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For kids, by kids!

The Monthly Spotlight

By Julia & Eliana

Hello guys and gals! Its Julia and Eliana and we are proud to bring you this months Spotlight on... Alan Pedersen! Alan is from Boston, Massachusetts and is currently living in Waltham. In his family, there is his mom, dad, older brother and two nieces who are ten and twelve. Alan's favorite color is



green, because it reminds him of the outdoors. His hobbies are jogging, reading, learning and eating food. He loves cats even though he is allergic to them. He would love to have a black and white cat. He

loves to watch baseball, but likes playing tennis. Alan's favorite Ozone activity is cool down time, because its peaceful and he gets more one on one time with kids.

A funny story that happened to him is when his was in a rush once while trying to cook spaghetti instead of adding Oregano she added lots of

Cinnamon. The whole family ate it and thought it tasted horrible! A fun fact about Alan is that if he could be any tree, he would be a palm, because they grow in nice weather. We hoped you learned a lot about Alan and that he enjoys his time in the Spotlight!

The Raccoon

By: Chance

The Raccoon is one of the most recognizable mammals in the United States. It has spread throughout almost the entire U.S. except for parts of New Mexico, Arizona, California and Nevada. Raccoons also live in Canada. This amazing creature is able to survive in the suburbs. Food in the suburbs for Raccoons is different in that they mostly eat trash that people throw away in garbage cans. Raccoons are scavengers like Crows or Vultures and Sea Gulls.

One of the reasons that Raccoons are so recognized is because their tail is striped and that they have dark circles around their eyes. The reasons people don't like Raccoons is that get into garbage bags. In the wild Raccoons like to camp grounds and after the campers go to sleep they get into their food. City cats are usually plumper then wild Raccoons.

Raccoon's nests are called pens and they usually build these to start a family. Raccoons usually have two kids and the mother teaches her children all the



stuff there is to know on how to live in their world. Raccoons have small paws that are built for running and climbing. In the wild they prefer berries and seeds. This mammal is one of the most intelligent animals, they know how to open doors and lids. They make noises similar to dogs and can smell

food from far far away. Raccoons have learned to survive in the forest, city and deserts.



More stories

Monthly Monitor

Classroom Doors

By: Julia & Eliana

This edition of the Classroom Monitor is on Bowen's classroom doors and how we rated the decoration of each one.

- ☆☆☆☆☆☆ = Bright and colorful with lots of decoration
- ☆☆☆☆ = Colorful with lots of decoration
- ☆☆☆☆ = 3-5 decorations
- ☆☆ = Only safety signs and very little decoration
- ☆ = Dull

- Ms Dickerson ☆☆☆☆
- Mr. Guttelle ☆☆☆☆
- The Learning Center ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Dibenedetti ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Derito ☆☆☆☆
- Mrs Holz ☆☆☆☆
- Mrs. Malagodi & Ms Cebra ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Chapler ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Brockmeyer ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Cruz ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Connelly ☆☆☆☆
- Mrs. Noyes ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Lee ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Davis ☆☆☆☆

- Mrs. Napolitano ☆☆☆☆
- Mrs. Yurkevich ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Wong ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Sheehy ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Becker ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Walsh ☆☆☆☆
- Music ☆☆☆☆
- Library ☆☆☆☆
- PE ☆☆☆☆
- Art ☆☆☆☆
- Ozone ☆☆☆☆
- Free play ☆☆☆☆
- Ms Downings ☆☆☆☆

Recap: After looking at all the classroom doors, Ms Brockmeyer's class we have determined has the best decoration. For the month of October they have fall stickers on their door. Congratulations to Ms Brockmeyer and her class!

The Best Name Tags on Locker at Bowen

By Julia & Eliana

5th grade:

- Ms. Derito ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. DiBenedetti ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Holz ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Malagodi ☆☆☆☆

4th grade:

- Ms. Cruz ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Connelly ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Brockmeyer ☆☆☆☆

3rd grade:

- Ms. Wong ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Napolitano ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Davis ☆☆☆☆

2nd grade:

- Ms. Dickerson ☆☆☆☆
- Mr. Guttel ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Downings ☆☆☆☆

1st grade:

- Ms. Noyes ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Chapler ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Lee ☆☆☆☆

Kindergarten:

- Ms. Walsh ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Yurkevich ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Sheehy ☆☆☆☆
- Ms. Becker ☆☆☆☆

Rating System

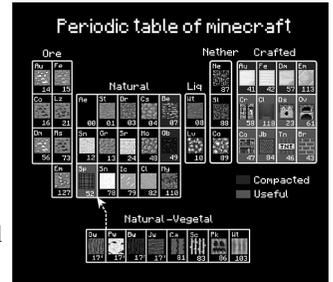
- ☆☆☆☆ Plain background with a normal font
- ☆☆☆☆ Normal font, creative background
- ☆☆☆☆ Cool font, funny or unusual background
- ☆☆☆☆ Awesome font, awesome background

After looking at all the name tags we have determined that Ms. Holz has the "crazy awesome" font and the flashiest background! These tags have pictures of anything you might find in a science lab. Congratulations to Ms. Holz and her class for their incredibly visually exciting name tags.

Minecraft

By: Oliver

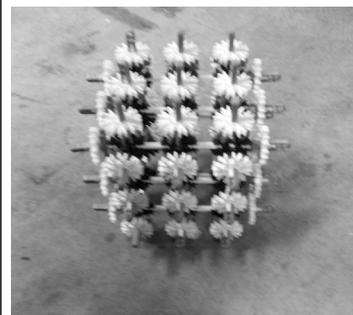
In this amazing world of blocks this reporter experienced an exciting true story that I will now share. I was hunting because I was running low on food. I got some mushrooms and quickly crafted a mushroom stew. Before I knew it, night had come. I was passing through the desert when I saw a mutant creeper. I decided to ignore it at first, until it saw me and threw a creeper at me. I took out my diamond tool and made my attack. The battle was long and I was very very mad. I attacked with projectiles until I only had four hearts left. Then I took out my mushroom stew and drank it. Then I was healed. I took my diamond tool out again and jumped on the beast finally defeating him. I then found a creeper egg and went back to my cottage.



The Mysterious Spinning K'nex Square

By: Nicky

This is a spinning square that is made of K'nex. It is made out of 6 different kinds of K'nex pieces. On the outside you can see the grey and white ones mostly. The white, along with the small orange pieces under can spin. The inside has an interesting story. A friend of mine made



those many blue parts. I thought it would make a great spike ball. I started collecting lots of blue parts and when I finished

still thought it was a little boring. That then got me started on the outside. I shall tell you one last secret: there are no spinning parts on the bottom. This square was destroyed on 11/9/12.

Recommendations for Games &

By: Nicky

Harry Potter

I recommend this if you like action, enjoy some scary situations, like magic and your reading experience will not be ruined if you don't like some of the characters.

Percy Jackson

I recommend this to anyone who likes myths,

adventure and action. Can handle the destruction of famous artifacts that are stolen. This is an easy introduction into the magical imagination of a fantastic author.

Creationary

Creationary is a game that tests; Lego skills, creativity and speed. You need to have a lot of

sportsmanship if you want to play. I recommend this game for any Lego masters, of any age.

Warning: Do not get this game if you are a little kid under 3 who likes to interfere with games while they are being played.

Books and Games



Risk

This is a strategy game that tests your brain and will engulf you into a world of concentration and desperate times.

SLAM YOU! INFORMATION

By Jabez

Yeah listening again to Slam! I heard kids in after care have lots of ideas for Focus Activities. If you have ideas submit and a list of ideas to Alan that you think you would like.

I think Barak Obama is a great leader. He plans to spend \$900 billion over ten years and include government insurance plan. This will be known as the public option. This plan would also make it illegal for insurers to drop sick people or deny coverage for pre existing conditions.

Titanic

By: Susan

There was a huge ship called the Titanic and there is a true story about it. It is scary but true. The Titanic was a huge ship that many people went on. The Titanic's captain was called captain Smith. At night there was fog and the Titanic went on dangerous water, because in the fog there was an Ice berg!



Kyle's TV show idea

By: Kyle

THE 1ST EPISODE

Imagine you are on the Vegas strip and the police are all over the place. The Police

come upon an abandoned Lamborghini with the hazard lights on. The cars doors are open so an officer attempts to start it up. It will not start. So they tow it away and fix it up in their shop.



Opera Coming

Meet aliens, princesses and pirates! Three gruesome groups who don't agree ,on something now: We need a Leader!

Arguing every day, they never fid out who will be the leader. The mayor Joshua, would like to find out who would be their leader.

With obstacles along the way, a fierce problem grows into a nice friendship. They don't even have that problem anymore.

Admission is free. The opera is showing December 12th at 5pm. The exact location is the Bowen

School, however the time and site is to be announced.



By: Daniel

Pig

Ingredients

4lbs Meat
1 gallon Pink paint
2 Eyes

Directions

Combine in a pot and bring to a boil. Stir well. Then get a cage. Pour your meat, paint and eye mixture in to the cage. Let rest for 2-3 hours. Then you will have a living breathing fully grown pig, so you're done. Just don't let the pig in the house.

Stone Statue

Ingredients

1 large stone
1 mannequin

Directions

Combine the two above ingredients into a pot. Stir well. Bring to a boil and then turn down to medium heat and simmer for 45 minutes. Find a large empty spot in a park or outside an important building. Pour cooked mixture onto this space to erect your large Stone Statue. Serves; Millions.

Zombie

Ingredients

Something dead
Someone
Pink, green, brown & red food coloring

Directions

In a large pot combine ingredients and stir. Pour into an empty grave. Waite and then run!

Video Games

Poetry Plus

By: David

Video games are lots of fun,
You play them all day by the moon and the sun.

Mario, Star Wars, Lego games too,
They're awesome, they are its actually true.

So turn on the TV and put in a disc.
Then turn up the volume and switch on the Wii.

Proof of what's behind the Ozone's Mysterious Green Door

By: Potter

When Read and I were walking down to the Ozone to get our coats, we saw something amazing! The green door was cracked open and we saw a huge room. The first thing we saw inside was a balcony with red fences and pipes winding there way around. Then we saw four tanks full of oil with a small sign that read; "Danger! In case of fire, contents may overflow." True story! No lies!



So the fastest land reptile is called the basilisk lizard which can reach a speed of 15 mph and its webbed feet allows it to run on water!



What is Potter Thinking?

By: Potter



Ask Cindy Mucklefoot

Dear Cindy,

Why do Watermelons take such a long time to grow?

From, Hagen

Well Hagen I can't tell you why Watermelons take such a long time to grow because it's an age old secret and a lady never tells. I can tell you though how I grow Watermelons I like to start seeds indoors 15th - 22 of April [except for my Extra early ones under plastic for a while. I don't mulch outer areas of the vines and watermelons will NOT rot from lying on the ground. I don't think that you would want any competition in your melon patch from other crops or weeds. Very rich, very deep and loose soils produce the best watermelons. I suggest you especially prepare spots for each melon. Enrichment with WELL rotted manure is good. One thing to try to do is provide a very well drained bed/hill for the melons as they sure hate the cold wet weather that tends to hit sometime in May it seems.



Dear Cindy,

Why are there only four bathrooms for students at Bowen Elementary?

From, Eddie

Well Eddie there are only four bathrooms at Bowen Elementary because when the school opened sixty years ago children rarely needed to use the bathroom due to poorer standards implemented by the public health dept. Thank goodness that's all changed.

Dear Cindy,

What will the next generation of I pads look like?

From, Gustav

Gustav that's a very good question and one that I have done quite a bit of research on. I spoke to the Apple Corporation and found that the next I pad will be very small, made of horse hair and shaped like a heart to promote peace and understanding. If you have any questions or guidance about life and the reason there in please send a question to Cindy Mucklefoot.

The American Bullfrog

By: Chance



Habitat: This amphibian enjoys ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. The Bullfrog prefers a habitat with not much vegetation because its large body does not handle obstacles well.

Diet: The Bullfrog eats mostly insect that live in fresh water habitats, such as Dragon fly's.

The Bullfrog has been known to eat worms, grass, snakes, butterflies and small fish.

Range: This animal lives all throughout the Northeast and southeast and all the way out to the Great Plains. They also live in other scattered parts of the Western region of the USA.

Voice: It is very low in sound and can be heard a half a mile away. They call for mating when it is the season.

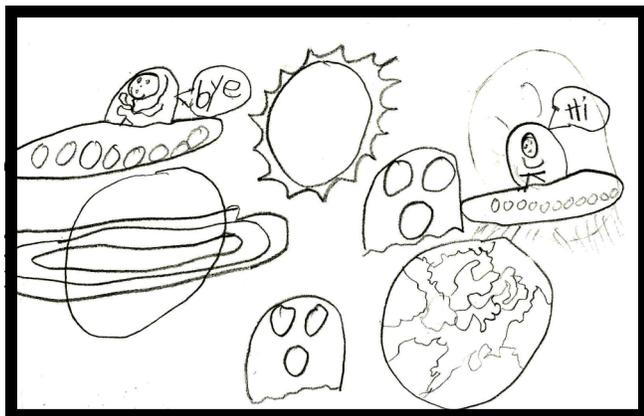
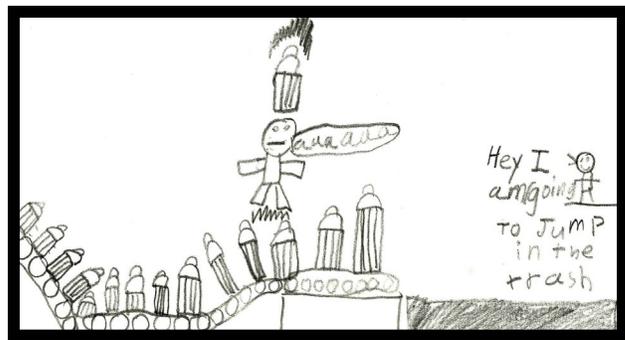
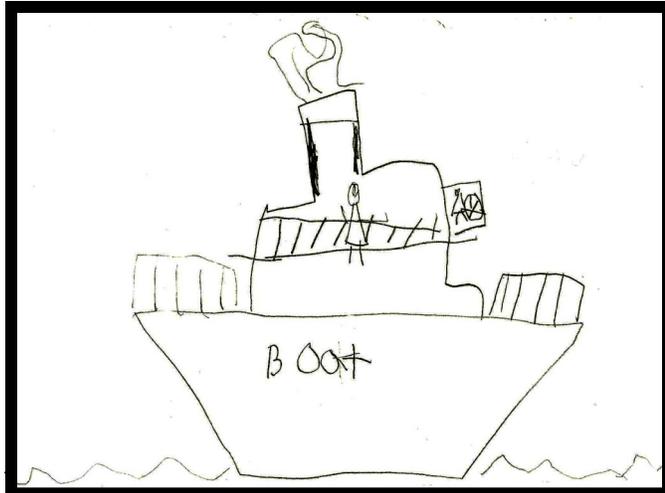
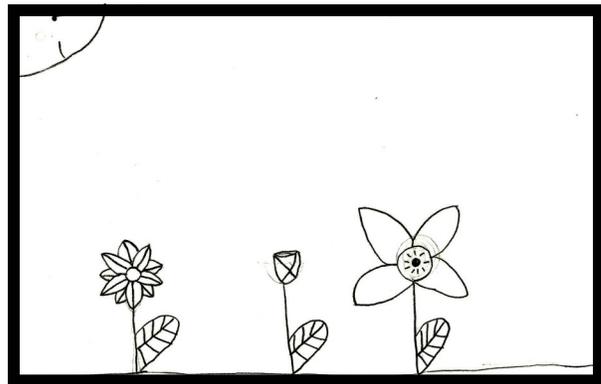
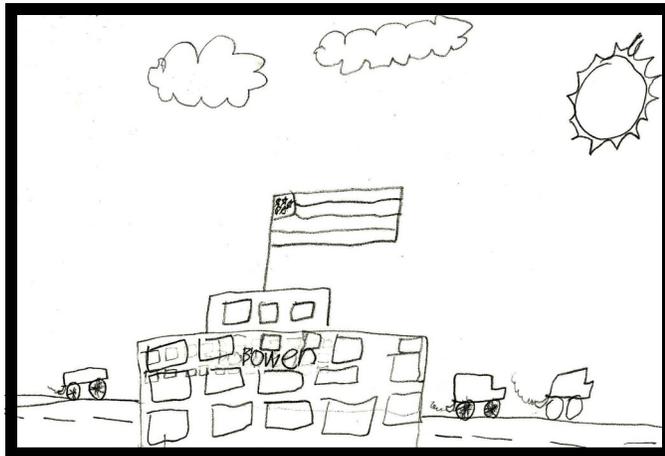
Description: The male Bullfrog is typically light green on the belly and dark green on the back. The under mouth part is light green with small ripples. The female is usually light green with orange, reddish spots. Her back is just light green.

Mitt Romney Cheats?!

By: Kyle

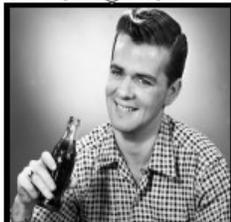
Mitt Romney had notes at the debates. On You Tube there is a video with a picture of Mitt Romney holding his notes. This is cheating! I understand he wants to win, but he shouldn't do this. I did not think he was good about not winning.





Poppy Pop!

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Step 2 Watch the Magic Happen!



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COMING SOON!

SLAM



What is it? Don't worry, you will certainly find out!

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NOVEMBER SUDOKU

By: Joshua

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TONGUE TWISTERS

By: Joshua

1. Moose eat muck under a duck on a morning under the sun.
2. The racket rocked the racket track to rack the racked rocket racks.
3. Melissa's moose moved the maroon midget a million miles
4. Ribbit rabbit, sip it, sap it, tip it, tap it, rip it, rap it, trip it, trap it, ribbit rabbit.
5. Dug a bug, in a hug that wug on, a hang on, a bang on, a little day gone.
6. Dip it at Dunkin Donuts so dogs dance.



OUR CONTRIBUTORS



COME IN NEXT MONTH FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE

