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What's Goin' on in the Computer Lab?

By Lauren Gries and Kelly Houghton



Ms. Nadine Walther is Culbertson's new technology assistant. She is better known as "Dr. Computer" because she knows so much about technology!

Q. What's the hardest part about your job?

A. "Leaving, boo hoo hoo."

Q. If you weren't a tech assistant at Culbertson, what job would you take?

A. "Vice President of the United States! Ha! Ha! Actually, I'd teach computer sciences."

Q. Who inspired you when you were young?

A. "My grandfather. He made me believe I could do anything."

Q. Have you ever been a tech assistant at a different school?

A. "No."

Q. What are your favorite internet sites?

A. "Google and TraditionsOfTheSun.org, a site about ancient observatories."

Q. What are your favorite computer programs?

A. "Sim City 3000 and Zapitalism."

Q. What can you tell us about your family?

A. "I have seven sons and daughters (oldest 21, youngest 16) and one granddaughter."

Q. What are little known facts that you would like share about yourself?

A. "All of my kids are adopted and I was in the air force."

Q. What town and state do you live in?

A. "Swarthmore, Pennsylvania."

The Primary Election

By Gillian Abel

The primary election is an election where people vote for who they want to run for president. Whoever has the most delegates from each party wins. There are two main parties, Democratic and Republican. They both send the person with the most delegates to run for president. The announcement is made at the National Convention in the summer.

Have you heard of the word **caucus** and wonder what it means? A caucus is a meeting that is held to select a candidate in the primary election.

There are many people trying to win the primary election. In the Democratic party Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are fighting for first place because it is a very close race. In the Republican party John McCain has a big lead in front of all of the other candidates.

Pennsylvania's primary election will be on April 22, 2008. Could this lead to a major event in the 2008 election? Pennsylvania has more delegates than any other state that has not yet voted. I am pretty sure that the candidates will spend a lot of time in Pennsylvania. Maybe one will visit Culbertson School!

*Sources: http://content.usatoday.com/news/politics/election2008/results-all.aspx?src=campaign:reprise_yahoo_politics_election+Election+Primaries,
<http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/>*

Hillary Clinton:



Will She Be the First Woman President? *By Jackie Budko*

Hillary Clinton was born on October 26, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from college in 1969. In 1973 she earned her law degree from Yale. Two years later Hillary married Bill Clinton. Then, 1980 she had a baby girl named Chelsea.

Hilary practiced influential law at firm in Little Rock, Arkansas. Hillary Clinton was twice named one of the nation's top 100 lawyers by National Law Journal.

In 1993, Bill Clinton took office as president. He named his wife to the chair of National Task Force on National Health Care. She developed a plan to provide health-insurance coverage for all Americans, but the plan was not approved by Congress.

Hillary decided to run for the U.S. Senate as a senator from New York. She won in 2000 and was re-elected again in 2006.

As you know Hillary Clinton is running for president this year. I must tell you this is the biggest election in history!

Source: Hillary Clinton's campaign website (<http://www.hillaryclinton.com/>)

School Uniforms or Not?

By Trevor Jones

Think if you had to wear school uniforms. Would you want it to be that way? Well I don't think uniforms should be in public schools.

Now some people might say that uniforms should be in all public schools. I think school uniforms are itchy and have poor color. Would you really want to wear gray or tan to school everyday? You would also get hot during the hot days of school because you have to wear long pants.

You might say, "But what if a kid wears something inappropriate?" I don't think someone in elementary school would wear anything inappropriate. If we had uniforms we could no longer wear shirts with writing, and no more sweatshirts, only jackets! Worst of all, we would not get to shop for school clothes.

Now, think if everyone wore the same clothes everyday. You would not be able to express yourself as much. Do you really want it to be that way?

I really hope I changed your mind about why uniforms should not be required at public schools.

Banana-Pizzazz Pops

By Carolina Carlton and Jamie Dietrich

Ingredients

- Bananas
- Popsicle Sticks
- Yogurt (raspberry/strawberry)
- Sprinkles

Directions

1. Cut bananas in half lengthwise
2. Roll bananas in yogurt
3. Roll bananas in sprinkles
4. put on popsicle stick
5. **ENJOY!!!**

Recommended Books From the Library

By Trevor Jones

1. ***The World Almanac for Kids 2008***- edited by C. Alan Joyce

This is a book that can tell kids information about the world in 2008.



2. ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid***- by Jeff Kinney

A funny new book about a kid who, of course, is wimpy and the book is actually written like a diary.

3. ***Miss Hannah is Bananas***- by Dan Gutman

A great and funny book where Miss Hannah is a very strange teacher!



4. ***The Last Day of School***- by Louise Borden

A new book in the library where the students get a good-bye present on the last day of school.

5. ***Molly Moon series***- by Georgia Byng

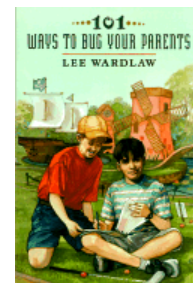
A funny series about a dog who gets into some weird situations.

6. ***Aesop's Fables***- illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

A group of fables that have great meaning and can teach you to be wise.

7. ***101 Ways to Bug Your Parents***- by Lee Wardlaw

A funny book that teaches you how to bug your parents (this book is just for your entertainment...not to actually bug your parents)!



8. ***Sit on a Potato Pan, Otis! and Other Palindromes***- by Jon Agee

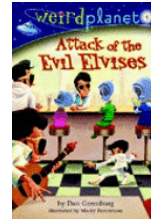
A ton of funny phrases that are spelled the same way backwards!

9. ***Dr. Carbles is Losing his Marbles***- by Dan Gutman

A funny book about Dr. Carbles who is driving the kids insane because of his craziness.

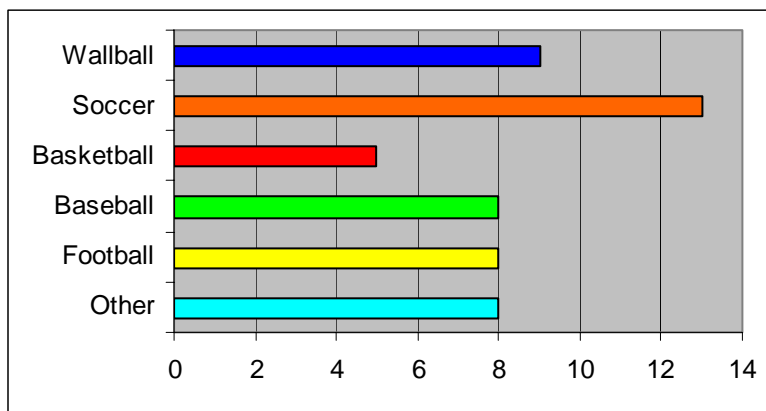
10. *Attack of the Evil Elvises*- by Dan Greenburg

A book about a group of alien kids who run into a little trouble with some evil Elvises.



What Sports Do People Play At Recess?

By Matthew Wilson



I surveyed some of the fifth graders and asked them what their favorite sport to play at recess was. It turns out that soccer was the favorite sport to play at recess. Wallball came in second place among the fifth grade students. In third place we had a three way tie between baseball, football, and other sports that some kids play at recess. Basketball came in last place with only 5 votes. Soccer is the most played sport at recess by some of the fifth graders.

Banana Fruit Smoothies

By Carolina Carlton and Jamie Dietrich

Ingredients

- **2 bananas**
- **Blueberries**
- **Strawberries**
- **Frozen vanilla yogurt**
- **Milk**

Directions

1. Cut up fruit
2. Scoop in frozen yogurt
3. Pour in milk
4. Blend in blender to your choice of thickness
5. Pour in glasses and

Enjoy!!!

[Editor's note: check with your parent to make sure you are allowed to cut fruit and use the blender.]

A Cool Code

By Trevor Jones

Here is a code so you and your friends can write secret messages to each other. To write in this code, first write the alphabet normally. Then, under it, write the alphabet backwards. It should look like this...

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

The letter underneath the letter in the normal alphabet is the letter in the code. So the code for the letter **A** is the letter **Z**. For example, try to figure out this code...

T I V Z G Q L Y

I hope you like this code!

Solar Powered Cars

By Trevor Jones

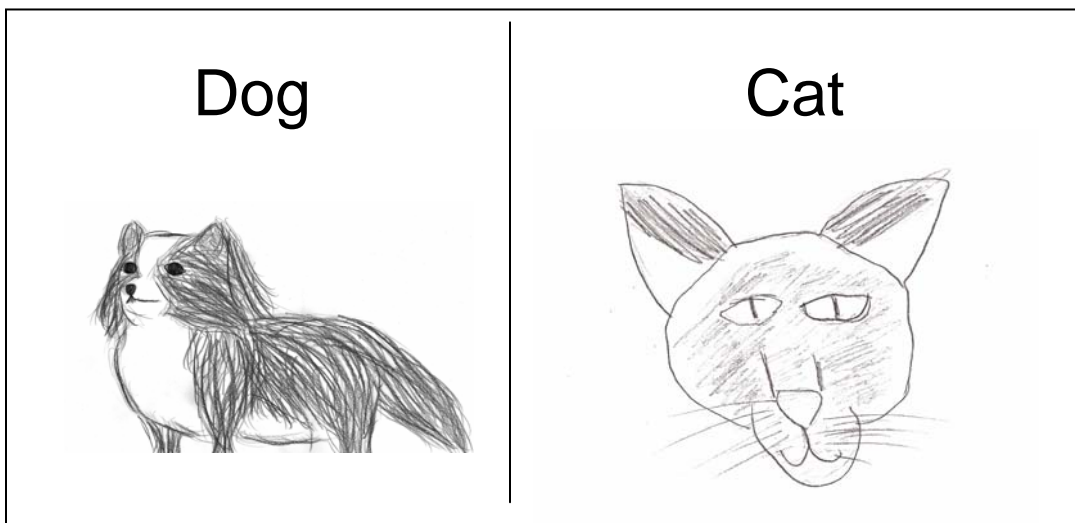
Your parents have a few things they hate, but the one thing they hate most is the high price of gas. Scientists have invented a new

vehicle which we hope will be out by the time we can drive. They are called **Solar Powered Cars**. Solar powered means that it runs on the sun's energy, so no more gas is needed! These cars are also supposed to be affordable! The prototype has already been made and they are working on the full version. I hope to see one of these on the road someday.

Source: <http://www.aboutmyplanet.com/environment/solar-diy-car-kit/>

Dog and Cat Guess and Check

By Megan MacDonald, Coryn Lunn, and Sophie Walker



Clues

*Madame de Pompadour owned 2 of them

*Small, friendly, elegant, lively action

*Used to be so popular that noble ladies needed one in a portrait with them

Answer for last issue: Boston Terrier

Clues

*Mrs. Curson has one of these

*Type of cats in *Lady and the Tramp*

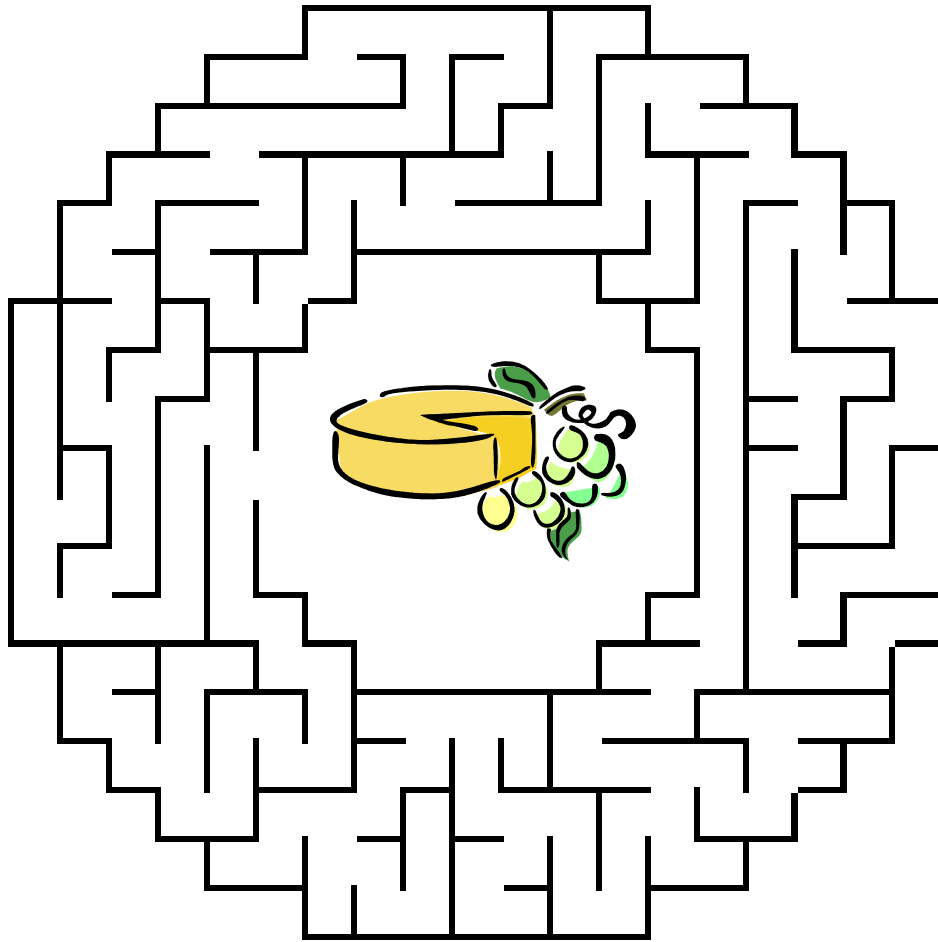
Editor's Note:

I was very happy to see fifth graders show an interest in what's going on in our country, as well as in our school. Many thanks to Gillian and Jackie for their informative articles on the election! Congratulations also go to Trevor who wrote a record 5 articles for this issue!

~Mrs. Samuels, Librarian and Editor

Mouse Maze

Help Squeaky find his cheese!



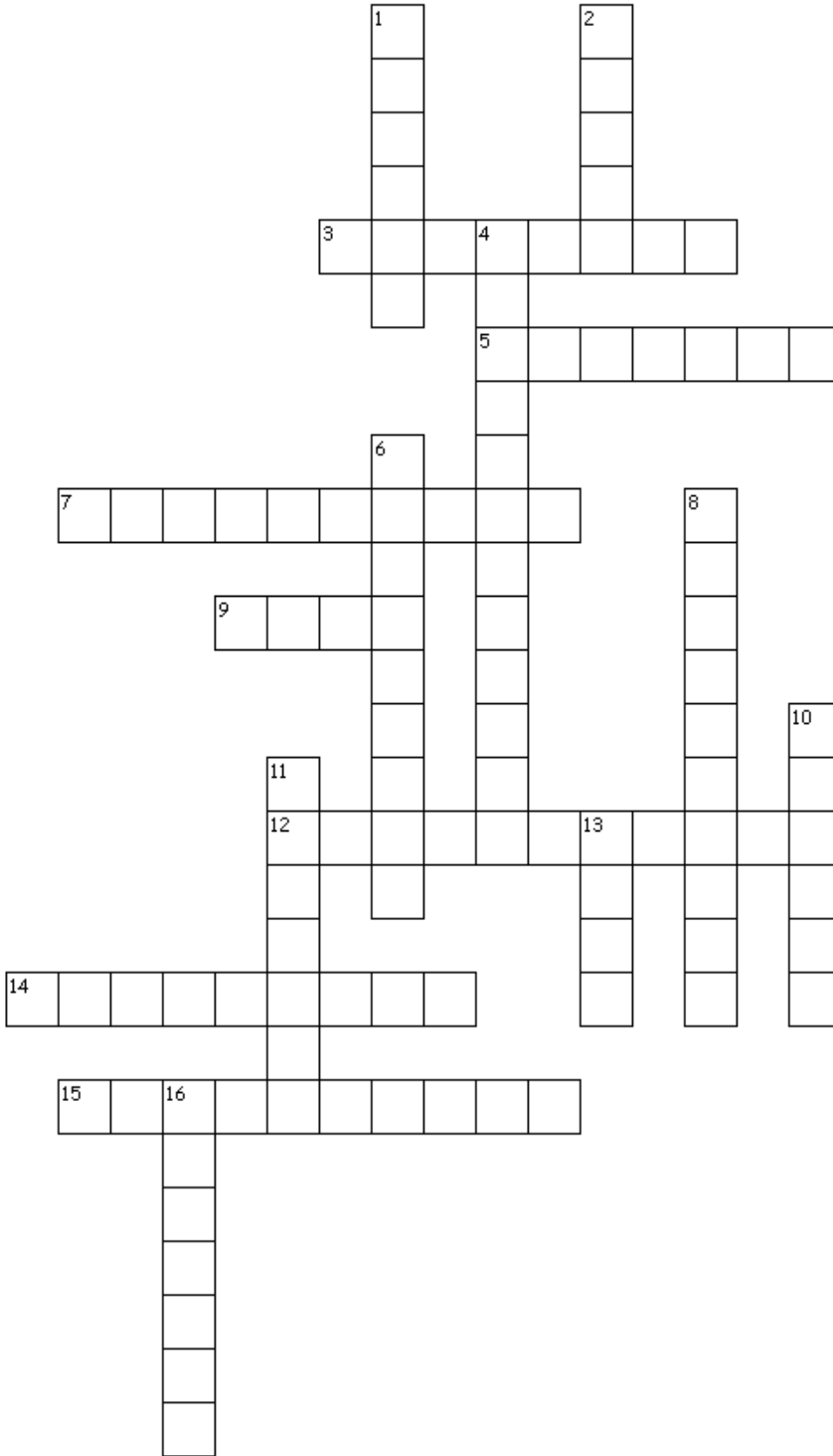
Squeaky has not eaten
in
days.
He is
very
hungry. Help Squeaky
through the maze to find
his cheese!

By

Kelly Houghton and Lauren Gries

Library Crossword Puzzle

By Jackie Budko



Across

- 3. a piece of technology that has the Internet
- 5. use this to look up a book
- 7. a gigantic computer screen that you can write on
- 9. pieces of paper put together with a spine
- 12. a person who draws pictures for books
- 14. these have interviews, articles and trivia
- 15. (2 words) letters and numbers that help you find a book

Down

- 1. a person who writes books
- 2. how your voice should be when you are in a library
- 4. (2 words) an illustrated book
- 6. a place where books are kept
- 8. a type of book that gives you information
- 10. a piece of plastic that holds a place for your book
- 11. a type of book that is a made up story
- 13. what you do with a book
- 16. a place to borrow books

Video Game Word Search

By Matthew Wilson, Anthony DiPrinzio, Mark McVeigh

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

KIRBY

KNUCKLES

LINK

LUIGI

MARIO

SPONGEBOB

XBOX

MEMORYCARD

NINTENDODS

PIKACHU

PLAYSTATION

SONIC

WARIO

YOSHI

BOWSER

CONTROLLER

DISK

DONKEYKONG

GAMECUBE

WII

Horoscopes

*By Predicting Pete**

Horoscopes are predictions that can tell you what to do or what not to do. These predictions are made by a person who says he or she can tell the future, and sometimes the predictions come true but often they are wrong. Mainly, they are just for fun! Think of your birthday, then look down below and see what zodiac sign you are and what your prediction is.

Aries-March 21-April 19

Fame is in your future, but don't abandon your friends. They will help you later.

Taurus-April 20-May 20

Your friends may abandon you, but your family will be coming closer to you.

Gemini-May 21-June 21

Money is in your future.

Cancer-June 22-July 22

You have good knowledge and good skill, but don't use it just for your own good.

Leo-July 23-August 22

Starting something new is a good thing to do.

Virgo-August 23-September 22

Someone will be troubling you, and you must tell that person in the kindest way you can.

Libra-September 23-October 23

Good deeds will earn you good fortune.

Scorpio-October 24-November 21

Think hard before you say something.

Sagittarius-November 22-December 21

Your future may not be a good one unless you get to the books.

Capricorn-December 22-January 19

Stop living in the past and try to make peace with those you dislike.

Aquarius-January 20-February 18

Try to fight your own battles. (Never give up.)

Pisces-February 20-March 20

Think of all the great times you have had and try to start another chapter.

I hope your prediction comes true.

***Editor's Note:** *Predicting Pete also has strong opinions on school uniforms!*