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The History of St Valentine's Day

By: Lakya Creekmore

In Ancient Rome on February 13 to 15, the Romans celebrated a feast of Lupercalia. Emperor Claudius II executed two men both named Valentine on Feb. 14, although on different years, in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom (death) was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day. Later in the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I combined the two celebrations! The poet Chaucer, in the middle ages, was the first to link St. Valentine's with romantic love.



Today, people celebrate Valentine's Day with celebrations of love. Many people give nice things to their valentines like letters, gifts, card, flowers, or presents. They may celebrate by going to a romantic restaurant to eat or by simply spending time with their true love. Make sure you spend quality time with your valentine this year!



NEWSPAPER CONTEST: Count how many hearts are in this issue (pages 1-10)!

Think you have the right number? Write it on a piece of paper outside of Miss Parker's speech room (room #40) by Friday (2/16).

Winners will be given a Valentine's Day surprise!



Guess That Teacher

By: Gia Lawrence

Which teacher at Whitman...

- ◇ **Loves the color green**
- ◇ **Has a dog named Olli and a cat named Norbert**
- ◇ **Does not have a favorite football team**
- ◇ **Enjoys going on hikes and scrapbooking**

(find the answer on page 3...)

MLK JR. Day

By: Briar Lando & Skylar Bouillon



Source: Google Images

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, the day after Briar's birthday! He was born in Atlanta, Georgia. His mom's name was Alberta Williams King. He also had two siblings named Willie King and Alfred King. He was a world leader. He was born into a world of segregation. Segregation means that white people and black people had to be separated from each other. Martin's father, Michael King, was a pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church. As he grew up, he started understanding the rules and hated them. But in 1953 a miracle happened. He got married to Coretta Scott King. Then just two years later he had a kid named Yolanda Denise King. Then he had Martin Luther King III in 1957. Then another and another. He had many dreams and had many speeches made. He helped make a change in the world. Sadly, in Memphis, Tennessee, someone killed him at the age of 39 because of someone not liking his changes. To end with, Martin's last speech was for everyone to be or feel injustice, truth and love, education, racism, religion, and peace. Martin was a guy that freed everyone from unequal rights.

Student Spotlight on...



Shiraz Mehta

By: LaKya Creekmore

Who was your teacher last year?

I had Miss Gregory for Kindergarten.

Whose your best friend in school?

My best friend is Ryan.

What do you like to do all day?

I like to swim and dance to music.

If you had 1,000,000 dollars, what would you do with it? I'd give it to the poor.

What is your favorite TV show and why?

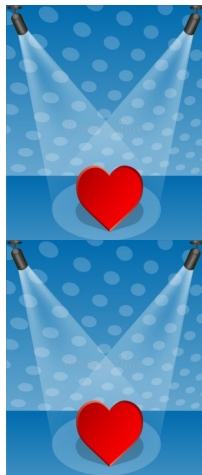
I like Wild Kratts because it teaches me about animals.

What are your favorite holidays?

I like Hanukkah and Christmas.

Student Spotlight on...

Adam Baehr (2nd Grade—Ms. Corrado)



By: Leah Baehr & Gia Lawrence

What is your favorite color? *Blue.*

What is your favorite song? *Location.*

What do you like to do after school? *Play with my puppy and my kitten.*

What is your favorite app on your phone? *Subway surfers.*

What is your favorite sport? *Basketball.*

What sports do you play? *Baseball, soccer, basketball, and I love flag football.*

What is your favorite store? *Adidas.*

What is your favorite thing to play on your Nintendo switch? *NBA 2K18.*

What is your favorite special? *Gym.*

How many siblings do you have? *Two, a brother and a sister.*

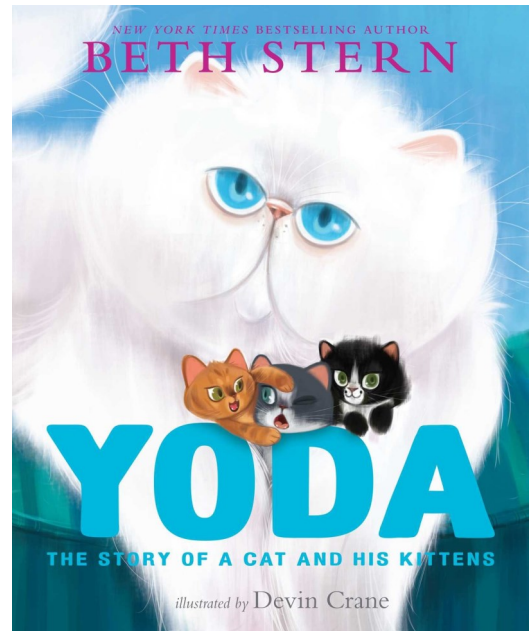
WHAT WE'RE READING...

Yoda—The Story of a Cat and his Kittens

Written by Beth Stern & Illustrated by Devin Crane

Reviewed by Ashley Strate

There are many great and fun books. But, one amazing book is called Yoda the Story of a Cat and his Kittens by Beth Stern. The story is about a cat named Yoda that lived at the pound. One day, an owner came to the pound and adopted him. Once he woke up, he was in a beautiful home and heard some noise coming from another door. He opened the door and found something



terrible, or at least for Yoda. You will have to read this awesome book to see what is inside that door and what will Yoda do when he see's something awful in the messed up room. On the last page it tells you some cool facts behind this interesting story. One fact, is that the author has many cats, guinea pigs, and even some chickens in her own home. I rate this book 5 out of 5 stars. It has lots of pictures and would be easy for younger students to read.

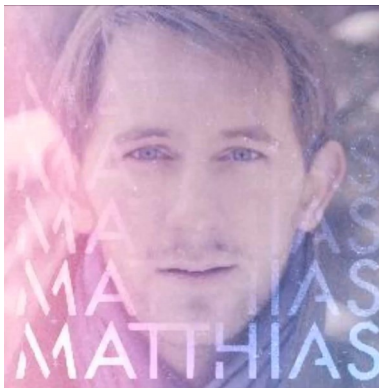


WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO...

“Fade Away” by Matthias

Reviewed by Aaron Glennan

The song “Fade Away” by Matthias is about what people think about him . If you listen to it, you will love the beat in the background. Fun fact, he actually filmed that music video with his wife. The part of the lyrics that I love is when he says, “I listen close to the beat of everything around me.” I’d rate this 5 out of 5 stars. I recommend listening to the song and watching the music video.



Guess that Teacher...

YOU'VE GUESSED IT!



It was Ms. Corradol

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING...

MOVIES

Coco

By: Sanaa Mehta

Coco is a fun-filled action packed movie. It is about the Mexican holiday "El Dia de Los Muertos" otherwise known as "The Day Of The Dead." Coco is about a little boy named Miguel who wants to become a musician like his great- great-grandfather Ernesto de la Cruz. When he tries to get to his great-great-grandfather he gets into a little bit of trouble. Watch the movie to find out what Miguel does. I would give this movie 5 stars because its plot is suspenseful! The best thing is when Miguel finds a secret about his family. You should DEFINITELY watch this amazing film.



What did one monster say to another? *Be my valenslime!*



MOVIES

Wonder

By: Skylar Bouillon



Wonder is a movie full of tears and joy. It'll have you rooting for a little boy named August Pullman. Auggie, a nickname for August, is a ten-year-old boy who has had 27 surgeries because he was born with medical issues and facial differences. Doctors thought that he wasn't going to live, but he did. Auggie has never been to school before and has been homeschooled his whole life, but in 5th grade his life changes forever. He is going to go to middle school with other kids. When he walks into the building for a tour of the school, he is made fun of by others. The movie shows Auggie dealing with the challenges of going to a public school and shows the

friends he makes along the way. I give this move 5 stars because of the amazing story it tells. You should go see Wonder too!

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING...

TELEVISION

Stranger Things (Netflix)

Reviewed by Hunter Smallets

The show is called Stranger Things, you can find it on Netflix and it is a sci-fi/horror series. The main characters are Eleven, Dr. Martin Brenner, Steve, Chief Hopper, Dustin, Will, Lucas, Jonathan, Nancy, and Mike. The setting is in Hawkins, Indiana during the 1980's. The show is about a boy, Will, who goes missing and ends up in the "Upside Down". A second kid goes missing and their friends, family, police and most of the town are looking for them. Meanwhile, a powerful character, named Eleven, is found. The Best part is when Eleven uses her powers, and the worst part is that nobody knows about the demogorgon's history. A demogorgon is a monster that eats anything that has meat in it and can smell blood. I enjoyed this because there was so many unexpected things – like the ending of chapter one when everyone thinks Eleven has died. I would rate this a 5 out of 5 stars. I recommend this tv show for you.

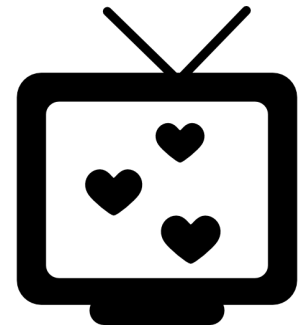


TELEVISION

The Four: Battle for Stardom (FOX)

Reviewed by Leah Baehr

My favorite show is The Four: Battle for Stardom. This show is perfect for all ages and is full with many interesting situations. This past season the winner was Evvie McKinney. This show is a singing competition where the winner gets signed to a record label and gets to be iHeartRadio's "on the verge" artist. My favorite competitor on the show was Zhavia (as pictured, on right) and I was so sad when she made it to the last round and lost. I would give this show 5 out of 5 stars. This would be my #1 most recommended show for all ages.



The Oscars

By: Ava Cornwell

On March 4th, the world famous Oscars are going to happen! This is the 90th annual awards ceremony. Everyone is always excited to see who will win best actress and actor, best film, and so on. Some people might know that Jimmy Kimmel will be hosting this year's amazing Oscars. This year's Oscars will be held in California. These stunning actors, actresses, and directors win by being in popular films and acting with feeling, or for picking the right people and scene to make this movie popular and interesting. These people are nominated for the awards by The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. There are 6,261 members that vote for each of the awards. Next, we have the acting categories and it is voted by the 1,138 members of actor's branch of the academy. Then, the foreign-language film nominees are voted by the academy's various other branches. Finally, all branches join together to vote for the best motion picture award. I hope you get to tune into the Oscar's! Everybody will be talking about the next day!



Whitman Band Concert

By: Sebastian Major

On Wednesday, January 17th, the Whitman School band students played at the *Investor Bank Performing Arts Center* (I.B.P.A.C.) at the Washington Township High School. They were alongside all of the band students in 5th grade to 12th grade. The schools played songs that included "Mary Had A Little Lamb" all the way to "America The Beautiful". Thanks to all the people that cheered on the Whitman 5th graders! It helped them have an outstanding performance!



Kindness Corner

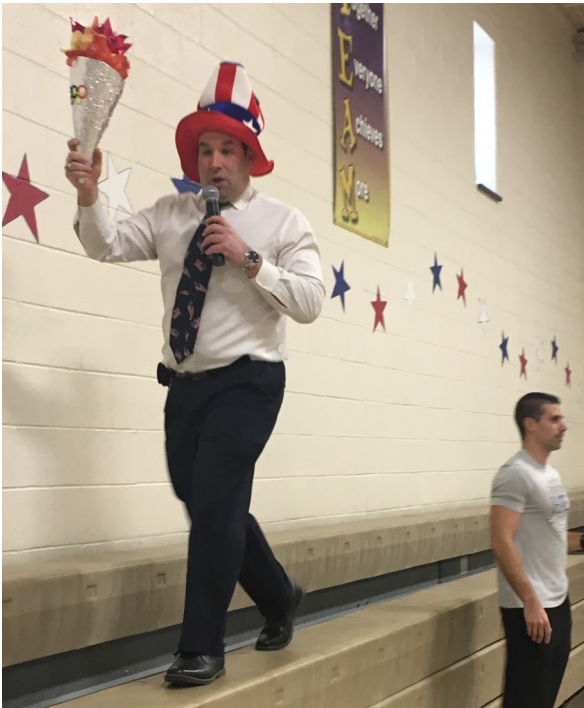
By: Abby Greco

- You should always say kind words- like "thank you"
- Help a friend clean up a mess
- Let someone go in front of you at lunch
- Give a high five to your friend to make them smile
- Sit with someone that is alone

Winter Olympics

By: Ava Cornwell

This year as we all know will be a very special event all around the world...The Winter Olympics! The games began on February 8th, with the opening ceremony taking place on February 9th. It is so exciting to watch all of the Olympians compete in their various sports, which include: skiing, snow boarding, ice skating, Alpine Skiing, the biathlon, bobsleighbing, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating, ice hockey, luge, Nordic Combined, short track speed skating, skeleton, ski jumping, snowboarding, and speed skating. These Olympics will be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Some of the people there will be for team U.S.A. and others representing the 92 nations that are competing. I hope you get to watch them! Look out for Red Gerard, from Sliverthorne, Colorado, who is only 17 and is snowboarding for team U.S.A.. Another team U.S.A athlete is Lee Stecklein from Roseville, Minnesota and she does ice hockey. Kikkan Randall is from Anchorage, Alaska, and she will be doing Cross Country Skiing. I hope you get to watch them, because they're awesome and everyone will be talking about them.



Mr. Anderson & Mr. Clark helped kickoff the Whitman Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony on Friday morning 2/9 in the gym surrounded by students representing some of the competing nations.

Valentine's Day Jokes

Researched by Ashley Strate

Question: What Valentine's Day candy is only for girls?

Answer: HER-SHE's kisses



Question: What kind of candy is never on time?

Answer: chocoLATE



Question: What did the calculator say to the pencil on Valentine's Day?

Answer: You can count on me.

Littering—What’s the Big Deal?

By: Sebastian Major

Lots of people probably don't think littering is a big deal. What if you heard that a whopping 1.4 million containers lie on the roads in the entire U.S.? One day, we might be swimming in a pile of empty soda cans! Luckily, students in the United States are being educated not to litter, and 61% of overall litter decreased by the year 1969. However, there is always a "catch" to anything that sounds too good to be true. The amount of plastic litter went up by about 165% in the same year, 1969. You can help prevent a trashy fallout of the Earth by throwing away waste in proper containers or recycling tin cans, plastic bottles, certain electronics, and paper. One little soda can that is picked up off the ground can help the Earth a lot.



Fit Tip

By: Corey Hunt

Lots of vegetables can be made into juice like fruit. If you like apples juice try carrot juice.

The Pro-Bowl

By: Nick Scheer

The 2018 Pro Bowl was held in Orlando, Florida on January 28, 2018 at 3:00 PM. This event in football is for the best players in the NFL of the AFC and the NFC. This event took place the week before the Super Bowl. The players on the Eagles and Patriots did not play in the Pro-Bowl because they were in the Super Bowl. The Quarterbacks for the AFC are Ben Roethlisberger, Philip Rivers, and Tom Brady, who did not play because of the Super Bowl. Now the NFC Quarterbacks are Carson Wentz and Jarad Goff, who will replace Wentz, Drew Brees, and Russell Wilson. The 2018 Pro Bowl was anticipated to be a high scoring game because of the players that are in it. Also, the Pro Bowl had a skills competition on January 25. It was a close game and the final score was 24-23 with the AFC taking home the win.

Snowy “Bomb Cyclone”

By: Sanaa Mehta

On January 4th, Blizzard Grayson came over us. Washington Township Schools closed on January 4th and January 5th. This "bomb cyclone" also affected us over the 4 day weekend with snow piles. It was good days for sledding, skiing, and building a snowman! After all that, the weather was still not done torturing us! There was sleet on Sunday afternoon and that made it icy on the roads, so on Monday morning there was a 2 hour delay! Some blizzard! Have a safe drive Whitman!



Valentines Day Word Search

Find all of the Valentine's Day words

Created by Spencer Cade

using www.atozteacherstuff.com

l t m c v p y z
s s d k e n y z i z y q
s s k f x z c b f h c o v d z d
w r c u p i d u v y r h x e a n m x s o
x c r y p t y d f g j d q n r h u o f h b z
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s s i e i w p x r q r c
m q t r e b h t s t
n g v p f h n q
w b r l i a
c b h m
z j

cupid
hearts
candy
dove
rose
valentine
valentines
day
flower

**Still counting
hearts???**
**The
crossword
shape counts**

Valentine's Day Fun Facts

Researched by Ashley Strate

Did you know...

Many people years ago thought it was bad luck if you signed a Valentine's Day card?

About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged, making it the second largest card sending time of the year.



Here are the January TRRFCC Ticket winners:

- 1st – Shiraz Mehta (DiNardo)
- 2nd – Ben Vincente (Fox)
- 3rd – Amanda Eggers (McGoldrick)
- 4th – Aiden Sampson (Haines)
- 5th – Zhaire Tatem (Swing)

**Great job everyone,
keep up the good work! The
TRRFCC Ticket winners lunch will
be held on Friday, February 16th!**

Are you thinking about getting the iPhone X?

A review by Gia Lawrence

| Pros | Cons |
|---|---|
| The iPhone X has wireless charging, the phone lays on a charging mat | iPhone X's are really high in price. People who cant afford \$1,000 phones will have to stick with the old iPhones. |
| The iPhone X also has face ID. Face ID is a program that scans your face to recognize you and unlock your phone. | It will be available in only silver and space gray (black) and many people think Apple should have considered adding more colors. |
| If you like emojis then get ready to have Animojis. It is an emoji using your face so your face could be an animal or something cool. | A notch blocks the screen at the top for the front-facing camera. It has been a little hard for people to view the screen. |

STOP

**Count up all of the hearts in this issue up until this point!
(The following pages & student artwork does not count). Write your name
and number guess on a sticky note outside of room 40 for a chance to win a
prize!**

Answers from Mr. Anderson

Interviewed by Kylie Depka

I know that you speak many languages, what is your favorite language besides German?

German is my absolute favorite, with French a close second, and Spanish at third!

What is your favorite move in tennis?

My favorite tennis stroke is my cross-court forehand.

Where is your favorite place to go?

I love traveling to Europe and spending time at the shore.

What subject do you like the most?

I love German and Math most of all!

What is the hardest part about being a principal?

Having to make tough decisions, even when they are not popular, is a tough part of the job. I am honest and direct which helps me to be a good communicator.

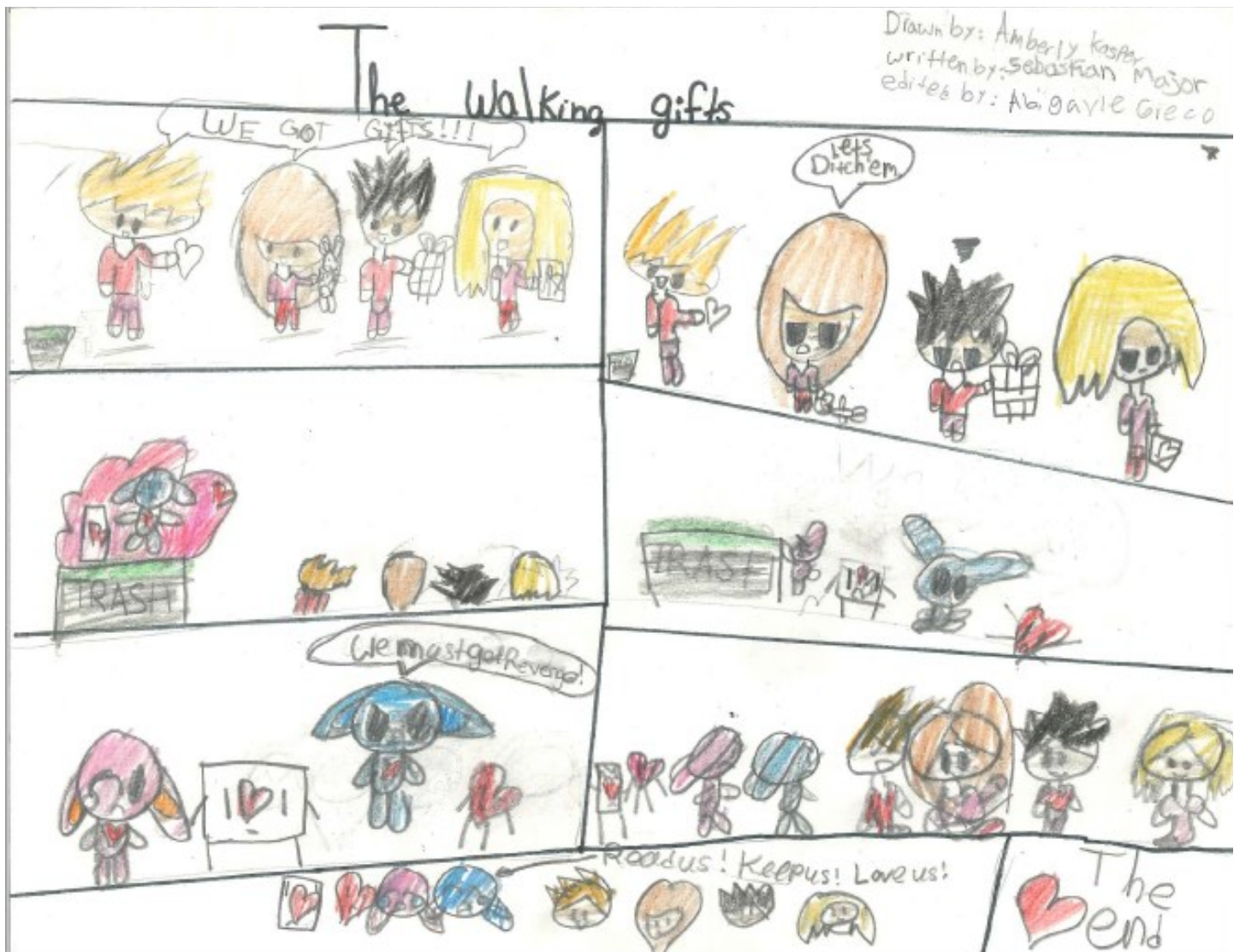


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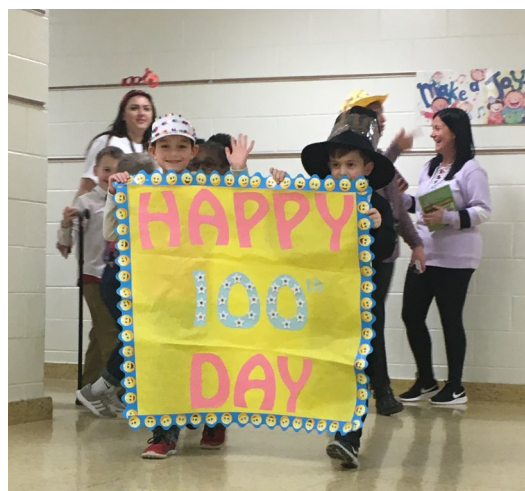


Our winner
Mr. Swing!



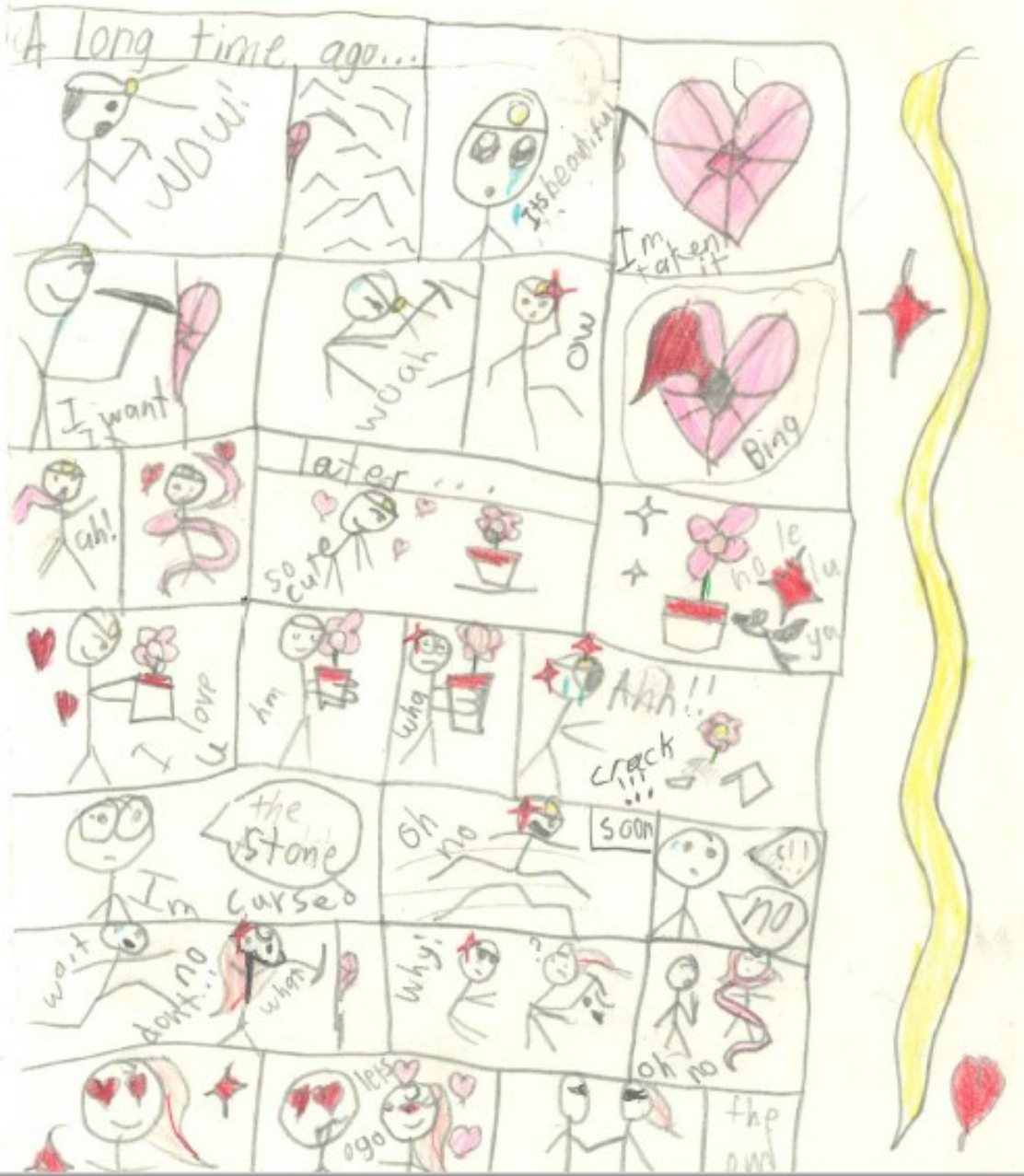


We did it Whitman!
 Happy 100th Day of School



The Heart Stone

By Lakya creekmore





By: Amberly Kasper