

# Coyote Times



## Christmas Time

*By Lillian O'Day*

There is a certain time of year  
that is filled with love and  
Christmas cheer  
Where stockings are hung  
aloft  
And children listen for rein-  
deer on the rooftop  
When it snows so crisp and  
clear  
'tis truly the most wonderful  
time of the year  
So without further ado  
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!!



Welcome students to  
our 2nd Coyote Times

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We hope you enjoyed  
our first issue and if  
you have any work,  
questions, comments,  
or complaints, please  
drop them off in the  
Coyote Times box.  
Hope to see your work!

-Coyote Times Team



*December is here! And it's  
time for some wonderful  
recipes!!! December 2013*

## Microwave Rocky Road

### **What you need:**

- 2 8oz. Bars of milk or dark chocolate that is cut up
- 3 cups mini marshmallows
- 3/4 cups chopped nuts (any kind)

### **What to do:**

1. Place chocolate in bowl and microwave on medium power for 2 min or until chocolate is melted.
2. Stir as needed and mix with love!
3. Add nuts and marshmallows, then stir.
4. Spread in a buttered 8" sq. pan
5. Let cool for 30 minutes.
6. ENJOY!!!!

**We will be back next month for  
some more recipes. Your ed-  
itors: Samantha Rockey and  
Ellery Meade**

## Movie review by Emma Hagen, grade 6

### FROZEN

Princess Elsa of Arendelle was born with amazing magical powers that can create snow or ice, anytime, anywhere. As a child she and her younger sister Anna would turn the royal ballroom into a winter wonderland, even in the middle of summer. But when Elsa accidentally zaps Anna with her power, almost causing a fatal injury, Elsa and her parents decide to have no human contact. Meanwhile poor Anna is made to forget Elsa ever had magic powers and her relation with her is extremely distant. Several years later Elsa needs to be crowned Queen in front of Arendelle. But on accident she releases her power in front of the town and town members chase after her calling her a monster. In Elsa's fear the town is left buried in snow. Anna saddles on her horse and chases after Elsa saying, "She's my sister. She would never hurt me." Accompanied by Kristoff, a wandering ice salesman, his reindeer Sven, and a snowman named Olaf, Anna chases after her sister hoping to thaw the winter and bring back summer.

This new movie from Disney is good for families and perfect for the holiday season. It is rated PG for mild action and violence. My family enjoyed it and I bet you will too!



## My Thoughts

By Luke Allan Fisher, grade 6



If you like to draw, I know a drawing program. It is really fun. It is called Tux Paint.

Ho ho ho. Christmas is coming. Name one or two things on your want list. Luke Fisher: tree house, Eyewitness book, future. Cory: Disney Infinity. Morgan: bow and arrows, flippers. Jackson: iPod. Trish: world peace.

On 12/3/2013 Trish and Luke Fisher gave a family that ran out of gas in their car a ride.

Knock knock. Whose there? Cash. Cash who? No thanks. I prefer peanuts.



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6th Grade*

Let us know how  
you spent your  
vacation!

## Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (A Documentary) By Shelby Love, Grade 6



In May of 1804, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and a brave group of men chosen for their strength and wilderness skills, set off on a journey to discover what was west of the Louisiana Purchase. Once they set out to find out what was beyond Louisiana, there was no turning back until they reached the west end of the continent.

As they traveled along the Missouri river, they discovered that it wasn't going to be an easy trip. For example, only two days out, Lewis nearly died when he fell off a cliff, and three men had frostbite by winter. On the other hand, Lewis had discovered many new plant and animal species and they had made good progress towards the Pacific Ocean.

They had another large problem... They couldn't communicate with the Native Americans! How would they convince them to help? The men soon came to a Native American village in which lived an English speaking fur trapper. The man sent his Native American wife, Sacagawea, to become a part of the expedition. But instead of getting one Native, they got 2! Sacagawea was pregnant and had her baby just before they left the village!

Sacagawea soon became very important in the expedition. She was not only their only form of communication, but she was a good, strong worker and she knew some of the places on the route and could guide the group. Plus, she did all of this while caring for her newborn child who also went along. They were the only woman and the only child that were a part of this journey. There was one slave, York, who was owned by Clark. After 18 months of struggle, they finally made it to the Pacific Ocean. Their joy was immense! They voted for a winter campsite, which was the first time that a woman or a slave could vote in American history. Along the way, Lewis discovered more than 120 new plants and animals and Clark had made new maps. Together, they devised a route that would get them home in only 6 months! Sadly, one man did die during this exciting journey.

When I watched the documentary about Lewis and Clark, I was amazed at what took place. Before I watched it, I knew close to nothing about that expedition. I had no idea it had such an impact on American history. Those people worked so hard to make life the way it is today. If it wasn't for them I'd probably live in Virginia right now. They deserve all of the credit they get.



## Reindeer Cookies

by Abby Lodge

To make these adorable cookies you will need:

**A gingerbread man cookie cutter**

**Any cookie batter**

**Decorator icing**

Make the cookies as directed using the cookie cutter to shape them.

Then, turn the cookie upside down and draw a reindeer face on the head with the icing.

Draw antlers on the arms and feet and you have a reindeer cookie!



## My Pets

By Brianna Sainz, grade 8

We have well over 30 animals at my house, anything from deer to rats. We have reptiles, rodents, dogs, cats, and even wild animals!

I live on 7 acres of land, so I have plenty of room for animals. I have four snakes, twelve rats, a tarantula, a tortoise, two dogs, fifteen cats, three raccoons, and two deer! My grandma has a house on the same property and she has two dogs and two cats also. Most of the animals stay outside. We used to have an opossum but he stopped coming because the raccoons would try to bite him. The three raccoons live under our house. Two of them are nice; the other one tries to bite us. The deer and raccoons get along fine.

One deer named, Honey, used to go to my grandma's house a lot. When the dogs barked at her she wouldn't run. She was super underweight when she first came so we took care of her and nursed her back to health. She's been here for about a year and a half. In the time she's been here, she got pregnant. It's a baby boy deer but he doesn't like people. That may be good because when male deer get older they can get aggressive. But Honey loves people! Sometimes she comes inside. One time she watched Ice Age on the T.V. with my nephew, Samuel. She's so cool, but the snakes are my favorite!

I have two Ball Pythons, a Dumerils Boa, and a Red-Tail Central American Boa crossbreed. Their names are Sexy, Handsome, Mr. Kitty, and Kisses. Handsome is my favorite. He's helped me get through soooo many things! He's like a stress reliever for me. My snakes are like my babies. They are everything to me.

I love all of my animals, and they're all taken care of and have lots of places to go. Sometimes I think we have too many.....



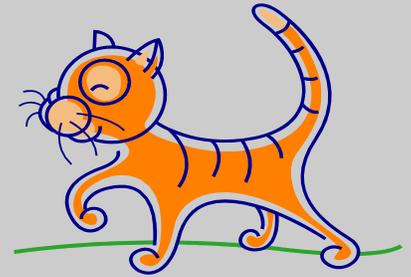
## THE HUMBOLDT SQUID

By Jaxon Love, 6th grade



The Humboldt Squid is an aggressive predator that lives off the West Coast of the Pacific Ocean. The Humboldt preys on fish, humans, and even its own kind. The Humboldt Squid was discovered in 1997 when the ROV Tiburon was researching the ocean depths and one Humboldt put on a light show with its chromatophores for close to 7 minutes. Chromatophores are cells in an animal's skin that can change color to produce light on the skin. Humboldts' wash up on shore by the millions each year and there are still millions more out there in the ocean. Humboldts' have very interesting weaponry, such as razor suckers in their tentacles and a beak like a parrot, except... it's the size of your hand; scientists also think that they hunt in packs, like a gang. I think many people would like this film because it informs about one of the meanest squids on the planet . This concludes my report on the Humboldt Squid.

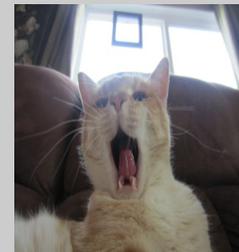
**Hello all you gaming fans! Its me, Buzz again, bringing you some swappy action! And no, I did not make up the word swappy.**



(a picture I drew of myself)

Skylanders Swap Force is a game about placing your Skylander figures on a special portal to bring them back to Skyland. There are well over 50 Skylanders to collect! But there is something special about the Swap Force: they can swap their top and bottom halves! And since there are 16 Swap Force characters that means that there are 256 Swapabilities! (swapability: swap-ability, adj, the ability to swap top and bottom halves). Awesome right!?! Anyways, I played the first 4 levels last night (I don't recommend doing that because the levels are super Loooooong!) and the storyline is pretty cool! The evil Kaos is planning to use a dark matter called petrified darkness to turn everything evil! And you, and the Skylanders have to stop him! I won't say anymore because I don't want to ruin it for you. But it's a very fun game! The only bad thing is that all Skylanders cost 10-15 dollars each! But other than that, I would say this is a great gift idea!

*Merry Christmas!*  
*-Buzz*



HERE IS A PIC OF EMMA'S CAT.

**By Royal Decree!: Next month I will be doing a review of the online game Roblox!**

**Brainteasers for all ages** by Eben Hammond : )

1. I have two arms, but fingers none. I have two feet, but cannot run. I carry well, but I have found I carry best with my feet off the ground. What am I?
2. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
3. Where do fish keep their money?
4. What three numbers have the same answer when added together and multiplied together?

(Answers on the last page)

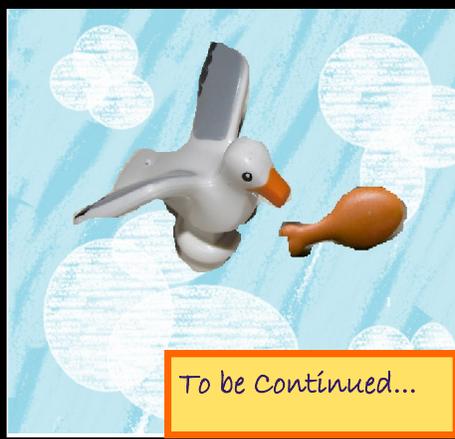
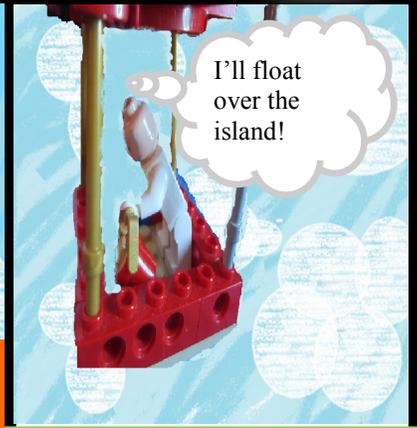
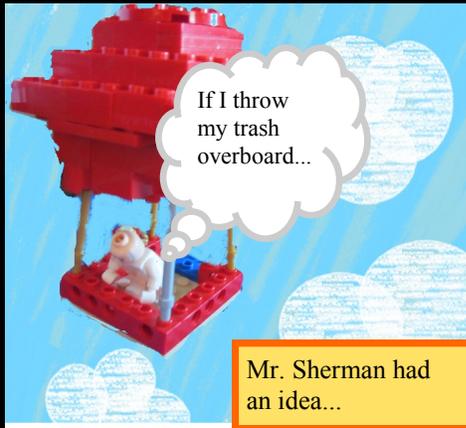


# FUN STOP



## THE TWENTY-ONE BALLOONS

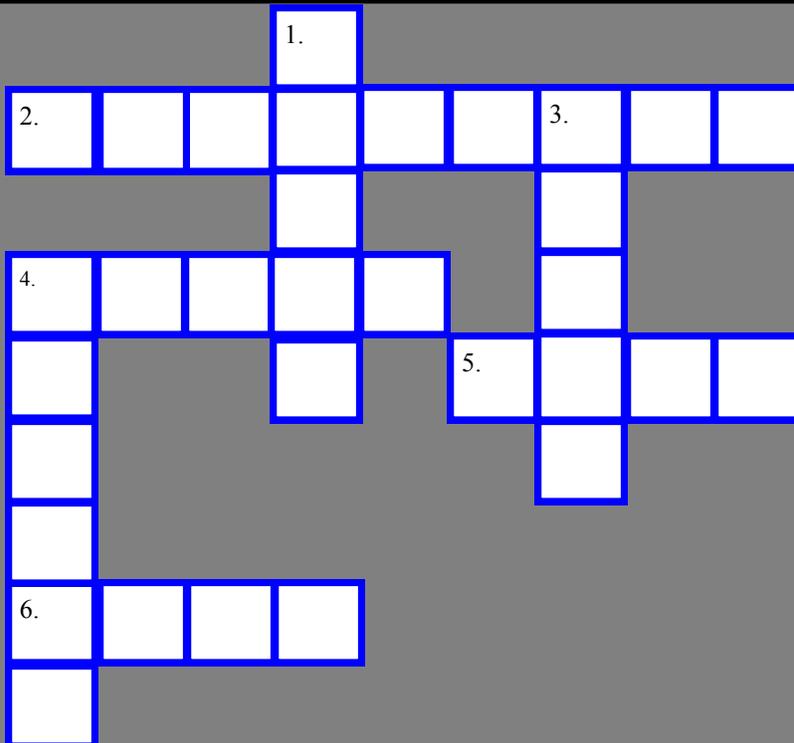
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### Kid-Friendly Website Links:

- <http://www.mazestoprint.com>
- <http://www.highlightskids.com>
- <http://www.maders.org>
- <http://emmalego.blogspot.com>
- <http://www.coolmath-games.com>

Can you recommend a site?



### DOWN

- WHAT SANTA WILL GIVE YOU IF YOU ARE NICE
- WHAT HOLIDAY IS COMING UP?
- HE GOES, "HO, HO, HO!"
- I SMELL GOOD AND I AM SHAPED LIKE A TRIANGLE. WHAT AM I?
- WHAT SANTA WILL GIVE YOU IF YOU ARE NAUGHTY

### ACROSS

- WHAT SANTA WILL GIVE YOU IF YOU ARE NICE
- WHAT HOLIDAY IS COMING UP?
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## The Ups and Downs of Owning a Cat

By Cheyenne Collins, 6th Grade

Dedicated to my cat, Oliver

There are lots of good things about owning a cat. Owning a cat can teach you how to care for animals. It is also fun to play with cats. Having cats around can teach you how cats act. Cats act differently around different people and/or environments.

There are a few hard things about owning a cat. It can sometimes be hard to keep track of a cat. Some cats can be picky. They might be picky about how or where you pet them. They can also be picky about how you hold them. Another hard thing is that some cats and dogs don't get along well.

There are a few things you that you need to get to own a cat. You would need a litter box and litter if your cat is going to be an inside cat. A cat needs different food than a kitten. There are special types of food for kittens. Your cat would need fresh water available every day.

Cats like playing with toys. Cats will play with anything from a ball of yarn, to shoelaces, to a couch or a blanket. A cat might go after your fingers or toes, so watch out!

Cats are a lot of responsibility, but I think they are worth it!



### Finding My Own Way by Chloe DePledge, 8th

I crumpled my paper for the third time. Paint stained my hand, and the wrinkled ball of paper hit the bottom of the trash can once again.

I squeezed my eyes shut, and two large tears leaked out.

I scooted out of my chair and snatched my backpack.

"Karin, what are you doing?" She asked curiously.

"Leaving. I can't do anything right."

Miss Shannon frowned. "Art class isn't over yet. Sit back down."

Glaring at her, I plopped down in my chair heavily. Although the paint brush was in my hand, nothing happened. I stared at the blank page, my mind equally empty.

Miss Shannon stood and walked over. "Karin, what's wrong? You've been upset all through class."

"Everything I paint is wrong! It looks nothing like yours," I gestured towards the example she had given us.

A smile played across Miss Shannon's lips. "Keep trying," she said.

*Gee, thanks,* I thought. That was sure helpful. Sighing, I began to paint again. I was supposed to be painting a fox. Mine looked like a cartoon; nothing like the realistic version Miss Shannon had drawn.

The bell rang. Everyone began gathering their papers and stood in a line, waiting to hand in their paintings. A knot formed in my stomach as I waited my turn. I was sure to get an F. I peered at the girl ahead of me. Her fox looked different as well. *That makes two of us,* I thought.

Miss Shannon smiled at the girl. "Excellent work," she said.

What? Questions swirled through my head. I was now at the front of the line.

Miss Shannon examined my painting. She paused. My heart pounded. "Very good work, Karin." I froze.

"I-I don't understand," I stammered.

"Your painting wasn't supposed to copy mine. You needed to develop your own style, and not be confined to standards. Good work, Karin."

## Chapter Two

By Lillian O'Day and Chloe DePledge

Rose snickered. "You must be joking," She replied.

Ms. Twitchit furrowed her brow. "I'm afraid not, my dear," she said seriously.

Rose's smile faltered. "You...You mean there's an *actual* murderer in town?"

Ms. Twitchit huffed, "that's what I've been trying to tell you!" She began to fold Rose's clothes and place them in the dresser. "It all started five months ago...when Alice Paterson mysteriously disappeared. One minute, she was in her garden, the next, only a blood stained hanker-chief was left."

Rose started. "What? I can't believe this...So it's really true!" Rose stared down at her feet. First her parents die from Scarlet Fever, now what? Was she going to die, too? "Well, this is all just the bees knees," Rose spat bitterly. Ms. Twitchit frowned at Rose.

"Stop being such a skunk cabbage. Your back is as weak as a weed; stop letting the wind blow you around! There's a proper detective in town; everything will fine. Now come help me make dough, there's a picnic tomorrow and my crumpets will *not* be outdone."



"Hurry up, Rose! The picnic starts in ten minutes," Ms. Twitchit called agitatedly. Rose stomped down the stairs; She was in a foul mood.

"Well, let's go already," Rose huffed. She stormed outdoors, and slammed the door behind her.

The walk to the picnic was uncomfortable. Ms. Twitchit was in a jolly mood on account of her prize-winning crumpets. Rose, on the other hand, refused to speak. The dusty road met a meadow, where people lounged, talking and laughing. Rose's mood lightened, the gathering reminded her of having tea parties with her friends when she was a little girl.

As Rose approached shyly, the talking ceased, and all eyes turned to her. There was a moment of awkward silence, until Ms. Twitchit exclaimed: "Stop gawking like a bunch of skunk cabbages! This my granddaughter, Rose Connelly."

Talking resumed, and all attention turned away from Rose.

"Rose, I'd like you to meet my hired hand, Will," Ms. Twitchit put her hand on the shoulder of a young man standing nearby. Rose nodded her head politely, then

froze. His hair was midnight black, with upturned, laughing blue eyes. There was cleft in his chin, and freckles across his nose.

Rose realized her mouth was hanging open. "It's....It's a such a great pleasure to meet you! My name is Robe, I mean Rag! No, Rose!" Rose looked away quickly, her cheeks on fire.

Will smiled. His blue eyes crinkled in happiness. "W-well, m-miss R-Rose," Will frowned in concentration. "I-It's a pleasure to meet you as well." Rose's heart melted into a puddle.

"W-well, I have work t-to do. G-goodbye, Miss R-Rose," Will said with a smile.

Rose realized that she had been staring so hard that she hadn't even noticed that he had walked away.

"Rose, I have one more person I'd like you to meet." Ms. Twitchit scanned the meadow with keen eyes. "Benson! Get your tail over here, you mangy skunk cabbage!"

Rose's eyes widened as an old man waddled toward them. His wrinkled, lined face was scarred and pock-marked, and his iron-grey hair stuck out at odd angles, revealing several bald spots. His back was as curved as a hunchback's, and his filthy, ragged clothes clung to his skin with sweat.

"Meet my gardener, Benson." Ms. Twitchit said grimly. Benson spat a glob of foul substance on the ground.

Rose cast about for something to say. "Err, how...How long have you been working for my grandmother?"

Benson glared at Rose. "I bin workin at this terrible job for five months." His voice was hoarse from disuse.

Rose's heart leaped into her throat as she noticed Benson was carrying a pair of jagged, rusty shears.



*To be continued...*

**Answers to Brainteasers**  
1. A Wheelbarrow  
2. A Towel  
3. A Riverbank  
4. 1,2,3

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