

The Barkley Bugle

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SWEET BARKLEY MUSIC

By Jackson Stanley

On February 1 and 2, the beginner instrumental music students took to the stage at the middle school for their first ever performance! Spread out over four concerts, 400 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students came together from all three elementary schools to demonstrate their musical skills for their families.

The students' energy and excitement on stage was wonderful to feel and see. This is the district's first beginner performance since the winter of 2020.

Congratulations to the students who performed and thank you to Mrs. Moll, Mr. Klapper, Mrs. Dengler, and Ms. Rue for their commitment and leadership in bringing these wonderful musicians together!



Super Bowl Food Drive for PACS!

By Nataly Mejia Molina

WOW! A big THANK YOU to all of our students and families for your donations to our Super Bowl Food Drive! We collected 294 items! And in doing so, the students used our donation tables to vote on which team they thought be the winner of the Super Bowl. The winner, was the Cincinnati Bengals! Too bad our prediction didn't come true! Thank you for your wonderful generosity, Barkley!



LA Rams
136 items!



Cincinnati Bengals
158 items!

Candy Gram Success!

By Moria Chapa

For the Valentine season, the Barkley K-Kids held a Candy Gram sale earlier this month. Students purchased cards from the K-Kids for \$0.50 each. Then they wrote on the card who it's to, their homeroom and who it's from. You could also write a little message on it. The K-Kids then attached a bag of candy to your message and sent them to all recipients' homerooms on Valentine's Day! This year, the K-Kids sold 1,037 Candy Grams and will be donating \$600.00 to The Children's Hospital Of Philadelphia! How amazing!



Can you find all of the hidden hearts throughout this edition? There are 14 in all!

Valentine Fun!

How to Make an Origami Heart

By: Sharon Perez Diaz and Sofia Lopez Castanon

Valentine's day is all about the spirit of LOVE! Candy, hearts, and chocolate are very popular at this time of year. But what will you give around Valentine's Day? We've got you covered with the perfect gift of the heart!

Materials needed

- Origami paper or printer paper
- Red paper [Optional].

Where to buy origami paper

- Staples
- Michael's
- A.C. Moore
- Hobby Lobby
- Barnes and Noble's
- You can also use regular paper, just make sure it is cut into a square.

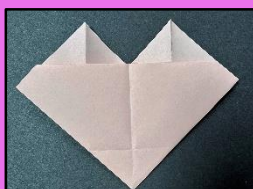
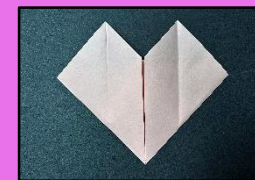
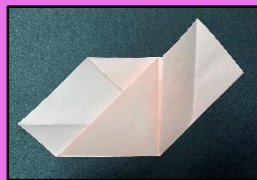
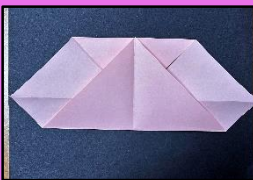
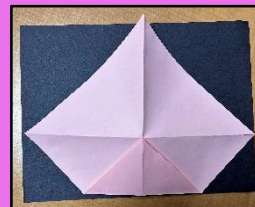
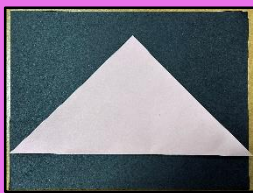


What can you do with your origami heart?

- ✓ You can write something on it
- ✓ You can write inside the paper heart.
- ✓ You can stuff treats in the paper heart



Follow the folding steps below to make your own heart!



Debate It: Paying Students & Pets

Should Kids Get Paid for Good Grades?

By Avery Clark



I think that kids should be paid or rewarded for getting good grades. I believe that it could help motivate them to want to do well. There are a lot of us kids who would love to play or do other things instead of studying. But if I knew that I could be paid or rewarded, it could remind me to focus on my schoolwork. Getting paid for good grades would also encourage students to keep doing their best in class. When students are paid for good grades, they learn that working hard and making good choices has its rewards. They will try to get better grades in the hopes of earning more money.

Being paid for doing well in school can also help kids learn how to use money responsibly. When a student gets paid, their parents can then start teaching them the ways to properly spend their money. This will help the student become better prepared for their future.



By Andre Aguilar

I do not think that kids should get paid for getting good grades. First, kids will most likely waste their money on stuff they do not need. Secondly, knowing that you did well in school should be enough of a reward.

It shouldn't make you become a greedy person who only performs for cash. Finally, I feel like promising money for good grades can put extra pressure on kids. Some might even be tempted to cheat. And what about students who have tried their best but did not do as well as they hoped? Knowing that they missed out on a reward might make kids who get a bad grade feel even worse.

Which Pets Are Best, Dogs or Cats?

Dogs Are Better

By Brooklyn Metzger



I think dogs are much better than cats. But don't take my word for it. Let's look at some scientific reasons why.

1. Dogs make you laugh. A study of 95 people found that dog owners laughed significantly more frequently than cat owners. Even participants without pets reported laughing more than those who just owned cats. Yikes!

2. Dogs help you make friends. According to one study that I read, "Pet dogs can act as catalysts for human social interactions, and it has been suggested this may enhance feelings of well-being." The study also found that strolling around with a dog led to more interactions, especially with new people, than when walking solo. "When I am outside with my dog, I always meet new people and chat with them," one respondent said in a survey of 23 dog owners.

3. Dogs can also be helpful in more ways than we realize..

Amazingly, University of Pennsylvania researchers are currently training Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds how to sniff out certain medical issues in humans

4. Finally, dogs are just more friendly and playful than cats. Most cats run away from you when you try to play with them. But not dogs, they love to play! This is why I believe dogs are better than cats.

Cats Are Better

By Easley Wildman

I think that cats are better than dogs. For starters, dogs need to be taken on walks. Cats find ways to get their own exercise and do not need their owners to walk them.

Cats also make your house pest free by catching mice and insects. Cats can hear and smell when they are asleep, so they can find and catch pests easily. Cats often cost less than dogs, too. Which makes them a more affordable pet.

Cats are also playful. It's just plain false that cats do not like to play. And unlike dogs, cats are not obsessed with food. I swear, everything is about food with dogs. Sometimes I think that dogs like food more than their owners!

In closing, cats are more affordable, they love their owners, and cats have even been proven to be better for the environment than dogs. So, no offense, dog-lovers, but cats are just better pets!



Debate It: Burger Toppings and Pretzel Day

What are the Best Burger Toppings?



Some people like ketchup on their burgers, some like mustard. Some people like lettuce on their burgers, some people like tomatoes. Others like all of these. So let's discuss.

Kyan's Argument

I, personally, like a variety of things on my burgers, but mustard and tomatoes are not on my list. I prefer lettuce and ketchup. Ketchup beats mustard like a queen beats a pawn in chess. An easy win. While mustard has its good points, ketchup has many, many more.

First, mustard is bitter, salty, and hits you like a truck. While ketchup is a lot softer, and is sweeter, too. Ketchup can be put on hot dogs, fries, chicken fingers, and what we're focusing on here, burgers. I only put mustard on my chicken fingers, and even then, it's honey mustard. Lettuce, on the other hand, is crisp, crunchy, and perfect to put on your burgers.

Also, while tomatoes are commonly used as a burger topping, I do not like them on my burgers. They are just too watery. But the 'water' is not water. It's a weird tasting juice. And while some people **looks at Andre** may like the taste of tomato juice, it's all around strange. I also like some fries and a glass of Sprite to go along with my burger. Those are the reasons ketchup, lettuce, and fries are better than mustard, tomatoes, and chicken nuggets.

Andre's Argument

I personally like things that people do not usually like on their burgers, like mustard and tomatoes. I think tomatoes give a burger that nice juicy taste. And I feel like most people prefer tomatoes on their burgers. I also love mustard on my burger. Mustard gives that little spicy taste, and also gives that American touch! I enjoy my burger with a nice cold Doctor Pepper and some chicken nuggets. It may sound crazy, but you should put the nuggets right on the burger. Trust me, it's a good combo! Those are my reasons why mustard, tomatoes, and chicken nuggets should always go on/with burgers.

Should Barkley Pretzel Day be More Often?

Barkley Pretzel Day is every second Wednesday of each month. Some students think that it should happen more often. Others think it should stay once a month.

Yes, Pretzel Day Should be More Often

By Kian Reis



I think Pretzel Day should be just a bit more often, at least twice a month. One on the first Wednesday and the second on the third Wednesday.

A big problem with Pretzel Day is that a lot of students still forget their money, even with the reminders on the morning announcements and that teachers give us. But if there is another pretzel day, a kid who forgot their money has another chance only two weeks later instead of waiting a whole month!

Another reason that Pretzel Day should be more often is that kids simply like pretzels! Why do you think the students of Barkley keep lining up to buy them? It is because the pretzels are just so good!

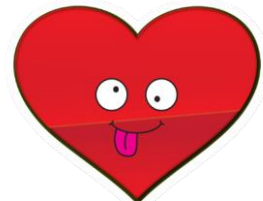
I think Pretzel Day Should Stay Once a Month

By Emma Muratore

The first reason that I think Pretzel Day is fine at once a month is that some kids might have to pay out of their own pocket. Some kids don't really have that much money to spare!

Another reason we don't need more Pretzel Days is that the school might have to pay a lot of money to buy all the pretzels to sell. Thirdly, in the colder months, the teachers will have to stand out in the cold to sell the pretzels. And then pretzels could lose a little bit of their warmth and freshness, which makes those pretzels so great to begin with!

Also, during Covid, we don't want kids to be crowding all around the teachers while they are selling pretzels and walking through the halls not wearing their masks to sneak a bite of their pretzel. To limit that time, we should stick to one Pretzel Day a month.



Teacher Interviews: Mrs. Majcher and Mrs. Williams

By: Brooklyn Metzger

Mrs. Majcher is one of the Barkley teachers who changed grade levels this school year. I asked her a few questions about herself and her new home in fourth grade!

Q: What were you most excited about when you started teaching 4th grade?

Mrs. M: I have to say there were so many things that I was excited about when I started teaching 4th grade, but one thing I was most excited about was teaching Math twice a day. I love teaching math and it has always been my favorite subject to teach.



Q: What other grades have you taught during your time at Barkley?

Mrs. M: During my time at Barkley, I have taught 1st, 2nd, 3rd and now 4th grade (my first year was in Kindergarten).

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a Barkley teacher?

Mrs. M: That is a tough one! There are so many things I enjoy about being a Barkley teacher, but I genuinely appreciate our Barkley community! We have amazing students, teachers, staff, and parents/families.

Q: What is your favorite out of the five Barkley S.T.A.R.S?

Mrs. M: Although all of the S.T.A.R.S are important, I would have to say "T" for "Teamwork" is my favorite. Barkley works best when we all (teachers, students, parents) work together as a team.

Q: What is your favorite book?

Mrs. M: Most of the books I read daily are children's books, because I am usually reading to my students or my children. So, my favorite children's book is Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day! It was one of my favorite stories as a child.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. M: My favorite subject is Math. This year I get the opportunity to teach many different skills and concepts I have never taught before.

Q: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Mrs. M: My favorite thing to do in my free time is play games with my family. Some of my favorite games are Trouble, Skip-Bo, and Mastermind.

By: Maria Lucas

I asked my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Williams, a few questions about herself.

Q: How long have you been a teacher?

Mrs. W: I began teaching at 16 years old as a pre-k teacher at Creative Care Childcare, but even at 14 years old I was teaching young children cheerleading classes at a cheer clinic during the Summer.

Q: Do you like teaching fourth grade or first grade better? Why?

Mrs. W: I love teaching both grades, however, I think I enjoy teaching fourth grade a little bit more because the students are more independent and we get to read and discuss more interesting and thought-provoking books!

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. W: My favorite subject to teach is writing because I have always loved writing and feel that I've always excelled as a writer.

Q: If you were not a teacher, what job do you think you would have?

Mrs. W: If I was not a teacher, I would have loved to be an author or a journalist.

Q: What is your favorite part of about being a Barkley teacher?

Mrs. W: My favorite part about being a Barkley teacher is working with such a diverse group of students.

Q: Which one of the Barkley S.T.A.R.S is your favorite?

Mrs. W: The T in S.T.A.R.S is my favorite because I am impressed each day with how well Barkley shows teamwork everyday.

Q: What was your favorite moment so far from this school year and what are you looking forward to in the future this school year?

Mrs. W: My favorite moment so far this school year was seeing fourth grade show their bravery by presenting their research projects to the class. I know this was something many students were nervous about, but everyone did such a fabulous job! I am looking forward to our upcoming wax museum! This is a public speaking event that all grades will be invited to attend, so again we have some nerves here in fourth grade, however, I know students will rock this presentation just like their last!



Food and Recipes – YUM!

Quarantine Ice Cream

By Kyan Morris



This is a little recipe that I came up with one gloomy Tuesday, when there was no ice cream in the refrigerator. It is (edible, thank goodness) a very simple recipe. It did come from the mind of a 9-year-old after all 😊.

Ingredients

- ✓ Whipped Cream
- ✓ Vanilla Yogurt
- ✓ Strawberry/Chocolate Syrup
- ✓ Tall Glass
- ✓ Spoon

Steps

1. Put a decent (but not too much) amount of whipped cream into the bottom of your cup.
2. Mix in half a spoonful of your syrup. Feel free to add more whipped cream if you feel like you didn't put enough in!
3. Put two spoonfuls of yogurt into your cup.
4. Repeat until you have a sizable amount in your cup.
5. Put it in your freezer for 3+ hours.
6. After it's done freezing, top it off with more whipped cream and a cherry, maybe even some sprinkles!
7. Enjoy!

Milk Chocolate Hearts

By Zander Cummins

Are you horrible at baking? Then suffer no longer! I have got the perfect, simple Valentine's treat that you can make right at home!

You will need:

- ✓ A large glass or metal mixing bowl
- ✓ A pot
- ✓ Enough water to fill the pot
- ✓ An oven
- ✓ A rubber spatula
- ✓ A chocolate mold in the shape of a heart
- ✓ Hershey's milk chocolate
- ✓ A spoon
- ✓ A knife (optional)
- ✓ A positive attitude



Steps

1. First, get your pot and bowl. Fill your pot with water. Place the pot on your stove with the bowl on top of the pot. *Be sure to have your parents' help or permission to use the stove.*
2. Then, take your Hershey's milk chocolate bar and put it in your bowl. It is best to break the bar apart into its smaller rectangular pieces.
3. Then set your burner to medium heat and wait for the water to heat. When the chocolate starts to melt, use your spatula to stir the chocolate for around four minutes.
4. When you are done, and the chocolate is fully melted, take your spoon and scoop up the chocolate and pour it into the heart mold. Once all of your chocolate is in the mold, use the back of your spoon to smooth it out.
5. When the chocolate is even, put the mold into your freezer. Wait four hours. After four hours, take the chocolate out. Gently pull the chocolate out of the mold.
6. If you want to, you can carve decorations or sayings into your chocolate heart using a kitchen knife. Once done, you can arrange the heart on a plate and decorate it with other small candies to serve to your family and friends!

Chocolate Counter, the number of times that I mentioned chocolate in this recipe: 14

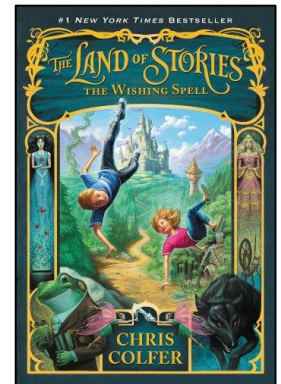
The Reviews Are In!

Book Reviews

Land of Stories

By: Emma Muratore

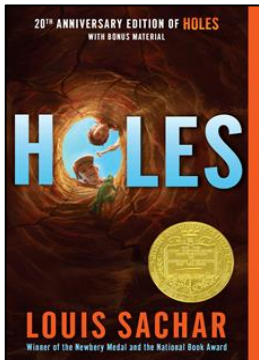
I recently read a fictional book called, Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell. It is an amazing book! It is the first book in an ongoing series of twelve books. The author, Chris Colfer, has such an imagination! It is about a brother and sister who fall into their grandmother's story book! They meet a talking frog, fairies, and famous kings and queens. They take on an evil queen and discover their family's greatest secret! I love Land of Stories, and I know you will, too!



Holes

By: Moria Chapa

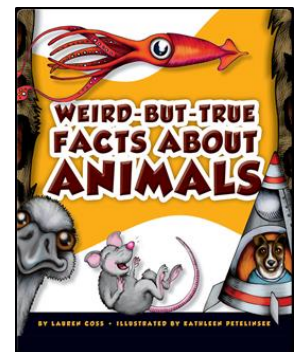
If you are looking for a book to read, you should try the book Holes. The author of the book is Louis Sachar. I feel like it is the best fiction book ever written! The main character's name is Stanley. He did something bad and was sent to Camp Green Lake. At the camp if you were a bad, you would work to turn into a good person. The warden at the camp has the boys dig holes. They dig holes for a reason though. You'll just have to read it to find out! The book was also turned into a movie which many people love and think is just as good as the book, which is rare. (If you love the book thank Mrs. Lovell! She recommended it to me.) I give Holes 5 stars!!



Weird But True Facts About Animals

By: Maria Lucas

I really enjoyed this nonfiction book. The new facts I learned about animals were really mind blowing. My favorite part about this book is how entertaining and interesting it is. And it makes you feel like it's the truth when some people say you learn new things every day. A mind-blowing fact from the book is that there is a fish called the hand fish. They actually have hands, and they don't swim, they just walk kind of like we do. I like this kind of book because I really like nonfiction books that teach me things about animals. I recommend this book if you like interesting things and if you love animals. But just a warning, some of the facts in this book are a little weird, or just plain gross. So, if you're not into that, then I do not recommend this book to you. Overall, this is a great book!



Music and Movies!

“We Don’t Talk About Bruno” Song Review – From the Movie Encanto

By: Maria Lucas

First thing, this song is so catchy and so addicting! You just want to keep listening over and over! It is trending so much on tons of platforms. Here is my opinion on the different aspects of the song.

Sound: I love that each Madrigal family member has its own sound. It’s like nothing I have ever heard of and if you have not heard the song, you must listen to it.

Verses: The Pepe and Felix verse starts the song off and it is great!

Dolores’ part is a good mix of rap and whisper, I think Bruno would approve!

Camilo’s part is a good mix of spookiness and creepiness.

The village people part is a good mix of all of their problems mixed with the music. Isabella’s verse is a beautiful mix of graceful music.



Now for a beginning, middle and end breakdown!

Beginning : The start of the song with the Pepa and Felix verse is so fun! I like how the lyrics have responses. For example, Bruno says, "It looks like rain"

Why did he tell us?

In doing so, he floods my brain

Abuela, get the umbrellas!"

Middle: I like how every person’s part is so different, like when Dolores whispers, it is so catchy. My favorite part for Dolores is ... “it’s a heavy lift with a gift so humbling, always left Abuela and the family fumbling.”

The end: The end is so fun! I like how they overlap everyone’s verse, it’s a great mix. If I had to rate this from 1-10, it’s 10/10 for sure! This song should have been nominated for an Oscar!

Overall, this is an amazing song and movie. If you haven’t seen Encanto, what are you waiting for?!



Spider-Man: No Way Home – Favorite Lines

By: Owen Blayney

Owen Blayney, here! The resident Barkley Bugle Marvel Expert! I’ve recently seen the latest installment in the Spider-Man movie series, Spider-Man: No Way Home. Rather than giving a bunch of spoilers, or a traditional review, I am going to list some of my favorite lines from the movie! Since some people may still consider that a spoiler, here is your warning! If you don’t want to read any lines from the movie, turn back now!



SPOILER ALERT!



“Peter we’ve been working together for a while now, I think we’re beyond you calling me sir.”

“Okay, Stephen.”

“That feels weird, but all allow it.”

“You know what’s cooler than magic? Math!”

“How’d you do that? I’m a really good lawyer.”

“Hello, Peter!”

“Listen man, I’m not your Peter!”

“What do you mean you’re not my Peter?”

“Plain or salt?”

“Huh?”

“Plain or salt. You know, cause you’re an octopus.”

Those lines help prove my point that Spider-Man: No Way Home is super amazing!

If I had to rate the movie from 1 to 10, I’d give it a 10,000!



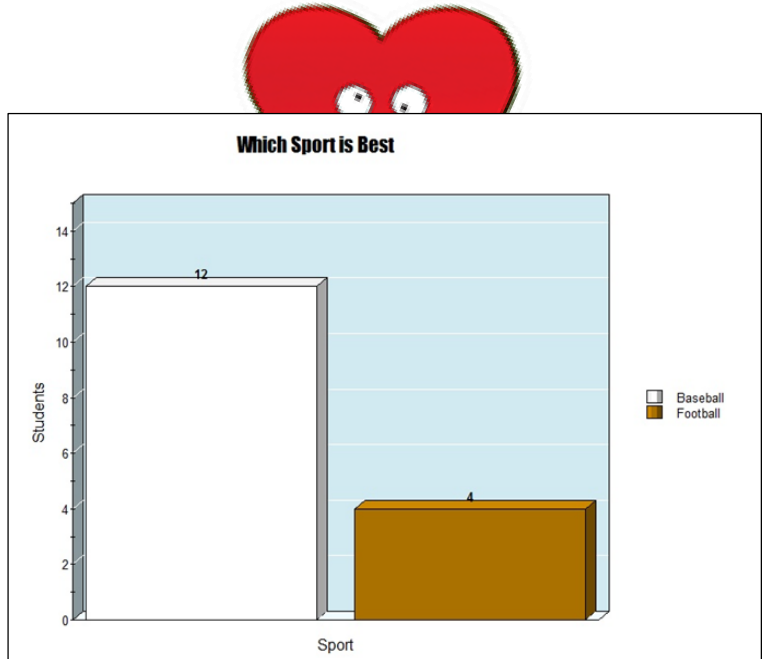
Barkley Lifestyle

Which Sport is Best?

By: Daniel McElheney

If you are like me, then you love sports! Sometimes, I have a tough time deciding which two of my favorites I like more, baseball or football. I polled the members of the Newspaper Club asking whether they like baseball or football better. Surprisingly, most people liked baseball. Stay tuned to hear my opinion later.

Twelve people liked baseball best. Only four people liked football. My opinion is baseball is better. In baseball, you hit or catch the ball instead of running and tackling people just to get your hands on the ball. Another reason I like baseball better is that you don't have to throw so far to your teammate just to score. So which sport do you like?



Fourth Grade Wax Museum

By: Drew Gentile

Hi! My Name is Drew Gentile, and I will be telling you about a future Barkley event. This event will be a fun-filled one! All of the fourth graders will be turning Barkley's Auditorium into a wax museum! A wax museum is a place that has super realistic wax sculptures of famous people. Our wax museum statues will be even more realistic because they will be us, the students! Each wax statue comes with a description telling you who it is and what they do. All fourth graders are currently researching important African Americans during February, which is Black History Month. On the day of the museum, students will dress up and act like the individual they researched. The students who are presenting will stand like statues until someone comes to learn about them. We will be giving out tickets to all Barkley students to attend. I am so excited for this to happen! It is going to be so fun! I am a fourth-grader so I will be presenting! I can't wait to see everyone there!

What Makes a Good Friend?

Nataly Mejia Molina

After our Friendship Parties earlier this week, I got to thinking about friendships. There are a lot of good friends here at Barkley! Are you being the best friend that you can be? Take my challenge below!



Valentine Puzzles

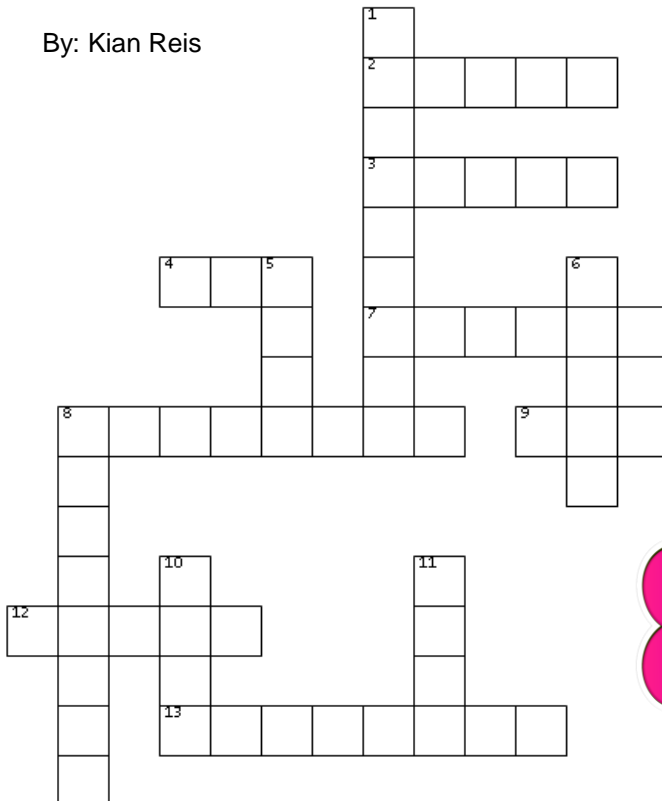
By: Moria Chapa



- CANDY
- CARDS
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By: Kian Reis

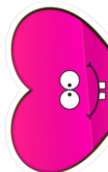


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2. it beats in your chest
3. a sweet food made with sugar
4. to put your arms around someone
7. cupid carries these with his bow
8. 10 plus 4
9. blue, yellow and _____ are primary colors
12. little baby that shoots love arrows
13. being nice to others

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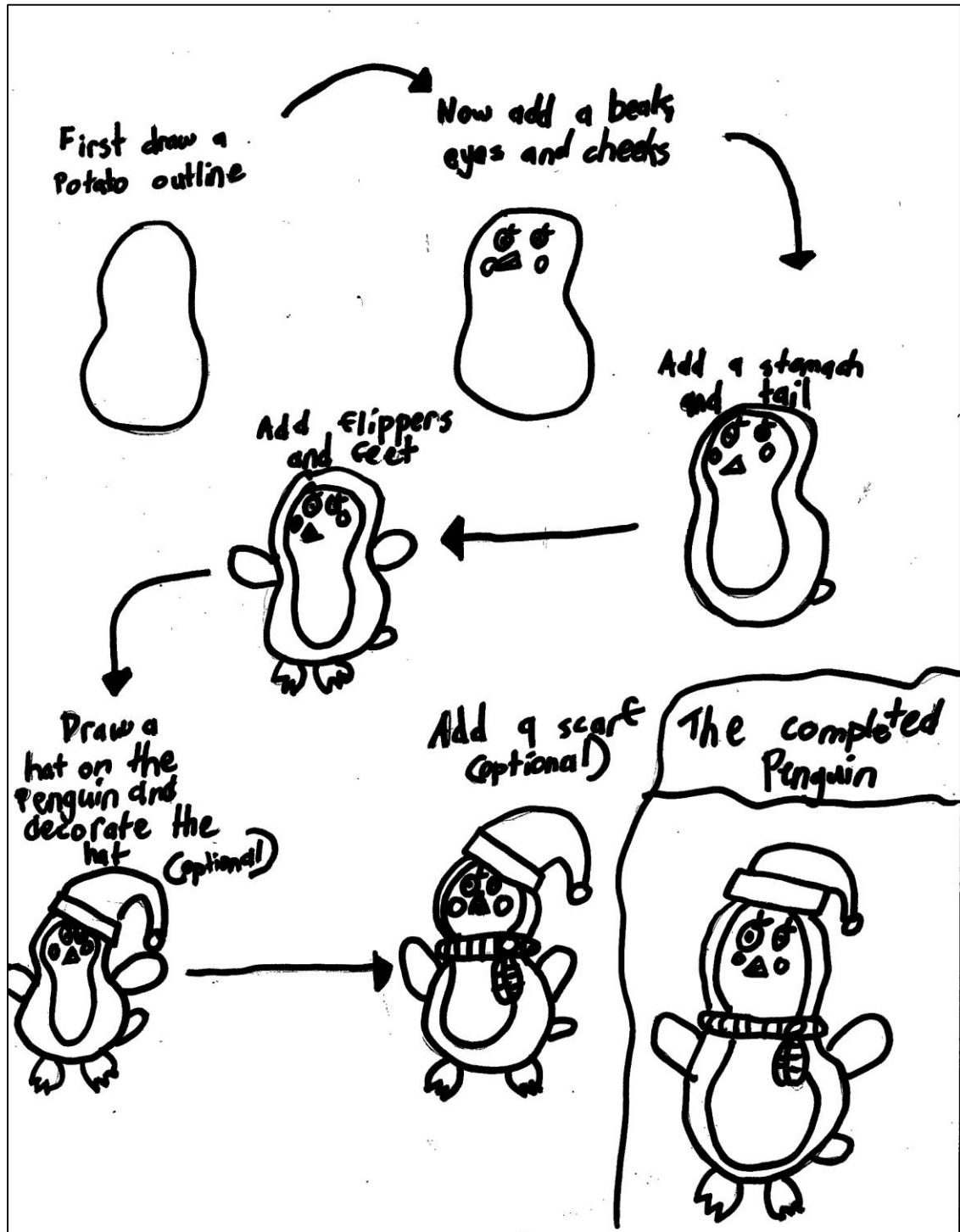
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5. a present
6. the opposite of salty
8. the month before March
10. mix red and white
11. a feeling of affection



February Fun!

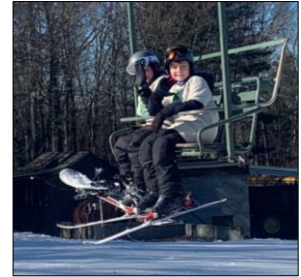
How to Draw a Cute Penguin

By Emma Muratore



Barkley Buzz

Ski Club!



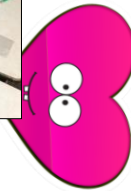
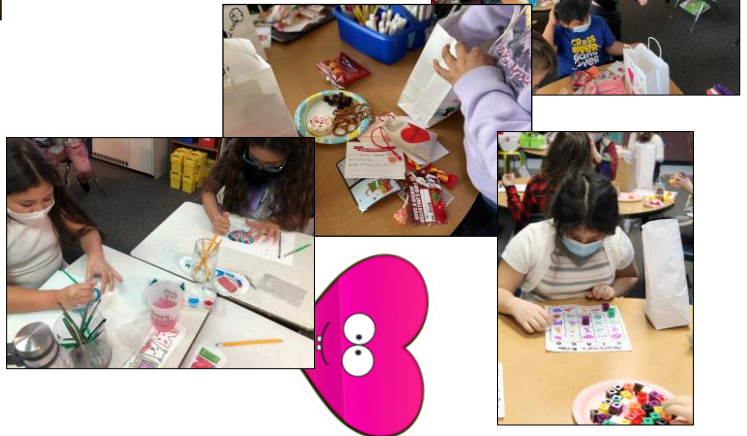
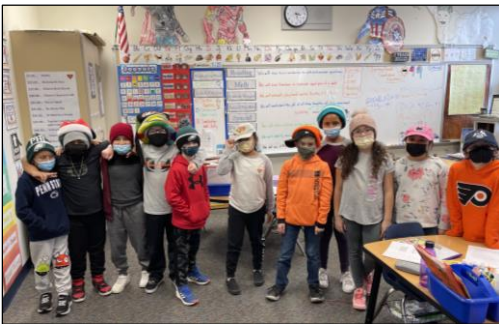
PACS Food Drive!



Friendship Parties!



Hat Day!



Upcoming Dates:

- Monday Feb 21** – No School, Presidents Day
- Wednesday March 9** – Pretzel Day, \$1.00
- Wednesday March 9** – Spring Picture Day
- Friday March 11** – No School, Teacher Inservice
- Friday March 25** – End of 3rd Marking Period

- Monday March 28** – Beginning of 4th Marking Period
- April 11-18** – No School, Spring Break,
- April 26-28** – ELA PSSA - Grades 3-5
- May 3-4** - Math PSSA - Grades 3-5
- May 5-6** - Science PSSA – Grade 4 Only