

New Principal, Behind the Desk

By: Elizabeth D. and Maddie C.

Do you know that man in charge of the school? Well, that's our new principal Mr. Hayes! Mr. Hayes is a hardworking father who loves smiling and working with kids! We did an interview with him to learn more about him. So here is the interview!

Question #1: How many years have you been dealing with education?

Answer: "This will be my 12th year."

Question #2: Do you enjoy your job? If so why?

Answer: "Yes! I get the opportunity to work with young people and help make their lives better."

Question #3: What made you decide to come to Lee Eaton?

Answer: "Lee Eaton has a great reputation. The kids are hardworking and the staff is great!"

Question #4: What was your previous job?

Answer: "Assistant Principal at Keystone Middle School."

Question #5: What's the hardest part of your job?

Answer: "I think the hardest part is when I have to talk with parents about a student's choice."

Question #6: What's the easiest part of your job?

Answer: "Smiling, it's free and infectious."

Question #7: What do you typically do during the day?

Answer: "There is a lot of communication; update website, communicating with the teachers, newsletter, and I choose disciplinary action for students."

Question #8: Where did you graduate college?

Answer: He got his Bachelor's degree at Miami University and his Master's degree at University of Dayton.

Question #9: Do you have any kids? If so what are their name(s)?

Answer: He has 2 step-children who are Chloe (10) and Marco (12).

Question #10: What activities do you like to do with your family?

Answer: "We play Yahtzee, we fish, and we also take our puggle out for long walks."

Question #11: If you could change your job, what would it be and why?

Answer: "Pediatrician, because I like to work and help kids."

Therefore, Mr. Hayes is an excellent dad and a hardworking principal. Make sure to stop by the office and say, "Hi!"



Mr. Hayes behind the desk.

Mrs. Pitts, New Receptionist

By: Elizabeth D. and Maddie C.

Who's that smiling lady that you see every day when you enter that door? It's the lovely Mrs. Pitts! She's the new receptionist at Lee Eaton Elementary. We interviewed her and here are some questions following with her answers.

Question #1: What is the easiest part of your job?

Answer: "The easiest part of my job is, greeting the parents and students every day."

Question #2: What is the hardest part of your job?

Answer: "The hardest part of my job would be being the crossing guard and recess aide because I don't like the cold weather."

Question #3: What was your previous job?

Answer: "I was an Educational Aide at the Nordon High School for 24 years."

Question #4: What is your favorite part of your job?

Answer: "Getting to interact with the students and their parents. Also getting to see my granddaughter everyday too!"

Question #5: What do you typically do during the day?

Answer: "I work many jobs like: lunch duty, crossing guard, attendance, answering phone calls, running the clinic until 10:00, outside recess, the office, and calling buses at the end of the day."

I hope you learned a lot about Mrs. Pitts, because we had a blast interviewing her.



Mrs. Pitts smiles for the camera.

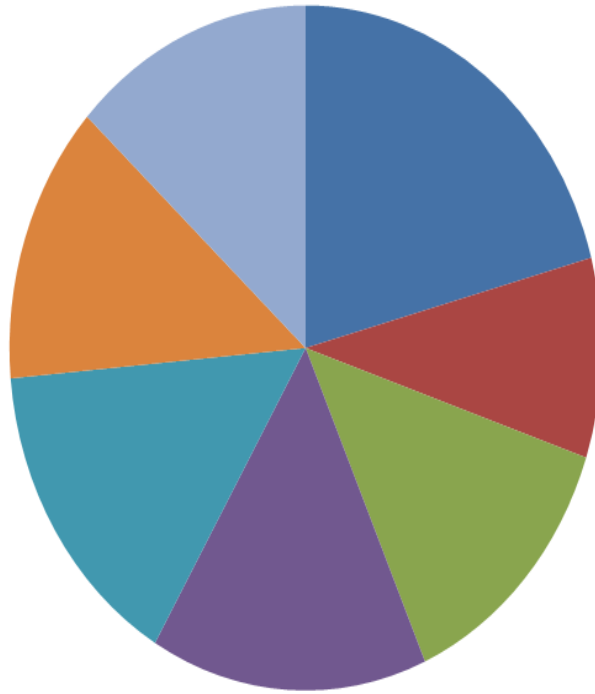


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Interviews by: Delaney M. and Carmen L.

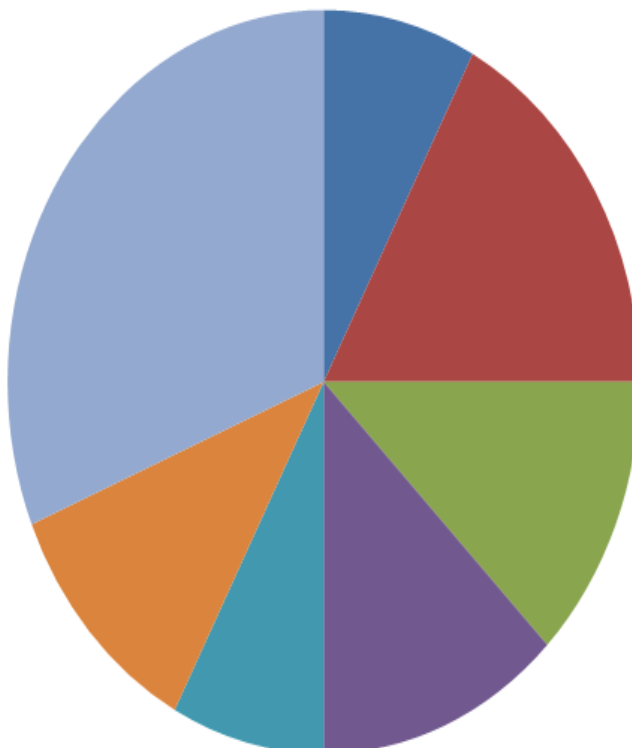
FAVORITE INSTRUMENTS



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- suesaphone
- picalo
- viola
- bassoon
- harpsicord
- cello

Oboe 21%
Sousaphone 9%
Piccolo 13%
Viola 15%
Bassoon 15%
Harpsichord 13%
Cello 13%

favorite zoo animals



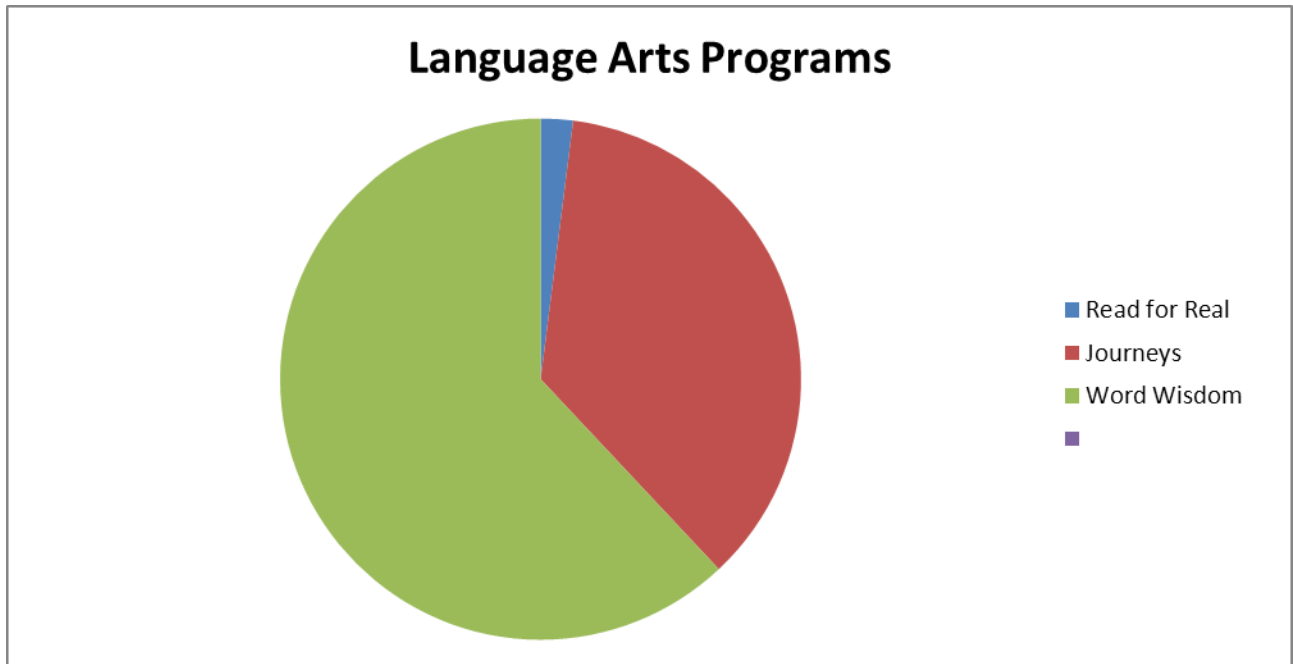
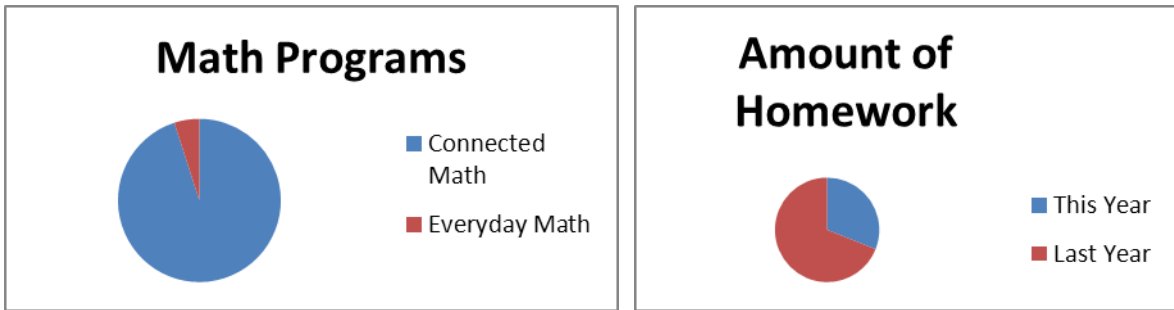
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Manatee 8%
Giraffe 17%
Elephant 13%
Rhino 13%
Hippo 8%
Antelope 11%
Other 31%

SCHOOL CURRICULUM/HOMEWORK SURVEY

BY: RACHEL H. and JORDYN P.

We have done research on the comparison of 5th and 6th grade programs and amounts of homework that they prefer. In Language Arts, 62% prefer Word Wisdom, 2% prefer Read for Real, and 36% prefer our 2011 Journey's program. For math, 95% like Connected Mathematics, and 5% prefer Everyday Math. Homework wise, 69% like the amount of homework in 5th grade and 31% like the amount of homework this year much better. Journeys is the new reading program that the school purchased recently. Journeys provides us with new text books, ten new vocabulary words each week as well as new posters, and lots of learning and fun. The new math program is Connected Mathematics. Mrs. Griesinger and Mr. Boyle make sure this new program is fun by relating Twizzlers and brownies to our Bits and Pieces units, one of our many units in this fun-filled, creative program.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

By: Demi D., Emily C., and Michelle P.

Cute Wintertime Craft

What You Need:

(For Each Snowman)

- 1- 1 1/2" diameter wooden ball
- 1- 2 1/4" diameter clay pot
- 2 buttons
- gold ribbon
- child's sock
- material or mitten scrap
- white craft or hot glue
- black finetip marker
- small and large paintbrushes
- acrylic paints in white, orange and pink
- clear coat spray



What You Do:

Place newspaper down on work surface. Turn clay pot over and glue wooden ball to bottom of pot. When glue is dry, use large paint brush to paint entire the outside of the clay pot and the entire wooden ball with white paint. Let dry and apply a second coat.

Cut the foot end off of the child's sock. Create a brim by folding up the cuff of the sock, then position the cuff of the sock onto the "head" of the snowman (see photo). Glue the brim in place. Tie a piece of gold ribbon around the top of the hat and fringe the top with scissors. Adjust the fringe edges with your fingers until they look the way you want.

Tie a strip of material or mitten scrap around the neck to fashion a scarf. Glue in place if desired. Glue two buttons to the front of your snowman. With black fine-tip marker, dot on eyes and mouth. Use a small paint brush to apply orange paint for a nose and gently dab on a thin amount of pink for the cheeks.

Holiday Reindeer Craft

What you'll need:

- ¼ sheet of light brown craft foam
- 2 glitter gold chenille sticks
- 2 medium wiggle eyes
- 1 red glitter pom pom
- 6-8 inches of ribbon
- White craft glue or hot glue gun
- Scissors

How to make it:

1. To make the head, cut 2 tear drop shapes from the craft foam.
 2. To make the ears, cut a small oval, then cut it in half lengthwise.
 3. Bend each chenille stick in half, then bend and twist them to form two antlers.
 4. Glue the ears toward the top of the round end of one of the tear drop shapes. Tip: Hot glue works much faster.
 5. Glue antlers to the top of the same oval shape.
 6. For the hanger, fold ribbon in half and glue the open ends together in between the two antlers.
 7. Glue the second oval shape to the back of the first oval to create the back of the reindeer's head. This sandwiches the ears, antlers and hanger inside the two tear drop shapes and gives the ornament a more finished look.
 8. Glue on wiggle eyes.
 9. Glue on red pom pom for nose at the pointed end of the tear drop.
- Allow to dry completely.



For more fun crafts go to http://crafts.kaboose.com/rudolph_orn.html

Other December Holidays

Red Apple Day

When: December 1

What: Pick out a juicy red apple, and eat it



Humbug

When: December 21

What: People who are stressed out about the holidays let their anger out on humbug day



National Flashlight Day

When: December 21

What: day with the least amount of sunlight so bring a flashlight out if you get caught in the dark!



National Chocolate Day

When: December 24

What: Have plenty of chocolate on that day





Video Game Review

CALL OF DUTY™

M W 3®

By Jake J.

The best selling series on PS3 and Xbox is back with better graphics, and an even more compelling storyline with an amazing tale of betrayal and triumph. Waiting all day at school to buy it and my mom surprising me, having already picked it up, I rushed into my room and turned on my PS3. In the year 2017, after the death of General Shepherd, MW2 ends with Soap and Nikoli carrying you back to Nikoli's chopper. Being the only remaining members of Task Force 141, Price and Soap, along with Nikoli and his men and a collection of rouge Spetsnaz, they pursue Makarov in attempts to end the war. Playing as a former Spetsnaz soldier and (secretly) a former associate of Makarov, Yuri, now part of the recently disavowed Task Force 141, you travel through France, Germany and tons of war torn cities, trying to find Makarov and finish what they started. As Frost, an elite marine part of Delta Team, the replacement of 141, you also travel through France and Germany fighting Spetsnaz the entire time, following leads, rescuing hostages and saving the daughter of the Russian president. I highly recommend this game for all Call of Duty fans.

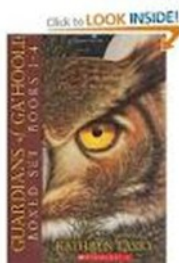
Book Reviews

Guardians of Ga'hoole

By Kathryn Lasky

Review by Emma Joy S.

Thrilling. If I had to choose one word to describe this series it would be “thrilling.” Guardians of Ga'hoole is, in my personal opinion, the best series in the world. With interesting facts, big battles, and much, much more! The main character, Soren, has to go on many adventures after being owl-knapped by Saint Agies Academy. On his journey to the great Ga'hoole Tree, Soren and his best friend, Gylfie, meet a lot of new friends. Two friends include a burrowing owl named Digger, and a great gray named Twilight. To find out what happens on their journey, start reading the book series called Guardian of Ga'hoole Book 1, The Captre.



The Maze Runner

By James Dashner

Review by Payton F.

The books in The Maze Runner series are my favorite of all series. They have action, adventure, a little romance, and most importantly the Gladers. This exciting trilogy is one you need to read and one you never want to put down. In the series, you read about an amazing adventure starting in the Glade, a community surrounded by a huge maze (Book 1). You start off in a dark box where you meet the main character, Thomas. The weird thing is he can't remember anything, not even his last name or parents. Before he knows it, a shaft opens and light pours in; along with a bunch of hands reaching for him! He goes through the shaft and comes out where everything is strange. Everyone is talking funny, and all he sees are boys. He learns that he is in the Glade. One day, when he was getting a tour, the box he arrives in is moving. There was the first girl in the history of the Glade. They were so amazed until they find a note in her hand that says, “She is the last one ever.” Then everything started to change. Thomas finds he has to work with the Gladers to escape the maze. Will Thomas be able to escape? To find out, read the book, The Maze Runner, by James Dasher.



Among the Hidden

By Margret Peterson Haddix

Review by Kaylee S.

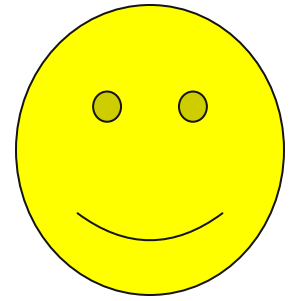
If you want to read a FANTASTIC series, read Among the Hidden.

It is about a place where it is illegal to have more than two children in a family. The story is about a family who has broken this law. They have three children. The third child has to be hidden. He meets another third child. She has an idea to protest about the law to the White House. Will they go? If so, will it turn out alright? Read the first book to find out.

You won't be sorry!



ACTIVITIES



By: Jaret C., Hannah O., Kevin C., Nicole S., and Emma F.

Winter

S Z F S E R O X R H
Y E N R A C W A E O
L O E A I P I B B T
W I X R N G S Q M C
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S K I I N G O N C E
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Word Search Words

DECEMBER

FRIGID

HOTCHOCOLATE

ICE

MITTENS

PINETREES

SKIING

SLED

SNOW

SNOWFLAKES

WHITE

WISE WORDS

FERRULE— the metal that connects the wood to an eraser on a pencil

HURDY GURDY—a musical instrument played by turning a crank

FUNNIES

Physics Teacher: "Isaac Newton was sitting under a tree when an apple fell on his head and he discovered gravity. Isn't that wonderful?"

Student: "Yes sir, if he had been sitting in class looking at books like us, he wouldn't have discovered anything."

A man in a hurry taking his eight-year-old son to school made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited.

"Uh-oh, I think I just made an illegal turn!" the man said.

"It's okay, Dad," the boy said, "The police car right behind us did the same thing."