

## Give Thanks

by *Laanu S.*

November is here! It's Thanksgiving, a special time of the year when families bond together in thankfulness. It is a time to reach out to families, a time to gather, and a time to thank God for all of His blessings to us.

Although Thanksgiving is a special holiday set apart to give thanks, the Bible says, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18. This means that now isn't the only time to be thankful. We should be thankful all the time for everything people do for us and what we have. Some examples of when to give thanks is when you wake up. This is a good time to do this because it may keep you positive throughout the day. Giving thanks before meals is



another great opportunity to pause and pray. Most of all, remember to give thanks for our Savior, Jesus Christ!

## Fruit of the Spirit *by Noah C.*

The fruit of the Spirit this month is Peace. As we rush through our school days with homework, sports, and such, we may not feel very peaceful. On a normal day, we rarely have time to collect our thoughts and refocus. In this holiday season, perhaps we are busier than ever. With Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Christmas, the focus is never on rest.

The dictionary defines



peace as a state of tranquility or quiet. Peace as a character trait looks a bit different, though. We can be hurried, and emit fear and panic. Or, we can trust in the Lord, and know that He has everything under control, showing to

others calm and confidence in a frenzied world. John 16:33 sums it up perfectly, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." We have lots of reasons to worry in our life, but we don't have to because Jesus has already done everything for us. We don't have to fear or panic. We can trust in the Lord in everything.

## Preschool News

*by Emily L.*

There is nothing that can stop the preschoolers and what they can learn! Mrs. Maxfield's preschoolers learned about life on the farm. The children have been "milking cows", making butter, and using "hay" for some creative art projects! Ms. O'Toole's preschoolers learned about Thanksgiving this month. They focused on the first Thanksgiving, and when the Native Americans and Pilgrims had their first feast. They have also been making some fun turkey art projects. Since Christmas is coming around, I bet the preschoolers will be super excited about doing some Christmas-related projects, and most importantly, learning about the birth of Jesus.



Mrs. Maxfield's students are doing an exciting project, while learning about life on the farm.

## Highlights of the Month

*by Noah C.*

November is the month of Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and World Kindness Day. There was a lot that happened at our school this month too, though. We were able to share gifts with the Fisher House on our service day, and wrote sincere letters thanking veterans for their service. 4th through 8th graders were able to watch *Wonder*, at the movie theater. Everyone seemed to enjoy the movie about August Pullman. We also enjoyed a long Thanksgiving break. Some events were more exciting than others, but every day we learn and grow in our character and faith.

# SPORTS

## Girl's Basketball

*by Jaylee S.*

Now that girl's volleyball is over, it's time for basketball. The team had their first practice November 2nd. "We had a great first practice. All of the girls worked hard and were willing to learn new skills and drills. I look forward to an awesome season and seeing how each girl improves by the end!" explained Coach O'Toole, WOL basketball coach for three years.

The girl's first basketball game against St. Paul's Des Peres was rather exciting. By the third quarter, it was 17-6 and St. Paul's was in the lead, until the the Lady Cougars began to catch up. They were making basket after basket. To catch up, the Lady Cougars encouraged one another and worked together. The final score was 18-16. Even though they lost, it felt like a win to them. GO LADY COUGARS!

## Boy's Basketball

*by Derek P.*

Swish! The boy's basketball team has been rocking and scoring numerous points. They were busy with only 5 practices before their first game. They had their first game against St. Paul's Des Peres and had a loss with a score of 27-49. Coach Dehn announced "We have a lot of skill and talent, but we need to work on our plays." The tallest player, Gavin Schulz, explained that the team needs to work on conditioning and endurance. The boy's basketball team has had a good start to the season. GO COUGARS!

# Cougar Contests

by *Aria T.*

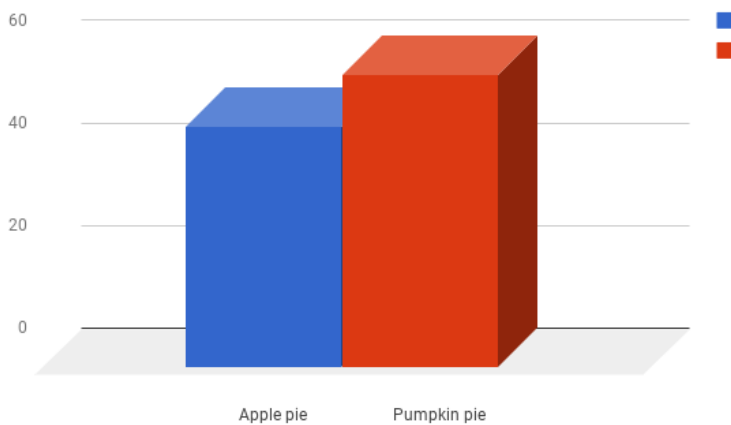
It's now December and everyone is getting into the Christmas spirit, including the Cougar Contests! This month, you can get a paper ornament to decorate. You can use whatever you want to color the ornament. Just make sure it's creative and colorful. Cut out the ornament when you're done, and turn it into the basket by the office. The ornaments are due by December 13.

The winner of the candy corn contest was Brenden in 1st grade. The number of pieces of candy corn was 174, and Brenden guessed 178. It was an impressively close guess. Congratulations, Brenden!

## Survey

by *Ethan B. and Janet P.*

Favorite Thanksgiving dessert



This month's survey question is "Which is your favorite thanksgiving dessert, apple pie or pumpkin pie?" We surveyed students in kindergarten through eighth grade. In our survey, pumpkin pie is favored slightly more than apple pie. There are 47 students that prefer apple pie and 57 students that prefer pumpkin pie.

# Celebrity Look Alikes

by *Winta K.*

This month's celebrity look alike is Lilly W. in the 3rd grade, and actor Mckenna Grace. You might recognize Mckenna from movies like "Gifted" and "Mr. Church".



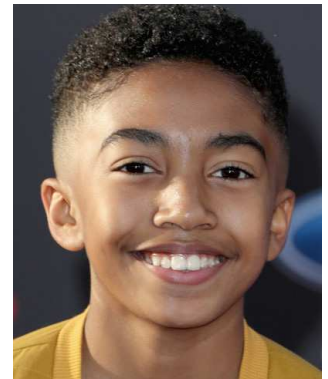
Lilly W., 3rd grader



McKenna Grace



Pharrell G., 6th grader



Miles Brown

Our other look alike is Pharrell Galloway in the 6th grade and Miles Brown. Miles Brown stars in shows like ABC's "Blackish" and was also nominated for the "NAACP Image award for outstanding supporting actor in a Comedy Series".

## Movie Review

by *Hawa S. and Derek P.*

The first movie review of the month is *The Man Who Invented Christmas*. This movie is about the imagination of author Charles Dickens bringing A Christmas Carol's Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and other classic characters, changing the holiday season into Christmas. This movie premiered on November 22 and it'll make you feel like it's already Christmas.



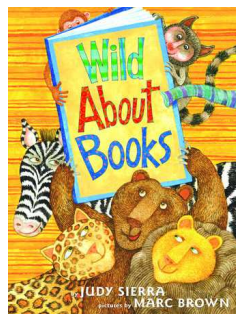
The second movie of the month is *Justice League*. Bruce Wayne (a.k.a) Batman has a new faith in humanity to create a team. The team includes himself, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Superman, Cyborg and The Flash. This movie is about the fight against a new threat, but it might be too late to save the planet from an assault of catastrophic proportions. *Justice League* premiered November 17 and it's one thrill that you don't want to miss.



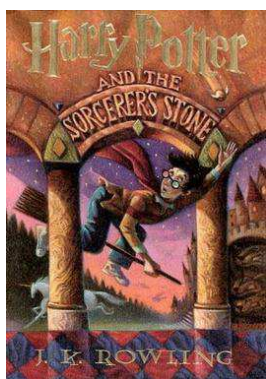
## Book Review

by *Aria T.*

This month's primary book review is *Wild About Books* by Judy Sierra. *Wild About Books* is a wonderful children's book that has incredible rhyme and rhythm. The story is about a librarian named Molly, who by mistake, drives her bookmobile into the zoo. The animals find the books, and Molly introduces them to the world of reading. This book has tons of different book genres and examples of classic literature. It's a great book for older kids to read to younger kids. Look for it next time you need something to entertain you.



The middle school book review this month is about the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. This book series is full of adventure and mystery. The story is about a young boy named Harry Potter, who finds himself



in a world of wizards, witches, and magic. He is invited into the wizarding school of Hogwarts where he makes both friends and enemies. Here, he must use his magic to save the world from the evil wizard, Voldemort. These books are full of suspense and plot twists so you'll never know what's going to happen next. J.K. Rowling tells the story in a way it

seems like you are right there in the action! Make sure to check them out next time you're in a library.

## History of Old School Nintendo Consoles

by *Gavin S.*

The massive Nintendo gaming company that is well known almost all over the World, started out as a humble Japanese company, founded by Fusajiro Yamauchi in September of 1889. The first game system was called the "Nintendo Entertainment System." It was released in 1985. The NES had a classic wired rectangle controller with the original button layout with a cross shaped d pad and two buttons that are named A and B. It also had a start and select button in the center of the console. It was an 8-bit video game console.



The next console, the Super NES, introduced a larger variety of games. The Super NES was a 16-bit game console that came out in 1990. It improved the controller by making it have more buttons, higher quality wire and plastic, and other options within the games.

The next nintendo console was called the Nintendo 64. This console came out in 1996. It introduced a joystick movement option and more buttons for more control along with an even larger variety of games. The Nintendo 64 was a much improved 64 bit gaming console. This system also made it seem more smooth and sophisticated than the other systems. These consoles were just the beginning of the multi-million dollar gaming franchise.

# Restaurant Review: Seamus McDaniels

by *Emily L.*

When you mix together mind blowing burgers and a touch of Irish culture, Seamus McDaniels is what you'll get! Seamus McDaniels, located at 1208 Tamm Ave, St. Louis, MO 63139, is one of the best burger places in town! They have been serving in the area ever since 1985. No matter what your favorite food is, Seamus McDaniels will have something everyone will enjoy!

To start it off, you have to get one of their delicious appetizers. I recommend the Fried Cheese. With it's crunchy breading and the smooth melted cheese in the middle, this appetizer is a winner! They also have soups of the day and salads.

Their famous Angus Beef Burgers, are what really draw the attention! Tasty and juicy, they are something you definitely want to get when you're there! The phrase "It's as big as my face!" is used commonly at Seamus, because, well, the food is as big as your face! From their classic Seamus Burger, to the Bleu Cheese and Bacon Burger, they are all great, and HUGE! Pastas are also one of their specialties. Like the Chicken Pasta or Red Pasta, they're all classic but really good! Seamus Mcdaniels is perfect for any occasion, and will have something delicious everyone will enjoy.



## Recipe of the Month

by *Hawa S.*

This month's recipe for November is a classic, S'MORES! But, it's not just your ordinary s'mores recipe. It's Pumpkin Pie S'mores. You can find the recipe on [www.delish.com](http://www.delish.com). It's perfect for Thanksgiving time, and it also makes a great campfire snack!

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 leftover pumpkin pie
- 10 Graham Cracker squares
- 2 bars Hershey's Chocolate
- 5 marshmallows
- Warm caramel, for drizzling

### DIRECTIONS

Using a paring knife, cut graham cracker- sized squares of pumpkin pie.

Roast marshmallows until golden. Place pie on top of one square of graham cracker, top with marshmallow, chocolate, and another square of graham cracker. Drizzle with caramel and serve.



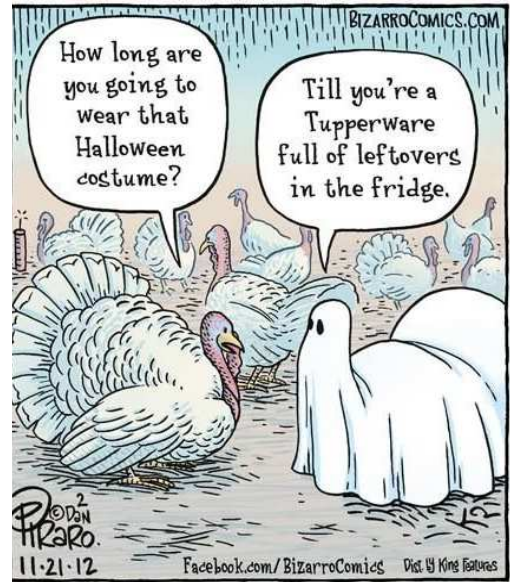
**Birthdays**  
*by Janet P.*

Oliver Klug 11/04  
 Rahel Dagneu 11/04  
 Samuel Gurung 11/06  
 Noah Clark 11/10  
 William Sorrell 11/18  
 Melat Gebreselaise 11/19  
 Saylor Landers 11/20  
 Austin Haberberger 11/22  
 Angel Lasper 11/24  
 Ava Fluegge 11/27  
 David Hawkins 11/28  
 James Momoh 11/28  
 Jayden Ford 11/28  
 John Bender 11/29

**Baptismal Birthdays**  
*by Janet P.*

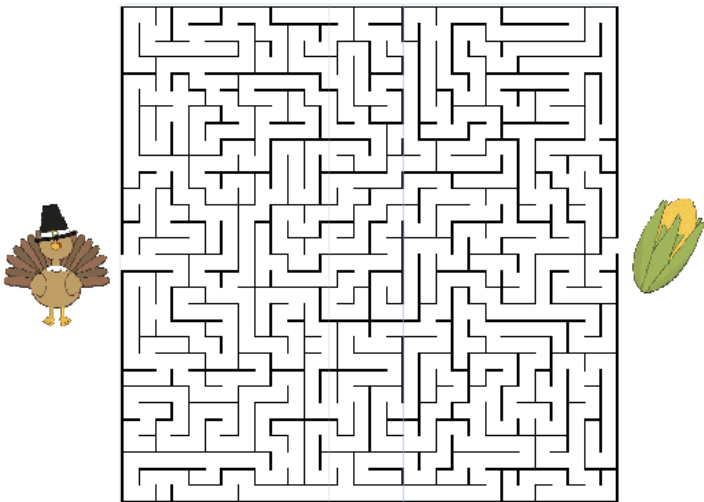
Micah Stiles 11/6/11  
 Jaylee Schulz 11/7/04  
 Eli Meadows 11/11/12  
 Laanu Suaray 11/12  
 Avery Klug 11/24/07

**Comic by Ethan B.**



**Kids Page by Laanu**

**HELP THE TURKEY  
 EAT THE CORN**



**Thanksgiving Word Scramble**

1. ieppinkupm \_\_\_\_\_
2. gniutssff \_\_\_\_\_
3. erutky \_\_\_\_\_
4. hnsiigTakgvn \_\_\_\_\_
5. iesarcnbrerauec \_\_\_\_\_
6. eeeargnbns \_\_\_\_\_
7. erabd \_\_\_\_\_
8. rocn \_\_\_\_\_
9. pppaleie \_\_\_\_\_
10. hma \_\_\_\_\_