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## Lanier is an Eco-Friendly School

By: Joshua Park

We are so proud! Lanier has been eco-friendly since June 2010 when we won a Silver Award from Eco-Schools USA. Since then, Lanier received the Green Flag award in June 2011 and was recognized on WUSA9-TV on October 28 for Our Living Classroom initiative with our newly renovated courtyard.

Did you know that Lanier is the first school in the state of Virginia and the third in the United States to receive a Green Flag Award?

Students, staff, and parents are working hard to keep our sustainable courtyard working at Lanier and should be applauded! If you're interested in reading more or watching the USA9-TV coverage, check out Lanier's home page for links.



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### Second quarter Important Dates:

- 11/23 - 2 hour early release
- 11/24-25 - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/24 - 1/2 - Winter Break



## Earthquake Causes Cracks

By: Brooklyn Hayes



Do you remember that earthquake we had a few months ago? The biggest one Virginia ever had! However, records were not the only things being broken in D.C.

The Washington Monument has revealed some cracks at the top of it. Fox 5 reports, "The National Park Service says engineers have dis-

covered several additional cracks in the top portion of the Washington Monument." One four foot crack was found in one of the blocks of the top of the monument.

The statue is indefinitely closed to all visitors until further notice. Workers say that likely additional cracks

will take longer to repair. They are trying to make it more protected from further disasters.

The monument might have collapsed if it wasn't for those engineers. That's why I thank them for all their work.

## 7.2 Earthquake in Turkey

By: Rita Rathod



On October 23 at 1:41pm, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck in Ankara, Turkey. The quake caused 20 aftershocks, one of which was a 6.0 magnitude!

Authorities have told citizens to stay away from buildings as they could collapse on them. The quake was 4.5 miles in depth and 3 miles deep. One of the worries that news reporters and locals have is the displacement of water from Lake Van; this could send water flooding into surrounding areas.

The damage so far has been: 55 buildings have collapsed; 25 apartment buildings have broken down; and 10 buildings near the city of Van have collapsed. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that at least 93 people were killed in Van, 45 died in Ercis,

and 350 were injured throughout the earthquake zone. In fear of more buildings collapsing, the death toll is likely to rise even more.

Red Crescent (like the Red Cross) has been called for rescue workers, heavy machinery and clean drinking water. Residents have set up tents and campfires to spend the next few days or weeks so at least they have a place to stay while their houses are being repaired. There is also no electricity due to the power of the quake. The power lines have fallen and it has disrupted the whole thing. Others have chosen to go to different villages and stay with their relatives.

Rescue teams of about 500 were on the move helping people to safety. Two

tent hospitals were set up in Ercis also.

Israel has offered to help Turkey with the earthquake damage along with the U.S., Greece and other nations and organizations.

Israeli President Shimon Peres states, "Israel shares in your sorrow. Israel is ready to render any assistance that may be required anywhere in Turkey"

Finally, "We stand shoulder to shoulder with our Turkish ally in this difficult time, and are ready to assist," President Barack Obama says.



## Book Review: *All the Lovely Bad Ones*, by Mary Downing Hahn

By: Ria Rathod

If you're looking for a great, action packed horror story then you better read, *All the Lovely Bad Ones* by, Mary Downing Hahn.

This book takes place in modern Fox Hill, Vermont. When Travis and his little sister Corey come to visit this town for the summer to visit their Grandma and her rustic inn, they hear strange rumors that the inn is haunted. In order to get more business for the inn, Travis and Corey come up with a ghost prank! But soon things go terribly wrong when the two awaken Miss. Ada, a mean and cruel lady who wants to take the lives of Travis and Corey. Can the siblings save themselves with the help of their other ghostly friends? Read this amazing book to find out what happens to this tight group of friends!



## Book Review: *Stolen Children*, by Peg Kehret

By: Ria Rathod

*Stolen Children* is a great book for someone who loves mysteries. This fast-paced story will keep anyone at the edge of their seat while reading each and every chapter.

Amy learns everything about babysitting in babysitting school except for one thing: what to do when she and Kendra, the 3 year old girl she's watching, are kidnapped by two men, Hugh and Smokey.

When Mrs. Edgerton comes home after visiting her mom in the hospital, she discovers something shocking: Kendra and Amy aren't there! Mrs. Edgerton calls Amy's mom who says that that they aren't there either. This worries both of the mothers. But as Kendra's mom searches through the house, she finds a note that reads, "Do not call the cops. They are safe with us. We will send you videos. But we will only give the girls back if you pay us." Mrs. Edgerton is stunned! She calls the police right away, and a video is delivered shortly thereafter.

As time passes, things start to get more intense as they figure out that that Kendra's old nanny has a hand in the kidnapping. If you want to know what happens to Kendra and Amy, read this amazing action-packed book to find out more.

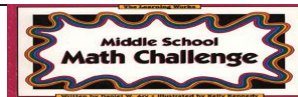


## Music Review: K-pop

By: Clara Kim

K-pop is popular music from Korea. They play music considered to be a mixture of many genres: hip hop, pop, rock, and R&B, all originating in South Korea. In addition to music, K-pop has grown into a popular subculture among teenagers and young adults around the world, resulting in widespread interest in the fashion and style of Korean idol groups and singers. Through the presence of Facebook fan pages, availability on iTunes, Twitter profiles, and music videos on YouTube, the ability of K-pop to reach a previously inaccessible audience via the Internet is exposing the group on an international scene.

There was a European concert recently and SM entertainment announced to fans that a concert will be forthcoming in New York City, date and time to be announced shortly.



How many steps are required to break an  $m \times n$  bar of chocolate into  $1 \times 1$  pieces?

You can break an existing piece of chocolate horizontally or vertically.

You cannot break two or more pieces at once (so no cutting through stacks).

Answer: You need  $m - 1$  steps.  
By breaking an existing piece horizontally or vertically, you merely increase the total number of pieces by one.  
You already have 1 piece, so need  $m - 1$  steps to get to  $m$  pieces.



## How This is Too Thin?

By: Brooklyn Hayes

The National Institute of Mental Health says that between 5 to 10 million girls and one million boys have a sort of unhealthy dietary disorder. This includes diseases such as eating disorders such as Anorexia and Bulimia which are considered binge/eating disorders.

The good news is that because of guilt, many eating disorders don't go unreported. Though, as our society ages, the concept of "thin is beautiful" has manifested itself into affecting the confidence and even school and class work of girls as young as nine years old!

Even though scientists haven't found direct evidence to verify how young girls are affected with school work, they are convinced that there might be a genetic factor of these disorders. They believe that if Serotonin (a group of chemical messengers to carry out communication to the body and brain) is overproduced, it is possible that it causes the body to have a larger or smaller appetite.

This could also be what is called a "watch and learn" result. For example, if a teenager has an eating disorder and a younger sibling is watching them in the act, he/she may think that is normal behavior and adapt that disorder as well.

There are many consequences to having these disorders. Severe dehydration, fainting and weakness, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol levels are just a few on the list. It also leads to dry hair and skin.

So the next time you want to fit into that size 2 swimsuit, do the smart thing and go to the gym instead of changing your eating pattern!

## How Crazy are you for Candy? A Quiz

By: Ria Rathod



1. So, it's Halloween night. You come back home after hours of trick-or-treating, what do you do?

- A) Change into my pajamas, and then have some candy.
- B) Dump my bag of candy on the carpet and sort them out. Then, eat them.
- C) Dig right in and stuff candy in my mouth!!
- D) It's too late anyways; I'll wait till tomorrow to eat them.

2. How hyper do you get when you eat candy, on a scale of 1-10?

- A) 3-5
- B) 5-8
- C) 9-10
- D) 1-3

3. Would you spend your whole day at Hershey's Amusement Park?

- A) Let's wait till after lunch and then leave.
- B) Sure, but I'll get some reading done on the way!
- C) YES!! I could live there!
- D) Not really sure... I'd rather go next time.

4. What's your favorite dessert?

- A) Cookies
- B) Cake
- C) ICE CREAM!!!
- D) Not a big fan of sweets.

5. If you were to have the whole day to yourself, what would you do?

- A) I don't know, whatever I want.
- B) Clean the house a bit and then eat candy as a reward.
- C) Sit in front of the TV and eat as much candy and food I possibly can!
- D) Spend the day finishing some reading.

### ***If you scored:***

#### Mostly A's

You like candy sometimes but you're not such a big fan.

#### Mostly B's

You're very organized and love getting rewards.

#### Mostly C's

You are crazy for candy! You'll eat it anywhere and anytime!!

#### Mostly D's

You're not too psyched about candy but you love reading.



## The History of Clocks

By: Karena Oner



Clocks have been around much longer than most other technology. It all started with the invention of a simple time keeping device. Originally constructed with a pendulum and gears, there are now obviously many advances with clocks.



Although the Babylonians did indeed have some sort of sun dial that clocks were originated from, the Egyptians were the ones to bring us the obelisk, a tall structure with a pointed top that told the time using shadows. Eventually, with more knowledge, the Egyptians made smaller sun dials. The sun dial soon moved to Greece and Rome. Rome then adjusted the sun dial to make it more accurate.

After the sun dial came the water clock. Still simple enough, all you had to do was fill a container with water and let it flow at a constant rate into other

chambers that operated some sort of floating invention that had a lever and could be moved to show the hours.

Mechanical clocks soon arrived, a bit more advanced. There are many types of mechanical clocks, but they're all more or less constructed the same way. The first mechanical clocks were large and expensive, and were not made for personal use. Soon, though, clocks suitable for daily life came about.

Galileo played a huge part in the process of clock making. He was the first to study the motion of the pendulum, back in 1602. Later, Christiaan Huygens patented the first clock using the device.

The first clock was a simple clock, using a short pendulum inside a wooden case. Later, the pendulum's length was increased, as was the accuracy of the device. With the in-

creased length of the pendulum, the long-case clock was born.

This brings us to alarm clocks, which are run solely on batteries, and are very simply used.

Over-all, clocks have a long and lengthy past.

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## What Does Your Birthday Month Mean?

By: Clara Mitnacht

January- You is a leader who can stand up when no one else can. You are also strong and powerful.

February- You are very peaceful you like harmony and you're considerate toward others.

March- you love life, you're outgoing, have a cheerful vibe. You also have a great sense of humor.

April- you are trustworthy, helpful and steady and you can solve any problem you face.

May- you like change and to go your own way in life you're also unique and creative.

June- you are peaceful and you like the gentle side of life you are very considerate.

July- you might tend to be a deep thinker you are also quiet, you have a unique perspective on life.

August- you are determined, brave and strong you also find it easy to be successful.

September- you are wise and inspirational and universally sympathetic.

October- you are a natural leaders, you are strong and powerful.

November-you are wise beyond your years and selfless.

December- you are gregarious; you love life and have a great sense of humor.

## 2011 Horoscopes

By: Sarah Bloomberg

Aries: March 21 – April 19   Taurus: April 20 – May 20   Gemini: May 21 – June 20  
Cancer: June 21 - July 22   Leo: July 23 – August 22   Virgo: August 23 – September 22  
Libra: September 23 – October 22   Scorpio: October 23 – November 21  
Sagittarius: November 22 – December 21   Aquarius: January 20 – February 18



### Aries

2011 will be a dynamic and positive year. You will find hard work will hold the key to all progress and growth.

### Taurus

2011 will bring some amount of challenges in the second half of 2011. You will begin the year in a growth and gain oriented phase.

### Gemini

2011 will be a positive year. You will find very good growth prospects.

### Cancer

2011 promises to be a super good year for you. You will be high on luck as well as goodwill. Career will get into a phase of expansion.

### Leo

2011 would be a challenging year as you will find a combination of negativity and low confidence make way towards better luck.

### Pisces

2011 would be better in principle although hurdles would remain in place mostly on account of opposition to your ideas and career.

### Virgo

2011 will bring in mixed circumstances during the year. You will feel a rise in pressure in personal matters.

### Libra

2011 will be an eventful year. You will commence the year with a continuation in the vibrancy and expansion into new areas.

### Scorpio

2011 will be a positive year too. You will get some exceptional results in money matters as well as career.

### Sagittarius

2011 will be a much better year as lot of issues get resolved.

### Capricorn

2011 will be a positive year, although there will be some amounts of hurdles and issues at times.

### Aquarius

2011 will see some amount of rise in pressures. You will however get a lot of opportunities and new areas in work and finances.



## Thanksgiving Word Search

A G N I V I G S K N A H T G O  
 R A E Y R R T I C U R O A D A  
 L L T F E A S T E L S T M I T  
 N P U M P K I N Y M H I K R R  
 U L R Q C L N O V E M B E R E  
 H A I D O E O T R O K U N N S  
 F T L I F S L R I P G R O O S  
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 A R Y R R E B N A R C O Y I D  
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 L O W E L B A T E G E V E R X  
 O T S E V R A H A R B D U T E  
 H G U C Y O K A H C A R V E A

1. Carve
2. Celebrate
3. Colonist
4. Cornucopia
5. Cranberry
6. Dessert
7. Farmer
8. Feast
9. Gather
10. Harvest
11. Holiday
12. November
13. Pilgrim
14. Platter
15. Pumpkin
16. Thanksgiving
17. Tradition
18. Turkey
19. Vegetable
20. Worship

