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Goodbye Mrs. Jacobson!

By Konnie D., Shayna B., and Estella F.

Goodbye Mrs. Jacobson! After fifty years of working at Laurence School, Mrs. Jacobson will be retiring. Throughout the years Mrs. Jacobson has been an advocate in teaching and education. She is the Co-founder of Laurence School and has accomplished so much. While she will be dearly missed, we are assured that because of her years of endeavoring to make Laurence School the place it is today, she will never be far from our thoughts. Thank you, Mrs. Jacobson, for starting a school that thousands of students have been to and have learned, developed, and achieved so many goals! The Laurence community will miss you!

Q: How long have you worked at Laurence School?

A: I have been working at Laurence School for approximately 50 years.

Q: When, where, and how did you meet Mr. Jacobson?

A: It was in Los Angeles and I was coming to Laurence School so Mr. Jacobson could interview me for a teaching job. I had been teaching previously for 3 years. After that we started dating

and getting to know each other more.
Q: If you could teach any grade or class at Laurence School, what would it be and why?

A: I started as a teacher at Laurence School and now I am the education consultant. I really love all of the grades and unraveling the world of education to children and I've taught all of the grades at Laurence. The kindergarteners are so sweet, while the sixth graders are so mature.

So now you know a little more about Mrs. Jacobson. She is a big part of Laurence, and we will never forget her!



and moving on to a new chapter of their lives, and the grades in between are growing up so fast. I like history, literature, science, and many more subjects, so I would be fine teaching any grade.

Q: What made this the year you decided to retire?

A: Truthfully, I adore everyone at Laurence! The students, parents, teachers, and staff that put in countless hours to help make the school, "shine like the star it is!" But I have really given it a lot of thought and I think it's time I explore more aspects of my life. I love to join book clubs and I'm a great Ping-Pong player if I do say so myself.

Q: What is your favorite memory at Laurence School?

A: When Laurence was about 10 - 12 years in, we started the tradition of Brotherhood. The performances are a spark into the world of the future. I always love when the children express themselves.

Q: What has been your best achievement at Laurence?

A: My biggest and best achievement at Laurence would probably be being one of the founders and helping build the foundation of the school.

Q: Every school year, there is a new school wide theme. How do you come up with it?

A: The themes do change every year. I would love to take credit, but Mrs. Wolke and Mrs. Stange come up with them. But I approve them when they're done.

Q: What will you do during the day when you retire?

A: I will probably spend my day playing Ping-Pong and working out. I will also make an effort to try to join book clubs.

Q: When you retire, will you come back and visit?

A: Of course! I will always come back to visit! Laurence is my heart and soul and the dearest thing to me! It feels like it's a part of me so a part of me will always remain at Laurence. Mrs.

Jacobson, thanks a million for helping Laurence School grow. Laurence School gives you our gratitude and you will never be forgotten. We appreciate you for doing all that you have done and how much effort you have put into our wonderful school.

The Inside Scoop on Mr. Jacobson

By Dean C.

We all know our beloved founder Mr. Jacobson. He gave me the inside scoop about his life and Laurence. This article will reveal all the things you want to know about Mr. Jacobson. I chose to interview him because he is a very interesting man and I still have a lot of questions. So, here are all the questions and answers I asked and got!

Q: Did you start the school with anybody else?

A: No, I started the school with the help of three parents who wanted their kids to go to school. So they asked me that if they would help me build the school they would have their kids join it.

Q: When and where did you meet Mrs. Jacobson?

A: When I met her was during the first year of Laurence. She was visiting Laurence because she was seeing how this new school taught.

Q: What inspired you to make this school and where did you get the idea?

A: I wanted to teach children and to help people have a successful life and to have a great future. Also to learn how to behave and have some good character to help them in their later life.

Q: Will you ever retire from Laurence?

A: Someday, in a long long time from now.

Q: Who did you hire as your first teacher at Laurence?

A: Well I taught first at Laurence but when the second year came I had to hire another. I hired a man named Ralph Pearlman.

Q: Where did you go to school? Like college, high school, middle school, and preschool.

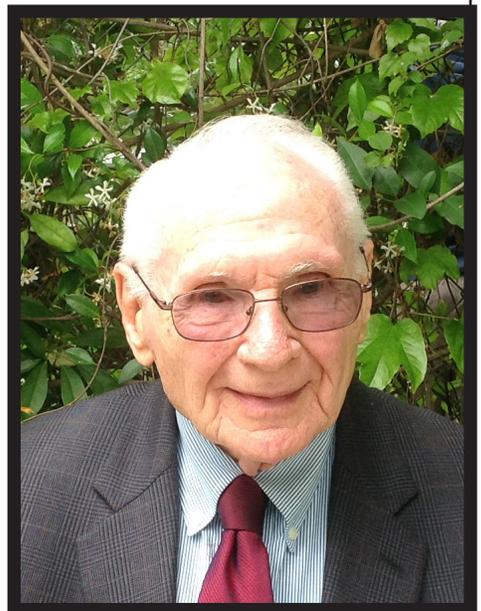
A: I went to NYU and when I was there I got a degree in psychology. Then when I graduated from there and I went to UCLA for graduate school. Well for high school and middle school I went to Washington Heights.

Q: What was your best year at Laurence?

A: My best year at Laurence was the year 2000 because that year we got in the most students in and the school advanced the most. The school also expanded the most around that time as well.

Q: How did you decide where to build Laurence?

A: I decided to build Laurence where my parents house was. They wanted me to pursue my dreams so they gave me permission to tear down the house and build Laurence.



Q: How did you get the idea to start a Global Education program?

A: I traveled around the world teaching other children learning about their cultures like China, Japan, England, Mexico, Africa, India, and Israel. The first name was Global learning but when I applied the program to Laurence I called it Global Education.

Marvelous Mrs. Wolke

By Lily C. and Estella F.

The wonderful, fantastic Mrs. Wolke's story is finally here! Who wants to learn some facts about our head of school? Mrs. Wolke is such a kind and caring person. She loves to keep "Kind in Mind" and has always been there for each and every student, faculty, and staff member! Laurence loves Mrs. Wolke for everything she's done for this school to make it as amazing as it is!

1. When did you first come to Laurence, and what did you do before?

A: 27 years ago I practiced as a lawyer in a courtroom. I was asked to create kids court. When I came to Laurence I fell in love with the kids and parents, and never left. That's why I went back to school for education.

2. If you weren't the head of school, what would you be? Why?

A: I'm so happy being head of school because of the kids and parents. I would be a lawyer, but wouldn't want to do anything else because i love my job too much.

3. What was your favorite year at Laurence? Why?

A: My favorite year at Laurence is every single day because I want to experience every moment, and second with the amazing children and I am very grateful

4. Do you miss Mr. Stern? Why?

A: I miss Mr. Stern so much, but just because he isn't apart of my every day life I still talk to him and see him as often as I possibly can.

5. Why do you keep kind in mind?

A: I keep kind in mind because I care very deeply about the students, faculty, and administration. In fact I gave the administration a 20 minute massage because I know they work so hard and put their heart and soul into their jobs so I thought the massage would help take the pressure off their shoulders.

6. What are you most proud of when the 6th graders graduate? Why?

A: I'm always so proud of everything they have worked for and accomplished. But the thing I'm most proud of is their public speaking skills.

7. Are you excited when new kindergarten students arrive each year?

A: I'm always excited with every year that comes. They're always so cute and happy and they love Laurence.

8. If you could come back to any grade and be a student, which would you choose?

A: I would choose to come back to sixth grade because I loved learning about ancient civilization.

9. What was your favorite subject in school and why?

A: My favorite subject in school was drama because I liked to memorize lines and to act in theater.

10. How old are your children and what are they doing since they graduated college?

A: My daughter Becky is 22 and Jonny is 24. Becky is working for a digital entertainment company in NYC. Jonny is in graduate school in L.A.

11. If you were a teacher what grade would you like to teach?

A: I would teach sixth grade because it was my favorite grade in school and it's a really exciting time in education.

12. What hobbies do you have outside of school? What do you do for fun?

A: I like to walk with my friends, sit outside and relax at Braemar Country Club, and being with my family. I love them so much. They are so special to me and are the most important part of my whole life.



Visit Miss Melissa For Magic Saltines

By Addison K. and Bela Z

This trimster, we have interviewed Miss Melissa, the health office manager. She is so nice to cure all the students that get hurt. Every day the front office gets 1 or more people hurt. Think how much work it is to cure more than one person a day! That is a lot of people. We hope you enjoy these fun facts about the queen of magic saltines!

1:Q. Where were you born?

1.A. I was born in Los Angeles.

2:Q. Do you have any kids? If so, boy, girl, or both?

2:A. One of them is a girl and one is a boy.

3:Q. What are your 2 favorite colors?

3.A. Probably green or purple.

4:Q. What is your favorite food?

4:A. My favorite food is probably pasta or sushi.

5:Q. What is your favorite animal?

5:A. My favorite animal is a puppy.

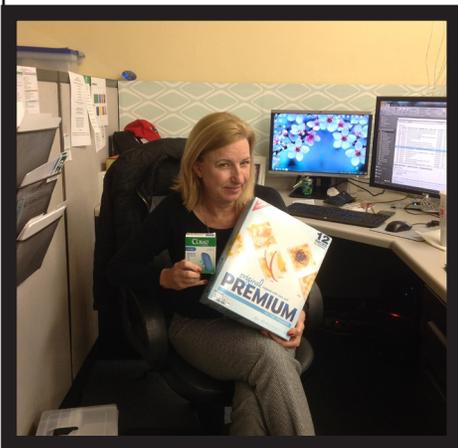
6:Q. Why did you choose to work at Laurence School?

6:A. I chose to work here because of the amazing students like you.

7:Q. Do you have any pets? If so, what pet?

7:A. No, but I wish I had a puppy, because they are so adorable.

Melissa is awesome and is a big help here at Laurence School. Thank you Miss Melissa for always being there when someone gets hurt. You rock!



Mr. Romano Rocks!

By Ben S., And Eric V.

Last year a very interesting new teacher came to Laurence. That new person was third grade teacher Mr. Romano. Now we think it is about time that someone was asked him some quirky questions. We all know Mr. Romano loves chess! But here are some facts you might not know.

1:Q. Where are you from? Which one do you like more?

A. New York. I do not like one more than the other. I think they are just different.

2:Q. What is your favorite restaurant in New York? Why?

A. Roberto's in Little Italy in the Bronx. It has the most authentic, delicious Italian food.

3:Q. What is your favorite food? Why?

A. I love so many. Sushi, Italian, Indian, Thai, American... I just love food!

4:Q. What is your favorite sport? Why?

A. Chess. And yes, it is a sport. It's such a challenging game. It's challenging mentally because you just have billions of options every game. In tournament chess, it's even physically challenging, because games can last up to 4 hours each, and it can be extremely exhausting.

5:Q. Do you speak other languages?

A. I can speak Italian and Spanish.

6:Q. What is your favorite vacation spot? Why?

A. Long Beach Island, New Jersey. We have been going as a family for so long. It's one of my family's traditions.

7:Q. Have you had any pets? What were they?

A. We had lots of pets growing up. The most memorable was a big mutt of a dog named Nemo. He was part German Shepherd, part Sheep Dog. We had him for 14 years, and he was truly a best friend growing up. He was a legend in the neighborhood. We had a softball team named after him, and the pizza place in my brother's show was named Nemo's. I have a picture of Nemo on my desk in my classroom.

8:Q. What's your favorite movie/play?

A. My favorite play is Les Miserable. I saw it a couple of times, and loved it. It's about the French Revolution.

9:Q. What was your favorite grade in school?

A. I can't really remember, but I think it was 5th grade. I loved the teacher, Ms. Catlanotto. She used to put an-

swer boxes on the board for every test.

10:Q. Have you been in any accident? What is the story?

A. Sadly, yes I have. I have been in a car accident. It happened only a few months after we moved here, and our Toyota Highlander that we shipped here from NY was totaled. Thankfully, nobody was hurt.



5,6,7,8 Ms. Lampkin is Great!

By Natasha C.

There is a new dance teacher at Laurence School-her name is Ms. Lampkin. She is an amazing new addition to the Laurence family! Since she is new here, we don't know to much about her. So here are some special facts about her!

1:Q.How long have you been teaching dance?

1:A.I have been teaching dance for 10 years.

2:Q.What is your favorite color?

2:A.I don't have one. It changes daily.

3:Q.What do you do when you are not dancing?

3:A.Nothing. I feel like I am always teaching, learning, or just dancing for the fun of it all day.



Wondering about Wonderland

By Natasha C

This year's primary play (first through third grades) was Alice in Wonderland. However, Alice has been put on trial for painting the roses red. All the characters in the original movie have come to either prove Alice innocent or guilty.

The three queens were judges.

I interviewed Sadie R., 1st grade, plays Rose; Ellie G., 3rd grade, plays Alice; and Maya K., 3rd grade, plays the white rabbit.

Q: What do you like most about your part?

A:

Sadie: I'm a lot like myself.

Ellie: I get to talk a lot and use an accent.

Maya: I have lots of lines and most of them are long ones.

Q: What do you like to do most during rehearsal?

A:

Sadie: Acting

Ellie: Blocking.

Maya: Watching other people to see how they have progressed.

Q: How are you like your part?

A:

Sadie: I am sassy.

Ellie: I get cut off and I beg.

Maya: I say long sentences and talk a lot.



A Smile Is

By Estella Flores

A smile is contagious, like a virus that never stops it goes from person to person, never stopping, just growing, with one look you pass it on and it's on its way

Happiness is like the sun in your eyes, feeling like limits are impossible to touch, like the beating of a drum getting louder and louder, never stopping just growing

Hope is like a friend, always there when you need it the most, like a hand that never lets go, it's always there to guide you

Love is like an arrow, when you aim it, sometimes you fail and sometimes you succeed and when you do you jump with joy

Faith is like a warm, soft, fluffy blanket, it's there whenever you need it, it's there to comfort you, and to keep you warm, like a shoulder to lean on, it's always there

A smile is contagious, like a virus that never stops it goes from person to person, never stopping, just growing, with one look you pass it on and it's on its way



Love

By Shayna B.

Love is a diamond, sparkling in the sunlight with a rainbow reflection
Its value so rare it is priceless
Love is a photo hanging up on the wall

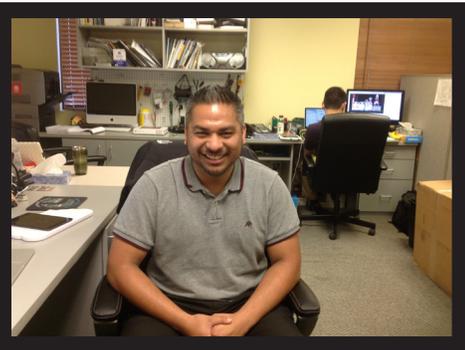
Its memories captured in time with you and your loved ones
Love is a wooden table, sturdy, polished, hard

Each fiber is a developed friendship promised to last a lifetime
Love is a bouquet of roses, oh, so red and beautiful

Their petals grow and flourish just as love does
Love is a piano, its enchanted sounds soothe my ears
The keys playing gently tickling it,
As it laughs an affectionate giggle

Love is a white sheet of paper,
Starting over with forgiveness and a clean slate





Terrific Technician

Madeleine C., and Mighty B.

We decided to interview Marco, the assistant technician, because we thought that most people don't know him that well. We found out many interesting things about Marco that you probably didn't already know. Here are some of the questions we asked him:

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I grew up right here in Los Angeles.

Q: What inspired you to be a technician?

A: I loved to play with software components on the computer.

Q: How did you hear about Laurence?

A: I was browsing the Internet when looking for a job as an assistant technician.

Q: Who inspires you the most?

A: I would have to say my parents inspire me the most of all.

Q: Who has made the biggest impact in your life?

A: I would have to say my girlfriend has made the biggest impact in my

life.

Q: When did you start to like computers?

A: I started to like computers at age 8 and or 9 years old.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to Glendale College, and then Long Beach.

Q: Do you have a girlfriend, wife, pets, or kids?

A: I have a girlfriend, and 4 dogs

Double Trouble!

By Sierra S. and Katharine S.

Have you ever wondered what its like to have a twin? Well, we asked around Laurence School and discovered what its truly like to have a twin. As you expected most of Laurence's twins have many things in common and many don't. However, all sets of twins admitted that they love and are happy that they have a twin. Enough from us— Here's what the twins had to say:

Let's begin with Eric and Alex (3rd Grade)!

Q: How are you guys different?

A: Eric- Well he likes watermelon, and I like fast food a bit better than Alex. I wear braces and my brother doesn't.

Alex- He has glasses. Also, when we play chess I usually like to use the black pieces and he uses white.

Q: Do you guys get along?

A: Eric- Oh we get along perfectly!

Alex- Eric don't LIE! We do fight sometimes!

Eric- Well, we do fight sometimes

because we are brothers. But we do get along most of the time.

Alex- We actually fight a LOT!

Eric- That's cause YOU start them!

Q: Do you guys like being twins or would you rather just be brothers?

A: Eric- Oh, I love being a twin!

Alex- Me too. We can always depend on each other.

But these aren't the only twins! We also interviewed sixth grader Grant B., a fraternal twin to Kyra.

Q: What are differences that you guys have?

A: Grant- I like dancing and she doesn't. She plays the saxophone and I play the trumpet.

Q: Do you guys have anything in common?

A: Grant- Yes, we have a lot of the same friends. And we play a lot of the same sports.

Now you know the inside scoop of being a twin!

Apple Innovates its Way into Our Lives at Laurence

By Davis M.

The year 2016 is great with so many new inventions coming out! Apple, a computer company, created some awesome inventions. They created the iPad, iPhone, iMac and more! Their brilliant creator Steve Jobs invented the first PC (Personal Computer). We went around Laurence School asking what the students' favorite Apple products are!

The Results:

iPhone-30

iPad-10

iMac Laptop-9

iPod-7

Apple Watch-11

We surveyed 67 and it's not surprising that so many people love to text and talk on their iPhones!



The Egg-Cellent New Chicken

By Davis M., Kingston R., And Devin S.

Have you heard about the new chick that hatched here in the Science lab? Well, a chicken broke out of its egg! It doesn't have a name yet, so we went around school asking you guys what to name it! Enjoy this egg-cellent survey!

Peep - 23

Summer - 20

Eggsie - 14

April - 14

George - 12

Sweet Pea - 11

Peep was an egg-cellent name! This chicken will have a wonderful life at Laurence! But now, Laurence gave away Peep, so we hope you checked him out!



Moving On

By Madeline H. and Mia W.

As we all know, the graduating class of 2016 has great people in it. But they're moving on now. They're graduating. It's sad, but we always move on. You might wonder what the 6th graders feel when they graduate. Well, read on to find out! First, we interviewed Ashley B.

Q. How do you feel about leaving Laurence School?

A. Sad because I have to leave all my friends.

Q. What are you going to miss most about Laurence?

A. The teachers because they helped me through tough times.

Q. What teachers do you have?

A. Mrs. Rifkin and Mrs. Morris.

Q. Are you going to miss them?

A. Yes because they showed me how to be a better person.

Q. What subject are you going to miss the most?

A. Science because it was fun having Mrs. Morris as my teacher.

Q. Were you in the play?

A. Yes, because I like expressing myself!

Q. What teacher will you miss most?

A. I don't know because I will miss them all.

Q. Who is your little buddy?

A. Kindergartener Gabriella G. I like her because she is nice, funny, and sweet, too.

Second, we interviewed Shaye G:

Q. How do you feel about leaving Laurence?

A. I'm really sad because I have made so many friends here and I'm sad to leave them but I know some of them will come with me to middle school.

Q. What are you going to miss most about Laurence?

A. I'm going to miss the community because most schools are huge and not as bonded as Laurence.

Q. What teacher do you have?

A. Mrs. Rifkin

Q. Are you going to miss her?

A. I will miss her because she has really helped me through sixth grade and she has always made me feel at home.

Q. What subject are you going to miss most?

A. My favorite subject is computers because Ms. Eaves is super creative and fun. Also because we are doing Minecraft and now I'm really into it.

Q. Were you in the play?

A. Yes, my character was Pumba. I like playing that character because it is a funny, comical character and I love to play those types of parts.

Q. Who is your little buddy?

A. Kindergartener Layla B. I like her because she is so cute and funny, and she reminds me of me when I was in kindergarten



Last, we interviewed Tallulah M.

Q. How do you feel about leaving Laurence?

A. I'm sad but they prepared us.

Q. What are you going to miss most about Laurence?

A. The teachers because they support me

Q. What teachers do you have?

A. I have Ms. Morris.

Q. Are you going to miss her?

A. I will miss her because she's funny and supportive.

Q. What subject are you going to miss the most?

A. I will miss art the most because I love Mr. Manise and I love to draw.

So, now you know how the 6th graders feel about graduating. Make sure to say goodbye to them before they leave. They're all great people, and they all got into great middle schools!

Kindergarteners are "Kute!"

By Mia W. and Madeline H.

Have you ever wondered about how the kindergarten teachers feel about the new kindergarteners? I definitely did so I interviewed two kindergarten teachers, Ms. Schotz and the newest kindergarten teacher Ms. Daley. If you did, then read more!

Ms. Schotz (KC)

Q. How do you like the new kindergarteners?

A. I really like them because they're

really cute and smart.

Q. What things do you do in kindergarten?

A. We are learning about the USA and the community.

Q. Are the kindergarteners fun?

A. Yes because they're very funny.

Q. What is your favorite part about teaching kindergarten?

A. Kindergarten is just the best grade I've ever taught.

Q. Are there any twins in your class?

A. Yes there is one set of twin brothers. They are in different classes, and we have Gus P.

Q. What do think the kindergarteners' favorite subject is?

A. I think it is Imagination Station, where they work on building blocks and they do fun stuff, and reading.

Mrs. Daley (KA)

Q. How do you like the new kindergarteners?

A. I love them because they love to learn.

Q. What things do you do in kindergarten?

A. Reading, math, and much more.

Q. Are the kindergarteners fun?

A. Yes because they love to tell funny jokes.

Q. What is your favorite part about teaching kindergarten?

A. My favorite part about teaching kindergarten is because they love to learn.

Q. Are there any twins in your

class?

A: Yes. We have John P., Gus P's brother.

Q. How many kids are in your class?

A. There are 16 kids in my class.

Q. Have you ever taught any other grades?

A. Yes, 5th grade.



Reading Is Fun!

By Ellie P.

Is reading one of your passions? Well, I decided to interview some of you guys to find out what books you love! The results for Harry Potter were magical! Here are the results!

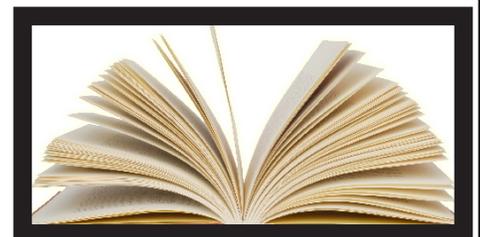
Harry Potter series:30

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series:12

Hunger Games series:6

Fairy tales:4

Yay! My spell worked! Harry Potter won!



Laurence Adores Authors

By Davis M.

We went around Laurence School asking students which authors they adore the most. Wow! Well look at that, Dr. Seuss won! Seems like Seuss is supreme! This time, Dr. Seuss came on top!

Dr. Seuss = 22 Votes

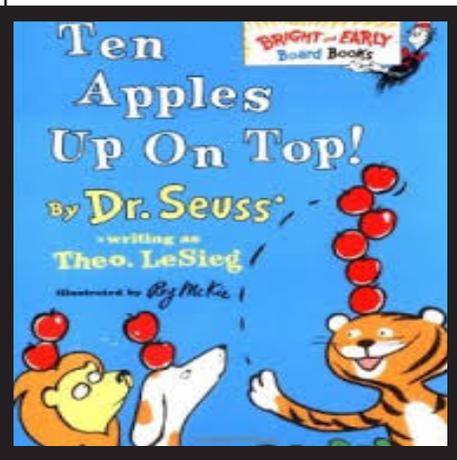
Jeff Kinney (Diary of a Wimpy Kid) = 18 Votes

J.K. Rowling (Harry Potter) = 16 Votes

RL Stine (Goosebumps) = 9 Votes

Judy Blume = 6 Votes

Well, there you have it! Good job Dr. Seuss! Dr. Seuss came on top!



Games Galore!

By Davis M., Eric V., And Ben S

These days, kids always are playing video games. So we asked people what

their favorite games are. So, come on, look down!

Minecraft= 13
Mario= 9
Lego Games= 7
Clash Of Clans=9
Pokémon=8

As you can see, Minecraft wins! So many people love it.



Spotlight Sports

Davis M., Eric V., And Ben S

We have interviewed some of the 4th grade sports players. We have learned that so many kids like famous basketball players like Steph Curry, and Chris Paul. We interviewed them because they are going to be the next sports stars Steph Curry and Chris Paul. They were very ecstatic that we interviewed them because they love sports so much. These are some of the questions that we asked them:

1. What is your favorite sport? Why?
2. What is your favorite sports team? Why?
3. What is your sport to watch? Why?
4. Who is your favorite player? Why?
5. How old were you when you started to play sports?
6. If you could switch bodies with a player who would that player be?
7. What was your favorite world cup? Why?
8. If you could switch two players who would they be?

Jake S.

1. I like basketball because it requires a

fast pace.

2. Dodgers and Warriors because they're my favorite sports teams.
3. Steph Curry because he can be the best on the court.
4. When I was 5.
5. Steph Curry because he is boss.
6. The one eight years ago.
7. I would switch Steph Curry and Kevin Duran.

Ryan S.

1. I like tennis and golf because it is boring.
2. I like Dodgers because I like baseball.
3. I like to watch baseball.
4. I like Chris Paul and Joc Pederson because they are on my favorite team.
5. When I started playing sports I was 2 or I could have been younger.
6. It would be Chris Paul because he is a boss.
7. My favorite World Cup was whenever USA won.
8. It would be Blake Griffin and Kevin Duran.



Brady R.

1. It would be baseball because it has always been my passion.
2. I like to watch the Cleveland Cavaliers because they have LeBron James I love to watch basketball because the Cavaliers play it.
3. I like LeBron James because he is a good player to watch.
4. I started to dribble a basketball when I was one. My big brother inspired me.
5. I would be Steph Curry because he has great skill and gets so much attention on the court.
6. I do not watch it but my favorite super bowl was 47
7. I do not know. That is a hard decision.

Casey R.

1. Basketball because it is my passion.
2. Clippers because I was born that way.
3. Chris Paul because he never gives up.
4. About five.
5. I would switch Blake Griffin and Kevin Duran.
6. Basketball.
7. My favorite World Cup was 48.

So there you go, Laurence's future sports superstars you also now know some cool facts! I guess sports are super!!

The Wookie Times

By Davis M., Kingston R., and Devin S

Don't we all love Star Wars? And with everyone excited for Rogue One, and Star Wars 8, who doesn't love this epic saga! It's full of ad-

venture, Sci-fi, and mysterious things! So we went around the school asking you guys what your favorite Star Wars character is! The results were high for everyone! The winner was Rey!

Rey - 25
Finn - 21
Kylo Ren - 19
BB8 - 7
Luke - 6
Leia - 5
Han Solo - 6
Darth Vader - 4
Chewbacca - 2

I guess everyone loves Star Wars! Some people like some characters more than others, but every character is awesome! This time Rey went into Hyperspace with votes!

Laurence's Least Favorite Foods

By Eric V. and Ben S.

At Laurence there have been many favorite food interviews. However, no one has done least favorite food. Laurence dislikes so many different foods. Some of their least favorite foods are:

Brussels Sprouts: 17

Broccoli: 13

Kale: 12

Carrots: 5

Eggs: 3

We have now found out that Kale is crazy, Broccoli is barely edible, and Brussels sprouts are the worst.



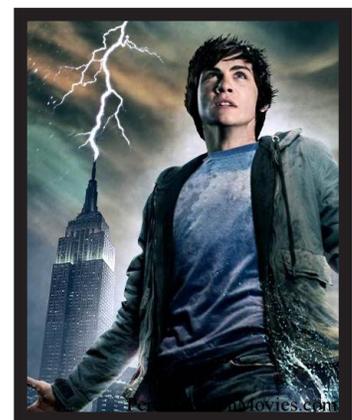
Books Are Amazing!

By Asher A., And Ollie C.

We went around asking what is your favorite book. We had seven books that were very popular in this school. We took all of the books that we read in reading and surveyed people which is the best. The winner is Percy Jackson.

Wonder-8
Percy Jackson-19
The Witches-4
The Trumpet of the Swan-2
Lemonade War-3
Bandits Moon-2
City of Ember-10

Congrats Percy Jackson!!!!



Behind The Scenes of the Lightning Striker

By Eric V., And Ben S

Have you ever wondered about joining the student newspaper? Well, it is definitely the place for you. Some reasons that you should join are that you can find out interesting facts about teachers. You can also survey your friends on almost anything. We decided to interview ourselves since we are on the staff:

1. Q. What do you do during the elective?

A. We work all day (not all of the time). We think of questions. Then we get them approved by the teachers. Next we go out and interview. Then we think of a clever headline, and then start to type the story.

2. Q. How many people are in your elective? Do you like having more or less people? Why?

A. This trimester we have 17 people, growing from 9 the last trimester. We think that next year we will have more because it's growing in popularity!

3. Q. What's your favorite interview that you did? Why?

A. My favorite interview that I did was the 7 unknown facts because the questions were fun and interesting to ask.

4. Q. On a scale of one to ten what do you rate your elective? Why?

A. I rate it a 9.8. I rate it a 9.8 because the elective is really fun, but it sometimes gets a little loud because we are so excited about our stories.

5. Q. What is your favorite part of this elective? Why?

A. Our favorite part of the elective that we sometimes get a snack and we and learn at the same time.

6. Q. What do you use to write stuff down?

A. We use a really cool calculator notebook, it is really cool.

7. Q. What is your favorite teacher that you interviewed this year?

A. Our 4th grade teacher Ms. Palmeri.

8. Q. How many trimesters have you been doing this? What was your favorite year?

A. I (Eric) have been doing this for 4 trimesters, and my favorite was the 3rd time because that is the year that I wrote the most. I (Ben) have been doing this for 2 trimesters. I liked it the most because we got to have lots of fun and play around.

We hope you will join us next year.



Mrs. Lu and Her Art-istry

By Ollie C. and Estella F.

Everyone has a background, a story if you will. People are born, they grow up, they go to school, get a job. Mrs. Lu is the art teacher for grades 4-6. She has brought fascinating projects to the Laurence art community. She started teaching this school year and, "The Lightning Striker Reporters," wanted to know more about her and her Art-istry!

Q: Where did you go to college? After college, did you go to art school?

A: I went to the University of Texas, and art school at the University of Houston.

Q: What was one of your favorite art pieces? Do you have any other hobbies?

A: One of my paintings at home is my favorite. I also like to do photography.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I was born in Korea and I moved to America when I was 13 in 1998. Then, I lived half of my life in Texas before I came to California.

Q: Did you teach art before coming to Laurence? Why did you want to teach here?

A: I taught art at the Draw Academy. I wanted to teach at Laurence because it's a good school, and that means good kids.

Q: When did you want to be an artist?

A: I wanted to be an artist in high school. I have loved art all of my life.



