



# Panther Press



## Chocolate Bar Sales

By Sofia Blankman



Hi, it's Sofia! Hey, you know about the chocolate bars we're going to sell? The money from selling the yummy chocolate will be going towards buying smart boards for our school. Smart boards are like computers, but you can touch the screen and it will go to the place that you typed in or clicked on. This technology would be great to have in the classrooms. One of the seventh and one of the eighth grade rooms already have one. Emily McIntosh, one of our newspaper staff members, says that the smart boards "are really convenient for teachers because they don't have to keep erasing whiteboards or using nasty chalk." I know we can do it! So let's keep selling those chocolate bars!

## 8th Grade Confirmation

By Miss Vieira & Sofia Blankman

On April 16, OLL's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class had their Confirmation. Confirmation is a Catholic sacrament of mature Christian commitment and a deepening of baptismal gifts. Like Baptism and Eucharist, it is a Sacrament of Initiation for Catholics and a Sacrament of faith in God's devotion to us. Lourdes was honored to have Archbishop George Lucas at the special event. When asked what Confirmation means to them, eighth grader Jaelyn Hinkle said, "A new start in Faith." Student Council President El Jay Murray said, "It means my Faith," and Madison Hawley responded, "Growing a new Faith in myself." Eight grader Grace Malley said, "It strengthens my Fruits of the Holy Spirit in me." Congratulation eight graders! Pray that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders take this important step in faith actively and serve as admirable representatives of Christ's truth.



Father Bill and Archbishop George Lucas at eighth grade Confirmation

## 5th/6th Grade Speech Contest

By Miss Vieira & Sofia Blankman

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the annual Woodmen's Speech Contest. Led by Mrs. Kowskie, the students were given the topic, "If I were President." The job of the President of the United States comes with many opportunities and challenges, and students were to explore the many aspects of presidential power. Speeches were to be 3-5 minutes and in the student's own words. Students were judged on a 100-point system. The students with the highest points from both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes continued on to the contest. The eight contestants included 5<sup>th</sup> graders Sophie Donahue, Morgan Hobbs, Julia Mangenaro, and Alex Ketzler. The sixth grade representatives were George Keller, Lily Rashid, David Wiley, and Emily Mayberger. Each student worked very hard on their speeches, touching on the fun parts of being President, such as living in the White House and flying on Air Force One. The students also mentioned topics that were important to them, like education and employment. The winning contestants were Morgan Hobbs, first place, Julia Mangenaro, second place, and George Keller, third place. Julia admitted, "I was really nervous, I didn't think I was going to get a place." George confessed that he wasn't nervous because he, "already did it once before." Morgan revealed she was nervous and "thought [she] would get last place." Congratulations to the winners! Don't forget to say a special thanks to your OLL teachers when you become President!

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The OLL Panther Press is now available online on our school website. Thanks to Mr. Scalise for making this possible!



## Student Spotlight

By Morgan Hobbs

**"I like all my friends at Lourdes."**

Hi! This month, I interviewed Ava Pavlik from 6A. Mrs. Vieira recommended her because she is nice to all, follows directions, and gets all her work done on time. Ava's favorite color is pink and her favorite movie is *Sherlock Holmes*. She likes mashed potatoes and "Hey Soul Sister" is her favorite song. She plays soccer in her free time. She has a cat named Kali. Ava has three siblings: Grace, Danny, and Grant. She likes to watch *Monk* and her favorite animal is a cat. Ava said, "I like all of my friends at Lourdes." Ava is really nice and sounds like a good student.



Ava Pavlik  
6th Grader

## Shout Outs

By Miss Vieira



Congratulations to Meghan Felty, Cale Connelly, Sam Clements, Alex Ketzler, Keith Hansen, and Isabell Rashid for representing OLL well at the Bible Bowl! Pray for the success of our Math teams at the Archdiocesan Math Contest. -Mr. Jourdan

Congratulations to the 8th grade on their Confirmation! -Mr. Kelly

Hi Bayle! -Bridget

Hi Bridget! -Bayle

My bday is coming up (May7), I want a puppy! -Bridget

I love Demi Lavato! -Sean

Mary still wants her cinnamon rolls! -Emily

Hey Stephen! Mmmm... -Jake

We love Justin Bieber! He Rocks! -Savana, Delaney, Julia

Happy Birthday Sofia! -Ava

Hi Strawberry (aka Julia)! You're my best friend! -Emily

Hey Haley! What's up? -Morgan

Remember, for 25 cents you can put a "Shout Out" in the newspaper! Just bring your message and money to Miss Vieira in 6A.

## Fun Facts

By Bayle Lopez

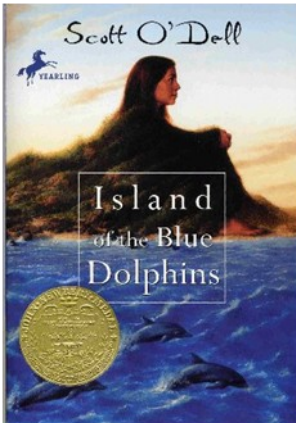
Hey it's me again, Bayle

\*Did you know that lady bugs come in different colors, like yellow, pink, orange, and black?

\*Tulips are the third favorite flower in the United States next to roses!



Book Review  
By Emily McIntosh



Hello again! For this issue of the Panther Press I'm going to do a book review instead of a movie review. For my book review I will be doing Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell. This book is about a girl named Karana. She lived on an island with her tribe. Then, one day hunters came by and killed her father and his army. The tribe leaves on a boat but Karana and her brother got left behind. Karana's brother dies when he goes out trying to find food. Now Karana has to live all by herself waiting to see if someone will save her...

This is one of my all time favorite books. I've read it three times and it is amazing! I guarantee if you read this book you will be addicted.



Puzzles & Jokes  
By Sam Clements

How do sheep go to sleep?  
They count people!

What kind of pictures do turtles take?  
Snapshots!

What do pigs relax in?  
Ham-mocks!

What did the duck say to the waitress?  
Put it on my bill!

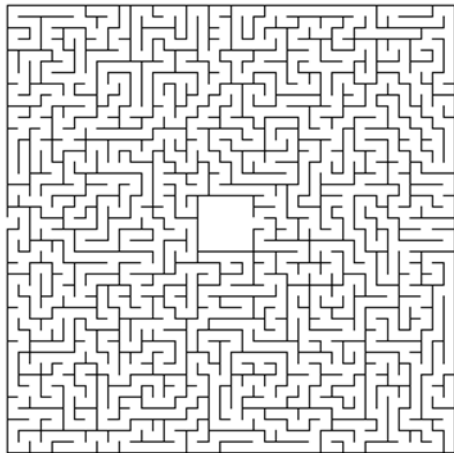
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Take the letters that appear in  boxes and unscramble them for the final message.



## Ask Hollie

By Hollie Peters



Dear Hollie,

*I try hard to read carefully but I still do badly on the A.R. tests. What should I do?*

From, Reader

Dear Reader,

I know you are trying hard and I'm sure teachers notice. I myself also have a hard time reading something then being able to answer questions about it. I was never any good at A.R. tests either. Just keep working hard and do your best. Your effort will pay off. Try jotting down notes as you read. Study them a little before the test and you should do better. Make sure you are reading books that are interesting to you so that you are more likely to focus on what you are reading. Good luck!

Dear Hollie,

*I saw someone getting bullied. What should I do?*

From, Bystander

Dear Bystander,

Next time you see that happen make sure you say something. You might think you will just get bullied back but the truth is that most likely they will stop. The person that is being bullied will greatly appreciate it. What if you were the one being bullied? I'm sure you would appreciate someone stepping in for you. You can always tell a teacher as well.

Dear Hollie,

*I have a friend who thinks she is all that. She totally isn't. She is a part of lots of clubs, wins everything, and is smart. She is totally a teacher's pet so she is un-touchable. She is rude all the time and brags, yet EVERYONE likes her and I don't know why. Ugh! What do I do?*

From, Upset

Dear Upset,

If you are a true friend, you would congratulate her instead of criticize her. There is nothing wrong with being proud of your achievements. You can kindly tell her that she seems to brag from time to time. If you truly do not like her and she is indeed rude, don't be her friend. Remember, always be kind and accept others for who they are.

## Teacher Talk

By Emily Mayberger



Mrs. Kirchevel  
Kindergarten Teacher

Hey, it's Emily again. This month I interviewed Mrs. Kirchevel. She teaches kindergarten. She has taught here for 5 years. Her favorite part about teaching is coming every morning and seeing the kid's happy faces. Being patient is what she finds hard about teaching, especially when the kids are not used to school. Reading, walking, and taking her kids to the park are her favorite things. She has 3 fish, 1 dog, and 2 cats. *Princess and the Frog* is her favorite movie and her favorite book is [There is a Monster at the end of this Book](#). Purple is her favorite color and her favorite show is *Modern Family*. Before this job she worked at a bank and if she didn't have this job she would want to be a vet. Her favorite subject is Science. Tacos are her favorite food and her favorite sport is baseball. She has two children-one boy and one girl. She also has one brother and one sister. Her favorite animal is a dolphin. I hope you learned something you never knew about Mrs. Kirchevel! See who I interview next month!

## Sports/Outdoors

By Jake Mitzlaff



Hello, it's Jake ,and this month I'm going to write about another place to visit, my ultimate favorite place to visit. It is the most beautiful place I have ever visited so far in my lifetime.: De Soto National Wildlife Refuge. I've been there multiple times and been in awe every time. De Soto has very good fishing. It contains game fish (largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, walleye, northern pike, and carp) and rough fish, which are fish that aren't really supposed to be in there like carp and buffalofish. The fishing season opens this year on April 15, 2010, and ends October 14, 2010. They also have very good hunting which I also have experienced many times, they have turkey and deer hunts. Actually, last year I participated in the Youth and Mobility Impaired Turkey Hunt and got myself a real nice tom (mature turkey) with a 1 ten and a half inch beard, and one inch spurs. This year I'm going there to hunt in the Archery Turkey Hunt on April 24, 2010. If you are interested in going to the Youth and Mobility Impaired Turkey Hunt, you send in a 4x6 card, or larger, write your name, address and telephone number. They pick randomly who gets to go, unfortunately they are not accepting any applications

right now until next year. Anyway, the biggest reason you should come here is the untouched beauty of what is the pristine hilly region of Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. Every year, thousands of geese flock to De Soto to rest and we get to see them on the lake from the awesome Visitor Center's viewing area. I love this place and I'm even going fishing there this weekend, I'll tell you guys all about the hunt and the fishing. Please visit De Soto and if you're like me you will love every minute of it. I got this information from my own knowledge and from Midwest Region Refuge System, just type that in on the internet. I got the pictures from there too.

