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**Congratulations to the Flower  
Contest winner!: Aila D's "Water  
Blossom"**

## Interview the President of Student Council

By: Sydney S.

President interview (Justin S.)

1. What are some of your responsibilities?
  - Run student council meetings
  - Make sure announcements are made to study halls
  - Give a speech at graduation
  - Fill in other members about what's going on if they aren't at the meeting
2. Do you have to do some of the announcements?
  - Yes, I give announcements in study hall and if the reporter, Grace (7th grade leader), is absent or can't make morning announcements, I will fill in for her.
3. Do you like being President? Why?
  - I like being president because I love to be more involved in the school. I also like being president because a lot of people look up to me, ask for help and I love helping others.
4. Do you like to have many jobs? Can you handle them all yourself?
  - Yes, I like to have many jobs because the jobs I do are really fun, like recycling, working at dances, Friday night outs, etc. I could handle all of them myself but, it's a lot harder. So, normally I do these jobs with other people to make the work easier and more fun.



## All about Flowers

By: Zohair M.

Did you know that roses are genetically related to apples, raspberries, cherries, peaches, plums, nectarines, pears and almonds? For some reason roses have some of the same cells as apples or pears. Also, in ancient times leaves were used to ward off evil spirits and were also somewhat valuable around the ancient people.

Unfortunately, most of our store bought flowers from Illinois come from California. Also, the oldest flower named Archaeofructus dates back around 125 million years ago. Did you know that in 17th century Holland, tulips were more valuable than gold? They were used as gifts for their loved ones because of its rarity. Also, did you know that the Gas Plant can be ignited at night to be used as a fireplace? Did you know some species of bamboo grow flowers at the same time? These were some awesome facts about flowers from the Big Hollow Newspaper Club.

## MLB Offseason Review by James M.

### Todd Frazier 3B Chicago White Sox

Todd was a huge star in Cincinnati. He made his MLB debut in 2011 for the Reds. He was drafted in the 2007 1<sup>st</sup> Round 34<sup>th</sup> pick. He has 2 all-star, homerun derby appearances, 1 homerun derby winner. The Problem is his 29 years old, so he's pretty much in his prime and at 32 his going to start declining. He was acquired by the CWS in a 3 team trade with CIN and LAD.

### Jason Heyward OF(outfield) Chicago Cubs

You might think this 8 year deal is bad because he'll get old, but he is 26 and at the end of this contract he will be 34. He will be playing center field this year. Heyward will be an improvement to center. Jason made his debut on opening day 2010 against the Cubs and hit a grand slam in his first at bat against Carlos Zambrano. He was traded to the cardinals for RHP Shelby Miller. He can play RF and CF. He was drafted in 2007 in 1<sup>st</sup> round 14<sup>th</sup> overall pick.

### Ben Zobrist 2B Chicago Cubs

Zobrist is Joe Maddon's favorite player. Zobrist signed a 4 year contract with the Cubs. He can play multiple positions. He's also a switch hitter. Zobrist was acquired by the Rays in 2006 with pitcher Mitch Talbot for Aubrey Huff. He was born here in Eureka, Illinois. He was traded with SS Yunel Escobar to the A's for a SS prospect and C John Jaso and he was traded again to the Royals for RHP Aaron Brooks. The Cubs have another SS Prospect named Gleyber Torres so when he comes up, Russell will move back to 2<sup>nd</sup> and Zobrist will be a bench player and that would be good.

## GAMECENTER Reviews

by Logan G.

Today I am reviewing Kerbal Space Program. Kerbal Space Program is a multi-genre game where the player creates their own space center.

In Kerbal Space Program you create a spacecraft that you have to get into space without destroying the crew.

This game has a career mode were you start a space center and have a certain amount of money and you have to gain science points to get better items for your space craft and you can hire astronauts to make more launches at once. Sandbox mode however you have all items max buildings (not all buildings are useable in sandbox) and unlimited money to get astronauts. The mid game mode is science mode.

### The Company History

Squad started as a marketing agency, specializing in interactive technology development. Every year, the agency asks their employees to come up with original projects, and if it was a good and valuable idea, it would be developed.

## German Shepherd by Mason H.

Most German shepherds are brown and black. They are big dogs and are used as police dogs. They originated in Germany and are medium sized working dogs. They are the second most popular dog breed in America. They are proven to be intelligent and a very capable working dogs. Also, their devotion and courage is unmatched. It is also known as the Alstain wolf dog. There are some facts that are not in here so feel free to look up facts.



## Geo-quiz

By J.D.L.

- In Norse mythology, who was the leader of the Asgardian gods?
  - Thor
  - Odin
  - Loki
- In J.R.R. Tolkien's The Silmarillion, what was Tolkien's answer to the legend of Atlantis?
  - The Shire
  - Mordor
  - Numenor
- What was the name of George Washington's political opponent when he was first elected?
  - John Adams
  - Thomas Jones
  - Nobody

**Cultural Differences in Fast Food Country: Japan by Elizabeth C. N. Issue: 1 Volume: 1**  
Ah, Japan the place everybody wants to visit or travel to but, also the place where many things are very different from here. Including... famous fast food places like McDonald's and KFC.

For Subway in Japan you'll probably see many different choices on their menu for meat, and sauces, such as... having shrimp or herb sausage as your meat on your sandwich and basil oven potatoes on the side, with a drink of iced coffee with a scope of vanilla ice cream in it.

Now after reading I bet your mouth is watering but I am not done with the mouthwatering food choices of fast food in Japan. Now after Subway I bet your thinking to yourself, are there places where you can just order something so you can give up doing that hard struggle of trying to find a nice place to eat, where everybody agrees. So now I present the delicious place to order pizza in Japan....

### Domino's Pizza

A normal pizza large pizza from Dominos would probably more pricey than one large pizza from the U.S.A. for one, but coming from the higher price there is more of a variety of toppings or sauces to put on the pizza some of which being seafood like squid or shrimp. Now that I told you about Subway and Dominos, it seems to be the time to move on to **desserts**. May I now allow Baskin Robins to enter in with its colorful Ice cream.

### Baskin Robins

Everyone knows Japanese people like to be a little adventurous from freshly cut octopus to shrimp on a sandwich; you'll know they'll be just as bold with their Ice cream. A normal one in Japan will be full of bold options some including one for the 2012 Olympics, A bright green & blue ice cream with dots of candy showing the colors of the rings on the Olympic logo. If you do seek out to try something a little less bolder, though you can try the Fresh Strawberry Sundae, which by the looks is strawberry ice cream covered in Hot Fudge or strawberry syrup with mounds of whip cream and ( wait for it...) fresh strawberries covering the edges.

As I end the wonders of the delicious Japanese fast food I end my endless struggle of holding back on eating a sandwich with shrimp or eating a fresh strawberry sundae, until then goodbye.



## Dragons: Lunalit Dragon

by: Nathan Y.

The Lunalit dragon is enormous but very friendly. It lives up in the mountain caves and only comes out of its cave once a month when the moon is full. It sits in the light of the moon soaking up the energy. This dragon is around 30 ft. tall and 66 ft. long. It protects all creatures of earth against serious disasters like mysterious beings trying to destroy the world or helps with something that will wipe out humanity. It is not bothered by humans and sometimes every few thousand years someone finds it out at night and becomes its friend. These dragons are immortal but if one does die somehow a small meteor falls from the sky as an egg. It does not breathe fire but can shoot a beam that easily disintegrates most things in its path. The Lunalit dragon has very powerful wings and can fly at very high speeds that are almost as fast as a jet.

## How to Make Your Own Paper Beads by Megan S.

First, you need pages from a magazine (which are cut into strips 1 inch long and get tiny at the end), glue, toothpicks, and nail polish (optional).

Then, you are going to put the long end of the strip of the magazine on the toothpick and start rolling it tightly. When you reach the end of the strip of the magazine add a drop of glue and set aside. If you want to you can put nail polish on them to make them shiny and then let them dry. When you are done with that you can gently pull them off and can then make them a bracelet or necklace.

## Valentine's Day Around The World by Analise C.

We all know about how to celebrate V day in the U.S. You buy some candy or a stuffed animal for your sweetheart, and maybe top off the day with a nice dinner date. That's the way we've always done it, after all. Normally, around here, it's the man spoiling the woman. However, in Japan and South Korea, it's a day all about women celebrating the man in their life. They wear far more white than red, because white is seen as sweet and pure. Would you wear white and buy some roses for your boyfriend? In Denmark and Norway, it's supposed to be very sentimental. People write little love notes and poems for their significant others rather than making a trip to the local grocery store. Closer to the Baltics, in Estonia and Finland, Saint Valentine's Day is all about friendship instead of romance. Close friends get each other little gifts and have fun. Last, but certainly not least, is France. Single French men and women play a strange match-making game called "drawing for love" in English. Single men gather in one house, single women in another. They gather at the windows of the houses and shout, and at each shout, a member of the opposite gender will join the person that shouted until everyone is paired up and join for a party. Another tradition is women taking their ex's things and collectively throwing all of it into one big bonfire... Wow. That may not be everyone's cup of tea, but it's always an option if you have no Valentine! How do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

## Antonio Meucci by J.D.

Antonio Meucci was an Italian immigrant into the United States. Upon entering the state of New York, Meucci decided to work as a healer using electricity to ease pain. So when his first customer came in with a toothache he wrapped a wire around her tooth and zapped her with several volts of electricity. Sure enough, the customer cried out in pain. However, Meucci noticed that he could hear the customer's voice coming from the generator. Meucci, believing he was onto something, began working on his idea, calling the finished product The Talking Telegram. Unfortunately, Meucci only spoke Italian. When he would try to sell his product no one understood him. Finally, he managed to sell his product to a big company. However, after waiting a few months, Meucci became curious about what had happened to his machine. He asked the company what had happened to his machine, but the person in charge of the company told Meucci that they had, in fact, lost his machine. Meucci, furious, but helpless, went back home. However, while reading the newspaper a few months later, Meucci found an article about how Alexander Graham Bell had invented the telephone. Meucci's disappointment turned to rage as he discovered that Bell, before he had become an inventor, had actually worked for the company that Meucci had sold his invention to. Meucci then sued Bell and the company. His battle would have gone to the Supreme Court, too, if he had not died weeks before the hearing. Some historians have indeed acknowledged Antonio Meucci as the true inventor that first pioneered the idea of a telephone.

**Neon by Sean E.**

Neon is the 10<sup>th</sup> element on the periodic table, and very well known as all of those signs you find at all the shops. That is, in fact neon in a glass tube. Neon was found shortly after Krypton was found, which no, is not a planet. Usually, it's combined with helium to make those colorful lasers. Neon's common form is gas, although liquid neon is a great cryogenic refrigerant. Even though you see neon pretty often, only 0.0018 percent of the earth's atmosphere is neon. Neon is found as Ne on the periodic table, and is classified as a non-metal.



**Congratulations to the Flower Contest winners!**  
**Second Place: Samantha L.**  
**Third Place: Kaitlyn C.**



**Geo-Quiz Answers**

1. B, Being the first of the gods, Odin was naturally the leader.
2. C, At the end of the second age, Numenor sank beneath the waves.
3. C, During his first election, George Washington was completely and utterly unopposed.