

WORD OF LIFE ROAR

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Class of the Month: 8th Grade

By: Peighton G. and Esther H.

The very special class, for our final class of the month, is 8th grade! Mrs. Jones is the eighth grade teacher, so we asked her some questions. We asked her, "What was one of your favorite memories with the 8th graders?" Her response was, "I loved eating lunch with my 8th graders. I learned a lot!" Our next question was, "Why did you choose history to teach?" She responded, "I have always loved learning about history. What better way to share that love with others?!" Her favorite person from history she can learn from is, "George Washington (warts and all). He really did not want to be the first president, but did what he thought was right at great personal sacrifice. He wanted our country to succeed."



We asked the 8th graders some questions too! "What is something you learned from Mrs. Jones that you'll remember for high school?" Anna

C. said, "You cannot fold a fitted sheet."

Vivian K. said, "Do what makes Mrs. Jones happy." We asked some 8th graders, "What will you miss about 8th grade?" Tina N.

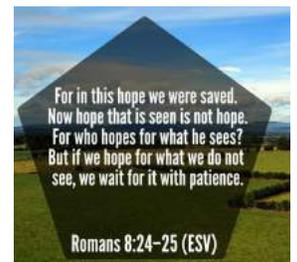
answered, "I'll miss Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hanke and the dynamic of our class." Sara D. answered, "Being with this group of people." The final question was, "What's your favorite thing about Mrs. Jones?" Nabi F. answered, "EVERYTHING, her personality and how she matches our energy." Jeanine said, "My favorite thing about Mrs. Jones is her humor." Jon T. said, "She is a cool teacher." Shyla S. said, "Her kindness," Austin H. said, "She's chill," and also, Kidus C. said, "How chill she is." John H. said, "I liked being able to go to the park." Thank you, 8th grade class and the wonderful Mrs. Jones!



Trust

By: Austin H.

Hello Cougars! I hope you had a great month of May finishing off the school year, but the word of the month is Hope. An amazing Bible verse would be Romans 8:24-25 "Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." This shows hope really well and how we must rely on God's timing. It helps you understand the idea of hope. Have a great summer!!



Middle school track

By: Vivian K. and Lilly W.



Track team members and coaches

Hey, Cougars! Even though it seems like we just started track season, it is sadly coming to an end. This month we would like to talk about our previous track meet. Everyone did so well! We would like to give a shout out to Lilly W. and Vivian K. for placing in hurdles. It was their first time doing the event and they did so well. We would also like to shout out to Johnny B. in 6th grade for placing in the hundred, wearing boots because he left his shoes at school. Jeanine did awesome in shot put. She got second and we were super happy for her. We had the state track meet on May 14. Johnny B. from 6th grade, Jonathan T., Vivian K., and Jeanine D. from 8th grade, and Lilly W. from 7th grade participated. Everyone tried their best and worked so hard. We had so much fun this track season. THANK YOU SO MUCH COACHES!

Cougar Contest

By: Esther H. and Lilly W.



The mural with contributions from every class is vibrant, joyful, and full of the hope our school gives. Thank you for participating, Cougars and a special thank you to all the teachers encouraging their students to participate. Happy summer, Cougars, and don't forget to look at the beautiful mural by the 7th grade science classroom.

Summer Poem

By: Esther H. and Vivian K.

End of the Year

*May is here,
No need to fear.
School is closing,
It's time for dozing.
Summer's approaching,
Flowers are encroaching.
It's time to celebrate,
Our diversity,
In Asian American and Pacific Islander Month.
Get up and stand,
No need to hunch,
Find some flowers and make a bunch.*

*Summer is near,
Let's all cheer.
Time to swim,
Let's all travel,
Hit the road,
And lets unload
From our journeys
And reunite together.
Summer's ending,
This beautiful season,
Autumn leaves will fall,
And the days are extending.*

Restaurant Review

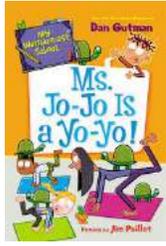
By: John H. and Zach S.

It's time for a rewind to our first restaurant review of Fitz's SoCo. It has the best burgers and floats you'll ever have. The floats have 6 scoops of ice cream plus other toppings. As for me, (John) all I want is a Rootbeer Float. (Zach) But that's not it, it has awesome burgers and other food. I like the limited grand slam float and the river city burger. That ends the long line of restaurant reviews. This is John and Zach. Bye!

This article was brought to you by John. H and Zach. S from the Restaurant Review Corporation.

Elementary Book Review

By: Tina N.

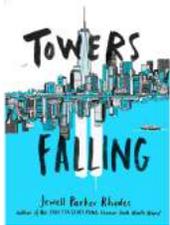


Hey, Cougars! The last elementary book for our 2021-2022 school year is *Ms. Jo-Jo is a Yo-Yo!* This book is a part of the *My Weirder-est School* series by Dan Gutman. Some of the characters in this book include, A.J., Ryan, Michael, Alexia, Andrea, Emily, and Neil. This

book is told from the perspective of A.J. and how his third grade class has to pass the Fundamental Arithmetic/Reading Test or F.A.R.T. (hehe). If the class doesn't all score high on the test, the school will shut down. Will the class finally score high and save the school or will Dr. Carbles succeed and shut down the school? This book is so humorous and will leave you cracking up on the wall. It truly is a knee slapper. Also special thanks to our very own third grade class for this amazing suggestion! Have fun reading this summer, Cougars!

Middle School Book Review

By: Grant M.



Hello Cougars! This month's book is *Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes. This (realistic) fictional book is about a girl named Déja. She lives in a homeless shelter with her family, and is starting fifth grade in school for the first time. She goes

off to discover what it is truly like to be a student, and an American. Read this book to hear a truly inspiring story.

Video Game Review

By: Zach S.



Join *Mario and Rabbids* on a journey across time and space to defeat evil Rabbids and Bob-ombs. You must help rabbids on the way to victory. This is only on Nintendo Switch.

Movie Review

By: Zach S.

Hey, Cougars! This month's movie is *The One and Only Ivan*. This movie is based off of the book, *The One and Only Ivan*, by Katherine Applegate. This movie is about Ivan, a mighty silverback gorilla. Ivan was raised by Mack, the owner of the Big Top Mall. Ivan is a part of an act that brings the mall money. A new baby elephant, Ruby, comes to the mall when less people come to the act. Stella, a dying elephant, tells Ivan to keep a promise by keeping Ruby safe and getting her out of the circus. Will Ivan save Ruby? Watch *The One and Only Ivan* to find out!

TV Show Review

By: Anna C. and Tina N.



♪ *Cruisin' on down main street. You're relaxed and feelin' good. Next thing that you know you're seein' Octopus in the neighborhood!* ♪ (That sounds like

the intro to a Spider-Man show....)

Hey, Cougars! It's almost summer and for our last TV show review we're doing *The Magic School Bus*! We've all watched this show and I don't know about you guys, but we really enjoyed watching it in class. This educational science show features the characters: Mz. Frizzle, Dorothy, Wanda, Arnold, Phoebe, Keesha, Ralphie, Carlos, Tim, and Liz. Their zany adventures will keep you giggling and eager to learn. You can watch this show on Netflix, Prime Video, and Youtube. This is the last one for now, Cougars! It was fun reviewing shows with you! Peace out. 🙌

Guess the Celebrity

By: Peighton G. and Vivian K.



Hey Cougars! This will be the last guess for the celebrity of the month!

Clues:

- She has a friend named Mushu.
- This movie takes place in China.
- This is a Disney movie.
- This movie was made in 1998.

Preschool News

By: Grant M.

Hello Cougars! For this last month, we are going to feature all of the classes, starting with Mrs. Pierce's class. They learned about dinosaurs and created their own fossils. They talked about summer and all of the fun things they will do. They also learned about the state of Hawaii and the traditions there.



Gus creating his fossil.

Mrs. Bolling's class began wrapping up this school year. They learned about things like flowers and garden creatures. They learned about different summer related things, including the ocean, and its different parts. They learned about life cycles, especially in the simple example of a caterpillar.



Owen examining a seashell.

Mrs. Maxfield's class learned about weather and magnets. They also learned about summer themes and talked about what they will do over the summer. They are preparing to leave preschool and are excited to be going to kindergarten next year! Alright, that's all for this year, have a good summer!



Junior learning about how magnets work.

Game of the Month

By: Lilly W.



The last board game review of the year is Uno. Uno is a classic card game that is a lot of fun. This game is for all ages and very easy to learn. There are many different themed Uno games such as: Harry Potter, Dora, Trolls etc.

There are also many different versions of Uno. There is Dos and Uno Attack. First person to get down to one card wins the game. This game is SO much fun. See you next year!

St. Louis Attractions

By: Lilly W.



Hi Cougars! This month's attraction is the AquaPort. This is a waterpark in Maryland Heights. There are many waterslides and it is a great way to start your summer. They have a surf simulator at the park. It costs extra, but it is definitely worth it. They also have a lazy river that is very fun to just lay around in. This water park also has a concession stand, which is definitely good if you are hungry from swimming all day.

Thank you to our ROAR staff who worked so hard this year. A special thanks to the 8th graders graduating.

7th graders

Lily F.
Peighton G.
Esther H.
Lilly W.

8th graders

Anna C.
Nabi F.
Austin H.
John H.
Vivian K.
Grant M.
Tina N.
Zach S.
Jonny T.

Animal of the Month

By: Anna C. and Lily F.



Hello hello hello! The animal of the month is the beautiful banana slug. They are a lot less edible than an actual banana because they are coated in a poison that numbs the throat of those who try to eat it. They are gastropods, which means they have no spine and only one foot. The biggest type of banana slug can grow up to 9 inches long. They weigh up to 4.1 ounces and they can live 1-7 years. They can be yellow, brown, or green which makes sense because . . . banana. They live in California and Alaska, which is good for you if you're squeamish. They're practically Spider-Man because they can climb on walls and ceilings. They eat animal droppings, fruit, leaves, seeds, and flowers. Their predators include last month's animal; the raccoon. Small world. Anyway, thanks for reading and have a great summer.

Fun Facts

By: John H. and Jonny T.

The name Jeep came from the acronym G.P for General Purpose vehicle.	
Texas is the only state allowed to raise their flag as high as the US flag.	
South Dakota is the only state that shares no letters with the name of its capital.	
Barack Obama hates mayonnaise.	
Chevrolet used a Ford SuperDuty to set up their new Chevy truck display.	

Endangered Animal of the Month: Whale sharks

By: Lily F.

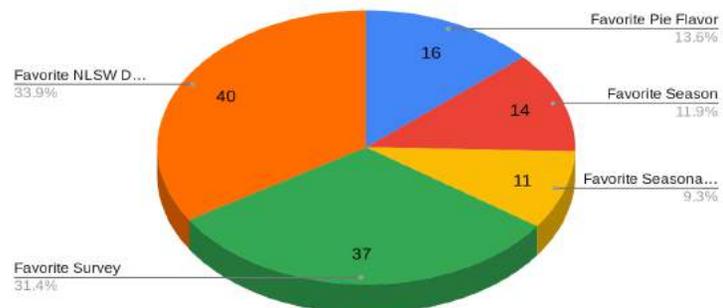


May's endangered animal of the month and the last endangered animal for the year is the whale shark. Whale sharks aren't actually sharks, but just really large fish. In fact, they can grow up to 39.37ft long! While these "sharks" have thousands of teeth, they can't actually bite or chew, instead, they just swim around with their mouths open waiting for food to swim in. But where does all the water go? The water they swallow is filtered through their gills. They filter up to 6,000 liters of water everyday. Whale sharks can live up to 150 years old, but only about 10% make it to adulthood due to being killed by humans, plastic pollution, and the effects of global warming. In order to help save whale sharks, you can eat seafood that is sustainably fished and follow the government policies to protect the whale sharks. Have a good summer!

Cougar Survey

By: Grant M. and Jonny T.

Hello Cougars! This last month's survey was, "What was your favorite Survey this Year?" Your choices for this last month were Favorite Pie Flavor, Favorite Season, Favorite Seasonal Activities, Favorite Survey, or Favorite NLSW Dress Down. You guys liked the last option the most with it having 40 votes, 3 more than this current survey. Favorite Pie Flavor came in third with 16 votes, two more than Favorite Season (14.) Finally, Favorite Seasonal Activities came in last.

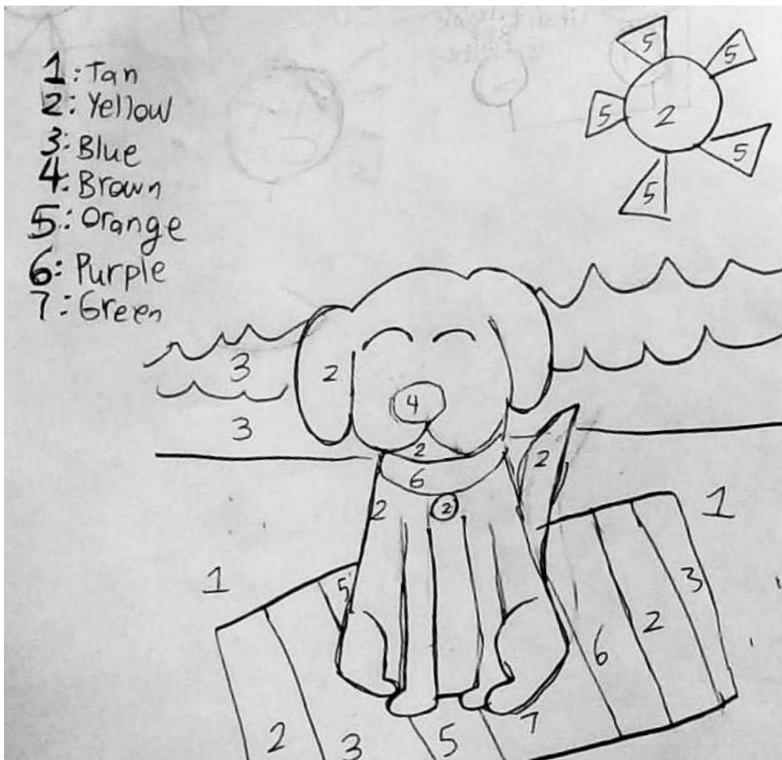


Kids activities

By: Anna C.

Hey everyone! Thanks for letting me write about what I'm passionate about. I love sharing my art and writing. Thanks again and have a great summer!

-Anna C.

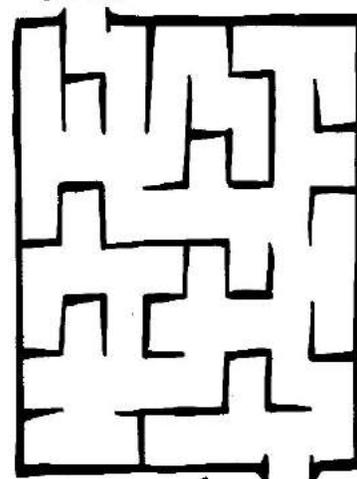


Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

BREAK
FREINDS
FUN
HUMIDITY
MOVIES

POPSICLE
SUMMER
SUN
SWIM
TRAVEL

VACATION
VIDEOGAMES



Birthdays

Ruth B. 5/1
Gia L. 5/1
Parker H. 5/3
Ruth M. 5/3
Angelina R. 5/4
Leo L. 5/5
Ryder H. 5/6
Christian S. 5/7

Jonah M. 5/10
Vivian K. 5/12
Claire S. 5/16
Noel S. 5/22
Diana L. 5/25
Osila G. 5/29
Dylan B. 5/31

Baptism birthdays

Jeanine D. 5/4
Ruth M. 5/12
Auggie D. 5/13
Ryan R. 5/14
Leo L. 5/16
Kidus C. 5/17

Alaya G. 5/18
Olivia P. 5/26
Blake P. 5/27
Edward P. 5/30
Kaydee T. 5/30

