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Tests

By Kara and Canada

Edited by Olivia

You, like many other kids have probably worried about test scores once in your life. Whether it is late night studying or pre-test jitters, you can't stop thinking about the consequences of a bad score.

We think that these tests don't really determine how smart a person is. You may be better at writing than math, and that's just how you are. These tests tell you that you may need to practice on those super boring social studies questions, or that teeth-chattering long division problem. Another rule to test-taking is not to get nervous. If you are calm and well prepared, you have a better chance of doing your best. If you think your score is too low, talk to your teacher and **don't get depressed, get determined.** Bring your score up by studying and listening to your teachers.

A good book to read about the same subject is The Report Card, by Andrew Clements. The Report Card tells the story of an 11-year-old genius who boycotts tests. With help from a friend they start a revolution of confident kids.

Please take our suggestions to heart, but remember that the person who knows you best is you.

San Francisco's 100th Anniversary of the 1906 Earthquake!!!

By Laine

Edited by Canada

It's not easy getting up at 4:00 a.m.. How do I know?

Well, I will tell you. Tuesday, 4-18-06

I was sleeping as if I was dead. I could hear footsteps coming towards me, when the lights flicked on.

"Wake up it is 4:00 a.m.!!" I heard my Mom say. Sure enough, it was 4 a.m.! It was hard to walk because my legs and arms were asleep.

I got dressed and slipped on two jackets and a sweater. We drove around urgently for a parking spot. I almost fell back to sleep. *yawn* I kept asking questions about Lotta's Fountain.

"Is it outside?"

"How old is it?"

"Why is it famous?"

Well, I found out it is famous because if you lost someone in the earthquake you would leave a note that said the person's name.

Finally we got there. It was so crowded it was impossible to see! So we had to sit in front of a BIG news screen. I watched and watched until the sun rose. There were the real survivors of the earthquake. One was 111 and one was 105 and one was 100! One survivor saw a cow running down California Street!

Then it was time to go. We left, at my normal waking time! At home, I slept for two hours straight!!



Mayor Newsom lays a wreath at Lotta's Fountain. Photo by Ms. Susie

End of the Year for 5th Grade

By Lisa

Edited by Susanna

The year is almost over and the 5th grade is graduating! It's almost time for the school to cheer for us when we walk down the hall.

It was really cool when the 5th grade class went to the Marin Headlands on a camping trip because this was the first year that any class has gone there on an overnight. Now, every year Ms. Agudelo wants it to happen for the 5th grade classes. EXCITED?

Teacher Feature

By Kara

Featuring the Dragon Master, a.k.a.

Gary Johnston, first grade teacher

4/28/06, 1:10 p.m.

Interview by Kara

NT= Newspaper Traditions, GJ= Gary Johnston

NT: What is your favorite color?

GJ: Umm, I guess I'd have to say lavender.

NT: Huh.

GJ: What, is that a weird favorite color?

NT: Uh, no, but anyway. How many Christmas carols do you know by heart?

GJ: Zero.

NT: What other jobs have you had before New Traditions?

GJ: Head cauldron cleaner at the leprechaun commune, entomologist, forest fire fighter, ski resort worker.

NT: What did you do for those jobs?

GJ: For entomology I set traps for small insects eating crops. I liked doing entomology. I also liked being a forest fire fighter. I would go in helicopters; put big raging fires out. I was at Yellowstone National Park when it burned. Yeah, it was fun being a ski resort worker. I got to ski three times a week. I drove a snow CAT and groomed the tops of mountains. In blizzards I would take the ski patrol up a mountain and they would throw dynamite off a mountain to make an avalanche so people wouldn't get hurt while they were skiing.

NT: What is your favorite Spongebob character?

GJ: Never seen it.

NT: What is your favorite flower?

GJ: I don't have one. I like all flowers.

NT: Did you have glasses or braces when you were younger?

GJ: No.

NT: Have you had your wisdom teeth pulled?

GJ: Yes.

NT: Have you played an instrument? If so, which?

GJ: I played the trumpet, first chair.

NT: Did you or do you collect anything?

GJ: I don't collect anything.

NT: How many pairs of shoes do you have, roughly?

GJ: Fifteen.

NT: Thank you for your time, Gary.





Photo by Josh M.

Featuring Mr. Rob, 3rd, 4th, 5th Teacher

Interview by Kara, Canada, Olivia and Lisa
April 27, 2006, 1:01 p.m.

NT= Newspaper Traditions, MR= Mister Rob

NT: First we would like you to tell us a little bit about yourself.

MR: Hi, I am Mr. Rob. I was born in the day of the dinosaurs, that's how old I am. I miss my pet Dino, he's extinct now. You can see his fossils at the Academy of Sciences. I love being a teacher and I love learning. I still go to school myself. Something funny is I collect Pez dispensers.

NT: That's a pretty cool thing to collect. Also, I heard that you taught at Aptos before. Did you like it there?

MR: Aptos is a great school. I loved middle school, and I liked to be able to just teach math and science.

NT: How many Christmas carols do you know by

heart?

MR: Probably none all the words, but I know a lot of parts.

NT: What is your favorite color?

MR: Orange. Unequivocally orange.

NT: What is your favorite food?

MR: Rice.

NT: With anything on it?

MR: It could be any way. Rice, any which way.

NT: How many pairs of shoes do you have, SERIOUSLY.

MR: I have almost two hundred pairs of shoes.

NT: Sure.

MR: Seriously.

NT: Ok, that's a little scary. Why do you have two hundred pairs of shoes?

MR: I walk into a shoe store, and it gives me the biggest smile, and I want all of them! They're like artwork to me, they're so beautiful. Especially Pumas.

NT: Do you have your wisdom teeth?

MR: No, but I hope I still have some wisdom.

NT: Where did you go to school?

MR: Well, I grew up in the Peninsula, and I went to public schools.

NT: How many hats do you have?

MR: I probably have twenty hats. They are good accessories to cover up my bald spots.

NT: Do you have a favorite subject to teach?

MR: I think for me, reading, or any form of literacy is the most important. And I really love to read myself. I think for the most fun, science, because you get to do fun experiments.

NT: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

MR: On a safari to Africa.

NT: Which is your favorite Spongebob character?

MR: That's a tough one. You know they have Spongebob Pez dispensers, too. Probably Spongebob himself.

NT: How many Pez dispensers do you think you have?

MR: Oh, over a thousand, and they are all in cases.

NT: What's your favorite kind of flower?

MR: I like the simple daisy.

NT: Thank you very much Mr. Rob, and goodbye.

Featuring Mr. Campana, 5th Grade Teacher

Interview by Kara, Lisa, Olivia, and Canada
1:12 p.m., 4/27/06

NT= Newspaper Traditions, MC= Mister C.

NT: What is your favorite color?

MC: I don't have a particular favorite color. I do like green.

NT: Do you remember which schools you went to as a child, and did you enjoy school?

MC: I did enjoy school, and I went to Fillmore Central School, and Pioneer Central School.

NT: How many Christmas carols do you know by heart?

MC: Umm...thirteen.[laughter]

NT: Do you still have your wisdom teeth?

MC: Yes.

NT: Have you gotten any teeth pulled?

MC: Yes.

NT: How many?

MC: I have had one tooth pulled when I was young.

NT: Have you had glasses or braces?

MC: I never had braces or glasses.

NT: What is your favorite subject to teach?

MC: I like to teach science.

NT: What other jobs have you had before teaching?

MC: I worked at a summer camp, I worked as a telephone collections person, I worked at an art non-profit and as a substitute teacher.

NT: What's your favorite kind of flower?

MC: My favorite kind of flower is the marigold.

NT: What is your favorite Spongebob character?

MC: I like Squidward.

NT: Do you collect anything?

MC: I collect Felix the Cat stuff.

NT: How many Felix the Cat items do you think you have?

MC: If I counted them, I would say... fifty.

NT: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

MC: I would like to visit Asia.

NT: Why would you like to visit Asia?

MC: Because I have never been there, and it seems very different from what I have seen in America.

NT: Do you like the kids in your class?

MC: I love the kids in my class, they are the best class ever.

NT: Ok, you sounded a little robotic there. So you grew up in New York, right?

MC: I did grow up in New York.

NT: Are you from a different planet?

MC: Just the robot part.

NT: Ok, thank you Mr. C, for your time.



Photo by Josh M.



K-5 Books for all ages

By Joshua M.

Edited by Susanna

This is a list of books I recommend for each grade level. Remember, you don't have to be afraid to read books above or below your level. All books are wonderful stories!



Kindergarten

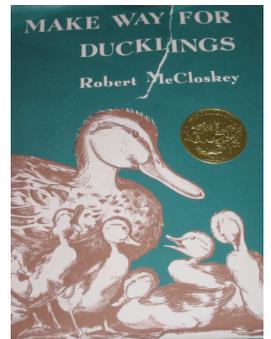
One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish

This is a simple, fun book of ridiculous rhyming poetry.

1st Grade

Make Way for Ducklings

This award winning duck story is a touch more challenging than a kindergarten book. However, some kindergarteners may be able to read it.



2nd Grade

Goosebumps

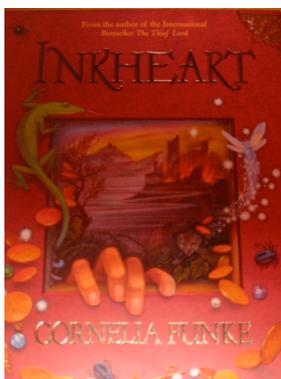
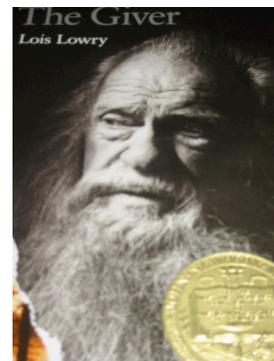
#10 Diary of a Mad Mummy

Get ready to have chills sent down your spine. Just follow the instructions in the book and you truly will "choose the scare".

3rd Grade

The Giver

Another award winning book bringing reality and fantasy together to form one amazing story.



4th Grade

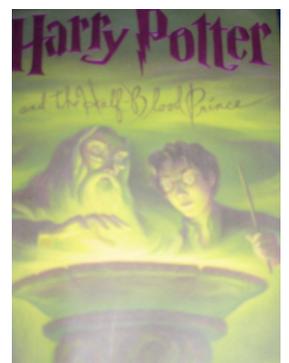
Inkheart

A true feast for anyone who has ever been lost in a book.

5th Grade

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince

This is one of my personal favorites. Some third and fourth graders may be able to read this.



Inheart and Inkspell

By Canada

Edited by Susanna

These two bestsellers by Cornelia Funke are a pleasure to anyone who has ever loved a book. They are about Meggie, a girl whose father binds books for a living. Meggie loves and collects books. Her mother disappeared long ago, and Meggie doesn't know why. You will have to read the rest to find out what happens!

The Gossip Times

What Hot and What's Not

By Asante

Edited by Susanna

Let me tell you what is hot and what is not. The first thing I am going to start off with is what is **not** hot. The first thing is sandals with socks. If you read teen magazines you would have seen Jessica Simpson's dress, it was the tackiest! The colors were orange and pink, I mean what is up with that? OK. Enough about what's not hot.



Photo by Kara & Canada

Let's move on to what is hot. Ashley Tisolale's red rose dress with the matching shoes, I mean when everyone saw her they melted. The perfect shoes if you are going to a party are some tiny shoes. I'm just playing with you.

You should get red high heels or black leather boots. But if you are getting black leather boots make sure you get the leather coat to go with the boots and if you are getting the red high heels, get a red dress, not a pink one. OK.

That is all the time we have. Stay tuned for the next issue of what's hot and what's not. Thank you, bye.

Confusing Vegetarian and Your Health

By Sophia

Edited by Susanna

Don't you just hate it when you think you're eating something healthy, but the product you're eating has more fat than you think it has? This article will tell you what you should do.

First of all, when a junk-food product says "all natural" it can mean that there is meat in it. Some gelatin (used to make Jell-O and other desserts) is made from boiled bones and skin (such as pig skin) is all from animals. For people who want to stay healthy, **DO NOT EAT** BBQ Pringles. It has chicken and beef fat. Yuck!

Procter & Gamble is a bad company. They make many of our products. They test on animals and kill them. They make Covergirl make-up, Pringles, Bounty paper towels, Iams dog food, and Tide, just to name a few. Rainbow Grocery is a healthy, vegetarian store. So stay healthy—shop at Rainbow



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Comic by Colette

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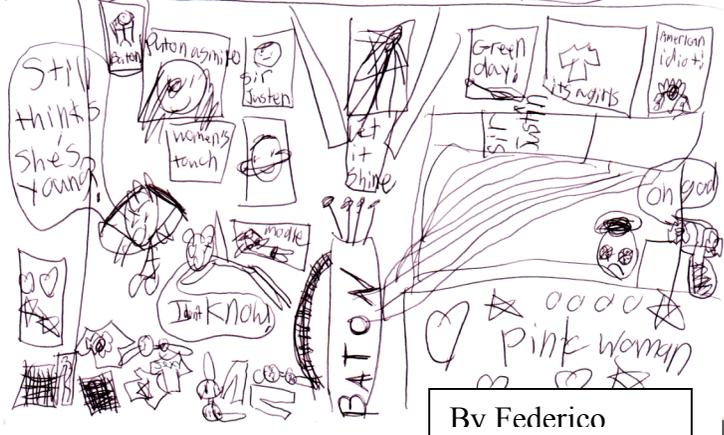
By Salomon



by Federico Room 10



Jake and duck by Federico Room 10



By Federico

NEW TRADITIONS CAFETERIA FOOD!!!!

By AMINAH Edited by Kara

Is the food in New Traditions the one you would prefer? Or is it the food you would not prefer? No offense to the Ms. Wong, but I don't think that is my first choice in food, or my last.

Why, is what you ask?! One, the pizza cheese looks like plastic leather! Two, the water our hot dogs soak in looks like brown dirty water you would find in a toilet! And thirdly, do you really want that stuff floating in your stomach? I mean, you'll barf before you can say "Gross".

If you do not agree, you have wasted your time reading this article!

Travel Section

By Aminah

What are you doing for your summer? I mean it's almost the three-month vacation! You've GOT to have plans! It's okay if you don't, but do you really want to just sit on the couch the WHOLE summer? I don't think so! Plan something with the family.

I would recommend New Mexico, New York, or just to have fun, Las Vegas! More suggestions are Yosemite, Florida, or LA. Just to mix it up, maybe even San Francisco's Chinatown! And for those who don't want to go so far, there are lots of places to go in San Francisco, such as, the zoo, the park, the rec-center, and many other places. Until next time, *Aminah*



Career Lady

By Aminah
Edited by Olivia

Dear Readers,

Are you worried about what your first job is going to be? Too confused to choose? Well, you're reading the right article. Career Advice at your service!

For a first job, I would NOT recommend jobs at McDonalds or Burger King. I would recommend jobs like bagging food at the grocery stores, babysitting, newspaper routes, lawn mowing and gardening, or office work. There are lots of things to do instead of working at McDonalds! That's all for now. Write to yah next time. If you have any questions please submit them to the newspaper box in the office.

Auction and Carnival



By Kara
Edited by
Susanna



Parents, kids, aunties, uncles: This year's carnival and auction will be on May 20, 2006!!

This year's auction has very enticing items, such as a trip to Disneyland, wine, homemade earrings made by Canada, homemade scarves and bowls, bead store baskets, \$100 worth of products from Bath and Bodyworks, and a \$75 gift certificate for Braindrops, just to name a few!! Come to the New Traditions carnival and auction, May 20, 2006!



Music to My Ears

By Shanna

If you want to know the hottest new music, you have come to the right place. Here's my line-up of the best new music (#1 being the best):

10. "Stupid Girls" by Pink
9. "Black Sweat" by Prince
8. "Afterglow" by INXS
7. "High" by James Blunt
6. "Be Without You" Mary J. Blige
5. "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield
4. "The Real Thing" by Bo Bice
3. "Walk Away" by Kelly Clarkson
2. "Bad Day" by Daniel Powter
1. "Breathe" by Anna Nalick

A Special Birthday

By Lisa

Edited by Kara



Photo by Rose & Josh M

We have a very special birthday at New Traditions. May 3, 2006 was Ms. Susie Kameny's birthday. Everyone who was in the computer lab/library enjoyed a little party with salsa and chips. Ms. Susie is getting a cell phone from her family and friends. She also got a really cool cake pan.

Ms. Susie says "When you're old you don't get a lot of gifts". Canada and Kara made her two very lovely bracelets and a pair of earrings. The best present for Ms. Susie's birthday was hanging-out with her friends and family. Let's all sing Ms. Susie a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Fix-It!

Hello New Traditions Students, Teachers, Staff and Families!

We would like to thank those parents, teachers, staff, and families that contributed time and money to the printing of this first edition of our newspaper. A big thank you too all of those who made this newspaper possible!!!!

The Newspaper Traditions staff is here with this article to say that we need to raise some money for the newspaper! Ms. Susie and all of the newspaper staff would love some stuff. We would like to raise enough money to get some color cartridges. We would really enjoy this because then we could print our newspaper in color. Miss Susie would appreciate it if we could also get her some digital cameras and some printing paper is needed to.

Thank you!!!

The Newspaper Traditions Staff