Hello again Perry Harrison School. We bring you volume 2 issue 1 of the Perry Harrison Post. With a new year comes new changes. New reporters have joined our post and new columns have been added. The biggest change in our school newspaper are the student editors. In addition to Mrs. McNish, two new student editors have been hired (US). We both will be writing to you personally about the newspaper and what we think was successful. We hope you will enjoy the this edition of our newspaper!

The Bilby.

By: Caroline and Revy

Have you ever been to Australia? They have several animals that are endangered. Such as the Bilby.

The Bilby is an endangered animal that lives in Australia. They are rare and almost extinct. The Bilby has large ears and a silky light grey coat. It also has a long snout with a fine sense of smell. Unfortunately, the Bilby can barely be seen. This animal is a marsupial. Instead of an Easter Bunny, Australia has a Easter Bilby! A baby Bilby is called a Joey. The Bilby is an omnivore, so they eat both plants and meat. The Bilby’s habitat is in the grasslands of Australia. They live in spiraling burrows about 2 feet deep. They are also nocturnal. Bilbies can become heat stressed. They hang out in their burrow to keep them cool.

Why are they endangered? They are endangered because feral cats, dingoes, coyotes, and other predators are increasing in population, which means there is a decrease in the Bilbies population. There has also been habitat loss due to people building their houses on burrows. Also larger animals that burrow steal Bilby burrows. There are only 600-700 Bilbies left in the world.

You can help! Raise awareness by putting up posters all over your school, neighborhood, and community. You can also support Bilbies by raising money and giving it to foundations for that support Bilby’s.

Mrs. Minor Interview

By: Scott, Eloise, and Matteus

We did a Q and A with Ms. Minor about the Young Author's contest. Here is what we found out.

Q: How many entries do you like to see?
A: At least 300.

Q: What is your favorite category?
A: Fantasy.

Q: What was your favorite year of Young Authors?
A: 2009. We won two big trophies that year.

Q: What inspired you to do Young Authors?
A: I wanted to compete against other schools.

Q: What is your favorite part of Young Authors?
A: Seeing kids faces up on stage when they get announced at the tea.

Q: If you wrote a Young Author's story what would it be about?
A: It would probably be about my dog.

Q: What is the most popular category students submit an entry for?
A: Ghost Stories.

Q: From which grade do you receive the most handwritten stories?
A: Mostly second and third grade because first graders need the parents to help write them. Third grade and above type theirs by themselves most of the time.

Q: Which year did you receive the most entries?
A: Last year; we received 275 entries.

Q: How long have you been running Young Author’s?
A: 17 years.

Q: How much longer do you think you will be doing Young Author’s?
A: Until I retire.

STEM Project: MINI VOLCANO

By: Cora, Flora, Bella

What is STEM? STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. Try using the design process to construct and make this volcano erupt.

YOU NEED:
1 liter bottle of soda
1 pack ofmentos.

Procedure:
1. Go somewhere outside where there are no things that could get destroyed.
2. Open the soda bottle.
3. Put 5-10 mentos in the bottle (the more mentos you but in the higher it will go, you could even put in all of the mentos if you want).

Then RUN away as fast as you can, about 4 to 5 feet away so you don’t get covered in soda.
Welcome to ask Gianna G. and Margar!
Having trouble with a friend? Don't know what to wear to the party you just got invited to? We can help. Email us at margsric@stumail.chatham.k12.nc.us and giangcac@stumail.chatham.k12.nc.us. We will anonymously publish your email with our advice. Just address each email as Dear Gianna G. and Margar.

DEAR MARGAR AND GIANNAG,
I HAVE A BEST FRIEND, BUT I THINK THAT A NEW GIRL MIGHT BE STEALING HER FROM ME. I'M NOT JEALOUS, BUT I'M STILL A LITTLE UPSET. WE ARE STILL FRIENDS BUT ANOTHER FRIEND OF MINE SAID THAT WE ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME WITH HER ... PLEASE HELP ME FIND A WAY SO I CAN CONTINUE TO BE FRIENDS.

-LONELY FRIEND

Dear lonely friend,
If that person is really your friend, they wouldn't stray away from you! Sometimes, you are going to feel lonely, when your friends make new friends. In my opinion you should talk to your BFF, tell her how you feel. Maybe you could all be friends.

Sincerely,
Margar

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Question & Answer
By Tyler

Q: Why do Goldfish die so early?
A: These fish are very sensitive when it comes to water temperature. Being cold-blooded, it is hard for them to stay warm. Also human hands and goldfish do not go good together with our oily substances on our fingers.

Q: How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?
A: Some engineers from Purdue University said that it's licking machine, modeled after a human tongue, took 364 licks!

Q: Why do people eat turkey on Thanksgiving?
A: Many first settlers hunted wild turkeys and since they thought it was a very delicious bird, it was chosen to be eaten on Thanksgiving. After that Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday.

Q: When was toilet paper invented?
A: Toilet paper was invented in 1857 by Joseph Gayetty. The product was called "Gayetty's Medicated Paper".

Q: When was Cotton candy invented?
A: The first machine spun cotton candy was invented in 1897 by a dentist (yes a dentist) named William Morrison and confectioner John C. Wharton. They first introduced it as "Fairy Floss". At the 1904 World's Fair, they made 17,163 dollars and 75 cents! They sold them for 25 cents each.

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Top 10 Interesting Facts
By Matteus ad Gio

1. Nintendo was originally a trading card company.
2. For every human on Earth there are 1.6 million ants.
3. On Jupiter and Saturn it rains diamonds.
4. Your chances of being killed by a vending machine are actually twice as large as your chance of being bitten by a shark.
5. Nowhere in the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme does it say that Humpty Dumpty is an egg.
6. Scotland’s national animal is the unicorn.
7. There are more fake flamingos than real ones.
8. A strawberry is not a berry.
9. A banana is a berry.
10. Russia has a larger surface area than Pluto.
Sneak Peek
An Interview with Ms. Sevelovitz about PHS’s newest school play.

This year’s school play is **Professor Thyme and the History Mystery**. The school play is organized by Ms. Sevelovitz and Mrs. Hawkins. We had a chance to sit down with Ms. Sevelovitz and ask her about the play, whose opening night is March 3rd. We asked Ms. Sevelovitz why this play was chosen. She shared that she and Ms. Hawkins thought the play was funny, and that students would enjoy watching it. When we asked how long it takes to pick a play, we were surprised to learn that they started researching plays over the summer. Ms. Sevelovitz shared that she and Mrs. Hawkins read many plays over the summer before picking this one. We asked how many students were in the play this year. “There are 30 students in the play,” said Ms. Sevelovitz.

How about the new curtains... We wanted to know what they thought since the school hasn’t had them before. "I think the curtains are going to be helpful because we can now hide things that the audience should not see,” Ms. Sevelovitz stated.

Lastly, we asked Ms. Sevelovitz to give us a summary of the play. She said,” Well, it is a time traveling mystery where we get to meet William Shakespeare, Albert Einstein, and Queen Elizabeth on an adventure through time.” It all sounds exciting!

Snow Globes
Materials:
- Water
- Small object or double sided picture
- Mason jar or small bottle with lid
- Superglue
- Glitter or fake snow

How to make it:
1. Gather your materials.
2. Glue your small object/double sided picture to the lid of your jar/bottle lid.
3. Dump a reasonable amount of your “snow” (glitter) into your jar.
4. Add ¼ of water to your jar.
5. Make sure your object is glued on the lid. It needs to be completely stuck on before screwing on the lid.
6. Flip over the jar, when the lid is secure to the jar
7. Shake it up and enjoy!!!!!!

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Bertie, the World’s Fastest Turtle
Written By: Savannah and Emma

Meet Bertie! He’s the world’s fastest turtle. We know when you think of turtles you don’t always think of fast, but check out Bertie! Bertie can go way faster then your turtle can! This turtle goes the speed of 8-9 mph. ISN’T THAT FAST! Well, for a turtle it is. An average turtle travels 3-4mph. He was in the National World Records Competition for being the faster turtle!

The Haunted Library
By Angel, Emma, and Samantha

It was 1986 when the 14 year old Bryan was in the library, which everyone believed to be haunted. Bryan didn’t believe it was haunted, so he went in to read. He checked out his favorite book “The Movin Castle”, when he saw a sign that said “Do not enter.” Naturally he went in anyway. Slowly, Bryan turned the doorknob and....
It’s All Fun And Games

By Sophia

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BOOKS NACHOS TACOS PILLOWS SCHOOL
SCHOOLBUS BUTTERCREAM PARTY
SLEEPOVER PIZZA NAILPOLISH

The Giggle Box!

At first I didn’t want to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

Did you hear about the guy who got his left side cut off? He’s all right now.

What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with an airplane?

What do you get when you cross a Iphone and a t-rex?

Brain Teasers By: Gio

1. I take off my skin, but I won’t cry- but you will. What am I?
2. You are a traveler, you don’t sleep for 63 nights but your up and jumpy why?
3. Feed me and I live. Give me a drink and I die. What am I?
4. A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one way street in the wrong direction, but didn’t break the law. How come?
5. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
6. A basket contains 5 apples. Do you know how to divide them among 5 kids so that each one has an apple and one apple stays in the basket?

** Answers in next edition***