



The Wizard Gazette

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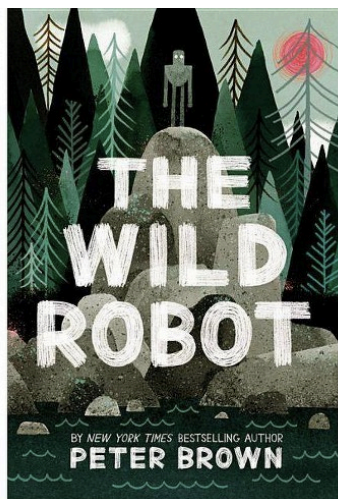
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Readers' Showcase

By Audrey, Grade 4

The Readers' Showcase is a fourth grade activity. Parents and adults come to the classrooms. Students talk about the books they like. Parents do too. Students write down titles of books they want to read. I asked people if they liked it. Maddie said, "Yes because I got to see a bunch of new books and a little summary about them. I saw a few books I liked. The Wild Robot was one of them."

Mrs. Puccetti said, "I thought the Reader's Showcase was a wonderful idea. Reading is one of my favorite things to do, and it was a great way to learn about many different books."



The “Problem” in River Forest

By Nora, Grade 4

Some people think we have a problem in River Forest, with the deer, including some people from the River Forest Village Board. They think we have too many. So far there has been 60 complaints about the deer.

I interviewed some people. I asked Sydney. She said, “We don’t have a deer problem. The deer were here first. I mean, how would you feel if someone hurt you? We need to protect them.”

Avery said there are never too many deer. Aileen said Illinois is known for our deer. Riley said deer were here first. Chloe said they are cute. Stella said they can go wherever they want. Sarah said we need to help them.

JP said, “They’re cute. It is not fair to them.” And Matthew said we don’t have enough.

If you are like these people here are some ways you can help save the deer.

- You can write a petition which is a letter with people that agree with you to sign it
 - Litter less
 - And walk more drive less
 - Don’t complain about the deer



A buck looks into a house in River Forest. The residents of this house enjoy when deer visit their yard.

Football

By Tesla, Grade 2

Football is a fun game we play.
 We play defense on the field.
 We need lots of great players.
 Tessa can punt the football 100
 centimeters. Declan can punt it
 15 feet. Jay can punt 17 feet.
 Julien can punt 1 foot. Xavier
 can punt 7 feet far.

New Students

By Jae, Grade 3

I'm am interviewing new
 people at our school. I asked
 people, "How do you like this
 school?"

Grace said she loves this
 school because she likes to hang out
 with her best friend.

Alex said that he likes it
 because it is small.

Ecuador

By Jovan, Grade 4

Ecuador is a different country. I went to Ecuador with my
 grandparents this summer. Some of my favorite things to do in Ecuador
 are to visit family, ride a horse and go on a boat. This is what my mom
 likes about Ecuador! She enjoys spending time with our family that lives
 there, and she also enjoys going to the
 beach and swimming in Ecuador.

I asked Mrs. Joyce if she wants to go
 to Ecuador. She said yes very much.
 She wants to go see the volcanos and
 the jungle, and eat yummy fruit.

Ecuador is an old place.



How Can We Help the Earth?

An Editorial by Sofia, Grade 4

People may not be dying because of littering, but the earth is! And eventually that makes us die! So try to help. If you litter an animal will eat it and die. How do you feel about that? You may be thinking 'yeah I agree', but then actually help! You could pick up litter, making trash into cool toys, use compostable straws, Avocado straws, or metal straws! Plus, adding to that, you can make trash into cool toys. It's actually fun! I do it, my friend does it, and so should you!

I interviewed over 20 people! Everyone agreed that the earth is dying and we should help it! Here are what some people think.

"I definitely think that we should help and we could find a way to be able to compost more things."

Another person said, "You could pick up litter and take it home to make something." The good part is its so easy to help! And it makes such a big impact! Imagine what would happen if the earth died. Imagine. It wouldn't be your fault but if you helped you'd be the hero! Much better right?

If someone litters an animal will eat it and die, and a carnivorous animal might eat that animal and the trash in it and could die and then another animal might eat that animal and the trash and could die and it goes on and on and on. But if someone picks up the trash all of those animals will be saved. And if you really want to litter just remember that the world is more important than wanting to litter. You may feel like everyone will agree then how come the earth is still littered like crazy? Please help the earth.

All About Mrs. Gerges

By Sarah, Grade 2

Mrs. Gerges has been teaching for 13 years and she loves being our new assistant principal because she likes to spend time with kids, teachers, and families.

She loves being assistant principal and being a teacher. She likes them both in different ways. She loves teaching, but as assistant principal, she gets to work with everyone.



Social Workers

By Maddie O, Grade 4

Social Workers do a lot of things. They talk to students about their lives and much more, and they talk about feelings. The three social workers in the school are Mrs. McLeese, Mrs. Capeless, and Ms. Walker.

Let's first talk about the social worker who has worked here for about 19 years, Mrs. McLeese. Mrs. McLeese said she talks to students most about feelings but she still talks to them about everything and ANYTHING. Mrs. McLeese said that she loves being a social worker because she can learn about her self and other people... Isn't that AMAZING? In her free time she likes to read, be with friends and family, and take long walks. Also, I asked her about how many students she has worked with, and she couldn't even count, all she said was A LOT. Now we can give Mrs. McLeese a round of applause and go to the new Social worker, Mrs. Capeless.

Mrs. Capeless said she has worked as a social worker for 12 years, just not at Willard. Mrs. Capeless said she loves being a social worker because she likes seeing the growth students can make and helping them see their growth as well. In her free time Mrs. Capeless spends time with her family, her husband and 2 boys. Also she loves being outside in nature and music. Mrs. Capeless said she talks to her students most about what's going on, something to do with family, feelings and friends. Let's give Mrs. Capeless a round of applause.

And let's talk about the new intern Ms. Walker. Ms. Walker has worked with over 150 students in her life.. THATS ALOT... Ms. Walker said she, like Mrs. McLeese and Mrs. Capeless talks to students about everything. Mrs. Walker says she likes being a social worker because she used to be a teacher and she liked talking to students 1 on 1 about their lives and how they're feeling. Mrs. Walker said she is in graduate school, and in her free time she does homework and drinks a lot of coffee. She was training for the Chicago marathon, so she exercises. All social workers are there to support.

Mrs. Parker

By Abby, Grade 2

I asked Mrs. Parker about art. She said she likes art because she gets to be herself and she thinks that all the art is amazing and wonderful. Her favorite painting is Starry Night and her favorite artist is Van Gogh. She also likes art because it's different every day. Her favorite painting made at Willard is peace hands paintings. She also thinks the children are creative and silly.

Greek Gods

By Eleanor, Grade 4

Greek Gods go back a long way. A long time ago, people made up stories to explain why things happened. Percy Jackson, a popular series for middle school age kids, explains this amidst a thrilling adventure.

I interviewed some people about Greek gods, and I learned some interesting things. Sydney, a 4th grader in Ms. McFarlane's class, says that her favorite Greek god is Athena, goddess of wisdom. Her least favorite god is Hermes, god of messengers and thieves.

I also interviewed Mr. Strains, who said that though he knew little about Greek gods, he knew about Zeus, the god of the sky, Poseidon, the god of water, and Hades, the god of underground. His favorite god (after I explained all of them to him) is Hera, goddess of marriage. He also said that he had read part of the first Percy Jackson book.

If you are interested in Greek gods, you can read books about them, or search them on google. They are very interesting!

Mr. Vigil

By John, Grade 2

Mr. Vigil is the Willard custodian. He fixes stuff. He cleans up the lunch room. I know that he has a 7 and a 16 year old kid. I learned that he helps the school. He plays tennis at the park. He helps his kids with homework at home. He helps bring the tables out for lunch.

I asked second graders what they think he does. Truman said, "He took Mr. Beene's place." Tessa said, "He works all day." Malia said, "He cleans." Diego said, "He gets the balls off the roof." Grant said, "He helps fix things." Jay said, "He cleans the rooms." Dex said, "He cleans the school."

Summer Vacation

By Beila, Grade 2

I interviewed Riya about her summer. She had fun in Disneyland spending time with her family. She went to Mathnasium where you have fun and learn math. She love loves math. She made a treehouse. It is fun working together and having fun. Dariusz had his first sleepover in Poland. Ms. Wood went on vacation. We had 297 popsicle sticks from our walking club. Ms. Wood went 121 Miles. She went to Hagar Park and the Beach. She watched the waves. She was walking on the shore and she met a new friend. There were 60 stairs to the beach. She drove to her friend Melissa's house in Michigan. She talked on the porch.

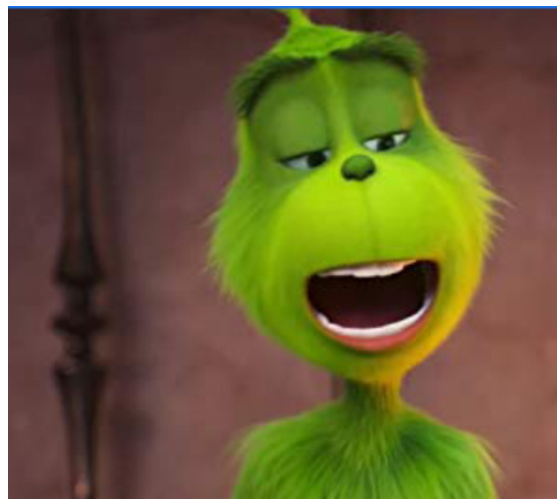


Ms. Wood had a wonderful trip to Michigan.

Movies Willard Likes

By Sophie, Grade 4

I interviewed people and asked them about their favorite movies. First I asked Riya in second grade what her favorite movie was. She said it was The Grinch because it was pretty funny. Next I asked Isabella from second grade what her favorite Disney movie was. She said that it was every single Disney movie, because they're fun and they are funny. Then I interviewed Mikey, who is also in second grade. He says his favorite movie was the Harry Potter movie series, because they're magical and cool. Next I interviewed Lois from fourth grade. She said that her favorite movie was Wonder because it teaches that if you're different, in a way you can still be the same. Next I asked Tess from fourth grade what her favorite Marvel movie is. She said that it was Spiderman Homecoming because it's cool. [Spiderman isn't Marvel anymore because Sony broke the deal, so now Spiderman can't be in any other Marvel movie. Recently though, they made another deal so now Spiderman is back in the Marvel universe.] Penelope in third grade said that her favorite Disney movie was The Little Mermaid because she likes mermaids and the ocean. Next I interviewed Nora in fourth grade. I asked her what her favorite Marvel movie is, and she said it was Endgame because, "I love to see all of the superheroes come together and fight Thanos." Lastly I asked Eleanor in fourth grade what her favorite movie was. She said it was Star Wars: The Return of the Jedi. She says likes it because she likes fighting with lightsabers. In conclusion, maybe you should consider watching these movies.



Recess Equipment

By Dariusz, Grade 2

Mrs. Jasica said, "Recess equipment should be used safely respectfully and responsibly."

Mikey said, "You should use it on the grass."

Banyan said, "You should use it the right way."

The Marble Run

By Alex, Grade 2

Mrs. Crannell said that the marble run is a test that makes 2nd grade students' minds better by making them make a marble run with friction to make their mind more creative to level them up of engineering. It's good for teaching them to compete, build and be creative. For practice they plan on Notes, Keynote, and Pages to make them ready for next unit in 3rd grade. They have to make their marble run at least 5 seconds or you have to redesign your run. We do this every year because our STEM teacher likes seeing our builds we make for our project. She likes seeing how well they've learned during the years. This system makes students smarter in their 3rd grade years in STEM. It also helps students compare what their project is with out researching in a book or device. So they can use what they learn from their teacher.

I will use materials to build my marble run. I work on Notes, Keynote, and Pages. The marble run needs friction while it's going down. The marble can't fall off. You only get 1 try and your group is eliminated!!! Or you if you re-design it.



Favorite Things

By Ben, Grade 2

I asked people about their favorite food, favorite sport, and favorite color. Basil likes baseball, pizza and the color black. Kate likes cupcakes, pink, and softball. Emerson likes brownies, tele, and softball. Will likes blue, soccer, and pizza. Graham likes green, pizza, and soccer. Ben likes purple, pizza, and soccer

Math in Second Grade

By Edda, Grade 2

Lilah wats to learn times tables. Vivian likes equations because you can see if you know them or not. Jae likes to add up with different math tools.

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