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“News From The Nest”

News Staff 2014-2015

By: Mrs. Mac



Our student newspaper staff has been working diligently to get our first paper to press. You will see some familiar articles, as well as, some new ones. Our reporters will be continuing with Champion Chats interviews in the next issue. New this issue is Champion Moments, as we share with you some students who are doing remarkable things. We have sixteen reporters this year, of which eight are returning. Everyone has been sharing their knowledge and experience to turn out an issue of which we can be proud. We sincerely hope that you enjoy reading it as much as we did getting it all together.

This year's staff is composed of eight 5th grade reporters: Holly Hines, Kolby Cox, Giovanni Gallegos, Andrew Blanton, Kamyia Gary, Jaycee Price, Connor Huskey, and Drew Williams. And eight 4th graders: Ansley Mossburg, Andrew Gregory, Anderson Parker, Tanner Jones, Jackson Ramsey, Mikayla Grogan, Ethan Lawson, and Jasmine Dixon.

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It's a Bird..It's a Tree..It's Technology! BY: Ansley Mossburg



Katie Faith Watson and Cayden Green from Mrs. Baily's class.

We have a new and exciting project this school year. Our third grade classes were the first to participate in a program that blends many different learning styles while integrating a variety of subjects. (IHub: Innovation Hub) The purpose of blended learning is to get students more involved in and able to understand how to use technology in the classroom.

Blended learning happens when any class merges technology and traditional learning styles. Here at CES, we used our 3rd grade classes to begin this new task. Classroom participants met in the library once a day for several weeks.

Their classroom teacher and other instructors helped them work on projects about social studies or science. After the students researched and gained lots of information about their topic, then they put it into charts. They displayed their information in puppet pals or books and presented it to their class.

The people in charge of putting together Blended Learning here are basically 7 teachers. Their names are Mrs. Aquisto, Mrs. Dupler, Mrs. Watson, and our four third grade teachers; Mrs. McSwain, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Dodgens, and Miss Painter. They helped teach and explain information to the students and read their papers.

When Mrs. Painter's class visited the library for blended learning, they skyped with other students from across the state. They used many different search engines to get their information. When Mrs. McSwain's class visited the library for blended learning, they researched animal adaptations. Her class researched by using search engines, iPad's, and printed books to complete their research. Once they had all of their information they organize it and expected to keep up with their research. I was fortunate enough to visit Mrs. Bailey's class as they were studying the events leading up to the American Revolution in their Blended Learning class. To display their work, they put their information in Puppet Pals or books. They showed their presentations to the class once they had finished their work.



A group from Mrs. Bailey's class working with Mrs. Dupler.

The Pursuit of Anything...By: Holly Hines

Our school theme this year is the "Pursuit of Excellence", so what does it actually mean? What must we do to get there and how do we achieve this goal? These are questions we must answer if we are to make an attempt to find excellence. The definition of the pursuit of excellence to me means showing the action of doing something excellent or a quality or talent you have. As each of us pursues excellence, we must set goals to help us achieve this. I have chosen to pursue happiness, self-improvement and pursue something even larger than myself.

You can pursue happiness in many ways: here are three I would like to suggest. We all want to do things that make our days content and meaningful. For example: 1. Think positive. Always have a can do attitude. Don't second guess yourself, but be willing to learn from mistakes you make. 2: Doing what you love to do life, so your work will be enjoyable. For me that is sports, however, each individual may choose something different. 3: Understand that life isn't perfect; look for the good. After all, we weren't promised a rose garden, and even a rose has thorns. There will be hard ships in life and you have to conquer them.

Another way to achieve happiness is through Self-improvement. Most all people have curiosity toward the world and lifelong learning. I believe that continuous self-improvement and development in my own leadership skill will involve the following:

- ◇ Learn, grow, and improve by reading, listening, asking, noticing, taking things apart, networking, teaching, subscribing, training, browsing, and exploring
- ◇ Seek out feedback from others and opportunities for personal growth
- ◇ Expose yourself to new things, even if they don't directly help your job today
- ◇ Seek ways to apply what you've learned
- ◇ Compete against yourself - not others - to take each of your skills to the next level

Lastly, pursue something larger than yourself. If you want to be the best only for yourself, you're doing it for the wrong reasons. You should be driven to be the best you can be, or to do something that's never been done before such as, the apple products. These benefit all humanity. That's a noble pursuit. Work towards changing other people's lives, find an opportunity to get someone or something better than it was before, or even make changes for generations to come. These are all causes that deserve your time and passion.

To conclude, we can pursue anything we set our minds to. Pursing happiness, self-improvement, and pursuing something larger than myself are steps I want to take. In my teacher's classroom, there is a quote I would like to share, "If you are not determined to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you!" This quote really inspires me in many ways.



Road Trip! ...Camping Adventure

By: Kolby Cox

Are you ready for the best trip of your life? We will be traveling to the Oconee State park, near beautiful Walhalla, South Carolina. It is 96 miles away, and takes

about two hours to drive it. The trip will be a camping trip. There are some history sites in this area, camping, and hiking. On this trip you will need for shelter: a tent,

tarp, poles, rope, and stakes. For bedding: sleeping bag, and air mattress with pump, if wanted. For cooking: large water jug or bucket, cooler with ice, propane stove with propane, matches or lighter, charcoal, firewood, fire starter, newspaper, paper plates and bowls, plastic eating utensils, trash bags, cooking utensils, can opener if needed, paper cups, napkins, and seasoning. For clothing: hiking shoes, shorts, t-shirt, underwear, socks and extra if needed, hat, sleep wear, rain gear (just in case), and swim wear. Personal materials: deodorant, personal medication, and anything else needed. For safety: first aid kit, sunscreen, Bug spray, and sunburn lotion.



Friday: Arrive- Check in- Set up campsite

Setting up: Clear area of any debris. Put down ground cover in the tent spot. Put up your tent make sure to drive the stakes into the ground for safety. If you would like then you can place a tarp at the entrance of the tent. If you do put a tarp at the entrance, you can keep a brush and dust pan to keep it clean. Don't forget your sleeping area put the bedding materials that you are going to use and place it in your tent. When you are done, build your campfire. You can make a campfire spot by placing rocks in a circle. You also need to set-up your eating area. I suggest you to keep your food and coolers in the car when you are not using them. If you leave food outside then there is a chance Raccoons can get your food and munch on it. After you have made a campfire put it into use with whatever food you have and you can cook it. After supper, you can roast marshmallows and make s'mores. You should head to bed around 10:00, so you will be rested for your busy day tomorrow.

Saturday: Start your day with a good and big breakfast because you are going to need it. You can chose a trail to hike in the morning from 1 mile to 1 1/2 mile to 2 miles and the longest one 2 1/2. I suggest **Hidden Falls Trail**. Be sure to pack a backpack with snacks before you start to go on the hiking trip. Take bug spray and sun screen with some healthy snacks, like nuts, granola, fruit, and water. You might like to bring a journal, pencil, and binoculars to enjoy and record the wildlife and vegetation. Take your time and enjoy the

Road Trip! ...Camping Adventure ...continued



Hidden Falls Trail.

morning sun. You should return to your camp site just in time to make lunch. After eating, relax for awhile; read a book or take a well-deserved nap. Spend the rest of your afternoon on the water. You can rent a paddle boat, a canoe, or a kayak at the campground shop. Just enjoy the sights, or get some fishing in. The lake is freshly stocked in the winter months. Either way, you can enjoy the sunset from the water. If you do fish, fry your catch up for supper!

Sunday: Wake up early and enjoy the beauty of the sunrise in a natural setting. After that, prepare your breakfast. You may want to go ahead and make your lunch, too. This morning will

Be filled with breaking down camp and cleaning up. Remember to pour cold water on your campfire area, and leave the surroundings as natural and clean as possible for the next camper to enjoy.

I love to camp. I hope you enjoy your camping experience. Be sure to share your adventure with us here at News from the Nest.

First Tee.....By: Jackson Ramsey

The First Tee is a new program at Chesnee Elementary School. The First Tee is an international youth development organization. It introduces the game of golf and it's inherit values to young people. The First Tee is not considered a club, it is a unit in physical education. Chesnee Elementary was fortunate enough to receive a generous donation to get First Tee off the round. It was used to purchase the equipment. Coach Goode had to go a First Tee training class to be certified. All students at CES will have an opportunity to participate in First Tee. Coach Goode chose 4 fourth graders to take part in the first tee life and golf skills challenge . He chose 2 boys and 2 girls based on golf skills level and also on good character. Tanner Jones, Brianna Barnett, Derek Crisp, Noah Mittag were our first four representatives.



Music Notes

By: Andrew Gregory



Chesnee Elementary School's music teacher is THE best; she is Mrs. Willis. As you can see, she is already hard at work. She has completed three performances; she is also working on the fifth grade drama that will be completed by the printing of this article. (Checkout the next issue for those details.)

First Grade classes and Mrs. Neely's class presented a program on September 9, 2014. Our amazing music teacher created a new song to the tune of "Do You Want to Build a Snowman" from Frozen. She re-created one of the songs that so many people love. But she changed it up a bit and Mrs. Willis called her arrangement "Do You Want to be a Champion". Second and Third grade presented their program on October 14, 2014. It was called "The Box", and was all about the fun you could have with an empty box and imagination. Fourth and Fifth grade and Mrs. Lowery's class performed their Christmas musical on December 9, 2014. In it there were many different familiar songs. One

was *We Need a Little Christmas*, the others were called *When Santa Clause Gets Your Letter*, *Little Drummer Boy*, and *The Baby of Bethlehem*. It ended with an all-time favorite, *Jingle Bell Rock*!!

All of these programs were lots of fun for the students. And I know the parents enjoyed them, too. Thanks Mrs. Willis for making music fun!



Imath.....

by: Connor Huskey and Andrew Blanton

CES presents the 5th grade Imath Club that allows students to create real world math videos for the students at Chesnee Elementary. The purpose for this club is to teach kids about technology and math, and to help kids throughout the school district. The requirements include a teacher's permission. The club only meets monthly and works hard every meeting, but sometimes we have to do it more often to complete a project. We try to share the current math focus for each grade level with the questions are made from four students in the club. Their names are Andrew Blanton, Hudson Dupler, Dylan Bennett, and Anthony Puckett. They make the videos using iMovie and the apple Mac Book.



Guiding Light..... BY: Anderson Parker

Mrs. Wade is our guidance counselor. As one can, see she has been very busy. So far this year Mrs. Wade has covered Leader of the Nest each week, Fire Safety, Red Ribbon Week, Bullying, and "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?". Bullying is a serious issue in school so Mrs. Wade wants to make sure our students understand what it is. In third, fourth,



and fifth grades they have played a game called *Is It Bullying*. She has also done *Bully*, *Bully Go Away* and played *Bully Bingo*. Have you filled a bucket today? Well, Mrs. Wade has told you what a *bucket filler* and a *bucket dipper* is. She has also played *Fill a Bucket Bingo*. Be sure you fill yours every day. Mrs. Wade has also done Leaders of the Nest each week. K5 through fifth grades take turns each week at the Leaders of the Nest table in the cafeteria. But a student has to earn the right to sit there. Homeroom teachers nominate students based on behavior and leadership qualities. Mrs. Wade has done Fire Safety with everybody. Fourth and Fifth grades have done *Why We Celebrate National Fire Prevention Week*, along with Third grade. K5, First, and Second grades have read *Sparky the Fire Dog* and did a fire study with our Chesnee Fire Department.

Coach's Corner...

by: Jackson Ramsey

The Pursuit of Fitness Student Recognition For "coach-ability"

Grades K5-2...

Parachute

Shake

UP/Down

Clubhouse

popcorn

Grades 3-5

Volleyball

Forearm pass

Overhead pass

Under head pass

Suggestions for Fitness

Spend some time outside every day enjoying fresh air and exercise.

Anderson's Class	Corn's Class
Nicole Helton	Trista Gaffney
Hudson Dupler	Mark Difort
McAllister's Class	Wall's Class
Kyleigh Thompson	Holly Hines
Connor Huskey	Kolby Cox

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Look for complete details coming home soon!

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Artist Spotlight.....

By: Drew Williams

Mrs. West, our art teacher, chose Alisa Gallegos as this issue's Artist in the Spotlight. She is 9 years old, and she is in Mrs. Newman's 4th grade home-room and Mrs. Turner's afternoon class. Alisa isn't in Gifted Art this year. Her favorite subject in school is science because she loves to learn about animals and light. To make her project, she used construction paper, scissors, crayons and oil pastels. Alisa folded her paper into quarters, and then she cut a crescent on the open end. She smoothed it out and used a leaf shape to trace leaves. Then she added acorns and flowers, coloring all. She just imagined fall objects as she drew. She was happy with the results, but said she wouldn't overlap flowers and acorns if she did it again. Alisa loves to draw as a way to express what she is thinking and feeling. Alisa shares her home with her parent and 2 sisters. She has no pets, but if she could have one it would be a German Shepard puppy!



Campus Celebrity....

By: Giovanni Gallegos

For the first issue of the year I chose Mrs. Atkins, as our Campus Celebrity. She has been her for 11 years, and has held two positions; one as a second grade teacher, and now as a reading interventionist. In her current position, she pulls small groups of students to work on strategies that help them become good readers. Her small groups usually read two short books each day. She and her students meet every day, they work on phonics and writing. I have given Mrs. Atkins a couple of questions. An important one was what would she change in here job. She said, 'I would love to be able to see or work with even more students, they are my favorite part'. Also, the biggest way she wants students to remember her is by the way she is a caring person who influenced their lives and helped them LOVE reading. Mrs. Atkins has her husband named Travis, a daughter named Addie who is in K5 in Chesnee Elementary School. Also Mrs. Atkins LOVES books of all kind, movies, and traveling. In here university years she went to USC upstate for her Bachelor's degree and later she converse college for here masters degree.



Chesnee Elementary School
and PTO presents

Spring Festival and Art Show

Festival: Thursday, April 2nd 5:00-7:30

Egg hunt ages 6 and under at 6:30

Egg Hunt ages 7-11 at 7:00

\$10 stamp per child will include the following activities:

Games, community service vehicles, inflatables, cupcake decorating, egg hunt and bag decorating for egg hunt, Eagle Mascot

Bring your camera for pictures with spring bunny.

Additional events not included with stamp:

Chickfila, Little Ceasar's, ices, face painting, basket raffle, cake walk, dunking booth, cotton candy

Drake Rush in Ms. Painter Class

His birthday is January /17/06, his brother and sister is Owen, 4 ,Charlee Kate, 3. His parents are Stace, 31,James, 35 , he has always lived in Chesnee. Drake has one dog and his favorite place to eat is Bantam Chef and his favorite movie is Ninja Turtles. He has a brother named Owen that has hydrocephalus. Because of this, he wants to be a doctor and one day he wants to cure people who have hydrocephalus. This is one goal he has set for the



Student Spotlight... Third Grade

By: Ethan Lawson

Frankie Martin in Mrs. Dodgen's Class

His birthday is May/25/06 and he has two brothers, one is 9 his name is John ,and JJ who is older than him. He has away lived Chesnee. Frankie has a dog and a Cat named Rex and Mittens. Favorite restaurant is Bantam Chef. He eats the dogs, fries, and mashed potatoes. His favorite movie Aliens , In the Attic and likes playing Disney Infinity Marvels. A person that inspires him is Kaitlyn because she has been like a sister to him and he like her brother to her. His future hope is to meet Jesus and ask him questions.



Aubrey Aparis in Mrs. McSwain Class

Her birthday is August /9/ 06 her brothers are Michael is 16, and Jacob is 12 years old and she has always lived in the same house set she was born. She has two dogs and two cats and her favorite restaurant is Apple Bee's and she eats the chicken Penne and her favorite movie is pictch perfect. Likes to hunt and fish with her brothers and dad support her even if she wins or lose my dad always wrapped around my little finger since day



Cayden Green in Mrs. Bailey Class

Her birthday is May/31/06 her brother is Caleb he is 3 years old and she has lived in Chesnee her hole life. Has a dog named piper and her favorite place to eat is Burger King and eats whopper Jr. and favorite movie is Dolphin Tale 2 and Isabelle Dances Into the Spotlight. College like to go to her mother supports me and there for him a good education get into good college and good career.



Champion Moments..... By: Jaycee Price

I'm proud to announce that we are beginning a new article called Champion Moments. It is about that special moment when a student is a champion.



Our first Champion student is 5th grader, Holly Hines. Mrs. Flynn, her former 4th grade home-room teacher, saw her in a 5K in Columbia. She won her age division and her time was 26 minutes. Mrs. Flynn was so proud of her because last year Holly started GOTR (Girls on the Run) and it was her first experience with running.

The second Champion student is actually a "group". Our music teacher, Mrs. Willis is recognizing 5 people that are in Honors Chorus, they are: Holly Hines, Brandon Pressley, Faith Anna Stewart, and Abbie Thompson. She is recognizing these students because they performed at the Bill Drake Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 7. Thanks to these awesome singers!



Our last Champion this issue is from Mrs. Price's 1st grade class. She has chosen Alyssa Soules for her champion because she entered a pageant called the Wee Miss Clemson Pageant and WON!! The pageant was for 7-9 year olds. She won a trophy, crown, sash, and got to ride in the Chesnee and Boiling Springs Christmas parade.

Awesome job to all you Champions.

Author and Singer.... By: Kamyia Gary



Have you ever heard of Eric Litwin? Well if you haven't, maybe you've heard of Pete the Cat. If it weren't for Eric, Pete the Cat would not exist! Eric Litwin was born on Aug. 16 1966; today he is 48 years old. And has thirty two awards for his amazing talent which is to write and sing. He started off in a teaching career. He went to Washington University and earned his two Master's degrees. He was born in the Big Apple, New York City, but when he got older, he moved to Atlanta. He said that he always enjoyed writing and music. He knows how to play a lot of instruments such as guitar, harmonica, piano, and the banjo. He also can sing. But enough of his singing and his instruments. Let's get to the good stuff...When interviewed, he was asked, "Are you going to write any more books and where do you get these incredible ideas?" He said, "Yes, I am going to write more books. THAT IS WHAT I DO FOR A LIVING!" He said that he recently wrote a book about the

nut family. The reporter then asked where his awesome ideas come from?! Eric says all he does is day dream about these characters that are cool and just draws crazy characters. He was then asked what inspires him, and especially where he got the ideas to write Pete the Cat Saves Christmas? He answered that Pete the Cat Saves Christmas was a parody of T'was the Night before Christmas. And what inspire him most is the kids all around the world! That's what motivates him and that is why he keeps on writing.

Meet the Author...By: Mikayla Grogan

Do you like scary stories? If you do, no book matches the Goosebumps series! Goosebumps is by Robert Lawrence Stine, (R.L Stine). His books are breathtaking and give you a chill and a fright.

There are so many Goosebumps books it will be difficult to decide which one you want. From the 51 books he has published, R.L. Stine has written many books I think you might enjoy. Here are a few: How I Learned To Fly, It Came From Beneath The Sink, The Curse Of The Mummy's Tomb, and The Girl Who Cried Monster. R.L. Stine has won 15 awards total. One of the awards he has won is the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Book (Rotten School).

R.L. Stine was born in Columbus, Ohio. He spent his childhood in Ohio, and even attended Ohio State University. Stine married Jane Waldhorn. They have a son named Matthew. In the end, I hope you have learned a lot about R.L Stine. Perhaps this article will encourage you to read some of the books he has written, if you haven't tried his works.



By Tanner Jones

Recipe For a Good Book

1 cup of PLOT:

Casey and Margaret have a dad that does a little bit of planting. He says ever thing is safe but he also says stay out of the basement. So does he really mean what he says?

2 Tablespoons of EXCITEMENT:

As you read this book it might seem a little scary but it gets more excited too. It will send goose bumps of excitement down your back!

Finally sprinkle on the following INFORMATION:

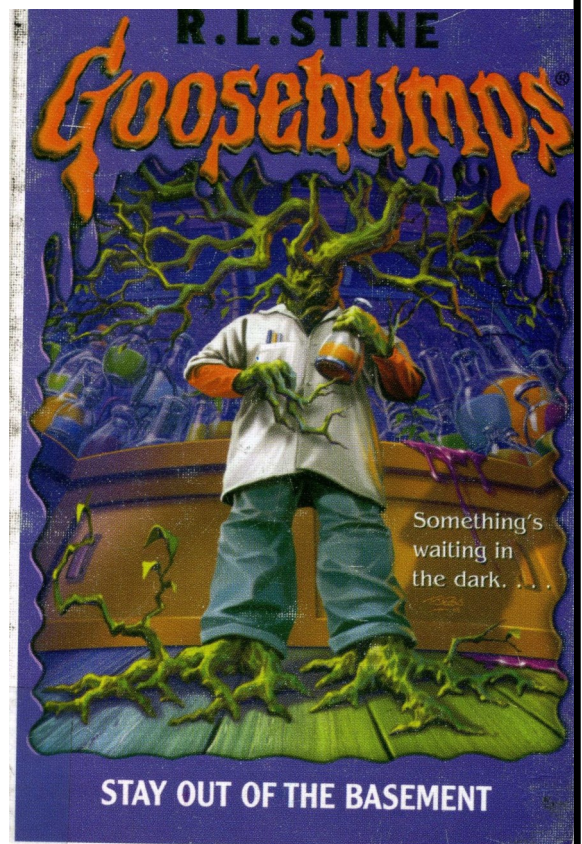
In this story it might be too scary for some kids. For small kids it could give them nightmares. I recommend it for kids in second grade and up.

Book Title: Goosebumps: Stay Out of the Basement

Author: R.L. Stine

Number of pages: 122 pg.

Literary Genre: Fiction



Mix thoroughly and bake, when cool, frost with this special icing:

1/2 cup of OPINION:

I like Goosebumps because it always has a mystery. Every time it ends a chapter it always has a end that keeps you going.

Newspaper Scavenger Hunt

The answers to all 12 questions on this scavenger hunt are in the articles throughout this issue. Read the articles and answer all questions to be entered into a drawing for an itunes gift card. Place your answered sheet, with your name and homeroom teacher on it, in Kolby's Blog Box in Mrs. Mac's Lab by 12:00 Noon, on April 2. The winner will be announced on WCES News the next morning. **This is open to 3rd—5th graders only.** Good Luck!

1. Why did Mrs. Flynn choose Holly Hines for Champion Moments? _____
2. Who is featured in the First Tee photo? _____
3. What activity did Miss Painter's class do in Blended Learning?

4. In Kamyia's article, where did Eric move to when he was older ? _____
5. Name the **two** main kids in the featured Goosebumps book.

6. What two things are **ADDED** in the art spotlight drawing? _____
7. Name 3 RL Stine books from Meet the Author article.

8. In the article, Pursuit of Anything, what are 2 ways to think happiness?

9. In Student Spotlight, where is Frankie Martin's favorite place to eat?

10. From Connor's and Andrew's article, who are the 3 students?

11. In this issue's Artist Spotlight, what is Alisa's favorite subject?

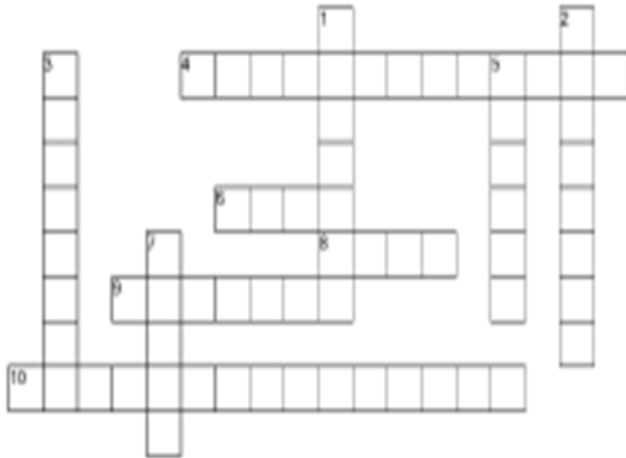
12. What is Mrs. Atkin's favorite part of her job?

Name: _____
Date: _____

Spring Crossword

What is used when it is broken? An egg!

Complete the activity.



ACROSS

4. A day for pranks
6. Works best on a windy day
8. Precipitation
9. A small pool of water
10. Set clocks ahead one hour

DOWN

1. April showers bring these
2. A yellow flower with a trumpet-shaped center
3. Used to keep dry
5. A season of the year
7. A flower often associated with Holland

1. daffodil	4. rain	7. umbrella	10. Daylight savings
2. tulip	5. puddles	8. kite	
3. spring	6. flowers	9. April Fools Day	

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Fun Page.....

How Smart Are You????

Q: Which one weighs more, a ton of bricks or a ton of feathers?

Q: What is the center of gravity?

Q: If you were in a race and you passed the person in second place, what place would you be in?

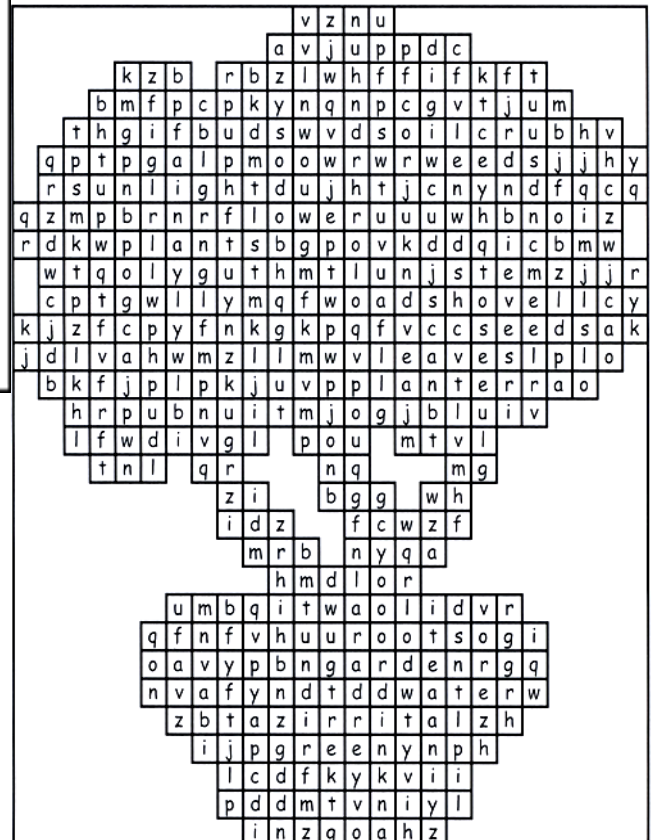


Answer 3 : 2nd place

Answer 2 : Letter V !

Answer 1 : They both weigh the a ton !

Plants



plants roots stem water leaves buds seeds soil planter shovel dig weeds
green flower garden sunlight



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