

# The Pirate Times

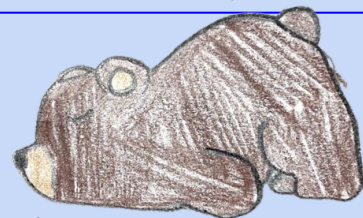
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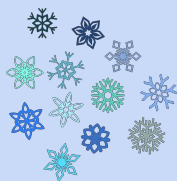
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## Past/ Upcoming Events By: Kailei Suben



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 past and upcoming events. Enjoy!

### January



**Date: 1/2**

**No school, winter break**

Here's another day off for the holidays.

**Date: 1/16**

**MLK Jr. Day**

1/16 is a day off to learn about MLK Jr.



**Date: 1/30**

**Marking period 3 begins**

The 3rd quarter starts this day.



### February

**Date: 2/1**

**Early dismissal**

Have a good afternoon!

**Date: 2/18 - 2/26**

**February break**

Here are 9 days off for Presidents Day and Superintendent's Conference Days.



# Upcoming Events (continued)

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## March

**Date: 3/15**

**Early dismissal**

Have a good afternoon

**Date: 3/17**

**St. Patrick's day**

A day to enjoy everything Irish!

**Date: 3/23-3/25**

**Spring Musical- Frozen Jr.**

Enjoy the show. Great job to all actors and actresses!



## Winter Highlights

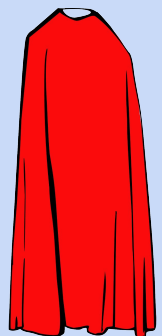
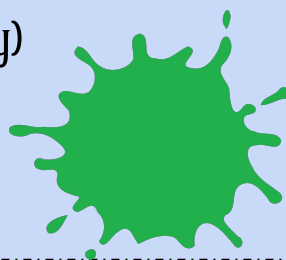
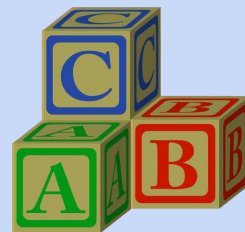
-12/8 - Initial day

-12/23 - Holiday Spirit day

-1/13 - Crazy hair and Hat day

-1/25 - Superhero day - Homeroom participation contest

-3/17 - Green Day (green for St. Patrick's day)



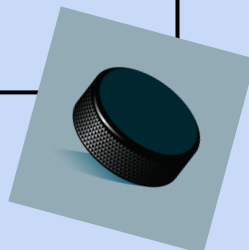
*Hi!, I am Matthew Pellumbi. I am the only seventh grader in this school newspaper but I hope that it will not stay that way. If you had read our male sport spotlight you will already know a lot about me. But adding a bit more to that, I am a dedicated student and athlete. I give everything my best and I will always accept a challenge. As you saw I am a swimmer/runner but I like to try all sports and have fun each time I do it. Besides sports, I am excellent at each subject in school but I always have more work to do. Thanks for learning a bit about me and I hope I meet you soon.*

# PR Male Modified Sports Coach Spotlight

All of you should know him but here he is; the one, the only Mr. Travaglino!!! Most of you know him as a gym teacher we are interviewing him for the modified hockey team. He coaches other sports such as football. He is very fun as a coach and probably one of the best coaches you can ever ask for. About his personality, he is funny, "chill", and loves a good football game. If you want to join any of the sports he coaches, please join and you will have a lot of fun because he is the best!!! If you want to know more about Mr. Travaglino, look below and you will see his perspective on the sport of hockey.

**Fun Fact about Hockey. It is known as one of the most hard and intense sports there are.**

**Fun fact about Coach Travaglino. He enjoys and respects all sports because they have their own challenges in different ways.**

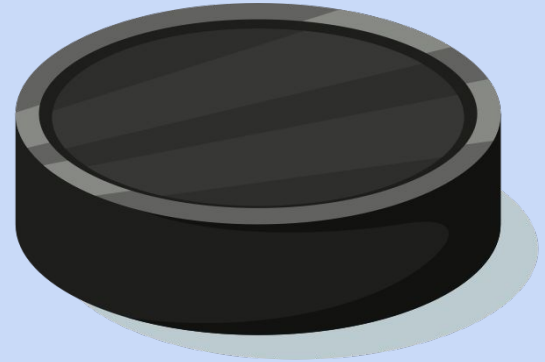


Questions	Answers
What is your name?	Mr. Travaglino
What sport do you coach	Hockey
Do enjoy coaching this sport, Why?	Yes I do, because it's a new sport for me and an opportunity to expand as a coach.
Would you consider ice hockey practice hard, why?	Yes, because a lot of the athletes are new to it.
What is your favorite position to play, Why?	Defense because defense is the last line before the goalie so you get to skate around the rink and you must be very talented.
Why would you recommend this sport?	Absolutely, if you have enough talent it is so challenging. But, either way, it is so fun. Plus playing for your school makes it more fun and can give a learning experience.
Do you have anything to add?	No, thank you Matt.

# PR Male Modified Sports Player Spotlight

Hi I'm Jack Bane and I'm the sport reporter at the school newspaper club. I am in 5th grade and my favorite sports are hockey and golf.

I interviewed Brendan Bane. He is 12 years old and he is center for the hockey team. He is also number 18.



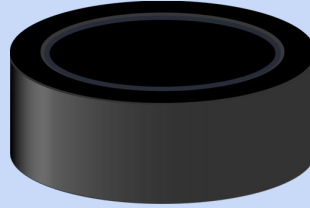
Questions	Answers
What's your name?	Brendan Bane Jr
What sport do you play?	Ice hockey
What position do you play ?	Center
What number would you like and why?	18 because my dad was number 18.
Why do you enjoy this sport?	Because it is a fast pace game and physical.
Would you recommend this sport?	Yes
What made you want to join this sport?	Watching it on TV.



# **Fun Facts About Ice Hockey!**



**Did you know...**



- The first puck was made of cow.
- The ice in the rink is less than an inch thin.
- The Anaheim ducks got their name from a Disney movie.
- Wayne Gretzky is one of the highest scorers of all time.
- Octopus-throwing is a lucky tradition for Red Wings fans.
- In 1920 when the goalies were fined 2 dollars for every time they fell to make a save.
- Wayne Gretzky is the only NHL player to retire his number.

# PR Female Modified Sports Coach Spotlight

We would like to introduce the winter edition of the newspaper. We are focusing on the modified girls basketball team. Together we interviewed the modified girls basketball coach, Mrs. Guillule and a player Claire Pritts.

Questions	Answers
Did you play basketball in high school and college?	No, I played basketball in Middle School.
How long have you been coaching?	I have been coaching for 15 years in this sport.
Did you coach any other sport if so how long?	I am the varsity girls soccer coach for the past 4 years. I have coached JV girls soccer for 10 years and I have coached the modified team for 5 years.

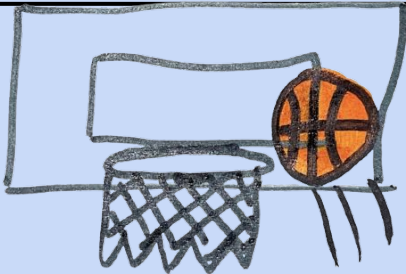




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Question	Answer
What do you enjoy about coaching basketball?	I enjoy teaching the girls the basics of the game and watching them grow as players.
Do you have a favorite drill to help the team learn?	We have a couple of different plays but my favorite is Horns.
Do you have a favorite play that helps you get open?	The point guard who handles the ball has a hard job and then all of the other players are equally as important.
What is your favorite quote?	My favorite quote is: "In the end you only regret the chances you didn't take."



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Questions	Answers
What position do you play? If so is it your favorite position?	I usually play small forward or shooting guard but wherever my coach needs me to play I will usually play there.
What do you like about basketball?	I like that you have to be creative with your moves and you have to work together with your friends/teammates.
Is basketball your favorite sport? If not what is?	Basketball is one of the two of my favorite sports, the other is lacrosse.





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How long have you played basketball for?	I've been playing basketball for about 5 years.
What do you like better practices or games?	I like games better because I love competition.
What is your number and why did you pick it?	My number is 12.
Do you have a lucky thing you do before you play?	No.




# **Fun Facts About Girls Basketball!**

- The first girls basketball game was between Stanford and University of California on April 4 1896.
- Senda Berenson Abbott invented girls basketball.
- Georgeann Wells was the first lady to dunk.
- 7 players have dunked in a WNBA game.



# Spotlight STARS: Starring...



**Mr.  
Bernasconi**

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

Interview with Mr. Bernasconi By: Danny, and Natalie

## What are your holiday traditions?

- We always travel to some places like Rochester!



## What do you do on your snow days?

- If it's not too bad we volunteer to Meals on Wheels!

## What's your favorite season?

- Fall!



## What is your favorite thing about your job?

- I get to help people!

## Why did you become a school counselor?

- I really like working with people and I enjoy school!

## How do you spend your holiday break?

- We visit my wife's family in upstate new york!

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Interview with Mrs. Beckley By: Natalie, and Danny

## What are your holiday traditions?

- Mrs. Beckley has a christmas tree and cuts it usually with friends and family. They leave out cookies and carrots and milk in the morning. Stockings first then gifts then have a nice breakfast and get together with extended family for gifts and dinner. Mrs. Beckley goes to stocking night and Mrs. Beckley travels upstate to exchange stockings.

## What do you do on your snow days?

-Mrs. Beckley sleeps in. She plays inside until there was enough snow to play outside with her boys then Mrs. Beckley goes inside and drinks hot chocolate.

## What's your favorite season?

- Fall because Mrs. Beckley loves when it starts to cool and she loves apple and pumpkin picking. Mrs. Beckley loves when the leaves start changing and growing up her birthday is in the fall.

## What is your favorite thing about your job?

-Mrs. Beckley loves helping students and getting to know them.



## Why did you become a school counselor?

A: Mrs. Beckley always loved helping out and wanted to work in a school to help kids.

## How do you spend your holiday break?

A:Mrs. Beckley loves to get together with friends/family. She loves shopping and spending time with her sons.

## What was your favorite subject when you were in school? Why?

A:ELA because Mrs. Beckley loves to read.



# **Fun Facts About Guidance Counselors!**



- School counselors are certified and licensed educators.
- School counselors are active school leaders.
- School counselors are proactive and data-driven.
- School counselors advocate for equitable education for all students and work to remove systemic barriers.





# Movie Reviews



## Noelle

Noel Kringle lives a life of joy and Christmas cheer, living in the north pole with Santa Claus as her father. Life seems easy. But when her father passes, Noel's brother Nick, must be the new Santa.



Rated-G

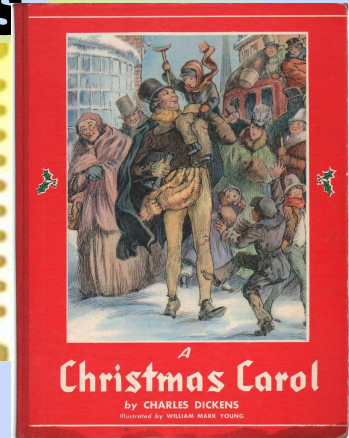


Rating: ★★ ★



# Movie Reviews

## A Christmas Carol



### A Christmas Carol

A very old grumpy man who hates christmas starts to get haunted by christmas spirits and his past,present, and future all are shown to him.

Rated: PG

Rating: ★★★★★



# Animal Fun Facts & Jokes

By: Riley and Julia

Hello readers! Today you will be reading about animals and jokes! You will learn new things. We hope you have fun! We've included some winter themed jokes and facts. We hope you like this fall edition of Animal Fun Facts & Jokes.

## Super cool fun facts about animals!

Reindeer can live up to fifteen years in the wild some twenty!

Adult polar bears can measure up to 2.5m long.

Female polar bears give birth to their cubs in snow dens.

Did you know a polar bears fur isn't actually white?

It's actually transparent with a hollow core that reflects light!

Polar bear cubs will stay with their mother for two years.



## Outstanding Jokes!

Q: What do Santa's elves do after school?

A: Their gnomework!

Q: Why is it cold on Christmas?

A: Because it's in Decembrrrrrrrrr!

Q: What do snowmen like to eat for breakfast?

A: Frosted Flakes!

Q: How can you spell cold with two letters?

A: IC (icy)

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite



Thank you so much for reading! I hope you enjoyed!  
Have a nice day!

# **Fun Facts About Winter!**

**Did you know...**

**Every snowflake has six sides!**

**The sun looks bigger in the winter than the summer!**

**The coldest temperature ever recorded was -16 degrees!!!**

**Snow can not only be white, but it can also be pink!**

**The largest snowball fight included 7,600 people!**

**The largest igloo is over 42 ft tall!**

**WOW!**





# Book Reviews



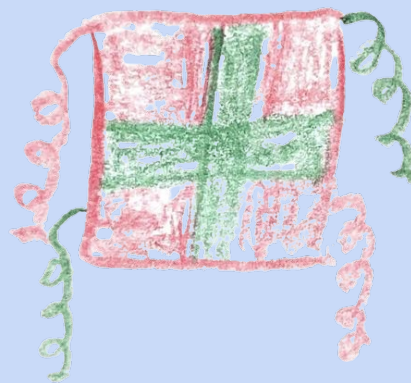
Hi! My name is Rachel Margulies, and I'm the Book Critic from the Pearl River Times. I am in 5th grade, and I love to read! I hope you enjoy this section of the Pearl River Times. Happy Reading!



## Reindeers: The Crowned

### Reindeer of the North Pole

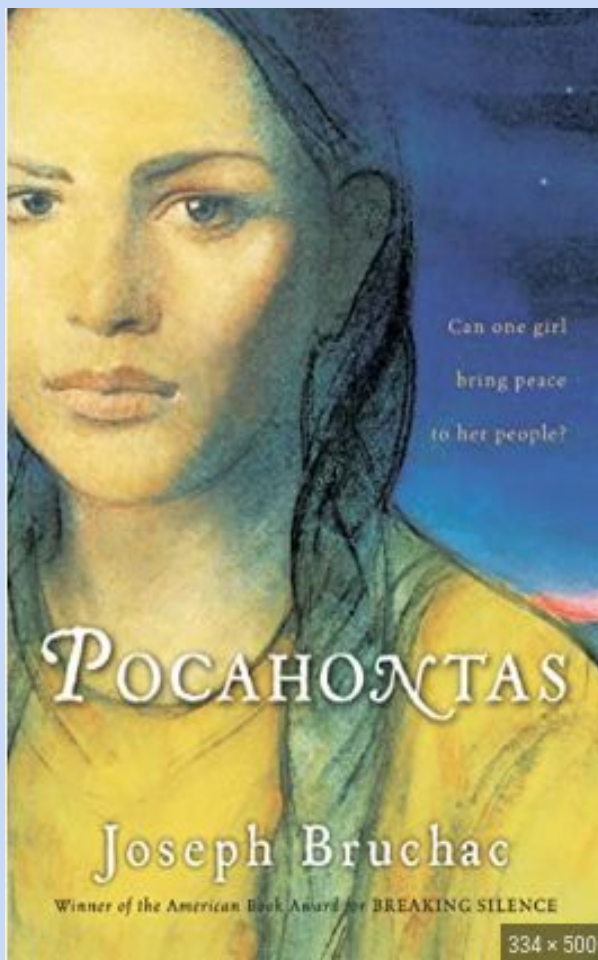
This book describes Reindeers in full detail and is loaded with factual information! Plus it gives fantastic visuals and pictures of what Reindeers look like! It is a great book and I recommend it. Reindeers are amazing creatures and there is so much to learn about them! I hope after reading this book you will love them just as much as I do!





## Pocahontas

This book tells you not only about what living like a Native American was like, but it thoroughly describes Pocahontas, a girl who lived in this era. This book is very interesting and it fits any reading level. If you are interested in the history of Pocahontas, this book is for you!

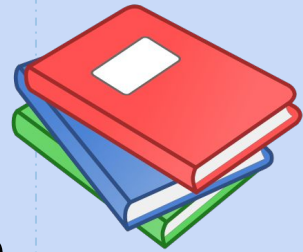
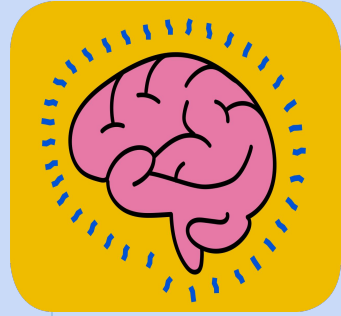




# Reading/Book Facts!

Hi! My name is Rachel Margulies, and I'm the Book Critic from the Pearl River Times. I am in 5th grade, and I love to read! I hope you enjoy this section of the Pearl River Times!

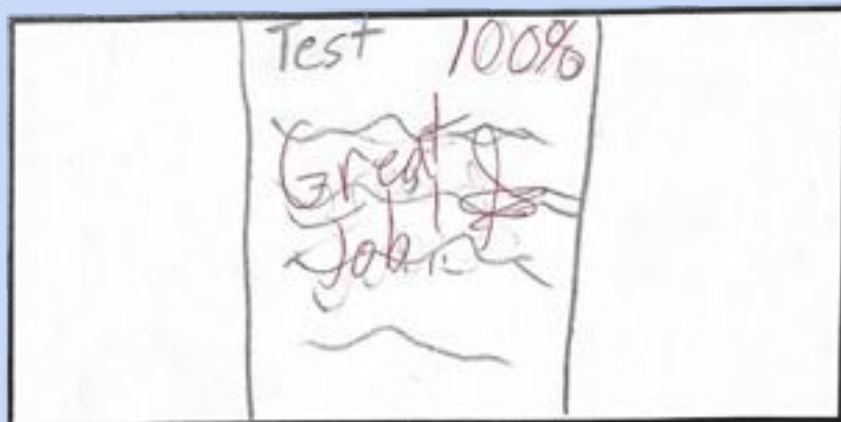
Did you know, that reading reduces stress? I think that's really cool! If your the kind of person that likes to read before bed, your on the right track! It is scientifically proven that reading clears your head. So if you feel that you have had a really stressful day and want to relax, reading is one of the best things for you to do!! I know that a lot of people don't like to read but I think if you give it a chance, it can be extremely beneficial! It really is amazing how much it strengthens the mind! Hopefully, if you don't like to read already, that this changes your mind! Happy reading!





# Comics

by: Julia K.



# Comics

by: Danny D





# Meet the Pirate Reporters!



Hi I'm Natalie and I am one of the spotlight stars. My favorite holiday is Halloween. My favorite holiday tradition is going trick treating with my friends. My favorite thing to do in the winter is play in the snow. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, spotlight star signing off.

Hi I'm Jack and I am the male sports reporter. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is going to my grandparents. My favorite thing to do in the winter is have a snowball fight. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, male sports reporter signing off.

Hi I'm Danny and I am a Spotlight Star. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is to make sugar cookies. My favorite thing to do in the winter is to play in the snow and then come in to a cup of cocoa. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, Spotlight Star signing off.

Hi I'm Aiden. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is snowball fights. My favorite thing to do in the winter is to have snowball fights. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times.

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I'm Abbie Corlett and I am the female sports reporter. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is Santa Claus days. My favorite thing to do in winter is skiing. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, female sports reporter signing off.

Hi I'm Molly McCarthy and I am the upcoming event coordinator. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is opening one present on Christmas Eve. My favorite thing to do in the winter is go sledding. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, upcoming event coordinator signing off.

Hi I'm Kailei Suben and I am the upcoming events coordinator. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is spending time with my family. My favorite thing to do in the winter is make snowmen. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, upcoming events coordinator signing off.



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Hi I am Kiera Callanan and I am one of the female sports reporters.. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is when my cousins and I make gingerbread houses and compete on who had the best one. My favorite thing to do in the winter is have hot chocolate and go sledding. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. until then, female sports reporter signing off.

Hi I am Emma Dominik and I am the female sports reporter. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is opening presents in pajamas. My favorite thing to do in the winter is to have a snowball fight. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, female sports reporter signing off.

Hi I'm Elsie Roe and I am the female sports reporter. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is opening pajamas on Christmas eve. My favorite thing to do in the winter is skiing. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, female sports reporter signing off.

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Hi! I'M RILEY AND I AM THE ANIMAL EXPERT/  
COMEDIAN AND MOVIE CRITIC. MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY  
IS CHRISTMAS. MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITION IS  
MAKING COOKIES. MY FAVORITE THING TO DO IN THE  
WINTER IS TO MAKE SNOWMEN. I HOPE YOU ENJOY  
THIS EDITION OF THE PIRATE TIMES. UNTIL THEN,  
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*Hi I' Zoey Bonomolo land I am the  
female sports reporter.. My favorite  
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tradition is going to my grandparents  
house on Christmas. My favorite thing to  
do in the winter is play in the snow. I  
hope you enjoyed this edition of the Pirate  
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signing off.*

Hi I'm Julia and I am the the  
comedian/ animal expert/movie  
critic. My favorite holiday is  
Christmas. My favorite holiday  
tradition is that I go to my  
grandparents house every  
Christmas. My favorite thing to do  
in the winter is play outside in the  
snow/build a snowman. I hope  
you enjoy this edition of the  
Pirate Times. Until then, animal  
expert/comedian/movie critic  
signing off.

**Hi I'm Rachel  
Margulies and I am  
the Book Critic. My  
favorite holiday is  
Hanukkah, and my  
favorite holiday  
tradition is lighting  
the menorah.**



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*Hi I'm Madeline and I am the artist. My favorite holiday is Christmas. My favorite holiday tradition is opening presents with my family. My favorite thing to do in the winter is go in the snow. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, ARTIST signing off.*

Hi, i'm Eve Murphy and I am a female sports reporter! My favorite holiday is Christmas and my favorite holiday tradition is going to the pool on 4th of July! My favorite thing to do in the winter is ice-skating. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Pirate Times. Until then, female sports reporter signing off.