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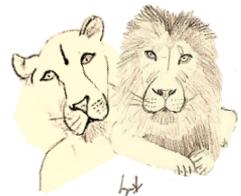
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Lions and lionesses

by Happyme (staff)

The AFAS mascot is a lion, the king of the jungle. The lion is a very good mascot, making an outsider feel our power and our strength; however some people, like me, have had a problem with, it could be, it's all boys. I have more than one reason why there should be more lioness pictures. One of them is that this is not an "all boy school." About half of the people in this school are girls. Also some people have read that in real life all the lions do is watch the kids and roar. The female lion is always the one keeping the family healthy by catching their food and getting the other lions a home and safety. Without the lioness the rest of the family would have no chance of survival. I can see why the lion is the king of the jungle. But has there ever been a queen of the jungle, or was it just not mentioned? If there was no queen before, there should be one now. Thank you for reading, hope you get my point.

What there is now----- What there should be



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Ms. Campbell

by Coco Brown

Ms. Campbell is the new fifth grade teacher. Her favorite book is *Jane Eyre*. Her favorite books as a child were *Walk 2 Moons* and *Bridge to Terabithia*. She loves pizza with cheese and sometimes banana peppers. She also loves sweet potatoes.

For fun on the weekends Ms. Campbell likes to run when it's not snowy, read, and watch movies. She has no cable, but she would watch reruns of *Friends*, *Seinfeld*, and *The Office*. She doesn't think she should say this to her ELA students, but her favorite subjects in elementary school and high school were social studies, history, and art. The colleges she attended were the University of New Hampshire, and the famous local Lesley University. Ms. Campbell doesn't just speak English, she also knows Latin, and speaks a little bit of Spanish.

She has had a lot of other jobs such as being a waitress at Polly's Pancake Parlor, working in the photo booth at Clark's Trading Post and picking out the good berries for the performing bears (all kinds of berries: strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, etc.) there. She also worked at a Christmas tree farm and grew trees and was a marketing coordinator for a consulting firm.

She did not like any of them as much as teaching but she did like working on a farm.

In five years she hopes to be working at Somerville Public Schools (hopefully at Argenziano). Her hero is Eleanor Roosevelt because she did stuff to help people whether women were allowed to vote or not. Some people who most influence her are her parents, and her students, and their families. Currently, she has no pets.



But, as a child she had a dog named Katie Bell Blue and many cats. Some of her hobbies are running, playing tennis, reading, and baking. Four things that she enjoys are family, friends, sleeping past 6, a good book. In fifth grade she saw herself being a set designer or a teacher. Some things that motivate her are COFFEE, students, and other teachers.

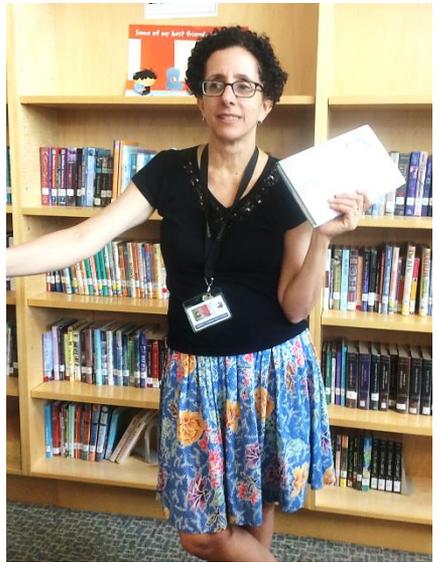
The most important decision she has made in her life has been to go back to school to become a teacher. “One child, One teacher, One book, One pen can change the world.” This quote by Malala motivates Ms. Campbell. Her biggest challenge is to have enough time to do the things that she wants to do. She advises students to become teachers if they feel like it, and her piece of advice for the ones that would is that you shouldn’t feel like that should be your only job. One thing she would like to do eventually in her life is to travel (to Asia, if possible). The most interesting person she ever met was her quirky literature college professor, James Krasner.

I asked her what job she might have if she weren’t a teacher. She might have stayed in marketing. That, or get a job as a professor.

All about Mrs. McDowell

©by Layla G. and Bob G.©

We interviewed our librarian, Mrs. McDowell. She told us, “I was raised in New York. I am married and have 3 children, one of whom has a child, so I’m a grandmother now. In my spare time I like to read, sometimes draw and occasionally put together a jigsaw puzzle. I have pets, two dogs, three cats and a fish. My favorite food is *of course* ice cream. My favorite books are *The Perfect Nest* and *A Sick Day For Amos McGee*. I also happen to love any books by Mo Willems. My favorite character is Kit Tyler. She’s



in the book *The Witch Of Blackbird Pond*. I like her because of her independent spirit. One of my favorite movies is *Men in Black*. I like Disney and Pixar films. A book I recently read is *Symphony For the City of the Dead*. Also, when I was a kid I wanted to be a zookeeper or an animal trainer for the circus.”

Q&A SECTION

Why did you become a librarian?

That’s a really tough question, I guess because I really love books, and I love kids, so I wanted to work with kids and books.

What was your first job as a librarian?

Well it was here, it was VERY DIFFICULT. I did not know what I was doing. (I have been teaching here for about 4 years.)

What was your job before becoming a teacher?

I was a garden designer.

What was your first teaching job?

This is my first teaching job.

Where do you get your books?

We buy them from special library bookstores. We don't go to Barnes and Noble. They [special book stores] sell them for less.

How do you choose what books to put in the library?

Sometimes kids request them, and we do read a lot of book reviews.

Do you talk to any other librarians?

Yes, I talk to the other Somerville librarians fairly regularly.

What do you find kids need help with the most?

It really varies by age. I'm gonna say a lot of kids need help evaluating information.

Who inspires you?

You know what, I am going to say, my first librarian that I ever worked under, she was a school librarian, and she just made the school library very welcoming.

How do you want people to feel about the library?

I want everyone to feel comfortable to come in and talk to me, and ask questions, and I want everyone to feel comfortable.

Apathy

by EYEWITNESS (staff)

Sometimes people have **APATHY**. If you don't know what **APATHY** means it means **YOU DON'T CARE!** And I am writing about this because sometimes when someone puts a lot of effort into something and I mean **A LOT**, people don't care and that really really hurts their feelings. This also happens to teachers when they teach you something very important for a quiz or a test and you either fail or don't get a good grade, it hurts their feelings because that shows you didn't pay attention. And I don't like hurting people's feelings and I know inside you that you don't like it either. So I am sending a message on why people should care very deeply and have **EMPATHY** not **APATHY**.

Old news department

Meet our old new nurse

by Coco Brown and Elle Gys

When you go to Mrs. Lukan with a cut she will wash the wound and apply a Band-Aid. Recently I (Coco) was playing soccer and got a hard bump on the head and Mrs. Lukan gave me ice to put on it. I was cured!

"Being a school nurse is a lot more than putting Band-Aids on cuts and ice on bumps on the head," Mrs. Lukan told us. Mrs.

Lukan is the new school nurse. She transferred here from the Benjamin Brown School here in Somerville.

She wanted to be a nurse because she loves caring for children and others. Also, the best thing about being a nurse is that there are many choices of different types of practice. For her, it was school nurse.

Ms. Lukan was born and raised in Nigeria, in Africa. When she was little she wanted to be a professor. When she came to the United States she decided to study to become a nurse. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and became a registered nurse (RN). Before she became a school nurse she was a nursing assistant, then she was a home care nurse and then a school nurse.

Of course, she likes the school and she likes and is happy being a nurse. The most important part of her job is seeing kids happy after caring for them. Her rules are Respect and be Polite to Others. We asked her about the workload here at the Argenziano, and she does think that the number of kids who come to the nurse is over average!

Her hobbies are reading, listening to music, and going on vacation and she likes spending time with her kids and shopping for fun.

If you are wondering where Mr. Bingay has gone, Ms. Lukan reports that he is still working in the Somerville school district and she speaks to him at meetings, so if you wish, ask Ms. Lukan to pass along your hello!

Note: Ms. Lukan started at the Argenziano in September 2017 but left our school sometime during the winter of this year. We weren't going to waste our perfectly good article that we worked so hard on!

Our new teacher

by Brianna Bartlett and
Marcus Odilon

The school has a new face this year. It isn't the new nurse or any of our wonderful new peers. It is the new sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Rodriguez. She is familiar to some, due to her history at the Brown School. So the question is why did she switch?

The reason Mrs. Rodriguez came to the Argenziano was because she "had a chance to teach sixth grade math and science." Also,

from previous years she worked with the Social studies and ELA teacher Mrs. Banda. They wanted to work together again and coming to Argenziano was the perfect opportunity to do so.

Another popular question for new teachers is why did they become a teacher? Mrs. Rodriguez answered, “I became a math teacher because it was the position available to me when I started teaching. Eventually I grew to love teaching math.” Most teachers that we’ve had are the same way. Also, even though Mrs. Rodriguez teaches math and science one of her favorite subjects growing up was ELA.

Lastly, we asked Mrs. Rodriguez if any of her family members taught, and yes they did; her mother taught preschool. It’s pretty cool to do the same work or achieve the same success as someone else before you as Mrs. Rodriguez did with her mom. Our math and science classes are the opposite of dull. They are the most entertaining classes ever. Even when people misbehave she still is one of the nicest faculty.

That was a bit about our new teacher. Even though she is new we are all excited for this year. We can tell it will be one to remember. We all welcome you to this school Mrs. Rodriguez!

Donuts

by Coco Brown

We eat powdered donuts in newspaper club because they are very popular. And it gets our energy level higher. Also, they are more messy and funner to eat than regular donuts. Then, they taste good and yummy. Plus they are within our budget (99 cents for 1 dozen). Then there are no nuts contained in them meaning that kids who have nut allergies will not have to worry. Finally, when I look over, all the kids are quickly finishing there donuts.

Future Cities

by Maya Roldan, Janaan Khan,
and Maya Jaugust

Future Cities is a club that many seventh and eighth graders participate in after school. The club is hosted by Mr. Coughlin, the seventh and eighth grade science teacher. Future cities is “an engineering competition for middle schoolers where you engineer a city based on a topic” as Emily Howely (an eighth grader) put it. This year’s topic is to build an age friendly city. The task is to identify a challenge that exists in today’s urban environment.

Many of last year’s seventh, now in 8th, graders still participate, and there are also new participants from both

When asked why he decided to start Future Cities as an after school club, Mr. Coughlin responded that he thought it was “a great way to learn about engineering and it looked like it had a lot of fun activities” to go along with it.

We also asked some of the students participating in the club what they like about it. “I like working together with other people,” says Shital in grade 7. Rikita, also a seventh grader, replies that she likes to discover and ponder new ideas.

Last year Mr. Coughlin’s Future Cities group won first place in the regional competition, which took place at the State Transportation Building in Boston. Here—in addition to first place—they won the award for “best presentation” and “best virtual city,” referring to the cities they created throughout the year on Sim City, a computer program. The program helped students explore more of the aspects that are required to keep a city running, such as functional roads and trash pickup.

From here the team travelled to Washington D.C. for the national competition. Though they did not win, it was a great experience. They presented their city at the Capitol Hilton hotel in the presidential ballroom. Naturally, the team has even higher goals for this year, all of which they hope to achieve.

The history of doughnuts

by Elle Gys

The history of doughnuts is not some boring history lesson on something like dirt, it's really very interesting. First, let's talk about the legend of how the hole in the doughnut came to be...

One day a man said to his wife, "Why is the middle of my doughnut always raw? It's horrible!" His wife said it's just the way they are. But then one day, when he came home to find his wife making doughnuts again, he, in frustration, marched into the kitchen and punched holes into the center of each doughnut. He then said, still flustered, "There, now the center of the doughnut won't be raw." When his wife cooked them, they were fully cooked all the way through. The End!

Wasn't that a great story? I liked it. Ok, now that we know about the doughnut hole let's learn about the cooking process.

The tasty treat is a deep fried pastry that originated in America. First you make the batter and then plop them into the hot oil in the deep fryer. Once it's cooked it's ready to go into your mouth. Doughnuts are different in other countries, like in Mexico doughnuts are called churros.

And that is the history of the doughnut!!!

2017 Reminder

by Brianna Bartlett, Marcus Odilon and Alijah Dessin

The year 2017 was a great one for our school. Lots of things happened, artistically, outside of school, and even with the staff like new teachers, a new principal and vice principal. Even some new students joined our school and some students sadly left.

First, one important part of 2017 is our school collaborating with an artist that helped us make a mural celebrating our school. The mural is filled with flowers and even characters that people created. All the students had an equal opportunity to participate, and you could go after school to help. It all turned out so well! When it was done they put a plaque on it and hung it near the main entrance to the office. One of the best pieces of the mural was the section about

a student that passed away named Jahmai Furtado Cooper. It was very considerate to add him. This piece is away from the rest of the mural so he gets his own part in the farthest corner on the right. That meant a lot to the students and staff of this school.

Our staff at Argenziano also changed in 2017. We got a new principal in 2016 but were still getting used to him in the new year. His name is Alexander Mathews but people call him Mr. Mathews. The school has run very smoothly under his watch and same with Mrs. Soto our new vice principal. They handle our lunch also. They make sure we aren't too antic and wild. Mrs. Quinlan also helps.

Year 2017 was also a great one for Massachusetts. For example, the Patriots won the Superbowl! We again were in it in 2018 but this year we lost to the Eagles. Another great thing that happened last year was *Fortnite!* It was the newest thing, and everyone is playing it. Over 45 million have downloaded it. The way the game works is you're dropped off in a map and you have to try to gather materials and survive an incoming storm. Also, in 2017 there was an eclipse! Anyone in the path of totality would have a great glimpse of it. Brianna didn't see it, Marcus didn't see it, but Alijah saw it.

Last year was a good year, hopefully this year can be as superb as the last. So far 2018 has lived up to last year's success and it can only get better with the World Cup in Russia.

Our new Spanish teacher

by Brianna Bartlett and Sophia Goode

iHola! Como estas. We are going to talk about Senora Prada, the new spanish teacher for 6-8th grade. She lived in Colombia for most her life, she states, "Living in Colombia was much fun, my whole family is there so it was nice to spend time with them." She says she misses them and wants to visit. She came to Argenziano because she heard it was a nice school with great kids so she applied! Also her best memory so far is seeing the kids smile and watching them have fun while they are learning Spanish.

Now more about her teaching in Colombia and her college days. She worked at a school in Colombia and she was teaching English to middle school kids at Los Amigos. Then after she came to America she attended Devry University and got her masters.

We asked her if it was easy to learn English and she said it was very hard to learn our language and she had to study lots.

Interesting facts

Her favorite color is light blue

Her favorite animals are dogs

Her favorite dish is a Colombian dish called “Bandeja Palsa”

SUUUPER MOON

by EYEWITNESS

On 12/4/17 there was a SUPERMOON! When I saw the Super Moon it was very orange like cheese and it was super HUGE! I saw the Super Moon at the public library just when it came out of the sky. I have never seen the Super Moon that big before and I hope you got to see it as well.

Our Teachers

by Marcus Odilon and Alijah Dessin

- The teachers treat everyone fairly
- They are respectful to students and are just in the way they give consequences
- They listen to all your problems and find a way to help you
- They give you a chance to explain yourself
- Teachers are understanding
- They provide a loving environment
- They nurture and care for all students

GO Argenziano!

by Sophia Goode and
Marcus Odilon

January, 2018

As most of you know once you reach 7th and 8th grade there are many sports teams available. They include flag football, volleyball, basketball and soccer. These are all great opportunities. All our sports teams are great but especially our soccer team. In fact we won the championship last year and we won almost all of our games too. If you can you should sign up for one of our exceptional teams that we offer here at our school.

Flag football is one of the sports that has already finished and the season went great. Argenziano boys made it to the playoffs but didn't manage to take home the trophy. Many people thought they were going to win but they couldn't get it done. The other sport that already happened is the volleyball for the 7th and 8th graders. They almost took home the trophy but finished in 3rd place. According to Janaan Khan, an eighth grader, "The team was great and two of the star players were Jaderson and Ashmeen."

Basketball is getting started soon and the teams could be headed for a great season. The girls are on track for a strong start. The coaches Maria and Mariah are expected to do a spectacular job running the girls' squad as they did last year. The boys' team is hoping to bounce back from a poor showing in their last year's season and after losing one of their best players named Joshua.

Lastly, a terrific sport in which you can participate is soccer. The boys' soccer team is expected to do very well after winning last year's cup. The girls' team tried their best but couldn't manage to make it a double win for Argenziano last season. Although last year the 6th graders were able to play, now the soccer teams are 7th and 8th grade only. According to coach Scar "The team could win the trophy if they stay humble."

Go Argenziano!



M. J. J.

The athletes are very excited for the beginning of the upcoming sports and those who are on teams that already finished look forward to next year. If you can you should sign up for one of our exceptional teams that we offer here at our school.

About Me

Dear Readers,

I have decided to reveal my identity after all this time! I know some people know what it is but you may not ask them for who I am nor will I mention who they are. Ok here is the deal if 50 people figure out my identity, than I will reveal it **TO EVERYONE WHO READS THIS!** So to make it easier for everyone to figure it out, I am a nice person, I **LOVE** homework, I think cleaning is fun, I get good grades. Ok this may seem a little nerdy, but **THIS IS WHO I AM!** Anyways, I am talkative, I am in chorus and I participated in the Showcase last year.

Sincerely,
EYEWITNESS

Somerville Youth Soccer

by Marcus Odilon

The soccer season is over and although it's too late to sign up for the spring, you can sign up for next fall. Fall registration will probably open in May. Don't miss your opportunity to join by having a parent or guardian go on the internet to blog.somervillesoccer.us. Of course they will have to give their permission and there is a fee, which in some cases may be reduced.

The Baby Worm

by “Molly & ?”

Once upon a time, under a bush at the Argenziano school, a little worm awoke. “Hooray! Another day!” the worm thought to herself. Her thoughts were interrupted, by a pitter patter. “No!!!! Not rain!!!!” she slithered out of her hole, onto the pavement. Suddenly, the feet came stomp stomp stomp. “Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!! humans!!!!!!” she yelled in horror. The students of the AFAS were coming with their big stinky feet. She managed to stay hidden for almost all of recess, but at the very end of recess, a boy with especially stinky feet came up to her. “Look at the poor poor little baby worm. I do wonder how she would feel like if I stomped on her and her mommy and daddy and any siblings she might have, but I don’t care what their feelings are, I’m going to step on them.” “Please have mercy on me,” the worm cried. “I am a young worm. I’m only 2 months old and my mom said I should not talk to strangers. So may you please go away. Your mother must have told you that too. I thought that the kids in the AFAS were supposed to be nice but if you were you would not step on poor baby worms like me or their family.” “Well I will so don't you argue with me little missy,” he answered. His big foot came up and it came slowly downward and “It's time to line up the whole class is waiting” came ringing through the air. The teacher had saved her!!!! “Sorry teacher” he said. “That was a close call” the worm whispered. “I must go back to my hole now.”

Irish Girl

Layla Gillick

Born in America
But truly Irish

I've watched the waves of
Bray Beach crash over the rocks

I've eaten the fresh summery
taste of the traditional 99

I've seen the rainpour
of the summer and the
snowfall of the winter

I've heard the many varieties
of Irish accents.

Oh I could go on,
But I think that this proves
I am an
Irish Girl.

Poetry Wall

To read millions of poems (actually about 75) by local 3rd through 8th graders go online to 12zine.com.

meet the AFAS Journal staff: *Maya Jaugust*

An amazing student!

by Layla Gillick

Maya is a an amazing student at the Argenziano School. She has been at Argenziano since kindergarten. Maya's dad is from Croatia. She lives in Somerville. Some of her hobbies are drawing, writing, reading, figure skating and making movies. Her favorite after school activity is newspaper club. For the newspaper club she likes writing articles and word searches. Maya has been in a few plays, including "Little Women" and "Tom Sawyer." She has been acting since age 9. She likes being the main character. Maya does ice skating. Her favorite tricks are a flip jump and pancake spin. When Maya grows up she wants to be an author and illustrator or actress.

About which we say, "When you're that awesome you just have to live with it."

Vegetarian options

by Molly and "?" and Anarghya

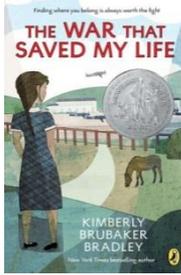
Lots of the kids in the AFAS want more vegetarian options in the school lunch. We know that there is always the salad bar but would you want to have something you don't like almost every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday? Salad bar gets boring, week after week after week. Also, having a better vegetarian option may encourage people to eat less meat, which will be better for the environment. There are many people that pack home lunch in this school, but there are many people (including vegetarians) that don't have time to pack a lunch, or they don't have that much food in their house and have to eat school lunch. And if the vegetarian kids don't like salad bar then they might not eat it and they won't have enough to eat. In final analysis, WE SHOULD HAVE AN-OTHER VEGETARIAN SCHOOL LUNCH OPTION!!!!

Book review

The War That Saved My Life

by Elle Gys

Hi! I'm Elle and I'm here to try to get you to read this book that I have read. The book is called.... *The War That Saved My Life*. It's by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. It's a very good book and it's filled with amazing adventures and an awesome plot line. There are stubborn characters and also very mellow people in it. One of the stubborn characters is Jamie, the little brother of the main character,



Ada. Ada has a crippled foot which means that her right foot is twisted out of shape. At first, she is ashamed of her strange foot but throughout the book she realizes that her “foot is a long way from her brain.” The book takes place during World War II and there is some violence. And that's all I will tell ya because you have to read the book yourself to find out more. Bye! P.S. there is a sequel called *The War I Finally Won*.

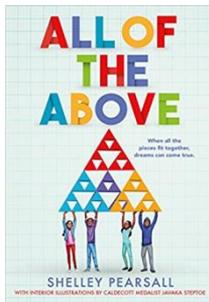
A book review by Molly for...

ALL OF THE ABOVE

by Shelley Pearsal

(the one who wrote the *Seventh Most Important Thing*)

I love (and I think all of you would too) the team work Shelley's book shows. Four kids (James, Marcel, Sharice, and Rhondell) and their math teacher (Mr. Collins) work on a project, 5 days a week 1 hour (3pm-4pm) a day, and then one day in January, the people



working on the tetrahedron (that is what their project is, it is a pyramid with a triangle bottom) they come in thinking they would see the welcome sight of their beautiful tetrahedron, but instead they saw a bunch of ripped pieces of destroyed tetrahedron. If you want

to know more, you have to read the book, because I am not spoiling the rest of the book.

My book report

by Coco Brown

There is a book that I want to share with you. It is called *The School Story*. This book is about amazing, ordinary things

that don't usually happen in a child's life. You'd like this book if you are interested in how kids can achieve things that even adults have trouble with. The author is Andrew Clements. He has written a lot of exciting children's books. I think a lot of you kids out there who want to do exciting things would enjoy this book.

ArgenzianoReads

by Layla Gillick

The PTA has recently decided this year there will be no Scholastic book fairs. Why? Well the PTA thought there were problems with these book fairs. One problem was that the selection of books wasn't that great. Another problem was that a lot of kids were getting really upset over not having money to buy books when their classes went to the fair. Instead of the Scholastic book fair the PTA set up a book sale with books from Porter Square bookstore. The PTA liked this idea better because it was optional for people to go and it's supporting a local bookstore. Mrs. McDowell preferred this book sale. This was held in the PTA room for February 27th through March 2nd.

On March 2nd, literacy night also occurred. For March there will be a school book challenge. If the school hits 1500 books Mr. Matthew will take a pie in the face and if the school hits 2500 books Mrs. McDowell will dye her hair. On March 22nd after school in the library they were skyping the author of the *Seventh Most Important Thing*. We are so lucky our school celebrates literacy month (March) in so many fun ways.

RECYCLE

Your empty ink and toner printer cartridges. Please give them to Ms. Flynn in the main office. AFAS Journal wants them and will recycle them into amazing things like this newspaper.

Teachers, staff and parents take note!

Joh Camara Concert

by EYEWITNESS and Happyme (staff)



Joe has some fun with some Argenziano students!

As you may have noticed in the back of the music room...a bunch of big drums. Joe Camara, an African drummer from Mali, comes every March to show everyone how to play them. Most of the time he works with the middle school students to get ready for his concert that was March 24th this year. The other students on the other hand get a day playing the drum and dancing with Joh Camara. They'll just have to wait until they're in 5th grade.

What to choose?

by Happyme (staff)

At the fourth grade, most students get to choose to play a band or string instrument, however they can only choose one, and they don't need to even pick one. In the start of fifth grade, students can do both band and string. I played both the cello and the trumpet. The real challenge is in the start of seventh grade. All students have to pick a music related subject. The things to pick from are strings, band, chorus (which is basically music class) and "world percussion ensemble." But the real problem comes with the fact that students can only choose one music activity and they must choose one. That can be very hard for some. Sakshi Hastir, 6th grader, who does

strings, band and chorus states, “It’s difficult to choose because I have done all three of these things (strings, band and music class), two years of band, three years of strings and music class for my whole life. My first pick was chorus because chorus is amazing, and you learn a lot of music from a lot of different places.” So the big question is, “What to choose?”

Drawing Contest

For Argenziano students in all grades.

Media: black and white (pencil, pen and ink, and/or charcoal)

Subject: Lioness

Entry steps: Draw your lioness on plain white drawing paper using black pen, pencil, and/or charcoal.

Take a clear photocopy of your drawing. Keep the original drawing safe in a folder with your teacher.

On the photocopy, print your full name, grade, teacher’s name and homeroom and submit it to Ms.

Flynn in the main office. There will be prizes in these 3 age groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8.

Haiku are easy,
But they sometimes don't make sense
Bleep blorp like just then. -Elle Gys

WRITE FOR THE AFAS JOURNAL

Did you know?

- All students may write for the *AFAS Journal*
- You do not have to be in the club

When they are published in the *AFAS Journal*, you will earn one point per word toward prizes in the Writers’ Arcade. Submit your school news and community articles to your teacher or to Ms. Flynn in the office, or by email, kid@12zine.com. Please make sure your name is on the article!

Lioness name and drawing

by Happyme and EYEWITNESS (staff)

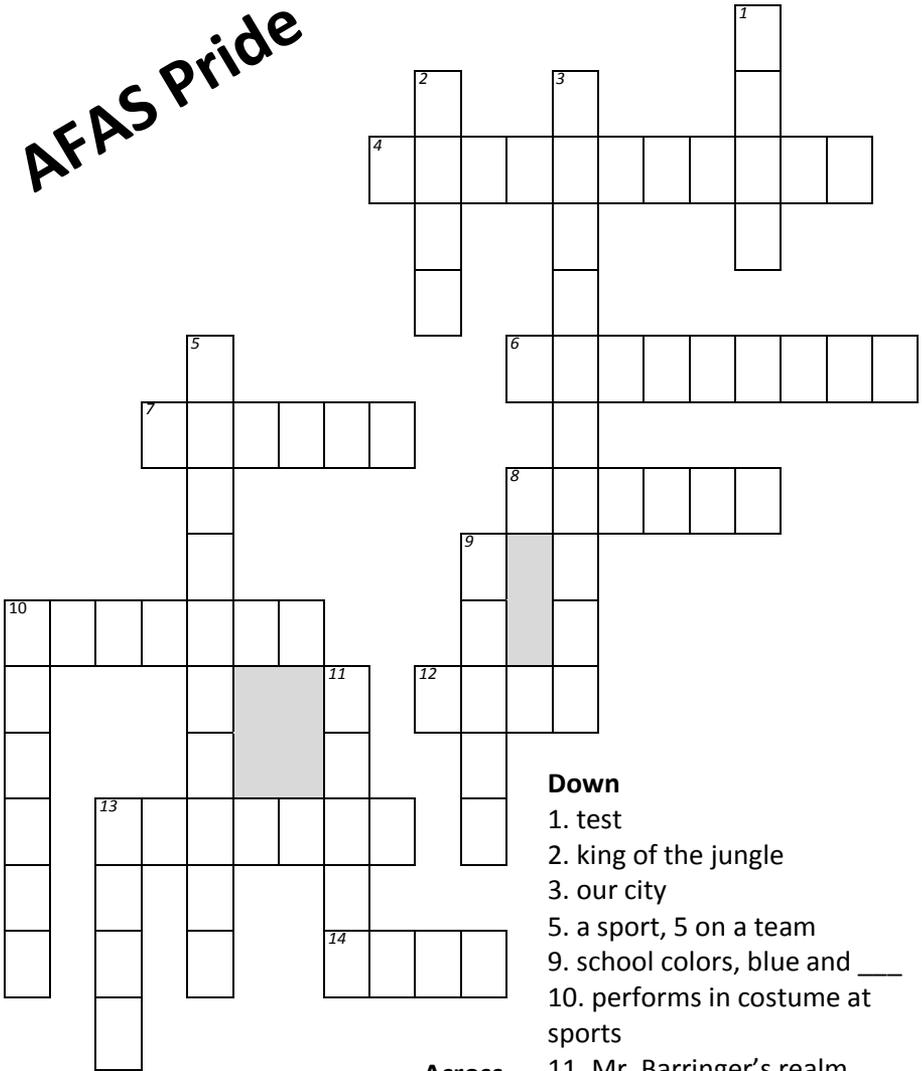
As you may have read the Lioness article is asking for more lioness pictures on the wall. As part of the article we got a plush stuffed lioness (cover). She is the new mascot for the journalism club and we need a name for her. If you want to try and name her find a journal club member and tell them it, or email us at afasjournal@gmail.com with the name. We will let the students vote for the name of the lioness. We also need drawings of lionesses to put up on the walls. Please draw us pictures and give them to a journal club member. This is for all ages. Thank you for your time.

The Argenziano

by Molly and “?”

Ones upon a time there was a boy named Albert Argenziano. He liked his school but he thought that it was too old and too rusty. One time when he was in his classroom, a big tile fell from the ceiling and landed on a boy in his class. That was a terrible fate for that poor little boy. Then he had an idea. It was to build a new school. It would be big, and wonderful, but best of all, new. It would not have ceilings that fell on children while they were learning. He decided to share the idea with some of his friends. Some of the kids did not agree with this because they thought that their school was a great school and that sometimes they got to skip a school day because of a leak or a crack in a wall of the cafeteria. They said that some of those times were the funnest times of their lives. He just told them that it would be much funner if they got to skip a whole year of school. “But it would be much less exciting if we skipped a year because then we would know that the next day would not be a school day and when we do get to skip school I like to cheer. It makes me very happy.” “Plus,” another one said, “WE WOULD NOT SEE OUR FRIENDS!” Then he started crying. And Albert decided to walk away before he got in trouble. He continued to think about his idea until he grew up and he created the Albert F. Argenziano school.

AFAS Pride



Down

1. test
2. king of the jungle
3. our city
5. a sport, 5 on a team
9. school colors, blue and ____
10. performs in costume at sports
11. Mr. Barringer's realm
13. top lioness

Across

4. old school name (2 words)
6. youngest grade
7. PE coach
8. ____ graders can't wait to move on
10. top lion
12. what 10 across rides to school
13. Espanol
14. young bears or lions

by Briana Bartlett

Time

Gaurav Hastir

I am Time,
You can not waste me,
For I am Time.
I tell you when the years go by,
I tell you when to get out of your bed,
I tell you when to leave and go,
I tell you when it's morning, evening and night because,
I am Time

Rain

M.J. Jaugust

Wet

Splashes down upon my head

Wets my hair

Falls as if pieces of the sky are dropping down,

Into puddles

Cracks

Crevices

Nooks

Crannies

Making everything wet.

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Jahmai's buddy bench

by Elle M. Gys

In memory of Jahmai Furtado Cooper the school has installed a buddy bench. On Friday, October 27th, 2017, it was announced that when the field opens the buddy bench will open.



As you know, a buddy bench is a special place in a school playground where a kid can go when he or she wants to talk or play with someone. If you see a kid on the buddy bench you know you can go over and say, "Hi, what's up?"

The school chose the buddy bench to honor Jahmai because of his ability to connect with other people and his ability to connect people with others. If you were in kindergarten he would be friends with you, if you were in 8th grade he would be friends with you. If you went to a different school he would be friends with you, and if you just met him he would be friends with you. He would always comfort you if you were upset, he would laugh with you when you told jokes, and he would share everything you asked from him. He was a great student and was always excited to learn new things. He made great jokes and was the class clown in every class. Jahmai was great at trying new things and was a very easy person to connect to. He was happy to be different and accepted people for who they are. He was a role model for younger and older students in any grade and any school.

His family got a tour of where the buddy bench was going to be placed and got to see a plaque that would be placed in the cement in front of the buddy bench. Jahmai was a very good student, he could lift your spirit off the ground, and he was great friend to all.

Making Friends

Making friends is quick and easy,
Just ask someone and don't feel queasy! —by Molly

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