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Hockey

By Daniel Pang ☺

He's dribbling up, he shoots, and he scores! Hockey is one of the exciting national sports. There are many positions in hockey, for example ---defense, offense, and goalie.

You need lots of equipment, too, like a helmet, shoulder pads, elbow pads, kneepads, and pants. The goalie has heavy pads that help to protect him. He wears big leg pads and special gloves, a big helmet, and a chest pad.

During a game, there are lots of fans to cheer on the players. There is a face-off circle in the center of the rink, where two players try to get the puck to their respective teams. There are different strategies in hockey. A few moves are checking, faking, and slap shots.

"Stood on his head" is a term used to describe an outstanding performance by an ice hockey goaltender in a short period of time. It often happens when a goalie lets out a rebound, the opposition returns the shot quickly, and the goalie has to make a quick save.

A goalie often falls on his side and "stacks the pads" to almost stand on his head. The T-push is a technique used by goaltenders to move in a lateral direction. To do a T-push, a goaltender directs his inside skate in the opposite direction, pushing with both legs, covering the five hole or knee gap. The butterfly save is used on low shots. Modern goaltenders usually work in the "butterfly" position, keeping their knees together and their stick covering their five-hole. The glove is kept up, ready for a possible deflection, and the goaltender is focused on the incoming shot.



PJ and Slipper Day 2011 · By Roxanne Snowden 🙌 and Anna Dunn 🐾

Pajama and Slipper Day was really fun! It was held on Friday, January 28th. All day people walked around wearing funny pj's, pretty slippers, and snuggly bathrobes. Some individual classes celebrated in their own ways. For example, they celebrated by... bringing in food and having little parties! In the afternoon there were about 400 students in the gym watching two movies. The movies were titled Owl Moon and Bear Snores On. Also, Mrs. DeFiore talked about staying healthy and getting exercise. All the teachers and the students really enjoyed being together.

Remember, though, Pajama and Slipper Day was still a school day. Students did school work, but learned that a little fun doesn't hurt now and then. It never does!



Interviewing Mrs. Longobucco · By Aileen Lennon and Anna Dunn

Our names are Anna Dunn and Aileen Lennon. We write for the third grade student newsletter and interviewed Mrs. Longobucco. Here are some of the questions we asked her:

Q. "What is the craziest thing that happened at school?"

A. "Well, a bird flew into the gym while we were setting up for a town meeting."

Q. "How long have you been a principal?"

A. "I have been a principal at Center School for 21 years."

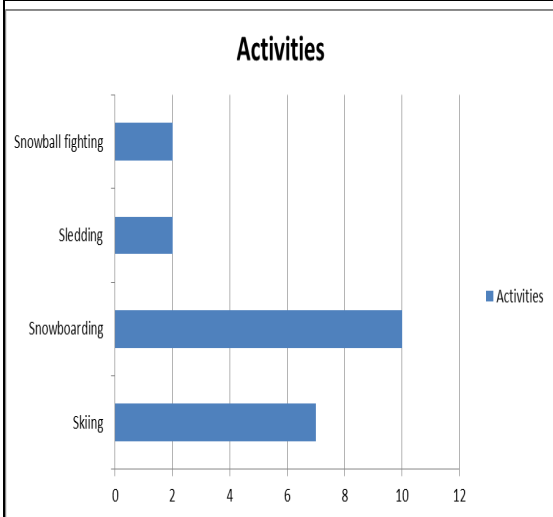
Q. "What was your job before you became a principal?"

A. "I was a teacher at Wamogo High School. I was also a vice principal at Litchfield Intermediate School."




We interviewed Mrs. Longobucco. When we asked her what her favorite color was, she said pink. She also said that her favorite animal was a puppy. When asked why she decided to become a principal, she said she loved being around children. We also asked her what the craziest thing that happened was, and she said a bird flew into the window in the gym right before a town meeting. She also said that her favorite part of being a principal was visiting classes and that her favorite sport was gymnastics. When asked how long she has been a principal, she said for twenty - one years. Our last question was what job she had before becoming a principal. She said that she was a high school teacher as well as an assistant principal. We hope you liked our interview with Mrs. Longobucco!

These were just some of our questions that we asked her. We hope you enjoyed them!!



Favorite Winter Activities In Mrs. Neller's Class

By Carson Styers 



Everybody has a favorite way to enjoy the winter. Some people love winter; some people don't, but everybody knows how to have winter fun! Most people like snowboarding and skiing. I personally like sledding the most because I don't know how to ski or snowboard. Seven people liked skiing, ten people liked snowboarding, two people liked sledding, and two people liked to have snowball fights. Most people liked snowboarding. The least amount of people liked sledding and snowball fights.

Silly Bandz

By Allison Davenport 



Do you like Silly Bandz? Well, I do! Silly Bandz are fun, safe toys for kids to wear. Lots of kids like to trade them. I do, too. I personally like the sparkles and different colors on Silly Bandz. They can also be tie-dyed. I do think Silly Bandz can be a distraction in class, though. That's why Silly Bandz are banned in some schools, because they distract students from doing their work. On top of it all, however, Silly Bandz are really fun toys.





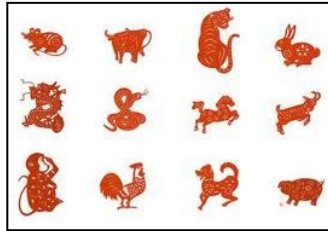
The Book Worm · By: Samantha Barnes ☑ and Allison Davenport ✍

Nice, sweet, book-loving too --- This is the librarian for you! Mrs. Moore, our Center School librarian, was born on October 24th, which is only one week away from Halloween.

Mrs. Moore and her husband Jim have three children --- Tom, Jim, and Margaret. She has one younger brother named Arthur, an older sister named Diane, and a younger sister named Nancy. Her favorite color is red because it is a happy color and it stands for good luck in Asia.

Our librarian is currently reading Jewel of Medina, a fiction book about a Muslim woman. Favorite children's books are Little Pea, Sophie's Masterpiece, and Winter Waits. Her favorite adult book is Sophie's World, a fiction book written by Jostein Gaarden.

Doing marathons and running are her hobbies. Mrs. Moore started the morning announcements on VBrick. She wanted to do student news because she thought it would be fun and help kids to be less shy. Aren't we lucky to have her as our librarian?



Chinese New Year

By Daniel Pang ☺

Chinese New Year is a special holiday for Chinese people to celebrate spring. It is a spring festival to welcome a new year and usually lasts fifteen days. The Chinese calendar is based on the lunar system. It is different than a western calendar. That is why the Chinese New Year usually falls between the end of January and the beginning of February. It is a tradition for Chinese people to buy red clothes and fireworks because red means "new" in Chinese. They also give red paper pockets as gifts, with usually one or two dollars in them. Dragon costumes with people marching inside are out in the streets to amuse people. It is entertaining for families. Chinese people have a big feast with their family and friends. They use chopsticks for tableware rather than forks and knives because they consider knives and forks to be violent. Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world. Learning to use chopsticks is very easy. You can use them to enjoy your Chinese food, but using chopsticks to eat rice is a problem for most westerners. A tip for eating rice is to bring your rice bowl close to your mouth and quickly scoop the rice into your mouth with the chopsticks. At the end of a meal, usually people get fortune cookies because they want to know their future.

See page 4 for a few food related Chinese Customs.



Boys' Night Out at a UCONN Game

By: AJ Butler 📌

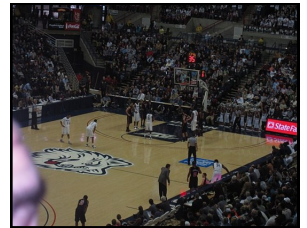


The University of Connecticut men's basketball team is on the road to the Final Four and I saw them in a game at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Connecticut against the Louisville Cardinals. I went to the game on January 29, 2011 with my two uncles, my two cousins, and my dad. The tickets were Christmas gifts from my mom so we boys could hang out and enjoy a live game. I've attended three UCONN games, but this one was the most fun. The crowd was mainly UCONN fans who were hoping UCONN would be victorious, so they cheered energetically. One UCONN fan was even painted completely blue and white. The UCONN mascot, a husky named Jonathan, led the crowd in cheering UCONN. He also went around giving high fives, including me too! The cheerleaders led cheers as well and performed amazing stunts.

During the game UCONN scored the first points. They played a great first half and Jeremy Lamb, a UCONN freshman, made an amazing slam dunk. At the end of the first half UCONN was winning by five with a score of twenty-eight to twenty-three. The second half of the game was exciting because Louisville made a comeback and tied with twenty-nine seconds left in the regular game. UCONN had a chance to win, but Kemba Walker, a UCONN junior, missed a shot with three tenths of a second to go. As the game went into overtime, the UCONN fans were upset. UCONN was winning by four points at the end of the first overtime, but Siva, a Louisville player, made a slam dunk with only seven seconds left. Also, Jeremy Lamb missed a three point shot so the game was tied again. In the second overtime, UCONN could not defeat Louisville and lost by one point, 79-78. UCONN players who played well were Shabazz Napier, who scored twenty-three points; Jeremy Lamb with twenty-one points, and Kemba Walker with twenty points. This loss was UCONN's first in six games. It was also their first home loss in twelve home games.



I will never forget this game because this was the longest and the most exciting game I have attended. We were all very disappointed UCONN lost, but we enjoyed being there. Also, I was spending time "with the boys". This is a memory I will always have. Now, UCONN is on the road to the Final Four and I will be cheering them on to the championship!



****A Final Note** Since this article was written, UCONN won the Championship

Aileen Lennon

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Mrs. Longobucco

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Chinese Food Customs

There are some rules that you should follow if you visit China to make your stay happier.

1. Never stick your chopsticks upright in the rice bowl, since that is usually done at a funeral and will be seen as an extremely impolite gesture to the host and seniors present.
2. Make sure the spout of the teapot is not pointing toward anyone.
3. Don't tap on your bowl with your chopsticks, since that will be considered an insult to the host or the chef.