

THE WASHINGTON PRESS

WASHINGTON'S FIRST NEWSPAPER!

BY: MISS. AFFLITTO & MS. WOOD

Washington Elementary 5th and 6th grade students made history! Using their creativity, teamwork, and determination, students researched, wrote, and proudly published Washington's first-ever newspaper. We are so proud of our student news reporters.



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We Love Our WASHINGTON SCHOOL



WASHINGTON SONG LYRICS

"We love our Washington school
We will obey and keep every rule
We will always keep in mind
What she has taught us be good be kind
We will always sing out our praise
And honor her throughout all our days
There's no school like Washington
And to her we'll all be true"

MEET THE news TEAM



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DAY IN THE LIFE OF ...

BY: NATALIE GARCIA, MIA ORELLANA ROSAS & VIOLET MELCHIONNE

MR.JONES

He lives at the beach and loves school. Drum roll, please, today you will be reading about our beloved principal, Mr. Jones!

Let's go to the beginning of his day, his morning routine. Mr. Jones rolls out of bed and gets his clothes together. He trots downstairs to brew his coffee. Sometimes he might have breakfast. Mr. Jones would have some delicious fresh fruit and some yogurt.

Do you like waking up early? Well, Mr. Jones has to! Like I said at the beginning of this article about our very own Mr. Jones, he lives at the beach, not just any beach, but LBI (Long Beach Island). When he finally gets in his car, after eating all that fruit, he has a long journey of one hundred miles! On days with traffic, it can take him almost three hours to get to work!

When Mr. Jones gets to school, he parks his car in his spot. He strolls into school in his suit with his dazzling tie and sits at his desk. He checks his emails, then gets right down to business. Mr. Jones confirms that all substitutes are taken care of. During lunch, he walks around to make sure all the students have their lunch. He endeavors from recess to lunch, but he almost never has his own lunch.



Washington Elementary Principal

Have you ever thought about why Mr. Jones wanted to be a principal? It is because he started as a math and english teacher. He taught kindergarten to eighth grade. Except he wanted to do more to help the children in his class learn and grow, so he decided that a principal was a position that would enable him to help an entire school's worth of students ready to learn and grow.

Here are some fun facts that you might not know about Mr. Jones. He said, and I quote, "I know EVERYTHING." He also stated how he has an amazing memory, and we obviously questioned his claim. But, Mr. Jones answered with our birthdates, and he even knew the exact time. This is Mr. Jones.



Washington Elementary School

MRS. CRISSON

Mrs. Crisson is such a great teacher. She is so caring and gentle with her students. Her favorite part about being a teacher is being with and helping her class.

Mrs. Crisson was inspired to be a teacher because her mom was also a teacher. She was not born here, she was born in Westfield and decided to teach in Nutley.. Her favorite holiday is Christmas, and her favorite school activity is the Memorial Day parade.

Mrs. Crisson's patrols are Natalie Garcia and Bria Bryan. She likes her patrols because they are very cooperative and favorable.

MRS. CARNEVALE

She is loved, lovable, and loves flamingos. Do you know who I am talking about? If you guessed Mrs. Carnevale, you are correct! She has lived in Nutley and will always live here. She loves her students SO much and loves to help kids learn and grow.

Mrs. Carnevale was inspired by helping children who need it the most. She loves teaching all her students how to read and write.

Mrs. Carnevale organizes our very own Memorial Day parade. She loves and cherishes her duty to make this school wide celebration happen.

Mrs. Carnevale loves having patrols. In her words, they are helpful, and she likes having conversations with her patrols. Her patrols are Adriana Hromyak and Gloria Tabizs.



**WE ARE GOING TO
MISS YOU! HAPPY
RETIREMENT !**

MRS. CRISSON

MRS. CARNEVALE

SUPER BOWL XL

BY: BODHI JONES & THOMAS MOORE

At the beginning of the NFL season, many people predicted the Baltimore Ravens as the top AFC team. The Buffalo Bills were a good second choice. While the NFC is seen as more close, seeing favorites like the Seattle Seahawks, San Francisco 49ers, and Detroit Lions. The Ravens are favored to emerge from the AFC and potentially face the Lions or Seahawks in the final.

The Conference Championship round just ended. It featured the AFC Final between the Denver Broncos and the New England Patriots. The NFC Final was between the Seattle Seahawks and the Los Angeles Rams.

Super Bowl LX is on February 8, 2026, at the San Francisco 49ers stadium. The Seahawks are projected to beat the Patriots. The quarterback for the Seahawks is Sam Darnold and the quarterback for the Patriots is Drake Maye. Both teams have the same record which is 14-3.

You can tune in to watch Super Bowl LX on NBC and streaming on Peacock, Tubi, Youtube TV, NFL+, and Hulu!

What color will the Gatorade color be?

- Blue
- Red
- Yellow
- Orange
- Green
- Purple
- Clear
- Custom color



Who's winning Super Bowl MVP?

- Sam Darnold
- Drake "Drake Maye" Maye
- Jaxon Smith-Njigba
- Hunter Henry
- Stefon Diggs
- Kenneth Walker III
- Christian Gonzalez
- Cooper Kupp



New England Patriots



Seattle Seahawks

SUPER BOWL XL

BY: BODHI JONES & THOMAS MOORE

Who's going to win the Coin Toss?

- Seattle Seahawks
- New England Patriots

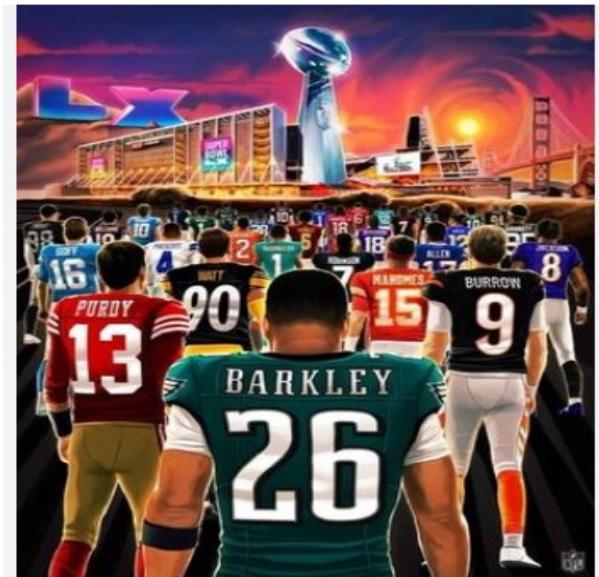


Who's going to win the Super Bowl?

- Seattle Seahawks
- New England Patriots

Who's going to have the most Passing Yards?

- Sam Darnold
- Drake "Drake Maye" Maye



NFL JERSEYS



NFL Bracket

TEACHERS LIVES COMPARED TO STUDENTS LIVES

BY: EMMA LEE, NICOLE YOUSSEF, SADHANA SAKTHIVEL, AND MADISON KIM

Have you ever wondered how a teacher's life compares to a student's life? We have! We did research to see how big a difference it is for someone who works at school, someone who goes to school, and how they both feel about school. So keep reading our article and see!



Washington Elementary School



VALENTINA FERNANDEZ

I rate school 5/10. I enjoy seeing my friends. I don't find anything in school that hard, and I do rage when my classmates interrupt me. Some of my hobbies are sports and instruments. This is what I think about school.

MRS. COLLINS

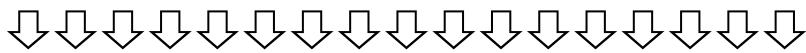
I enjoy crocheting and reading. As a kid, I was told what kinds of books to read, but now I enjoy reading romance and history and listening to audiobooks. Some of my favorites are otters, the color teal, Pokémon Go, in which I am a level 62 player, class, friends/family, and math. I also like dogs, cheese (my dog's name is cheddar), sleeping, Stranger Things, snowflakes, and gingerbread men. I dislike people who don't try their best, and who interrupt when I am teaching. When the phone rings, I also find it extremely annoying. I also find it difficult to get to work on time when I need to make sure students are trying their best soon after. I think my job as a teacher is important, but I also believe that work shouldn't be the only thing in life. My schedule works well and I have been teaching for about 21 years now. I also feel like we sometimes need better technology here. Even when a bunch of emails are sent or I am tired of bringing my own water, I try not to rage by tightening my body, taking deep breaths, or getting sarcastic- anything to get the class's attention. For these reasons, I rate school 8/10.

MISS. GREENFIELD

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, as well as outdoor activities. I love exercising, and teaching math and reading too. Math is my favorite subject, by the way. Even when I have favorites, I dislike the cold weather, snow, and rain. A warm day sometime soon would be good, since I love warm weather. When the class gets excited, it does get loud, but most of the time they are very, very good listeners and students! Sometimes, I do get upset, like when I have to try to finish many things in only 1 day. Although I get annoyed when the copy machine is broken, I rate school 9/10. I love my class and other teachers!

MABEL HOSSAIN

I would rate school as a 7/10. My favorite part of school is when my class and I go to gym. My hobbies include reading, playing with my little cousin. My favorite subject is math, and I love being a patrol. That is what I think about school.



conclusion

All kinds of people live in different ways. Some people like Stranger Things and Pokémon, like Mrs. Collins, while others prefer warm weather, like Miss. Greenfield. Some students enjoy playing sports and instruments like Valentina Fernandez. After comparing the interviews, we noticed how different the ratings were, ranging from 5-9/10. These can be big differences depending on what we compare them to. Some students say they think there are too many tests in 1 year, while other kids explained how they think school is a priority. Some teachers believe the school sometimes needs newer technology, while others have trouble staying calm when the copy machine is broken.

Teachers and students may think school is boring or entertaining, but we should all understand that school is important, whether you are encouraging younger ones to try their best or you are the younger one actually trying your best.

TEACHERS VS. STUDENTS



Miss. Greenfield



Mrs. Collins

GUESS WHO??? **TEACHER EDITION**

BY: JOSHUA SCHIRA &
LOGAN O'CONNELL

THE ORIGINAL GUESSING GAME!

**Today we will be
giving you clues to
guess a teacher at
Washington School!**

**There will be 3
mystery teachers.
Each round will have a
total of 7 CLUES!**



**To check your
guesses, turn to the
page after the
comics.**

TEACHER #1

- This teacher used to teach ELA.
- This teacher is funny but serious.
- This teacher regularly wears glasses.
- This teacher is a rowing coach.
- This teacher does not like when the other classes are loud.
- This teacher's birthday is in October.
- This teacher has the best pencil sharpener.

TEACHER #2

- This teacher is very nice!
- This is one of my favorite teachers.
- This teacher gives out things at the end of the school year.
- The best books this teacher has ever read were from when this teacher was a kid!
- This teacher's son is in this school!

TEACHER #3

- This teacher has the same special schedule as Ms. Covello.
- This teacher teaches math!
- This teacher's son WAS in this school before.
- This teacher cracks jokes.
- This teacher gives second chances on tests.

2026 MVP PREDICTION

SUPER BOWL XL

BY: SAACH PATEL, LUKAS ZECEVIC & EVANS GUEVARA

Superstar wide receiver for the Minnesota Vikings, known for his explosive play and elite receiving skills! He quickly became one of the NFL's best since being drafted in 2020 out of LSU, where he won a national championship. He made his own signature dance move known as the Griddy. He is elite at catching in traffic, short routes and long routes. He became the fastest player to reach 6,000 career receiving yards. As of early 2026, he has accumulated 579 receptions, 8,480 yards, and 42 touchdowns.

Justin Jefferson is from Saint Rose, LA. He went to college at Louisiana State University. He was a first round pick of the draft. Justin is 26 years old, 6'1 and 195 pounds. Add one thing about his personal life. When he is not playing football, Justin likes to play video games and listen to music. He likes fashion and has style. He partnered with Make-A-Wish-Foundation and spends time surprising and supporting children. He has two older brothers who also played at LSU and played in the NFL.

In 2022, Justin Jefferson's average was 6.0 yards per catch. He caught a one handed catch against the Buffalo Bills, and that is how he was awarded the finalist in 2022. Justin Jefferson gained over 1,800 yards that season and had the most yards in the whole season. Justin Jefferson is an elite NFL wide receiver for the Minnesota Vikings. He is their best wide receiver right now, even in the whole league. He also played in the Pro Bowl. You have to be really good to make it!

JUSTIN JEFFERSON

BY: SAACH PATEL, LUKAS ZECEVIC & EVANS GUEVARA

- **Record-Setting Ability:** Jefferson holds the record for the most receiving yards by a player in their first two seasons, later breaking his own record.
- **The Griddy:** He popularized the "Griddy" dance celebration across the NFL, a celebration he adopted at the suggestion of a friend.
- **College & Draft:** Drafted out of LSU in 2020, where he was a key target for Joe Burrow.
- **Playing Style:** Known for his incredible body control, elite route running, and ability to win in contested situations.



The Griddy

MVP



Justin Jefferson & his brothers



Justin Jefferson's Jersey

STUDENTS AT WASHINGTON

BY: NEETI DAVE, MISHIKA KAPOOR, LAVINA NEMR, LYDIA ABUTAAH

Washington School shines the brightest because of the amazing students who go there. So, we wanted to make an article presenting the many likes and dislikes of these fabulous students!

Meer Eva H. from Mrs. Kerr's 1st grade class

Eva's favorite color is yellow, and she loves reading. If Washington School had a mascot, she wanted it to be a Koala. Her favorite food is mac and cheese.

Finally, Eva wants to be a scientist when she grows up.

Meet Dev V. from Mrs. West's 2nd grade class

Dev's favorite color is grey, and he enjoys math but does not like science. If Washington School had a mascot, Dev would want to be a Tiger! His favorite food is pizza, and he wants to be a soccer player for Real Madrid.

Meet Sammy M. from Mrs. Collin's 4th grade class

Sammy's favorite color is pink, and her all time favorite subject is ELA, while she dislikes science.

Sammy described that if Washington had a mascot, she would want it to be a cute, fluffy dog. Her favorite food is spaghetti & meatballs and loves the amazing taste. Sammy has high hopes to become a world famous actor or singer.

Meet Luna L. from Miss. Afflitto's 3rd grade Class

Luna's favorite color is pink, and her favorite subject is math. Her least favorite subject is Spanish. If Washington School had a mascot, Luna would want it to be a DINOSAUR! Her favorite food is gummies and beef jerky. When she grows up, Luna wants to be a paleontologist.

STUDENTS AT WASHINGTON

BY: NEETI DAVE, MISHIKA KAPOOR, LAVINA NEMR, LYDIA ABUTAAH

Meet Maddie N. from Mrs. Boyce's 5th grade class

Maddie's favorite color is pink, and her preferred subject is math, while she doesn't like ELA. Maddie said if Washington School had a mascot, she wished it would be a roaring tiger. While she doesn't have a favorite food, Maddie hopes to be an amazing actress when she grows up.

Meet Paige H. from Mrs. Michel's 6th grade

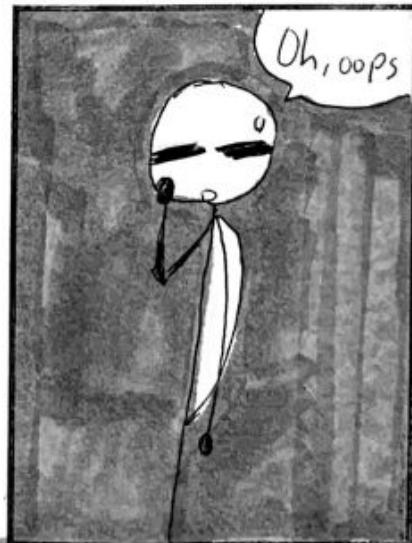
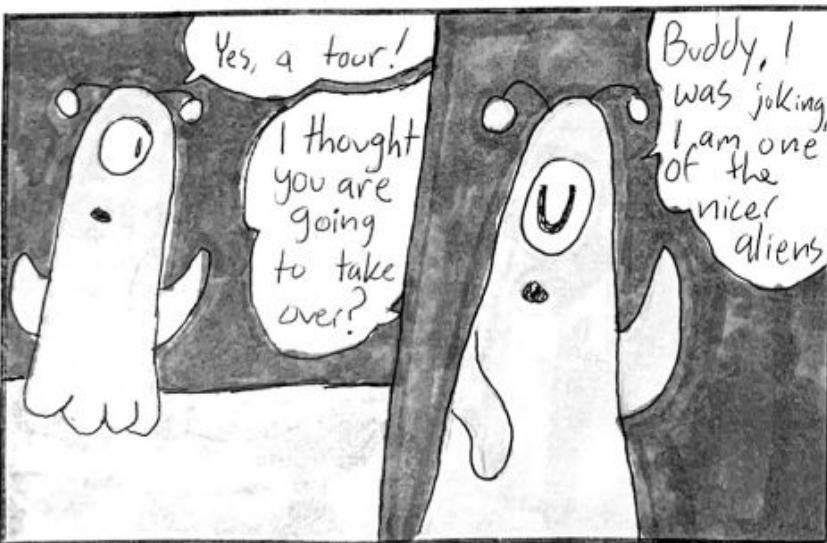
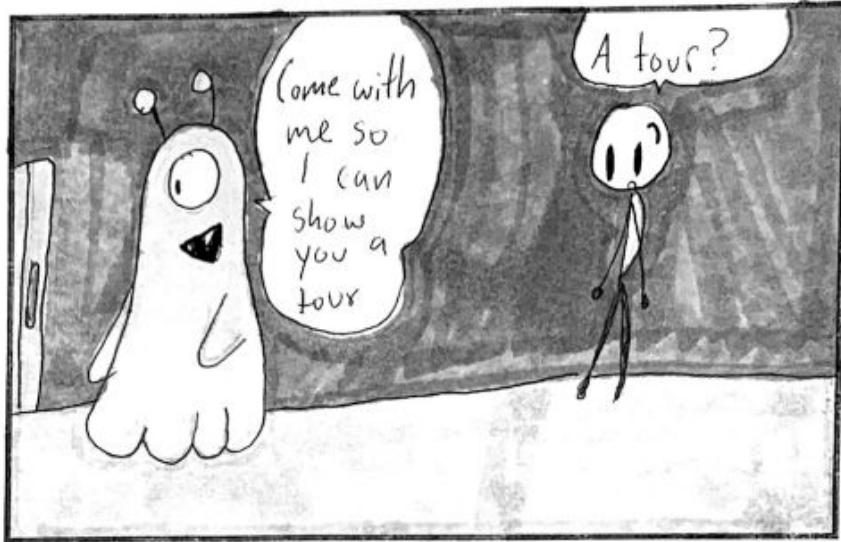
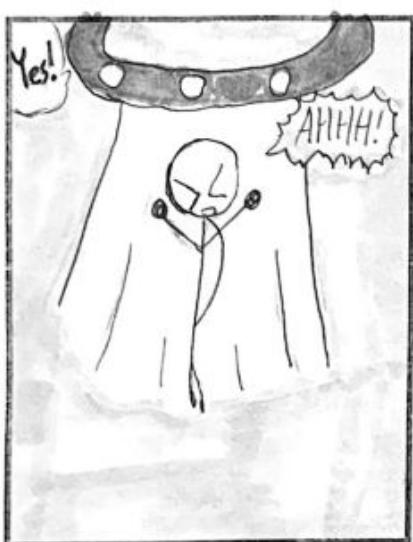
Paige likes ALL of the pastels, and her favorite subject is math, while she mostly doesn't like social studies. Paige said if Washington School had a mascot, she wanted it to be a wolf with beautiful grey fur. She doesn't have a favorite food from all the options she has. When she grows up, Paige hopes to be a veterinarian helping all the hurt or scared animals.



All the students have interesting facts to share, and we loved interviewing them. We hope you enjoyed reading about your peers or students! Who knows, you might have learned something new about them too!!

The Adventures of BOB

BY: RIYA KIKANI

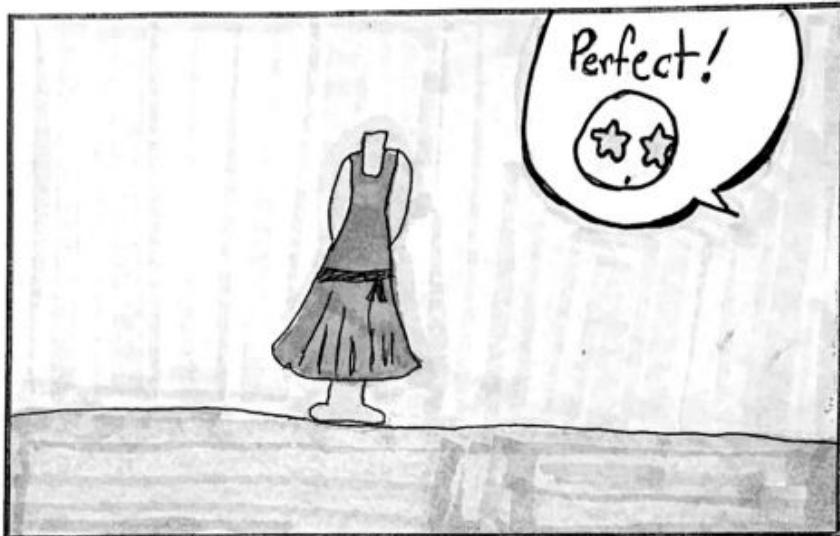


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Fashion Life ❤

BY: RIYA KIKANI



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TEACHER Reveal

MEET THE CREW

The moment you have all been waiting for...

TEACHER #1



MR. SMYTH

TEACHER #2



MRS. SPATARO

TEACHER #3



MRS. BOYCE

**THANKS FOR PLAYING! I HOPE YOU ALL
GUESSED THE CORRECT TEACHERS!**

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