

# THE WHITMAN GAZETTE

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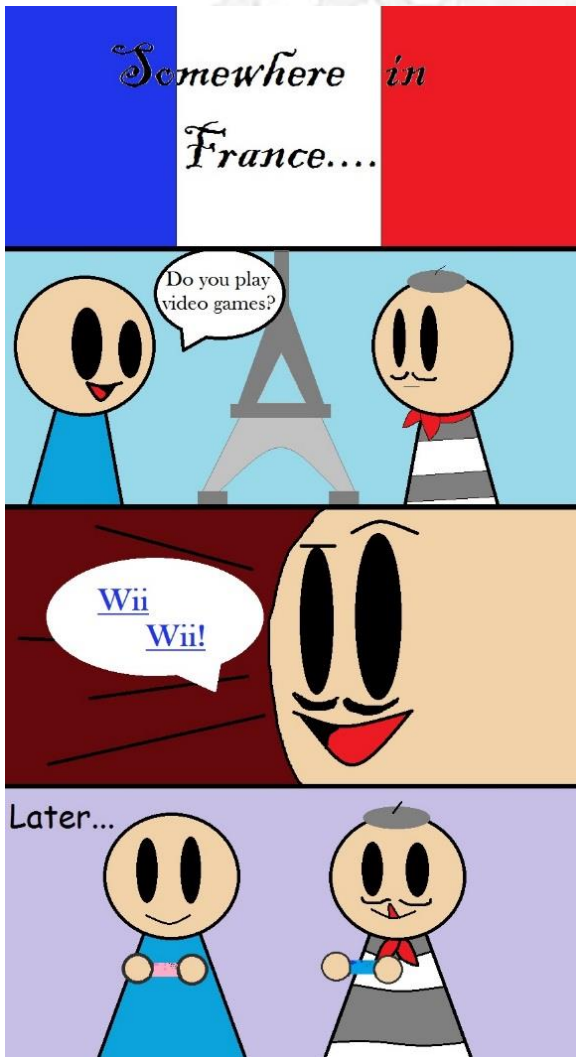
## Guess that Teacher

by: Alicia Seeger

Guess which teacher at Whitman school...

- Doesn't have a dog
- Has the middle name Elizabeth
- Drives a navy blue and gray car
- Has the favorite color black
- Loves the singer Kacey Musgraves
- Likes hamburgers
- Teaches first and second grade

(find the answer on page 3...)



Joie Rose DelGiorno

## Answers from Mr. Anderson

Interviewed by: Aleah Liberati & Maddy Ranson

### **Who inspired you to become a principal?**

*From the moment I started teaching German and French at Washington Twp H.S., I knew I wanted to bring my interpersonal and leadership skills to a larger number of students and teachers. I feel that being a principal allows me to help others.*

### **What is your favorite part about being a principal?**

*I enjoy interacting with the students, faculty, and staff every day. It's important for everyone know I'm around and keeping an eye on things so that Whitman functions well each and every day.*

### **Why did you add swings to the playground?**

*I thought swings would make the playground even more exciting. The Home and School Council agreed and financed the project for us.*

### **How did you decide that we needed a new playground?**

*It was certainly time for an update and with Kindergarten coming, it was the perfect time.*

### **Where do you think we need improvement in our school?**

*I would like to see Whitman continue to "go green." It would also be wonderful to beautify the grounds. **Who wants to help?!?***

## Focused? Maybe, Maybe Not

Your "Sisters in Advice" - Mina Lockhart and Ashlyn Dye

One way to get your mind off summer vacation is to forget about summer and that you're going on vacation. Lots of kids in our school have grades dropping because all they can think about is finishing school and going to the shore and enjoying their lives. The best part about life is living in the moment so you can enjoy yourselves in every minute of the day. Enjoying yourselves is the key to getting yourself out of school with a smile on your face because you know you worked to the best of your abilities. You also fulfilled your dream of continuing onto either a new school or a new grade level with amazing grades on your report cards. This happened because you slowed down and took your time on your school work. As you can see, if you set your mind to anything you want to achieve and there is an obstacle in your way then you must overcome the obstacle and achieve the dream you dream.



## **Jimmy Bennett**

By: Talia Morrison



### **What after-school activities do you do?**

*Jimmy: Football, baseball, and basketball.*

### **What's your favorite T.V show?**

*Jimmy: Chicago P.D.*

### **Do you play any sports?**

*Jimmy: Yep! I play football, baseball, and basketball.*

### **Have you ever been out of the country?**

*Jimmy: Yes. I have been to the Dominican Republic, Canada, Italy, and Mexico.*

### **Do you have any advice or quotes for the readers?**

*Jimmy: Always try your hardest!*

# ***Sports***

## **The NBA playoffs are here!**

By: Leah Baehr

In the Eastern Conference, we have the defending champions the Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Indiana Pacers, Milwaukee Bucks vs. Toronto Raptors, Boston Celtics vs. Chicago Bulls, and the Washington Wizards vs. Atlanta Hawks. In the Western Conference, we have the Memphis Grizzlies vs. San Antonio Spurs, Golden State Warriors vs. Portland Trailblazers, Los Angeles Clippers vs. Utah Jazz and the Houston Rockets vs. Oklahoma City Thunder. These sixteen amazing teams will battle to the end to make it to the 2017 NBA Championship. The team I think will win is the Golden State Warriors. Collin Merrigan (4<sup>th</sup> grader) says, "I am rooting for the Chicago Bulls." These teams have gotten this far, now here is when it gets real!

## **The Easter Classic Tournament**

By: Sydney O'Shaughnessy

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter classic soccer tournament took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Each year, Washington Township holds this tournament all around the Washington Township soccer fields where teams will play three teams to win a medal. This tournament is quite important to Washington Township. The first fact is that if you and your team win, you could receive a medal. Secondly, you can receive a participation medal. You can also receive a medal if you were the MVP, which means Most Valuable Player, so if you played a nice game you might just receive this award. There are a bunch of soccer teams for boys and girls. Each half of the game is cut shorter. So if you play 30-minute halves, then your game will probably be 25-minute halves instead. The last fact is that you can get the chance to play teams from farther away like Cherry Hill. My older sister played a team all the way from New York! Can you believe that?! If you didn't know, the object of this game is that you and your team are trying to get by the other team's defense to try and score. Thank you for reading and maybe you could join the sport soccer to be in the fun Easter Tournament!

## Did You Know....

By: Joie Rose DelGiorno

- Crocodiles can't stick out their tongues!
- Stubbs, the cat, has been mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska since July 1997!
- Most people fall asleep in seven (7) minutes!

## Earth in Danger!

By: Aleah Liberati

Here are some environmental tips that we can use to help our planet:

- Dams are one way that we get energy. Dams help produce more electricity.
- Drive hybrid cars instead of gasoline driven cars.
- Turn the water off when not in use
- Recycle trash
- Go paperless which means we use fewer trees

Here are some environmental challenges we face. We must continue to monitor our ozone layer and the effects of Global Warming. With the population growing throughout the world, we must face the challenges of more and more carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). One of the biggest environmental challenges is preserving animals that are endangered or close to being extinct!



**Reverie:** (noun) A state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream

*Ashlyn and I seem to get lost in our own exciting reveries about vacation!*

By: Mina Lockhart and Ashlyn Dye

Our mystery teacher was...

**Mrs. Howell**



## Quotes for Kids

Rylie Jones

*"If you can dream it, you can do it!"*

-Walt Disney

*"You learn to write better by **reading**. You learn to read better by **writing**. Reading and writing work together to improve your ability to think!"*

-Unknown

*"Why fit in when you were born to **stand out**?"*

-Dr. Seuss

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