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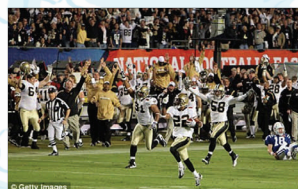
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## Contributing Schools:

- Columbus Elementary School (Bridgeport, CT)
- Eugene Elementary School (Hannibal, Missouri)
- St. Oswald School (Cumbria, England)
- ACS School (Beirut, Lebanon)
- Matsumoto School (San Jose, California)
- Lafayette Regional School (Franconia, N.H.)
- Abanskaya School 3, (Aban, Krasnoyarsk Territory, Russia)
- Livewires -New Zealand

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### Super Bowl XLIV -

On Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> the NFL [national football league] had their annual Super Bowl for 2010. This year was its 44<sup>th</sup> time playing for the Vince Lombardi Trophy. There were two teams playing, the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints. Saints fans were disappointed when the Colts got an early 10-0

lead. But the Saints started to get back into a groove and make two field goals which made the score 10-6 at halftime. The Saints kicked off the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with an exciting on-side kick, that's when they recovered the ball at the 20 yard line. This led to get a touch-

### Saints Win

down followed by an extra 2 points. They continued to score throughout the game. The victory sealed with an interception by the Saints who ran it 74 yards to get a touchdown. The final score was Saints 31 and Colts 17. The MVP of the game was Drew Brees, the Saints quarterback.

## A Day with the Sharks



On January 26<sup>th</sup> our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from Matsumoto Elementary School went to the San Jose Sharks "official office" (their practice ice rink) to watch them get ready for their next big game with the Chicago Black Hawks. We got to see them warm-up, do stretches, and practice their incredible moves. We also got to meet Devin Setoguchi, who is a Shark who comes from Canada. Our visit was a reward for participating in the Reading Is Cool program that the Sharks sponsor at local schools. Joe Pavelski sent out one of his jerseys for us to pose for a class picture with. He is one of the five Sharks who will be going to the Olympics in Vancouver. Pavelski will play on the USA's team, while the four other Sharks will be skating for Canada (their home country). We all think the Sharks are awesome hockey players.

Before the practice began Jamie Baker, the announcer for the Sharks team, interviewed Devin right in front of us and asked him about playing for the Sharks. He said he was 23-years-old and that he really enjoyed playing forward with the team. There were about 300 kids there, 110 from our school and the rest from other schools. Devin said he didn't have too much time to read books when he was on the road, but did read magazine articles about hockey. He said a lot of the players were reading Wendel Clark's (from the Toronto Maple Leaf's team) book *Wendel: My Life In Hockey*. Our teacher told us that the Sharks have lots of players from different countries and (except the Canadians) at one point they were all English

language learners so that is why the whole club supports reading. It was a great day!

By Jasmine Nguyen and Namira Chowdhury



## Help in Haiti



You may be aware that a number of weeks ago in a place called Haiti, they had a big earth quake. We have been talking about it in assemblies and we decided we wanted to do something to help.

On Friday 22nd of January, at St. Oswald's School we had a cake sale, talent show and we were allowed to dress up in costume! We did that because of what had happened to the people of Haiti and how bad it was on the news. We thought we would try and raise some money for them. Mr Humble, our teacher in Class Four, said that it would n't solve their problems in Haiti, but the money will help them a little and it was important to show that we cared

about what is happening in other parts of the world. If we wanted to do the talent show or dress up we had to pay a donation (most people donated around 50p). The cakes were 20p per cake. In the morning, when we sold them we could only buy 2 because we didn't want people being sick or not eating their dinner!!! In the afternoon we could buy as many as we wanted, but only eat 2 and take the rest home. At break time, we also had lovely carrot soup and bread that was made by Mrs. Douglas and Denise. The talent show was really funny and good because lots of people got the giggles. Lots of people entered and it was a BIG success! Some people did dancing,

singing, magic and puppet shows. One favourite act with the audience was the puppet show because it was hilarious. Some people also did games in the afternoon break and I'm sure that the people doing the games had a lot of fun as well.

At the very end of the day we raised £280.00 for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. We were all proud of our effort and so were the teachers!

By Leah, Chelsea and Olivia

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## Rattlesnake Puzzler

Todd ate twice as many servings of rattlesnake as Makay. Hailey ate four times as many servings of rattlesnake as Makay. Makay ate 15 servings of rattlesnake. How many servings of rattlesnake did Todd, Hailey and Makay eat all together?



## Kicking off a New Year

New Year is the main winter holiday in Russia. We decorate the fir tree. There are lights, tinsels, baubles, bells, bows and a star on the top.

We cook a holiday dinner. It is usually fish with lemon, mashed potatoes with roast chicken, salads, fruits, sweets. Every family prepares the dinner according to its tastes. Father Frost (Santa) and Snegurochka (Father Frost's granddaughter) put presents under the tree or give presents to children. First children have to recite a poem or sing a song. People go to the street after 12.00 o'clock they go bang crackers, have fireworks and



say to everybody "Happy New Year!"

Students celebrate New Year at school on the last school day of the year. We have a party. We wear costumes and masks sing songs, dance in a circle round the tree. This year we exchanged holiday

cards with schools around the world for the second time. We have a lot of friends from the USA, New Zealand, and Spain. New Year is our most favorite holiday.

Nastya Veber

Abanskaya school

## Winter Olympics

The XXI Olympic Winter Games begin February 12, in Vancouver, Canada.

Here are the top five all time medal winning countries. Number 5 is Germany with a total of 179 medals. Number 4 is Austria with a total of 185 medals. The USA is number 3 with 216 medals. The Soviet Union won 217 medals, enough for second place. And, the finally the countries winning the most Winter Olympic medals with a total of 280 is Norway.

American speed skater Eric Heiden holds the record for the most gold medals in a Winter Olympics with five. He won every event he competed in during the 1980 Winter Olympics.

Norwegian cross-country skier Bjorn Daehlie (Born Dolly) has won 12 medals at the Winter Games, the most by any Winter Olympians.

The Olympic symbol (five interlocked rings) represents the union of the five original major continents (Africa, America, Asia, Australia and Europe) and the meeting of the athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games. The five colors of the rings from left to right are blue, black and red across the top and yellow and green along the bottom

The Olympic motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius" is Latin for "Faster, Higher, Braver," but is universally accepted to mean "Swifter, Higher,

Stronger."

On the podium, medals are presented to the first, second and third-place finishers. The winner stands in the middle at the highest elevation; the runner-up stands slightly below to the victor's right and the third-place finisher stands lower and to the left.

The idea of lighting an Olympic flame for the duration of the Games derives from the ancient Greeks who used a flame lit by the sun's rays at Olympiad, the site of the original Games. The concept was revived in 1936 and has remained an Olympic tradition.

By Brainwaves





## Lafayette Skiers Explores Cannon



Winter program at Lafayette Regional School is when all the classes (K-6) experience different winter sports. Cross country skiers go to Bretton woods, skiers and snow boarders go to our local mountain, Cannon Mountain, and winter fun people go to different places. In the skiing there are students that have never skied before and other who race down the mountain. This week is the last

week with winter program. We will be saying good bye to the ski instructors and hello to spring skiing. The winter fun dog sledding their first week. It was as fast as lightning. The second week was snow shoeing. It was slow but fun. They saw a lot of wildlife. The third week was tubing the hills of snow and finally they will play hockey or ice skate. All around winter program is fun for everyone.



## A Lot of Eagles



by Kaitlyn and Billy

Hey have you ever seen 20 eagles fly over your head? We went to a town called Clarksville, Missouri. We rode a school bus to get there for 45 minutes. We heard a big boom every second of tires bumping on the road.. We went to the apple shack then saw a BALD Eagle and a Gold eagle. A bird expert showed us the eagles. You could hear

them go ca ca ca ca. The bald eagle's name was Liberty and the gold eagle's name was Mariah. After the barn we saw some eagles by the river in trees, on the ice in the water, and fishing for fish to eat. When we were at the river it was so cold that we all got to sit by the bonfire if we wanted to. Two amazing facts that we learned there was that a woman found more gold eagles in the dessert

than in the mountains and 2 that bald eagles are almost completely brown when they are born. People don't want an eagle for a pet because their big sharp talons will scratch you.



## Christmas in New Zealand



Hello again from NZ,

Yes, we do celebrate Christmas in New Zealand. For some people it is a religious festival and for everyone it is a time to celebrate being with family and friends. On Christmas Day people exchange presents, children open the gifts that Santa has left for them and people eat a special meal, usually in the middle of the day. Some people eat a traditional meal of turkey &/or ham, and Christmas pudding. Some people have a barbecue. Pavlova is a popular dessert. Pavlova is a like a huge meringue with cream and fruit on it. You can see pavlova's if you do an internet search on Flickr or Google Im-



ages. Lots of people eat fresh strawberries or raspberries, and other produce that is available at this time of the year such as new potatoes and salad vegetables.

We do have Christmas trees. That was one of the questions Mrs. Tarasevich's students asked when we Skyped with them. In our class about half the students have a real Christmas tree (a pine tree) and half have an artificial tree. Because it is summer people often go on holiday over the Christmas / New Year time. The beach is the most popular holiday destination. We are a small country surrounded by ocean so there are plenty of beaches to choose from.

## Going Greek!



On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December Class 4 at St Oswald's School Burnside turned into Ancient Greeks. They had to be either Spartan warriors or Athenian ladies. They spent two days making helmets, shields, swords and jewellery. The helmets and jewellery were fantastic when they were finished. The children had to use bed sheets as their togas which were what the Ancient Greeks wore. The pictures look so good when they had all

their gear on.

The children ate Greek food which was hummus, feta cheese and made some pitta breads with Mrs Humble. Since it was the last day of term, the next day after they had changed they had a big party which involved lots of different foods which involved crisps, sweets, cakes, biscuits and lots more. There was lots of pitta breads left at the end of the day, so they took some home with them.

Local pupil Siobhan said "It was really good fun because I liked the trying the Greek food." Overall it was a

great day and was a great way to finish the school topic on Ancient Greeks.

By Libby



### Student Writing

#### "I Am Poems"



#### I Am From

I am from a country where people believe in themselves.

I am from a country where trees grow tall.

I am from a country where the people in it are always full of energy.

I am from a country which I love and care about.

I am from a family that is charitable and helps the underprivileged people.

I am from a family that is small.

I am from a family that is strong and doesn't fear anybody but God

I am from a school that teaches me what I need to know.

I am from a school which has caring teachers.

I am from a school that believes in her students regardless of their potentials.

I am from a school that has the most devoting principals.

I am from a school that teaches me manners, respect and responsibility.

I am from a school called A.C.S.

I am a person with a big heart.

I am a person that doesn't believe in violence.

I am a loving person that tries to make friends.

I am a person who loves animals.

I am a person that is very tolerant, believes in equality among people regardless of their skin color religion and sect.

I am a person who is a hard worker.

I am Maha Nasser.

#### I Am From by Ali Assi

I am from a country that believes in peace.

I am from a country that has many Cedar trees.

I am from a country that is full of exceptional qualities, like beauty and charm.

I am from a country where you swim in the morning and ski in the afternoon.

I am from a country that taught the world the alphabet.

I am from a country called Lebanon!!

I am from a family that is religious but definitely not fanatic.

I am from a family that is affectionate.

I am from a family that is helpful, honest, and strongly believes in education.

I am from a family that is knowledgeable, respectful, and responsible.

I am from a family that is discreet and gracious.

I am a student that likes studying.

I am a charitable student who likes to help underprivileged people.

I am a boy that believes in freedom of expression without harming others verbally.

I am a child that is organized and keeps track of things.

I am a boy that likes all kinds of sports, especially soccer.

I am an intelligent student, who is dynamic, and responsible.

I am from school that teaches me values, like respecting others, and treating each other's fairly.

I am from the best school in Lebanon!!

I am from a school that has splendid and supportive classmates.

I am from a school that has affectionate teachers that treat us with tolerance.

I am from a school that does not care about your color, religion, or sect.

I am from a school called A.C.S.

Above all, I am proud to be what I am from.

# Harriet Tubman



Harriet Tubman risked her life to help other slaves in her life time. She was a hero to slaves in all of the U.S. In the beginning of her life, her sisters were sold and she was chained into slavery. Despite being brutally beaten, she escaped in 1849. After she escaped she dedicated her life to help other slaves escape from slavery. With the help of the Underground Railroad, she took 19 trips back to the south to help over 300 slaves find freedom. She then served in the Civil War as a cook, nurse, scout and spy. After the civil war, Harriet Tubman built schools for slave children. When she died she was buried with full military honors. People still remember her to this day not because she was a comic book hero, but because she was a real hero. Not because she had super powers, but because she had a heart and courage. That my friends is the true story of Harriet Tubman. By Dylan Cordle

“I never ran my train off the track, and I never lost a passenger.” - Harriet Tubman

*A Fourth Grade Civil Rights Paper from a Student at Lafayette Regional School*

## Too Much Snow!



Some of the children of St. Oswalds spent all their Christmas holidays sledding down the fastest hills they could find. No cars could go out because the roads were too slippery for them. Some kids said that the snow was great at first but it soon turn into ice and so they couldn't go sledding. Charlie C. said “I think that the snow was fun at first. But after a while it got so cold I just wanted it to go”. Lorne M. said “I want the snow to stay so I can keep going sledding forever.” Another thing people have been doing is making snowmen, and igloos. A lot of people have made snowmen but most disappear after a couple of weeks. People have also had snowball fights. A lot of

people who got bikes for Christmas have not been able to go on them, Unfortunately some people have also died because of the snow.

Many people couldn't go out of their houses because some paths weren't gritted. So it was very slippy. People were very sad because of this and a lot of people were getting fed up of the snow by the end.

The snow was so deep it delayed planes flights which caused angry passengers at airplane terminals. People were also trapped in their homes. A person went to Bowness in the Lake District on the 21st of December 2009 for a Christmas turkey and didn't get

back until the 19th of January 2010 and started to celebrate Christmas on that day !!!  
By Chris, Ben and Katy

