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The Dolphin Splash

With Spring come endless possibilities that feed our imaginations. Enjoy the dreams!

Looking Forward

Baseball by Jack Weber

Baseball is my most favorite time of the year! This year my dad is manager for our team, Leadrocket. We are a fairly small team for our league majors, but we have the best pitchers in the whole league. Last year my dad led us to the championship on eleven wins and one loss. My team this year has a power hitter named Garrett. He is also one of our best pitchers.

This year there are not many 13 year olds in my league because the added 50-70. 50-70 is 50 feet pitching and 70 feet base-paths. All in all, I think this year we have a chance to win the championship.

The Season Begins, Joseph Kastelic's baseball journal

Next weekend will be tryouts for Majors and 50-70. I played in Majors last year and this year I felt like trying out for the new league because this gets kids ready for high school ball.

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It was time for tryouts and I was a little nervous. Before my 11's group was up, the 12's were up. After them we got in a line with our numbers in order. I was near the end of the line which was boring. Once I was up, I had to catch 3 pop-flys, 3 ground balls and 5 pitches. After I was up, coaches were shaking my hand and greeting me.

A couple of days later an e-mail came out saying I made it to 50-70!

Football by Elias McGovern

I am excited for football season to start. Our team is hoping to go to Florida, again. I am ready!

I can't wait to see all my friends. Our team will, unfortunately, split apart. Some of us will go up to a higher age group. Some of us will stay at this age group.

Football is my favorite sport. It taught me many life lessons such as respect, teamwork, consistency, diligence and mental focus.

Soccer by Gaby Pérez

When I was little I didn't like soccer, but my mom liked it and my brothers liked it too. When my brother Andrés started to play, he liked going to games, but never to practice. Soon after, he kept playing and liked going to practice and games. He started to practice every day and soon he could do a lot of tricks and was very good.

He tried out for Juventus Cougars and this coach has like five other teams. They have animal names to represent the levels that they are in, so Cougars is the first level. There are two more, but I can't remember. The fourth level is Leopards, and the best one is Jaguars. My brother is in the Leopards, but he's going to move to Jaguars.

My older brother, Victor, has played soccer for like ten years in Juventus. First he wanted to be a forward, but he wasn't good at it. So his coach tried to put him as goalie and he was okay. But then another coach who is really good at goalie helped him and he became really good at it. When he went to high school he played goalie and he was amazing at it. He played for all of his four years in high school and a lot of people would ask my sister, "Is Victor Meraz your brother?" And she would say, "Yes! How do you know him?"

"He is a very good goalie," they would say. So he is still a goalie.

My older sister doesn't like soccer. She used to play volleyball and she was good at it. I played volleyball too, but only at school. Outside of school, I play soccer and I used to hate it. But now I'm starting to like it even more.

The next piece brings to mind the expression: "If pigs could fly ..." They can soar in your imagination.

My Mind by Caroline Tonga

In my mind many things go on. Indescribable things and some things that will just make my mom take me to a psychologist. That's why I keep that part in my mind sealed and locked in a treasure chest. But one day, something in my mind will find it and unlock.

Other parts of my mind are odd and creative. My mind is like a home for imaginary friends because I picture a lot of colorful creatures. And one of them is Majestic Pig. It's a pig who has butterfly wings, eagle eyes, and loves bacon.

I've made other Majestic themed characters. And I made myself ruler of all Majesticness and all the Majestic people were my students. Another thing is that everything is still in my mind!

Going back to the dark part, if I open it up, even I would be devoured by the darkness. That treasure chest is a chest full of demons. But this is only 0.1% of my mind.

The Adventures of an Eleven Year Old Bella (P.S. Yes, I'm eleven) by Ysabella Alvarado

This weekend was quite tiresome. I had to do chores because my sister had done something stupid again. But the weekend was also a bit fun. My sister drew pictures of a bunch of Disney things. We looked up pictures of Rapunzel from Tangled and then a bunch of people [on-line] had Jack Frost and Rapunzel shipped¹ together. There were sooo many of this ship group and we were like, "The Ship Never Stops!!" There were a bunch of random things that didn't go together. Then we had dinner (P.S. a lot of Rice!) I made a lot of onigiri (rice balls), but my mom got mad, all in all lots of fun.

Sunday, after leaving the house, we went to a buffet with my dad, sister and my grandpa. There were lots and lots of dessert. I couldn't stay away. Afterwards we went to the supermarket next door to get food for lunch. I got 3 big onigiri and a grape ramune². My sister went running for the candy section. Once we left, we went to walk our dog. So we just walked to our friends' house. We went to both Pet Co. and PetSmart, but all I wanted to do was dub³ my Kage Pro Manga⁴. I just got a pack of sticky notes and was in my room all night long. Monday—well this is it...

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1. Shipped or "shpped" (verb) from relationship. Some people [or characters] put in a fictionalized relationship.
 2. Ramune, a type of soda.
 3. Dub (verb). To make [translate] into English.
 4. Japanese comic book.
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Pets to Ponder

Ferrets by Gwen Bailey

A ferret is a ferret with its little black feet, its cute brown eyes, and its little mask of fur that it seemingly wears on its face. And if you happen to hold it, it feels like a furry slinky.

However, underneath the furry cuteness that the ferret has, it has a personality that is mischievous and quite devilish at times. For if it can, it will steal anything, including a potato, tear up things (according to my mother), and bite children when not used to humans and untamed.

When they are tame, they can make great pets (but keep them away from small children), though they do steal stuff. I would've gotten one, but I have a chameleon to take care of and they're illegal in this state. So I'll stick with the chameleon, another great pet.

The Advice Corner

Ask Mike is back with a backlog of good advice!

Dear Mike,

I am failing science and I need to get my grades up or I get grounded.

Sincerely,

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Dear ?,

So I suggest that you ask the teacher for some extra credit, and ask the teacher if you could move to a better spot. You should also try to turn in some late or undone work.

Sincerely,

Mike

Dear Mike,

I don't have many friends. Any advice?

Sincerely,

Lonely Guy

Dear Lonely Guy,

Try looking for someone that doesn't have that many friends either, or look for a group of people that like what you like.

Sincerely,

Mike

The Nutrition Corner by Damian Del Río

Strawberries contain many vitamins and have a delightful flavor. They contain fiber and are high in anti-oxidants. Strawberries are also a sodium-free, fat-free, cholesterol-free low calorie food. Strawberries are known as the most popular berry in the world. Strawberries were cultivated in Rome. Strawberries contain vitamin C as do: Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, mango, papaya, red peppers and watermelons. Strawberries are a great fruit which helps your heart, HDL cholesterol, lower your blood pressure and guard against cancer. Over all, strawberries are a wonderful fruit to enjoy and eat.

Recipe Corner by Jessica Martin

Cotton Candy Frappuchino

Ingredients:

2/3 cup of ice

2/3cup of milk

2 Tbsp. Torani vanilla syrup

2 Tbsp. Torani raspberry syrup

2 scoops of vanilla or vanilla bean ice cream

Directions:

- Put all ingredients together in a blender.
- Blend drink until ice is crushed and drink is smooth.
- Pour drink into any cup and top with whipped cream.
- Add a straw, drink and enjoy!

Book Review Corner

Reading suggestions by Caroline Tonga (Editor's note: Not for the faint of heart.)

I've started to gain interest reading Stephen King. Recently I've been reading 11/22/63, Just After Sunset, and Dolores Claiborne. I started reading his books because it gives me ideas for my own stories.

When I have nothing to do, I write a short story. They're either based on my nightmares or what goes on in reality. My short stories creep out my brother's girlfriend, the ones about my nightmares. I really enjoy writing stories, except in school it never goes well. Being limited prevents my writing. That's why I like writing at home.

When I write, there won't be any romance, but plot twists. I wouldn't say there is a happy ending, but a certain twist or a suspenseful end. My stories are tragedy, horror, and very messed up. Sometimes I write like an unstable person/ psychopath. When I write, it shows that dark part of me.

Poetry Corner

Homerun by Tonianne Shinabery

I was at bat, preparing to run.

I hit the baseball high into the sky.

Sprinting to first base while the opposing team chases me,

Throwing the ball to the closest player, I pass him.

The crowd goes wild!

I get to second, then third, then home with an epic slide.

The crowd screams with excitement!

We won the game!

The team poured out and raised me into the air,
chanting my name.

Rottweiler by Fanny Sánchez

Rottweilers

Mean, barking, territorial

Vicious, strong, energetic, sled dog

Nice, soft, playful

Husky

The Beach

The blue waves shining
because of the golden sun,
The hot sand between my feet,
The sound of the strong waves
swishing on the beach,
Seaweed on my feet.
The warm sun on my face.
This is the best place!

Bubbles

PoP PoP bubbles
PoP PoP PoP bubbles fly high
Soaring in the sky, until they pop.
Just like a balloon
Bubbles here, bubbles there,
Bubbles everywhere.

Sunset by Alexis Westphal

Orange, yellow, blue and pink
are the colors you see when
the sun is going to sleep,
From orange, to yellow,
to pink, to blue,
These colors are so beautiful,
The colors look like they were
Just painted for your
Entertainment,
I would sit and watch for
Hours on hours, because
Sunsets are so pretty,
Just like flowers.

Riddles Damian Del Río shares his favorites.

1. What famous person lives in a vegetable patch? (Elvis Parsley)
2. What goes up, but never goes down? (Your age)
3. What is black and white and red all over? (The newspaper)
4. What do you call a fish with no eyes? (A fsh)
5. What fast food do bees like best? (Hamburgers)
6. What could never win, but only tie? (A shoelace)
7. What kind of nut could grow on the wall? (A walnut)

Car Corner

Corvettes by Derek Lennen

Have you ever wanted a fast, beautiful car that is affordable? Well, a Corvette is a great, perhaps the best, solution there is! It may not be faster than a Bugatti, but at least a Corvette doesn't have a toilet seat grill. In my opinion, the Chevrolet Corvette is the best-looking car in the whole universe!

Why get a Corvette just because of how it looks? Maybe the fact that they are affordable... In fact, the Chevrolet Corvette is the best deal super-car there is. Still not amused? Well did you know that Corvettes are super-reliable? Or that they have really good gas mileage—around 30 mpg! Sure, a Honda Civic or Fit is cheap, but why not go in style?

Corvettes are categorized in sections from the years they were made. I like to call them “corades” (Corvette decades) even though sometimes it's not 10 years. There are the “corades” C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6 and newest one the C7. That's the simplest [ranking] of Corvettes, right there.

On Tuesday April 22, we celebrated Earth Day by having the ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating our new Frog Pond Observation deck. Mrs. Minor reminded us of our responsibility of stewardship to the Earth. In the drawing with her explanation below Talia Clogston reminds us of our kinship to all living things.

Wolf and Girls by Talia Clogston

These three girls (including the wolf) are my friends and I. These characters are pretty much our personalities. I'm the wolf that looks proud of herself. My friends Kylie and Peyton are the two girls, but they can turn into wolves too. This picture is actually based on my imagination and the game we play, the Silver-Eyed Wolf.

