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Star Chat with Foo Fighters Phenomenon, Dave Grohl

By Iona M. and Sierra S.

You know him. You love him, but what you don't know is in this very article, there are secrets so rockin' awesome, you'll just have to tell your friends. We give you... Dave Grohl! We made eleven super boomin' questions that'll blow your minds. This is exactly how it went diggety, diggety DOWN!!!

Q: How long have the Foo Fighters been a band?

A: Foo Fighters have been a band for seventeen years. We started the band in 1994 and we have made eight records. That's a ton!

Q: What did you want to do as a kid? Did you always want to be in a band?

A: When I was a kid, I wanted to be an artist. I wanted to go to art school and do commercial design like advertisements.

Q: What bands did you play in before you were in the Foo Fighters?

A: Before I was in Foo Fighters, I was in the popular band Nirvana, and also in Screaming Trees. As a teenager I was in Mission Impossible.

Q: How long did you play in

those bands?

A: I played in Nirvana for four years, Screaming Trees for four, and Mission Impossible for only two years.

Q: What are your favorite songs from each band?

A: From Foo Fighters, I like the song "Walk." From Nirvana, I like the song "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and from Screaming Trees I like "This Side Up."

Q: Are you involved in the songwriting?

A: Yes. I'll write the music and the words, and then I'll show it to the guys.



Q: How did you get the name "Foo Fighters?"

A: I was reading a book about science fiction, and I saw the words "Foo Fighters," and I thought that it sounded like the name of a band. It is actually the name of a UFO.

Q: What are the names of the other members of the band?

A: Taylor plays the drums.

Chris plays guitar, Nate plays the bass, and Pat also plays guitar.

Q: Who comes up with the video ideas for "Foo Fighters?"

A: Sometimes it's the director's idea, and sometimes it's ours.

Q: What comes first — the lyrics or the melody?

A: Sometimes, the music comes first, but the best songs are when we make the lines first. I was teaching my daughter how to walk when I got inspired and made the song "Walk."

Q: What is your all-time favorite food?

A: My favorite food has got to be...MY MAMA'S FRIED CHICKEN!!!!

And that's the scoop about singing super sensation, Dave Grohl! As Kermit the Frog would say "Yay!"



Up Close and Personal with Mrs. Burke

By Sierra S. and Iona M.

Do you know the real Mrs. Burke? We interviewed her to see the behind-the-scenes action with this daring drama queen. We asked questions about her life, family, and career. It went a little bit like this:

Q: What are you thinking of naming your baby, and why?

A: My husband and I are naming him Tobias Fearon Burke because it is an old Irish name from my husband's side.

Q: How do you like it here at Laurence?

A: I love it! I have so much fun teaching the students and the Administration and other faculty really support the Arts [Drama] in school.

Q: Where did you first discover your love for acting?

A: Back when I was in elementary school, my first part in a school play was the Artful Dodger in "Oliver." I did theater all throughout my life.



Q: How has performing arts changed

your life?

A: It has made me a more confident person, a better communicator, and provided me a happy career.

Q: What is your favorite musical?

A: I have a lot of favorite musicals! Right now, it is probably "Wicked," which is the back story of the "Wizard of Oz" witches.

Q: Do you think that "Seussical" was a success?

A: Absolutely! Everyone put their hearts into the show. Every actor shined, and I thought Ms. Azerad did a fantastic job on voice training!

And that was "Up Close and Personal With Mrs. Burke."

SOCCER SCORES AT LAURENCE AND SO DOES DANCE

By Lucy I. and Maggie F.

Do you like sports? If you do, this is the article for you. We did a survey of Laurence students' favorite sports. As we predicted, soccer came in first. Surprisingly, hockey and football came in last. Another surprising result was that dance came in second. Here are the results of the 51 students whom we interviewed

Soccer: 23
 Dance: 8
 Basketball: 4
 Baseball: 3
 Jump roping: 3
 Horseback riding: 3
 Gym: 3
 Football: 2
 Hockey: 2



Fourth grader Courtney S. says she loves dance because she loves to move her body and let go. One kindergartner named Julia W. said football was inspiring to her. Cora B., a first grader, said she liked baseball because it was a team sport. Laina B. a third grader liked baseball because it was competitive. So exercise, play and have fun!

What the People Think (Surveys): Spicy Saga

By Sierra S. and Iona M.

We interviewed fifty people to see what was hot, hot, hot! Out of hot wings, tacos with hot sauce, and spicy curry, the spicy curry won. Here are the scores:

Hot wings: 17
 Tacos: 8

spicy curry: 25



That wraps up our fiery survey for today! Remember, if you want something to send a flaming burst to your taste buds, try CURRY!

The Super Duper Bowl

By Riley O.

On February 5, 2012, there was a battle to see who would win the title of the best football team. The questions I asked were before we found out the winner of the Super Bowl. I interviewed Coach Riley, who was on a college football team (South Dakota State), and Coach Ross, who played baseball at San Jose State.

Q: What team do you want to win for the Super Bowl and why?

Coach Riley: My favorite team is the Patriots because I like Boston and they stand for winning and leadership.

Coach Ross: I think the Giants because they are hot right now and they have good momentum.



Q: Who is your favorite player and

why?

Coach Riley: Tom Brady from the Patriots because he is a leader, and he shows respect to his teammates.

Coach Ross 2: Victor Cruz from the Giants because he is awesome, and I like his touchdown dance (he does the salsa).

Q: Have you ever thought of being on a Super Bowl team or just a team?

Coach Riley: Yes. I have always wanted to be on a Super Bowl team because I played in college, and I enjoyed it a lot.

Coach Ross: I have never been interested in the Super Bowl because my sport is baseball, and football is not my sport.

Q: Where are you going to watch the Super Bowl?

Coach Riley: I watched it at a friend's house because it is fun.

Coach Ross: I watched it at my friend's house because I got invited to their house.

Q: Do you like NFL football or College football?

Coach Riley: I like NFL because they have the best athletes.

Coach Ross: I like the NFL because their athletes try there hardest and play the best.

Q: After watching the Giants and Patriots, who do you think will make the most progress in the Super bBwl?



Coach Riley: I think the Patriots will have a hard time because they haven't been doing

that well. They lost their last game. The Giants have been doing great. They are more aggressive and they can get the ball down the field.

After the game...

Q: Why do you think the Giants won the Super Bowl?

Coach Riley: the Giants won the Super Bowl I think because they had much better defense.

Coach Ross: I think they won because the best players were playing the hardest positions. I am so glad they won!

What the People Think (Surveys): Comedy is Key

By Sierra S. and Iona M.

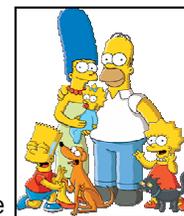
We interviewed fifty- five people on which comedy TV show they liked best. The nominated shows were *Modern Family*,

(applause), *Friends*, (cheer) and *The Simpsons* (wow).

Modern Family: 41

Friends: 7

The Simpsons: 7



Well that's it for our silly survey! We hope that you enjoyed

What the People Think: Comedy is Key!



Here were the tallies:

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Laurence School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

By Julia S.

Did you know that Laurence School is magic? Well, it isn't (literally)! But the best-selling series called Harry Potter is! I interviewed one of Laurence's biggest fans fourth grader Immi S.! Follow the magic and read this "chosen" article!

For those of you who are muggles (non-magical people), the seven book names are: The Sorcerer's Stone, The Chamber of Secrets, The Prisoner of Azkaban, The Goblet of Fire, The Order of the Phoenix, The Half-Blood Prince, and The Deathly Hallows.

Q: What is your favorite Harry Potter book and why?

A: The fourth book (The Goblet of Fire) because the most action happens. I like that it's exciting. I also like that (spoiler alert) Voldemort returns.

Q: Which is your favorite: books or movies?

A: Books. Obviously!

Q: Who is your favorite book character?

A: Snape. I like him because he is a potions master. He is also awesome.

Q: What house are you in: Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, or Slytherin?

A: Ravenclaw.

Q: Who's your favorite actor?

A: Alan Rickman (Snape) because he's really nice in real life and very dramatic.

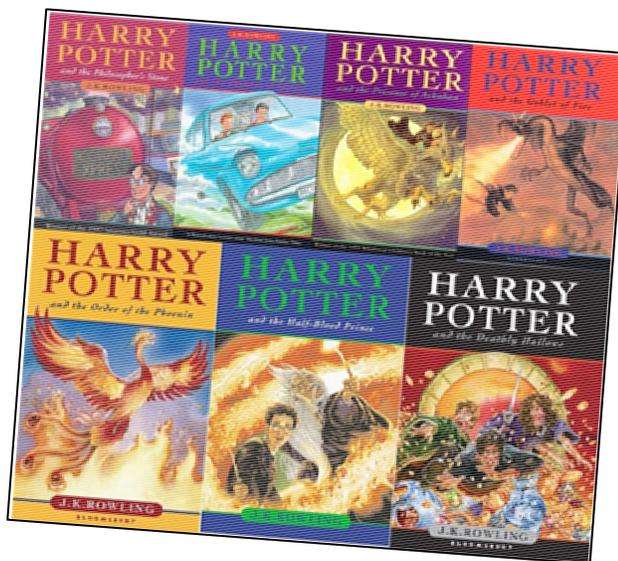
Q: Why do you like this series?

A: Because it's exciting! It's also fun. I look forward to reading it in the future (again).

Wow! Immi really likes Harry Potter.

Come join "The Boy who Lived" in J.K Rowling's best selling series, Harry Potter. I interviewed more than 50 third through sixth graders and the favorite book is The Deathly Hallows (the final book) with 11 votes!

See you at Hogwarts!



Up Close and Personal With Mrs. Stern

By Iona M. and Sierra S.

To spice up the *Lightning Striker*, we interviewed cooking sensation Bea Stern, who is our principal's mom. She recently came to both 4th grade classes to share her culinary skills. We interviewed her on secrets so juicy that in a "Juicy Contest," they would beat her famous lamb chops. Here are the questions we asked:

Q: What did you like to do to have fun when you were a kid?

A: I went to the beach with my friends and swam in the cool ocean.



Q: As an adult, what was your job?

A: When I was very young, I had my first job at a jewelry shop and taught swimming lessons long afterward. I also worked at a school and taught Home Economics.

Q: What is your favorite things to cook?

A: My favorite things to cook are desserts! Making cookies, cakes, and baking are my favorite ways to cook!

Q: What is your favorite show on the cooking channel?

A: I like watching shows by Giada DeLorentes (Jee- ah- duh Day- Lor- e- tez.) and Barefoot Contessa. I don't like the competitive shows though.

Q: What do you season meats with? What flavors do these seasons bring?

A: I prefer to season with basil and oregano which have mild, earthy flavors.

Q: Why is cooking important to you?

A: Cooking brings families together and frankly, it's fun!

Q: How long have you been cooking at Laurence? Which grades have you cooked with?

A: I have been cooking here for twelve years. I have only cooked with kindergarten through fourth grades. I also taught cooking at Dixie Canyon Elementary School for fourteen years.



This has been "Up Close and Personal; with Bea Stern." Hope you enjoyed all the saucy facts and questions. Chow! (See what we did there?).

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Extra, Extra: Chinese Acrobats at Assembly

By Iona M. and Sierra S.

On May 11, we started out our Friday as usual with the “Good Morning” song, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Then we sang “This Land is Your Land” with the whole of our hearts. We also swayed along to the hit single “Laurence, Oh Laurence.” Afterward, we announced birthdays. Then sixth grade brothers, Evan and Justin W. shared a special video about the Food Pantry. Then they brought up the Food Pantry founder who thanked Laurence for all our support. Finally, the Brownie troop had something to share about the food pantry and invited students to bring in canned soup over the next two weeks.

Then, it was time for what we had all been waiting for: the Chinese Acrobats! It began with two young women who were contortionists. They came on in glittering white and gold leotards. They twisted and turned until the entire audience was part mystified and part horrified. It was amazing! They stood atop each other multiple times and showed extreme strength and flexibility. Just then, a woman dressed in green came in to help lift a

woman with just a single foot. She assisted with giving the two contortionists props to place on their hands and feet. The audience applauded. After that, a 19-year-old man came on to juggle. He flipped, kneeled and jumped around in circles, always with a hat on his head. He juggled silver pins high and low and behind his back. Cheers of “whoa” and “Oh my goodness” were heard throughout the room. He even balanced some on his face, did a cartwheel, and caught a pin about to hit the ground.

The audience was also crazy about his outfit. He wore a black and gold-trimmed vest, red baggy pants, and no shirt. He switched juggling rings and once in a while he caught one on his neck. The juggler threw the rings up two at a time and hid them behind his back. Finally, fifth grader, Skylar M., was called upon to catch rings on his head and two arms.

The next astonishing act was unicycling. They performed this while balancing cups on their feet, arms and head, and then caught the silver cups on their heads. The unicyclists wore white veils, sparkling gold and white boots, green dresses,

and white crowns with a red jewel. One of the women accidentally dropped a bowl, but no one cared because they were such a big hit! The women also balanced pink flowers on their feet and caught them in the iron bowls.

And, last but not least, three ladies in green masquerade costumes



came in to spin plates! They had long rods on which to spin the plastic plates. They spun three in each hand. The plates twirled on the rods with such elegance that many people said “No way!” They danced and flipped, and the contortionist did a full-on backbend.

When the assembly ended, everyone was disappointed because it was over and we didn’t get autographs!

What the People Think: Technology Time

By Iona M. and Sierra S.

Want to know the latest hits, laptop lovers? Then, listen to our cyber survey. We went all around the school just for all of you computer freaks. We asked what the best computer program is: Webkinz, Club Penguin or Minecraft? The results are in, and the winner is...

Minecraft: 41
Webkinz : 8
Club Penguin: 6

By the way, with Minecraft being the favorite, you should start playing ASAP. LOL!



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Up Close and Personal With Ms. Azerad

By Iona M. and Sierra S.

Miss Natalie Azerad is Laurence's most recent addition (along with Miss Wilhelm) to the music and performing arts team. We all wanted to know a little more about her, so we asked her a few questions...



Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I grew up in a couple of places. I was born in Jerusalem, Israel and moved to Nice, France when I was one. At 11, I moved to America!

Q: What is your favorite song?

A: If I had to pick one, it would be "At Last" by Etta James.

Q: What is your real, REAL, name?

A: My real name is Natalie Azerad, but my real, REAL, name is Talie!

Q: When did you decide to be a singer?

A: I decided to be a singer half-way through high school.

Q: What instruments can you play?

A: I can play the guitar and random percussion instruments like the drums and cymbals.

Q: What was your job before working at Laurence?

A: I was a music teacher at Fenton Charter School and I also sang with jazz bands.

With all that information said, we are too moved by the music to write anymore.

History's Most Timeless Inventions

By Alexander S. and Ava S.

Every day, you use inventions that people like Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Graham Bell invented. We take these things for granted, but now we really see which inventions are most important in this century. We asked the people of Laurence what inventions they appreciated most and these are the results.



We learned Laurence was crazy for computers with 14 out of 50 votes. In second place, came the telephone with 13 out of

50 votes. Oh, so close! Ring a bell for Graham Bell! Next, was a tie! Hey, start the ignition because this light bulb is glowing bright! The car and light bulb earned a still excellent 11 out of 50 votes. Now listen up, because this next invention is loud! The radio came in at last with 1 out of 50 votes. Better luck next time! Well, give these incredible inventors a hand, or at least partial credit.

Extra, Extra! Aristocats Fever Spreads!

By Jack G. and Alexander S.

The Aristocats is about a Parisian cat name Duchess in 1910. She has three kittens: Marie, Berlioz, and Toulouse. They live in the house of Madame Adelaide Bonfamille, a retired opera star, who plans to get rid of the cats. *The Aristocats* is about their adventures in Paris.



We interviewed two second graders Luke G. and Katie G. Luke's character was Toulouse and Katie's was Hepcat. Katie's favorite song was the first song because it helped get rid of her nerves. Luke's was Thomas O' Malley's entrance. Katie thought the show was great because she loves cats! Katie also thinks the next play will be great but cannot be in it, sadly. Katie felt a mixture of nervousness and excitement. Luke's favorite part of the play was being backstage. They both did wonder-

fully in the play, and we hope to see them again on stage soon!



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POETRY CORNER

Friendship By Sierra S., fourth grade

The wind blows but doesn't sway my
pains

I think of light, making sparks in the
depths of despair

Fire, warming the world with an amber
glow

Water, washing away yesterday's worries

Dew, sprouting new thoughts, kinder
ones

Peace, flying through the air on silver
wings, to bring ivory hope

Friendship is the medicine of the mind,

The curer of criticism, the wonder of my
dreams

Weaving the story that is now my life

Springtime By Ian F., fourth grade



The soft white doves are chirping merrily
in the trees

A brown bird is carrying a twig in its
mouth for its nest

I smell and feel the springtime breeze
The blue sky is about to rain and help
the plants grow

On the ground, the red ants are march-
ing back to their homes

The rain from the sky is helping the tiny
saplings turn into huge trees

The trees are growing fruits because of
the season change

A miniature windmill is blowing because
of the wind

Peace

By Alison S., first grade



Peace is looking up at a rainbow in the
sky

With colors of joy in the blue sky

The rainbow spreads out as you look at it

When you see the sky

You look back at the rainbow,

It slowly disappears

When it fully disappears

You can only see the clouds

And the blue, blue sky

That is peace

Gazebo

By Katherine S., second grade

Under the gazebo

I hear birds chirp

As the sun sets

I gaze at the pretty colors

It's where I dream about tomorrow

As the wind blows, the magic flows

I feel like I'm in dreamland

Where the magic never ends

It is great to have a

Gazebo as your friend



The Black Pearl By Max R., sixth grade

Precious

Unique in its form and style

It carries a deep secret wherever it goes

The shell is worthless without its pearl

The much anticipated pearl you see was

once a grain of sand

One little grain of sand altered into a
majestic, silky, sparkling pearl.

Envied for looks and rarity, fragile in its
presence

People are determined to acquire the
inside of a rugged being

Almost impossible to find but worth the
struggle



My Mother's Hand By Avery K., second grade

My mother's hand

Makes me feel warm and comforted

Just like my bed

My mother's hand

Is soft and snuggly

Cheers me up when I'm grumpy

My mother's hand

The best thing I can imagine

I never want to let it go



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Chickmania: An Overview of the Year's Chicks

By Alexander S. and Ava S.

May 10, 2012 was a very monumental day in the history books for Laurence School. On that day, the first 2012 chick was born.

Practically, every year, our school's science teachers Mrs. Arul and Ms. Manalastas use an incubator to hatch chicks in the science lab. At around 7:45 A.M. on May 10th, a baby chick tirelessly hatched out of its egg. For chicks, cracking open their eggs is quite an accomplishment. The name for the chick has yet to be determined. The same day at 11:28 A.M. another chick hatched. The chick was born without feathers on its neck, which is quite common. The last chick was born at 11:20 A.M. on May 11th. He was born with a foot that doesn't bend properly.

We asked Ms. Manalastas to give us a summary describing every chick:

The Alpha chick (aka the oldest): "He is the leader. All the other ones follow him. If he drinks they drink. If he eats, they eat."

The Naked-Necked Sweetheart (aka the middle one): "Thanks to Beechie S. in fourth grade, we now know he is a naked-necked chicken. He's very sweet,



and he likes to cuddle with the oldest chick. As soon as the youngest chick came out, he went to cuddle with him."

Prince Charming (aka the youngest): "Personally, he's my favorite. Sadly, his right foot is not bending properly. We will

see a doctor and ask about his condition. He is also very charismatic."

"This year we didn't get that many chicks," Ms. Manalastas closed. "Hopefully, the ones left will thrive. Best of luck!"

A Tip about Chicks with Mrs. Arul:



Q: Can you tell if a chick is a boy or a girl when it's born?

A: You cannot really be sure the gender of a chicken until it grows a waddle and a comb.

These questions have been answered about the Laurence chicks, but a very common one still remains. "Which came first — the chicken or the egg?"

Kid Kouture with Julia S. and Emma P.

By Julia S. and Emma P.

We decided to find some students with cool, fashionable uniform choices. Then we went to interview them! First, we interviewed first graders, Mighty B. and Lauren R.



Q: What are you wearing?

Mighty: I'm wearing a pink Ralph Lauren polo dress with ruffles at the bottom. I'm

also styling a cute black and navy Harujuku Girls blazer, with of course, a pink logo. I also am wearing black patent leather boots with a display of a sequin, and beaded flowers over gray knee highs. I also am wearing my Juicy Couture purple and black glasses. To top it off, I'm wearing a lavender flower hair clip.

Lauren: I am wearing the same dress as Mighty except white with a pink logo. I have a hair clip with an array of faux diamonds. I am also wearing white Converse shoes and pink knee highs. I am styling Juicy Couture glasses that are carnation pink.

From the third grade we interviewed Olek Z., who is sporting a preppy-sporty look.

Q: What are you wearing?

A: A red Lands' End shirt with a black logo. I am also wearing skinny black pants and black patent leather Converse.

See how you colorful, stylish and sophisticated but still in form? Try one of these looks! Don't be afraid to show your true colors!



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Fast-Food Fever

By Alexander S.

The Laurence kids are catching “Fast-Food Fever” fast. On May 18th, an In and Out truck came to Laurence. Students gladly waited for a delicious hamburger “fresh off the grill.”

The In and Out goes to many schools, some of which include Westside Neighborhood School and Covina Elementary. Each student gets to pick which style he/she wants their

hamburger. Then, children get a drink, rice crispy treat, and a bag of potato chips. To



feed the hungry kids and teachers at Laurence, the cooks at In and Out had to make an estimated 50-65 Double-Double All the Ways, and 150-200 Plain Hamburgers.

Altogether, they had to make about 350-375 hamburgers! That’s about 350 patties and 350 slices of cheese. Thank you “In and Out” for really showing us “what a hamburger’s all about!”

Girls Rule the School!

By Claire S.

Would you like to know how it feels to be the Head of School at Laurence? On Friday May 11, 2012, fifth grader Jordan G. and fourth grader Ashley G. were Assistant Heads of the School.



They helped in the assembly and Jordan G. asked Laurence students to do something that day to make someone smile. They also read to the kindergarteners, worked the phones in the office, and even helped at carpool.

Ashley’s favorite part of the day was handing out the birthday ribbons at the assembly. Jordan loved seeing what the staff does in the office every day!

I think they were very good assistants. So let’s hear it for the girls!



Up Close and Personal with the Kids’ Court Cast

By Iona M. and Sierra S.

Order in the court! Mr. Willy Wonka is charged for attempted murder of Ms. Veruca Salt, Mike Teevee, Violet Beauregarde, and Augustus Gloop.

We interviewed sixth grader Aidan B. (Mike Teevee) to see what was doing in the candy courtroom. We were hoping to find out if Willy Wonka, the poor sucker (lollipop), was going to put on a fantastic show, the next Mike instead.



Q: How you
A: We for a month.

long did practice?
practiced solid

A: This is the first original script in ten years, so it’s new to work with. I do think this is the best one.

Q: Is the décor the best in your opinion?
A: Definitely, especially the lights because they illuminate the stage more.

Q: Do all sixth graders take part in it?
A: All sixth graders take part but not all in the acting. We have seven people on the tech team. They do everything with the lights and sound. They work really hard, so we thank them.

Q: Is it fun to be on Kids’ Court?
A: Oh...totally! It turned out to be really fun!

Q: Do you think the school will enjoy this experience?

A: Um...yes, because this is the best Kid’s Court I think. It is such a comedic, fun, exhilarating and educational show.

Well that was one short but sweet interview!



Q: Do you think this is the best Kids’ Court?

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CFL Super Bowl!

By Jack G.

The final score of the CFL (Coaches' Football League) Super Bowl has just come in! The Redmond Rebels faced the Raging Rossies (named after our coaches, of course) for the Laurence Super Bowl. I interviewed Teddy R., a second grade player from the Rossies. He told me their record was 14-1, and they only lost once to the Rebels. They

beat out the Riley Playmakers in order to make it to the Super Bowl. Everybody played well. They thought they would win the Super Bowl, and they were excited that they made it in.

They played the flag football game on the Lightning Field at Laurence School. At the Super Bowl, the final game of the season, the Rebels and Rossies tied.

That's all about sports today. Next is the start of CSL (Coaches' Soccer League)!



How About Birthdays?

By Alexander St.

We all know there are twelve months in a



year. Everyone has a birthday annually, but have you ever wondered which month keeps the cake coming? In this article, you'll find out what the most popular birthday month(s) is/are at Laurence.

There were three months tied for the top spot. They were August, November, and December all leading with 11 birthdays. Close behind with nine birthdays was

July! February just crawls after July with eight birthdays. The next months are tied, May and June. They both have seven birthdays. March and October have got an even six birthdays. April and September hold the same amount of birthdays, four! And, finally the month that three kids have a birthdays is (dramatic music) January! So light the candles and put the frosting on the cake.

Candy Mania

By Ian F.

Hello, all you candy lovers out there and welcome to Laurence School's own newspaper. This trim (or not-so-trim) trimester, I have been wondering what candy people at Laurence like the most: Starburst, Peeps, Sour Patch Kids, Gummy Bears, M&M's, or Whoppers. So,

I decided to join the newspaper and write a story about it.



I asked 54 people, and they all gave a vote. In 1st place, Sour Patch Kids got 30 votes. In 2nd place, M&M's got eight votes. In 3rd, Whoppers got six votes. In 4th, Starburst got four votes. And, in 5th, there was a tie between Peeps and Gummy Bears with three votes. So, woo-hoo to Sour Patch Kids. Which sweet treat do you think can't be beat?

Disney's Most Popular Shows

By Mica P.

Have you ever thought of the most popular shows on Disney Channel? I decided to survey students about their favorite shows! I have interviewed 47 people at Laurence who love Disney Channel. Congratulations to *Good Luck Charlie!*

Good Luck Charlie: 27

Austin and Ally: 12

Phineas and Fer: 5

Shake it up: 3



MEMORIAL PYRIMID

By Riley O.

Mr. Nairn's elective built a pyramid of cups using 105 cups! Third through fifth graders Tanisha, Tenley, Drew, Dominique, Grace, and Ryan built the amazing pyramid. The great pyramid was 6 feet tall – taller than Mr. Nairn! In honor of Memorial Day, the pyramid was red, white, and blue. So if you want to make one at home go ahead and try, but it's not easy!

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Up Close and Personal With Ms. Wilhelm

By Iona M. and Sierra S.

We interviewed one music teacher already, so as you can imagine, we *had* to interview the other. Ms. Wilhelm also thought that this was a symphonic super idea, so we readied our pianos—I mean pencils—and began to sing—scribble—down every word that she said:



Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Chicago and moved here only a year ago.

Q: Which instruments can you play?

A: I can play the piano, guitar, violin, harp, and various percussion instruments. So, I guess that is about ten, maybe more.

Q: What is the weather like in Chicago?

A: It gets really cold in the winter and really warm in the summer, which is kind of similar to New York.

Q: What are your favorite types of music?

A: I like all kinds of music. My favorite types of music are classic rock and show tunes.

Q: Out of sheer imagination and pure curiosity, what is your favorite color?

A: My favorite colors are pink, then yellow, then, green.

Q: Do you shop at Forever 21?

A: Sometimes. I like the colorful dresses and the modern jewelry.

Whoa...Those were some pretty jazzy answers! Also, those questions couldn't be beat, with even a drum.



Quotations of the Month

By Sierra S.

"We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." -Albert Einstein

"It's not easy being green"- Kermit T. Frog

"There's only one gift that you should accept on the first date- diamonds.- Miss Piggy

Mrs. Milman's Sacred Secrets

By Phoebe B.

I sat down to interview one of Laurence's favorite teachers and my teacher, Mrs. Milman! Mrs. Milman teaches fourth grade with Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Nairin, and Ms. Heckendorn. Her



classroom is Room 6, and she also teaches the Student Newspaper Elective. She has been at Laurence for five years now. She was born in Lake Forest, Illinois, on January 19th. Her first job was working at Knott's Berry Farm at 17,

a very fun attraction to go to with family. She also worked in public relations for 15 years, was a substitute teacher for a while, and then made Laurence her new home.

She has two daughters, Sabrina who is 15, and Natasha, who is ten, and a husband, Dave. She first taught with Ms. Green and Mrs. Prescott in fourth grade. For the past two years she has taught with Mrs. Kovacs and this year welcomed a new teacher, Mr. Nairin! She has a love for teaching and surprises fourth grade with new lessons, activities, meetings, and more. The first surprise was a scavenger hunt that was filled with fun for all of us. She also surprised fourth grade with WordMaster's parties and amazing activities that have learning and fun all wrapped up in one!

I think the homework that she gives us is not too much. She also understands much of the stress students go through with too much homework because she has kids and can relate. She treats the class like family and she is the mom. Mrs. Milman cares for each and every fourth grader she has had. One of the class's favorite projects in the year was Boomtown. We were learning about the Gold Rush and boomtowns back then. She then assigned us each a boomtown business partner. Some of the businesses were general stores, hotels, saloons, and more.

Mrs. Milman makes school enjoyable for everyone, and feels rewarded when we finish a lesson. She has provided Milman Money, which you can find out more about by coming to our classroom! She continues to rock fourth grade and make it as interesting as possible.

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Ponies are Getting “Strong” er

By Julia S.

My Little Pony-Friendship is Magic is a new animated show on the Hub Channel. Many people like it, and we have one of the stars at our very own school! Tara Strong, a parent of fourth grader Sammy, has opened up her pony secrets to share with us.

Q- Which pony do you play, and what are her characteristics?

A-I play "Twilight Sparkle." She is a conscientious student who loves to read. She is kind and very bright and is always ready for action. She is a true leader and will help anyone in need.



Q- Are the other actors nice?

A-Very!! Most voice actors are very nice because as opposed to ON-CAMERA it's not about what you look like. It's strictly based on talent, versatility and your skills at bringing drawings to life.

Q- Which episode was your favorite so far and why? What happens in the episode?

A-My favorite episode is the wedding special. It's a really big episode. There is tons of action and mystery as well as comedy and great music. It keeps you watching! It's about Twilight's brother's wedding.

Q-What is your favorite thing about being a voice actress in *My Little Pony-Friendship is Magic*?

A-I love doing voice acting. It's incredibly fun and creative. You get to meet the most amazing, talented, funny folks. *My Little Pony* is particularly rewarding because of its enthusiastic fan base.

Q- Who's your favorite pony (who you don't play) in the show and what are his/her characteristics?

A-I'd probably say Pinky Pie because she's very silly and reminds me of another character I played, "Bubbles" from *The Power Puff Girls*.

Q-What is happening next in *My Little Pony-Friendship is Magic*?

A-There are some really fun, interesting and different episodes coming, and I'm not allowed to give you any details! Sorry.

Q- What is your favorite character that you have voiced?

A-I don't know what little girl DIDN'T want to be the Little Mermaid, so when I got to play her daughter, "Melody" in *The Little Mermaid 2*, and I got to sing with Jodi Benson. It really was a dream come true.



This interview definitely had sparkle! We hope for more pony shows.

Now that you know about the show, take this quiz to see which pony you're most like:

Q1- What personality trait represents you the most?

- A) shy
- B) fashionable
- C) very, very, very, very, very energetic
- D) sporty
- E) studious
- F) loves apples

Q2- What is your favorite color?

- A) pastel colors like light yellow and baby pink
- B) purple and fashionable colors.
- C) pink!
- D) rainbow
- E) purple and navy.
- F) colors ruin your studying, so I don't care

Q3- What is your favorite hobby?

- A) caring for animals
- B) drawing
- C) baking
- D) soccer
- E) reading
- F) gardening

Q4- What is your gift?

- A) caring
- B) generosity
- C) laughter
- D) loyalty
- E) magic
- F) trustworthy

*If you got mostly A's, you are Fluttershy

*If you got mostly B's, you are Rarity

*If you got mostly C's, you are Pinkie Pie

*If you got Mostly D's, you are Rainbow Dash

*If you got mostly E's, you are Twilight Sparkle

Turtles Win as Most Popular Pet

By Mica P.

Have you ever wondered which pets other people love? Well, now you will know. I wanted to find out what pets Laurence students like because it sounded fun and interesting. Here are the winners, after my poll of 67 students:

Turtles	27
Dogs	22
Cats	9
Fish	9

