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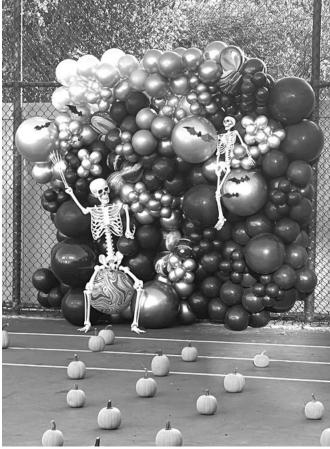












WHAT'S HAPPENING?

# \*\* HALLOWEEN DANCE \*\*

**BY ELIZA INTRAVIA** 

The Halloween Dance is a fun tradition that happens at P.S. 185 every year. It takes place in the school yard. The people who go to the dance can get prizes and wear costumes, and they dance to the D.J.

I was a witch with a broom and a long black pointy hat.

My sister went as a vampire with fake blood running down her chin. We had amazing costumes and so did many other students. The D.J. was very loud! He also hands out prizes. Kids had so much fun dancing and playing with close friends! Every year the D.J. is a different person.

Lilly Belle Roggenkamp, a fourth-grade student who went to the dance, said the D.J.played good songs and people had a great time. "My favorite part was when everyone got to dance and sing to the lyrics," she said. "I like the Halloween dance because you get to hang out with your friends.

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I also liked when I got to wear my really neat costume."

On the day of the event, everyone was just dancing and singing to the D.J! Another thing that happens on the day of the event is that after dancing, everyone gets to pick pumpkins! I like big pumpkins, but the pumpkins were really small. Just so you know, it was a little cold at the Halloween Dance, so I think you should make sure that you either have a jacket or a very cozy and warm costume! If you are lucky, you might get some yummy candy!

And after you finish dancing, you get to take a picture with your class! It is so fun!

About the writer: Eliza Intravia, a third grade student, loves to read, dance and play instruments because she thinks they are really fun! She wanted to join the Cub Chronicle because it really interested her. She wanted to join the Current Events section in the Newspaper. She loved when she got to write her story on the computer!

# **EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT** THE HALLOWEEN **DANCE**

#### **BY MARCELLA MAZZATTO**

Hi! My name is Marcella. I want to write about the Halloween dance. One thing I know about it is that the D.J. gives out prizes! And a lot of kids wear unique costumes, from witches to jokers! Another student was the baseball player Francisco Lindor. I went as a Minion and my friend did too – and my mom was.....Gru.

The D.J. was really loud, and he played my favorite song! The song was "Espresso," and the artist was Sabrina Carpenter. Another kid said that their favorite song was "Goosebumps," by Travis Stott. One student said that the D.J. played good music.

But the most important part: Did I like it? Well, of course I did! It was so fun! There were a lot of costumes and unique ones, too. We all went trick or treating after.

About the writer: Marcella Mazzatto is a third-grader in class 3-401. She's eight years old and loves crafting, art and playing soccer. She also has an older brother named Antonio who plays football. He inspired his sister to join the Cub Chronicle.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING? SPOOKY.

# CONTEST

#### BY LILLY BELLE ROGGENKAMP & ADRIANNA VELESACA

The fall is the time of the year when Mrs. King, the art teacher, does the art contest. The contest is for the fourth and fifth graders. You first decide if you want to participate because it is optional. If you want to do it, you have to draw a poster about Halloween/ Fall. Then you give it in. When you are done, it needs to be fully drawn.

If you win, you have a meeting with Mrs. King. She explains what you have to do then she gives you an even bigger poster that you have to paint. For the fourth graders, you give the poster in. But the fifth graders get to go and paint their artwork on a storefront window.

#### Here is what Mrs. King said:

#### Q: Why did you want to do this contest?

**A:** I do it because it's a Bay Ridge tradition. We've been participating for 72 years.

#### Q: When did you start the contest?

**A:** In 2006...

#### **Q:** What is your favorite part of the contest?

**A:** To go out into the neighborhood with kids to have a fun art experience.

#### Q: Who do you go with? Anybody specific?

A: Ms.Gina, so she can help me out.

# Q: Where do you go?

**A:** We painted at Empire Bank, and Jabour Realty.

**Q:** How did you get there? **A:** We walked.

#### **Q:** Why did you pick these students and why?

**A:** The artwork had unique ideas and WOW factor.

#### Here were my questions to Julia:

#### Q: Did you like that you were able to paint on a wall?

**A:** It was hard to paint in the air but I still liked it.

#### Q: Were you happy you got chosen?

**A:** Yes, because I got to skip school and it was a once in a lifetime experience.

**Q**: Who did you do it with? **A:** My sister Miriam.

# Q: What type of art piece did

**A:** A side profile of a witch because I thought Mrs. King was going to like it.

#### **Q:** How did it feel when you were there? Were you nervous or happy?

**A:** I was happy I was there because I was with my friends.

About the writers: Lilly Belle Roggenkamp is a fourth grader in class 4-509. She has a BIG personality which makes her stand out! She joined the newspaper last year because she loves writing, typing and telling stories. Her favorite color is pink and her hobbies are: dance, basketball, softball and drawing.

Adrianna Velesaca is a fourth grader who likes the color black, cats and drinking lemonade. She likes that The Cub Chronicles makes people happy and to get to know each other more!

# CHIP FRIDAYS!

Hi! My name is Nino, and I am writing about Chip Friday for the P.S. 185 Cub Chronicle because it's my favorite event. One of my favorite things to buy is candy. Chip Fridays make the day more fun because at lunch you can buy lots of treats and enjoy them at your table. They sell M&Ms, gummy bears and chips like Takis. They sell juices like Hawaiian Punch and Capri Sun. They also sell some toys and desk pets and even pencil sets. The last chip Friday was chaotic and everybody was running!

About the writer: Nino is in the 5th grade, preparing for graduation in June and looking forward to Middle School. Nino is a talented athlete who enjoys playing football and soccer. He is very strong and runs fast. He has a sister, Marcella, who he enjoys spending time with.



**BY NINO MAZZATTO** 

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING



# GET "BOOKED" AT THE BOOK FAIR



WRITTEN & PHOTOGRAPHED BY MARC ATALLAH

Once a year, P.S. 185 has a book fair. Every class gets the chance to visit and shop for books, and parents are allowed to come after school too.

When you walk in, there are a lot of tables and shelves full of books. There were so many types of books to choose from! There were fiction and nonfiction books for all different ages. There were also some fun gadgets for sale like diaries and special pens with noise makers on the tips. Those were pretty popular. I even saw one kid waving it around like he was celebrating!

If kids didn't have money with them, they even had a table where you could just pick a book for free! I had \$50 dollars so I ended up with four books and a Major League Baseball poster.

I bought a few books that were in the section for 7th grade level. One of those

books is called Heroes: Pearl Harbor: A Country Attacked. It's about two friends named Stanley and Frank who have to face living through WWII. They try to meet up with their friends and travel on a canoe. I'm not done with the book yet, but so far it's been interesting to read about their adventures and how they stay together and stay strong as they try to survive living in a war zone. I wonder what will happen at the end? It's good I'm not giving away the ending so you can read it for yourself and maybe even buy the book at the next book fair!

About the writer: Marc Atallah is a student in class 4-509. He likes the color purple and LOVES music. Marc's hobbies are playing musical instruments like guitar and drums, singing, dancing and doing splits.



# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# THE WILD ROBOT REVIEW

BY HUDSON MULÉ

In third-grade, I had an assignment to read the book, The Wild Robot, The Wild Robot Escapes and The Wild Robot Protects. And for fun, I watched the Wild Robot movie. It was fun and a little bit scary. But the thing is, well, I think the book is better. Which did you prefer?

# Here is what I like about the book:

- The Wild Robot teaches the son how to swim.
- The wild robot faces a type of water called the poison tide.

# Here is what I did not like about the book:

- If little kids read it it has a little bit of drama and kids may not understand it
- It does not have enough photos. I would like five more photos.

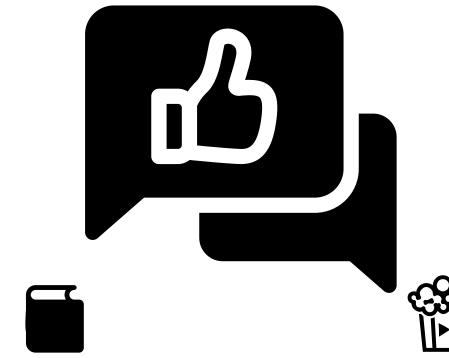
# Here is what I liked about the movie:

- When the wild robot gets caught, she moves to farmland but like in the future.
- The duck is so cute!!!!!

# Here is what I do not like about the movie.

- The movie was not at all like the book.
- The wild robot does not look like anything like in the book.

About the writer: Hudson Mule is a fourth-grader in class 4-509. He is nine years old. He likes to play Minecraft and Roblox. His favorite color is green.







# **WILD ROBOT NEWS**

BY VASILIOS ANDONIOS SPANAKOS

The third graders went on a trip to Alpine Cinema in late October to see the Wild Robot movie and to compare the movie to the book we read in class.

I was really excited. I sat next to my friends, Connor and Ziyi. The bus was really loud but I didn't care. I just wanted to see the movie. When we got there we waited soooooooooooooooooooooolong to get our popcorn. Inside the theater, I waited, then a robot appeared on the screen. "Hello I am ROZZUM unit 7134, but you may call me Roz," said the robot.

She continued to spark and say, "While my robotic systems are activating, I will tell you about myself. Once fully activated, I will be able to move, communicate and learn. Simply give me a task and I will complete it. Over time, I will become a better robot. When I am not needed, I will stay out of the way and keep myself in good working order. Thank you for your time. I am now fully activated."

I remembered that from the book and all my friends were so happy to hear it.

Time flew so quickly. Roz adopted a goose, Brightbill. She got attacked by other robots. She reunited with Brightbill. Soon it was over. It was a sad movie. On the bus back, I looked at the theater until it disappeared behind the buildings.

About the writer: Vasilios A. Spanakos is a third-grade student in 3-405. He loves science, engineering, designing and drawing. He also loves The Wild Robot series. He loves it so much that he wrote about the movie. He lives with his grandpa, grandma, dad, mom, brother and sister. His brother, Petros, wrote for the first issue of the Cub Chronicle

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**LOVE** 

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**SAMUEL NAPOLITANO** 

LILLIAN

**McCORMICK** 

PS. 185 started the VIP readers program in October 2024. Students have been enjoying it so much – they are laughing, smiling and having the time of their life.

Each month, parents come in to read a book. The book can be a favorite story from home, an upcoming holiday celebration, cultural books or even a "just because" book. Some photographers from the Cub Chronicle went around the school and took pictures of VIP readers. As the staff photographers walked around snapping photos, they saw happy kids and happy teachers. So we can't wait till next month!

About the writers: Samuel Napolitano is a third grader in class 3-403. He is the school secretary. He also likes AI, art and science. He joined the newspaper because he loves to write and interview people.

Lillian McCormick is a third-grade student in class 3-405. She likes cooking, reading, learning and playing with her friends.







# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# NOT DESPICABLE **MOVIE NIGHT**

BY DAVID ARTHUR DIANA

I loved the movie, *Despicable Me 4*, which was shown at outdoor movie night! It was in September. The crowds were crazy with excitement! I sat with every friend in sight! I think the P.T.A did outdoor movie night because they probably thought Despicable Me 4 is a highly graphic movie and it's cool to watch. Also, they probably thought that many friends and family would like the movie. I sat with my friend, Amaru.

Once again, I loved the movie! I would rate it five stars! My favorite part was when the Minions got transformed into Mega Minions. My mom had chocolate. The weather was great. It was just fine for watching a movie outside. It was a bit chilly because I needed a jacket.

I did not get tired at all! I didn't even think about bedtime! The only thing my eyes were looking at was the bright movie screen! We should have more movies to watch like Transformers One because we barely have any movies at school. That's it for today. I hope you enjoyed the movie!



About the writer: David Arthur Diana is a third grader in class 3-401. He likes to play video games and doesn't like big tests like math state tests. David wanted to join the Cub Chronicle because he likes reading the school newspaper and thought it would be cool to participate.

#### **SPORTS**

# **NUMBER**



















# **SPORTS FAN**

#### BY MATEO RODRIGUEZ

The Cub Chronicle interviewed Gavin Lai, a third grader, because he's a big sports fan - just like many other students at P.S. 185. Here's what he told us in an interview.

**Q:** What's your favorite sport? **A:** Basketball.

Q: Why is basketball your favorite sport?

**A:** Because I'm on a basketball team.

Q: What's your favorite basketball team?

**A:** The Knicks.

**Q:** Why is it your favorite basketball team?

**A:** Because it's the New York team.

Q: What is your favorite drill at basketball practice?

A: Penetrate and kick.

Q: Do you like any sport that is not basketball?

**A:** Baseball.

**Q:** Why do you like baseball?

**A:** It's fun to watch.

Q: What's your favorite baseball team?

**A:** The Mets.

Q: Why are the Mets your favorite baseball team?

**A:** Because they have Francisco Lindor.

**Q:** Have you been to a Mets game?

**A:** Yes, twice.

Q: How did you feel when the Mets lost in the Playoffs?

A: I felt very SAD.

About the writer: Mateo Rodriguez is a third-grader in class 3-401. He likes sports. Did you really think he would not name the sports? He likes baseball, basketball and tennis.

#### **JUST FOR FUN!**



# ART AROUND 185

PHOTOGRAPHED BY MARC ATALLAH & HUDSON MULÉ















# FILL IN THE BLANK

**BY EMMA FELDSHER** 

Do you want to play a game? Here is a game of fill in a blank! Have fun!



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# **MEDIUM**

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Fill in the blank answers: Hip; Red; Food; Star; Girl; Boy; Look. Medium: Water; Robot; Bottle; Emma; Pizza; Paper; Donut; Hard: Mountain; Summer; Cub Chronicles: Goudelias: Castle: Snow Storm.

#### BY XUAN DONG

1. Who are the two founders of Roblox?

A Roblox & Clockwork

**B** David Baszukai & Erick Cassel

**C** Dylan and Joven

**D** Nikilis and Zyleak

2. When was Roblox created?

**A** 2006

**B** 2016

**C** 2004

**D** 2009

3. Who had the idea to make Roblox?

A Erick

**B** Roblox

**C** Builder man

**D** Tempisent

4. Who banned the most people?

A Roblox

**B** Kreekcraft

Steak C

Clockwork

5. What is the most popular game on Roblox?

**A** Dress to

**Impress B** Blox Fruit

**C** Slap Battle

**D** Bedwars

6. What games are made for a school project?

A Gut & Blackpowder

**B** TDS

C TSB D MM2

7. What kind of event happened around

Halloween? **A** The Haunt

**B** The Game

**C** Invitation Reward

**D** The Hunt

8. Who is the most popular You-**Tuber in Roblox?** 

A Kreekcraft

**B** Lana

C Flush

**D** Steak

9. Who has the most Robux?

A H@zem

**B** Folyten

C Olix

**D** Kaka v 420

10. What is the most expensive thing to

buy in Roblox?

A Korblox **B** Headless

**C** Dominus Frigidus

**D** Valkyrie

Answers 1 B; 2 C; 3 A; 4 A; 5 B; 6 B; 7 A; 8 A; 9 A; 10 C

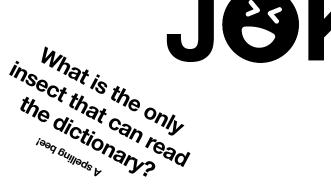
# Do you like to laugh?

Well, if you do, then please read these five jokes. I hope you like them!

**BY EMILIA BERNARD** 

What is a food that is at the beach and you never run out of it? A sandwich.

What does a frog say on Christmas? Habby Croakmasi



JOKES

When a bee is cold What does it wear? A Yellow jacket.

Kuock Kuock. Who's there? The Cub Chronicle. Cub Chronicle Mhoj <sup>IUOY II94</sup> O<sup>†</sup> Qniog ei <sup>TE9d 9liti</sup>il A

#### **JUST FOR FUN!**



# DECEM-BRRR! 奉 單 電 記 米





BY EMMA FELDSHER & GIOVANNY GUZMAN



CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER
DAY
GINGERBREAD
HANUKKAH
HOT CHOCOLATE
ICICLES
KWANZAA
RED
SLEDDING
SNOWBALL
SNOW STORM
TREE STAR

**BOW** 

# ALL ABOUT PETS!

# MAD LIBS TAL CORNER

To play Mad Libs,
fill out this list of words first
(don't read the story yet!)
Then, transfer the words
you chose to the blanks in
the story. It should make
you laugh!

# THE WEIRDEST SCHOOL DAY

**BY EMILIA BERNARD** 

1. A type of animal
2. Verb (past tense) (Reminder: Verbs are action words, like run, leap or swim)
3. Verb (past tense)
4. Verb
5. Something you find in a classroom
<b>6. Noun</b> (Reminder: Nouns can be a person, a place or a thing)
7. Verb (past tense)
8. Adjective (Reminder: Adjectives describe something or somebody. For example, soft, tall, cute, fluffy)
9. Type of food
10. Noun
11. Verb
12. Repeat the same animal

from earlier\_

On the way to school one day, my pet Theo, snuck into my backpack.
When I got to school, I up the steps. When I got to my classroom, I put my backpack
in the closet and Theo out of my backpack. He started to around, but nobody
noticed him. Then, Theo knocked over a and ran under the teacher's
The teacher came over to my classmate and said, "what was that?" Then the teacher7
over to her desk and felt something by her feet. She looked under her desk
but nothing was there. When it was lunch time, one of my classmates said to the teacher,
"My lunch box has a scratch on it." He opened up his lunch box and his was gone!!!
He has to eat the school lunch instead, which was Yuck! But when we went
upstairs to the classroom, the teacher saw something She looked down
and saw Theo!!! And I was like, "That's my pet!! So then the teacher had to hold!!
onto him until my mom came to pick him up.

That was the weirdest day of my life!

About the creators:

Marc Atallah is a student in class 4-509. He likes the color purple and LOVES music. Marc's hobbies are playing musical instruments like guitar and drums, singing, dancing and doing splits.

Emilia Bernard is a third grade student in class 3-403. She likes math, art, playing piano, reading and swimming.

Xuan Dong, a
third-grader, likes
to play video games
such as Roblox.
He likes cooking
with his mother
and dad. He likes
to eat watermelon
and bananas.
He joined the
newspaper because
he has never been
to any afterschool
programs.

Emma Feldsher, a fourth grader in class 4-509, likes to paint, design, cook and play. She joined the Newspaper Club because she wanted to learn how to make one. She also likes to make jokes, play piano and keep active with fencing, gymnastics and ice skating.

Giovanny Guzman is in fifth grade and this is his last year in elementary school. He likes to play video games and soccer. His favorite colors are black, blue and orange. He wrote about word searches because he likes to do word searches.

#### **PROFILES**

# ...WITH MRS. BERGIN!

#### **BY PAMELA NAKLEH**

Ms. Bergin is fun and kind and she tells us a lot about her life. I wanted to learn even more so we could share more about her with our newspaper readers. I picked Ms. Bergin because she is kind and she makes learning fun! Here's what she told us:

Q: What do you like to do for fun?
A: I like to read, watch t.v. with my dogs and hang out with my friends and family.

Q: Why did you become a teacher?
A: I became a teacher because
I love to help, and my mom and sister were teachers.

**Q:**When did you start teaching? **A:** I started teaching at P.S.185 in 2018 but I first started in 2017 (before P.S. 185).'

**Q:** What do you not like about teaching? A: I don't like giving bad grades.

**Q:** What are your favorite subjects **A:** Reading and writing.

**Q:** How would your students describe you as?

A: Funny, entertaining and kind.

**Q:**What do you do if a kid misbehaves? **A:** I make jokes if a kid misbehaves, and talk to the kids one on one.

I am graduating this year and I will never forget Ms.Bergin and how fun she was!

# ...WITH MRS. MEGNA

# BY OLIVIA OGUREK

You might know Mrs. Megna. If you do, you probably know about her dog and children. But do you really know her? Did you know that Mrs. Megna has not only been teaching for three or four years, but for 25?

Even though she is a busy teacher, she still makes time for her favorite hobbies like reading, dancing and singing. The reason she decided to become a teacher is because she always had many cousins growing up, which grew her love for children. Over her career, she has taught fourth and fifth grade, and even kindergarten!

She also loves Italy – and she is from Italy! That also connects to how her dream vacation is a tour of Europe.

# ...WITH MRS. MOUSIS

# **BY MIRIAM HADDAD**

I chose to interview Ms. Mousis because when I had her in fourth grade, she shared things about herself but there's a lot of more she didn't tell us, so I interviewed her and here are some things I learned:

She had great teachers as mentors and enjoyed learning. Her parents loved to teach her and it gave her the foundation to become a teacher.

- → When she was little, she wanted to be an archaeologist because she loved history so much.
- → One thing she doesn't like about teaching is that she doesn't get enough time with students.
- → Her favorite subject in school was social studies.
- → One grade she wouldm't want to teach is 5th grade and one she would like to teach is kindergarten.
- → She describes her students as sweet, hard working and inquisitive.
- → She describes her teaching style as having a flexible routine, strict, fair and she takes her time.

# ...WITH MRS. PARAPONIARIS!

#### **BY LEILA BITAR**

Mrs.Paraponiaris, a third grade teacher, stands out at PS.185 — she's so funny and loves to talk about books. But I wanted to learn more about her. Here are some questions I asked her in an interview, so you can learn more about her with me.

**Q:** What do you like to do in your free time?

**A:** I love to read, bake and hang out with family.

# **Q:** Do you have a favorite author, book, or series?

**A:** I have so many favorite authors. Some of my favorites are Katherine Applegate, Rick Riordan, and Kelly Yang for kids. For adults, I love Victoria Hislop and John Marrs.

Q: Do you like reading children's books, even as a grown-up? Why or why not?
A: I love reading children's books even as a grown-up. They are filled with such rich stories, visuals and vocabulary.

# **Q:** What books did you love to read when you were growing up?

**A:** When I was growing up, I loved mystery books like Nancy Drew, which explains why my favorite genre is thrillers as an adult reader

# Q: If a book doesn't capture your attention right away, do you keep reading? What do you do?

**A:** I have a rule about giving up books. You have to read about 30 percent of the book before you can make a decision. To be honest, I even finished the books I don't love only because I feel that

I need to have completion for the story. I don't like not knowing what happened to the characters

# Q:What inspired you to be a teacher?

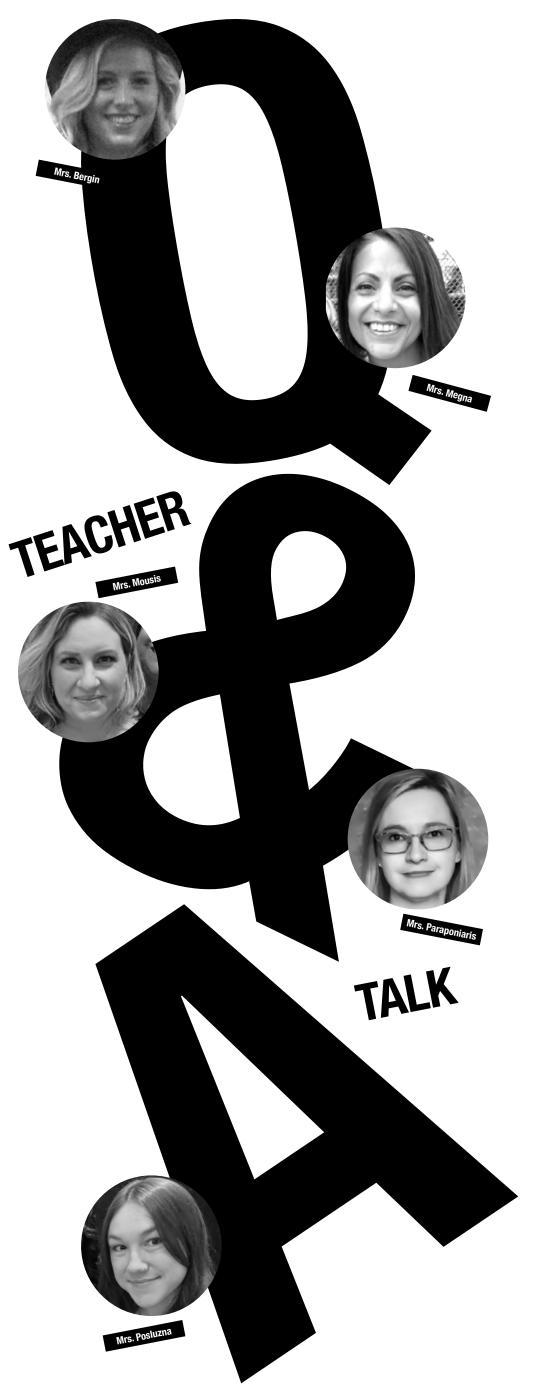
**A:** I knew from a young age that I always wanted to be a teacher. I loved working with children and showing them things that they may not have had an opportunity to explore.

**Q:**What do you not like about teaching? **A:** Grading tests and papers.

# **Q.** Who was your favorite teacher when you were younger?

**A:** Mr Anderson, my 6th grade teacher, was my favorite teacher of all time. He always came to school with a smile on his face and made reading so much fun. He introduced me to so many different types of genres that year, which helped solidify my love of reading.

Q: What's your favorite grade to teach?
A: Definitely 3rd grade.



#### **PROFILES**

# ...WITH MRS. POSLUZNA!

#### **BY JULIA HADDAD**

Mrs. Posluzna was my teacher last year and she was so sweet and kind to me. She was very helpful and good at teaching! She helped me improve with my studies. She never yelled and helped everyone. She was always encouraging and I was so lucky to have her as a teacher.

# What more can we learn about her?

**Q:** Why did you begin teaching?

**A:** To make a difference and be the teacher I always wanted to be.

**Q:** What is your favorite subject to teach?

A: Math.

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what would you

**A:** A police officer.

Q: What grade do you never

want to teach?

A: Kindergarten.

Q: What is your favorite way to teach?

A: Using technology and group work.

**Q:** How long have you been teaching for?

A: Seven years.

Mrs. Summer

**Q:** How was it working with Mrs. Summer?

**A:** It was fun and I learned a lot. Every day was an adventure, I loved working with

**Q:** What do you enjoy doing when you aren't teaching?

**A:** Traveling to Disney.

Q: Who is your favorite teacher?

**A:** My fourth grade team.

**Q:** How would your students

describe you?

A: Animated, kind and funny.

About the writers: Leila Bitar—a fourth grader—likes gymnastics, dance and loves to eat. She also loves gym, science and art. She loves to write, so she is very excited about the new and fascinating school newspaper.

Julia Haddad is a 5th grade student in class 5-507. She is a black belt in taekwondo and was vice president in fourth grade. She likes to listen to music and to eat chips. She likes the color pink and loves Sunny D.

Miriam Haddad is a fifth grader in class 5-507. She is president of the student council for 2024-2025 and loves to talk and make crafts. Miriam chose to write about profiles because she likes to interview people and wants to learn more about teachers.

Pamela Nakleh is a fifth grader in class 5-505 who loves to swim, play guitar and write. She lives with her mom, dad, brother and two guinea pigs. She joined the Newspaper Club because she loves to write and learn.

Olivia Ogurek (o-gore-rick) loves drawing, piano and writing, which is why she joined the newspaper! She is 10 years old, a fifth grader in class 5-505, a big talker and would love to be your friend.

# YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW ABOUT N.I.A...

**BY SAMUEL NAPOLITANO** 

Where do I begin? NIA is a wonderful after-school program that helps kids with homework and provides fun activities like music, recess and more.

The list goes on and on about how nice NIA is: They have good teachers and best of all, Ms. Gabriella Basha, the program director!

After reading more about Ms. Gabriella, you'll learn more about why I think NIA is the place to be.

#### Here's what we asked her:

Q: How long have you been running NIA?

**A:** Three years.

**Q:** What's your favorite part about directing the program?

**A:** Watching the students grow and succeed is incredibly rewarding. I also love seeing how much joy the activities bring to them—it reminds me why I do what I do every day.

# **Q:** Can you tell us a little bit about how you choose the activities?

**A:** I aim to create a balance between educational and creative activities that appeal to a wide range of interests. I also gather feedback from students and parents to make sure the activities are both enjoyable and impactful.

# **Q:** How do you find the group leaders?

**A:** Candidates apply online, and I personally interview each one to ensure they're the right fit for our program. Having worked in every role I hire for, I know what it takes to succeed. I specifically look for individuals who will care for and love the children as much as I do.

# **Q:** After the city stopped funding NIA, how did you feel?

A: I was devastated and heartbroken—it felt like all the dreams we had built for the program came crashing down. Every year, I strive to make the program better, whether it's by introducing new activities or organizing more celebrations/events. Hearing that we lost funding was a major setback. However, I'm deeply grateful to still be here at PS. 185, providing another incredible year of afterschool experiences for the students I care so much about.

# **Q:** How many students stopped NIA after it started costing money?

A: Previously, with city funding, we were able to support 140 students. Now that it's a paid program, our enrollment is around 97 students. While free after-school programs are ideal, one positive change is that the program is no longer lottery-

based—anyone who wants to join can now take part in the NIA experience!

# **Q:** What are some of your hobbies?

A: I enjoy singing, painting, watching sunsets, and going for walks. I was part of a choir throughout my school years, from third to twelfth grade, and I used to play the saxophone. Currently, I'm teaching myself how to play the piano. Watching sunsets and going for walks are probably my absolute favorites—my camera roll is packed with more pictures of the sky than anything else!

# **Q:** What did you do before you started working at NIA?

A: I began working with NIA in 2018 at another school, starting as a kindergarten group leader. I later transitioned into roles as an art and literacy instructor. Over time, I was promoted to program director here at P.S. 185. Before joining NIA, I was in college pursuing my degree in psychology.

About the writer: Samuel Napolitano is a third grader in class 3-403. He is the school secretary. He also likes AI, art and science. He joined the newspaper because he loves to write and interview people.



# ALL ABOUT MIRIAM HADDAD, PRESIDENT



**BY OLIVIA OGUREK** 

Miriam Haddad, our student council president, is one of the many kind and funny presidents we have had at P.S. 185. But many people don't know much about her. Continue reading here to find out more about Miriam.

Of course, Miriam wanted to be president to make this school a better place and to make announcements on the loudspeakers.

She has ideas to improve the school. One idea she had was to clean up the bathrooms and cafeterias. She loves being president because she can make speeches and help people with problems.

Even though she is the president of our school, she does have a lot of other hobbies outside of school, including taekwondo and piano. She loves these things because they are very fun, exciting activities. Talking about things out of school, did you know she is also very flexible? She can do the splits like it's nothing! And if she could go anywhere in the world, she would definitely go to Syria because that's where she is from.

About the writer: Olivia Ogurek (o-gore-rick) loves drawing, piano and writing, which is why she joined the newspaper! She is 10 years old, a fifth grader in class 5-505, a big talker and would love to be your friend.



# **★** ANGELINA MALOUFF, VICE PRESIDENT

**BY JULIA HADDAD** 

Angelina Malouff is the vice president of our school's student council. She had a wonderful speech and is a very nice person. Her speech proved that she deserved to be vice president!

**Q:** Why did you decide to run for vice president? **A:** I wanted to make the school a better place, and be a voice in the school.

**Q:** Were you nervous while saying your speech? **A:** Very nervous because I was scared I was going to mess up my entire speech!

**Q:** Did you think you were going to win? **A:** Not really because a lot of people were voting for their friends.

**Q:** How are you planning on making the school a better place?

**A:** Working with the student government and coming up with some ideas with the students.

**Q:** Are you planning to do anything with the school bathrooms?

A: I'm planning to change the scent in the girls and boys bathrooms. I would also change the stalls to a color the students will like. I also plan to add mirrors and add more locks.

About the writer: Julia Haddad is a 5th grade student in class 5-507. She is a black belt in taekwondo and was vice president in fourth grade. She likes to listen to music and to eat chips. She likes the color pink and loves Sunny D.



# A GRAD'S LOOK BACK

**BY ANI AFFI** 

Today I am interveiwing
Anthony Basha, a former
student at P.S. 185 who
now attends J.H.S. 259
William McKinley. He likes
math and video games,
but I wanted to learn more
about his experiences in
middle school. (He also
happens to be my cousin!)

Q: Did you like PS.185?
A: I enjoyed it, but there were times I would get exhausted from all the work. There were fun times too because of the parties and whatnot.

**Q:** If 185 had a middle school, would you come back to it, and why?

**A:** Yes, because it would've been nice to continue because I'm already familiar with the P.S. 185 building.

Q: What was your favorite thing about PS.185?

A: Seeing my friends everyday and knowing everybody there. In middle school, you only know your single class and your teacher, and everyone else you really don't know.

Q: What was your least favorite thing about PS.185 and why?
A: There wasn't anything really that I disliked, but probably that every now and then I would get a little exhausted from all the studying.

**Q:** Do you prefer PS.185 or McKinley?

**A:** Both have their ups and downs, but I'm glad I went to both because they are great schools.

About the writer: Ani Affi is a third-grader in class 3-403 and lives with her mom and sister. She likes math, science, gym and lunch.



FOOD

# Now, I will show you

# Preheat the oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease 9x13 inch dish.

the directions:

- 2 Peel, core and chop apples. Combine white sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Pour into a baking dish.
- 3 Combine brown sugar, oats, butter and 1 teaspoon of cloves. Sprinkle evenly on top of the filling.
- Bake until golden. Typically one hour.
- 5 Enjoy! If you like, you can add ice cream

I eat apple crisp during the winter. I hope you try this recipe.

THE FILLING • 6 apples

to make it!

**INGREDIENTS:** 

- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp of nutmea

**APPLE** 

**CRISP** 

BY LILLIAN McCORMICK

Hi I would like to tell you how to

treat because it is so crunchy! It is

my family's tradition to make an

make my dad's apple crisp.I love this

apple crisp. Now I will teach you how

• 1/2 cup unsalted butter

1 tsp cloves

THE TOPPINGS

1 cup brown sugar

About The Writer: Lillian McCormick is a third-grade student in class 3-405. She likes cooking, reading, learning and playing with her friends.

# **EASY BANANA BREAD**

#### BY NATALIE NOUMI

My mother and I love to bake together. This banana bread is easy to make. My mother says that the secret to making it great is to add extra butter and chocolate. Baking always makes the house feel so warm, especially on a cool, fall day. It also makes the air smell so sweet. I hope you enjoy baking and eating it as much as I do!

# **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 ½ cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp (teaspoon) baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt ¾ teaspoon
- cinnamon
- 3 ripe banana (mashed)
- 8 tablespoons of butter (melted)
- ¾ cup light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Optional: ½ cupped chopped walnuts & 1/2 cup chocolate chips

#### **Directions**

- Heat oven to 350°
- 2 Butter and flour an 8 ½ inch x 4 ½ inch loaf pan
- Mix the dry ingredients together
- Mix the moist ingredients together
- 6 Combine all the ingredients in one bowl and mix
- 6 Add any optional ingredients such as chocolate and chopped walnuts
- Pour batter into pan
- Bake for 55-65 minutes or until knife inserted in middle comes out dry

# TIP:

If you like, you can add some extra butter slices on top of the loaf before you bake it) 🗑

About the writer: Natalie is a third-grade student in class 3-404. She loves school. Her favorite hobby is art! She joined the Cub Chronicle because she thought it would be cool to be in a school paper and because Mrs. Summer was teaching it:

# **Directions**

- Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix sugar with eggs. Add room temperature butter. Add sour cream.
- 2 In a separate bowl, mix flour with baking soda, and add to the above mixture through a sifter.
- Mix all together, and then put the dough mixture in the

refrigerator for 1 hour.

- To create the rose design, press the dough through a cookie press so it looks like thick spaghetti (about 1/4 inch thickness) and arrange the "spaghettis" in a spiral circle like a flower.
- Bake for about 30 minutes or until golden brown.

About The Writer: Emma Feldsher, a fourth grader in class 4-509, likes to paint, design, cook and play. She joined the Newspaper Club because she wanted to learn how to make one. She also likes to make jokes, play piano and keep active with fencing, gymnastics and ice skating.

# **ROSE COOKIES**

# BY EMMA FELDSHER

I make these cookies because my grandma used to make these cookies with my dad. I make these cookies on sleepovers with my grandma. If you try these, you'll notice they are crunchy and sweet. I like to dip them in tea or hot chocolate, which makes them chocolate-y. Also, we like to add cocoa powder in the cookies so they are chocolate flavored.

# **INGREDIENTS:**

- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 2 eggs
- 6 tablespoons unslated butter
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 3 cups flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda



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