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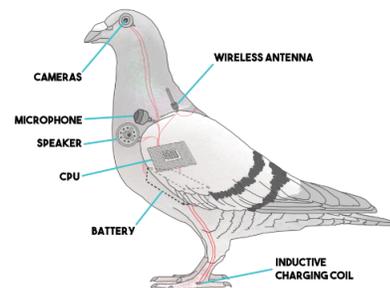
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## If it flies it spies! Bird watching goes both ways!

By Jesse Graiff



Many people think birds are real. That could not be further from the truth. Have you ever noticed how birds spend most of their time on power lines? That's because they are charging. Have you ever been to the beach and you got some food and a seagull comes over and tries to get it? That's not because it is hungry, it's because it's trying to harvest and test your DNA. I am one of many "bird truthers" who believe in this idea and are trying to spread the truth.



About 40 years ago the CIA got sick of birds pooping on their cars so they decided to get rid of all the birds in america. However they saw an opportunity and replaced all of the normal birds with surveillance drones. Finally have you ever thought that the name birds was an odd choice for animals? That's because it stands for Basic Information Recording Drone Surveillance. Visit [Birds Arent Real](#) for more information.

## Interview with Mrs. V

By Angelina Crawford, Delaney O'Loughlin,  
and Michaela Koniowka

Q: What made you want to start your teaching career?

A: I really liked music and I really wanted to teach kids to enjoy it and to get better at it.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 17 years.

Q: Do you have a hidden talent that not a lot of people know about?

A: I can touch my nose with my tongue.

Q: How many schools have you taught at?

A: I've taught at 5 schools.

Q: Have you always worked as a music teacher?

A: Yes, I have.

Q: Why is teaching special to you?

A: You get to meet a lot of kids with different personalities.

Q: When's your birthday?

A: In February. That's all I will say.



Q: Do you recommend any colleges to go to if someone wants to study music?

A: Juilliard School of Music if you are very talented and Eastman School of Music are both good music related colleges.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: Calvin College in Michigan.

Q: Do you have any pets? If so, what are/were their name(s)?

A: I have a cat and his name is Sunny.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

A: I really loved to swim and was a very good competitive swimmer when I was child.

# Toys Past and Present

By Liam Casey

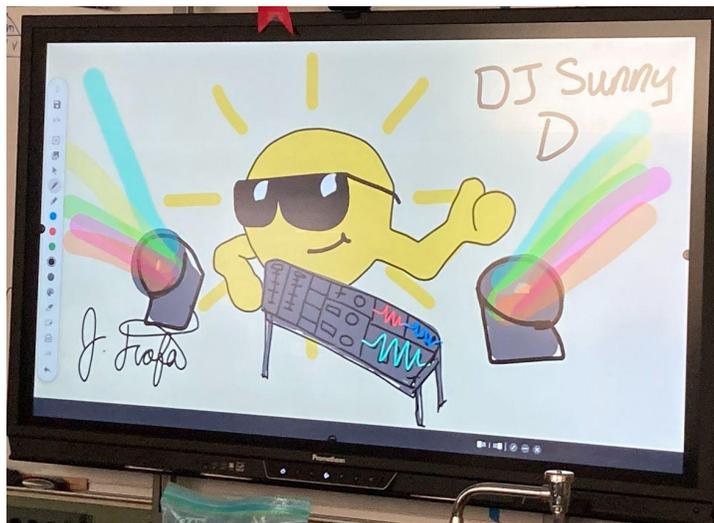
Now that this past Christmas Season has been fading from our minds. I take a minute to remember the joy of children young and old finding a shiny wrapped box under the Tree. Or the shimmer in a child's eye when they get exactly what they wanted for their Birthday. Toys bring us back to a simpler place in time, when imagination and creativity were the worries of our world and pure joy was a facet of everyday. Every person young or old can kindle fond memories sometimes by just seeing what was their favorite toy. So, with this train of thought in mind, I'd like to take a look at popular toys from the past century. In the 1920's and 30's toys were simple and meant to be played with for hours in worlds of imagination. In the 1920's Dolls, stuffed animals, crayons, wooden cars, Lincoln Logs, yo-yos were all the rage. In the 1930's toys stayed the same but with more complicated mechanisms and engineering, Many families could not afford toys due to the Great Depression. A decade later wartime needs left toy production low but after WW2 returning soldiers created a "baby boom" hence the name baby boomers or boomers. These boomers enjoyed the spoils of postwar America with many presents under the Christmas tree. Toys were starting to get complicated with the advent of Toy Trains, Toy Models, Easy bake Ovens, and Science kits. The Classics remained too, with many dolls and teddy bears bringing joy to the children of Postwar America. The 60's made way for the space age, this led to new ideals in toys. Kids wanted high tech toys that would simulate the newfound high tech world around them. This led to remote controlled, battery powered, realistic, mechanical toys.



Barbies, G.I. Joes, Slot cars, and Roller Skates were some of the most popular. The 80's and 90's continued this trend with a simpler more modern approach. Kids enjoyed playing with Lite-Brites, Cabbage-Patch Kids, Care Bears, Hotwheels, Transformers, and the emergence of video games. From the 2000's onward toys have kept to the same trend with video games increasingly taking hold. Toy Store shelves today are lined with complicated Board games, electronic toys, and video games. In this century we have gone from wooden ducks, to electric trains, to G.I. Joes, to Video Games. But one constant remains, as long as there are kids there are toys.

# An Interview with GD's Own Bob Ross- Mr. James Trofa

By Jesse Graiff and Sam Ryan



- What made you decide that Gardner Dickinson was right for you?

I really liked the smaller size. We only have like 350 kids so I knew the class sizes would not be too big and I could be more personable with the students.

- Were the staff welcoming when you transitioned to Gardner Dickinson?

They have been extremely welcoming. I think a lot of the staff here have jumped at opportunities to help me out or give me advice on things I can approve upon which I always love to hear feedback.

- Is working at TSL a different vibe than when you're working with the students in class?

It's totally a different vibe. I always think it's funny seeing how certain kids act in class. Obviously they have a lot less energy than at TSL where we're playing dodgeball and stuff. And seeing that then translate to after school where they can really let loose and be more open and loud. And it's fun to see that difference because there are some kids who are really really quiet in class and at TSL they're like bouncing off the walls. So it's funny to see that dynamic.

- What is your favorite subject to teach?

Art is my big thing. I love teaching art. But if we're talking more at the stem level I love teaching science. I think science can be taught in a fun way because you can do hands-on stuff with labs. So if I had to choose that would be my choice because I would have a lot of fun teaching it to.

- Would you ever want to be an art teacher?

I think that it's extremely competitive to get into art teaching because there is usually only one per school. But that would be the end goal of my teaching career. Where if I could have my own studio in a school with a class consistently that would be the dream.

- If you become an art teacher would you want to teach at a bigger school or a school about the size of ours?

I would want to keep it small. Just knowing how kids can get lost in the crowd in larger schools. I would love to work with smaller groups for sure.



## Ava's Reviews

By Ava Koniowka

The netflix series The Letter for the King is a 2020 film. The show has 6 episodes that are between 40 and 50 minutes long. The main character Turi (Amir Wilson) is on an adventure to make peace. With help of Levina, (Ruby Ashbourne) Arman, (Islam Bouakkaz) Foldo, (Jack Barton) Piak, (Nathanael Saleh) Jussipo (Jonah Lees) They save the world by delivering a letter for the king. It is an emotional series with jumpscars.

Rate: 9/10



## March Mammal Madness is Back!!



March Mammal Madness is in full swing!! Be sure to check your bracket- who will be the ultimate winner this year??

Seen above- 1st round winner the Grasshopper mouse- interesting fact- they are immune to scorpion venom- what a tough little guy!!! Will he be the champion? Stay tuned.....

Coming next edition-  
Top 10 Books from Abby  
Useless info from Jesse  
Word search from Sam  
Memes of the Month from Liam

And more!!!!

## Interview with Ms. Parker



By Delaney O'Loughlin and Ava Koniowka

**Is this your first time teaching?** - No, I've worked as a teacher at one other school and I substituted for 9 different schools.

**Have you always worked as a gym coach?** - Yes I have always done PE and last year I started health

**Do you think it's fair we only get 3 snow days?** - No

**Do you have a sibling?** - Yes, 2. A sister who is a year younger and a brother who is 3 years younger

**When's your birthday?** - March 26, 1995, and I'm 27 years old.

**Which class is loudest?** - 4th grade

**What is your favorite candy?** - Reese's peanut butter cups.

**5th graders don't graduate from elementary school. Do you think they should?** - Yes, there should be a celebration moving up.

**What is the smallest class that you teach?** - 2nd grade

**What would you tell 8th grade students?** - "I hope you all have a wonderful year, don't forget to always try your best, keep a positive attitude, and be able to see multiple perspectives in life."

**What do you think of GD so far this year?** - So far, I love it. Everyone is so nice. It's a wonderful school environment with a lot of support and friendly smiling faces, and the students are superb.

**Do you plan to stay here?** - Yes I do.

## CHEF ANDY'S RETURN!

By Andy Williams



Have you ever been craving a bowl of cereal but you don't have any milk? Well, my friend, look no further than my latest creation! Sour cream and cereal! It provides you with the creaminess and a little more flavor than your milk could ever give you! Here are some reviews: "Disgusting, -2 stars for you!" -Bailey Vincent "5 stars! So creative I love it!" -Jackson Belokopitsky "You're just weird." -Freya Seebald

### *Recipe:*

1. *Fill a bowl with sour cream*
2. *Put cereal in the bowl*
3. *Stir then enjoy!*

# 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Reported by Jayden Denny

## 8th Grade ~ High Honors

Briana Armstrong  
Jackson Belokopitsky  
Abigail Boomhower  
Liam Casey  
Gianna Corina  
Jesse Graiff  
Ethan Hiokawa  
Tyler Mercado  
Lilian Pulcher  
Mya Reed  
Skye Sage  
Freya Seebald  
Isabel Strang  
Johnny Wang  
Andrew Williams

## 8th Grade ~ Honors

Taylor Arienti  
Jayden Denny  
Juliana Dinardo  
Cooper Mack  
Reese Mahoney  
Austin Oliver  
Natalie Pakatar  
Payton Rupp  
Bailey Vincent

## 7th Grade ~ High Honors

Kara Allen  
Caroline Bevill  
Linnea Dukes  
Liam Kem  
Wyatt McCrudden  
Joseph Milanese  
Devin Oliver  
Sophie Ring  
Ryan Smith

## 7th Grade ~ Honors

Lukas Ackerman  
Anthony Adams  
Emilena Akots  
Benjamin Apple  
Savanna Badger  
Christopher Bayer  
Sofia Bentley  
Elizabeth Czubek  
Jacob Demarest  
Dominick Pucci  
Serenia Spencer  
Ian Strang  
Gage Wagner

## 6th Grade ~ High Honors

Abigale Bates  
Grace Boomhower  
Elizabeth Cronin  
Iyana Garcia  
Joseph Gross  
Juliet Helinski  
Grayson Hurbanek  
Ava koniowka  
Michaela Koniowka  
Adeline Moore  
Delaney O'Loughlin  
Cora Pulcher  
Sophia Townsend  
Madelyn Walsh

## 6th Grade ~ Honors

Alex Bebenek  
Juan Roberto Castro  
Ciaran Chandler  
Angelina Crawford  
Anthony Derrico Jr.  
Cooper Donohue  
Allison Hannigan  
Grayson Hannigan  
Braydon Huestis  
Cameron Hurstis  
Madeline Luby  
Aidan Niver  
Kathryn Pakatar  
Charlotte Rupp  
Samuel Ryan  
Hayden Saltus  
Rachel Wilson  
Phoenix Young