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Our Principal is Retiring

By **ZOE LIN**

This year is going to be Mrs. Driscoll's last year at P.S. 213. She is retiring at the end of this school year. We asked her to look back on her years at P.S. 213 and to look ahead to her plans for the future.

Q: How did you start your career in the Department of Education?

A: I taught second grade in P.S. 31 and 1st grade in P.S. 213. I taught for 13 years in 1st grade and one year for 2nd grade. I was a literacy coach. Then I went back to school to get the certification to be a school administrator. I was able to get to become the assistant principal and from there I became the principal.

Q: Can you tell me some of the highlights from each of your jobs?

A: One of the highlights from my teaching career was when my class created a fairytale quilt from literature and art. I take it with me to remember my children, and its hanging in my room. The other one was, my class always did a project around the book, "Where The Wild Things Are" and the children reenacted it. When I was an assistant principal, Mr. Bar-onoff let me coordinate the enrichment clusters and I loved it. I led some and coordinated some.

Now, I like being outside and greeting all the children and doing the cup song with the principal for a day children. I love going on the fifth grade trips, and giving the awards to the students of the month. After



we do the pledge, I like to dance with the children. There are many things that I love about being principal.

Q: What made you choose to work with elementary school children?

A: When my son was born, he influenced me a lot. I was so enthralled with the way children saw things that I thought that this would be very meaningful work for me.

Q: What are you going to miss most about P.S. 213 and why?

A: The children, because you're so very special, and beautiful, and unique, every one of you. I'll miss spending my days with you.

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Mrs. Driscoll *from page 1*

Q: What are your plans when you retire and what is your reason for this?

A: My husband and I are going to travel this summer to Europe. We're going to go to Austria and maybe we will travel to other countries as well. Traveling is wonderful and Europe is filled with history. We might be going to some castles and that would be exciting.

Q: Do you have any parting words for the students and teachers?

A: I think it's important that you never underestimate yourself and you have goals and believe in yourself.

The two principals before me were both men, I hope that my being a woman and being the principal of this school will inspire young people, especially girls of this school, to know that with hard work and perseverance, they can set goals for themselves and achieve them, and I hope you will always believe in yourself.

To the teachers, it was a privilege to have worked among such dedicated and committed teachers and staff. I will miss the P.S. 213 school family greatly.

We will all miss Mrs. Driscoll and we wish her a very happy retirement.



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the Dragon Ledger
in color!*





P.S. 213 Carnival



By JAYDA GILYARD

Step up and take your turn, boys and girls! The annual P.S. 213 Carnival was a blast. There were many rides to play on and many prizes that were won. Screams and laughter of happy children filled the carnival grounds. There was one small challenge, when the bouncy house kept deflating, but other than that, the carnival was super fun. These pictures taken from the carnival show that the grown-ups and the kids all had a great time!



Ms. Demetriou and Mrs. Romain serve hot dogs



Jenny Ho and Mia Hung



Psalm Burroughs, Krysta Blidgen, Amanda Qu and Zara Tarafdar



Ms. Carolyn in front of the Bouncy House



Annah Haden, Alex Moylan and Jalen Gentry



Sophia Kim, Krystal Lee, Lucy Kwan and Eileen Zhu play Connect 4

Students Get Creative in Enrichment Clusters

By **BOWEY QU**

So many different talents were shown and creative projects completed in classrooms during Spring Enrichment Clusters. P.S. 213 students got a chance to show their talent and express their creativity doing slideshows, artwork, dances, and more. Students really had fun in their Enrichment Clusters. Here is a sampling of students' hard work.

Mrs. Serra's class 3-206 performs Cotton-Eyed Joe Dance



Mrs. Wu's class 1-107 dances to Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars



Below left: School year scapbooks done by Mrs. Glover's class 5-309

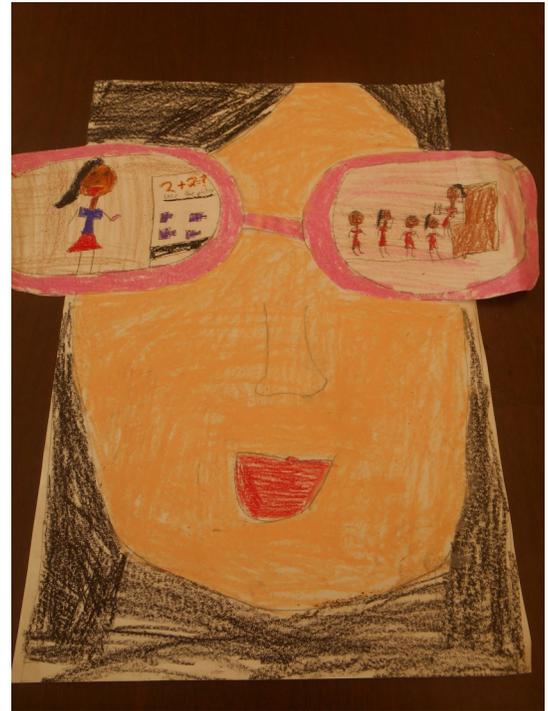
Below right: Monsters made from yarn by Ms. Kim's class 4-209



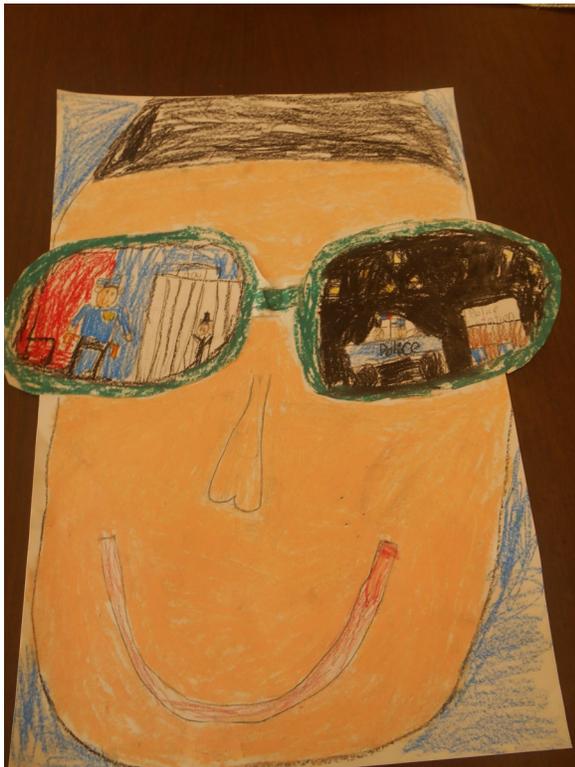
THE FUTURE IS HERE!

By **BOWEY QU**

THE FUTURE IS HERE! You must be wondering what this means! I'll explain. The first graders of P.S.213 did a project in art class with Ms. Mallon about their futures. First, they used mirrors to draw self-portraits. Then they drew sunglasses on their faces. Inside the sunglasses they drew pictures of the careers they'd like to have when they grow up. For example, some people wanted to be teachers, so they drew pictures of themselves teaching or reading to children. But everybody wants to have different careers, so everyone's scenes could be different. The materials students used were crayon and colored pencils for the glasses, and oil pastels for the self-portraits.



Teacher



Police Officer



Singer



By AMONI BYRD and ZARA TARAFDAR

The end of fifth grade is the best time for any fifth grader. One of the fun things you get to do is go on senior trips. This year the fifth graders went on not one, but two senior trips. They went to Funtopia USA in Queens and they went to Manhattan to see the Broadway production of The Lion King. On the Manhattan trip, they went out for lunch to a restaurant called Virgil's BBQ.

At Funtopia USA, P.S. 213 seniors tried laser tag, bumper cars, Balladium, and Time Freak Playground. Teachers, parents, and even Mrs. Driscoll went on

some of the rides. Kids say Funtopia is a cool place and it was a really fun trip. One fifth grader said the best part of the trip was "shooting the balls at the target in the balladium . . . Or should I say . . . your classmates.?"

Fifth graders had a lot of fun on the Broadway trip.. Some of them said, "The food was really good and the whole trip was exciting!" Others said their favorite part of the trip was the show. For everyone, it was really fun, even for the teachers.



Students eat lunch at Virgil's



Top left: At Funtopia fifth graders ready to play Laser Tag

Bottom left: Fifth grade friends get together at Virgil's

Bottom right: Fifth grade girls after the The Lion King at the end of a great day



Mrs. Moser Takes Students To Solar One

By SARAH TSAI AND LIBBY KIM

Fifth graders went on a trip to Solar One where they learned about the environment. This trip was led by Mrs. Moser and a tour guide. Students learned about different types of trees, flowers, and birds. The Solar One building was completely covered with solar panels on the roof, and students learned that under this building, there are batteries that store the electricity to use when there is no sun.

The Solar One building was right next to the East River in New York City. During the students' visit,



Solar One building in New York City

water was taken from the river to do different experiments. Students were chosen and they picked partners to work with them on the experiments. Doing these experiments was a lot of fun.

After doing all those experiments, everyone ate lunch with their friends near the river. This trip was fun and educational. We learned different things about our ecosystem, and learning about different types of trees, flowers, and birds really gave us a great experience.



Students enjoy science trip to Solar One

Fifth Grade Memories



By **IAN CHOI**

In this issue, the fifth graders were asked to write down their favorite memories of P.S. 213. Here is what they said . . .

Yisang Moon: Field Day because I get to run and play games.

Joshua Alvarado.: Solar One because the class gets to explore stuff. We were looking for different kinds of trees, birds, flowers, and other stuff. We had a lot of fun!

Katelyn Lien: Field Day because I got to play games with my peers.

Myra Masood: Student of the Month Award because it means that I had very good citizenship during the month.

Jayda Gilyard: Drama Club because I could express my feelings in acting form. I was also able to meet new friends.

Ian Choi: Newspaper Club because I got to have a good time being with my friends and interviewing kids around the school.



Brandon Oh.: Field Day because it was a very fun event in school.

Bowey Qu: Gingerbread House Contest and Secret Santa because I got to have fun making a gingerbread house with my friends, and I was happy to get a secret gift.

Rayin Ahsan: Field Day because I played sports and it makes me healthy, talented, and strong. P.S. 213 has good sportsmanship.

Jenny Ho: Enrichment clusters because I like to do art and I get to be with my friends.

Joseph Lee: Field Day because I get to run around and play.

Jayda Cabrera: When the state test was over, we moved the desks and danced until we left. We also ate pizza. It was so cool and fun.



David Kwon: Playing fun activities and going to parks because it is a fun thing to do for myself and other people.

Vivienne Lin: When I was in first grade and had a "little fight" with Ms. DiNardo about grammar because I didn't understand many things. The memory is really funny.

Harrison Fowler: Coming to this school in second grade and Matthew introducing me to his friends because I didn't know anyone.

Ryan Hsu: Science Club because it was fun, and I learned a lot and made slime.

Krystal Lee: April Fools Day because the teachers pulled a prank on us. The joke was very funny.



David Workman: Coming to the school for the first time to make new and best friends.

Nina Li: Model UN because I had a chance to participate in it, and I got to learn more about problem solving, leadership, writing and public speaking.



Stephanie Zhang: Secret Santa because I never knew Lucy would give me what I wanted. I love my friends and teachers.

Zoe Baez: The Halloween Party because people were dressed up, and I liked the haunted house.



5th Grade *Continued from page 8*

Sophia Nazamy: When my dad came home from Afghanistan and surprised me in my first grade classroom. It was a big surprise because he always came home in the winter and my family is good at keeping secrets.



Mia Hung: When we had the Lunar New Year Party because I got a special present from Jenny and got to taste the other types of food.

Fatin Riaz: My teachers and my friends helped me go through tough times.

Sophia Kim: MS74 Orientation for a building tour because it was fun. Dancing in the classroom after the state test was fun, too. In PS 213 we learn and have fun!

Daniella Siu: Field Day because I get to have a lot of fun with my friends. I enjoy playing pull the pinnie and kickball.

Zoe Lin: Building a gingerbread house during our Christmas celebration because all my friends got to participate and it was fun and exciting.



Psalm Burroughs: Carnival because I get to play with my friends and see my teachers.



Lucy Kwan: When I first met my best buddy, Eileen, in first grade because 5th grade might be our last year together and she is a really special BFF to me.

Dion Wong: Model UN because it is very important to me.

Dekoda Reyes: Playing basketball because I had fun with other students.

Quashanna Roberts: Making new friends, meeting teachers and having amazing parties. The teachers and friends are kind.

Bryan Lam: The International Fair because you can experience different cultures. It was also fun to try the many different foods.

Christian Auh: When our class threw a big party for Mrs. Glover because we did something nice for our teacher.



David Park: When I went on stage for Model UN because I was chosen from all the other 5th graders.

Robert Oh: When we had an ant infestation in kindergarten. Everybody was screaming and we had to kill them all.

Zara Tarafdar: When it was picture day and we all played Quacka-dili oso because we had fun and did something together on our own.

Krysta Blidgen: When I got to be Auntie Em in the Wizard of Oz because it was an honor working with talented people. Also, it was a lot of fun to perform in front of a lot of people.



Angela Oh: When we gave a surprise party to Mrs. Glover because she taught us so much and we wanted to give her something in return.



Marina Zhai: The first day of school because I got to meet new kids and just have fun with my old friends. It made me excited to be in 5th grade.

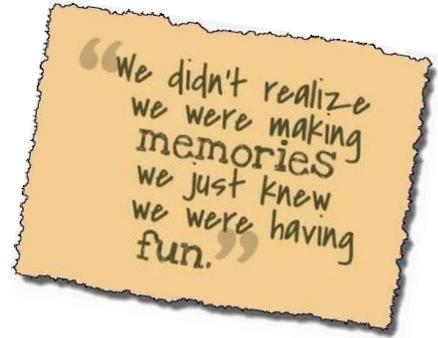
Sydney Feld: Being in the school play, Matilda, last year because it was my first time being in a school play. I had a lot of fun doing the play.

Fifth Grade Memories *Continued from page 9*

Sarah Tsai The start of my 5th grade class in September because I'm a senior! I am also finally one of the oldest kids in the building. In addition, I met Mrs. Glover, the best 5th grade teacher ever! And finally I got to learn more.

Amanda Qu: When I got selected to do Model UN because it was an honor to know that I was smart enough to be in Model UN.

KICK **Tony Yang:** When I kicked a home run in recess when I played kickball because everyone who was in my team playing kickball congratulated me and they said I was a great player.



Ahmad Kbeir: When my classmates and I put together a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Glover because we called people from her family and brought yummy food! Many of our classmates wore fancy clothing and surprised her a lot.

Angelo Gonzalez: Meeting John Kavanagh back in 2009 in kindergarten and learned a lot about him because I was glad to meet him because he always stuck up for me. Another thing is he taught me a lot and there was never a day where we would be mad at each other.



Joshua Lee: Field Day because I actually got to compete with other students in a game and I had a lot of fun.

Brandon Sjauw: When I was a Principal for a Day and then I failed doing the cup song. It was almost shown in the n. It looked like I was crying. (I was putting my head down)

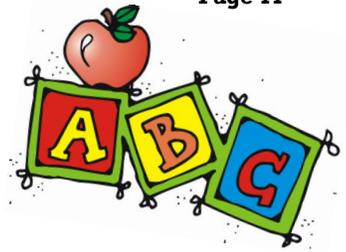
Sophia Hoang: One time I was doing the pledge with Amoni, Pslam, and Dekoda, and we did the cup song with Mrs. Driscoll instead of dancing. This is my favorite memory because when we did the cup song Mrs. Cohen took pictures of us for the Newspaper. Later, I saw that I was in the newspaper for the first time. Therefore, it was a memory I couldn't forget only if I didn't lose the newspaper!

Charles Mantell: The 3rd grade Field Day kickball game. When the ball went in to a tree because of how the ball flew up in the air.

Joyce Wong: When I started Pre-K because all of my adventures started from there.

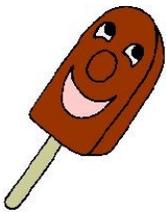
Eileen Zhu: Hanging out with my friends, doing dances, and going to fun events because these were times that make me happy when I think about them, and these are memories I can remember for a long time.



Fifth Grade Memories *Continued from page 10*

Gabrielle Phillips: When I first started kindergarten because it was my first year here, and I got Ms. Yi and all the others who helped me to be a good person and friend to many different people. I met my best friend, Jalyn and learned the A, B, C's and made it to 5th grade. "P.S.213 in our hearts you'll stay, you have taught us well and sent us on our way."

Robyn Bae: Meeting the teachers I know now because I will be able to remember them and never forget them.



Sarah Suh: When it was Field Day and I won for my team. Also, we ate ice cream because I won the game for them and it was two to one. I was so happy and surprised to help my team win.

Libby Kim: When Sarah T. and I made a lot of creative things such as origami because we had a lot of fun times together and making origami was fun as we learned how to make new things from each other.

Emily Song: When I met my new teacher and when the first day of school started because in 5th grade we have a lot of fun things to do like graduation, trips, and projects. Also, it is the last school year in elementary so that means next year I am going to middle school.



Katherine Lin: When I became a 5th grader because we get to do a lot of special things such as being a lunch monitor.

Lauren: When I was in Mrs. Rosen's 2nd grade class because it was my first time going to P.S.213. She was my first teacher and it was my first class I learned in.

Jalyn: When I found out I won for secretary over the loud speaker because it was my first time running for an S.O. position and I was so excited to try, let alone win. It made me realize that trying new things is not as bad as you or other people make it out to be.



Isabelle Jung: When I went to my sister's graduation because I got to see my sister move up.

Erica Kim: When I went to the zoo in kindergarten because it is how Emily and I became best friends.

Field Trip!



Amoni Byrd: Going to trips and going to fun events because I love to have fun.

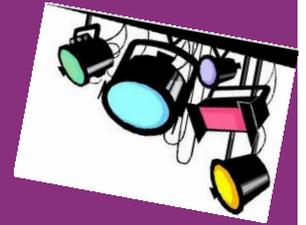


Congratulations to all the graduates! We wish you success in middle school and lots of happy new memories!!





Spotlight On Staff



By Myra Masood

Mrs. Baron is a wonderful third grade teacher on the second floor. She works with Ms. Lieberman and Ms. Angela. Mrs. Baron has actually been teaching at P.S. 213 for 19 years. Before teaching third grade, she taught technology class. Her favorite subjects to teach are math and social studies. Although now she is enjoying working together with another teacher and with a paraprofessional in the classroom, last year she had her own third grade

class. Mrs. Baron taught at another school, P.S. 27, for a short period of time. There, she taught fifth grade.

In her leisure time, Mrs. Baron likes to go bike riding, go to the beach and spend time with her family. She has a husband, two pretty girls and a little cute dog named Benjy. Mrs. Baron's ideal vacation would be doing something outdoors and adventurous like skiing and swimming in the waters of beaches.

Here are a few of Mrs. Baron's favorite things:

Movie- When Harry Met Sallie

Color- Purple

Food- Sushi

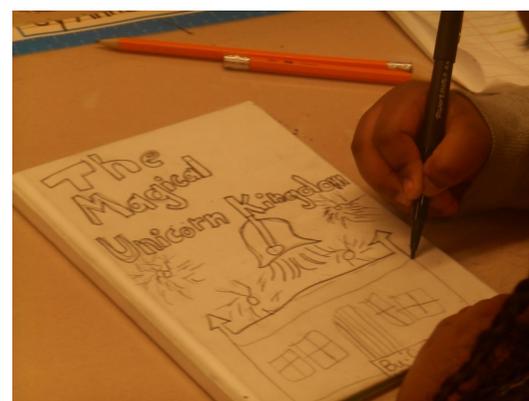
Country- America

TV show- Big Bang Theory

Check Out Class 3-211's Creative Stories...

BY: ZARA TARAFDAR

Recently class 3-211 wrote and illustrated original stories in their own blank books! They got to pick any genre to write a story about. Some did realistic fiction or other kinds of fiction books while others did non-fiction, biography, and autobiography. Mrs. Lieberman said, "They wrote books about any topic." These books are an end-of-year project for the third graders. These books also display the creativity of the students. It is a very fun project to do towards the end of the school year. Below you can see the authors busy at work and with their finished stories..





How the PTA Helps Our School

By MIA HUNG AND JENNY HO

All year long, the PTA is busy at work behind the scenes at P.S. 213. You may not know all the activities and events you get to enjoy at our school because of the work of our PTA. The PTA has done so much for the school and we wanted to know how they do this, so we asked the PTA's president, Mrs. Grodsky, some questions.

Why is there a PTA?

The PTA supports the school and helps bring wonderful programs, events, and experiences to the students.

What does the PTA do for the school?

The PTA raises money to help pay for things and events. The PTA puts on the Halloween party, holiday boutiques, and the Carnival. The PTA also pays for

enrichment clusters, clubs, the Brain Show, and the staff luncheon. The PTA also pays for the art program.

What does the president of the PTA do?

The PTA president leads the PTA and works closely with the school Principal and Assistant Principal. The PTA president also works closely with Mrs. Revello.

What goes into planning a big event, like Carnival?

Carnival planning is a year long endeavor. Lots of planning, i-phone calls, shopping, and hard work is needed to make it fabulous and fun.

Let's thank the PTA for all they do for the school community and the hard work they have put into the big events for us to enjoy!

Here are some of the moms you will often see in our building. They are here working hard behind the scenes at P.S. 213.



**Mrs. Grodsky,
President**



**Mrs. Nesa, Corre-
sponding Secretary**



Mrs. Tsoi, Treasurer



**Mrs. Chung,
Vice President**



Mystery Teacher

By **BOWEY QU**

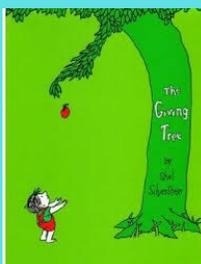
Have you been able to guess any of the mystery teachers this year? I bet when you read these facts about this issue's mystery teacher you can probably guess who it is. Now, start reading the facts then! (Oh, by the way, the background on this page is her favorite color. . . But you'll have to go to the P.S. 213 website to see this issue in color to find out what it is!)

Favorite animal



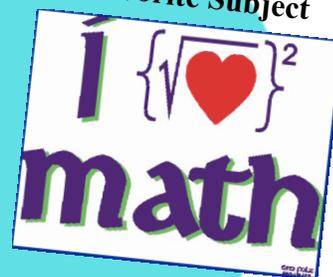
Sun Cune Parakeet

Favorite Book



The Giving Tree

Favorite Subject



Math

Favorite Hobby



Tennis

Favorite Holiday



Christmas

Favorite Actress



Molly Ringwald

Favorite Actor



Mark Ruffalo

Favorite TV show



Favorite Food



Greek Omelette

Favorite Song



If you haven't guessed who the Mystery Teacher is, here are two more facts that might help. All together, she's been working at P.S. 213 for six years, but not consecutive years. Last clue? She works with a partner this year. You still don't know who the Mystery Teacher is? Look on page 27 to find out.

Fourth Grade Simulates the Immigrant Experience

The European immigrants who crossed the Atlantic Ocean on ships in the late 1800s and early 1900s had to pass an inspection at Ellis Island before they could start a new life in the United States. The fourth grade had an Ellis Island Simulation where they had the opportunity to be an immigrant and a station worker. Immigrants had to go through each station to see if they were mentally and physically fit to enter Ellis Island. If they passed each station, they took a picture with the Statue of Liberty. Some students were deported because of various diseases or inappropriate items they brought from their home country.

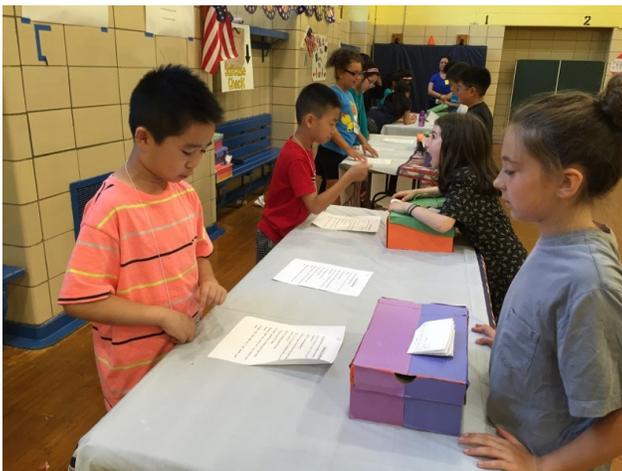
It was a great and fun experience for the students, parents, and teachers.



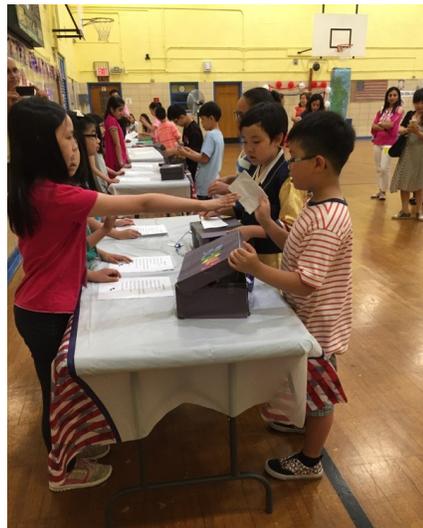
Immigrants line up outside the gym waiting to pass through security and enter Ellis Island



Ms. Menchin and Ms. Kim pose at The Statue of Liberty



Immigrants answer questions about their medical history.



Station workers check passports



By ZARA TARAFDAR



This article is all about debating!!!!

Students have different opinions on wearing school uniforms to school. We have four debaters in this article. Now you can see which one of your friends thinks school uniforms are necessary or unnecessary.

Pros



Heewon Moon 3-211

“Yes, because I don't want people to know me by how I dress.”



Adrian Feliz 3-211

“I think it's cool to wear uniforms to school.”

Cons



Angelo Gonzalez 5-306

“Kids should be unique in a way because that's their way to show they are one of a kind.”



Ahmad Kbeir 5-306

“I think kids should be free to make their own choices, like what we wear.”

Question: Should students be required to wear school uniforms?

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An Interview with the Author of *Flowers and Bubbles*

By Joyce Wong

Allison Siegel, M.S.W. is a social worker in a New York elementary School. She graduated from Columbia University and has worked with children in school and summer camp. She likes adventure and trying new things.

What was your inspiration for your book?

It is hard for young children to practice taking deep breaths to relax their bodies. When you ask children to take a deep breath, they either take short and fast breaths or hold their breath in without letting go. I thought a book would help them see what it looks like to take a deep breath.

What encouraged you to start writing?

It has always been a dream of mine to write a children's book. I couldn't find a book that I liked that helped children deal with their anger and frustration so I knew this was the perfect time to write my own.

How long have you been writing books?

Flowers and Bubbles is my first book.

How many books have you written?

One, but shhhhh, another is on the way! I have more ideas for future stories as well.

How did you come up with the names of the characters?

All of the character names were inspired by family members. Steven is my brother. Mrs. Crosscheck was named after a funny comment that my mom said and it just stuck!

What keeps you motivated?

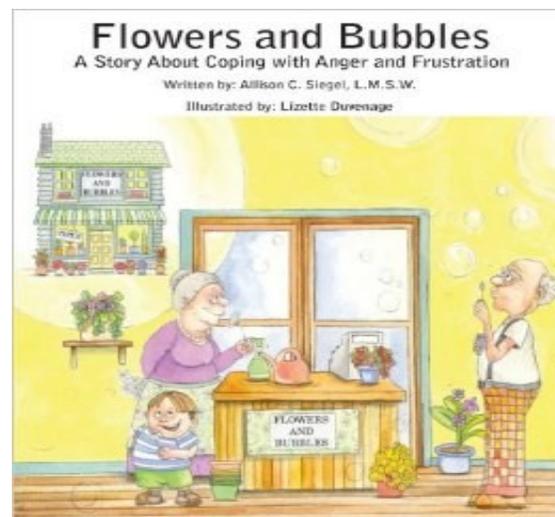
I want to be able to share my ideas with more children and families. I also love setting goals for myself. The feeling of success is my motiva-

tion. It helps to remember that dreams really can come true, especially when you put hard work and time into something you really want to do!

We can learn a lot from Allison. She works hard as a social worker helping children like us and she found the time to make her dream come true by writing a book!



Author Allison Siegel



Young Heroes

Stories about young people who make a difference

The Heroes Next Door

By JAYDA GILYARD

Heroes are everywhere. They might be even your neighbors! Like many kid heroes, siblings Lorelei Brewer and Cavan McIntyre-Brewer have made a difference in their community by helping those in need.

Lorelei Brewer was born with half a heart and had to fight for her life when she was born. She had to go through many open-heart surgeries just to stay alive. While she stayed in hospitals, she was given a heart-shaped pillow that her grandfather had used when he was sick. When the pillow is hugged, it helps to relieve the pain while healing after surgery.

However, the pillow Lorelei had wasn't made for a three-year-old kid; it was made for adults. After years of surgeries and medical procedures, Lorelei survived. When Lorelei turned five, she decided to start a sewing hobby. She first started with a simple pillow, but then she decided to make the heart-shaped pillow like the one she used in the hospital. In a week, she was able to put together the pillow and sent it to her hospital.

After a while, she was able to send her pillows to other hospitals for children with heart problems. Her work has captured the eyes of many groups and many people who want to volunteer in her work. In fact, Lorelei has so many volunteers that she has enough pillows to send across the whole world! So now, every kid who has the same problem as Lorelei can have a pillow that's the right size.

Socks for Vets is a charity that helps the soldiers who served our country. At the age of eight, the founder, Cavan-McIntyre Brewer, Lorelei's brother, went to nursing homes and gave retired soldiers food and clothing. At 12 years old, he continues to help homeless soldiers.

Socks for Vets has also participated in many events and has used trained goats to carry wounded soldiers' supplies on hiking or camping trips.

Cavan's work has

won him many awards and he's been recognized by the First Lady, Michelle Obama. He says while he is honored by that he is more honored that he has helped 1,500 soldiers who have risked their lives and are in need.

Lorelei and Cavan have helped many people in their community and beyond. These kids are an inspiration to many, many people. They are compassionate, and they used their own time to help needy children and adults. Maybe these kids inspired you to be a helpful part of your community.

Below Cavan and Lorelei work to get the heart-shaped pillows to hospitals.



earth! SMARTS ♻️

BY: ZARA
TARAFDAR

This year, Earth Day was on Wednesday, April 22, but Earth Day should be every day because we should always be looking for ways to take care of the earth. Use the list below to give you some ideas on ways you can help save the earth.

Let's save the earth

- use re-usable water bottles.
- save water when brushing your teeth.
- instead of taking a bath you can take a shower. The approximate time you should use is 10 minutes.
- bring re-usable bags to the grocery store.
- you can do the three R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle) to preserve materials.

Fun Facts About Animals

By Ryan Hsu

Have you ever seen a dog walking on two legs, or a monkey eating with its feet? There are lots of funny things about animals that make us laugh or make us amazed. Here are a few funny or interesting facts about animals.



If you shave a guinea pig, it looks just like a baby hippo.



Snow Leopards use their tail as a portable blanket to keep them warm.



Butterflies taste with their feet.



A Red Panda is about the size of a house cat, but its tail adds up to 19 inches to its length.



Ants are very polite. They bow to each other to say hello.



Bats eat unwanted bugs, saving the U.S. farming industry about \$3 billion dollars a day.



Young goats pick up accents from each other. All bleats are not the same!

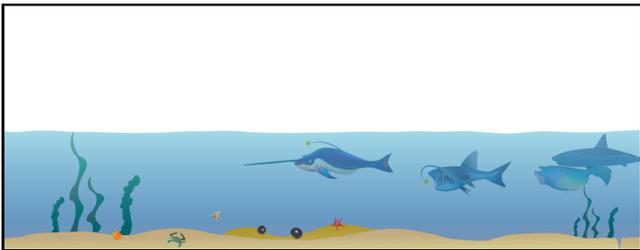


This funny monkey knows how to use a vending machine. You can see him on YouTube.

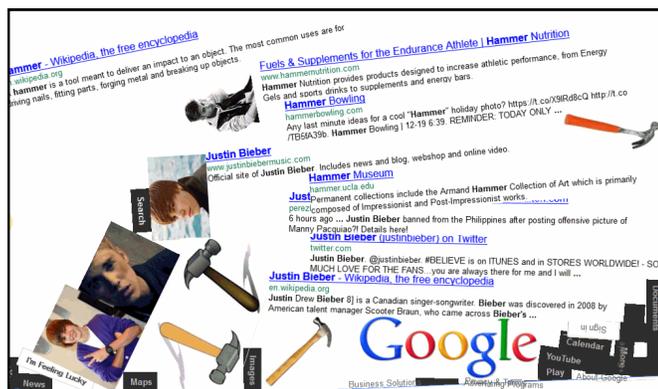
Elgoog Works

By EILEEN ZHU

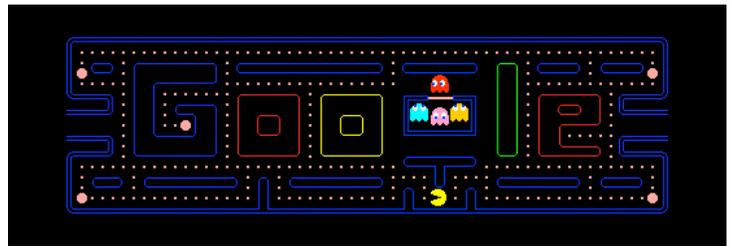
Have you ever heard of Google? Of course you have. Almost everyone knows about Google. You might even know about the different types of Google, like Google Images and Google Maps. But there's another side of Google. A fan of Google made a cool little website named elgoog.com. (elgoog is Google spelled backwards). It's also known as Google Mirror because it's like a reverse version of Google. Google Mirror has cool features and "tricks" that look a lot like Google. Here are a few examples of what you can do on the website.



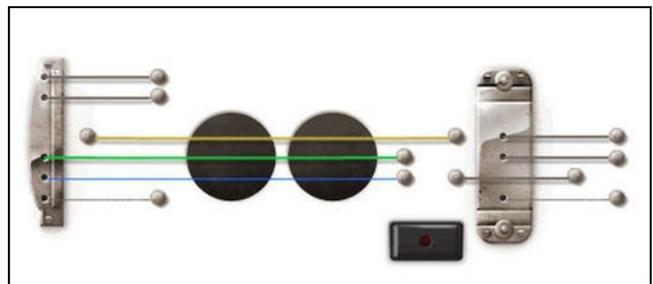
Google Underwater is a bit similar to Google Gravity. On the screen, the word Google, the search box and the buttons that say I'm Feeling Lucky drop into the water below. When you search something, images of that also drop into the water. You can make waves in the water and there are fish moving around in the water.



Google Gravity is quite fun. Everything on the screen "drops" to the "floor," or the bottom of the screen and when you search something, links from the web also drop down to the bottom. You can move things by dragging them with your mouse.



Google Pacman is another feature of elgoog. It is basically a Pacman game with the word "Google" in the maze. You use the arrow keys on your key board to move the character around. There is an insert coin button at the bottom of the game. If you press that button twice when you start the game, you get a second character, a Pacman LADY character.



Google Guitar is a musical part of elgoog. The word "Google" is roughly carved into the shape of a guitar. You can play the guitar by typing letters on the key board or strumming the guitar with your mouse. Under the guitar there are tunes you can play on guitar with the keys. You can also record songs by pressing a little button under the guitar.

Healthy Eating for Kids

By **JENNY HO** and **MIA HUNG**

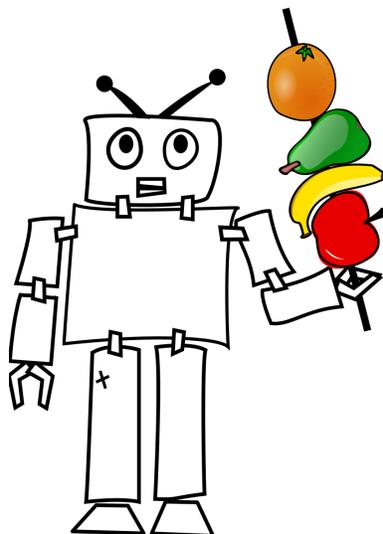
Its summer! And what do we like to do in summer? Eat, of course! But most kids don't always eat foods that are healthy. From cool ice cream to ice cold sodas, all of these include a lot of sugar, which is unhealthy for kids to consume. Well, we have a solution!

We interviewed Cori Cohen, the daughter of our school secretary, Ms. Cohen. Cori Cohen is a registered dietitian and a health and well-being coach/leading nutritionist at Lifetime Athletic. She shared some important information and some ideas that will tell you how to enjoy summer eating but without all the sugar and unhealthy ingredients.

Q: What are some effects of eating too much sugar?

A: Eating too much sugar can cause spikes and dips in energy. You may feel really awake and alert right after eating a high sugar treat but it is hard for your body to process causing you to feel sleepy and mentally foggy a bit later. Excess sugar is turned to body fat by the body, which is why it often leads to weight gain. Over time, eating too much sugar can cause the hormone insulin to stop working the way it is meant, which can lead to Type II Diabetes.

Q: News reports say many American children are overweight or diabetic. How does our



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diet affect our health?

A: What you eat directly impacts your health and well-being. Scientific studies have shown time and again that choosing healthy foods can reduce the risk of heart disease, cancer, and other diseases.

Q: What are some healthy and delicious foods kids can enjoy in summer?

A: Fruit is extra sweet and tasty in summer months. Try making a fruit kebab with strawberries, pineapples, grapes, and watermelon for a refreshing treat that packs a lot of different vitamins.

Q: Any advice you would like to share with kids from ages 8-11?

A: Now is the best time to start forming healthy eating habits! Avoid fad diets that aren't realistic to follow over the long term. Eating healthy and being active is a lifestyle choice.

Thank you, Cori, for your great advice to help kids stay healthy!

Roving Reporter



By **LUCY KWAN**

In this issue of Roving Reporter, the reporter asked students and staff members: “If you could meet anyone in the world this summer, who would you want to meet?” Here are their answers. Who would you like to meet?



Eileen Zhu, 5-306

Rick Riordan because I enjoy reading his books and he’s my favorite author.



Ms. Cohen, Secretary

Derek Jeter because he is a retired Yankee and he broke many records. He was captain of the team, a great leader, and very good– looking.



Dekoda Reyes, 5-306

Hope Solo, goalkeeper for the US women’s national soccer team because I’m a goalie too, and maybe she could give me some pointers.

Vivian Lee, 4-204

Lemony Snicket because I like his books and I have some questions for him.



Mr. Stone, Clerical Worker (and studying to be a teacher.)

Barack Obama because he is a very intelligent human being.

I SCREAM YOU SCREAM WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM



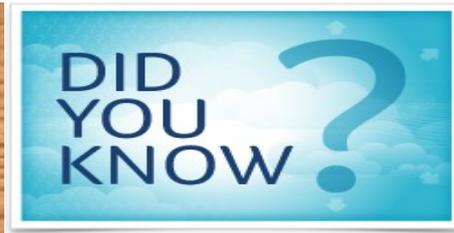
By **MYRA MASOOD** and **SARAH TSAI**

The staff of the newspaper club tested four flavors of Baskin-Robbins ice cream. They sampled Cookies and Cream, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Baseball Nut (vanilla ice cream and cashews with a raspberry swirl), and Pistachio Almond. They had a good time tasting all the types. All the flavors were pretty good. Our taste testers tasted and rated the ice cream on a scale of 1 to 4, 1 being the worst and 4 being the best. Here are the results.

Cookies and Cream	3.5	Delicious!! Everyone loved it.
Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough	3	It was good but not the best.
Baseball Nut	3.5	Yum! Could have gotten a 4 but the nuts took away from the taste.
Pistachio Almond	2.5	No one liked the almonds.

Well this is it, folks. The amazing taste test. Here is the good news. All of the ice creams were recommended! But..... Here is the bad news. This is the end of the series. Well then, bye folks! See you at the ice cream shop!





By **VIVIENNE LIN**

Did you know that ... there is a smile-activated refrigerator ? Users have to flash a smile before they can open it. It was developed by researchers in Tokyo.



Did you know that ... the Mimic octopus can not only change color, but can mimic the shapes of different sea creatures, too?



Did you know that... the song “Jingle Bells” was originally written for Thanksgiving rather than Christmas?



Did you know that... none of the Beatles could read musical notes?

Did you know that... people of Churchill, Canada leave their cars unlocked to offer an escape for pedestrians who might encounter polar bears?



Did you know that ... Rats breed so quickly that in just 18 months, two rats could have created over 1 million relatives?

Did you know that... honey is the only natural food which never expires?



FACT:
you can eat 3000 year
old honey

Summer Sweets!!

By LUCY KWAN

This is a recipe for an easy, yummy summer snack!

Delish microwave granola bars.

Ingredients:

- Peanut Butter , chocolate spread, or caramel spread, depending on allergies.
- 1 cup granola
- Chocolate/Vanilla chunks (as much as you want)
- Honey
- Your favorite toppings

Instructions:

- 1) Use the back of the spoon to spread enough peanut butter/ chocolate spread/ caramel to cover the base of a small microwavable bowl.
- 2) Spread the granola on the spread
- 3) Spread honey on top of the granola
- 4) Add chocolate/vanilla chunks on the honey
- 5) Add your toppings
- 6) Microwave for 1-1/2 minutes
- 7) Let cool for 10 minutes
- 8) Move the bowl to the refrigerator
- 9) After about 30 minutes, the granola bar should be hard.
- 10) Cut from the bowl and enjoy!



***This issue's
Mystery Teacher
is Ms. Demetriou.***

P.S. 213 Newspaper Club



Far back l to r: Ms. Cohen, Amoni Byrd, Bowey Qu, Ian Choi. Middle row l to r: Zoe Lin, Ryan Hsu, Libby Kim, Zara Tarafdar, Myra Masood. Front row l to r: Mia Hung, Joyce Wong, Jenny Ho, Vivienne Lin, Eileen Zhu, Sarah Tsai, Mrs. Toy. Not pictured: Lucy Kwan, Jayda Gilyard

Thank you to Mrs. Driscoll, the PTA, our Parent Coordinator, Beth Revelló and our Technology teacher, Mrs. Louizou. Thank you all for helping and supporting the P.S. 213 Newspaper Club!

Dear Readers,



We hope you enjoyed this issue of **THE DRAGON LEDGER**, our newspaper written by students and for students. We wish everyone a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer! We're going on vacation. See you in September!

