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Mrs. Murphy

Highland Community Schools
1600 Lindenthal Avenue, Highland , Illinois



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Mrs. Julie Korte

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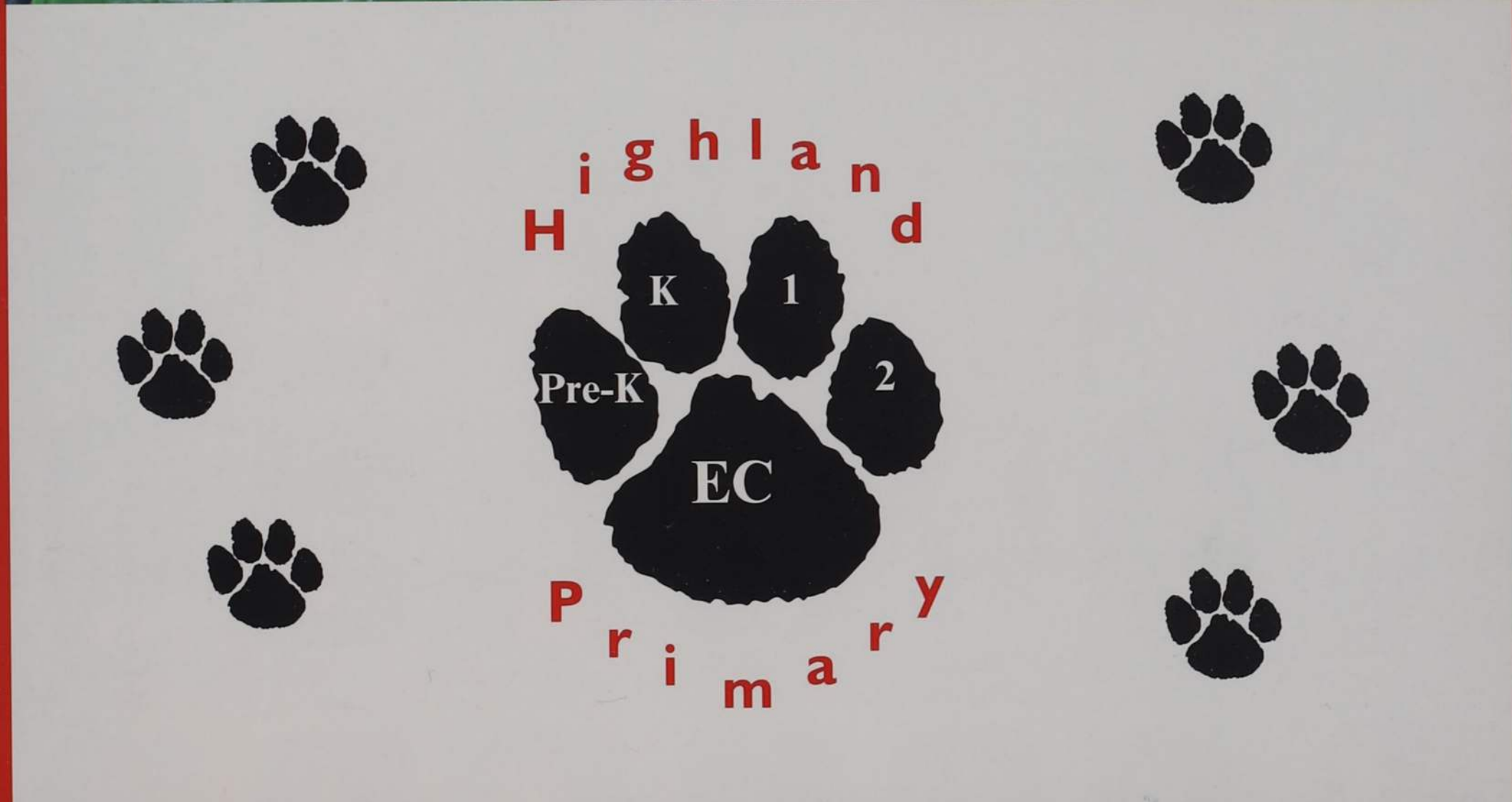
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Highland Primary



Kathleen
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Kris
Buehne



Josie
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Rebecca
Fields



Kelly
Frey



Sherri
Gaffner



Gayle
Gilomen



Brenda
Grigg



Anne
Hickey



Megan
Hohlt



Taryn
Hoppes



Kendra
Jochimsen



Jo Ann
Jones



Katie
Kellerstrass



Audrey
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Julie
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Mary
Korte



Renae
Korte



Jae
Kuberski

Faculty and Staff



Sheila
Laird



Valerie
Lewis



Terri
Lurkins



Charla
Meyer



Jacqueline
Mollet



Susan
Mortland



Terri
Moss



Joanne
Nathan



Kim
Newton



Rebecca
Nowell



Denise
Oliveira



Diana
Osterwisch



Wendy
Phillips



Donna
Plocher



Lisa
Pourchot



Katie
Richter



Michelle
Riffel



Kimberly
Rose



Karen
Rust



Lisa
Scoggins



Jill
Sinnock



Carol
Smith



Suzanne
Smithey



Connie
Sparlin



Linda
Stearns



Sue
Thiems



Patti
Townsend



Dale
Vrell



Linda
Watts



Jane
Wessel



Sarah
Wiegman



Sara
Wilkinson



Wendy
Wilson

Not Pictured:

Leslie Chapman
Nina Cleveland
Nancy Horrell
Brandy Kampwerth
Russ Rinderer
Holly Rongey
David Rutz
Nancy Souder
Terri Thomas
Chris VanderBunt

Mrs. Sparlin - Early Childhood



Mrs. Buehne
Mrs. Thiems



Aiden Butler
Caiden Hardas
Cale Houchins
Kyler Lake



A.M.

Blane Longwell
Matthew Monroe
Masyn Morgan
Jason Smith

Not Pictured:
Brock Holzinger



Isaac Cook
Samantha Hassell
Stephen Knupp
Bailey McPhillips
Cailey Roberts



Chloe Schuster
Samara Schwalb
Bella Solice
Carter Thole



Not Pictured:
Brett Callahan
Abby Day

P.M.

Mrs. Carman - Early Childhood

Mrs. Riffel
Mrs. Rose



Ayla Cole
Bethany Fletcher
Kimberly Powell
Elizabeth Rheaume



Maverick Ritz
Braedyn Schmitt
Gavin Tabor
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A.M.

P.M.



Danielle Armistead
Shelby Averett
Michael Barry
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Alex Jones

Will Jones
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Mason Steinbeck
Ryan Tolbert
Parker Wurtz

Mrs. Belford Pre-Kindergarten A.M.



Mrs. Beard

Javier Cantrell



Kaiden Cooksey
Kylie Duckworth



Lilly Feldman
Hunter Frey
Kylie-Ann Halteman



Evan Hardas
Reid Hemann
Laney Kelly



Chase Leroy
Margaret Maxwell
Hayden Moravec
Allie Rinderer



Isaac Rommerskirchen
Bradley Sutton
Dean Tillotson



Mrs. Belford Pre-Kindergarten P.M.

Mrs. Beard



Owen Ashe



Brayden Bandy
Kyleigh Buchen



Adalee Clarke
Gavin Coleman
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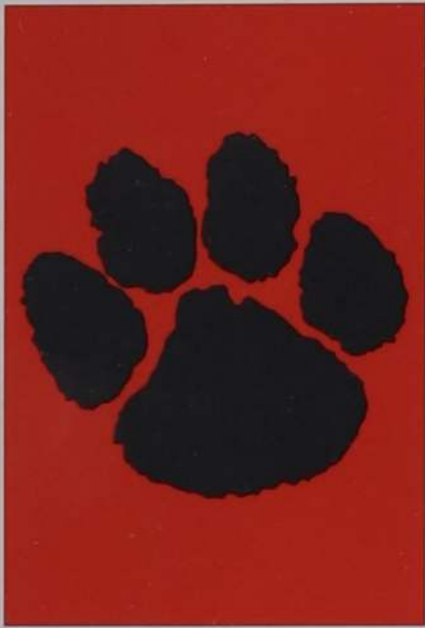


William Potthast
Emmah Reppond
Mason Shoraga
Kyrin Weak
Blake Zarinelli



Pre-K & Early Childhood Fun

Aa 



Mrs. Albers - Kindergarten



Toby Allen
Lillian Barker



Annika Beachy
Ryley Broniec
Noah Fisher



Evan Gibson
Skylar Hengehold
Owen Holcomb
Camryn Kehrer



Stephanie Korte
Tyler Kutz
Madalyn McCall
Allison Napier



Bryce Palmer
Haley Pople
Logan Rinderer
Emma Strubinger
Eric Trout



Elizabeth Watkins
Zachary Wilken
Izabela Williamson
Claire Zobrist

Not Pictured:
Rayanna Stopher

GRADE
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Mrs. Cox - Kindergarten



Chloe Ashe
Kelly Carter



Paige Clarkin
Olivia Conrad
Alyssa Cooksey



Benjamin Cramer
Colton Daiber
Blaise Diesen
Aiden Duft



Payton Eddy
Sontae Finley-White
Mia Heuberger
Bryce Johnson



Mason Marcus
Stacie McArthur
Dylan Pohl
Isaac Rieke
Konner Sadler



Giovanna Starman
Alanna Stewart
Brayden Thacker
Bram VanDeelen



Mrs. Elliott - Kindergarten



Katelin Augustin
Summer Carroll



Austin Chamness
Lauren Clasquin
Jayden Coppedge



Chase Crowder
Luke Darling
Cameron Donaldson
Shane Gruenenfelder



Bryce Iberg
Evan Loyet
Britin Machuca
Lydia Marti



Kyle Molitor
Chase Noeltner
John Nyquist
Owen Parker
Alicia Pitkin



Scout Raeber
Easton Rawley
Brooke Rheaume
Isaiah Rivera
Samantha Woll

Mrs. Grigg - Kindergarten



Abby Athmer
Carson Baer



Madison Banks
Brionna Bartlett
Hayleigh Bell



Garrett Berolatti
Joseph Brissenden
Chase Bruce
Cece Cruz



Cameron Dennison
Keely Gruenfelder
Kaleb Haley
Sylar Hogg



Gabriel Marti
Scott Maxwell
Nathan Owens
Annabella Pike



Paige Podstawa
Megan Sapienza
Sofia Tebbe
Emily Vandersand



Mrs. Mortland - Kindergarten



Aftyn Anderson
Roman Cox



Paige Crawford
RheaAnna Fowler
Sky Freeman



Reilly Harper
Maurice Harris
Lauren Herman
Jorianna Hess



Brody Huckleberry
Elysia Hugger
Allison Koerkenmeier
Carissa Merkle
Matthew Miscik



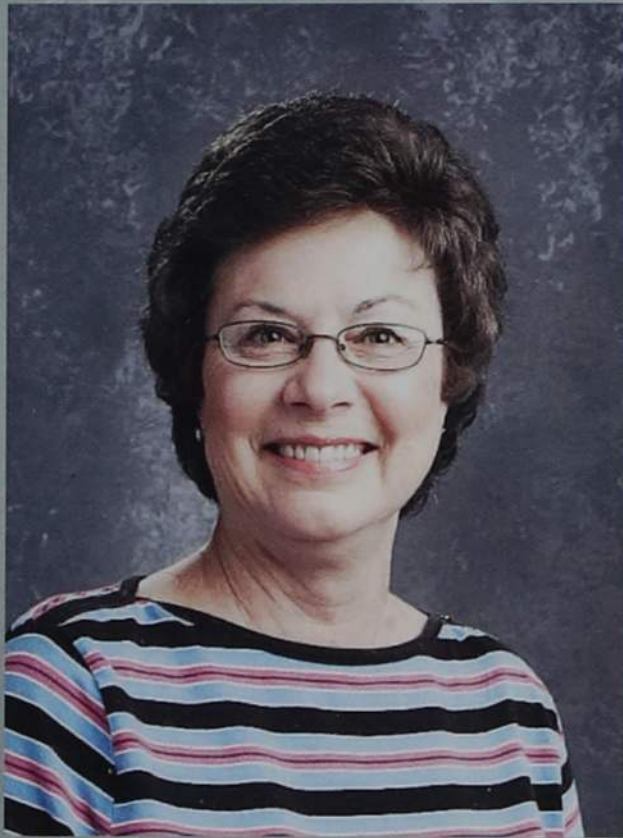
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Lara Nowell
Joseph Stevenson



Luke Stieb
Jada Walker
Brayden White-Schwappach
Jacob Ziegler



Mrs. Nathan - Kindergarten



Nolan Begando
Braedon Bolhofner



Morgan Bondurant
Elizabeth Brown
Lexa Gelly



Katrina Goth
Tyler Griesbaum
Jaydin Gulley
Lucas Hund



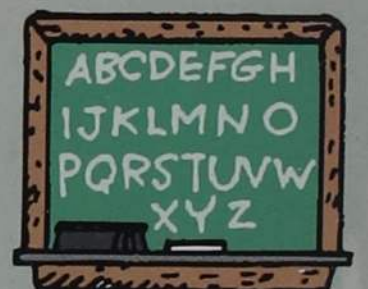
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Michael Lu
Bryce Mercer



Owen Morris
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Paige Overby
Isaiah Parsons
Krista Rittenhouse



Brionna Schwappach
Joseph Vonbokel
Brittani Wellen
Lauren Wernle



Mrs. Stearns - Kindergarten



Conner Atnip
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Dakota Collins
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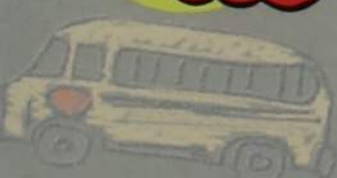
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Gavin Schlarmann
Joseph Townzen
Colton Watkins
Drew Wellen



Mrs. Watts - Kindergarten



Ethan Brown
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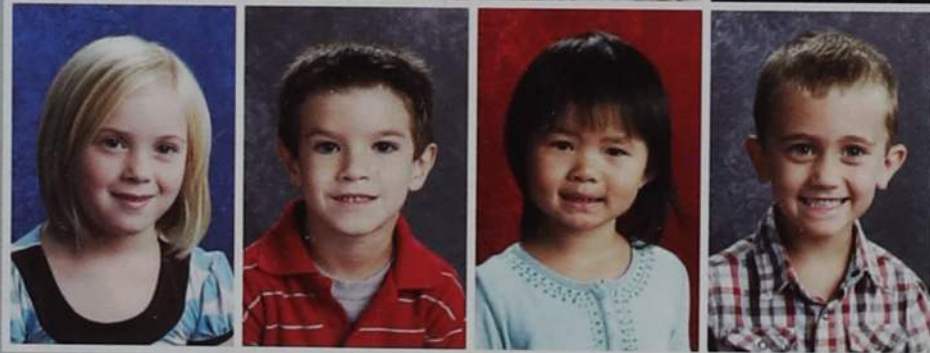
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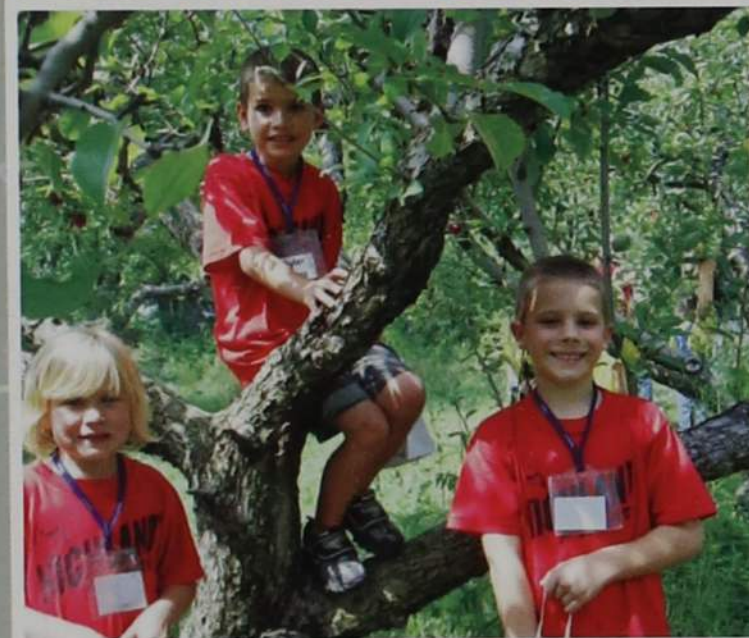
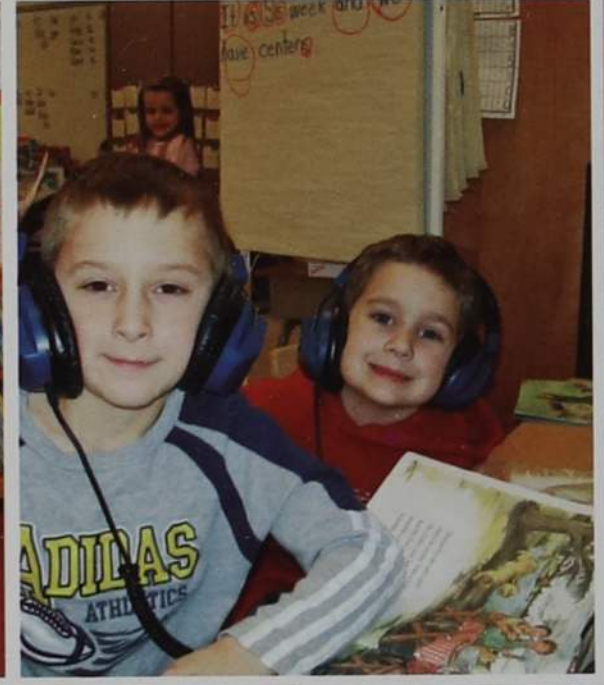
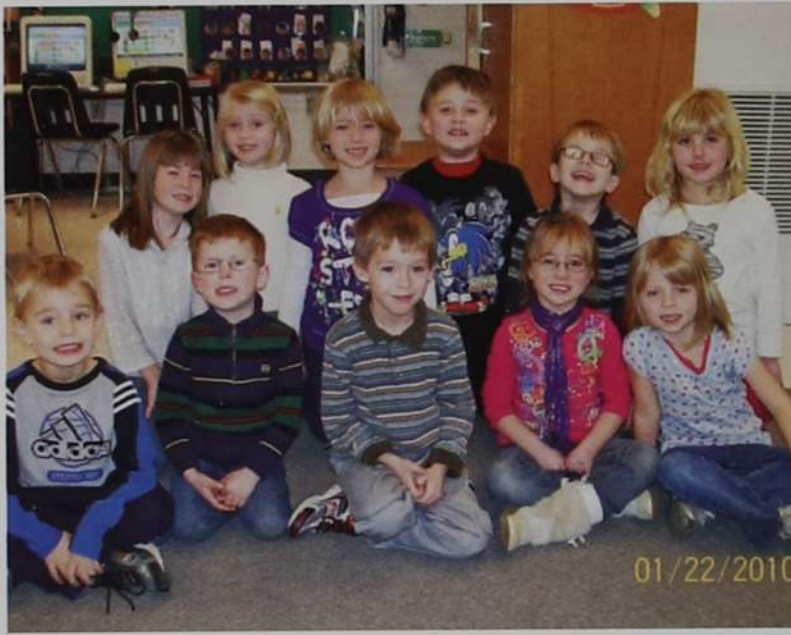
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Allison Reiling
Nicole Schmidt
Kade Schuepbach
Kevin Schuette



Mackenzie Sharp
Zane Wilson
YaYa Wu
Michael Ziegler



Kindergarten Kicks!



Mrs. Clasquin - First Grade



Brennon Austin
Tegan Beard



Shelton Black
Abigail Bowers
William Cook



Jenna Duff
Kyleigh Haller
Olivia Hawkes
Alexander Head



Eli Jones
Joshua Judge
Whitney Lightle
Alyssa Miller



Trey Moss
Rylee Rogier
Garrett Rohde
Emma Rusteberg
Paige Schaible



Kailyn Skinner
Katie Steinwagner
Samuel Vandiver-Williams
Claire Wright



Not Pictured:
Isaac Anderson



Mrs. Ficker - First Grade



Bailey Bircher
Jaxton Black



Parker Brinkley
Brandon Canterberry
Ahnalyse Cates



Logan Chandler
Trey Evans
Mason Gaddis
Haylie Gombos



Kassidy Goth
Rachel Henss
Tyler Holzinger
Britney Hupp



Robert John Knebel
Madison Noeltner
Andrew O'Toole
Allyssa Perry
Alisa Robles



Delaina Sigman
Rebekah Smith
Brent Stalcup
Riley Stewart



Mrs.Fields & Mrs.Nowell First Grade



Olivia Berry
Reyna Boergerhoff



Jacob Brauns
Steven Campbell
Maddison Deien



Jack Geest
Jessie Gilomen
Bailey Hart
Kylie Heldenbrand



Sara Hutter
Abigail Imming
Lexie Korte
Kaiden Miles
Cameron Mortland



Faith Muczynski
Noah Munguia
Hannah Norris
Kagney Riggs
Caleb Stratton



Kirsten Taylor
Kayla Thompson
Dakota Thomsen
Chance Watkins



Mrs. Lewis - First Grade



Tyler Arbogast
David Dias Do Val



Michael Downey
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Maralic Gartee



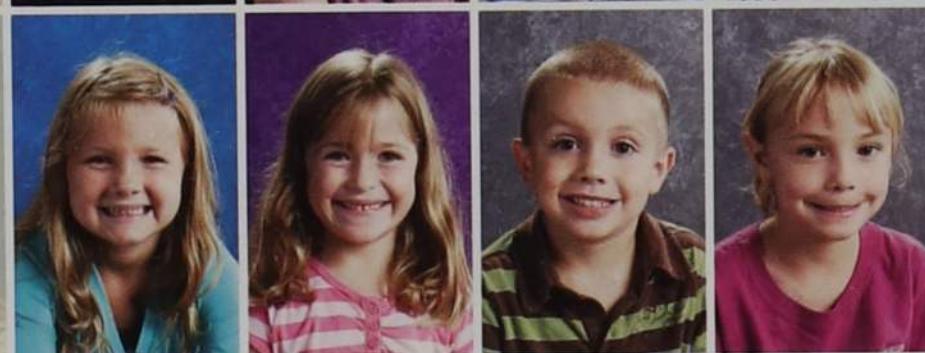
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Megan Huck



Mia Kaepf
Hailey Knecht
Claire Korte
Alexis Mobley
Evan Peterson



Maci Pfister
Zachary Ramsey
Carly Robertson
Jon Saathoff
Cole Salter



Tegan Schauwecker
Reese Schrage
Christopher Voyles
Roybn Watson



Mrs. Moss - First Grade



Nevaeh Brown
Chayse Byrd



Sylvie Carroll
Andrew Cunningham
Joel Durbin



Madelyn Ellis
Caden Fears
Jenna Fenton
Olivia Hess



Jacob Hoffman
Reilly Hug
Brissie Johnson
Adam Klostermann
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Kayla Peery
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Annie Reynolds
Garret Roth



Shalem Veitel
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Tess Wilson



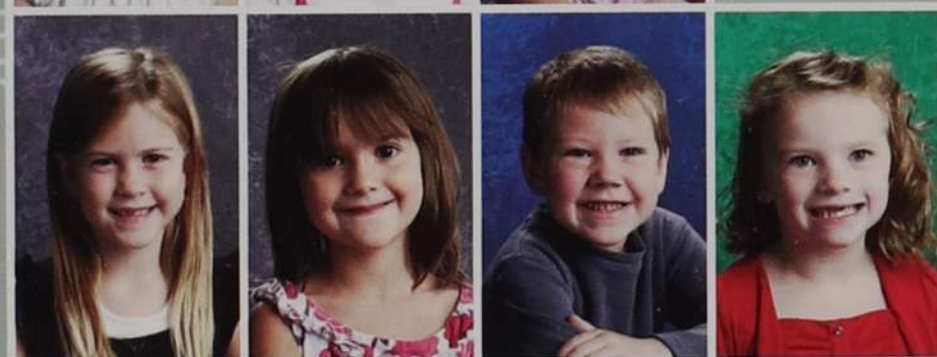
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Addison Cavaness
Izac Cooper



Olivia Dempsey
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Justin Galligos
Sarah Hemann



Quinton Holzinger
Autumn Meyer
Kyler Newman
Sydney Parkerson



Rylie Pugh
Hayden Quitmeyer
Adam Rieke
Jacob Rittenhouse
Liam Smith



Drew Tolbert
William Trame
John Walker
Madelyn Walker

Mrs. Townsend - First Grade



Olivia Alemond
Hannah Geest



Jack Geiger
Emma Guerra
Bryce Iberg



Breanna James
Izabella Kircher
Reid Koishor
Ashlynn Korte



Christian Moore
Abbey Mortland
Tom Nyquist
Bryan Peters
Madison Reagan



Ryan Riggs
Ariana Rucker
Andrew Snyder
Tatum Stock
Evan Sutton



Reid Thole
Destin Vogel
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Sutherland Allen
Hailey Armistead



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Anne Marie Beckemeyer
Jeffrey Blunt



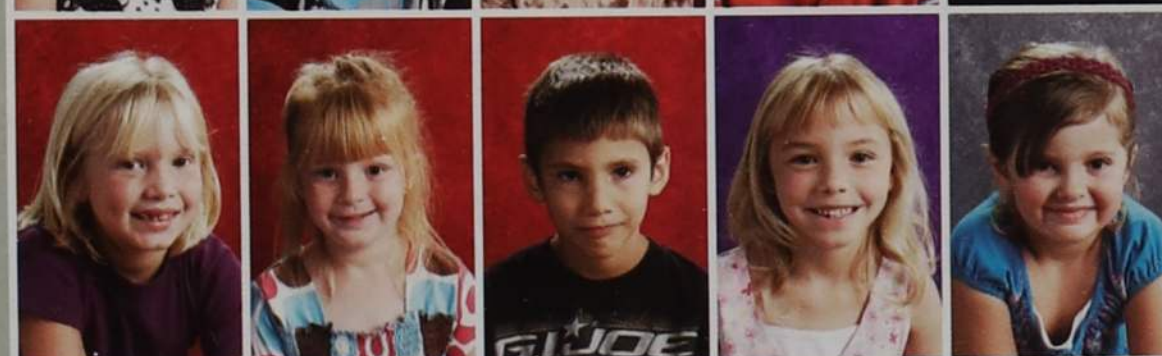
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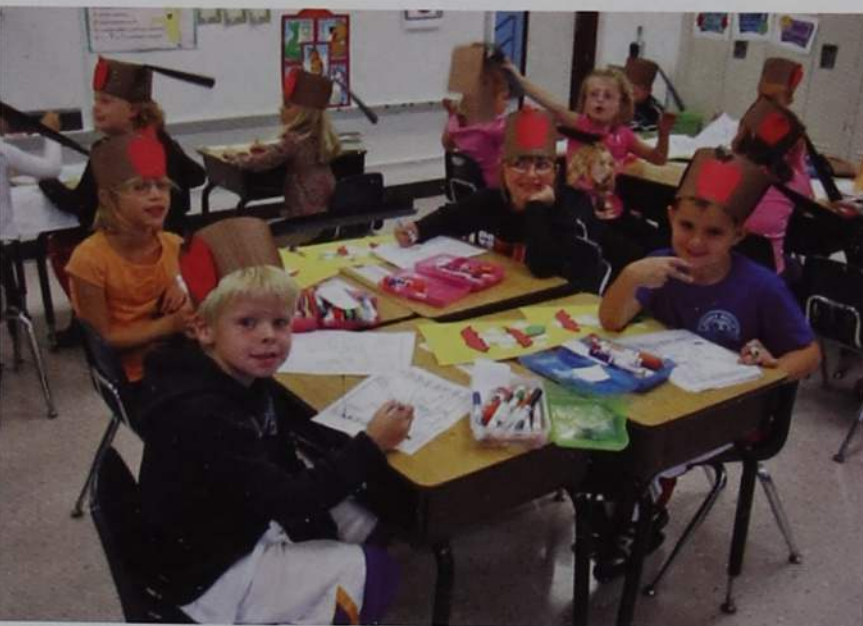
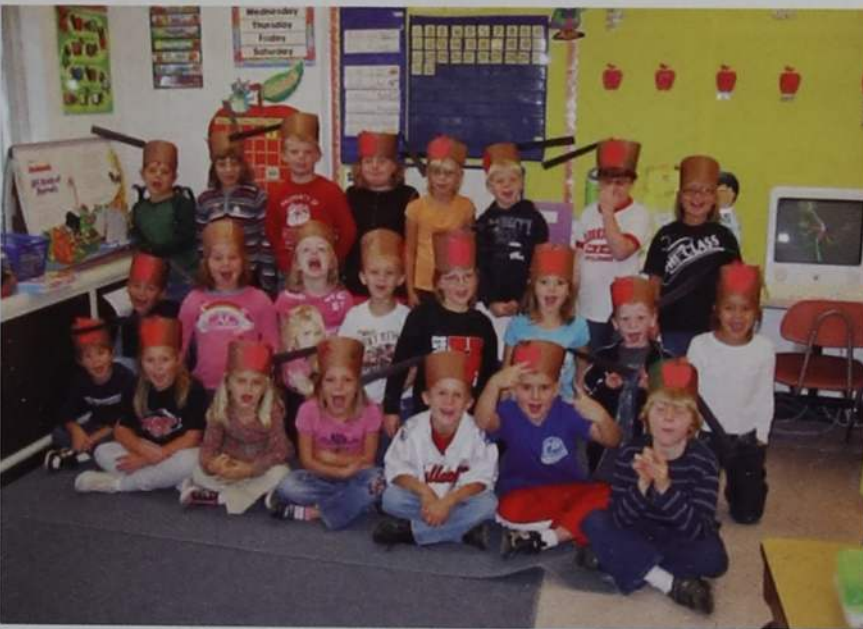


Olivia Owens
Amanda Penberthy
Katelyn Pollock
Jayce Powell
Brayden Ramsey



Brianna Ripperda
Claire Schultz
Tyler Simpson
Jasmine Watson
Jessie Wieter

Fantastic Fun in First Grade



Mrs. Dutko - Second Grade



Cameron Altgilbers
Ashley Basden



Kaylee Bauchens
Zane Bircher
Madison Clarke



Caitlin Crossin
Blaine Haberer
Lucas Hollenkamp
Olivia Jansen



Jacob Kloss
Samantha Kutzgar
Ethan Leftwich
Blake McCaw
James Metzler



Lauren Oberkfell
Avery Padak
Dillon Powell
Alexander Price
Isaac Roe



Mason Rolland
Faith Scott
Galena Stewart
Payton Wernle

Mrs. Hohlt - Second Grade



Lia Basden
Trent Beard



Gage Bircher
Alex Buchmiller
Collin Burns



Colby Davis
Landon Fuller
Drew Galbiati
Sophia Hartlieb



Dalton Hudson
Kelsey Knebel
Isabella Mueller
Landyn Oestringer



Alexa Padak
Canada Rawley
Wesley Schmollinger
Peyton Seaman
David Vulliet



Jessica Watson
Jay Westberry
Adrian Wille
Elizabeth Wolf



Not Pictured:

Kinsley Light
Fayth Whicker

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Ms. Kellerstrass - Second Grade



Ethan Augustin
Jack Beiermann



Ellie Brown
Anna Evans
Kaitlyn Feldmann



Cole Frey
Nicholas Groeteka
Ciarra Guenther
Ashlyn Klucker



Tess Korte
Elizabeth Livingston
Justin Luna
Olivia Mueller



Brayden Richter
Christian Rieke
Kayla Rutz
Isabell Scaggs
Peyton Strong



James Tillotson
Tyler Woll
Tristin Young
Kathleen Ziegler

Not Pictured:
Toni Neal-Rivera



Mrs. Koch - Second Grade



Maddison Adolph
Noah Baxter



Kaleb Bijarro
Karley Broske
Vivienne Chassels



Alexandra Coleman
Michael Davis
Bree Etherton
Kenzie Gelly



Bailes Grigg
Carlin Gualandi
Samantha Hengehold
Raven Holliday



Cody Jakel
Alexsys Kuchak
Gavin Marti
Taylor Olliges
Anthony Pearce



Carleigh Robinson
Dylan Schmitt
Hunter Seiberlich
Jarrett Tebbe



Not Pictured:
Helen Nguyen

Mrs. Laird - Second Grade



Haley Amos
Mackenzie Becker



Benjamin Bruchhauser
Cody Cooper
Isaac Cruthis



Kamryn Daiber
Austin Davis
Joshua Doty
Landrie Dunn



Ava Gibson
Candice Greer
Jacob Judge
Elijah Kehrer
Cecelia Kustermann



Dale Miller
Taylor Miller
Allen Morillo
Brian Schmidt
Meckenna Scholl



Tabetha Thompson
Steven White
Kaylee Winkeler
Grace Zobrist

Not Pictured:
Cole Winkeler

Mrs. Sinnock - Second Grade



Christian Alexander
Ethan Andrews



Star Barnes
Hannah Beard
Sydney Coker



Jayla Cosgriff
Reagan Crask
Nicholas Dugan
Elizabeth Evans



Jadan Francois
Kolby Frey
Dylan Hudson
Joshua Johnson
Garrett Korte



Jackson Marchal
Camden Nelson
Lucy Phillips
Taylor Pinkel
Alexander Riggs



Alexie Rose
Brenden Schmitt
Hunter Swift
Jasmine Tatlici



Mrs. Wessel - Second Grade



Molly Barry
Kaleb Blunt



Kara Braundmeier
Camryn Byrd
Shane Carney



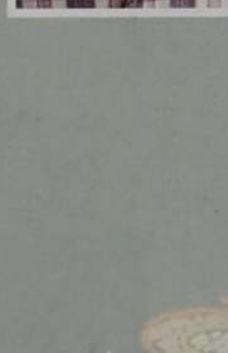
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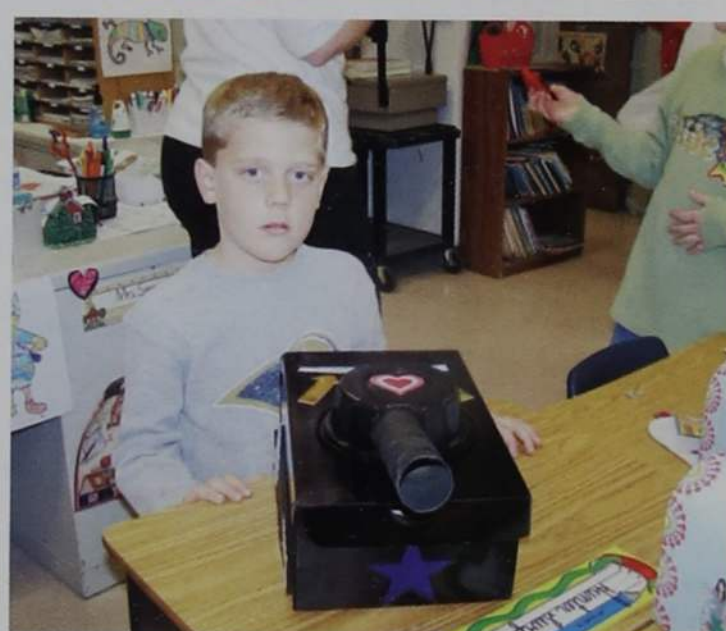
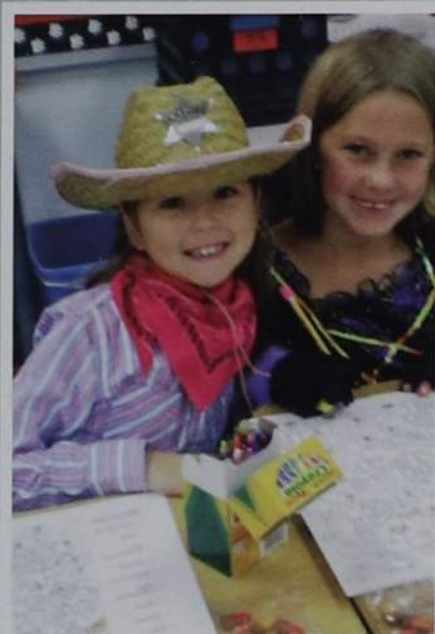
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Chloe Watkins
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Super Second Grade

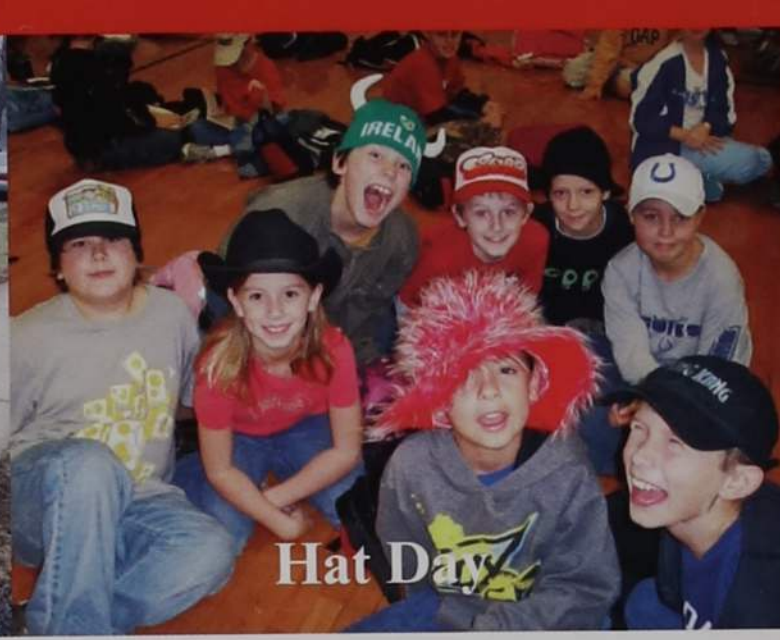




Fitness Club

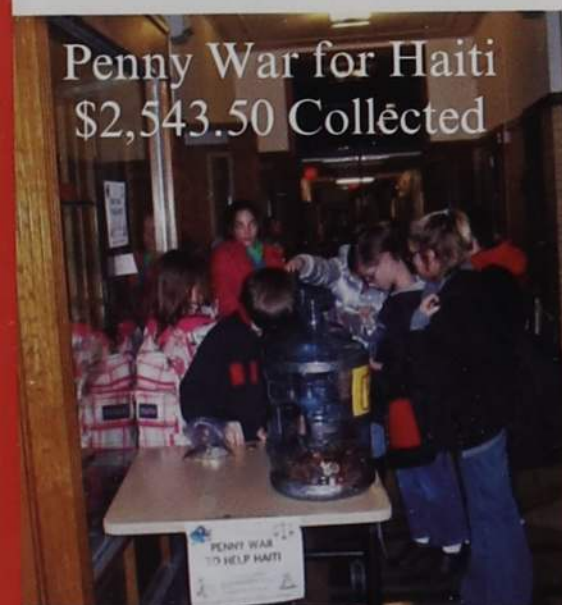


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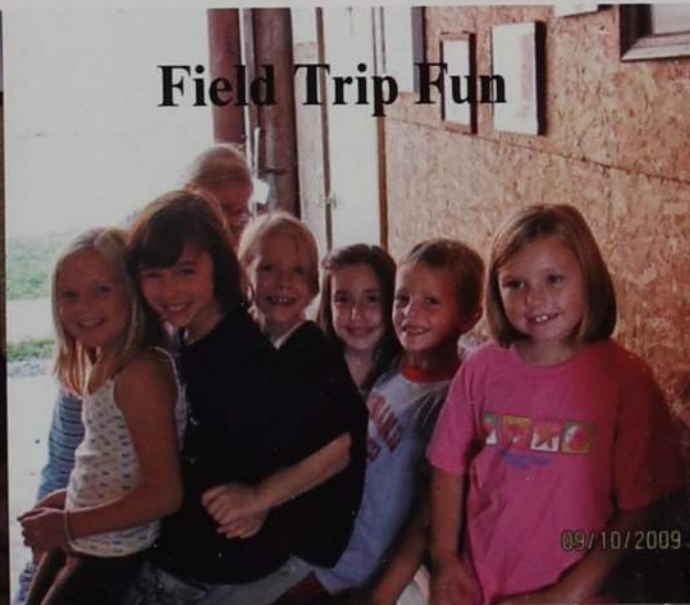


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Field Trip Fun



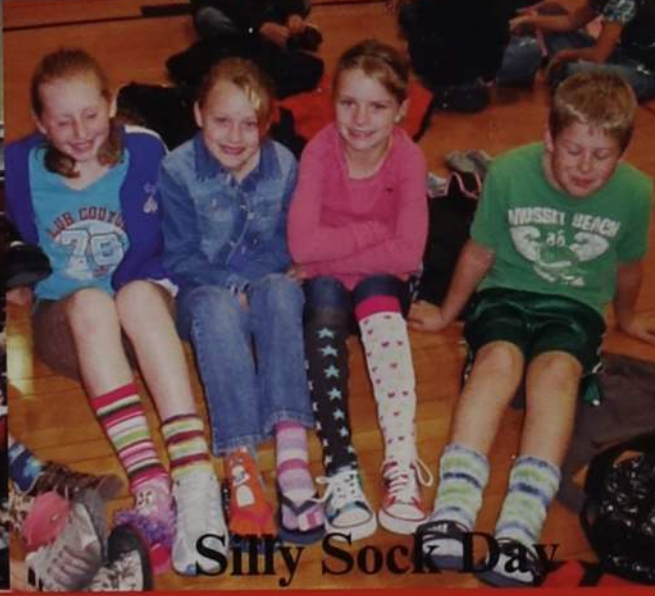
Team Spirit Day



Shoes for
Kenya



2010 Winter Olympics



Silly Sock Day

Highland Elementary



Susan
Abbott



Lisa
Ahlgren



Gina
Ashby



Ada
Atherton



Heather
Athmer



Linda
Berg



Linda
Bottom



Beth
Bourque



Susie
Brauns



Dianne
Buch



Martha
Chapman



Mathew
Conway



Susan
Coode



Erin
Cotto



David
Dempsey



Jean
DeSelm



Jody
Durbin



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Favre



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Fralinger



Therese
Frank



Tracy
Frey



Sheila
Gruender



Melissa
Heinzmann



Cheryl
Holtzclaw



Dawn
Huffman



Jamie
Jaegle



Mary
Jakel



Kim
Keeney

Faculty and Staff



Jill
Kharibian



Jill
Klostermann



Lisa
Langham



Dawn
Macmillan



Tammy
Manhart



Krista
Mehrrens



Kim
Mesle



Robert
Mezo



Lori
Miscik



Jamie
Murphy



Karen
Nave



Lana
Ponce



Amy
Powell



Lynn
Rees



Brenda
Reiff



Jennifer
Ruschhaupt



Rhonda
Schmidt



Stephanie
Schwappach



ShiAnne
Shively



Kerri
Spies



Dawn
Steiner



Barbara
Tally



Terri
Thies



Terri
Thomas



Cynthia
Tolbert



Laura
Wander-Vrell



Carla
Wildhaber



Chris
Wilson



Kari
Wise



Patricia
Zeisset

Not Pictured:

Greg Allen
Terri Ammann
Janis Foehner
Susan Sumner
Marla Weis
Kendra Jochimson

Go
Bullpups!

Mrs. Ahlgren - Third Grade



Sullivan Allen
Bailei Broniec



Ashley Buchmiller
Cheyenne Carroll
Elaina Cooksey



Laney Cooper
Blake Cuppett
Chandler Dugan
Kayla Eads



Makenna Grohmann
Madisyn Hart
Emilie Hoepker
Caleb Hooton
Drew Hulvey



Camryn Kuchak
Trent Lammers
Jacob Maas
Katelyn Marti
Anna McArthur
Devin Palenchar
Allison Peery



Carly Rakers
Karlene Rheame
Gregory Schlegel
Nicholas Sikora
Bailey Trame
Devin Wills
Brooke Wilson



Mrs. Favre - Third Grade



Darla Balint
William Bondurant



Jared Bowman
Madison Clemons
Kelsi Dant



Jack Drueke
Taylor Ernst
Ethan Fenton
Griffin Frahm



Jack Girdler
Kelsey Gruenfelder
Tiffany Hamel
Lydia Hayes
Eden Imming



Sarah Kampwerth
Brianna Korte
Taylor Reidelberger
Clayton Rieke
Mae Riffel
Connor Schuster



Timothy Simpson
Jennifer Taylor
Alex Thies
Reid Tiemann
Blake Tinsley
Josiah Veitel
Holland Wrobbel



Ms. Heinzmann - Third Grade



Marissa Cameron
Caleb Crowder



Claire Diercks
Riley Field
Elyssa Forsythe



Lily Garbett
Dietrich Gossmeier
Blake Hargrove
Jayden Head



Patrick Knebel
Kealy Korte
Austin Kostedt
Tyson Lobb
Toni Marshall



Emerson Nyquist
Erika Plage
Lauren Riggs
Marisa Rusteberg
Jordyn Schrage
Alexa Seger



Levi Shipton
Dominic Sirko
Ross Spies
Alexis Taylor
Ryan Walter
Aries Weber
Wyatt Wiese



Not Pictured:
Cordes Michael

Mrs. Mehrtens - Third Grade



Logan Berry
Cody Blackburn



Geena Budwell
Abigail Casper
Raquel Crossin



Jakob Gruenfelder
Rebecca Hammer
Terrence Harris
Jamie Hickam



Jacob James
Annabell Jones
Kennedy Klucker
Drew Koehnemann
Connor Mortland



Michael Moss
Mackenzie Nigh
Kris Alan Parent
David Pitkin
Brianna Pollock
Kirstin Queen



Brianna Rachilla
Karlie Rossy
Carter Sutterfield
Lauren Townsend
Payne Waldman
Baylee Wetzel
Hannah Wilson

Mrs. Mesle - Third Grade



Ian Anderson
Jacob Baldock



Jacob Bartony
Abigail Beyer
Aurora Denap



Lexys Elder
Jaqlyn Ferguson
Chiara Frydrych
Blake Gaddis



Alexis Gibbons
Griffen Haller
Hannah Kernan
Heather Kim
Van Klaus



Zachary Linhart
Victoria Lynn
Isaiah Oconnell
Isaiah Orozco
Megan Ramsey
Autumn Riggs



Faith Runge
Madison Sharp
Lillian Sheahan
Eve Sugg
Jacob Willis
Cheyenne Zguro
Not Pictured:
Joey Kutz
Charles Wright



Mrs. Thies - Third Grade



Taylor Becker
Mikayla Bloemker



Kara Boatman
Isis Cooper
Ethan Drysdale



Brady Feldmann
Megan Griesbaum
Delaney Grimes
Ryan Hormann



Dylan Hummel
Dylan Joseph Kloss
Jayce Kustermann
Rylie Lucas
Troy Mehrtens



Reece Mercer
Kara Miller
Mallory Morgan
Jarod Schildknecht
Samantha Segrist
Madison Self



Samantha Strom
Dennis Trickey
Abigail Wagner
Parris Waldman
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Mrs. Wise - Third Grade



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Alexis Banks



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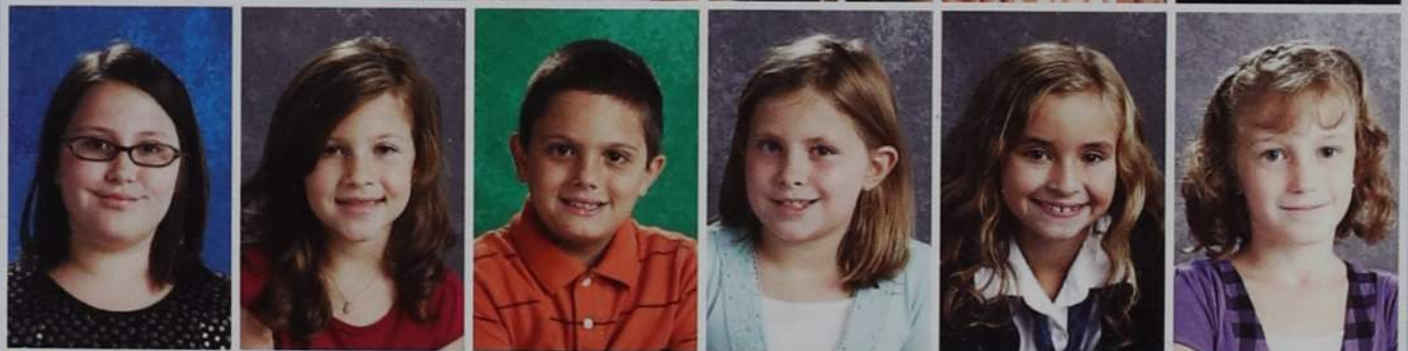
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Olivia Loyet
Nicolo Marchese
Hailey Niebrugge
Mia Nowell
Mackenzie Schoeck



Ryan Donald Schrage
Cheyenne Sheldon
Autumn Stagner
Avery Wasser
Madeline Wesselmann
Ian White
Kierra Winkeler



Thrilling Third Grade



Mrs. Athmer - Fourth Grade



Tyler Allen
Caitlin Basden



Benjamin Brauns
Joshua Burke
Sadie Carroll



Mason Clarke
Brian Evans
Carli Fields
Blake Funderburk



Blake Hagler
Arianna Kampwerth
Lawson Korte
Emma Kuehl
Morgan Leadly



Riley Long
Garrett Marti
Colin Peterson
Elliott Prott
Megan Rapien
Kierstin Schlater
Holly Strader



Leah Sutton
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Justin Wheeler
Logan Wieter
Kourtney Zobrist
Christian Zuccarelli



Mr. Conway - Fourth Grade



Kylie Boushey
Kelsey Cook



Brandon Downs
Drake Gehrs
Sara Good



Austin Habermehl
Samantha Haller
Icie Holliday
Alexis Holzinger



Savannah Hund
Britney Lackey
Kyle Lane
Eric Luna
Carter Mc Call



Abigail McTeer
Hunter Merkle
Justin Miller
Zachary Moore
Brandon Munie
Kennedy Nelson



Dacoda Riechmann
Adam Seger
Robert Sigman
Brock Swearingen
Amber Waters
Mitchel Allen Widman
Maya Zobrist



Mrs. Fralinger - Fourth Grade



Cameron Altadonna
Tricia Braundmeier



Madilyn Brinkley
Kayla Davis
Katherine Good



Lacey Grawe
James Hanke
Gavin Kohlbrecher
Mallory LaFrance



Marcus Langenhorst
Caleb Machuca
Sara Mauer
Emily Meadows
Morgan Mesle



Stella Mueller
Brittney Nigh
Kallie Painter
Eric Powell
Gavin Rinderer
Dillon Robertson



Dylan Rolfingsmeier
Nicholas Schaible
Brock Troxell
Blake Wellen
Logan White
Kyle Whittaker
Morgan Zobrist



Mrs. Keeney - Fourth Grade



Breanna Alexander
Matthew Atnip



Dylan Barker
Gage Beekman
Lake Bircher



Tristan Buss
Nolan Clarke
Amber Dalhuisen
Nathaniel English



Matthew Erdman
Cassie Fuller
Amber Jo Hallemann
Payden Hart
Kathryn Hocker
Zachary Johnson



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Jessica Kutz
Alexandria Litzenburg
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Cameron Shively
Carson Siedhoff



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Mrs. Rees - Fourth Grade



Dylan Bryant
Austin Dahm



Naomie Day
Emily Doty
Abigail Ermer



Jacob Funderburk
Olivia Genteman
Evan Herman
Mikayla Kampwerth



Mallory Klostermann
Dylan Knebel
Tyler Leroy
Peyton Nagel
Ivan Orozco



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Connor Pinsker
Kirsten Plocher
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Janelle Prante
Steven Price
Autumn Reckamp



Travis Rehkemper
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Callie Rose
Andrew Schuepbach
Kevin Shoemaker
Cory Stieb



Mrs. Ruschhaupt - Fourth Grade



Lauren Baer
Brett Bailey



Gabrielle Berolatti
Logan Blankley
Nickolas Cranick



Mariah Evans
Gerald Ferguson
Paige Foster
Alyssa Freimann



Olivia Fuller
Mason Geiger
Emma Gietl
Austin Guillot
Patrick Holcomb



Joshua Miller
Travis Moad
Elijah Moore
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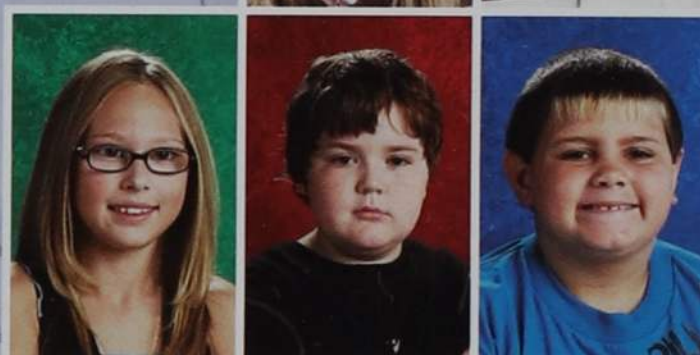
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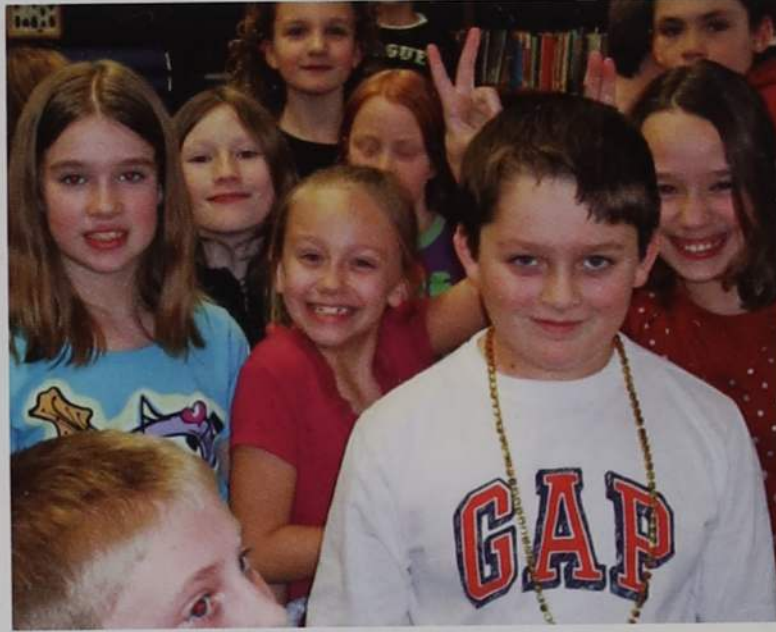
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Sophia Sterzl-McMullen
Deakon Thornton



Fabulous Fourth Grade



Mrs. Bottom - Fifth Grade



Lucas Ammann
Katelynn Brown



Bret Cochran
Carrigan Crowder
Rebekah Cummings



Corbin Daiber
Hannah Fuller
Brendan Grigg
Dustin Hubbard



Katie Kampwerth
Noah Karpan
Alisha Kloss
Gunnar Kohlbrecher
Christopher Kutzgar



Candace Luitjohan
Brenna Maas
Ashlyn Medina
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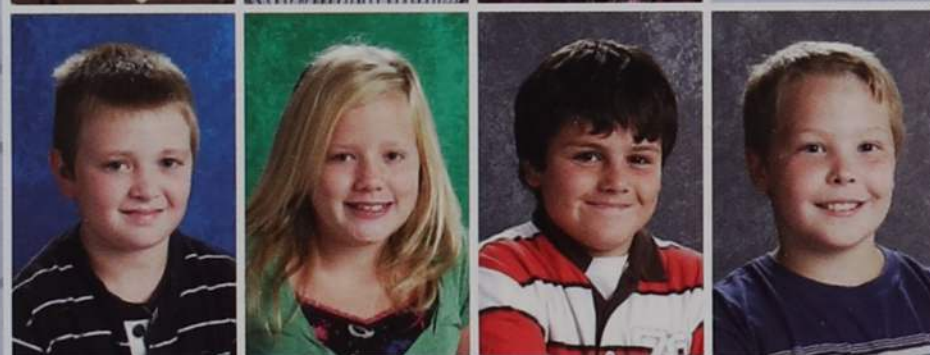
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Johannah Comish
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Hailey Davis



Garrett Donnelly
Jillian Garbett
Logan Guerra
Tristin Hutter



Mary Isaacs
Reily Kassay
Colin Knipp
Clayton Kopsic
Elisabeth Meadows



Alexandra Morris
Nathan Peery
Jenna Ponder
Dakota Sadler
Brendan Schrage
Cory Schuster



Georgia Solice
Cory Steinwagner
Riley Stowers
Abigail Thompson
Taylor Whitten
Jessica Wilson



Mrs. Ford - Fifth Grade



Brandi Alexander
Brett Brown



Tyler Cooper
Grace Curry
Caleb Denby



Cade Griffin
Allyson Iberg
Hope Imming
Madisen Jones



Anjuli Kampwerth
Kayleen Kampwerth
Brett Korte
Alivia Meskil
Noah Moss



Alexis Nix
Brett Oconnell
Danielle Padak
Trent Rakers
Robert Ramsey
Braden Rehkemper



Karlee Rongey
Beylee Stone
Mariah Thuenemann
Trent Vosholler
Levi Voss
Jordan Webb



Mrs. Huffman - Fifth Grade



Alexis Bartony
Skylan Carroll



Wade Clarkin
Madison Cooper
Louis Evans



Jacob Fenton
Breanna Frahm
Ian Fraser
Mikalyn Hart



Caley Jerman
Zachary Korte
Trent Langhauser
Claire Marchal
Zachery Miller



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Graydon Slusher
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Danielle Zobrist

Mrs. Nave - Fifth Grade



Ally Becker
Justin Bugger



Ethan Gibson
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Quincie Hayden



Sierra Huelsmann
Trent Hund
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Tina Kernan



Morgan Marcus
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Haley Shouse
Miranda Smith
Jenaye Suever
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Johnathon Wellen
Tyler Winkles



Mrs. Shively - Fifth Grade



Timothy Boyce
Jordan Braundmeier



Alyssa Bruggemann
Nicholas Dugan
Chandler-Jordan Flesch



Megan Frey
Eric Harrison
Courtney Hengehold
Olivia Holt



Savannah Hyde
Isaac Imming
Erica Jerman
Andrew Kampwerth
Matthew Klenke



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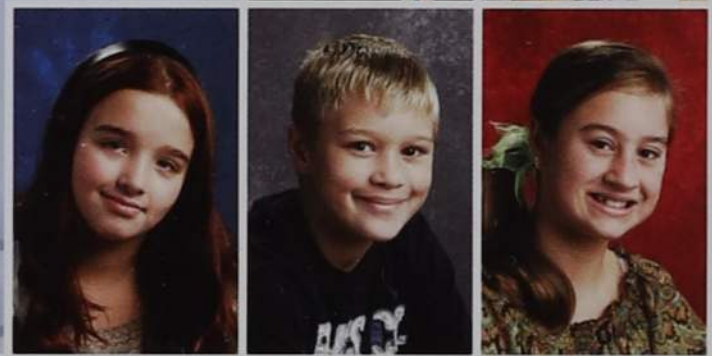
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Nicholas Bottom
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Sierra Curran
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Rose Ficker



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Peyton Holzinger
Alexis Hormann
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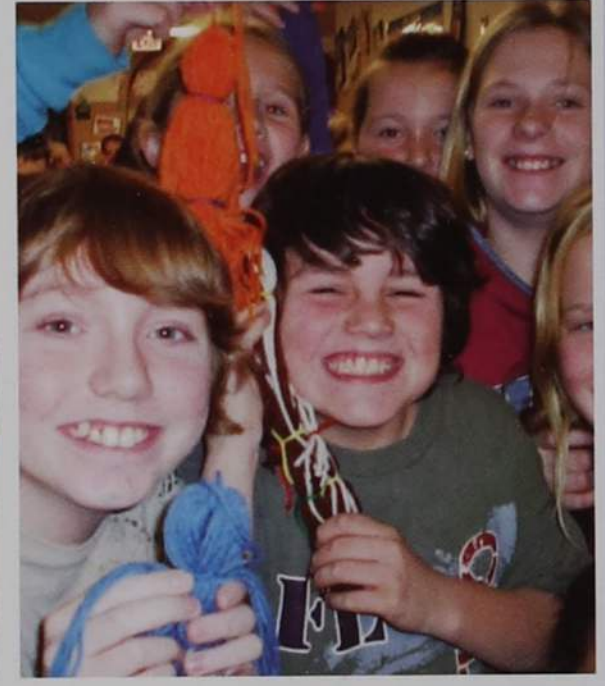


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Reagan Smith
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Taylor Townsend
Kailin Yann



Not Pictured:
Summer Paolini

Fantastic Fifth Grade



Ms. Coode - Sixth Grade



Anna Abert
Jason Arbogast



Mary Austin
Alexander Bandy
Christopher Beard



Marcus Beekman
Kaelyn Blunt
Cally Callahan
Kyle Craig



Madeline Field
Elizabeth Good
Sophie Howard
Amelia Huber
Clayton Kessler
Jenna Kuhner



Brady Logan
Hunter Lyerla
Abigail Metzler
Stephanie Olivares
Colleen Overhulser
Katlyn Rogier
Eric Schmidt



Kyle Schmitt
Hayden Smart
Makayla Smith
Kathryn Volker
Joshua Vonbokel
John Ward
Sjon Weiss



Not Pictured:
Landan Hopkins
Victoria Moss

Mr. Dempsey - Sixth Grade



Elizabeth Arend
Matthew Beyer



Lillie Budwell
Morgan Capelle
Nicholas Davidson



Jared Fletcher
Allie Friesland
Justin Haase
Laine Hendrix



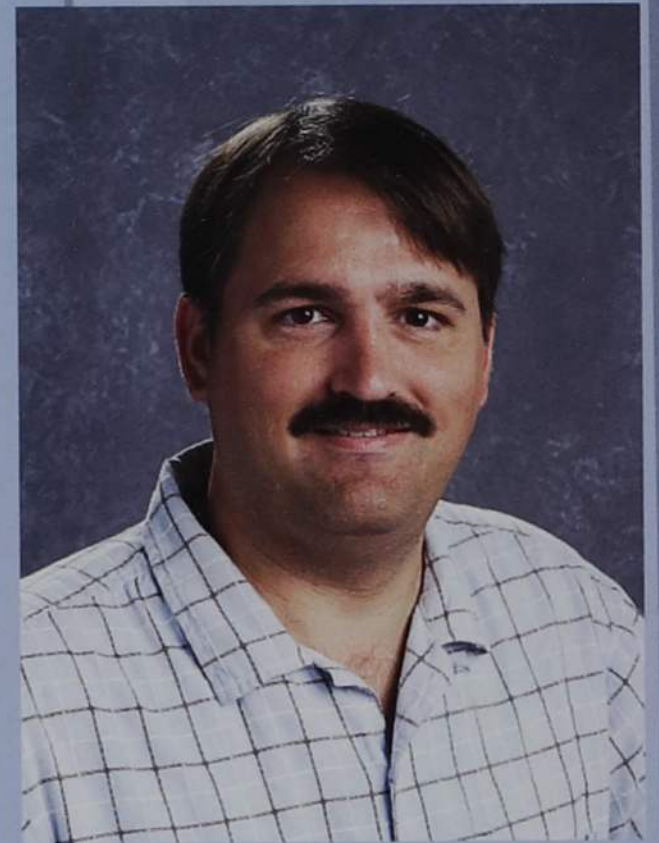
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Austin Nix
Logan Ratliff
Alec Rebbe



Lane Rinderer
Jordan Smith
Katherine Smith
Reagan Stowers
Madisyn Swift
Kortney Talbot
Jordan Vonbokel



Mrs. Gruender - Sixth Grade



Summer Allen
Trenton Allen



Jessica Andrews
Austin Baublitz
Brianna Becherer



Austin Brown
Emily Canterbury
Ana Cantrell
Trent Carriger



Ashlyn Fenton
Brandie Francois
Alexis Hagler
Audrey Kosydor
Samuel Kutz
Seth Levad



Seth Luitjohan
James McCaw
Michael McGill
Brayden Menke
Caroline Moore
Emelie Mustain
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Holly Salter
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Jimmie Smith
Jenna Spies
David Terrill
Cheyenne Tremmel
Joshua Wagner



Not Pictured:
Nicholas Borrer

Mrs. Klostermann - Sixth Grade



Brett Barker
Kristopher Benton



Samantha Beyer
Carsten Brauns
Mitchell Campbell



Austin Davis
Jonathan Dempsey
Madelyn Feldt
Hunter Gray



Austin Hickam
Bryce Kuhner
Caitlin Lammers
Shelby McCarthy
Lauren Medina
Kaitlyn Miller



Samuel Million
Morgan Oldham
Tyler Pollard
Dune Robertson
Alexa Ruskus
Lydia Schutzenhofer
Megan Smithey



Kelsey Straub
Luke Thies
Andrew Thurmond
Benjamin Wheeler
Hope Wilken
Lauren Wright
Allison Young
Not Pictured:
Madeleine Chverchko

Mrs. Langham - Sixth Grade



Caitlin Baxter
Chase Bircher



Alyssa Bitticks
Dillon Cameron
Montana Carter



Rianne Dalhuisen
Chase Dejournett
Leslie Drueke
Leah Erickson



Jake Freeman
Amanda Graves
Will Greenwald
Kelsey Lane
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Karigan Oconnell



Aaron Perkins
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William Walker
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Tabitha Waters
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Not Pictured:
Marylyn Dinh
Brennan Smith

Mrs. Tally - Sixth Grade



Alyssa Anderson
Heather Andrews



Lauren Bardill
Stephen Blanchard
Kyle Blankley



Lauryn Cook
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Sam Greene
Emily Gutzler
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Ben Hargrove
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Rachael Watkins
Griffin Welz
Andrew Winning
Jill Wrigley
Gina Zbinden
Lexi Zewe
Allison Zobrist



Mrs. Tolbert - Sixth Grade



Brooke Arbogast
Cory Bolhofner



Lucas Ciszczon
Ethan Emery
Cole Goesten Kors



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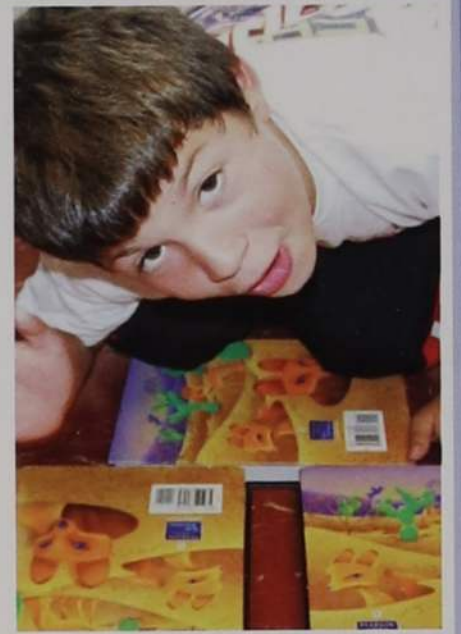
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Meghan Wellen
Alexis Workes
Cody Zobrist



Sensational Sixth Grade



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Elementary Green Team



Sixth Grade Recycle Team



Helping Hands

Sign Language Club



Instructed By:
Mrs. Jones

Drama Troop



Instructed By:
Mrs. Schwappach

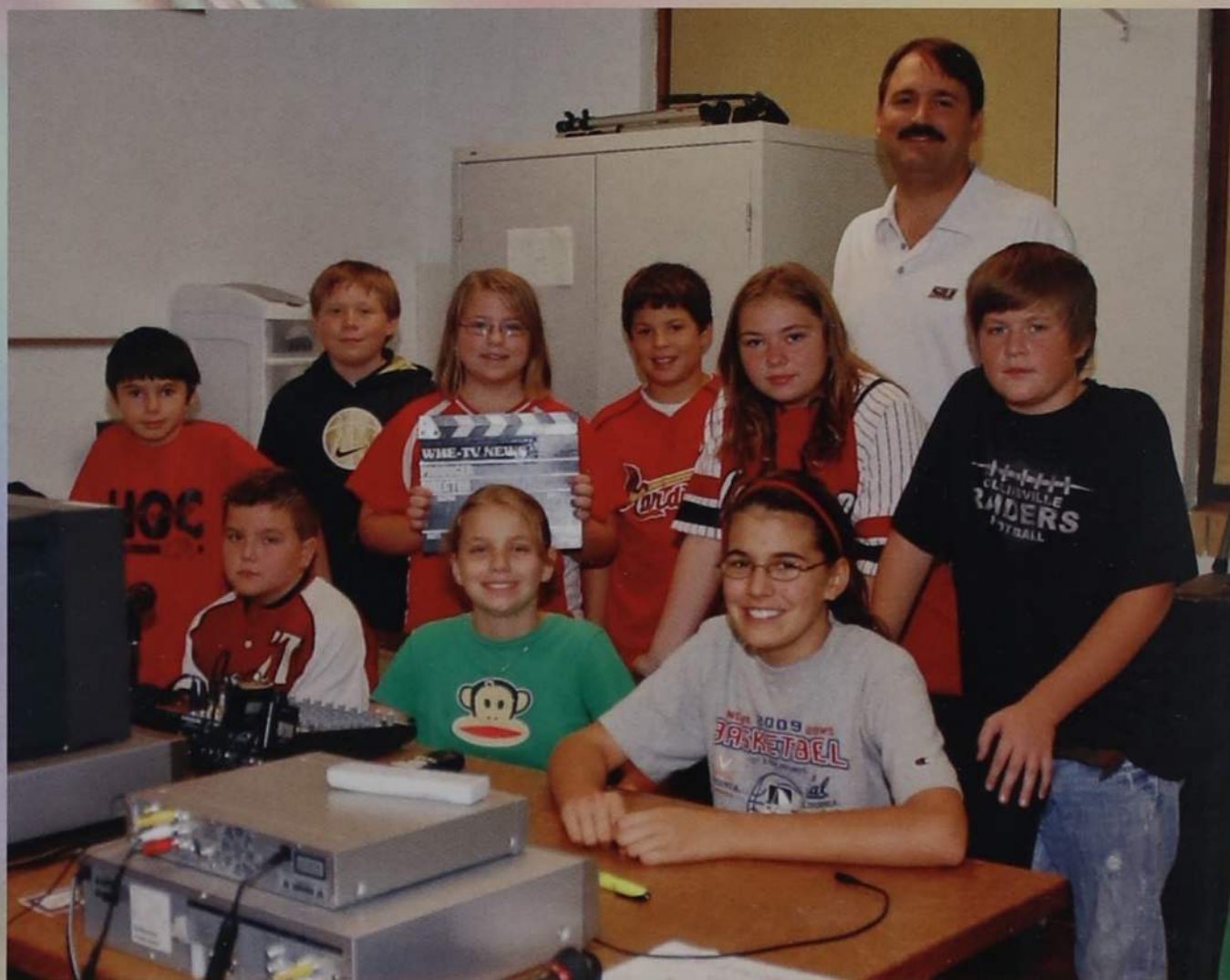


T.V. Production Crew

Fall Production Crew

Mr. Dempsey

Top Row: Blake McCaslin, Lillie Budwell,
Lane Rinderer, Katie Smith, Austin Nix
Bottom Row: Travis Hoette, Jordan Smith,
Kayla Hultz, Reagan Stowers



Spring Production Crew

Mr. Dempsey

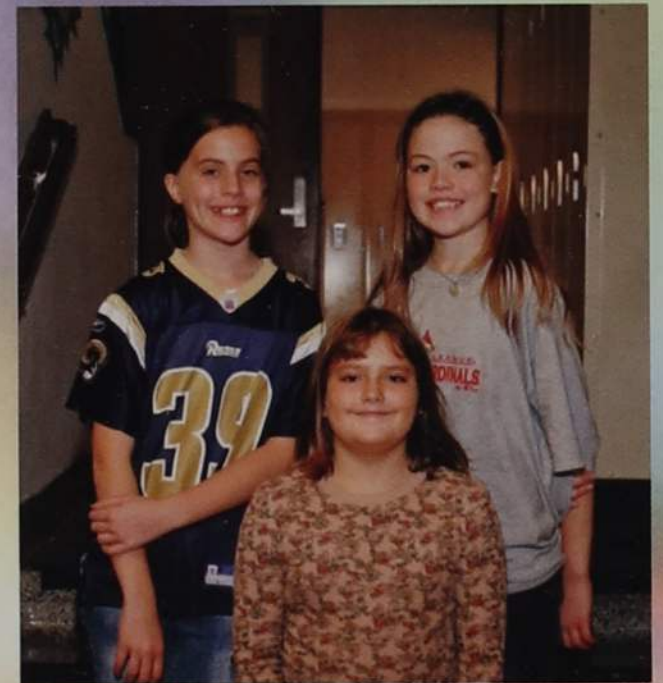
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Lauren Bardill
Front: Seth Levad, Hayden Smart



Extended Art



5th Grade



6th Grade



Band



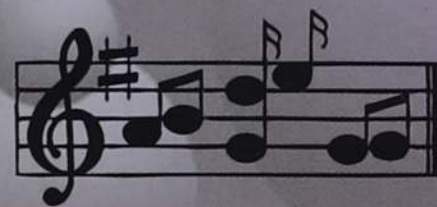
5th Grade



6th Grade



Junior Choir



Back: Jessi Lynes, Beylee Stone, Elizabeth Meadows, Nolan Scott, and Mrs. Abbott

Front: Sydney Nyquist, Reagan Smith, Krystal Setar, Emily Baldock

VOLLEYBALL



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Coach Cynthia Tolbert

Back: Jill Wrigley, Jennifer O'Brien, Cally Callahan, Jenna Kuhner
Middle: Rachel Watkins, Karli Steinbruegge, Caitlin Lammers, Lauren Wright
Front: Allison Zobrist, Brianna Powell, Lydia Schutzenhofer



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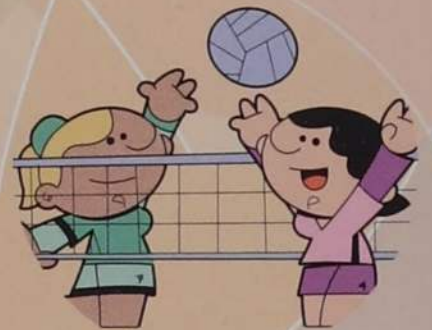


Coach Cynthia Tolbert

Back: Alyssa Anderson, Reagan Stowers, McKayla Smith, Jessica Andrews, Alyssa Bitticks
Middle: Lauren Bardill, Brianna Becherer, Amelia Huber, Tiffany Haney
Front: Allison Young, Cassie Lamzik, Montana Carter

Dig, Set, Spike

WHITE TEAM



Coach Lana Ponce
 Back: Madeline Field, Maya Hubbs, Kelsey Lane, Jenna Spies
 Middle: Madelynn Shively, Sami Beyer, Caitlin Baxter
 Front: Megan Smithey, Lauryn Cook, Kaitlyn Rogier, Lexie Plocher
 Not Pictured: Lexi Korte

GRAY TEAM



Coach Lana Ponce
 Back: Stephanie Olivares, Baylee Schneck, Liz Arend, Ashlyn Fenton
 Middle: Summer Allen, Amanda Ponce, Kaitlyn Miller, Karigan O'Connell
 Front: Tabitha Waters, Laine Hendrix, Veronica Sheahan

BASKETBALL



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Coach Cindy Tolbert

Back: Nick Schmollinger, Alex Bandy, Logan Ratliff, Sam Greene, Will Michael, Austin Brown
Front: Eric Schmidt, Alic Wille, Austin Hickam, Cody Zobrist, Brandon McTeer, Jason Arbogast



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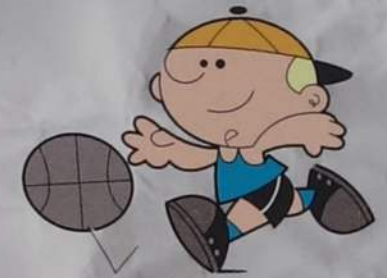
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Coach Keith Toennies

Back: Griffin Welz, Austin Nix, Dillon Cameron, Jordan Smith, Seth Levad, Austin Elledge
Front: Travis Hoette, Keegan Gutzler, Kyle Schmitt, Chris Beard, Hayden Smart, Ziven Soyka



Dribble, Pass, Shoot!



Coach Jeff Brauns

Back: Matthew Beyer, David Terrill, Jake Freeman, Austin Baublitz, Nathan Prott

Front: Blake Schumacher, Brennan Smith, Blake Stieb, Luke Thies, Lane Rinderer, Brett Barker, Michael McGill



Coach Mat Conway

Back: Nick Davidson, Bryce Kuhner, Sam Kutz, Mitchell Campbell, Andrew Winning

Front: Jimmie Smith, Jared Fletcher, Matt Oldham, Tyler Pollard, Will Greenwald, Kyle Blankley

Not Pictured: Ben Hargrove

Cheerleaders



Coach: Terri Ammann

Back: Cally Callahan, Rachael Watkins, Alix Horstmann, Madelyn Feldt
Front: Breanna Powell, Ashley Terveen, Ashley DeJournett



Coach Teri Ammann

Back: Jessica Andrews, Makayla Smith
Front: Jocelyn Prante, Alyssa Bitticks, Lexi Zewe, Montana Carter, Brooke Arbogast



GO BULLPUPS GO!



Coach Teri Ammann

Back: Abigail Metzler, Lexi Korte, Miranda Kustermann

Front: Carolyn Dinh, Amanda Graves, Lauryn Cook, Madelynn Shively, Madison Harter



Coach Teri Ammann

Back: Ana Cantrell, Meghan Wellen, Victoria Moss

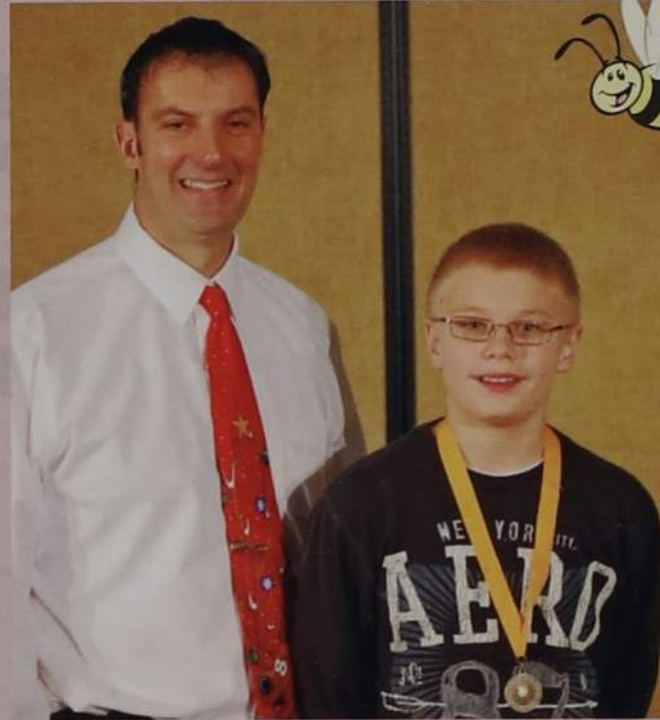
Middle: Mary Austin, Karigan O'Connell, Emily Gutzler

Front: Morgan Cappelle

Not Pictured: Tabitha Waters



Geography Bee



2010 Geography Bee Winner
Matthew Beyer



Back: Mrs. Spies, Mr. Bradley and, Mrs. Coode
Middle: Michael Torre(6), Brett Korte(5), Nicholas Schmollinger(6), Matthew Beyer(6), Austin Brown(6), Christian Zuccarelli(4)
Front: Abigail Metzler(6), Reagan Smith(5), Emma Drysdale(4), Sophia Sterzi-McMullen(4), Kelly Murray(5), Luke Jones(5).

Spelling Bee



2010 Spelling Bee Winners
Makenzie Rosen & Lillie Budwell

CATCH THE
BUZZ! 



Back: Mary Austin, Abby Ermer, McKenzie Rosen, Kelsey Lane, Joey Rittenhouse, Jordan Smith, Elliott Prott, Brett Barker, Hayden Smart, Allie Litzenburg, J.D. Wellen

Middle: Chloe Beard, Claire Marchall, Megan Frey, Lillie Budwell, Cassie Lamzik, Brett Brown, Joey Hobbs, Tyler Pollard, Olivia Genteman, Abigail Rogier, Colton Knebel

Front: Sydney Nyquist, Channon Goodrum, Alana Hollenkamp, Kayla Davis, Abbi MacManus, Alisse Koishor, Audrey Kosydor, Zachary Korte, Archie Schwehr, Ben Brauns, Caleb Machuca

Floor: Collin Meyer, Caleb Denby, Garrett Donnelly, Brenna Maas, Lyndi Stone

New Students

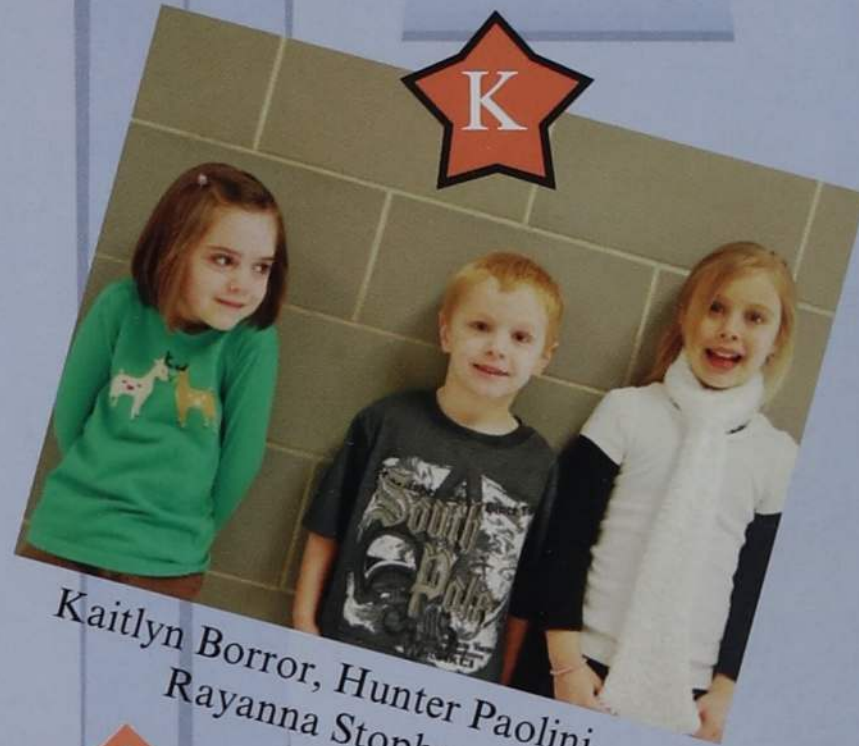
PreK



Larley Lightle, Chloe Ezell, Ryan Trame



K



Kaitlyn Borrer, Hunter Paolini, Rayanna Stopher

EC



Isaac Vandersand, Broch Holzinger, Jorden Stevenson

2nd



Helen Nguyen, Tabetha Thompson, Alexsys Kuchak
Not Pictured: Cole Winkeler

H



E

Elementary

Back: Carollyn Dinh, Victoria Moss, Maddie Chverko, Landan Hopkins, Marilyn Dinh
Front: Summer Paolini, Cordes Michael, Brennan Smith, Charles Wright

Bullpup Days



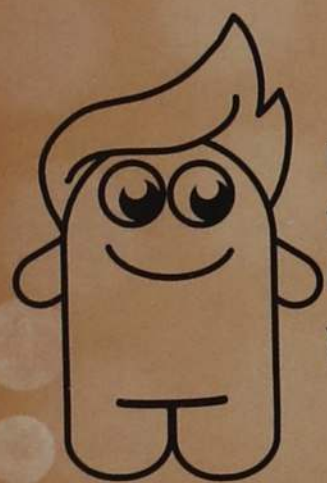
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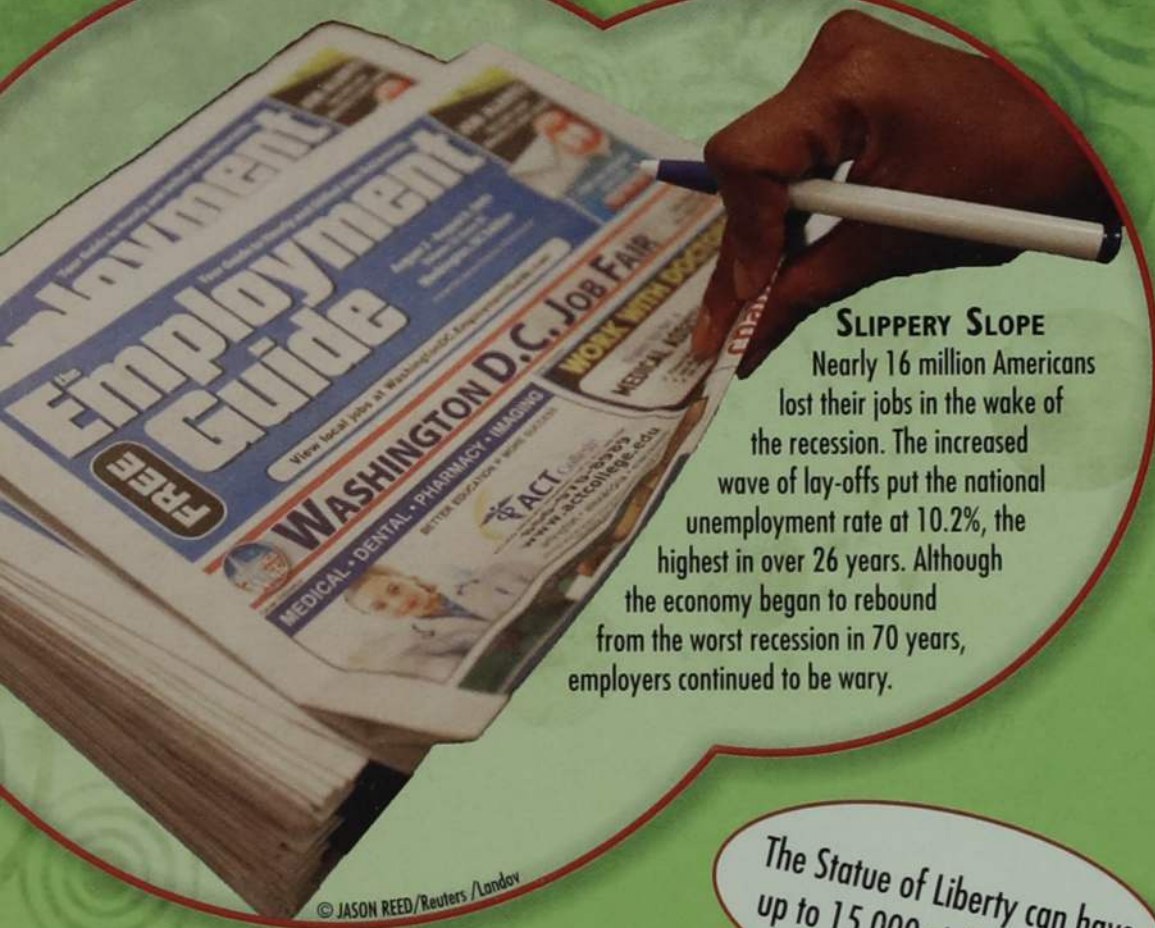
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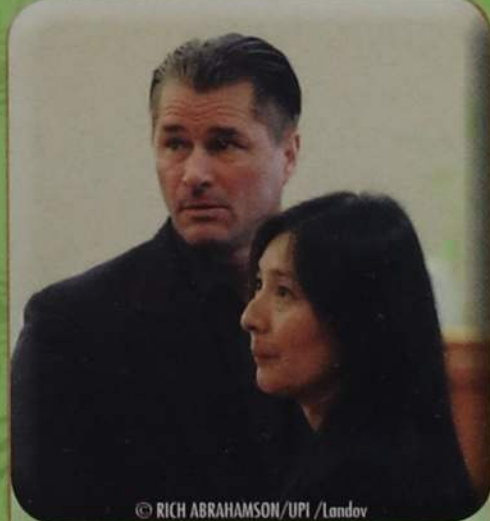


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SLIPPERY SLOPE

Nearly 16 million Americans lost their jobs in the wake of the recession. The increased wave of lay-offs put the national unemployment rate at 10.2%, the highest in over 26 years. Although the economy began to rebound from the worst recession in 70 years, employers continued to be wary.

The Statue of Liberty can have up to 15,000 visitors per day.



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BALLOON HOAX

Millions watched as a large metallic balloon, said to be carrying a 6 year old boy, soared through the air in Colorado. When it landed and "balloon boy" Falcon Heene was not inside, the world was relieved to learn he had been hiding in the attic the entire time. Three days later, after a telling interview, the whole spectacle was deemed a hoax in the parents' pursuit of fame and fortune. The parents pled guilty to criminal charges and received jail time.



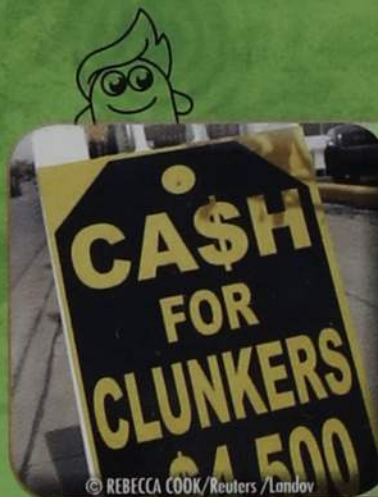
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FORT HOOD TRAGEDY

On November 5, 2009, Fort Hood, America's largest military base, transformed from a place where soldiers prepare for war to an actual battlefield. Major Nidal Malik Hasan, a licensed military psychiatrist, opened fire in the processing center where soldiers report before deployment. Twelve soldiers and one civilian lost their lives, while 30 others were injured, including Hasan. In the past, Hasan had been openly critical about the war on terror.



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CLUNKERS MAKE SOME NOISE

For nearly a month in the summer of 2009 America was consumed by CARS (Car Allowance Rebate System), commonly known as Cash for Clunkers. The government program was designed to encourage drivers to trade-in old gas-guzzlers in favor of new, fuel-efficient vehicles. With an incentive of up to \$4,500, the program was wildly successful and nearly 700,000 cars were traded in.

A MUSIC ICON REMEMBERED

Legendary performer Michael Jackson passed away suddenly at the age of 50. As news spread of his death, the internet suffered a significant slowdown as people worldwide conducted simultaneous searches. Jackson was also nominated for five American Music Awards in 2009, including Artist of the Year, after his music saw a tremendous surge in sales and airplay. As a final tribute, Sony Pictures released *This Is It*. The never-before-seen footage of Jackson rehearsing for his final 50 shows was a massive success, making millions.



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NUCLEAR TEST

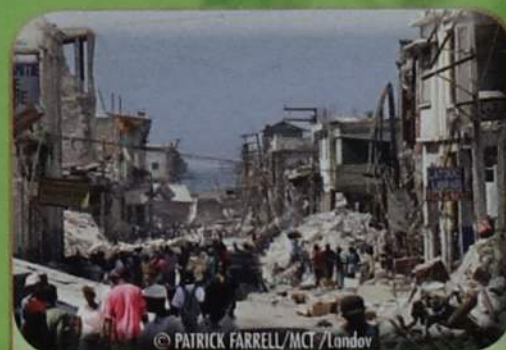
North Korea conducted a series of rocket and missile tests, including an underground nuclear bomb test in an attempt to lure the U.S. into talks to loosen sanctions. The international community was outraged, stating that the test was in clear violation of international law. In 2008, North Korea agreed to suspend its nuclear testing in exchange for economic stimulus, but the deal fell through after it removed inspectors from the country.

ALL A BUZZ

Kavya Shivashankar, a 13 year old from Kansas, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee. A four-time competitor and aspiring neurosurgeon, Kavya won the trophy and more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes with her correct spelling of "Laodicean" — meaning lukewarm or indifferent in religion or politics.



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CATASTROPHIC QUAKE

The island nation of Haiti was struck by a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake so strong it could be felt nearly 200 miles away. The flattened capital city left millions seeking shelter and medical attention and Haitian government officials estimated over 111,000 people lost their lives. Humanitarian organizations such as the Red Cross set up aid and relief efforts while streamlining donations by allowing individuals to text message pledges. Within days, over \$355 million in donations had been raised through the combined efforts of companies, charities and individuals.

OPRAH MOVES ON

Popular syndicated talk show host and business tycoon, Oprah Winfrey, announced she would end *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in late summer 2011. The news came as a shock to fans that have elevated her status to nothing short of an icon since the show's inception in 1986. Early speculation indicated she may start a new show on her own Oprah Winfrey Network in 2011. Her show currently draws about 7 million viewers a day.



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IRANIAN ELECTION PROTESTS

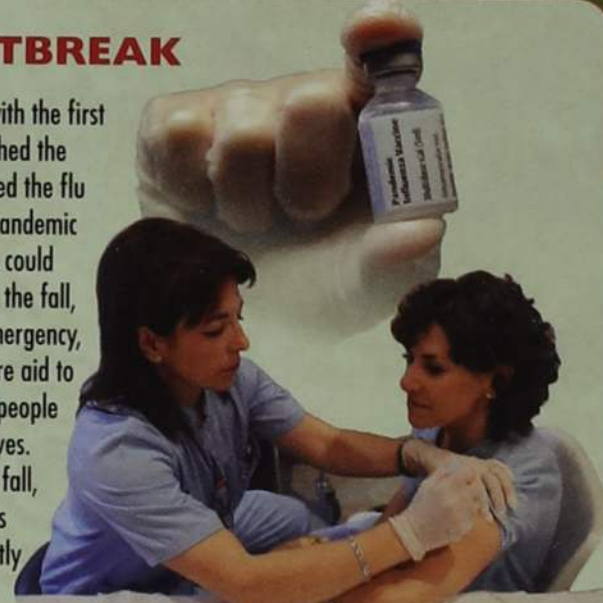
Iran's presidential election drew international attention when disputes over the winner sparked two weeks of protests. Reformist activists claimed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's landslide win was a fraudulent mishandling of the ballots. The protests resulted in 20 fatalities, numerous arrests and trials for nearly 100 demonstrators facing charges such as attacking government property, violence toward security forces and creating panic in public.



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H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK

In the spring of 2009, H1N1 emerged with the first reported cases in Mexico. The virus reached the United States in April and officials worried the flu would spread rapidly, causing a global pandemic and fear that the unpredictable flu virus could mutate into a more dangerous strain. In the fall, President Obama declared a national emergency, enabling the government to provide more aid to the states. In the U.S. alone, millions of people were infected and thousands lost their lives. When a vaccine became available in the fall, thousands flooded phone lines and clinics around the country, as the demand greatly outnumbered the first supply.



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TOYOTA TROUBLES

Automobile giant, Toyota, recalled eight of its models after learning of a problem with its acceleration mechanisms that caused some gas pedals to stick and vehicles to accelerate without warning. Though the company said the problem is "rare and infrequent" it decided to recall about 4.2 million vehicles worldwide and brought U.S. sales and production to a halt. The company tried to remedy the situation and ease the nerves of uncertain drivers by sending new parts to dealers to fix the faulty pedals.



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SONIA SUPREME

With a vote of 68-31, Sonia Sotomayor became the first Hispanic person to become a Supreme Court Justice and just the third woman of all time. Sotomayor was appointed to the Supreme Court with 17 years of federal experience, having tried over 3,600 cases.



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HEALTH CARE HURDLES

In groundbreaking sessions of Congress, both the House and Senate passed bills for health care reform after months of debate. The next step was to merge the nearly \$1 trillion proposed plans for a final vote. If passed, the bill would become the largest federal health care expansion in forty years since the introduction of Medicare and Medicaid. The goal of the bill is to bring extended insurance coverage to an additional 30 million Americans.



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SURPRISE PRIZE

A surprise to many, the Norwegian Nobel Committee honored President Barack Obama with the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, just eight months into his tenure. The committee explained it was Obama's "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples" that brought his name to the top of the nominees list. Upon learning the news, the president remarked that he was humbled by the decision.



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ARES BLASTS OFF

Forty years after putting the first men on the moon, NASA is once again elevating its space program with the new Ares 1-X Rocket. The streamline rocket's simpler design is cheaper and up to 10 times safer than its shuttle predecessors. Despite a successful first test in late October, officials say that the 1-X may not carry astronauts until 2017.



TIME Magazine's
"Best Invention of the Year".

My Headlines

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE HEADLINES OF THE YEAR?

SHIFTING FRONTLINES

President Obama announced the deployment of 30,000 additional American troops to Afghanistan starting in early 2010, bringing the total U.S. presence to about 100,000 troops. The intended strategy was to combat the growing momentum of the Taliban in the region and to provide training for Afghan security forces. Plans to begin withdrawing troops were set for 2011.



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DUBAI IN THE SKY

Marking a stunning architectural achievement, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai opened, becoming the tallest skyscraper in the world. The towering needle-shaped structure stretches nearly 2,700 feet into the air. The building has 160 stories which include apartments, office space and a hotel designed by Giorgio Armani. The eye-catching main attraction of a new shopping district, the Burj Khalifa reportedly cost \$1.5 billion to build.



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FOUND 18 YEARS LATER

The discovery of Jaycee Dugard 18 years after her disappearance renewed hope for families of missing children. When Dugard was 11 years old she was abducted by Philip Garrido while walking to her school bus. Jaycee was held captive in Garrido's backyard. Both Garrido and his wife face multiple charges, including kidnapping and false imprisonment. Jaycee has since reunited with her family.



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Science & Discoveries

AERODYNAMIC SEEDS

"Helicopter seeds," the seeds from maple trees, have provided hours of fun for children but researchers were stumped as to what made the seeds hover. A team of Dutch and American scientists discovered the answer. When a maple seed swirls, a tornado-like vortex lowers the air pressure around the seed, sucking the wings upward to oppose gravity—insects, bats, and hummingbirds employ the same technique.



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IN HOT WATER

Ocean temperatures around the world measured 1 degree higher than normal between June and August, averaging 62.5°F, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. August saw the warmest temps on record since 1880, when record keeping began. Though climate change is listed as a factor, meteorologists say the warming is also due in part to a natural El Niño system. Ocean heat puts coral reefs in harm's way and also contributes to melting Arctic sea ice and hurricane strength.

POO POWER PAYOFF

In response to rising energy costs year-after-year, Shawn Saylor turned to an unlikely renewable source to power his family's dairy farm. Using the manure from 600 cows, Saylor used a process known as anaerobic digestion to generate energy. Saylor explained that this method produces a savings of about \$200,000 per year with the ability to sell left over energy back to the power company.



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TINY T-REX

History's fearsome Tyrannosaurus Rex may have had miniature ancestors. A newly discovered ancient creature known as "Raptorex" closely resembles its massive relative, at only a fraction of the size. Experts report it may have weighed only 150 pounds compared to T-Rex's 13,000 pounds. Raptorex would have existed 60 million years before T-Rex, and despite its size, would have touted an extremely powerful bite.

LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Scientists from the University of California and the Carnegie Institution have discovered a way to create sustainable energy—through kites. High-altitude winds contain a vast amount of energy. By releasing kite-like wind turbines miles above the planet and tethering them to the ground, researchers believe they could create enough energy to supply electricity worldwide.



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COOLING SUN

Scientists have discovered that the sun is at its dimmest in over 100 years. Typically, the sun undergoes 11-year cycles, culminating in the expulsion of solar flares and planet-sized debris. After 2008 the sun was expected to become increasingly hotter, but instead it was at a 50-year low for solar pressure and a 100-year low for sunspot activity. Although dimming of the sun has resulted in decreased temperatures in the past, the onset of global warming has likely counteracted this phenomenon.

A FARMER'S FRIEND

Even plants have joined in the text-messaging craze. Through SmartCrop™ infrared thermometers planted in soil, plants can "tell" farmers when they are hot or thirsty. Most crops have an ideal temperature for growth and these thermometers allow farmers to be notified by text message if a plant has risen above the ideal temp.



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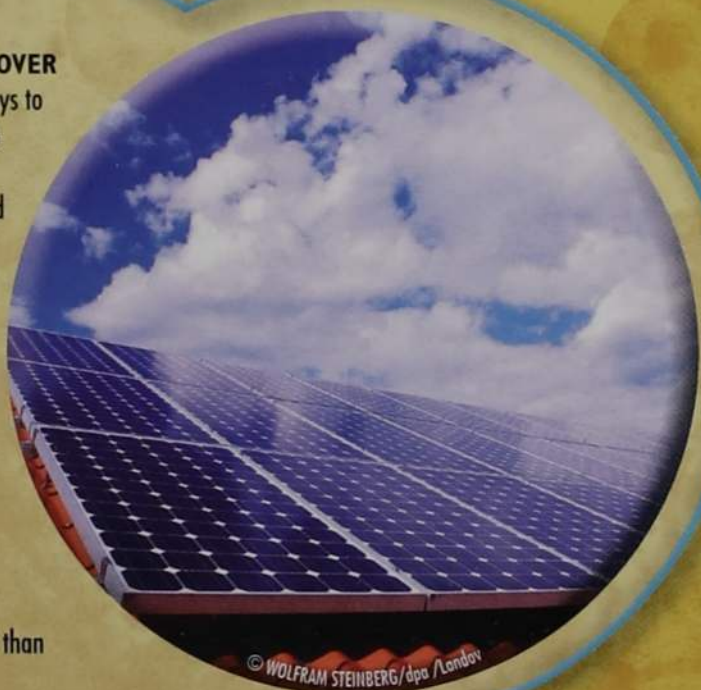
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GROWTH SPURT

The Bristlecone pine is the world's longest-lived tree, sustaining ages up to 4,800 years. Recently, researchers found that these ancient trees are growing at a much faster rate than ever before as evident by its widening rings. The growth is presumably due to the increase in temperature in their high-altitude climate over the past 50 years.

SOLAR ENERGY MAKEOVER

Developers have found two ways to make solar power panels more appealing to the average homeowner. First, underground panels use fiber optic cables to capture and distribute sun energy, instead of heavy panels. The second option is to incorporate shingle-like solar panels that have a thin copper film covering to absorb light energy into the roof. The Powerhouse™ Solar Shingle is expected to be less expensive and easier to install than full-size panels.



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COLOSSAL SEA MONSTER

The fossilized skull of an ancient sea monster called a plesiosaur was discovered along the Jurassic Coast of England. The skull—dating back 150 million years—measured nearly eight feet. Scientists believe the creature's full size was up to 52 feet long, making it the biggest plesiosaur ever found. The dangerous sea predator could have eaten a T-Rex for breakfast!

CARBON CAPTURE

Professor Klaus Lackner of Columbia University has created a "synthetic tree" able to capture destructive carbon dioxide 1,000 times better than real trees. When the wind blows through the "leaves", carbon is trapped and converted to a liquid form. One unit could remove up to a ton of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere a day—the equivalent of 20 cars.



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ROBOTS CAN SWIM!

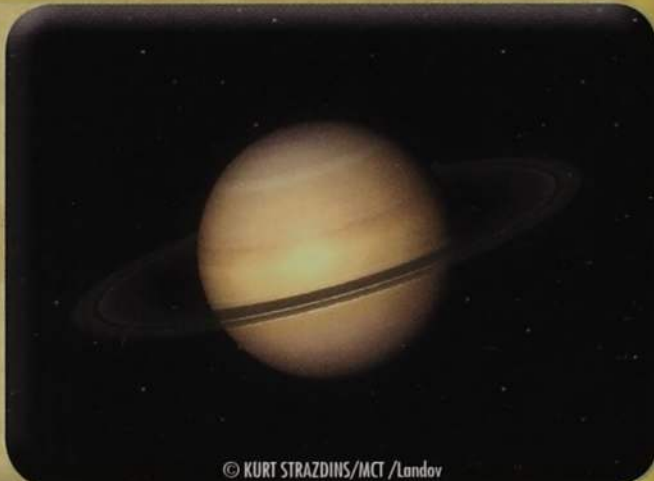
Mechanical engineers Kamal Youcef-Toumi and Pablo Valdivia Y Alvarado of MIT designed robotic fish that can swim and maneuver just like real fish. They hope to one day use the robots to help patrol bodies of water such as lakes and rivers, looking for pollutants and inspecting underwater structures.



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NOW THAT'S A RING

NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope discovered the largest ring around the planet Saturn. The never-before-seen ring is so colossal that NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory estimates that it would take 1 billion earth-sized planets to fill it. Composed of dust and ice particles, the ring's temperature is approximately -316°F.



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H₂O ON THE MOON

For the first time, water was discovered on the moon's surface. NASA announced its significant find after reviewing data from an intentional satellite crash it conducted in search of water. The data also revealed there were more than just droplets but rather "a dozen, two-gallon bucketfuls." Experts said the discovery will open the door to other space exploration opportunities, including the potential for a sustainable lunar space station.

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PUPPIES?

Scientists in South Korea cloned a genetically engineered litter of pups, enabling them to glow red under ultraviolet light. The intention of the experiment was to prove that if fluorescent protein can be created through the modification of genetic code, there may be a way to fix genetic flaws in humans by similar innovations in genetic coding.



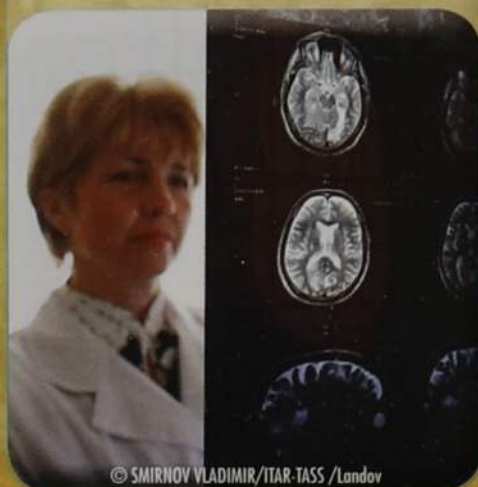
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My Discoveries

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE DISCOVERIES OF THE YEAR?

AUTISM BRAIN DISCOVERY

To learn more about the causes of autism, researchers conducted a study of MRI brain scans of 50 toddlers. Preliminary findings showed that on average, an area in the brain called the amygdala is 13% larger in young children with autism. It is believed that these children are born with normal-sized brains but later in the first year the area begins to grow larger. Autism is a developmental condition affecting as many as 1 in 150 children.



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MIGHTY MICE

In a scientific breakthrough, two labs in China bred the first induced pluripotent stem cell (iPS) mice, meaning they were the first of their kind developed from adult stem cells, instead of the more controversial embryonic cells. Scientists reprogrammed the cells back to an embryonic state where they could again develop into actual mice. This discovery is strong evidence that iPS cells have the potential to be used for treating disease.



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Tech Topics

Awarded Educational Toy of the Year at the 2009 Australian Toy Hobby and Nursery Fair.



DARTH VADER ARM

The Darth Vader robotic arm, the latest and greatest in *Star Wars* related toys and collectibles, is easy to assemble with 45 pieces that snap together. Though just a toy, this robotic limb has the power to grip, turn, extend and hold objects.

THE BLADELESS FAN

It's been 127 years since the standard electric fan was introduced and people have been pretty satisfied. Now, the Dyson company, well known for its innovative vacuum cleaners, introduced the first bladeless fan. The Air Multiplier pulls air through its base, which is then pushed through a hidden vent into the circular head of the fan to create an uninterrupted breeze.



WHAT'S THE WORD?

Social networking giant Facebook grew to more than 250 million users in 2009 and was valued at about \$15 billion. With that many users it's no wonder the site has become a part of our daily language. This trend became even more evident when New Oxford American Dictionary and the American Dialect Society announced their "Word(s) of the Year". "Unfriend" was the first internet-inspired word to take the Oxford title while the American Dialect Society announced "Tweet" as its top word for the year and "Google" as "Word of the Decade".

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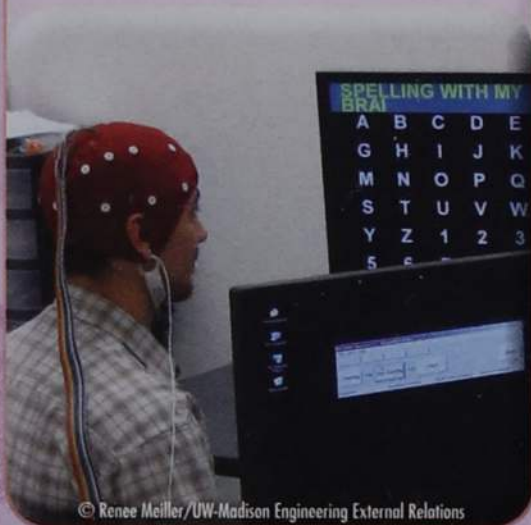


SEEING EYEBORG

Canadian filmmaker Rob Spence has lived with permanent damage to his right eye since the age of 11. In his efforts to regain vision, Rob partnered with a camera provider in an attempt to replace his eye with a wireless, battery-powered video camera for what is being called the "Eyeborg" Project.

TWITTER ON THE MIND

Millions share their thoughts, opinions and updates every day (or hour) using Twitter. But University of Wisconsin doctoral student Adam Wilson's research revealed a new use — establishing a form of communication for those with extensive paralysis. Wearing an electrode-covered cap, Wilson focused his attention on flashing letters on a computer screen while his brain activity was monitored to figure out which letter he wanted. In the end he was able to tweet 23 characters with his mind.



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DISPOSABLE TIMING CHIPS

After years of clunky timing devices and expensive lost chip fees, runners will benefit from disposable timing technology. Using radio frequency identification (RFID), race organizers can put an integrated tag on race bib numbers to accurately record time during competition. The cost effective design also allows runners to simply throw away the chip after racing.



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3-D TV

Riding a wave of popularity since the release of hit movies like *Up* and *Monsters vs. Aliens*, 3-D is coming to television. Manufacturers such as Sony, Panasonic, Mitsubishi, and JVC all reported working on 3-D televisions. In the future, viewers will have the option of watching programs in 3-D, utilizing special glasses to see the third dimension.



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BEATLES ROCK AGAIN

The Beatles rocked the music industry, re-releasing their famed anthology and launching their first ever video game. Decades after their last album was recorded, all 12 of The Beatles' studio albums were re-released in a new digitally re-mastered format. *The Beatles: Rock Band*, an experiential video game, features 45 of their hits and offers players an option to relive music history by playing through the tracks chronologically.



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CYBORG BEETLES

Ripped from the pages of science fiction comes the government-funded cyborg beetle. Development began on a project that has scientists implanting miniature electrodes into beetles to enable them to control the insects' every move via remote control. Though still in testing, the high-tech critters could one day be used as military spies.



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ENERGY SAVING LIGHT

Philips Electronics introduced a new energy-efficient LED light bulb that uses just 10 watts (compared to 60 watts of the standard bulb) and generates the same amount of energy but lasts 25 times longer as its counterpart. The bulb may save as much electricity as is needed for 17.4 million households in a given year. Philips Electronics LED bulb was entered into the U.S. Department of Energy's L Prize competition and if it takes the prize, the company could be awarded \$10 million in cash and federal contracts.

SMART THERMOSTAT

EnergyHub™ Dashboard was introduced addressing both the environmental and recession-minded concerns of today. The device wirelessly tracks your appliances and informs you of how much energy you are using. It also tells you how much your usage costs so you can make adjustments, conserve energy and pocket the savings.



SMART PHONES GET SMARTER

The smartphone continued its rise in popularity as on-the-go technology evolved. From the popular BlackBerry® series to the iPhone, smartphones offered everyone from business professionals and techies to senior citizens and even children hand-held access to the internet and continuous connectivity to the world. Additionally, 2009 was deemed "the year of the app" by many, with available applications surpassing 100,000 (and over 1 billion downloads) that can do just about anything imaginable—from efficient and practical to simple and fun.



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TETRIS TURNS 25

With an undeniable place in video game history, the popular puzzle game Tetris turned 25. A series of new features for a new generation were announced, such as Tetris Acorn Drop, a concept taken from the movie Ice Age.



In its lifetime, Tetris has been purchased or downloaded more than 125 million times.

REALITY GAMING

Video games got a dose of reality by taking their inspiration from the news. Games like Hero on the Hudson, Swinefighter and Trillion Dollar Bailout allowed users to be a part of the headline-making stories. The two-dimensional games, mostly developed for internet or cell phones, were simple, allowing creators to release them quickly after the actual events took place.



WALK THIS WAY

Before iPods became the "it" way to listen to music on the go, there was the Sony Walkman. Once the leader in music technology, the audio cassette player and radio turned 30 this year. The grandfather of personal music devices allowed users to take their favorite tunes anywhere, ultimately paving the way for the Discman, the MP3 player and the iPod.



My Technology

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE GADGETS OF THE YEAR?

THE NEW FACE OF HOLLYWOOD

Legendary filmmaker James Cameron reshaped the movie industry by helping develop the advanced camera technology used in his blockbuster hit Avatar. Cameron helped pioneer a lightweight, two-lens camera that can shoot dynamic live action footage in 3-D and a head-rig camera that accurately records facial expressions. The result is a stunningly realistic, digitally created movie that captures even the most obscure details on an actor's face. The computer generated characters, like those on Avatar's fictional planet of Pandora, appear more realistic than ever before.



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DIRTY WORK

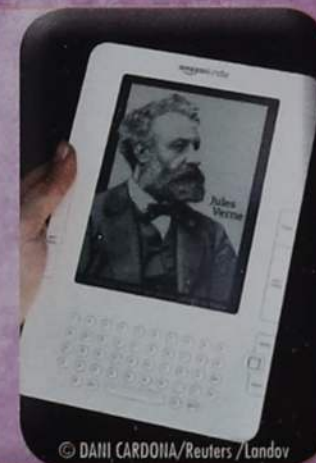
A DustCart robot, reminiscent of Disney's WALL-E, recently took to the streets of Italy. The robot, which will be tested in cities around the world, responds to residents who place their trash and recyclables on the curb and call for pick up. It fills up its belly with unwanted waste, much the same as the traditional dump truck. Though not as efficient as a fleet of trucks, the DustCart monitors air pollutants and is much quieter, running on lithium ion batteries.



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E-Book It!

The Amazon Kindle wireless e-book reader has been growing in popularity since its introduction nearly three years ago. During the holiday season, the mobile reading device boasted record performance becoming the most gifted item in Amazon's history selling more e-books than physical books for the first time ever. Proving a growing trend, Barnes and Noble, Inc. introduced its own electronic reader, nook™ which took the number two spot on TIME Magazine's Top Gadgets of 2009.



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Scoreboard

PURSUIT OF THE CUP

In a precursor to the World Cup next year, Brazil won the FIFA 2009 Confederations Cup held in South Africa. The Brazilians bounced back from a two-goal deficit late in the game to dramatically beat the U.S. It was the third tournament championship for Brazil and the 14th win of 15 games against the U.S.



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VONN HER WAY

U.S. downhill skiing champ, Lindsey Vonn made a stunning comeback after her 2006 Olympic dreams were halted after she crashed during a training session. She went on to win both the 2008 and 2009 World Cup overall titles. With the titles in hand, Vonn was well on her way to a gold medal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games. Other U.S. Olympic front runners included Evan Lysacek in figure skating and Apolo Ohno in short track speed skating.

BUEHRLE PITCHES PERFECT

Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle tossed a gem of a game on July 23rd to become only the 18th player in history to pitch a perfect game. The feat came two seasons after he threw a no-hitter, which makes him just the 26th player to throw multiple no-hitters in his career.



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Mark Buehrle is the only active pitcher with two career no-hitters.



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SAINTS GO MARCHING

For the first time in its 43-year franchise history and its first appearance at the big game, the New Orleans Saints won the Super Bowl beating out the Indianapolis Colts. With a stunning defensive performance and unstoppable offensive drive that dominated three quarters, the Saints claimed its 31-17 victory. Later, team quarterback Drew Brees was honored as Most Valuable Player having tied the record for most completions in a Super Bowl, finishing with 32 completions out of 39 passes for 288 yards.

CHAMPION MOM

Kim Clijsters rejoined the world of tennis in grand fashion. After retiring from the sport in 2007 to start a family, Clijsters returned to win the US Open. By defeating Caroline Wozniacki in the finals, the Belgian tennis pro became the first unseeded woman ever to win the 2009 US Open; and the first mother to win a Grand Slam title since Evonne Goolagong Cawley at Wimbledon in 1980.



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LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

In a suspenseful final game, California clinched the 5th straight Little League World Series title for the U.S. Fans, including Vice President Joe Biden, watched and cheered as the team fought their way back from a three-run deficit to defeat Taiwan 6-3. After the game, the team celebrated its win with class, inviting the Taiwan team to join them in their victory lap.



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VICTOR-JI!

Eun-Hee Ji, from Korea, won the US Women's Open. Going into the final round, Ji trailed American Cristie Kerr by two shots. With a double-bogey on the 10th hole, Ji's chance at victory looked slim. Kerr, however, had a disappointing final round, allowing Ji to come from behind, sinking a final 20-foot putt for the win.



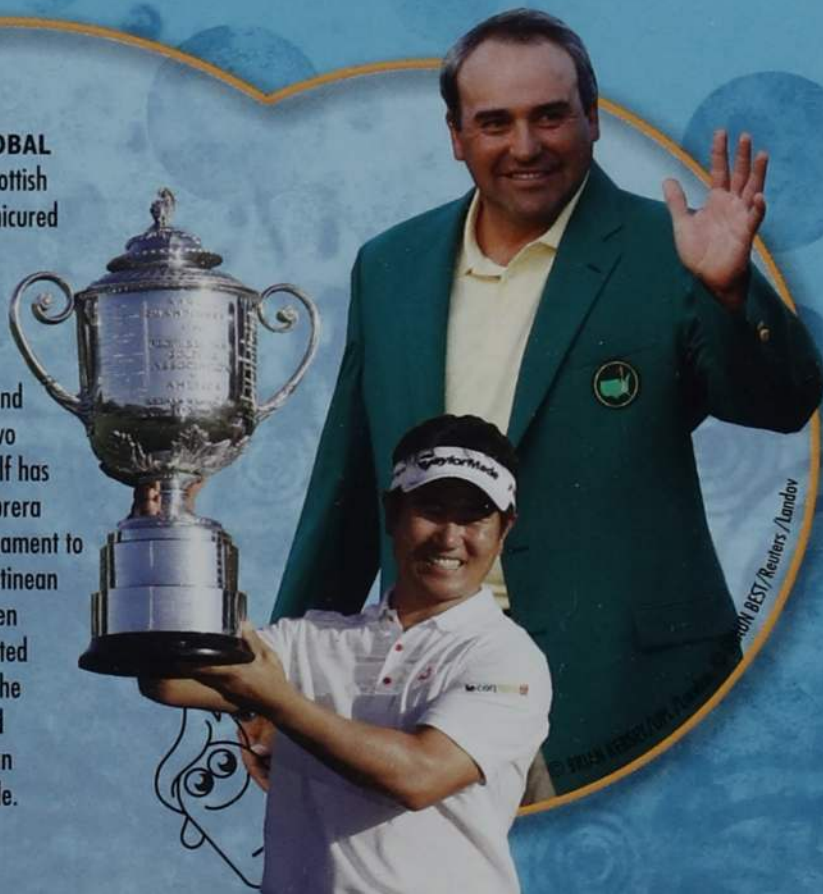
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WELCOME, WPS

This year marked the inaugural season for the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) league. The league consisted of seven teams scattered across the U.S. with two more teams set to join the league in the future. With a score of 1-0, the Sky Blue FC team from New York and New Jersey defeated the Los Angeles Sol to claim the first ever WPS Championship.

GOLF GOES GLOBAL

From its birth in the Scottish countryside to the manicured greens of Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, golf traditionally has been played by Europeans and Americans. In 2009, two players proved that golf has gone global. Angel Cabrera won The Masters Tournament to become the first Argentinean to wear the prized green jacket. Y.E. Yang defeated Tiger Woods, winning the PGA Championship and becoming the first Asian man to win a major title.



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This was the Laker's 15th championship title.

LAKERS OUT TRICK MAGIC

The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic in game five of the NBA finals. Four-time NBA champion Kobe Bryant was the standout star of the series, leading his team to victory and claiming the title of Most Valuable Player.



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MERCURY RISING

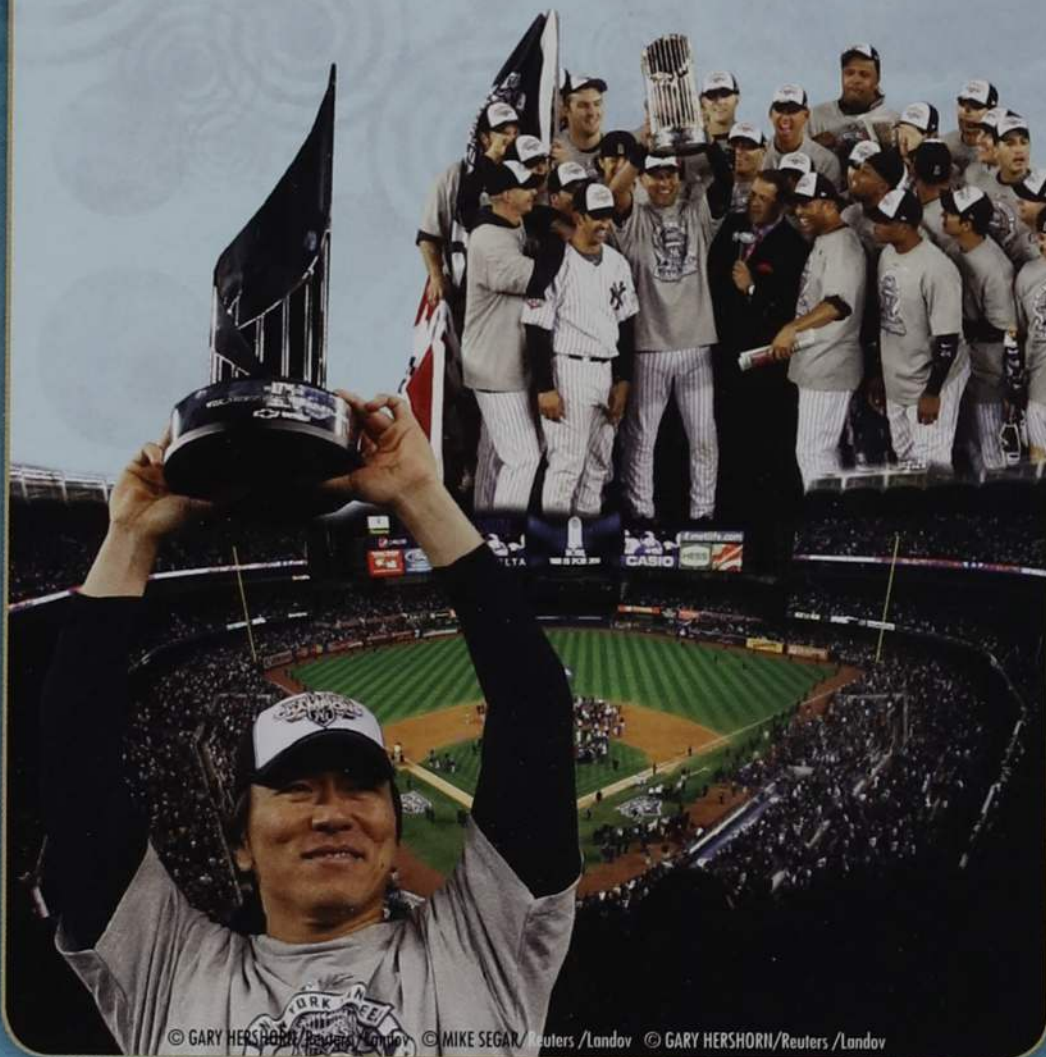
The Phoenix Mercury defeated the Indiana Fever to win the WNBA championship. Fueled by stars Diana Taurasi and Cappie Pondexter, the Mercury prevailed in game five to take the title. Taurasi was honored with the series MVP award.



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YANKEES WIN 27TH TITLE

The New York Yankees defeated the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies in game six of the World Series. The win marks the 27th World Series title for the Yankees, the most titles in all of sports, and the first win in their \$1.5 billion new stadium. Hideki Matsui was named series MVP with a record-setting six RBIs in game six, while Andy Pettitte became the pitcher with the most wins in the post-season, claiming his 18th victory.



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WINTER X GAMES

Snowboarding star Shaun White proved his resilience and talent at the annual Winter X Games in Aspen, Colorado. After taking a spill face-first on the halfpipe while practicing his newest and most dangerous stunt, White returned to take first in the Snowboard SuperPipe competition for the third straight year. White wasn't the only repeat winner — Ophelie David took home her fourth consecutive Women's Skier X title.



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FANTASTIC FEDERER

Roger Federer cemented his place in tennis history by breaking the record for most major title wins. By winning the French Open, the Swiss tennis star tied Pete Sampras' historic record of 14 titles, while also completing his career Grand Slam. Federer went on to win Wimbledon for the sixth time, giving him his 15th major title. Sampras praised Federer by saying he was the greatest player ever.



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PENGUINS WIN STANLEY CUP

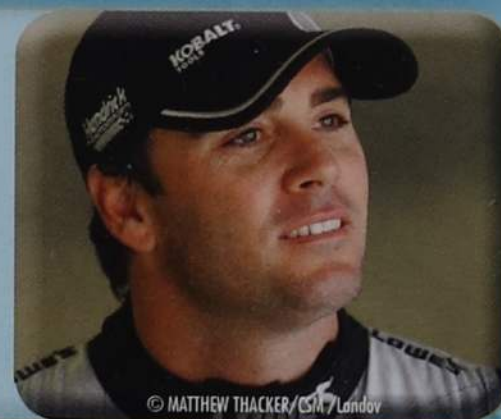
The Pittsburgh Penguins triumphed over defending champions, the Detroit Red Wings, in a nail-biting game seven of the Stanley Cup. Thanks to Penguin team member Max Talbot's two goals in the second period, the Penguins became the first team since 1971 to win game seven on the opposing team's home ice.



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NASCAR CHAMP

Jimmie Johnson became the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive Sprint Cup series titles, breaking the tie he previously held with Carl Yarborough. By finishing fifth in the final race of the season, Johnson earned enough points to secure the title. With 6,652 points on the year, Johnson beat out his next closest opponent by 141 points.



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My Sports

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR?

HORSE PLAY

In front of a crowd of over 150,000 onlookers, Mine That Bird won the Kentucky Derby. The 50-1 long shot defied the odds to take the title, returning \$103.20 on a \$2 bet. Mine That Bird appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* the following week.



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BOLT STRIKES AGAIN

Deemed the "fastest man alive" during the 2008 Olympics, Jamaica's Usain Bolt continued to amaze at the World Championships. Not only did Bolt break his own world record in the 100-meter in a stunning 9.58 seconds, he went on to set a new record of 19.19 seconds for the 200-meter.

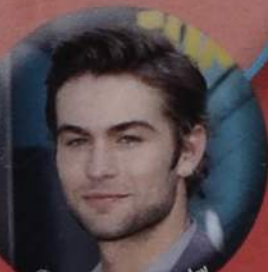
Chart Toppers

Swift is the youngest winner of the Entertainer of the Year award.



TWILIGHT SHINES BRIGHT

Now in its 10th year, the Teen Choice Awards recognized achievements in movies, television, music and more. Among the winners of the coveted surfboard trophies was *Twilight*, winning 11 out of 12 nominations, including Choice Movie Drama. The movie's stars, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart also picked up top acting awards. In television, Chace Crawford and Leighton Meester won Choice Acting praise for their roles in the Choice TV Drama *Gossip Girl*. Jason Mraz and Taylor Swift both received Choice Music Artist awards.



SWIFT STEALS THE SHOW

The night belonged to Taylor Swift, 19, as she won all four Country Music Awards for which she was nominated. The singer won Album of the Year for *Fearless*, Video of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year, beating out favorite Carrie Underwood. In her most impressive victory, Swift took home the trophy for Entertainer of the Year, making her the first female to win since 1999. Other winners included Darius Rucker for New Artist of the Year and Lady Antebellum for Vocal Group of the Year.



MUSIC'S BIGGEST NIGHT

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss were the big winners at the 51st Annual Grammy Awards. Plant and Krauss received five Grammys, including the night's biggest award, Album of the Year for *Raising Sand*. They also took home awards for Record of the Year, Best Pop Collaboration, Best Country Collaboration with Vocals and Best Contemporary Folk/American Album. Other top winners included Coldplay, who grabbed three awards and Lil Wayne, who received four awards.

EMMY AWARDS

Despite repeat winners, the 61st Emmy Awards still had some surprises. *30 Rock* took home the statue for Outstanding Comedy Series for the third straight year, while *Mad Men* repeated as winner of Outstanding Drama Series. *The Amazing Race* won for Best Reality Competition for the seventh consecutive year. Unexpected winners included Kristen Chenoweth for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for the cancelled *Pushing Daisies* and Jon Cryer won Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for *Two and a Half Men*.



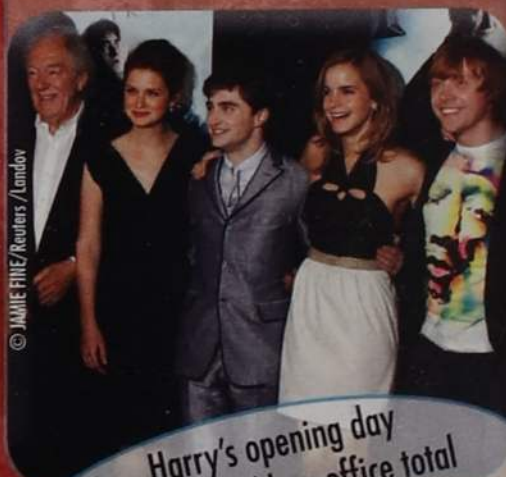
MILLIONAIRE MOMENT

Slumdog Millionaire emerged as the big winner of the 81st Academy Awards, picking up eight Oscars, including Best Motion Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay. Sean Penn upset sentimental favorite Mickey Rourke to take home the Oscar in the Lead Actor category, while Kate Winslet won for Lead Actress. The late Heath Ledger won for Best Supporting Actor and Penelope Cruz became the first Spanish actress to win Best Supporting Actress.



MOONMAN MADNESS

The stars turned out for the Video Music Awards and the night was full of memorable moments. Janet Jackson paid tribute to her brother Michael with a moving performance to open the show. Later, in a controversial move, Kanye West stormed the stage, interrupting Taylor Swift's acceptance speech for Best Female Video. Despite the distractions, Moonmen were still awarded. Beyoncé took home the prize for Video of the Year, Lady Gaga was named Best New Artist, and Green Day won Best Rock Video.



Harry's opening day international box-office total reached \$104 million.

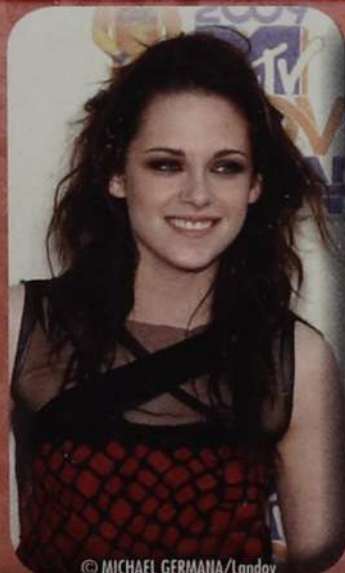
MICHAEL MAKES HISTORY

The American Music Awards were a night filled with emotion and history making. Adding four awards to his resume (accepted by brother Jermaine, pictured above), Michael Jackson became the most awarded artist in AMA history. Jackson won Favorite Male Artist in both the Pop-Rock and Soul-R&B genres, while his *Number Ones* album took home the top spot in both categories as well. Taylor Swift was also a big winner, taking home five awards in total, including the top honor, Artist of the Year.



MTV MOVIE AWARDS

Teens ruled the big screen this year at the MTV Movie Awards. Kristen Stewart won Best Female Performance for her role in *Twilight*, while Zac Efron won Best Male Performance for his musical performance in *High School Musical 3*. The hit vampire love story *Twilight* won top honors as Best Movie.



HIGH SCHOOL COOL

The Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards kicked off with its traditional hijinks when host Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson zip-lined over the audience in a stunning entrance. The evening's top honors went to *High School Musical 3* for Favorite Movie and its star Vanessa Hudgens won Favorite Movie Actress. Miley Cyrus won for Favorite Female Singer and *Twilight* was named Favorite Book.



JUNO AWARDS

Nickelback, nominated five times, took home three Junos for Group of the Year, Album of the Year, and the Fan Choice Award. Hip-hop artist Kardinal Offishall earned Best Rap Recording, while Alanis Morissette won Best Pop Album. This year marked the 38th anniversary of the Canadian-based awards.



B.E.T AWARDS

The top stars of 2009 were out at the annual Black Entertainment Television Awards. Winners included Beyoncé for Best Female R&B Artist and Best Music Video for *Single Ladies*; Ne-yo won for Best Male R&B Artist; and MTV reality stars, *Day 26* took home Best Group. Other wins included Best Actor, Will Smith; Best Actress, Taraji Henson; Best Male Athlete, LeBron James and Best Female Athlete, Serena Williams.



My Awards

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE AWARD SHOW MOMENTS OF THE YEAR?

TOP 5 IN '09

SONGS

1. *Boom Boom Pow* - Black Eyed Peas
2. *Poker Face* - Lady Gaga
3. *Just Dance* - Lady Gaga Featuring Colby O'Donis
4. *I Gotta Feeling* - Black Eyed Peas
5. *Love Story* - Taylor Swift
(According to Billboard Hot 100)

MOVIES

1. *Avatar* - \$445,768,203
2. *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* - \$402,111,870
3. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* - \$301,959,197
4. *Up* - \$293,004,164
5. *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* - \$291,149,228
(According to Box Office Mojo)



PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN

Fan favorites in film, television and music were awarded at the 36th annual People's Choice Awards. *Twilight* continued its triumphant award streak, picking up four awards including Favorite Movie, Favorite Franchise, Favorite On-Screen Team (awarded to Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart), as well as Favorite Breakout Movie Actor for Taylor Lautner. Johnny Depp was also honored with the Favorite Movie Actor for the Decade award for his film achievements over the past 10 years. Favorite TV Comedy Actor/Actress awards went to Steve Carell for *The Office* and Alyson Hannigan for *How I Met Your Mother*. Favorite Male/Female Artist went to Keith Urban and Taylor Swift respectively.



ALMA AWARDS

Held during National Hispanic Heritage Month in September, the ALMA Awards handed out accolades to Latinos in the entertainment industry. Winners included Selena Gomez for Comedy Actress and David Archuleta for New Artist. Eva Longoria Parker and George Lopez hosted this year's festivities.

AVATAR STRIKES GOLD

The 67th annual Golden Globe awards' top honors for Best Motion Picture - Drama went to the blockbuster hit *Avatar* while director James Cameron also won for Best Director. Top movie acting nods went to Sandra Bullock for her role in *The Blind Side* and Jeff Bridges for *Crazy Heart*. In the television categories it was *Mad Men* that took home the trophy for Best Television Series - Drama while *Glee* was presented with Best Television Series - Comedy or Musical.



LATIN GRAMMY AWARDS

The 10th Annual Latin Grammy Awards belonged to Calle 3. The hip-hop/alternative-reggae duo walked away with all five trophies they were nominated for including Record of the Year and Album of the Year, Best Urban Music Album, Best Alternative Song, and Best Short Form Music Video. Alternative rock also won big with Café Tacvba, Jaguares and Caetano Veloso receiving two awards each.

Say What?!

The odds of winning the lottery twice are nearly 1 in 50 trillion.

CUPCAKE FOR THE CURE

The world's largest cupcake record was crushed eight times over by a mammoth 1,224-pound triple vanilla cupcake containing an estimated 2 million calories. The pastry took over 12 hours to bake and included 800 eggs and 200 pounds each of sugar and flour. The cupcake was served to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer organization.



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SKINNY SCARE

Despite being a popular fashion trend for years, skinny jeans could be causing nerve damage. Doctors reported seeing an increase of young women complaining of tingling or numbness in the upper legs, supposedly caused by the trendy pants. Diagnosed as a form of nerve damage, meralgia paresthetica is usually not permanent and the effects can be reversed by trading in the tight fitting jeans for a looser alternative.

DAILY DOUBLE

Sean Sanders, an unemployed mortgage worker played the odds and won ... twice!

After winning \$1,400 in the California Lottery, he checked his Mega Millions lottery ticket and realized he'd won an additional \$141,519. Sanders reported that he plans to pay off his bills and invest what remains.



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WHATEVER!

In a survey conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, "whatever" was found to be the most annoying word in America. With 47% of the vote, the popular word of disinterest beat out other phrases like "you know," "it is what it is," and "at the end of the day." "Whatever" gained popularity in the 1990s after its use as valley-girl slang in movies like *Clueless*.



BOY HIT BY METEORITE

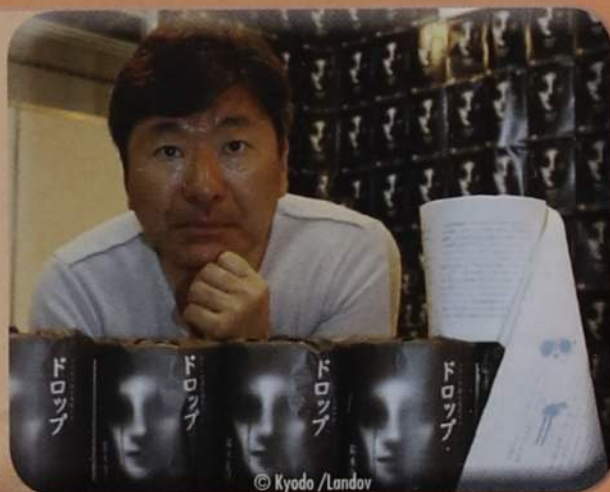
A 14 year old from Germany lived to tell his story after being struck by a meteorite traveling 30,000 mph. Explained as a massive fireball, the meteorite struck the boy's hand before hitting the ground. Though not seriously injured, the impact sent the child flying and left a three-inch scar on the boy's hand and a foot-long crater in the ground.



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TERRIFYING TOILET TALES

Japanese author Koji Suzuki, famous for horror stories like the one that inspired Hollywood movie, *The Ring*, created a story to be printed on rolls of toilet paper. The nine-chapter story is set in a public restroom and can be read in just a few minutes. At approximately three feet long, each roll contains several copies, each can be read in one sitting.



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SNUGGIE CHIC

Perhaps not the most anticipated show of New York's exclusive Fashion Week but probably the most unique was for the Snuggie™. Shown to only 20 people in a hotel room, the popular blanket with arms unveiled its new collection in basic colors, as well as bold new animal prints and a Snuggie for dogs.

FASTEST TEXTER

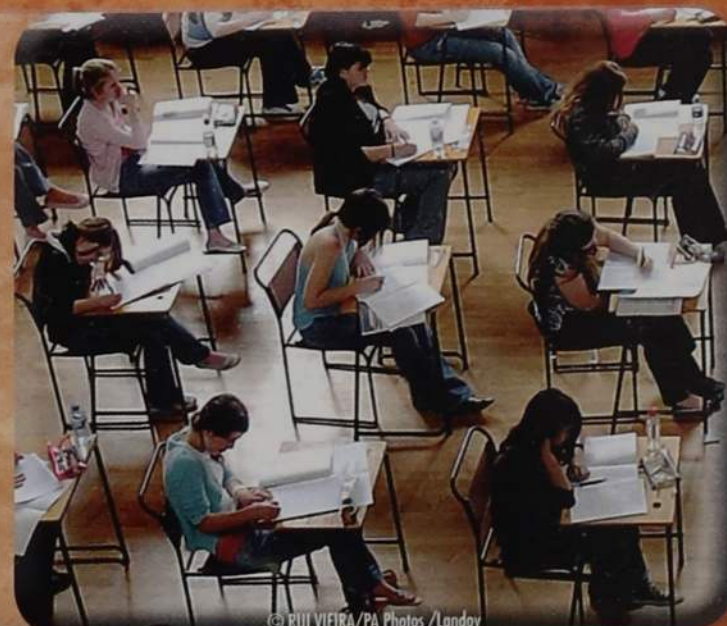
Kate Moore, 15, amazed onlookers as she won the title of National Texting Champion, beating out more than 250,000 participants to win the grand prize of \$50,000. Moore, who averages 14,000 texts a month, completed the winning phrase "Zippity Doo Dah Zippity Ayy ... My oh MY, what a wonderful day! Plenty of sunshine Comin' my way ... ZippityDooDahZippityAyy! Wonderful feeling, Wonderful day!" with no errors in less than 60 seconds.



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ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE

Willa Chen, 17, accomplished what all college-bound teens consider impossible — acing the PSAT, SAT, and ACT college admissions tests. According to Chen, who is a senior, she did not study much for the tests but enjoys learning and plans to attend Princeton University after high school.



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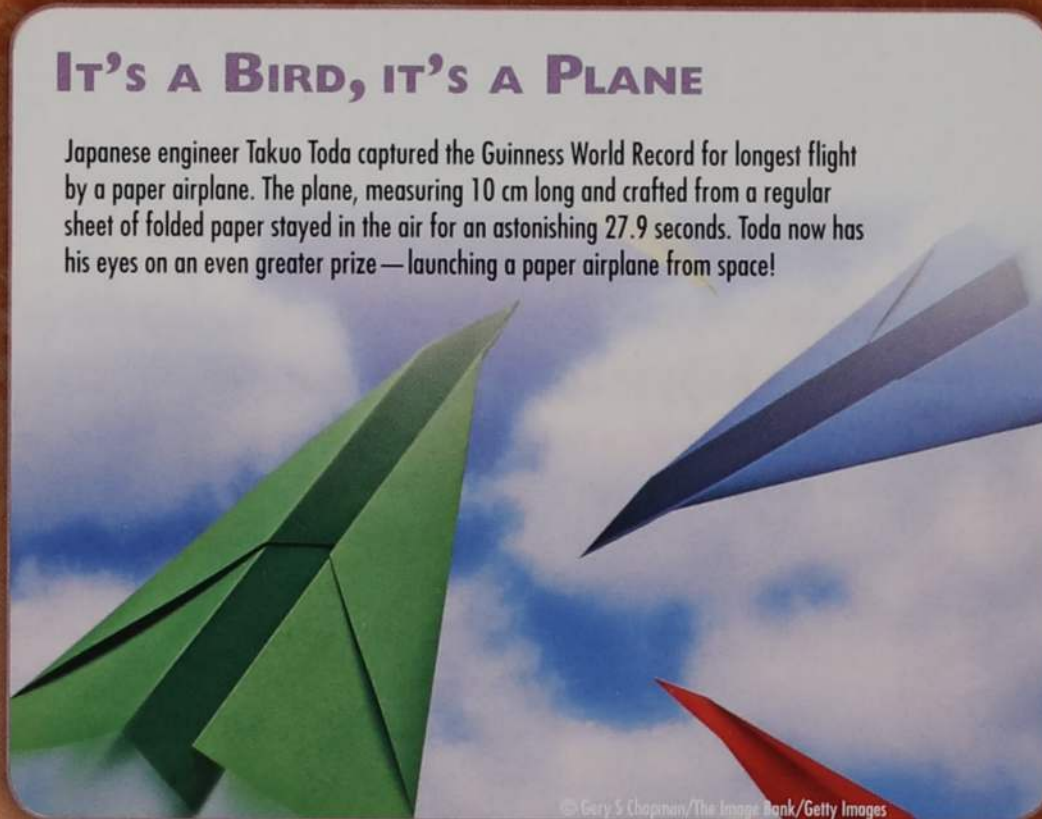
CAT EARNS DIPLOMA

Oreo has always been a smart cat but did she really earn a diploma? Better Business Bureau Georgia president and CEO, Kelvin Collins, enrolled his cat Oreo into Jefferson High School Online as part of an investigation into online diploma mills. After a test and \$200 fee, Oreo was the proud recipient of her high school diploma, though Collins admits he may have helped her answer the questions.



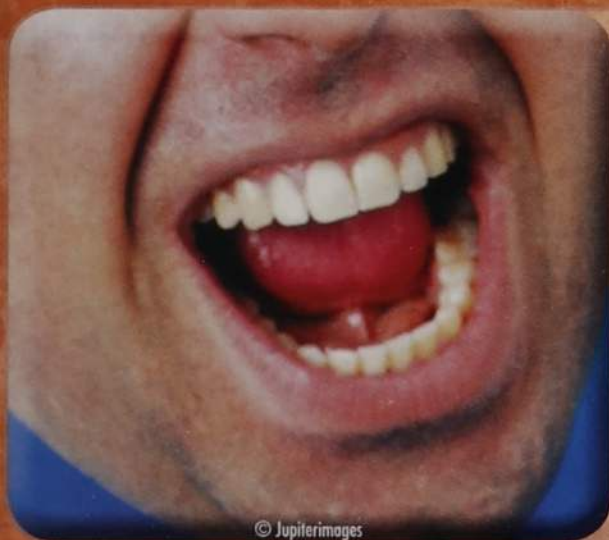
IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE

Japanese engineer Takuo Toda captured the Guinness World Record for longest flight by a paper airplane. The plane, measuring 10 cm long and crafted from a regular sheet of folded paper stayed in the air for an astonishing 27.9 seconds. Toda now has his eyes on an even greater prize—launching a paper airplane from space!



COVER YOUR EARS!

Competition reached a fever pitch at Thailand's Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum where contestants from around the world competed for the title of loudest scream. The winner, Russian Sergey Savelyev rang in at 116.8 decibels, just falling short of the Guinness World Record. Though he says he was "only getting warmed up," his winning shriek was roughly as loud as an ambulance siren.



LOOKING GOOD!

No ordinary doll, Barbie has held over 108 jobs including three runs at the presidency. This year the iconic children's toy celebrated her 50th birthday ... and looks better than ever! Since her introduction in 1959, over one billion Barbie dolls have been sold worldwide with no signs of stopping—100 million dolls were sold in the past year alone.



LITTLE FASHIONISTA

While most 13 year olds are consumed by algebra, Tavi Gevinson had a different focus—high fashion. The teenager from the suburbs of Chicago shot to fame when her blog, Style Rookie, was discovered by two big name designers. Soon she was seated in the exclusive front row at several New York Fashion Week shows, impressing the industry with her poise and sharp eye.



My Whatever

WHAT WERE SOME OF YOUR OTHER FAVORITE STORIES OF THE YEAR?



Americans eat an estimated 20 billion hot dogs each year. That's nearly 70 hot dogs per person!

HOT DOG ACE

After eating an astonishing 68 hot dogs in 10 minutes, Joey Chestnut retained his title in the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest, held at Coney Island in New York. Chestnut edged out long-time rival Takeru Kobayashi by three and a half franks to take the title for the third straight year.

YES CAPTAIN!

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by a consumer claiming to have been deceived by the cereal, Cap'n Crunch. After learning that Crunchberries were not real fruit and indeed sugar, the consumer sued, seeking damages for false nutritional messaging.



LOST AND FOUND

Sixty-three years after losing his wallet at a high school basketball game, Bill Fulton received a surprising knock on the door. Remarkably, his wallet, which still included his social security card, was returned after being recovered during the gym's renovation. Having sent his children through the same school, it's likely Bill came within feet of the missing wallet several times since its 1946 disappearance.



AMAZING KIDS

INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ECO-HERO AWARDS

What happened?

Action for Nature, a nonprofit organization that encourages young people to take action to better their environments, announced its three International Young Eco-Hero award-winners. Cameron Oliver created an awareness campaign to help protect the camels in his country, what he calls “part of the world’s heritage,” from eating plastic litter and dying. Adeline Tiffanie Suwana created the group SAHABAT ALAM, which means “friends of nature.” With over 1,700 members, the group participates in environmental activities such as planting coral reef to restore the damaged reef surrounding their island. Finally, Erik Uebelacker wrote a book called *Butterflies Shouldn’t Wear Shoes* and donated the profits to the World Wildlife Fund.



The Eco-Hero Award Winners



Cameron Oliver, 12
United Arab Emirates

Adaline Tiffanie Suwana, 12
Indonesia



Erik Uebelacker, 8
United States

What are your eco-ideas?

What happened?

Aidan Loster, an 11-year-old boy from Canada, earned \$422 by doing chores and yard work in his neighborhood. Instead of spending the money on himself, he bought food for four underprivileged families in his community. Aidan began his effort after seeing homeless people on the streets and knew he wanted to help. After donating the food, Loster planned to get back to work—to keep earning money to help more people.



Did you know?

Almost nine out of ten Americans are concerned about hunger in America.



Fifty-two percent said they personally know someone who has received food from a food bank or shelter this year.

52%



According to the 2009 Hormel Hunger Survey

GOOD DEED KID

What do you think?

What happened?

Created in 1995, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was developed to recognize volunteerism and community service amongst middle school and high school students. This year, ten students were recognized nationally for their efforts. One student, Sean Nathan, a 14-year-old from Louisiana was recognized for throwing birthday parties for homeless children. Inspired after a visit to a shelter, Nathan persuaded local pizza parlors to donate food, as well as contributed his own money. Each month, Sean throws a birthday bash complete with games and presents celebrating the birthdays of the four to five children whose birthdays fall in that month. Since 1995, more than 260,000 students have participated in the award program and nearly 90,000 have been officially recognized for service.



How can you help your community?

What's going on around the country?

Sean made a difference in his community.

Here's what's going on around the rest of the country...



1.5 Million

Each year 1 in 50 children experience homelessness in the U.S. That's 1.5 million children!

According to the National Center on Family Homelessness

THIS IS ME, THIS YEAR

Name: _____

Grade: _____

My favorite things...

TV Show: _____

Website: _____

Teacher/Subject: _____

Store: _____

Singer/Song: _____

Actor/Actress: _____

Sports Team: _____

Movie: _____

Book: _____

Place
Photo
Here

What makes my world...

My best buds are: _____

What we like to do: _____

My friends call me: _____

Best memory of the year: _____

In my future...

I want to be: _____






I want to live in: _____

I will drive a: _____

I will have a pet: _____ named _____

Real Or Fake?

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! DETERMINE IF THESE STORIES ARE REAL OR FAKE.

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The average U.S. teenager sends and receives an estimated 500 text messages a month.

Popular children's program, *Sesame Street*, recently celebrated its 40th year on the air.

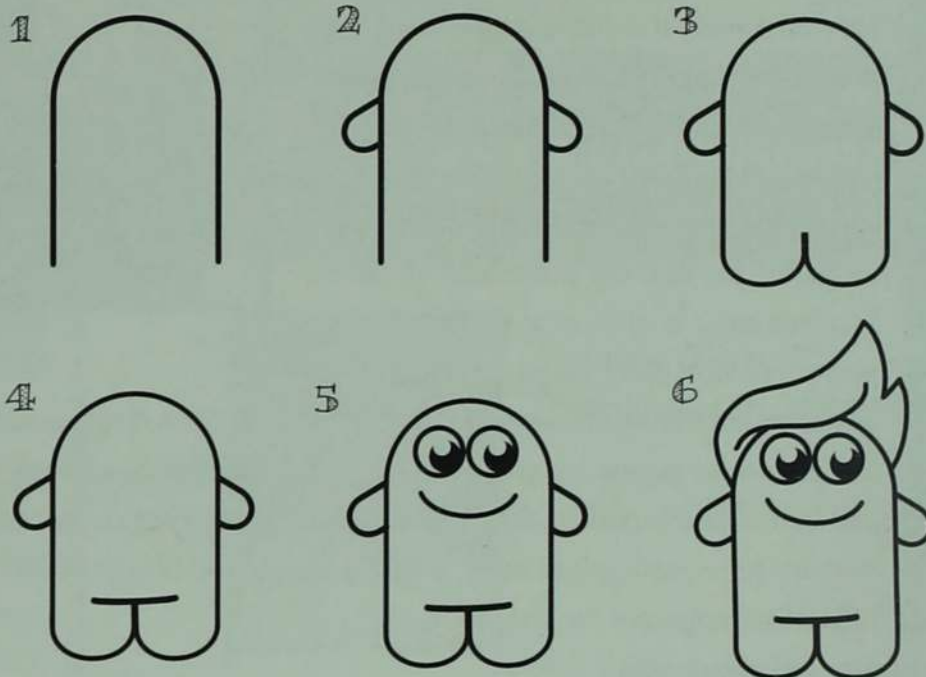
Americans eat 100 acres of pizza per day.

Ashton Kutcher became the first person on Twitter to have one million followers.

In the wake of Paula Abdul's departure from *American Idol*, Miley Cyrus took over judging duties on the popular singing competition.

How to Draw Zoomy

FOLLOW THE ILLUSTRATIONS TO CREATE YOUR OWN ZOOMY!



Draw Your
Zoomy Here

Photo Scramble

DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE FAMOUS FACES BELONG TO? THE ANSWERS ARE INSIDE ZOOM!

Hint: This young lad used his book smarts and wizardry to climb to the top of the box-office.



WHO IS HE?

Hint: This young country singer/songwriter swept the music award shows this year including the Video Music Awards, Country Music Awards and the American Music Awards.



WHO IS SHE?

Hint: These stars of the night were honored at the Teen Choice Awards for sinking their teeth into their roles in the popular book-turned-movie *Twilight*.



WHO ARE THEY?

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ANSWERS: Real or Fake? 1) False, it's really 2,200! 2) True 3) True 4) True 5) False, it's Ellen DeGeneres! | Photo Scramble: 1) Harry Potter 2) Taylor Swift 3) Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson




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