

# THE MIRROR

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### *Time for Elections*

By Theresa Cordovano

The time had come! Many students ran for the four leader positions in the student council: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Mrs. Hicks and Ms. Pines are conducting the student council this year.

The president has the biggest job. He or she has to make meetings with Dr. Wiesenthal to talk about the situations the council discusses. The vice president helps make the arrangements with the principal and backs up the president if ever he or she is absent.

The secretary makes letters to places (Shop Rite, Stop and Shop, etc.) to see if they can help out in any way, and he or she writes down whatever notes are needed from the meetings. The treasurer is someone that has to be good at math. He or she has to sort out money to help the PTA. The treasurer can also set up fundraisers and other activities to earn money for the

school. All of these leadership positions are very important to this school and should be run with care.

There were many people running in this election. Here was the list of the candidates:

President: Julie Apuzzo, Elaina Dionisio, Sean Harrington and Justin Hilborne



Ethan Connor, Richard Harrison, Adrienne Watts, and Antonio Stephens

Vice President: Alea Carlson, Johanna Cohen, Gianni Ingenio, Cody Savago, Antonio Stephens, Dominick Splyios, Jade Vaccaro and Adrienne Watts

Treasurer: Theresa Cordovano, Richard Harrison, Madison Shirripa and Brian Villiers

Secretary: Ethan Connor, Nicky Cozzolino, Katelyn Morabito, Trishe Saylor and Devin Zapka

\*The winners were: Sean Harrington for president, a tie with Antonio Stephens and Adrienne Watts for vice president, Richard Harrison for treasurer and Ethan Connor for secretary.\* Congratulations!



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## ***Back to Frost Valley***

By Matthew Landolfa

Every year the sixth graders go into the mountains for Frost Valley, but the seventh graders get a chance to go as well. This year on October 6<sup>th</sup> the seventh graders were up early and out for Frost Valley.

At 7am the students arrived, bringing their homemade Native American foods and hopes for a great day. When they arrived at Frost Valley, they were arranged into their groups which were named after some Native American tribes like Algonquin, Aztec, and Iroquois.

Then the groups went out to their activities which included reenacting Native American stories, doing archery, making Native American art, sampling Native American food, seeing real Native American items, playing lacrosse, and even sampling herbs that Native Americans used. This station was entirely hosted by Mrs. O'Brien, who was completely dressed like a Native American.

Carly Jobson of the *Mirror* says, "The trip was awesome; the lacrosse was fun and the food was delicious." Blake Edwards, also from the *Mirror* says that the trip was pretty okay.

After all the students had rotated through the stations, they met back at the buses to eat lunch. Later the students got on the buses for the long ride home.



## ***Taino at NPMS***

By Taylor Read

Did you ever hear the music of the Caribbean? Taino, a husband and wife band, played Caribbean music for the school on October 17<sup>th</sup>. They played some authentic Caribbean music, and some popular Caribbean music. Taino was brought to you by the Foreign Language Department and the Middle School's own PTA. "It was fun, and I liked the music!"

one 7<sup>th</sup> grader remarked about the performance. An 8<sup>th</sup> grader said it was, "Funny, strange, and seeing my math teacher do the Samba was weird." Another 7<sup>th</sup> grader says, "The Caribbean music was somewhat en-

## **Foreign Language for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

By Abby King

For the first time ever sixth graders in the New Paltz Middle school get to have a taste of both French and Spanish. This is to help them make the big decision in 7<sup>th</sup> grade if they would like to take Spanish or French for the next few grades.

Spanish is taught by Senora Belgrave who has been a teacher at the New Paltz Middle School for over twenty years. She is thrilled to get to know 6<sup>th</sup> graders, better than yelling at them in the hallways. When asked if she thought the little bit of Spanish and French would help she replied, "Yes I think it will help a lot to have the opportunity for sixth graders to choose with knowledge between the two languages." She would like to make a shout out to all sixth graders currently taking Spanish, "Keep up the good work and try to remember as much Spanish as possible."

As for French, it is taught by Ms. O'Mally, also known as Madame O. She has just come to the middle school and is happy to be teaching French to sixth graders. When Megan [a student] was asked how she feels about French. Megan said, "I enjoy the French language very much and I hope to visit France." French songs can often be heard coming from her class.

Spanish and French are both great languages and students will have a tough time choosing between the two.

## **Blood Drive**

By Sara Treumann

Tuesday, November 7, 2006 was Election Day as well as the annual New Paltz Middle School Blood Drive. Although phlebotomists drew the blood and filed it, a majority of work was done by the school's eight grade volunteer staff.

In their health classes, students signed up for shifts of two hours that they could work after school. Later, the health teacher, Ms. Gruver, assigned each student a job to do and a shift to work. The two hours they were to work were added to their community service hours they had to complete. Because of the students' enthusiasm, there were more students than jobs. So Ms. Gruver, and Ms. Dubois (the nurse), were

forced to reduce the shifts to an hour and a half each, but the students still received their two hours as credit to signing up.

There were five shifts in all. The Blood Drive started at 2:30 and the shifts changed every hour and a half. The jobs were: snack table, welcome table, register, escort, and foreman. The people at the snack table gave the donators food and drink after they gave blood. The escorts showed donators to the snack table after the process was complete. Welcome table and register workers pointed the ways to voting, the Blood Drive and they also registered the donors. The Foreman's job was to make sure everything was running smoothly and to report to Ms. Gruver.

Although the drive was three hours shorter than usual, the middle school collected 150 pints of blood and had 172 donors. This is only 2 pints short of the record of 152 pints. Some people were turned away for various reasons such as the line was so long of people wanting to give blood, and late arrivals had to be turned away so that the eighth graders could get home!

## Slabsides



By Amanda Rose

In the month of October sixth graders had the chance to visit the home of John Burroughs, "Slabsides". Slabsides is about a half an hour away from here in West Park. It is named Slabsides because the outer walls are made with slabs of lumber (wood).

When the 6<sup>th</sup> graders first get there, they get an introduction on Slabsides and what the rules are. Then they walk on a trail to Burroughs' cabin. There they put down their backpacks and split into two groups. The first group then enters the cabin.

In the cabin the guide tells students a little about Burroughs. His life is more interesting than you

think, because he met Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Theodore Roosevelt and more. Burroughs even had 110 girls from Vassar collage visit him in his cabin (they came for their Wake Robin Club).



While one group is in the cabin the other group is on a nature hike. On the nature hike, students go down a path for about two minutes. Then they sit and use their five senses (minus taste). For five minutes they observe nature and write what they see, hear, feel, and smell. After those five minutes, they walk back up the trail and down a new one. At the end of this trail, they see a pond where his celery farm once was.

After the trail and cabin, both groups meet up. Then the whole class goes down a trail for about ten to fifteen minutes. When the trail is ended, everyone has lunch. After lunch the class goes into a house to look at John Burroughs' pictures and documents. While in the house, they have to fill out a sheet. Once they're done in the house, they go outside and pick something in nature. After they pick something, they observe it and write about it.

Once they're done there, they then walk about ten minutes back to the bus. Once they get on the bus the trip is over. The students next year will be sure to have some fun on the trip.

## **Lost and Found** **LOST/STOLEN**

1 CD case with 3 Green Day cds, a Fall Out boy cd, and more.

If returned, there is a reward!

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The CD case is navy, silver, and grey. The cover says the brand of the case.

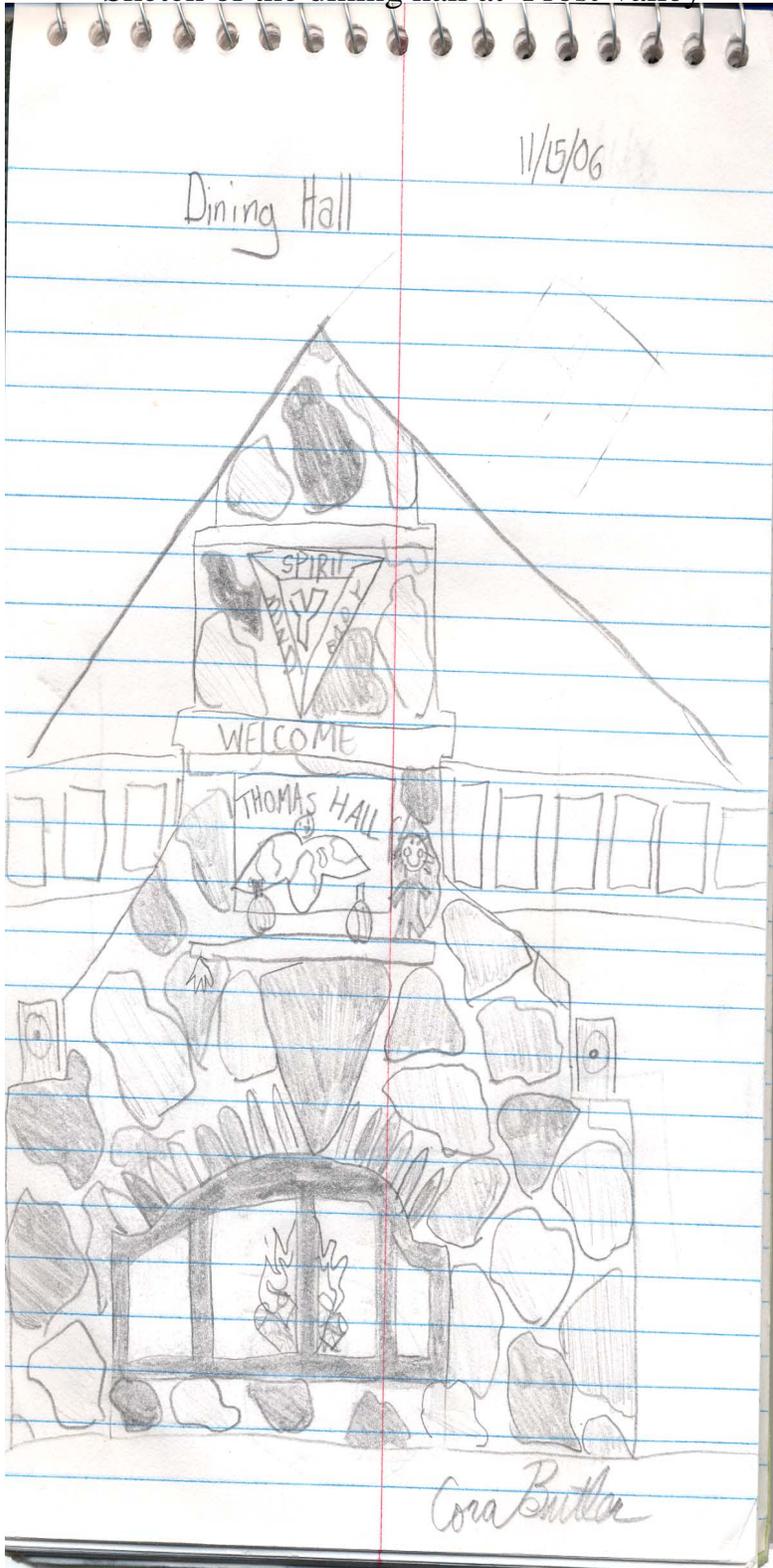
If not found by the holiday break the owner will contact the Principal.

Return to homeroom 37



# Student Thoughts

Sketch of the dining hall at Frost Valley



# Global Warming— Affecting Us All

By Taylor Read

When you get gas in your car, it usually costs about, \$30.00-\$45.00. That amount of gas stays in your car, burns, creates fumes, and travels high up into the air. Where does it go? The fumes go into the air, and make heat. Ahh, nice, warm heat, you might say. Wrong. It isn't nice to the Artic animals.

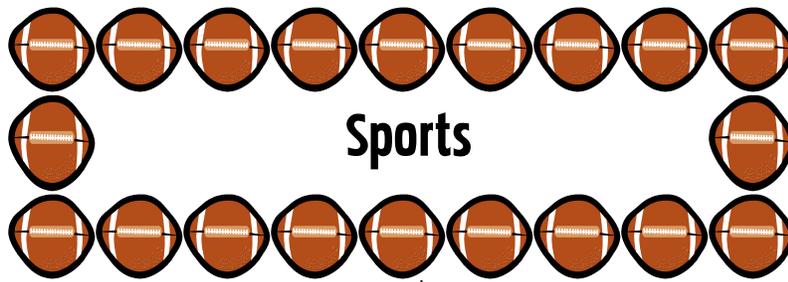
Animals like polar bears and seals live in a naturally cold habitat, but it might be hard for them to live in a place like Florida. Also, cold places like Alaska's ice burgs and ice sculptures are melting down. If you want to see the ice actually in Alaska, I suggest you go now, before there is no trace of ice left. Most skeptics say "Oh, it won't happen, why bother?" I say, "Take action! Do something!"



Want to actually do something that my help stop Global Warming? Turn off the T.V., change your light bulbs (yes, light bulbs) and use more environmentally-friendly ones. Maybe even edge on your parents (or yourself) to buy a fuel friendly hybrid car. It will save you money and help keep your money in your pocket.



By Gianni Ingenio



## **Cross Country**

**By Ben Morrison**

A lot of athletes find themselves gasping for air and loathing one aspect of their sport, running. Some people say “how can running be fun?” Well, that is what cross country proves. In the New Paltz Middle School, there is a cross country running team led by Coach Vance.

Once you join cross country, you have just made a commitment to the team. Team members are expected to show up every day for practice and if you don't go to a certain amount before the first meet, you may not participate in the first meet. Other than attendance, there are many other parts of cross country. Members run different amounts of miles every day and sometimes are treated to apples after running in the orchards behind the water tower. On Fridays, usually the team goes to the park or the football field for a practice worth of capture the flag after a long week of running.

The members of the team this year included: seventh graders-Joe Torquato, Jimmy Middaugh, Bruno Cohen, Dayna Carubia, Sarah Duklar, Allison Ricci, Leah Bernstein, Naomi Bouchard, Chalton Tsai, Jeff Rizza, Dan Campagola, Elaina McLean, Johanna Cohen, Leah Sturgis, Emily Takas, Anthony Tortorici, Paul Lamarche, Lyle Heidrich, Desiree Otis, Sarah Marguglio, and Melissa Phelan.

The eighth grade members were James Ferraro, Kerry Shaw, Nick hart, Gabby Mancuso, Brian Busby, Ben Morrison, Hunter Bartlett, Kym Clark, Mike Phillips, Chris Broman, Tyler Renus, Asher Sells and Brian Magestic.

Through the great coaching of Coach Vance, everyone on the team got into better running shape. The team won their last invitational meet at Mills Mansion and went undefeated through the season. Cross Country was an amazing experience for me and other kids on the team and continues to be a great, fun sport.

## **Bump Set and Spike.**

By Nyah Bonilla



As of October 25, 2006 against Marlboro the volleyball season was over. The team members in their “stylish” maroon and white were the following: Martiana Scott, Kimberly Haughton, Jessica Perez, Jessica Smedely

McClay, Charlene Benson, McKenzie Nemi, Helen Curran, Marlena Romero, Rachel Barriel, Charlise Brutus, Alicia Gomez, Brianna Currier, Justine Mullens, Molly Croce, Laura Wild, Anna Sturgis, Coach Pearl Lee and Nyah Bonilla. Rebecca Ronk and Victoria Freeborn were the referees.

It was a tough season and the team only won a few games , but they all got better at it. All of the people survived through cuts. They worked hard through the season and everyone should be proud of them. The team will miss the 8<sup>th</sup> graders next year.

## **New Paltz Under 12 Girls Travel Soccer Team Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

By Cora Butler

Who will win? Warwick and New Paltz are tied for first place in the league. Eastern Pike, Pennsylvania, was in the brutal race for first until the New Paltz girls gave them a beating with a score of 3-0. It was an aggressive game, but New Paltz won when Cora Butler scored a goal in the first half and another in the second half. Jessica Staub scored the final goal. The field in East Pike is beautiful; it was a varsity size field on turf. Anyone would be lucky to play on a field of that quality.

The New Paltz Girl's team comes from a rocky beginning. The team first started out as a coed team. They played 4v4 (four people against four people on a small field.), but that wasn't enough. Being young girls they wanted an all-girls team. Cora Butler, Honour Butler, Katie Capulli, Jenna Moranski, Elizabeth Dressel, Madison Carrol, and Michaela Leitch

formed their own team under the coaching of Kurt Luken. Basically, the team was the weakest force in the league with a couple of straight seasons of losing. Scott Butler took over the team to coach. New Paltz's team grew when Megan Broman moved from Connecticut, Jessica Staub came from the Boy's Travel Team, and Danielle Watts, Taylor Martinez, Abby King, and Kiley Murphy came from the Town League. The dynamic team started to win a few games. Taking gradual steps, they improved to get to where they are today. Last Spring the team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, a major improvement. Jessica Earl, Jamie Ferrante, Michela LaBarr, and Julia Robinson joined this year. Julia Robinson will begin playing actual games in the spring of 2007, but for now she is learning to love the game. It's amazing to see how the team evolved.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the fate of this team will be decided. Will they finally be on top? Knowing them they will try their best to improve New Paltz's reputation for soccer. "I hope we will finally defeat our rival, and become number one!" Jessica Staub says enthusiastically. Good Luck New Paltz U12 Travel Girls Soccer Team, we hope you win the league.

## New Paltz Football Final Results



By

Nick Zapotoski

Scores:

### September 28th

New Paltz: 32 Rondout: 6

### October 19th

New Paltz: 8 Wallkill: 12

### October 26th

New Paltz: 27 Saugerties: 0

The last 9 years Saugerties has beaten New Paltz.

But this year was different.

New Paltz shut them out with a powerful defense and a strong offense.

### November 9th

New Paltz: 35 Spackenkill:6

## A Call in the Night

By Megan Broman and Cora Butler

The air was bitter and the sky was dark, a strange mist crept over the valley and all the hairs on me stood up. I was all alone in my house, and I had a strange feeling something was directly behind me. My parents were out at a dinner party (their friends from their generation have weird parties). I kept biting my nails until they were stubs. I quickly ran to the family room and turned on the TV. Maybe it would take my mind off my worries.

To my misfortune, it was all horror movies. *Dracula*, *Frankenstein*, *The Sixth Sense*, *Killer at Midnight*, and *Haunting in Connecticut* appeared on all my favorite channels. Being that I am a chicken, I decided to just stick to *Teletubbies*. As I was watching the colors on the screen dance, I heard a big boom and the screen went pitch black.

I fumbled around for a flashlight but found nothing. Running my fingers over the mantle, I found a candle. Searching the junk drawer in the kitchen I found a lighter. After lighting the candle, I heard something ringing a happy tune. Oh my gosh! I needed to get my cell phone from the table. A cold chill ran up my spine. I turned to look to see if someone was there. The wind blew. I was alone in a sea of darkness; my only candle went out on a cloudless, starless, full moon night. The moon grinned at me. Quickly I dialed my parents, but I got nothing from the other end.

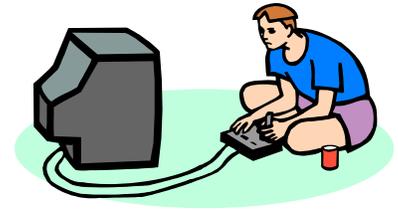
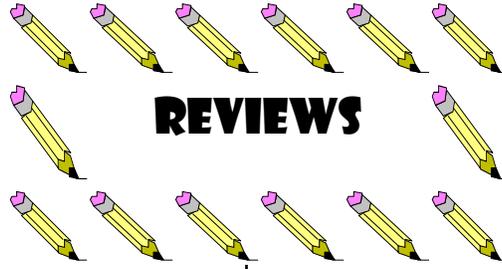
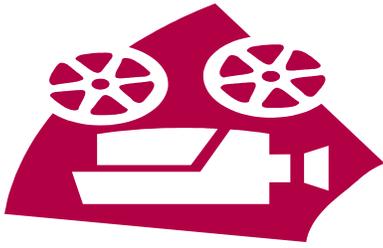
"Ding Dong Ding" the old grandfather clock sang as it struck nine. I slithered out of the kitchen like a serpent. Running up the stairs, I saw the glint of eyes and a shadow leap across the room. My heart raced with every beat, and fear struck more and more. Something clawed my leg. I screamed at the sight of blood. Down I fell, down the passage of steps, screaming as my life flashed by me. Disgustedly I hear "Having fun, Maggie?" The voice cackles and fades along with the footsteps....

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Movie Review

## The Guardian

By Mia Wilson

*The Guardian* starts out with a legendary rescue swimmer Ben Randall (Kevin Costner) losing his crew during a rescue mission. After this tragic loss, he is sent to “A” School to train the future Coast Guard rescue swimmers. Jake Fischer, played by Ashton Kutcher, enlists in the Coast Guard, and eventually succeeds in becoming what he had been training for: a rescue swimmer.

After graduating, Fischer, known as goldfish by his instructor, goes with Randall to save two kayakers, and succeeds on this mission. Later on, after Randall retires, Fischer goes with a crew to save people at sea on a rapidly sinking boat.

After getting trapped in the boat, Fischer hurries to the scene to save his former student. As they get pulled up on a cord to the helicopter above, the cord starts to fray. Randall, not wanting to cause the death of them both, does a very heroic act.

Fischer realizes the true meaning of sacrifice and courage, the traits that made Randall a legend.

Book series review

### The time has come for prophecies to unfold, and for heroes to rise. . .

By Sara Treumann

#### Book One: *Into the Wild*

Rusty, a young ‘kittypet’, yearns for adventure. When he's offered the chance to join the ThunderClan, one of the gangs of feral cats in the area, he doesn't hesitate. Renamed Firepaw, he becomes an apprentice and begins to train as a warrior. After rescuing Yellowfang, an ex-medicine cat for ShadowClan who has fled for her life, Firepaw and the other ThunderClan members find themselves in the middle of a turf war against the rival gang, led by the notorious Brokenstar. There's a traitor in their midst, though, and Firepaw must learn more than just hunting and fighting to survive.

#### Book Two: *Fire and Ice*

After having left his life as a kittypet, apprentice Firepaw

of the Thunderclan, has been given his warrior name of Fireheart and his first mission, to find the Wind-Clan and assist them back to their traditional hunting grounds. While he and his friend Graystripe are successful in their quest, Fireheart knows that trouble is brewing, and he isn't sure that the ThunderClan's deputy can be trusted. As events escalate, a warrior from RiverClan is accidentally killed, an apprentice is injured, and Fireheart brings into the Clan a kittypet kitten, his nephew, without thinking of the consequences. Finally, he must decide who to trust and who to fight. Readers not familiar with the first book may find this one hard to follow.

#### Book Three: *Forest of Secrets*

As this third book in this series begins, Fireheart, former house pet turned warrior cat, continues to be torn between his allegiance to his Thunderclan and his suspicions that Tigerclaw is planning to take over as its leader. When Fireheart gets proof of his deceit and presents his findings to the clan's wise and compassionate leader, she refuses to believe him. Tensions are already running high between the clans because the cats are getting sick from fish from the polluted rivers, flooding is widespread. They must invade each other's territory for food. The tragic death of Graystripe's mate as she's giving birth and his betrayal of the clan by loving a cat from an enemy clan bring the simmering tensions to a boil as both groups claim rights to the kits.

#### Book four: *Raising Storm*

The cat Fireheart and his fellow ThunderClan members are back in the fourth installment of the *Warriors* series. In this episode, Fireheart has been deputized to replace the ousted rogue cat Tigerclaw, but his new job is made harder by the lingering apathy of the clan's leader. Fireheart must overcome doubts about his ability, struggles with his apprentice, a deadly fire that threatens to finish off the clan, a potential new love, and an enemy that returns from his past.

#### Book five: *A Dangerous Path*

The saga continues in the fifth book in the *Warriors*

series as the cat Fireheart, now deputy leader of Thunderclan, finds himself taking on even more responsibility because clan-leader Bluestar is both physically and mentally ill. Add to that the dangerous machinations of treacherous Tigarstar, the head of Shadowclan, and a pack of renegade dogs. Bluestar becomes certain that all the members of her clan, including Fireheart, have betrayed her, the ancestral Starclan cats have abandoned her, and WindClan is hunting in ThunderClan's territory. After Bluestar declares war, it's up to Fireheart to find a way to avoid the battle.

### **Book six: *The Darkest Hour***

Bluestar is dead! Fireheart becomes the new ThunderClan leader, and with a new name Firestar. He must face the difficult tasks of being the new leader. Fireheart and Cinderpelt travel to Moonstone where Fireheart will receive his leader name, share dreams with StarClan and receive his 9 lives as a leader. While he is sharing dreams with their warrior ancestors, Bluestar tells Fireheart of a prophecy,

*"Four will become two.*

*Lion and tiger will meet in battle  
and blood will rule the forest."*

Tigerstar tries to get all clans to join into a single clan, TigerClan, and RiverClan has joined him. Tallstar the Windclan leader and Firestar the Thunderclan leader oppose TigerClan and refuse to join. In a crazed ambition, Tigerstar brings a new clan to the forest. BloodClan is a clan of rogue cats. After finally telling the forest Tigerstar's bloody past, Firestar asks the BloodClan leader to walk away. The leader, Scourge, instead turns and slays Tigerstar with one blow taking all of his nine lives and proclaiming the forest his. All cats are to leave, join him, or die. Now WindClan and ThunderClan 'join as a lion to fight' and 'Lion and Tiger' do meet but as one to fight the cruel BloodClan. Will blood indeed rule the forest? Or will the forest cats prevail?

Erin Hunter has created an intriguing world with an intricate structure and mythology, and an engaging young hero. The supporting cast of players is large and a little confusing, but there are standouts who give dimension to the tale. The difficult life of a feral cat is described in some detail, and a fair amount of mild violence is included. The ending always leaves room for more. Later, many years after the battle of Bloodclan, Bramblepaw, now Brambleclaw and Firestar's daughter, Squirrelpaw, are called away on a new Mission in *A New Prophecy Book 1: Midnight*.

### **Glossary:**

Kittypet~ House cat

Twoleg~ Human/person

Medicine cat~ The healer or doctor of each group/clan  
Apprentice~ A cat of 6 moons old that is learning the ways of a warrior

Warrior~ A full fledged fighter and hunter

Queen~ A cat with a litter soon due or under six moons.

Elder~ An old warrior now retired.

Leader~ The leader of a clan gets 9 lives and must make the clan decisions.

Kit~ a young cat under 6 moons old.

Starclan~ The warriors ancestors of the forest cats.

### **Computer game *Paws & Claws: Pet Vet* By Carly Jobson**

*Paws & Claws: Pet Vet* is a great game to practice on if you want to be a veterinarian when you are older. The game starts in a really pretty countryside with the veterinary practice. People come in with sick animals, and you buy the medicine from the pharmacy in town. Some of the animals you treat need to stay over for "observations" in the buildings that you buy. The buildings include a stable (for sick horses and your own horse), a kennel (dogs), a cathouse (cats), and a small animal house (birds, guinea pigs, and rabbits). They can become a really big problem, because they need treatment every single day, food, water and play-time with you.

Customers can be really annoying sometimes. One reason is that they can be really impatient and get angry if you don't put enough medicine on to cure the animal. They also get mad if the pet is still sick after staying in the clinic for a couple of days. If you leave a customer in your clinic waiting room, after awhile (2 minutes) they leave. When you are treating the animal and you forget to put on the extra medicine, they never come back to your clinic.

Besides this, I really think the game is really fun if you want a career in animal medicine or if you just love animals. I would give it 8.5/10.



## Flushed Away By Sylvie Lagodka

I give this movie \*\*\*\* (4 stars out of 10). The movie is a story about a rat named Roddy who is a pet of the royal family in Kensington. Then a rat named Sid comes out of the faucet... Roddy tries to trick Sid into jumping into the large Jacuzzi (the toilet). This doesn't work because Sid knows it's a toilet and pushes Roddy in, flushing him down.

Once he is down in the sewer, he looks for a way to get back up "the jammy dodger". He hears that there is one ship that can get him back up. I liked the story until midway through when it kind of lost my interest because I could tell what was going to happen. The point that lost my interest was when the evil frog's plan was revealed; his plan was to raise the water gate that prevented the underground city from being flooded.

He planned to do this at half time during the Super Bowl (when everyone uses the bathroom). So the end of the movie was a bore to me other than the singing slugs..... In my point of view this movie could just be flushed away!

## The STAR FOX SERIES By Gianni Ingenio



The first Star Fox game was "Star Fox" in 1986. The Super Nintendo game system came out 4 years before. In the beginning of the game, Fox, Slippy, Falco, & Peppy hear that an evil scientist named Andros threatens to destroy the galaxy. It is up to Fox and his team to destroy Andros and save the galaxy.

The next Star Fox game was for the "Nintendo 64". It is called "Star Fox 64" and came out in 1997. Andros is back and more powerful than ever! He has hired a new team called Star Wolf. Wolf, Pigma, Leon, & Andros nephew: Andrew is being paid to destroy the Star Fox team. It is up to Fox and his team to destroy Andros once and for all!

Star Fox Adventures was the next game, for the Gamecube and was made in 2003. Fox's friend, Falco quit the Star Fox team!

Also, this is Peppy's last year! Fox meets a new friend named Crystal. This time Fox has to save a whole planet from General Scales! But,



General Scales is just doing what the "God" said. Who is the real bad guy? Is the bad guy Andros?

One of the last Star Fox games is "Star Fox Assault" (2004). Falco came back, and Crystal joined Star Fox. Andrew and Pigma quit Star Wolf. Andrew used his uncle's army to start a battle! But then, an aroid "destroyed" him. Fox learned that it killed his father. Will Fox kill the aroid queen? Or will he share the fate of his father? Play the game to find out.



The last Star Fox game is when they break up!! It is for the Nintendo DS (2006). It is called Star Fox command. It is up to Fox to bring the team back. Will he make new friends too? Play the game to find out the end of the Star Fox saga.



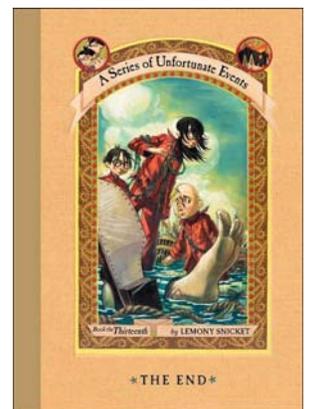
*"Never give up, trust your instincts."-James McCloud (Fox's F*

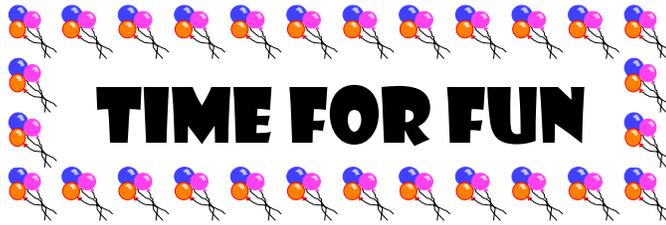
## The End of the series

By Frances Eckles

Finally, here is the book we have all been waiting for since 1999, when the first book came out. The last book in the Lemony Snicket Series came out in October, on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The book is entitled The End and has been expected by Series of Unfortunate fans everywhere. The book starts out with things looking bleak for the orphans, (as always). They are on a hotel swimming pool boat in the middle of the ocean. To make matters worse, their shipmate happens to be Count Olaf. The infamous count who has been trying to kill Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire for the whole of the first twelve books.

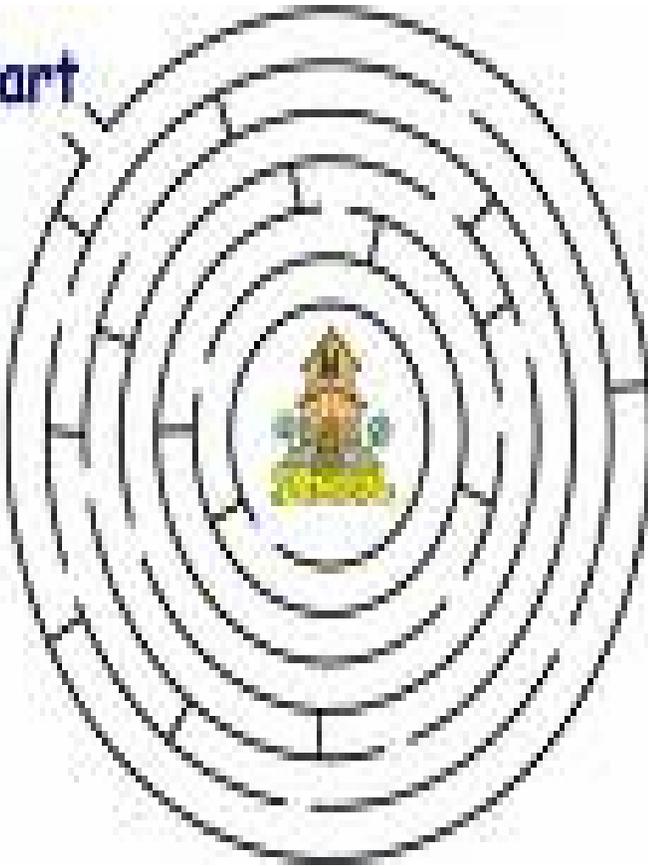
The book is like all the others, except with new characters, places and troubles. The orphans are stranded on an island full of mysterious people that have strange stories of their own. The strangest of them all is the leader, Ishmael. Ishmael's motto is "I won't force you" even though most of the time it seems like he is forcing you. In this book you learn a surprising truth about the Baudelaire mother (Which I predicted after the 8<sup>th</sup> book) and you see some life-saving animal friendliness. I recommend this book highly to everyone and anyone





# TIME FOR FUN

Start



## Fun Facts

By Taylor Read

Did you know.....

- Green Days original band name was "Sweet Children."
- Google's name is a play on the word googol, which refers to the number 1 followed by one hundred zeroes.
- In Tokyo, a bicycle is faster than a car for most trips of less than 50 minutes!
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. It was the fashion in Renaissance Florence to shave them off.
- A car uses 1.6 ounces of gas idling for one minute. Half an ounce is used to start the average automobile!
- Pinocchio is Italian for "pine eye."
- The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

## Sudoku

By Sara Treumann

The Sudoku puzzle is a Japanese logic game which entered the western world in the last year and a half and has gained popularity at a very fast rate.

**What are the rules?** One simple rule: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

Still don't understand?

**Here's a step-by-step Sudoku tutorial!**

**Enjoy!**

- 1) Place a number from 1-9 in each blank cell.
- 2) Each row (there are 9), and column (9) should contain the numbers 1-9.
- 3) Also, 3x3 blocks bordered by a bold black line (9 of them) should contain 1-9.

**Tip:** You can write up to 3 digits per square, in case you need "guessing digits".

7						6		
			1		4			3
				9	3			8
	4					5		
	9	6		2		4		
			8				2	
			6					7
4		3			9	8		2
9								

# Halloween At the Middle School

By Nick Zapotoski, Ben Morrison and Sara Treumann



Ahrrrrr!!!!



What the....?



Mime Time!



Yee-Ha Mr. T!

80's anyone?



Round'em up!



\*gasp!\*



All aboard the magic school-bus!

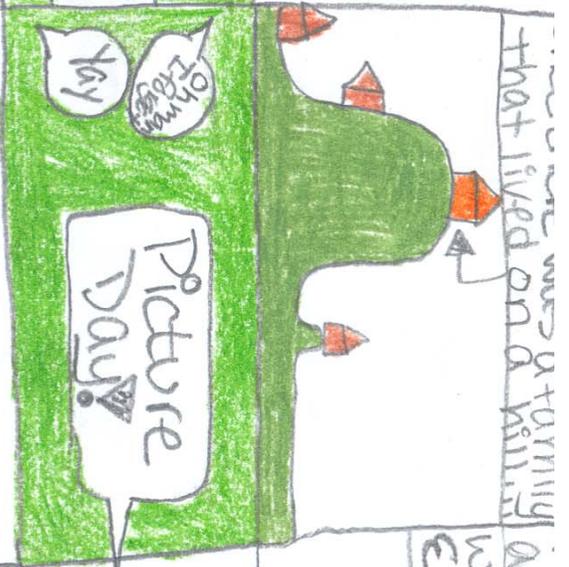
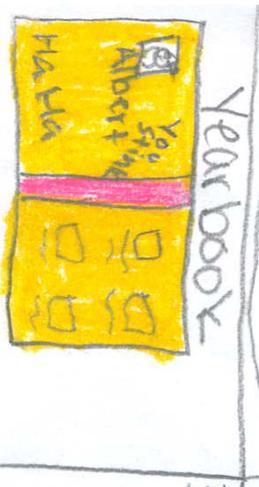
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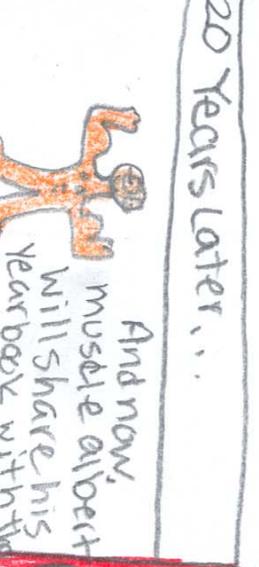
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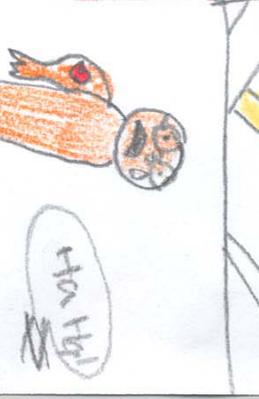
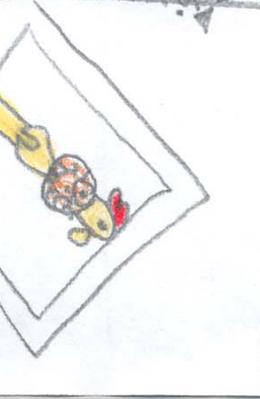
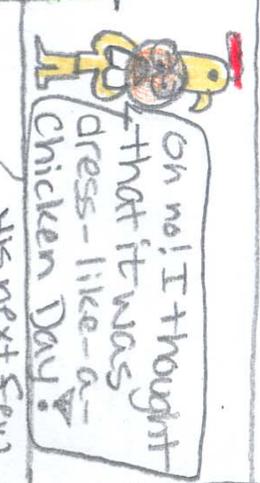
Why don't you change? I have a change of clothes in my locker...



But I'm not wearing underwear!  
Oh, sorry, you can't help!



# The End



# Candy Corn Contest

Two hundred and ninety students and teachers participated in the candy corn contest which was held in the cafeteria during lunch.

Congratulations to **Bo Pole**, a sixth grader, for winning the candy corn contest. He came the closest to the correct number of 840 with his guess of 850. The next closest guess was from Ms. Lockard. See Ms. Pereira in room 3 for your prize. Eight hundred and fifty candy corns. Don't eat them all at once Bo.



# Congratulations

to Mrs. Conrad who had a beautiful baby girl on November 7. The baby's name is Anna Joelle Conrad.  
Best of luck to Mrs. Conrad and her family!

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Meetings for *The Mirror* are held once a week in room 3 on Tuesdays. Come join us.

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