

Cougar Report

W A S H I N G T O N G R O V E E L E M E N T A R Y S C H O O L

IMPORTANT DATES:

12/5—Visit from County Council Member Phil Andrews

12/11—Visit from Senator Nancy King

12/15—Winter Concert

12/18—School Family Assembly

12/24—Holiday Break!

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By Brenda and Katy

Hi! We're here to tell you about the election.

Okay, let's talk about who was running. First up for the Democratic Party is Barack Obama, and for the Vice President, Joe Biden. They believe they can make a difference in this country.

Second, for the Republican Party is John McCain, and for the Vice President, is Sarah Palin. They said they will help

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the U.S.A. and make it better.



All citizens can vote starting at 18 years old!

So what happened on November 4, 2008? The voter were very surprising. They tallied up to Barack

Obama with over 300 electoral votes! Wow! And John McCain with a little over 150 electoral votes. That meant Barack Obama won! All you need to have is 270 electoral votes and he was over that with about 335 electoral votes! Were you guys excited or were you disappointed? Either way, we have a new President.

Congratulations President-Elect Barack Obama!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Fabulous Fifth Grade! Welcome to the first-ever Cougar Report! Inside this issue, you will find the product of the hard work of some of your fellow classmates. Our hope was to bring you some relevant news about the world you live in, both inside the com-

munity of Washington Grove Elementary School and our nation. We hope you enjoy reading the articles, and more importantly, feel like a better informed citizen after reading them. One final note... I apologize for the long wait for this

issue to finally be released. We hope to send out our next issue in a more timely manner! Special thanks to the photographers, Nubia and Kyaut! Happy reading!!!

-Ms. Betty Kim

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

By Olivia and Daniela

Are you tired of playing on the field? Do you want a new playground? Well, here's some update on the construction: It should be finished around 2010.



Always wear your hard hats!

We spoke with Mr. Bill Manges, the head of the construction crew. When asked what the hardest part is about his job, he stated, "Staying on schedule."

We also asked Mrs. Susan Barranger what she thinks about building more to the school. She answered, "We're so overcrowded. It will be a chance to have new technology, a computer lab, Elmos, and Promethean boards." She also said, "Construction is difficult. It's inconvenient because of the loss of playground, loss of win-



The future second floor of W.G.E.S.!

dows on the ramp, loss of exits, loss of morning line up area, and loss of ceiling tiles.

Hopefully it will all be worth the wait!

WHAT'S ON THE SCHOOL MENU?

Cheese Dippers

Taste tested by Dominique Clark

Hi. My name is Dominique and I recommend that cheese dippers is the #1 special on the menu. Its melty mozzarella, tender chewy crust, and spicy but sweet salsa is too much to resist.

Every time you see this on the menu, don't get the other boring things. Get the *delicious cheese dippers!*



Missing that Thanksgiving turkey? Then eat the turkey at W.G.E.S.!

Turkey and Gravy

Taste tested by Marnovan Alvero

If you like turkey, have turkey at W.G.E.S.. The gravy is the perfect type. Mash potatoes are just right. The turkey is chewy, tender, and juicy. It's really mouth watering and the turkey is begging to be eaten.

If you eat it, it will be like Thanksgiving all around you. *And it's a good deal.*

DEADLIEST WEATHER PHENOMENA

By Meteorologist Kevin Liu

Do you know what's the deadliest weather phenomena? Well, tornadoes, hurricanes, waterspouts, dust devils, and dust storms are the deadliest weather phenomena.

Tornadoes are a rapidly spinning vortex of air. It extends from the cloud to the ground. Tornadoes can exceed winds up to 300 mph (miles per hour). Tornadoes are most likely to occur in the middle of the United States of America during May and June.

Hurricanes however, are not like tornadoes. A hurricane must have winds up to 74 mph to qualify as a hurricane. A hurricane is made up of hun-

dreds of thunderstorms. The smallest hurricane is at least 600 miles in diameter.

A waterspout resembles a tornado over water. In



Hurricanes can be really destructive!

some cases a waterspout is a tornado. A waterspout is created when an already existing wind rotation near the surface of the water picks up an up-draft.

A dust devil is a mini tornado. Dust devils mainly

occur in the desert, where the ground is dry and produces a strong updraft. Dust devils are created when winds are blowing around local terrains creating a rotating air mass. A dust devil is far weaker than a tornado.

Dust storms are similar to dust devils. It is caused by strong winds lifting topsoil off the ground creating a wall of dust. When strong winds are capable of lifting topsoil, then there usually was a drought before it.

Now that I have told you about the deadliest weather phenomena, you should be aware of them in the near future.

Do you want to learn how to play an instrument?

Then choose Mr. Burns.



He will make it EASY.



You can borrow an instrument from school!

♪♪ Flute, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, tuba, clarinet, violin, viola, drums, and many more! ♪♪

MS. MOLLARD VS. MR. CURRY



What a stylish group of women!

By Sandra and Stephanie V.

My partner and I decided to find out who has the most fashion at W.G.E.S.. So we interviewed 27 year old Ms. Mollard and 32 year old Mr. Curry.

We asked Ms. Mollard what her favorite shoe store is and she responded D.S.W. and Zappos.com. Ms. Mollard's favorite makeup are Clinique and Sephora. She buys her clothes at Limited, Macy's, Target, and Overstock.com. Ms. Mollard always smells good because she buys her perfume at Macy's and it's

called Christian Dior Poison. Ms. Mollard gets her jewelry at Target, Claires, and from gifts.

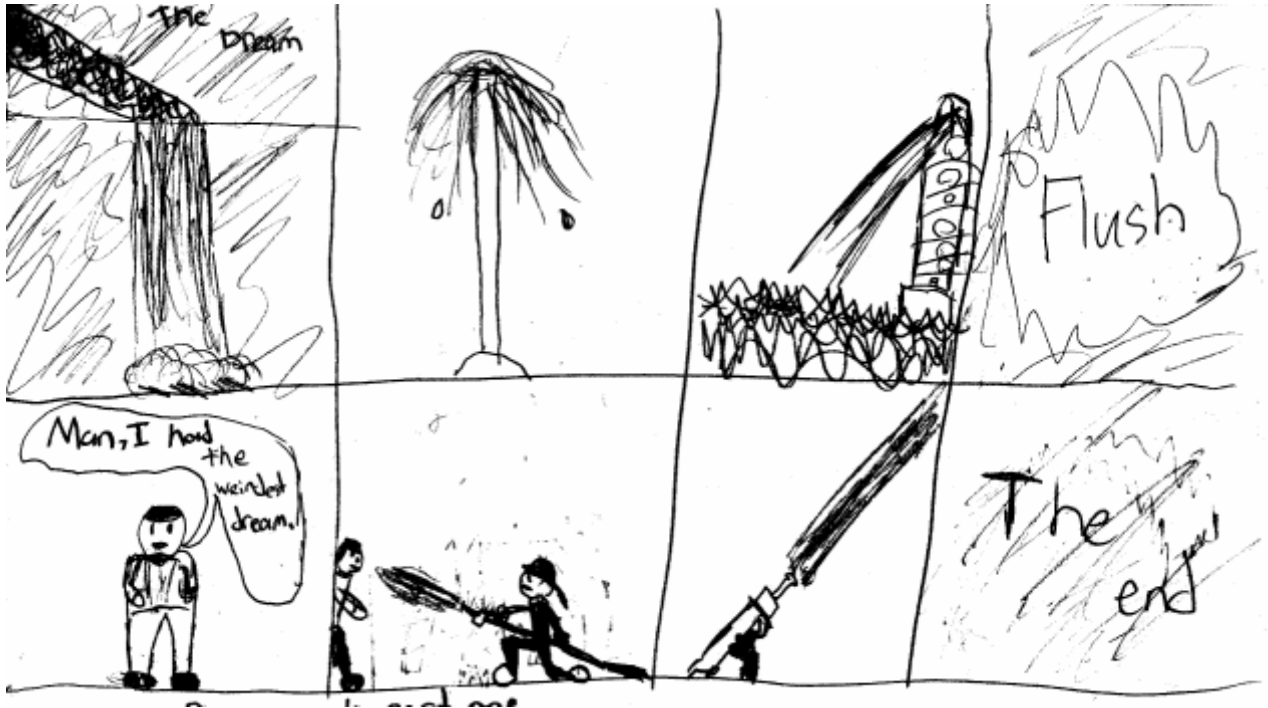
Now, Mr. Curry dresses nice, but we interviewed him and this is what we got. Mr. Curry gets his cologne from gifts. His favorite type of shoes are sneakers and flip-flops. His favorite colors are blue and gold because they are the colors of Pittsburgh. We have to give Mr. Curry some props for why he said blue and gold are his favorite colors. Mr. Curry's style consists of a shirt and tie. I wonder if it's clip-on...



Mr. Curry striking a pose.

So in conclusion, we think the winner is... *Ms. Mollard!* She has so much style!

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