



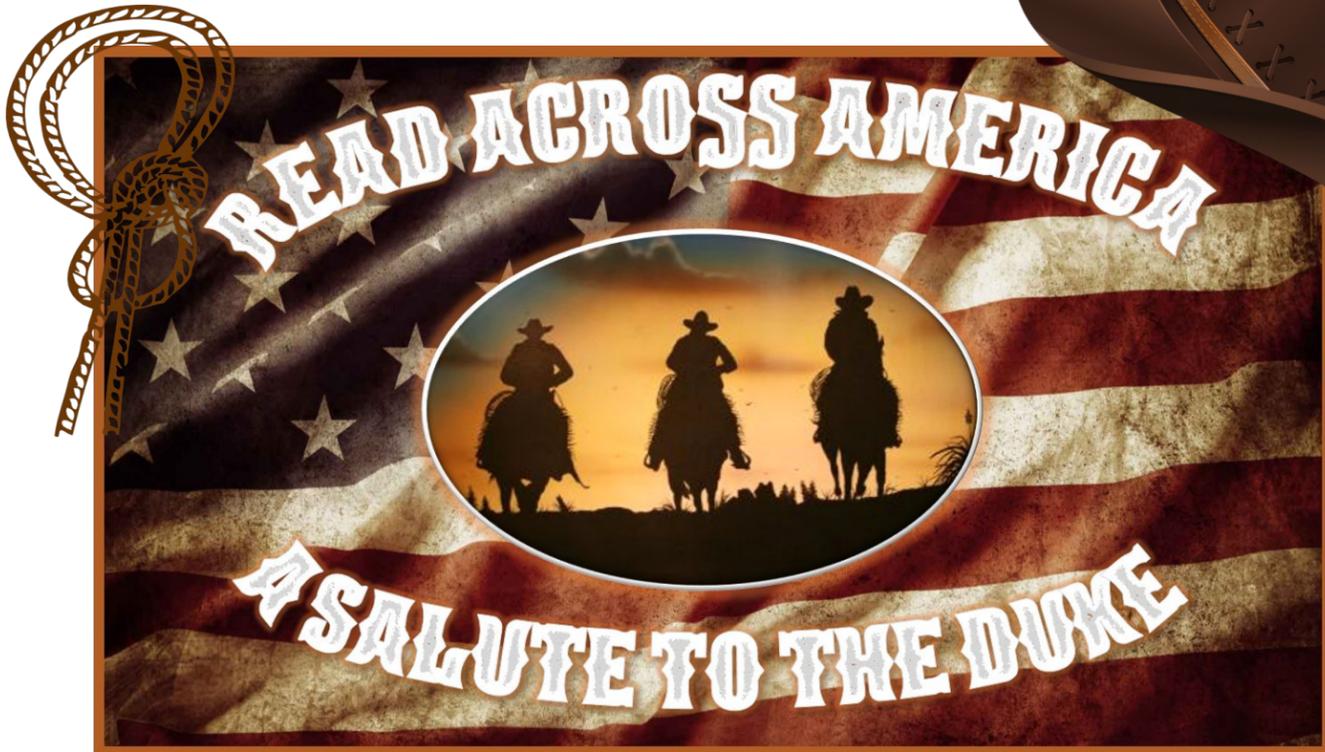
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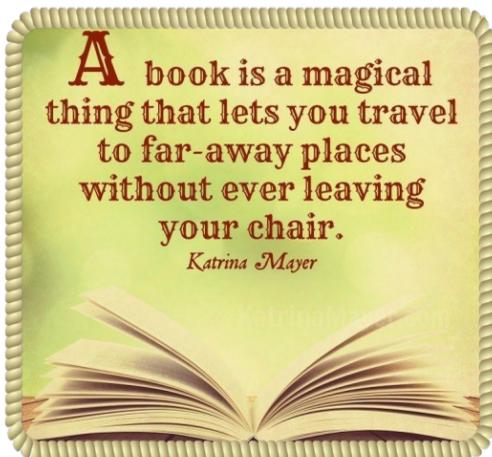
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# WMS Student Wins Regional Spelling Bee and Prepares to Head to Washington, D.C.



Western Middle School student Abigail Origer won the Regional Spelling Bee held last night at Indiana University-Kokomo. She will now prepare to head to Washington, D.C. in May.

## WAY TO REPRESENT WMS ABIGAIL!

# Student Spotlight: Taylor McNally



By D'Anthony Bebley

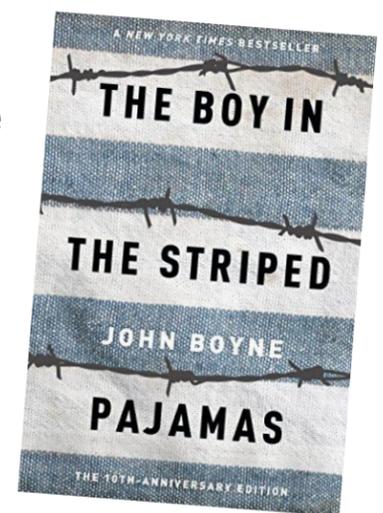
Taylor is a 6th grader at Western Middle School. At Western his favorite sport is basketball. His favorite NBA player is Stephen Curry. His birthday was this past week.

Taylor said the reason he likes Stephen Curry is that he is a really good shooter and he is really good at the game of basketball. Taylor's favorite team is the Golden State Warriors.

His favorite book is *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. Taylor is my best friend in Western Middle School and out of school.



Some of Taylor's favorite things!



## This Week's Top Students

**8th Grade:** Eliza Lutgen  
Abigail Origer  
Michaela Irwin

**7th Grade:** Natalie Nutt  
Chioma Ozoigbo  
Kaesha Smith

**6th Grade:** Logan Nelson  
Ethan Fisher  
Braylee Acord



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out of reading material.

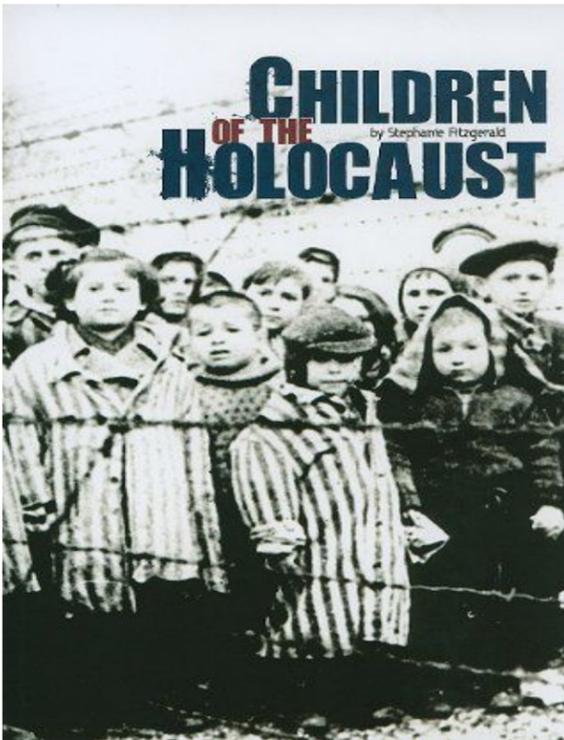
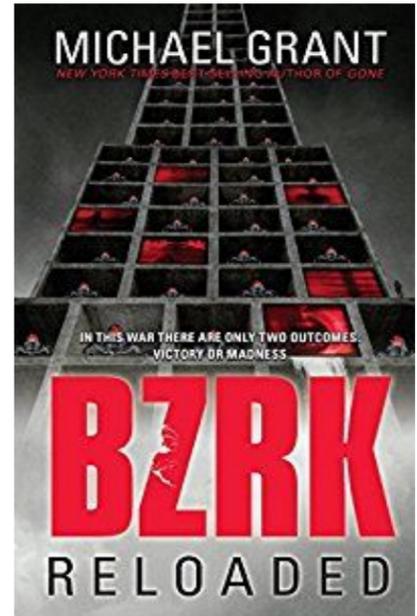
# It's All About the Books!



## **BZRK**

By Christian Wright

Have you ever heard of the book *BZRK*? It is about a jumble of different characters who have some form of connection with one another. The main setting is in the White House and a hospital/mental asylum. The main characters have these microrobots in their body that make them healthy for as long as they live. The country has a female president who murdered her own husband. Granted, I am a little under a fourth of the the way through, but this has ultimately been my favorite book besides *Prisoner B-3087*.



## **CHILDREN OF THE HOLOCAUST**

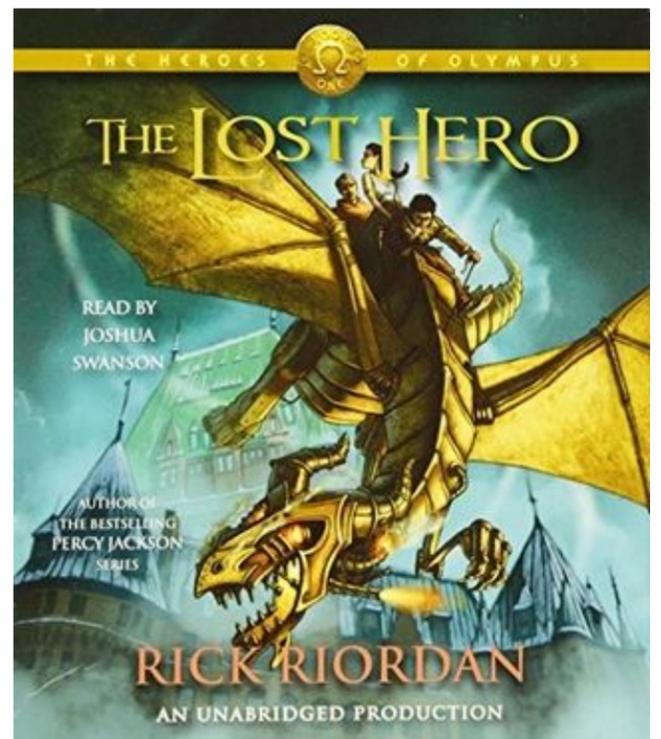
By Chloe Hunt

The book that I am reading is the *Children of the Holocaust*. This book is about what happened to the camp the Jewish people were in during WWII. They would take the Jewish people to the "shower" and put gas in the shower, and then put them in the ovens. They would stay in a barn and sleep there. They had their own cemetery. More than 6 million jews died. When they put them in the ovens, they would kill them. Hitler disliked the Jewish people in every point and view. The people that were with Hitler, they didn't call the Jews people, they were things to them. This book was really good, so I think you should read it!

## **THE LOST HERO**

By Logan Nelson

My favorite book/series is *The Heroes of Olympus*. I love this series a lot, because it is about the Greek gods. I have read the first book already which is called *The Lost Hero*. Now I am reading the second book called *The Son of Neptune*. The Lost Hero is about Percy and he woke up from a long sleep. He didn't know any more other than his name. He managed to make it to a camp for half-bloods. He doesn't recall anything about this, and the only thing he can tell from the past is another name: *Annabeth*.



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# It's All About the Books!



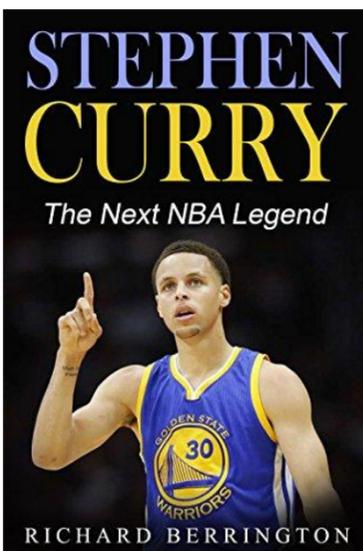
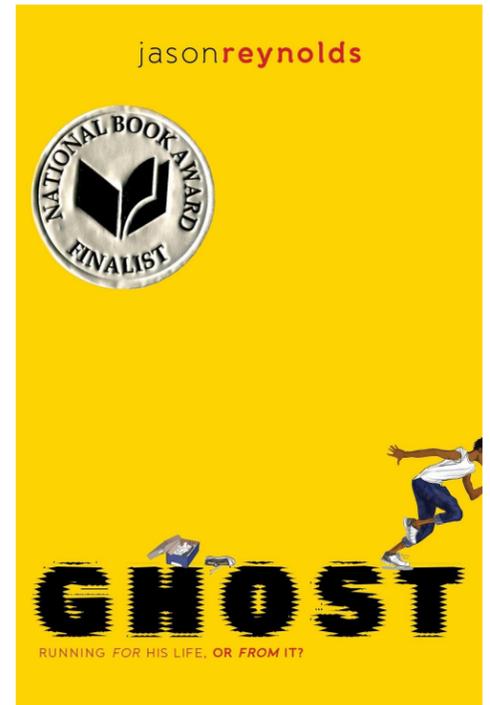
## GHOST

By Caroline McCarty

I recently read the book *Ghost*. This book is by Jason Reynolds. It is about a boy named Castle. He goes by "Ghost" though. Castle is from a town called Glass Manor. He lives on the bad side of town with his mom. He used to live with his mom and dad, but one night his parents were fighting really badly. Castle ran out of the house as fast as he could to a local convenience store where he gets sunflower seeds. Ever since that night, Castle could run like the wind.

He always gets in trouble at school, because he gets made fun of. He always defends himself in anyway that he can. One day he gets suspended from school because he punched someone who threw milk at him. He comes across a track and sees the team practicing. The coach talks him and his mom into letting him join the team.

He always gets made fun of for his shoes. One day he cuts the tops off of them, and the next day everyone at school makes fun of him. A little while later he went into a shoe store and the lady who worked there was helping him pick out some shoes, but when she went to go talk to another employee... Read the book to find out what happens! I personally love this book a lot. I love this book because it is very suspenseful and unique. I would give this book a 5 star rating. I would recommend this book to anyone!



## STEPHEN CURRY: THE NEXT NBA LEGEND

By D'Anthony Bebley

When Stephen Curry was little, he always want to play basketball. He played in middle school and he played in high school. He played in college. He was drafted to the NBA in 2009, and he was on the Warriors.

Stephen Curry is the best 3 point shooter. He won the 2017 finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers, and Stephen Curry is the best point guard in the league.

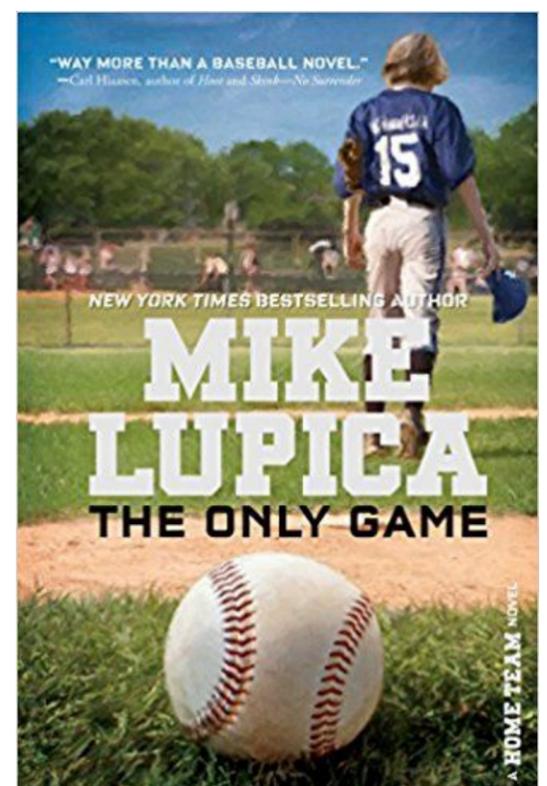
## THE ONLY GAME

By Aiden Trainer

This review is on the book *The Only Game* by Mike Lupica. The author, or Mike Lupica, was born May 11, 1952 (age 65), Oneida, New York. Mike Lupica has written many books about sports. He wrote his first book in 2003 called the *Bump in the Run*, and he still writes stories to this day. He wrote *The Only Game* in 2015. This book is based on motivation, entertainment, and sports.

This book takes place in the summer when Jack quit baseball and was the best baseball player in the state. Jack's brother got killed by... and one thing his brother said was he will always watch him play baseball. Jack finds his true self and the right thing to do.

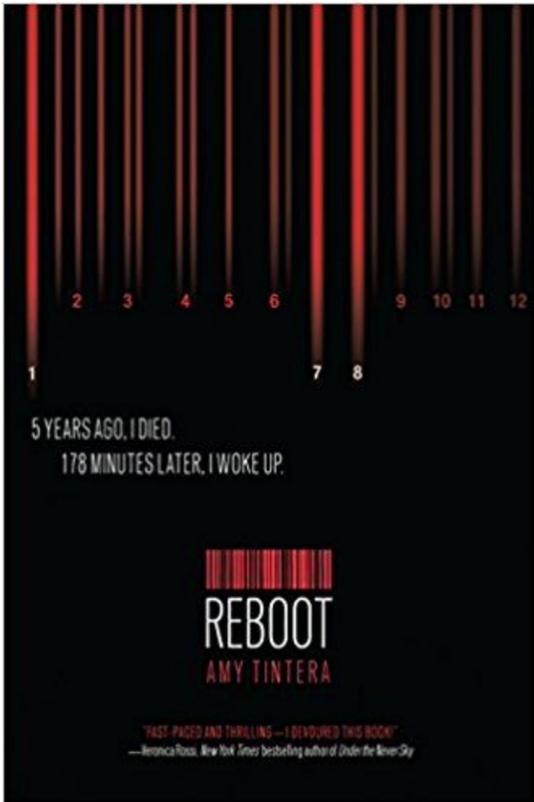
I would I highly recommend this book and all the other Mike Lupica books. People who love to be motivated and love when the story is so good you can't stop reading it. I would highly recommend this book!



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# It's All About the Books!



## REBOOT

By Graysen Neer

“5 years ago I died. 178 minutes later, I woke up.” The *New York Times* bestselling author, Amy Tintera, created the fast paced and the heart stopping intense book, *Reboot*. *Reboot* is about 178, or her human name Wren, dying and coming back as a reboot. A Reboot is basically a human that can't die, unless you destroy the reboot's brain. Once you get rebooted, you come back stronger, faster, and able to heal yourself. However, if you get rebooted, you are less emotional. Any reboot dead over 120 minutes has almost no human inside of them. It makes the perfect soldier. Wren is the deadliest reboot.

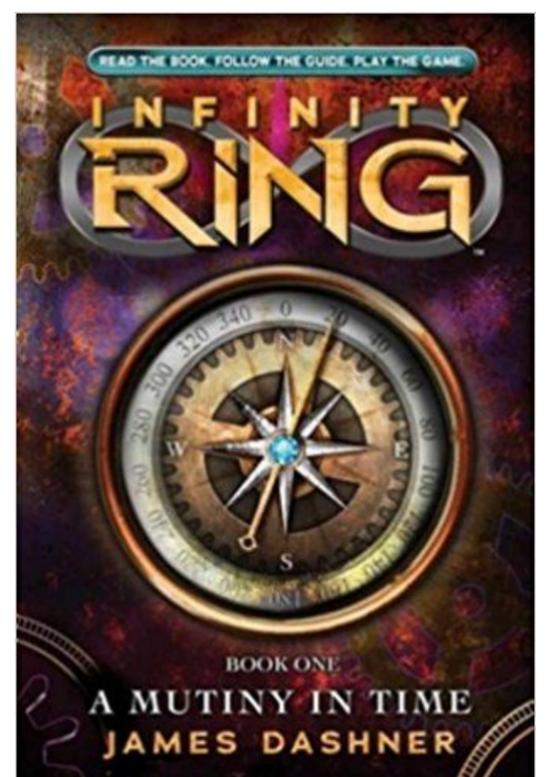
HARC, the corporation that reboots the dead humans is horrible. HARC listens to every word the reboots say. All the walls inside are made of glass so that guards can see everything that goes on. Reboots go on missions to capture humans that disobey the laws or are infected by the KDH virus. The KDH virus wiped out almost the whole population of humans and the only place where there is human life is in Texas. Reboots capture the humans, but the reboots have no idea where the humans go. Some missions are where the reboots find people infected by the KDH virus and have them stay at HARC. Other missions are where they have to find adult reboots before they kill humans.

Wren's favorite job of being a reboot is training the new reboots, but her latest reboot is the worst she has ever seen. Callum is a 22, the lowest number in HARC, and he is basically still human. Callum's constant smile just freaks Wren out, and his slow reflexes makes him a bad reboot. Wren feels this weird feeling inside her, and she knows it's love. When Callum falls short of reboot standards, Wren is told to eliminate him. However, the perfect soldier is done taking orders.

## INFINITY RING

By Paul Leroy Carter

This book is about 3 kids whose names are Dak, Riq, and Sera. These three kids are traveling through time and fixing breaks or parts in history that others broke. Those who broke history are the time wardens. Their job is to fix the breaks in history, but first they have to break the code. Then, they find the historians, which are good guys that tell them what they have to do to fix the break. Lastly, they fix the break in history and they use a ring which they all touch to either go through time to another break or time period, or they can go back home.



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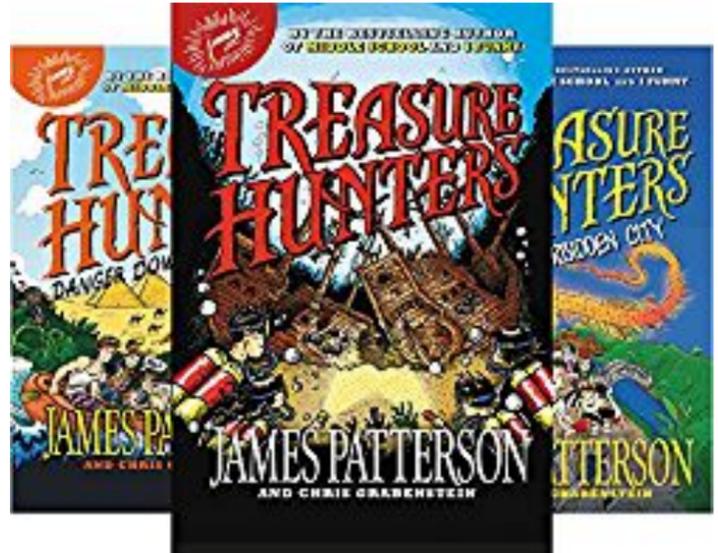
# It's All About the Books!



## THE TREASURE HUNTER SERIES

By Avery Berryman

This book review is about the *Treasure Hunters* series, written by James Patterson. James Patterson has written many adult and kids' books. He is a bestselling author, and he is the biggest best selling children's author that is alive. He wrote his first book *The Thomas Berryman Number*, which came out in 1976. His latest book *Murder Games* (spooky) came out in 2017.



The *Treasure Hunters* series is a series about the Kidd family. The kids of the Kidd family's parents are good at treasure hunting because their parents are. When a storm comes in, the Kidd's realize that their dad (the only adult on the boat) is swept away. They go on many adventures trying to find world famous treasure before criminals do, but most importantly, trying to find their parents.

Like almost any book on these pages, I would highly recommend it. The illustrations are creative, it's full of humor and action, and it has a good story. It is a kid appropriate book too. So, anybody could read it! Overall, if there was a rating system, I would give this a 9.3 out of 10!

Better readers  
are  
better thinkers.

JAMES PATTERSON

"THERE'S NO SUCH THING  
AS A KID WHO HATES  
READING. THERE ARE KIDS  
WHO LOVE READING, AND  
KIDS WHO ARE READING  
THE WRONG BOOKS."  
JAMES PATTERSON



## SWINDLE

By Jegan Burthay

*Swindle* by Gordon Korman is a book about a kid named Griffin and his friends going to an abandoned house and finding a baseball card of Babe Ruth. They think they are going to make millions, but *Swindle* tricks Griffin out of the card. Griffin and his friends try to get the card back, but there is a guard dog in their way. Griffin does not want to let the fortune go without a fight. *Swindle* likes to cheat, steal, trick, deceive, defraud, lie, rob, backstab, and to be dishonest. The dishonest *Swindle*'s real name is S. Wendell Palomino. Griffin is the man with the plan. Griffin's friend Melissa is helping Griffin hack *Swindle*'s email to get all of his messages.



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# Who Is It??



This is a picture of one of the teachers in the middle school building. Can you guess who it is?

Look for a baby picture of a teacher in each issue of *The Paw Print* this year. Your job is to guess which teacher it is each time.

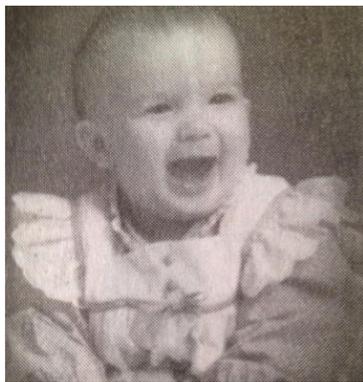
If you think you know, stop by Mrs. Sipes' room (601) during passing period. The first person with the correct answer claims the reward!

## Previous Baby Pictures: How Many Have You Guessed?

Issue 8: Mr. Abston  
Spanish and  
World Languages



Issue 9: Mrs. Lee  
6th Grade Social Studies



Issue 10: Mrs. Coulson  
7th Grade Science



Issue 11: Mrs. Burkett  
MS/HS Art



Issue 13: Mr. Miller  
6th Grade Math



Issue 12: Mr. Spangler  
7th Grade Social Studies



Issue 14:  
Mrs. Turner



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# Where Were You On August 24, 2016?



Graysen Neer:

I was playing soccer on my travel team when I heard the sirens. I ran to the storage place where they keep the extra goals and benches. My whole team was with me. My mom came and picked me up. We got home and my mom was looking out of all our windows. The sirens went off and we were fine.

D'Anthony Bebley:

I was in the computer lab and we heard the sirens. We got up and went to the teacher's room and we and we got in our position. We stayed until four o'clock, and then I went home. I was happy!

Avery Berryman:

I had a dentist appointment, so I went to the dentist office at 2:30. The tornado sirens sounded in the middle of them taking off my braces. There were two families in the bathroom, and one of them turned out to be someone I hung out with at the baseball park. I was waiting to get out, so to keep myself occupied, I played Pokémon go on my mom's phone. I found a Pikachu! Anyway, I went home at about three, while everyone at school was there until about four

Caroline McCarty:

I was at school in the girls' bathroom. We were just sitting there doing nothing. My dad was really close to one of the tornadoes.

## TORNADOES

By Avery Berryman and Michael Foutch



Tornadoes are very dangerous storms. They cost the United States roughly two billion dollars a year. This is an article about the biggest and most costly tornado and what to do when a tornado alarm sounds.

The biggest tornado ever occurred in the United States, and it's name was the El Reno tornado. It was named after the city it occurred over. The city of El Reno had 16,729 people living in it and was created in the year 1889. The El Reno tornado occurred on May 31, 2013. It was 2.6 miles wide. Try to imagine how big that is. It cost the city of El Reno 35-40 million dollars for repairs.

The most costly tornado was the Joplin Tornado of Missouri. Like the El Reno tornado, it was named after the city it occurred over. Joplin has about 52,000 people in it, and was founded in 1873. The Joplin Tornado occurred on May 22, 2011. It cost the U.S. government 2.8 billion dollars to repair Joplin. That's more than the average year.

When you hear a tornado siren, do the following.

- Take shelter immediately, specifically in a basement or bathroom.
- Try to turn on a weather station.
- Stay away from windows. They could bust and you could get cut or sucked out.
- If you are on the road, try to find a shelter.
- If you can't, find a ditch to hide in.

This is what to do when a tornado siren sounds.

<https://weather.com/news/news/costliest-tornadoes-on-record-20130522>



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# The Sports Section



## RAPTORS AND TRAIL BLAZERS

By Eli Vandebosch

The Raptors and Trail Blazers are NBA teams that have been doing really well. The Raptors have won 9 games straight. The Trail Blazers have won 10 games straight. With these runs, the Raptors are 3rd in the league, and the Trail Blazers are 5th in the league.

The reason the Raptors are doing so well is because of DeMar DeRozan. The reason the Trail Blazers are doing so well is because of Damian Lillard. The Raptors winning percentage is 74.3%. The Trail Blazers winning percentage is 62.9%.



# Fédération Internationale de Football Association

By Graysen Neer

“The World’s Game,” FIFA is one of the most played game. Millions of people play this game all across the world. EA Sports created this game and also other sports games. There are different game modes. You can play solo mode, where you play against a computer. Online mode is where you play with other people. There is a game mode where you play a story mode and you play as Alex Hunter. You have to defeat other teams. You also have scenes where you get to pick a decision. Another mode is where you can create your own player or you can play as your favorite player. The most popular game mode is ultimate team. You can open packs and buy players from the transfer market. The transfer market is a thing where other people put players there for other people to buy the player. Millions of people play it because it is realistic. FIFA 18 is the most popular because it is the most recent of the FIFA games.

# FIFA



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# The Sports Section: March Madness!!!



## HISTORY IS MADE!

By Eli Vandebosch

The number 1 seed Virginia lost to one of the lowest ranked teams in the tournament, the number 16 seed UMBC. The two main players on UMBC are Jairus Lyles and K.J. Maura. The score of the game was UMBC 74 vs Virginia 54. The number 16 seed has never won; this is the first time ever! The best player on UMBC had 28 points against the Virginia Cavaliers.



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# The Sports Section: '96 Bulls vs. 2016 Warriors?



By Chloe Hunt

Have you ever thought of the '96 Bulls vs The 2016 Warriors? Well I have. I think if they could play each other in a game, it would be a good game! Michael Jordan, Steve Kerr ,and Scottie Pippen - those were the main guys on the Bulls.

The main guys on the Warriors were Stephen Curry, Draymond Green, and Klay Thompson. Klay and Scottie were some of the best shooting guards in the NBA. Stephen and Steve were some of the best point guards. Jordan and Green the best defensive of players. Did you know that the 2016 Warriors beat the '96 Bulls' record? The bulls record was 72-10, and the Warriors was 73-9.

**I'VE MISSED MORE THAN 9000 SHOTS IN MY CAREER. I'VE LOST ALMOST 300 GAMES. 26 TIMES I'VE BEEN TRUSTED TO TAKE THE GAME WINNING SHOT AND MISSED. I'VE FAILED OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN MY LIFE. AND THAT IS WHY I SUCCEED**  
MICHAEL JORDAN



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# The Sports Section: MLB Stats



By Aiden Trainer



### PITCHING LEAGUE LEADERS

Player name	What the player is leading for	# of wins player has	What team player plays for	pos. player plays	Playeage	Draft pick # player had	What year they were drafted	How many years player has played	What arm Player throws (Left or Right)
Masahi-ro Tanaka	Wins	8	New York	Pitcher	29 years old	14th pick	2013	6 years	Lefty
Amir Garret	strike-outs	12	Cincin-nati	Pitcher	30 years old	20th pick	2010	4 years	Righty
Ben Heller	saves	10	New York	Pitcher	29 years old	16th pick	2014	8 years	Righty

### BATTING LEAGUE LEADERS

Player Name	What the player is leading for	# of runs scoredplay er has	What team player plays for	What pos. player plays	Playeage	What players draft pick #	What year player was drafted	How many years player has played	What side player bats on (Left or Right)
Kyle Jensen	Runs Scored	9 runs scored	San Franci-sco	1st Base	29 years old	12th pick	2009	10 years	Righty
Jason Kipins	Home-runs	5 home-runs	Ohio	2nd Base	29 years old	14th pick	2010	8 years	Righty
Mac William-son	RBI's	12 RBI's	San Frisis-co	Center Field	29 years old	5th pick	2013	5 years	Lefty
Kolten Wong	Stolen bases	4 stolen bases	St.Lou-is	2nd Base	28 years old	17th pick	2017	2 years	Righty



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# The Sports Section: MLB Stats



**GRAPEFRUIT**

Team	Wins	Loses	%	GB
New York Yankees	9 Wins	2 Loses	.818	-
Houston Astros	9 Wins	4 Loses	.692	1.0
Boston Red Sox's	8 Wins	4 Loses	.667	1.5
Miami	6 Wins	4 Loses	.600	2.5
Atlanta	6 Wins	6 Loses	.500	3.5
Detroit	6 Wins	6 Loses	.500	3.5
Washington Nationals	6 Wins	6 Loses	.500	3.5
Baltimore	5 Wins	6 Loses	.455	4.0
Minnesota	5 Wins	6 Loses	.455	4.0
New York Mets	5 Wins	7 Loses	.417	4.5
St.Louis	4 Wins	6 Loses	.400	4.5
Pittsburg	3 Wins	6 Loses	.333	5.0
Philadelphia	4 Wins	8 Loses	.333	5.5
Toronto	3 Wins	8 Loses	.273	6.0

**CACTUS**

Team	Win	Loses	%	GB
Chicago	7 Wins	2 Loses	.778	-
Kansas	6 Wins	2 Loses	.750	0.5
Milwaukee	7 Wins	3 Loses	.700	0.5
Cleveland	7 Wins	4 Loses	.636	1.0
Angles	6 Wins	5 Loses	.545	2.0
LA Dodgers	6 Wins	5 Loses	.545	2.0
Padres	6 Wins	5 Loses	.545	2.0
White Sox's	5 Wins	5 Loses	.500	2.5
Seattle Mariners	5 Wins	5 Loses	.500	2.5
Arizona	5 Wins	7 Loses	.417	3.5
Oklahoma	3 Wins	5 Loses	.375	3.5
San Francisco	4 Wins	7 Loses	.364	4.0
Texas	3 Wins	6 Loses	.333	4.0
Colorado	3 Wins	7 Loses	.300	4.5
Cincinnati	3 Wins	8 Loses	.273	5.0



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# World War II Study



The 6th grade students have been studying WWII while reading the novel, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne. They watched the movie together in the auditorium yesterday. Navigator students researched various WWII topics, brought in artifacts, and created engaging presentations.



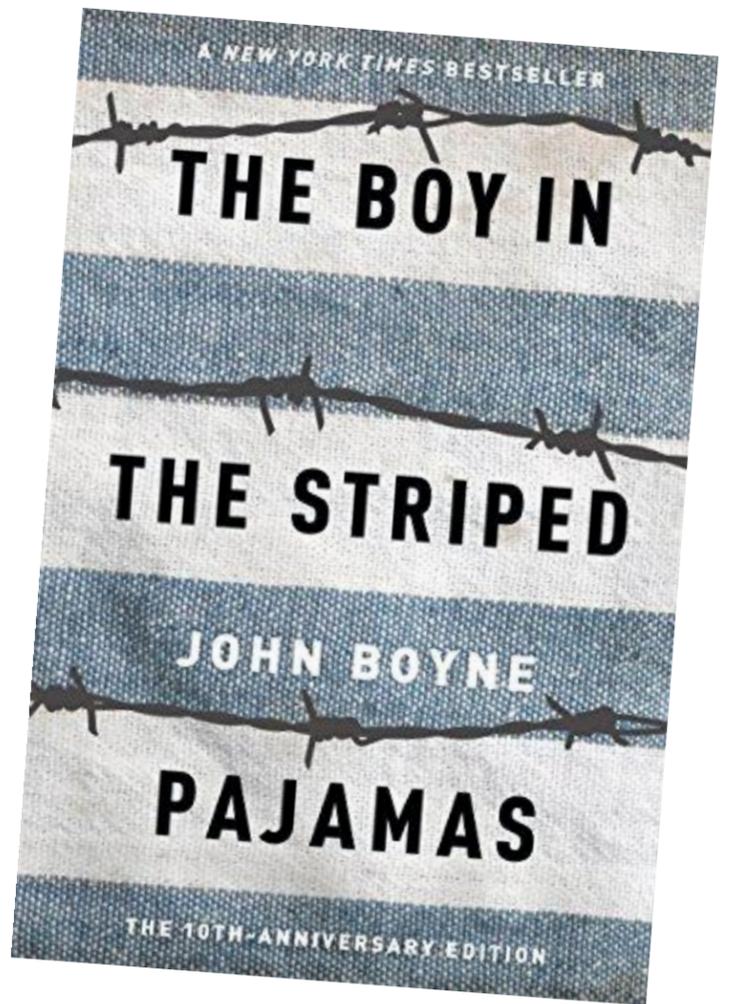
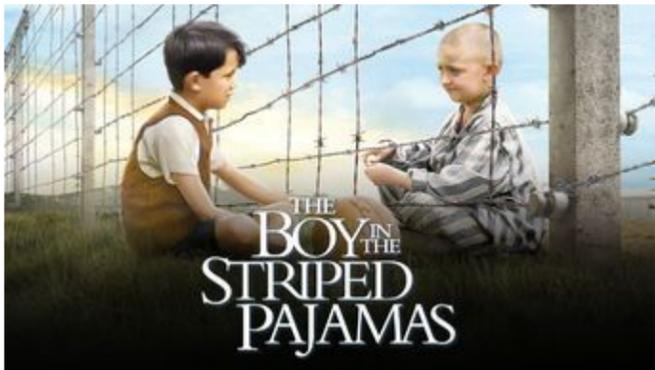
## WORLD WAR II

By Jegan Burthay

World War II was a war that lasted from 1939-1945. WWII was a war that involved over 100 million people. It involved China, Japan, Germany, United States, France, Great Britain, Italy, Soviet Union. It was fought with tanks, planes, guns, and explosives. WWII was caused by Germany invading Poland. About one million, five hundred thousand children were killed in WWII.

Hitler was a leader of the Nazi Party in Germany. About 12 billion dollars was stolen from the people. The Nazis damaged about 10 million dollars worth of things. About 6,000 apartments were confiscated during the war. The Nazis stole about 21,000 artistic things and cultural items. About 1.4 million Jewish people were killed. 1.1 million Jewish people died in Auschwitz. During the Holocaust about 6 million Jews were killed. About 11 million people died in the Holocaust. Switzerland took children and turned down some refugees at their border.

Scholastic Reader, *The Holocaust*.



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# What's Happening In The World and in Local News



## POLICE CHASE

By Christian Wright

Two weeks ago a police chase that went through Kokomo had started out as a simple light up. It quickly turned into the people running from the police. It ended with a quick roll of things, as the suspects hit a bump and flipped into another car. Luckily, everybody was okay and the suspects went to jail. The cars had minor dents, except for the car that flipped. That went for a turn for the worst.



## STRANGE SCHOOL RULE

By Christian Wright

Can you believe that a school in in Great Britain has banned kids from touching snow? The reason they did this is because if you can't touch it, you can't throw it. They also did this because it only takes one snowball with a rock in it to hit someone in the eye. The snow makes them wet and unfit for school. Do you think this should be a rule or would we be fine without it?

<http://www.offthegridnews.com/current-events/school-bans-kids-from-touching-snow-because-they-might-get-hurt/>

## ELSA HAS SUPER STRENGTH??!!

By Christian Wright



A man having a drink in a restaurant looked out the window to find a man dressed as Elsa from *Frozen* helping a van get out of a snow bank. It was a hilarious sight to see as one of the most famous princesses got a van out of the snow. Could you imagine?

[https://www.upi.com/Odd\\_News/2018/03/14/Man-dressed-as-Elsa-pushes-Boston-police-wagon-out-of-snowbank/2671521052280/?utm\\_source=sec&utm\\_campaign=sl&utm\\_medium=9](https://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2018/03/14/Man-dressed-as-Elsa-pushes-Boston-police-wagon-out-of-snowbank/2671521052280/?utm_source=sec&utm_campaign=sl&utm_medium=9)



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# What's Happening Around WMS



**PI DAY OR  
PITCHING  
PRACTICE?**



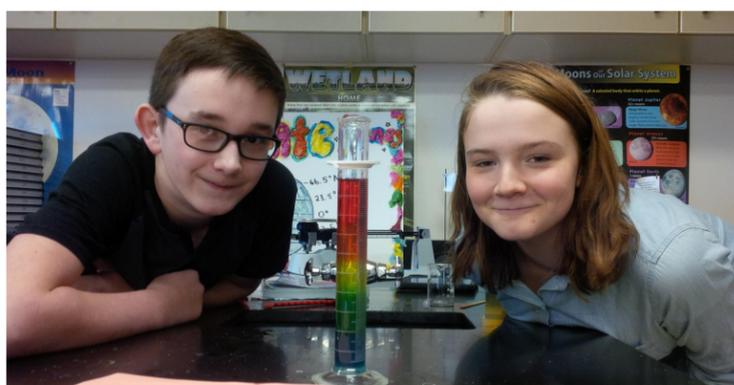
"Before Pi day fun. Ready to get Pi-ed"

**@Prin\_Horrell**

"After Pied. They missed the face!! Need to work on calculations for throwing at correct angle."

## MRS. MOON'S 6TH GRADE LAB

Students decreased the density of water by decreasing the salinity of it. The result is a liquid rainbow!



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