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Coyote Times!

Winter
Snowfall, Christmas
Snuggling under blankets
Sledding down white hills,
Hot Cocoa
Winter

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from your Coyote Times Staff: Gabby Lazarcheff, Abby Lodge, Adrian Aldridge, Lucas Fulcz, Olivia Hagen, Emma Hagen, Josie Jones, Helena Paulsgaard, Elisa Heidebrecht, Corey Carlson, and Charlie Collins!

Cover page written and designed by Editor Josie Jones

Ornament Craft

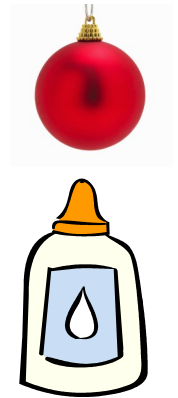
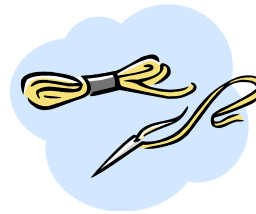
Things you will need:

Colored String, embroidery thread, etc.

White Glue and a bowl

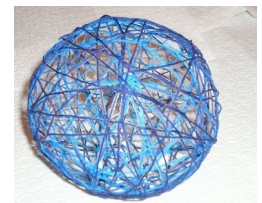
Small balloons (Water balloons work best)

Scissors



Instructions:

1. Blow up your balloon until it is around the size of a normal ornament and tie it off
2. Pour the glue into a small, shallow bowl and mix in a small amount of water
3. Dip a 3 foot long piece of string in the diluted glue, then squeeze off the excess with your fingers.
4. Wrap the glue-covered string around the balloon, making sure to make it messy.
5. Keep repeating steps 3.-4. until the balloon is mostly covered. Make sure the holes are not more than a finger width apart. Feel free to change colors of string.
6. Once you like how the balloon looks, tie a piece of string to the tied off end of the balloon, then hang it somewhere. Put some paper towels or a bowl under it to catch the dripping glue.
7. When it is completely dry and the strings feel firm, use your scissors to pop the balloon and then pull it out. Attach a piece of string to any of the holes and you're done!



By Editor Abby Lodge



Pray for our Veterans ~

Be sure to thank your veterans. They served the country by going to war for you. If you can, pray for the veterans who are in war. I could never imagine how hard it is for them to go to war, leave their families and risk their own lives when they don't have to. They could sit at home and have a normal life and a normal job. They deserve a better life than going out to a foreign land and giving everything to help our cause.

By: Charlie Collins

BIGHORN SHEEP

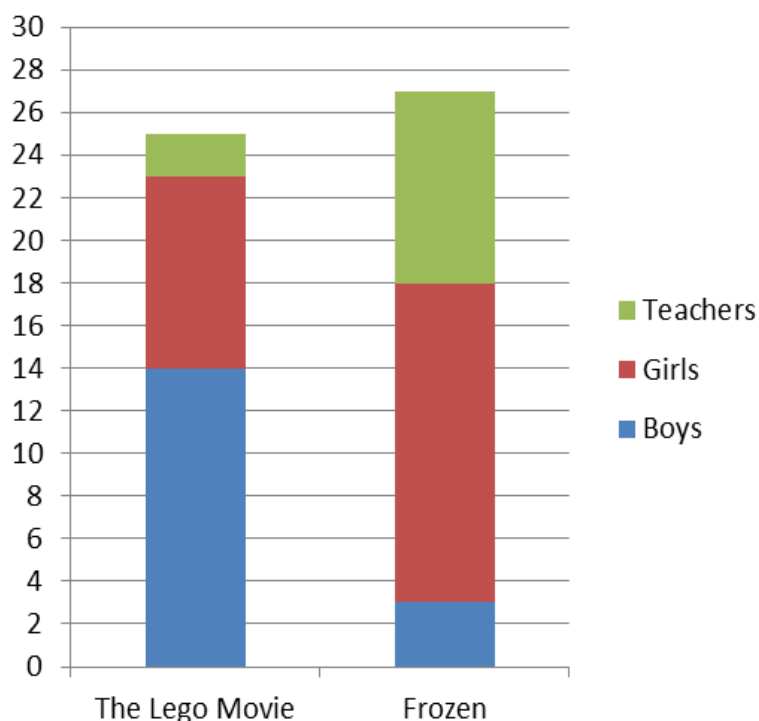
BY:PHILIP GUADAGNINI

Bighorn Sheep are found in North America. The males have huge horns that curve backwards and may be over 4 feet long. Rocky mountain sheep ,the largest bighorns, live in Canada ,the United States ,and Mexico.

How far away can a bighorn see his enemy approaching? A bighorn sheep can see its enemy from up to two miles away!!!!



Edited by : CHARLOTTE COLLINS!!!!



And the Winner of the
FROZEN vs. **THE LEGO MOVIE**
Challenge is...



FROZEN!!!!

We asked 52 kids and teachers which movie they preferred: Frozen or The Lego Movie? 23 kids and 2 teachers said The Lego Movie and 18 kids and 9 teachers said Frozen. It was a close call, but the most popular movie in the Homeschool is

FROZEN! Thank you voters

-The Coyote Times Staff

Let it go, Let it go...

The Pony and the Falcon

Finally the day of the race! "I'm sure to beat you Pony!" said Falcon. Pony looked at Falcon and whinnied softly. "On your mark, get set, go!" the announcer yelled. Falcon took off leaving Pony in the dust. Pony galloped his fastest but his gallop was very slow. Soon Falcon started feeling tired and perched on a branch. When Falcon fell asleep, Pony whizzed by feeling confident. Pony ran faster and farther from Falcon and closer to the finish line.

When Falcon awoke, he grinned thinking he was so far ahead of Pony, but when Falcon raced toward the finish line and crossed it, Pony was already there! Pony had flowers around his neck like he had won the Kentucky Derby. "Huff," groaned Falcon, "This must be a bad dream!" To see if he was dreaming, Falcon pinched himself hard. "Ouch-h-h-h-h!!!!" he screamed as he jumped up to Pluto and back down to earth! Pony, looking for Falcon, whinnied and said, "I win! I win! And you Falcon said I couldn't!" "Um...Falcon, where did you go?" Pony asked.

The next day, the headline on the front page of the newspaper read, Bird Goes to Space, Bird Falls to Earth, Bird Blows up!

By Emma Blea, grade 3

A Santa Fixer-Upper

By Gabby Lazarcheff



Look, I never wanted to be Santa. Nobody ever asked me if I wanted to work night shifts flying all around the world giving toys to children. I don't even get paid! Being born as the daughter of Santa doesn't make me qualified, it was just BAM! Congratulations you're jolly old St. Nick. I'm not even a boy! Wait, I'm getting ahead of myself. My name is Mistletoe Claus, Missy for short, and I'm the daughter of old Claus himself. This is the story of my horrible life. I know what you're thinking, you're probably saying,

"But Missy, being Santa is what every kid wants to be." Well it's not what you think it is. It's just the same thing over and over again, with my dad always looking over my shoulder.

"Missy, that doll's eyes you're painting are too close together. Do it again. Missy, you're not wearing any kind of red. Change your clothes. Missy, an elf knocked over a stack of Legos. Clean it up." He says all these things over and over again. Oh, but I almost forgot my favorite thing he says about me. "Missy you are never going to be a proper Santa. If only I had a boy, things would be so much better." Not your typical, loving Santa, or father. I mean, I try to be Santa, but I'm just not cut out for it. It's hard to be good at your job when you don't even like it. I'd rather be in my room reading or tinkering with my machines. I'd be a better elf than a Santa. Sometimes Dad lets me work on his sled, but still he is still looking over my shoulder, and he doesn't even know anything about mechanics! Then one day my life decided to get relatively better.

It all started the day before Christmas, when the sled broke down. My dad was going absolutely yeti on everybody, yelling at elves, smashing ornaments, and eating all our cookies out of stress.

"Dad, I can try to fix the sled." I said

"Oh no, young lady. No daughter of mine gets her hands dirty trying to fix a sled. I'll get the elves. Momo, Binky, come here and fix the sled." My dad ordered as he walked out of the room. I didn't care what he said. I was going to make him proud. I grabbed my tools from my room, and quickly went to work on examining the sled. Finally, I found the problem.

"That's it?" I said. A cookie got stuck in between some gears. I pulled it out and everything started working.

"Mistletoe Claus, how dare you touch my sled without permission." My father yelled

"B.... But Dad I fixed it. " I stammered

"You did? Well then we should probably get going. The children are waiting. Missy, come here. How would you like to come with me?"

"I'd l.... love to."

"Well come here, and by the way, thanks. I'm proud of you."

The Life of Mongol Children

By Olivia Hagen

Mongol children didn't go to school. Instead of doing school like reading or writing which the other children did, Mongol children galloped on horses at the age of five. Boys would mend saddles, milk mares, and mend bow and arrows. Girl's milk cows, cook, ride horses and make and mend tents. Mongol children loved hearing stories about adventures on the steppes.

HELLO MY FURRY FRIENDS!

And welcome back! My name is Buzz and today I will be giving you a different kind of review; this one will be...



THE TOP 4 APPS of TODAY!

I am reviewing this because I realized that not all of you fabulous gamers have game stations like XBOX 360 or PLAYSTATION 3, etc. These games will be for all you tablet users, (notice: I got these from Google play so there might be different prices or not be there if you are using Apple).

1. MINECRAFT!

An endless building game about building, exploring, and fighting mobs! I, personally, am a big MINECRAFT fan. So I did some digging and found out about an app called Blocklauncher, (free or pro) and it lets you put mods made for Minecraft Pe into your game! If you want to get good Mcpe Mods, try downloading: Mods for Mcpe by Tom Bailey or go to Mcpeuniverse.com!

2. ANGRY BIRDS!

This is the best bird shooting, pig popping, and block smashing game around! There are all sorts of varieties including STAR WARS, TRANSFORMERS, and ANGRY BIRDS GO! It's now sprouting everything from endless runner games, to racing, to that pig popping original that started all this!

3. CLASH OF CLANS!

An awesome tower defense game about making a kingdom and fighting off invaders! You can also team up with your friends for TOTAL DESTRUCTION! You can also raid other people's kingdoms to get elixir and gold to become the best of them all!

4. CANDY CRUSH!

A fast paced game about sliding candy into rows.

STAINED GLASS COOKIES



Supplies:

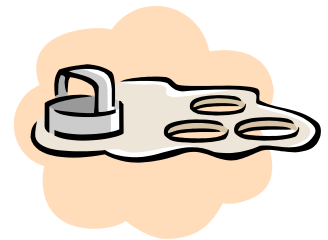
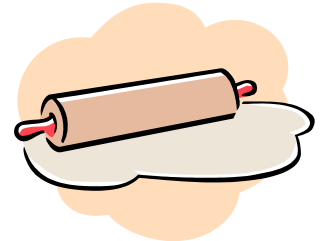
Hard candies like Jolly ranchers plus any cookie mix

Two cookie cutters, with one able to easily fit inside the other

Instructions:

1. Make the cookie mix as directed on the box.
2. Roll the dough out until it is 1/5 inch thick
3. Using the larger cookie cutter, cut out some shapes and transfer them to the baking pan.
4. With the small cutter cut shapes out of the large pieces of dough and put them with the extra dough.
5. Now, sort your hard candies by color, unwrap them and place them in zip lock bags. Smash the candies with a meat mallet.
6. Take some of the crushed candies and sprinkle it in the middle of the cookies until they are filled.
7. Bake the cookies for however long it says on the bag, or until the candy is melted.
8. When they are done baking, let them cool for 15 minutes and then they are done.

Submitted By Abby Lodge



Christopher Columbus

A report by Gavin Jasper, grade 5

Christopher Columbus was the son of a weaver, but he didn't want to be a weaver. Instead, he wanted to be a seaman. He learned the language of Latin, for that was the language that most books about the ocean were in. For years he sailed up and down the coast of Italy selling his father's goods. When he was thirteen he took cargo to England. Off the coast of Portugal he was attacked by pirates. Columbus managed to get hold of a piece of wood and drifted into shore.

He moved up fast in the ranks as seaman in Portugal and soon he was a captain of a ship. He took his ship to Iceland and heard the story of Leif Erikson. He went to the King of Portugal and asked for ships to cross the Atlantic Ocean to Asia. The king did not greet him kindly; he didn't give him ships to go. Columbus then went to the King of Spain and the Queen of Spain. They said yes but were in a war. Seven years later the King and Queen answered his request. They gave Columbus three ships: the Santa Maria, the Pinta, and the Nina.

He left on August 3, 1492 starting on his voyage. Almost two months later Columbus landed. There he barely found any gold so he sailed further south and found Cuba. He sailed even further south and discovered the island that he called Hispaniola. The Indians there told him that there was gold there. He built a fort here and left men behind to man and look after it. When he told the Queen he had discovered new land, the Queen was delighted. He went back three more times in hopes of finding a passageway to Asia but was never successful.



Charlemagne the Notorious Emperor

By Josie Jones, grade 7

One of the most prominent rulers during the Middle Ages was Charlemagne. During the Middle Ages, Charlemagne, who named himself "Charles the Great," was a famous ruler. He and his younger brother Carloman I, both ruled over the Franks who, lived in today's France. Charlemagne's brother suddenly died and left him to be alone ruler. He was a religious man and he desired Christianity to be spread everywhere. Charlemagne was fatigued after battling in wars for thirty years. Because of these battles, by the 800s a massive part of Western Europe belonged to him. Charlemagne inherited the name "Father of Europe," since almost half of the European land was his. Charlemagne, a great conquer, became known as one of the most well-known rulers of the Middle Ages.

The well-known conquer, Charlemagne, coveted reforming his empire. Charlemagne was perturbed by the way that the barbarians acted and was worried that his people were impacted by the barbarian ways. Charlemagne eventually started the process of improving his empire. He started out with forcing all his people to attend church and be Christians. He had roads and bridges built so that the priests could conveniently travel to different towns to preach. Charlemagne handed out land to the loyal men to have order in the kingdom. The loyal men then maintained the roads and bridges on their land in return. These men became knights and this deal later became known as federalism. Charlemagne's idea of reforming his empire ended out grand in the end.

Charlemagne was the main benefactor of the Holy Roman Empire. While Charlemagne, who was known as the protector of the Church, had power, he made an extensive impact of Christianity in Western Europe. Charlemagne built churches and protected the popes. As he was praying at the altar, Pope Leo III with an alluring crown made of gold, approached Charlemagne. The crown was suddenly on his head and the Pope announced Charlemagne "Emperor of the Romans." Although this new title didn't allow Charlemagne to have more power, it made him more tenacious about spreading Christianity. Charlemagne is now known as the "Founder of the Holy Roman Empire." Charlemagne was a very notorious emperor during the Middle Ages.



WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE

BY: STEVIE RAE SHORT, GRADE 7

Not a lot of people know about Sarah Winchester and her story. Well let me tell you. Sarah L. Pardee was married to creator of the Winchester Rifle, William Wirt Winchester. She was afraid of the people's spirits that the users of the Win-

chester Rifle had killed. She was afraid that the spirits would haunt her after William died in 1881.

Since William was creator of the rifle, when he died Sarah got 20 million dollars and 161 acres of land. So she paid workers to build 24/7 on the land, so she would never have to be alone with the spirits that followed her, but the workers, servants, and maids never saw her.

In 1906 she had a seven story mansion, but later on in the year an earthquake severely shook the mansion. Mrs. Winchester was trapped in her favorite daisy bedroom in the front section of the mansion. It took several hours for the servants to locate her and pry open the door to save her. The damage broke off three stories off the mansion, leaving four stories left of the house. This to Mrs. Winchester was a sign, from the spirits, that the constructors have been working to much on the front part of the mansion.

At the time of Mrs. Winchesters death, the mansion contained, 160 rooms, 2,000 doors, 10,000 windows, 47 stairways, 47 fire places, 13 bathrooms, 6 kitchens, and 1 1/2 ballrooms. Mrs. Winchester died peacefully, in her sleep in 1922. Wait I'm not done! I forgot to add one last thing. This mansion was called The Winchester Mystery House for a reason! There were crazy stuff in the house like a super small cabinet only a 1/2 inch deep and one that goes through the back thirty rooms! A door that drops down to the kitchen from the room above, or a door that goes nowhere, a door that opens to a wall, or a pillar that's upside - down! A stair cases that lead to the ceiling, or a door that goes to a sideways door, that leads to a door on the ground, to nowhere! You're probably wondering, why did she do this? She did this to confuse the spirits in the house, and to stop them from haunting her.

Do you think Mrs. Winchester should have built the mansion and everything crazy about it? Would you want to go there if it means a great experience and a road trip with your family to San Jose? Would you want to live there or take spookiness with you at home? I don't know if you would, but I know I would 100% go again.

Write Here!



Guess what I am!

I am pink with white polka dots.

I sleep in a five year old's bedroom and if you see me you'd describe me as babyish.

I am huggable and squeezable.

She, the five year old, thinks I protect her while she sleeps.

Can you guess what I am?

Insert YOUR answer in the Coyote Times mailbox.....see you there!

BY: CHARLIE COLLINS

EDITOR'S NOTE

I am BACK!!!! How did you like the last edition? Did you try finishing the last story? I know SOME people who did. Okay, NOBODY DID IT! IT ISN'T THAT HARD! I'll give one more month for people to turn in a story... I bet YOU can do this project! Lets try this again...I chose a NEW story for you to write...Can you try writing it? I'll try begging...Please, PLEASE, PLEASE??

EMMAHAGEN, Editor, Writer, Beggar...etc.

MAD LIBS

(YOU KNOW THE DRILL)

Christmas is always 1. _____. We decorate a big 2. _____ tree and hang on pretty 3. _____. On Christmas Eve, we bake 4. _____ 5. _____ cookies and 6. _____ sprinkles. We set our amazing 7. _____ out on a platter with some milk for Santa Claus. We stay up until 8. _____ at night singing Christmas 9. _____.

At 10. _____ we 11. _____ to get our presents. We will 12. _____ more songs and 13. _____ our cookies. Santa's 14. _____ will be empty, like always. Christmas is so 15. _____!

DO THIS FIRST:

Fill in each blank. Put the words you have in the blanks in the story according to numbers.

1. Adjective _____
2. Adjective _____
3. Noun _____
4. Adjective _____
5. Type of Spice _____
6. Verb _____
7. Noun (Plural) _____
8. Time _____ o'clock
9. Noun (plural) _____
10. Time _____ o'clock
11. Verb _____
12. Verb _____
13. Verb _____
14. Noun _____
15. Adjective _____

BY EMMA HAGEN



The Battle of Flying Colors

By Makayla Cunnings, 8th grade



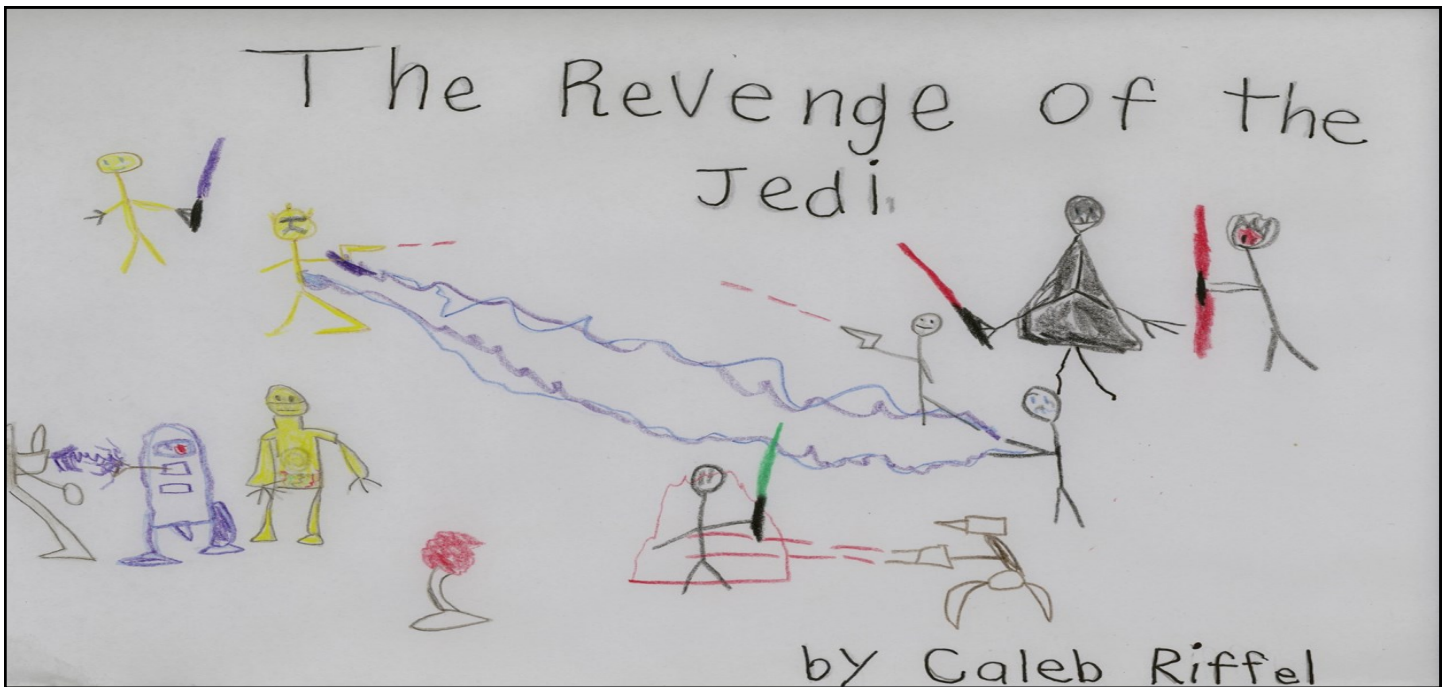
With adrenalin in my veins, fear in my heart, and a paintball gun in my hand, I sheltered myself in a bush. I was being poked by multiple sticks but I didn't care, for I was hiding for a reason. I had to protect the flag, and protect myself! Terrified, I sought comfort in the eyes of my teammates, but they were too focused on the flag to notice me.

After what felt like ages of heart wrenching silence, serenity was broken with two pops of a gun and a yelping from my mother. Trembling, I searched for her attacker. I searched and searched until finally I saw a rustling bush. Then suddenly shrieks emitted from my cousin Lilly's position, and then I heard her say, "OK, I'm done. Stop shooting!!!!" As Lilly left the battlefield, I searched for her attacker. Then suddenly behind a bush, I saw my uncle and two little cousins, oblivious to the fact that I was watching. In an instant, they bolted toward the flag, but I was not going to let them take it! Without hesitation, I fired. Shocked, they retreated to their shrub, but I knew they wouldn't surrender.

I heard them devising a scheme, so curiously I shot at them again but they still deliberated. Then suddenly, my two little cousins dashed towards my flag, while my uncle rapidly fired in my direction. This was a truly devious plan, for I didn't know who to shoot at! Frantically, I sprayed a wave of paintballs all over the terrain. I managed to hit one of my cousins in the leg and my uncle in the chest a couple of times, but this was not enough to stop them! Then suddenly I was blinded! Terrified, I threw myself to the ground. At the time I was only able to see a bright turquoise blue. I tried to wipe off the thick blue substance from my mask, but it would not come off. I was forced to give up, so I stuck my hands (and gun) into the air and stated, "I'm done." Finally he stopped.

Shamefully, I walked back to the 'Safe Zone' only to be teased by Lilly saying, "We could hear you saying 'I'm done!' all the way over here!" Aggravated, I threw myself into a chair to recover from the traumatization that I had just endured knowing I would never think of birthday parties the same again.

By CT Editor: Olivia Hagen



My name is Caleb. I am a Jedi. One day when I was walking on a bridge, I saw a rolling battle droid coming after me. Then he started shooting at me. My Jedi friends came to help me defeat the evil droid. Then we blasted Darth Maul and General Grievous to the planet called Tatooine.

STOP AND ASK ME!

Dear Coyotes,

I am doing an advice column for anybody. I am Charlie Collins but you may call me C.C. if you wish. Just put your question in the Coyote Times box. You don't have to use your real name; you can make one up!

P.S. this is not for inappropriate questions or for answers on a test.

EX: Dear C.C. ,

From _____

EX: Dear _____,

_____ C.C.

C.C. logging out !!!!!



Thank you students for keeping the Coyote Times editors busy! We are so happy to receive your wonderful work in the CT Box!

The 3rd issue of Coyote Times will be published in February.

Enjoy your holiday vacation and see you in January.

