



Monday's Letter
February 09, 2009

Ark Community Charter School

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

This issue is dedicated to our Third Grade classes. Congratulations to all of the students and dedicated teachers for their excellent work.

Mary Theresa

Getting Artistic With Insects!

This week the 3rd grade students are working on collage in the art room. Each student is creating their own unique insect. Next they will be creating wooden animal sculptures and they're painting them with bright patterns.



Third Grade School Store

Students in Miss McLoughlin's Third Grade Class can earn "McLoughlin Money" for good behavior, acts of kindness, showing respect and for being responsible. On Friday afternoons the store opens! Students have to decide to spend the money they have or save their money for something priced higher in hopes to earn enough money the following week. Students are learning real life skills when it comes to saving and spending money.



Tall Tales by **SUPER** 3rd graders



The Best Volleyball Player in the Universe

By Brianna

I am Brianna and I am the best volleyball player in San Francisco. I can run fast and hit hard.

When I was a little girl I always wanted to play volleyball. I was born in San Francisco. My birthday is on January 1, 1990. I am 18 years old. My parents always come to my games. My parents are so cool they let me do whatever I want. My father always embarrasses me. My little sister is a basketball player. She is a tom boy. When I start playing volleyball I always hit hard and run fast. "Let's go Brianna, let's go!" the coach says. Then a guy says, "The Tigers won!" We were so excited!

Now it's the finals and everyone is watching. We are up against the Sharks. We start playing and they begin to cheat. Their coach cheated too. My team had a great plan. The coach made me go to the back because that's where they throw the ball a lot. When I went to the back they threw it and I hit it as hard as I could. Since they missed I kept hitting the ball hard until we won. My team had 14 points and the other team had 13 points. We needed more points in order to win. They needed 2 more points in order to win. If they miss we win. My team needed me to serve. I did it again and we won! We were all so excited!



Tall Tale of Alexis

By Alexis

Once upon a time there was a little girl born in St. Mary's Hospital. Her name was Alexis. Alexis was very artistic. When coming out of her mother's stomach she grabbed a pen and wrote all over the walls. Alexis's mother was speechless. When the doctor's put Alexis clothes on she then was given to her mother, "She beautiful!" Alexis had blond hair, green blue eyes, and mulatto skin. When driving home from the hospital Alexis said her first three words "I can draw". Three months later her mom noticed that every time Alexis touched a color her fingernails would turn the same color. Here fingernails were shaped like color pencils. When her mother went to the kitchen Alexis decorated the whole house with her colored pencil fingers. When Alexis was 5 years old she created pictures for museums. When she was eight years old the nails of her toes also started to change color! When Alexis was 9 years old she slowly began singing in her sleep. It was very strange for Alexis's mom, Janet. She thought Alexis was a drawer and not a singer. When Alexis had her tenth birthday she sang many songs. She also sang one of her favorite songs. When Alexis was a teenager she was so famous that she started to travel the world. Alexis was very wealthy, but she still helped people.

When Alexis didn't want her stuff she sold it. Alexis was starting to go to art class to become a great artist. Alexis started going to college. It was hard for Alexis because of having to travel a lot. Alexis had art shows all over the world. Famous people wanted to buy her art work. TV shows wanted her. She went on the shows to demonstrate her talent. Alexis painted more paintings than any other artist to ever live. Her art work is still being sold today. Alexis will always be remembered for her fast painting, for her beautiful pictures, and for painting the most art ever.



Tall Tale of Tiana

By Tiana

Once upon a time there was a girl name Tawanna. She was having a baby and it was a girl. They live in Hollywood, California. She was born in Hollywood Hospital. There was something special about this little girl. She didn't even cry when coming out of her mommy's belly like all the other babies do. The baby came out singing. Her name was Tiana Monet. Her hair was shaped like a music note. Everybody stopped talking when she sang a very soft music note. The note got higher and higher. Her singing broke a window. While singing sparks came from the top of her head.

A bit later they left the hospital and went home. When they were in the car her mom turned up the radio. They began signing "All the single ladies" from Beyonce. When they got home the baby was singing even more.

When Tiana was five years old she sang for big crowds every night. She loved to sing! She also wanted to be a normal kid that goes to school, reads books, and writes. She still loved sing. She wanted to learn more songs. When she got older and older she loved to sing to people at JCPenny's and also sell her CD's. She traveled all over the world singing beautiful and peaceful songs. She had the strongest voice the world had ever heard. She is remembered today for helping cure people and make them feel better with her amazing voice.



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The Amazing Bellhop

By: Manny

Once upon a time a baby was born with great abilities and that baby was me. When I was little it was hard not to get bullied because of my super strength and super speed. When I turned 16, I wanted to make quick and easy money. I became a construction worker. I couldn't control my powers, so I had to quit my job. I decided to become a bellhop, even though I'm clumsy. I needed to save the day in the Omni Hotel from a criminal trying to take all the diamonds and money. The criminal, Mr. Winks was unstoppable in Boston M.A.

Governor Porcupine calls me at the Omni Hotel for an interview. Suddenly the governor was shot by Mr. Wink who stole everything he owned. The governor dies! I became sad and cried. I decided to get revenge! The next day I put up surveillance cameras all around the hotel. I watched in my secret cellar for Mr. Wink on the video screen making sure to be prepared for the final battle.

I found out shortly after that Mr. Wink took a plane to Australia and started a new life. So I went to Australia under disguise as a waiter. At Alexis Diner I gave Mr. Wink some coffee with microchips in it. When he left I turned on my GPS and tracked him down.

Later on that day I found Mr. Wink in an apartment building. He was relaxing and watching a game, the Giants vs. the Patriots. I then tilted the house and Mr. Wink fell out the window. The fight began and I won by a single shot to the stomach. I smelled victory in the air.



At the beginning of the year, we put together our knowledge of the 5 regions in the United States, along with each state that belongs in each region, to create a tall tale about ourselves. After learning about the states, the region, and its characteristics, we read popular tall tales such as "John Henry" and "Calamity Jane" to get an idea of what a tall tale should be like. We needed to include where the story took place, our "super power" that we were born with, and a conflict that we needed to resolve.



Frank, the Hershey Park Hero!

By: Frank

Frank was a worker at the Hershey Park in Pennsylvania. Frank cleaned the park so fast and fixed the rides so fast. However someone was trying to take over and whenever Frank cleaned something that person would make it dirty. When Frank fixed something the other person would wreck it. His name was Evil Weasel. Whenever Franks told his boss Mr. Rides about what Evil Weasel was doing he was not believed. So it was up to Frank to fix everything before he got fired.

When Frank was a baby he was very tiny and he had to move because it was too loud. It was always loud because the people next door were fighting all the time. His family got lost while moving and he fell out of the car. He got raised by a lot of people and now knows a lot of languages. He also learned how to clean and fix things really fast. A lot of people taught him to do things really fast and really good which eventually helped him.

To solve the problem, Frank put cameras all over the park really fast. Franks is determined to find Evil Weasel and tie him in ropes really fast! Franks is happy to find Evil Weasel and stop him! Evil Weasel was trying to take over because he wanted all the candy! So Frank put up the cameras in the middle of the day. No one sees Frank putting up the cameras. He is super fast.

Evil Weasel comes to work in the afternoon. Evil Weasel starts breaking things around the park. Franks starts to clean it up. Evil Weasel was going to dump garbage in Mr. Ride's office. Frank finds Evil Weasel first, ties him up and brings him to Mr. Ride's office. He shows Mr. Rides the tape and Evil Weasel goes to jail.



In third grade science we have been focusing on the vertebrate group of reptiles. We have been watching videos, taking notes, making collages, and writing all about reptiles! Do you know what makes a reptile different from the other vertebrate groups? Ask a third grader. Watch for our amphibian and reptile egg writing outside our classrooms!



The 3rd graders have been exploring the country of Japan. They've been learning about their culture, history, and geography. Did you know that Japan is made up of 4 big islands and at least 3,000 smaller islands!

One aspect of Japanese life that is interesting is their schooling. The children go to night school called juku twice a week, as well as school every other Saturday. While in school, the students must take off their shoes and wear slippers.

They serve lunch to each other and they bring a toothbrush to clean their teeth after lunch. At the end of the day, all students clean their schools! Hmm... I wonder what it would be like if we cleaned our school at the end of the day?



For LUNCH this week, Ms. Kim is serving:

Monday: Tuna fish Sandwiches
Vegetable Beef Soup
Fruit Milk

Tuesday: Pizza Tossed Salad
Fruit Milk

Wednesday: NO LUNCH—HALF DAY

Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Tomato Soup Fruit Milk

Friday: Macaroni and Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Fruit Milk

ACCS Calendar

- **Tues, Feb 10:**
Board of Trustees, 3:30pm
- **Wed, Feb 11:**
HALF DAY 11am Dismissal
Parent Conferences
- **Fri, Feb 13:**
Attendance Star Breakfast, 7:45am
- **Mon, Feb 16—Fri, Feb 20:**
NO SCHOOL—Winter Break