By Brielle Laundree - Grade 5

Have you ever wondered about your family history? Like whether you were related to someone famous, such as a president or a Hollywood star or even a criminal? Maybe you are related to a pilgrim or somebody who was a pioneer or even Christopher Columbus. Well, fifth graders in Mr. Butler and Mrs. Bassett’s classes had the opportunity to find out. With the help of the Sons of the American Revolution and many more, the fifth grade got to take a trip back in time to learn about their ancestors.

Since September Mr. Butler and Mrs. Bassett have been planning the project. It took many weeks to prepare for. With tasks such as meeting with the Sons of the American Revolution, meeting with Mr. Hulbert, planning what they were going to do, and taking two professional development days so they can learn how to teach the project to the fifth-grade classes.

Students worked very hard collecting information about their ancestors. They found primary documents such as census records, discharge papers, wedding certificates, report cards, and many more. They also found pictures of their ancestors at weddings, on trips, or just them together. Many students found it very interesting to get to learn about people that lived before us.

Mr. Butler thinks his students learned many important skills including research skills, using primary sources, presentation skills, and artistic design. He thinks this project has absolutely benefited his students, and Mr. Butler and Mrs. Bassett are planning to do this again next year.

The family history night had an amazing turnout. In addition to Mr. Butler and Mrs. Bassett, it’s important to thank the Sons of the American Revolution, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Campagna, Mr. Hulbert, Mr. Lafranca, and Mr. Savage. They all took part in making this a wonderful and successful project.
How Many?

Count the similar animals and write the number...
Protecting Through Educating

By Kylee Bresett - Grade 6

In September, I visited the Adirondack Wildlife Refuge in Wilmington, N.Y. with the Keeseville Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. The goal of the Wildlife Refuge and Rehabilitation Center is to protect wildlife and educate the public. We were excited to learn about the animals, but also to see them in action.

When we arrived, we walked into the main building. Immediately, we saw an owl and a turtle in their cages. A crow was sitting on an employee's head. Even more impressive than that was the back wall of glass. If you looked out, you could see the wolves in their habitat.

While we waited for the wolf talk to begin, we went outside and ran around the cages with the wolves. At 10:00, Steve Hall aka “Wolf Man,” gave a talk about the wolves. He told us how he and his wife Wendy, purchased this dream property along the West Branch near the Ausable River in the early 2000s. A few years later, they were able to operate as a rehabilitation center. During the talk, Steve introduced us to a wolf named Zeebie and explained how wolves are very much like dogs. Zeebie was a full bred wolf whose parents were actors. Wolves, like Zeebie, are called “keystone predators.” This means they are a dominant predator that allows the prey population to explode. Every dog in the world evolved from wolves. The Timber wolf is a canine native to the wilderness. The Arctic wolf is a subspecies of a grey wolf. Steve told us fascinating things about wolves. The best part, though, was when he told us to howl because that’s when the wolves started howling with us.

From there, we walked a nice trail to see the other animals they rescued like raptors, porcupines, possums, rabbits, vultures, and foxes. While the people help the animals, the animals also help by being there to educate the people. One of the things they are educating us on is to never abuse animals. You should never hurt an animal. Animals are just like people and would you abuse a person?

People can help the Wildlife Refuge by being aware that these animals need help and to do something about it like through a fundraiser. That would mean so much to the people, like Steve, that have worked so hard to help the animals. Steve helps all the animals at the refuge, but mainly the wolves. Stop by to see the Wildlife Refuge and see for yourself what great things this family is doing and the incredible connection they have with the animals.
Cool Cats
These furry little animals will make you go aaaaawwww!!!!!!

By: Autumn Howard - Grade 6

The domestic cat is a small creature that is typically furry and is a mammal that eats meat. They make perfect pets. The Siamese cat is one of the first distinctly recognized breeds of Asian cat. It is native to Thailand. Another cat breed is the Sphynx. It is a breed of cat that lacks fur around its body. It was developed through selective breeding in the 1960s. The Munchkin Cat is a relatively new breed of cat characterized by its very short legs. And lastly the Savannah cat is a cross between a wild and a domestic cat. There are more than 70 breeds of cats.

Cat behavior includes body language, aggression, play, communication, hunting, grooming, and face rubbing in domestic cats. It varies among individuals and breeds.

Cats are amazing animals — full of beauty and grace. Here are some really fun facts about cats! Purring is not always a sign of contentment. Cats also purr when they experience pain and discomfort. Cats cannot taste sweet foods. Also chocolate is poisonous to cats. Cats are capable of a hundred different sounds. The dog’s vocal capacity is limited to only ten!

I hope you enjoyed reading this as much as I loved writing it. Cats are incredible!

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MORE SURPRISING FACTS ABOUT CATS!

- **Lifespan:** 4 – 5 years (In the Wild)
- **Mass:** 7.9 – 9.9 pounds (Adult)
- **Daily sleep:** 12 – 16 hours
- **Length:** 18 in. (Without Tail)

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TEACHER MATCHING!

By Maddy Perry - Grade 5

Below are pictures of teachers throughout the building when they were younger and of them now. Can you match the young picture with their current picture?

Answers: 1) F—Mr. Curry. 2) A—Jodie Williams. 3) E—Mrs. Smithson. 4) C—Mrs. Lloyd. 5) B—Mr. Liegel
**DOGS**

Some interesting facts on some of the oldest dog breeds in the world.

**Chow Chow**

Woof! Bark! Growl! These are all the sounds dogs make. Speaking of dogs, I am going to talk about some of the oldest dogs, starting with the Chow Chow.

The Chow Chow has a blue-black/purple tongue, but it is weirdly not related to the black-blue/purple-tongued lizard. Since we are talking about their tongue, I think I might add that the only other dog in the AKC registered breeds with this type of strange tongue is the Shar-Pei.

The next dog I want to talk about is the Akita Inu. I chose this dog because, before they got their name, they were called snow country dogs. Aki-ta’s have webbed toes! I know, isn’t that surprising? They have those weird, but cool, webbed feet to help them walk in the snow better.

I chose this dog as my last dog because it is a very interesting dog. It is called the Pekingese. This dog got its name from the ancient city called Peking in China, but the city is now called Beijing. According to Chinese ancient legend, this dog might be PART LION! That’s cool but crazy at the same time.

All this talk about dogs is making me want to go home and play with my dogs, Lily and Snoopy.

**Bet you didn’t know . . .**

- It is impossible for people to lick their own elbow.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- A shrimp’s heart is in its head.
- If you sneeze too hard, you could fracture a rib.
- Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- Some lipsticks contain fish scales.
- Cat urine glows under a black-light.
- Like fingerprints, everyone’s tongue print is different.
- “Dreamt” is the only English word that ends with the letters “mt.”
- An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain.
Interesting facts about cows

Do you think you know all there is to know about cows? Read on to learn more!

Cows are some pretty interesting animals. Here are some cool facts about them.

Cows have almost 360 degree panoramic vision, which means they can see almost fully around their head. They can see all colors except red. They socialize for 2 hours a day, form firm friendships, and are known to bully each other. They have 4 parts to their stomach. Their pregnancies last 9 months. They drink up to 140 liters of water a day. Cows are curious creatures and they can walk up stairs but not down. The oldest cow was 49 years old. They have a different “moo” depending on where they come from and they sweat through their noses.

Those were some different facts about cows you may have known or have just found out about. I did a lot of research and sometimes funny ones came up and also cute ones. I loved learning more about cows. They’re my favorite animal.

By: Maddy Durgen - Grade 5

GRAPHIC DESIGNER!

A graphic designer combines images, type, or motion graphics to create an eye appealing piece of design. They are responsible for presenting information in an easy access, memorable way.

To become a designer:
1. Start building your skills early.
2. Earn a degree in graphic design.
3. Complete internships.
4. Create a compelling portfolio.
5. Stay current on design trends.

POLICE OFFICER

Police officers are sworn to protect and serve the communities in which they live and work. They enforce laws, obtain warrants, arrest and interview suspects, secure crime and accident scenes, write detailed reports and testify in court, among other duties.

Steps to become a police officer:
1. Obtain high school diploma or GED.
2. Meet other requirements such as being a U.S. citizen, have a clean criminal record, and a valid drivers license.
3. Obtain a Bachelor’s Degree (optional).
4. Pass the law enforcement entrance exam.
5. Graduate from the police academy.
Deforestation is a big problem. We can’t stop it in a second but we can face the problem and face the facts (it’s a pretty good start). First off, you should know what deforestation is. The definition is “the action of clearing a wide area of trees.” Eighteen million acres of forest are destroyed each year and 80% of animals in the world live in a forest, so that’s quite a lot of our animal population we put on the brink of death. I should also say humans aren’t the only reason for deforestation. There are many other reasons such as: climate change, flooding, droughts, population of forest animals, and most of all forest fires. Animals are severely affected by deforestation, some of them are the Sumatran elephant (critically endangered), Bornean Pygmy Elephant (critically endangered) and the Sumatran Rhino (critically endangered).

Now that you know the facts and truth I hope we can start to understand the issue.
**Malaria: The Deadly Truth**

*Image of a mosquito biting a human.*

By: Lora Stanley - Grade 5

Did you know that yellow fever has killed over 6 trillion people? Also, did you know that yellow fever is a virus? Yellow fever is caused by a female mosquito. Female mosquitoes get the disease from a monkey or a human. There are multiple symptoms which include headaches, chills, and fever. There is no exact cure for yellow fever but there are treatments such as “managing symptoms and assisting your immune system in fighting the infection,” according to WebMD.com. This disease is very common in Africa but not likely in North America.

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**The FSA would like to thank you for all the support for our Yankee Candle Fundraiser and our First Annual Basket Raffle.**

*Image of a mosquito biting a human.*

Join us at our next monthly FSA meeting on Tuesday, February 13th from 6pm-7pm in the Keeseville Elementary Library.

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**What does it take to be a teacher?**

To be successful in their field, a teacher should:

* Be organized and have excellent attention to detail.
* Be able to clearly explain concepts in a way their students will understand.
* Be able to think on their feet, give thorough and intelligent answers to questions from students and have contingency plans for classroom activities or lessons that don’t go as planned.
* Be patient, resilient, and understanding.
* Be extremely knowledgeable in their area of expertise so they can answer questions from students and create excellent lessons aligned with the curriculum.
* Have strong writing and communication skills, which come into play when developing exams and homework, and speaking with parents, other teachers, and school staff.

Steps to Becoming a Teacher:

1. Earn a Bachelor’s Degree
2. Engage in student teaching
3. Get certified or licensed
4. Continue with Higher Education
5. Love what you do and never stop learning

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Keeseville FSA
Interview with Mr. Hulbert

By Allyson Rabideau - Grade 5

It was a cold winter day on November 30, 2017 and I was nervous to ask Mr. Hulbert questions. Mr. Hulbert didn’t start out as a principal, first he started at the Middle High School as a teacher. Then he got hired to be a Dean of Students. That is when he realized that he wanted to be a principal. He got the award of National Distinguished Principal in 2011. It’s for being the best elementary principal in all of New York State.

Mr. Hulbert likes being a principal because he likes to be able to see kids do things that they never thought they would ever be able to do before. He likes the college of Saint Rose because when his daughter was looking at colleges she decided that it was the one for her.

Mr. Hulbert’s inspiration is Michael Jordan because he likes the fact that he never gives up. Mr. Hulbert likes the Yankees so much because in 1977 he got to go see a baseball player named Reggie Jackson hit 3 home runs during a World Series game and 5 years ago he got to see Reggie Jackson and shake his hand and he got a signed baseball.

I hope that you enjoyed this story about Mr. Hulbert.

Interview with Mrs. Bassett

By Kamryn Bezio - Grade 5

I love my teacher this year so I decided to interview her. I scheduled a time with her and we sat down and talked. She went to SUNY Plattsburgh. I found that fascinating. Her favorite thing about her job is working with kids. Did you know that teaching wasn’t her first job? Her first job was a Medical Technologist which I found really cool. So every teacher must have at least one thing that is their least favorite thing about her job and hers was keeping up with all the paperwork, such as grading everyone’s work. We all have hobbies outside of school and so do teachers. Her hobby is learning how to play the mandolin. Everyone has a reason why they do what they do and Mrs. Bassett’s reason is she loves working with kids. Finally, I asked her if her job ever gets busy and she said, “Of course it does with working with kids and all the paperwork.”
Interview with Mrs. Lloyd

By Kamryn Bezio and Madelyn Durgan - Grade 5

Mrs. Lloyd has been teaching for 10 years. She chose teaching because she enjoys working with kids. Her inspiration for becoming a teacher was her sister, who is also a teacher. She teaches first, second, and fifth. Her word of wisdom: if given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind. She likes when a student comes to her and shares the "aha" moment. She likes ice cream with peanut butter in it. She said to add that she thinks Mr. Dukington is the best dog in the whole world. She moved to Plattsburgh to go to Plattsburgh State University. Math is her favorite subject. Her favorite hobby is going boating on Lake Champlain. She has 2 sons named Joe and Tim. She drove a race car in the powder puff race and she came in last but she said it was worth it. Interviewing Mrs. Lloyd was fun and we learned some cool things while doing this project.

DID YOU KNOW?

- An octopus has three hearts
- The plural of octopus is octopuses
- The oldest known octopus fossil is 296 million years old

Tongue Twisters

- I saw a saw that could out saw any other saw I ever saw.
- Six slippery snails slid slowly seaward.
- Crisp crusts crackle and crunch.
- Vincent vowed vengeance very vehemently.
What is a 46er?

By Keleena Bresett - Grade 5

On Sunday, November 26, 2017 I interviewed Scott Bresett. He is a 46er. If you don't know what a 46er is then I will tell you. A 46er is a person who has climbed the 46 Adirondack Mountains that are over 4,000 feet tall. Bresett says that the best part of climbing the mountains was the experience. The names of a few mountains he has climbed are: Mount Marcy, Colden, and Whiteface. Most people call these mountains high peaks.

He started climbing the mountains in 1991 on his 15th birthday and he finished climbing them on his 18th birthday in 1994. He told me that he didn't know he wanted to be a 46er until he climbed his first high peak.

I have also climbed some high peaks. So far, I've climbed seven of them. For me, the hardest mountain I climbed was called Giant. Giant was the hardest mountain for me because it was a hot, hot day and it felt like the longest day of my life! It felt that way because I didn't just climb Giant, I also climbed Rocky Peak and continued on the trail to New Russia. I didn't get home until 9 o'clock at night!

I will continue to climb the 46 high peaks for the experience it holds. This was an eye opening experience for me and I'm sure it would be for anyone else who decides to do it too.
The legend, the myth: Babe Ruth

By Scott LaMountain - Grade 6

The Sultan of Swat, the Titan of Crash, the Great Bambino. These are all nicknames for the best baseball player who ever lived, Babe Ruth. George Herman “Babe” Ruth was born on February 6, 1895 in Baltimore, Maryland. Since he was six years old, Babe had been a troublemaker. He’d been stealing from apple stands and was skipping school because he didn’t want to go. He was sent to a catholic boy’s Reformatory school by his parents because his parents had wanted to get rid of him when he was 7. When he started baseball he was a right hand-ed and left handed pitcher. He hit his first professional home run on March 7, 1914. The Baltimore Orioles traded him to the Boston Red Sox on July 9, 1914. Babe Ruth was one of only two people to ever hit three home runs in a World Series game. Legend says that at the bottom of the ninth, with two outs, Babe Ruth came up to the plate and let two perfect pitches by and three balls by and pointed to center field. He was going to call his shot, this had never been done in the history of baseball. Even today no one has called their shot. The next pitch was right down the middle. Back then, you didn’t measure home runs but people believed it was Babe Ruth’s largest home run at six hundred feet and the ball was crushed!

Near the end of Babe Ruth’s career he hit his last home run in Yankee Stadium and the crowd erupted. Babe Ruth died on August 16, 1948. He was elected into the baseball hall of fame in 1958. Babe will go down in history, not just in baseball history, but in our hearts, and of course everyone will remember him as the Great Bambino.
What is a Logo?

Logos are symbols made up of text and images that help us identify brands we like. Each student in the Journalism Club was given an assignment to create their own logo. The logos they made were judged by the graphic designers at Sun Community News. When looking at the logos, the designers looked at: font choice, layout, coloring, if it can convert to black and white or grayscale and still be legible, if the logo can be downsized and still be legible, and if it will print well on different printing formats such as different types of paper, a mug, t-shirt, patch, etc. For a logo to reproduce well it shouldn’t have more than 3 colors. These rules are broken all of the time when people make their own business logos but if you look at some of the best logo designs (Pepsi, NBA, NFL, Apple, FedEx, Nike), they would follow the above rules.

TOP 3 PICKS BY THE DESIGNERS

- Ally's Doctors Office
- KB
- M & M Design

Kamryn's sports company

- Brielle's Beautiful Boutique
- Kelena's Dance Academy
- ABI'S AWESOME ZOO

Autumn's Panda Sanctuary

- Ellie's Delicious Delicacies

Kylee's Pet Care

- Get spooked

Real horror stories from history
A site run by Dominick J LaPier

Madeline Perry's dragon sitting company

- Lora's bingo

And casino!

Cortlands puppy daycare
It was the bottom of the ninth inning in one of the biggest baseball games of the season and I was up to bat. Jack was on third base and Benny was on first. The first pitch came, “Strike one!” shouts the umpire. “You gotta focus,” I say to myself. Coach tells me to bunt because the game is tied with Jack on third and he’s fast but I ignore Coach. The next pitch is way over my head, “Ball one!” the umpire says. Then another pitch comes, I tell myself this is mine! Uh, but it was a curve ball and I missed it. “Strike two!” the umpire exclaims. Now I have to be careful or I could lose the game for us. The next pitch looks like a strike but it misses as the umpire says, “Ball two!” Okay, there are now two balls and two strikes, a 2-2 count. All I can think of at this moment is that I have a chance to make history and bring our team to the Little League World Series. Now I’m nervous! The next pitch is a ball so it’s a full count, three balls and two strikes. I step out of the batter’s box and take a deep breath. My coach tells me, “Just take a deep breath and relax.” I do and then square up to home plate, it’s game time! The next pitch comes, I hit it and it’s a base hit! Jack scores from third base and we win the game! This feels like a dream, all of my teammates run to me at first base and are cheering my name. “We are going to the Little League World Series!” says Jack. After all of the excitement, I look out at the field and my teammates still celebrating and say to myself, “Man this is the best day of my life.”
The Valentine Mystery

Fictional Story By Marilyn Mitchell - Grade 5

It was the day, Valentine’s Day, the day that everywhere you walk there are people smooching their loved ones. But in my class, you guessed it, cards. Now, I’m not good at making cards or drawing, but I think I may get through this one. No, I don’t have a crush, and I doubt anyone likes me. But we are basically forced to. I mean, if you want to pass this grade. So we went into our classroom and sat down. “After you do your morning work, start making cards,” our teacher said. So, the first person to get done, as always, was James goody two shoes. But he went right to the teacher and said, “There are no cards, miss.” I wonder where they went. So that’s how it started, my Valentine’s Day mystery. I looked in every single desk to see who took them, nothing. I asked my teacher if I could look in kids’ book bags. “No! Do you want people looking in your bag?” But I did anyway. After school as my mom was waiting for me, I snooped in the classroom. All the kids’ book bags were there, nobody left. One by one, I opened them and looked, nothing. I have to find out who took them or Valentine’s Day is ruined. From now on you can call me, “MYSTERY GIRL.” Good name right? I looked around my friend’s house while I was there. Nothing. Again and again, nothing, nothing. I just don’t nowhere they went. It’s impossible to find them. So, the next day as I was walking into school my friend came running right behind me. She scared me so bad. “Hey, have you found the cards yet?” “No,” I said sadly. “But I’m pretty sure I know where they are!” The thing was, I did know where they were. They were at Wesley Chela’s house. How I knew they were there? I found them. He left before I could look in his book bag. But I saw him leave, and he forgot to zip his book bag. And that’s where they were. I knew I had to report this to the teacher so I did. The next day the teacher called Wesley over to her desk and he had to give the cards back. But the thing was that he colored on most of them. But our teacher solved the problem by buying more cards. Even if it’s two days past Valentine’s Day, we can still have a good time! “Great job Olivia,” said my friend. “You really made this day better.”
Once upon a time, in a far away land, lived a kingdom. That kingdom lived in peace and harmony. But, another kingdom, the Kingdom of Darkness, lived in war.

A couple years later a new king stepped up to the thrown. His name was King Nathaniel and he ruled his kingdom of Martanu. One day King Nathaniel met a beautiful, vivacious woman named Veronica Lanson. Ten years later they had a beautiful baby they called Emilia.

The kingdom was growing with more people and they were starting to run out of food. Their royal sorcerer said that there was a sorceress in the Kingdom of Darkness that had magic beans growing and they make more food than ever. So, the King sent all of his men and made them get the magic beans.

The knights went to the sorceress and asked for some beans. She said yes, but the king got greedy and made his best knights go and steal the beans. The sorceress got mad and said to the king himself, “You have been greedy stealing from me. If you stop I won’t harm you but if you keep this up I’ll make your daughter look like yuck.” The king didn’t listen to the sorceress. The sorceress found out and told the King that she warned him, but he didn’t care. He was loved by his people. He didn’t know the consequences it would make. The sorceress did her worst and went planting the curse.

When the king heard Emilia crying, he ran upstairs. He went as fast as he could but it was too late.

Day slipped into night and Emilia’s beautiful self turned into a big ferocious beast. Now the King was scared. The king thought he was going crazy but he wasn’t. He sent his guards to catch his daughter, not realizing it was her. He was a little loose in the mind at this time. The guards started chasing her all the way to the Kingdom of Darkness. The princess hasn’t been seen for years and every time King Nathaniel sees or hears about the princess he starts to feel distraught. Some say she was captured but that didn’t happen. The king is the only one who knows.

One sunny day a miracle happened. She returned. It was weird to see her as a teenager. King Nathaniel said, Oh Emilia! I’ve missed you.” Emilia responded with, “Yeah, ok,” which confused the king.

It was dinnertime and Emilia went to bed early. The king did the same, following Emilia. Right when she closed the door to sleep, the castle steward saw a strange glowing light under the door. He peeked in to see if she was ok but what the steward saw he had not seen in a long time. Princess Emilia was the monstrous creature of the night her mother died. The steward said, “King! King!”

“Sir, what is it?” said the king.

“Your daughter Emilia… she’s… she’s… a monster!”

“My word! I will have you fired if you speak of her like this,” declared the king.

“I’m sorry but it is true. See for yourself,” said the steward.

Then the king saw exactly what the steward saw. “You’re right. She is a monster,” the king exclaimed. Then the king made his best knights go to the Kingdom of Darkness to fetch that evil sorceress.

After a while they found her and brought her to the king. She asked, “What do you want with me?”

“I want you to turn my daughter back to normal. NOT A MONSTER!”

“Ok, I’ll turn her back on one condition. Stop stealing my beans and try asking for once,” said the sorceress.

“Is that why you turned my daughter into a monster?” asked the king.

“Yes, it is,” she replied.

“Well, then it’s a deal. We will ask instead of steal,” said the king.

“Thank you. You know, I can teach you how to grow the sprout beans,” the sorceress told him.

“Yes,” replied the king.

And the two kingdoms lived happily ever after.
Swish, bang, swish, bang: The sound of a basketball hitting the ground. Nineteen-year-old rookie Olivia Quintin, point guard for the Boston Warriors, was practicing for her tryouts in Boston Massachusetts. It was 2005 and Olivia was determined to make the basketball team at her new college. She had always been very good at basketball. She played point guard because she loved dribbling.

She had never tried out for a team before because she was too nervous. Olivia had been working very hard and was hoping she could get a spot on the team.

On the day of her tryouts Olivia got ready to do her very best. She and her team did warm-ups and then a couple of drills. After that was over, they did a one-on-one competition and ended with a scrimmage. The next week the tryout results were finally in.

Olivia had butterflies in her stomach. When she checked the board, she was so happy because she found her name sitting next to point guard.

Practices began immediately and so did the tournament wins. Once the national tournament had started, Olivia’s team played the Denmark Dingo’s. Olivia scored 5 points right off the bat, leading the team to a victory.

She had the rest of the day off. The next morning, Olivia was so pumped for the game. The team had a very challenging game, but in the end, they won 97-89.

It was the final game and the score was 100-100. Olivia was chosen to take the foul shot to win the game. Everyone was counting on her to make the shot. She was very nervous, but then she took a deep breath and relaxed.

Olivia took the shot and made it, winning the game! They would be going to States. She knew the teams at States were going to be the best of the best, but she was excited to get to play harder teams.

Their team had practiced for a week and they were finally getting ready to leave. Once they got to the tournament, they started the games. The Boston Warriors (Olivia’s team) played the 2nd game so they warmed up while the other teams played. Once the game started Olivia knew it was going to be a hard game.

It wasn’t until the 2nd quarter when their team pulled into the lead. At half-time their team got some water and were ready to win. It was the end of the game and their team was up 67-65. The other team, the Nebraska Nationals, had the ball and was racing down the court, Olivia hot on their tail. They shot and the ball flew; it was a 3 pointer. Olivia jumped for the block. She missed, the ball hit the rim and bounced to her just as the game was called. They would start their next game in five minutes. This time they were playing the Panama Panthers.

When the game started, the other team scored 3 points right away. When it was half-time the other team was up 54-37 at the end of the game it was 94-88. They had lost. When Olivia got home, in the mail she found a contract to join a professional basketball team.

She was so overjoyed. Olivia looked back on their loss as an amazing and wonderful opportunity. Even though she didn’t win or go to the next level in the competition she thought it was an amazing experience.
COMICS

Written & illustrated by Maddy Perry - Grade 5

Illustration by Keleena Bresett - Grade 5
COMICS

Written by Cortland Baer - Grade 5. Illustrated by Brielle Laundree - Grade 5

1. Give me your wool, you little fur ball!
2. No! You will never get my wool, you owl!
3. But I’m an owool. Your wool is mine!

Written by Abi MacDougal - Grade 5. Illustrated by Keleena Bresett - Grade 5

4. I’m gonna make it! I believe in myself!
5. Awww! I failed!
6. Whatever.

7. Uhh! What the...
8. Is it... is it... is it... gonna make it?
9. Oh yeah! I’m awesome! I’m a pro! I rule!
COLORING CONTEST

WIN A FAMILY 4-PACK OF MOVIE PASSES
TO Cumberland 12 CINEMAS!

Contest is open to children 12 and under.
Limit one entry per child. Decision of judges is final.
Entries will not be returned. Tickets will be mailed to the winner.
All complete entries need to be returned to the
Keeseville Elementary School office OR mailed to:
Sun Community News VN, PO Box 338, Elizabethtown NY 12932 By
February 16th, 2018.

THE WINNER WILL HAVE THE PICTURE THEY
COLORED AND THEIR NAME FEATURED IN THE VALLEY
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Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Age: __________________
Parent’s Name: __________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________
Town: __________________________________ State: __________________ Zip: __________________
Phone: ___________________________________________________