



# The Buzz



## Student Spotlight

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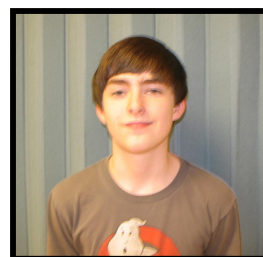
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### 7th Grade



Hi my name is Shelby Morris. I am 13 years old and my birthday is November 20th. I have two sisters, two pet dogs and my best friend is Alex Stevens. My eye color is hazel and my height is 5'2". In my spare time I like to make bracelets. My hobby is volleyball and it is also the only sport I play. I don't have a Facebook and when I grow up I would like to be a cosmetologist. My favorite subject is math. My favorite color is green, my favorite food is salad, and my favorite store is Aeropostle. My favorite sports team is the Steelers and my favorite "soon to be" movie is the Hunger Games. If I had a million dollars I would donate it to charity. I was also very surprised that I was picked for the Spotlight Student.



My name is Jacob Begley and I was surprised to get student spot light! I am 12 years old and my birthday is February 15. I have blue eyes and I am 5'3. I have 2 siblings and 1 dog. My hobby is soccer and my sport is also soccer. In spare time I play outside. But I don't have a Facebook! Also I want to be an engineer when I grow up.

My favorites! Caleb Beattie is the best friend of all! Science is my favorite subject. I love to eat watermelon and Reds is the best sports team. I love to shop at Target. Blue is the coolest color. Also Back To The Future is the all time best movie! With a million dollars I would buy the world!!! Thank you for picking me I was surprised.

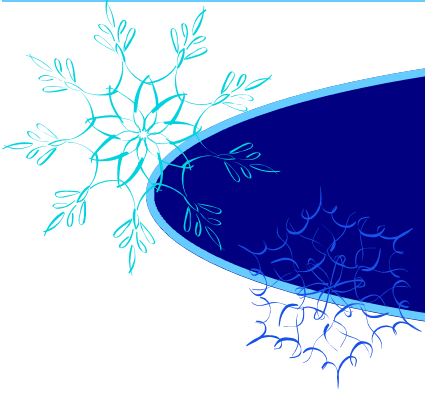
### 8th Grade



Hi, my name is Jordan Flannery I'm 13 years old and I was born on March 1, 1998. I like to play soccer and sing my favorite subject in school is science. My favorite football team is the Bengals I wanted them to go to the Super Bowl but we all know that won't happen in awhile. My favorite movie of all time is Final Destination; you will usually see me hanging out with Arielle Kelhoffer. I have two brothers Tyler and Jacob and a sister Kenna. I was very surprised when my name was read from the list of winners and I want to thank Miss. Doan for nominating me.



Hello! My name is Austin Gore; I was so surprised when I heard that I was chosen to be one of the student Spotlights this month. I am 14 years old. I was born on August 9th, I love to hunt & fish in my free time. I am 6 feet with green eyes. I live in a big house and I have 10 brothers & sisters, pet rabbit, 3 dogs & frog. I play football & when I grow up I want to be in the Military. My favorite subject is Social Studies & you'll always see me routing for Ohio State & the Bengals. My favorite food is oranges. You will often see me wearing anything that's red & from Gander Mountain because that is my favorite color & my favorite store. I love watching my favorite movie, Sherlock Homes with my best friend Matt Collom. In my spare time I play video games. If I won a million dollars I would invest in stock & buy a Porsche. I would like to thank Mrs. Miebers for nominating me.



# January Staff Spotlight



**Ms. Doan**  
Girls Physical Education  
and Health



**I went to Talawanda High School and then I attended Miami University. I have been teaching for 4 years. I have been at Monroe for the last 3 years and I taught one year at Middletown. I love watching college basketball. My favorite holiday would have to be Christmas for sure. My favorite restaurant would be Par's.**

**When I was young I always wanted to be a vet then that all changed, to a teacher and a coach. In my free time I like to workout, hang with family and friends, coach, and go to church. I do watch the Super Bowl every year and I think that the Baltimore Ravens are going to go all the way this year.**

**I was very surprised to be chosen for the teacher spotlight for this month. Thank you Mrs. Meibers for nominating me.**



## CRAZY BOWL WEEK

Andrew Lucks' last college game was a bummer as Stanford lost to Oklahoma State 41-38. Oklahoma States' WR Justin Blackman was unstoppable vs. Stanford, racking up yards and inspiring his teammates.



Stanford's field goal kicker missed three field goals to lose game.

The military bowl was a high scoring battle vs. Toledo and Air Force. Toledo jumped out to the early lead but it was not long lived as Air Force tied it up at halftime 28-28. With less than a minute Air Force scored a TD making the score 42-41, down by one point. To make things interesting they went for 2 and failed miserably losing 42-41.



The Outback bowl was a crazy one, as Michigan State rallied to beat Georgia in triple overtime. 16-0 half way through the 3rd quarter. Michigan State did what they did all season, won after trailing behind. The comeback was



sparked by great 2nd half defense and special teams in overtime as they blocked Georgia's tying field goal to win.

Wisconsin jumped out to the early lead but Oregon quickly ran up the scoreboard. Just like the regular season. Oregon's running game was too much for Wisconsin's defense as they ran all over them. Lamichael James and the new freshman RB both had a great game. With only a couple seconds left, Oregon was leading the Badgers 45-38 when the Wisconsin QB spiked the ball with no time left giving the Ducks a W.



### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP NOT WHAT EXPECTED

Alabama dominated LSU in all fields. Defense was unstoppable not letting Jordan Jefferson and LSU get across midfield until the 4th quarter. Their kicker made five field goals to give them a 15-0 lead and the tough RB Trent Richardson capped it with a long TD run. It was a disappointing game and was pretty boring. Congratulations Alabama and their fans. ROLL TIDE!



## DAN MARINO'S PASSING RECORD BROKEN

Drew Brees broke Dan Marino's single season passing record of 5,084 yards by throwing for 5,476 yards. A couple seasons before he came close only needing a couple more yards to surpass him but came up short. This year with the help of TE Jimmy Graham, Brees' made sure he beat it. In the shadows is Tom Brady who also beat Dan Marino's passing record by throwing 5,235 yards but not enough to beat Drew Brees.

WHAT SUPERBOWL GAME WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE?



### STUDENT POLL INDIANAPOLIS 2012

GAME	%
PATRIOTS VS. PACKERS	40%
PATRIOTS VS. SAINTS	20%
PACKERS VS. RAVENS	20%
SAINTS VS. RAVENS	4%
BRONCOS VS. 49ERS	16%



VS.



# New Years!

By: Abbey Martin

New opportunities

Everyone starts

over

We're winners!

You get another

chance

Everything new is

ahead of you

A new leaf

Resolutions

# January Holidays!

By: Tyler Beckett

- Jan.1 New Year's Day
- Jan.2 National Cream Puff Day
- Jan.3 Humiliation Day/ National Sleep Day
- Jan.4 Trivia Day
- Jan.5 National Bird Day
- Jan.6 Bean Day
- Jan.7 I'm not going to take it anymore day
- Jan.8 National show and tell day at work
- Jan.9 Aviation Day in America
- Jan.10 Peculiar People Day
- Jan.11 Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friend's Day
- Jan.12 National Pharmacist Day
- Jan.13 Blame Somebody Else
- Jan.14 National Clean off your Desk Day
- Jan. 15 National Fresh Squeezed Juice Day
- Jan. 16 National Good Teen Day (Founded by an Ohio school teacher, this day has been approved by Congress.)
- Jan. 17 Elementary School Teacher Day
- Jan.18 Maintenance Day
- Jan.19 Popcorn Day
- Jan. 20 National Cheese Day
- Jan. 21 Squirrel Appreciation Day
- Jan. 22 National Polka Dot Day
- Jan. 23 Pie Day
- Jan. 24 Women's Healthy Weight Day
- Jan. 25 Fun At Work Day
- Jan. 26 National Peanut Brittle Day
- Jan. 27 National Toilet Day
- Jan. 28 Live Your Fantasies Day
- Jan. 29 National Puzzle Day
- Jan. 30 National Inane Answering Message Day
- Jan. 31 Child Labor Day



# Donkeyball?!

By: Matthew Wackler



Get ready for the funniest thing that has ever come to this school! On May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at 7:00 Monroe will be having a fundraiser to earn money for the school. Donkey Basketball consists of four teams of eight players each. The teams will be Elementary teachers, Junior High teachers, High School teachers, and Parents. If you would like one of your parents to be on the team please contact Mrs. Summer Shaffer. Tickets will be 6 dollars in advance and 8 dollars at the door. Some time before the game a ballot will be sent out for Jr. High and High School to vote for their favorite teachers to represent the two grade levels.

The show will consist of two games. The first will be team one and team two. The second game will be team three and team four. The winners of the first two games will move on to the championship and whoever comes out victorious will be the donkey ball champ! The event will take place here at Monroe in the high school gym. Hope to see you there!

## Perfect North Slopes!

By: Mitchell Wambach



Why sit around in your house on a weekend playing games on the Xbox, PS3, Computer, or Wii when you can go out to Perfect North Slopes with your family and have a day full of fun! Even if you don't know how to ski or snowboard why not learn how? Perfect North offers a training or as they like to call "Ski School". Their instructors are skilled skiers and teachers that are there to help you have fun. If you don't like skiing you can go tubing also, \$25.00 for the whole day! If you want to rent a snowboard/ski it is \$23.00, a helmet is \$10.00. All daily equipment rentals allow the use of skis and/or snowboard at no additional charge. Ski Rental includes boots and poles. Snowboard Rental includes boots.

## Winter Questions!

By: Kenna Bowers and Hollie Horak

### What was your favorite Christmas present?

Mrs. Vega- My necklace

Jordan Esting- Cell phone

Chase Morris- Beats by Dre

Amanda Englebert- Purse

Jake Flannery- Modern Warfare 3

### Do you want it to snow or not?

Mrs. Vega- No

Jordan Esting- No

Chase Morris- Yes

Amanda Englebert- Yeah

Jake Flannery- Yes!

### What is your favorite thing about winter?

Mrs. Vega- Nothing at all

Jordan Esting- Playing in the snow

Chase Morris- Snow

Amanda Englebert- Cookies

Jake Flannery- Snow

### What is your favorite thing to do on New Years?

Mrs. Vega- Hanging out with friends and family

Jordan Esting- Hanging out with friends

Chase Morris- Hanging out with friends

Amanda Englebert- Going to a party

Jake Flannery- Eat and sleep



## Three rescued from cave in West Virginia

Three men that had been missing for two days in West Virginia were found. What started out as a fun spelunking– or cave exploring– trip turned out to be a nightmare. The men were in their twenties and at least two of them were college students. It happened in Renick, it is located in a mountainous region about 120 miles east of the state capital, Charleston. The men had food, and sleeping bags, but quickly realized that they were way in over their heads. Authorities have not released their identities. They were found next to an underground creek, and they seemed to be unharmed, but learned a hard lesson, "**Do not underestimate the cave, and do not overestimate your abilities.**"

### Brain Teasers!

By: Max Armbruster

1. What can go up a chimney down, and can't go down a chimney up?
2. What gets wet when drying?
3. What goes around the house, And in the house, but never touches the house?

1. Umbrella 2. Towel 3. Sunlight

### Did you know the Hawaiian Alphabet has 12 letters?

By: Faizan Cheema

The Hawaiian language was an oral tradition. The Hawaiian alphabet (piapa), was written by 19th century missionaries. The alphabet contains 12 letters: 5 vowels (a, e, i, o, u) and 7 consonants (h, k, l, m, n, p, w). To simplify pronunciation, sound consonants as in English and break up words so they are easy to say e.g., Waianapanapa sounds like *Wai-a-napa-napa*.

### Must do's on a snow day!

By: Tyler Beckett

Well there are many things to do on a snow day one thing to do above all others, you have to go sledding. It is one of the oldest but the most fun thing there is to do. Make a snowman and make sure to follow Frosty's rules. Build a snow fort and get the whole neighborhood to join! Back to the snowman, build a bunch of them, run into them and make sure to smash every single one. And these are some of the best things to do on a snow day!

### Interesting Facts About 2011!

By: Matthew Collom

2011 had 4 unusual dates, 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, and 11/11/11

Scientists discovered that hippo milk is pink.

The new top comedy show is Two and a Half Men.

The Dexter Cow was declared the world's smallest cow at 33 inches.

July had 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays. This happens every 823 years.

The Martin Jetpack was invented.

# HOW TO LEAVE THE RIGHT TIP!

Kenna Bowers and Hollie Horak

One thing you should think about before you leave a tip is how the service was. If the waiter, waitress, or whoever isn't being friendly or doing a good job you should leave a 10% tip. If the waiter is doing a decent job, then you should leave a 15% tip. When the waitress is doing an amazing job and being really nice, you leave a 20% tip. Waitresses do a lot of work so it's nice to leave a decent tip unless you were really unhappy with how it worked out. A lot of people don't think before they pay because sometimes you could put too much or too little. Workers don't always get what they deserve. Next time you're out to eat, use this to leave the right tip! Remember they only get paid around \$2.13 an hour and depend on the tips as part of their salary.

## Snow Day Activity

By: Maddie Hogan

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups, or 3 sticks of unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 1/2 cups of all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

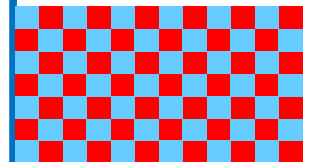
**\*\*Read all directions before baking!\*\***

### Directions

- In a bowl, with your mixer on medium, beat butter and sugar until fluffy; Beat in egg and vanilla extract. Switch your mixer to low and beat in flour and salt.
- Divide dough in half; Shape each half into 1/2-inch-thick disk. Wrap in plastic wrap; Chill until firm.
- Heat oven to 350 degrees F
- On floured surface, roll dough 1/8-inch thick; cut into shapes. Transfer to ungreased baking sheets. Bake until lightly golden around the edges, 10 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes on sheets; transfer to racks to cool. Decorate like you want; store in an airtight container up to 2 weeks, or freeze, undecorated, up to 3 months.



These are snowflake shaped sugar cookies that you can make on your day home from school!



## Tongue Twisters

By: Kyle Humfleet

How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?

Send toast to ten tense stout saints' ten tall tents

Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?

Seth at Sainsbury's sells thick socks.

Clean clams crammed in clean cans.

Six sick hicks nick six slick bricks with picks and sticks.

I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish Wayne went to Wales to watch walruses.

How many cookies could a good cook cook, If a good cook could cook cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.

# Mind Blow!



## Fish with no Brain, Face or Fins?

A new year a new discovery, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 a fish with no face, fins, or brain was discovered on the Orkney Island of Scotland. The Scotland scientist who found it said it was about 5 centimeters in length and had a transparent body. Due to the lack of fins it is not a good swimmer and motor skills are supported on the nervous system on the back. Local scientists are studying the new species as we speak.

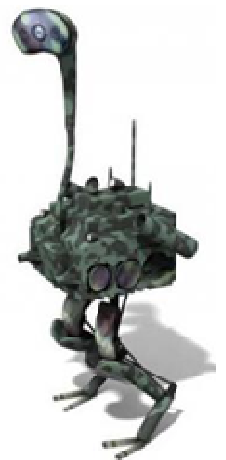


## Can you swim like a Dolphin?

This 6,000 dollar toy is a blast. French jet-skier Franky Zapata converted a jet-pack device to swim like a dolphin. While he insists that "Flyboards" are easy to use the learning process could be painful.

## The Velocipapter Robot?!

The fast runner robot stands 4ft 7inches tall and aims to an amazing speed of 20 mph. Today's walking or running robots need careful computer control to guide their steps. Fast runners mechanical design means that it can run or walk without thinking.



<http://www.innovationnewsdaily.com/velociraptor-ostrich-running-robot-2372/>

# School Celebrity Look-Alike

By: Emily Thompson and Kyle Humfleet

Kyle Humfleet looks like Brad Pitt



Kenna Bowers looks like a young Selena Gomez



Abbey Martin looks like Britney Spears



Cameron Hammond looks like Shakira



Cody Baker looks like Justin Bieber



Hanna Long looks like Christiania Aguilera



Emily Thompson looks like Ashley Tisdale



Sydney Shanklin looks like America Ferrera



Tarin Yalich looks like Blake Lively



The woman in BLACK!!!!!!

BY: HOLLIE HORAK AND KENNA BOWERS

Arthur Kipps, a lawyer, is sent to a village to deal with affairs. The death of his wife is affecting his work. When he arrives, he is starting to think the town is keeping a secret. The house that belongs to his client is extremely haunted. The town wants to try to keep Kipps from learning the secret, but he catches on. A ghost of a woman is looking for someone or something she lost. Anyone or anything in her way isn't safe. The woman in black comes out February 3, 2012. Make sure you see it!! (:



### 3 easy ways to have a healthy Earth.

**Reuse**  
**Reduce**  
**Recycle**

#### Reuse!

Instead of throwing things away, try to find ways to use them again! For example:

- Bring cloth sacks to the store with you instead of taking home new paper or plastic bags. You can use these sacks again and again. You'll be saving some trees!
  - Plastic containers and reusable lunch bags are great ways to take your lunch to school without creating waste.
  - Coffee cans, shoe boxes, margarine containers, and other types of containers people throw away can be used to store things or can become fun arts and crafts projects. Use your imagination!
  - Don't throw out clothes, toys, furniture, and other things that you don't want anymore. Somebody else can probably use them. You can bring them to a center that collects donations, give them to friends, or even have a yard sale.
  - Use all writing paper on both sides.
- Use silverware and dishes instead of disposable plastic utensils and plates.

#### Reduce!

Reducing the amount of waste you produce is the best way to help the environment. There are lots of ways to do this. For example:

- Cars use up energy and cause pollution. Some ways to reduce the environmental damage caused by cars include carpooling with friends, walking, taking the bus, or riding your bike instead of driving.
  - Start a compost bin. Some people set aside a place in their yard where they can dispose of certain food and plant materials. Over time, the materials will break down through a natural process called decomposition. The compost is good for the soil in your yard and means that less garbage will go to the landfill.
  - You can reduce waste by using a computer! Many newspapers and magazines are online now. Instead of buying the paper versions, you can find them on the Internet. Also remember that you should print out only what you need. Everything you print that you don't really need is a waste of paper.
  - Save energy by turning off lights that you are not using.
- Save water by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth.

#### Recycle!

Many of the things we use every day, like paper bags, soda cans, and milk cartons, are made out of materials that can be recycled. Recycled items are put through a process that makes it possible to create new products out of the materials from the old ones.

If you would like to know anymore information about the 3 R's go on this website: <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0775891.html>

By: Sydney Shanklin,

## January Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup>

Courtney Basford  
Kassie Bridges  
Ryan Cho  
George Feldmann  
Deanna Henry  
Jared Higgins  
Cassie Jackson  
Vanessa Tenney  
Austin Lamb  
Zackary Martin  
Madison Parker  
Breanna Poindexter  
Hannah Salyers  
Hunter Salyers  
Noah Yancey

8<sup>th</sup>

Tarin Yalich  
Noah Sebastian  
Nick Ruckman  
Daniela Restel  
Rodney Pitzer  
Lauren Nelson  
Samuel Michael  
Bailey Jones  
Morgan Wade  
Garret Gillham  
Jacob Flannery  
Connor Curtis  
Matt Collom  
Max Armbruster

