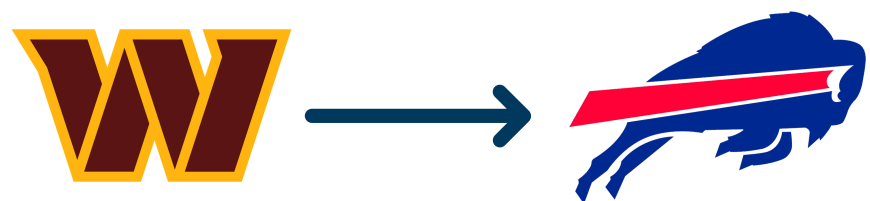


FROM THE WASHINGTON COMMANDERS TO THE BUFFALO BILLS

My favorite sport to watch at home is football. I like to watch football because I play flag football in the fall. My favorite team is the Buffalo Bills. I have been watching the Bills play for about a year. I used to be a Commanders fan but then switched when I lost hope for a good season. My favorite all time bills player is Josh Allen. The Bills rival are either the Patriots or the Chiefs. They beat the Chiefs the past 5 times they have played them. They also broke the Patriots 10 game win streak last season. The Bills are really trying to win a super bowl after being so close for so many seasons. I am not their general manager, but I think they need more corner backs. Honestly just defense in general I think would help them win next season.

JAMES P. 3RD GRADE



MAY BIRTHDAY BOARD

Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear _____,
Happy Birthday to you!

- 1st – Jamison H.
- 3rd – Ada V.
- 6th – Piper D.
- 6th – Alex A.
- 7th – Mr. Beast
- 10th – Owen L.
- 11th – Sabrina Carpenter
- 15th – Ms. Sydney L.
- 17th – Ms. Colleen
- 19th – Bennett B.
- 19th – Gianna G.
- 20th – Charlotte B.
- 23rd – William F.
- 23rd – James P.
- 28th – Ms. Julie
- 29th – Jeremiah K.
- 31st – Abby M.
- 31st – Mallie R.



CHARLOTTE B. 2ND GRADE

CAMP WHATAKID COMING SOON

During the summer Back Pack changes into Camp Whatakid! At Camp Whatakid we get to do a lot of really fun things. We go to the park. We go to the pool, my favorite! We have fun parties. We make delicious food in the kitchen. Every day is exciting! You should watch the videos from last year on campwhatakid.com or you can ask your mom to use her phone and scan the code.

ISABELLA B. 1ST GRADE



BACK PACK RECORDS

What record do you hold? What records can we make or break? Do you have an idea for a **new record**? Tell Mr. Nick about it!

Jump Rope Record

How many consecutive jump rope skips can you do without tripping?
- Record Guidelines -
Single jump rope.
Jumper holds the rope.

Current record holder with 32 jumps: Ellie R.



9 Square Volley Record

How many times can the ball be passed in the air before it touches the ground?
- Record Guidelines -
Players must be in a square.
Keep the ball in play.
No double touch.

Current record holders with 106 hits: Micah, Logan, & Marshall



Fastest Pine Wood Derby Car

Whose car is fastest on the track?

Current record holder:
Nathan D. 2.51 seconds



KIDS' NEWS

VOLUME 12
APRIL '26

WRITTEN BY KIDS FOR KIDS

THE BRAID EXPERIMENT

On Wednesday, April 15th all the girls at Back Pack put any kind of braid or braids in their hair. There are 62 girls with 14 girl counselors. There are 48 boys with 6 boy counselors.



Total Girls: 76 Total Boys: 54
There are 22 more girls than boys at Back Pack.

The girls wanted to do this experiment to prove that girls are more observant than boys. We did this experiment to see how quickly boys would notice and how many boys would notice that all the girls were wearing braids.

The experiment started in a 5th grade classroom at Silverbrook. When I was telling the other girls in my groups at Back Pack they wanted to do it too. Then we decided to include all of the girl counselors. Then the counselors told the girls in their groups too.

On Wednesday morning most of the girls came to Back Pack wearing some type of braid in their hair. If a girl wasn't wearing a braid other girls helped her make a braid. We were making braids in plain sight! All of the girls had braids in their hair at Back Pack...long hair, short hair, every girl! In the morning, girls had braids in their hair starting at 6:30 am til everyone left for school. In the afternoon, girls had braids in their hair starting after school til Back Pack closed at 6:15 pm.



Only one boy noticed the braids, Grant. He noticed when he was lining up for the bus around 8:45 am. He said, "I noticed my 2 sisters had braids in their hair and they never ask my mom for braids. Then when we were playing in the Atrium I noticed Charlee was braiding Ms. Drea's hair. I knew something was up when we lined up for Laurel Hill and all of the girls in line had a braid in their hair."

Mr. Nick knew about the experiment and was going to help us keep it a secret. At the end of the day on Wednesday, Mr. Nick asked Ms. Amanda, "What day are the girls going to do the braid experiment?"which means he didn't notice and that is hilarious!



We proved that girls are more observant than boys because only 1 boy out of 54 noticed all of the braids!

ABBY P. 5TH GRADE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO CHECK OUT PREVIOUS KIDS' NEWS



MAGGIE'S GRANDMA



I visited by grandma during spring break. We had a sleepover and it was the first sleepover just us! She picked me up early and we went to Ben's soccer game. We did a lot of things together. We went to a playground with cool monkey bars. She taught me how to tune a guitar the correct way. We got Chick-Fil-A for dinner and then ice cream afterwards. Getting ice cream was the most fun part of our sleepover. My grandma dunked her face into the ice cream! For breakfast we went to Chloez Café, and we got the same meal, which was a breakfast sandwich. We went to the bird store too to get a refill for the bird feeder. My grandma likes to birdwatch. My grandma is really sweet and kind. I love that about her. My grandma has a motto, "if you don't love it, don't buy it", I think that is a good motto to have in your life. Whenever I get to spend time with my grandma, I feel good and really happy.

MAGGIE K. 2ND GRADE

BANANA KING

Over spring break I went to Florida to visit my grandpa. My grandpa's neighbor invited us over to his house to see his cool pets. One of his pets was a SNAKE! The snake was 6-years-old which is older than my sister, Goldie, who is still 5-years-old. I was not scared at all to hold the snake, but it did stick its tongue out at me a few times. I learned that the snake was doing that because they do not have any nose holes and so they smell with their tongues! The name of the snake was *Banana King*. That's because it was a banana python. The snake was about 4-feet-long, and I think any bigger would be too much to hold but I would not be scared to try and hold it. I would love to go back and see how much he has grown next year, or even get my own pet snake one day.



BODHI S. 2ND GRADE

OUR TRIP TO HIDDEN OAKS PARK A POST TRIP REVIEW BY THE KINDERGARTENERS



Goldie S. My favorite part of the trip was eating popsicles on our walk. It was a nice treat to help us get cooled down.

Nathan D. I liked seeing the animals in the nature center show, especially the big toad.

Matthew R. I loved the komodo dragon because he was super quiet and very still inside his tank.

Everett S. My favorite part was when we saw the turtle swimming in the water.

Roz B. The puppet show was for sure my favorite! They were such cute little puppets.

Madi T. I liked when we played on the playground. Climbing on the big caterpillar's head was so fun.

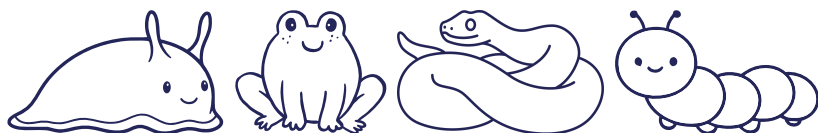
Riley G. We saw a real frog in the pond! I liked when we went to the pond.

Maximo O. The best part was when we got the big green Mtn Dew truck to honk at us on the bus ride to Back Pack.

Patrick S. My favorite part was looking at the snakes in the nature center. I liked the snake that was all curled up.

Freya S-M. I love roly-polies a lot so my favorite part was when the lady rolled away the log to show us all the bugs hiding under it. We saw slugs, roly-polies, and worms.

Emmeline H. I liked when we had a popsicle break! My flavor was blue and I loved that it turned my tongue blue.



SAVE THE AXOLOTLS



Axolotls are very cute. They can be black, some can glow in the dark, or they can be pink. They have long tails and the parts on top of their head are actually gills, usually six gills. Axolotls are endangered in the wild. There are probably only 1,000 left in the whole world in the wild. They live in one place, a lake in Mexico. The lake is full of dangerous creatures like crocodiles and piranhas that could be harming the axolotls. The people that live near the lake are making it dirty which is getting the axolotls sick. Maybe because they don't have ears the mean animals are doing sneak attacks on them. I really want to save the axolotls because they are just so cute. There are more extinct axolotls than there are alive axolotls. We did get to see a real axolotl at the park in the fall (Dora Kelley Park). I think axolotls would be a really good pet to have if they weren't so endangered in the wild.

BENNETT B. 1ST GRADE

CATCH 'EM ALL



Pokémon has become very popular at my school (Newington Forest), and lucky for me I have a head start. I have been collecting since I was 4-years-old. I took a break when I was 6-years-old, and started back up again last year. I have a head start because I have kept all my Pokémon cards since I started collecting! I stopped when I was 6-years-old because the stores were running out and I wanted to give kids who didn't have any cards a chance to buy some. Tosche Station is where I go to get mine. I like to save up my money over a long time to buy the expensive collector Pokémon cards. My most expensive card is probably around \$50! I trade a lot with my friends, but not the expensive ones. I do a lot of research into what is rare from each different Pokémon pack so I know what I am looking for and what not to trade away. I just trade ones that my friends really like that I have a bunch of, so I don't have to worry about price. I really like trading this way because it lets my other friends have a chance to have the cool cards too!

CHASE B. 3RD GRADE

APRIL CLUB REVIEWS

COOKS WITH BOOKS

First we cook then we read a book. We get to take home what we make. My favorite was the cookies. We put a lot of chocolate chips in them and some marshmallows. We also made mashed potatoes with forks. It was a very yummy club!

ZOEY P. 1ST GRADE



CREATION STATION

You can always make something new. We made really creative things, like paper stuffies, bracelets and keychains, and also make your own crayons. I made heart shape crayons by breaking old crayons and putting into molds to bake. I like to create new things.

ASTRAIA S. 1ST GRADE



FUSE BEAD MASTERS

I made a blue heart with fuse beads, I keep it in my backpack. We used stencils to make designs. It is a little bit hard because the beads are so small it takes a long time. It feels good to finish a project.

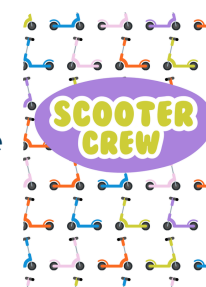
EMILY W. 1ST GRADE



SCOOTER CREW

We raced on the scooters and I won a race! We had a scooter wash. Ms. Kylie sprayed off the soap with the hose and she got me wet! Scooter club was fun because we could do laps around the lower lot. I like to ride scooters to feel the wind on my face and in my hair.

ADA V. 1ST GRADE



GARDEN CLUB

We decorated fairy houses. I put my fairy house in my mom's living room so my dad's dog Tux doesn't eat it! We learned about plant and flower life cycles and collected things outside to put in our field journals. It is an amazing club!

SAMARA D. 2ND GRADE



GAME ZONE

For the 2nd week we had a Nerf Battle. It was fun until everyone started to quit because we were winning. We tried to get them to keep playing but they didn't want to. Game Zone is fun because Ms. Ashley switches it up every week.

ELIJAH S. 4TH GRADE



MAD SCIENTISTS

We learned about chemical reactions and how they can be safe or dangerous. We made volcanoes, lava lamps, and ooblek. I am excited to make the color changing playdough this week.

EDISEN C. 2ND GRADE

