



# The Wizard Gazette

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# Recycling

*By Eliyan, Grade 3*

I know that a lot of buildings have garbage cans and recycle bins on their grass. I interviewed Mrs. Smart and she said, "The green team or green 4 good club will be working on a survey to see if every classroom has enough to sort their waste." There are 2 trash bins, 2 recycle bins and 2 compost bins in the Willard's lunch room.

I asked her how many garbage cans are in the building. "Right now in September I am not sure. But in December I will have a better idea of what we have and what we need." That's what she said.



# Graffiti Prevention

*By Justin, Grade 4*

There was a problem going on in the school of Willard Elementary School. People thought that it was OK to put graffiti in the school.

Now if you don't know what graffiti is then you will know what it is when this article is done. Have you been on the expressway going somewhere? If you have then have you seen that crazy writing on the walls? That right there is graffiti.

Last year at Willard, people brought pencils to the bathroom and wrote whatever they wanted on the walls. Then we had an assembly about it with only 4th and 3rd graders and it still didn't stop. So when the school year ended last year it had stopped for good.

I interview Mrs. Gerges and she said that she was surprised, sad, and disappointed about what happened in the restroom (bathroom). Also she was surprised that people were making poor choices in the restroom. Mrs. Gerges also said that this affair makes her sad and disappointed. She knew that Willard Wizards can make better choices. Also when people wrote in the restroom they wrote it on the wall and they made a dent in the wall in the form of the lettering.

It was crazy.

Also I interviewed Mr. Brown and he said that he had to put some spray paint on the walls then he had to sand it off. This procedure would take about 15 to 20 minutes to do. When he did this he was more annoyed than mad.

Also there is a new thing that is happening in the girls restroom. They are adding a sign out sheet. So the girls have to sign their names on the sheet before the go to the restroom. And if they don't they will have a conversation with those who don't. So don't forget!



**It's important to make good choices in the bathroom.**

# Construction at Willard

*By Molly and Anisa, Grade 3*

We are doing an article about the new addition to our school. The construction started June 11th and the major stuff is was done but the small stuff is still going. The people that got a new room are Mr. Strains, Ms. Bair, Ms. Castillo, Ms. Crannell, Mrs. Smart, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Wegener. When they were doing the construction everything looked like a big gym!!! Then they built walls but there was still no roof. Next they built a roof but they still had to secure so rain would not get in. Then they did the paint. Some of the paint colors were tan, brown and peach. The people who got the new rooms put the furniture inside the classroom. The new addition is our favorite part of this year!!!!!!



**Workers are starting on the second level in this picture.**

# 4th Graders in Band and Orchestra

*By Ben M and Maeve, Grade 4*

Hello Willard! We are going to talk to you all about the 4th and Roosevelt Band and Orchestra! Most of us Willard 4th graders have already picked our Band or Orchestra instruments, but we can give you some insight on what we are doing! There are three groups of instruments in band- woodwinds, brass, and percussion. In orchestra are the stringed instruments. We interviewed some students, and here are the results.

A fourth grader, Terence plays the trumpet which is a brass, he wants to play the trumpet because he was inspired by trumpet musicians. He wants to participate in band because he wants to make music sound better.

A fourth grader, Brendan wants to play the baritone which is a brass. He wants to play the baritone because he likes the sound of the music it plays, and he felt like he should. He wants to participate in band because he wants to be an amazing player that plays music better than the people before him!

A fourth grader, Eli wants to play the clarinet which is a woodwind, he wants to play the clarinet because he wants to and because he feels like he should play it. He wants to participate in band because he wants to play an instrument.

A fourth grader, Robert wants to play the trumpet which is a brass. He wants to play the trumpet because he can and wants to. He wants to participate in band to play the trumpet.

A fourth grader, Ben C. wants to play percussion, which is a mix of drums, mallets, and also tambourines and triangles. He wants to play percussion because he thought he would like percussion the most. He wants to participate in band because he wants to play music.

A fourth grader named Zoyah wants to play the violin, which is the smallest instrument of the strings family. She wants to play the violin because she feels like the violin is for her, ever since she was a toddler she's loved the it! She wants to participate in orchestra because she is very skilled (just hear her play!) and she wants to show the world what she can do.

A fourth grader named Maeve wants to play the flute. She wants to play the flute because it's sound is so light and delicate. She feels like she was born to play the flute! She wants to participate in band because she wants to become a pro at the flute and a skilled musician.

Something people might have noticed is that some people in the world are musical stereotypes. People think that brass is for boys, percussion is mostly for boys, woodwinds are for girls, and that strings are for girls. People think that the band belongs to boys and that the orchestra is for girls and that if a boy plays the stringed instruments they should play cello or bass. This is not true at all, I've seen many boys playing the violin and viola, and they play the woodwinds. I've seen many girls play brass, percussion, cello and bass! So in your life please don't be a 2D musical stereotype!



# Willard's Favorite Movie of 2017-2018

*By Charlotte C, Grade 4*

To get the list for voting I looked up favorite movies of 2017-18 and I made up a list of 15 movies. Students could only pick 1. Here are the choices 3rd and 4th graders made (only 3 classes voted.). This will include the list from the internet and the USA. These are the results:

## Internet

- 1.The Greatest Showman.
- 2.The Incredibles 2
3. Hotel Transylvania 3
- 4.Coco
- 5.Beauty and the Beast. (Action Movie).
6. Wonder.
- 7: Ferdinand
- 8: Boss Baby.
- 9.The LEGO Batman Movie
- 10: A Dog's Purpose
- 11: LEGO NINJAGO Movie
- 12: My Little Pony: The Movie.
- 13: Despicable Me 3.
- 14: Smurfs: The Lost Village.
- 15: The Emoji Movie.

## Willard 4th and 3rd grade

- 1: The Greatest Showman
- 2: Wonder
- 3: The Incredibles 2
- 4: The LEGO Ninjago Movie
- 5: My Little Pony: The Movie
- 6: Boss Baby
- 7: Hotel Transylvania 3
- 8: The EMOJI Movie
9. Beauty and The Beast (Action Movie)
- 10: Despicable Me 3
- 11:Coco
- 12: Ferdinand
- 13: LEGO Batman Movie
- 14: Smurfs: The Lost Village
- 15: The Nut Job 2



# Band and Orchestra Teachers

By Ben M and Maeve, Grade 4

The people that teach band and orchestra are Mr. Acevedo and Mr. Hufnus. We interviewed them and got some results:

**Mr. Hufnus:**

Q: "Why do you teach band?"

A: He likes teaching, and he likes band, combined they make something he loves!

Q: "What is your favorite instrument?"

A: He doesn't exactly have one, but as a kid he played and loved the clarinet.

Q: "What is your favorite song to hear played with the band?"

A: Stars and Stripes forever.

Q: "Can you write sheet music?"

A: Yes!

**This is the interview with the orchestra director, Mr. Acevedo:**

Q: "Why did you choose to instruct for orchestra?"

A: "There are a lot of reasons why I chose to become an orchestra teacher. I was a freelance musician and private bass and guitar teacher for a long time before teaching and would come home very late. I would say the most important reasons were the ability to be home early so I could spend time with my son and that fact that I really enjoy teaching children."

Q: "What are your childhood memories about orchestra?"

A: "So many memories! I guess my fondest memories are the friends I made, many of whom I'm still friends with. Bassists are kind of goof balls of the orchestra along with the low brass. We had a lot of fun and laughed a lot, especially on field trips!"

A: "I actually chose cello but my orchestra teacher convinced me to play bass. This was the best decision ever! Now I play both. I'm glad I did because bass allowed me to play a lot of different kinds of music that I wouldn't have otherwise like jazz, blues, rock, soul, bluegrass, and country music. Bass is everywhere!"

Q: "If you played band, what instrument would you have wanted / played?"

A: "My very first instrument was percussion but it didn't last very long! I was too fidgety! I was also jealous of my friend who played cello. I loved the sound.

If I could go back in time, knowing what I know now, and choose to play another instrument in band it would probably be percussion again. This time I wouldn't be so fidgety!"

Now you know some things about the band and orchestra, the people who teach it, and the people who play them. Thank you for reading about the band and orchestra Willard!

Mr. Acevedo works with two students who are learning the baritone.



# The New Library

*By Carolina, Grade 4*

Have you seen the library and thought that that is awesome? Well, it was not always like that. There was only one real comfy chair! And Mrs. Kanofsky only sat in it! We sat in the red chairs that are in Mrs. Huska's room last year, and all of the chapter books were at the table area. Now the books are on shelves that are about 3 feet tall. And the new everybody books section was the lesson /S.T.E.M area .

I interviewed Mrs.Kanofsky about a series of questions. I asked her is the money worth it? She said yes because it's much more open and and more space. I also asked her that do you personally like it? She likes it because it's nice and cozy, there is more space, more books, and more places to sit.

Then I asked a third grader a series of questions. I asked her do you like the the new library? She said likes it because it nice and comfy. I also asked is it easier to find books? She said yes I can use Alexandria app.



**Before: The library felt crowded.**



**After: There is plenty of space to read!**

# Pancake Breakfast

*By Anya, Grade 4*

The pancake breakfast is a fun and exciting thing everyone in Willard school can do. It is located in the Willard gym. It was on Saturday, September 13, 2018. It is optional so if you don't want to go you don't have to but I recommend to. It is fun for everyone. Ms.Wood, the principal of Willard is always there.

There is always so many people there. There are kids in kindergarten, kids in first grade, kids in second grade, kids in third grade and kids in fourth grade.

There is always the best food. There are pancakes, bacon, bagels, orange juice, chocolate milk and much more.

After you're done eating your food you could go in the Willard playground and play. I suggest you go. You would love it. Ms. Wood the principal said her favorite thing to do at the pancake breakfast is that everyone in the school comes together and she likes to talk and visit everybody. Ms.Wood loves it. It is one of her favorite events because it feels like happiness. There's is nothing she wants to change about it. She loves it. Julia is in 4th grade. She also loves the pancake breakfast but there is one thing she wants to change about it. The line for food is really long and she said that they sometimes run out of pancakes because of the big line. Julia's favorite food there is the pancakes of course. If you can't come this year you can come next year. I recommend to go.





# Second Grade PE

*By Olivia, Grade 2*

Soccer! As you know the second graders have a new soccer unit. We are very excited and here are some things people think about the soccer unit. One person said, "I think it would be great if we passed."

Another person said, "I would like to be given a chance to score a goal." Here is some questions answered by some people. Here is Mrs. Jasica's answers :

Question: When do you think we will get our soccer nets? Answer: Maybe in spring. They may have skipped us.

Lucy, a first grader said: I don't think the nets will come.

I asked Henry in grade two: How did you feel about the soccer unit? Answer: I don't play soccer, but it was pretty fun.

And if you ever play soccer I can tell you this: HAVE FUN!!!



# How to Take Care of a Dog

*By Leira, Grade 2*

I'm going to tell you how to take care of a dog. You should use honesty kitchen grain free dog food to feed it.

How to keep a dog healthy is by exercise and give it lots of love and give attention. One way to give a dog exercise is walk it and play with it.

A way to give a dog love is to hug it. Another way to give a dog love is to sleep with it

A good dog leash is a cloth rope. It is from the brand Ruffwear.

A way to make your dog live a long time is make sure the dog is a baby when you get it. You want it to be a baby when you get it because it will last longer than a older one. That is because the older one is older and it doesn't have as long as a baby to be alive. How to make a dog listen is to train it and to teach it sit still and to stay.

**Ms. McFarlane  
and Ms.  
Driscoll's dogs  
love having  
play dates  
together!**



# Two New Teachers

*By Julia G, Grade 2*

I am interviewing Mrs. Castillo. She is a new teacher at Willard. She is nice. She knows a lot about technology. She used to work at Crete Monee School District. She likes everything in Willard, including the students and teachers. Mrs. Castillo said, "it feels like home for everyone." She loves every class. Her favorite apps are Chatterpix and Pic Collage.

I also interviewed Mrs. Gillette, the new PE teacher. She used to work in Chicago. She was a PE teacher there for four years. She does like Willard so far. She likes all the students in all the classes. She is a really nice PE teacher!



**Mrs. Castillo is our new  
technology integration specialist.**



**Mrs. Gillette is our new PE  
teacher.**



# Town Halls

*By Nour, Grade 4*

Every Monday all the students go to the auditorium to socialize with all the other children. This is a fun way to learn about each other.

You might be wondering why are town halls on Monday. Well town halls were on Wednesday we had town halls but then the builders leadership team wanted to start on the first day of the week because they thought it was the best day to start the week as a community.

You might be wondering who is charge of organizing the the town halls. Well, Ms.Wood puts a sign in sheet in an app called Google docs. So all the teachers can pick when they want their students to perform.

I asked Ms.Wood what is the reason we have town halls. She said the reason we have town halls is to build community with Willard students and to learn about other Willard Wizards.

Ms. Wood said that the reason kids usually do more talking than adults because we love to hear from the kids because they are showing their own work instead of teachers showing their students works. Also it's way more fun for kids to take the responsibility to talk.

**The 1st graders led  
a great town hall on  
October 15!**





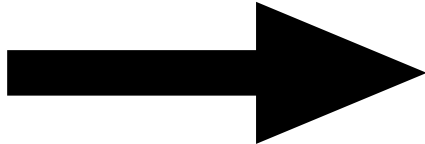
# How Should We Treat New Students?

By Julia D, Grade 4

I interviewed two third-graders, two 2nd graders, two 4th graders. I asked them if you should treat new kids better than old kids. Some of the new kids' responses were, "You should treat people the same." "You should treat new kids fairly but don't treat old kids unfairly." "Yes you should treat new kids better than old kids."

I now asked how do you want people to treat you? They said, "You should treat new kids fairly and nice." I asked after how many friends do you think is the limit? They said 5 friends is the limit, or as many as possible but about 10. Then I said, "How has Willard been treating you these past months?" They said, "Good" "Nicely" and "Perfect". Then I asked how should people not be treating you. One person said, "Unfairly" and another said, "With disrespect and fooling." So in conclusion this is my article about new kids.

An advertisement from Mrs. Smart!



## Help Wanted



**Recess cart Managers**

**What:** Mrs. Smart is looking for two responsible 4th grade students to work for one month at a time to retrieve forgotten recess items from the playground, organize them in the cart, and put them away in the storage room.

**When:** Start as soon as possible.

**When:** After lunch at 12:00pm both students may go outside through the gym door to begin the process and return to the cart by 12:50pm.

**APPLICANTS may leave a message in my mailbox in the office! I love getting mail. Please write me a note with your name and class and what month during the school year you would like to work! I will write you back about my decision.**

