



# The Pirate Times

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## Upcoming Events By: Courtney & Peter

Are you tired of not knowing what events are happening in school? Well look no further! In this section, you can catch up on all the upcoming events. Enjoy!

**December 15th** - Winter concert for 6th and 7th grade only. This is the first winter concert since December 2019. During the concert the sixth and seventh grade chorus, orchestra, and band will perform. General music will not.

**December 24th to January 2nd** - School closed for winter recess. During this period of time there are many holidays to celebrate. See you in the new year!

**January 12th** - Early release at 10:48 am. This is another half day.

**January 17th** - The school is closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day that celebrates the life of Martin Luther King Jr. He was a civil rights activist.

**January 19th** - 5th grade "informance".

**January 28th** - Quarter 2 ends. This is the last day of quarter 2. Can you believe we are almost to quarter 3?!

There are so many dates to keep track of! We hope this helps you to plan for some upcoming events!



## PRSD SPORTS By: Cormac & Isaiah

Sports are a big part of our school and community. The coaches and athletes work so hard to be the best team that they can be. We were able to interview one coach and one player so you can learn a little bit more about sports at PRSD.

So far this semester we have had a variety of sports going on. Some of these are football, volleyball, and soccer. As we move into this new semester, there will be another batch of sports. We have interviewed one of the football players for the spotlight of this article. The coach we interviewed was Mrs. Linehan, the soccer coach!

# PRSD SPORTS Continued

## Interview with Mrs. Linehan:

Q. What do you need most to succeed in soccer? Ex. skill, precision, speed, etc.

A. You need good foot skills and you need to be good at trapping the ball.

Q. How is your season going so far?

A. It is going pretty well. We only have a few games left. We have different girls scoring goals and that has been great.

Q. Are there any improvements you've seen?

A. Yes, we are shooting more and we are trapping the ball more.

Q. When do you think your team plays the best?

A. When we warm up pretty well I know it will be a good game.

Q. How do you feel about your team when they are playing against a weaker team, but they are not showing their difference?

A. I explain to them that it is not who you play, but that it's how you play.

Q. What does it feel like when you are about to win but the other team scores and makes it a tie?

A. I am disappointed but I explain to them that they have to play until the last whistle blows.

## Interview with Olivia Norum (football player)

Q. How many games did you win this season?

A. We won 2 games out of three so far.

Q. What position are you?

A. For offense I am a half back, and for defense I am a strong safety.

Q. Have you made any touchdowns?

A. No.

Q. What do you think will improve your team?

A. I think we have a pretty strong team, and if we continue to train hard, I think we can improve more.

Q. What would you tell someone who is considering joining the football team?

A. Definitely do it because it's really fun!

Q. What do you think helped you get to where you are?

A. I think I really put my mind to it and put all the effort I could into it and tried my hardest.

Q. Have you made any close friends on your team?

A. I definitely made new friends and everyone is really supportive.

Q. Why do you love football?

A. I really love the sport because I like the intensity.

Q. How were you introduced to football?

A. My brother played, and I think he was a good motivator and an inspiration to me.

## Football Fun Fact:

Did you know that football was first created in Canton, Ohio on September 17, 1920?



## Fun Fact about soccer:

Soccer was first played in China, though how we play today was developed by England.





# Teacher Spotlight on.. Mrs. Casale & Mrs. O'Shea!

You might think you know everything about your teachers, but do you really? We took a deeper look into your teachers to find out some hidden gems. Keep reading to find out some pretty interesting and fun facts about your teachers!

Mrs. Casale is a 5th grade Humanities teacher on the orange team & Mrs. O'Shea is a 6th grade ELA teacher on the red team

**Interview with Mrs. Casale**  
**By: Noreen, Caitlin & Olivia**

Q: Why did you want to become a teacher?

A: I chose to become a teacher because I wanted a job where I could move around & be active. I also wanted to interact with people, especially children & I wanted to be able to help people.

Q: What is your dream vacation?

A: My dream vacation would be to go to the Galapagos Islands because of the big turtles, vegetation & wildlife

Q: Do you have any hidden or interesting talents?

A: I can actually figure out the end of movies/shows before they end

Q: If you could take your students anywhere on a field trip where would you take them?

A: I would take them on a day tour to New York City then go into China Town to have dinner

Q: How do you think your students will remember your class?

A: I hope they will remember my class being fun!!

Q ~ What is your best trick?

A ~ My best trick that I can do is a cartwheel

Q ~ What is your dream pet?

A ~ My dream pet would be a golden retriever. If it was a girl I would name it Bea.

Q ~ What differences do you see in your morning students versus the afternoon classes?

A ~ The one big difference that I see between the morning kids vs the afternoon kids is that the afternoon kids are less chaty and tired.



# Teacher Spotlight Continued!

Q ~ How do you remember all of your students' names?

A ~ I remember my students names by doing a memory game the first week of school

Q ~ What's a school sport or activity you enjoy watching?

A ~ An activity I enjoy watching is drama/musical plays

Q ~ How important is making a connection with your students?

A ~ Making connections with your students is extremely important because if you make connections it makes it easier to help your students!

Q ~ How do you keep your kids engaged & motivated

A ~ I always try to keep my students moving & I try to give them lots of things to do

Q:What's your favorite dinner?

A: Chicken cutlets

Q:What's your favorite dessert?

A: Cheesecake

Q:Where is your favorite place in the world

A: North Port Harbor in Long Island New York because I remember so many fun afternoons in the water and the park's with my mom and sister. I loved getting ice cream and candy from the ice cream and candy store.

Q:If you could time travel to any year what year would it be?

A:1920s so I can meet my grandmother when she was a teenager. She ran away from Ireland and into the United States.

Q:If you had a superpower what would your superpower be?

A: Speed so I can get more done in the day.

Q:Do you have any siblings and if you do how many?

A: I have 4 older sisters.

Q:What's your favorite pet?

A: Dogs.



# Teacher Spotlight Continued!

**Mrs. O'Shea**

**By: Kara and Tiffany**

**Interview with Mrs. O'Shea**

Q: What is your favorite part about being a 6th grade ELA teacher?

A: My favorite part is watching students start to enjoy learning about English on many different levels. My goal as a teacher is to help you fall in love with English.

Q: When you were the librarian for Lincoln Avenue, what was your favorite part about it?

A: My favorite parts were introducing students to literature and ordering books. I loved ordering books and reading them to students to help students make their learning more enjoyable.

Q: What do you enjoy doing in your free time, other than reading?

A: I like to travel, go for walks, and see plays.

Q: How long do you think you read every day?

A: About 2 and a half hours, minimum.

Q: Do you enjoy teaching a small group of kids or a larger group of kids?

A: I like both. Small group instruction is more personal, and I get to interact with the students more. I also like teaching a larger group because it allows me to reach more students.

Q: Where is your favorite place to travel?

A: I've already spent time in Germany, so my favorite place to travel is probably Belgium. When I was in Belgium, it was very central and I could travel all over Europe.

We hope you enjoyed learning about some of our teachers! Stay tuned for spring's newspaper to see who our next spotlight is on!



# Animal Fun Facts & Jokes

By: Katie G.. & Arianna F.



Hi PRMS! Do you love animals and have you ever wanted to read random animal fun facts and funny animal jokes? If you have, then you are reading the right article. ENJOY!

## **Super cool fun facts about animals!**

- ☺ Crickets have ears on their front legs.
- ☺ Cats sleep for around 13 to 16 hours a day (70% of their life).
- ☺ Zebra stripes act as a natural bug repellent.
- ☺ A grizzly bear's bite is strong enough to crush a bowling ball.
- ☺ Pigeons can do math.
- ☺ A group of ferrets is called a business.
- ☺ Reindeer eyes turn blue in the winter.
- ☺ Giraffes have black tongues.



## **Jokes**

- ☺ What is a cat's favorite song? Three blind mice
- ☺ What do ducks watch on tv? Duck-umentaries
- ☺ What happens to a toad's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away!
- ☺ What did the dog say when it sat on sandpaper? Ruff!
- ☺ What happens when it rains cats and dogs? I don't know, but you can step in a poodle!
- ☺ What did the horse say when it fell? I've fallen and I can't giddyup!
- ☺ Why can't a leopard hide? Because it is always spotted
- ☺ What kind of sports car does a cat drive? A furr-arri

We hope you liked learning and laughing at some animal fun facts and jokes!

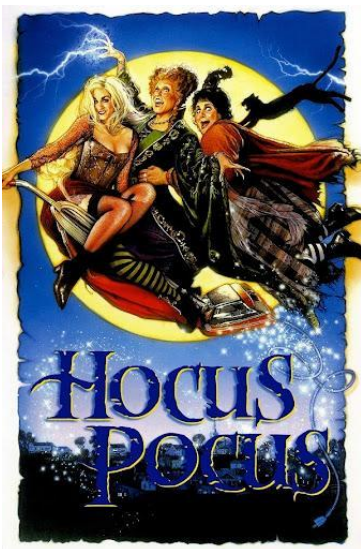


# Movie Reviews

By: Kyla & Molly

## Hocus Pocus

Hocus pocus is a kid friendly movie made in 1993. Hocus Pocus is a Halloween movie but you can pretty much watch it whenever! Ok, you're probably wondering what this movie is about! This is a film that is about three witches who are the villains of the movie and they come back from the dead by the help of two kids named Dani and Emily. They just moved to Salem, Massachusetts and wanted to explore the place! Can you guess what kind of house they wanted to explore? An abandoned one! They somehow accidentally free the coven of evil! Now, they need to get the witch's spellbook to stop them from being immortal. Watch this movie to see how it all unfolds!



## High School Musical

High School Musical is a family friendly movie about Troy Bolton (Zac Efron) and Gabriella Montez's (Vanessa Hudgens) trip through high school. Released on January 20th 2006, with it's huge success followed High School Musical 2 in 2007 and High School Musical 3: Senior Year in 2008. This movie shows Gabriella and Troy meeting each other at a New Years Party and then Gabriella transfers to East High School where they meet again. They become very good friends. You'll have to watch the full movie to see what happens next!



# Movie Reviews

By: Lili & Patrick

## Indiana Jones And The Temple of Doom

This movie is about an adventurer named Indiana Jones who has to free several little kids from a city and bring back the magical stone from the notruss mola ram and the god he worships kali ma. If you like movies with action and adventure then watch Indiana jones and the Temple Of Doom.



## The Croods A New Age

The Croods A New Age is a kid friendly movie that is about a family that is introduced to a new lifestyle and a new way of living. To get to the village they had to cross many obstacles including getting stuck in sticky hot hard glue. They also face challenges when they get chased by many new and different animals. Once they get to the village they sleep in nice beds and no longer have to fight for food.

**THE FUTURE AIN'T  
WHAT IT USED TO BE**



As you can see these are just some of the great movies out there for kids and we hope this helps you to choose your next movie!



# Book Reviews

By: Micaela D. and Keela L.

## Pugs In a Blanket, By: J.J. Howard

Article Written By: Keela L.

*Pugs In A Blanket* is a book about a girl named Sam. One day she comes home from school and finds two adorable pugs on her front porch. Sam falls in love with the pugs instantly and wants to keep them. But even when her parents say no because their cooking business makes it too busy for a pet, Sam says that they should keep the pugs until they find their real owners. Sam learns that wrangling the pugs is harder than she thought. When a new boy is in town, he helps Sam find the pugs' owners. This book is **SUPER** good. It is interesting in every chapter. It's an amazing story and leaves cliff hangers (in some chapters) so it makes you want to keep reading. Other Pug books by J.J. Howard are also great (but this one was my favorite.) I think you should read this book, especially if you **LOVE** dogs and **LOVE** to read! I really like all the characters and their personalities. (But my favorite characters were the pugs.) I hope this book review was helpful if you are looking for a good book to read!



## Wings of Fire, By: Tui Sutherland

Article Written By: Micaela D.

*Wings of Fire* is an amazing book series with fourteen novels. Although it's a large commitment, I highly recommend this series! **EVERYTHING** about this book is great! *Wings of Fire* is an action-packed book series about dragons and their adventures. Each book is on a different dragon's perspective. As I said before, this book series has fourteen books so the series lasts longer! And guess what! More is coming! On March 1st 2022, the fifteenth book, *Wings of Fire and the Flames of Hope*, is due to come out! I hope you consider *Wings of Fire* as your next series read!

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OF  
FIRE



# Save the Environment

By: Micaela D. and  
Emilia M.



Helping the environment is very important. We had the chance to interview Ms. Martinez who runs the PRMS Green Peas Club.

Q: When did you first start running the Green Peas Club?

A: 2017 (5 years ago)

Q: What do you want the students here to know about recycling and helping the environment?

A: That every little bit counts and if we all come together then we can make a difference!

Q: Why did you start running the Green Peas Club?

A: Because there was no recycling or environmental club at the school, and I thought we needed it.

Q: Do you have any tips on recycling for students here in Pearl River Middle School?

A: Reusable water bottles, reusable shopping bags, do not take the trays from the cafeteria if you're not going to use it and use the green bin for recyclables only, try not to buy the food if you're not going to eat it, Do not litter in the halls.

Q: What are some of the ways you, and the Green Peas plan on making PRMS a better place, environmentally?

A: We are creating a recycling station for all students to use. We are working with Mrs. Paese to create a garden, we have plans to clean up the trail, and currently we are working on handmade holiday presents.

We hope that by reading this article you learned a few easy ways to make this world even better.





# **Introducing Our Pirates of the Month!**



By: Kevin D, Kate A, Joe S, Aisling L and Kate A.

Do you want to know about the 5th grade pirates of the month? Well in this article you will read about few of the 5th grade pirates of the month. We were lucky enough to speak some of them. Some of this year's 5th grade pirates are.... Genevieve Strattner, Dylan Stapleton, Hailey Hill, and Leslie Alarcon Erazo. We were able to interview them so you can learn more about who they are! We hope you enjoy learning about some of our PRMS pirates of the month!

We interviewed Hailey Hill on Team Navy. She was the pirate of the month for September. Here's a little bit about Hailey getting pirate of the month. She was very happy to be selected as pirate of the month. She told us that she will always encourage other students to be pirate of the month. One reason she was chosen as pirate of the month is because she is always willing to help a person in need. When she heard her name on the announcements she was very surprised!

The next student we interviewed was Leslie Alarcon Erazo on the Orange team. She was another student chosen for pirate of the month for September. Leslie was very proud of herself when she learned she was pirate of the month. Leslie shared that she will always encourage others to do the right thing. One reason Leslie was selected as pirate of the month was because she was prepared for every class and kind to all the students at PRMS. When she heard her name on the announcements she was very surprised

Next up is Genevieve Strattner. We had the chance to interview her and learn a little bit more about her. When she heard, she was a little bit excited and embarrassed but in a good way. She will always encourage people to be kind, and responsible to try to get pirate of the month. She is very kind and polite to her teachers and friends.

Last but not least we interviewed Dylan Stapleton. He said he has never really won a lot of awards and was really happy that he got pirate of the month. He was also very happy because the purple team was very excited for him. He will always encourage people to be pirate of the month. It can happen when you least expect it! He got pirate of the month because he is very polite to his teachers. He was very surprised and happy when he heard his name on the loudspeakers!!

These were just some of the 5th grade pirates of the month! Make sure you congratulate our star students if you see them and remember you can be a pirate of the month someday too!



## Pirates of the Month Continued



Have you ever wondered who the 6th Grade pirate of the months are? Well, we are here to tell you who a couple of them are and some cool things about them! The two pirates of the month we interviewed were: Matthew Pellumbi and Jordan Rose!

**POTM: Matthew Pellumbi** - Written by Kevin D.

I had the chance to interview Matthew who was one of the 6th grade pirates! The first question that I asked Matthew was what he likes about being pirate of the month. Matthew shared that he liked being pirate of the month because he was recognized for his hard work. He said, "I love working hard in school and I'm glad I was able to be recognized for it!!" When I asked Matthew what the best part about being on the Gold Team was he told me that he loved not just the teachers, but the friends he was able to make. Next I asked Matthew what his favorite part about middle school was. He said that his favorite part was having more freedom in what he can do compared to elementary school and that he isn't in one classroom all day. Lastly, I asked Matthew what his parent's reaction was to him being pirate of the month. Matthew said, "My family's reaction to me being pirate of the month was extremely happy for my success and they rewarded me with a nice big steak for dinner!"



## **Pirates of the Month Continued**



**POTM: Jordan Rose** - Written by Joe S.

Another Pirate of the Month for the 6th grade was Jordan Rose! Jordan's favorite hobby is going to the park, this helps him clear his mind and make new friends. Jordan also loves to ride his bike and he said he rides it just about every day!

Jordan's favorite school subject is Science, and his homeroom teacher is Ms. Ortiz. His favorite recess activity is playing FourSquare with his friends. His favorite book series is Diary of A Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney. When Jordan was chosen as the Pirate of The Month, he was shocked, excited, and he didn't know what to do. One thing that Jordan will try to do to change the world is make world peace. Finally, here is some advice from Jordan that will be useful in the future for people who want to become a pirate of the month: "Try your best, participate, and put a ton of effort into your schoolwork and homework." Anyway, that was all about Jordan!

Keep working hard and doing your best because one day that hard work will pay off!



# Comics

By: Siobhan B, Liam P & Jack M,

One day a Fire Belly newt was gardening..

They lived a calm and gentle life...

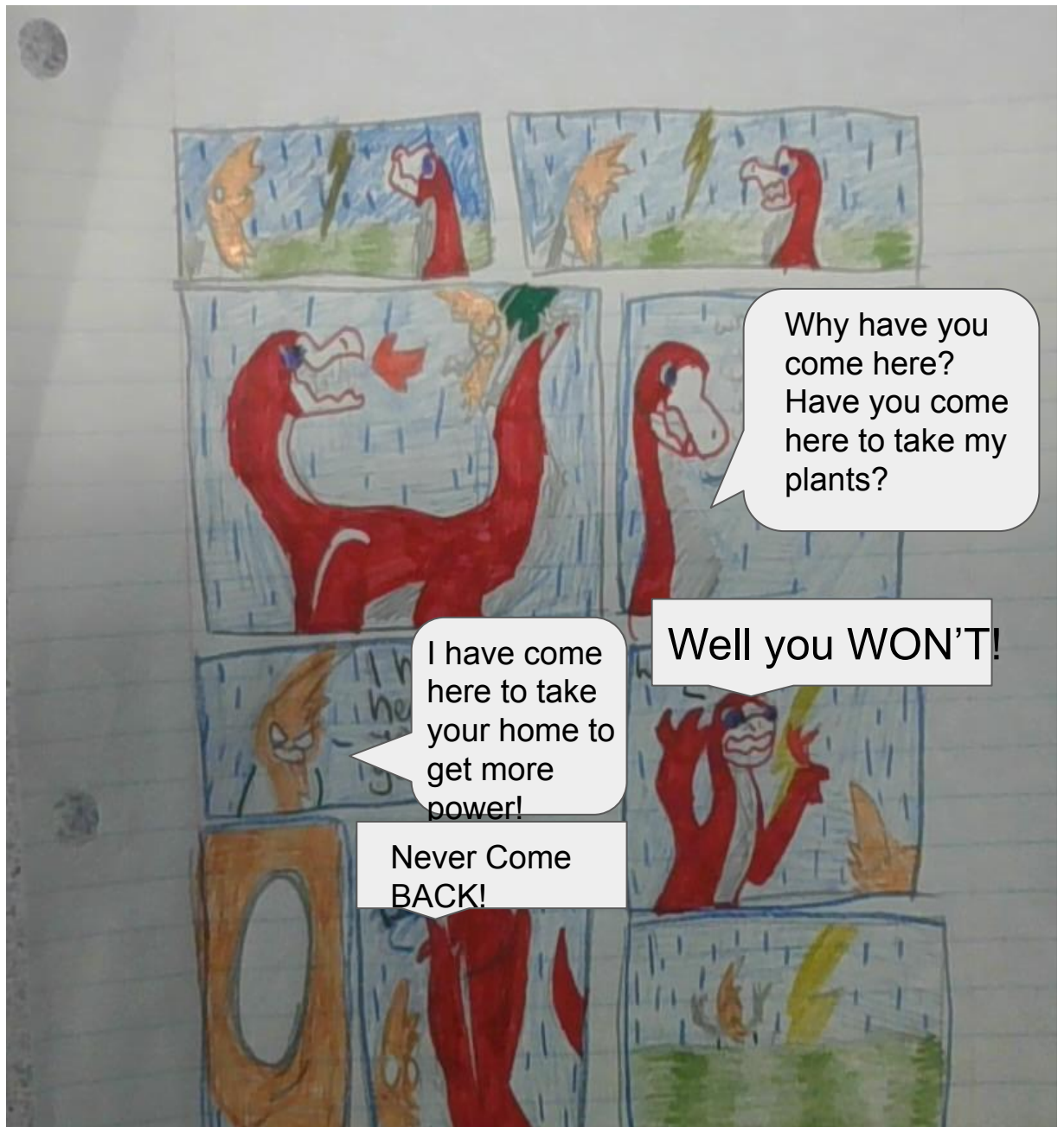
But then...

RAWW!

I won't let you steal my shell house!







The End

# Meet the Pirate Reporters!

Micaela Dworkin is on 5th Grade Silver Team. She plays the french horn in band. In her free time she loves to read,, write, spend time with family and friends, draw, play sports, and participate in clubs.

Lili Richards is a 5th grade student on the silver team. Her favorite subject is ELA. She loves to dance and plays clarinet in band. When she grows up she wants to be a teacher or a business owner.

Cormac McGee is a 5th grade student on the silver team. He plays guitar at home and clarinet in school. When he grows up he wants to be a professional soccer player and a zoologist.

Courtney is a 7th Grade Student on the Blue Team. Her favorite school subject is science. She loves animals, she loves to sing, she loves to dance, she loves to read and loves to draw. She also likes to play with her younger brother. Courtney's favorite book series is Harry Potter. When she grows up Courtney wants to be a nurse, a vet, or a scientist.

Peter O'Callaghan is a 5th grade student on the orange team. He has a dog named Layla, and a cat named Bagheera, who he calls Baggy. He likes music, watermelon, go-karts, movie editing, and trains. When he grows up, he wants to be a scientist, engineer, or musical artist.

# Meet the Pirate Reporters!

Tiffany O'Brien is a 6th grade student on the red team. She enjoys sports, reading, school and hanging out with friends.

Arianna Franco is a 6th grader on the gold team. Her favorite color is yellow and she loves to read, write, dance, draw and to play soccer. She also loves animals and has two dogs. She likes to hang out with friends also she likes Wendy's.

Noreen Sheehan is a 6th grader on the red team. She likes to bake, go to the beach & hang out with her friends. Her favorite sport is lacrosse & her favorite colors are purple & white.

Molly O'Connor is a 6th grader on the red team!! She loves hanging with friends and playing basketball as well as art!!!

Caitlin Dempsey is a 6th grade student on the red team. She likes to play sports and hang out with friends. Her favorite sport is basketball and her favorite colors are pink, blue, and purple.

Kevin Duffy is a 6th grader on the gold team at PRMS. He loves to build, read, and run! His favorite color is blue

# Meet the Pirate Reporters!

Siobhan Barmess is a Gold team 6th grader who loves dragons, drawing, the color purple, and reading.

Kara Han is a 6th grade red team student. She loves reading, art, and hanging out with her friends.

Joseph Soldano is a Red Team 6th Grad member. He is left-handed and likes video games, baseball, and having fun with friends! His Homeroom number is #234 and his Homeroom teacher is Mrs. Mulcahy. He is kind, smart, funny, cool, and always ready to lend a hand!

Katie G is in 6th grade, on the gold team. She likes the color yellow and loves all animals. She has been playing soccer for 6 years and counting. She also likes the book series Harry Potter.