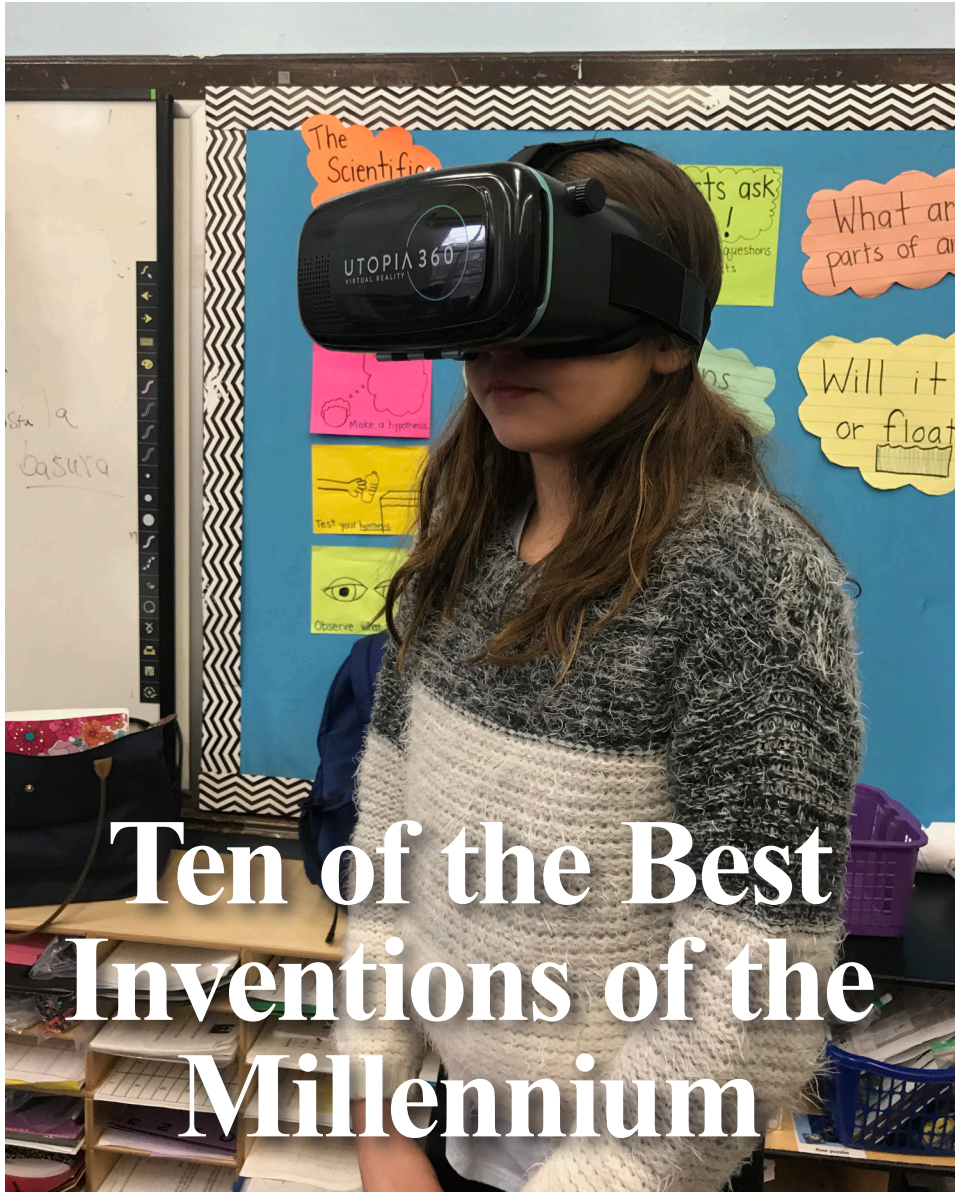


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BY KARINA GUPTA

This millennium has introduced us to many inventions that have made us wonder how people lived without them. Many of the inventions are good for the environment, while others have made our daily lives easier.

HERE ARE TEN OF THE BEST:

First Smartphone: In 2007, the very first smartphone was invented. This was a great advance in technology. The first smartphone included email, data, and Internet. A thing that

the original iPhone made easier was browsing the Internet. Now, there are many new versions of the iPhone, but it all started out June 29, 2007.

Reusable Rockets: After many attempts, the first reusable rocket was invented called Falcon 9, named after the Millennium Falcon from *Star Wars*. The invention of reusable rockets is beneficial in many ways. Launching and making rockets costs a lot of money, so the space companies can spend less money making them because they can keep on using one rocket.

Virtual Reality: Virtual Reality headsets allow you to visit places without even stepping your foot outside. There are many companies that have produced headsets, but Google stands out because it is bringing VR to the classroom. It is like stepping into the Magic School Bus and experiencing what you are learning.

3D Printer: Unlike regular paper printers, the 3D printer prints three-dimensional objects such as cups. Beyond it being cool, these printers are very useful. For instance, if a piece of your toy breaks, you can make a replacement piece on your printer. The uses of 3D printers are still growing. The printer can really be a benefit in the medical, engineering, and designing fields.

Electric Cars: Electric cars have been around for a while but they are now more popular and becoming more available to people. Tesla is the leader in making them popular.

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The advantage of electric cars is that they do not emit pollution, making them environmentally-friendly. An improvement that still needs to be made is increasing how long the battery can run and reducing how long it needs to be charged.

GPS: Portable GPS was first invented in 2001. This was a big advance because it was portable so you could take it into the car or walking around with you. Before this was invented, you had to write or print directions from the computer and bring them with you. This took longer and was inefficient. Personal GPS apps for smartphones became available, such as Google Maps, Waze, and maps that you can download on phones and use anywhere. The personal GPS has made getting directions even more efficient.

Swell Water Bottle: In 2010, the Swell water bottle was invented.

What makes Swell special is that it keeps cold water cold for 24 hours and hot water hot for 12 hours. This is a big advantage because, if you want to take hot water to school, it is hot all day. In addition, if it is Field Day and it is hot outside, your water could stay cold the whole day. Swell water bottles also have very cool designs and shapes.

YouTube: In 2005, YouTube was founded. This became popular because it lets you watch videos of all kinds and upload videos of yourself. YouTube is a great learning resource for things, from school to crafts. It can also provide entertainment for everyone, with things from funny videos to sports highlights.

Social Media: Social Media first became popular in the early 2000s, starting with Facebook in 2004. Social Media allows you to post pictures and interact with friends that you may not live close to. There are many different types of Social Me-

dia, including SnapChat, Instagram, Twitter, and others.

All of these inventions have made our lives easier and some inventions are friendlier to the environment. Remember, these are only 10 great inventions from this millennium. There are so many more. Who knows what other inventions this millennium will introduce us to.

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A PEEK AT MR. BENDER

BY ELSA MORONEY

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Paper: Why are you wearing that hat?

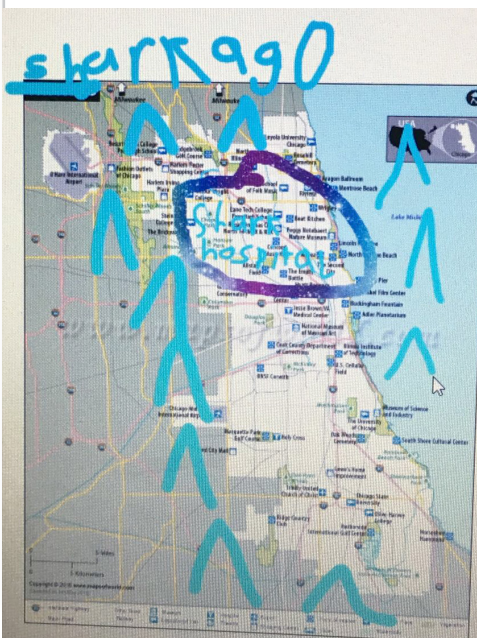
Mr. Bender (wearing a silly hat): It's cool! I got it first and then William decided to steal my idea [points to William who is wearing the same hat].

William: What!?! No, I did not!

Mr. Bender: And it's reversible!

JOKES of the MONTH

BY ANSEL KREBS



Where do sharks come from?

A: Sharkago.

What do elves learn at school?

A: The elfabet.

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?

A: Frostbite.

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Fourth Graders Experience Holiday Delight at the Nutcracker Ballet

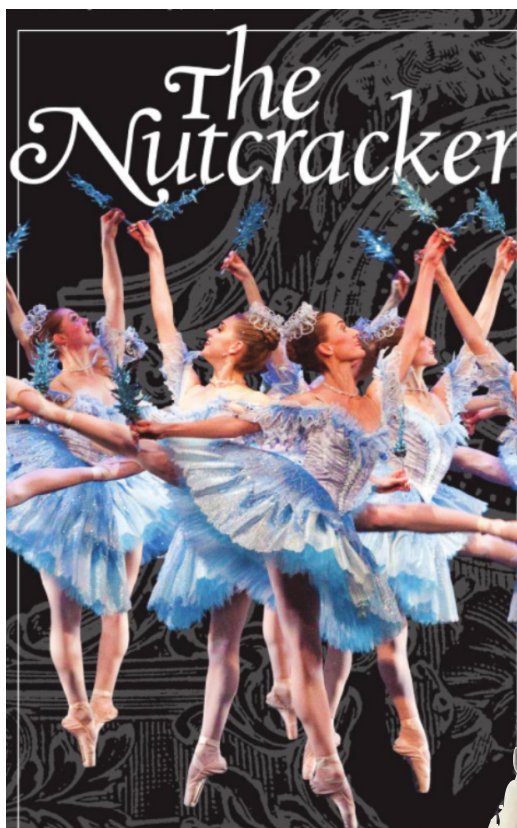
BY ANASTASIA VATIS

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You hear the music begin to play. The theater is silent. The sound of chatter fades away and all eyes turn toward the stage.

On November 29, the whole 4th grade paid a visit to Lincoln Center to see George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker* ballet.

The Nutcracker tells the story of a young girl named Marie. Her parents are hosting a party to celebrate Christmas Eve. The party guests arrive and mingle amongst themselves until the lights flicker off. A mysterious figure appears in the room with a small figure. It's Drosselmeyer, Marie's uncle, with his young nephew. Drosselmeyer hands out an assortment of toys to the children. Finally, Drosselmeyer gives Marie the most spectacular gift of all: A beautiful nutcracker. Jealous, Marie's brother, Fritz, grabs the nutcracker from Marie and drops it on the floor, breaking it. The party guests slowly file out of the room and leave. Marie and Fritz trudge up to their rooms. In the middle of the night, Marie creeps down to get her nutcracker. She then falls asleep on the couch. Drosselmeyer slinks back into the house and fixes the nutcracker. A while later, Marie wakes up. She starts to shrink. Soon, she is the size of the nutcracker. She looks around and sees the toys around her come alive. Mice appear



and start fighting Fritz's toy soldiers. The toys are losing, until, finally, the nutcracker jumps up and leads the toys. Eventually, though, the mice start to win again. Seeing this, Marie throws her slipper at the Mouse King, who is battling the nutcracker. This leads the toys to victory. The nutcracker turns into a prince, and together, Marie and the Prince go outside and walk through the falling snow. The Prince leads Marie to the Land of Sweets. They

arrive by boat. The Prince explains to the Sugar Plum Fairy what has just happened, and she leads them to sit down and watch an assortment of dances put on by the subjects of the Land of Sweets. As a finale, Marie and the Prince ride away on a sled pulled by flying reindeer.

Hyla Dotson, a 4th-grader, thought the play was, "Amazing!"

Even some people who didn't think they would like *The Nutcracker* liked it. Miles Maslon said, "I liked it. It was good."

Ballets are very different from movies and other shows. Maya Millender, another 4th-grader, offered, "I think it was so slow and the music was so quiet and like...slow."

The theatre was very crowded, and most of the 4th-graders dressed up.

Mary Claire Hogan, a chaperone who was once herself a ballerina, said, "I thought the performance itself was spectacular, but I was even more impressed with the behavior of the 4th-graders. They were very respectful and enthusiastic. Everyone was very well behaved. I was blown away."

Ms. Guerrero, a 4th-grade teacher, explained that the directors of the ballet are very glad that the audience was composed mostly of kids because *The Nutcracker* was made for kids and is a popular show to see during the holidays.



11 Questions with...

P.S. 11 Lunch Leaders

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AVERY BALLANTYNE

1. Do you like lunch leading and why?

Yes, I love playing with the kids because they are so cute, helping them out when they need it and telling stories.



2. What do you play with them?

Monster. I am the monster and I have to chase them, like tag.

3. Do you have favorites?

No, they are all cute and special in their own way.

4. What grade do you have to be in to lunch lead and do you know why?

Fourth and fifth because I think they are more responsible.



5. When you used to be a younger student, did you like lunch leaders?

Yes, because they were so funny and they entertained us.

6. What are you most proud of?

Helping the little kids in their troubles and being there for them.

7. What days do you lunch lead and would you like to change that?

Tuesday and Thursday, and no, I think those are the perfect days.

8. Can you describe lunch leading in one word?

Amazing.

9. What grade do you lunch lead?

First grade.

10. Do you look at them like friends?

Yes, almost like little cousins.

11. What seems to be the kids' favorite foods?

Apples and sandwiches.

Last Chance to Claim Your Stuff at the Lost and Found Event

BY SENECA WALSH

Are you missing a jacket or sweatshirt? Hope you didn't miss the "Claim Your Stuff Event" on December 15th!

Every semester, hundreds of items are lost, but unfortunately, only a fraction of them are ever claimed. This is why, at the end of each semester, in front of school one morning at drop off, the Lost and Found volunteer team organizes and displays bags and bags of lost items, including hats, scarves, mittens, lunchboxes, water bottles, shoes, and clothing. The team has found many unusual things, such as a pillow, underpants, elbow pads, and even a *Ninja Turtle* mask!

Every year, the Lost and Found team donates the extra clothing to a charity or multiple charities. This year, the team is donating it to the Salvation Army and to the 10th Police Precinct to help Hurricane Maria victims in Puerto Rico.

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BY CARMEN ROSE LACOSTA KOLSRUD

A P.S. 11 student, Haley, said, “I lost my favorite hat yesterday, and I just found it!” She was also looking for her friend’s stuff. How nice!

Jamie said, “I lost a water bottle, sweatshirt, and a jacket,” but she only found one thing. Remember to always label your stuff so you have a better chance of getting it back!



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Dangerous Trains in India

BY LILA JENOVA DUPUY

Have you ever thought about visiting India? If so, you might be asking yourself, “Hmm, is it safe to go to India?” For the most part yes, but if you think you are going to need to ride on a train, think carefully about

which ones. Some are not safe. Here are two reasons some of the trains are dangerous.

1. Some of them are too crowded.
2. Some derail too much and the tracks are not very stable.

First of all, the trains are so crowded that people are riding on top of them and sometimes hanging from the windows. This is because there are not enough trains and not enough cars on the trains.

Second of all, the rails on the tracks are out of shape because the government isn’t taking care of them. There have been a lot of derailments. The first derailment was the 5th of November, 1801. A mail-train derailed near Nagpur, killing 10 and injuring 34. The latest one was the 24th of November, 2017. A train loaded with imported coal derailed between Gorakhnath and Raghunathpur, thankfully, injuring and killing no one.

However, seeing and experiencing India from the right train can be really special. Experiencing it from the wrong train can be dangerous. So be careful when making your choice!



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BY ALEJANDRA E. GARCIA

Psssssssssst...Did you know that Mr. Bender has a secret elevator in his office? Or that your parents have been lying to you about sugary sodas your whole life and Coca Cola is actually good for you?!?! Do these statements make you wonder what is real and what is fake?

Journalists are people who collect information and report it to the public. This is how we know what is happening in our schools, our communities, our nation, and the world. Journalists are supposed to try and report the most accurate information by checking sources and doing responsible research. But if they didn't? This is where it all began.

American journalism began in the early 18th century. It started as a side job for book printers. Journalists quickly became a powerhouse for politicians to transmit information throughout the nation. Paperboys used to ride their bicycles and deliver the newspaper. The newspaper was a way to spread the opinion of the people of the colony. The influence of that opinion was so strong that it turned our colonies into an independent nation!

The printed word was a much better

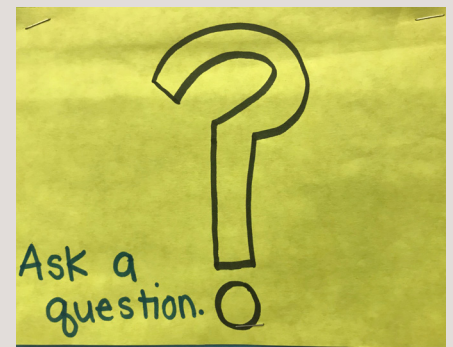
way of reaching out to more people than the spoken word, but the “golden years” of newsprint are long gone now. First radio, then television, and now the Internet have changed how QUICKLY the news gets to people. The Internet and TV news reporting have created a BIG revolution. Info gets out much faster now—with a click of a link—which also means there is an infinite amount of sources out there. This can lead to sources of information that may not be reliable. In other words, FAKE NEWS!

Leonardo, 27, of East Harlem, says he gets his news from Internet-based news apps. “I prefer the New York Times and CNN,” says Leonardo. “They are reliable and they have articles that interest me.”

In conclusion, we have come a long way to where we are now. Internet-based communication is how we mostly communicate with the world. From real journalism to “fake news” we have to always keep a critical and open mind when reading information. Real news can sound like fake news and vice versa.

Disclaimer: None of the statements written at the beginning of this article are true about Mr. Bender or Coca Cola.

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THE PROBLEM SOLVERS

BY MAXWELL TUNG AND ELSA MORONEY

How can I make more friends?

A: Be K & G to all kids who want to be your friend. Introduce yourself to any new people.

How can I wrap 25 presents?

A: One present at a time! Get some help and manage your time well. Don't wait until the last minute. Wrap as you get the gifts.

Two of my friends are constantly fighting! My mom says triangle relationships never work, but I am still trying. Both friends keep coming to me with their problems and I am stuck in the middle. What should I do?

A: First, try to step out of it. It's their problem, not yours. Tell them to nicely work it out themselves. If they keep fighting, try telling them how you feel about it and try to work out a compromise.



Wonder

BY ELIZA WEISS

Wonder is about a boy named Auggie who was born with a face that looks very different from all other kids. Auggie is 10 years old and starting 5th grade at a new school. This is his first time EVER going to school! He was home schooled by his mom because he had 27 surgeries on his face.

Auggie lives with his parents, his older sister, Via, and their dog named Daisy. When Auggie starts 5th grade, he meets a lot of new kids at his school, including Jack Will, Summer, Charlotte, and Justin. Some of the students are not very nice to Auggie, so they make up a game called The Plague, and then everyone tries to avoid Auggie.

Wonder tells the same story from

different perspectives. For example, the audience can see how Via deals with having Auggie as a brother. It takes place over one year of Auggie's life.

The movie is based on the book, which was written by R. J. Palacio. According to Amanda Ro, a P.S. 11 4th-grader, the book was better because it had more information, and the movie took out a lot of important things.

How faithful was the movie to the book? Seneca Walsh, another 4th-grader, said that, "the main plot is the same, but the minor details are different. The book has more about his life before school, and the movie tells more about his current life."

The only way to compare is to read the book and watch the movie to decide for yourself. It is a very good movie, but it is very emotional. It is 5 stars ***** and I recommend it for all school-age kids.

Coco: Bridging the Land of the Dead and the Land of the Living

BY ALESSANDRA VIGNONE

Coco is a movie about a boy named Miguel who loves music. The problem is that everyone in his family hates music, so he runs away. Miguel goes to the cemetery and into a little room where he finds his great-great-grandfather's guitar. When he starts to play it, he finds he has been cursed by the guitar and is now part of his dead family in an underworld, though he is not dead and still looks like a kid. His parents, meanwhile, are looking for him because they can't see him. In order for Miguel to go home to the living world, one of his family members has to give him a blessing before sunrise. Otherwise, he will turn into a skeleton and have to stay in the underworld forever. Will Miguel receive a blessing? Will he want to go home to a family that hates music?

Coco is a very festive animated movie. There is a story twist at the end, and the movie has a feel-good message. I would definitely recommend it, and I hope you want to see *Coco*!



The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree

A New York City Holiday Tradition

BY TEDDY KENNEL

New York City sparkles with lights during the holidays. One tradition, now in its 85th year, is the lighting of the famous Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, located from 48th to 51st Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues, in Midtown Manhattan.

This year's Rockefeller Center tree is a 75-foot Norway Spruce that weighs 12 to 13 tons—that's 24,000 to 26,000 pounds! The 80-year-old tree grew up in State College, Pennsylvania. Eric Gauze, Rockefeller Center's head gardener, first spotted this year's tree over seven years ago, in September 2010, on a trip to a football game in State College. He talked to the tree's owner every year since, and this year, Mr. Gauze decided to pick that tree to be the one in Rockefeller Center.

The tree arrived in New York on

November 11th by truck, and then, the decorating began. Gauze hung more than 50,000 lights on the tree.

The lights are solar powered, which means they get their energy from the sun.

Theo Ryan, a second-grader, attended last year's tree lighting and got to sit very close to the action. He said, "the lights reminded me of rainbows." Upon visiting this year's tree, Theo thought, "the tree could use more decorations."

About 500,000 people visit the tree during the holidays. This explains why one P.S. 11 student said, "I felt like I was about to get stomped by a giant because there were so many people."

Some students feel sad that an 80-year old tree was cut down. Apparently, a new tree is planted each year to replace the one that was selected for Rockefeller Center. When taken down, the tree will be recycled into lumber for Habitat for Humanity, which builds houses for the needy.

The tree will remain up until January 7, 2018.

Monthly Poll:

What is your favorite emoji?

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AND ELSA MORONEY

Top 12

1. Heart Eyes
2. Poop
3. Sunglasses
4. Winking Face
5. LOL
6. Devil Head
7. Smiley Face
8. Dying
9. Unicorn
10. Barf
11. Princess
12. Mad Face

Honorable mention:

"I don't like emojis."

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Doggy Doo? Doggy Don't!

BY WILLIAM GOLDSMAN

It's nice to have dogs in the city, but there are many responsibilities that come along with owning a dog. One of the biggest responsibilities? Picking up your dog's waste on the streets and on private property. According to New York State Public Health Law 1310, you must dispose of your dog's feces correctly by picking it up and putting it in a litter basket or toilet. If you don't follow this rule, you could get fined \$250. However, if you are blind and have

a guide dog, this law does not apply to you.

Chelsea residents, Jim Morrissey and George Laskaris, have owned dogs for many years and walk their dogs four times a day. Here is what they have to say about doggy waste. "Our dogs poop outside on the sidewalk or street and we pick it up," said Jim. "That makes you a responsible owner." When asked if they like the law that keeps poop off the sidewalks, both men very strong-

ly agreed. "We get upset if people don't follow the rules," said George, "but the city is lax about enforcement. We have seen the [negative] impact of not cleaning up dog poop in other countries such as Argentina and Greece." One time Jim and George saw someone in their neighborhood who didn't pick up their dog's waste. They told the person they need to pick it up, offered a bag, and the person took it. Jim and George are responsible dog owners

because they follow the laws and they are courteous to their neighbors.

In conclusion, all dogs should poop and pee in appropriate places like curbs and grass, but the owner has to clean it up! And if you have a cat, don't worry because cats use litter boxes and these laws are for **DOGS ONLY!**

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