

# Lincoln Students' Newsletter

## Welcome from Marcela

Our school has excellent students, and many of them enjoy writing. This is a space for you to write about your dreams, favorite books and movies, sports team, do interviews with teachers/staff, do comics, etc.

Thank you for sharing your talents! It brings more creativity and warmth to our Lincoln Community.



## Lacey's Life

Julia Alves-Dunkerson, 5th grader

Hi. I'm Lacey Mackenzie. I live in Tumwater, Washington, a state named after the first president of the USA, but, personally, I think it was named WASHington because it rains here. A LOT.

I'm ten, I just entered fifth grade, my birthday is on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, I think art is pretty cool and math is SUPER cool. My friend is my next-door neighbor's baby, named Josie, who is very drolly. I think books are fine, except I didn't know that the school dictionary had slang words in it. Anyway, I live with my mom, dad, and a younger brother, Jacob, who is annoying, and has sciophobia, which is the fear of shadows.

I want to tell you a secret, too: why I started this journal. You see, something in my perfectly normal life isn't in place: I don't have any friends. Sure, I have Josie, but it's not like I can discuss advanced algebra with a nine-month-year-old.

So, this journal is for brainstorming ideas about how to make *real* friends and also to record my friendship-finding tests in it. Here are some of my ideas:

Ideas	Pros	Cons
Talk advanced algebra	I can attract kids that are more like me	Most kids in fifth will have no idea what I'm talking about
Give out cookies	People will think I'm a good person	I have no idea how to make cookies; I'd probably poison them

I decided to make cookies and give them out to everyone in class. After all, everybody wants a friend that is kind and considerate, right? One problem, though, was that I had no idea how to bake. Or cook. At ALL.

So, I decided to go on the web and find a cookie recipe, since the only food my dad knows how to cook is microwaving a pizza, which technically isn't even cooking, or baking. My mom only knows how to cook a very hot soup, and since it has been hot outside and inside of the house (even though it's fall), she's kind of in the same category as dad. Also, Jacob only knows how to make one kind of dish: mud pies.

Another problem was that, when I looked at the recipe and then at the cabinet, I saw I had none of the ingredients. It looked pretty much like I'd have to ask my mom (or dad) to buy the ingredients from the store. The good thing is that mom and dad had not been having the big budget fights this month, so that means the budget was pretty good... right? So, I went to the store with my parents and bought all the things needed to bake cookies.

(Two hours later) This is my conclusion: OK, so maybe I'm not the miracle chef I thought I was. Because I don't think miracle chefs can burn their cookies to a crisp and nearly burn the house down. I did exactly that.

To be continued...

## Winter

Jadan Lacy-Roberts, 5th grader



As a cold wind brushes my hair, I tuck it back into my hat.

The leaves blow around me in red, gold, orange.

My favorite is the fiery red orange.

Singing my favorite song, Lord of the Dance, I skip down the sidewalk into my warm



## We need your ideas!

We need a name for our student newsletter! Do you have any good idea? If so, please share it with your teacher or email it to us (jojuad@gmail.com). The deadline to send your ideas is Jan 15, 2016.

Thank you for participating!

## Book Review: The Goldsmith's Daughter by Tanya Landman Miles Sundsten, 5th grader



The main character in my book is a girl called Itacate and she lives in a city called Tenochtitlán in the center of the Aztec empire, in central Mexico, in the sixteenth century. The city she lives in is a perfectly fine city, but she feared that she will bring ill fortune to the one she is closest too, because it was predicted she would bring ill fortune. Her father recognizes her talent for crafting and he tests her skill. She becomes his apprentice, even though it is forbidden for women. People find her gold-

smith work and soon the emperor finds her work and she is in much danger. The Spaniards attack the city and Itacate and a boy, she fell in love with, both run into the jungle.

My favorite character happens to be a dog. Her name is Eve and she is a very big dog that looks very fierce. Itacate thinks she is a dog of war, but no, she is a coward. Also, a historical part is that the dog is a real dog and one of Cortés's men found Eve in a jungle, they called,

The Garden of Eden. I like this character or dog because she is a part of history and I really like dogs. I recommend this book to people who think girls can be whatever they want to be and boys can be whatever they want to be, also to people who are interested in the Aztecs and the Spaniards. I think fourth graders and up should be able to read this book, because it is Young Adult and also it has quite a lot of blood.

## Featured Teacher: Steve Eggleston

Interview by Julia Alves-Dunkerson, 5th grader

**Why did you decide to become a teacher?** I originally wanted to be a high school math teacher because I like math. I became an elementary teacher by accident and liked it.

**How long have you been teaching?** For eleven years, since when you 5th graders were born. (Ha, ha, ha!)

**What are some of the things you do outside the school?** I love surfing at West Port

and snowshoeing at Mt. Rainier.

**What do you like most about teaching?** I enjoy showing kids how smart they are.

**Where were you born?** I was born in sunny Los Angeles in California.

**Why did you move to Olympia?** To attend college and I never left.

**Have you ever been abroad?** Yes, I have been to Finland and

Mexico. In Finland, I worked as an assistant teacher at a high school for a month. And I studied art in Mexico for a month too.

**Do you have any special hobby you would like to share with your students?**

Yes, I love astronomy, the study of the stars and planets. I can't wait to do it at school.

**Great to have you with us, Steve!**



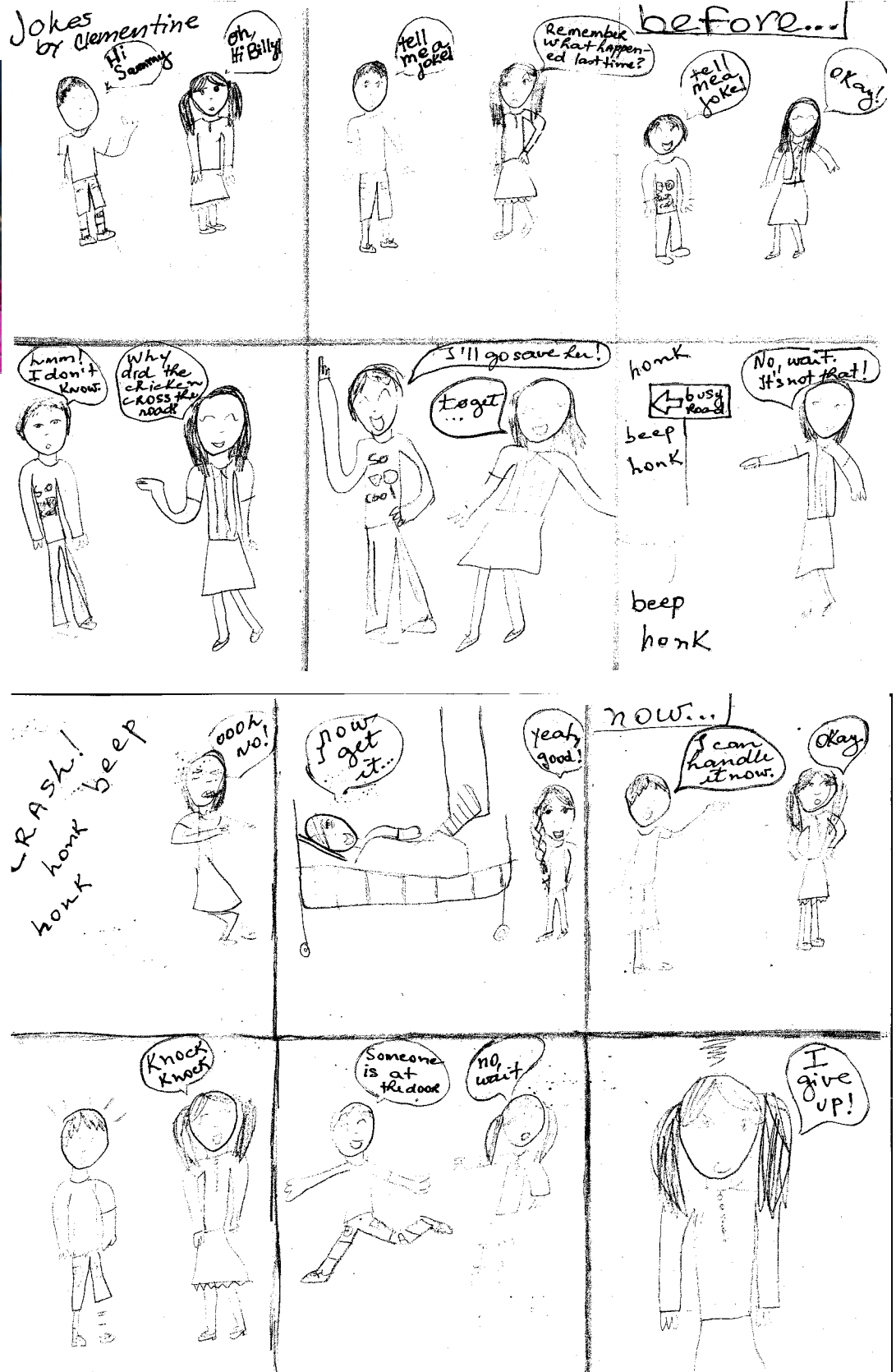
## Adventures of Grandpa

Kovi Jasmex, 5th grader



# Jokes

Clementine Austinsen, 5th grader



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