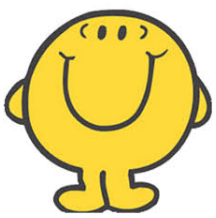


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VR Tellers

Serving the students of Van Rensselaer Elementary School

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Be polite, work hard, have fun.





Have a wonderful day!



Stars of our School Shine Bright!

By Sophia Deso, Newspaper Club Leader

I am so excited to share that our first annual talent show was a huge success! As one of the leaders of the newspaper club, I had the honor of helping host this very special event — and what an incredible event it was!

We had so many amazing performances that truly wowed the audience. Our talented students showed off their skills in singing, dancing, magic tricks, gymnastics, karate, and tumbling. Each act was unique and full of courage, creativity, and hard work. I was so proud of everyone who stepped onto the stage and gave it their best!

It was wonderful to see our school community come together to cheer on our performers. The smiles, applause, and excitement in the room made the event unforgettable.

If you'd like to relive the fun, you can watch the talent show at home by visiting our school's YouTube channel. I hope everyone enjoyed the show as much as I did. We can't wait to make next year's talent show even bigger and better!

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our first annual talent show!



















What Would You Do With 1 Million Dollars?

By: Mahamadou Stocking, Zwe Thet & Matthew Williams, Student Reporters

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you suddenly won 1 million dollars? We walked around the school and asked some kids and teachers what they would do with all that money!

Miss Bloomer said, "I'd buy a farm!"
Jake Martyn, a 4th grader, told us he'd buy 930 poop hats!
Aoife from 3rd grade said she'd give it to her mom.
Mrs. Hadden, a kindergarten teacher, would take care of her family's education and open a bakery!
Mrs. Lindemann, a 2nd grade teacher, said she'd pay all of her bills and give money to chartity.
Mr. Quinn, a 6th grade teacher, would invest a lot and give to charity.

It looks like if our school won 1 million dollars, there would be lots of money given to charity and LOTS of poop hats from Jake!
What would YOU do if you won 1 million dollars? Maybe you'll be the next person we interview in the VR Tellers!











With Mrs. Thomas

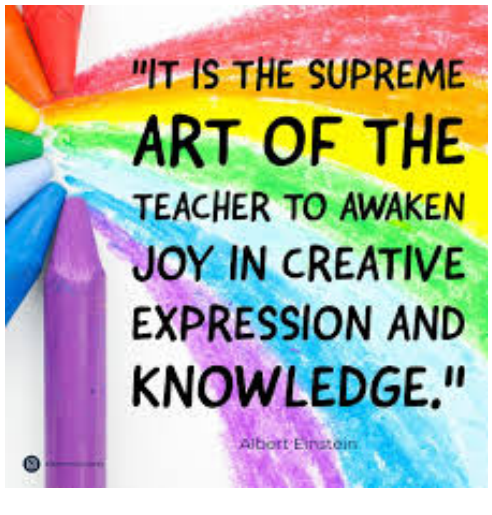
By: Zoe Quelis and Aubrey White

This edition we are spotlighting Mrs. Thomas, our amazing art teacher! We chose her because she is nice, has fun activities in her class, and helps kids out if they need help with life. Check out her answers to our questions!



Favorite Food: Cheese
Favorite Fast Food Restaurant: Sonic
Favorite Subject: Social Studies
Favorite Sport: Cheer and Softball
What would you do if you won $1,000,000?
I'd buy a house with a big garden!





Lucky Leprechaun Art Contest Winners Announced!

By: Mackenzie Hammond, Victoria Primeau-Kattes & Denver Williams

Our club recently held a fun and creative art contest just in time for St. Patrick's Day! Students were asked to draw their very own leprechaun, and the results were amazing. We received so many colorful, silly, and imaginative drawings that it was very hard to choose the winners.

Every student did a wonderful job showing creativity and effort. Some leprechauns had big green hats, others were hiding pots of gold, and a few even had funny faces that made us laugh!

After careful judging, we are excited to announce our three winners:





First place goes to Elayna from Mrs. Kerr's 3rd grade class!

Lucky Leprechaun Art Contest Winners Continued







Second place goes to Mahsa from Ms. Deso's Kindergarten class.







Chloe Wilson, a 5th grade student in Mrs. Mooney's homeroom, won 3rd place!





The History of St. Patrick's Day

By: Liam Hazzard

St. Patrick was a man who lived a long time ago. When he was 16 years old, he was taken to Ireland, where he worked as a shepherd. Later, he returned to Ireland as a priest to teach people about Christianity.

At first, St. Patrick's Day was a quiet religious holiday with church services. Over time, it became more of a celebration, especially in North America, where people started fun traditions like parades.

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17 because it is believed to be the day St. Patrick died many years ago.

Today, people celebrate with green clothes, parades, and lots of fun!

Here's a list of things many people do on St. Patrick's Day:

~Attend a parade with music, dancing, and festive floats
~Wear green or a shamrock for good luck
~Eat traditional foods like corned beef and cabbage or Irish soda
~Build a leprechaun trap using boxes and "gold"
~Go on a scavenger hunt to find a "pot of gold"
~Make fun rainbow crafts like cupcakes or chalk art
~Listen to Irish music or try an Irish dance









*We, The VR Tellers, are hosting a **Costume Carnival**!*

***When:** Thursday, April 16th*

***Why**: For Fun!*

***Who**: Grades Kindergarten-6th can participate. Each grade will get a theme and they will have to dress up to match the theme.*

*There will be a **winner from each grade level**!*

*Winners will be on the **front page** of next month's VR Tellers AND will receive a **special prize**!*

Be as creative as you'd like.

Just no blow up costumes. Thank you!



Themes are:



Pre-K- Under the Sea!

Kindergarten - Candyland!

1st grade- Outer Space!

2nd grade- Super Heroes!



3rd grade- Blast to the past 80's style!

4th grade- Spongebob Characters!

5th grade- 2000's Hollywood stars!

6th grade- Fire and Ice











Challenge: Solve all three problems below!

Bring your responses to M-107 for a Show Pride Ticket! Answers can be written on any type of paper. Be sure to include your name, grade, and teacher.

Good luck!

Problem 1:





Problem 2:

RIDDLE: WHAT HAS HANDS BUT CAN'T CLAP?



PROBLEM 3:

TRUE OR FALSE:

RAMS ARE HERBIVORES.

