

GLOW RUN

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Editor's Note

If you find any errors in the Heat Wave that the staff missed point it out to Mr. Harris if no one else has found it you will receive 1 heat buck!

By: Sami Strack

The glow run was held on November 5th. 164 people attended the run. Mr. Helt and Mrs. Burns took a wrong turn, a common problem among this year's runners. Because of this, Mr. Helt got his head shaved, and Mrs. Burns got a pie in the face. Amanda Williams, Brandon Myers mom, won the "Most glow" competition. It seemed like everyone had fun and it was great exercise.



Mr. Helts Haircut

By Emma Stevens



This weekend our school had a Glow Run. Before the run, we had a two teachers make some wagers. We had Mrs Burns, our principal say that she would take pie to the face. And Mr Helt, the 8th grade science teacher said that he would shave his head. So they kept their word and when the Glow Run came around and they still had their deals. But during the run they both took a wrong turn and disqualified themselves. Because they thought it was fair. So on Monday November 9th Mr Helt was shaved bald his morning, Mrs. Burns was supposed to get her pie in the face, but she had a meeting. So they are going to do it November 16th. Sounds kinda funny doesn't it? would you rather shave your head or get a pie to the face?

Hot Sports

The First 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Game.

By: Brandon Olson

Last night, the 7th and 8th grade boys had their first game against Nauvoo. The 7th grade lost 21 to 27. Jordon Roller was our main scorer with 7 points. Max and Joey both had 4 points, and Brandon, Chandler, and Matt all had 2. Only one person fouled out. Altogether, I think we played well for our first game.

The 8th grade won their exciting game 47 to 42 in overtime. Landen was the top scorer with 18 points, he also made a game tying 3 pointer with only seconds left in regulation. Nathan had 11 points, Mitch had 10 and went 4 for 4 from the free throw line in overtime clutch situations, and Dylan Gibbs chipped in with 8 points. The 8th grade boys played well and started the season with a win.

Boys Basketball vs Carthage

by Xavier Seeley

On Thursday, November 12, the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball team played Carthage. The 7th grade lost 22-29. Brandon Olson and Jordan Roller both fouled out. Spencer Jack and Shane Maynard didn't play. The 7th grade game was a close game and they continue to improve. The 8th grade won 45-33. Landen Beelman was on fire in the first half of the game scoring 18 in the 1st half alone. Landen made 23 points total for the game. Mitchell Brent was the team's second leading scorer with 11 points despite being in foul trouble. Everyone played during the 8th grade game. The 8th grade won by 12. Try to come to a game this year and watch both team's progress



Hot Sports

7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball

The girls basketball season is going good so far. The girls on the 7th grade team are Mady Reed, Molly Johnson, Laurel Beelman, Halee Porter, Megan Schaley, Mona Patlan, Payton Watson, and Sadie Lenz. The girls on the 8th grade team are Jessica Smith, Carley Lafary, Macy Benge, Emily Capps, Lilah Fosmore, Courtney Torrance, Cheyanne Lee, Jayde Henry, and Adrianna Hayes.

In practice, we do different things for conditioning. Sometimes we do ladders, mountains, and sprints. Other times the 7th grade will do exercises while eighth grade is running and vice versa. Some drills we do are three lane passing, three man weave, full court layups, the shell drill, change, and more. Some of our plays include 4 Out, Overload, Motion, and Iowa. Our most common defense we play is a 3-2 match up, which we call Blue. Those are our offenses.

Our full court press is called Black. There's 3 people in the front trapping and two in the back for the last line of defense. We get a lot of steals off of that. Our half court press is called Trojan. On that one, the three guards trap at the top, there's one forward in the middle, and one in the back. Some of our out of bounds plays are Box, Stack, and 4 low.

Our last home game was Monday, November 9th. It was eighth grade night, so it was here at the middle school. The eighth grade lost, but it was close. The seventh grade won. We played A-Town. There was also a soup supper in the cafeteria during the game. For eighth grade night, the seventh grade team decorated the eighth grade players' lockers, and gave them gift bags. There was also punch and cake after the eighth grade game in the cafeteria to celebrate. Both teams played good though; hope to see you at our games this year.

Trick or Treating

By: Emijah Jones

This Halloween I went to Oquawka. I was really surprised and impressed by all of the candy I actually got. A bad place to go is Biggsville. I went there last year. I got a decent amount of candy but, not nearly as much as Oquawka. Alex Cooper says, "In Stronghurst you get a good sized amount of candy."

Do you need some costume ideas. There were a lot great costumes on Halloween. I myself, Mady Reed, Sadie Lenz were rock, paper, and scissors. There are a lot of great group costumes such as pop brands, the rainbow, candy brands, etc. There is some awesome single costumes such as Cruella De Vil, a dog, a vampire, a zombie, etc.

There is tons of things to do if you don't go trick or treating. Some people aren't allowed to go trick or treating. Maybe people don't like going trick or treating. So you could craft things for the season. You could hang out with friend. This may sound crazy but you could start planning for Christmas. You could start making your Christmas list. Some people could catch up on homework. You could carve a pumpkin if you haven't done so already.

There are great places to go for trick or treating, awesome costumes to wear, and fun things to do if you don't like or are not allowed to go trick or treating. I hope this article gave you some ideas and helped you. What do you do on Halloween?

Meet the 6th Grader

By: Ethan B

Maddie Link is a sixth grader. Her favorite things to do are playing basketball and volleyball. She enjoys them a lot and is very good at them. She was born on March 26, 2004.

Her favorite person is Paige Adams they have been friends for a long time.

Maddie hates school because it's boring and the homework is too hard for her.

She lives outside of Biggsville. She has only one sibling. Her favorite band is Maddie and Tae. She is related to Joey Sherman they don't hang around much but they talk in the hallway at school. If you see her in the hallway ask her if she knows Joey well she probably would since they're cousins. If you see her ask questions that she didn't tell me. And that's all I have about Maddie Link.

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Meet the 7th Grader

Emma Stevens

This week I did meet the 7th grader. I interviewed Sami Strack. Sami is in the 7th grade, and she has 1 brother and 3 sisters. Her dog's names are Maggie, Gonzo, and Nala. Sami's favorite subject is PE because she has fun activities. Her favorite teacher is Mrs Rankin, because she is funny. Her favorite hour of the day is 8th (they do a lot of fun things in science. And her favorite school food is crispositos because they are cheesy. Her favorite food in general is tacos and crispositos. This is her favorite food because they are delicious. Her favorite thing to drink is water because because she does not like the taste of pop. Her favorite book is the Gifted series because they are interesting, her favorite movies are twilight because they have suspense. Her favorite colors are Pink and purple because they are bright and a good color combo. And her favorite thing to do is crochet and read, she likes to crochet because you can make lots of cool things. She also likes to read because some books are very interesting and you can learn things from certain books.

When I asked Sami how many hot cheetos can she eat in a minute she said 20 to 40. And when I asked her how many licks it takes to get to the center of a tootsie pop she said 350

Meet The 7th Grader: Emijah Jones

By: Sophia Lenzer

This week I interviewed Emijah Jones. Emijah is a 7th grader here at West Central Middle School. She is 12 years old, and her birthday is in March. For Halloween this year, Emijah was "Rock" in a Rock-Paper-Scissors trio. An unknown fact about Emijah is that she likes to write books. I asked Emijah about her dream vacation, she said, "I want to go to Paris." without hesitation.

Emijah has five siblings, three sisters and two brothers. She lives with her mom, and sister Hillary, in Biggsville, IL. Emijah has three pets. She has one dog, named Gia. She also has two cats, named Monkey and Elsie.

Emijah's hobbies include singing, because she's good at it. She likes acting, and wants to be an actress when she gets older. Emijah also loves to read, because it's interesting. Another thing that Emijah likes to do is hang out with her friends.

Emijah's favorite season is Fall. She says, "It's cozy and I like the colors." Emijah's favorite sports team is the Reds, but her favorite sport to watch is volleyball. I asked Emijah what her favorite animal was, and she said cheetahs because they are pretty. Emijah's favorite book series is *Dork Diaries*, and her favorite movie is *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. Emijah's favorite color is blue, and her favorite pie is Turtle Pie. Emijah's favorite Viner is Jay Versace. Emijah is hilarious, and she is really friendly.

Meet the 8th Grader

By: Jamison Mills

Meet Nathan Bigger. He is in the 8th grade and his homeroom teacher is Mr.Helt. I asked him a series of questions and he answered. The questions were: What is your favorite subject in school, what are your favorite sports to play, who is in your family, and what is your favorite TV show and series.

First I asked him what his favorite subject is and he said P.E. We asked him why that was his favorite subject and he replied with that he likes to be active in school. I asked what his favorite thing to do in that subject was and his answer was to be active. We also asked him what hour he had that class and he said 6th.

The next thing we asked him was what are your favorite sports. He said his #1 favorite sport was basketball. He likes other sports like:baseball and football. We asked him if he could be drafted to one official sport what would it be? He said he would be drafted to a basketball team and play for the Chicago Bulls. We asked him to tell us his favorite athlete of all time and he said Kevin Durant.

The third thing we asked him to tell us about his family. He told us he had a mom, a dad, and 2 brothers. He told us his mom's name was Sarah, his dad's name was Phillip, and his brother's names are Austin and Brice. I asked him to tell me if he had any pets and he said no pets.

The last thing we asked him was what his favorite show or series was. He said he likes sports show on TV. He doesn't have a favorite series on TV or TV series. We asked him if there were any movies he likes and he replied with i'll watch any movie except for chick flicks. I asked him if there were any comedians he liked and he said that he likes Kevin Hart or Will

Ferrell.

Now you know some more stuff about Nathan Bigger.

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Students



Teacher of the month

Mrs. Lox

By: Sami Strack

Mrs. Lox is the teacher of the month, winning with 36 votes. Mrs. Lox grew up in Gladstone with four brothers and one sister. She grew up on a farm with lots of animals. She had cats, dogs, cows, pigs, etc. She also had a horse. She originally wanted to be a nurse, but she changed her mind and went to school to be a teacher. She went to Carl Sandburg, South Eastern, Monmouth, and Western in Macomb. This is her 22nd year of teaching. She has taught at Union Elementary and West Central Middle School. She has taught 5th - 8th Title I, Language Arts and Math; 1st - 4th Title I and Math; 5th and 6th grade social studies, 6th grade speech class as a rotation, 8th grade social studies; 8th grade careers class as a rotation; and now 6th and 7th grade social studies. She has two dogs, one is a Chesapeake Bay Retriever named Grace and the other is a Jack Russell/Rat Terrier mix named Abby and she also a cat named Phil. She loves all animals. She has four kids Landon is 34, Logan is 32, Lene is 28, and Luci will be 24 next month. Her favorite colors are yellow, red, and blue. Her favorite foods are pepperoni pizza with veggies; beef stroganoff with rice, not noodles; fried pork chops with mashed potatoes and white gravy; and every vegetable known to man except for hominy and turnip greens. Congratulations, Mrs. Lox!!!!

A Pie for the Principal

On Monday this week Mrs. Burns got a pie in the face "whip cream". It was funny but she had a hair net on and goggles, so it was not that interesting. However, many thought it was funny and she held up her end of the bargain even though she finished before most students. Wesley Stewart got to throw the pie because he did legitimately beat her



WC's Cutest Pets

My Dog

By: Lillian Jacobs



When we first got my dog. My brother got her for my dad and me. We got her from a family friend. Her name is Dorothy, and we got her 3 years ago.

Want to know how she works on the farm. She helps my dad on the farm. She moves the cows and pigs. When the animals get out she helps put them back in the pen.

Dorothy likes playing games too.. Her favorite game is chasing my donkey. She chases him, then he will chase her back. They play this game all the time.

Dorothy's best friend is my sister's dog Powder. When my sister brings Powder down to my house, Dorothy and her play. They like to go down to the creek and swim. When I ride horses they always follow me. That is a lot about my dog Dorothy.

Deadly Poisonous

By: Harley Hale

There are different types of poisonous plants. Actually there are a lot, but here are some of the deadliest plants right now there's the Rhododendron, Narcissus, Chokecherry, Nightshade, I'm sure there is more but that's all I'm going to name. Nightshade is also known as the devil's cherry, black cherry. [not the black cherry that you eat] The Narcissus is a lot like the Daffodil only it's far more poisonous and they are a different color than Daffodil, they look the same but they are different. When you go camping or go out in the wilderness you might want to watch what kind of flowers and berries you touch. If you touch the wrong kind you could be hurt or even killed. It depends on how deadly the poison is in the plant. Either way watch where you play and travel outside for your own safety. The Nightshade is a dark purple kind of like indigo color so watch out for that. The Rhododendron is either pink, purple, or red and the flowers on the plant are on bunches. Chokecherries are small, they are a reddish color and they are also known for the little white flowers they bloom before the cherries come. The Narcissus is either white or yellow and it very much resembles the Daffodil.



Narcissus





Chokecherry



Rhododendron



Nightshade

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Google dinosaur game

By; Raven Plate

Today I'm going to write about the google dinosaur game. First, how to get on the game. Second, how to play the game. Third, fun facts about the game and other games like it. I honestly think this game is cool and fun to play.

First of all, how to get on. How to get on with phone or your computer. For the phone you have to turn on airplane mode then tap the screen. On your computer you either have to turn the internet off or wait for the internet to be down. I know that it sounds like a long time to wait but with the internet almost always down at the school it won't be a long wait.

Second, how to play the game. It's pretty easy you use for the computer up/down or you can use the spacebar to jump. For the phone all you do is tap the screen with your finger. But watch those pterodactyls after 450 point they come. Make sure to not jump into them or run into them.

Last, other games like it. So you probably know that this is called a google easter egg and now i'm going to tell you about some more. 1. atari breakout, that's where you type into google images "atari breakout" then it looks up any images. 2. pac man, just type into google "pac -man" then it comes up. 3. do a Barrel roll, just type into google "do a barrel roll" and it does a barrel roll. 4. google shuixia, type into google "google shuixia type on the first link then you can make waves while google search floats in water.

Conclusion, Google is amazing. There is a lot more like these easter eggs out there go try to find them. The end.



Assassin's Creed syndicate

The game...By:Seth McKoon

Hello, I am about to tell you about the new game called Assassin's Creed Syndicate. The main idea that we are looking for is where and when this game took place. This essay will contain 4 paragraphs.

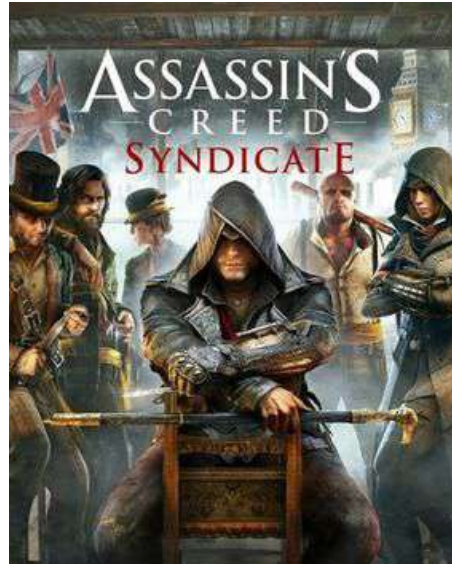
The second paragraph will be about where the game took place. The approximate year was 1868 around the industrial revolution. The Industrial Revolution was when machine took over the job of a lot of manufacturing people. So that left a lot of people out of a job and no way to provide for their families.

This paragraph is now about what the game was about. There are two twins, Jacob and Evie Frye. They are trying to revive a old brotherhood called the Assassin's Brotherhood. But the evil organization called the Templars try to stop them. But in the end they prevailed the Assassin's Brotherhood back on top.

Well this has been the best information that you could ever get from anywhere else. It's been fun and we learned so much about assassin's creed syndicate. You stay classy West Central Middle School.



Check out these Screen Shots!



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The Veterans Day program

By Brandon Olson

I think the Veterans Day program went very well. Johanna Sterett sang the National Anthem. Terry Avery was our guest speaker and talked about when he was in the war and our government. He also asked several people about their definition of freedom. The middle school and high school bands and choir did some military songs. Kaylynn Hennenfent won the Patriots Pen essay contest and read her essay to everyone. Reagan Spence told the story of the song "Taps" and DJ Murphy and David Gaylord performed it. After that, the boy scouts folded the flag and Halee Porter presented the gifts for the veterans. The program ended with the veterans and if they had someone with them going to the cafeteria for a reception.



Thank You Veterans

Music and Movies



The New Star Wars Movie

by xavier seeley

As you might be aware of there is a new Star Wars movie coming out, *Star Wars The Force Awakens*, it is true. It took a long time to even come up with the title. it took 6 months to make the movie. it began May 16 2014. it was finished the first week in November 2014. they filmed in Abu Dhabi desert, the Irish island Skellig Michael but most of the filming was done in Pinewood Studios in England. there were many complications. Harrison Ford got hurt on the Millennium Falcon.

The story will be 30 years after the war at Endor. The director didn't want to do the movie. The director was also one of the co-writers. He has also directed the last 2 Star Trek movies and Super 8.



Hotel Transylvania 2

By Jillian Sells

Hotel Transylvania 2, came out on September 21, 2015. It's for families and children. It is a funny and adorable movie. The movie comes out on disc on January 12, 2016. This movie is written by Adam Sandler, and Robert Smigel. The director is Genndy Tartakovsky. Mavis had a child named, Dennis. Mavis and her husband got married then they had a kid. There are 194 characters in hotel transylvania 2, Mavis was Selena Gomez, Frankenstein was Kevin James, Dracula was Adam Sandler, Wayne was Steve Buscemi, Wanda was Molly Shannon, Dennis was Ashler Blinkoff, and more. You should watch it it's good. Buy it in stores now. Have fun watching this movie with your kids.

New Albums of 2015: Asap Rocky - At. Long. Last. ASAP

By Chandler

I am not a big fan of Asap Rocky, but I am going to tell you about this album. This album was released May 26, 2015. I will be doing half of this album this week and the other half next week.

Holy Ghost is the first song on this album. This song starts out with a church chorus like melody. As the song goes on he talks about what Jesus really is to him. This song really isn't like any of the other songs on the album. This song is pretty good overall.

Canal St is the second song on the album. It has BONE as a featuring artist. This song has a slower beat to it. This is a street in lower Manhattan where everybody in NY meets.

Fine Whine is the third song on the album. It is featuring Future, Joe Fox, and M.I.A. This song is about love and alcohol. He talks about his personal love experiences. It is about a girl drinking wine and whining, and that is how he gets the title Fine Whine.

LSD is the fourth song on the album. This song is not about LSD the drug. It is another song about love, and it sounds like the last song Fine Whine. It is about a girl that he is addicted to like a drug.

Excuse Me is the fifth song on this album. This song is about his success as a rapper. It is also about his respect for other rappers. It also talks about how he hasn't been with his family, and asking what has been happening while he was gone.

JD is the sixth song on the album. He is talking about his haters on this track. He also talks about other rappers that didn't think he could be a successful rapper.

Lord Pretty Flacko Joyde 2 is the seventh song. It is the sequel of Pretty Flacko. It is showing that ASAP's cockiness has got him pretty far in his life, and he has what it takes to back it up.

Electric Body featuring Schoolboy Q is the eighth song on the album. There were some good verses in this song. It was talking about girls and their assets.

Jukebox Joints is featuring Joe Fox and Kanye West. He is saying that he is the father of rap and every other rapper is his son. Kanye West didn't have a very good verse in this song. This one of the best songs on the album.

So far I do like this album next week we will finish it, and I will tell you if it is good enough to buy.



Games and Entertainment

Animal word search



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L L K I I V L M H O T K P C D
I W F B L E E G A U A A M K X
T L B R F G H D H P O G Z E E
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A S O S V V D O V E J V V L S



Words-Elephant, snake, rabbit, butterfly, hyena, eel, toad, whale.

HOROSCOPES

Aries, March 21- April 19: There will be no school on friday so you can stay in your dreams

Taurus, April 20-May 20: Opportunity will knock, when it does... answer.

Gemini, May 21-June 20: Good news will come to you by email.

Cancer, June 21-July 22: You might die or not whatever your choice.sike you shall live forever if you believe

Leo, July 23-August 22: It's the weekend but mom says you have to do yard work

Virgo, August 23-September 22: You will not simply chose to die when you can live.

Libra, September 23-October 22: You will be wealthy and powerful the next few months

Sagittarius, November 22-December 21: A fish will die if you do something wrong

Scorpio, October 23-November 21: You will have a very big surprise waiting for you at home

Capricorn, December 22-January 19: The world will know your name

Aquarius, January 20-February 18: A darkness will rise above you

Pisces, February 19-March 20: You will see a past in your present