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## LEVY PASSES!!! NEWSPAPER STAYS AFLOAT!

On November 13th, Moscow citizens voted for schools. The yes vote was for public schools to have money to buy equipment, have athletics and PE, and to pay teachers. Teachers, parents and students were worried that the levy might not pass. Supporters put out signs to "Vote Yes for Schools." They put messages on the radio and in the newspaper. They also went door to door handing out brochures. In the end, the levy passed and many people were happy.

*-by Devin C.*



## DIMES FOR DIABETES

Dimes for Diabetes is a program that raises money for diabetes research and those who suffer from this disease. It also raises awareness of diabetes. Many schools have participated in this program and have raised huge amounts of money.

Our school put out containers in each classroom so students and teachers could bring in money for the cause. The class that raised the most about of money won a special ice cream party. Mrs. Weesner's second grade class raised over \$200! To-

gether the whole school collected a total of more than \$1400. There are two children in our school who have diabetes. They are both overjoyed about the amount of money that was raised. So great job, Wolverines!

*-by Ethan O.*

## MATH DAY

On October 31st, we had an awesome day before conferences. It was Math Day, a day that kids all over the school enjoyed. The sixth grade did tessellations. We each got a 2x2 inch piece of paper and drew a shape. On a normal piece of paper we drew this shape again. After this we matched up the

sides and traced again. We repeated this process until the page was totally filled up and then we colored it with our own funky styles!

Another game we played was paper clip frogs. We jumped the frogs three times and then measured the distance in centimeters and lastly

added the three jumps together. We all had a great time trying to jump the paper clip frog really far.

U of I students led math activities in every classroom in the school. Math day was super fun!

*-by Beth R. and Emery A.*

## Grade Level News Stories

### 1ST GRADE STORY 2ND GRADE: OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Sam had a cat.  
Ann had a dog.  
They met at the park.  
They played a lot.  
Then they went home.  
They ate lunch.  
THE END

by *Sophia M.*

#### Will B's interview with a bunch of second graders

I interviewed some second graders about their new garden. Here it is:

W: What kind of plants are in your garden?

Grape hyacinth  
Tulips  
Ocean spray

W: What's your favorite flower?  
Tulip  
A flower [*everyone laughs*]

W: How many bulbs did you plant?

Estimates:

202

214

214

205

210

### 3RD GRADE RESEARCH 4TH GRADE ~ ABOUT RENEE

Third graders completed animal research projects. Our reports are displayed in the hallway. Here are some interesting facts we learned.

The Sea Urchin can destroy the coral reef. -*Chandler M.*

The Peacock lays 30 eggs a minute. - *Claire B.*

The Anaconda is 29 feet long. - *Bayley B.*

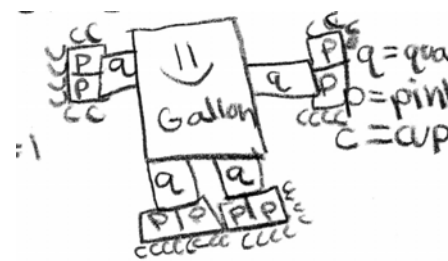
The Kiwi Bird lays big eggs - *Emma C.* (continued on page

Our 4th grade class scientist, Renee, is really cool. She is also really nice. She teaches us stuff like chromatography. She also teaches us stuff like wicking. Wicking is the process of water moving through paper.

She is so fun, she even played jeopardy with us! We all got prizes, except winners got first pick. I got a fossil from her. We made little pictures of what we call "Gussy Gallon."

Gussy Gallon is a full piece of paper. 16 cups, 4 quarts and 8 pints all equal 1 gallon.

-by *Matilda A.*



### GOOD THINGS ABOUT 5TH GRADE

Tegan: What is your favorite part about 5<sup>th</sup> grade?

Jill: Morning Meeting

Tegan: Do you like your teacher?

Jill: Yes, she's a really great teacher. We do lots of COOL things like playing games to learn math.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about mixtures and solutions. We've learned how to separate two solids and a solid and liquid. We did an experiment about how to separate gravel, salt, and powder from each other. Most of our hypotheses were correct.

-by *Tegan C.*

#### SCAVENGER HUNT!

This scavenger hunt is easy if you read the whole paper because all the answers are in it. Fill out all of your answers to the questions and turn them in to the G.T. room. The first ten people will get a prize! The questions are all throughout the paper but the first one is right here.

1.) Hannah S.'s column in the paper is:

-Created by *Kayla B.*

This newspaper was written and published by Lena Whitmore students. It is available at: [www.sd81.k12.id.us/schools/lena/index.htm](http://www.sd81.k12.id.us/schools/lena/index.htm)

## 6TH GRADE ~ VETERAN'S DAY

Many people don't know why Veteran's Day became Veteran's Day. On November 12, Chris Bailey came to my 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. He is a communication specialist. That means he sets up telephones and computers in remote areas like deserts. Chris also fixes up planes. Veteran's Day was originally called Armistice Day, for the veteran's of World War One.

Now Veteran's Day honors everyone who was in a war or gave his or her life in battle.

In his Four Freedoms Speech, Roosevelt emphasized freedom of speech, freedom from fear, freedom to worship, and freedom from want. November 11<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the Armistice. An armistice is like a treaty. The Allies and Germans signed

the Armistice in 1918. This officially ended World War I for good. It was to be "The War That Ended All Wars." Sadly, that wasn't true.

Veteran's Day is an important holiday because it's the day we honor all the veterans that have fought to protect our country.

-by Tyler B.

### Meet the Press!

Hannah is the writer for the article *Meet the Staff*. The most recent staff member that she has interviewed is Mrs. Gatlin. Hannah thinks that the newspaper is cool because kids from the school get to decide what articles to put in and write them by themselves. Hannah's favorite article in the newspaper is the puzzles area. She likes her article because it lets the kids know about the teachers and other people that work at the school.

Her favorite animals are rabbits and her least favorite animals are any kinds of reptiles in the world. Her favorite subject in school is language arts, because she likes to write. Her favorite color is purple. Her favorite vacation place is Disney Land. Her favorite ride is the Indiana Jones ride.

-by Henry V.

## LESSONS ON THANKFULNESS

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Heidelberg came to visit Mrs. Pannkuk's class. Mrs. Heidelberg talked about thankfulness.

Thankfulness fits right in the month of November. We all got to share what we are thankful for. After Mrs. Heidelberg was done talking we got to do an activity that looked

like this:

I am thankful for

Ms. Wissner

because she is

very nice and

teaches everybody and

cooperates very well.

And then we gave the notes to the people we are

thankful for!

Happy Thanksgiving!

-by Emery A.

## ROOTS AND SHOOTS



Congratulations!

The whole school raised \$283 for UNICEF. The Roots & Shoots group thanks you for raising all that money! I bet Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF thanks you too. All the money will be given to the poorest kids in the world. Thank you for making this world better!

-by Gaea R.

## FAVORITE SPORTS OF LENA 6TH GRADERS

I chose to interview sixth graders about sports because I wanted to know what sports they like to play. I asked 16 kids which sport is their favorite. I found out that five kids like football best, five kids like soccer, one kid likes wall ball, and five kids like other sports best, such as lacrosse, hockey,

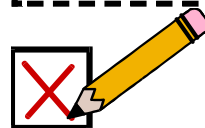
flag football and skating. I planned to interview both classes, but I lost my list of answers, so these results are from just one sixth grade class.

-by Nate M.

### SCAVENGER HUNT!

2.) On what page can you find Hannah's recognition?

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## Meet the Staff!

### Little known facts about Mrs. Newsome

- Favorite color: blue
- Favorite season: summer
- Pets: dog-Mitzy, cat-Sweetie
- Hobbies: gardening, hiking

-by Will B.

### Mrs. Hawley

Mrs. Hawley is one of Lena's 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. She joined Lena's staff last year. I interviewed her to tell you all about her.

Mrs. Hawley was born in Market, Michigan, and moved here three years ago. She was also married two and a half years ago.

When at home, she enjoys walking her dog, gardening, and doing yoga. She enjoys the movie "The Holiday" and all types of music. Mrs. Hawley also likes non-fiction and historical fiction books. She likes popcorn and Squirt. Her favorite place to be is at her husband's parents' cabin in Wisconsin.

When Mrs. Hawley was in school, her favorite subject was science. Her dad was her favorite teacher. Also, he is the person who inspired her the most. She went to the U of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Mrs. Hawley says she's gotten stricter this year. She says she loves her job because she likes helping kids meet their goals. Mrs. Hawley first decided to be a teacher when she was a senior in high school.

## SCHOOL TRENDS

One of the school trends this year is four square! Every day you can see kids playing four square outside at lunch recess. You can be a jack, a queen, a king, or an ace. In four square you can do moves like a cherry bomb, tea party, or tree tops.

This is a very active game that gets you up and moving!

If you don't know how to play four square Mr. Fisher will tell you in P.E or you can ask the people who are playing it. I highly suggest that you play this game.

-by Gaea R.

### SCAVENGER HUNT!

3.) 4Four4 pages down from the page on which Hannah is recognized, there is an article about one of the teachers here at Lena. Which teacher is it?

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## WEATHER WEAR for December

Well, as you know, it is almost December, and that means things are starting to cool down.

First off, like I said before, people should wear layers, so you can take them off if and when it gets warmer at the end of the day. Although, it is December and I don't think we will be taking too many layers off anyway.

To the point, it will be cold.

-by Sydney F.

## PAWS FOR VIRTUES

Paws for virtues are rewards for people who always help others succeed in something that they can't do themselves. Any staff or teacher that feels a student is doing more than necessary in helping others or working hard can give that student recognition so everyone can appreciate that student for doing so. Then the student's name will be placed on a poster in the hall so other classes can see.

A lot of students have already succeeded in getting this reward and it shows that people use virtues everyday. Keep it up!

-by Kayla B.

Continued on next column...

Hawley continued...

To anyone who wants to become a teacher, she says that you have to like kids (and grading papers!)

Mrs. Hawley is a super fun teacher who makes you have a great year. She is very kind and fun. Anyone who has her is bound for a great year!

-by Hannah S.

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### THIRD GRADE RESEARCH (continued from page 2)

- \* The Cougar has one to six babies - Elizabeth C.
- \* The Lop-Eared Rabbit lives 5 years - Sarah M.
- \* There are about 2000 water buffaloes alive today. - Alena P.
- \* The king cobra can lay up to 50 eggs. - Kevin E.
- \* The dolphin sleeps with half its brain awake - Miriam D.
- \* A long time ago they spelled Chipmunk like this - chibmuck." - Jasmine W.
- \* The Sugar Gliders wipe saliva on each other." - Maya S.
- \* The Scarlet Macaw eats clay to get rid of tummy aches." - Semolina S.
- \* The snow shoe rabbit takes dust baths." Kasandra

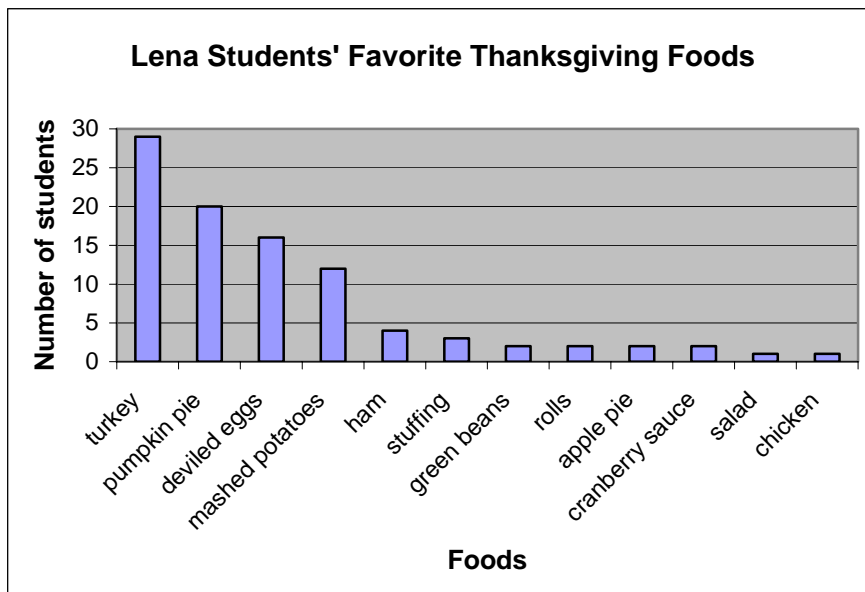
Tis the  
Season



## IN THE LUNCH LINE...

Have you ever wondered about other Lena students' favorite Thanksgiving food? I did a survey to find that out. I surveyed 4-6th graders in the lunch line. The favorite food was turkey. The second was pumpkin pie. The third was deviled eggs. My graph shows the rest.

-by Sarah P.



## RANDOM FACTS FOR NOVEMBER

Turkey is a country in Asia, near Greece. Its capital is Istanbul.

The scientific name for the type of turkey that you eat is *Meleagris gallopavo*.

Turkeys have 5,000-6,000 feathers.

Turkeys weigh 18 pounds on average, but the heaviest turkey on record by the National Wildlife Turkey

Federation is 38 pounds.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the U.S. National Bird.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> 1598, the explorer Don Juan de Oñate ordered his expedition to rest and have a thanksgiving feast.

Thanksgiving was originally (in the 18<sup>th</sup> century) a holiday of prayer and fasting (not now).

Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October every year. In 2007, it was on October 8.

-by Ben S.

### SCAVENGER HUNT!

4.) How many years has the ??Teacher?? worked at Lena?

## ACTIVITY CORNER ~ TURKEY ART ~

- Trace your hand.
- Add a beak and a red gobbler.
- Color the fingers like feathers.
- Color the palm and thumb brown.
- Add eye to thumb.
- Add feet to the bottom of the palm.
- Enjoy!



## HOLIDAY EATING

I'm sure most of you know someone who is allergic to some sort of food. Some of you might even be allergic to some food yourself. Then you probably know how hard it is to eat during the holidays. Some people come up with creative solutions to their food dilemmas, like eating pumpkin custard instead of pumpkin pie. Instead of your traditional turkey, have a different type of meat like roast beef

or lamb. If you are a vegetarian, you go with tofu turkey. There are some good sides to a traditional meal, though. Turkey is one of the healthiest meats for you and all other traditional foods can be made with healthy ingredients. Maybe you'd like to try tofu or custard. It's up to you.

-by Gabby B.

## OUR THOUGHTS ~ OPINIONS AND ADVICE

### ????? Lunch Too Short ?????

Have you ever sat down at the lunch tables and then the lunchroom supervisors clapped their hands to go outside? Have you ever thought "What?! I just got here!!" Sometimes you're at the front of the lunch line and get plenty of time to eat. But sometimes you don't.

I think that we should add more time for lunch. The last people in line have a really short time and they need more time to eat. I surveyed 30 people and 24 out of them wanted to add more time to lunch.

-by Samantha P.

### Chad's School Survival Kit

[Your results may vary.]

The first issue of my paper was about teachers. I recommended that you always try to like your teacher because...

This month's tip is to make friends. Making friends is huge. I mean, look at me. I have a lot of friends, and I do pretty well in school. But the thing about friends is having fun with them. That's one of the hints to having fun. In order to do well in school you

have to make it fun. You have to have fun at recess. You have to have fun in the lunchroom. And to really make school fun, you have to have a fun teacher [like Mrs. Druffel]. And I'll see you next time in *Chad's School Survival Kit*.

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Chad R. writes and publishes *The School Survival Kit*. Selections will be reprinted in the *Lena Monthly News* with his per-

Scavenger Hunt!  
5.) Who was the guest speaker for Veteran's day?

## ASK ALLY

Dear Ally,

My friends are bothering me about the way I dress. It is really starting to bug me. What should I do?

-Scared in Social Studies

Dear Scared,

If they keep teasing you then show them that's bullying. Use the D-bug system or use the **STOP** that we learned at the anti-bullying assembly. Remember, if they don't like the way you dress and tease you about it, they are not your real friends. I hope it works for you.

-Ally

-Victoria G.

## Word of the Month

**Word for November:** *ample*

Pronunciation: \ 'am-pəl \

Meanings and use: 1 : generous or more than adequate in size, scope, or capacity <there was room for an *ample* garden> 2 : generously sufficient to satisfy a requirement or need <they had *ample* money for the trip>

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Latin *amplus*

Taken from Miriam Webster Dictionary Online:

<http://www.m-w.com/dictionary/ample>

-Contributed by Emery A.

## JOKES

Q: What do you get when you cross a buffalo with a man?

A: A buff man

Q: What do you get if you cross a chicken with the Easter rabbit?

A: Easter eggs

Once there were two hunters. One went out and came back with two deer over his shoulder. The other one said, "How did you find

them?" And he said, "I followed the tracks."

The second man went out and came back all bloody. The first man said, "How did that happen?" The second man said, "I followed the tracks and got hit by a train!"

-Contributed by Chandler M.  
and Garrett M.

# FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT (AND EDUCATION)

## LOOKIN' GOOD!

by Emery A.

### Hair Styles

*How to straighten your hair  
(for the girls)*

Step 1: Apply hair gel to hold the finished product. (Hair must be wet.)



Step 2: Blow dry your hair

Step 3: When your hair is about 75% dry, run a brush through your hair.

Step 4: Finish blow drying your hair. Brush your hair while you are blow drying it.

Step 5: To make your hair really straight, use a straight iron.

## GABBY'S HOROSCOPE

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18):** Keep your eyes open for TROUBLE.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20):** A big decision may be coming your way.

**Aries (3/21-4/19):** Your friends may become foes.

**Taurus (4/20-5/20):** Try and trust the untrusted.

**Gemini (5/21-6/21):** Enjoy the holidays cautiously.

**Cancer (6/22-7/22):** Someone close may not be what they seem.

**Leo (7/23-8/22):** The road is open; take advantage.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22):** A storm is coming; take shelter.

**Libra (9/23-10/22):** Take advantage of the fun in your life.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21):** School is important, but it's not worth compromising yourself.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21):** Your family is important; don't forget.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19):** Start exploring out there.

## Jokes

From American Girl Magazine

Q: What kind of music do the Pilgrims listen to?

A: Plymouth Rock

Q: What did the girl say to her mother while they were baking pumpkin pie?

A: I'll be the flour girl.

Q: How did the turkey eat his pumpkin pie?

A: He gobbled it down.

Q: Who's a turkey's worst enemy?

A: The oven.

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

A: To show he wasn't chicken

-Contributed by Gaea R.

## BOOK REVIEW CORNER

### The Titan's Curse

written by Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson is a dyslexic 8<sup>th</sup> grader. He also has ADHD. Two years before the story begins, he discovered, much to his shock, that his father is Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. He saved the entire world by finding and returning Zeus's symbol of power, the master bolt, before the summer solstice deadline. The year after, he rescued his friend, the satyr (half goat, half human) Grover from marrying the Cyclops, Polyphemus, and steals the Golden Fleece.

The year the story begins, Grover sends a distress signal to both Percy and his friends Annabeth and Thalia. They go to a military school during a dance and meet Grover there. Grover tells them about how he found two half-bloods (half human half god) and also tells

them about a monster that is in the school and is trying to get the two half-bloods. While in the dance room Percy sees the monster (disguised as a human named Dr. Thorn) leading the two half-bloods out of the room and into the hallway. Percy follows them outside, along a cliff, and begins to fight Dr. Thorn, the mantichore, with his sword, Riptide, and defeats him with the Hunter's help.

When Percy gets back to the camp, he goes on another quest to save the world. He must go to find the leader of the enemy army in L.A. and stop him from taking over the world by sacrificing a legendary sea "monster."

If you want to find out more about the book, READ IT!

*Book review by Ben S. and Henry V.*

