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UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

BY: MISS. AFFLITTO & MS. WOOD

We will miss our fifth and sixth graders as they head off to middle school. The Washington Press wishes them the best of luck in this exciting next chapter.

We look forward to publishing more stories next year. That's a wrap for the Washington Press in 2026!

**65 SCHOOL
DAYS LEFT
UNTIL
SUMMER!!!**



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"

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17: St. Patrick's Day!

March 20: First day of Spring!

March 30-April 3: Spring Break!

April 22: Earth Day!



MEET THE TEAM

5th and 6th grade students from Washington Elementary School!



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GUESS WHO...STUDENT EDITION



This is Guess Who, student edition. There are 2 students from grade 3, 4, and 5. There will be 11 clues about each student. According to each clue you will try find out who the mystery student is. When you think you know check your answers on the last page of the newspaper. Have fun!

3RD GRADE:

1. Boy
2. Traditions: Puts out cookies for Santa on Christmas
3. Favorite color: Green
4. From: Nutley
5. Favorite subject: Gym/Math
6. Teacher: Miss. Affilitto
7. Age: 8
8. Favorite thing about class: Likes his friends in his class
9. Sports: Tackle football/wrestling
10. Rates school: 7/10
11. Birthday: May 30th

1. Girl
2. Traditions: Christmas
3. Favorite color: Pink and Purple
4. From: Africa
5. Favorite subject: Art/reading
6. Teacher: Ms. Wood
7. Age: 8
8. Favorite class activities: likes celebrating New Years
9. Sports: No sports
10. Rates School: 9/10
11. Birthday: July 28th

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GUESS WHO...STUDENT EDITION



4TH GRADE

1. Girl
2. Traditions: Christmas because she spends time with her cousins
3. Favorite color: Green
4. Favorite food: BBQ RIBS
5. Favorite subject: Reading
6. Teacher: Mrs. Hayes
7. Age: 10
8. Favorite thing about class: Her friends
9. Sports: Softball
10. What do you want to be when you grow up: Therapist
11. Birthday: August 31st

1. Boy
2. Traditions: Christmas with his family
3. Favorite color: Red/teal
4. Favorite food: Chocolate chip banana muffins
5. Favorite subject: Math
6. Teacher: Miss. Gencarelli
7. Age: 9
8. Favorite thing about class: Teachers and friends
9. Sports: soccer, wrestling
10. What do you wanna be when you grow up: Zookeeper
11. Birthday: September 19th

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GUESS WHO...STUDENT EDITION



5TH GRADE

1. Girl
2. From: Cambodia and Jamaica
3. Likes: Lunch/recess/math
4. Age: 11
5. Favorite colors: Light purple, light blue, and light pink
6. Likes: Hanging out with friends
7. Subjects they like: Math/gym
8. Sports they like: GIRLS flag football and snowboarding
9. Rates School: 8/10 enjoys hanging out with friends
10. Teacher: Mrs. Boyce
11. Likes about school: Field trips

1. Boy
2. From: Italy and Ireland
3. Likes: Friends
4. Age: 11
5. Favorite color: Blue
6. Likes about class: teacher
7. Favorite subject: Writing
8. Sports they like: wrestling
9. Rates School: 2/10 likes friends, boring , and it takes too long
10. Teacher: Mrs. Spataro "She is the best."
11. Favorite thing about school: Gym

THE TEACHER'S LOUNGE

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

Where teachers get interviewed and seen through a whole new level!

We really enjoyed interviewing all these wonderful people and learning their opinions and their experiences working in a school. We wanted to share them with you. Thus, we created this article to help you learn more about your hardworking staff!

Mrs. Brown

Secretary at Washington School

Mrs. Brown loves interacting with students, but finds it challenging to get substitutes when needed. She shared that middle school and elementary school had about the same number of students and teachers, with slightly more in the middle school, so the job experience was fairly similar. However, there were some differences. Elementary school has patrols, while middle school does not. At the middle school, there were two secretaries, but here she is the only one, although Mrs. Fenwick helps her a lot! She also said that the students here are very sweet and that she loves them very much!



Mrs. Pontoriero

Paraprofessional at Washington School

We had a fun Q&A session with Mrs. Pontoriero and learned a lot about her career! Her favorite grade to work with is 5th grade, and her favorite part of being a paraprofessional is spending time with kids and interacting with them. Mrs. Pontoriero worked in Lincoln for nineteen years and at Washington School for seven years. She explained that her previous school was more challenging because she worked one-on-one with students and followed a different curriculum for each child. There, she worked in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, while at Washington, she works with all elementary grades and follows a fixed curriculum. The biggest lesson she has learned is how to be patient and understanding, although she said she has always had a lot of patience- HAPPY RETIREMENT! WE WILL MISS YOU!!!!

Mrs. Amoroso

Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant

Mrs. Amoroso shared that her favorite memories are working with students—seeing their smiles, getting hugs, and watching them accomplish their goals. She said she has learned to be patient and to focus on each student's strengths. Mrs. Amoroso has worked at Lincoln, Yantacaw, Washington, and Spring Garden, and said it wasn't difficult to adjust to different schools because she stuck to her schedule. She explained that the biggest reward is seeing students grow academically and socially, while the biggest challenge is when students feel upset if their progress takes longer.- HAPPY RETIREMENT!! WE WILL MISS YOU!!!!



BOOK REVIEW

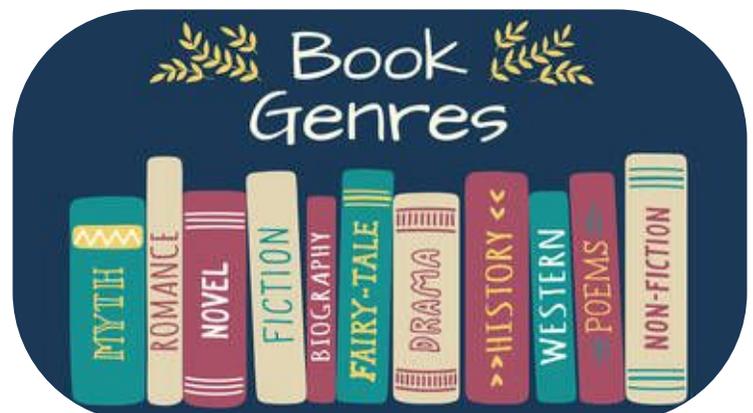


BY: SADHANA SAKTHIVEL, MADISON KIM, EMMA LEE, AND NICOLE YOUSSEF

We all have different opinions. Especially about what books we like best and the genres we think are good and bad. For example, some people will like horror, while others like mysteries and science fiction. But instead of just staying on one genre for the rest of your life, you should explore other genres and books that look good or your friend or family member talks about and/or loves. It's fun to mix and match and try new things. Below, you will see the different genres that students chose as their favorites.

Genres of Books:

- ★ Fantasy - IIIII
- ★ Poetry- II
- ★ Romance- IIIII
- ★ Fiction- III
- ★ Realistic/Historical
- ★ Fiction - II
- ★ Graphic Novel - II
- ★ Thriller - II
- ★ Drama - I
- ★ Horror - II
- ★ How-to - II



SCISSORS+PAINT+TAPE= JELLYFISH!

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

THE SUPPLIES THAT YOU NEED TO MAKE A JELLYFISH

- Scissors
- A few paint colors of your choice {Acrylic not recommended}
- A paper bowl
- Tape {Any Kind}
- A plastic bag



STEPS TO MAKE JELLYFISH CRAFT...

Have you ever wanted to have a pet jellyfish that doesn't sting you and doesn't need a humongous fish tank? Well, if you make this craft, you can have a custom jellyfish to hang above your desk or in the living room as decor. Here are the steps to a cute ocean animal pet ...

How to make the craft:

1. Paint the bottom part and sides of the paper bowl any color you like
2. Cut the bag up so that there are long strips and short strips
3. Lightly paint a few areas of the plastic strips, and let them dry
4. Once dry, tape them to the center of the inside of the paper bowl
5. Ta-da! Now you have a cool jellyfish that you can hang anywhere you want!

5TH & 6TH GRADERS ARE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOUND

BY: LOGAN O'CONNELL

Hello, Washington students! This is the 5th and 6th graders last year at Washington School, so I decided to interview 2 of them. I got to hear about their memories from Washington School and their feelings about going to JHWMS.

OWEN 6TH GRADER

Feelings about middle school

There are new people from other schools, we get to socialize with new friends and have a good environment.

Greatest memories!

When every grade gathers up to do a project

If you could go back in time, which grade would you go to?
4th grade

ALFRED 5TH GRADER

Feelings about middle school

How long are we going to be in there? How good is the food? What specials are we going to have? Am I going to like, dissect a frog?

Greatest memories!

When we had the waffles with sprinkles.

If you could go back in time, which grade would you go to?
2nd or 3rd grade



NBA PREDICTIONS

BY: BODHI JONES AND THOMAS MOORE

This is the prediction we think the NBA playoffs will look like.

<u>Eastern Conference</u>	<u>Western Conference</u>
1. Detroit Pistons	1. OKC Thunder
2. Boston Celtics	2. San Antonio Spurs
3. New York Knicks	3. Minnesota Timberwolves
4. Cleveland Cavaliers	4. Houston Rockets
5. Toronto Raptors	5. Denver Nuggets
6. Philadelphia 76ers	6. Phoenix Suns
7. Miami Heat	7. Los Angeles Lakers
8. Orlando Magic	8. Golden State Warriors
9. Charlotte Hornets	9. Portland Trail Blazers
10. Atlanta Hawks	10. Los Angeles Clippers

Award Predictions

MVP: Victor Wembanyama

Defensive Player of the Year: Victor Wembanyama

Rookie of the Year: Kon Knueppel

Sixth Man of the Year: Naz Reid

Most Improved Player: Deni Avdija

Clutch Player of the Year: Jalen Brunson

Finals MVP: Jalen Brunson

Conference Finals MVP: Karl

Anthony-Towns/Victor Wembanyama

NBA Cup MVP: Jalen Brunson

Play-in tournament

Eastern Conference

Heat vs. Hawks

122 - 90

Magic vs. Hornets

110 - 113

Hornets vs. Heat

139 - 134

Western Conference

Lakers vs. Clippers

146 - 98

Warriors vs. Trail Blazers

97 - 83

Warriors vs. Lakers

123 - 125

We looked at the current NBA standings, then at recent or current winning or losing streaks. With this information, we can start making a playoff bracket to see who might win the NBA Championship.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

NBA PLAYOFF PREDICTIONS

BY: BODHI JONES & THOMAS MOORE

NBA PLAYOFF PREDICTIONS Conference Quarter-Finals

Pistons vs. Heat

4 - 2

Celtics vs. Hornets

4 - 2

Knicks vs. Raptors

4 - 1

Cavaliers vs. 76ers

4 - 2

Thunder vs. Warriors

4 - 1

Spurs vs. Lakers

4 - 0

Timberwolves vs. Suns

4 - 3

Rockets vs. Nuggets

3 - 4

Conference Semi-Finals

Thunder vs. Nuggets

3 - 4

Spurs vs. Timberwolves

4 - 3

Pistons vs. Cavaliers

4 - 2

Knicks vs. Celtics

4 - 3

Conference Finals

Knicks vs. Pistons

4 - 3

Spurs vs. Nuggets

4 - 2



NBA Championship

Knicks vs. Spurs

Game 1. 110 - 103 Spurs win

Game 2. 98 - 113 Knicks win

Game 3. 108 - 107 Knicks win

Game 4. 121 - 119 Spurs win

Game 5. 120 - 118 Spurs win

Game 6. 91-97 Knicks win

Game 7. 108 - 102 Knicks win

BOOK REVIEW

BY: SOPHIA ROMERO

BOOK: WONDER



August Pullman was a shy boy who had no friends. He had always been homeschooled because he looked different from other kids. But when his parents decided he should go to a real school for the first time, everything began to change.

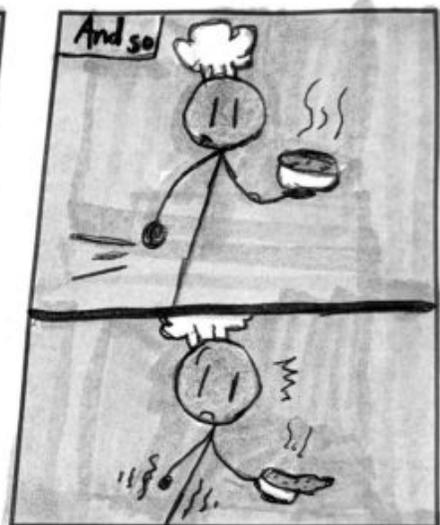
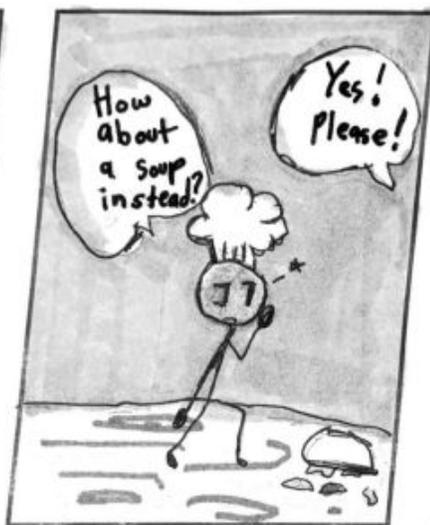
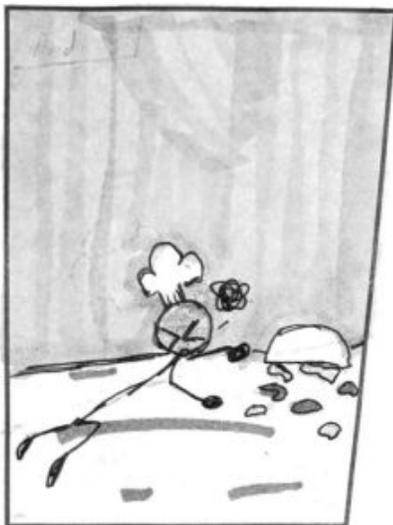
At school, Auggie met some new kids named Jack, Will, Charlotte, and Julian. During a school tour, Julian asked Auggie some uncomfortable questions, and Jack Will stood up for Auggie, which made Auggie feel better.

After the tour was over, Auggie made a big decision. Even though he was nervous, he decided to go to school and give it a try!



Restaurant Disaster (Life of a clumsy chef)

BY: RIYA KIKANI



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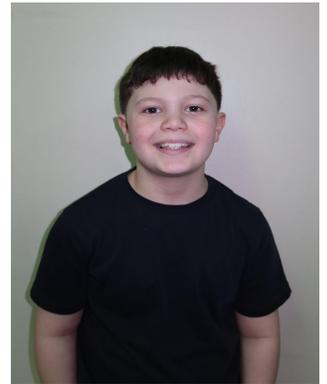


STUDENT REVEAL



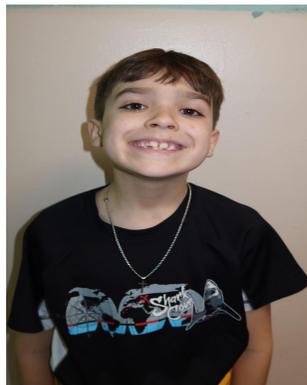
3rd Grade:

Princess and Pietro



4th Grade:

Timothy and Winnie



5th grade:

Bria and Ryan



BY: NATALIE GARCIA

GAMES

Write the letter below each symbol to make 3 mystery words

😊:A 🎉:B 👍:C 😜:D ❤️:E ✌️:F
 🌷:G 🌳:H 🌈:I 😏:J 🐕:K ☀️:L
 🐣:M 💞:N 🐸:O 🍊:P 🍔:Q 🍷:R
 🍰:S 🎀:T 🏈:U 🏀:V 😁:W 🖍️:X
 🍩:Y ⭐:Z

Word 1:

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Word 2:

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Word 3:

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WORD SEARCH

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1. TheWash
2. clover
3. school
4. leaf
5. spring
6. books
7. bird
8. March
9. April
10. flower
11. rainbow
12. shamrock

THE WASH

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