

# PS11 Post

## Third Grade Wax Museum

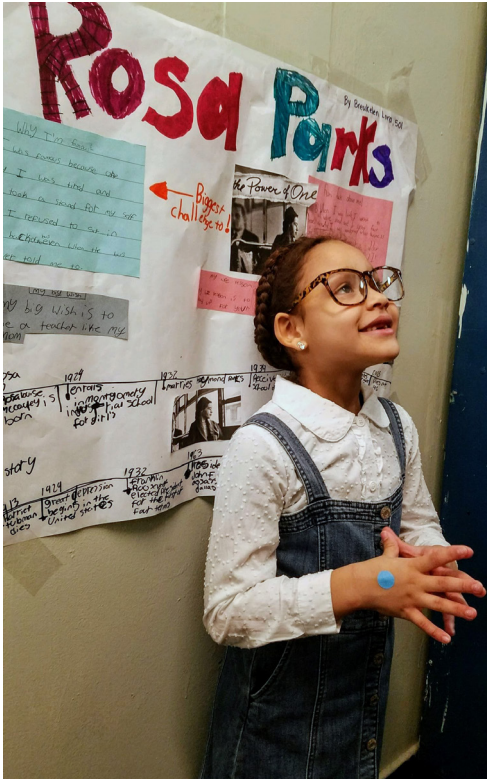


PHOTO BY LUCY FARLEY

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Have you ever heard of the Wax Museum at PS11? It's when you dress up as a historical figure and make a poster with pictures, facts, and life lessons. But it is not for every grade. It's for the third graders only.

This year's Wax Museum was on Jan 25th during Family Friday. It took place on the fifth floor (where all the third grade classrooms are) and it had many different categories of historical figures, such as activists, scientists, inventors, sports figures, artists, musicians and politicians. The top three most popular figures were Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and Helen Keller. Oth-

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PHOTO BY AMAIRA CHAMADIA

## Blast Off! PS11 Heads "Into Orbit" at the FLL Tournament!

BY AMAIRA CHAMADIA

On a chilly winter morning (January 12, 2019), the PS11 Lego Robotics team headed to the Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics in Queens. They were there from 8am to 4pm, for what was to be a very long day of competition, to present their invention and the findings of their project: "How to make space travel better."

The team had been working hard for months to build a robot and program it to complete robot missions. Some team members worked on building the robot and others coded it or worked on the space project.

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## Spirit Day

BY AMBAA KAVANAGH

Spirit Day is a special school day where you dress up as the animal you think represents your spirit. For example, some people dress up as a cat. Others choose a mythical animal, for example a unicorn. Some teachers dress up too!

Your costume can be very creative—and homemade costumes are good too. People wear clothes that are the color of

the animal they've chosen. Some people choose to be a very unusual animal like a shark, and many people complete the costume by wearing their parents' make-up on their faces to create designs.



PHOTO BY AMBAA KAVANAGH

# Dig Deep Into Aladdin



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BY RUBY LAHANA AND NINA COHEN

Every year PS11 puts on amazing productions and Aladdin was no different. We want you, the reader, to dig deep into “the magic” with us. We were on the fourth grade stage crew of this play, and we’re going to take you on a behind-the-scenes tour of Aladdin that ran February 1 & 2. It’s important for you to know every little thing about this awesome production. Come with us on an adventure through it all: the story, the reviews, and interviews with the cast, crew, and audience.

## The story

The story of Aladdin is about a “street rat” named Aladdin, who has a crush on a princess named Jasmine. He has a pet monkey named Abu who helps him out of in a couple of tricky situations (although it should be noted that Abu is only in the 1992 animated Disney movie and not in our school produc-

tion). It’s just Aladdin’s luck that he finds a magic lamp that releases a genie. However, an evil sorcerer named Jafar wants to steal the lamp and genie and kill Aladdin. There is also the Sultan, who is Jasmine’s father, and will not let Aladdin marry Jasmine. The story of Aladdin is mostly set in Agrabah, and at other times is it set in either the palace, or the cave of wonders (where Aladdin finds the lamp) or a mountain that Aladdin hides in. The characters are as follows: Aladdin, Jasmine, Abu, the Sultan, Jafar, Razoul, Iago the parrot, the Genie, and Prince Ali (a rich alias for Aladdin). This summary does skip some parts so, if you missed the show, you can watch the movie for yourself!

## View from the cast

One student from the cast of Aladdin had a lot of interesting ideas about the play. Ansel Krebs, who played the parts of “Beggar One” and “Beggar Two” and was

also in the ensemble, was asked her favorite part of being in the show. “I get two lines, one singing part, and one speaking part,” she said. We also asked her if she was excited for the play. “Yes, I was the one who suggested it!” Our last question for Ansel was what play do you hope we do next year? “It could be Frozen—but I hope not!” she said.

We also interviewed teacher Ms. Reichelt. We asked her why was she excited to see the show. “Because I’m excited to see my old students, and new,” she said. After the show we asked her what was her favorite part? “The Genie,” she said, and next year she hopes we do The Greatest Showman.

Our final interview was with PS11 parent Gilbert Gottfried. He is a comedian that was the voice of Iago (the parrot) in the original animated Disney movie Aladdin. We

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asked, why did you choose to be in Aladdin and why did you want the part of Iago? And also, what was your favorite part of playing your role in the movie? “I have an agent and he said they were having auditions for the voice of Iago” he said. “They picked me and I wanted to do it because I grew up watching Disney cartoons. They would record my voice first and then, every now and then, they would show it with the animation. That was always fun.”

We also asked Gilbert how he came up with such a funny voice. “I don’t know. Sometimes I think I was born with it!” And we asked what he thought would

be a great show next year. “That’s a tough question. I’ll leave that to the teachers!”

Online reviews of Aladdin the movie are very good. It is rated 94% on a movie review website called Rotten Tomatoes which is a BIG deal on Rotten Tomatoes! Also, it is given an overall FIVE STARS on Common Sense Media and recommended for ages 6 and up.

But all in all Aladdin was a great success. It even had fog on stage for the first time! And boy, was it an outstanding performance. This is what we did to dig deep into the real magic of Aladdin.



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## A PEEK AT MR. BENDER

BY MAYA SANZEL

**PS 11 Paper:** What are you doing?

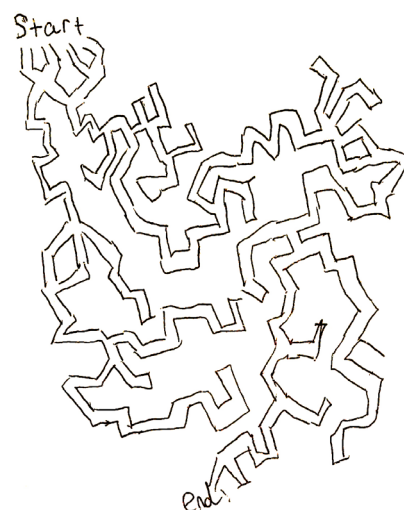
**Mr. Bender:** Freezing, welcoming people as they come in.

**PS 11 Paper:** Do you do it zealously, or grudgingly?

**Mr. Bender:** Zealously!

## MAZE BY RUBY HAYES

See if you can get to the end of this tricky maze!



# Your Next Great Read

BY MAYA SANZEL

Do you like nonfiction? Graphic novels? Horror? Well, according to our interviews, four of the most popular genres at PS11 are mystery, fantasy, realistic fiction and animals. What are some of the series in those genres? You're about to find out!!!

For those of you who like a good thrill, how about mystery? A popular mystery series is The Hardy Boys, about two brothers who solve mysteries. Fourth grader Azalea likes them because "They're very suspenseful, fast-paced, and never boring." If you prefer a female protagonist, another favorite mystery series is Nancy Drew, about a girl who also solves crimes. Both Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys have been around for quite a while (The Hardy Boys since 1927 and Nancy Drew since 1934) but are still thriving. Growing up, parent Laura Sanzel liked Nancy Drew because she "got to do things with Nancy" that she'd never actually do. If you want an eye-opening series, go with Nancy Drew. If you want a thrilling book, go with Hardy Boys.

Nancy Drew might take you away, but to travel really far, try fantasy. A very beloved series is Harry Potter, about a boy who discovers he's a wizard, but also deals with everyday school challenges not unlike ours. Fourth grader William likes it, because they're about "magic and magic is



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cool." Another ticket to a faraway land is Percy Jackson, about a demigod who gets himself into all sorts of adventures. Fourth grader Nina likes these books because they're "interesting and funny—also, I love mythology." A particularly hot series is Wings of Fire, which is about the adventures of young dragons trying to fulfill prophecies. Fourth grader Katori likes this series because "It has a lot of suspense, and it's adventure." If you want a spellbinding series with some problems that replicate ours as students, go with Harry Potter. If you're sick of human protagonists, go with Wings of Fire. If you love Greek myths, Percy Jackson is great for you.

If you are an animal lover, then animal books are the right genre for you. Fans of felines will enjoy Warriors, which is about cats who live in the wild. This series intro-

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er notable figures were Malala, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Dr. Seuss, Andy Warhol, Leonardo da Vinci, Julia Child, LeBron James and Alexander Hamilton, among many others!

One of the coolest things about the Wax Museum is that each student got a little sticker, and when someone pressed the sticker, they would "come to life" and the student read (or memorized) a short speech about himself or herself.

Breukelen Lora, of 3-501, said she chose Rosa Parks because she admires how she stood up for herself and how she changed the world forever. "Rosa Parks fought for civil rights and she believed in freedom and that everyone should be treated equally," Breukelen said. "And she helped Martin Luther King Jr. free black people."

Breukelen went on to say it was fun to dress up as Rosa Parks and to learn about so many other people in history. "The wax museum was very inspiring!" she said.

Isaac Rogers, also in 3-501, chose artist Andy Warhol. "I like his art," Isaac said. "I like how he repeated the same ordinary objects and made it in a way that's interesting."

The teacher for 3-501, Mrs. Ottomanelli, said her favorite part is when it "all comes together" and every student stands proud to share their hard work. "Another thing I like is the collaboration between all the kids working together."

So if you are a kid in K-2 good luck! And if you are in grades 3-5 then you know what this is all about!



# Mary Poppins Old and New



Original version: 1964



New version: 2018

BY AMBAA KAVANAGH

Mary Poppins is about a magical nanny who takes care of the Banks children and always solves their problems. She also brings the Banks family back together when they are in a situation they need help with.

The original Mary Poppins movie was made in 1964. The latest Mary Poppins movie called Mary Poppins Returns was made in 2018. That is 54 years apart!!!

Mary Poppins Returns is about the children of Michael Banks and how their family needs help to save their house. Michael and Jane Banks were the young children in the original Mary Poppins. In the new film, Michael and Jane Banks have grown up. Michael needs help because his wife has died; he has three children to take care of and he is about to lose his house as he is running out of money.

Some differences in the two movies are:

- *Most of the actors are different*
- *They were made in different times*
- *The plot is different*
- *The songs were different*
- *The directors were different*

Some similarities are:

- *They lived in the same place (the same city—London—and the same house)*
- *One of the actors, Dick Van Dyke, acted in both movies. In the first movie he was acting as a young chimney sweep and in the second movie he was the old banker who helped the Banks family*
- *Mary Poppins had the same props in both movies*
- *Mary Poppins taught the Banks family to believe in magic in both movies*

I interviewed a fourth grader from PS11 who watched both movies. This is what she said:

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duces mythical explanations for animal behavior. Also, the characters keep you guessing. A crowd favorite is Elephant and Piggie, which is about two funny friends, one with a longer nose than the other (If you haven't guessed by the title, they're an elephant and a pig). Third grader Lucy likes them because "It's easy to read and [good for] all ages." So, if you are looking for a series with plenty of books, prophecies, quests, and clans, go with Warriors. If you are looking for an easy read that's good for anyone, go with Elephant and Piggie.

If you want something more relatable, you might enjoy realistic fiction. If Harry Potter wasn't relatable enough, try The Babysitters Club. Fourth grader Sadarshan likes this series because it "is funny and entertaining." In a visit to the PS11 Library, librarian Rebecca said "the Raina Telgemeier series we can never keep on the shelves." The Royal Diaries is another well-liked series, chronicling the lives of many royal women in history. Rebecca also mentioned that these books were preferred among students. So, if you are looking for a hilarious page-turner, go with The Babysitters Club, or any of the Raina Telgemeier books. If you are a history lover, The Royal Diaries is a great series for you.

If you didn't find the right series for you in this article, that's okay. Remember, there are a lot of series and genres out there. In the world of literature, there's something for everyone!!!

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**Question:** Would you recommend both movies, one of the movies or neither of the movies?

**Answer:** Both movies

**Question:** What was your favorite part in the latest movie?

**Answer:** I liked it when the children, Mary Poppins and Jack went in the ceramic bowl to fix it.

**Question:** Which movie did you like the most?

**Answer:** The second movie

I also interviewed a grown-up at PS11 who watched both movies. This is what she said:

**Question:** Would you recommend both movies, one of the movies or neither of the movies?

**Answer:** Both movies, because it's great fun to see the changes, especially after so many years.

**Question:** What was your favorite part in the latest movie?

**Answer:** I loved it when the children got into the bath tub and went down the drain and like magic went into a whole amazing world of the sea. It reminded me of being a child again!

**Question:** Which movie did you like the most? Why?

**Answer:** The first movie, because I loved all the songs. They were simple and to this day I still remember each one of them.

### Conclusion

I would recommend you to watch the first movie and then the second movie so that you would know both tales of Mary Poppins.

# Anxiety in School

BY RUBY HAYES

Have you ever felt paranoid, or scared? Have you ever felt the need to not go to school because of someone, or something? This might be an anxiety disorder. Did you know that roughly 1 in 8 kids have an anxiety disorder?

The 2015 Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey had over 10,000 students in grades 7-12 participating in the survey and about 17% of the students rated their mental health as "poor."

The students reported too much screen time, not enough sleep, not enough exercise, cyber-bullying, social media and feeling scared in school as reasons for their anxiety.

### Ways to help anxiety

There are many ways to calm an anxiety disorder. For example, there's something called Five Finger Breathing, which is a deep-breathing exercise for kids. You take a deep breath in while silently counting on your fingers, then slowly letting your breath out while counting to five. Repeat this at least three times. Variations of this technique can be found on YouTube. This technique is supposed to help because it will calm your heart rate down by keeping you mindful.

A 9-year-old at PS11 said she often has anxiety. "My aunt's dog, Boomer, always barks, so I was anxious about going to their house because of Boomer," she explained. "I drank some water to calm myself down, and then I took some deep breaths."

PS11 guidance counselor, Ms. Christine Leonhardt, said she sees approximately 40-50 students in the school who experience some kind of anxiety. "They usually have anxiety because of friends, the food in the cafeteria, tests, school, and homework."



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Ms. Leonhardt suggested a solution to help ease anxiety is for kids to talk about their issues with any adult they trust. When asked if she herself experiences anxiety, she said "Yes—everyone experiences some kind of anxiety. The most important thing is not to let your anxiety take control."

In the 2015 Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey referred to earlier, 28% of the kids said they wanted to talk to an adult about their mental health problems, but they did not know who they could talk to. PS11 is very lucky to have Ms. Leonhardt because she is here to listen and help kids with their anxiety, and some kids may not have anyone else to talk to.

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“The FLL theme this year was ‘Into Orbit’” explained David Baker, who is co-coach of the team, along with the fifth grade science teacher, Ms Griffith. “The season focused on inventing or improving solutions to problems that astronauts might face during long-term (one to three years) space travel in our solar system. People are doing exciting work preparing for humans to travel to Mars or beyond, and there are lots of challenges. The tournament was about developing an innovative idea to solve some real problems, and to design, build, and program robots to move around a field to accomplish missions like helping to save an astronaut on a space walk or safely getting a lander onto a planet.”

To come up with a name and logo, the team took a vote on the team members’ suggestions. It was a tie between “Astro Robo Researchers” and “Brick Masters”, so they decided on “Brick Robo Researchers.”

On the day of the tournament, the team had to run their programs in 2.5 minutes and get as many points as they could. “I think the team did really well in a challenging field” said Baker. “The league has teams with members from fourth to eighth grade, some of whom have been doing FLL [First Lego League] for 4 years, and FLL Junior before that. Our team has fourth and fifth graders, most of whom have never done this before. But I think we have come together as a team really well. The team came up with a great proj-

ect in the space blender and a fun way to present it as a news report. And the robot builders and programmers worked really hard to get points on the field. The team showed great spirit at the competition: I’m very proud of all the work the team did.”

For some first-time participants, being on the Robotics team has been an amazing experience. Fourth grader Maxwell, loved competing in front of the judges. “Being on the Lego Robotics team has taught me the importance of teamwork” he enthused. It has also improved his work ethic, he says. His one suggestion for next time: “I think that we should meet twice weekly to have more time to work on programming. Having more time will allow us more time to practice and make corrections.”

Fourth grader and team-mate Vikram agrees: “We definitely need to practice more. We need to focus, stay calm and not rush to complete the missions at tournaments and work as a team.” His experience has taught him that “You need to work as a team—and work hard even though sometimes missions and robots fail. But you have to keep on trying!”

Although the team didn’t win any awards, they all felt like winners. As Vikram remembers, “My favorite part was that only the PS11 team was encouraging kids from other schools to have a dance party while we waited for awards to start. If there was an award for dancing we would have definitely won!” he laughed.

Another student at PS11 who experiences anxiety agreed to be interviewed for this article by writing her answers down on paper:

Q. Have you ever had anxiety?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind? Friends, school, homework, etc.

A. Speaking in school.

Q. What are some ways you recommend for other students to help their anxiety?

A. Using stress balls.

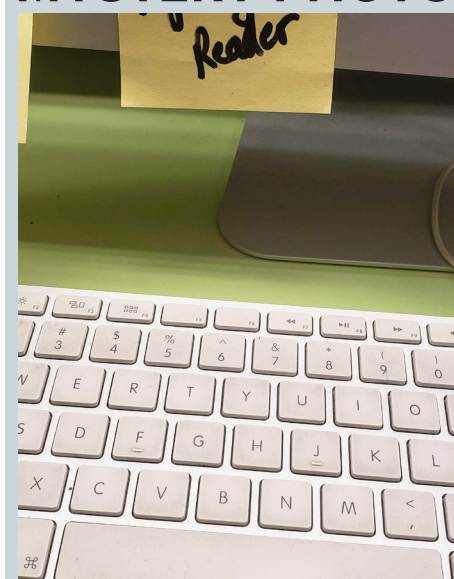
Q. What do you do to feel more calm?

A. Read books.

As you can see, everyone gets anxiety and it’s perfectly normal to be afraid of something, but it is always important to have some sort of technique to calm you down if you do feel anxiety.

Remember, don’t feel anxious about having anxiety!

## MYSTERY PHOTO



Can you tell where in which room at PS11 this photograph was taken?

*Answer: Library*

# A Week In Europe: Exploring Scotland and Rome



PHOTO BY AVERY BALLANTYNE

BY WILLIAM GOLDSMAN AND  
AVERY BALLANTYNE

A week in Europe? Why don't you explore the history of Scotland and the ancient architecture of Rome!

Have you ever visited a city that is over 2,000 years old? Wouldn't you want to walk on the same streets as

an ancient Roman did before you? This is why you should visit Rome! Rome is home to some of the most famous architectural marvels in the world. The Colosseum, the Forum and even the Trevi Fountain, just to name a few. The best time to visit Rome is over winter break because New Year's is so beautiful in this family-friendly city.

## Scotland

### Day One

Wake up in downtown Edinburgh and stop at a café to grab some breakfast. Edinburgh is a very walkable city: you can walk to Edinburgh castle, a 12th century national icon. Inside the castle there are prison vaults, canons, churches, palaces and don't miss the Crown Jewels, the UK's oldest. After you

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## Rome

### Day One

When you land in Rome, get ready to take a walk around the city and see the sights. Many of them can be seen by just walking around different neighborhoods. Start by exploring Trastevere. It is the neighborhood across the Tiber river from ancient Rome. This neighborhood has the most historically famous

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# My Visit to Croatia

BY ALEXANDER YOSOWITZ

Croatia is a country located in Europe. The capital of Croatia is Zagreb. It's a beautiful city that dates back to the time of ancient Romans. Many of the country's interesting cities are located on the coast of the Adriatic Sea. Most people visit these cities by boat and in cruise ships.

Last summer I went all around Croatia on a cruise ship with grandparents and visited such cities as Dubrovnik, Split and Hvar. One of the most beautiful places in Hvar is the Blue Lagoon, a nature-made cave dating back many centuries. The reason it's called the Blue Lagoon is because light hits the cave a certain way and creates a natural blue light. The coolest of the caves was the Green Lagoon because we were allowed to swim inside the cave. At first when you swim in the cave it seems scary because it's so dark but when you relax you realize how cool it is!

In the cities and towns there is a lot of interesting architecture like castles and churches that date back to Medieval times. You can imagine yourself as a knight riding on horseback through the cobblestone streets. After sightseeing, you can have lunch or dinner at any of the nice cafés. My favorite places to eat were the restaurants along the water because you can see many boats as you relax and eat.

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drink in all of these cool things you can walk down the Royal Mile, connecting the castle to Holyroodhouse. When you get on the Mile you can see the sights while walking to the Museum of Childhood. This museum is a quick study: you can find toys and games from the past and present. If you aren't tired by then you can walk the rest of the mile (really 1.125 miles), climb a big rock called Arthur's Seat then head back to your hotel and get a good night's rest.

**Day Two**

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, the first of the Harry Potter series was written by J. K. Rowling in Edinburgh. Many places in Scotland gave J. K. Rowling inspiration to write the Harry Potter books. On the morning of day two in Edinburgh, walk up Victoria Street, the inspiration for "Diagon Alley" in Harry Potter. Then admire the Scottish National Bank—the inspiration for "Gringotts Bank" in the Potter series. After you do this head to Greyfriars Kirkyard. When you are done with that go to the Elephant House Café for a relaxing (but really crowded) lunch. After that you can go to the National Museum of Scotland where you can see the body of Dolly the Sheep (Dolly was the world's first cloned animal). Also in this spectacular museum there is the Maiden, the precursor to the guillotine. The Maiden was used from 1564 and was last used in 1716. If you like video games, don't miss the driving video game to be found in the transportation section of the museum. If you are

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places you can see on foot. With its winding streets that look like a maze, it could be fun to tell your parents to let you decide which way to go and see where you end up! One of the places I recommend is the oldest church in Rome called Santa Maria in Trastevere.

Another place you shouldn't miss is the Trevi Fountain. The fountain is usually crowded and packed with both locals and tourists so do be careful of your belongings. It is customary to take a coin and throw it into the shallow blue water: this is said to guarantee your return to Rome! Next stop on your walk are the Spanish Steps. Getting there is quite a hike so you might be tired before you can even attempt to walk up the steps. Even though the walk is exhausting, don't skip it: the reward is the view—so spectacular, you will probably remember that moment for the rest of your life!

Last but not least go shopping in one of the many souvenir shops in the neighborhood. You can get gifts ranging from a replica of the Colosseum to a special piece of local candy.

**Day Two**

Take a trip to the Vatican City, the smallest country in the world—right within the city of Rome. There are so many beautiful buildings, and incredible art everywhere. The history is so rich, it is recommended to take a tour. There are even tours catering to kids that are also very interesting for adults. With so much to see, it is important to priori-

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There are so many reasons to visit Croatia. The people are very friendly and mostly everyone speaks English. Croatia is a very cool place—and they even made it to the World Cup final last year!



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## FILIP'S FUN FACTS ABOUT CROATIA

BY FILIP PUŠENJAK

1. Advent in Zagreb is one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in Europe
2. Mueller department store in Zagreb has the best toys department—2 full floors of toys!
3. Bajadera is a great Croatian chocolate
4. There are many castles in Croatia
5. Croatians love to celebrate sport victories

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done with the museum you can go back to your hotel and get a well deserved night's rest!

**Day Three**

After breakfast you can take the train to Glasgow. Head to the Botanical Gardens for a walk and a picnic. Go to the University Of Glasgow, the inspiration for Hogwarts School Of Witchcraft and Wizardry. While you are there you can visit the Hunterian Museum, the oldest museum in Scotland. From there it is a short walk to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. If you go at the right time you may be lucky enough to hear a huge pipe organ being played. Also you can see art and paintings of the heroes in Scotland's history. There is even the Spitfire airplane from WW2. The museum has over 8000 works of art!

**Day Four**

On day four, after breakfast head to the huge old cathedral dating back to 1136. It took almost 100 years to be completed. This cathedral was deemed as important as Rome by Pope Nicholas V. Last item on your agenda before you leave Scotland should be a trip to the Riverside Museum. This museum has all forms of transportation and acres and acres of gleaming metal-work. Upstairs there are 250 model ships illustrating the story of Clyde ship building. Lastly, be enchanted by the recreated cobblestone streets from 1938. Try to find a penny on them but don't try to pick it up—it is firmly stuck to the cobblestone! Leave Scotland with a promise to return.

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tize your time. The 3 places you should not miss, are:

- 1) The Vatican Museum
- 2) The Sistine Chapel
- 3) St. Peter's Basilica.

In the Sistine Chapel, look for a tiny dog that is in various paintings—and of course look up and take in the beautiful ceiling that Michelangelo painted. End the evening by dining at my personal favorite restaurant in Rome, Da Enzo, and order the traditional Roman dish Cacio e Pepe.

**Day Three**

This day is probably going to be your favorite day in Rome for a lot of reasons. Today is the day you will go to the Colosseum. Your feet will step on the same path as the ancient Romans did over 2,000 years ago. Gladiators fought to entertain the Romans in the crowd, and people considered this fun to watch. When you go to this ancient architectural wonder, that is still standing, definitely get a tour guide. There is so much rich information about ancient Rome that it would be a shame to not absorb it all. When you go to the Colosseum pay extra to skip the line and get express passes because the line can be 3 hours long! Next, head to the Forum, which is located just right next to the Colosseum. The Forum has a lot of the ancient structures built by ancient Romans 2,000 years ago and they are still standing. All this sightseeing is sure to build up an appetite for some delicious Italian food. Another restaurant I loved was La Gattabuia, for their absolutely delicious local fare. Don't forget to indulge in some gelato for

the kids, the best gelato is definitely at Fatamorgana!

**Day Four**

This is your last day in Rome. Today is the day to try something unexpected. Do you want to know how to be a gladiator? Well then...just head to the gladiator school! There they will teach you how to fight! You hit with your sword and block with your shield. You will even get a chance at a real fight, when your trainer thinks you are ready. At the end every participant gets a certificate with their gladiator name on it. What a cool souvenir!

Skip the restaurants for dinner and explore your creativity with a cooking class with a fascinating local expert named Francesca. You will learn how to make any pasta you choose, starting out with just flour and eggs and ending up with many scrumptious varieties. Have you got a sweet tooth? Make some nutella crepes—after all, Italy is home to Nutella! BUON APPETITO!!

Rome has something for everyone, so don't wait, go create some incredible family memories!

**Food**

- Da Enzo: Via dei Vascellari, 29
- La Gattabuia: Via del Porto, 1
- Gelato: Fatamorgana: Via Roma Libera, 11

**Tours and Experience**

- Colosseum: [rometourswithkids.com](http://rometourswithkids.com)
- Vatican: [withlocals.com](http://withlocals.com)
- Gladiator School: Gruppo Storico Romana, Via Appia Antica
- Cooking Class: [bonappetour.com](http://bonappetour.com)



# Goal! Touchdown! Home Run!



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**BY BRENDAN LI AND AVAAN  
CHAMADIA**

Ever wonder what all the screaming is all about during recess? We did a little investigation...

During recess, there are many sports to play. Some options are kickball, soccer, football and basketball.

Soccer and kickball are played on the baseball field, which stretches from the wall of the school building to the hopscotch area. It is the largest field out of all of the other sport areas because lots of people choose to play soccer during recess. In fact, based on our interviews, soccer is one of the most popular sports across all grades. You can often see World Cup team jerseys from Argentina, Brazil, France and Spain flying across the soccer field during recess.

The rules for kickball are just like baseball, but you use your feet to kick the ball, instead of using a bat. You score a home run by either kicking the ball over the fence or hitting the basketball hoop backboard.

For football, students use the basketball courts as end zones and score touchdowns by crossing the goal line. If you check out the yard during third grade recess, you will see a lot of little “Odell Beckham’s”, “Saquon Barkleys” and “Tom Bradys” busy passing, running and catching the football.

When students play basketball during recess, they try to show off their skills by shooting three-pointers, doing fancy dribbling and juking. The hoops are high, so there is no dunking, but kids try their dunking moves anyway.

We asked a student in each grade what they thought was the most popular sports for their grade. Avery W., a Kindergartener, said “basketball”. Sadie K., in First Grade, said “basketball and soccer”. Phillip P., a second-grader, said “kickball and soccer”. Nate A., in third grade said “kickball and football”. William G., a fourth-grader, said “soccer.” Fifth-grader, Henry C, told us that “football is the most popular”.

So, whether you are a sports fanatic or just want to play a friendly game, join a team to play some sports at recess!



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## THE GREAT PS11 BASKETBALL SURVEY

**BY TEDDY KENNEL AND NATE  
APPELBAUM**

PS 11 students are thinking about basketball. Do you want to know what they are thinking? If so, then look at our poll!

### Do you like basketball?

Yes: 11

No: 15

### Who do you like better: LeBron James or Steven Curry?

LeBron 14

Steven Curry 15

### Who do like better, the Knicks or the Nets?

Knicks: 10

Nets: 3

### Who do you like better, the Warriors or the Lakers?

Warriors: 5

Lakers: 3



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# 11 Questions with... MS. Reichelt PS11 Teacher (4-412)

BY ALAINA JAMAL

1. On a scale from 1-10 how much do you like PS11?  
9
2. What is your favorite breakfast item?  
Omelets
3. What is your favorite sport?  
Hockey, Go Rangers!!
4. What is your favorite movie?  
Way too many to decide.
5. Where is your dream Vacation?  
Europe.
6. What is your favorite food cuisine?  
Italian, especially pasta.
7. What's your favorite book?  
Historical Fiction especially about World War 2.
8. What's your favorite season?  
Summer.
9. On a scale from 1-10 how much do you like to teach?  
10.
10. What's your favorite animal?  
Dog.
11. What's your biggest pet peeve?  
People who don't work hard!

## VALENTINE'S DAY MIXUP

BY LUCY FARLEY

