



The Wizard Gazette

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Student-Led Conferences

By Julien, Grade 1 (Assisted by Sydney, Grade 3)

Hi I am Julien and I am going to tech you about student led conferences. I interviewed Luca about Student Led Conferences and he said his favorite part was setting it up. Luca also said his parents like it when he takes responsibility. Next I interviewed Ms. Costin. I asked her if she thought her students liked Student Led Conferences. She said, "I could tell that they have a good time." And she loves that!



Poetry

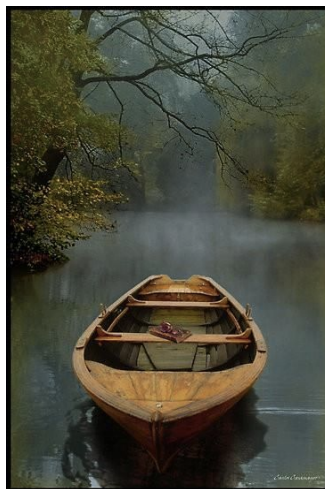
By Chloe, Grade 2

We are learning about poetry in second grade. My teacher says, "Look at things with poet's eyes."

For example a stapler could be a shark about to chomp its food. I asked some students in the lunchroom what their favorite poems were and why they liked poetry. Four people said, "Where the Sidewalk Ends." One of the teachers said she likes poetry because it rhymes. I like poetry because poetry can be anything, like rhyme or not rhyme or silly words. Here are two poems that I wrote.

Winter

Snow flurries
Fly through
the air
they fall
to the ground
like leaves
Falling off
a tree
In winter
all
the animals
hibernate
In winter
water turns to icicles
I love winter.



Wind

Woosh
Wind
Flowing through
the air
like
a rowboat
gently
going
down the
stream wind
a gentle
breeze
goes through
the spring
air wind

Being Principal

By Lucy, Grade 1 (Assisted by Francesca, Grade 3)

We interviewed Mrs. Wood and I asked her what do you do. She said she helps problem solve. And my next question was do you like being principal? She said yes. The next question was is it hard being principal? She said yes. Mr. Davis said, "I really enjoy my work. I have the opportunity to work with wonderful young students excellent teachers and staff and very supportive families. The important thing that I try to remember and practice in my role is to continuously learn...so I read constantly!"



Ms. Schreiber

By Olivia G, Grade 3

Have you ever thought about what Ms. Schreiber might be like? Well now you know because this article is all about her! One of the questions I asked Ms. Schreiber is what's your favorite thing about teaching? She said it was getting to know her students and working with every grade in this school. Another question I asked was how does she like working with every grade and she said she really likes working at Willard. She thinks that everyone here has been very welcoming and helpful.

Ms. Schreiber is a new teacher. She likes to read, listen to music, and spend time with friends and family. She also likes that the kids can play games to learn and she also likes their imagination. She really likes to teach kids to read because she loves to read.

I hope you enjoyed learning about Mrs. Schrieber.



Basketball

By Peter O, Grade 1 (Assisted by Sabrina, Grade 3)

I asked 1,2,3,4 graders and teachers, “Do you play basketball? If they said, “yes”, then I asked, “Do you know anything about basketball?”

Ms. Driscoll said, “When you shoot, follow through.”

Mr. Strains said, “Lots of practice without a basketball for your defense. Another one is to write down what you are going to do every day and keep doing that until you master it. For example, you can shoot 50 free throws and 100 layups. When you are guarding, never watch the ball. Watch their belly button.” This means watch their stomach, so when they are going to score, you can jump above them and get the ball. And if you do, you might actually score 21 free throws like Mr. Strains did in a game.

Mrs. Gillette said, “Practice, practice, practice.”

Mrs. Jasica said, “Keep your eye on the ball.” (Some people play basketball differently in different ways.)

A student said, “Dribble the ball to half court.” In my opinion, he is saying that it will be easier to shoot that way.

Henry said, “When the other team shoots, get to the side.” This is because you have a better chance of running up there to get the rebound. Everyone is crowded up there near the net, so you have a better chance of getting a rebound.



April Fools' Jokes

By Dariusz, Grade 1 (Assisted by Vivian, Grade 3)

I'm writing an article about April Fool's Day. People play pranks on each other on April Fool's Day. So I interviewed a few people about what pranks they were involved in over April Fool's Day.

I interviewed Mrs. Smart and she said when she was a teenager, she put a 'for sale sign' up in front of her school and pretended her school was on sale. On April Fool's Day this year she put Chicago Bears things in the place of Green Bay Packers things in Mr. Strains's room.

Next, I interviewed Peter O. He said that his siblings flushed his slime down the toilet as a prank for April Fool's Day.

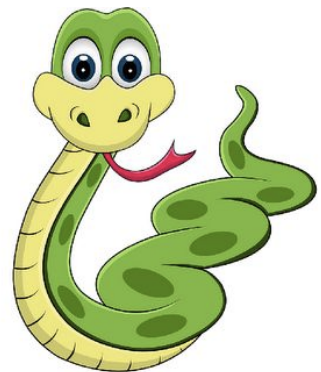
I interviewed Mrs. Million. She said that when she was a kid her teacher had a store, so she bought a toy snake, put it on the floor and told her mom to come see her new 'pet'.

I interviewed Tesla and he said that next April Fool's Day he is going to spray the house with ketchup. Also he said that this year he put Nutella and peanut butter on a few things in his house.

I interviewed Mrs. Zika and she said that next year for April Fool's Day, she will put something in Mr. Zika's sandwich instead of what he wants.



Thanks for Reading!



Baseball

By Jay, Grade 1 (Assisted by JP, Grade 3)

I did baseball and what I know is that a home run is worth one point and if an outfielder catches the ball it is an out. I asked people what their favorite team was. I asked Hudson what his favorite team is and he said, "I like the Sox." Myro said, "I like the Cubs." Xavier said, "I like the Cubs."

Recess Equipment

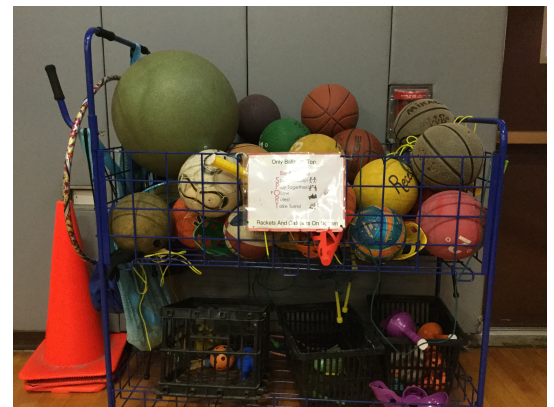
By Nora, Grade 1 (Assisted by Lily, Grade 3)

I've noticed that people have been forgetting to put their recess equipment in the recess equipment cart.

I interviewed a third grader and she said even if you're not a recess equipment manager you should still put away toys when you're done playing with them. I also interviewed a couple of third and fourth graders and they have all seen that people have been forgetting to put away there recess equipment.

I also interviewed Ms. Smart and she said,
"Be a Good SPORT:

Speak Nicely
Play Together
fOllow Rules
Remember to Clean Up
Take Turns."



I also interviewed Ms. Jasica and she said she reminds people to put away equipment right away in the cart, instead of dropping the equipment on the ground.

Football

By Tesla, Grade 1 (Assisted by Lily, Grade 3)

Hi my name is Tesla. I'm going to teach you about football. There are balls and touchdowns and sacks. And there are kickoffs. Bryce can punt 9 feet. Xavier can pass 10 to 20 feet, and football is happy. I interviewed Jay about his feeling the first time he played football, and he said, "I was scared because the ball could hit me in the eye."



FLIP Classes

By Lily, Grade 1 (Assisted by Francesca, Grade 3)

I have been seeing that people in FLIP are working very hard on the songs they are learning. I saw them sing all different languages. I also interviewed some 1st, 3rd and 4th grade. I asked Keaton, Millie, Charlotte, Gus and Owen. Keaton said that she kind of likes FLIP. Millie said that she likes FLIP.

Charlotte said, "I also like FLIP". Owen said he likes FLIP.

Gus said, "I love it!"

Soccer

By John, Grade 1 (Assisted by Madeleine, Grade 3)

I interviewed 1-4th grade to see why they like soccer passing.

Clare said, "I like passing because other people get a chance with the ball."

Dex said, "I like passing because you can pass the ball to someone and no one chases you."

Olivia said, "I can count on my teammates to score a goal."

Sarah said, "It's sharing and you can pass it to people close."

Adele said, "Because it's energetic."

Cameron said, "It's fun to kick the ball."

Michael said, "It's fun and feels good."

Jimmy said, "You can kick it one way and then the other way."

It is important to pass in soccer because other people get the ball then!"



Bunnies

By Diego, Grade 1 (Assisted by Johnny & Vivian, Grade 3)



Bunnies in your garden are hopping in your garden looking for carrots so don't hurt bunnies. Don't hurt bunnies or they will hurt you. Be nice to bunnies because we share the entire earth.

BMX

By Roland, Grade 3

BMX is a sport of biking down tracks and doing tricks while in the air. Later, it became a racing sport. Well it's kind of racing and tricks at the same time. You start on a steep ramp. When the tire locks drop open, your bike goes FAST. Usually before the momentum ends there is a main ramp. You get the most airtime on the main ramp. Then, the smaller ramps would be good for semi tricks, not any kind of flips. Just things like bar spins, etc. The point of BMXing is to show off by doing tricks, and a little bit of racing.



Mario

By Luca, Grade 3



Mario is one of the big characters in video games. Also he's even in some solo games too. Mario came out in 1981 in Donkey Kong as Jumpman, then became bigger. It's even still popular today in 2019. The newest game is Mario Super 3D Maker 2!

I asked a 4th grader what his favorite Mario game is. He said Super Mario Brothers One and Two.

I asked JP what his favorite Mario game was and he said, "My favorite game is Mario 3D maker. There are lots of Mario characters too, like Peach, Bowser and Luigi.

Cricket

By Aaroh, Grade 3

This is how you play cricket. First you set up three stumps close together but not too close. Then you need a bat that has a smooth and slanted surface, and a red ball that's hard. You run and throw the ball!. You have to hit the ball with the bat as hard as you can. If the ball goes out the stadium touching the ground that's a four, and if it's in the air it's a six. There are also outs like run out, catch out, bowled. You wear pads to protect your legs. You also wear a helmet to protect your head. People could sit on the sides. There is a boundary if the ball goes out it's six or four runs.

I got to interview my dad! I asked him what was your team's name and he said it was Kv Bhu seniors. I also asked him if he was the team Captain and he said yes.

Here are some of my opinions. I think cricket is a awesome sport and I think it's a good sport for people who love to run or swing things.

