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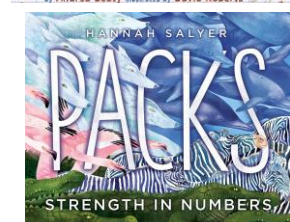
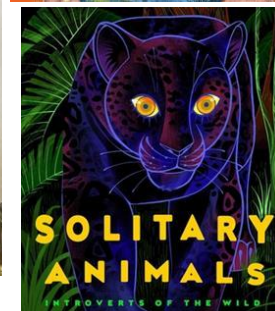
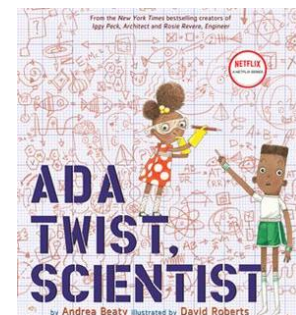
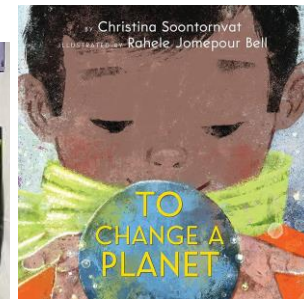
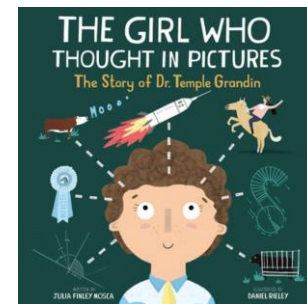
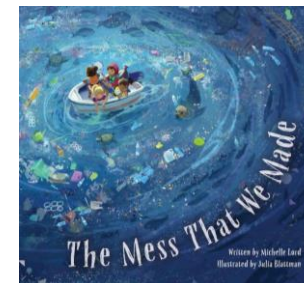
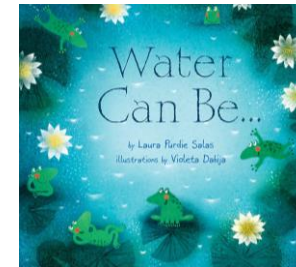
The Battle is Back!

By Alice Leftwich and Afshana Wagley

Are you ready to read? The Battle of the Books time is here! Battle of the Books is a schoolwide competition between books. Your teacher reads two books to the class, then you will vote for one book out of the two depending on which you like best! There are four different battles to start and then the winning books of those battle. The last books with the most votes will be left. We will vote between two books until only two books are left for the final and biggest battle. The final book is the winner for that year!

This is a fun and educational way to spend time reading! Everyone can participate at Highland Park in this fun school activity. This also builds community through people communicating to each other about the books. Everyone in the whole school reads the same books so we can all talk about them from Pre-K to fifth grade.

Last year, *The Bad Seed* won the battle of the books. This year, there are different and new books for us to choose from. These books are more science themed, even for little ones. Here are some of the books that are battling, all these books are great, but you will have to choose one in the end! Happy reading and remember to always have a book!



Ask AnnaBeth

Dear AnnaBeth: How do I tell my friends I don't feel like I'm in the right friend group anymore? – Friend Finder

Dear Friend Finder: I would try to slowly hang out with other people to find who's right for you, and then admit it at the end that you think you don't fit in anymore. You don't have to completely stop being friends. You can just change the amount of time you spend together. Friendships change sometimes but maybe you will want to hangout more in the future.

Dear AnnaBeth: When I get stuck on math problems, I get frustrated and embarrassed. What do I do to help? -Mathed Out

Dear Mathed Out: Math is hard. You don't have to be embarrassed when something is difficult or when you get stuck. Everyone has different things they are good at. Maybe there is a classmate that could help you with the stuff you get stuck on or the teacher could help you too. If you keep practicing it and working hard you will get it eventually and feel more confident.

Hidden Hawk

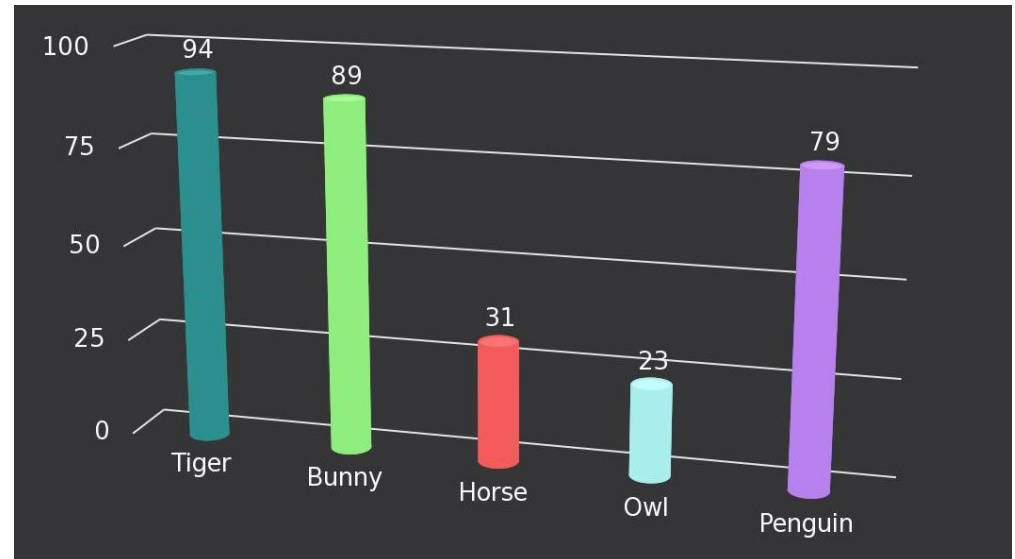
Last issue, the hidden hawk was in Mrs. Sues's window. Can you find the hawk in this new issue?

Favorite Animal

By Marie LaConte, Tilly Binks, Eliza Goad

There are so many animals it can be hard to pick a favorite. We narrowed it down and asked students to choose their favorite between a tiger, bunny, horse, penguin, or owl. Apparently, the school's favorite animal is a tiger.

Tiger	Bunny	Horse	Owl	Penguin
94	89	31	23	79



Student Spotlight

The student spotlight is a chance to get your name in the newspaper. This month it is all about being fashionable. Your teachers were asked to choose one kid from each class that represents this trait.

Hawks nominated for being fashionable: Everly Richardson-Strobel, Morrissa Brown, Karley Neil, Shandre Hughes-Smith, Cookie Brown, Journey Ellis, Evelyn Strup, Sagesse Lingaya, Aaliyan Bond, Afshana Wagley, Anorah Burwell, Marley Mitchell, Johanii Ngaojia, Rain Ryan, Kaylen Poindexter, Mya Cherry, Disela Wright, Sharifa Muhammad, Nevaeh Mallory, Kassidy Baytops, Ada Cherry, Johanii Ngaojia.

Meet Mrs. Fulcher

By Tapanga Colon, Free Harris, Rain Ryan



Q. What has been your favorite field trip you have been on so far as a teacher?

A. Probably when we went to the park and got to play in the river and play on the playground. It was really fun!

Q. What did you want to be before you decided on being a teacher?

A. A nurse. A pediatric nurse. I knew I wanted to do something with kids but didn't know what. So, before I wanted to be a teacher, I wanted to be a nurse.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

A. My favorite subject to teach is math.

Q. What inspired you to be a teacher?

A. My third-grade teacher and I love kids, so that too.

Q. Do you have any children, if so, how many?

A. Yes, I have one boy and one girl. So, I have two kids.

Q. What is your favorite color?

A. My favorite color is purple.

Q. How old are you?

A. I am 31.

Q. What is your favorite school that you have taught at?

A. My only school that I have taught at is Highland Park, so it is my favorite.

Q. How long have you been teaching?

A. 7 years. I've taught kindergarten and fourth grade.

Q. Is there a job you would rather have?

A. Stay at home mom.

Q. What is your favorite sport?

A. My favorite sport is volleyball.

Meet Mr. Skidmore

By Cora Barge, Mericole Evans, Nina Luci



Q. Why did you choose Kindergarten?

A. So the way it kind of works when you're a teacher is you get a teaching license that says you can teach certain grades and my teaching license says I can teach from preschool up to 3rd grade. So, when I applied for a job with RCPS and there was an opening as a kindergarten teacher over at Fallon Park Elementary School, I did an interview for that job and got it.

Q. This is your first year at Highland Park. Why did you come here?

A. I came here because I am working on a Master's degree in school leadership. So, that means I am getting another graduate degree so I can become a principal like Mrs. Rooney and Mrs. Heilman. I came here because Mrs. Rooney agreed to be my mentor during my program.

Q. What other jobs have you had?

A. When I was in college, I delivered pizzas for Domino's and then before that I worked in a kitchen, making sandwiches and wraps at a restaurant called The Broken Egg.

Q. What is it like to have a baby?

A. It is indescribable. Having a baby is a lot of fun. It is also a lot of work, but it is extremely rewarding.

Q. What is your favorite subject to teach?

A. Math is my favorite subject to teach. It just makes sense to me.

Q. What do you like to do in your free time?

A. I like to collect tabletop board games, so I have a vast collection of strategy board games at home. I am also in a punk band, and I play the drums in that band, and we have been playing together for about three years.

Q. What is your Punk band called?

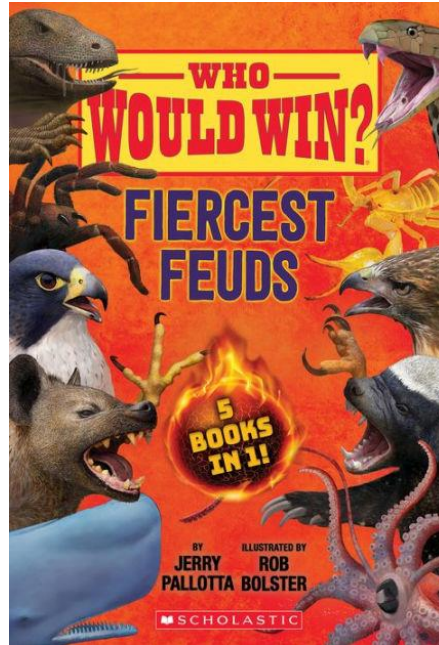
A.) Ex Parents.

Book Review

By Nathan Calhoun

Title: *Who Would Win*
Author: Jerry Pallotta
Illustrator: Rob Bolster

Who Would Win is a very good book series by Jerry Pallotta and illustrated by Rob Bolster. It's a book where two animals are pitted against one another to fight, like a coral snake and a mandril. They also give good information on both animals to help you figure out what could happen such as their size, characteristics, abilities, and more. And then they fight!! Only one can remain! I hope you like it!



Fun Facts about Roanoke

By Tucker Kootsey and Addison Horne

- Roanoke became a city so quickly that it earned the nickname "Magic City".
- Roanoke has a total area of 42.9 square miles.
- Roanoke lies in the humid subtropical zone.
- It used to be called "Big Lick".
- Highway 81 used to be known as the Great Wagon Road where immigrants came from and was one of the busiest roads in the 18th century.
- Roanoke's ancestry is 38.2% Hispanic and African American, 9% Irish, 8.9% German, 7.6% English, and 2.2 % Scottish.
- Roanoke has a population of 100,905 people and is the 9th largest city in Virginia.
- Roanoke was founded in 1852 because it was chosen as a railroad junction and because of the railroads, the town really got started.
- The Mill Mountain star is the top attraction in Roanoke.
- On a vacation to Roanoke, you should expect to spend \$131 a day according to budgetyourtrip.com.

Movie Review

By Denman Blanchard and Cael Goldberg



Big Hero 6 is a great movie, especially if you like robots and technology. It takes place in a fictional combination of Tokyo and San Francisco called San Fransokyo. This movie is about a tech prodigy named Hiro. It starts when Hiro goes to a bot fighting ring. This introduces you to Hiro's fighting bot. This is an excessively big part of the story because later in the story, he builds his science project off this one bot. This movie is also full of surprises! For example, you don't know who the villain is until the end. Overall, this is a great movie, and we would rate this movie an 8.875/10!

Classwork Around the School

By Murphy Armstead and Athena Andrade

All around the school everyone in class is doing classwork. Sometimes you can tell what people are learning about just by walking through the school and seeing all the work in the hallway. We took a walk around the school and looked at hallway displays to see what cool stuff students are learning about. Just from looking at work in the hallway here is what it looks like is being learned at Highland Park. In preschool they are doing artwork. In kindergarten they are doing crafts with writing, graphing, and work with shadows. In first grade, they are working on writing about animals. In second grade, they're studying landscapes. In 3rd grade they are learning about soil. In fourth grade Plato, they are learning about the Commonwealth of Virginia, while fourth grade Stars is focusing on the sun. Also, in 5th grade Stars they are learning about Newton's three laws while in 5th Plato they are learning about preposition poems.

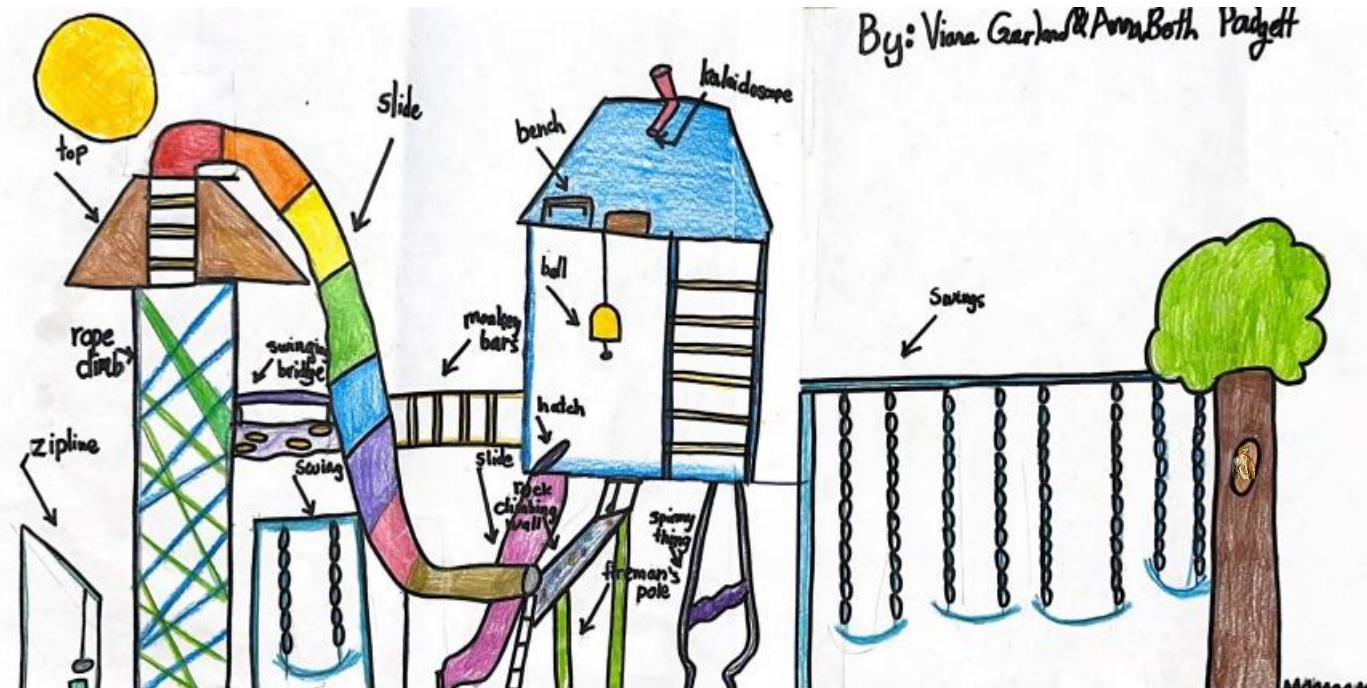
Dream Playground

By Viana Garland and AnnaBeth Padgett

Hey, do you want to modify our playground? If so, then keep reading this article. A lot of schools have cool playgrounds like Fishburn has a zipline! Other playgrounds also have things such as a spinner, tire swings, and turf instead of mulch. Recently, our playground has been getting worse and worse. We have been noticing that our playground has had graffiti(writing) on our equipment. We have a public playground so maybe a Highland Park student did not do it, but it still makes the playground look less nice. We only have two swings but could use a lot more so students don't have to wait as long or get upset.

Our playground also has some good things too. It has two play structures while some schools only have one. It gives students two opportunities to play instead of running into people on one. Our playground has some built-in games and learning experiences as well. It also has multiple ways you can climb up into the structure. We have a lot of trees for shade and plenty of space to run. There is even access to a tennis court, basketball court, and baseball field at the top of the hill.

Even though there are things we love about the park, we also think there could be some upgrades, so we drew our dream playground. There is a lot of equipment you can have and think of but remember to have the best playground we all must be kind to the equipment and the people on it.



Fun Weekend Activities

By Evelyn Strup and Addison Horne

There are many things to do on the weekend or after school in Roanoke. A few of those things are...

1. Go outside and play in your yard.
2. Go on a hike on the Mill Mountain Star Trail.
3. Play a fun game with your family like Monopoly, Clue, Twister, or Guess Who.
4. Go to the Mill Mountain Zoo so you can see black bears, eagles, red pandas, and much more.
5. Go to The Mast General Store or go shopping somewhere else.
6. Go to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.
7. Go to a play or concert at the Jefferson Center.
8. Go to the Taubman Museum of Art.
9. Walk, hike, or bike on the Greenway.
10. Go to the Pinball Museum.
11. Go to Blue Cow. They have many different yummy flavors like blueberry goat cheese swirl.
12. Sleep in and have a pajama day.
13. Go visit the Mill Mountain Star and enjoy a look at the city from the overlook.
14. Go to Kid's Square or the Science Museum.
15. Go downtown to the Roanoke City library or any of the other public libraries.

Women's History Unscramble

By Eliza Harper and Annelise White

Directions: Can you use the clue and the provided letters to unscramble a notable name in women's history?

Word Bank: Sojourner Truth, Anne Frank, Joan of Arc, Maya Angelou, Malala Yousafzai, Marie Curie, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, Jane Goodall, Jane Austen

1. An American aviator who set flying records.
IAMELA RATHREA
2. A German-born Jewish girl, who's diary is famous.
NEAN RNAKF
3. The woman who started the bus boycott for equal rights.
OSAR SKAPR
4. Was the first scientist to observe chimpanzees creating and using tools.
NAEJ ODALGOL
5. Discovered radium and polonium.
IERMA EIURC
6. Her most famous work is "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."
AYMA LEOUGAN
7. She was an advocate for the rights of women and African Americans.
OOJUNRRRES UHTRT
8. Is one of the most famous writers in English literature.
JEAN TUASNE
9. An international symbol for the fight for girls' education.
LMALAA UOYSZFAIA
10. She led the French army to a momentous victory in 1429.
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Space Crossword

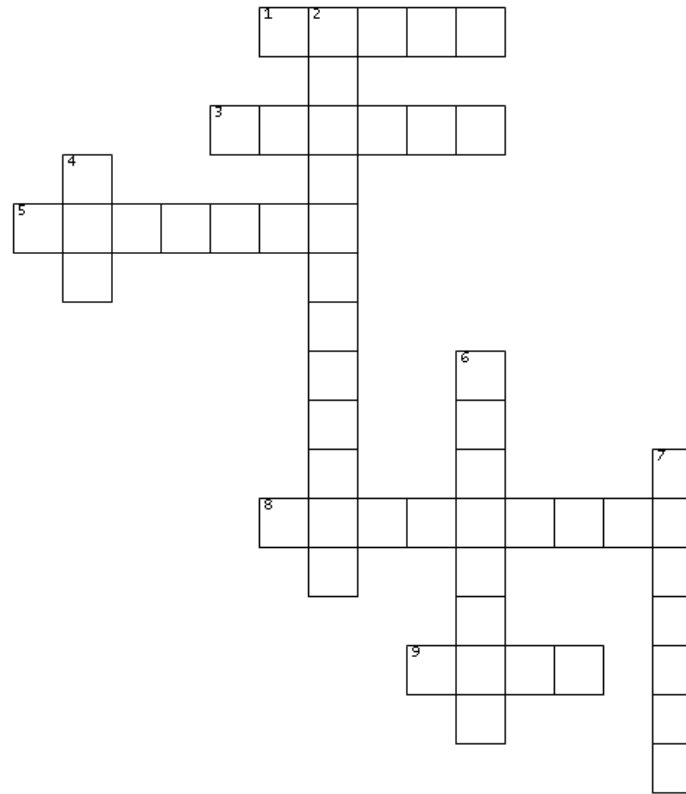
By Denman Blanchard and Cael Goldberg

ACROSS

1. a terrestrial planet that has the six conditions for life
3. a planet with the best set of rings
5. The largest planet in our solar system.
8. a region of space having a gravitational field so intense that no matter or radiation can escape.
9. The second smallest and the 4th planet from the sun.

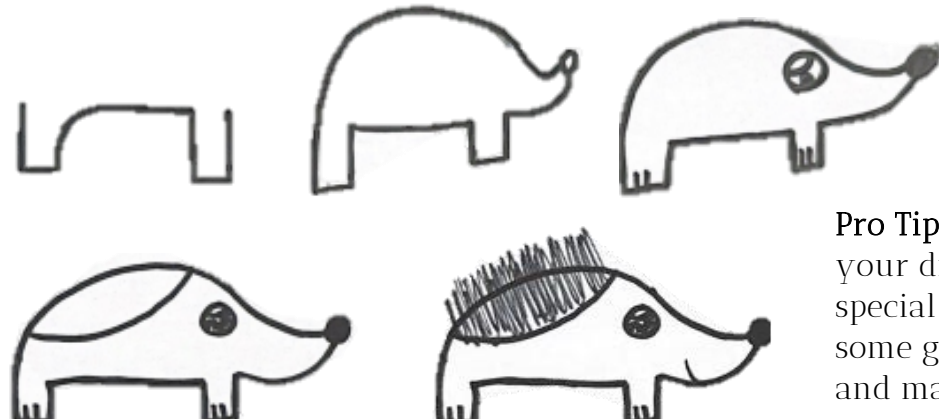
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2. the belt of asteroids that is between Mars and Jupiter
4. the big yellow ball at the center of our solar system.
6. The galaxy that we live in.
7. The 8th planet from the sun



How to Draw a Hedgehog

By Iris Compton-Dean



Pro Tip: Make your drawing special by adding some grass, trees, and maybe a cave.