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## Multicultural Fair

By: Alicia Garcia

This year's Multicultural Fair was on October 9th, and it was a very exciting experience. I saw a lot of different foods, outfits, and activities.

Stone Lake does this festival every year because it gives everyone a chance to celebrate their cultural heritage.

Teachers helped by doing artwork with their classes. Families participated by attending, wearing cultural outfits, and donating.

Mrs. Wong was in charge of the festival, and it makes her feel proud of everyone in the wonderful school full of many different cultures. It's honestly beautiful. It sure makes me happy!

If you would like to celebrate your culture with your family and friends, come to the Multicultural Fair next year!



Lion Dance

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# Stone Lake's New Fundraiser

by: Elise Meads-Braymer

You may have seen the cute new plush bracelets around campus. Wonder how to get one? I did too, so I interviewed Jessica Meads, our P.T.O. president, to ask her a few questions.

I wondered how does this fundraiser work? Jessica told me that every student went home with a lanyard that has all the information about how to register. All you have to do is send eight emails to family and friends about School Store Fundraiser. After you've done that you get to bring home a Book Buddie!

Another cool aspect to this fundraiser is that you can buy gift cards for teachers so that they can buy supplies for our classrooms. That's one of the reasons that this fundraiser is so unique.

I also asked Jessica what the response has been so far. She said that it has been great so far, and Stone Lake has raised \$2,364! That's a lot of money for only just starting this fundraiser.



**The sign about school store in the front of the school.**

The last question I asked Jessica is if she thought Stone Lake would do this fundraiser again. She responded by saying it's tricky at first to get the hang of, but we will see how much money it will raise for the school.

Wow! I learned a lot about Stone Lake's new fundraiser I hope you did too.



**Book buddies**

# School Magician Show

## Emmia Hartley

On October 15 2025, a Magician came to Stone Lake, and his name is Wayne Houchin. He told me some of his favorite magic tricks and some things about his child, so let's gets on to it.

Wayne Houchin has been a magician since he was 6 to the age 42 right now. When he was little, his dad showed him a magic trick with a coin, and he thought it was impossible. He became a magician after that.

Wayne Houchin's favorite magic trick is the Thread. It is a magic trick where you eat a string then pull the same string from your eye! Cool right!



The magic trick that always amazes people is the one where you put silverware in a bag. Then you have to imagine that it there then gone. After that, when you pull it out, it's bent! WoW!

When Wayne Houchin was 16 years old, he hung upside down and tried to get out of a straight jacket during a show. He did get out of that straight jacket. I asked him how long does it take to become a magician, and he said it takes as long as it takes to practice a trick.

And that's all about our magician Wayne Houchin who came to our school.



**Above, top right, and bottom right: Wayne Houchin doing magic tricks with students.**



# Musical Mayhem at Stone Lake

BY: EMMA COHEN

I am a part of Musical Mayhem, and I interviewed the three people who run our show to learn a little bit more!

Musical Mayhem is short for Musical Mayhem Productions. It is a theatre company for people from a really young age to young adults!

The team chooses plays by deciding if kids that age can do it and if the kids and audience will like it.

Some important skills for students or kids to learn are speaking, dancing, and singing in front of a large audience, voice projection, listening to directions, and teamwork with other students.

Our school is doing the play Finding Nemo. It was chosen because it will be loved by all ages, it is very appropriate for people to watch and put on, and it has many characters. Many kids will say lines and have solo parts in songs.

The team's favorite part about teaching is seeing kids shine and grow, meeting new people, and playing games with the students.

One of the biggest challenges they face is how much energy students have and the kids wanting to do too much. a

Musical Mayhem is entertaining and good to try!



Three photos from a Musical Mayhem rehearsal.

# KIDS IN THE QUAD

What are you going to be for Halloween?

By: Sage Johansson and Kayleigh Saephanh



Colton 1A

I'm going to be  
Bumble Bee.



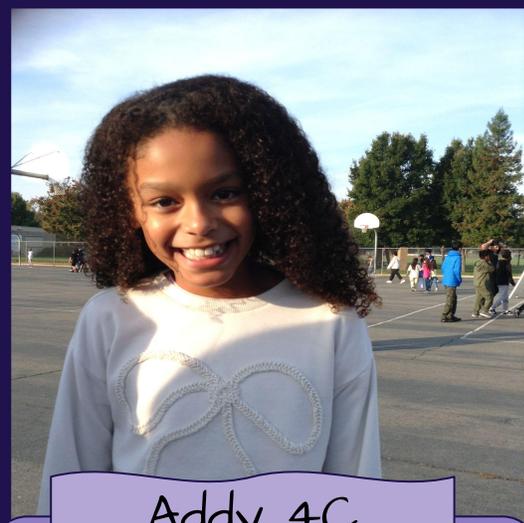
Cali 2B

I'm gonna be  
Cinderella



Kenzie 3A

I'm gonna be Muichiro  
from Demon Slayer.



Addy 4C

I'm gonna be a  
doctor.



Alexandra 5B

I'm gonna be  
Harley Quinn.



Ryan 6C

I'm gonna be a  
inflatable shark.

# WILD ABOUT LEARNING

## What is going on in Mrs. Houston's class?!

By: Nylah Guillory

Mrs. Houston is a chill teacher who teaches 6th grade A track. I wanted to find out what is going on in her room.

Mrs. Houston is currently teaching a social studies project about Hammurabi and the history of him ruling Mesopotamia.

It is very important that her students learn history. They are doing a DBQ (Document Based Question) which gives them a WAY better understanding about who Hammurabi is and the wonderful laws he created such as economic provisions, family law, criminal law, and civil law.

It seems like a really fun project! Although the hardest part about it is adjusting the document to find out if its just or unjust. The most fun part is The Debate and being able to debate amongst their peers.



**Mrs. Houston**

### **FUN FACTS ABOUT MRS. HOUSTON!!!!**

- HER favorite subject is art.
- HER class in her own words are "A DREAM COME TRUE"!
- Her favorite snack is sun dried apples. I tried some - it fire. She called it nature's apples.
- Her spirit animal is a panda bear because they're chill and don't stress.

# WILD ABOUT LEARNING

## Mrs. Bohlmann's 6th Grade Class!

By: Grace Zhang

Mrs. Bohlmann is a 6th grade B track teacher at Stone Lake. I interviewed her to find out what is going on in her class.

Mrs. Bohlmann told me that the school year is going well so far. Her students are kind to each other and hardworking. I asked her if she likes teaching 6th grade. It seems like a huge responsibility to me, but Mrs. Bohlmann says she likes it.

Mrs. Bohlmann's class is learning order of operations right now, and they just created their own volcano! I asked her what she was most excited to teach her class about; it was Egypt. Egypt is so cool with all of its pyramids and its sphinx.

Mrs. Bohlmann is an amazing and interesting teacher. I hope that she'll continue to teach and inspire future generations.



Mrs. Bohlmann with a class volcano.

**Fun Fact: Her favorite color is purple.**

# WILD ABOUT LEARNING

## THE SPOOKIEST OF STUFF IS HAPPENING IN MS. MACRAE'S CLASS BY: ALEEYA GONZALES

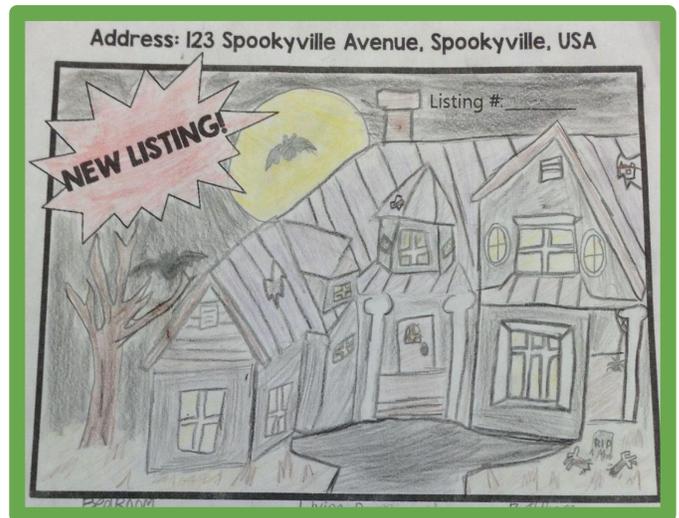
Today I interviewed Ms. MacRae. She is a 6th grade C track teacher. Ms. MacRae has been a teacher at Stone Lake for 2 years and a teacher overall for 9 years.

Ms. MacRae's class is working on a Haunted House project. They are learning about this because it helps them with their writing and art skills. It is hard for the class because persuasive technique is a new skill for them.

Ms. MacRae says that it's fun for class because they can be creative, and it's in the Halloween spirit.

It is important because the class can be creative at school, they can see that people use persuasive technique in the real world, and they work on their writing skills.

That's all the fun in Ms. MacRae's class.



HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO LIVE IN A HAUNTED HOUSE? WELL NOW'S YOUR CHANCE! COME TO 123 SPOOKYVILLE AVENUE, SPOOKYVILLE, USA. THE LIGHTS DIM ON THEIR OWN, SO YOU CAN SAVE MONEY ON THE ELECTRICITY. DON'T YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY? YOU ALSO GET A NICE CREEPY CHILL EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE SINCE THE AC IS BROKEN. JUST ONE FOOT INTO THE HOUSE AND YOU WILL BE MET WITH SPOOKY GHOSTS, CREAKING FLOOR BOARDS, AND WICKED MONSTERS. WHEN YOU GO INTO THE KITCHEN, THERE WILL BE AN UNEXPLAINED WHISPER ONCE FULLY INSIDE THE KITCHEN, IF YOU OPEN THE FRIDGE THERE WILL BE ROTTING HUMAN FLESH WITH AN AWFUL SMELL. IF YOU DARE TO STEP FOOT INTO THE DARK ATTIC, THERE WILL BE

Top: Ms. MacRae, Middle: Haunted House Art, Bottom: Writing Sample

# THE NUTS & BOLTS OF Stone Lake

## Fall Picture Retakes

*Mallory Groesbeck*

Have you ever wondered how Stone Lake takes fall pictures? Well, now you will know!

I interviewed Sarah during fall picture retakes. She says it takes 1 hour - 1 hour 15 minutes to set up all of the equipment. Sarah explained that the background is a green screen because it makes it easier to change the background.

Sarah says that several years of experience makes her job easier. And lastly, she says a challenge with her job is knowing how everyone wants their picture taken.

I hope you learned as much as I did!



*The Photo Equipment*



*Sarah taking a photo with her camera.*

# Student Pumpkin Painting Contest

By: Elise Meads-Braymer



Elise's Nightmare before Christmas scene.



Bennett's dinosaur pumpkin.



Angelo and Diego's Strange Things pumpkin.



Everyone's amazing pumpkins



# Teachers Pumpkin Painting Contest

By: Elise Meads-Braymer



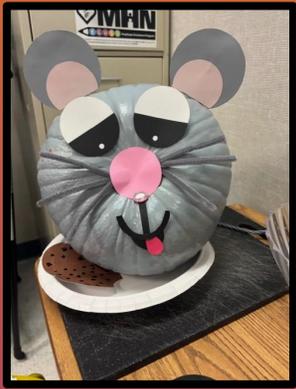
Kinder and Tk's Halloween Labubu.



4th grade Lilo and Stitch pumpkin.



3rd grade's Kpop Demon Hunters.



2nd grade's mouse.



Custodian team's little artist.



1st grade mummy.



6th grade 67 pumpkin.



Pre K's La Catrina



ABSS/levels smart cookie.



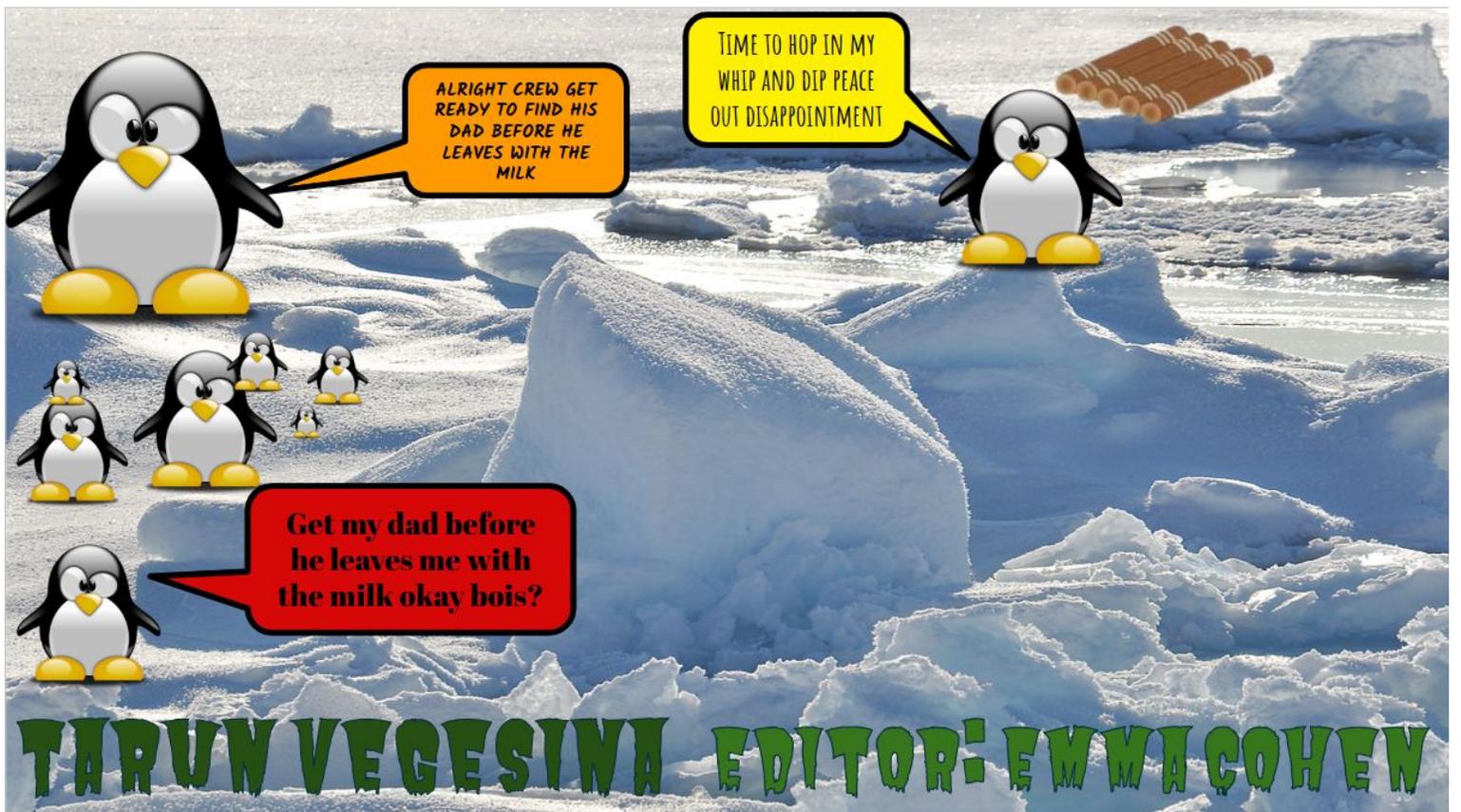
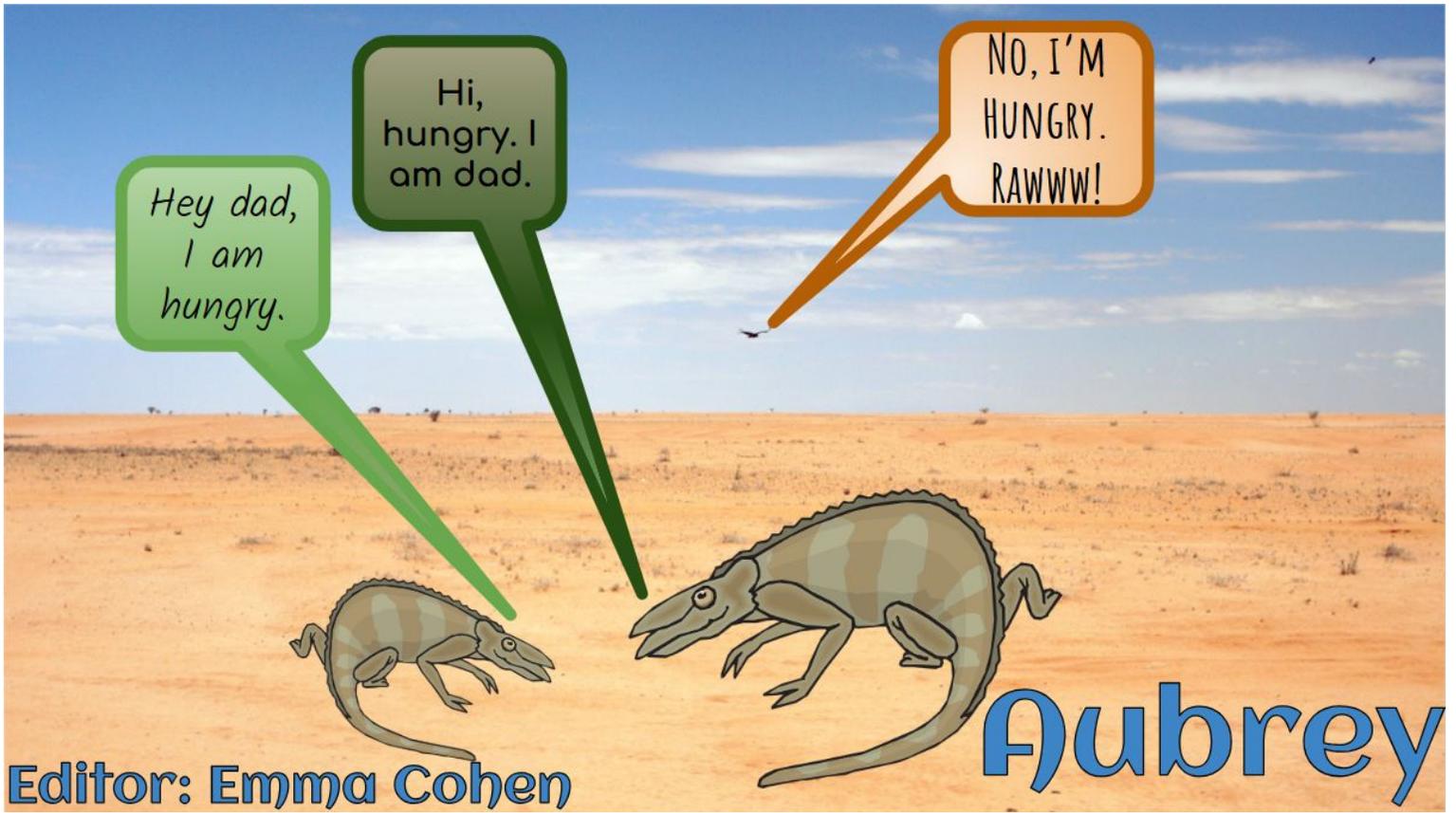
5th grade's Jack skeleton.



ABSS/levels Pete the Cat.



# 6th Grade Comics





NOVEMBER  
**NATIONAL  
NATIVE  
AMERICAN**  
HERITAGE MONTH

<b>Lily Gladstone</b>	_____	<b>14</b>
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# Lily Gladstone

BY: KATRINA CHANG



## Quick Facts

### Who?

~Lily Gladstone~

### Birth

~August 2, 1986~

### Age

~39~

## Early Life

Lily lived in Montana in her childhood. When Lily was 5, she watched *Return of the Jedi* and wanted to become an actress. One of her first plays was *Cinderella*; she played the evil stepsister.

## What She Is Famous for?

Lily became famous when she was Jamie, a rancher in Kelly Reichardt's film, *Certain Woman*. Lily won awards from the film, and that made her famous.

## Native American Roots

Lily's father's side of the family is the Piegan Blackfoot and Nez Perce tribes. Her mother's side has an European Heritage. Lily's great, great grandfather was Chief Red Crow.

## Fun Facts

- Lily had a daughter named Hazel in 2022.
- She is well known for her role Mollie Kyle, in *Killers of the Flower Moon*.

Mary G. Ross  
Olivia Varela



## Life Facts

**WHO? Mary G. Ross**

**Birth date? Aug. 9, 1908**

**Where? Oklahoma**

**Death date? April 29, 2008**

## Job/Career

Mary G. Ross was the first Native American woman engineer. She was also one of the few ladies that held a job that were mostly held by men. Mary helped design spacecraft, planes, and fire fighter jets.

## Early life

Mary was in the Cherokee tribe. Her early life was full of culture and history. Looking back on her elementary and high school years, Mary remarked, "I had as many teachers who were Indian as were non-Indians."

## Culture/Religion

Cherokee culture features the long standing traditions such as languages, spirituality, food, storytelling and lots of art. But just like the Cherokee people, it's culture is still with all of them evolving in time.

## Fun Facts

- ★ Did you know that Mary was fascinated about the stars and took every astronomy class she could?
- ★ Mary's famous quote was: "To function efficiently in today's world you need math ...a math background will let you go farther and faster."

# Sitting Bull

*By: Nalani Ramirez*



## Who?

Sitting Bull

**Birth Date:**

1831

**Death Date:**

December 15, 1890

## Early Life

Throughout his childhood, he participated in traditional games and competitions that tested a young man's skills. By the age of 10, he had killed his first buffalo and had earned him the name of Sitting Bull.

## Character Traits

Sitting Bull's character traits are bravery, fortitude, generosity, and wisdom.

## What they are famous for

Sitting Bull was the political and spiritual leader of the Sioux warriors who destroyed General George Armstrong Custer's force in the famous battle of Little Big Horn.

## Fun Facts

Sitting Bull's father and two of his uncles were chiefs within the tribe. Sitting Bull became an accomplished hunter and warrior. By the time he killed his first buffalo at the age of ten, he was already demonstrating the four cardinal Lakota virtues of bravery, fortitude, generosity, and wisdom.



# Maria Tallchief

By: Isla Spitzer

## Date of Birth and Death

Maria was born on January 24, 1925.

Maria died on April 11, 2013.

## Early Life

One thing in Maria Tallchief's early childhood is that her lessons for ballet and piano started at the age of three.

## What is She Famous for

Maria is famous because she became the first American to dance with the Paris Opera Ballet in 1947.

## Native American Roots

Her father was a member of the Osage Nation. Her mother, Ruth Porter, had grown up very poor and was never able to take dancing lessons

## Fun Facts

Maria not only broke barriers for Native Americans, she also became one of the only American dancers of her era recognized as a reigning prima ballerina and international superstar.