

# The Rockin' Eagle

## *The School that Rocks!*

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### *Letters from the Editors-in-Chief*

Dear Rock Hillers,

It's been a great three years, not only at Rock Hill, but being a member of *The Rockin' Eagle*. The issues have been excellent. Have a great rest of the school year!



Editor-in-Chief,  
Chiara



Dear Readers,

The school year is almost over. This is *The Rockin' Eagle's* final issue of the year. Summer is not too far away, even though it doesn't feel that way. I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer vacation. We have had a very successful newspaper. The articles and drawings have been amazing. Everyone should be proud of themselves for all of the hard work that they have done.

Sincerely,  
Julia  
Editor-in-Chief

### **A Great Man to Know**

***By Jack, grade 5***

I am proud that I was able to have the great honor of knowing a man called Richard Teed, but we just new him as "Pops". He was the grandfather of mine and my brother's baseball coach for the team, the All Pro Rebels. My brother played for them for 4 years and I for 1 ½ years. Before I played for the Rebels, I got to hang out with Pops at all the games. He came to almost every Rebels game he could. He even came to some of my brother's and my basketball games as well as other kids on the team. He just loved watching all the kids play any kind of sport. One of his favorite things was teaching young people about baseball. It was his passion. He was honest, he didn't sugar coat anything, he just told you like it was. Let me tell you a little about his life.....(\*Story continued on the sports page\*)

### **Special points of interest:**

- Favorite Memories from 5th Grade Staffers!
- Talking PE with Mrs. Palermo!
- Rockin Art!
- Read about Amazing Adventures with the Ryans!
- End of the Year Questionnaires with Staffers
- Sports!
- Interesting Interviews!
- Awesome Articles!

### **Going to Middle School**

***By Valerie, grade 5***

Do you want to know what I am looking forward to in middle school next school year? Well, keep reading this and you will find out! One thing that I can't wait for is that I will finally have a locker again! I also am looking forward to meeting new people and seeing my friends every day from Pond Hill. It will be fun to meet all of the teachers, too. I am pretty sure what art will be like, but I wonder what we are going to do in PE, computers, and the new courses that we will take. I heard that the cafeteria is HUGE there. I already know where the gym and the auditorium are, but I am not sure where the classrooms are. If you are wondering which middle school I will be going to, it's Dag. I am really looking forward to going there next year!

### **April Break by the Beach!**

***By Isabella, grade 4***

Flight #1518 to Punta Cana is now boarding! Have your boarding passes ready! I was so excited to be leaving for my trip to Punta Cana. It felt like it was never going to come and now we were getting on the plane. We stayed there for six days. On the first day we stayed at the beach and the pool. One day I got braids put in my hair. Then on another day we went snorkeling and swam with sharks and sting rays (the sharks had no teeth and the sting rays had no stingers). On our last full day we went on a private tour to the chocolate factory, the sugar cane fields, and up into the mountains. Did you know that David Ortiz lived in the Dominican Republic (that is where Punta Cana is). I loved being on the beach and at the pool. I would love to go back really soon!

# Articles of Interest

## Poetry in Fifth Grade

By Kayce, grade 5



Ugh! This song again! Do you ever feel like this when a song comes on the radio? Well, I know that Mrs. Gibertoni's class does. That is why instead of just writing poems, we took popular songs and rewrote the lyrics. While we

were learning the songwriting process, we rewrote the song, *Let it Go*. None of us could stand the song, but it was one that everyone was familiar with. After we learned how to write a song, we broke into small groups and created our own. The song that I rewrote was *Never Let You Down*. Some of the other songs were *Royals*, *Four Five Seconds*, and *Wagon Wheel*. After all our songs were finished, we had high school students sing at a big concert that we had. This was an amazing way to learn about poetry and this is one of the reasons that I love 5th grade. We get many opportunities to learn things we have worked on before in a unique way.

## My Silly Ducks

By Callie, grade 4

Well it happened again this year, I got six baby ducklings to take care of until they grow. Last year the ducks I had were mallards, which are a brownish color. But when they grew up, they had a little green on their necks. This year the ducks I have are white with orange feet. I love having ducks living at my house. I especially like when they nibble on my fingers. Don't worry though, it only tickles! I also like when I put a cup on the ground and they race over to it because they think there is food inside. That's because I use the cup as the food scooper. Unfortunately, I don't keep my silly ducks forever. Instead, I let them go when they grow to be big, strong and full of feathers. I don't let the ducks go to any old pond I don't know; I let them go at my uncle's big pond where I know it is safe. I also know I have to let them go because they have to finish their life cycle. Although I will be sad to release my ducks I know I am doing a good deed. So some time around May 8<sup>th</sup> I will be bringing my ducks to their new habitat. If you want see my silly ducks you just have to let me know.

## Talking with Leslie Bulion

By Gianna, grade 5



Leslie Bulion came to Rock Hill in March. Gianna had the opportunity to interview her after the presentation. Read below to find out what Bulion had to say.

**If you weren't writing poetry and stories, what do you think you would be doing?**

*That's a hard question... let me think. I might still be working as a social worker because that is what I did before I started writing books. But I also might be doing something in the field of Science because I am very interested in that. Those are two things that I did before becoming an author.*

**When you were growing up, is there anything that you thought you might want to do, but you ended up not doing?** *I did think for a while that I would be a veterinarian because I was interested in that field. I do love animals. I guess I just decided to go in a different direction. That is when I decided to study oceanography instead of being a veterinarian.*

**When did you start really getting involved in nature and Science?** *Well, I have really been involved in both all of my life. I have always been interested in Science, even as a very small child. I had a wonderful Science teacher in school who would take us outside and see how things worked in nature and I loved learning about that. I also had another great teacher and we went to the seashore and studied sea creatures for a whole week. All of those experiences of really being out in nature is what made me love it.*

## Fun and Learning at the Science Center

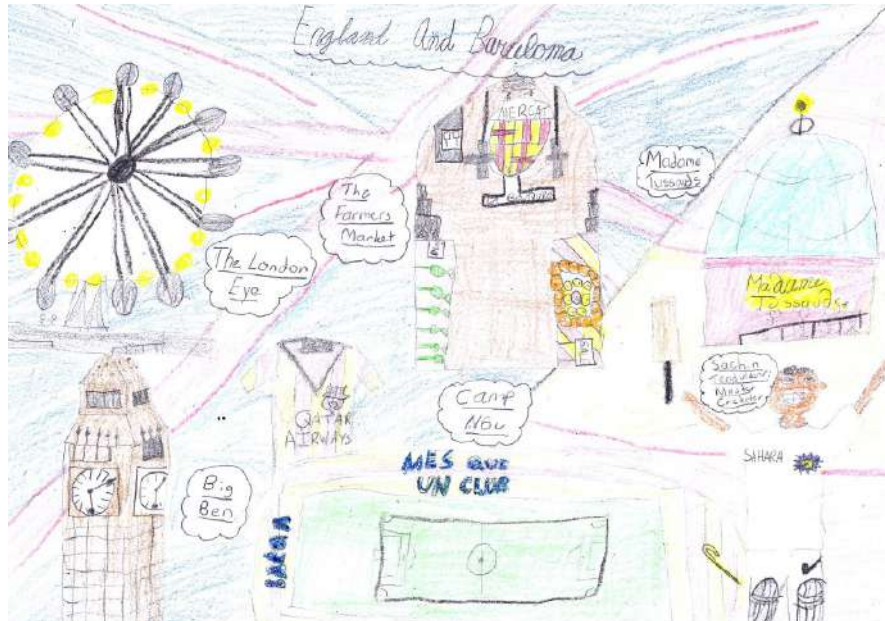
By Zunera, grade 3

Guess what! On the 23rd of April, the third graders went to the Connecticut Science Center. When we got there, one of the first things that happened was when the elevator stopped, a T-Rex roared at me. Obviously it was fake. Then we got in our groups that we would be walking around with for the day. First our group went to the animal lab. In this exhibit we made dens out of the rocks. I learned that without dens, the rivers would go out of control. We also saw a snake, a tarantula, and toads. The second place we went to is the sport lab. There is a quiz to see what you should do for exercise. There is a place where you throw a beanbag at a target. Also, they show which is the right type of helmet. You can see equipment that is used to play a sport if you don't have an arm or a leg. Then we went to the space lab. You could learn about the planets. After that we went to the motion lab. There is a sailboat exhibit where you have to try to catch the wind and make it move. There is a robot machine that is controlled by a computer. Later we went to the dinosaur lab. I saw a skeleton of a long necked dinosaur. That is what I saw and learned about at the Connecticut Science Center.

## My England and Barcelona Trip

By Manav, grade 5

I went on a vacation to England and Barcelona from March 20th through March 29th, 2015. I kept a log during our trip and recorded some highlights about each day. Here are some excerpts from my journal.



### Day 4: Camp Nou and Las Ramblas

Today was a very busy day! We woke up bright and early in our apartment room because we were going to explore Barcelona! We first went on a bus tour to go to Camp Nou, the FC Barcelona Soccer Team Stadium. It was huge! We saw many different sites in the stadium such as the commentators' box, the team locker room, the Champions League Trophy, and the actual field. Then we went to Las Ramblas, one of the largest streets in Barcelona, and walked around. I even got my own Messi jersey!

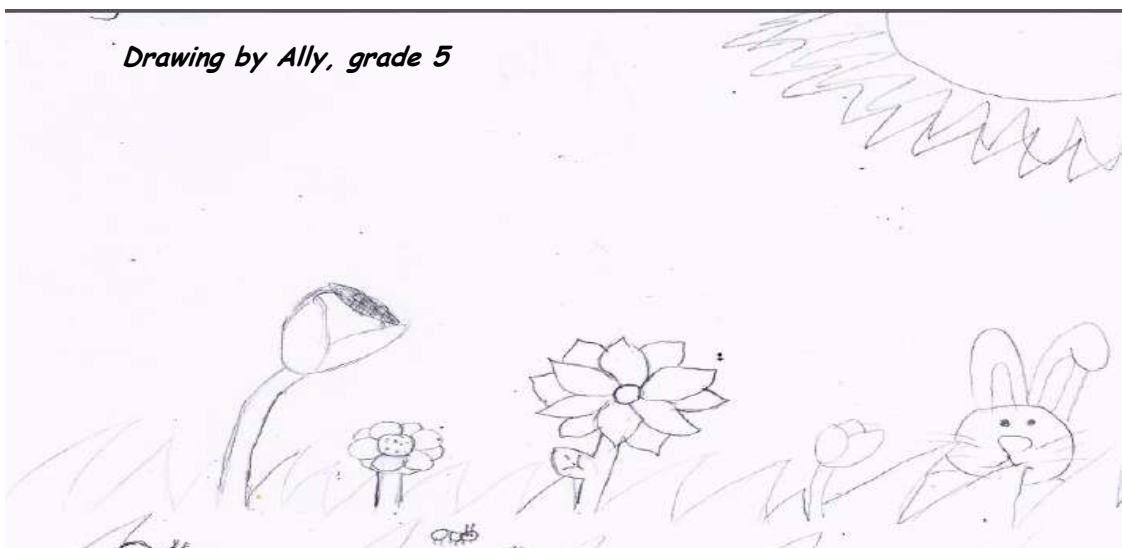
### Day 5: Basilica Church and the Farmer's Market

Today we started our day by going to Basilica, a famous church in the outskirts of Barcelona, built by the architect, Antoni Gaudi. We got an audio tour of the church, which told the history. Then we took the metro to Las Ramblas, where we saw a farmer's market that sells fruits, nuts, meats, chocolates, and vegetables. The colorful stands amazed me as the whiff of fresh goods hung in the air. Then we went to a pastry shop and I had hot chocolate and chocolate cake. It was a lot of chocolate, but it was yummy!

### Day 7: Meeting Cousins and Exploring London

Today we flew from Barcelona into England. Instead of going to our hotel, we took a bus to Madame Tussaud's, which is a famous wax museum in London. We saw many celebrities made of wax such as George Clooney, David Beckham, Sachin Tendulkar, Usain Bolt, Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking, and William Shakespeare. We had lots of fun there and the art was amazing! Then we met up with some cousins and went on the London Eye! We saw many buildings such as Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, M16 Headquarters, and the Oval Cricket Ground. Then, we had dinner at an Indian Restaurant and headed to our hotel.

Drawing by Ally, grade 5





# In The Spotlight

## Star Struck

*By Rayan, grade 4*



(This is a picture of us from the restaurant.)

Like most of my friends and cousins, I have always dreamt of an encounter with a celebrity. So here is my story on when I met one of my favorite Disney actors in Connecticut one day. My family decided to take a weekend trip to Mystic Seaport and while visiting the seaport we decided to have breakfast at one of the restaurants at Mohegan Sun. My cousins and I sat and chatted about TV shows while we were waiting to be seated.

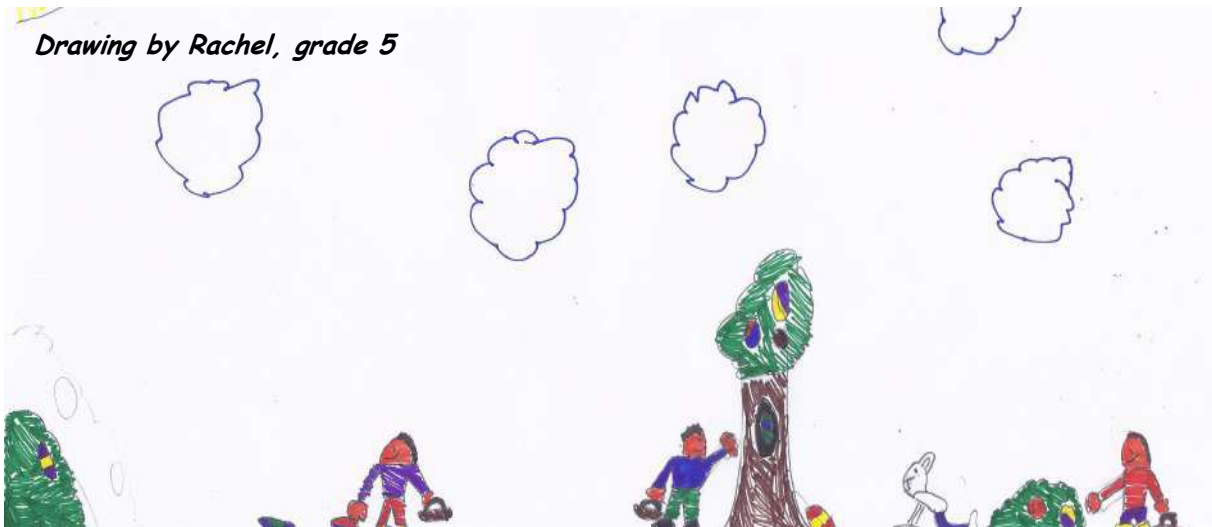
We talked about the latest movies coming out as well as some of our favorite Disney shows. Then the hostess came to us and said it was our turn to be seated. We jumped for joy because we were so hungry! We had waited a while to be seated but this was one of our favorite restaurants so it was all worth the wait.

As we each ran for a seat, I decided to sit the end of the table because it was the side of the table with the most room. I looked through the menu. I didn't know what to order so I asked my cousins for advice. While they too were confused on what to order, they suggested we look at some of the meals the waitress was bringing out so we could get a good idea what smelled and looked

the best. My cousin then tapped my hand urgently. Startled, I turned to her and she pointed at the direction of a table right beside us. I was unsure who it was exactly at the time. But after hearing this particular voice, I knew exactly who it was. It was Cameron Boyce from the Disney show *Jessie*!

I usually do not get star struck but I did enjoy seeing Cameron since he was a good actor and I have a great interest in acting and theatre. My cousins begged me to approach him arguing convincingly that I would never ever get the chance of such a close encounter, especially in Connecticut. I finally had the courage and approached the table with confidence. He was having breakfast with his entire family so he was very excited to speak to us and confirm he was "Luke" from *Jessie*. Normally I had this perception that actors were not approachable but actually I was wrong. Cameron was very nice and was just like every other kid I knew. He loved the waffles and crispy chicken just like us and even showed us how he loved to steal his sister's food when she looked the other way. We laughed and joked about various video games and shows we both watched. In addition to being insanely funny and very talented, Cameron Boyce was an all-around pleasure to meet. It just made me realize that even though he may have been a celebrity and we thought maybe he was unapproachable, he really was quite the opposite. Cameron was very normal and down-to earth. My cousin asked if she could take some pictures with him and he gladly agreed. He even took some of us on his own phone! Now, every time I see him on TV, I always remember the time we had met him and how he really is a kid just like us!

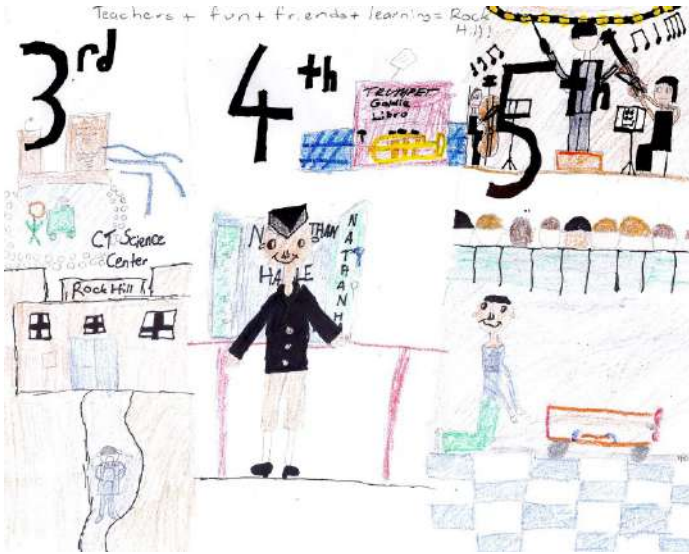
*Drawing by Rachel, grade 5*



# News Around the Rock

## Memories From Rock Hill

By Manav, grade 5



This is my final year at Rock Hill School. I have enjoyed every minute here, from the first day of school, to field day each year. I have learned so much at Rock Hill. I would like to thank all of the teachers and staff whom I have worked with because they have helped me improve my skills in writing, math, reading, comprehension, music, physical activities, technology, Spanish, and art. Here are some of my fondest memories from each year:

### 3rd Grade

I had Mrs. DiBenedetto for 3rd grade. She gave me a warm welcome to Rock Hill. I met all the staff at the school. I learned how to play the recorder that year and how to use mixed media to create objects. I also enjoyed going on field trips like the Connecticut Science Center and the Wallingford Historical Tour. I made a lot of new friends during the first year I was at Rock Hill.

### 4th Grade

I had Mrs. Valentine for 4th grade and I was excited because I would be choosing an instrument to play at Rock Hill. I chose the trumpet. I met Mr. Vece, an awesome instrumental teacher. I loved instrument lessons and playing in the end-of-the-year concert. My favorite project from 4th grade was the famous CT person research report. I learned about Nathan Hale, and dressed up as a colonial spy in Nathan Hale's time. My stamp was chosen to be presented in the CT Postal Office. I loved making a poster and preparing an essay on Nathan Hale. Most of all, I liked dressing up and presenting to the teachers and parents.

### 5th Grade

I have Mrs. Hurst for 5th grade. She has made 5th grade a lot of fun! This year has been very busy because I joined the school newspaper and the photography club. In photography club we have taken pictures in various areas such as the Nest Egg Auction House and Gouveia Vineyard. We have learned to delete, edit, and make comments to other photos. At the end of this year, we will have a photo auction and bid for photographs. I have sure had a blast learning new techniques for photography in Mrs. Gibertoni's class!

Thank you to Macy, Ryan,  
Kayce, and Andrew for tak-  
ing pictures for the paper!  
Great Job!



# In The Spotlight

Talking with The Ryans

By The Rockin' Eagle Staff



**What inspired you to start traveling?** *When we were married 10 years we decided to have our children's grandparents watch them while we went on vacation because we thought that it had been a long time since we had traveled together. So we started traveling the islands. It was really nice and there are a lot of really neat things to see in the world. There are so many different cultures to experience. We all know that in Wallingford that the trees get green in the spring and there's snow in the winter. It's not like that everywhere. There are so many different types of climates. There are different ways that students go to school.*

**Do you have a favorite place that you have traveled to?** *(Mrs. Ryan) My favorite was Africa. It was a place I have always wanted to travel to. The safari was wonderful! But I also liked Ireland. The hillsides were beautiful!*

*(Mr. Ryan) Everywhere that we went had something special about it. Africa was a great place to visit. We went into the jungle and on a safari. We got very close to some really big animals...elephants, lions, cheetahs, and zebras.*

**Have you been to Hawaii?** *Yes we have. It's very different than here.*

**How many places have you been to?** *I'm not sure we ever sat down to count! I can say we've been to a lot! We'll be married 38 years this year. We started traveling on our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you do the math, we've been to at least 28 places.*

**Have you ever been to The Great Wall of China?** *No we have not. That's an excellent question though.*

**Do you only go to one place each year or do you go to multiple places?** *We do go to more than one place each year and we've been to the same place more than once. In the wintertime we like to go someplace where it is warm.*

*(Mr. Ryan) We go down to the Caribbean quite a bit because I like to scuba dive. If you like to look at aquariums and see the fish, just imagine swimming with them! It is a lot of fun and you see things that you couldn't any other way. The ocean during the day and the ocean at night are very different because some fish come out in the day and some only at night.*

*(Mrs. Ryan) I love to see all of that too, but from above the water!*

**Where is your next adventure?** *We haven't really booked one yet but Alaska sounds good.*



We would like to thank the Ryans for visiting our newspaper club. They shared so many interesting adventures and experiences with us! Thank you!



# In The Spotlight

An Interview with Mrs. Palermo

By The Rockin' Eagle Staff

**How many years have you been teaching PE?** *I have been teaching PE for only 31 years. I did take 11 years off to be with my 3 children. I returned to teaching when my youngest entered kindergarten.*



**Have you always been at Rock Hill?** *No, I have been and still am at Pond Hill. I've been to Yalesville, Parker Farms, Cook Hill, Stevens, and Sheehan. I taught a year at the high school. My first teaching job was actually at a middle school. I taught at DePaolo Junior High School in Southington for 9 years.*

**Do you have a favorite sport?** *I really love field hockey. My daughter is a field hockey coach at Sheehan High School, so I really enjoy that sport.*

**Other than field hockey, what sports did your children play growing up?** *My son played hockey and soccer. My other daughter played volleyball and softball. They all had to take dancing lesson when they were younger. My son wasn't too thrilled about it, but he danced with his sisters.*

**How did you get so involved in soccer and working at Victory Soccer Camp?** *My kids all played soccer and went to overnight soccer camps. My best friend is married to one of the people that started the camp. This will be the camp's 43<sup>rd</sup> year. When they started Victory Soccer Camp, it was held in a lot of the prep schools in the state of Connecticut and had overnight camp. My best friend asked me to work with her during the summer because I was a PE teacher. I told that I would try it. This will be my 43<sup>rd</sup> year working the camp.*

**What inspired you to become a PE teacher?** *I had a wonderful PE teacher in middle school. She did some really creative things in class. One example is that she took a piece of rope and dunked it in a glow in the dark material. We let it dry overnight and the next day she turned off all of the lights and we jumped rope in the dark with these glow in the dark ropes. I thought that it was fantastic! I said to myself that you could do some really cool things in gym class if you think about it. Also, I always like to be active. I like to be moving. I don't like to sit all day. I thought that being a PE teacher would be a good fit.*

**What's one of your favorite activities to play in PE class?** *I think that I have to go with Ghostbusters, although there are quite a few that I like. Different games appeal to different people.*

**What's your favorite song to play for the students to warm up to?** *I Like to Move It, Move It...I think that's one of them.*

**Where did you grow up?** *I grew up in Wallingford. I went to Lyman Hall High School. Sheehan wasn't there yet. There was only one high school in town.*

**What is one of your favorite moments in teaching?** *I was teaching at Cook Hill School and a young man walked into the gym and I recognized him. He was in college at the time at Quinnipiac University. He told me that Quinnipiac was recognizing important people. The former student had to write an essay about an influential person in my life. He told me that he wrote about me and invited me to come to Quinnipiac and talk about how teachers influence students' lives. That was a defining moment in my career because I realized that I can have an impact and what a worthwhile profession teaching is.*

**What is your favorite sport to watch on television?** *I like to watch baseball on TV, because I am a fan of the sport. I also like to watch soccer, especially the World Cup games.*



# In The Spotlight

## Meet Ms. Hosmer, A Mathematician

By Brynlin, Emilie, and Kaitlyn, grade 3

**Why did you want to be a mathematician?** *I wanted to be a mathematician because math is very important to our daily lives. As a classroom teacher, I really enjoyed teaching math. I wanted to find additional ways that I could help other teachers and students learn how important math is.*

**How is the job different from working as a classroom teacher?** *The major difference is that I spend more time working closely with teachers. I also have the opportunity to work with hundreds of students. When I was in the classroom, I worked with 20-25 students.*

**What is it like to be a mathematician?** *It is a lot of fun! It's a lot of work, too. It gives me the opportunity to be very creative and think of different ways of teaching math. When I'm in a classroom working with students, some of the best moments are when I learn from them. When students find ways to solve a problem that I didn't think of, I can then share those ideas with others.*

**What is it like to share a classroom?** *I think that it is an amazing opportunity to share a room with other teachers. We can bounce ideas off each other and learn from one another. By working collaboratively with one another, we can meet the math needs of all the students. Sharing the classroom and working with other teachers is probably one of the best learning experiences that I've had.*

**What college did you go to?** *I went to the University of Oregon for my bachelor's degree where I studied to be a journalist. After that I went back to school at Quinnipiac University where I earned my master's in education. Now I'm back in school again at Quinnipiac getting another degree in Educational Leadership.*

**What did you want to be when you were a kid?** *When I was a kid I went to school here at Rock Hill. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade I wanted to be an archaeologist. I loved Science which goes hand in hand with Mathematics.*

**Do you work at different schools as a Mathematician?** *I do. I work here at Rock Hill three days out of the six day cycle and three days at Pond Hill. I also help the Math Department working on materials that go to the schools.*

**Do you have any brothers or sisters? If so are they teachers?** *I have one sister who had always wanted to be a teacher. However, she chose a different career path and is a graphic designer in Washington, DC.*





# In The Spotlight

Talking With Mrs. Burns

By Breanna, grade 3 and Emma, grade 4

**Why did you pick this job?** *I took a year off after college and traveled. There were a lot of amazing people from different countries that helped me during that time...especially when I was lost (which was often)! I had a difficult time finding my way to the train station or to get on a plane...some of these people were so nice to me and would speak to me in English. I thought that I want to do that when I get back to the United States. When I started my Masters' I decided to study teaching English to students that speak other languages and/or were from different countries. I love my job!*

**How is this job different from when you worked in the classroom?** *It is very different because I don't have twenty students at one time. I work with 4-5 students at a time. I feel that I can really help the students in a small group and teach them a great deal. I can see them learn the language very quickly.*

**What is one of your favorite stories about your daughter Kennedy?** *There are so many funny stories of Kennedy! She keeps me laughing and very busy!*

**What is it like sharing a room with other teachers?** *I love sharing a room with other teachers. I like to talk with them and get ideas. It's really fun to share a room!*

**What is your favorite part of being a teacher?** *My favorite part is working with the students, whether it was when I was a classroom teacher or working in small groups. Kids are so funny and positive.*

**What languages do you teach?** *Well I only teach English, but I have students that speak many languages. Some examples of the languages that my students speak are Greek, Chinese, Malay, Arabic, Spanish, and Italian*

**Do you know how to speak all of those languages?** *I do not. I can speak a little Spanish. With the other languages I learn how to say hi and how are you so when they come to see me for the first time they can hear me speaking their language.*

**Do you work at more than one school?** *I do. I also teach at MYB. This way I can work with my students from kindergarten all the way to fifth grade if they still need me. I think it's great because I am a familiar face to them when they move on to Rock Hill.*



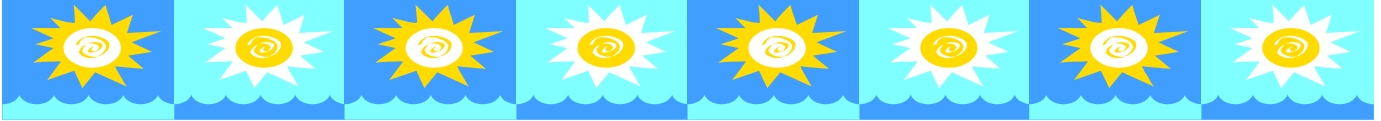
# Sports

## Florida

### *By Mitchell, grade 5*

Over April break, I qualified for a Championship Swim Meet in Clearwater, Florida. I went with my swim team the Cheshire Sea Dogs. Clearwater is a large city, and has grown in population because of the movie Dolphin Tale was filmed there.

The meet was 5 days long but felt like a week. We had to be on deck for 6:30 am till about 1:30 pm. After that we had to report back for finals from 5-8 pm and cheer for our team. I swam 7 events, 200 individual medley, 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 individual medley, 100 butterfly, 50 butterfly and 50 freestyle. It wasn't easy, but I enjoyed the warm weather!



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Baseball was always a very important part of his life. He played with some of the greats, Roy Campanula, Jackie Robinson, and Tommy Lasorda to name a few. At one time he was on the roster for the Brooklyn Dodgers, he was number 37. He was brought up from the minors, and played with Jackie Robinson. He actually knew him which is pretty cool. Pops served for the United States Marines during World War II. After he finished his service with the marines in 1947, he signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers organization. In 1953 he was called up to the majors. In 1961, he was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies. He later helped coach. He managed from 1964-1967. In 1968 he became a pitching scout (a pitching scout is someone who recruits new pitchers for their team) for the Phillies. In 1977 he rejoined the Los Angeles Dodgers as the head scout for the Northeast Region. He stayed with them until he retired in 1994. In 2001, Pops was inducted into the National Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame at Camden Yards, Baltimore. He was also inducted into the Windsor High School Hall of Fame. Pops had championship rings that he even let me put on my fingers.

He lived an amazing life, had a wonderful family, and has 10 grandchildren, which he called all of them "jocks". He watched in all their sports too, he was very proud of all of us. He passed away last August, and we were all very sad. I will never forget the times I spent watching games with him and I still miss him now, but I am so glad of the chance I had to know him and learn about his interesting and awesome life.



*Above: Pops watching a baseball game*

Congratulations to ALL of the students who participated in the Rock N' Roll Relay! Rock Hill took home two first place trophies. Great Job Everyone!



# Creativity At Work

Rock Hill Staffers completed questionnaires regarding some of their "favorites" along with favorite memories.

Read on to find out what they said.

## Sofia Grade 3

Favorite Food *Shepherd's Pie*  
 Favorite Subject *Reading*  
 Favorite Special *Art*  
 Favorite Color *Pink*  
 Favorite Lunch *Panera Bread Mac and Cheese*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Playing with all of my friends*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *Meeting my new friends Bella and Kiara*

## Cassie Grade 4

Favorite Food *Chicken Noodle Soup*  
 Favorite Subject *Reading*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Green*  
 Favorite Lunch *Snacks*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *playing with my friends*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *cleaning my desk*  
 An interesting fact about me is *that I am on a swim team*

## Nathaniel Grade 4

Favorite Food *Mango*  
 Favorite Subject *Math*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Neon Orange*  
 Favorite Lunch *BBQ Ribs*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *playing football*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *dissecting owl pellets*  
 Something unique about me is *that I live at a high school*

Favorite Food *Cheeseburger*  
 Favorite Subject *Writing*  
 Favorite Special *Lunchtime*  
 Favorite Color *Purple*

## Vivian Grade 4

Favorite Food *Ramen Noodle Soup*  
 Favorite Subject *Science*  
 Favorite Special *Spanish*  
 Favorite Color *Yellow*  
 Favorite Lunch *Snacks*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Running with Friends*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *When we found a house centipede in the classroom*  
 An interesting fact about me is *that I LOVE to rock climb*

## Isabella Grade 4

Favorite Food *Pasta with melted cheese*  
 Favorite Subject *Writing*  
 Favorite Special *Art and Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Purple*  
 Favorite Lunch *Popcorn Chicken*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *playing Football*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *dissecting owl pellets*  
 An interesting fact about me is *that I love to play goalie in soccer*

## Kaitlyn Grade 3

Favorite Food *Grapes*  
 Favorite Subject *Writing*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Pink*  
 Favorite Lunch *Chicken Nuggets*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time  
 Favorite Memory of school year *when we saw Mrs. Jarrin do a cartwheel*

## Emilie Grade 3

Favorite Memory of school year *when we saw Mrs. Jarrin's cartwheel*  
 Favorite Lunch *Chicken Nuggets*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *I don't like recess...I'd rather a longer lunchtime*



# Creativity At Work

## Emma Grade 4

Favorite Food *Chicken Nuggets*  
 Favorite Subject *Writing*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Yellow/Orange*  
 Favorite Lunch *Mac & Cheese*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time  
*Playing Football*  
 Favorite Memory of school year  
*dissecting owl pellets and watching*  
*Hollis Woods*  
 Something unique about me is *that I*  
*LOVE soccer*

## Breanna Grade 3

Favorite Food *Cheeseburgers*  
 Favorite Subject *Math*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Purple*  
 Favorite Lunch *Sandwich*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time  
*going on the play scape*  
 Favorite Memory of school year  
*meeting Ms. Gallagher and Mrs. Kirk*

## Rayan Grade 4

Favorite Food *Steak*  
 Favorite Subject *Reading*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Red*  
 Favorite Lunch *Tuna*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time  
*Four Square*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *when*  
*I found out that Justin and Cooper*  
*were in my class*

## Zunera Grade 3

Favorite Food *Mango*  
 Favorite Subject *Science*  
 Favorite Special *Music*  
 Favorite Color *Orange*  
 Favorite Lunch *Sandwich*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time  
*anything with running, like soccer*  
 Favorite Memory of school year  
*The Animal Research Project*

## Callie Grade 4

Favorite Food *Cheeseburger*  
 Favorite Subject *Writing*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Orange, Blue, and White*  
 Favorite Lunch *Mac & Cheese*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time  
*Playing Football*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *dissecting owl*  
*pellets*  
 Something neat about me is *that I like horse-*  
*back riding*

## Dori Grade 4

Favorite Food *Chicken Parm*  
 Favorite Subject *Math*  
 Favorite Special *Gym or Art*  
 Favorite Color *Green*  
 Favorite Lunch *when I'm with my friends*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *playing*  
*football*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *dissecting owl*  
*pellets*  
 Something unique about me is *that my favorite*  
*book is Mr. Terupt Falls Again*

## Brynlin Grade 3

Favorite Food *Cheeseburger*  
 Favorite Subject *Writing*  
 Favorite Special *Spanish*  
 Favorite Color *Neon Green*  
 Favorite Lunch *Mac & Cheese*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *spending*  
*time with my friends*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *My first day*  
*of school at Rock Hill*

## Yasmina Grade 4

Favorite Food *Macaroni and Cheese*  
 Favorite Subject *Science*  
 Favorite Special *Art*  
 Favorite Color *Purple*  
 Favorite Lunch *Caesar Salad*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *playing*  
*games with my friends*  
 Favorite Memory of school year *Field Day*

# Creativity At Work

## Valerie Grade 5

Favorite Food *Turkey Sandwich from Panera*  
 Favorite Subject *Science*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Purple*  
 Favorite Lunch *Chicken Tenders*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Running or jumping rope*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *When I walked into my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom on the first day of school*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *Having one classroom*  
 The thing that I am most looking forward to in middle school *Having a locker*  
 One more thing that I'd like you to know about me is...*that my favorite activity is dance. I do ballet, tap, jazz, and hip-hop. Next year I am starting lyrical*

## Rachel Grade 5

Favorite Food *Wings*  
 Favorite Subject *Science*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Pink*  
 Favorite Lunch *Chicken*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Playing Cards*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Playing with my friends*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *Mrs. Hurst*  
 The thing that I am most looking forward to in middle school *Taking Chemistry*  
 One more thing that I'd like you to know about me is...*I am very fun!*

Best of luck in middle school  
 to our fifth grade *Rockin' Eagle* Staffers!



## Manav Grade 5

Favorite Food *Ravioli*  
 Favorite Subject *Math and Science*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Blue*  
 Favorite Lunch *Macaroni and Cheese*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Playing cards during indoor recess and playing four square during outdoor recess*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Presenting my invention to the school*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *My teachers*  
 The thing that I am most looking forward to in middle school *Meeting new friends at Foote*  
 One more thing that I'd like you to know about me is...*I have the same birthday as my dad and I am a vegetarian*

## Kylie Grade 5

Favorite Food *Ziti with Sauce*  
 Favorite Subject *Math*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Turquoise*  
 Favorite Lunch *Egg Salad Sandwich*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Talking with Friends*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Town Meetings*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *The teachers*  
 The thing that I am most looking forward to in middle school *The way the school is set up*

# Creativity At Work

## Andrew Grade 5

Favorite Food *Pizza*  
 Favorite Subject *Science*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Black*  
 Favorite Lunch *Chicken*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Playing Four Square*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *The Poetry Concert*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *Mrs. Gibertoni*  
 The thing that I am most looking forward to in middle school *We will have more freedom*  
 One more thing that I'd like you to know about me is...*I really like sports!*

## Kayce Grade 5

Favorite Food *Buffalo Wings*  
 Favorite Subject *Writing*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Orange*  
 Favorite Lunch *Subway Sandwich*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Playing Basketball*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *The Poetry Concert*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *Ms. Gallagher*  
 The thing that I am most looking forward to in middle school *Changing Classes*  
 One more thing that I'd like you to know about me is...*I'm a big NC State fan! Go Wolfpack!*

## Ryan Grade 5

Favorite Food *Pickle*  
 Favorite Subject *Social Studies*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Blue*  
 Favorite Lunch *Yogurt*  
 Favorite Way to Spend Recess *Just having fun*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Nature's Classroom*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill is *The Poetry Concert*

## Chiara Grade 5

Favorite Food *Ravioli*  
 Favorite Subject *Reading*  
 Favorite Special *Art*  
 Favorite Color *Blue*  
 Favorite Lunch Popcorn *Chicken*  
 Favorite Way to spend recess time *Talking with my friends*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Going to Nature's Classroom*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *The teachers*  
 The thing that I am most looking forward to in middle school *Having different classes*  
 One more thing that I'd like you to know about me is...*I LOVE Penguins!*

## Daniel Grade 5

Favorite Food *Salmon*  
 Favorite Subject *Social Studies*  
 Favorite Special *Gym*  
 Favorite Color *Yellow*  
 Favorite Lunch *Quesadillas*  
 Favorite Way to Spend Recess Time *Playing Sports*  
 Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *The bus ride home from Nature's Classroom*  
 The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *My Teachers*  
 The thing that I am most looking forward to in middle school *Getting home earlier*  
 One more thing that I'd like you to know about me is...*I have three rescue beagles*



# Creativity At Work

## Mitchell Grade 5

Favorite Food *Lobster*

Favorite Subject *Math*

Favorite Special *Gym*

Favorite Color *Green*

Favorite Lunch *Sandwich*

Favorite Way to Spend Recess Time  
*Playing Soccer*

Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Going  
to Nature's Classroom*

The thing that I will miss most about  
Rock Hill *The Poetry Concert*

One more thing that I'd like you to  
know about me is...*I swim!*

## Macy Grade 5

Favorite Food *Pizza*

Favorite Subject *Math*

Favorite Special *Gym*

Favorite Color *Green*

Favorite Lunch *Pizza*

Favorite Way to Spend Recess Time  
*Playing Basketball, Baseball, or  
Football*

The thing that I will miss most about  
Rock Hill... *Recess*

The thing that I am most looking for-  
ward to in middle school is *band*

## Ally Grade 5

Favorite Food *Pasta/Pizza*

Favorite Subject *Writing*

Favorite Special *Gym*

Favorite Color *Teal*

Favorite Lunch *Stuffed Crust Pizza*

Favorite Way to spend recess time  
*Going on the play scape*

Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Na-  
ture's Classroom*

The thing that I will miss most about  
Rock Hill *The Amazing Teachers*

The thing that I am most looking for-  
ward to in middle school *Having more  
than one teacher*

## Julia Grade 5

Favorite Food *Fettuccine Campagnola*

Favorite Subject *Social Studies*

Favorite Special *PE*

Favorite Color *Turquoise*

Favorite Lunch *Sandwich with turkey, ham, may-  
onnaise, tomato, and lettuce*

Favorite Way to Spend Recess Time *Tossing a  
ball with my friends*

Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Nature's Classroom*

The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill...  
*Field Day*

The thing that I am most looking forward to in  
middle school...*having a locker*

One more thing that I'd like you to know about me  
is...*I play electric and acoustic guitar, & violin.*

## Gianna Grade 5

Favorite Food *Carrots*

Favorite Subject *Math*

Favorite Special *Gym*

Favorite Color *Pink*

Favorite Lunch *I don't buy hot lunch - none*

Favorite Way to spend recess time *Talking with  
friends*

Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Field Day in  
Third Grade*

The thing that I am most looking forward to in  
middle school... *Making New Friends*

One more thing that I'd like you to know about  
me...*I have an older brother who is 24.*

## Jack Grade 5

Favorite Food *Pizza* Favorite Subject *Math*

Favorite Special *Gym* Favorite Color *Blue*

Favorite Lunch *Breaded Chicken*

Favorite Way to spend recess time *Playing Sports*

Favorite Memory of Rock Hill *Nature's Classroom*

The thing that I will miss most about Rock Hill *My  
Teachers*

The thing that I am most looking forward to in  
middle school *Playing on the sports team for  
basketball*

One more thing that I'd like you to know about me  
is...*I like playing basketball.*

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