

PETER PAN SOARS!

by Luc Basma, Finn Gregory, Jensen Krebs

Sounds, lights, and music! On Friday, March 27th, the fifth grade put on a play called *Peter Pan, Jr.*, but there was nothing small about this version! The story was about pirates trying to take over Peter Pan's hideout. There was a second show on Saturday, the 28th.

I was out-of-this-world impressed with what they did in front of and behind the scenes. All of the acting in the show was brilliant. One example was when Peter Pan and Captain Hook were battling and Peter knocked the Captain's hat off and his wig came with it!

Thanks to the sound crew, I was able to understand every word they said and the sound effects were really cool. The cannon moved just like a real one and made a sound like it was really shooting at us, but it was a balloon popping! There was even fake smoke. To me, it was exciting and great, but don't take my word for it.

Student, Abby Lopez, was cheering for the Indian Chief (played by Luke Bayer) who also played Nana. "I know him really well, and he's really funny." Parent, Joey Escolastico, was proud to see his daughter, Milani, participate. He also liked when "[Michael] came out dressed funny and said, 'I'm a mermaid!'" Second grader, Lucy Jarvela, really liked the costumes. She thought all the characters looked great, but her favorite costume was Tinker Bell's.



Photo by: Finn Gregory

Speaking of Tink, I caught Tinker Bell (played by Marina Zurita-McKinnon) as she flew by to ask her about her experience starring in the play. She said that to prepare for the play, she took some acting classes and used her sister's encouragement to help keep her going. She also had a voice coach. Though she likes singing and acting, she prefers singing because, "you can make whatever you're singing your own." If YOU want to star in a play, Marina said, "Believe that you are going to do well and you will. If you want it more than anything, you'll get it!"

If you didn't see it, don't feel bad. There will be more performances at PS11 and I can bet they'll be just as good as this one, thanks to our amazing artists, Sarah Chemerys, Sharon Golub, Rachel Wurman, the fantastic students at PS11 and everyone else who participated. • (fact checked by Karina Gupta)

CALENDAR

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| A p r i l 26. M a y 22 | 27 | 28 | 29 f | 30 School spirit day Comedy | 1 May day Family Friday | 2 | 3 |
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by: Carmen Lacosta Kolsrud

WEATHER



- This year was the coldest April 1st of the last ten years (warmest was 2006).
- From the start to the end of April, the length of each day gets longer by about 2½ minutes, so the last day ends up 1 hour, 14 minutes longer than the first.
- In case of rain, umbrellas are good, but nothing compares to a good raincoat, especially when you're walking to school with 900 other students and their open umbrellas.
- Warm weather rules: No flip-flops allowed. No backless shoes. No "heelies."
- Closest weather station to PS11: 23rd and 8th.

Hottest day: April 18th (80°) **Coldest day:** April 9th (43°)

by: Kohana Henson & Gabe Kennell

SAVING THE WORLD ONE STREET AT A TIME

by Andrew Amador and Kohana Henson

Are you tired of walking through garbage every time you leave home? I am. Let's do something about it! Garbage makes our streets look unclean and making too much of it is not taking care of our world. So, I wonder how we can keep New York City clean?

I spoke with Mr. Ignazio "Iggy" Terranova, the Citywide Community Affairs Officer of the NYC Department of Sanitation and asked him why there is so much garbage on our streets. He said there are 3 problems. One is that people litter. "There is garbage on the streets because people do not throw it away properly." Second, the litter doesn't get picked up. "Property owners do not sweep up properly in front of their homes or stores. They are responsible for cleaning 18 inches into the street from the sidewalk at least twice a



Photo by: Carmen Laocosta Kolstrud

day." Third, the street bins overflow and garbage falls on the ground, leaving no place to put our junk. According to Iggy, "The issue with the corner litter baskets is that they are designed for pedestrian trash (coffee cups, napkins, etc.), but people bring their household or commercial trash to the corners. They might do this because they don't want to store their trash in the house until pick-up." They might also do it because not all the garbage fits in their building garbage area.

How can we solve these problems? Think more carefully about what you are throwing away and RECYCLE instead of creating all this trash. According to the Sierra Club of NYC every New Yorker makes 3 pounds of garbage a day! Since we don't have any landfills here, we have to ship it to other states. This costs the city 300 million dollars per year to get rid of. That's a lot of money! With money we save by recycling, the sanitation department could make commercials that remind people that littering is bad and that they will be fined if they use the street bins for their home garbage. The commercials could use famous people to create awareness.

If YOU make trash, don't litter. Put it in a garbage can. If it's full, take it with you. Don't just throw it next to the can. If your home garbage bin is full, buy a bigger bin or get another one. The next time you're finishing your favorite soda, think of how you hate seeing garbage in the streets and be part of the solution! •

JOKES OF THE MONTH

by Nandini Bains and Gabe Kennell

What do you call a cheese that talks a lot?

A cheddar box!



What do you call a dog on the beach in the summer?

A hotdog!



A PEAK AT MR. BENDER!

by Briana Hasimaj and Lily Puckett

4/16/15, 11:30 a.m.: We found Principal Bender cleaning out the closet in his office. Why? *"I have to be available for kids and teachers who are going to ask me questions because today they are taking their tests!"*

4/22/15, 12:30 p.m.: We spied Mr. Bender working with some teachers on "professional development." It is like school for teachers!



LUNCH

by Lily Puckett

April 13 - Cheese manicotti with marinara sauce, broccoli trees and apples. This is what some PS11 Students had to say about it:

*"I like it because it has apple wedges."
"I like this because every day it's different."
"I don't like it! Some of them have no flavor at all. Sometimes [it] makes me sick!"*

One student chose the grilled cheese option: *"I like [that] they always have a grilled cheese sandwich."*

April 17 – Mushroom and plain pizzas were the favorites!

THE STUPID GUY (fiction)

By Samuel Cohen and Jensen Krebs

There once was a guy so stupid he worked at a pizzeria AS a pizza! One day, on his way home from work, he saw a new hot dog stand and said to the owner, "How much for a hot dog?" The owner answered, "We're not open yet." The Stupid Guy said, "I'll take 2 hot dogs." The owner screamed, "We're not open!!" The Stupid Guy left. When he got home and turned the ceiling fan on, he thought it was waving at him, so he said, "hi." Then, he went to bed. When he woke up, he showered in the stove (which was on 1,000 degrees), ate his rug for breakfast and walked out the window, falling into a manhole and crashing into a time travel portal!

He came out of a colorful, whirling hall into Times Square, 1862! He was hungry so he tried to eat a giant hot dog nearby. The hot dog ended up being Abraham Lincoln who was only dressed like a hot dog. Abe was in Times Square trying to raise money to abolish slavery. President Lincoln yelled, "Stop eating me?!!" The Stupid Guy answered, "Hey, I know you! You're that guy opening the new hot dog stand! Abe said, "No, I'm the 16th President of the United States and I'm leading the North in the Civil War against slavery. I fight for what's right and against what's wrong!" "Never heard of it," answered the Stupid Guy. "Nice giant, black hat, by the way. Can I get my hot dog now?" Abe yelled, "Security!" The Stupid Guy ran away and hit a lamppost, falling back into the time travel portal.

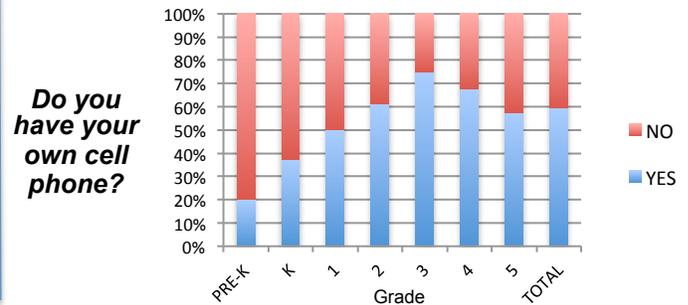
This time, he ended up in 1924 at Albert Einstein's laboratory! He told Einstein that he was bored with time travel and didn't want to do it

anymore. So, Einstein created a machine that closed all time travel portals. "Oh No!," Stupid Guy realized he was now stuck in 1934! He wanted to be home in his own time period. To cheer him up, Einstein showed him a rocket ship he'd been working on that was supposed to make a person travel at the speed of light. "But, I can't quite make it work," said Dr. Einstein. Suddenly, Stupid Guy slipped on a humongous puddle of purple goo (left over from another experiment). He fell back and hit a hammer with his hand, sending it twirling through the air.

The hammer hit a shelf holding a container of dry ice. The dry ice spilled into the rocket ship's open fuel tank. Just then, the rocket ship fired up! It turned out, instead of hot fuel, the rocket actually needed frozen fuel to work! So, Einstein was able to re-open the portal by sending Stupid Guy through it at the speed of light and happily back to his old, stupid life. •

MONTHLY POLL

by Andrew Amador, Sam Cohen, Finn Gregory, Briana Hasimaj, Carmen Lacosta Kolsrud



NEWS STAFF: bios by Karina Gupta, photos by Andrew Amador & Nandini Bains



Jensen "The Journalist" Krebs: *I like science and managing the paper!*



Andrew "Almanac" Amador: *Soccer rules!*



Nandini "The Noggin" Bains: *Puppies are pawtastic!*



Luc "Lively" Basma: *Likes realistic fiction!*



Samuel "Scoop" Cohen: *An energetic outdoorsman!*



Finn "Fact-finder" Gregory: *Favorite book is "I like baseball!"*



Karina "Know-how" Gupta: *I love to read, read and read!*



Briana "Bee" Hasimaj: *Loves to swim!*



Kohana "Keen" Henson: *Likes Japanese books!*



Gabe "Gamer" Kennell: *Video games are the best!*



Carmen "Cool" Lacosta Kolsrud: *Basketball is so fun!*



Lily "Loveable" Puckett: *Building Legos is awesome!*

Now, it's your turn! If you have a suggestion for the *Joke of the Month*, *Monthly Poll*, article idea, artwork, poem, comic strip, etc., enter it WITHIN the box below and drop it in the **News Box** in the office. Paper staff *may* consider it for a future issue.

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