



THE PURPLE PAW

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The History of Thanksgiving!

By Natalie Moore

We all think we know what Thanksgiving is about. It's where we all gather around and eat turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, corn and many other delicious things. That is not real true story behind the holiday that we call Thanksgiving. Here is the real story!

The Pilgrims came to America on the Mayflower in September of 1620. Why did the Pilgrims come to America? The Pilgrims came to America because they wanted to have their religious voices be heard by all of the people that would listen to them. They were also trying to create a new and better place for their families to live. Only about half of the Pilgrims survived the horrible winter storm while they were on the ship. In November of 1621 the Pilgrims first corn harvest proved successful with the help of Squanto the Native American. Governor William Bradford organized a big feast that celebrated this great accomplishment. This grand festival lasted three days, where as ours only lasts one day. The Pilgrims sent people out to hunt for food and they came back with five. The Pilgrims didn't have any special cooking methods or spices like we do now. Sadly the meal didn't have pies, cakes, or deserts but they soon became a tradition in this holiday.

That is why we celebrate Thanksgiving. Remember back on this story and think how hard it must have been for them to survive on that boat and then come out with this big successful accomplishment. Thanksgiving will always be a remembered holiday because of this amazing story about the Pilgrims on the Mayflower.



Fun Facts of November By Brian Barnes

- **Election Day** is on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- **THANKSGIVING** is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in the month.
- **\$1** is the average cost per pound in of a frozen whole turkey.
- **\$5.2 million** is the value of U.S. imports of live turkeys during the first half of 2005 -- *all from Canada*. Our northern neighbors also accounted for all of the cranberries the United States imported (\$2.2 million).



http://www.chiff.com/a/turkey_census.htm

<http://www.entourages.com/barbs/november.htm>

Favorite Thanksgiving Food By Hannah Sidebottom



I asked twenty students what their favorite Thanksgiving food was.

Most of them hesitated at first when I asked. They said "hmmm, I like a lot of different foods" Or "I have too many favorites!" Out of all the foods that kids chose mashed potatoes was the most popular! Twelve out of twenty said mashed potatoes. A few said they liked them with gravy with them but not many. Also kids said stuffing, turkey, cranberries, pie, and rice. I was surprised with results of this survey. I though more students would say turkey because it's usually the big thing during a Thanksgiving meal.

Everyone enjoy your delicious meals! Eat up your favorite food!

The Lion King in 3D Review

By Kali Oaks and Madison Wasley

The Lion King is a classic Disney movie full of adventure, thrill, and amazing songs. Simba is one of the most innocent cubs and believes everything his Uncle Scar tells him. When his dad is killed in a stampede of wildebeests, his uncle makes him believe that it was Simba's fault. Simba is told to run away by his Uncle and meets friends, Timon and Pumba. He learns from Timon and Pumba "*Hakuna Matata*," which means no worries. He carries this lesson throughout his life. When his childhood friend, Nala, wanders into his new habitat, she tries to convince him to go back to Pride Rock, his homeland. Simba refuses to challenge his Uncle Scar, who has become the new ruler of Pride Rock. When Rafiki, the wise old baboon, shows Simba how much he is like his father, he finally decides to go back. He travels back to Pride Rock where he finds that his homeland was destroyed by his Uncle and hyenas. As he gets ready to confront his Uncle, he meets up with Nala, Timon, and Pumba. Pumba and Timon create a distraction while Simba and Nala go to confront Scar. To find out what happens you should go see this movie. All in all this is a fantastic movie for people of all ages. The 3D effect adds an interesting angle to the movie. Even if you have already seen this movie, we would recommend going to see it again. It is an amazing story of love, sorrow, and pride.



EDITORIAL: Books

You know what really irritates me? Books. Now I'm not saying that I don't like books, I just really hate how predictable almost every book I have ever read has been. From the beginning of just about every book, you can tell how it's going to end, the good guy's going to beat the bad guy and live happily ever after. Take for example the Harry Potter series. No one really ever doubted that Harry would beat Voldy and then go get married to Ginny, did they? No, they didn't. Did anyone think that Voldemort was actually going to succeed in taking over the world? Of course not. Now it's not that I don't like a happy story, it's just that I don't want EVERY story to be a happy one. Why can't there be just one good story, ONE, where the good guy dies and the bad good guy takes over the world? It would be so nice if every single story wasn't written so generically. Almost every book is good vs. evil. And good always wins. It's annoying! I'd really like to see some more originality from writers. Well, that's my opinion, what do you think? How do you like your books to end?

EDITORIAL: Cliques

We all are part of a group in school, whether it is the "Popular" kids, Goths, Loners, Geeks, whatever it may be. I personally think the idea of this is ridiculous. Let it be known that everything in this article is a general overview of the groups.

Geeks are envisioned like this in the movies: they are considered people who all they care about are school, and they don't have a life, and they don't care about their looks, when in fact, the kids who are considered geeks these days, are just the kids who apple-polish the teachers and get good grades. Where did the time go where the kids who got good grades were the ones that everybody liked? This is #1 on my list of unfair things about social groups.

"Popular" kids; a bunch of kids who have power. Everyone who is not one of them or accepted by, they stays clear of them. I put the word popular in quotation marks because I don't believe that they are popular. I believe that they are just a bunch of selfish brats that think the only way to get what they want and be known is to be mean. For example, if a person got good grades and they are in extra-curricular activities and have abilities they don't, they will pick on them. What could they possibly have to pick on? In my world, the popular group (in general) makes up most of the bullies at school. (#2)

Goths I think are many times looked over. They are the kids that bottle themselves up, and only let one side of them be shown. Studies show that this group can often be the most violent. People like this often come from homes where they can't talk freely about problems, and there is a lot of violence. Emo is often associated with this group, meaning people who hurt themselves intentionally. This group is definitely a target of bullying.

Loners are all of the people that don't fit in any group. They band together with people like them and people they like and make their own little subgroups. Often these kids have little or nobody to hang out with in school other than acquaintances. This group would definitely be a target of bullying.

Disclaimer: All of the statements in this article are a general overview of the group. I am not meaning to offend.

EDITORIAL: Grounding should not be allowed!

I believe that grounding should be prohibited at home. I think that parents go overboard with grounding. What I mean is that we get in trouble for things we do but I don't think that they should bring it to grounding the kid. I think they should just make a punishment for the kid, they should make the kid do chores for a week or make them only be able to only hang out with their friends for a half an hour or so. Another reason I think they shouldn't ground kids is because it's their only time to have a social life.

Sometimes when parents ground kids it's for a stupid reason. We kids never want to be grounded, all we are trying to do is have fun, but parents yell at us for it, it's like they never want us to have fun! When we get grounded all we do is sit there and do nothing, when they are always telling us to get out and do something. All they should do is say what we did, tell us the right thing to do and then tell us our consequence. I hate being grounded.

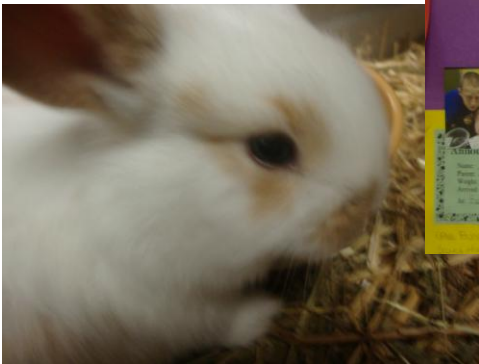
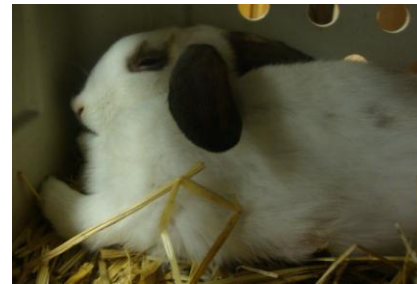
Seventh Graders By Hannah Sidebottom

I interviewed four seventh graders about how they like seventh grade. I asked them these nine questions: Students were first asked – “Do you like the Jr. High?” All the students quickly answered “Yes!” Then when asked- “Do you like it better than elementary school?” All said yes as well. Some said because there was more freedom and they got to meet students from the other elementary schools. Next I asked- “What is something that’s different for you?” Some of the responses were... switching classes, more freedom, a lot more classes, and going to other classes instead of just one. Then I asked the kids- “What do you miss most from elementary school?” They said...no recess, not being with all your friends, and not seeing younger friends. I asked them “Do you like how there are teams?” Most of them answered it’s ok. Next I asked “Do you like how you eat lunch with the older kids?” Some of them said yes because they have older friends but others say they miss eating lunch with kids their own age. Then I asked the students “do you like having lockers?” they all said Yes. Next I asked “Do you think you have enough time between classes?” Two of them said no and the others said yes. Lastly I asked them “What is your favorite part?” they said...More independence, way more freedom, seeing all my older friends and meeting new people.

The Bunny Club

By Carlotta Case

Early in the year Miss. Rohe’s class did a research project to find the best class pet for the 7th grade. We studied turtles, guinea pigs, lizards and bunnies; then voted. Rabbits are good with people if you treat them well which is one of the reasons they won. Since Miss. Rohe’s sister, Sarah, had a bunny named Snooks who was pregnant with 7 kits (baby bunnies) so we waited.. A rabbit mother can be pregnant for 31 days and have 12 kits. Now that we have the kit’s the 7th grade is measuring their growth. It is a very interesting and fun lab. Snooks is not bothered at all with being in the classroom and is comfortable enough to jump around. The kits are eating real food because bunnies only take 4 weeks to stop nursing. Though our little rabbits will never get this big (our biggest is 492 grams at 4 weeks); the largest rabbit ever was 42 lbs.



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