



**Fairview**

# Chronicles

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## Do Teachers Really Have Friends?

By Journalism Club



What is the true meaning of friendship? Research shows that strong friendships are connected to happiness and overall well-being. Most children seem to make friends easily, especially in school. But what about adults? How hard is it for them to make or keep friends if they're so busy? Well, if you've ever been to Fairview, you might have noticed that there is a dynamic duo so in sync that it begs the question, "What is the truth behind this pair?" If you're a 4th or 5th grader, you might also see them in the lunchroom. Let's not forget about Star Wars Club. If you're a 2nd or 3rd grader, you've certainly heard about them from 4th or 5th grade friends. On Field Day they are the team to beat in the egg toss competition. The question is, are they actually friends? Well, we wanted to find out more, so we invited them to a Journalism Club meeting to ask a few questions. You will not believe what we learned!

Fifth grade teachers, Mr. Lindgren, and Mr. McGovern have actually been friends for a long time. They first met at Illinois State University in 1995, and, "After talking for a few minutes, we knew we'd be great friends," said Mr. McGovern. "We pledged the same fraternity. We had no idea we had so much in common, like sports, music, movies, and television shows." They played in a band together and lived in the same apartment for two years. They have a shared passion for rock 'n roll. After college, both of them became teachers.

Fast forward to Fairview School, Mr. Lindgren secured a teaching position at Fairview, and later, when the principal asked if he knew anyone to fill the position, he recommended Mr. McGovern, and he was anxious to apply. He was not only excited to become a teacher, but thought about how great it would be to teach at the same school as his best friend. While Mr. McGovern landed the teaching job, their story doesn't end here. Anna J. asked, "How do you remain friends?" Mr. Lindgren replied, "It's easy. We get along well and have a sense of humor. We have the same outlook professionally and personally." Mr. McGovern added, "In the professional world it's helpful to go to each other and talk to my good buddy when I need some advice. We also eat lunch together everyday."

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Outside of school, they find time to have fun with shared interests. Mr. McGovern admits to being a roller coaster fan. He researches roller coasters to visit, and when he asks Mr. Lindgren if he wants to go, Mr. Lindgren emphatically replies, “Would I!” So, on their road trips they play music, talk about movies and friends. Mr. Lindgren says, “We always have so much to say to each other. We can be together for hours and hours and not be done talking.” We plan to jam together over Thanksgiving break.”

When asked, “Do you ever disagree?” Mr. Lindgren responded, “We always try to be respectful. He’s my friend and I don’t want to hurt his feelings.” Mr. McGovern added, “We hear each other out and ask for feedback. We move on. It’s about respect.” They believe their friendship will last forever. Their advice to other staff members is to find time to laugh and surround yourself with people you like.

## More Friendship Stories from Fairview

Amanda Spenner, Jen Cuellar, Karen Noll, Jena Hermanson, and Michele Logar

Our friendships continue outside of school and the school year (going out to dinner or lunch, taking trips, being on a bowling team, hanging out at each other's houses). We realized that we have so many things in common (favorite TV shows, movies or books). We enjoy each other's personalities and senses of humor (lots of laughs). We are each others' "cheerleaders" in each other's lives.



Mrs. Roberts and Miss Voss both went to Prospect High School, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and both taught in District 57 after college but did not become good friends until working as LSS teachers at Fairview starting in 2020. They became fast friends as they embarked on the creative journey of making the Fairview Winter Story Windows in the winter of 2020 and have been work besties since!

Mrs. Olson & Mrs. Cilia became fast friends when working together in the SOAR Program. They quickly learned that laughter and being there for one another is the secret to a lasting friendship. Through all of the ups and downs in life, they made sure to find happiness in each day!





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## **Jenna Hoffman's & Kaitlin's Staffeldt's Story**

Jenna and Kaitlin met while getting their teaching degree at Elmhurst University. What they didn't know was that they were going to end up working together. This was the start of a wonderful friendship!

### **Past, present and future**

Fairview School brought us together as parents, reunited us as coworkers and we are forever grateful for our lasting friendship!

Shelly Macina, Sara Cilia, Carol Strom, Sherri DeRicco and Chris Trezise



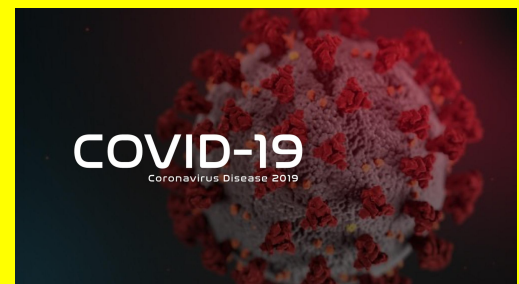


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## Covid-19!

Covid-19 has really changed the world. Every country had been under lockdown. No flights and any other public places were open. A lot of people were scared of going out. They did not want to catch this tremendous disease. Schools went online on a meeting platform called Zoom. It was the worst outbreak that has happened in years. Senior citizens were in a great depression. Covid-19 is nicknamed for Coronavirus Disease. It started on December 12, 2019 in China. Everyone started panicking when it started spreading all over the world like fire. Doctors and scientists were trying to find a cure. It was hard to break down the cause of the disease and that's when they started to look into its origin in bats. The virus was deadly with so many victims. In 2021, some schools made a hybrid or online option for parents to decide whether their kids could go to school for a few days or just stay online. They still wore masks and social distance was maintained. Everywhere, people were losing their jobs due to the disease. Then charities were made for them. They made sure most families were safe and got their needs taken care of. Less people were getting sick. Everyone thought it was going to be okay. A few weeks later, many more people were getting sick. Hospitals were getting lots and lots of patients every day. Some of them survived, some of them did not. People still needed to wear masks to go out, there were signs on the floor showing where to stand for social distancing. Coronavirus is a crisis. Covid-19 was increasing a little more and people were even more afraid. Scientists discovered a vaccine. Everyone was getting the vaccine. Some parents were scared to get their children the vaccine. Some people were saying that if you get your kid the vaccine, there could be some side effects, but some still got the vaccine anyway. Lots of kids and adults got the vaccine. People thought that it was a lot safer. Covid-19 cases were decreasing. Now in hospitals there aren't a lot of people with the disease. But, Covid-19 still exists and everyone is still trying to fight it. The disease can get into your body and mutate, like Delta and Omicron. Everyone wearing a mask and washing hands might resolve the problem. Stay safe and healthy.

-Safeena 4H





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## Cats and Dogs: What are the pros and cons of both?



### Pros:

Low maintenance

- You don't have to walk them
- Funny (have you SEEN the videos on Youtube?)

### Cons:

- Often moody
- Might damage belongings by scratching
- Not exactly compassionate



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*Malala Yousafzai*

*Malala was born on July 12, 1997 in Mingora, Pakistan.*

*She wanted to be a doctor. She knew she would have to go to school for many years. However, she wouldn't mind because she loved school. One day the Taliban, a terrorist group took over her Swat Valley. They said Girls would soon be stopped from going to school. Not boys only girls. The Taliban started destroying girls' schools. Malala went to school everyday and spoke out about not stopping. She told the local newspapers that she was afraid the Taliban would close her school. She wasn't scared of doing the right thing because she knew education was important to her and other girls. The Taliban discovered her name. One day Malala was on a school bus and a man from the Taliban saw her. He went to the back of the bus and shot her in the head. Malala was immediately sent to a hospital in London. After nine months she recovered and was able to be reunited with her parents and brothers. She was lucky to survive. On the other hand, Malala never had the opportunity to become a doctor. Now, Malala shares her story with the world from writing books and interviewing with famous news channels. Her mission is helping girls stand up for their own rights. Her work can be found in films, interviews, speeches, and blogs. Finally, on a happy note Malala is recently married and well settled in her life in England. Her mission is going for every girl out there who wants a good education. -Safeena*

# Football By Matthew

Football is the most common sport played. Most commonly found in the USA it is played with a football and the goal is to try and get it in to the other teams end zone. You can also score a field goal which is three points a touchdown is when you get the football in the other teams end zone. If you get down in the END ZONE which gives the other team two points.



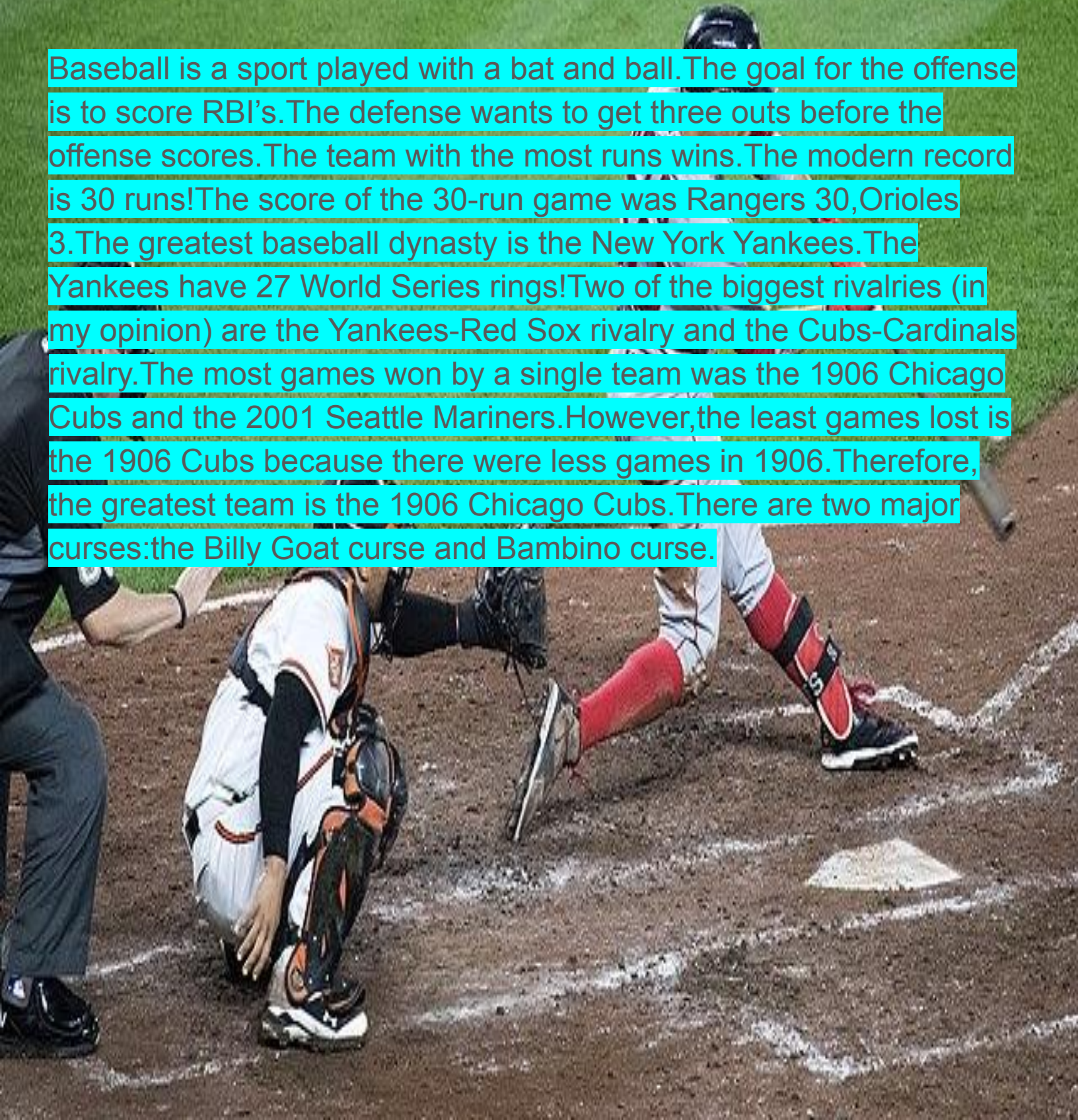
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# Baseball by Jack

Baseball is a sport played with a bat and ball. The goal for the offense is to score RBI's. The defense wants to get three outs before the offense scores. The team with the most runs wins. The modern record is 30 runs! The score of the 30-run game was Rangers 30, Orioles 3. The greatest baseball dynasty is the New York Yankees. The Yankees have 27 World Series rings! Two of the biggest rivalries (in my opinion) are the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry and the Cubs-Cardinals rivalry. The most games won by a single team was the 1906 Chicago Cubs and the 2001 Seattle Mariners. However, the least games lost is the 1906 Cubs because there were less games in 1906. Therefore, the greatest team is the 1906 Chicago Cubs. There are two major curses: the Billy Goat curse and Bambino curse.

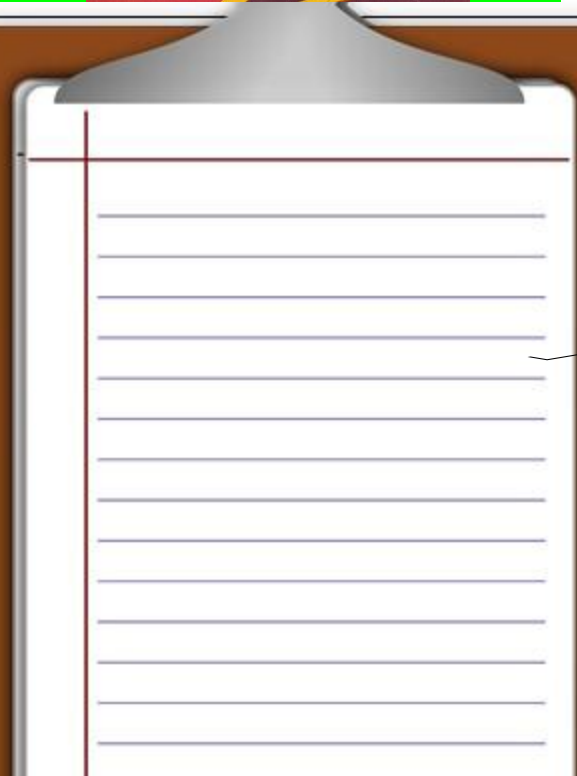
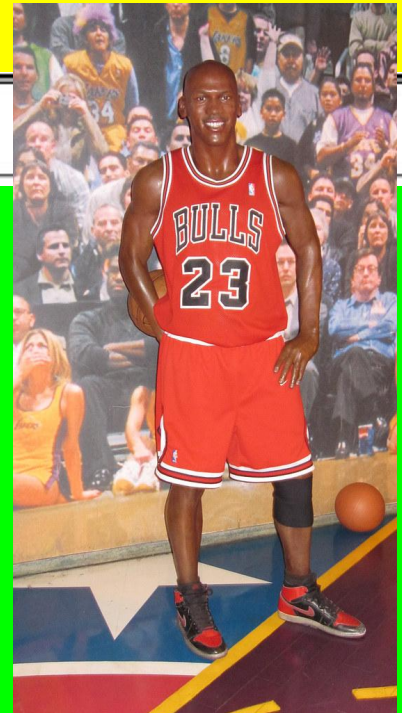


# Basketball

## By Matthew

### Michael Jordan/ How to Play

Yeah! Yay! Michael Jordan is an all star for basketball. Basketball is a sport where you try to get the ball in a basket. There are many fouls like traveling where you hold the ball and run or walk. Behind the line which is blue, is three points. A dunk which is when you jump and put the ball in the hoop is two points. Anything in the blue line is two points!



# School News

## LAST WEEK AND BEFORE NEWS BY MAX

Did you know that last week was the board of education meeting? Last week was also the Fairview representative meeting. Last week was also Sports Day. Before that was Halloween and Fairview Follies. On Halloween we did a big parade and a lot of fun games. My group(Aiden, Alex, Lucy and me)won all the prizes. Halloween is my favorite holiday because you get a lot of candy.

*Fairview Follies*

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BY MAX

# Hanukkah -Safeena

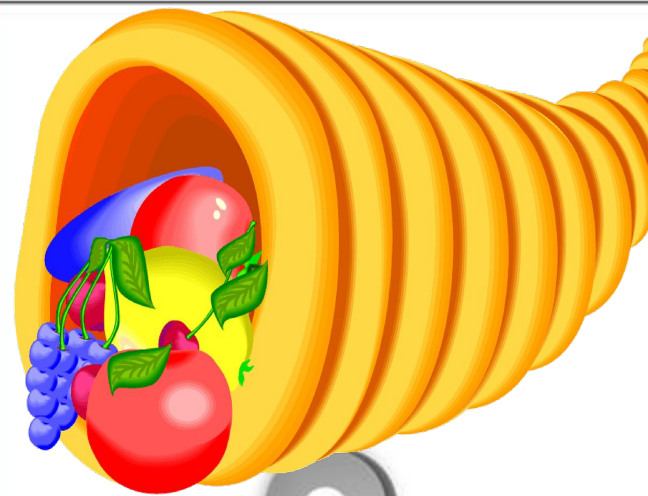
*Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah every November or December. Hanukkah lasts for eight nights. This holiday is also called the Festival of Lights. Around the 165 BCE, the Jewish people fought for religious freedom. A family named the Maccabees led them to victory. Then they went to a temple that had been damaged. The Maccabees lit a holy light in the temple. There was only enough oil to last for one day. But it ended up lasting for eight days. Many Jewish families come together during Hanukkah. They light the menorah, play dreidel, pray and eat foods cooked in oil. Some families give gifts. Hanukkah is a happy time. Today, Jews light a lamp called a menorah. For eight days a candle is lit for each night. The candles are a reminder of the miracle of the lasting oil. The eight days are called Hanukkah, which means dedication. It reminds people of the temple that had been saved. Jewish families say short prayers when they light the menorah. They remember the miracle of the oil. Hanukkah is a time for Jews to be thankful.*



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Did you know that this week there will be an assembly on Wednesday and pajama and movie day on Friday? This week we will have school store during lunch. There will also be Lemons of Love donations. Please donate gifts or money for cancer patients at the front foyer.

And the best news is next week is Thanksgiving break.



BY MAX

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## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Hi, I am Max, your reporter for today. I will tell you all about the November 10th School Board meeting. Read this article about who, what, why, where and when this meeting happened



Did you know that last week was the board of education meeting?

Who? The Board of Education, the public, and the Superintendent and staff

What?

1. National American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month.
2. D57 spotlight on the Fairview Media club
3. Reports on district finances.
4. Reports on district standardized testing results

Why? So that the public can be informed about district updates

Where? At the Fairview Elementary school multi-purpose room

When? November 10th, 7:00 P.M.

By Max

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# Recycling At Fairview

**“Reuse, reduce, recycle.”**

Did you ever notice that most of our waste comes from the Lunchroom? Well I did! But, if you look, you will see that we don't have a recycling bin, and I doubt anyone is sorting the recycling from the trash. Did you also notice that teachers recycling materials get thrown into the garbage along with the trash?

One way we can fix all of this waste, is that we can we can make it a competition. We can recycle, and if we reach a certain goal in pounds, then we can have a special reward. We could have signs that tell you what to recycle or not, so people don't recycle the

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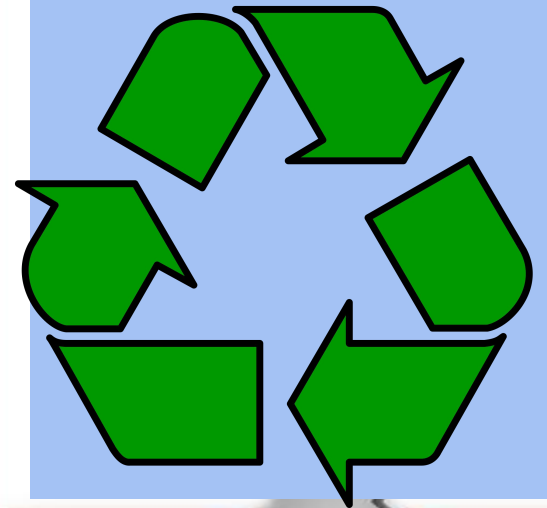
Michelle

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# Recycling At Fairview Continued ...

Wrong thing.

Kids can choose whether they would like to recycle or not, but they would always have the opportunity to recycle.



**Michelle**  
**5C**



# A Helpful Hat

Have you ever had the perfect ponytail, but your parents are making you wear an ugly hat? Then get a ponytail hat! It has a hole for your ponytail, and adjustable ponytail holes as well!

When I say ponytail hats, I mean hats, not baseball caps with holes in the back! Imagine how helpful they would be if everyone wore them! You should get a ponytail hat, think of the ease it would bring you!



**Michelle**  
**5C**



## HOW TO GET AWARDS

Hi, my name is Max. I am in third grade, in Mrs. Mescino's class. I recently got a Character Card and get to go to lunch with Mrs. Durkan. I am going to bring my friend Aiden with me. You can get a Character Card by being appropriate, helping others and good things like that. If the teacher really thinks you are standing out, you get a Falcon Award. I hope to get one this year!





## Are Cats Better Than Dogs? By: Adela



*Pros of cats: good to cuddle with*  
*Very smart*  
*Very funny*  
**Cons of Cats:**  
*Moody*  
*Ruin belongings by scratching*  
*Not good with dogs*

*Pro of dogs:*  
*playful*  
  
*Cons of dogs:*

# Book Review of *The School for Good and Evil* Series by Soman Chainani

*An opinion article by  
Anna, Grade 5*



*The School for Good and Evil* is a captivating, very well written book series following the adventures of Sophie and Agatha, two best friends living in a small town called Gavaldon. On the edge of Gavaldon, there are woods. Once every year, two children get kidnapped to the School and are never seen again. There's always two people taken each year. But one thing stays the same: one child is purely Good, the other purely Evil. This year, everyone thinks Sophie will be taken to the School for Good. She's kind, pretty, and wears pink, so why not? Agatha, however, is often called a witch, lives by a graveyard, and has a rather rude cat. Therefore, she seems the ideal person for the School for Evil. When the two girls end up in the opposite schools, they must find a way out. But as the old prophecy says, "Try to escape, you'll only fail, the only way out is through a fairy tale."

# Bella's Interviews

Hi! Welcome to Bella's Interviews. Today, I interviewed Miss Picciola, a fifth grade teacher here at Fairview. She is very nice and an awesome teacher to have. Q: When did you start teaching?

A: Four years ago in 2019 when I was 22

Q: When did you start teaching at Fairview?

A: I started teaching at Fairview last year in 2021

Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?

A: I had really good teachers and I wanted to be good teacher too.

Q: Did anyone inspire you to become a teacher?

A: Yes, my 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Merrill.

Q: When you were little did you want to become a teacher?

A: Yes, but I also wanted to be a doctor.

Q: Why did you want to be a 5th grade teacher and not another grades teacher?

A: I wanted to teach (and learn) very fun topics and I like that I can talk to them like they're mature kids (because they are).

Q: Do you have anything else you would like to say?

A: In my free time I like to read, paint, and go on walks with my dogs (Tilly, Ollie, and Gigi)



**Bella 5P**