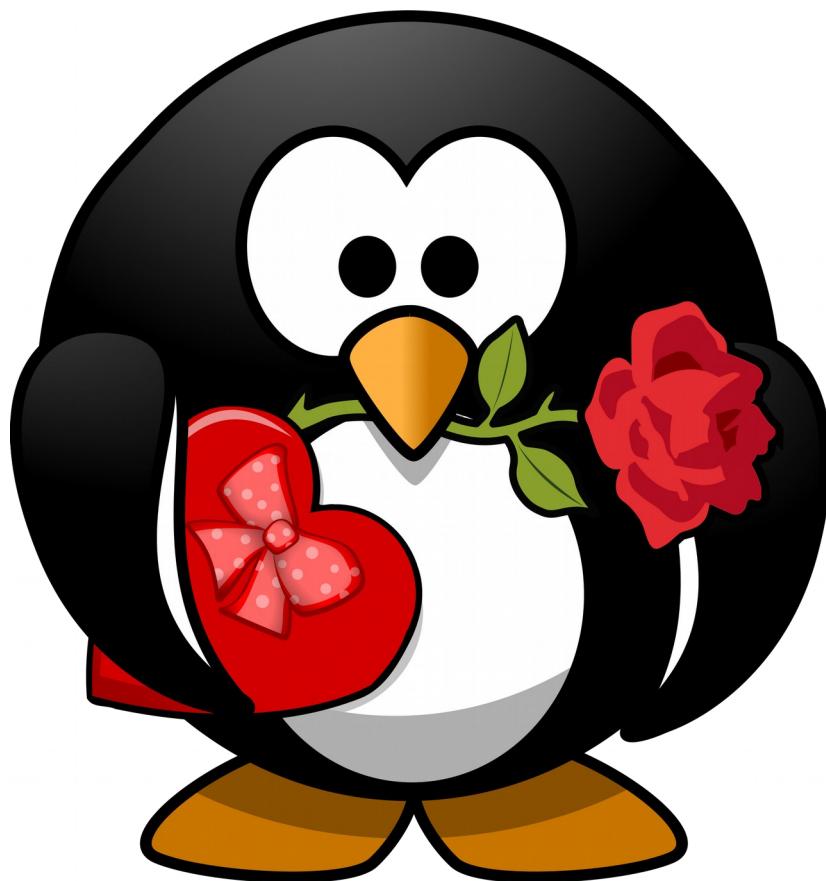


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We are a great group of homeschool kids participating in a cooperative. Our mission in creating this newspaper is to display our writing skills, creativity and to inform others of some things we learn during our homeschool journey.



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MIRACULOUS LEAGUE

By: Kamryn

The talent show was won by Connor.



He is a good friend of the girls, so this made them feel ok about losing the talent show.



After the show they went to their favorite place on earth.



The Hearts and Souls of Floodway dance studio. This is it you guys we're here.



"I'm so excited," said Lucy. "We didn't win the talent show because of all that crazy drama with Lighting Gale. She really made us lose our focus, but we have another opportunity. The practice for the Valentine's Day ballet startx in two weeks. We must get ourselves ready." The girls were so glad that they already had something to distract them from what happened during the Christmas talent show. They were going to participate in a Valentine's Day ballet performance.



When they entered the place, Kai's and Connie's mom and dad where sitting in red seats.



Kai noticed someone was missing. "Where's Pearl?" said Kai. "In the dressing room," said their mom. The girls went to the dressing room to check on Pearl, but nobody was there. "Strange," said Connie. Where is Pearl?

They immediately noticed all the costumes hanging in the closet. Each girl started trying on the costumes to see which one they liked.



Time went by and before they knew it an hour had passed. The door opened and Lucy walked in. "Hey guys, what are you doing? I have been sitting out there with your parents for an hour. Did you guys find Pearl?" Both girls looked at each other. "We were so busy trying on costumes we forgot why we even came back here." All three girls went to tell the parents that Pearl was missing.



Aliya and Nino, their parents, began getting nervous because this means that Pearl had now been missing for 2 hours. They split up to search the building and ask if anyone had seen her. All that was found was her swan necklace that she never takes off.



This means something had happened to Pearl. Meanwhile, a thick black mist began to fill the dance studio. No one noticed as the clouds seeped in...

Spotlight

Gabby Douglas Olympic gymnast!!!

By Aria

Gabby Douglas... She's a Olympic gymnast who is the first African American to win the individual all around event. She is currently twenty three years old. Her full name is Gabrielle Christina Victoria Douglas. Her birthday is December 31,1995. She also won team gold medals at the 2012 and 2016 Summer Olympics. I think she's a awesome gymnast. She was also born in Virginia Beach Virginia. Gabby Douglas is 5feet 2inches tall. She also has three siblings ~~two,sisters,one~~ brother their names are ~~two,sisters,one~~ Joyelle, Jonathan and Arielle.



Harriet Tubman

By: Emma Joy

February is Black History Month and I want to highlight a lady who has helped change our country, Harriet Tubman. Harriet was born in Maryland roughly around 1820-1825. We don't technically know the date because slaves were not important enough to keep the records of their history at that time. Harriet's mother and father were slaves, which meant that if they had any children they would immediately be slaves. At only six years old, Harriet was forced to start working as a house slave. When Harriet turned thirteen, she had to toil in the fields of potatoes, corn, and tobacco crops. She also had to plow fields, chop wood and do any other tasks that had to be done. Even though Harriet only grew to be five feet tall, she didn't let that get in way.

Due to her being mistreated in her life, Harriet always felt fear and pain. She had many severe scars on her head which led to a permanent disability. Harriet's most severe injury was when she was a teenager. She was sent to a dry-goods store for her owner, when she came across a slave who had left the plantation without his overseer's permission. The overseer demanded for Harriet to pursue the runaway slave, but she refused. Then, the overseer threw a two pound weight that struck her right in the head. At that moment, Harriet suffered from seizures, narcolepsy, which is a sleeping disorder, and a permanent dent in her forehead.

In 1844, Harriet married an African American man named John Tubman. When she got married, Harriet changed her name from Arminta to Harriet. Some people think she did this to this to honor her mom who was also named Harriet. In 1849, her owner died and Harriet was going to be sold to the chain gang, which is a gang that people sell their slaves to and then the slaves are chained together. Bravely, Harriet decided to escape. Harriet and her brothers were found missing on Monday, September 17, 1849. A notice published in the local newspaper offered a \$100 reward for each sibling. Harriet knew that this idea of escaping was fatal, but she knew it was worth it.



Harriet made it to safety with her brothers. Even though Harriet was free she went back to free more slaves, including some of her family. Harriet also used the Underground Railroad to escape with the slaves. No one really paid attention to the Underground Railroad so it was perfect to escape through. She made tremendous trips to free more slaves. Harriet was proficient at making medicine to help wounded army men. She never lost a passenger on her way to freedom. Harriet Tubman died on March 10, 1913. She is still known today for her bravery, loyalty, and courage.

Madam CJ Walker

By: Amaya

Madam CJ Walker was born Sarah Breedlove on December 23 1867. Her name change came as a result of her marriage to Charles Joseph Walker. She lived on a cotton plantation near Delta, Louisiana with her parents and 5 siblings. Sarah's parents and older siblings were all slaves, but she was the first child born free because of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Sarah had lost both of her parents by the age of 7. At age 10, she moved to Mississippi to become a domestic worker and then moved in with her sister and brother-in-law. She met her first husband at 14 and married soon after to escape abuse from her brother-in-law. The two had one child together, a girl, A'Lelia McWilliams, born 1887. Her husband died 2 years later and she remarried twice.

In 1905, Walker and her daughter moved to Colorado where she invented African American hair products after suffering from a scalp condition that made her have hair loss. Walker also built a factory, beauty school and hair salon to train her sales agents. At the peak of her career, she employed several thousand women, many being African American. She later also became an activist for civil rights and gave much back to the community.

Madam CJ Walker passed away at the age of 51 on May 15, 1919. At the time of her death, Walker was the wealthiest African American woman in America. Her legacy lives on.



Interesting Animals

Kakapo or Owl Parrot

By: EJ

A Kakapo or owl parrot is a flightless, nocturnal and solitary parrot. It is the largest parrot in the world weighing about 8 pounds and about 23 inches tall. The kakapo is a forest-dwelling parrot found in New Zealand. They are moss green with some yellow and black and a pale owl shaped face. Their legs, feet and beak are grey. They can live up to 90 years and are easy to find because they have a sweet, musty odor. Kokapos have no close relatives.

The kakapo is a vegetarian eating leaves, flowers, bark, roots, fruit and seeds. Their diet changes with the seasons. They forage on the ground for food and climb trees because they can't fly.

The kakapo is an endangered species. They are endangered because of destruction of their habitat and the introduction of predators by settlers. Adults are eaten by cats and stoats, which are related to weasels and the eggs and chicks are often eaten by rats.

As of 2017 there were only 154 adult kakapos in the world, but that has improved from a low of 50 in the 1990s. There are many things being done to increase the numbers. People actually tried to help in the 1890's by moving the kakapos to an island, but the stoats began swimming over to the island. Currently, they have been moved to 3 predator proof islands and their breeding and chicks are watched and monitored closely and people help chicks that are not doing well.



The Giant Panda

By:Arianna

The Giant Panda or Panda are native to Asia. They eat mostly Bamboo. Adults can eat up to 80 pounds of Bamboo in a day. There is only one species of Panda and they are in no way related to the Red Panda.

The male Panda weighs about 300 pounds and females around 200 pounds. They live around 20 years in the wild and up to 38 in captivity. Pandas are great climbers, but also swim well.

Baby Pandas only weigh a few ounces at birth and are completely helpless. They are born pink, hairless and blind and rely completely on their mother to stay alive. The babies stay with Mom at least 1 year, but sometimes up to 2 years.

Pandas are my favorite animal because I watched Bao Bao the Panda being born at the National Zoo and then got to go visit her. She is very cute and sweet and is my favorite panda.



THORNY DRAGONS

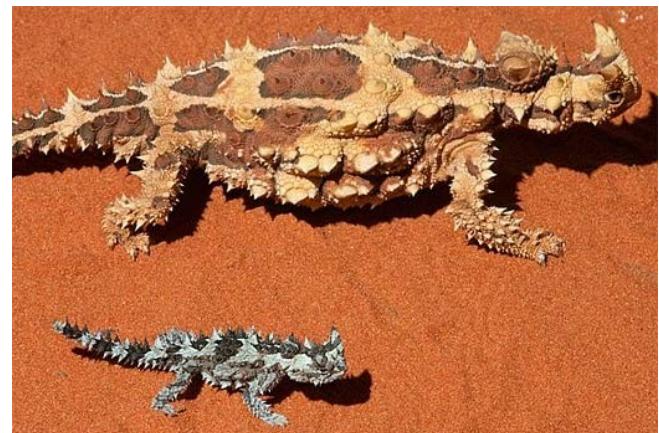
By: Carissa

The thorny dragon is an Australian lizard, which is also known as the thorny devil or mountain devil. The thorny dragon can live for 15-20 years and are small, growing to 8 inches in length. The females are larger than the males.

These lizards are colored in shades of browns and tans. Their colors change from pale during warm weather and to darker during cold weather. The thorny dragon is covered in spikes.

The thorny devil lives in the deserts of central Australia. They eat only ants, sometimes thousands each day. They collect water from the condensation of dew on their bodies at night and channel the dew into their mouths with the grooves between their spikes. During periods of rainfall, their capillaries are designed to allow them to absorb water all over their body.

The thorny dragons mate and lay eggs in clutches of 3 to 10 eggs, mainly in the winter through early summer (August to December in Australia). The eggs hatch in 3 to 4 months.



COBRAS

By: Aron

Cobras are all venomous and can raise up and produce a hood when they feel threatened. They are found in Africa, the Middle East, India, Southeast Asia and Indonesia. Cobras are elapids, which means they have hollow fangs on the top front of their mouth, one on each side of the upper jaw. They inject venom through their fangs.

My favorite is the Indian cobra. It's diet is mostly rodents. Well known for rising from a basket and seeming to dance to a snake charmer's music, this is one of the most dangerous snakes in India causing 10,000 human fatalities a year.



Red Star Chickens

By: Lydia

Red Star chickens, also known as Red Sex Links, are a hybrid bird, which means that they are not pure bred. If you want a Red Star chick, you cannot do so by breeding a Red Star hen and rooster. Red Stars are created by breeding a Rhode Island Red rooster and a Silver Laced Wyandotte hen.

The interesting thing about Red Stars is that they can be sexed the day they hatch, unlike many breeds, by the color of the chick. Hens will be light brown and roosters will be a light yellow. Full grown, hens will be a medium red color and roosters will be tan with black on certain parts of his body.

Hens and roosters have a lifespan of 3-6 years, depending on their circumstances. The hens will lay between 200-280 eggs per year, decreasing as they get older. Hens can weigh up to 6.5 lb, and roosters can reach up to 8.5 lb.

Red Stars are cold hardy, meaning they tolerate cold weather and they continue laying well in the winter. Red Stars will also tolerate hot climates well.

Red Star hens are calm and friendly and seem to be very domesticated. As for the roosters, they are a little more protective and aggressive, but still can be friendly.

Red Stars are a very simple chicken and they are suitable for many different environments. With their docile personality, they do great around kids and will cooperate while being held. They lay an abundant amount of eggs. I have some of them myself and I would highly recommend these beautiful chickens for your backyard flock!



Kids Revealing the World



Jump!
Jump!
Jump!
By Nyle



Trampolines are a bouncy creation.

Larry Griswold and George Nissen made the first trampoline in the 1930's. George Nissen was a gymnast and he tested the trampoline to make sure it was perfect.

George Nissen named the creation after performing in Mexico. He named it after a Spanish word called, '*Campeon de Trapolin.*' It means diving board.

Trampolines are a good source of fun and a way to exercise. You can burn 100 - 200 calories per 20 minute session. Bouncing on a trampoline can build muscle.

Children should always be supervised by an adult when bouncing on a home trampoline.

Trampolines will boost your day of excitement and get extra energy out of you.

Sol's Simple Sweets

Sharing a Recipe: Simple Banana Pudding By Solayla

As a Pastry Chef, I often receive requests for a variety of different Sweets. I like to research by gathering many recipes for the requested Sweets and I always add my own flavor and pizazz. Recently, I was asked to make a Banana Pudding Cake and I thought it was going to be an adventure because I never made a Banana Pudding Cake before this request. I researched many different recipes adding and deducting ingredients in order to make it perfect and have my special touch of pizazz. It turned out to be a yummy cake and the people I baked it for loved it. They were big banana fans so it was extra special for them to have a Banana Pudding Cake. Here is my Simple Banana Pudding Recipe that I used for the cake and can stand alone as a dessert.

Supplies needed: *(serves 8)*

- 1 large bowl
- A large spoon
- A rolling pin
- A mixer
- Measuring cups and measuring spoons
- A gallon plastic storage bag with zipper
- A kitchen knife
- Serving dish or mini dessert bowls
- Timer

Ingredients Needed:

- One 14 ounce can of condensed milk
- 2 cups of milk (*any percentage of milk works as well as Almond Milk*)
- One 5.2 oz box of Instant Vanilla Pudding
- One 5.2 oz box of Instant Banana Pudding
- One 8 oz tub of Cool Whip
- 4 tablespoons Vanilla Extract
- 2 ripened bananas
- One 15 oz box of Nilla Wafers and set aside 8-10 Nilla Wafers for the top of the dessert when serving

Instructions:

Empty both boxes of pudding and the two cups of milk into the mixing bowl. Mix on medium speed until smooth. Next, put the pudding mixture in the refrigerator for 10 minutes and then set timer for 10 minutes. While the pudding mixture is setting, empty the box of Nilla Wafers into the gallon plastic storage bag and seal it. Lay the bag on the counter and use the rolling pin to crumble the Nilla Wafers. Set aside. After 10 minutes, remove the pudding mixture and add in the condensed milk mixing at a low to medium speed. Then, add the cool whip and mix gently or mix by hand using the large spoon. Next, chop the bananas and add them and the crumbled Nilla Wafers into the mixture. Stir the banana pudding with the large spoon until completely mixed. Finally, spoon the mixture into the Serving Dish or the Mini Dessert Bowls, place the single Nilla Wafers around the top for the Serving Dish or one on top of each Mini Dessert Bowl, and put into the refrigerator for an hour before serving.

***I hope Sol's Simple Banana Pudding Recipe will be a sweet treat for
an upcoming occasion, event, or just for you and your family to enjoy.***

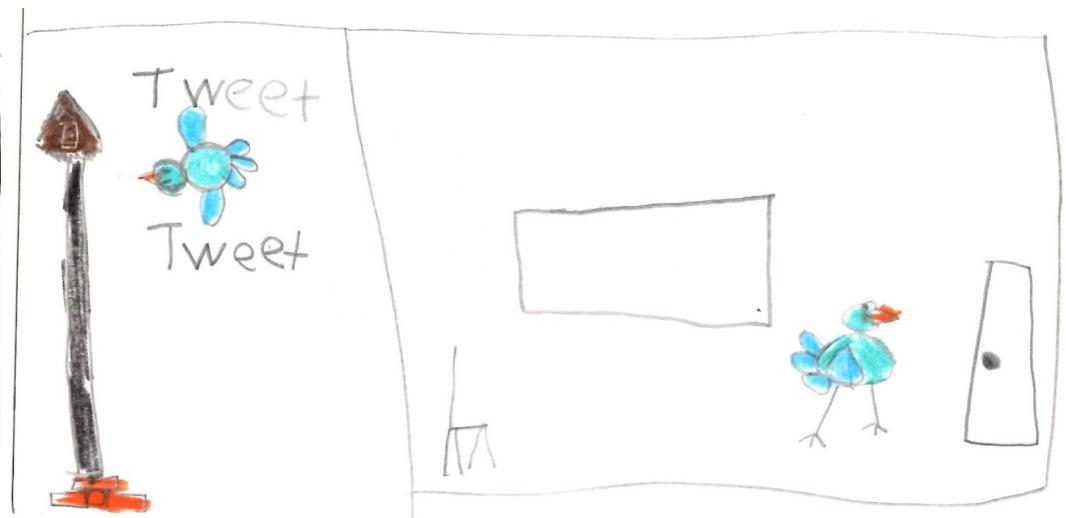
Sol's Simple Sweets will be a Youthpreneur at the Children's Business Fair on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Richmond Children's Museum (Downtown) located at 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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By: Kenny

What does a bird sing when it gets home?

Home Tweet Home



FUN PAGES

FUNNY BUSINESS

EPISODE 2

By: Aron

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| 1: What do you call a chicken staring at a pile of lettuce? | A chicken sees-a-salad. |
| 2: Why did the turtle cross the road? | To get to the shell station. |
| 3: Whats the difference between a joke and a wise guy? | One is funny the other thinks he's funny |
| 4: Why did the girl keep a ruler on her newspaper? | Because she wanted to get the story straight. |
| 5: If a woman was born in China, grows up in Australia, goes to live in America and dies in New Orleans what is she? | Dead |
| 6: What do well behaved lambs say to their mother? | Thank ewe. |
| 7: What has a hundred limbs but can not talk? | A tree. |
| 8: Why did the sailor grab a bar of soap when the ship sank? | He thought it would wash ashore |
| 9: Why did the team of losers always lose tug-of-war? | They pushed. |
| 10: How does a fool call his dog? | He puts two fingers in his mouth and shouts Rover. |
| 11: Hey can February March? | |
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**Stay tuned for the next edition for the
Answer**

