

The Woodhull News

By Students. For Students.

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INTERVIEW WITH MR. OSHRIN

BY,
KATIE V. & NOAH G.

What path did you take to get to this point?

Mr. Oshrin: "I took the path of first becoming a teacher and working from there. I went back to school for a few years and I became a principal."

What inspired you to become a principal?

Mr. Oshrin: "My daughter inspired me by telling me that I could be a principal if I just work hard."

What do you like to do for fun in your spare time?

Mr. Oshrin: "I like to play racquetball. Racquetball is a game played in a handball court with high walls and you throw a ball at it and you have to try and win."

What advice do you have for young kids?

Mr. Oshrin: "Find something you love and work hard at it. Also, be kind to all the people you meet."

Where have you ever wanted to go on vacation? Why? Have you been able to get there?

Mr. Oshrin: "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii. I've been to Israel and really liked it."

What do you like about your job? Why do you like that part of your job?

Mr. Oshrin: "My favorite thing about my job is working with kids and working with older kids now especially."

Why did you decide to become a principal?

Mr. Oshrin: "I became a principal to be challenged."

Were you ever a teacher? What grade?

Mr. Oshrin: "I was a 4th, 2nd, and 1st grade teacher."





Welcome Picnic

**By: Lia Z., Helena S., &
Hanna B.**

In September, near the beginning of the school year, Woodhull Intermediate School hosted a party to welcome all the students back to school. Balloons, games, and teachers greeted the children as they entered. The party was hosted in the back part of Woodhull, by the playground and soccer field.

The snack table was run by the PTA; it had foodstuffs like cookies, cupcakes, chips and pizza. A soccer game started at the beginning of the party. At first, just a few kids were playing around, but by the end it was a great game with lots of students of all different grades playing together. All the games were so fun, there were games like Bean Bag Toss and Jenga.

Even though it was not a game, one of the biggest attractions was the playground. Kids were there all night just playing around. When it got darker, glow sticks were set up with one color for each grade and a color for siblings/family. It was a great idea that the PTA had so that it could be easier for people to spot friends and family.

Children did not want to leave the party because they were having so much fun. This was one of the best school parties our time here at Woodhull. The Welcome Picnic was a great experience for every student at Woodhull school.



D.I.Y ROCK CACTUSES

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- ROCKS *YOU CAN BUY THEM OR GO TO THE BEACH TO LOOK FOR THEM*
- TACKY GLUE
- ANY SHADE OF GREEN PAINT
- WHITE PAINT
- GOOGLY EYES
- MINI FLOWER POTS

HOW TO MAKE IT :

STEP ONE: PAINT THE ROCK GREEN AND LET IT DRY.

STEP TWO: TAKE THE WHITE PAINT AND PUT SPECKS OR VERTICAL STRIPES ON THE ROCK.

STEP THREE: GET THE GLUE AND THE GOOGLY EYES. THEN GLUE THE GOOGLY EYES ON THE ROCK.

STEP FOUR: PUT THE ROCK IN THE FLOWER POT. IF IT DOESN'T FIT - GLUE IT IN.

THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE ROCK CACTUSES!





1. What is your favorite part of Woodhull?

The sense of community and how everyone is so welcoming and positive.

2. How do you feel when you are in Woodhull?

I feel happy, inspired, and optimistic when I am in woodhull.

3. What college did you go to?

I went to SUNY Geneseo.

4. Did you grow up speaking Spanish and if you did, in what way?

No, I did not grow up speaking Spanish. I learned it in high school and continued it in college.

5. How would you rate Woodhull on a scale from 1 - 10 ?

I would rate Woodhull as a 9.

6. Why did you choose your number?

Because I really have enjoyed my experiences so far and have learned a lot from my colleagues and my students.

7. What are some things you tell your students when you are teaching?

May your dreams be greater than your fears.

9. What made you want to become a teacher at Woodhull?

I wanted to share with the world why being bilingual is so important and beneficial. I wanted to expand people's world view.

10. Did you teach before you came to Woodhull? If so, where?

I was a bilingual building aide at Jefferson. I also subbed at Finley Middle School teaching Spanish 7 during COVID.

**INTERVIEW WITH
MISS. ROBERTS**

BY,

ILIANA J. & LIA Z..



By:
Lia, Illiana, and
Kellen

The PTA Harvest Fest was held on November 1st, the Monday after Halloween. There were many activities like a costume contest, a Mummy Rap and a Guess What's in the Box? station. You could also take a photo with the fog machine. The fog machine against the fence was an extremely cool area. There were nice blow-ups and cool balloons, you could get some really cool photos with them. There was also a soccer game that was going on during the Fest.

At the PTA Harvest Fest there was also lots of good food. There were donuts, cupcakes, and pizza. The decorations were great and all the activities were extremely fun.

The soccer game began when a couple of students brought a ball and decided to play. As time went on more and more students began to join. At the end, the students decided to compete 6th graders versus 4th and 5th graders.

The PTA Harvest Fest was an extremely fun and great experience for all involved.



CRACK - ME - UP

Q. Who's the king of the classroom?

A. The Ruler

Q. What do you call a crow that's scared?

A. A Scarecrow

Q. How do you make a Turkey float?

A. Two scoops of ice cream , some Root Beer and a Turkey

Q. What did the math book say to the other math book?

A. What's your problem?

Q. What's the best thing about Switzerland?

A. I don't know but the flag is a big plus!

Q. Why do play actors tell you to break a leg?

A. Because every play has a cast!

Q. What do you call a sleeping dinosaur?

A. Dino-snore

Q. What do you call a boy named Lee that has no one to talk to?

A. Lonely

Q. What goes up and down but does not move?

A. Stairs



Christmas



By, Noah G.

Christmas is a holiday known around the world. Many cultures celebrate this holiday by having people over to their house and being with family.

First I will start off with the Colombian culture. People celebrate Christmas with their families. Sometimes a family is so big that the grandmothers, mothers, and aunts have to make a lot of food. They make buñuelos, natilla, hojaldras and so much more for the whole family. At 12 o'clock (midnight), Colombians pray. They read the last day of the novena and open gifts.

The Norwegians begin to celebrate Christmas early. It is their tradition to put the tree up on Thanksgiving day. They also have traditional foods called Lapskaus (stew) and Kjøttkaker (meatballs).

In Germany, celebrations begin on December 6 with Saint Nick going to houses and to put chocolate, nuts, or fruits in the family's shoes. They also have a Christmas market and during this season everyone buys food, presents and other stuff.

The last culture to talk about is the Italian culture. In Italian culture they believe in a woman named "La Befana." She is like the American Santa Claus. She brings gifts to all the children on Christmas Eve and leaves them on the doorstep in their shoes.

Holiday recipes

By: Zoe C., Catlin W. & Helena S.



Gingerbread

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup light molasses or dark corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons water

Steps:

1. In a large mixing bowl, put melted butter, brown sugar, molasses, cinnamon, ginger, cloves and baking soda together until the mixture is smooth. Blend in the flour and water to make a stiff dough. Chill at least 30 minutes or until firm. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Bake for about 15 minutes.
3. Enjoy!

Sugar cookies

Steps:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and powder. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Roll rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into balls, and place onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden. Let stand on a cookie sheet for two minutes before removing to cool on wire racks.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/9870/easy-sugar-cookies/>

Ingredients :

1. 3 cups all-purpose flour
2. 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
3. 1/4 teaspoon salt
4. 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
5. 1 cup sugar
6. 1 egg, beaten
7. 1 tablespoon milk
8. Powdered sugar, for rolling out dough



INTERVIEW WITH MR. CUMMING

BY,
Elena P, Caitlin W. & Hunter K.
Photo taken by Kellen A.



Question: Do you like your job?

Of course!

Question: What is your favorite genre of books?

Realistic Fiction.

Question: What is your favorite book?

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead.

Question: Is your job easy (like putting the books on the shelves and trying to control the kids)?

Books on the shelf is easy, controlling kids is not always easy.

Question: How did you come up with give me with five?

I heard it from another teacher I worked with and adapted it for me.

Question: How long have you been teaching for?

18 years.

Question: Is there anything students should know?

I like it to be a book to be read, but I don't like to be read with.

**INTERVIEW WITH
MISS. RIVERA
BY,
LIA Z., ILIANA J.,
QUINN R., KATIE V.,
& SAMANTHA M.**



Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: This is my first year teaching.

Q: What made you want to become a teacher?

A: My cousin was born premature and he needed a lot of support and help from doctors and teachers. Seeing this made me want to become a teacher.

Q: How long did you have to go to college to become a teacher?

A: I went to St. Joseph's College for 4 years. Now, I'm going to Empire State College for my masters.

Q: What is your favorite part of Woodhull?

A: My favorite part of Woodhull is that the teachers and students are so helpful, caring and nice.

Q: What is your favorite memory in Woodhull?

A: My favorite memory in Woodhull was the first day of school because it was my first time teaching ever.

Q: What did you do before you became a teacher?

A: Before I was a teacher I worked at a daycare and as a home health aide for kids with special needs. I did this for the entire time I went to college.

Q: Did you always want to become a teacher or did you want to be something else?

A: I always wanted to become a teacher.

Q: How do you feel when teaching?

A: 10/10

How to make Christmas Tree Brownies

By Samantha Martinez

Get all the ingredients and materials you need:

- 1 box of brownie mix
- 3 eggs
- $\frac{1}{3}$ water
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of oil
- White frosting
- Green food coloring
- Sprinkles
- Candy canes
- Pam (pan spray)
- Pan
- Wisk



Grab the bowl and put in the brownie mix. In the bowl add the $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of water, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of oil. Next, crack 3 eggs into the bowl. Grab a whisk and mix all the ingredients until they are thick and smooth.

After that, spray the pan with Pam (pan spray) and put the batter in the pan. You need to preheat the oven at 450 degrees. Put the pan in to bake for 20-25 minutes. When they are done, put the pan on the counter to cool down. Then, cut the brownies into triangles.

To decorate: Grab the icing and dye it green. Spread the icing on the brownie triangles. Then put sprinkles on the triangle. Last, put the candy cane on the bottom for it to look like a stick.

Enjoy your delicious Christmas Tree Brownies.

Huntington Homecoming Parade & Game

By Helena S.



The Homecoming Game was filled with excitement and fun. At the beginning of the game, the crowd went wild for both teams. The blue team, our team, Huntington High School competed against Woodrow Wilson High School from Long Beach. Throughout the game there were many ups and downs. But in the end, Huntington High School won 28-7.

Our team led the game at the Half 14-7. Running backs Josiah Melendez and Robbie Smith had scored earlier in the game. The duo went on to score again in the second half to lead our team to victory. Melendez rushed 16 times for 146 yards and 2 touchdowns making him the MVP of the game.

This game is now being called the Friendship Bowl. Although we beat them, Woodrow Wilson players gathered in the middle of the field with our team to shake hands and congratulate each other. It was a fantastic game!







Q: Is this your first time teaching ever? How long have you been teaching?

A: This not my first time. I have been teaching for a few years.

Q: How many schools do you teach in?

A: I teach in 2 schools.

Q: On a scale from 1 to 10, what would you rate Woodhull as?

A: I would rate Woodhull a 10.

Q: What has been your favorite moment in Woodhull so far?

A: Having a great time in class with many activities.

Q: Did you teach anywhere before Woodhull? If so, where?

A: Yes! I taught in the East Meadow District and Plainview District.

Q: How much do you like teaching on a scale of 1 to 10?

A: I love teaching. I would give it a 10!



INTERVIEW WITH SRA. AUQUILLA

BY

HANNA B., LIA Z. & ILIANA J.

Woodhull celebrated the holiday season with door decorations.

Photos taken by, Zoe C. & Helena S.





HAVE YOU
EVER...?

By Howard R.,
Marc R., John L.

Have you ever eaten a ghost pepper?

Have you ever broken a bone?

Have you ever been to the hospital?

Have you ever gotten a 100% on a test?

Have you ever played Fortnite?

Have you ever missed the bus?

Have you ever been late to school?

Have you ever been in surgery?

Have you ever been on the news?

Have you ever had a toothache?

Have you ever watched a scary movie?

Have you ever held a wild animal?

Have you ever gone skiing?

Have you ever made a homerun in baseball/softball?

What made you want to become a nurse?

I have always been interested in medicine and this was a perfect fit for me.

What college did you go to to become a nurse?

I went to Suffolk County Community College to become a nurse.

When you were younger did you want to be a nurse?

No, I worked in sports medicine for almost 15 years before becoming a nurse. That is what I wanted to do as a kid.

Have you been a nurse at other schools? What schools?

Before Woodhull I was the nurse at Southdown

How many years have you been a nurse?

This is my sixth year as a nurse.

Have you ever given a kid a shot? How was it?

I have given shots to kids before and it was not bad. I like to make sure the kid's calm and comfortable before giving the shot.

Interview with Nurse Kim...

By, Samantha M.



Has a kid ever cried in your office? Why?

Kids cry in my office for many reasons. Sometimes they are scared, sometimes they are hurting and sometimes they are sad for whatever reason.

What is your favorite movie or movies?

My favorite movie this time of year is Elf. I also really like Shrek.

What is your favorite food and what is your least favorite food?

My favorite food is Chick-fil-a chicken nuggets and my least favorite food is pickles.

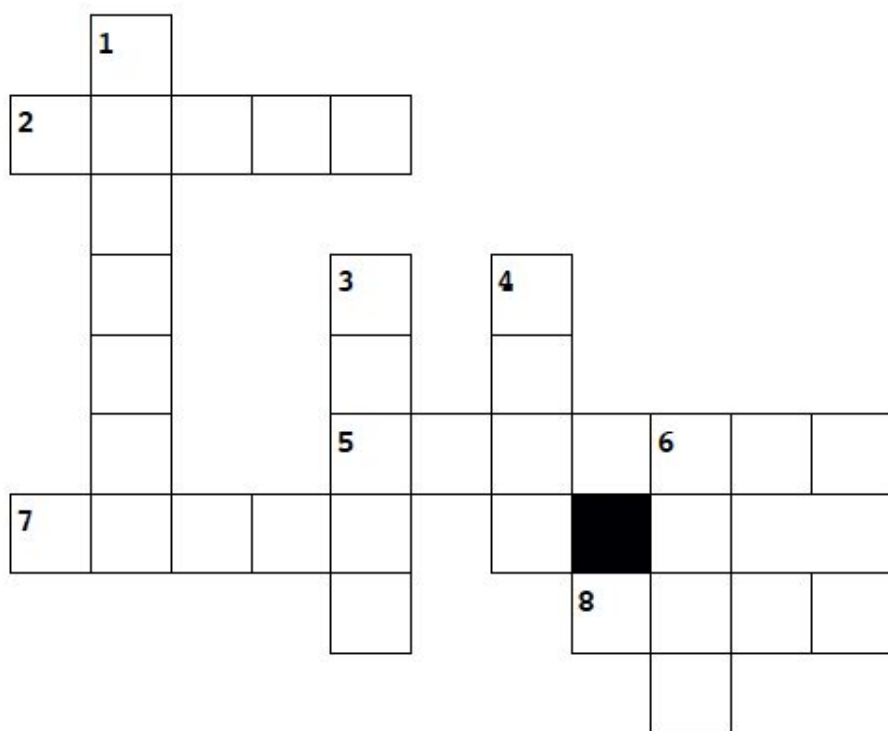
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I would travel to Greece and see all the ancient history that is still there.



Animal Crossword Puzzle

By Simone B



Across

- 2. Biggest Mammal
- 5. Long neck
- 7. Hisses slithers
- 8. Squirms lives underground

Down

- 1. Makes eggs
- 3. has black stripes
- 4. Chirps
- 6. Lives in a swamp

EMOTIONS

A short story by Iliana J, & Hanna B.

Do you know what it feels like to think you are going to have a great day but then your day goes totally wrong? I know that feeling very well. It is called disappointment. It's when you ask yourself, why? Why did this have to happen to me? I know this feeling like my own name. This is why.

I am different from everybody else. I have the power to realize and feel exactly what everyone else is feeling. I got this power from my dad. All of my family members from my dad's side have a different power for helping people. My dad is able to see what other people are thinking, but his feelings are not affected unlike mine. Then he would see if they are sad or angry or any other feeling that could lead to very bad things. Then he would change their minds. When you think about it, it's a very forceful process.

These powers are meant to help people with their feelings and not cause big fights that lead to many people arguing that leads to very bad things like wars. But this obviously did not work. There have been soooo many wars in the world. I can't even count them all. The plan did not work because these so-called special abilities only got to my dad's ancestors. Many other people were supposed to receive them. That did not happen and so neither did the plan. There were not enough of us to prevent all of the world's disagreements.

This plan sounds very silly if you ask me. You can't prevent all of the world's problems. That is an insane thought. Now all of my family has to live with these powers.

The reason why I hate my power is because I feel everything the other person is feeling. I feel the sad, the frustrated, angry, mad, happy, disgusted, surprised, and the countless other feelings. Even if I feel someone feeling happy it is too overwhelming with my own feelings. This is why, when I hope and eventually think that I will have a great day, I can't. I feel that I can overcome the urge of my power. Even though I think this I know I can't. So every single day of every single month of every single year goes wrong.

Today is school. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are all my least favorite days. Why? Well, you can probably guess. It's because there are so many people feeling different things. On Saturday and Sunday I try to stay inside my house away from the jumble of different overwhelming feelings.

Today I felt lazy. Not from my mother or from my sister but from me. I got dressed, brushed my teeth and got ready for another confusing day of emotions. I couldn't wait.

Today is Wednesday. My dad drives me to school so I don't have to go on the bus. As we were driving to school my dad asked me a question.

He said "Do you ever wish you didn't have your powers?"

"I always wish that. How did you know?" I replied.

"I didn't know that you wished you didn't have your powers. I just asked because I sometimes wish I didn't have mine."

"Seriously! I thought you loved your powers. You could tell what everyone was thinking. It made you Super Dad. When me or Julia were lying you could tell. How could you not like your powers?"

"That is true I can tell when you and your sister are lying, but I also see what everyone else is thinking. I can't control it. People's thoughts can scare me, make me sad, or brighten my day. Why don't you like your powers?"

"I feel everything! That is no fun. When someone is sad I feel sad, even when something exciting in my life is going on. I feel scared, disgusted, and any other bad feeling people have. When someone is happy it makes me happy, but not many people are happy in school. No one likes homework assignments or the teacher telling you, you are going to have a test. I also don't like school. This means my feelings and everyone else's feelings on top of mine. It's horrible. I can't live my life like a normal kid. I live my life as everyone else's life. It is not fair. And most of all, through all the commotion of emotions, I don't know even how I feel. It's hard to be able to separate my feelings from others. I just want to be a normal kid with feelings of my own, not of others."

It took my dad a little time to process all that.

Then he replied. "I am sorry that is how your life is."

"Yeah, whatever" I said. And, making a point to slam the door, stormed into the school getting ready for another confusing day full of other people's feelings intruding on my life.

As I walked into school I felt a wave of emotions, whether sad, angry, depressed and every other person in the school's feelings. When I entered my first class I suddenly felt a weight lifted off my shoulders. I was confused. Really confused. There was only me inside. No one else. I had never remembered feeling like this. What happened?!? Whatever it was, I liked it.

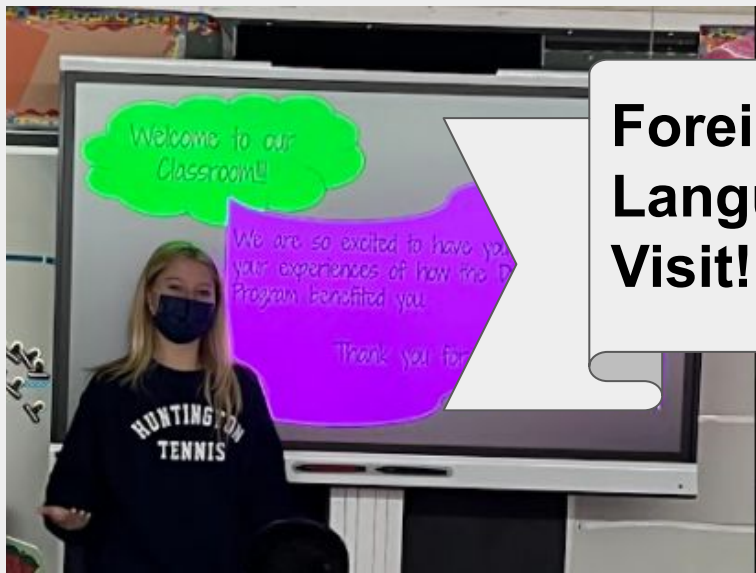
At the end of the school day my dad picked me up.

He asked "How was your day?".

At first I did not know how to answer. If my powers went away, did his too? I finally answered.

"It was really good. Amazing even."





Foreign Language Visit!

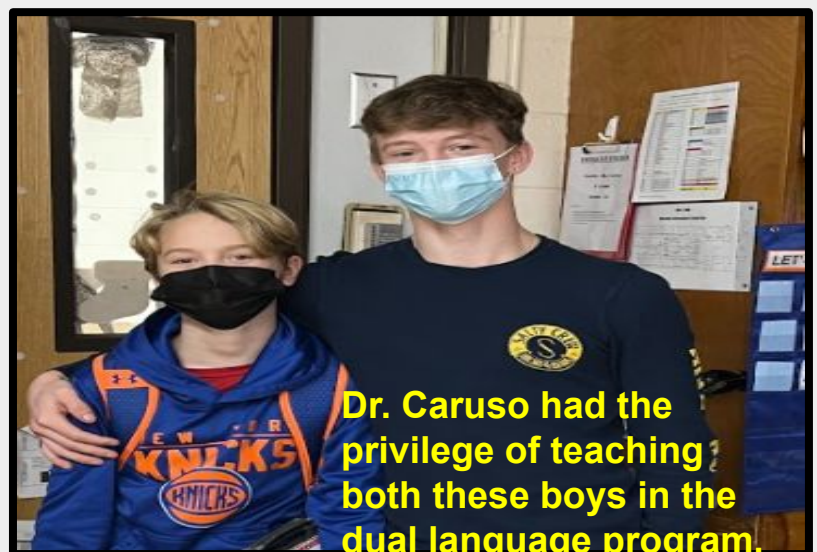


What a great afternoon this was! On December 7, 2021, Huntington High School seniors, former dual language students, came to visit Woodhull Intermediate School. During their visit they spoke to the current dual language students in grades 4 and 5. Their visits and presentations focused on how the dual language program has made a difference in and has had a positive impact on their high school careers.

During the presentations, the seniors shared their feelings and memories. One student remarked, "It was an amazing experience to learn everything in two languages." Another told his class one of his best memories: "I still remember the dual language Fiesta Night."

Woodhull students were able to ask questions as well. The questions provoked great conversations. The 4th and 5th grade students all loved the experience.

Charlie in 6th grade was able to listen to his older brother speak about the dual language program in Dr. Caruso's classroom.



Dr. Caruso had the privilege of teaching both these boys in the dual language program.

- **When did you know that you wanted to become a teacher?**

My third year in college I started working with the special needs community and realized I wanted to work with that population and diversity.

- **Do you like teaching at Woodhull? What do you like the best about teaching at Woodhull?**

Yes, I like the diversity and my colleagues. Everyone was very welcoming when I first got here and helpful.

- **Have you ever been camping?**

No I have not been camping but I do like the outdoors. t

- **Do you enjoy outdoor activities? Which ones?**

Yes, hiking is my favorite outdoor activity.

- **Do you like the holidays?**

Yes, I like the holidays. .

- **Which holiday is your favorite and why?**

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because my whole family gets together and I enjoy the meal we have.

- **What is your favorite animal?**

My favorite animal is a pig.



- **What is your favorite season?**

My favorite season is Fall.

- **What makes Fall your favorite season?**

My birthday is during the Fall.

- **What is your favorite restaurant**

My favorite restaurant is Chipotle.

- **What is your favorite book and movie?**

My favorite book is Catcher in the Rye. My favorite movie is Great Gatsby.

Interview with Ms. Rivas



INTERVIEW WITH... MR. POLANSKY

For how many years have you been in the field of education?

He's been in the field of education for 31 years.

How many years did you spend as a classroom teacher? What subjects did you teach?

He taught science for 11 years before he left the classroom.

Do you have any ideas to make the school better? If so what kind of ideas?

One idea he has to make school better is to ensure that there are best curricula choices of opportunity for our students.

What do you like about your job?

Mr. Polansky likes that different things happen every day.

Do you ever get stressed during your job?

Yes. He does get stressed while at work.

Is it hard to do your job?

Sometimes it is hard to do his job.

What is your favorite book?

His favorite books are The Phantom Tollbooth and A Wrinkle in Time.

What's your favorite color?

His favorite color is blue

By, Abby V. & Gabriella Z.





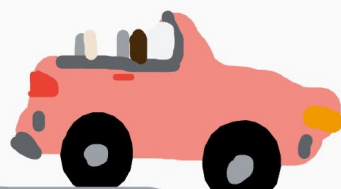
comic section

Nothing like driving around town



I didn't know you could drive

I don't know how



By,
Hunter K.

I walk 10,000
steps every
day

Between my
dog bed and
bowl

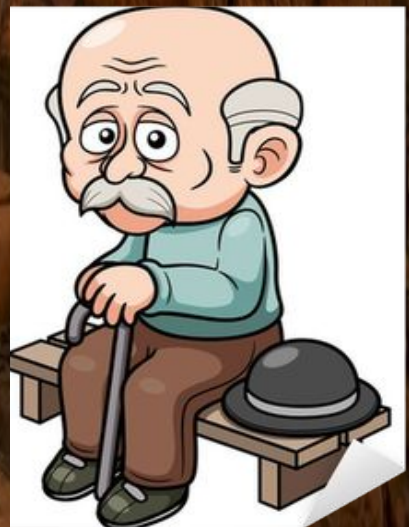


By, Hunter K.

By, Franklin M.

Do you think anyone will
read this comic?
I'm getting really bored
and my back hurts.

Son, I've been sitting
here in files for the
past 80 years and no
one has ever read me.
Think how my back
hurts.



By, Franklin M.



Well my game
got unplugged.
That means
more chess.

How do you
play again?

YAY!



aww





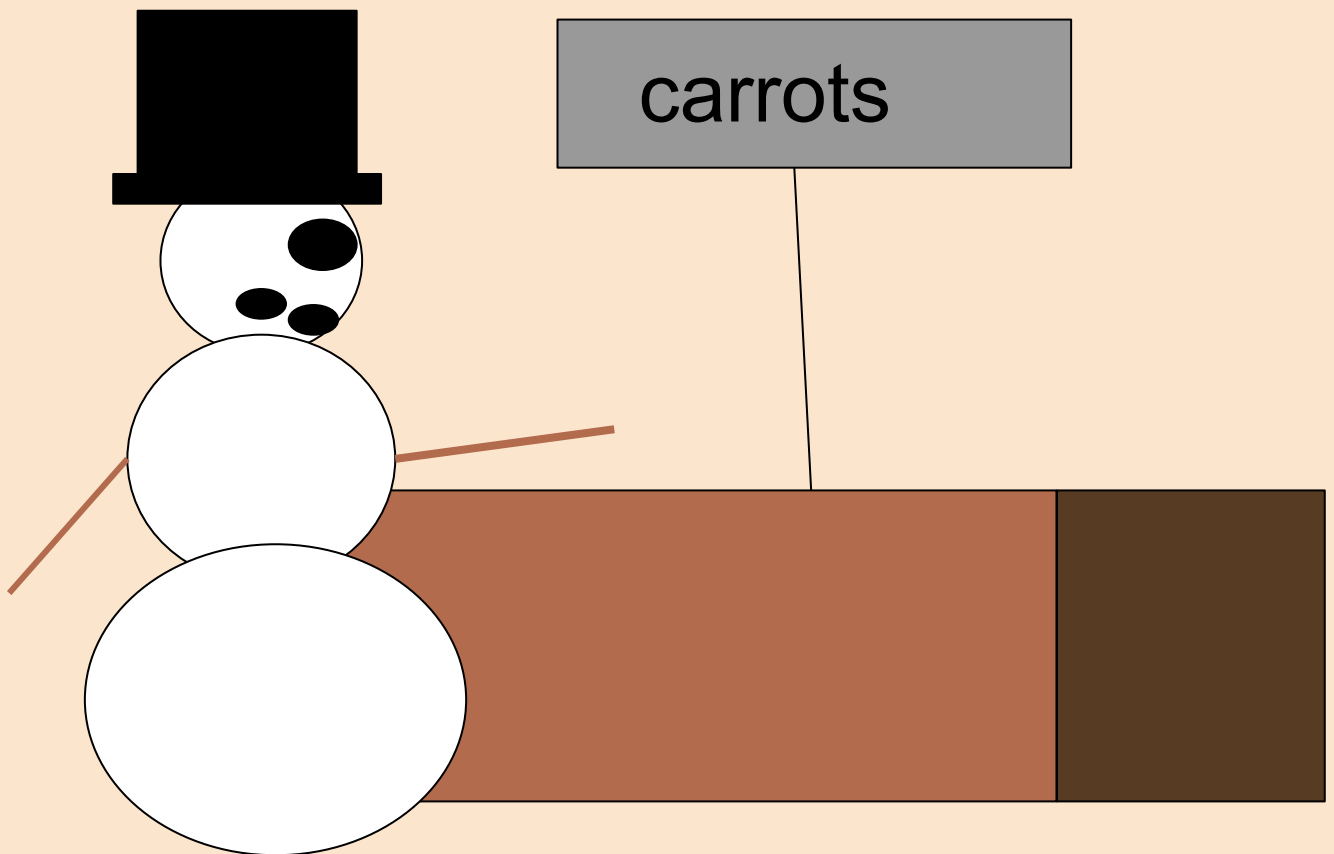
Hey monkey it's winter



By, Hunter K.

I'm digging for gold

A snow man was caught
picking his nose



By, Gavin K.

Why would you do
such a thing? You
should be ashamed
of yourself.

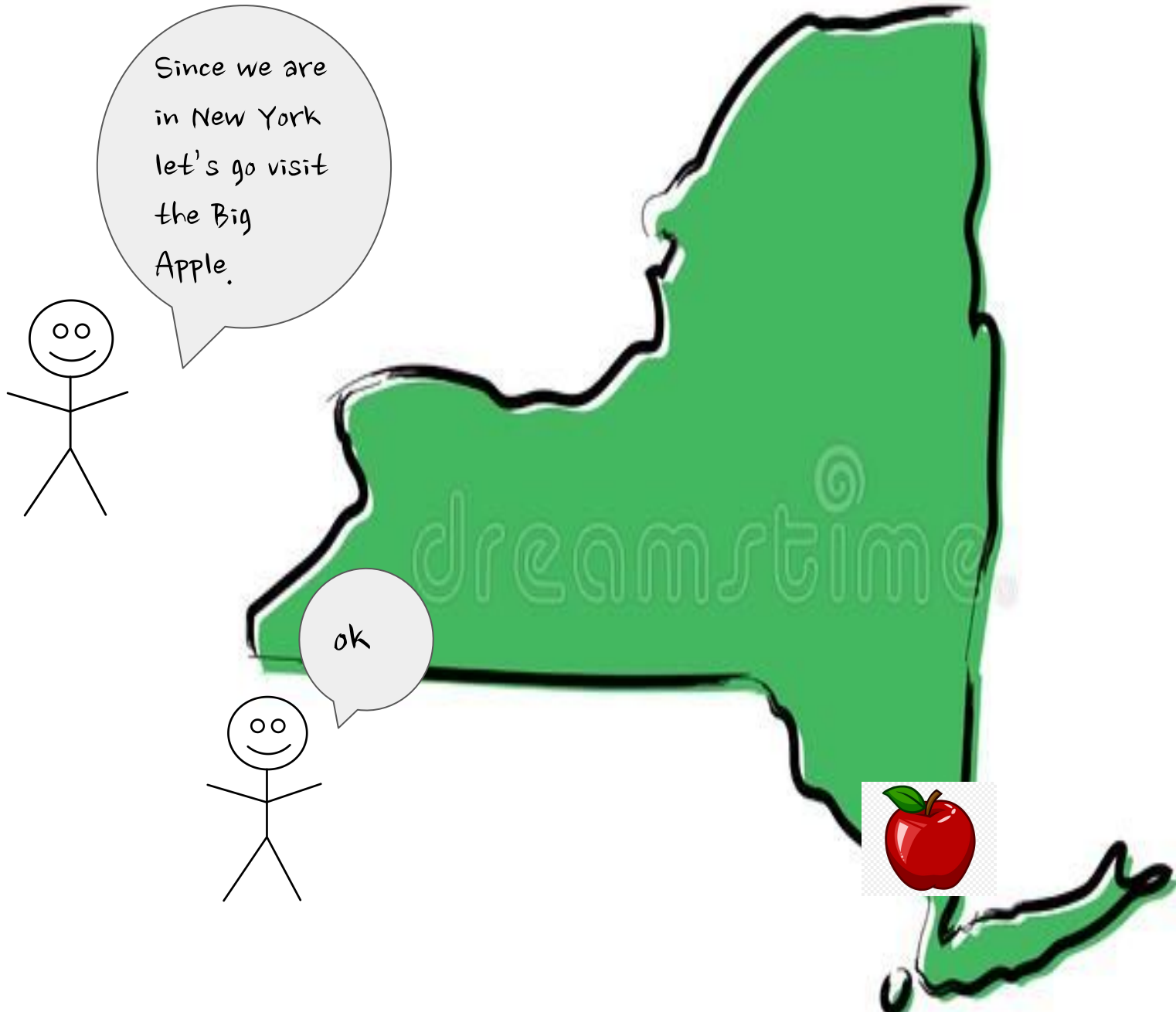


Great work
today! Let's
go back home
he he he...



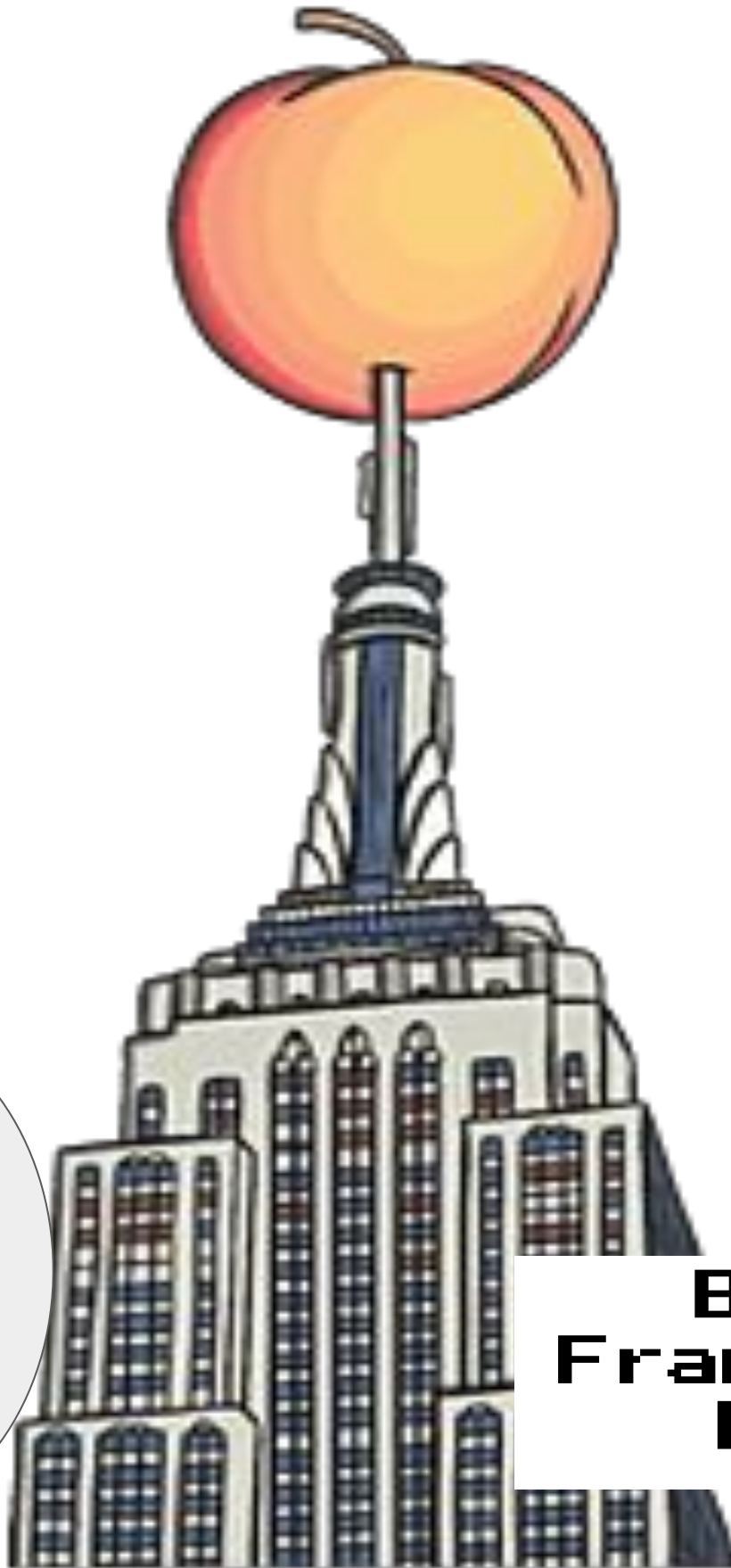
By, Franklin M.

Part one "Let's go see the Big Apple"



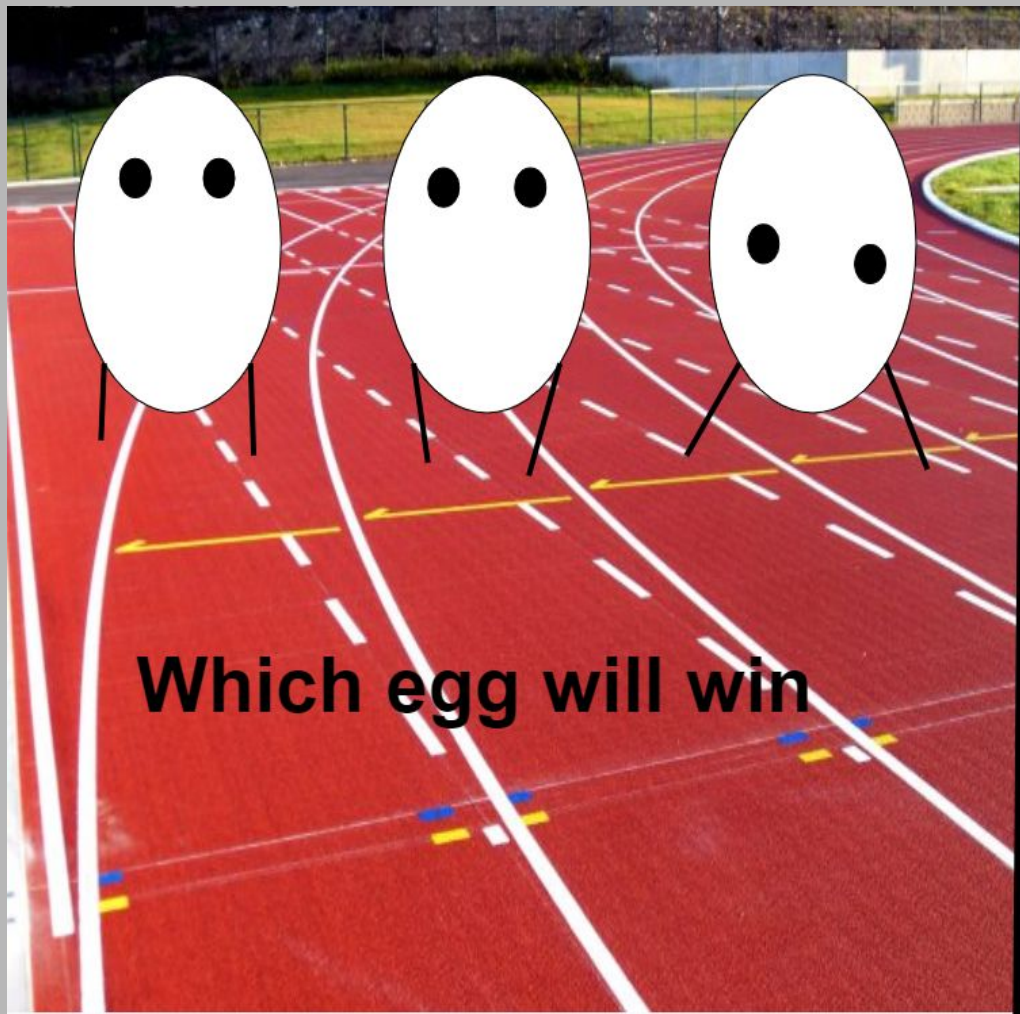
**By,
Franklin
M.**

Part two "lets go see the Big Apple"



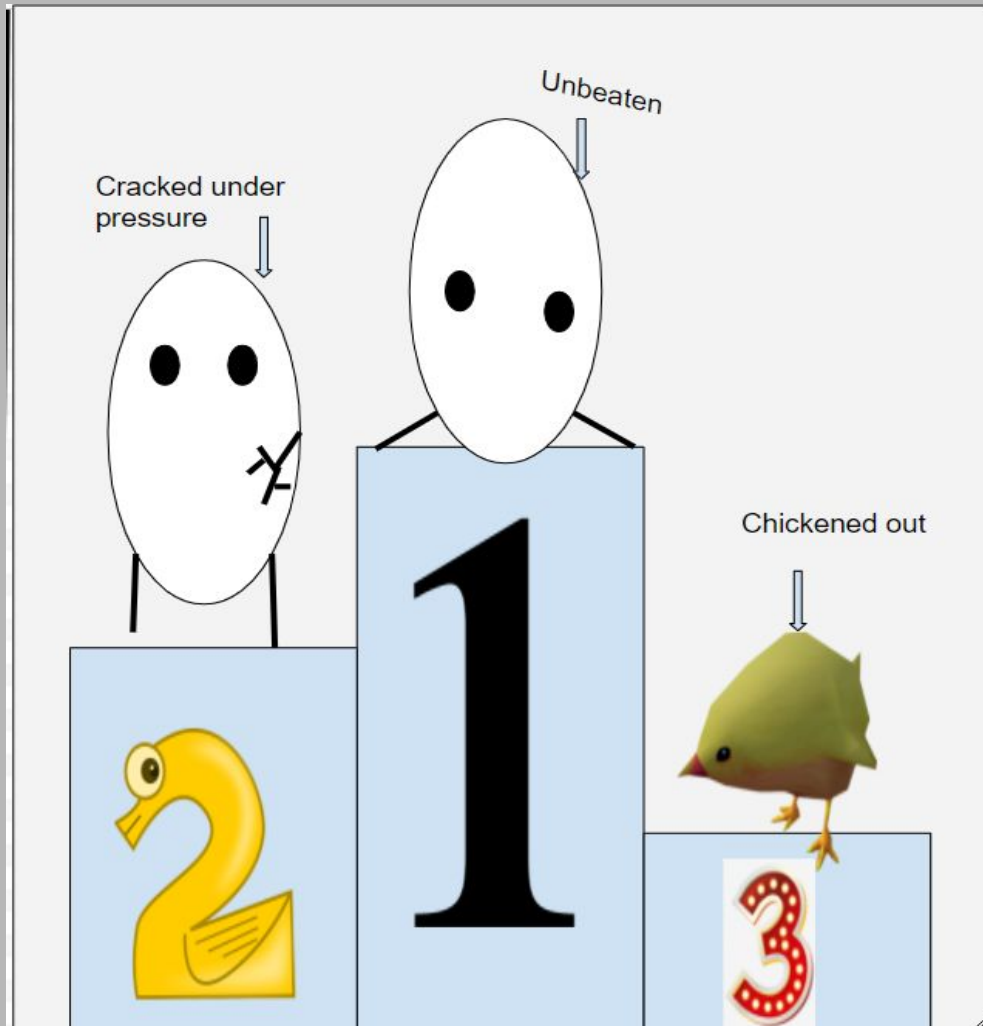
I thought you
said we were
going to visit
the Big Apple

**By,
Franklin
M.**



EGG RACE

Which egg will win



By Hunter K.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dr. Caruso & Mrs. Gasparino

We would like to take a moment to thank all of the children who participated in creating the Fall edition of “The Woodhull News.” We hope you enjoy this paper as the children worked really hard in its creation. Hours were spent brainstorming, interviewing, writing and editing to showcase their talents.

Below is a listing of the talented students in Newspaper Club.

4th Graders

Abigail V.
Jordan T.
Gabriella Z.
Quinn R.
Liam M.
John L.
Gretchen S
Jovani C.
Marc R.

5th Graders

Katie V.
Franklin M.
Elena P.
Zoe C.
Caitlin W.
Helena S.
Noah G.
Howard R.
Kellen A.
Somine B.
Gavin K.
Hunter K.

6th Graders

Hanna B.
Lia Z.
Iliana J.
Samantha M.

