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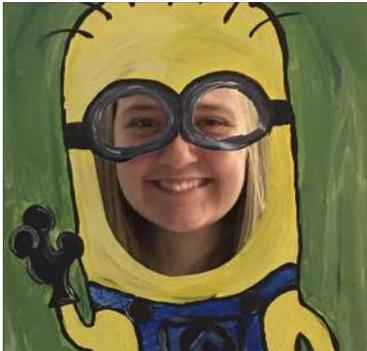
May 2021

Class of the Month: 8th grade

By: Jeanine D. and Sara D.

WAHHHHHH! This is the last class of the month for the school year! It's been fun, but it's sad to leave all this behind. Before we get into our article, we just want to say congratulations to our Class of 2021! We love you 8th grade and hope you all have a great journey through life.

Their favorite field trip they've gone on in the previous years was the Grizzlies Baseball Game in 6th grade. Two things they like about their teacher are her 'sayings' and the cool math videos they show them such as Slope Dude. They are most looking forward to graduation!!! Their favorite things to do with their class is hang out together and talk about their inside jokes. Let's give it up for our Class of 2021!



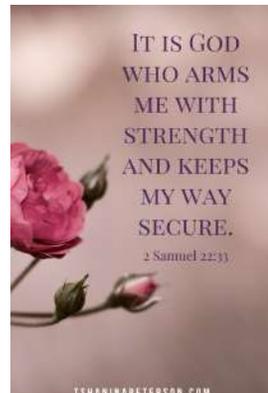
About the teacher: Mrs Bedell

- She is from O'Fallon, Missouri.
- Her favorite colors are purple and yellow.
- She loves Milky Ways and Cheetos.
- She enjoys taking pictures, walking her dog, and watching movies with her family.

God's Strength

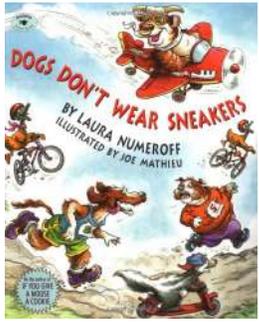
By: Naibishina F.

This month's Bible verse comes from 2 Samuel 22:33 "It is God who arms me with **strength** and keeps my way secure." This means that you don't ever have to worry about your future because God always has a plan for you. He knows what is right for you. He has you in one hand and your future in the other hand. He will guide you and will always stand beside you. What does this verse mean to you?



Elementary Book Review

By: Sara D. and Tina N.



This month's elementary book review is *Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers* by Laura Numeroff and illustrated by Joe Mahieu! Many bizarre things happen in our dreams, such as dogs wearing sneakers, fish eating bagels, and more. This book features some crazy things that animals don't do,

but we might see it happen in our dreams. It shows how to think creatively and imagine all the things that we see in our sleep. This is a good book if you're feeling down and want a good laugh.

Middle School Book Review

By: Anna C.

Red Rover by Christopher Krovatin



When Amy's family saves a dog tied up on the side of a road, she can't understand why anyone would abandon such a beautiful, calm, and well trained dog. The dog is a strong and healthy German Shepherd with coal, black fur. Her little sister Katie names him Rover. It just comes over to

Katie, like the dog told her his name. The dog obeys their every command. Soon Rover starts to do things on his own terms. Accidents happen around Rover that hurt people. Amy suspects that the dog isn't what he seems. Is Rover just a poor mistreated doggy or her worst nightmare?!

Read *Red Rover* by Christopher Krovatin at your local library, or ask Mrs. Maxfield if she has the book.

TV Show review

By: Anna C. and Tina N.



HELLO FELLOW NORMAL HUMANS. This month's TV show review is on *Lab Rats*. We both loved this show as little ones. *Lab Rats* is about Leo Dooley, whose mom married billionaire inventor Donald Davenport. While trying to find his room in his new home, Leo finds kids in his basement. That sounds wrong. Leo finds

three teenagers with bionic powers living in the basement. That still sounds weird. Anyways, there are three kids Bree, Chase, and Adam, who all have different powers. But what are their powers and what will they do with them? Watch *Lab Rats* on Disney+ find out!

Movie Review

By: Tina N.



Our last movie for the 2020-2021 school year is *The Mitchells vs. the Machines*! This movie is about a soon to be college student, Katie Mitchell. Katie gets into her dream film making school and is on her way to college in just a few days. That is until Katie's dad tries to get the family to spend more time together by making them go on a road trip

to Katie's college. AI called PAL, sends robots to capture all of the humans in the world and sends them into space. When the robots take all the humans, they forget about one family, the Mitchells. It's up to the Mitchell family to save the world and fight off the robots! Will this dysfunctional family be able to get over their problems and save the world? Or will they fail, and humankind will get sent off into space, so that robots will forever rule Earth? Watch *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* to find out!

Restaurant Review

By: John H.

This is the last month of this school-year, so I have saved the best for last!
I hope you guys enjoy!

Imagine Mod Pizza, but better! That is what Crushed Red is like. They have pizza and custom salads, which are amazing! You can find Crushed Red in Kirkwood, Clayton, Creve Coeur, and Chesterfield. I recommend Kirkwood because you can walk around the really nice area. In Kirkwood, I like that they have a ton of outdoor seating. Also, if you go on a Friday evening (at like 6-10 PMish) you can go down to the Sonic car show (not sponsored or anything (at the time of writing this article it is unofficial, but it's still there and it's awesome!). It is an awesome experience! I know when I go, I like to watch for trains pass by and stop at the Kirkwood Amtrak Station! (still not sponsored).

I hope you've enjoyed this article, and I also hope that you have the most amazing summer ever, bye!

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A Special Thanks to Zach S. for helping me with some articles!

Additional mentions:

<https://www.amtrak.com/home>

<https://crushed-red.com/>

<https://www.sonicdrivein.com/>

<https://modpizza.com/>

Preschool News

By: Grant M.

Hello Cougars, for this month's article, we will be featuring each of the classes! To start, Mrs. Pierce's class learned many things about camping and the ocean. They learned about the creatures under the sea and fun things to do in the summer.



Adriel showing off the octopus he made.

In Mrs. Maxfield's class, they explored magnets and dreamt of summer; lemonade, watermelon, popsicles, camping, swimming, and so much more.



Jonah and Pierce using magnets to determine what is magnetic.

In Mrs. Bolling's class, they learned about animals and zoos. They enjoyed watching live video feeds of the San Diego Zoo and painting different zoo animals. They even planted sunflowers!



Mrs. Bolling's class watching the zoo animals.

Game Review

By: Zach S.



Forza Horizon 3 is a car game where you can explore, race, and do tricks. There are a variety of different cars to race with including lambos and bugattis. This game is on PC and XBOX. Well, that's all for this month gamers.

Animal of the Month: Amur Leopard

By: Jonathan T.



The Amur Leopard is a critically endangered subspecies of the Leopard. Being a big cat, this animal is larger than a cat you may have at home. It weighs from 70-105 pounds! There are only around 100 left in the wild, but you can help them by not hunting them and even adopting them. They live for an average of 10-15 years. They are also incredibly strong and are able to jump 19 feet horizontally or 10 feet vertically. They can also run up to 37 mph.

The reason their population is so low is because they were overhunted. People paid a lot of money for one of these cats! The hunting of these leopards is illegal, but people do it anyway. If you are ever lucky enough to come across one in the wild, check with experts so they know where they are.

St. Louis Attraction: Union Station

By: Candace D.



Helloooooo Cougars! It's the last month of school, and it's getting very hot soooo...go to the Union Station! It's indoors and outdoors. They have multiple attractions including a rope course, ferris wheel, an aquarium, and a mirror maze (the mirror maze and rope course are very unique). It's perfect for kids and adults! They have two of my favorite restaurants, The Soda Fountain, and Laundrys. They also have their *own* hotel, with a pool outside. You can view the Union Station while you swim! The best thing about it is you don't have to make a reservation! If your parents have any questions about the prices, go on <https://www.stlouisunionstation.com/>. Have a fun summer Cougars!

The History Behind Memorial Day

By: Candace D. and Jeanine D.



Memorial Day is celebrated every year on May 31st. This day was made for Americans to honor all the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military. Now you might ask 'Why do we have to do this? It's not that big of a deal!'. But, oh yes, it is.

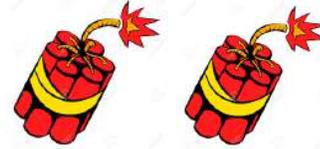
After the Civil War, the bloodiest war in American history, lots of lives were lost. America then decided that the people who died during war needed to be honored for the good deeds they did. This was the birth of Memorial Day. Did you know that in different states, people used to celebrate Memorial Day on different days? People all around the U.S. celebrate with parades and take the day off of work. Did you also know that this day used to be called Decoration Day? With the families of the people who have died, a ceremony is held at their graves where the families can decorate them with flowers and flags.

To wrap this up, Memorial Day is a very powerful day. Ask your family members if you have an ancestor who fought in the Civil War. I'm sure they will love to tell you some family history. You can celebrate this day by reading books about the Civil War, going to events, and even watching movies about it. Just take time to remember what our ancestors had to go through just to make America a country. Happy Memorial Day.

Fun Facts

By: Jon T.

ONE OF THE INGREDIENTS NEEDED TO MAKE DYNAMITE IS PEANUTS.



The shortest war in history lasted for only 38 minutes.



Your fingernails grow faster when you are cold.



Before 1913, parents could mail their kids to Grandma's through the postal service.



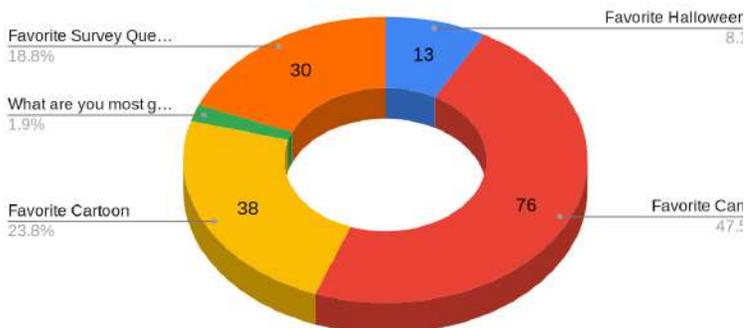
<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/76701/50-random-facts/>

Cougar Survey

By: Sara D. and Grant M.

Hello Cougars, this month we looked over your favorite surveys to see which one you liked best? The choices were; *Favorite Halloween Movie*, *What are you Most Grateful For*, *Favorite Cartoon*, *Favorite Candy*, and *Favorite Survey Question*. And the winner was *Favorite Candy* with 76 votes! Thanks for answering all of our questions! Have a great summer and see you all next year!

Favorite Survey Question



Birthdays

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| Gia L. | 5/1 | Claire S. | 5/16 |
| Ruth M. | 5/3 | Zaki D. | 5/17 |
| Parker H. | 5/3 | Alyssa H. | 5/18 |
| Christian S. | 5/7 | Brody W. | 5/23 |
| Hudson B. | 5/8 | Aden W. | 5/24 |
| Simon T. | 5/9 | Dylan B. | 5/31 |
| Jonah M. | 5/10 | Sophia J. | 5/31 |

Baptismal birthdays

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| Jeanine D. | 5/4 |
| Ruth M. | 5/12 |
| Ryan R. | 5/14 |
| Kidus C. | 5/17 |
| Alaya G. | 5/18 |
| Blake P. | 5/27 |
| Olivia P. | 5/27 |
| Summer G. | 5/29 |
| Edward P. | 5/30 |
| Kaydee T. | 5/30 |

World Records

By: Zach S. And Jon T.

The most valuable casino chip is estimated at \$450,000 in Canada and \$433,105 in America.



The world's most valuable Dreidel is valued at \$70,000.



<https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com>

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Kids activities: Word Search

By: Zach S.

Mexico Word Search

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