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SUPERINTENDENT VISITS WILSON ELEMENTARY

Dr. Ken Gregorski once thought he would be an auto mechanic and work on cars all his life! But destiny had a different plan for him. Dr. Gregorski went from dreaming of working with cars to leading one of the best school districts in Texas.

Dr. Gregorski decided he would go to college and be a mechanic.

One day, when Dr. Gregorski was a college student, he took a test and found out he was better off as a teacher with his potential for something greater. But when he was working as a teacher, a principal told him that he would be great as a principal.

When he was principal, a superintendent told him that he could work as a superintendent. When he saw his chance he took it. Dr. Gregorski set his sights on becoming a superintendent to make a bigger difference. "I get to help everyone in the district," Dr. Gregorski said. Now he leads 95,000 students across 75 schools in Katy.

Dr. Gregorski describes his leadership style as cooperative. He is a people person, he loves to visit schools and talk to people. He enjoys sitting with his team to talk about how to lead the people in this district the best they can. We asked about how things will change for the district in the future.

Dr. Gregorski said, "Things change all the time! Back in the day, everyone had a book and now we are changing towards technology." Dr. Gregorski talked about the district's future plans to have every student from grades 3 to 12, receive a Chromebook. "Exciting things are coming!" he said and reminded us that even with all the technology we have, we should continue to read books in our hands.

Dr. Gregorski continues to lead Katy ISD as an example of how following one's heart can lead to unexpected and impactful destinations.

By Nader Charaf, Marcelo Fernandez, Sophia Latorre-Mejia, Paola Leon-Rodriguez, Gabriella Martinez, and Mariela Mejia

Fourth grade students Nader Charaf, Marcelo Fernandez, Mariela Mejia, Gabriella Martinez, Paola Leon-Rodriguez, and Sophia Latorre-Mejia talked with Dr. Gregorski about the future of Katy ISD.



It's A Fair Time For You To Get A Book

Do you have a thirst for books and you don't know where to go? Well, grab a library pass. It's that time of the year again, folks! The Book Fair is here! Our beloved librarian, Mrs. Schmidt, and her assistant, Mrs. Quan, are doing a truly remarkable job. They bring smiles to kids all around the TWE campus. The book fair is a great spot to get books and supplies of your liking. From a pen to a whole notebook. You can buy anything you desire. And don't forget about the poster section. They have a variety of fantastic posters.

Those of you that are new on the topic of Book Fair, it is a time when Scholastic sends books to our school and we can purchase them. Before the Book Fair comes, we do a preview of the books, to see which one we like. It's that magical time when you can go to your parents and bug them about buying some books. Grab some money out of your piggy bank or wallet and buy whatever book you can't take your eyes off.

Buying books from the Bookfair can help the school library buy new books for the coming school year. More books means more fun! In addition to the books, there are also "junk" items you can buy. These include: Diaries, Journals, UV pens, key chains, and more! This year we had to get permission forms signed by our parents before we could shop.

The book fair is one of TWE's best activities to do throughout the year. A lot of kids around campus come to the library and purchase their top picks. One of the most surprising things about the book fair is that every year they sell enough books to make around \$3,000! That's an amazing amount of money and books.

By Alice Demichelis, Selene Paul-Chatterji, Santiago Quintana, Praket Sajwan, Madison Watson



Mrs. Quan and Mrs. Schmidt make the book fair run smoothly every year.

MRS. SCHMIDT AND MRS. QUAN ANSWER OUR TOP QUESTIONS

Q: Students go to book fairs every year, what tips and pointers should they follow?

A:S: Make a wish list, bring taxes, and don't forget about the online book fair.

A:Q: bring reusable bags.

Q: Why do you like book fairs?

A:Q: I love the smell of new books.

A:S: I love the book fair because it gives you access to newer books than we have in the library and gives us money for new books for the library.

Q: What hopes do you have for the book fair next year?

A:S: I hope that we have even more new titles. Book fairs are fast. And more people use the e-wallet

A:Q: I hope they don't make Ms. Schmidt's life more difficult, like filling out the form. Selling more books.

Q: What would you say was your favorite book in the book fair this year and what grade would you recommend it to?

A:S: Harry Potter illustrated Goblet of Fire. 4th and 5th

A:Q: A: Out of My Mind

Q: Being a library assistant, you assist Ms. Schmidt in many ways, what things do you do in your job that assist her?

A: Anything she doesn't have time for. I'm her hands, she's my brain.

Q: Why did you choose to work at TWE?

A: Because Victoria (my daughter) comes to this school.

The Best Kinder Teacher

Mrs. Hernandez

Q: Mrs.Hernandez Why did you want to be a teacher?

A: I started substituting in my kids' school, Fielder Elementary and I loved the interaction with students.

Q: What is the hardest thing about being a teacher?

A: The hardest thing about being a teacher is spending the weekend's lesson planning and preparing.

Q: What words describe you?

A: I think you could describe me with the words funny, creative and an improviser.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Mexico.

Q: When did you start teaching?

A: I started teaching in 2019.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do?

A: My favorite thing to do is travel. My favorite place to travel is Europe, because I love the European culture.



Q: What is your favorite food?

A: My favorite food is tacos.

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching?

A: My favorite thing about teaching is spending time with kids and students.

Q: What is your favorite thing about your students?

A: My favorite thing about my students is that they do not hold back anything they tell you exactly what they feel and why.

By Paola León-Rodriguez And Mariela Mejia Azuara



Citizens For Animal Protection

Those loveable pets don't have families and it makes them lonely. Stray pets may not have a place to stay. There are many animal shelters in the world. But one of the most known animal shelters is Citizens for Animal Protection or CAP for short. CAP provides shelter to a section of amazing animals. It was founded in 1972 and it rescues animals and helps them if they are hurt. It is a non-profit organization and it cares for pets in need.

If you want to adopt a pet, go to CAP from 12-5 pm Monday-Thursday and 11-5 pm Friday-Sunday. You can purchase dogs, cats, rabbits, and other small animals.

They train pets to get ready for people who will adopt them.

If there are animals in your home that need care, go to the CAP clinic! Pets are able to get yearly check-ups. CAP can care for them by walking them on Wednesdays-Thursdays. Your pet can also get an ears, eyes mouth nose and teeth check-up. In case of a disaster, they give the animals a first aid kit, food, water, medication, and much more.

CAP has many wonderful animals available for adoption and animals arrive every day at the shelter! One of the dogs is Buddy. He is a male who is very friendly and well trained. Some of their animals are guinea pigs, rabbits, small dogs, cats, and many more amazing pets to adopt. There is a cat named Onyx. She is a black and white female. She was found as a stray cat and now lives in the shelter. She is very easy going and likes to be held. Last, but not least, there is a bunny named Breggy. She's 3 months and 1 day old and is brown and small. Kids can help these animals by adopting them and giving them a good home. The address is 17555 Katy FWY Houston TX, 77094. In conclusion, CAP helps many animals find new homes and families.

If you have a child, they can help out too!

1. You can make dog toys. You can make a dog toy by getting fabric and cut it in thirds. Braid it and tie at the end.

2. Come by and play with the animals. They would be happy to see you.

3. You could make some catnip toys.

By Tara Sharan, Akhil Kunarappedy, Bailey Zhao, Matt Tran, and Temi Otegbola, Finley Ingram and Reagan Banowetz



CAP FACTS

Animals:

They carry dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, and other small animals. Dogs 24 lbs. and more cost \$110, puppies, 6 months are \$150, and small dogs 25 lbs. and less cost \$150. Cats 6 months - 5 yrs cost \$55, kittens 6 months and less are \$90, and Senior cats 5 yrs. or greater cost \$30. Rabbits cost \$60 each, but you can get two for \$80. Ferrets cost \$100 and rats cost \$10. Guinea pigs cost \$25 for one and \$30 for two. You can adopt two hamsters or gerbils for one, and the cost is \$5. Now, that's a good deal!

Donations:

You can help animal shelters by donating newspapers and linen. Another way to help animal shelters is to make dog and cat toys. You can also donate money. If you find a stray animal, then you can give them to CAP.

Volunteering:

There are many ways to help animal shelters, but volunteering really makes a big difference. For teen service, which happens every once in a while, children ages 14-18. They walk and socialize with homeless dogs, which makes a big difference in their lives. For individual volunteering, you need to be 14+, you must volunteer a minimum of 6 months. For group volunteering, you must be 16+ years old.

Your Pet:

You can bring your pet in to get checked on. Your pet can also get vaccinated at CAP.



Hi, I am Anne, and I am Brazilian. Brazil is rich in culture, history, and natural beauty, and I am excited to share more details about it.

Climate

Brazil's climate varies depending on the region, but it is mostly tropical. The country experiences two main seasons: wet and dry. The wet season lasts from November to April, and the dry season lasts from May to October. Some regions, such as the southern part of the country, experience a subtropical climate, with cooler temperatures and occasional snow.

Famous Worldwide

Besides soccer and Carnival (which I adore), Brazil is also famous for its music, including samba, and bossa nova. The country is a major producer of coffee, sugar, and soybeans, and its cuisine is gaining popularity worldwide.

Fun Facts:

Brazil is the fifth-largest country in the world, both in terms of land area and population. It is known for its vibrant and colourful Carnival festival, which takes place annually in Rio de Janeiro. Brazil is the only country in South America that speaks Portuguese, and it is home to the largest rainforest in the world, the Amazon Rainforest. Soccer is a huge part of Brazilian culture, and the country has won the FIFA World Cup five times.

Brazil



Celebrations

Right after Brazil's food, the celebrations are epic! There are so many parties and celebrations, but Festa Junina is my favourite. Festa Junina means June celebration or June party. There is nothing not to like about it. You can dress up, have a huge bonfire with family and friends, and have tons of fun. But there is also the Carnival, which is right behind Festa Junina. Lasting four days of fun, the Carnival is a big part of Brazil. It was made to celebrate the beginning of the season of Lent in the Christian religion.

Things To-Do

There is no shortage of activities to enjoy in Brazil. Visitors can explore the country's vibrant cities, like São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, or relax and play on its beautiful beaches, such as Copacabana or Ipanema. Brazil is also home to many historic sites, including Salvador's Pelourinho, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the colonial town of Paraty. Nature lovers can enjoy wildlife watching in the Pantanal wetlands or trekking in the stunning Chapada Diamantina National Park.

Brazilian Cuisine

Brazilian cuisine is diverse and flavourful, with influences from indigenous, African, and European cultures. Some of the most popular dishes include Feijoada, a hearty stew of black beans and meat, (sprinkle some farofa on top and add white rice for perfection) and Brigadeiros, from white chocolate to dark chocolate, this sweet chocolate truffle is Brazil's most popular treat. Another delicious dish is Pastel, a fried pastry filled with meat, cheese, or vegetables. One of my favourites is the cheese pastel, which has a crispy, buttery crust and oozing cheese filling.

Sights

In addition to the aforementioned attractions, Brazil has many other stunning sights worth visiting. Iguazu Falls, located on the border between Brazil and Argentina, is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the world, with its powerful cascades and misty rainbows. The Pantanal wetlands, located in the western part of the country, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the best places in the world for wildlife viewing, with its jaguars, capybaras, and exotic birds. Brazil also has many historic cities, such as Ouro Preto and Paraty, which offer a glimpse into the country's colonial past.

By Anne Rodrigues



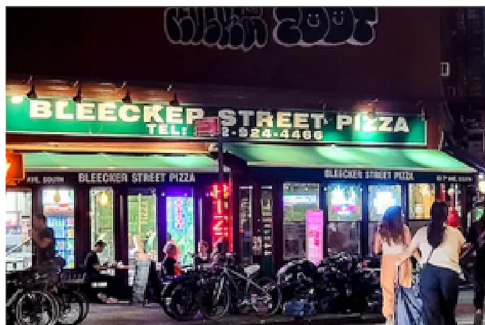
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Feijoada

Travel to New York

Do you want to visit an exciting place? Then you should go to New York! You have a lot of fun stuff to do in New York, for example, you can go to Central Park. You don't know where Central Park is? Well, Central Park is a beautiful place that has an incredible view of New York. This is a great place for nature lovers. We think it is one of the best places in New York. Do you want to visit a place? Then you should go to New York and in this article, I will tell you why you should go there. You have a lot of fun stuff to do in New York, for example, you can go to Central Park.



New York is an amazing place. Do you know a lot of languages? If so, you should go to New York because people speak over 800+ languages there. Did you know that New York City is home to Einstein's eyeballs?

Have you ever wondered what people eat around the world? Then it could be very different than what you're used to. Well, I'm here to help. Spice and sour dumplings are very famous in New York. Next on the menu is cheese.

By Elizabeth Arellano and Temi Otegbola



You don't know where Central Park is? Well, Central Park is a beautiful place that has an incredible view of New York. This is a great place for nature lovers. We think it is one of the best places in New York. Are you hungry? Then Bleeker Street Pizza is the best recommended place to go eat in New York. In fact, the founder of Bleeker's is Douglas Greenwood.

Tired? Let's find a good hotel room worth the price! The Hotel Hayden is a \$195 hotel. I know what you're thinking, but it's a good price for a room like this. If you like wonder and adventure, then you should go to Times Square. Times Square is an incredible place filled with screens. Times Square is also a great place to go with friends or by yourself. However, it will still be fun and an amazing experience. Did you know that Broadway is in New York? That's why Broadway can be found in the middle of Times Square.

By Marcelo Fernandez and Nader Charaf



Must-See Places in Asia



The Maldives is a republic that lies southwest of the Indian subcontinent. It is made up of a chain of nearly 1,200 islands, most of which are uninhabited. The official language of the Maldives is an Indo-European language called Dhivehi (Maldivian). Arabic, Hindi, and English are also commonly spoken. The Maldives is the 51st largest country in Asia. Even though the Maldives is the smallest country in Asia, about 1.88 million tourists visit it each year.

Facts

- The Maldives is the World's Flattest Country
- The Maldives is Slowly Sinking
- The Maldives Has Distinct White Beaches
- Less than a Fifth of the Maldives' Island Population is Inhabited
- It Has the Biggest Whale Shark Population in the World
- It's Home to the Majority of the Earth's Marine Turtle Species
- The Coconut Tree is the Maldives' National Tree
- The Maldives Has Different Weekends
- The Maldives Has Historic Coral Houses
- A President of the Maldives Once Held a Cabinet Meeting Underwater
- Islam is the Official Religion of the Maldives
- The Maldives Has Wet & Dry Seasons



Places to visit

- Male City- Male City is the capital of the Maldives. Famed for its ancient mosque, colorful buildings, turquoise waters, and swaying palm trees, Male is one of the best places to explore in Maldives.
- Artificial Beach- A man-made beach, Artificial Beach does not appear to be artificial at first glance! Known for its breathtaking beauty, Artificial Beach in Male attracts a large number of beach lovers and foodies. Lounging areas, barbeques, cafes are perfect for food aficionados, while adventure buffs can enjoy water activities for a memorable time.
- The Muraka-conrad- The Muraka - Conrad is sure to provide you with a surreal experience. For a memorable stay, this resort offers world-class amenities like a private chef and butler, professional spa treatments, water activities, an infinity pool, and an on-call fitness trainer.
- Vaadhoo Island-Vaadhoo Island is one of the most beautiful places to visit in the Maldives where the waters glow at night.
- Whale Submarine- One of the best things to do in the Maldives with kids is taking a 45-minute underwater cruise.

By Aadvay Joshi and Irobosa BeloOsagie



Sports and Hobbies For Your Relaxation

Gymnastics

Many of the world's greatest gymnasts have come from eastern Europe. Larisa Latynina of Ukraine, Later the coach of the Soviet Union team, is widely considered the greatest female gymnast of all time around champion in two Olympics (1956 and 1960) and two world championships (1958 and 1962). No other gymnast has achieved this distinction. Latynina prime rival was Vera Caslavskia of Czechoslovakia.

10 interesting facts about gymnastics

1. The Ancient Greeks prepared their young men for war by doing gymnastics!

2. Women weren't permitted to compete in gymnastic events until the 1920s.

3. Acrobatic gymnastics, which were once referred to as Sports Acrobatics, are a group gymnastic sport for women.

4. In the Olympic only women can compete in the balance Beam and Uneven Bars.

5. Olympic gold medalist Shawn Johnson was the winning contestant on Dancing with the Stars in 2009.

6. Gabby Douglas is the First African American to win the all-around event

7. Most major gymnastics start their careers as early as two years old!

8. Total Sport ranked gymnastics the fourth sport, only falling behind Boxing, MMA and rugby.

9. Trampoline bounced into the Olympics in 2000.

10. In 2012 the average age of the USA woman gymnastics team was 17 while the average age of the men's was 21.5.

Fishing

Tip: Fishing is fun, and perhaps could be your hobby or your go-to relaxation activity. Start off small by catching Bluegills and other small fish. And then once you get better, get a proper rod and try to go out to sea.

Rod and Reel selection: Choose the right rod and reel, and bait or lure for your situation. If you think you will not have a good chance on catching a fish, use a Cane pole to improve your chances as a beginner. It has no reel. If you think you can handle a reel but not too advanced, then use a Spin-cast reel. If you are fully confident then use a Spinning reel or Bait-caster. These tips can help you catch fish.



Geocaching

This is the sport of treasure hunting. Your adventure begins.

Tips: Always use hint think of places that you won't be seeing it. Always ask experts to help. Use the official app or G.P.S. to geocache (G-O-Caching/ G-O-Cash)

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Sports Summer Camps For Kids

BASEBALL

U.S. Baseball Academy

It's a camp for kids from all ages and beginners. It has 225 camps worldwide and plus one in Houston! They give the young players a chance to take their game to the next level. Almost all your mistakes will be gone by the end of summer break.

HORSEBACK RIDING

One really good place to get riding lessons is a place called Circle Lake Ranch. Circle Lake Ranch is really good because they teach you to walk, trot, canter, and jump on a horse. You can learn to do a lot of different patterns with poles and small jumps. When you first enter to the school you first start as a beginner in a Western saddle then after some time of riding then you will go to the English saddle and level up to the highest level. At that level, you get to go to shows. After that, you can ride just for fun or go to the most fun level where you can ride by yourself in the arena so ya that's why i think you should go to Circle Lake Ranch.

VOLLEYBALL

A really great place to go to a Volleyball summer camp is at Tompkins High School. There the Tompkins volleyball players have a chance to teach kids of all ages to play. It's also a chance for kids to learn to play volleyball together.

SOCCER

Nike Soccer Camp

It's a great place for kids to learn to play soccer and it is competitive.

TENNIS

Katy Tennis Academy

It has three stages: Beginners ages 5 to 8, Intermediate ages 9 to 13, and Advanced ages 11 to 17.

SOFTBALL

Astros Youth Academy

It is completely FREE! They develop your hitting, pitching, and fielding skills.

By Elizabeth Arellano, McKenzie Hitch, Chiara (Shenyi) Wang



The Saltwater Crocodile

What do Saltwater Crocodiles eat?

Saltwater Crocodiles eat large fish and small bull sharks. Saltwater crocodiles mostly eat fish, but will eat almost anything that they can overpower which can include turtles, goannas, snakes, birds, livestock (cattle), buffalo, wild boar and mud crabs”.

Fun Facts

Saltwater crocodiles can run 15-18 mph. A saltwater crocodile can chomp 2,000 lbs! A crocodile's jaws can apply 3,700 pounds of pressure per square inch, according to National Geographic. This means that they can bite through a human arm or a leg with no problem.

Where do Saltwater crocodiles live?

Saltwater Crocodiles live in “mangrove swamps, river deltas, and freshwater rivers from India's east coast, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to Myanmar, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

By Isaac Hebert



Capybaras

Capybaras are found in Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Peru, Brazil, Paraguay, Northeast Argentina and Uruguay. They are semiaquatic and will spend most of their time in dense vegetation around rivers, lakes, ponds, marshes and swamps. Capybaras are herbivores, and use their long, sharp teeth for grazing on grass and water plants. An adult can eat 6-8 pounds of grass per day. During the dry season, when grasses, and water plants dry up, a capybara will eat reeds, grains, melons, and squashes.

By Remington McLelland and Aadira Subramanian



Art All Summer Long!

Do you like art? Have you participated in any art related activities such as camps? If you haven't, then you should know that it's extremely fun!

There are a lot of art camps you can join this summer! Some of those camps are Enya's Art Studio, Cordovan's Art School, and Abrakadoodle. All of these camps are in Katy, Texas. If you are interested in joining any art camps these are some great choices! Since summer is coming up, you should join these art camps and see how fun art can be!

One of our favorite artists is Salvador Dali because he thought in interesting ways and was very skilled in art. Another famous artist is Leonardo Da Vinci which lots of people know.

There are some websites that can teach you how to draw and create art in many different ways. One example is artforkidshub.com.

Art can be so fun when you put your imagination into it. There are so many things to do in art so try it out! Hopefully, you will enjoy art as much as we do!

By Emma Liang, Chloe Xie, and Arnav Vijay



The Mona Lisa is one of Leonardo Da Vinci's most famous works of art.



This sculpture is similar to *The Persistence of Memory*, a 1931 painting by artist Salvador Dalí and one of the most recognizable works of Surrealism.

5 CAMPS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Cordovan Art School Summer Camp: Located in Cinco Ranch and Spring, Cordovan Art School gives really good art summer camps!

Glassell Junior School Summer Camp: The Glassell School of Art in Houston has amazing art camps!

IDEA Lab Kids Summer Camp: The IDEA Lab Kids School in Bellaire provides wonderful art camps!

Houston School of Art and Design Summer Camp: The Houston School of Art and Design in Houston provides terrific summer camps!

Kidcreate Studio Summer Camp: The Kidcreate Studio in Houston provides awesome summer camps!

TOP PICS FOR YOUTUBE ART CHANNELS

ART FOR KIDS HUB

SUBSCRIBERS: 7.99M
INFO: ART FOR KIDS HUB WAS MADE BY JENSEN AND HIS FAMILY. THE CHANNEL WAS FOUNDED ON FEBRUARY 4, 2012.

BOB ROSS

SUBSCRIBERS: 5.81M
INFO: HE WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 29, 1942 IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA AND DIED ON JULY 4, 1995 IN ORLANDO FLORIDA

5-MINUTE CRAFTS

SUBSCRIBERS: 80.6M
INFO: 5 MINUTE CRAFTS WAS ONE OF THE SOULPUBLISHING'S BIGGEST HITS. IT HAS 27 B VIEWS AND IT'S HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED IN LIMASSOL, CYPRUS



Brushing Up With Mrs. Shorter



We interviewed Mrs. Shorter, Tom Wilson's 2024 Teacher of The Year. Did you know that she's been at Wilson since it opened in 2012? Did you know that she used to teach 5th grade? Read ahead to know more about one of Wilson's art teachers.

Q- What college did you go to?

A- I went to Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana

Q- What is your favorite art style?

A- That's a tricky question because I really do have an appreciation and respect for all. I think I love watercolor landscapes and still life. Stuff like that is probably one of my favorite things but I also love pop art like Andy Warhol

Q- How long has art been your passion?

A- I think since I was a little girl. My aunt was an art professor and an artist. She still is and she always gave me presents that were related to art so I have been making art my whole life- all different kinds- like I make jewelry or clay, or paintings or photography I just always love things that have to do with art.

Q- Who is your favorite artist?

A- I love Henry Matisse. I love his style because he changed as he needed to because he had cancer. He then cut paper because he couldn't paint. I also love Frida because she overcame so many things and had such perseverance too. My most famous artists are Frida Kahlo, Henri Matisse and Georgia O'Keeffe.

Q- Do you think the Mona Lisa deserves to be the most pricey art in the world?

A- Oh, there's a lot of questions around that. I don't think she should be the most expensive, but I do think that you should respect the artist, Leonardo da Vinci, for not just creating the Mona Lisa, but for being an inventor, and just for never accepting less than his best. He carried her around for like two or three years until he felt that she was done so I think there's a lot we can learn from the Mona Lisa and Leonardo da Vinci.

Q- What is your favorite color?

A- My favorite color is black.

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Brushing Up With Mrs. Shorter

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Q-How do you find the ideas for teaching us?

A- I just come up with new ideas all the time from either my experiences, places I go to, museums, other artwork, online, or inspired art at my teacher convention which is called TAEA (The Teacher Art Education Association). We get inspired by that. We get inspired by like units of study that we're doing at school like we did the glow run so we picked things like that and ordered supplies and materials

Q- Do you have any pets at home and if you do, what's your opinion on them?

A- I do not have any pets now. We used to have a dog named Max but he died. He was 13. We used to love our pet. I just couldn't replace him.

Q-What is your favorite type of food?

A- I feel like I love vegan desserts, but I also love tacos. All kinds of vegan tacos. So, if you're talking about like a nationality of kind of food, Shorter loves it all! I love Indian food. I love any kind of Vietnamese, Chinese. I love all foods.

Q-Where is your favorite place that you've been to?

A- Either the Grand Canyon or Europe.. When I went there, I hiked down and spent the night hiking back and there were waterfalls. I did a study abroad in Europe for a semester. I lived and went to college in London and traveled to 12 countries in Europe.

Q- How long have you been teaching?

A- I've been teaching in Katy since 1997. Yes, way back in the 1900s but I've only been teaching art half of that time because I used to teach fifth grade and third grade and then I taught fifth grade for six years. So, I was a classroom teacher for like 12 years.

Q- How did you feel about winning Teacher of the Year?

A- I was very proud and excited and a little bit emotionally overwhelmed, because I wasn't expecting it when they announced it.

Q-When did you start teaching at Wilson Elementary School?

A- I opened Tom Wilson Elementary (2012).

Q-Have you ever liked other specials classes, like music?

A-I actually play saxophone. I took piano lessons, which I didn't enjoy because I wasn't good at it. I was a varsity letterman in sports, so yes, I'm good at all the special: athletics, art, and music. I love it all. It's so much fun. I can't imagine my life stopping music or athletics. I love it.

Q-Have you sold artwork before?

A-Yes, I have sold paintings. I've sold jewelry. I've sold photography.

By Mauro Ferrari, Matias Fonseca, Aadvay Joshi, Ryan Soza



Mrs. Shorter is Wilson's 2024 Teacher of The Year. Teachers vote for this honor.



Mrs. Shorter poses with the Wilson's at this year's international festival at Wilson Elementary.

The Total Solar Eclipse

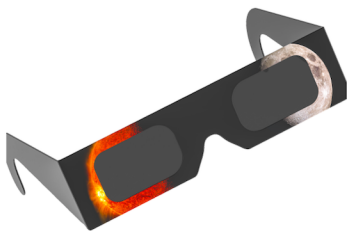
On April 8, 2024, it was a bit darker than a normal school day. The reason for this darkness was the total solar eclipse. The total solar eclipse occurs when the moon is exactly between the Earth and the sun. As a result, the moon blocks the sun's light from reaching the Earth. This is a very rare phenomenon, as it usually happens every 12 years in the US, but it might not happen in the same area for several centuries!

Some cons about the solar eclipse are that the eclipse can hurt your eyes and possibly make you blind or give you disoriented vision. Disoriented vision is when your vision is blurry. A pro about the solar eclipse is that the solar eclipse is very cool and dazzling to see.

If you went to see the solar eclipse somewhere else besides school, specifically along the path of totality, you might have seen a better view of the eclipse than at school!

One thing that you might have seen is a cool looking flare of light, also known as a solar flare. A solar flare is a flame from the sun. Even though the total solar eclipse is very rare, the most rare eclipse on Earth is a hybrid eclipse. The next total solar eclipse that we will be able to see will occur on August 23, 2044! If you are very desperate, there will be an eclipse in 2026 in Europe. You will have to fly overseas, or ride a boat (if you really want to see it!). There is also a different type of eclipse called a lunar eclipse. The color of it is red and it will happen next year. This type of eclipse can be seen at night.

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4th grade students view the solar eclipse at school on April 8th.



The school provided special glasses so that students could view the solar eclipse safely.



Get A Good Look At The iPhone 15

The iPhone 15 is the newest version of iPhones. The iPhone 15 is dust and water-resistant. It can also be submerged in water for up to 30 minutes, at a maximum depth of 6 meters. With proper care, it can last 8-10 years. It's also scratch resistant so it's hard to scratch. There's also little difference in the price of iPhone 15 and iPhone 14. The chip that the iPhone 15 uses is the A16 bionic. It's also worth swapping with the iPhone 15 pro as it features a solid camera, making it a great mobile device.



Cool Facts!

- Japan has the fastest Internet speed of 319 terabits per second.
- You can use your iPhone to charge your AirPods.
- Every new iPhone model has a USB-C port instead of Lightning.
- The iPhone 15 Pro Max is the most expensive iPhone.
- The iPhone 15 costs \$799 for 128GB and \$899 for 256GB.
- Some users have reported that the iPhone 15 series is slow or laggy.

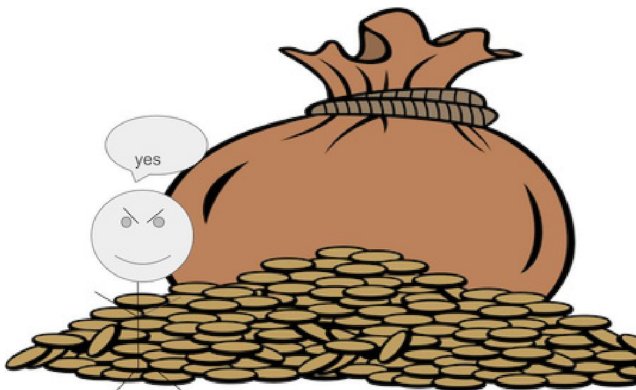
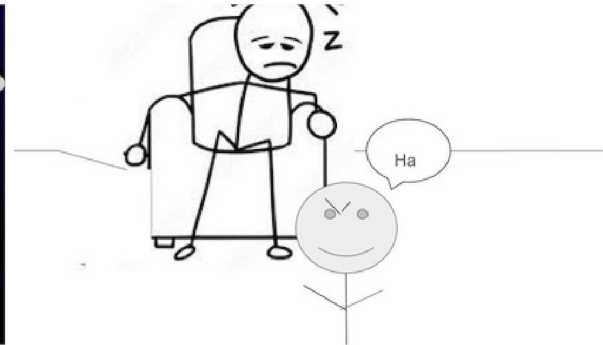
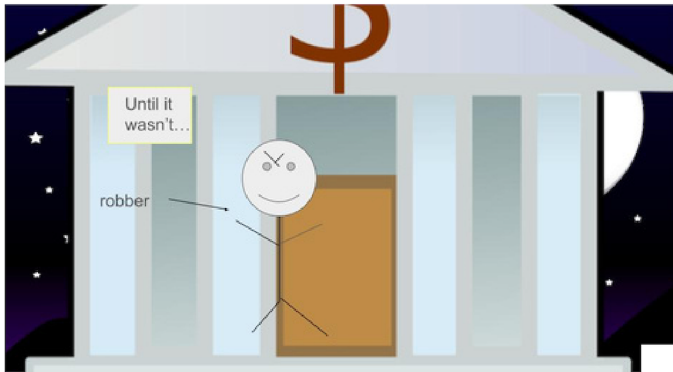


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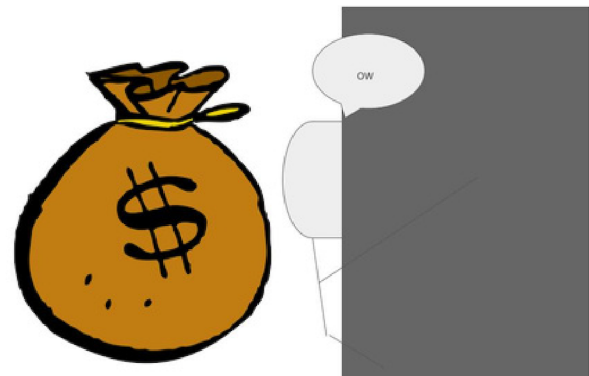


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