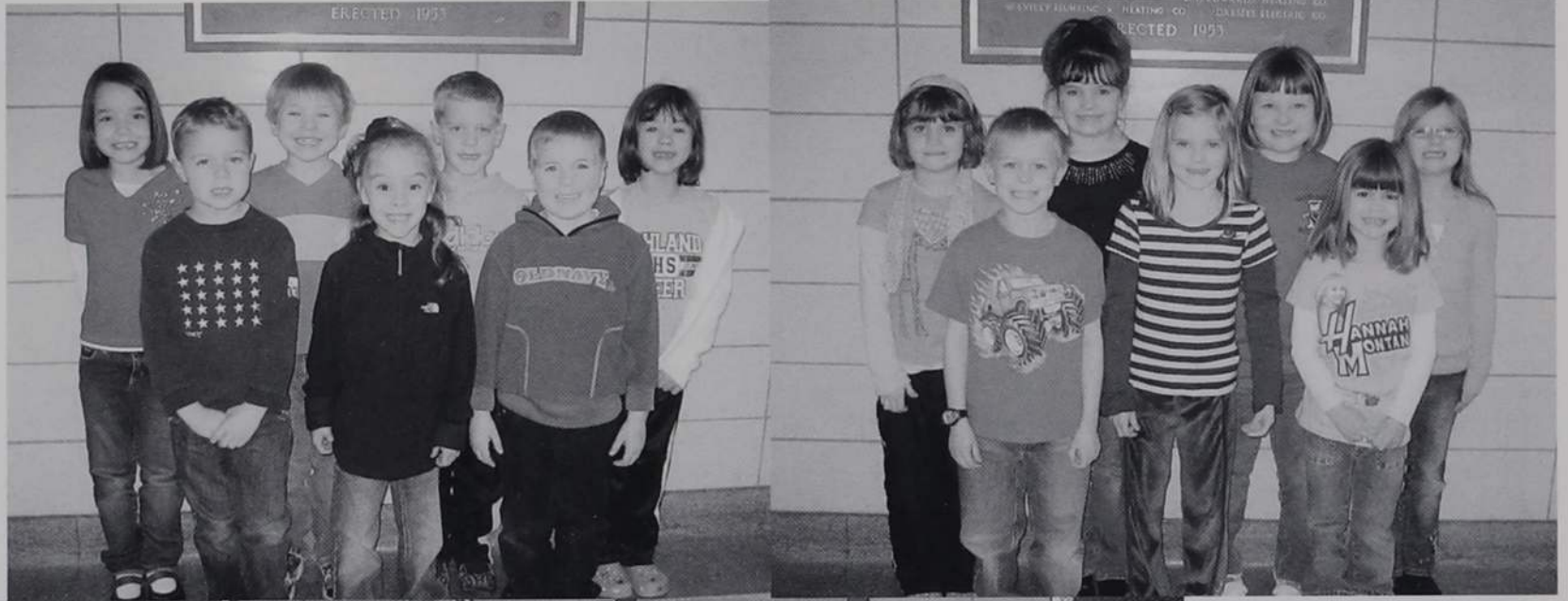


Sixth Grade Spelling Bee
Participants

Putting Our Best Paws Forward

Young Authors

*Kindergarten
First Grade*



Young Authors

*Second Grade
Third/Fourth
Grade*

Young Authors

*Fifth/Sixth
Grade*

Toy Drive



TV Production Staff

Big Dogs Making Noise



Fifth Grade



Sixth Grade

Big Dogs Serve It Up



Big Dogs Shoot for the Top



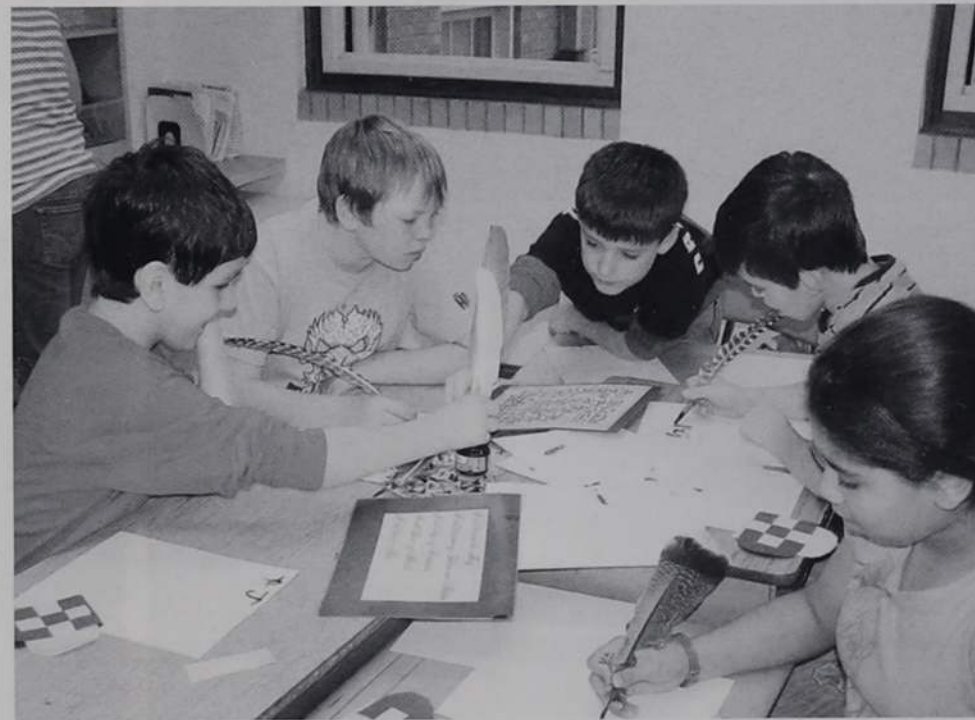
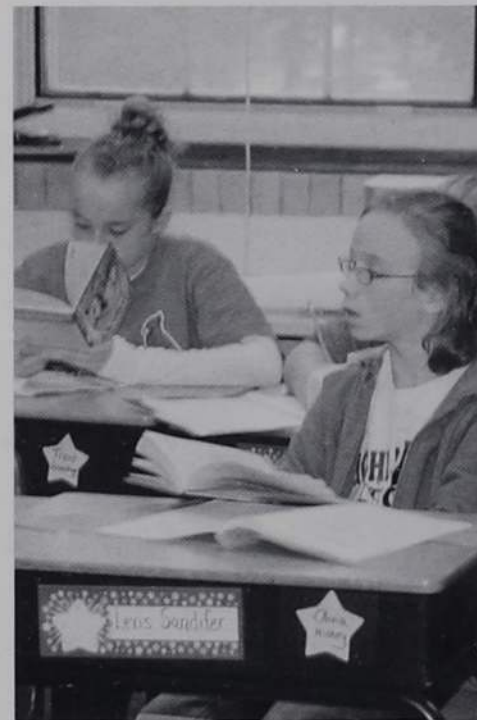
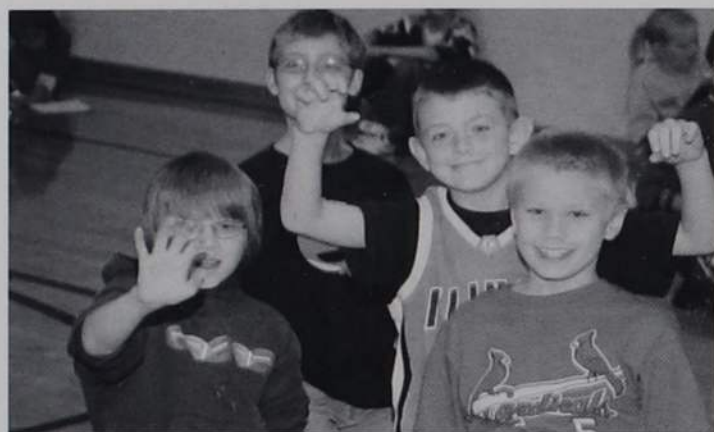
Three Cheers for the Big Dogs



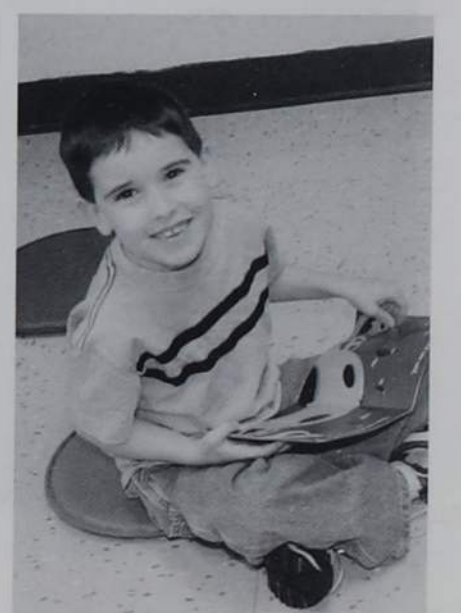
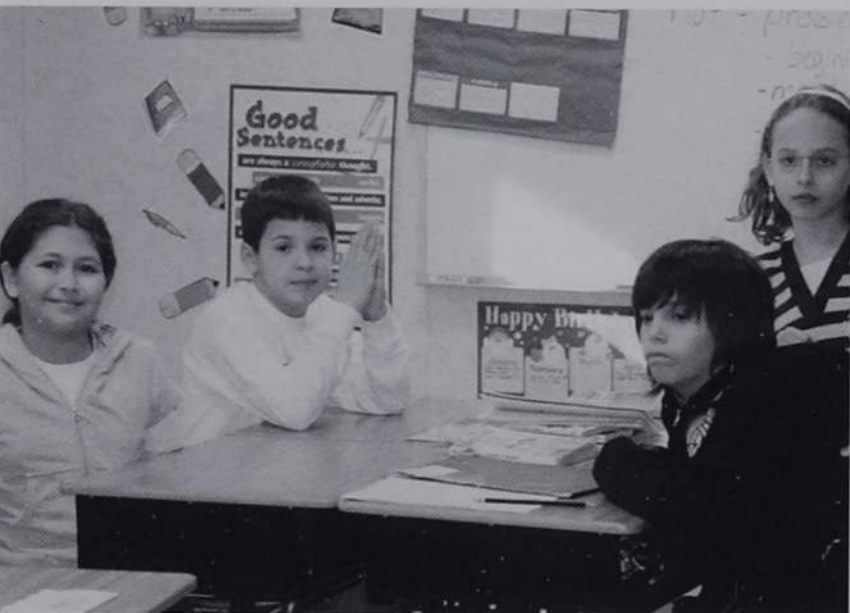
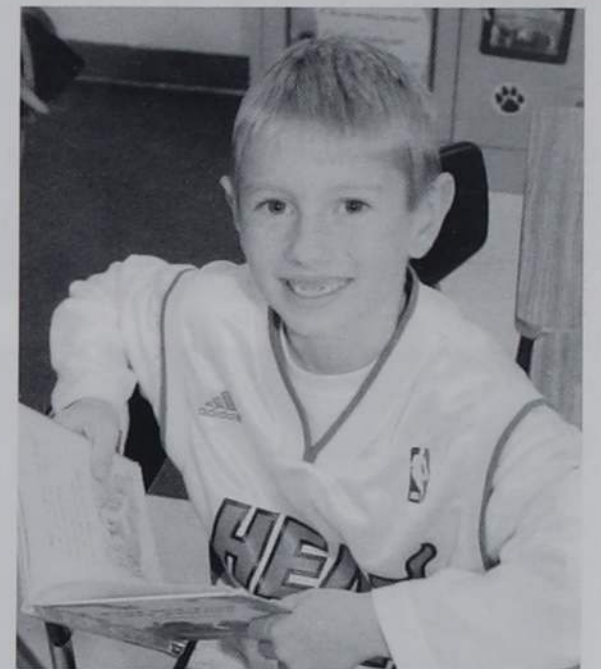
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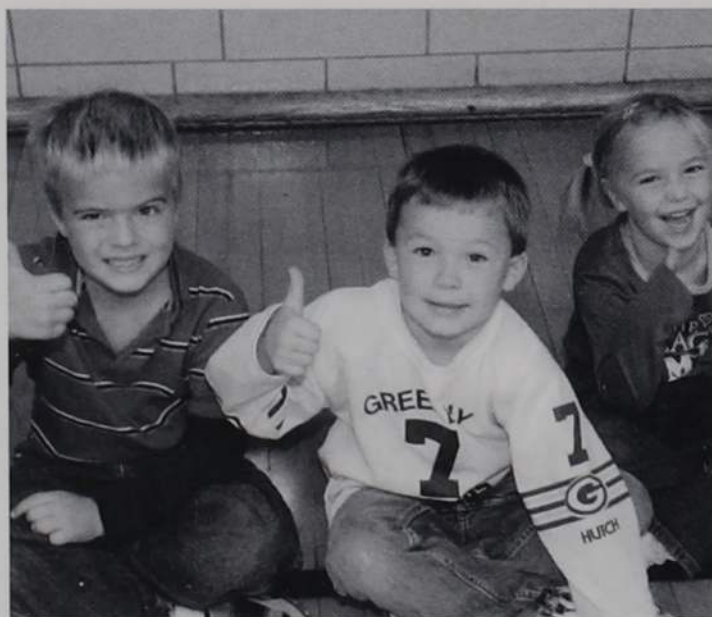
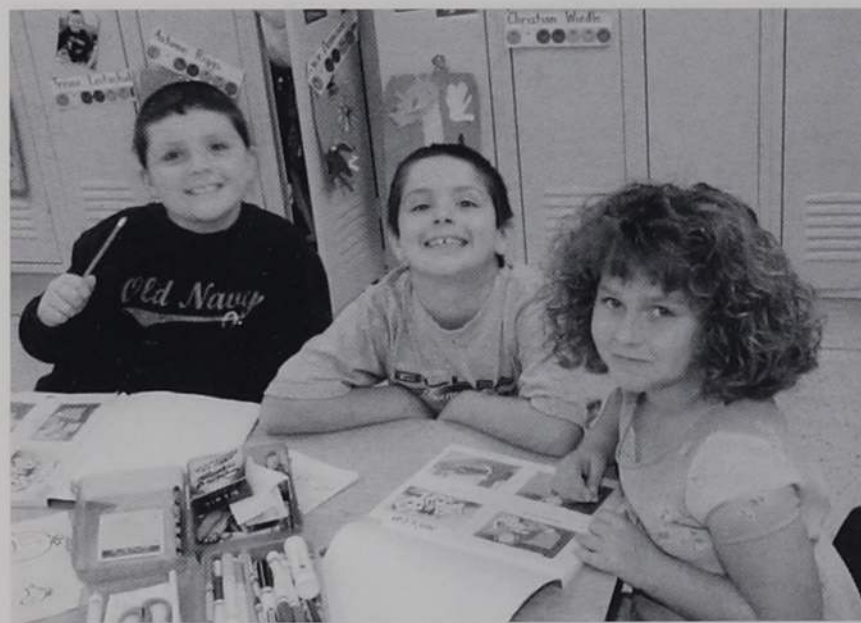
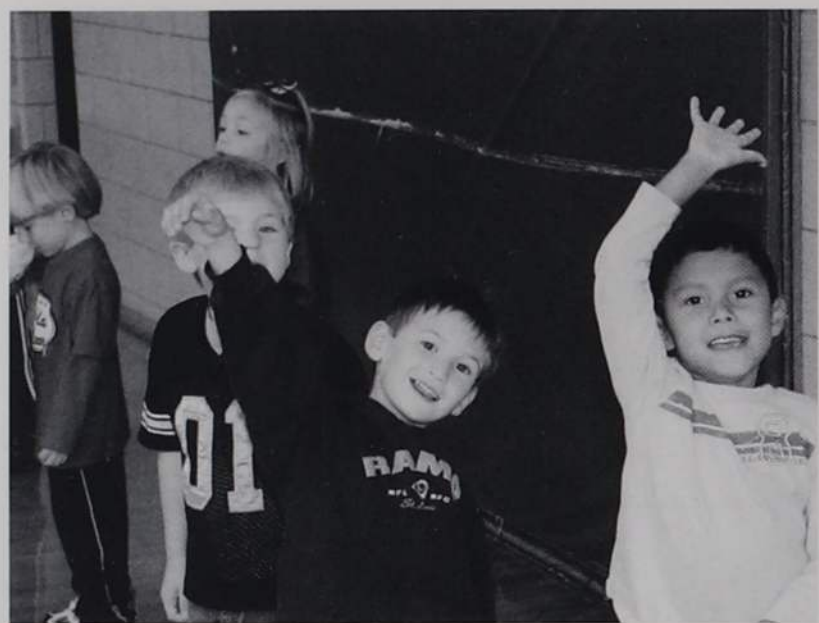
Tails Above the Rest!



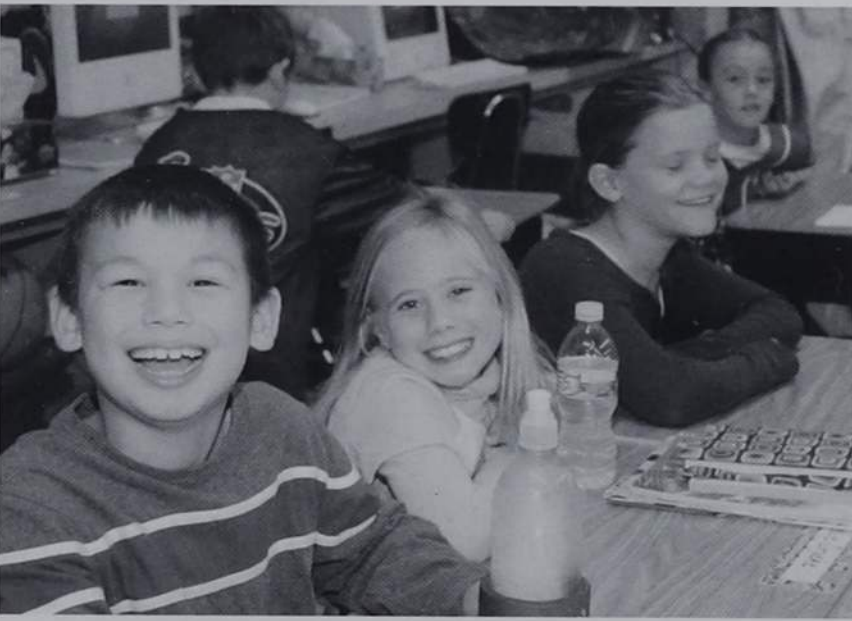
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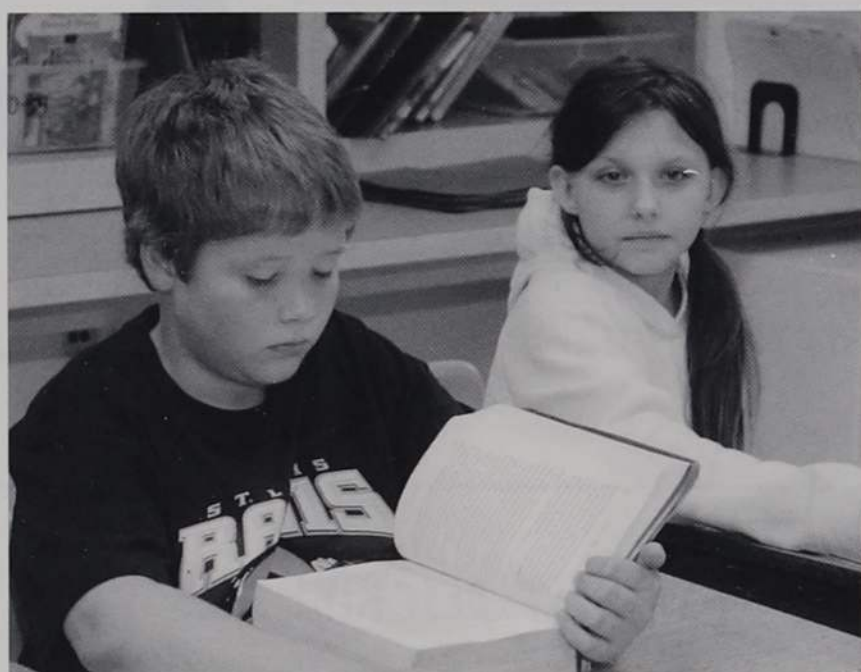
in Small Packages



You Can Teach



Bulldogs New Tricks!



My School Day Memories

My Name _____

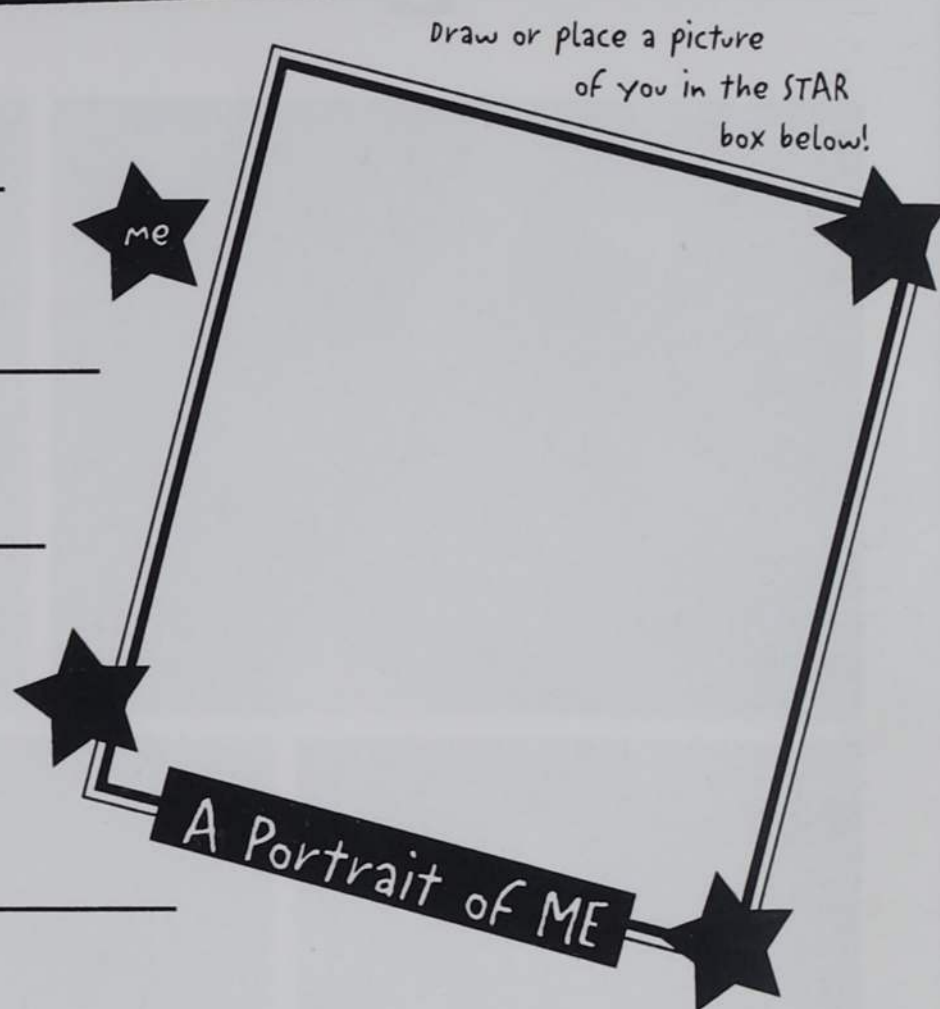
Age _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

My favorite subject: _____

My favorite activities: _____

My best friends are: _____

My most memorable moment this year: _____



I've checked all of the words that BEST DESCRIBE ME!

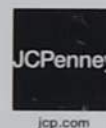
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A collage of various 2007-2008 events and figures, including George W. Bush, Tiger Woods, the 2007 World Cup, and the 2008 Beijing Olympics, with the text "A YEAR IN REVIEW 2007-2008" overlaid. The collage includes images of the White House, the 2007 World Cup trophy, the 2008 Beijing Olympics torch, and various celebrities and athletes. The text "A YEAR IN REVIEW" is in large, bold, blue letters, and "2007-2008" is in large, bold, red letters. The word "Zoom" is in the bottom left corner in a stylized, colorful font.

HEADLINE NEWS



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FAREWELL, LADY BIRD

The world said goodbye to Claudia Alta Taylor, a.k.a. Lady Bird Johnson, at the age of 94. Lady Bird was known for her role as the quintessential political wife. She campaigned tirelessly alongside her husband and even used her inheritance funds to assist with his bid for political office. After Lyndon Baines Johnson became the nation's 36th president, Lady Bird worked as an advocate for the beautification of America and the Head Start program.



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ROVE RESIGNS

President Bush's long-time political adviser announced his resignation and left the White House in August 2007. Karl Rove was the latest in a string of administration resignations following the Democratic takeover in Congress. Rove's departure from the White House came as a result of Chief of Staff Josh Bolten's request for staffers to resign before Labor Day or commit to serving through the end of Bush's term.



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QUEEN ELIZABETH HITS MILESTONE

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II became the country's oldest reigning monarch when she surpassed the record set by her great-great grandmother Queen Victoria. Victoria lived 81 years and 243 days, and Elizabeth surpassed that record. However, the longest-serving monarch record still belonged to Queen Victoria, who reigned for nearly 64 years. Queen Elizabeth has served for 55 years since her coronation in 1952.



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SANCTIONS FOR SECURITY

According to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Iran's nuclear weapon development was a closed issue. However, despite repeated demands from the U.N. Security Council, Iran did not suspend enrichment of uranium. The council responded by imposing increased sanctions on Tehran for its refusal to comply. Iran maintained that its nuclear program was aimed only toward generating electricity.



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LEAD SCARE RAISES CONCERN

Chinese products fell under scrutiny after potentially dangerous levels of chemicals and toxins were found in a variety of products, ranging from pet food to children's toys. Mattel was forced to recall millions of toys made in China; other products under investigation included shrimp, commercial steel, lipstick, and Boy Scout badges. Ultimately, American companies were held responsible for the quality of their products in the marketplace, but monitoring quality was an enormous task due to the prevalence of Chinese products in the United States.



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TRAGEDY IN MINNESOTA

On August 1, 2007, the unthinkable happened in Minneapolis when the Interstate 35W bridge collapsed during rush hour. The 1,907-foot bridge fell into the Mississippi River and onto roadways below in less than 4 seconds. As a result, there were 145 injured and 13 lives lost. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released its first report in December, revealing that a design error resulted in undersized gusset plates for the truss bridge, which was first opened in 1967. The bridge collapse prompted an increased number of safety inspections for bridges nationwide.



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SALES SLUMP

The housing market continued to battle tough times when sales by homeowners hit a record low in October. Economists pointed to the excess supply of homes on the market and adjustable rate mortgages as reasons for the slump. In December, President George W. Bush and policy makers responded by cutting the federal funds rate for the third time that year.



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U.N. TROOPS TO AID DARFUR

The United Nations Security Council authorized calling up to 26,000 troops and police to supplement the 7,000 African Union force in Sudan's Darfur region. The combined United Nations-African Union operation aimed to help solve over four years of conflict in Darfur. More than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million have been displaced due to the unrest and fighting in the area.



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BHUTTO ASSASSINATED

Pakistan opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was assassinated after a campaign rally. Bhutto's assassination occurred just weeks before the country was to hold a parliamentary election in which she was hoping to win a third term of leadership. Bhutto, who led Pakistan from 1988 to 1990 and again from 1993 to 1996, was the first female prime minister of any Islamic state. Bhutto had been the target of several assassination attempts by Al Qaeda, the Taliban and Pakistani jihad groups.



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BROWN PROMISES CHANGE

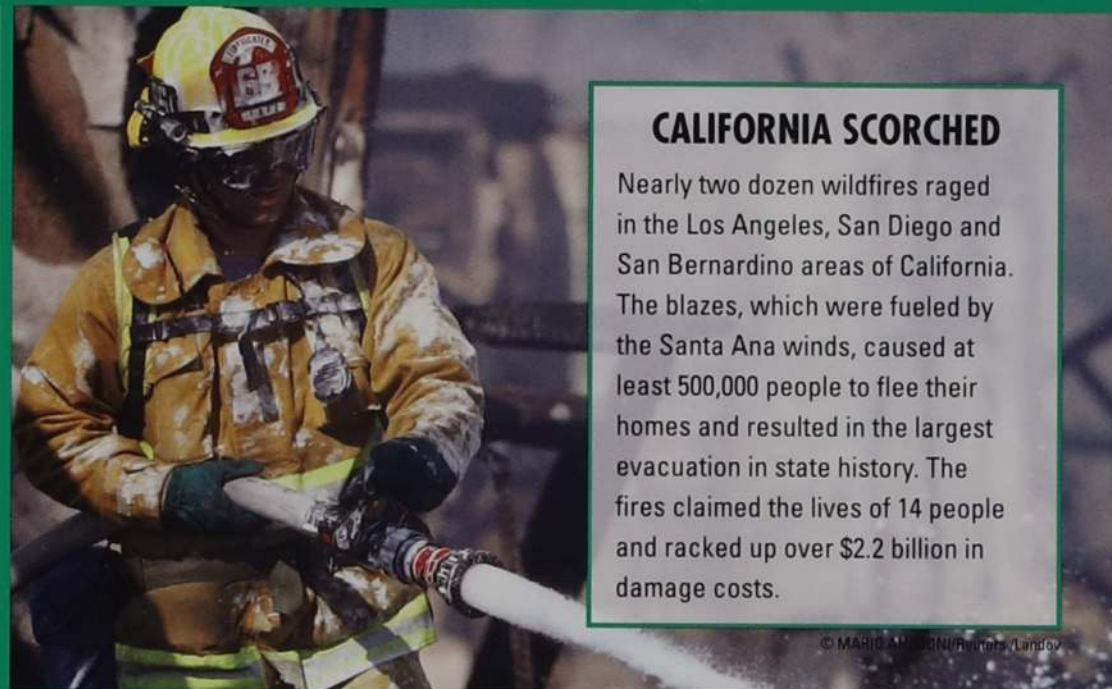
After more than a decade in power, Prime Minister Tony Blair turned over No. 10 Downing Street to the new British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown. The former treasury chief promised a "new government with new priorities." The Prime Minister's call for reform included changes in international institutions to reflect the new global society and the rise of Asia.



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DEMOCRACY DEFENDER DIES

Boris Yeltsin will be remembered as the man who brought democratic reform to Russia by ending over 70 years of Soviet Communism. The former Russian President died on April 23, 2007, of heart failure at the age of 76. Yeltsin won international acclaim when he stood on top of a tank in Moscow during a coup attempt against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.



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CALIFORNIA SCORCHED

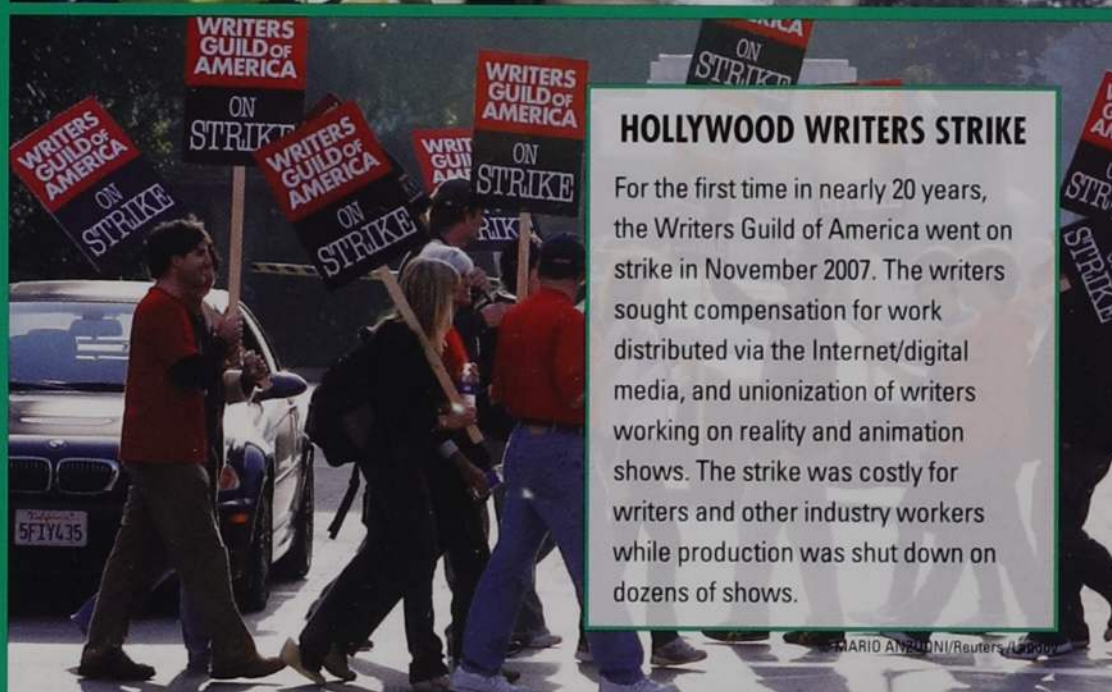
Nearly two dozen wildfires raged in the Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino areas of California. The blazes, which were fueled by the Santa Ana winds, caused at least 500,000 people to flee their homes and resulted in the largest evacuation in state history. The fires claimed the lives of 14 people and racked up over \$2.2 billion in damage costs.



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THE LONG RACE

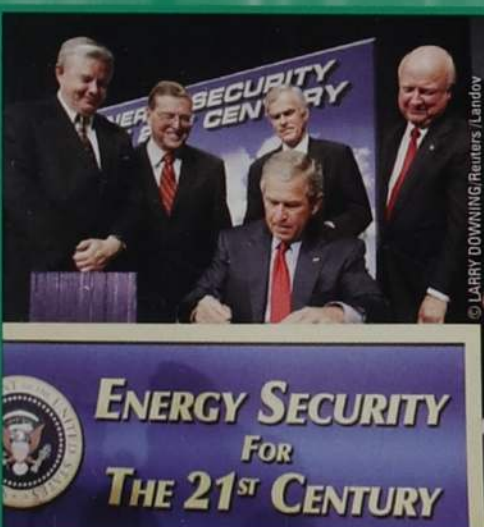
The 2008 presidential campaign made headlines before a final candidate was even selected. The race for the presidency was already in full swing as of early 2007, which made it the longest election race in history. A variety of candidates made their bids for the White House, as Americans waited to hit the polls on November 4.



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HOLLYWOOD WRITERS STRIKE

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the Writers Guild of America went on strike in November 2007. The writers sought compensation for work distributed via the Internet/digital media, and unionization of writers working on reality and animation shows. The strike was costly for writers and other industry workers while production was shut down on dozens of shows.



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MORE MPGS

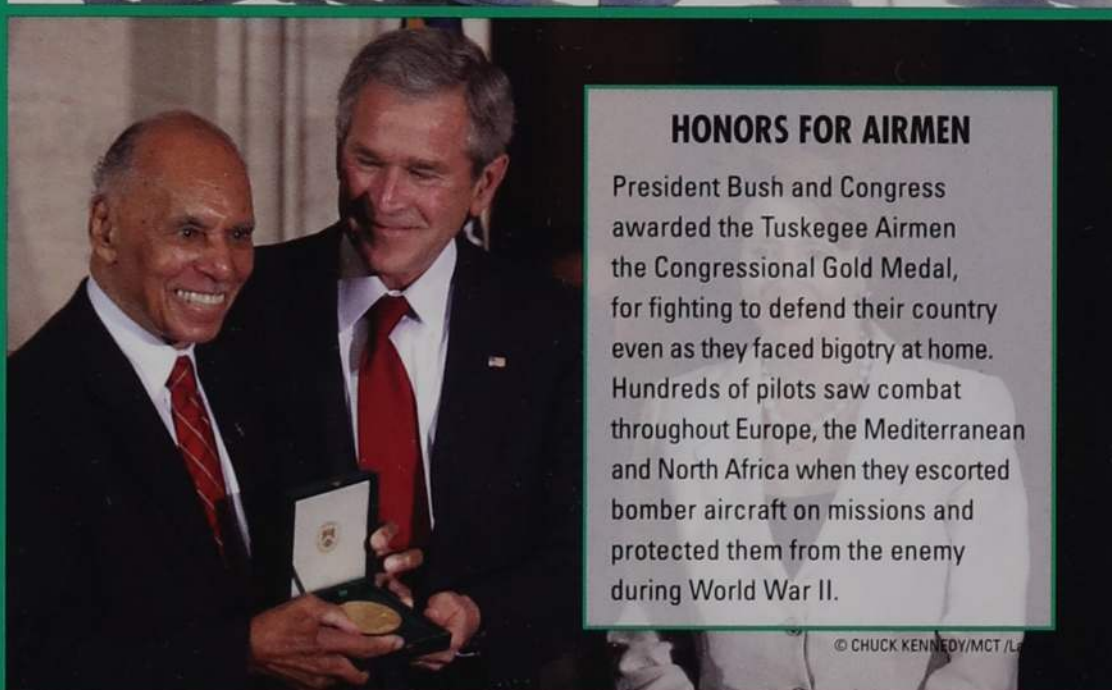
President George W. Bush signed an energy bill that updated automotive fuel economy standards for the first time in more than three decades. The new law required a corporate average of 35 miles per gallon (mpg) by the year 2020. It also boosted federal support for alternative fuel research and energy conservation efforts. The previous fuel economy standards, 27.5 mpg for passenger cars and 22.2 mpg for light trucks, were established in 1975.



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IRAQ UPDATE

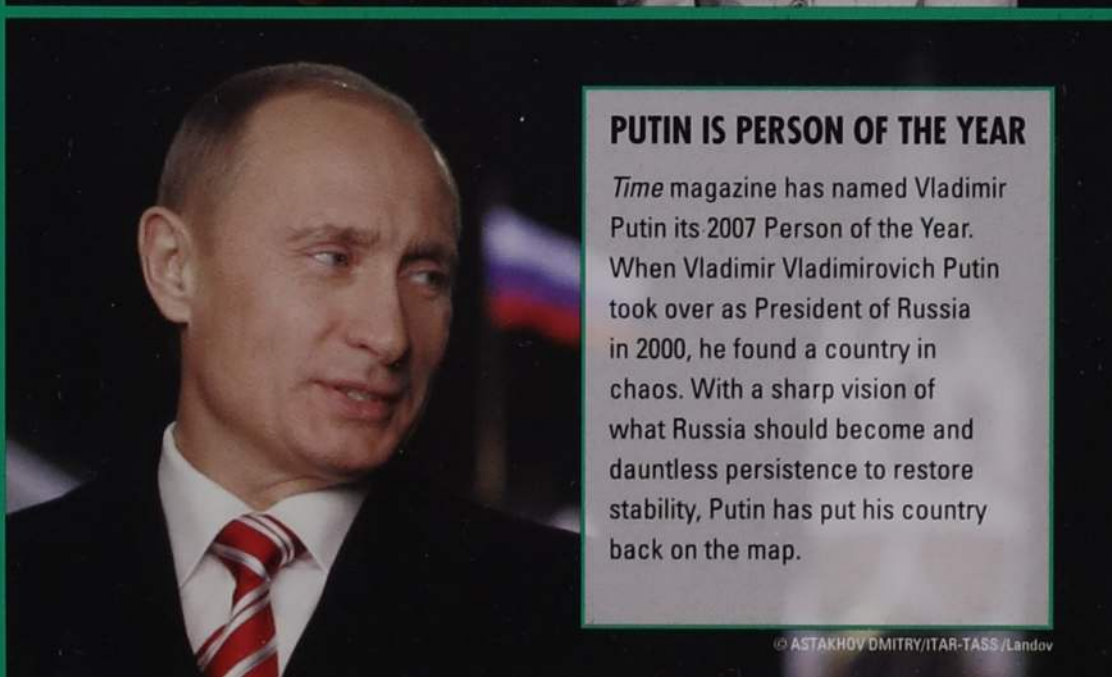
In September, U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, announced that military goals of reduced killings in Baghdad and nationwide had been met. Yet, Iraqi ground forces requested U.S. forces to remain in place for the foreseeable future to help control internal security and to defend the nation from external threat. The United States has been at war in Iraq since March of 2003.



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HONORS FOR AIRMEN

President Bush and Congress awarded the Tuskegee Airmen the Congressional Gold Medal, for fighting to defend their country even as they faced bigotry at home. Hundreds of pilots saw combat throughout Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa when they escorted bomber aircraft on missions and protected them from the enemy during World War II.



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PUTIN IS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Time magazine has named Vladimir Putin its 2007 Person of the Year. When Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin took over as President of Russia in 2000, he found a country in chaos. With a sharp vision of what Russia should become and dauntless persistence to restore stability, Putin has put his country back on the map.

WORLD DISCOVERIES



FATAL SUPERBUG

As of 2007, more than 90,000 Americans each year contracted potentially fatal staph infections from a drug-resistant "superbug." The bug was called methicillin-resistant staphylococcus, or MRSA, and its bacteria was carried by healthy people where it lived on their skin or in their noses. It raised concerns because it became more common and it was resistant to penicillin. Without a vaccine for the superbug, the number of deaths caused by it each year could surpass the number of fatalities caused by the AIDS virus.



PANDA POOP TO PAPER

Chinese researchers from the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Base learned how to transform a two-ton daily load of panda waste into paper. The idea originated during a visit to Thailand, when they saw paper made from elephant dung. The researchers thought that their 40 bamboo-fed pandas, which produce about two tons of waste per day, could make an even finer paper. Their next step was finding paper mills to process their fiber-rich material into high quality paper.



MONSTER OF THE DEEP

English scientists shared their discovery of an 18-inch fossilized claw that was part of an ancient sea monster. The "monster" was believed to be an 8-foot-long sea scorpion that lived 390 million years ago, and it was the largest of its kind ever found. The scorpions were dominant for millions of years before larger fish stole their reign of the deep seas.



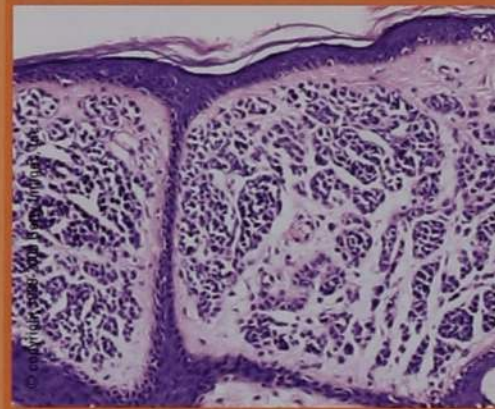
THAT'S CLAMTASTIC!

The record for the longest-living animal went to a quahog clam that was found off the coast of Iceland. The 405-year-old quahog clam, nicknamed "Ming" after the Chinese dynasty that ruled at the time of its birth, broke the record previously held by a 374-year-old clam. That was one mighty mollusk!



KING TUT REVEALED

Eighty-five years after the discovery of King Tutankhamun's 3,000-year-old mummy, Tut's face was unveiled for the first time in 2007. The pharaoh's mummified body was displayed for the public in a climate-controlled glass box to protect it from the damaging effects of humidity. The traveling Tut exhibit drew more than 4 million people during a four-city United States tour, and it increased tourism in Egypt as well—there were over 9 million visitors last year.



SKIN CELLS TO THE RESCUE

Research groups from Kyoto University and the University of Wisconsin in Madison have discovered two different genetic recipes that give ordinary human skin cells the power to turn into virtually any kind of human tissue. With this capability, a person's own skin cells could be used to mend a broken spinal cord or repair heart damage. The scientists behind this amazing discovery warned that actual use of the skin cells was still years away, but the breakthrough was a "tremendous scientific milestone."



FUEL ALTERNATIVE

Shell Oil and German biofuel company Choren Industries planned the European launch of a new road fuel called Sunfuel for late 2007. This new fuel was made from wood chips and straw, and its program pilot for synthetic diesel was expected to shift the industry. The projected change involved using plant material waste instead of valuable food crops to create fuel. Sunfuel's cost was more than the price of oil, but Shell spokesmen expected the price to come down as production volume increased.



PURPOSEFUL APPENDIX

A team of surgeons and specialists at Duke University Medical School proposed a purpose for the appendix. The small organ, located at the beginning of the large intestine, was found to be a storage place for helpful bacteria. The shape of the appendix, as well as focused studies, supported the hypothesis that the appendix's function is to store and supply healthy protective bacteria for the digestive system.



CATCH OF THE DAY

New Zealand fishermen hauled in a colossal catch when they captured the largest squid ever seen. The Colossal Squid (*Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*) weighed over half a ton and measured 33 feet in length. The enormous squid specimen was caught in the Ross Sea near Antarctica, just as it was finishing off a meal of Patagonian toothfish.



STEGER EXPLORES WARMING ARCTIC

In May 2007, Will Steger completed his expedition to the Canadian Arctic to investigate retreating glaciers and other signs of climate change, as well as how the changes affect Inuit people. Steger targeted "emerging leaders" to join his expedition because he wanted the expedition results to reach young people. The team included two Americans, two Norwegians, a Canadian and a British person.



I explored Australia in order to interact with its wildest creatures, especially crocodiles. WHO AM I?

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VITAMIN D CRAVING

The "sunshine vitamin," otherwise known as vitamin D, was found to improve optimal health for humans. Sunlight triggers the human body to produce vitamin D, and most tissues and cells have receptors for the vitamin. A lack of vitamin D was linked to various cancers, tuberculosis, schizophrenia, multiple sclerosis, hip fractures, and chronic pain.



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MIGHTY MOUSE

Paleontologists found the nearly complete fossilized skull of a giant prehistoric rat in Uruguay. Based on an analysis of its 21-inch-long skull, the rodent was estimated to weigh between 1 and 2.5 tons—about the size of a hippopotamus. Mighty Mouse, as the *Josephoartigasia monesi* specimen had been nicknamed, was a major find for researchers studying giant South American rodents.



GECKO GLUE

With the help of geckos, biomedical engineers and scientists at Northwestern University invented glue that works like the adhesive on Post-it® notes, but can also work on wet surfaces. The glue was named Geckel because the sticking properties of geckos and mussels inspired its development. Geckel is planned for use in the medical, military, industrial and consumer products fields.

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DOUBLE CLONED BURGER

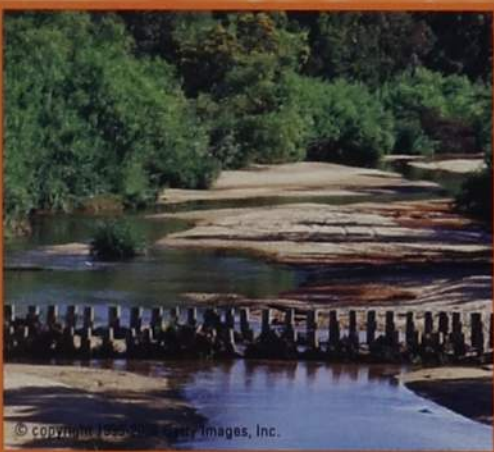
The Food and Drug Administration declared that meat and milk from cloned cattle, pigs and goats are safe to eat, which made the United States the first country to approve cloned food for consumption. The agency announced that it would not require food from clones to be labeled in the marketplace. The FDA awaited the public response to its news before moving forward; a 2006 survey documented that 64 percent of Americans are uncomfortable with animal cloning.



HONEY BEE MYSTERY

Researchers were on the lookout for a mysterious honeybee killer in the United States. The vanishing syndrome, labeled colony collapse disorder (CCD), caused bees to abandon their hives and to disappear entirely. A genetic analysis of the affected bees revealed a link between CCD and Israeli acute paralysis virus (IAPV), which causes shivering wings, paralysis and death in bees.

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ARID OUTBACK

For the seventh year, Australia faced what has been called the country's worst drought in a millennium. Drinking-water reserves dipped to record lows across the country and billboards posted alarming consumption statistics. Experts warned that many nations around the world may have to adapt to less water. In response, conservation incentives and water recycling programs were implemented throughout Australia and served as an example for other countries.



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NET CAPTURES NEW SPECIES

The Philippines added a new bat species to its list of 74 native species, 24 of which can only be found in the Philippines. The Mindoro Stripe-Faced Fruitbat was discovered when it was accidentally captured in a net. The orange bat, with a distinctive white-striped face, was found on an island south of Manila. Researchers from the University of Kansas and the Comparative Biogeography and Conservation of Philippine Vertebrates (CBCPV) were responsible for the discovery.



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ENDANGERED NO LONGER

After a four-decade struggle to avoid extinction, the American bald eagle was officially removed from the endangered species list on June 28, 2007. The eagle population rose in 2007 to an estimated 10,000 mated pairs, compared with 417 eagles documented in 1963. Bald eagles continued to be protected by state statutes, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Act.



REEFS IN DIRE STRAITS

A new threat loomed on the horizon for the world's reefs in 2007. Due to an increase in carbon dioxide emissions, the oceans became more acidic. Oceans soak up about a quarter of all CO2 emissions and this absorption changed its chemistry. Experts warned that coral reefs and the sea life that depend on them may not survive the century unless urgent action was taken.

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TECH TOPICS



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SUBTITLE GLASSES

Thanks to researchers at Madrid's Carlos III University, people with hearing impairments enjoyed going to the movies. The prototype for Subtitle Glasses included a mini-display that hangs over the right lens of the glasses to pick up the text that is wirelessly transmitted to it. The text is carefully timed to follow along with the movie, so that all moviegoers could enjoy the show.



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VIRTUAL CITY VISIT

Google, the world's dominant search company, brought remote city streets into our homes with Google Maps' Street View. The map feature offered 360° panoramas of major cities such as New York, San Francisco and Chicago via the Web. City buildings, neighborhoods and landmarks across the United States became accessible for users who went to maps.google.com for a virtual stroll.



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RISE AND SHINE

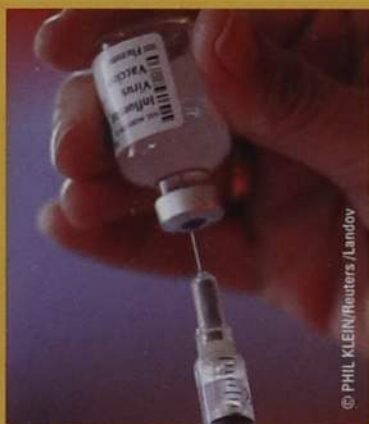
Inventors Eoin McNally and Ian Walton decided that an alarm clock was a completely unpleasant way to wake up in the morning. Instead, they created the glo Pillow. The pillow was embedded with a grid of LEDs below its surface and used the gradual increase of light as a wake-up call. The programmable foam pillow simulated a sunrise to naturally wake people up and ease them into the day.



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LET IT SNOW

Northern Tibet saw its first snowfall in 2007 through the work of the Tibet Meteorological Bureau. The Chinese bureau injected clouds with silver iodide particles to create the successful half-inch (1.3 cm) of artificial snow that fell in Tibet, about 4,500 meters above sea level. The snow experiment was a response to warnings of melting glaciers and drought in the Himalayan region.



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VACCINE BLOCKS BIRD FLU

The Food and Drug Administration approved the first bird flu vaccine and announced plans to stockpile it for emergency use during a crisis. The FDA's approval of the vaccine came at a critical time for preparations. In 2007, the H5N1 strain of the bird flu affected seven countries and prompted experts to warn of a pandemic if the virus gained the ability to transfer from human to human.



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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SPUTNIK

The world's first artificial satellite was launched into space on October 4, 1957, and it signified the start of the Great Space Race. NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said, "The Sputnik accomplishment by the Russian people was responsible for the creation of the American space program." Fifty years later, Russians celebrated the Sputnik anniversary by leaving flowers at the tomb of Sergei Korolyov, the visionary behind the Sputnik launch and the father of the Soviet space program.



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BOOKS "TO GO"

After several years in development, the Espresso book machine was released in 2007. The \$50,000 Espresso machine printed a 300-page paperback on demand, complete with cover, in just three minutes for a cost of only a few dollars. There were initially 2.5 million books available for printing, which the machine can make in any language. The machine's creators, On Demand Books, predicted that eventually the book vending machine will have an infinite library available, due to its partnerships with Google and Open Content Alliance.



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FORD SYNC'S UP

Ford and Microsoft joined forces to create Sync, a new automotive electronics system. Sync linked Bluetooth-enabled mobile phones, wireless and USB-based devices into a car audio system. The main appeal of Sync was that it could be controlled by buttons on the steering wheel or by verbal commands to read and write text messages, as well as access tracks of music by artist, title, and genre information. Sync was an available option for 12 of the 2008 Ford, Lincoln or Mercury models, and a planned option for all 2009 models.

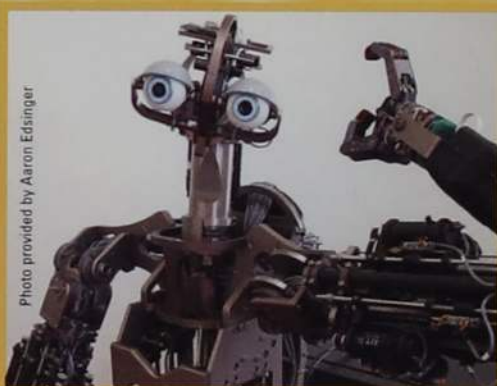


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NEW AGE MR. ROBOTO

After nearly three years of work, MIT researchers finalized Domo, their robotic creation. Domo was a new breed of robot designed to assist humans with daily living. Using its computerized, human-looking eyeballs, Domo performed tasks that included identifying objects, reaching for items and placing them on shelves. Domo was equipped with a speech recognition system and the ability to sense touch, which made it an ideal helper for the elderly or mobility-impaired.



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TEST PREDICTS ALZHEIMER'S

Stanford University researchers developed a new blood test that could potentially diagnose Alzheimer's disease by identifying 18 distinctive proteins that appear with consistency in the blood of Alzheimer's patients. The test demonstrated remarkable potential for predicting which patients with mild memory loss were at high risk for developing the disease. As of 2008, it was estimated that 250,000 Alzheimer's cases went undiagnosed each year in North America.



My company has developed and sold popular products such as the iPod, iPod Shuffle and iPhone.

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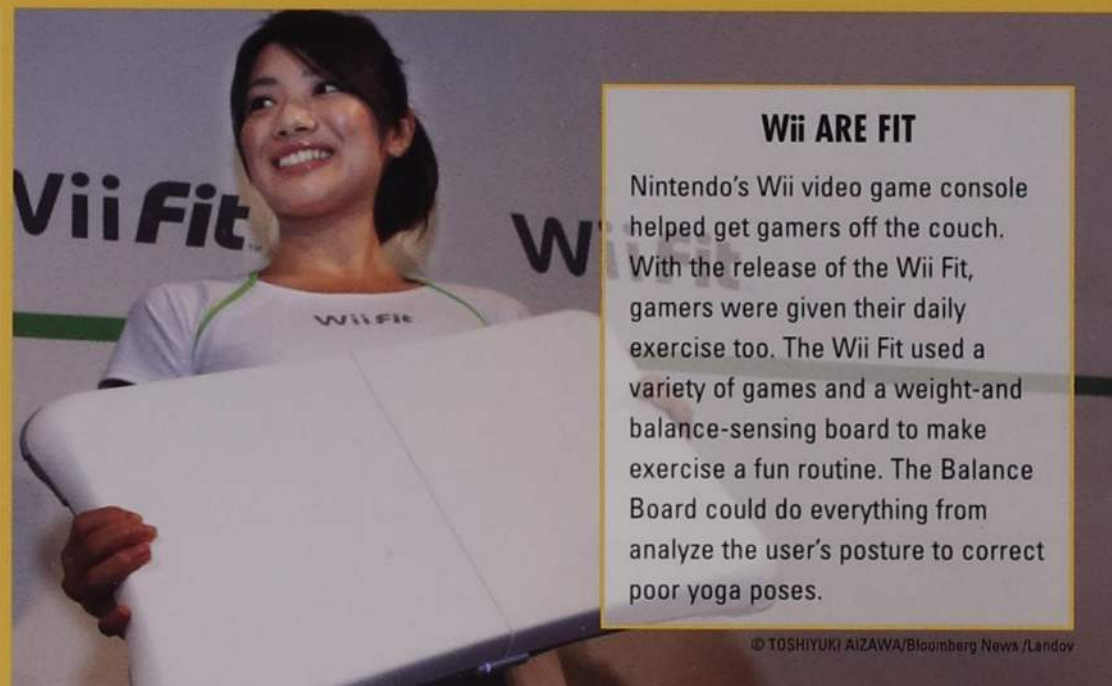
SWITCHED BLOOD TYPE

In the first known case of its type worldwide, an Australian girl spontaneously switched blood types and adopted her organ donor's immune system. Before her successful liver transplant, 9-year-old Demi-Lee Brennan was seriously ill. Nine months after the transplant, her blood type changed to match her donor's type when stem cells migrated from her new liver to her bone marrow. Despite the unusual nature of her recovery, Demi-Lee's health returned.



LAPTOPS FOR ALL

Nicholas Negroponte of the MIT Media Lab developed a computer that was attainable for the masses. For \$150, a person could purchase the XO Laptop. Although the XO Laptop was not the most powerful computer made, the stripped-down machine was a good option for developing nations and for low-income areas within the United States. The low price encouraged governments to buy in bulk and it made a home computer a reality for many.



Wii ARE FIT

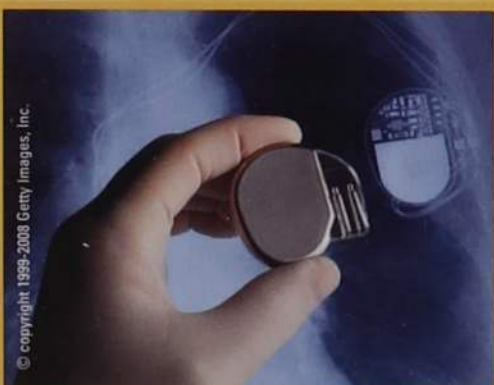
Nintendo's Wii video game console helped get gamers off the couch. With the release of the Wii Fit, gamers were given their daily exercise too. The Wii Fit used a variety of games and a weight-and-balance-sensing board to make exercise a fun routine. The Balance Board could do everything from analyze the user's posture to correct poor yoga poses.

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ULTIMATE HELIUM EXPERIMENT

Kent Couch of Bend, Ore., fulfilled his childhood dream when he floated 193 miles, from Oregon to Idaho, on a lawn chair with 105 helium balloons attached. Couch's flying lawn chair was equipped with a GPS system that also measured altitude and speed. After nine hours in the air and reaching an altitude of 15,500 feet, Couch popped enough balloons to safely land his "aircraft" on stable ground.



A LIFE-SAVING MISTAKE

Fifty years ago, Wilson Greatbatch made a small error while testing a device that was intended to record heart sounds. The mistake led to Greatbatch's improvement on the pacemaker design—the first implantable pacemaker. Prior to Greatbatch's accidental discovery, pacemakers were the size of a TV set and painful to use. Wilson Greatbatch's pacemaker was named one of the top ten greatest engineering contributions to society by the National Society of Professional Engineers.



AWAKENING HOPE

A trial treatment for brain injuries offered hope for trauma patients. A gentle current of electricity was delivered by an implanted deep-brain simulator (DBS) to the injured brain of a 31-year-old male patient, and it successfully roused him from six years spent in a semi-conscious state. The electric treatment provided scientists with the insight to analyze brain activity and further develop methods for reconnecting unconscious patients with the world.



INVENTION OF THE YEAR

According to *Time* magazine, Apple's iPhone was 2007's Invention of the Year. The magazine bestowed its honor on Apple's cell phone because it was the first handheld computer to function as a mobile phone with an innovative touchscreen. In addition, the iPhone featured the stylish design and ease-of-use that consumers have come to expect from the Apple brand.

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SUPERJUMBO JET

At long last, the Airbus A380 took its inaugural flight from Singapore to Sydney for Singapore Airlines. The A380 was the largest jetliner ever built and it boasted two passenger decks; 12 first class suites with actual beds; and regular seats with power plugs and personal video screens. Several passengers paid over \$100,000 to become a part of history on the A380's maiden voyage.

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MICROSOFT CREATES SURFACE

With the introduction of its latest innovation, Microsoft brought touchscreen technology to a whole new level. The Microsoft Surface tabletop computer could respond to multiple touches, digital and non-digital objects. Without the use of a keyboard or mouse, the Surface interacted with cameras, phones and paint brushes used on its interactive surface.

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THE SCOREBOARD



TIGER TRIUMPHS

For the second year in a row, Woods claimed seven titles in a single season; he also secured golf's first-ever FedEx Cup and its \$10 million bonus. The Golf Writers Association of America named Tiger its 2007 player of the year—an award that he won a record nine times within eleven years. With 62 PGA Tour titles to his name in 2008, Tiger Woods tied an impressive record set by golf great Arnold Palmer.



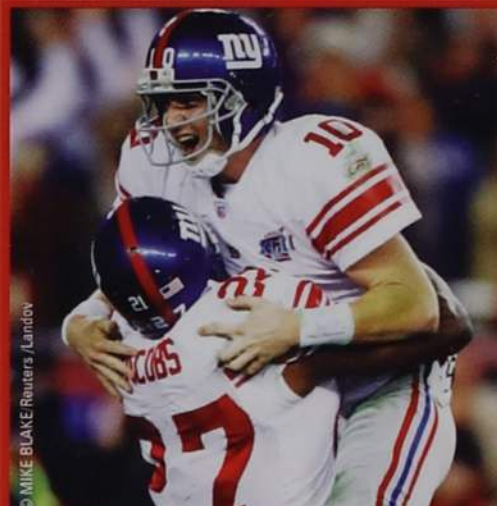
TEXAS BASKETBALL DYNASTY

The San Antonio Spurs have earned a place among basketball's elite. After sweeping the Cleveland Cavaliers 83-82 in Game Four of the NBA Finals, the Spurs added their third title in five years and their fourth in the last nine seasons. The Spurs joined the Boston Celtics, Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago Bulls as the only teams in NBA history to win four titles. Tony Parker, who averaged 24.5 points, was the first NBA player from Europe to be honored as MVP.



UNSTOPPABLE HENIN

After the longest three-set final in tournament history, Justine Henin rallied past Maria Sharapova to win the Sony Ericsson Championships and claim her 10th title of 2007. Henin was named Women's World Champion for the second year in a row, in addition to her 2003 title. She won two Grand Slam titles, Roland Garros and the U.S. Open, and she became the first woman to earn more than \$5 million in a single year.



A GIANT UPSET

Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning threw two touchdown passes to lead the New York Giants to a 17-14 victory over the previously undefeated (18-0) New England Patriots. Giants wide receiver David Tyree amazed spectators with an outstanding catch that paved the way for the game-winning touchdown. With a record 97.5 million viewers, Super Bowl XLII was the most-watched Super Bowl match-up in sports history.



BONDS BEATS RECORD

Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants made headlines when he broke Hank Aaron's 33-year reign over the home run record with run No. 756 in the 5th inning against the Washington Nationals. Bonds achieved the record-breaking run by hitting the 84-mph fastball 435 feet into the right-center field seats. Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said, "While the issues which have swirled around this record will continue to work themselves toward resolution, today is a day for congratulations on a truly remarkable achievement."



BOSTON'S BIG WIN

In 2004, the Boston Red Sox earned a long-overdue World Series title. After a 4-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies in Game 4, the Sox became Major League Baseball champions for the second time in four seasons. The win became a certainty when pitching powerhouse Jonathan Papelbon struck out Seth Smith to seal the 2007 World Series title for Boston.



PHOENIX RISING

The Phoenix Mercury seemed to do the impossible in the 2007 WNBA Finals. For the first time ever, they won a WNBA championship on another team's home court. The Phoenix beat defending champions, the Detroit Shock, with a 108-92 win. Phoenix's "big three"—MVP Cappie Pondexter, Diana Taurasi and Penny Taylor brought home the title for a franchise that had not been to the playoffs since 2000.



WINTER X GAMES 12

Shaun White scored his 12th Winter X medal in Aspen, Colo., with a gold medal win in the games' finale event, the Snowboard SuperPipe. Aspen's Gretchen Bleiler won the gold medal for the women's Snowboard SuperPipe event. Snowboarder Nate Holland grabbed his third consecutive gold, while Lindsey Jacobellis claimed her first X gold in three years. Also noteworthy was snowmobiler Levi LaVallee's triple gold medal wins.



SOCCER GREATS

The world's top male and female soccer players for 2007 were named by FIFA, and both players hail from Brazil. AC Milan's Kaká became the fifth Brazilian to be named FIFA World Player of the Year. The midfielder also was honored as Europe's top player for 2007. For the women, Marta Vieira da Silva captured her second consecutive World Player of the Year title. She helped the Brazilian team compete in the FIFA Women's World Cup in China.



JOHNSON IS THE MASTER

Zach Johnson, from Cedar Rapids, IA, won the Masters title with a two-shot victory at the 2007 tournament in Augusta, Ga. It was the 31-year-old's first Major tournament victory and only his third tournament win overall. Johnson finished the season with nearly \$4 million in earnings.



I broadcast every Sunday Night Football game, I have a hit video game named after me, and I do not like to fly in airplanes.
WHO AM I?

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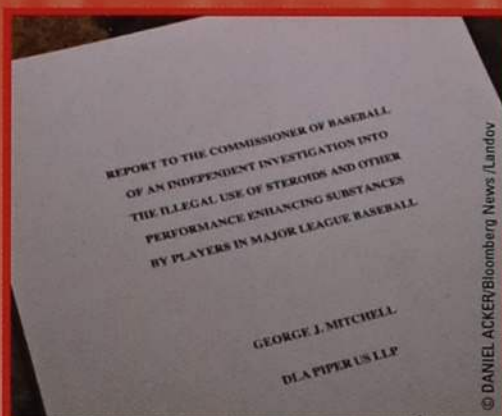
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EARNHARDT'S NEW TEAM

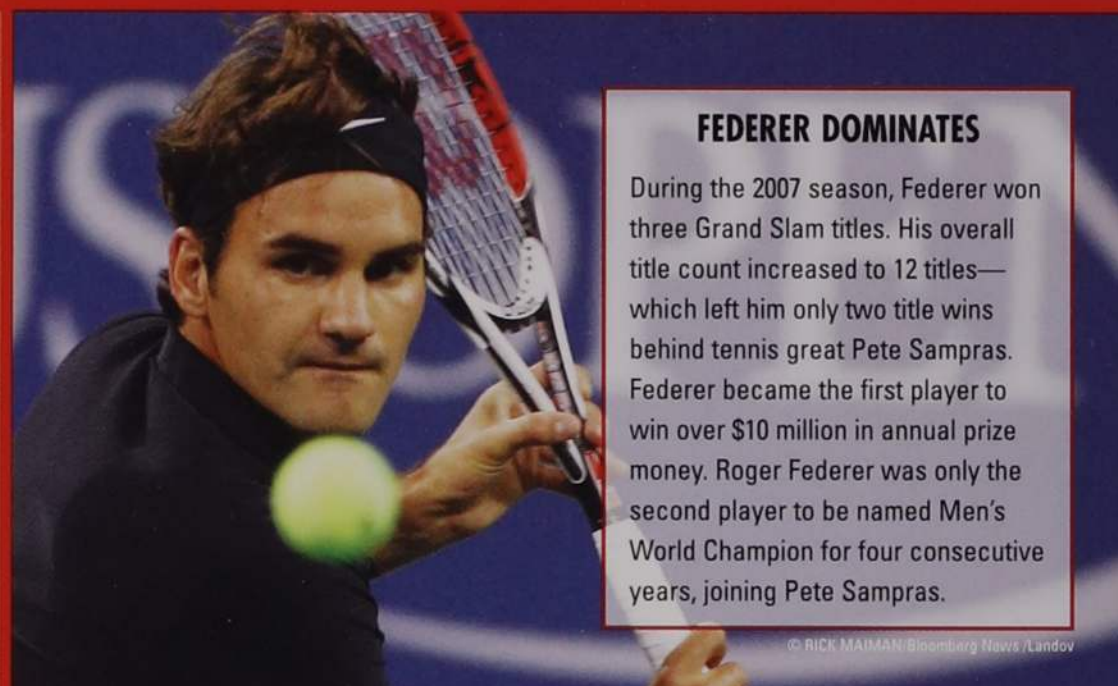
Dale Earnhardt Jr. surprised racing fans when he announced his departure from the company that his father built, along with his five-year deal to drive for Hendrick Motorsports. Hendrick's garage included drivers Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Casey Mears. Beginning in 2008, Earnhardt joined the line-up of the most dominant team in NASCAR racing.



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MITCHELL REPORTS

Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell led the charge to clean up Major League Baseball with the publication of his 409-page report. The Mitchell Report, which identified baseball players who allegedly used performance-enhancing drugs, included a list of 7 MVPs and 31 All-Star players. MLB Commissioner Bud Selig and President Bush fully supported Mitchell's efforts to enforce drug-free baseball.



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FEDERER DOMINATES

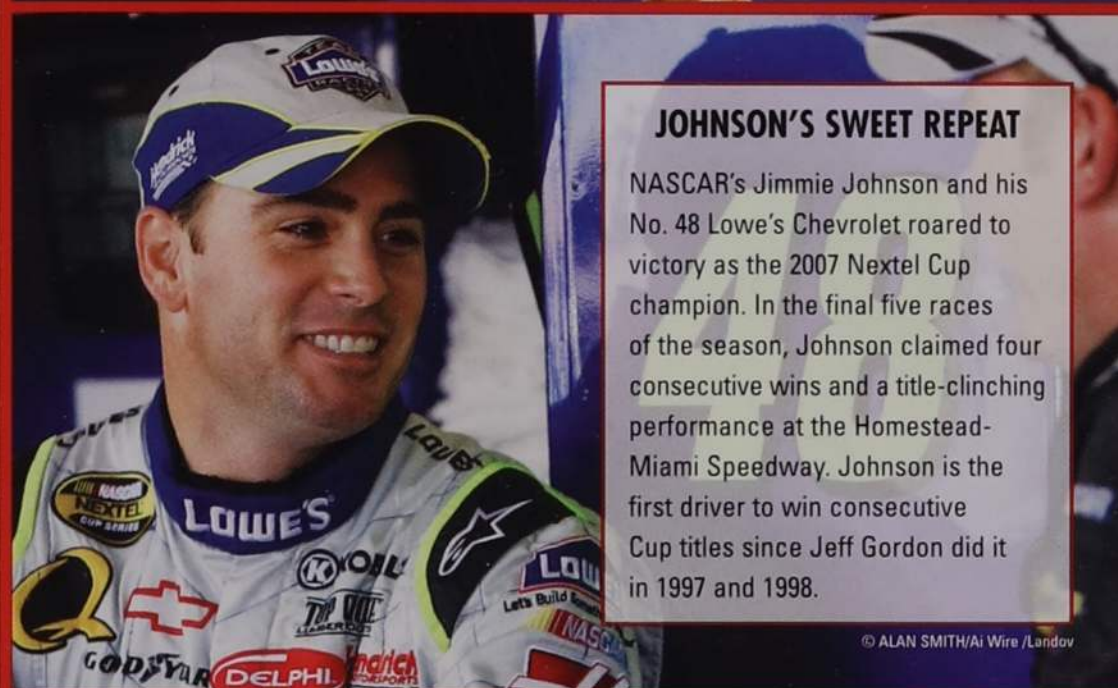
During the 2007 season, Federer won three Grand Slam titles. His overall title count increased to 12 titles—which left him only two title wins behind tennis great Pete Sampras. Federer became the first player to win over \$10 million in annual prize money. Roger Federer was only the second player to be named Men's World Champion for four consecutive years, joining Pete Sampras.



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BOARDING SENSATION

At the age of 17, Ryan Sheckler was the youngest pro skateboarder on the circuit. The teenage dynamo quickly became known for his impressive skills and variety of skateboarding tricks. Sheckler reputedly skateboarded for the first time when he was only 18 months old. The young skateboarding superstar also starred in his own reality show on MTV, *Life of Ryan*.



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JOHNSON'S SWEET REPEAT

NASCAR's Jimmie Johnson and his No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet roared to victory as the 2007 Nextel Cup champion. In the final five races of the season, Johnson claimed four consecutive wins and a title-clinching performance at the Homestead-Miami Speedway. Johnson is the first driver to win consecutive Cup titles since Jeff Gordon did it in 1997 and 1998.



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DUCKS CAPTURE VICTORY

The Anaheim Ducks waited 14 seasons to win the Stanley Cup. Their 6-2 win over the Ottawa Senators ended the long wait. MVP and Captain Scott Niedermayer led the Ducks to victory, with the help of brother Rob Niedermayer and fellow teammates Teemu Selanne and Chris Pronger. Selanne was the Ducks' leading scorer and Pronger held the only successful penalty-shot goal in Finals history. The Neidermayers were the first brothers since 1983 to win the Cup as teammates.



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STREET SENSE PROVES IT

Street Sense came out on top in the 133rd Run for the Roses at Churchill Downs. The Kentucky Derby winner fought his way from nearly last place to win the race by over two lengths. It was a first-time Derby win for the colt's jockey, Calvin Borel, and the second for trainer Carl Nafzger. Street Sense was the first Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner to come back and win the Derby; he was also the first 2-year-old to win a Kentucky Derby and the highest-priced winning favorite in Derby history.



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OCHOA ACHIEVES GREATNESS

Mexico's Lorena Ochoa had a big year: She won her first major in the Women's British Open at St. Andrews, and she finished her LPGA Tour season with eight victories and more than \$4 million. Previously, no female player had won more than \$3 million in a year. Ochoa rose to the No. 1 female world ranking and was voted female player of the year by the Golf Writers Association of America.



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GERMANY CLAIMS WORLD CUP

For the second time in a row, Germany won the Women's World Cup title with a 2-0 victory over Brazil. Germany prevented its opponents from scoring goals for six entire games during the tournament, and it outscored the opposition 21-0. Germany was the first team to complete a major senior competition without yielding a goal.

CHART TOPPERS



BLACK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION AWARDS

Beyoncé was awarded the Best Female R&B Artist for 2007 title at the 7th annual Black Entertainment Television Awards. Gnarls Barkley won the Best Group Award, while *American Idol* star Jennifer Hudson reigned supreme as Best Actress. Legendary singer Diana Ross was honored with The Lifetime Achievement Award and Don Cheadle was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award.



MAGICAL NIGHT OF MUSIC

Singer Ricky Martin helped to open the 8th annual Latin Grammy Awards ceremony with a splash—he joined the Blue Man Group to perform while playing paint-drenched drums. Later, Martin accepted the award for Male Pop Vocal Album. However, the night belonged to Dominican singer Juan Luis Guerra, who won five awards and was honored with the prestigious Person of the Year award.



DIXIE CHICKS SOAR AT GRAMMYS

The Dixie Chicks won big at the 49th Annual Grammy Awards. The music trio picked up awards for Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Country Album of the Year, Country Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal and the Song of the Year for their single, "Not Ready to Make Nice." Mary J. Blige's "Be Without You" won an award for Female R&B Vocal Performance and John Mayer claimed the Pop Vocal Album award for *Continuum*.



STARS SHINE AT AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS

For the second year in a row, the stars of *American Idol* won big at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles. Newcomer Chris Daughtry reeled in multiple awards for Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist and Favorite Breakthrough Artist. Fellow *Idol* crooner Carrie Underwood was awarded Favorite Country Female Artist and Favorite Country Album for *Some Hearts*. For the Soul/Rhythm & Blues category, Rihanna won Favorite Female Artist and Akon was named Favorite Male Artist.



THE TOP 10 HIT SINGLES OF 2007:

1. "Stronger" by Kanye West
2. "No One" by Alicia Keys
3. "The Sweet Escape" by Gwen Stefani feat. Akon
4. "Foundations" by Kate Nash
5. "Umbrella" by Rihanna feat. Jay-Z
6. "Lovestoned/I Think She Knows Interlude" by Justin Timberlake
7. "I Got It From My Mama" by Will.i.am
8. "Stop Me" by Mark Ronson feat. Daniel Merriweather
9. "Gimme More" by Britney Spears
10. "Grace Kelly" by Mika

THE TOP 10 MOVIES OF 2007:

1. *Spiderman 3*
2. *Shrek the Third*
3. *Transformers*
4. *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*
5. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
6. *The Bourne Ultimatum*
7. *300*
8. *Ratatouille*
9. *The Simpsons Movie*
10. *Wild Hogs*



SOPRANOS HIT HIGH NOTE

HBO's hit show, *The Sopranos*, went out with a bang in its final season by winning the Emmy for Best Drama Series, as well as awards for Outstanding Writing and Outstanding Director. NBC also fared well at the 59th Emmy Awards—the network took home seven awards including *30 Rock*'s Emmy for Best Comedy Series. Sally Field won Best Actress in a Drama Series for ABC's *Brothers & Sisters* and America Ferrera won Best Actress in a Comedy Series for *Ugly Betty*.



POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The 34th annual People's Choice Awards festivities were also called off due to the Hollywood writers strike, but the winners were still selected and announced. *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End* won awards for Favorite Movie and Favorite Threequel. The award for Favorite New TV Comedy went to *Samantha Who?*, Gwen Stefani and Justin Timberlake each won for the Favorite Female Singer and Favorite Male Singer categories.



I was the very first *American Idol* winner and my hometown is Burleson, TX.
WHO AM I?

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NELLY'S NIGHT

Nelly Furtado had a big night at the Canadian Juno Awards with a sweep of multiple categories. She claimed the Juno Fan Choice Award, Single of the Year, Album of the Year, Pop Album of the Year and Artist of the Year. Billy Talent was awarded Group of the Year and Tomi Swick was named New Artist of the Year.



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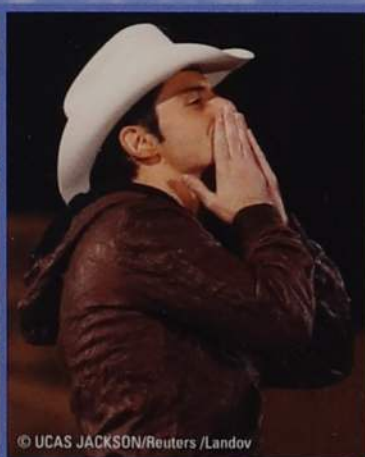
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CHOICE FOR TEENS

TV was hot this year at the Teen Choice Awards. The Disney sensation and teen favorite, *High School Musical 2*, snagged the Choice TV Movie Award. Miley Cyrus, star of *Hannah Montana*, won the Choice TV Actress Award for comedy and *Hannah Montana* also won the comedy category for Choice TV Show. Teens voted *American Idol* the Choice TV Reality Show winner and Avril Lavigne's song, "Girlfriend," won the Choice Music Single Award.



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COUNTRY'S BIGGEST NIGHT

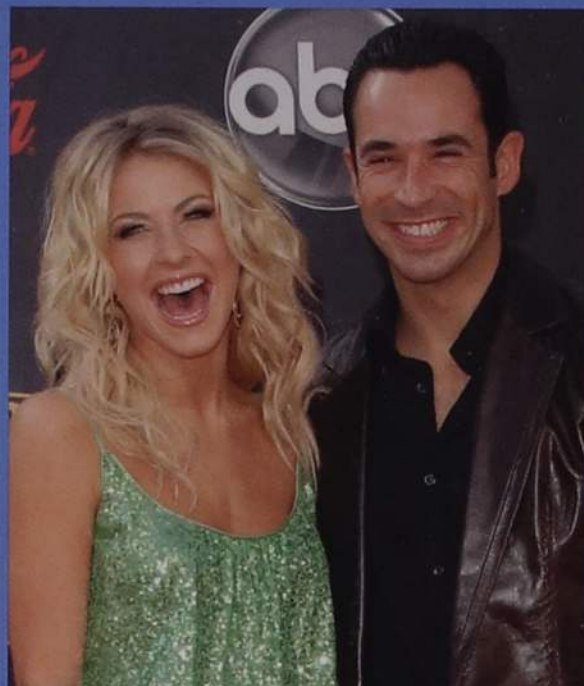
It was a night full of country's biggest stars at the 41st annual Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn. Kenny Chesney won his third Entertainer of the Year award and Brad Paisley finally won his well-deserved Male Vocalist of the Year award after seven previous nominations in that category. Carrie Underwood won her second consecutive Female Vocalist of the Year award and the Single of the Year award for the smash hit, "Before He Cheats."



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AWARDS MUST GO ON

Due to the continuing Hollywood writers strike, the 65th annual Golden Globes did not include the traditional awards show celebration. *Entertainment Tonight's* Mary Hart announced the winners during a press conference at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. Award winners included *Atonement* for Best Motion Picture – Drama and Best Original Score, and *Sweeney Todd* for Best Motion Picture – Comedy or Musical. Disney and Pixar's *Ratatouille* won Best Animated Feature Film.



HELIO'S HOT STEPS

Racecar driver Helio Castroneves became the fourth consecutive man to win *Dancing With the Stars* when voters named him, along with partner Julianne Hough, the champion of the hit show's fifth season. Despite Spice Girl Melanie Brown's high dance scores and Marie Osmond's loyal fans, Helio danced away with the mirrorball trophy.

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JORDIN SPARKLES

A record-breaking 74 million voters declared Jordin Sparks to be the winner of the *American Idol* title. At the age of 17, Sparks was the youngest *Idol* winner in the history of the show. Although it was the show's sixth season, viewers were still hooked—the premiere attracted 37.3 million viewers to rank as *Idol's* second-highest ratings ever.

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TIMBERLAKE TOPS VMAs

Justin Timberlake won Video Music Awards for Male Artist of the Year, Quadruple Threat of the Year, Best Choreography and Best Direction. Fergie took home a statue for Female Artist of the Year, while Rihanna scored the Monster Single of the Year award and Video of the Year for her summer sizzler, "Umbrella," featuring Jay-Z.

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OSCAR'S BEST

The 79th annual Academy Awards belonged to *The Departed*. By the end of the evening, the Martin Scorsese film collected an amazing four Oscars including the coveted Best Motion Picture title. *Little Miss Sunshine* made its mark with two Oscar wins, including Best Original Screenplay. The lovable penguins from *Happy Feet* contributed to the movie's win for Best Animated Feature.

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THE SCOOP



WANNA BE A ROCKSTAR?

Activision, developer and publisher of Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock, enjoyed record earnings for the latest rock star simulation game. Within the first week of sales, Guitar Hero III earned \$115 million and set a sales record for the Guitar Hero franchise. Rock on!



SIMPSONS HIT THE BIG SCREEN

After nearly a decade of movie buzz, *The Simpsons Movie* hit theatres with a bang in July. The animated film was credited with the biggest debut ever for a television cartoon adaptation. Although the FOX television series was in its 18th season when the movie premiered, the film attracted even more viewers.



MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Transformers, the 1984 hit cartoon series, was reborn on the big screen. The movie attracted plenty of new fans, as well as the now-grown children of the 1980s. Steven Spielberg helped to bring the transforming robots to life as the film's executive producer, and it earned \$700 million at the box office worldwide.



NYC TAXIS GO GREEN

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced that the city's taxis will be completely hybrid within five years. The city has already tested nearly 400 fuel-efficient hybrid taxi cabs. Under Bloomberg's plan, the number of hybrid taxis would increase each year until 2012, when every taxi will be hybrid.



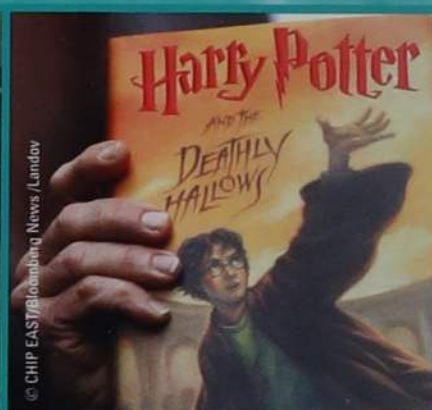
FAREWELL TO FAMED DAREDEVIL

In 2007, the world said goodbye to a man who took danger to epic heights—Evel Knievel passed away at the age of 69 in Clearwater, Fla. One of Knievel's best-known and most terrifying stunts involved vaulting his motorcycle 151 feet over the fountains of Las Vegas' Caesars Palace in 1967. Throughout his career, it was estimated that Knievel performed hundreds of hair-raising motorcycle stunts and underwent as many as 15 major surgeries to repair his broken bones.



PRIZED AWARENESS

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore and the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change were awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize on October 12 in Oslo, Norway, for their work to raise public awareness regarding climate change issues. The Nobel Peace Prize committee cited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for two decades of scientific reports that have "created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming."



POTTER MANIA

Harry Potter mania expanded from books and movies to include a Harry Potter theme park in Florida, which was scheduled to open in 2009. J.K. Rowling's final book in her seven-volume series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, flew off bookshelves and into the eager hands of Potter fans on July 21, 2007. An amazing 8.3 million copies of the book were sold within the first 24 hours in the U.S.



INTO THE WILD RELEASED

After more than ten years, the movie version of Jon Krakauer's bestselling book, *Into the Wild*, was released in theatres. *Into the Wild* tells the true story of Christopher McCandless, an accomplished young man who abandoned his possessions, gave his entire \$24,000 savings to charity, and hitchhiked to Alaska to live in the wilderness. With the permission of the McCandless family, director Sean Penn shared Chris's story with moviegoers everywhere.



CAREY IS RIGHT

October 15 marked the beginning of the 36th season for game show *The Price is Right* and the debut of its new host, Drew Carey. The show, which premiered on September 4, 1972, was the longest-running television game show in T.V. history as of 2008. Previous host Bob Barker retired after 35 years on the show.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LEGO!

The LEGO brick celebrated a milestone in 2008 when it turned 50 years old. LEGO noted the exact time of the LEGO brick's birthday when the company's first patent was filed for the brick on January 28, 1958, at 1:58 p.m. LEGO continued to grow; as of its 50th birthday, there were 62 LEGO bricks for every person on Earth and 2.16 LEGO elements were produced every hour.



I am a best-selling author from Great Britain and my latest book set a world record for the number of copies printed.
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PRIZE-WINNING READ

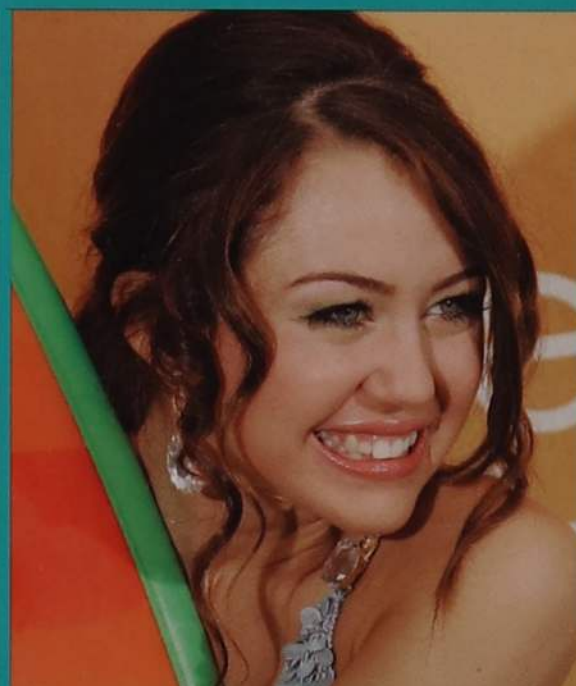
The American Library Association announced its pick for this year's John Newbery Medal for best children's book: Laura Amy Schlitz's *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices From a Medieval Village*. Schlitz has been working on the book since 1997, when she got the idea while teaching fifth grade students about the Middle Ages. Schlitz viewed the prized book as a chance to combine education and entertainment.



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ECO-CRUSADER

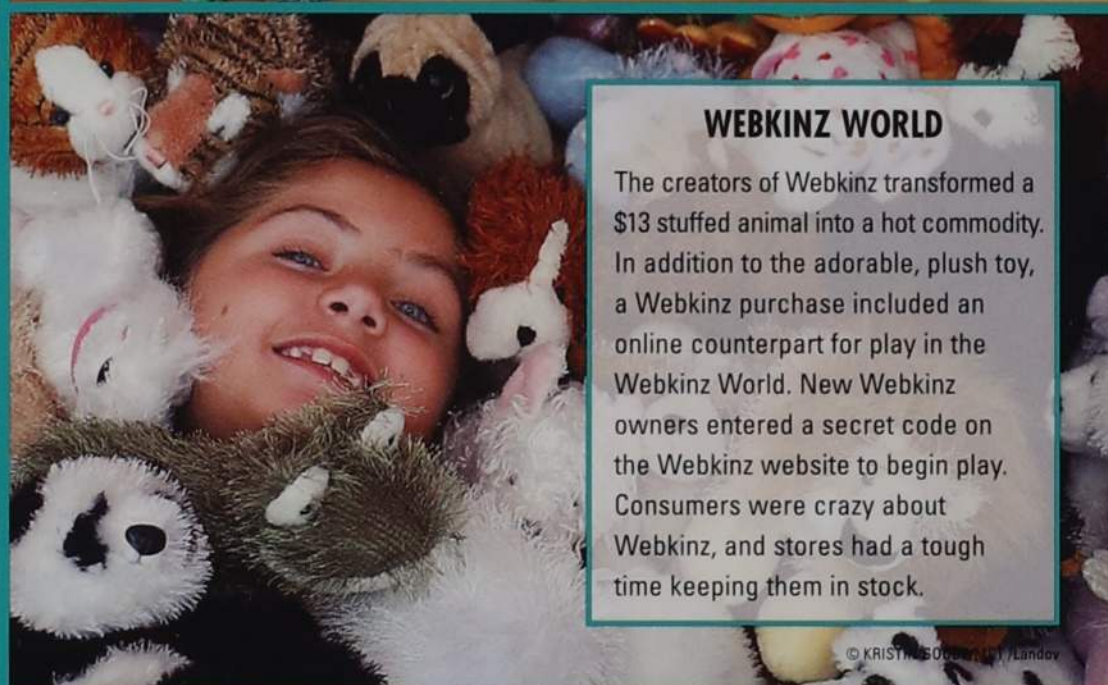
Colin Beavan achieved a personal challenge—to live in New York City for one year without negatively impacting the environment in any way. Beavan, along with his wife and 2-year-old daughter, committed to live without producing trash, carbon emissions and toxins, as well as avoiding the use of any environmentally harmful machines. Beavan's accomplishment earned him recognition as one of the Most Influential Men of 2007, according to msn.com.



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HANNAH MONTANA CRAZE

Miley Cyrus, a.k.a. Hannah Montana, became a 15-year-old phenomenon! She was credited with a #1 Album; #1 cable TV show (The Disney Channel's *Hannah Montana*); a Hannah Montana movie; and a nationwide musical tour. *The Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert* 3-D movie debuted over Super Bowl weekend and earned a record \$29 million.



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WEBKINZ WORLD

The creators of Webkinz transformed a \$13 stuffed animal into a hot commodity. In addition to the adorable, plush toy, a Webkinz purchase included an online counterpart for play in the Webkinz World. New Webkinz owners entered a secret code on the Webkinz website to begin play. Consumers were crazy about Webkinz, and stores had a tough time keeping them in stock.



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FASHION WITH A PURPOSE

In just two years, Lindsay Giambattista of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., turned a community service project into a thriving non-profit organization. Lindsay started with only 10 trash bags full of apparel to provide clothing for girls in foster care. Taylor's Closet, named after Lindsay's sister who died at birth, received \$1 million dollars worth of clothing per year from designers, retailers and private donations in 2007.



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TRENDS & FADS

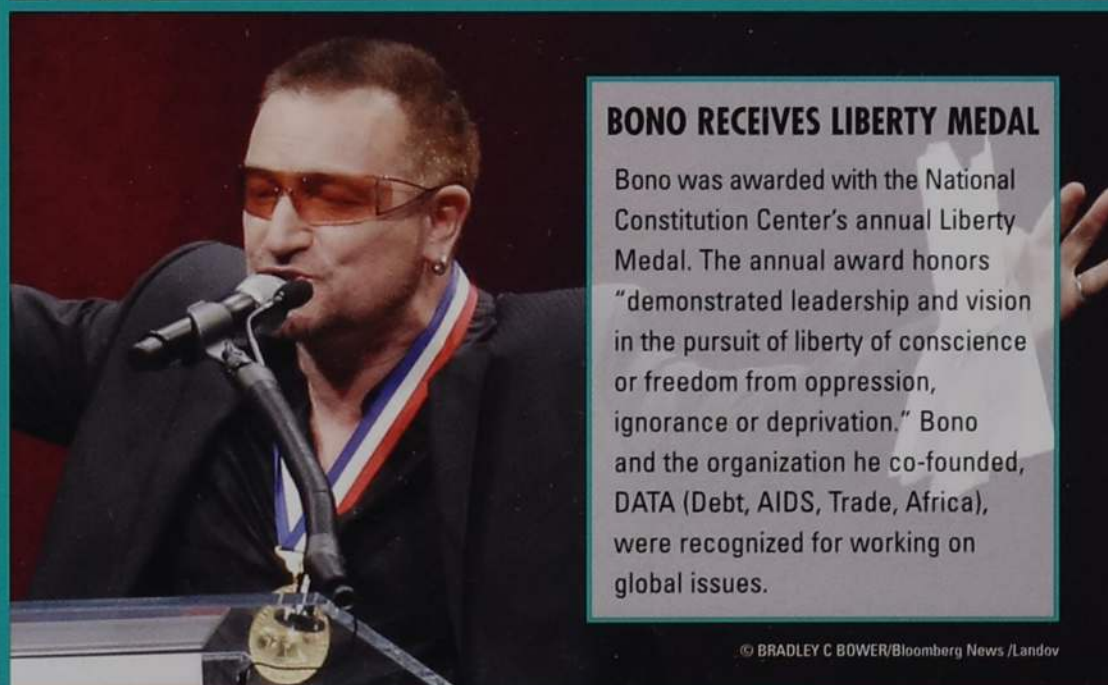
For 2007, trends included a mix of fabrics and materials such as plaid, tweed, patent leather, animal prints and metallics. Jeans became skinny or wide-leg, and longer shirts became the norm. Platform heels, ballet flats, booties and knee-high boots were seen on nearly every city sidewalk. Additional trends included bright colors, eco-friendly fashion, tote bags, trapeze dresses, empire waists and oversized clutch purses.



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EVEREST HERO DIES

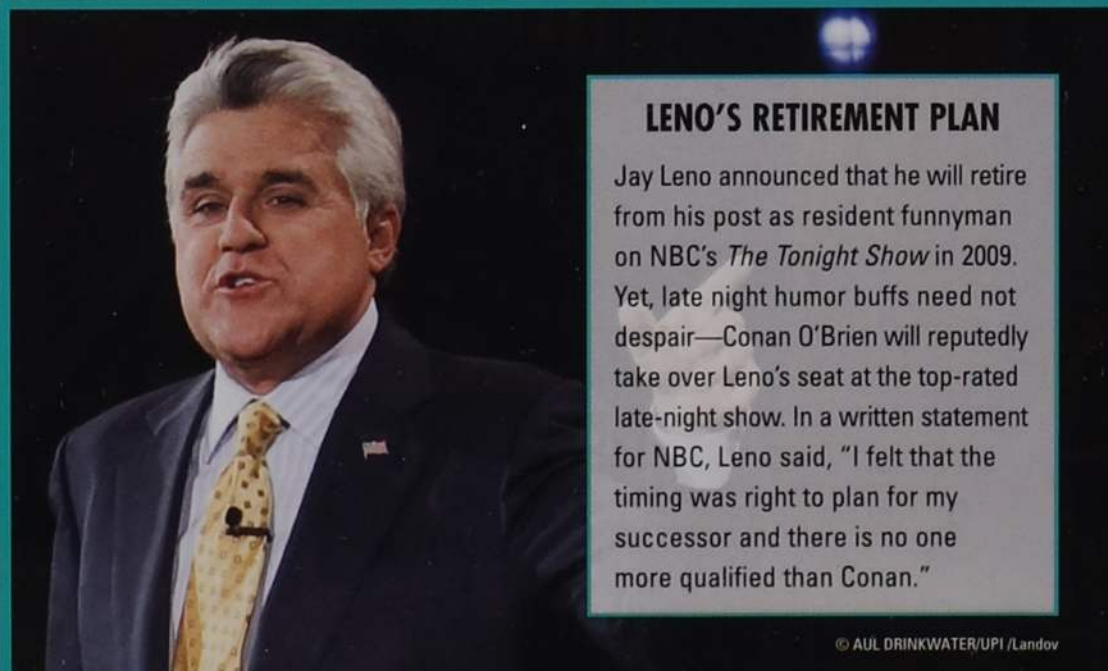
Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to successfully climb the world's highest peak, died at the age of 88 on January 11, 2008. Hillary, along with Tenzing Norgay, completed his scale of the 29,035-foot Mount Everest on May 29, 1953. After his famed ascent, Hillary led many expeditions to the South Pole. Hillary founded the Himalayan Trust, which was responsible for building hospitals, clinics, bridges, airstrips and nearly 30 schools.



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BONO RECEIVES LIBERTY MEDAL


Bono was awarded with the National Constitution Center's annual Liberty Medal. The annual award honors "demonstrated leadership and vision in the pursuit of liberty of conscience or freedom from oppression, ignorance or deprivation." Bono and the organization he co-founded, DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa), were recognized for working on global issues.



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LENO'S RETIREMENT PLAN

Jay Leno announced that he will retire from his post as resident funnyman on NBC's *The Tonight Show* in 2009. Yet, late night humor buffs need not despair—Conan O'Brien will reputedly take over Leno's seat at the top-rated late-night show. In a written statement for NBC, Leno said, "I felt that the timing was right to plan for my successor and there is no one more qualified than Conan."



ALL ABOUT ME



Outtakes -My Faves-

ACTOR _____
ACTRESS _____
BOOK _____
TV SHOW _____
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CELEBRITY _____
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Cast & Crew

MY FRIENDS _____

MY TEACHERS _____

MY HERO _____

Coming Attractions

WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE _____

NEXT YEAR, I HOPE TO _____

I HOPE MY FAMILY WILL CONSIST OF _____

MY FUTURE PET(S) WILL BE _____

I WANT TO LIVE IN _____



Rave Reviews

MY FRIENDS CALL ME _____

MY BEST MEMORY FROM 2008 _____

THIS YEAR WAS THE FIRST TIME I _____

THIS YEAR, I PARTICIPATED IN _____

MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS _____

MY FAVORITE SUBJECT WAS _____

I LIKE TO EAT AT _____

I LIKE TO EAT _____

I LIKE TO SHOP AT _____

MY HOBBIES ARE _____



Box Office

WHAT THINGS COST AROUND THE COUNTRY

Movie Ticket: \$9.50/adult
\$6.50/child

Matinee Show: \$6.50

32 oz Popcorn: \$5.00

Soda: \$5.00

Hot Dog: \$4.00

Candy: \$4.75

DVD: \$14.99

Blu-ray Disk: \$24.99

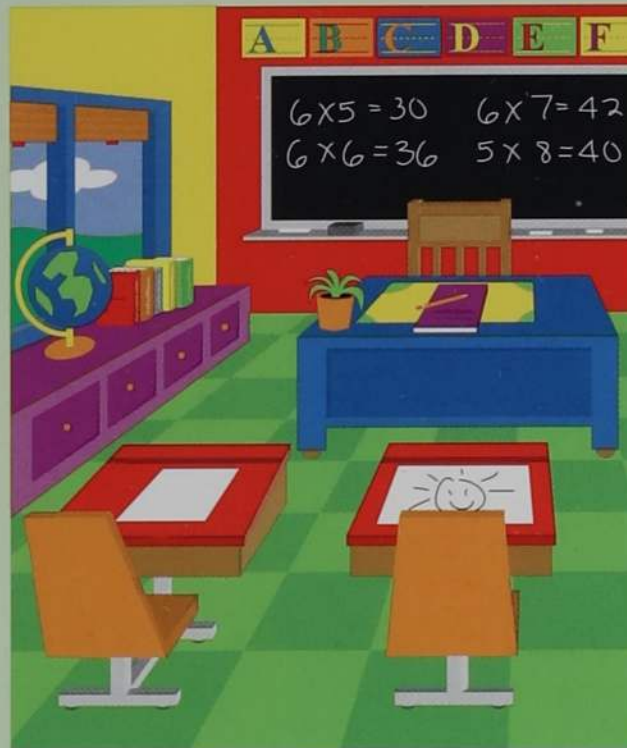
Nightly Movie Rental: \$2.99-\$4.99

Netflix Monthly Subscription: \$16.99

DVD Player: \$59.99



FUN & GAMES



FIND 8 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PICTURES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

8 differences: lower case letters missing from alphabet, globe turned, trash can missing, stool missing, 6x8=48 changed to 5x8=40, paper on the left is blank, flag missing, plant moved

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Get a friend, family member or teacher to help you write the story. Ask them for a series of words to fill the spaces in the story below. The words may not create a normal story, but they will lead to a funny, crazy or silly story that is a lot of fun!

One nice morning near the end of summer, my _____ woke me up
at _____ A.M. and said "Wake up and smell the _____, sleepyhead!
Today is the first day of school!"

I stayed in bed for _____ seconds, but got up and got ready. I wore a blue
and white shirt with _____ on it, _____ pants, white socks, black
shoes and a(n) _____ hat. I packed my lunch in my _____ lunchbox
and ate _____ for breakfast. I put my notebook and _____ into my
backpack for my big day.

_____ hours later, the _____ school bus picked me up. Soon I was
at school. I met two really _____ kids and we became friends. They like to
_____ in their spare time, just like me.

We were all in the same class with a teacher who is very _____. We have
a class pet. It is a _____, named _____. We will feed it
_____ every morning.

During _____ class, I sat with my new _____ friends when we
learned what _____ were and what they are for.

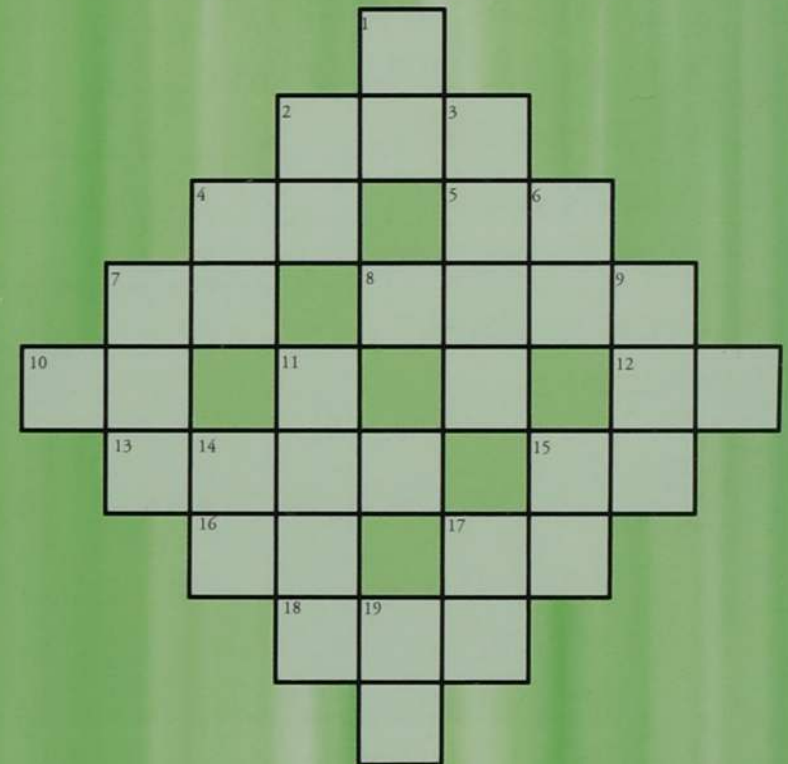
After lunch, we had recess. We played _____ and had fun!

In gym class, we were _____ off ropes onto _____.

After _____ class, it was time to go home. Before I got on the bus,
I shouted _____ to my friends. The bus ride was _____ and before
I knew it, I was home. What a _____ day!

CROSS-NUMBER PUZZLE

Use the clues below to fill the numbers into the grid.



ACROSS

2. 363 divided by three
4. Forty minus eleven
5. Number of letters in the alphabet
7. One hundred eight divided by six
8. 1003 doubled
10. Number of hours in a day
12. Fifteen times five
13. Finish this sequence:
9,8,7,6,5,_____,_____,_____
15. Eleven times four
16. Number of days in two weeks
17. One hundred minus one
18. Three times one hundred twenty

DOWN

1. Six times two
2. Nine plus ten
3. Two hundred times six
4. Seven times four
6. Number of minutes in an hour
7. Twelve squared
9. 2696 divided by four
11. Half of 8486
14. Twenty eight plus three
15. Seven squared
17. Three times thirty
19. Fifty plus thirteen

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