



TRAVILAH KIDS POST



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A Triumphant President Barack Obama Wins Re-election

By: Shiteng Wang



Hey, did you hear about the presidential election on Tuesday November 6th 2012? Barack Obama, Democrat, was born on August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is currently 51 years old and he married Michelle Obama and has two kids. Barack Obama is the 44th and current president of the United States. He was a civil-rights lawyer and teacher before pursuing a political career. He was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 1996, serving from 1997 to 2004. He was elected to the U.S. presidency in 2008. President Obama continues to make changes to the issues of health care and economic crisis.

Barack's opponent, Governor Romney, Republican, was born on March 12, 1947. He is an American businessman, politician, and was the Republican Party's nominee for President of the United States in the 2012 election. From 2003 to 2007, he served as the 70th Governor of Massachusetts. Raised in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan by his parents Lenore and George W. Romney, Mitt Romney spent thirty months in France as a Mormon missionary beginning in 1966. He married Ann Davies in 1969, with whom he has five children with.

Both candidates agree that America needs to have better education and needs more schools and more experienced teachers. They

both want to make America more appealing to people and then people would have more reasons to stay and America will grow.

Disagreeing, Mitt Romney is accusing Barack Obama that he is the main reason Americans are losing jobs and he isn't replacing the jobs. Barack Obama wants to lower taxes for the small companies so that they have extra money to hire people and then the jobless Americans will have jobs.

When the results came out, Obama received 332 electoral votes, and Romney received 207 electoral votes. Electoral votes are based on each states population. Since California has such a large population, it has 55 votes. Obama won California, a key state. He also won New York, another key state with 29 votes. Mitt Romney won Texas, also a large key state, which has 38 votes. Both Obama and Romney both tried to win the key states so they could receive more electoral votes. However, the states they wanted most were large swing states such as Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Colorado. Swing states are states that are just on the fence. They could fall into Democrat or Republican. Obama won most of the key swing states and the Democrat Party received the swing state's electoral votes.

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We're now on the
Travilah Website!

A Look Ahead:

Schedule

November 22 & 23:
Thanksgiving Holiday Break
November 28:
Picture Retake
December 12:
Family Fun Night
December 24-January 1
Winter Break



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Halloween and Thanksgiving

By: Nimisha Rangachar and Ally Nalibotsky

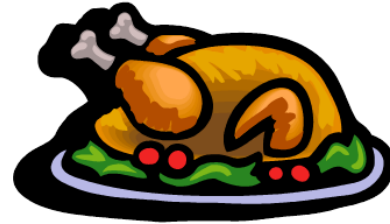
Halloween

Halloween has a lot of legends. However, here is a very popular one, and we'll tell you how it got started. Have you ever noticed that there is never a thirteenth floor in most buildings? Well, some people say that the urban legend comes from a fake decorated haunted house in Pennsylvania (not Transylvania) where visitors were told to go to the thirteenth floor. They had to sign flyers and permission slips saying that they couldn't sue the owner. People spread rumors saying that those who went to the thirteenth floor never came back. But don't be scared. Parents say that it is not true.



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated in the United States and Canada. Thanksgiving is celebrated each year on the second Monday of October in Canada and the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. The celebration extends to the weekend that falls closest to the day it is celebrated. In the United States, the Thanksgiving tradition was celebrated since 1621 at Plymouth in Massachusetts. Let's all celebrate Thanksgiving with a big turkey (except for the vegetarians) and a lot of pie!



An Exciting New Edition to Our School

By: Anna Baldwin and Sabrina Shah

We interviewed the Pep Teachers and here are some interesting facts about the new pep classrooms in our school.

When are the preschoolers starting at Travilah?

The teachers already have one student and he started September 11 and they intend to have more students coming.

How do you think the students will act?

They don't know, but the teachers think they will like it but they will be a little shy.

Have you taught preschool or any grade before?

Yes, preschool at Cloverly Elementary School.

How many kids are you planning to have?

There are two classes and there will be around 13 attending in each class.



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Kids Who Make a Difference

**By: Grace Bennett and
Natalie Crowder**

A few days after the devastating January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Blare Gooch, age 13, saw a dramatic scene on the newscast. A little boy was crying in a pile of rubble in Haiti, and Blare knew that he wanted to help. He remembered about the teddy bear that had always comforted him when he was younger, and decided that everyone should have something to comfort them. At school, Blare announced his plan, and asked others to donate bears for Haiti. Soon, more people found out about his plan, and joined in the action. Blare's Bears for Haiti donated more than 25,000 teddy bears to the island nation, and about 22,000 more to other organizations that help kids. This year, Blare will collect toys and school supplies for other kids. He says, "If you're young and think you can't make a big

Difference in the world, well, you actually can."



Dolphins

**By: Aishlinn Kivlighn and
Allison Arner**

So, we all know who our school mascot is. The dolphin! But what really is a dolphin? A dolphin is a highly intelligent toothed whale that lives in the ocean. Unlike most sea creatures, dolphins are mammals. They breathe air, just like we do! There are 32 different types of dolphins, including the bottlenose dolphin, the dusky dolphin, the hourglass dolphin and much more!

The most common type of dolphin is the bottlenose dolphin. The scientific name for the bottlenose dolphin is the *Tursiops Truncate*. Bottlenose dolphins generally live in small groups. Some groups contain up to 12 animals. Male bottlenose dolphins mostly live alone or in groups of three. Bottlenose dolphins usually remain towards the surface area of the water when they try to sleep. They cannot go completely into deep sleep. They sleep for about 8 hours by only letting part of their body fall asleep.

These special dolphins are known for their sharp eyesight. They have great vision in the air and underwater too. They use a variety of sounds such as squeaks and whistles to communicate. These also maintain a certain kind of body language such as leaping out of the water or slapping their tail on the surface of the water. The dolphin eats small fish, which forms a major part of their diet. Other times they eat crabs, squids, shrimp, and other small animals. The young ones of bottlenose dolphins live with their mother until they reach 6 years of age. Male bottlenose dolphins don't really help in raising the young ones. That was only a portion of the amazing things about dolphins.



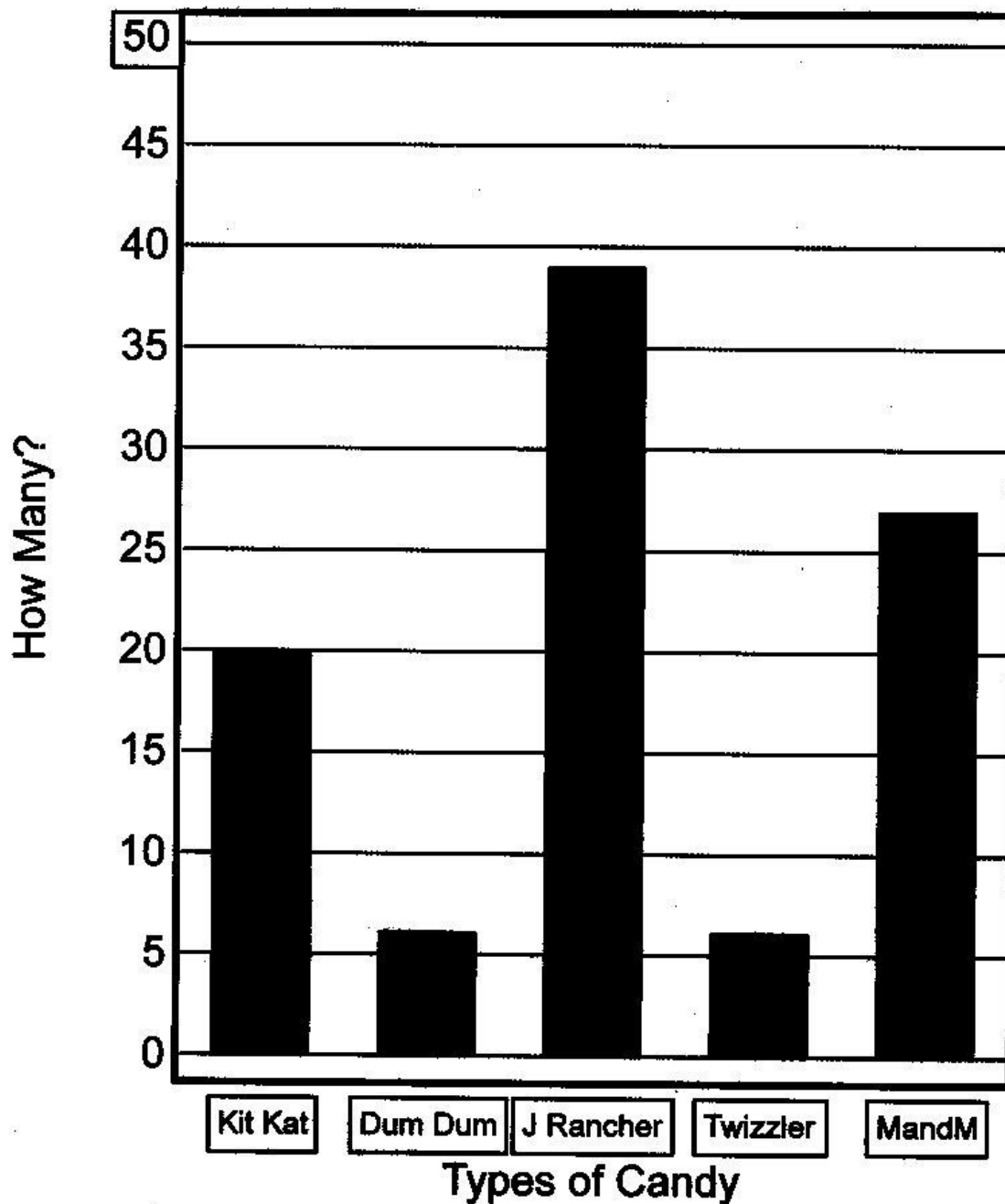
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Favorite Candies

By: Nicole Parent and Keely Sellman

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SPORTS IN THE NEWS

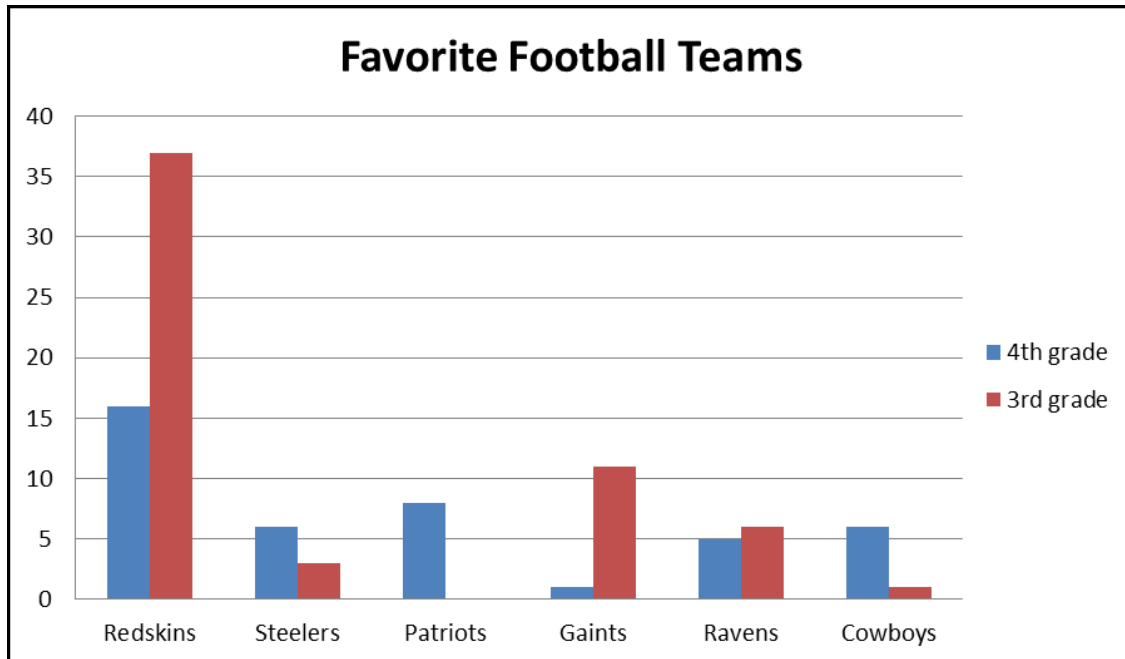


Football Survey



By: Anna Baldwin, Sarah Gilinson, and Sabrina Shah

We conducted a survey to find out what our favorite football teams are.



Hockey



By: Lainey Morris and Jessica Grinspoon

The National Hockey League, NHL, preseason was supposed to start on Sunday night with Ottawa and Montreal. That game and every other game through September 30 were canceled. Unlike in the National Football League, the NHL players have plenty of choices in the leagues where they can earn a salary. Gary Bettman, National Hockey Commissioner, and the team owners are afraid that they have to cancel the season because players and teams owners can't come to an agreement on their contracts. However, as fans we can hope for the best. Alex Ovechkin, team captain of the Capitals, returned home to Russia before the lockout season began. He signed a deal with the Dymano Mascow in the Continental Hockey League. However, he could come back if a settlement is agreed upon. Let's hope they can come to an agreement so the NHL season can go on.



Mystery Staff



Who Can It Be* Mystery Staff

**Guess who they are. Then check to see if you are right when you find the answer on the last page of this edition.*

Mystery Staff #1

By: Pardiss Kaviani
and Mainee Schleret

Birthday: May 30

Birth Place: Sri Lanka

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Sport: Cricket

Number of Siblings: 0

Number of Pets: 0

Number of years at Travilah: 7

Happiest Moment: When they brought their kids home for the first time.

Number of children: two daughters and one son

Fun Fact: Likes dancing

Mystery Staff #2

By: Grace Bennett, Natalie Crowder,
and Leah Kellert

Birthday: November 26

Birth Place: Baltimore, Maryland

Favorite Color: Lime green and Purple

Favorite Food: Bacon

Hobbies: Gardening, napping, going to the beach

Favorite Sports Team: Redskins

Favorite Season: Summer

Favorite Place to Travel: Australia

Favorite Movie:

“The Nightmare Before Christmas”

Favorite Author: Edgar Allen Poe

Fun Facts: Been in the Washington Post 3-4 times and she was a waitress before she came to Travilah



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Fun Facts

By: Natalie Crowder and Grace Bennett

You see color differently from the person next to you.

Thomas Jefferson was the first president to serve French Fries in the White House.

Donuts did not have holes in them until the 1800's.

The largest pizza weighed about as much as two African elephants.

Bubble rap was originally invented as wallpaper.

You can write about 45,000 words with an average pencil.

About 6% of all humans ever born are alive right now.

Some male mice sing songs to attract mates.

A sculptor carved chairs, a table, and a sofa out of chocolate.

Olive oil ice cream is a popular flavor in several fancy restaurants.

Some astronauts living on the *Mir* space station ate Jell-O every Sunday to help keep track of days.

A flamingo can eat only when its head is upside down.

A human has about the same number of body hairs as a chimpanzee

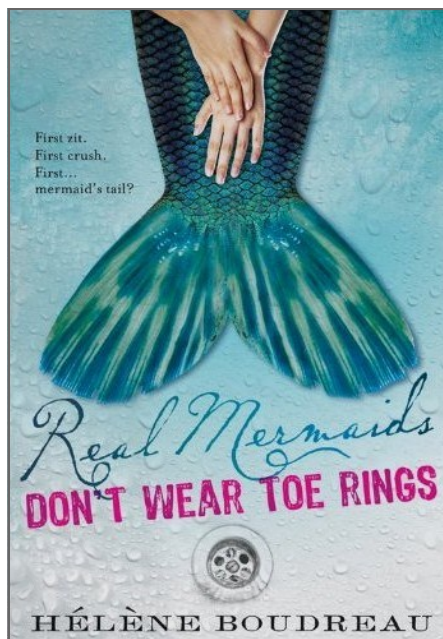
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Book Review

By: Aishlinn Kivlighn
and Pardiss Kaviani

Do you like fantasy books? Then we recommend the book, Real Mermaids Don't Wear Toe Rings, by Helene Boudreau. Real Mermaids Don't Wear Toe Rings is about a girl named Jade whose mom died drowning. Jade discovers that she is a mermaid, and so was her mom. But if her mom was a mermaid, how did she drown? Was she even dead? This book is a page turner, and it never gets boring, so that's why we recommend the book, Real Mermaids Don't Wear Toe Rings.



Movie Review

By: Alice Bennett, Kelly Kimbis
and Amrit Singh

Long ago, there was a family of vampires. One day, villagers attacked and set fire to their house. The house burned to the ground. The Dracula, who was the father of the family, survived along with his daughter, Mavis, but his wife did not survive. The count had a place constructed, Hotel Transylvania, so that Mavis could stay safe. However, on her 118th birthday, Dracula let her go to the “human’s” village., but the people were fake and the “mean” villagers were actually zombies working for Dracula. Mavis is very scared. She never wants to see a human ever again. Then a human finds Hotel Transylvania. Mavis falls in love with him, not knowing that he is a human. The count is terrified. He dressed up the human as a monster, so Mavis does not know what she's dealing with, but after some funny events, at Mavis' birthday party, she finally finds out he is a human. She is very mad at Dracula. Then..... Well, you have to watch it to find out!



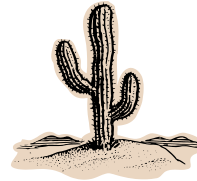
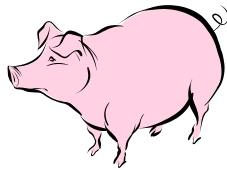
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Jokes

By: Ivan Vakатов

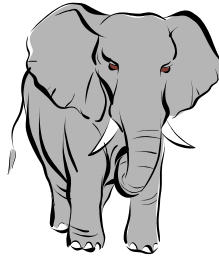
1. What do you get if you cross a cactus and a pig?



2. What do you get when you give an elephant laxatives?

3. What is the color of a belch?

4. How do you make an elephant fly?



4. Flamethrower:

Joke Answers

1. A Porkeypine

2. Away

3. Burple

4. Start with an 8 foot zipper

5. An active volcano



American Idol

By: Ally Nalibotsky and Nimisha Rangachar



Have you heard the news? Rumor spreads that American Idol is getting all new judges for 2013! The exciting new judges will soon be Nicki Minaj, Mariah Carey, and Keeth Urban, though Randy Jackson is still working as a judge for one more year.

The Judges-

Nicki Minaj- Onika Tanya Maraj, born December 8, 1982 is a Trinidadian/American rapper, singer, songwriter, dancer, voice actress, and television actress. When she became famous, she started using the name Nicki Minaj, and claimed she was born in 1984, instead of 1982. She was born in Saint James, Trinidad. When she was five years old, she moved to the New York borough of Queens. Nicki Minaj trained as an actress before she made three mix tapes to Young Money Entertainment. This is Nicki Minaj.

Mariah Carey- Mariah Carey, born March 27, 1970 is an American singer, songwriter, record producer, and actress. She made her first album in 1990 using Columbia Records and executive producer Tommy Mottola. Her first album went platinum and she became very well-known and famous. During the making of the album, she married Tommy Mottola. She has made many albums, and became even more famous after every one. Now she is still very famous, and doing American Idol is perfect for her. This is Mariah Carey.

Keeth Urban- Keeth Lionel Urban, born on October 26, 1967 is a New Zealand, Australian country singer, songwriter and guitarist whose fame is mostly in the United States. His career started in Australia when he was very young. He went on, making many albums. Eventually, he worked as a guitarist in a band called The Ranch. Now, he is one of the most well-known country singer and guitarist. This is Keeth Urban.

Those are our three judges. After Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler left, petitioners were complaining that they were not there anymore. They were great judges, so it was hard to see them go. Let's learn about Randy Jackson, the judge on American Idol who has been working for 10 years.

Randy Jackson- Randall Darius Jackson, born on June 23, 1956 is an American bassist, singer, record producer, and television actor who was born in Balton Rouge, Louisiana. He is, of course, a judge on American Idol, and an executive producer on MTV'S "America's Best Dance Crew." He has won Grammy award as a producer. Randy's first marriage was to Elizabeth Jackson, was over in 1990. They had one daughter named Taylor. Then, in 1995, Randy married Erika Rider, who has two children, Zoe, 14 years old, and Jordan, 12 years old. This is Randy Jackson.

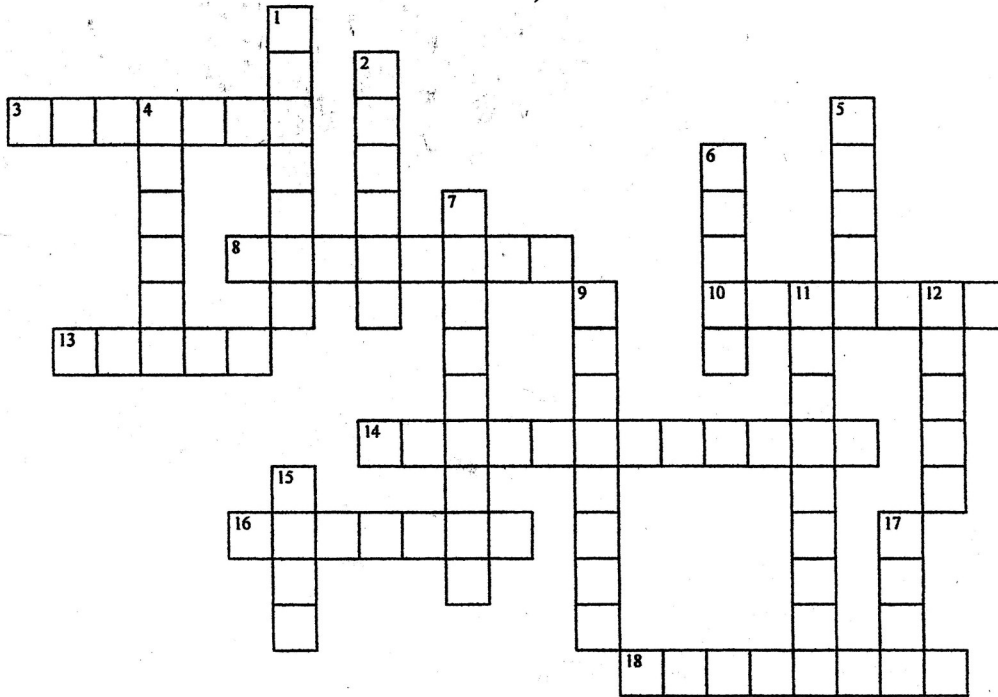
History of American Idol

American Idol has been going on since 2002. The judges started off with Simon Cowel, Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson, and Kara DioGuardi. Then, Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler took the place of Paula Abdul, Simon Cowel and Kara DioGuardi. And now, Keeth Urban, Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj took the place of Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler.

The winners starting from 2002 were Kelly Clarkson in 2002, Ruben Studdard in 2003, Fantasia Barrino in 2004, Carrie Underwood in 2005, Taylor Hicks in 2006, Jordan Sparks in 2007, David Cook in 2008, Kris Allen in 2009, Lee DeWyze in 2010, Scotty McCreery in 2011, and Philip Phillips in 2012. We have to watch and see who wins next year.



Halloween



ACROSS

- 3 It's round and orange
- 8 Where dead people live
- 10 An outfit or disguise
- 13 Treats you get on halloween
- 14 A lit up pumpkin
- 16 He has sharp fangs
- 18 He turns into a dog like creature

DOWN

- 1 He is under your bed
- 2 An eight legged creature
- 4 A magical liquid
- 5 A person's spirit
- 6 She rides a broom
- 7 It's white, yellow and orange
- 9 A body made of bones
- 11 It scares away the birds
- 12 A dead person wrapped in cloth
- 15 You can't see in it
- 17 The season of Halloween



Mystery Staff Answer:
Staff # 1: Mr. Mallawaarachchi (Mr. M)
Staff # 2: Mrs. Liddle

