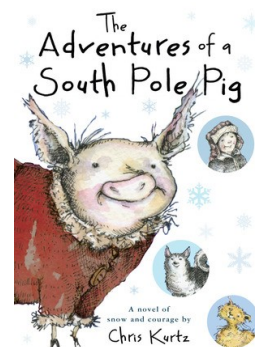




# Highland Roar

June 2018

## One School, One Book



Can you believe another school year has come to an end? Remember some of the fun things we did as you glance through the pages of this issue.

Our Best Wishes to Mrs. Grasso on her Retirement! We'll miss you!

Have a Healthy and Happy Summer!

We are reading the Adventures of a South Pole Pig. In the book there is a little pig named Flora. Flora was a very adventurous pig. She digs in the dirt to find things. She has a cat friend named Luna. She gets taken away to the Antarctic. Will she see Luna again? When she gets to the dock, she runs into a dog named Oscar. She gets put in the hold of the boat. When Amos comes to deliver the food, rats come and take it. She meets a new friend named Sophia. Sophia's job on the boat is to get all the rats. Flora learns how to get the rats and helps Sophia get all the rats. Now the rats are almost gone but a kid named Aleric gets thrown in the hold to help get the rats. The boat hit an iceberg and started to sink. The captain ran into the hold but, he started to drown. Flora pulled the captain to safety. The man who made it on the lifeboats was on the cold snow.

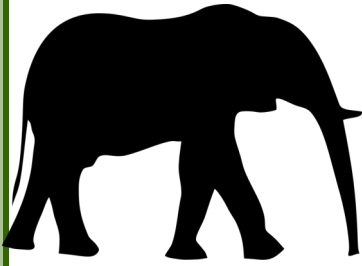
Later, one man gets some equipment that was in the box in the water. They also build a little snow cabin. They only have a little bit of food left. Amos wants to turn Flora into food.

Oscar and Sophia take Flora and hide her away from the camp. In the morning the sled dogs pull their sled without Oscar. Oscar and Sophia go get Flora and bring her back to camp. Only three men were left at the camp. Amos and the other men went on the sled to find one of the food stations. Aleric asked the captain if he could go with Oscar to find the men and help. The captain said "no" to the plan. Aleric did not obey and left with Oscar any way. The next morning, Flora noticed that Oscar was missing. She woke up Sophia and told her that Oscar went on the trip. Flora wants to go out and find Oscar. Sophia says yes to the trip. They go on the trip but Flora tells Sophia to go

ahead. The next morning, Flora meets up with Sophia and they make a plan for Flora to walk east till midday and Sophia to walk west till midday and then turn back. The next day, Oscar and Aleric found Flora and Sophia. On their journey back, Oscar can not pull the sled. He does it anyway. Flora tried to help but Aleric did not let her. When Aleric was not looking, Flora started to pull the sled. Then when Aleric saw he let her pull them the rest of the way. When they saw camp they all were hugging each other. Then they found another boat and asked to come on. Flora got a special cage. That was how the book went.

By Eddie C

## Cultural Awareness Day



This year's Cultural Awareness Day was very awesome for every grade. Each grade started out with West Africa. The people from West Africa danced and had kids come up as a volunteers to learn the

dances. After that, we went to different countries that were set up in the classrooms like, Costa Rica, Peru, India, Holland, Turkey, Italy, Scotland, Ireland and Japan. These are just some of the countries that we have done. I liked India the

best because the project was fun. We made an elephant door hanger. Class parents volunteered to help with the countries, which is pretty nice of them!

Ed C. and Tim C.

## Student Council



The student council is made up of some students who get elected to represent their classes. They help raise money for the homeless shelter. They do food drives. They also do a school store. In the

school store they have some balls that are for different football teams. Some of the student council members are Ella, Riley, Conner D, Neil, Wilson, Tori, Julia, Josephine, Gavin, Christopher, Joseph, Grace,

Emanuel, Christina, Olivia, Sara, Anika, Lucas, Gianna, Emma, Elizabeth, Stephen, Valentina, and Samatha.

Tasneem A

## Yanny or Laurel



Have you heard about the audio recording that tests your hearing? If you haven't, it's an audio that says a word. Some people hear one word and other people hear another word. Yanny is higher and Laurel is lower. This audio was made by a teenager. She posted it on social media and people have been debating ever since. If you hear Yanny that means you have a better ability to hear higher things and if you

hear Laurel that means you have a better ability to hear low things. Some people know the illusion and can hear both. This audio says Yanny or Laurel but it all depends on the mechanics of your ear. This audio is taking over the world. It's all people are talking about! At recess, everyone was looking up Yanny vs Laurel. But the weird thing is, if you listen to it at different times, it changes. All day I heard

Yanny and then once I heard Laurel, so how could this be? It turns out it all depends on your hearing! On social media people were voting and about 48% were hearing Yanny and about 52% heard Laurel! It was on TV and all over Ellen, the news and much more! So which one do you hear, Yanny or Laurel? I hear Yanny mostly.

Jane T.

### The Floss

The Floss is a dance kids do now. It is very popular. Everyone is doing it. This is from the Backpack Kid. He is only TEN. There are other dances people do, like Tap, Tap, Dab. Every-

one goes home and does it and they teach their siblings and then it spreads around.

Tasneem A.



### Kindness Rocks

There are Kindness Rocks on the playground and all over the town. Kindness Rocks are rocks that are painted with a design or a sign and a message on the rock. The ones here were made by the 6th and 3rd buddies for Mrs. Scala's kindness project. They have

been making Kindness Rocks since the first marking period. The idea is to take a Kindness Rock and leave a Kindness Rock.  
By, Eddie C



### Save the Environment!

I think we should stop throwing out plastic bottles. I found this in Scholastic.com, "Plastic bottles are harmful to the environment".

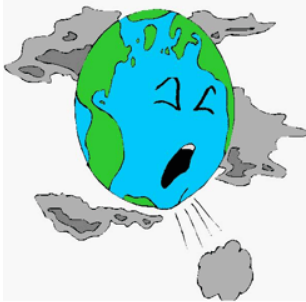
We should save the environment. I think plastic bottles should not be banned. We should recycle the bottles. We should reuse

them.

Tasneem



## Pollution



Pollution is bad for the environment and animals. The garbage takes up landfills.

That's how bad pollution is. This school doesn't litter! Let's clean up the beautiful world.

Litter is bad for the animals because the animals could eat it and if the animals eat it then they could die. If the cows and chickens eat it they will die. Then we won't have any food and THEN WE WILL DIE. Everything will be gone. The animals could suffocate. It's bad for the environ-

ment. Do you know why? It takes up landfills. It could affect the air and the soil.

There is so much garbage around the world. We should stop littering! These are some things you can throw away in trash cans, for ex: cans, napkins. Don't throw away food.

There are so many people out there that are poor!

Did you know that over 1 million seabirds and 1,000,000 sea mammals are killed from pollution & 1,000,000 animals

are killed by pollution? If there is a lot of pollution in the forest and there is a family there it could cause a major fire and they could get hurt. You should not be littering. You should go to a local park and clean up, or you can go to the beach and clean up. We can't let the garbage man do all the work. I hope that you'll agree and you will not litter.

Tasneem

## Tic Toc Trees

In the fourth grade, Mrs. Grasso's class decorated the trees and fence of Highland School. We decorated the fence and trees for a Tic Toc project. The mom's that did this with us were Mrs. Scarpa, Mrs. Cebulski, Mrs. Dhalwani, Mrs. Eliya, and Mrs. Goodell. We decorated the trees and fence with flagging tape in many colors. Also, we made little flowers out of pipe cleaners. The idea came from a park somewhere that people knitted yarn on a trees with different colors. Sadly, we had to take it down.  
By, Eddie C

## Happy Ramadan

Ramadan is a month Muslims celebrate  
a time to count our  
blessing and appreciate. Muslims fast  
Sunrise to sunset  
But wait, That not all just yet!  
Ramadan is a time for lots  
of prayer. We help  
the poor people to show we care!  
So in the day I  
won't be eating any food.  
But hopefully we stay in a good mood!

By Tasneem

## Gwen Stefani

My name is Gwen Stefani. I was born in the year 1969 and I am still living in Las Vegas. I have a boyfriend named Blake Shelton who is helping me raise my three boys Kingston, Zuma, and Apollo.

I am known for being a designer of clothes, a famous music artist of rock and roll, and I am one of the hosts of the hit TV show called The Voice, along with my friends Alicia Keyes, Adam Levine and my boyfriend Blake Shel-

ton. I'm not usually on it anymore and now the famous singer Kelly Clarkson took my place. Now we are good friends and I am still speaking with my friends on The Voice.

Jenna



## JoJo Siwa

My Name is: Joelle Joanie "JoJo" Siwa  
My Family: Parents Tom and Jessica Siwa.  
Brother Jayden  
I live/lived in: Omaha, Nebraska (where I was born on 5/19/03) Now I live in Los Angeles, California.  
I'm known for appearing on the show Dance Moms. I also have a

youtube channel called "JoJo Siwa vlogs." On my youtube channel I make videos called "JoJos Juice." It is my unusual hobby where I dump juice on my head! In 2016, I released my first song called "Boomerang." I have released a few more songs since then. My signature style is

very large colorful bows (glitter and rainbow colors.) I feel that my bows are a symbol of power and for my fans who are known as "Siwanatorz!"  
As I always say  
#Peace Out Haters!

Adrianna B.



## Barack Obama

My Name is: Barack Obama  
My Family: The Obama's  
I live/lived in : Hawaii and Illinois  
I am known for being the 44<sup>th</sup> president of the United States.  
He was born August 4<sup>th</sup> 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His parents were Ann Dunham and Barack Obama Sr. Obama went

to Columbia University in NYC and graduated in 1983. He also went to Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA and graduated with honors in 1991. In 1992, Obama got married to Michelle Robinson. He had 2 daughters. The oldest daughter is Malia born in 1998. The younger daughter is Sasha born in 2001. In 1996, Obama

was elected to the Illinois State Senate. In 2004, he became Senator for the State of Illinois. In 2008, he became the Democratic Party nominee for president. In 2009, he became the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. In 2009, he won the Nobel Peace Prize. He was re-elected in 2012 for a second term.  
Sofia Z.

**We Love the  
3rd Grade  
Bottle  
Buddies!**







Someone once said, "Ignorance is a poison that kills love, friendship, and all the good feelings." In two Greek myths, ignorance hurts the characters. In "Pandora" she ignored the fact that Zeus told her not to open the box. In "The Myth of Icarus" he ignored his dad. The theme of these stories is Ignorance because Pandora and Icarus both ignored advice.

One example of the theme ignorance is in "Pandora." According to the text, Pandora wants to open a box even though Zeus told her not to. Pandora has curiosity,

## Pandora & Icarus

so she ignores Zeus and sneaks away from her husband where she opens the box. Then all the evils of the world come out except for the good spirit. This illustrates the theme Ignorance because Pandora ignored somebody, and she ended up ruining the world. It is clear that the theme Ignorance is in "Pandora."

Another example of the theme of ignorance is in *In the Myth of Icarus*. According to the text, Icarus doesn't listen to his dad and flies close to the sun. Icarus is ignorant because he ignores his father. The wax

on his wings melts and falls off. Then he falls and drowns. This proves the theme of ignorance because his dad warns him, but he doesn't listen and he ends up dying. This is clear that Icarus has ignorance inside of him.

In conclusion, these two stories prove the theme of ignorance. Pandora ended up on releasing all the evils of the world. She should of listened to Zeus. Icarus didn't listen to his dad. His dad ended up seeing his child die.

Tasneem

## Summer Ideas



The end of the year is coming so that means it's almost summer! There are so many things to do over the summer so if you ever get bored here are some things to do. First, you could go bowling. There are many places to go bowling but I usually go to T-Bowl in Wayne. Next, there is tennis. You can buy all the stuff you

need in your local sports store then you can go to the Midland Park High School park and go to the tennis court. Also, there is the barn. The barn is by the park and you can play basketball, air hockey, pool, and ping pong but you need to be 12 or older or you need to get an adult to go with you. There's also lots of nice

places to eat such as DQ, McDonalds, and Starbucks. Next, you could go though your old stuff and see how much you changed. Lastly, you can go out shopping one day. I hope you do some of these ideas.

Jane T.



**Danica Patrick**  
by Molly

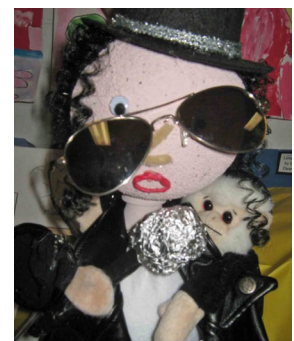


**Derek Jeter** by Chase S.

## More Bottle Buddies!



**George Lucas**  
by Jared



**Michael Jackson** by Landon

## Museum of Natural History Field Trip



During May, the Sixth Grade went on a huge Field Trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City. We left at about 8:30 and arrived sometime around 10ish. Instead of taking a regular school bus to the Museum, we took a Coach Bus. There were two Coach Buses, one with Mr. Savage and Mr. Ferro's HRs, and the other with Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Kilgallen's HR's. We hit traffic on the bus ride there, so it took longer than usual. On this trip, we were allowed to take our phones with us to take pictures. There was also an app you could find on the Apple Store that could navigate

you through the Museum on your very own phone! It was pretty cool. The first thing we did when we got there was check in, put the lunches away, and go up to the Hayden Planetarium. It is one of the best Planetariums in the USA. We got there just in time for our show. It was spectacular. It was like looking up into some kind of alternate world. The show we saw was about galaxies and everything in them. After that we looked around for a little bit and then ate lunch. Everything in our bagged lunches had to be disposable. After that we

split up into groups and visited many of the exhibits, including the dinosaur exhibit. This year we had a dinosaur project where we each had to research a dinosaur and make a model. Every dinosaur that we studied was in the exhibit. I had the biggest dinosaur, the Titanosaurus. At the Museum of Natural History, they had a 122 foot long fossil of it. WOW! I was amazed to see that! After the dinosaurs, we visited a few more random exhibits and then headed on our bus ride home.

Samantha C.

## Fairview Lake YMCA Field Trip



Another Field Trip the Sixth Grade had was going to the YMCA in Fairview Lake. This was our biggest Field Trip this year. We were to arrive at the school at 7:30 AM and get into our groups to leave on the bus. Again, just with our luck, we hit a little traffic and were a little bit late, but that's ok. Once we got there, we used the bathrooms and had a small orientation. Then we split up into our groups. The groups alternated between canoeing, rock climbing, and wilderness survival. The wilderness survival was when you found things from nature in the woods and built a good shelter. The canoeing was when you took your groups into one

canoe and you were taught how to row. You would then canoe around the lake and look at all of the nature. There was also a canoe race for some groups. The rock climbing activity was when you went to the indoor rock wall and climbed. You chose what level of difficulty to go on. Since our group had that last, we got to go on the wall a second time, or you could go see the goats and bunnies. I went to see the animals. There was one goat named Cocoa, and another one named Creamy. There were also bunnies and chickens. The goats were getting a little angry with us because we were crowding them, so they did a little bit of head

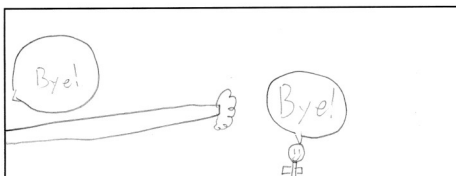
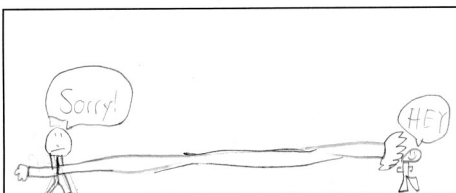
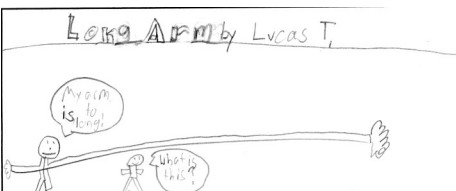
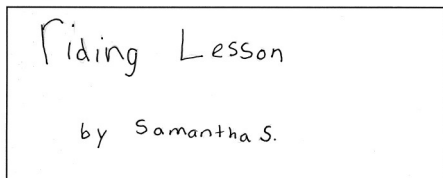
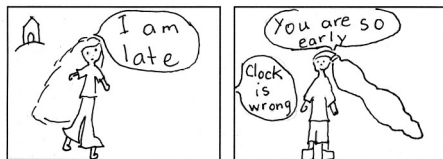
butting.

For lunch, there was a buffet. We all met up at the lunchroom after our first activity and ate. At the buffet, there were sandwiches of all kinds. There were French fries as well, which everyone ate a lot of. There was also a salad bar. To drink, they had water and Kool Aid. After we finished all our activities, we went to get a cookie and some water. We then hopped on the bus to head back home. We arrived back at the school at 4:15. This was a really fun experience for me and my fellow Sixth Graders.

Samantha C.

Have Fun!  
Be Safe!

We're on the web!  
[www.mpsnj.org](http://www.mpsnj.org)



## Cartoon Fun!

