

# THE WHITMAN GAZETTE

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## Guess that Teacher

By: Alicia Seeger

Which teacher at Whitman...

- likes Bruce Springsteen
- loves the colors red & blue
- drives a red car
- likes to eat pizza
- doesn't have any pets
- has been teaching for thirty years
- ..and teaches first grade?

(find the answer on page 4...)



## Kindergarten Author Visit

By: Talia Morrison

This past week the kindergarteners of Whitman Elementary had a guest reader. His name was Glen Dick. Glen had a spinal cord accident, which left him paralyzed and only able to move his upper body. He now uses a wheelchair to get around. His wheelchair is very interesting. It can rise taller and light up! He came to Whitman with his daughter, Elaina, and his wife to read his book "We Can Go Anywhere: My Adventures on Daddy's Chair." The book was based on how Glen and his daughter must adapt so that they can play together. When Glen asked for volunteers to help him show off the cool features of his wheelchair, the children got excited. Our student volunteers selected were: Christian Cona, Mia Tamburro, Michael Sitzes, Ethan Coles, Brielle Schwartz, and Mason Gilmore. One of the most inspirational things Glen said was, "Your imagination can help you change something you can't do into something you can do!" Thanks Glen for making a visit to our school and showing us your inspirational book!

## Birthday Troubles

Advice by: Mina Lockhart

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**"What do I say if I can't invite my friend to my birthday party?"**

**– Anonymous, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*If I were you, I wouldn't talk about my birthday party at school, so then you won't make anyone feel bad if you can't invite them. You probably shouldn't bring up your birthday party especially if you can only invite a few people from school. If you want, you can say you've decided to have only a family party. Another alternative would be to text or call your friends privately to invite them.*

**Our Staff:** Leah Baehr, Ashlyn Dye, Joie Rose DelGiorno, Rylie Jones, Aleah Liberati, Mina Lockhart, Collin Merrigan, Talia Morrison, Sydney O'Shaughnessy, Maddy Ranson, and Alicia Seeger

**Faculty Advisor:** Miss Parker

Mia is in kindergarten and has Miss Gregory as her teacher. When I first told Mia she was going to be in the newspaper, she said, "It's always been my dream to be in the newspaper!"



**Mia, What's your favorite color?**

*My favorite color is teal!*

**Do you play any sports and why do you like them?**

*Cheerleading, oh, no wait, put gymnastics, cause I'm starting gymnastics soon. I like it because it's fun!*

**What's your favorite thing to do?**

*I really like to go to the park.*

**What's your favorite subject in school and why?**

*I like Science, because it is fun!*

While being interviewed, Mia would say funny things like, "Oh! I can't wait to tell mommy I'm in the newspaper!" I had lots of fun interviewing this outgoing, adorable kindergartener!



**Mia Tamburro**

By: Talia Morrison

**Which after school activities are you involved in?**

*I am involved in STEM club, Drama, basketball, soccer, the Strategic Game Club, and I'm on the swim team as well.*

**What's your favorite sport?**

*I love swimming with all of my friends and I can't imagine my life without the swim team!*

**Do you have a favorite sports team?**

*I have four actually. For Hockey, I love The Pittsburgh Penguins... and I now realize that everyone is going to hate me for saying that. (Smiles and laughs) My favorite football team is the Kansas City Chiefs. My favorite basketball teams are the Indiana Pacers and the San Antonio Spurs.*

**What's your favorite food?**

*I love hotdogs and mac and cheese. They're so delicious!*

**Last question, are you excited for sixth grade? I know I am!**

*I am, but at the same time I'm not because I don't want my locker to get stuck... but I'm excited to meet new people and make new friends.*

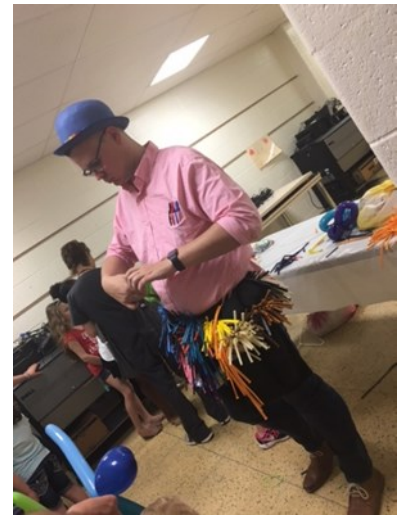


**Ryan Palmer**

By: Mina Lockhart



**Photos from Whitman's Ice Cream Social on 4/28/17, taken by Talia Morrison**



These classes won the Library Month Contest, and will get something special at field day for their great work.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Mrs. Dinardo

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Mrs. Kirkpatrick

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Mrs. Bennett/Byers

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Mrs. Cade

*Reported by: Talia Morrison*

### **Word of the Week**

By: Ashlyn Dye

**Generous** (Adjective) – Freely willing to spend extra time or money on others

*Synonym: Kind, giving.*

Mariah was generous when she gave some of her lunch to another classmate when they forgot to bring their lunch.

### **School Puppet Show**

By: Leah Baehr

Three fourth grade students, Katie Fuller, Adrianna DiNardo, and Gia Lawrence are performing a puppet show for our Kindergarten and First Grade classes. Adrianna, Katie, and Gia are controlling the puppets and I am helping them by drawing the backgrounds and assisting. Watch out first grade and kindergarten! These girls are going to blow you away with this amazing performance. Here's a behind the scenes interview about the show.

#### **What is your favorite scene? Why?**

Everyone: "The cafeteria scene."

Gia: "The cafeteria scene is my favorite scene because it reminds me of the cafeteria in our school."

#### **Which puppet is your favorite and why?**

Everyone: "Our favorite puppet is Julie."

Gia: "I like Julie because she is sassy and she's the prettiest puppet."

#### **What is your favorite thing about the play?**

Gia: "My favorite thing about the puppet show is being with my best friends because on the weekends we're busy and we don't see each other a lot."





**Answers from Mrs. Fones**  
By: Maddy Ranson & Aleah Liberati

**How did teaching change your life?**

It made me appreciate children and realize how much more kids are capable of doing. Kids are amazing and we need to encourage that every day.

**Why did you switch to kindergarten from 1<sup>st</sup> grade?**

I switched to kindergarten because of my kindergarten teacher, she is the person who made me want to be a teacher. When kindergarten came back to Whitman I knew that was my chance!

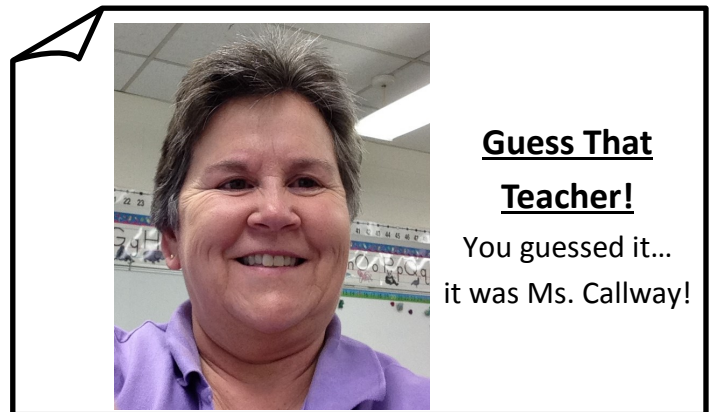
**What do the kindergarteners do differently than first graders?**

Kindergarten kids take a lot more time to work on things. They are still learning all about school and all the rules and routines so things take a lot longer.

**Who inspired you to be a teacher?**

My Kindergarten teacher- she was amazing and someone I can only hope to be like!

Upcoming Events @ Whitman
May 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> — Kindergarten Bus Tour
May 16 <sup>th</sup> — Family Night
May 19 <sup>th</sup> — 5th Grade Dance
May 24 <sup>th</sup> — Art & Music Festival
May 25 <sup>th</sup> — Early Dismissal
May 26 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> — Memorial Day Weekend
June 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> — Field Day



**Guess That Teacher!**

You guessed it...  
it was Ms. Callway!

**What do you love most about teaching 5<sup>th</sup> Grade?**

*I love seeing students get excited about learning especially when we get talking about interesting topics in social studies. I also love laughing with students on all of the goofy things we say and do.*

**What subject do you like most to teach?**

*I enjoy all the subjects, but my passion is really in teaching American history!*

**Who influenced you to teach?**

*My first grade teacher, Mrs. Norris, made me fall in love with school. She inspired me to be a teacher. After all of these years, I still keep in touch with her.*

**What was going through you head when Mr. Anderson announced that you were teacher of the year?**

*I was surprised and very honored. The students who wrote letters each had a special reason why they chose me. Knowing that what I do inspires others is the true reward of being a teacher.*

**What do you do after school?**

*After school, I pick up my children and go home to be a mom. We play, make dinner, and get ready for the next day. We like to go on adventure hikes, play on the swing set, and read lots of books!*

**What's your favorite motivational saying?**

*You don't have to be perfect, just keep getting better at what you do!! School is for learning, not necessarily already knowing all of the answers!!*

**Our Teacher of the Year—Mrs. Piskun!**

By: Rylie Jones, Ashlyn Dye,  
and Mina Lockhart



## Riddles

By: Sydney O'Shaughnessy

1. Mike is a Butcher. He is 5'10" tall. What does he weigh?
2. Which is heavier? A pound of feathers or a pound of rocks?
3. What has holes in it but still can hold water?
4. A plane crashes on the border of U.S. and Canada. Where do they bury the survivors?

Answers on the bottom of the page....

To find more of these silly brainteasers, visit [Icebreakerideas.com](http://Icebreakerideas.com)

### Q: What's the longest word in the world?

Answered by: Joie Rose DelGiorno

The longest word in the world is **Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch**, which has 58 letters, and is a village located in Wales. The longest word in the English Language is **pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis**, which has 45 letters and is a lung disease that is caused by inhaling silica or quartz dust. The second longest word in English is **pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism**, which is thirty (30) letters long, and the third longest word is **floccinaucinihilipilification**, which has twenty-nine (29) letters.

**Riddle Answers:**

1. He weighs meat of course!
2. Neither, both weigh a pound!
3. A sponge!
4. You do not bury the SURVIVORS!!!!

## Dragon Jokes

By: Joie Rose DelGiorno

- Q1: What's a hungry dragon's favorite day of the week?  
 Q2: What's a dragon's favorite snack?  
 Q3: Why are dragons such good story tellers?

*Flip to see the answers...*

A1: Chewday  
 A2: Fire Crackers  
 A3: They always have tails to tell

## Quotes for Kids

by: Rylie Jones

**Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world. -Nelson Mandela**

Today is the day to learn something new! -Unknown

**The more you like yourself, the less you are like anyone else, which makes you unique! -Walt Disney**



## School

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 Y V T Z F Y S C C I  
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## Word List

COMPUTERS SCIENCE GRADE LUNCH GYM  
 TEACHERS HISTORY MUSIC MATH ART  
 STUDENTS LIBRARY

## April TRRFCC Ticket Winners

Our TRRFCC Ticket, or "Terrific Ticket", winners were drawn by Mr. Anderson earlier this week during student lunches. These students demonstrated one of the Six Pillars of Character – Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Here are the winners for the month of April:

### **First Grade: Lauren Finley**

(Ms. Castano/Mrs. Adams) She received a TRRFCC ticket for allowing another student to select a prize, when Lauren was the winner of a game during indoor recess. Lauren said she'd like to pick spending time with Mr. Clark as her TRRFCC prize. Great Job, Lauren!

### **Second Grade: Julianne Cassidy**

(Mrs. Kirkpatrick) Julianne received her TRRFCC for consistently being *responsible* and helping to make sure the classroom iPads are put away at the end of each day. Julianna is hoping to pick helping out in Gym as her prize!

### **Third Grade: Zacary Smith**

(Mrs. Bennett/Mrs. Byers) Zacary received his TRRFCC for demonstrating citizenship by helping out a classmate. Way to be a great friend!

### **Fourth Grade: Matthew McCord**

(Mrs. Cooper) When interviewed, Matthew hadn't selected his TRRFCC ticket winner prize yet. Enjoy whatever prize you pick Matthew & keep up the great work!

### **Fifth Grade: Joe Bittner**

(Mr. Swing) Joe demonstrated *caring* and *responsibility* through his hard work in Social Studies class. Joe would like to play a game for his TRRFCC prize! Keep up the hard work, Joe!

