

Travelah Kid's Post

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HALLOWEEN FACTS

Halloween is this Saturday, October 31st. Halloween is the second most commercially successful holiday, behind Christmas, in the U.S. Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes. Halloween candy sales average about two billion dollars annually in the United States. Tootsie rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America. Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters. Trick-or-treating began because on All Hallows' Eve, the Celts would leave food on their doorsteps to keep the hungry ghosts from entering their homes. The Celts believed that by wearing costumes they would go undetected from roaming sprits. They thought that they would blend in with the crowd. That is where the tradition of wearing costumes came from.



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A Look Ahead

October

31st: Halloween

November

11&12-Parent Teacher Conferences

26th- Thanksgiving

27th- No School

December

25th-Christmas

11th- Hanukkah

24th-31st-Winter Break

The Difference Between Puffins and Penguins

Puffins

The endangered Atlantic Puffins eat small fish, sand eels, and herring. They live in the Atlantic Ocean. Puffins can stay underwater for a minute and dive to about 200 feet. They build their nest in a burrow that's about 3 feet. There they lay their eggs and let them hatch (it takes 42 days for them to hatch). Puffins act like penguins even though they're not. Did you know that the Atlantic Puffin's real name is *Fratercula Artica*? The oldest puffin to be found was 29 years old.



Emperor Penguins

The Emperor Penguin is the largest penguin known. They live in Antarctica and can live through the coldest blizzards because of their warm fur. They also cuddle together. Emperor Penguins eat eggs of younger and smaller penguins and hunt for small fish. Female penguins lay their eggs and leave them for the male penguins to take care of. Male penguins can stand still for 65 days without eating to take care of the baby. Did you know that the Emperor Penguin's real name is *Aptenodytes Forster*?



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Information From: Penguins: A Scholastic First Discovery Book,
Puffins by Susan E. Quinlan, <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Animals/CreatureFeature/Atlanticpuffin> , <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Animals/CreatureFeature/Emperor-penguin>

Images From: www.seabird.org/birds-puffin.asp , www.worldlakes.org/.../c/4785/10282801.html

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Have you seen the movie Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs? The characters are the scientist Flint Lockwood (Bill Hader), the Police Chief Earl Devereaux (Mr. T), Baby Brent (Andy Samberg), and weather intern Sam Sparks (Anna Faris). This movie is about a wannabe scientist, Flint that keeps on inventing stuff that doesn't turn out right. He made a machine that turns water into food. When it shot up in the air it made the food he ordered fall from the sky. He was ordering too much food so everything went wrong. There was a lot of different kinds of food falling from the sky, including meatballs. Did Flint ever fix the sky from dropping food? You'll have to see it to find out! I would recommend seeing this movie because it is entertaining, funny and it had great special effects. It is rated PG and is currently playing in theaters.

Written by: Elizabeth Christovich



Mystery Staff

Birthplace: Erie, PA

Of Brothers & sisters: 1 older sister

Favorite color: Pink

Happiest moment:
When children were born

Pets/types of pets: None

Favorite food: Spaghetti

College: Bowling Green University

of years at Travilah: Six

Favorite sport: Baseball

of kids: One daughter and one son

Look in the next issue for the answer!

The answer to last issue's

Mystery Staff

(hold it up to a mirror):

Mrs. Winkler



TREES

Do you know how tall a tree can grow to be? The tallest tree known is a redwood that was measured to be 379.1 feet tall. That's more than half the height of the Washington Monument in D.C.! The tree lives somewhere in Redwood National Park in California, but scientists won't say exactly where in order to protect it. The giant sequoia tree is another tall tree that grows in California, but it's not quite as tall as the redwood. It is about 300 feet. It is, however considered bigger than the redwood, because it's wider. The tallest tree around here is a White Oak. Its 107 feet tall. Can you imagine trying to climb some of these monstrous trees?

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Quick Takes

CYBER BULLYING

Cyber bullying is on the rise because computers and messaging has become more popular. Cyber bullying is when you hurt someone's feelings using technology. An example we be sending text or email that would hurt someone's feelings.

Cyber bullying can be just as painful as any other bulling. When you see anyone being bullied, you should tell them to stop or tell an adult. You can also step up to friends who you think are cyber bullying and tell them to stop.

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Fiesta Latina

There was a performance at the White House on October 15, 2009 that celebrated Hispanic heritage. This sixty minute program celebrated Hispanic music and starred Gloria Estefan, José Feliciano, George Lopez, the Bachata music group Aventura, the Chicano rock band Los Lobos , and Sheila E. who lead the house band.

Written By: Claire Asenso

Information From: Washington Post: Kids Post



Dolphins

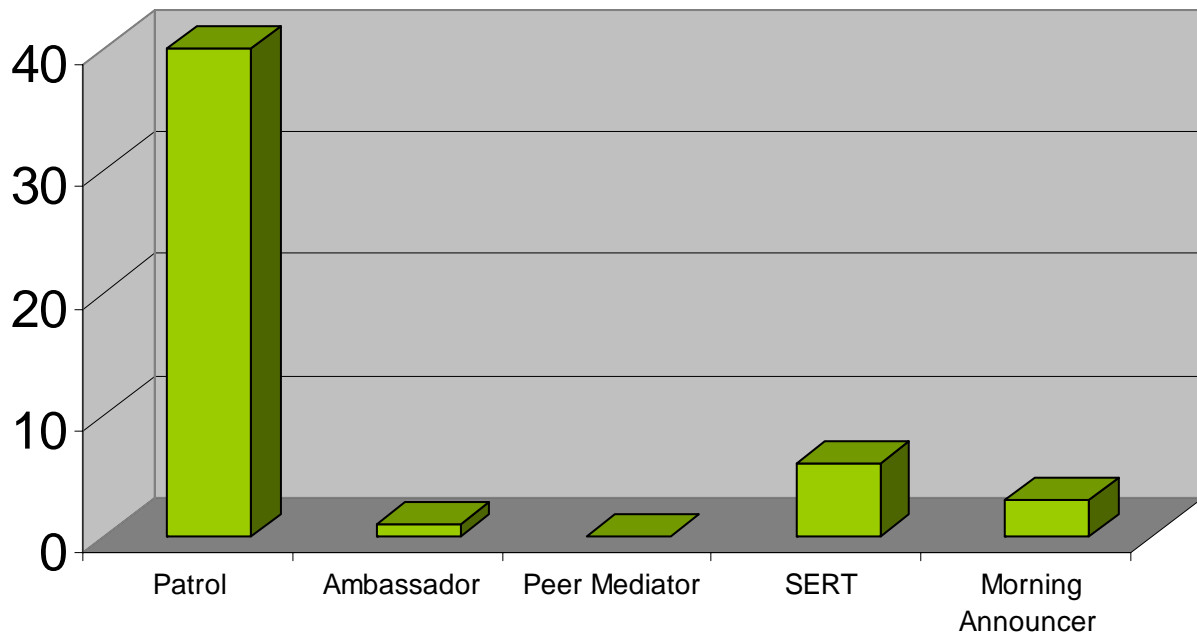
Are dolphins mammals, fish or amphibians? Dolphins are actually mammals. They have teeth and are warm blooded. They have hair but not that much. Dolphins are cetaceans which includes whales and sharks. Did you also know that there are 32 species of oceanic dolphins and is a type of whale? The bones inside a flipper are like a human hand and the flukes are like a connective tissue.

Dolphins are differently colored and that can help them camouflage in the water.

Writen by: Avni Khera



5th Grade Jobs that 4th Graders Prefer



Survey conducted with fifty 4th graders by: Noah Steele

Black Eyed Peas

Did you know that black eyed peas are veggies *and* a band? The Black Eyed Peas are hip hop singers. Before there were four members there were only two. It all started with Will.I.Am and Apl de Ap in their high school days. They were the break dancers and rappers that wowed people with their awesome foot work. Soon after, another new member joined called Taboo. In 1992 their debut album was released. On The Black Eyed Peas' third album, called Elephunk, Fergie joined the group replacing Kim Hill. In 2009 they released the single, Boom Boom Pow. After a couple months, I Got A Feeling was released and a whole dance was made up for it. It was nominated as best song at the Nickelodeon Teen Choice Awards.

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Information From: <http://kids.yahoo.com/music/artist/10152--Black+Eyed+Peas>



Do you like video games?

Well here is a time line about video games!

-1958 William Higinbotham invented the first video game. It was a table-tennis like game.

-1961 Steve Russell made the first computer game.

-1966 Ralph Baer created games using a television.

-1967 Baer created 2 two interactive TV games—a chase game and a tennis game.

-1970 Nolan Bushnell created a new version of space war. He called it computer space.

-1970 computer space becomes the first arcade game ever released.

-1972 Magnavox's Odyssey, the first home video game system was released to the public later that year.



Space War was the first computer game made by Steve Russell.

Written by: Tony Shen

Information from: <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/gamestimeline1.html>



Halloween Word Search
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c d w a s o r e e n o i v d b s
a e s e w a i t v a m p i r e s
n t p d i g h a a - - e e a c r
d n i e t s n e k n a r f y o t
y u d l c w e r e w o l v e s z
w a e t h w i t n n m s b v t n
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s c a r e c r o w s b n t g e g
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- Haunted
- Halloween
- Jack-o-lantern
- Ghosts
- Witches
- Frankenstein
- Candy
- trick-or-treat
- Skeleton
- Costume
- Bat
- Boo
- Scarecrow
- Vampire
- Monster
- Werewolves
- Graveyard
- Cemetery
- Spiders
- Zombies
- Broomstick
- October

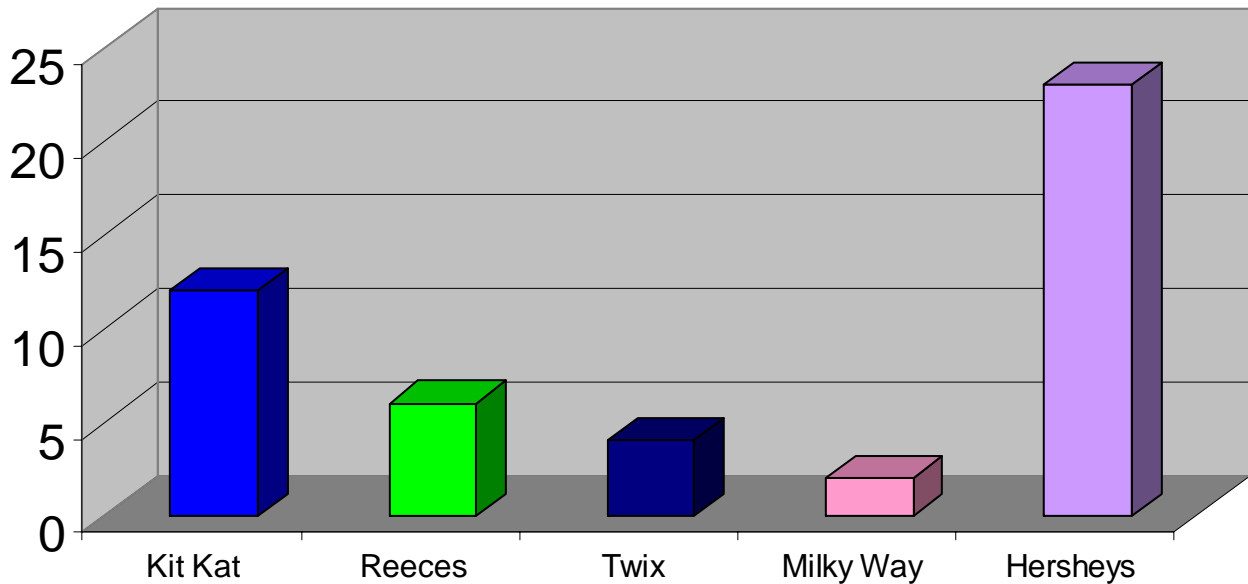
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Maze captured by from Claire Asenso from <http://www.printactivities.com>

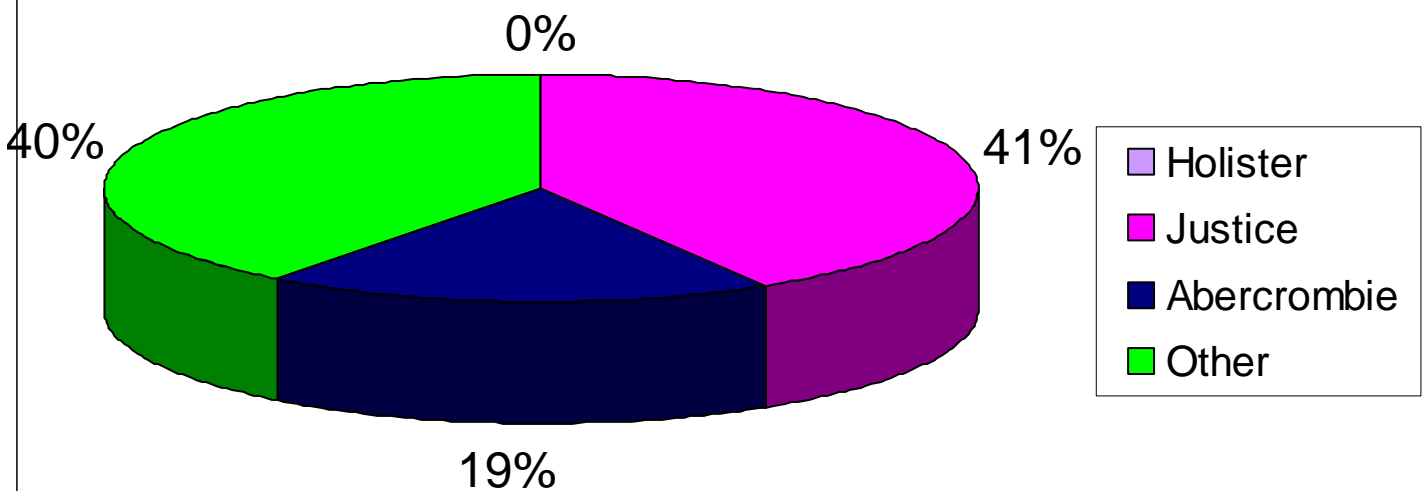
Survey Spectacular!

Favorite Chocolates



Survey conducted with fifty 3rd and 4th graders by: Eden Blutstein, Amelia Dome and Danielle Lasday

Favorite Clothing Store



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