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## KELLY BARRON

Our special staff member of the month is Kelly Barron. Kelly's birthday is June 16. Kelly's favorite sport is dancing. I think that she loves all dancing. When Kelly retires in June, she will enjoy her grandchildren and travel. Kelly's best friend ever is her mom. I bet she loves her mom. So, I think that's why her mom is her bestest friend ever! Kelly lives by Bass Lake. Why does Kelly want to retire? She just wants to enjoy her life. I've known Kelly since I was a baby. She's known my grandma who used to work with her as a kindergarten teacher. When I was born, my grandma took me to school and that



was when I met Kelly. When I was in kindergarten and it was my first day of school, I was going to ride the school bus. Kelly was my bus driver! When I got

on the bus, I didn't know her, but then she said she knew me and that made me feel much better.

—Article by Ada Miller

## SPRING VALLEY JOURNALISM TEAM

Our Journalism Team started meeting the beginning of September. We are learning how to improve our writing and are working together to produce the finished product you see here. Students from 3rd-8th grade are contributing their skills to our great paper.

The Journalism Team is an after-school program taught by Spring Valley

librarian, Mrs. Wetzel. We meet every other Wednesday from 2:45-3:45pm. If any student is interested in writing for our journal and meeting with us, all are welcome to attend.

If students are interested in contributing to our journal but cannot stay after school on Wednesdays, please have them see Mrs. Wetzel to make arrangements for "freelance" writing. We

would love to welcome more writers. This is a fun and positive learning experience for all.

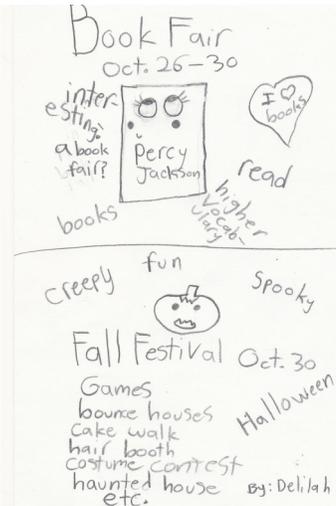
We will also be featuring guest writers from different grades and highlighting the work they are doing in class. Be sure to check out the *Spring Valley Journal* each week to see our featured writer.

## HANNAH WETZEL: JOURNALISM TEAM

Hi, my name is Hannah Wetzel, and I'm in 8th grade. I am 13, and my birthday is September 3rd. I was born in Tacoma, Washington, and I've moved 6 times! I've visited 7 states, including North Dakota (where I ended up getting stitches). I like to read in my special nook in my house. It's filled wall-to-wall with books. I play volleyball, and I love to



draw, especially people. I can often be found on my laptop, practicing volleyball, or playing with my cats. My favorite book is the last book in the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan, *The Blood of Olympus*.



## MINECRAFT: APP OF THE WEEK



Minecraft Pocket Edition or MCPE is the mobile version of Minecraft. In this article I will be talking about why this app is good and why it is not. The other two versions are the Xbox edition and the desktop version. The desktop version is good because it has the most building materials and mini-games. Xbox is the worst because you cannot play mini-games. MCPE is the best because you can play mini-games,

and you can play the second best version on the go. If you want the best quality, you should get the desktop version. Since this is an app review, I will give MCPE a 9 out of 10 purely because you can't go to my favorite dimension, "The End." But if the developers ever do add that dimension, which I know they will, I will give it a 10 out of 10.

—App Review by Conor Kelly

If you have books in good condition that your kids are not reading any more, please consider donating them to our library. We love getting new books to share!

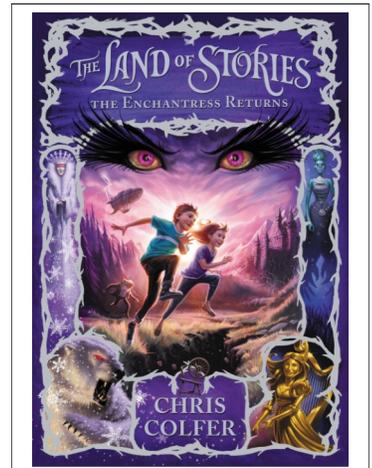


## BOOK REVIEW: *THE ENCHANTRESS RETURNS*

The book I am writing about is called *The Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns*. *The Enchantress Returns* is the second book in the series of *The Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer. This book is 517 pages long. The main characters are twins. One is a boy and one is a girl. The boy's name is Connor Bailey, and the girl's name is Alex Bailey. In the first book they were searching for the Wishing Spell. In this book, they

find their way back to the Land of Stories through a painting in their grandmother's old cottage. The story begins with Alex having a dream of what will happen later in the book. In the end someone will not go home.

—Book Review by Quinn Bush



FEATURED WRITER: AUBREY LAMBRECHT



In the garden I see a red ladybug with black dots eating aphids. In the garden I see a glowing flower that shines like a thousand stars glowing.

—by Aubrey Anna Lambrecht  
Mrs. Pincus' class

BOOK & MOVIE REVIEW: *HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE*

When 11-year-old Harry Potter gets a lot of letters saying he is a wizard, his aunt and uncle get a small cabin on a faraway island. Unfortunately for them, Rubeus Hagrid (a half giant) still comes to tell Harry he is a wizard. After this, he goes to Hogwarts. On the Hogwarts Express he meets the slacker, candy-loving Ronald

Weasley and the smart, nerdy Hermione Granger. But he also meets the bullies, Crabbe, Goyle, and their leader Draco Malfoy. When they get to Hogwarts, Malfoy, Crabbe, and Goyle get sorted into the evil house, Slytherin. The houses are Hufflepuff—founded by Helga Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw—founded by Rowena Ravenclaw, Gryffindor—

founded by Godric Gryffindor, and Slytherin—founded by Salazar Slytherin. Harry, Ron, and Hermione were sorted into Gryffindor. They aren't at Hogwarts long before they find out about a secret passage in the school. You have to read the rest of the book to find out what they find there.  
—Book review by Catlyn Wetzel

This movie report is about a 11-year-old boy named Harry Potter. He finds out he's a wizard right on his 11th birthday! A half giant (Rubeus Hagrid) takes Harry to Hogwarts, a school of witchcraft and wizardry. He becomes part of the house Gryffindor where his parents James and Lily were sorted, also his new best friends Ron and Hermione. Harry, Hermione, and Ron are very mischievous and they get information from Hagrid. They see a three-headed



Drawing by Abby Boatman

dog guarding a trap door. Then they get curious about a professor that teaches potions. They find out about a

magical stone called the Sorcerer's Stone. They go looking for it. Then Harry, Ron, and Hermione have to fight against magic wizard chess pieces and play the game. Then Harry confronts his worst enemy. What happens next? Watch and find out. I give this movie five stars because it has mystery, drama, and a little comedy. Watch this movie because my friends and I love it!  
—Movie review by Grace Noonkester

FEATURED WRITER: ELISE ELM

"Dream like you will live forever, and live like you will die today."  
I believe that this is trying to tell you that you've got to take hold of your life and to

live it to the fullest, before you can't live it at all. It also, to me, means you have to dream of great things to achieve them. And if you give up soon, you won't have a

chance to do it again. I do think it should have an effect on the next thing you do.  
—Article by Elise Elm

JOKE COLUMN:  
BY VIOLET  
KELLY

1. What did the cannon say to the cannonball?
2. What is a witch with poison ivy called?
3. What do witches race on?
4. What do you call a skeleton who won't get up in the morning?
5. What type of street do ghosts like best?
6. What do polite monsters say at meal times?
7. Why are skeletons so calm?
8. When do ghosts play tricks on each other?
9. What do vampires put in their salad?
10. What does a vampire like for dessert?

(see answers below)



1. You're fired.
2. An itchy witchy.
3. Vroom sticks.
4. Lazy Bones.
5. A dead end!
6. Pleased to eat you.
7. Because nothing gets under their skin.
8. On April Ghoul's Day.
9. Blood oranges.
10. I scream.