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STEM PROGRAM - FUN WAY TO SPEND THE DAY



A REVIEW OF THE STEM PROGRAM

By Lindsay Sousa

On October 15th we got to be a part of an awesome assembly about Science. We went to the gym and the first thing

everyone saw when we sat down was a robot. Everyone was interested and said "whoa". One of the cool things about the robot was that he could connect to the internet. He could also do workouts. The robot's name was NAO. You could

program NAO to even play soccer, you could even choose for it to be a boy or a girl. NAO is 25 inches tall. I was going to ask for the robot for Christmas, but the man giving the assembly said they cost \$8,000.

Some of the activities my friends and I went to try were tests to see which object was faster. We also got to see a 3-D printer. The man giving the presentation showed us a picture of a Mine-craft pickaxe. He said the printer could build the pickaxe out of plastic. It would tell you how long it would take to build on the computer. We

also got to see a power light. The power light was powered by a bicycle. You had to pedal the bicycle to power up the huge bright light. This taught us different ways to think about energy. Another station we got to try was a building block matching station. The man made a picture with blocks and you had to try to match the picture finding the blocks he used.

This assembly was a fun way to spend the day and learn a lot more about science. I would really like to see this assembly again! I would give it 4.5 out of 5 stars!

HYDROPONICS MACHINE: IT ALL STARTS WITH WATER

By: Zack, Anamaria, Jack, Samantha, & Katarina

Our school entered a contest to try and win a hydroponics system. Our Butterfly project was a hit and fun to do even if we did not win. It turns out we had a hydroponics system donated to our school.

A hydroponics system uses only water, no soil is needed. It also needs light, both of these make it a controlled environ-

ment. Plants begin as seeds and are put in a special moss until they sprout. The sprouts are put in little black cups and placed in the trays with flowing water under the lights. A PH test is used to check the acid levels to make sure the water is healthy for the plants. Plants also need to be fed special nutrients every two days. It takes 6-8 weeks for the plants to mature.

The first plant we are

growing is Basil. Basil belongs to the mint family and comes from India. The flowers and leaves

are edible but the leaves are the most commonly used. Basil flowers grow as a spike on the top of



Acopia Harvest Donation - Standing with the Hydroponic Machine, L-R: Mrs. Bernardo, Mr. DiManna, Ameth Alzate, Amy Chauvin, Linda Silva, Mayor Murray, Robert Mitchell

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the plant and are usually pink or mauve. We are growing the basil to use in our cafeteria for students to try in their lunch if they want. After the basil was fully grown, it was given to Dawn and Liz, in the cafeteria, for the pizza on Friday. Most everyone who tried it liked it. It was an excellent option for lunch and it was grown in school!



BE A SCOUT!
By Dimitry Dillon

You should be a Scout! I am a Cub Scout. When you're a Scout you can camp, play in the woods, and you can go to the best campground called, Yawgoog. If you're a Boy Scout you can go for a week in a tent with bunks and you can do a ropes course, hike, archery, b.b. guns, swimming, fishing, and there is a cool trading post which is a gift store. I've been there for cabin camping and it was awesome! That is why you should be a Scout.



B.F.Norton Students Full of Spirit on Sports Day:
ABOVE - L-R, Dylan Briere, Christian DaCruz, CJ Webster, Tristan Borden | RIGHT L-R, Monique Garvin, Olivia Costa, Mychaela Brouillette, Elaine Poku

SPIRIT WEEK

By Konnor Klucznik

Spirit Week took place the week of October 27th. Spirit Week was sponsored by the Student

Ambassadors from the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. To participate in Spirit Week, each student had to bring in a canned good or another non-perishable food item each day. All food collected was donated to the Rhode Island Food Bank. The

class who donated the most food won an Ice Cream Party. This year's Spirit Week themes were, Pajama Day, Celebrity Day, Sports Day, Fancy Day and Orange & Black Day.



THE LEGO MOVIE – A REVIEW (SPOILER ALERT)
By Paul Stewart

The Lego Movie is good for kids ages 3-10. The graphics are amazing. The movie is funny. One of my favorite scenes in the movie is when Emet, the main charater, becomes a master builder and builds an awesome robot to defeat President Business, the bad guy. The movie is very exciting. The Lego Movie is for boys and girls. So kids, don't miss out on The Lego Movie!

DOUBLE LOOM: A TOY REVIEW

by Kaitlyn Cornejo

Dear B.F. Norton Students,

Hi, I am Kaitlyn. I am a fifth grader in Ms. Antonelli's class. I am going to be talking about a loom kit called "The Ultimate Super Loom and Cra-z-character Kit". It is a very cool cra-z-loom kit. It includes 1 loom, 1 double-wide loom, 2 weaving hooks, 3,104 assorted latex rubber bands, 3 clip-on hooks, 24 pony beads, 1 string (2 yards), 16 buttons, 65 "s" clips, 1 sticker sheet (4in x 3.5in), Easy to follow lettering templates, and instructions. It is very cool and \$17.99 at Walmart but they may not have the exact one but they are all super cool.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn C.

MY TRIP TO COPAN HONDURAS

By Michael Villanueva

This past summer I got to spend a month in Copan Honduras, Central America where the ancient Mayan temples stand. They are rich with history of a time long ago with artifacts of a culture that once thrived there. I was able to climb ancient pyramids and see the artifacts that were found inside. They have a Mayan museum where they display all the pieces they find. I ate some of the local food and I was able to hold Macaws up close and ride in a moto-taxi.

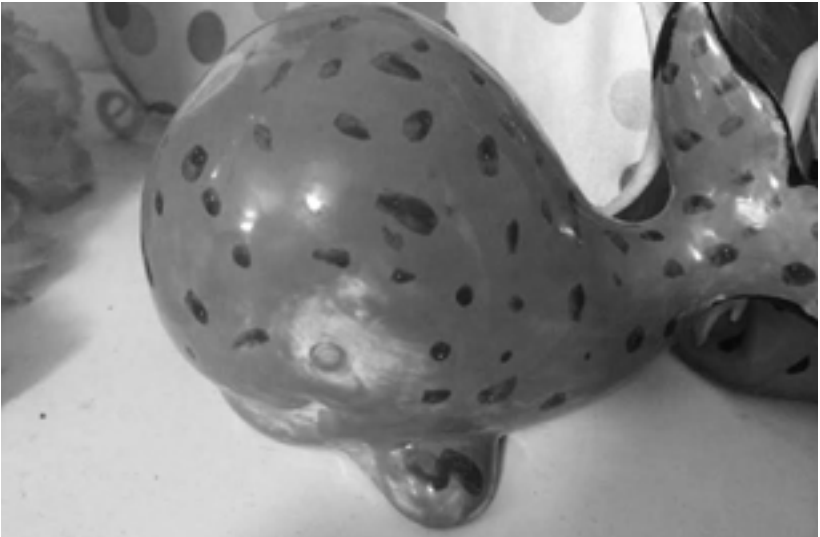
Soccer is the favorite sport there and my uncle used to be a professional player who now is a coach and owns his own soccer camp where we got to play a lot. He also took us to Tela Beach where we went dune buggy riding and visited one of the local towns called Valle de Angeles where we went horse-back riding. The weather is hot most of the time; I guess you could say they only have spring and summer. I had a blast with all my cousins and I can't wait to go back again.



Photographs by Michael Villanueva



Above, Michael Villanueva holding Macaws in Copan. Below, ancient Myan ruins of Central America.



A+ FOR THE PEA PODDERY

By Lindsay Sousa

I am reviewing Pea Poddery in Cumberland, RI. I went there a few months ago with my

mom and my brother Luke. I had been to another pottery painting place in Newport before and wanted to try this one too.

First, we pick out our pieces that we want to paint. There were so many cute things to choose from! I got to choose between a big ice cream cone, a cute kitty and a whale. My brother wanted to paint a huge cheeseburger bank but my mom said it was too big, so he did a football. I chose the whale and then we got to pick our paint colors. They let you choose maybe 5 colors to paint out of almost 100! That was a hard decision

too, but fun. They had a cool paint color that was speckled but didn't show until later. I chose a lot of blues and greens. We sat down at a nice table and got to paint right away. My brother was done first, but I took my time and added some designs on my whale. After we were done, we had to leave our pottery there. It seemed like it took forever and ever for them to call us back to say we could pick up. My mom said it was just about 10 days though. I would give Pea Poddery an A+ and I already asked to have my birthday party there!

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC

By Konnor Klucznik

The 5th Grade Band started on Thursday, October 2, 2014. This year's Band Director is Mrs. Lisa Koziol-Kenyon. She is also known by everyone as Mrs. K-K. The Band meets every Thursday morning before school. Mrs. K-K first started playing music when she was in 6th grade at B.F. Norton. She is able to play all band instruments, piano and string instruments. When I asked her why she thinks music is important in education, she said "Because it lets students express themselves in a totally different way."



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INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY

by Cole Pepin

lucky to have her at B.F.

I decided to interview Mrs. Teixeira, B.F. Norton's School Secretary, for the school newspaper because she basically runs the school. From this interview, I learned she's a hard worker and loves her family. We are

Q: Who has influenced you?

A: Mother Teresa

Q: Who is your hero?

A: My mom

Q: Who would you most like to meet?

A: The President of the USA

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: The Way We Were

Q: Who Favorite Book Author?

A: Danielle Steele

Q: What is your favorite TV Show?

A: Dancing with the Stars

Q: What is your favorite Sport or Hobby?

A: Cooking

Q: What has been your favorite Career Choice?

A: School Secretary

Q: What is a Pet Peeve of yours?

A: That I'm too busy to do computer work.



Photo By - Sam Bernardo

QUICK QUESTIONS WITH MRS. SMITH

By Callie Pepin

What is your favorite color? *Turquoise*

What is your favorite book? *Harry Potter*

What is your favorite

movie? *Field of Dreams*

What is your favorite game? *Soccer*

What is your favorite animal? *Pugs*

What is your favorite food? *French Fries*

What is your favorite ice cream? *Chocolate chip raspberry frozen yogurt*

Lastly, why do you like BF Norton? *Because of the diverse group of students and the staff is awesome.*



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QUICK QUESTIONS WITH MS. VILLANOVA

by Katarina Williams

I did this interview because I love art which encouraged me to follow my dreams and be a successful art student.

When did you realize

you wanted to be an art teacher?
In middle school [age12].

Would you give art lessons to people who need it?
Yes, I would.

Where did you work before?
Advertising agency.

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in Glochester town.

WHO IS MS. OLLER?

By Callie Pepin

I chose to interview Miss Oller because she is new and I wanted to hear about her.

Q: What would you do if you had all the money in the world?

A: Employ all my friends and buy a yacht and sail around the world.

Q: What did you do before you came to B F Norton?

A: Went to URI.

Q: What is your favorite Animal and do you have a pet?

A: Donkey. I have no pets but I want a dog.

Q: What is your favorite Food?

A: Sushi.

Q: Do you like your job? Explain.

A: I love my job. It's the best job in the world and I like the kids at BF.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Purple.

Q: How old are you?

A: 23.

Q: What is your favorite candy?

A: I don't like candy.

Q: What is your favorite PE game?

A: Handball.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Finding Nemo"

Q: What is your favorite Book?

A: "Gone Girl"

Now the whole school will know more about Miss Oller.

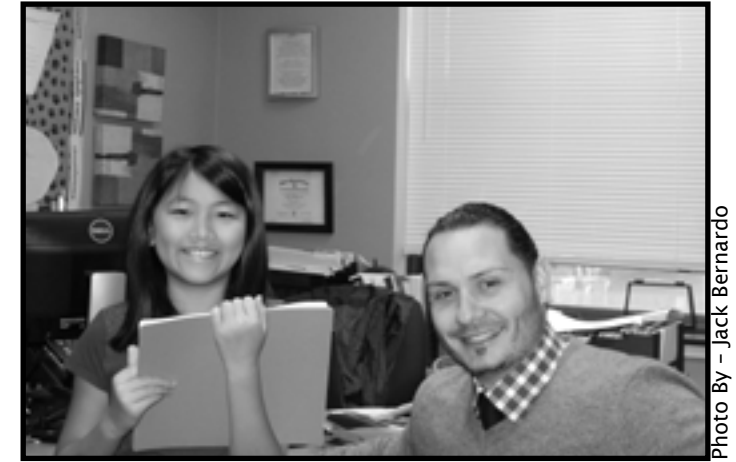


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WHO IS MR. DIMANNA?

By Zoey Fiorillo

Q: Do you like your job?

A: Yes. I like my job because this is a great school community with great students, teachers and staff members.

Q: What was your favorite subject when you were in school?

A: Science because the concepts of life science, how we function and interact within the earth's environment always fascinated me.

Q: What were the names of the schools you went to?

A: St. Mary's Elementary School, Classical High School, Rhode Island College, and Providence College.

Q: What jobs did you have before you were principal?

A: I taught Health and PE.

Q: What is your favorite

book?

A: Animal Farm and Giving Tree

Q: What is your favorite holiday and why?

A: Thanksgiving. I get to spend time with family and friends and I don't have to go to work.

Q: What is your favorite food, restaurant and drink?

A: Chicken Parmigiana, Luciano's, and Dasani Water.

Q: Do you have a pet and what is its name?

A: I have a dog named, Chino. He is a Yorkshire Terrier.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: I like dogs and exotic animals.

Q: What would you do if you had infinity dollars?

A: I would build schools. Donate money to cure diseases. I would play lots of golf.



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INTERVIEW WITH MY MOM

by Anamaria Gomez-Valez

My mom is always telling me and my sister to go to and finish college and even just finish things we’ve started. Therefore, I decided to interview my mom to get the mes-sage out to the world. I wrote this paper to encourage people to finish big (and small) achievements. Interview with Clara Velez:
Q: “What inspired you to finish college?”
A: “In Colombia always teachers and my parents encouraged me to go and finish the university and in Colombia I did two years of uni-versity and I liked it a lot.”
Q: “What did you study?”
A: “I always knew I wanted to do biology and become a veterinar-

ian but it was very hard because in Medellin there was only one university that teaches how to be a veterinarian and was very hard to get in, so I didn’t get in. I chose a different career similar to a vet-erinarian. But when I came to this country, I wanted to finish col-lege in Colombia but I had to start working here to help my parents and to send money to my older sis-ter in Colombia. I had many jobs. I had around 8 different jobs, all in factories where I worked really hard for little wages. After all these I realized I had to learn English and start going back to college. It took a long time because while I worked I also had to study and I had to learn a brand new language. I knew I liked biology so I finished clinical laboratory science and gave

all my thanks to my supporting family. Now I have finished college and am working in a laboratory for good wages.”
Q: “What do you say when young people who are frustrated and don’t know what to be?”
A: “Well think about what you like and your favorite subject in school (not including lunch or recess) and that’s really all there is to it.” These are a few quotes that inspire me to keep trying:
Tell me and I’ll forget. Show me and I may remember, involve me and I learn. - Thomas Jefferson.
Talent is common but what is rare is consistency. – Doris Lessing
Try once but, chances are, one in a million you will win, keep practic-ing and you are sure to win- Ana-maria Gomez- Velez

MALIFICENT: THE STORY OF THE MOVIE

By Janyla Donahue

I am writing about a Disney Chan-nel movie called Maleficent starring Angelina Jolie. Maleficent begins the movie as a little girl and sev-eral years later she becomes a full grown woman. She is very powerful and she can fly high all the way up to the clouds. One day she meets this guy named Stefan. They were friends while they were young until Stefan wanted to become king. The old king told Stefan to chop Ma-leficent’s wings off so he could keep them in a glass so everyone could see them and then Stefan could be king. He wanted to be king and so he chopped Maleficent’s wings off. When she woke up she discovered her wings were gone and she could not fly. She found out the old king had been behind it as revenge for his defeat against her in an old war. Stefan did become king and had a baby girl named Princess Aurora.

To punish Stefan, Maleficent cast a curse on Aurora the day she was born dooming her to prick her fin-ger and fall into slumber when she grew up and making her forget her mother or father. King Stephan sent her away to live with 3 fairies in a house in the woods to protect her. Aurora grew older. One day the princess went up to Maleficent and hugged her and smiled. Maleficent told her she did not like children and to go away, the princess did. Aurora later met her true love. Then when she turned 16 she did prick her finger on a spinning wheel and fell asleep as predicted. Then her true love came and kissed her to break the curse but it did not work. Since King Stefan had no longer cared for the princess, Maleficent had taken care of her for a long time and regretted putting the curse on her and wished she could take it back. So when Maleficent kissed the princess, she woke up. The princess told her she remembered her and

that she was her fairy godmother. Maleficent agreed and they hugged. From then on Maleficent treated the princess like her own daughter. Then a war between Maleficent and King Stefan began. Stefan was powerful and knew he could kill Maleficent because she did not have her wings. Stephen caught Malefi-cent, put her in a cage and she was getting hurt with nowhere to escape. The princess found her wings in a dark basement flying in a glass case. She opened the glass case and the wings took off. Then Maleficent’s wings went back to her and she was very powerful again. She was able to break out of the cage. She won the battle against the king and his knights. Maleficent and the princess hugged and celebrated. Now the princess became queen and both she and Maleficent were treated with respect. They were closer than ever since Maleficent had broken the curse and they lived happily ever after.

JAGUAR JOKES

By Konnor Klucznik

Tom: How does Dr. Seuss count his sheep?
Mary: I dunno. How?
Tom: One sheep, two sheep, red sheep, blue sheep.

Jim: What do you call cheese that isn’t yours?
Bob: I’m stumped.
Jim: Nacho Cheese.

Seth: Why did the boy bring a ladder to school?
Marcus: Tell me.
Seth: He wanted to go to High School!

Scott: Where do pencils go on vacation?
Lindsay: I’m not sure. Why?
Scott: Pencil-vania!

Ben: What does a nosey pepper do?
Sammy: What?
Ben: It gets jalapeno business!

Jack: Why was the clock in the cafeteria always slow?
Dylan: I don’t know. Why?
Jack: Every lunch it went back four seconds!

Sarah: Why are graveyards so noisy?
Casey: I have no clue.
Sarah: Because of all the coffin.

Mary: What has one head, one foot and four legs?
Becky: I have no idea.
Mary: A Bed.

Aidan: How do you make a tissue dance?
Matt: I’m not sure.
Aidan: You put a little boogie into it!

Kara: What’s the easiest way to turn 15 into a quarter?
Penny: Add 10?
Kara: Nope. Put it on a clock.

Susie: Why did the boy eat his homework?
Mark: Why?
Susie: Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake.

Ruby: How did the grape feel when the elephant stepped on it?
Shawn: Tell me.
Ruby: Crushed!

Kenny: How did the ocean say hello?
Ashley: How?
Kenny: It just waved!

Jessie: Why are movie stars so real?
Val: Tell me why.
Jessie: Because they have so many fans!

Rachel: Why do tigers have stripes?
Devin: I haven’t the slightest clue.
Rachel: So they aren’t spotted!

Lisa: Which is faster, cold or heat?
Carla: Tell me.
Lisa: Heat is; you can catch a cold!

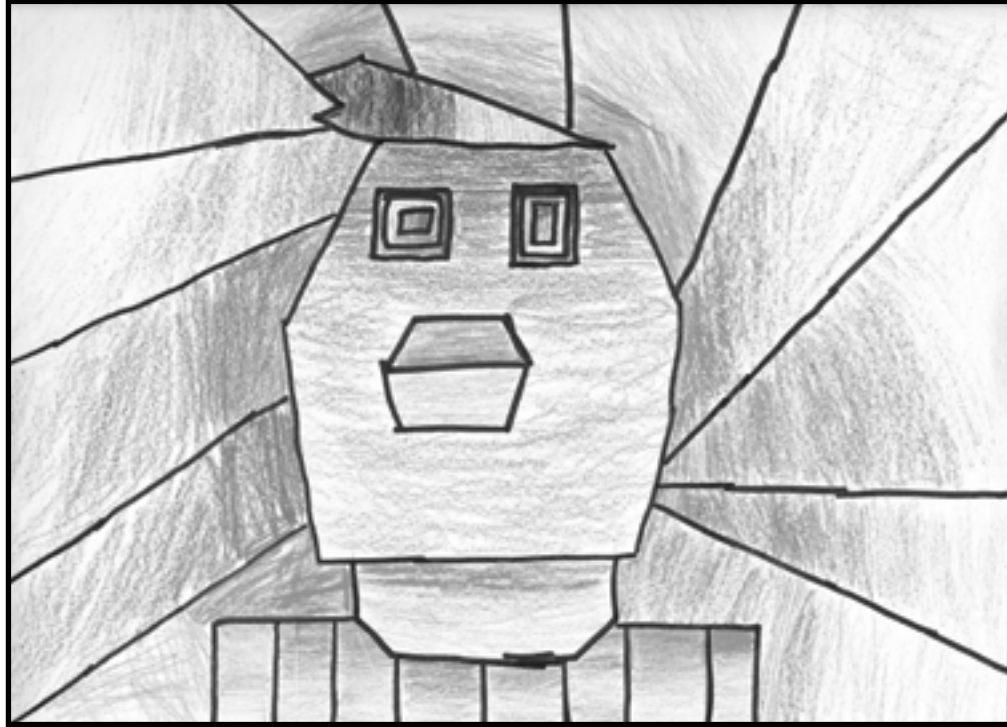
Dan: What’s a soda’s favorite subject in school?
Ryan: I haven’t a clue.
Dan: Fizz Ed.

Brendan: Did you hear the joke about the old milk?
Jayden: No. Is it good?
Brendan: It stinks!

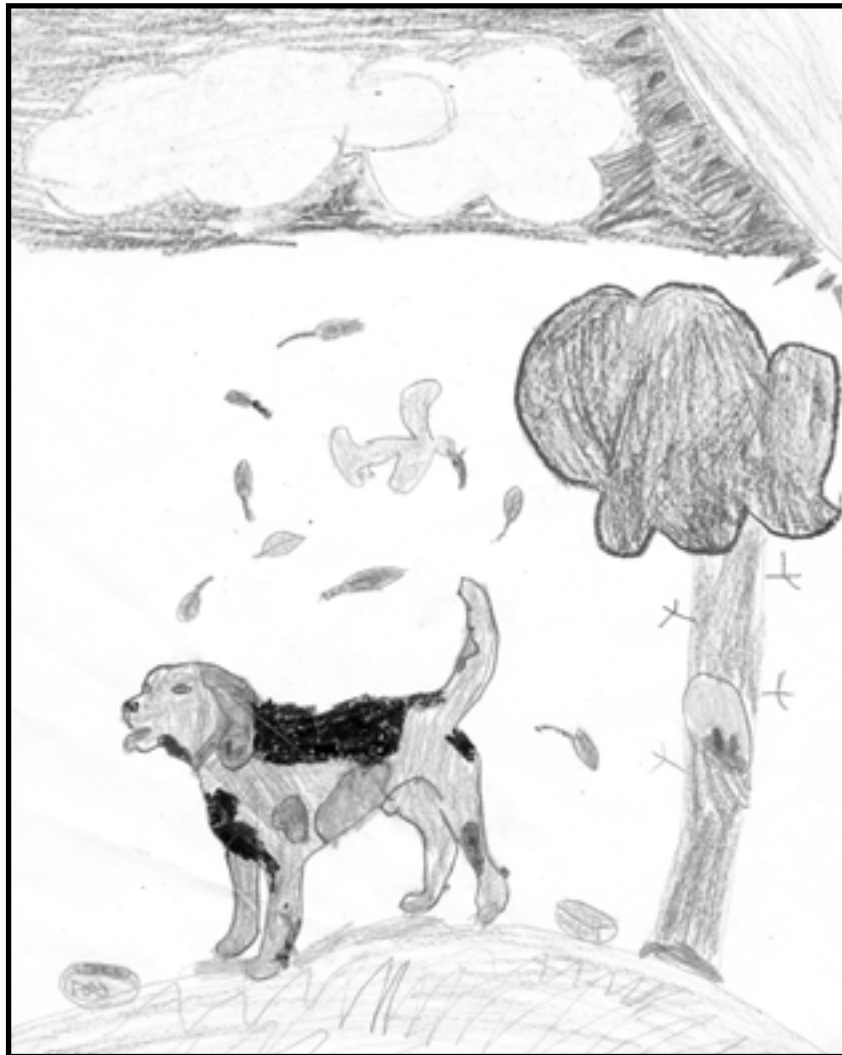
Adam: What did one math book say to the other?
Luke: What?
Adam: I really have a lot of problems!

Dereck: Why did the skeleton go to the movies by himself?
Kyle: Beats me.
Dereck: It had no body to go with.

B.F. NORTON STUDENT ARTWORK



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Mrs. LaCroix
Grade 4



Kayla Harrop
Mrs. Sanford
Grade 4



Katarina Williams
Ms. Macedo
Grade 5



Mia DeBarros
Mrs. LaCroix
Grade 4

WORD SEARCH

[Created by Konnor Klucznik]

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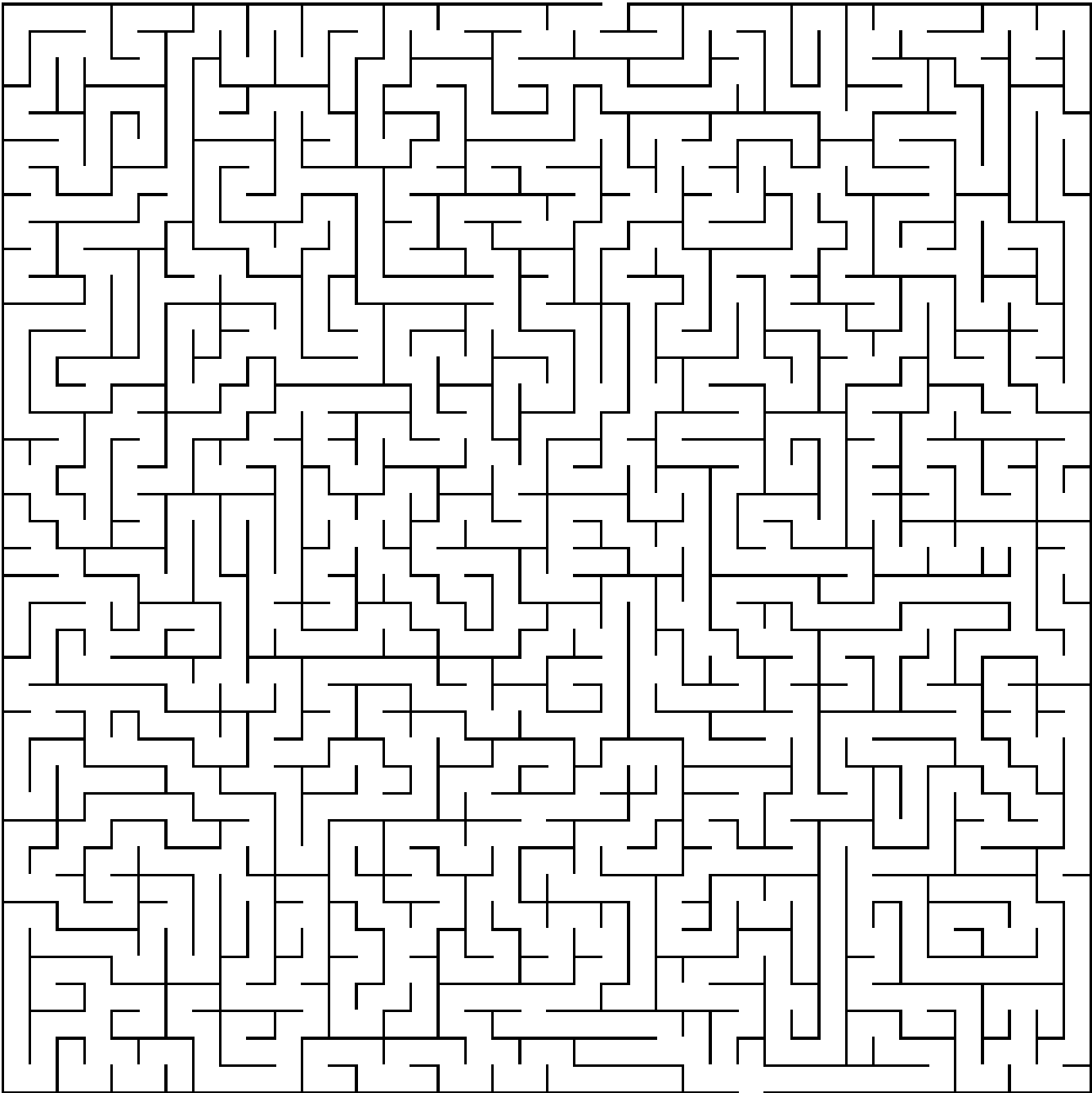
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THE NORTON NEWS: B.F.N.'s Very First Student Newspaper !

By Mrs. Bernardo

I would like to thank our first session of Journalism Club students for their hard work, creativity and perseverance. These were the trail blazers that

had the patience and fortitude to get through this first attempt at bringing a school newspaper for the students by the students into being! It was a learning process filled with trial and error but we did it! This

was two years in the planning and I could not have moved forward with it without the help of Suzanne Knowles and Terri Klucznik. I am forever grateful for their support! We hope you enjoy this first edition!



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