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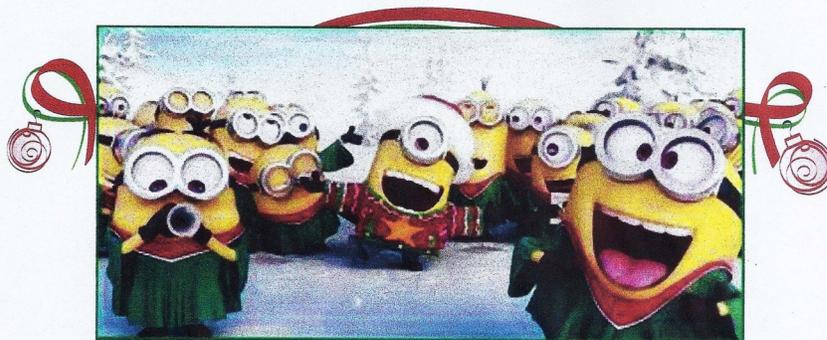


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If you want to contribute to the Roadrunners Reports newsletter, sign up for the next session after school!

Where: Computer Lab

When: Thursdays 2:30-4pm



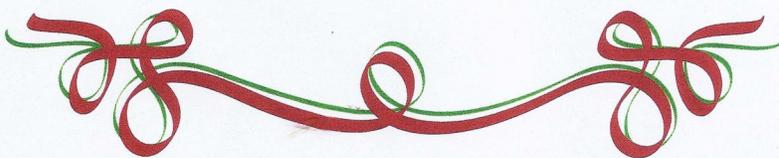
Happy Holidays Nohl Canyon Elementary!
By: Amanie Dadoul

Little minions can be party starters when it comes to Christmas. How do Nohl Canyon students get the party started? I interviewed Karina Patel. She said, "I like Christmas because you get to go to your family's houses and decorate the Christmas tree with lights and ornaments." The newsletter staff wishes you all a Merry Christmas and happy fa la la la holiday.

What do you like most about Christmas? Here are a few questions to get the conversation going at your next holiday party!

1. How do you feel about Christmas?
2. What inspires you about Christmas?
3. What is your favorite holiday food?

We hope you have a jolly "holly day" with your family!



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CANDY SURVEY

By: Karina Patel



Halloween may have passed, but that doesn't mean that we don't still love candy! In this survey, you can choose your favorite candies and then find out others' favorites.

Directions: Check the line next to your choice and compare with your friends!

What is your favorite candy filling?

- caramel
- peanuts & caramel
- nougat



What is your favorite "color" of chocolate?

- Milk
- Dark
- White

What is your favorite bite-sized chocolate?

- Hershey's Kisses
- M&Ms
- Reese's Pieces

What is your favorite flavor of...

Skittles?

- red green orange purple yellow

Jolly Rancher?

- blue raspberry watermelon green apple grape

Tootsie Roll Pops?

- grape chocolate orange cherry

Candy Canes?

- Peppermint Cherry Watermelon

PHOTOS WITH TEACHERS

By: Amanie Dahdoul

The Holidays: This or That

By: Sara Shubbert

If you don't know what "This or That" is, it's where you pick which one you would want more.

Circle the one you would prefer. This one or that one? Then discuss with your friends why you picked it.

Strawberry Milk or Chocolate Milk

Brownies with nuts or Brownies without nuts

M&Ms or Skittles

Plain Gingerbread Cookies or Iced Gingerbread

Fake Christmas Tree or Real Christmas Tree

Hot Chocolate or Eggnog

"This or That" is a fun way to enjoy the holidays.

Play this game with your friends!



Mrs. Rose and Ms. Amsbury with Sara and Madison in Room 1



Sara and Ms. Kouri



DESTRUCTION OF THE TROPICAL RAINFORESTS

BY: ASHLEY HODGE

WE NEED TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RAINFORESTS. WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RAINFOREST, WE LOSE 50% OF THE WORLD'S ANIMALS.

Mankind destroys 17 million trees worldwide every day. It is said that 57 acres of rainforest are destroyed every minute! Many of the world's most beautiful rainforests can be found in South America as well as Asia, Africa and Latin America. Woodcutters are destroying the rainforests. We need to prevent this destruction from continuing. When this happens we destroy the animal's home. This is happening all the time. Woodcutters cut down many trees in these forests for wood to make paper. Can't we just recycle instead?

I interviewed Angelina Le of the 4th grade. She said, "Rainforests are important. If all the rainforests are destroyed we will find that global warming will continue to happen, but it will become hotter faster. I'm upset that rainforests are being destroyed." Rainforests are home to jaguars, ants, and lots more. Did you know that 25 percent of the medicines we use today come from plants originating in rainforests? Rainforests are beautiful, are the home of many animal species and we can't let them be destroyed. Please help stop global warming and preserve the rainforests by recycling.

TEACHER CORNER

BY: MADISON HUMPHREYS

1. Go to math class.
2. Meet Mrs. Sousa.
3. And BAM! Instant fun!

Mrs. Sousa is one of the most fun teachers in Nohl Canyon Elementary School. She makes jokes, wears plastic bugs in her hair, and makes math totally fun. Besides all of that she is very caring. She is always so nice to every one. You will always have fun in her math class!



This is a picture of the one and only, Mrs. Sousa!

ART TIPS

By: Karina Patel

-Sketch lightly with pencil so you can erase it.

-Use basic geometric shapes to help get the overall shape of a drawing.

-Always add dark on top of light, not light on top of dark.

-Complimentary colors look good together in a picture- yellow and purple, blue and orange, green and red

-Also, colors on a color wheel that are next to each other look nice together.

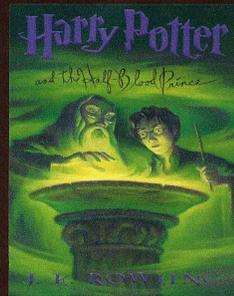
-Experiment with one drawing and find different ways and solutions for it.

-Have lots of fun, and remember, practice makes perfect!



Top Four Harry Potter Books

By: Ashley Hodge



#1 Top Harry Potter Book

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

Author: J. K. Rowling

Released: 7-16-2005

Summary

In this book people in the wizarding community are in panic. They finally believe the fact that Voldemort, a very evil wizard, has returned. Harry Potter is entering his sixth year at Hogwarts. He learns to do incredible things. Will he defeat the enemy now? And will Dumbledore finally meet his doom?



Book Descriptions

Summary→

Harry Potter is 17 years old. He refused to attend school. He went looking for horcruxes instead. If he destroys them all Voldemort could die. Will he defeat Voldemort? Read the book to find out.

Summary→

Harry Potter found out he is a wizard. His first year at Hogwarts is about to take place. Being a wizard is harder than it looks. To top it all off, there is a secret to be solved.

Summary→

Harry Potter is 15 years old. Harry Potter learns about a Voldemort fighting society. There is an annoying teacher at Hogwarts called Professor Umbridge. He is driving students, especially Harry, crazy.

Other Top Harry Potter Books



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Author: J. K. Rowling



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Author: J. K. Rowling



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Author: J. K. Rowling

Describing the Harry Potter Books

Harry Potter books are exciting.

Reading one makes you feel like you are visiting the wizarding world.

You wouldn't regret reading one!

Interest Groups!

By: Ashley Hodge and Madison Humphreys

Interest groups are special classes designed just for GATE students. There are plenty of interest groups to choose from. Some groups are photography, crafts, hockey, theater, coconut cups, origami, card games, and percussion. In theater they are writing a play. The students made up the play and the teacher is writing the script. In crafts they're making three crafts. They learn to play hockey in hockey class. They learn card tricks and card games in card games class. They learn origami in origami class. They learn about percussion in percussion class. The students in GATE choose the interest group they are in. They filled out a form to help the parents decide which interest group to put them in. Interest groups last for three weeks. "I'm in percussion. Mr. Kilbourne teaches it. I love learning about percussion instruments." said Karina P. "I'm in coconut cup. Mrs. Rode teaches it. My favorite part was painting," said Zoe P. "I'm in theater. I'm one of the main characters. The problem is some evil people capture me for an evil potion." said Ashley H. As you can see, interest groups are fun and a great way to learn something new.

OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL

By: Karina Patel

What Outdoor Science School is:

Outdoor Science is a trip that the 6th graders go on. They stay there for 4 nights and participate in lots of nature-based activities. It is a great experience for all kids and is also a lot of fun.

What you do:

You arrive to the San Bernardino Mountains by bus. You get off, do a little activity, then you find out who you room with in your cabin. Throughout the week, you go on many academic & fun hikes. One day you try line dancing, which is surprisingly fun! However, you still eat three meals and go to sleep.

The Cabins:

The cabins are located everywhere! Some even take a mini hike to get to. Boys and girls stay in separate cabins with instructors in the cabin. They are all named after different places in California like San Diego and Norwalk. The cabins are pretty comfortable and have showers, sinks, and toilets inside. However, there aren't that many shower and toilet stalls there. You have to wake up and take a shower which can only be three minutes long.

You sleep in bunks, but you bring sleeping bags from home. My cabin had fourteen people plus an instructor, but they can usually sleep 10-15 people.

The Food:

The food was actually really good. They have different things at every meal and they have a salad bar for every breakfast and lunch. In the morning, you enjoy a hot meal as well as a cereal, milk, fruit and yogurt bar. Students have assigned tables and a different instructor or teacher at every meal. Some meals we had were pizza, pasta, rib sandwiches, and pancakes. You also get dessert after dinner. Unfortunately, you don't get any snacks, so make sure that you eat a lot when you get the chance.

The Instructors:

The instructors are really nice & funny. They are really knowledgeable about nature and know lots of songs. They stay with you in your cabin and lead some hikes.

Hikes:

You do 2-3 hikes per day. Some are academic like Ecology and Wildlife Biology. Some take place at night like Astronomy and some are just for fun. The hikes are the main activity.

TIPS

- Layer up! The mountains can be really cold, and you need to wear lots of layers to keep warm.
- Double up with your trash bags. You cover your duffel bag with trash bags, but make sure to put two in case one rips.
- Make sure you bring scarves, beanies, mittens, a water bottle (not plastic) and a small backpack to take on hikes.
- Pack warm pajamas as the cabin is really cold.
- Check that you packed EVERYTHING necessary (including comfortable shoes you'll need them!)
- Two schools go together (Nohl Canyon & another school) & they stay in the same cabins, so be ready to make lots of new friends!



FOURTH GRADERS

By: Amanie Dahdouh



Ella and Natalia



Tia and Ella



Amanie and Ella



Tia, Nikki, Ella and Amanie

BIOMES

By: Ashley Hodge

The Tundra

By: Ashley Hodge

The tundra is a biome.

Biomes are different types of land, like oceans.

The Tundra is the youngest biome on Earth.

The Tundra is the coldest biome.



The Tundra is an amazing biome. There are fascinating animals, even though they are hard to find. There is plankton, salmon, seals, and polar bears. The Arctic foxes are born in late winter or early spring. The bald eagle that live there are endangered. Permafrost is a layer of soil that remains frozen there throughout the year. The Tundra has the harshest climate out of all the biomes. You can find a Tundra in North Canada. The Tundra is an interesting biome.

The Temperate Forest Biome

The Temperate Forest is amazing.

It is a forest biome full of wild life.

See black bears, hawks, robins, and more. These are among the animals.

Among the plants are beautiful trees and ferns.

The Temperate Forest is one of the many biomes of the world. Black bears are omnivores. They live there. White-tailed deer are herbivores live there too. There are beautiful pink robins, carnivore hawks, and Eastern Forest Snails as well. In this biome you will find poison ivy, ferns, and trees that are deciduous, which shed their leaves during the autumn. There is an average of 45 inches of rain and snow each year. The Temperate Forest is amazing.



Terrific Teachers

By: Sara Schubbert, Karina Patel, & Amanie Dahdoul

There are a bunch of terrific teachers at Nohl Canyon. We interviewed Mrs. Moberly, a third grade teacher. We asked her lots of questions! Here are some of the things we talked about:

Us: What made you want to become a teacher?

Mrs. Moberly: "I like kids & I like learning. School is one of my favorite things."

Us: Who inspired you to become a teacher?

Mrs. Moberly: "My mom inspired me to become a teacher since she was a teacher herself. I also had good friends in college who were teachers even though I hadn't become a teacher yet."

Us: When did you first start teaching at Nohl Canyon?

Mrs. Moberly: "I came here 15 years ago. I started out in 4th grade. I taught five years in upper grade and now, this is my 10th year teaching third grade. I've done everything except for 6th grade, 1st grade, and kindergarten here."

Us: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Mrs. Moberly: "I like to teach math and science a lot. In math, when I was younger, I was always the kid to ask the questions. I would always have my hand up."

Us: Did you like music when you were younger?

Mrs. Moberly: "I love music! I'm always singing. I may not always be good, but I'll sing anyway. Just for fun."

As you can see, we learned lots of new things about Mrs. Moberly!

Hope you enjoyed it!

Road Runner Picks

By: Ashley H.

We want you to choose your favorite roadrunner.



1

Circle of these pictures.

Bring this to the computer lab on a Thursday between 2:30 and 4:00pm.



2

If you do this the winning picture will be in our next newsletter!



3

Duct Tape Crafts



By: Karina Patel

Do you know duct tape as the ugly gray tape people use for construction? Have you ever seen colorful duct tape at stores or in houses? Well, duct tape can be used for lots of different things. It comes in every pattern and color imaginable. Well, since you know a bit about it, let's learn how to make some crafts using it !

Duct tape bookmark Difficulty Level: Easy

You will need:

- small amount of any duct tape (preferably 2-3 colors)
- scissors or other sharp tool
- clear tape
- ruler

- 1) Use the ruler & measure a piece of duct tape that's about 7 inches long (or your preferred length)
- 2) Cut that piece and put it to the side. Repeat Step 1 & 2 for another piece.
- 3) Take both of the pieces and stick them together (stick both the sticky sides against each other)
- 4) Using another color, cut a part off the roll, fold it in half, (stick it together) then cut a design (or pattern) out of it such as a heart, star, initial, or a word.
- 5) Tape the design using clear tape to the bookmark.
- 6) Experiment with it to find different tips and patterns.
- 7) Use your bookmark for all of your books!

Duct tape Pouch/Purse

Difficulty Level: Medium

You will need:

- duct tape (1-3 colors)
- scissors
- a ruler



- 1) Measure a piece of duct tape that's about 7 inches long or any preferred length. Cut it off.
- 2) Repeat step one 7 more times. Lay out all of your strips with NONE overlapping. You should have 8 strips total.
- *Note: You can make half of the strips a different color if you want.
- 3) Overlap two of the strips evenly, combining two into one fat strip.
- 4) Repeat step 3 three times to have four big duct tape pieces.
- 5) Combine two of the pieces together, with the sticky sides together. If you chose to do two different colors, make sure the two sides are two different colors.
- 6) Do the same with the other two pieces, being very careful.
- 7) Measure a piece of duct tape as long as the duct tape "sheets" and cut it off.
- 8) Put the two duct tape sheets together and taking the strip you just cut, use it to attach the sheets together LENGTHWISE. Cut off the extra length along the sides and at the bottom.
- 9) Once the sides are even, cut another piece of duct tape the same length and cut it in half. Use one half of each for one side of the sheets. When you are finished, it should look like a pouch. Cut off all of the extra non-fitting pieces and you are done!

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