

WEST TATNUCK TIMES

GRADE 5

• DID YOU HEAR...? •

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THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE AND YOU



Reporters: Damian Brown, Antony Muska, and Horatio Oliver

Why is the Russian-Ukrainian war in Europe happening?

Apparently, this war in Europe is happening because Ukraine wants to join NATO, also known as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. People are helping by donating millions upon millions of dollars to help the situation in Ukraine. The war affects our daily lives by skyrocketing our gas prices, leading people to drill holes in the gas tanks of cars, and raiding gas stations altogether. Meanwhile, in Ukraine, farmers are doing their best by stealing ditched, or fuelless tanks, and handing them over to the Ukrainian military, which is a great war effort.

The world is fighting back by imposing heavy sanctions against Russia. A sanction is a punishment or penalty for disobeying a rule, or in this case, a threat. A fact about the sanctions is that many video-game currencies are becoming more valuable than the Russian currency itself. Unfortunately, this affects the Russian people, and the war actually isn't their fault. Putin is responsible, and is making his people and troops fight. Millions of Ukrainian people are fleeing the country because it might be very dangerous to stay back for their families. Sadly, healthy Ukrainian men from the age of 18 to 60 have to stay back to fight.

Value of the Month "Teamwork"

Teamwork Troubles

By: Ella Bokankowitz

Once upon a time, a dragon and a wolf were running along a path when they bumped into each other. "Hey!" said the dragon.

"Sorry," answered the wolf. "But you were the one running!"

"No, you were!" said the dragon.

"We have to settle this," said the wolf. "I challenge you to a race through an obstacle course. Whoever wins will get to have bragging rights for a week. We can each pick a team to help us."

"I will not pick a team. I am strong enough alone," bragged Dragon. So the other animals in the woods set up an obstacle course for Dragon and Wolf. Although unusual, Dragon was the same size as Wolf, so it worked

perfectly. Wolf picked a cat and a frog to help him and Dragon still didn't want a team.

When Dragon and Wolf started the course, they did great, but then it got tricky. The Wolf slid down the slippery slide smoothly with Frog and Cat helping him balance, and Dragon slipped and slid down it. Wolf swam through the swamp and Cat and Frog helped him climb out, while Dragon struggled to climb out and kept getting sucked back down into the mud. By the end, Wolf ran out of the course and Dragon dragged his tail behind him as he trudged across the finish line.

"I give up. You won," sighed Dragon.

"Teamwork truly is the way to go."

"Indeed," answered Wolf.



Dragon and Wolf



West Tatnuck Improvements

“I would like to change how we assess students.” That was stated by our very own principal, Mr. Young. Clearly, he would like to change our school to make it better! And we have some suggestions too. How can change affect us this year? The word change is best defined as to make someone or something different. We completely agree with Mr. Young. Changing the way we assess students can tell us much more about a student than just a test grade. Our newspaper club also has some ideas on how to make school better.

- First things first, we want to make recess longer, maybe (20-30 minutes)
- Ella has requested that all the grades do something “fun” each week
- Rotations between each grade on the playground (from what we have heard is the 5th graders want some playground time)
- More variety of school lunch
- More Science and Social Studies
- 3 field trips each year instead of 2
- Vending machines
- Air conditioning

Clearly, we have plenty of room for improvement and there are a variety of things that we can fix and make better. Thank you 5th grade for all of your suggestions.

By: Aerla Kodra and Katerina Panagiotidis

“Short Story Series” A Colonial Tale, 1770

As twelve year old Elisabeth Schmidt was doing her chores at home, 13 year old Milo Romano was throwing pebbles at Elisabeth’s bedroom window trying to get her attention. Elisabeth ran to her bedroom window and threw it open. Milo was calling for Elisabeth, trying to help her out her window with a rope. As he threw another rock he slipped on the mud. They ran as fast as they could before the schoolhouse closed. They ran behind a tree as students came bursting out. Once the coast was clear, they snuck into the library and got a book, *Latin Phrases by Arthur Carlton*. As they ran out of the library, they saw a lantern. As the lantern came closer they could see the figure of the person holding the lantern. It was Elisabeth’s father...

To Be Continued...



**Fictional story created by: Jinane
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RIDDLE SHOUT OUTS!

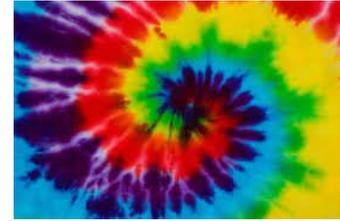
6th grade: Brady, Analia, Savannah, Sophie, and Sophia. **5th grade:** Ella Bokankowitz. **4th grade:** Leslie Morfe, Jimenez, and Anaiah Marshall

Thanks to all of the students that entered an answer for the riddle of the week. You can only put in an answer during recess. Enter with your first and last name along

With your grade, teacher’s name, and your answer of course!

Brainstorming about Spree Day

How excited are you for Spree Day on a scale 1-10? We interviewed three teachers and a few students, and boy, we have great ideas! With all the feedback, here is our “Dream Spree Day”!



Reporters: Kylie Crocker & Isabella Caron

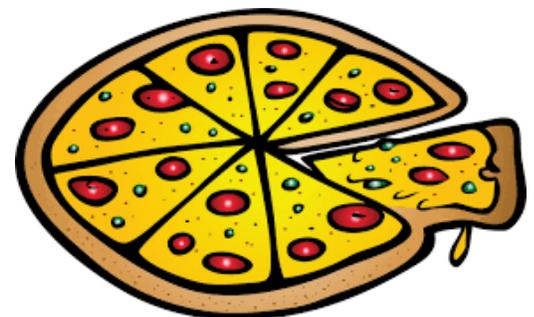
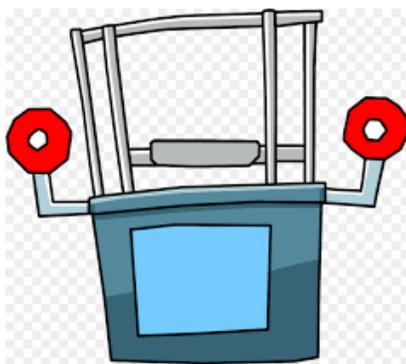
- ★ Mr. Young in Dunk Tank
- ★ Going to Logan Field for a game of kickball
- ★ Henna Tattoos
- ★ Water Balloon Fight
- ★ Obstacle Courses
- ★ Ice cream/Snowcone bar
- ★ Kahoots
- ★ Story Teller
- ★ “Go Noodle”
- ★ “Try not to Laugh” Video/Challenge
- ★ Pie eating contest/Minute to win it/Donut eating contest
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Balloon Animals
- ★ Tug of War
- ★ Cup stacking
- ★ Pizza Lunch
- ★ Grade against teachers
- ★ Musical Chairs
- ★ Jenga Life size
- ★ Connect 4
- ★ Corn hole



It has been two very long years without Spree Day, and it is very exciting to actually have this FUN FILLED DAY with our West Tatnuck Family.

How Excited are you?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1-3		4-6		7-8		9-10			
Not really				Kind of		LET'S GO!!			



Get to know more about Mr. G!

Let's get to know more about our beloved gym teacher, Mr. G!

Mr. G, our gym teacher, started working here at West Tatnuck two years ago, and in this newspaper section, we will be asking him some questions that we thought of ourselves. Now let's find out the answers to all the questions we had.

Our first question was: How do we pronounce your real last name?

His answer was: **Jin-nah-dek (Gniadek)**

The second question was: What was your job before being a gym teacher?

His answer was: **Owner of Loud Mouth Guards**

Our third question was: What was your favorite gym game when you were younger?

He answered: **Dodgeball**

Our next question was: How old are you?

He said: **45**

We asked next: What are your hobbies?

He told us: **Golf, Cribbage, *pitch* card games**

Our next question was: Where are you from?

He answered: **Worcester, MA Webster Square**

Then we asked: Do you speak any other languages? If so, what languages do you speak?

His answer was: **Yes, Poquito and Spanish**

The next question was: What is your favorite sport?

He answered: **Golf**

Our second to last question was: What is your favorite vacation place?

He answered: **Australia**

Our last question was: Do you have any siblings?

His last answer was: **Yes, Megan (NOT THE 5TH GRADE MEGAN) and Jamie**

And, of course, we added a bonus question!

What other schools do you work at (or worked at)?

He said: **Tatnuck Magnet**

Those were all of our questions for getting to know more about our beloved gym teacher!

By Megan, Elise and Alyssa



Mr. Gniadek with Elise, Alyssa, and Megan

SPRINKLE OF FUN

Fast Food Places Word Scramble

BWUYSA

DCASMOLND

DENYWS

ALFICHCKI

Places Word Scramble

YSDEIN LORDW

LNNODO

Movie Chars Word Scramble

ALFO

LUMAN

OBMUD

Jokes

What does a cloud wear under a raincoat?

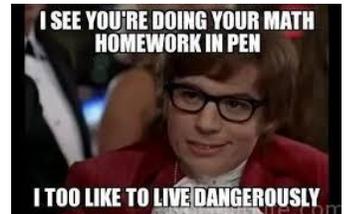
Why can't Elsa from Frozen have a balloon?

Why did the kid bring a ladder to school?

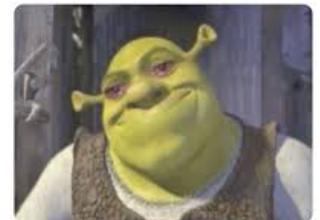
Riddle of the week

Do you think you will be able to figure out the riddle of the week? This week let's make the riddle even harder. Last time I went wayyy to easy one everyone and 4th graders, 5th graders, and 6th graders got it correct. The riddle for this week is :
What is the capital in France?

Memes



-Are you crying?
Me: No
-Look at me
Me:



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Me when someone takes my advice and gets into trouble because of it



Netflix: "Are You Still Watching?"
Me:



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