



VIOLA NEWS



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NUTS! Show Spectacular

by the First Grade Students

Are you nuts? Well, Viola's First Graders certainly are! We recently performed our annual **NUTS!** Show to a packed gym and it was amazing! The show is connected to our science curriculum (plants unit) by explaining the circle of life through forest characters such as squirrels, acorns, trees, birds, a duck, and even the sun! The characters in the story learn that seeds are important to continuing the circle of life so that everything continues to grow. We had fun learning the script



and practicing our speaking parts. Of course learning all 5 of the fun songs was great too. Our favorite song is Big Bad Squirrels because we could act like we were squirrel body builders! The audience loved the entire show and Mr. Zobel thinks it was our best performance of the year! We finished our performance with lots of pictures for our fans and an impromptu sing-along of the Viola School Song. It was a great day!

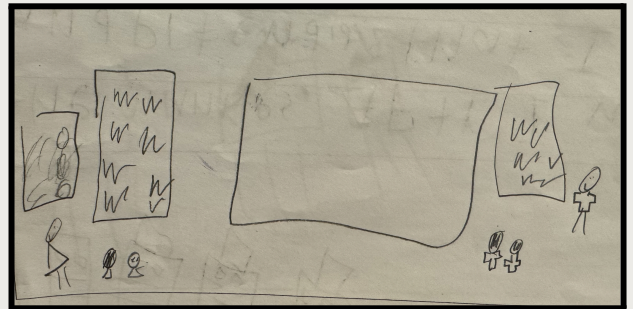
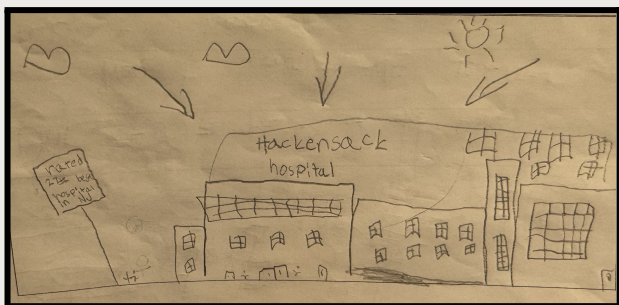


TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY!

Hackensack Meridian Medical Center

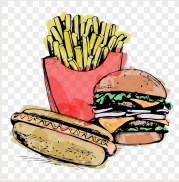
by Musa V.

On Thursday, I went to the Hackensack Meridian Medical Center which is the hospital that my dad works at. Our first part of the tour was the heart center. We learned a lot about hearts. Then we did some other stuff and then ate lunch. After lunch, we saw real organs like kidneys, brain and the heart. We also looked at pictures on the computer of the inside organs. Then we saw their boiler room which is made for air conditioning. We also talked about the job of the security at the hospital. Then we went back home.



Pfizer Pharmaceutical by Maeve M.

First I went to a Mad Science show and that is the first place I met Fido, the robot dog. Next I had a snack at the cafeteria. After that we made snacks for... the monkeys! They had to do a puzzle with toilet paper rolls to unwrap them and find their food. Then I went and pretended that I was a scientist checking the mouse and the rat cages. After that I was looking at what animals like as toys. I had lunch with my mom and spent the rest of the day with her. After lunch, we made bath bombs with baking soda and glitter!



LUNCH



An Opinion Piece by Penny, Olivia & Jade

When you're eating lunch, sometimes it's hard to be able to talk to friends in other classes because you're always forced to sit at a different table. The only time that you're able to talk to your friends in another class is at recess which is only 20 minutes! We are able to earn buddy passes and choose to sit with friends and those are great. The way to get them is with blue tickets, which you can earn when teachers see you doing something positive. We can also earn Mix It Up Days when we mix classes together. We think that you should be able to sit next to people in other classes no matter what. Because not only that it would be better for more communication, it shows from research that **70% of the time people have more friends in other classes than their own. We think that if we put everybody together, not only you can meet with other friends but you can also make friends. Like if there was another person from the other class that you didn't know, you can have so many more friends than you already have and more friends will definitely help you in the future. As you see from here, all of our reasons show that you should be able to sit with friends in other classes!!!!**

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Earthquakes

by Liam & Joey

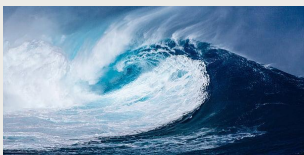
Have you ever experienced an earthquake???? I'm going to tell you about it. It was on April 5, 2024, I was having breakfast and then my whole house shook. My dad was going crazy and then all of a sudden it stopped and we didn't know what was happening.



What are Earthquakes?

Earthquakes are a special kind of natural disaster that has to do with something called **tectonic plates**. Tectonic plates are big pieces of land that make up the earth. So, how do earthquakes happen? They happen because of something called seismic waves. They are little waves in the earth, then they travel to the mantle, then the mantle keeps on moving and exerts more and more pressure. Then it gets so strong that it slips and the plates move and it creates a **fault**. The slip is called a fault. Faults are what causes earthquakes.

Tsunamis



Tsunamis happen because of an earthquake at the oceanic crust. When this happens, it can cause the seafloor to shift and it creates a gigantic wave called a **tsunami**. Tsunamis can travel up to 500 mph. That's almost as fast as an airplane!

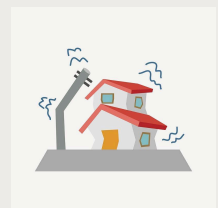
Glossary

Tectonic plates-(n) plates that make up the earth.

Earthquakes-(n) a natural disaster that can destroy buildings.

Tsunamis-(n) a gigantic destructive wave.

Fault-(v) a crack in the earth's crust.



The Fourth & Fifth Grade Spring Concert

by Kendra and Genesis

Last night the last 4th/5th grade concert took place at the high school. The band, orchestra and chorus performed. The chorus sang “The Rhythm of the Night,” “If I Only Had a Brain,” “Sisi Kushangilia” and “Tres Canciones de los Elementos.” We did hand motions during the songs and danced to the beat. Every adult was clapping while we were singing, and Mrs. Lent was dancing with Mrs. Kear and Mr. Celli.



The orchestra played “At the Grasshopper Ball,” “Gargoyles,” and “Dragon Hunter.” We introduced each song with a joke and we had to laugh after we said it! If you didn’t think it was funny, you had to do a fake laugh! The band played “Star Wars,” “Alpha Squadron,” and “Prehistoric Suite.” Mr. Yarrington, the band teacher, is retiring this year so this was his last concert!

At the end of the concert, we took a group picture and then we did a funny picture! We walked off the risers dancing and yelling with excitement and then got our stuff. Some of us met for dinner after the concert. This was the best concert! We can’t wait to do it again next year!



EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

By: Oliver G, Paris D, Izabella B

On April 25th 2024 to "Keep Rockland Beautiful," the 5th grade cleaned up the school grounds. We all collected a lot of trash and recyclable plastics. We got to use a lot of cool gadgets like grabbers, gloves, trash bags and recycling bags. Some of the things that we found were... giant metal bars, bottles, a baseball bat, a blanket, like 20 big trash bags, and 3 baseballs,



metal fences, plastic bags, a bike, car parts, bike parts, parts of a torn down shed, and glass. It was very disgusting but fun!!

As a grade we collected 7 recycling bags and 15 bags of garbage. 22 bags of garbage and recyclables in total. We are happy that we got to help clean our school grounds!

HIP HOP

by Mehala E.

Hip hop is awesome! Good music, fun dancing... Hip hop is really cool. We learn dance steps that could be fast, but do not fear because practice is here! Each time you do it, you get better and one day, you'll be a hip hop master! Hip hop is on Tuesdays and takes place in the gym. Have fun!



NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs by Logan

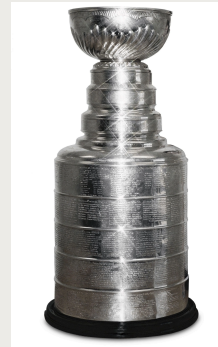


What are the NHL Playoffs?

The NHL Stanley cup playoffs is the playoffs in which the best teams in the hockey league compete against each other for the Stanley Cup, a giant trophy.

Who is in the playoffs?

Florida Panthers vs the Tampa Bay Lightning
New York Rangers vs Washington Capitals
Nashville Predators vs Vancouver Canucks
Boston Bruins vs Toronto Maple Leaves
Carolina Hurricanes vs New York Islanders
Vegas Golden Knights vs Dallas Stars
Winnipeg Jets vs Colorado Avalanche
Edmonton Oilers vs Los Angeles Kings



Interviews

Mrs Mihalczko thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup
Mrs Flaherty thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup
Mr. Paul thinks the Edmonton Oilers will win the Stanley Cup
Mrs Mccarthy thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup
Jordyn thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup
Graeme thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup
Kyla thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup
Mr Jackson thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup
Mrs. Butler thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup
Logan thinks the New York Rangers will win the Stanley Cup

Who do YOU think will win the Stanley Cup??

String Extravaganza and Band Bananza

By Olivia S and Paris T

On April 17th, 2024 and April 18th, 2024 Suffern Central School District had their 12th annual String Extravaganza and Band Bonanzas, and since Olivia and I were both in attendance playing our instruments in the concert, (I played the cello and Olivia played the clarinet) you can trust that we will tell you everything you would like to know!

String Extravaganza!

Let's start with the String Extravaganza! The String Extravaganza was a great showcase to spotlight all the amazing orchestra players that Suffern has to offer. The String Extravaganza was a 5th grade to 12th grade concert. This concert was a great experience because everyone gets this one opportunity per year to play with one another. The songs that were played were: The elementary school 5th graders played "At The Grasshopper Ball" By Richard Meyer. The middle schoolers played "Star Wars" by John Williams, the high schoolers played "Conga del Fuego Nuevo" by Arturo Marquez, and our grand finale was performed by all the 5th to 12th grade string players! We performed "Dragonhunter" by Richard Meyer.



In conclusion the String Extravaganza is a great concert that happens annually and showcases everyone's talents from 5th grade to 12th, and now that you have learned about the String Extravaganza, Olivia will tell you about the Band Bananza.

Band Bonanza!

The Band Bonanza showcased everyone's talents from 5th grade to 12th grade. Each band had their own small concert where they played songs. The 5th grade band played "Star Wars" and "Prehistoric Suite," the 6th grade band played "Brace for Impact," the 7th grade played "Propulsion" and the 8th grade band played "Flash." We also had the 9th-12th grade band



playing "The Best of Journey." Finally to wrap up the concert 6th-12th grade performed a song all together, "Avengers Endgame" by Alan Silvestri. During the concert we heard the very sad news that Mr. Yarrington is retiring after his many years of service in the Suffern Central School District. He is right now the band director of the Viola band. This Band Bonanza is the last one Viola will participate in. But the good news is we have many more amazing Band Bonanzas to come!

In conclusion, the Band Bonanza and the String Extravaganza were great showcases of all the instrumental talent Suffern has. All our music teachers tell us to continue this career as musicians and we will be great. The benefits you get while playing an instrument is amazing. You learn so many things and have a great experience all while having fun.

What instrument do you play or want to play?

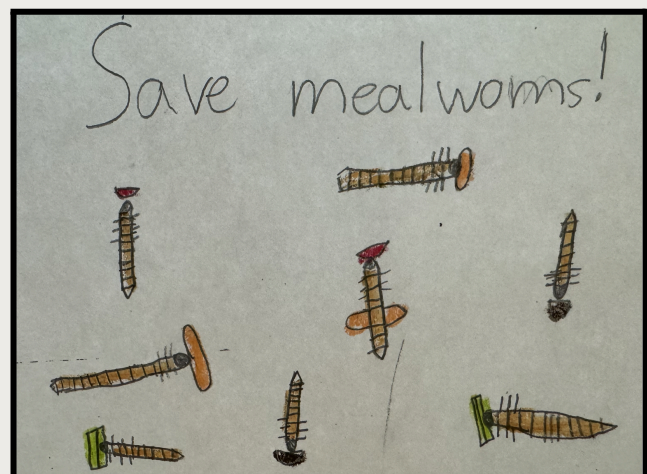


SAVE MEALWORMS



written by Sophia B
and illustrated by Auriana C

What do you think about insects? I think they are cool to learn about. My favorite is the mealworm. Mealworms are fun to watch. They slither over carrots and under soil. Mealworms need help and we can help them. Feed them apples, carrots, potatoes and celery. Don't squish them!



How 5th Graders Feel About Middle School

By Penny, Kyla and Acadia

The transition from 5th grade to middle school has always been hard. Let's see what the 5th graders think when we ask them about their thoughts on middle school. (plus advice from a 6th grader)

Matthew: "I'm excited and happy so I can see a lot of my friends."

Raleigh "I'm kind of happy and I'm also happy and nervous. I'm going to make a lot of new friends"

Rose: "I think it's going to be cool and fun. I'm not nervous."

Aviana "Scary. It's going to be a lot of work and I am very nervous."

Connor S.: "I feel good. I'm a little nervous and I'm excited to walk in the halls by myself and have a locker."

Derek "I'm excited about middle school and I'm happy about going to middle school."

Dakota (7th grader) "When I first started middle school I was very excited and nervous, the first day was the scariest but I eventually got used to being in the school and found even more new friends and got to know a bunch of great teachers. I continue to learn more things in my new school... I love it there!"

From what we've seen, the main thoughts are...

- A lot of people are excited about middle school
- Some people are kind of nervous
- Some people are happy about going to middle school
- There are a lot of different opinions, with excitement and anxiety.

What is



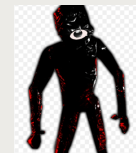
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A Guide to the Monsters in the Game, DOORS, on Roblox by Joey, Henri and Liam

Doors is a game on Roblox and has over 1.6 billion visits. You are in a hotel with a ton of monsters and you have to get to the third floor without dying.

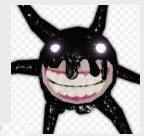
Here is a list of all the Doors monsters:

1. Rush - Lights flicker and then you have to hide.



2. Seek - You have to run away from him and duck under furniture.

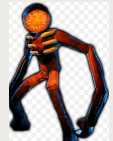
3. Screech - He is pretty easy to avoid if you hear psst then turn around and look for him.



4. Eyes - If you see purple light then look down and try to find the next door.



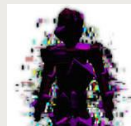
5. Figure - He is blind but he has awesome hearing so crouch when you are walking to avoid being heard. Also, at door 50 when you first meet him, you have to collect 8 books to get a code to escape.



6. Hide - If you stay in a closet for too long he will get you so if you see something in front of you get out.



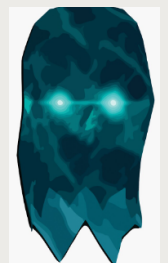
7. Glitch - He will teleport you to a higher door



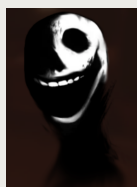
8. Ambush - He is the same as Rush but he will come multiple times



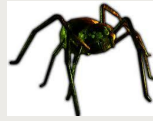
9. Halt - He will appear in front of you only if you are in a green room then if you see him run the opposite direction.



10. Jack - He kicks you out of the closet



11. Timothy - He just appears and deals no damage



12. Guiding light - guides you

13. Dupe - He is wrong numbered door

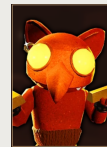


14. Bob - is a skeleton that is a friend to El Goblino

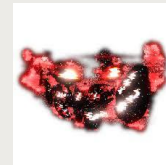
15. Jeff - is has a shop were the player can buy stuff



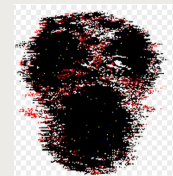
16. El goblino - is a goblin that talks to you and is bob friend he is also nice



17. A 120 is kinda like Rush ; he rushes through rooms eliminating all players who aren't hiding.



18. A90 appears on your screen and then shows a stop sign if you don't stop on the stop sign he will turn back to normal and will attack you



19. Window - he doesn't hurt you



20. A60 - He comes but lights don't flicker so you need to hide



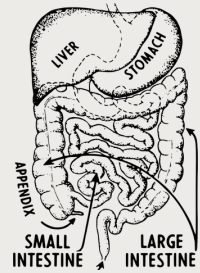
PLAY DOORS ON ROBLOX TODAY!



Bryce, Reagan and Kai's **FUN FACTS**

What is the appendix for?

The appendix is for storing bacteria when there are really bad gut diseases and creating gut bacteria.

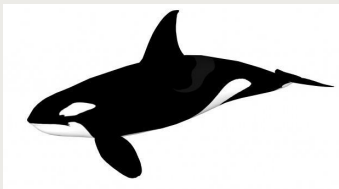


Who made the popsicle

It was actually an accident. Its original creator was Frank Epperson; he was 11 when he created it. He used soda powder and water and then on one cold night he accidentally left it out the next day he discovered it all frozen. BAM there's the epsicle!

Who made up Earth Day?

The person who made up Earth Day is Senator Gaylord Nelson as a way to help protect our environment.



How do orcas eat whales?

Orcas eat whales by ramming into it over and over while blocking its breathing. Eventually after hours the exhausted giant drowns. Then the orcas eat its tongue and drop the rest into the ocean below for scavengers to eat. Yikes.

Who invented the first modern day superhero?

The person to invent the first modern day superhero were two people: Jerry Siegle, Joe Shushte and the superhero was Superman.

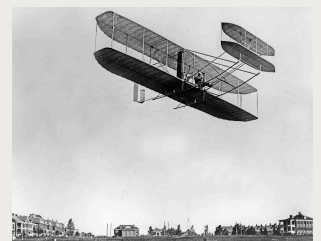


What is the fastest bug in the world?

The horsefly is one of the fastest flying bugs in the world. It can travel up to 90 miles per hour.

Who invented the plane?

The people who invented the plane were the Wright Brothers.



INDOOR RECESS V.S. OUTDOOR RECESS

By Deirdre & Ellie

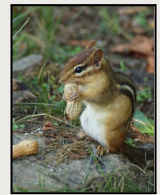
Indoor Recess

- You can be close to your friends.
- You have less choices so it's easier to decide on games to play.
- You don't have to be out in the cold and during heat waves.
- You don't have to avoid the sun.
- You can do drawing or crafts that you can't do outside.
- You don't have to be careful of jump ropes and hula hoops slapping you.
- If you have allergies you are safe.
- If you are allergic or scared of bees, bugs and mosquitoes you are safe.



Outdoor Recess

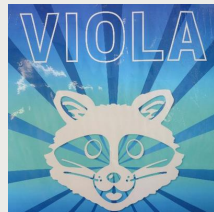
- You have more space.
- There are different games to play.
- At Viola, there is a playground and swings.
- There is beautiful weather.
- You are under the healthy sun.
- You can hula- hoop or jump rope.
- If it is too sunny you can go under a tree for shade.
- There is a giant field with trees to hang out under and space to play soccer.
- There are cute little chipmunks and squirrels.
- In my opinion, the rainbow slide is best.
- There are little tiny caterpillars.



Goodbye Viola

By Madison, Ari, and Norah

Sadly Viola is closing. This is our last year here so we interviewed some of the 4th graders. We asked the fourth graders “What are your feelings about Viola closing?” Most of them said they were sad and depressed. But when we asked the fourth graders “What will you miss the most about Viola,” most of them said that they were going to miss the teachers. Although some of them said they would miss their friends, one person said that they would miss the school building.



Norah:

Since we are 4th graders, we will meet people we would have met in middle school, just a year earlier. But we will always love and miss Viola and have it in our hearts forever and forever.

Madison:

When I asked “What is your favorite memory at Viola?” most people said: meeting their friends, but someone said: Viola’s 50th anniversary party. Overall I think we all had amazing memories at Viola.

Ari:

Ironically Viola will be rented out to another school known as BOCES. I am very sad to see it go and I hope one day it will come back and hopefully I will be able to see it. This school has been a big part of my life and it was a good one.