Little Caesars Arena
by: Bradley Yono and Brady Najor

Have you heard of The Little Caesars Arena? It’s located in Detroit, Michigan. It is being built as an arena for the Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Pistons. There are 20,000 seats and 9,000 of them are in the lower level of the arena. The arena is going to be 785,000 square feet in the Detroit District. Wow! That’s a big arena.

The Detroit District is a 50 block arena and it is a community effort made here in Michigan. It provides jobs, apprenticeships, and opportunities to Detrotiers and Detroit businesses. It’s going to cost 627 million dollars.

It’s being built along Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit. It will take nearly 650,000 bricks to cover the outside of the arena, the interior walls along the main concourse will total more than 3 million pounds of brick. Dixon Masonry employs more than 70 bricklayers and other workers at the Little Caesars Arena. The arena is scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2017-2018 National Hockey League season.

New Year Resolutions
by: Landon Gordon

Every beginning of the year people make New Year’s Resolutions. A New Year’s Resolution is when people make a change in their lives. For example, if they have a bad habit or something that they like about themselves, then they can decide to change it. A lot of kids make goals to be better at something, like a sport, a hobby, or a game. Adults like to make changes to themselves like exercising more or eating healthier. The new year is a new beginning for everybody. It’s a great time to make a change. Hopefully this new year you will make a positive change. Here are some popular New Year’s Resolutions you might want to make:

1. Drink less pop
2. Play less video games
3. Make more time for fun
4. Play outside more
5. Watch less t.v.
6. Help with chores around the house
7. Keep your room clean

West Bloomfield ATA Martial Arts
by: Brooklyn Yono

If you’re thinking of joining karate, it is the best sport that you can be in. It not only teaches you self-defense, but it also teaches you self-confidence and respect towards yourself, your parents, and everyone around you. You start as a white belt and every two months you can test for your next level belt, as long as you have three stripes on your belt. The three stripes represent your basic moves, forms, and one steps.

Our Tae kwondo teachers are Mr. Horn and his assistant Ms. Bradley. They work very hard with us everyday, so we can be able to test for our next color belt. We practice four days a week from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The color belts are: white belt, orange belt, yellow belt, cameo belt, green belt, purple belt, blue belt red belt, brown belt, and black belt. My brothers and I are brown belts, and we are also in the leadership class at ATA - tae kwondo.

If you are interested in learning karate then go to West Bloomfield ATA Martial Arts on 4827 Haggerty Road here in West Bloomfield or visit the following link: http://www.westbloomfielddata.com/
PLE Student Teachers
by: Gisella Dalou, Brooke Kouza, and Norell Shafou

Do you know all the student teachers at PLE? Well if you don’t we will tell you about them! But first you need to know who they are. There is Mrs. Wilson’s student teacher who is Miss Rozanski. Mrs. Spontelli’s student teacher is Miss Sienkiewicz and Mrs. Zang’s student teacher is Miss Gaffney.

Not too long ago we interviewed Mrs. Wilson’s student teacher Miss Rozanski and we have some facts that you might not already know about her. Did you know that Miss Rozanski’s favorite habit is *Seek First To Understand Then To Be Understood*? She said that this habit will guide you through many times in life, not only in school. She also said that her all time favorite subject to teach is reading because she enjoys reading and so do the kids. A very important thing she has learned is that PLE is a great school with awesome teachers and students. Also, the habits really help her teach and understand the kids.

There are a few more interesting facts about her. She loves to sit down and relax with her puppy Teddy. Miss Rozanski has lived in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Her favorite food is mac and cheese. She enjoys boxing as a sideline activity. The reason she wanted to become a teacher was because at the time when she was in her junior year in college she worked with her teacher in helping a struggling child. That inspired her to become a teacher.

Miss Sienkiewicz is a student teacher here at Pleasant Lake Elementary. She told us about what she has learned so far at PLE. She said the relationships and connections that the students have with each other is wonderful. She also told us what her favorite subject is to teach. It is writing because everyone gets to express themselves in different ways.

What Miss Sienkiewicz likes to do for fun is to hang out with her friends. She likes to draw and shop at the mall. Her favorite habit is to *Sharpen The Saw* because you need to take care of yourself so you can be at your best. Also, a few interesting facts about her are that her favorite color is purple. She has a bulldog named Louie. We asked what made her decide to become a teacher and she said that it was because of her fourth grade teacher who made her feel special. Miss Sienkiewicz wants to make other students feel like she felt when she was in 4th grade.

Miss Gaffney has learned a lot since she has been here at PLE. Mrs. Zang taught her how to teach a second grade classroom. Her favorite subject is reading because she loves reading.

She said that she likes to read for fun! Mrs. Gaffney’s favorite habit is *Seek First to Understand Then To Be Understood*. She thinks it’s important to be in somebody else’s shoes before you judge them.

Miss Gaffney also likes to run. Her favorite color is yellow (not blue and yellow). She would really like to teach a first or second grade classroom. She wanted to become a teacher because her mom told her she was so smart and would be good at it.

In our opinion we think all three of these teachers are awesome and they’re beyond ready to teach their own class!

Creative Cove

A Valentine’s Poem
by: Isabella Kozlowski

Hearts are red, broken ones are blue.
People let their feelings out, and sing a little tune.
Valentines is in the air, not to mention sweets.
So team up with your buddies and dance to the beat.
And stamp your feet..
Here are a some ways to enjoy Valentine’s Day:
1. Be Kind
2. Give Flowers
3. Have fun in the sun at any hour
Ten Facts About Black Bears
by: Brady Maher

There are many facts about black bears. Here is the first fact: Black bears are the smallest out of the polar bear and grizzly bear. Now, fact number two is that black bears are found in North America. Fact number three is that the scientific name for black bears is Ursus Americanus. The fourth fact is that black bears are most common in America.

Fact number five is that black bears are also known as water bears because they are good swimmers. Fact number six is that black bears can run 40 – 50 mph! Fact number seven is black bears are brown when they are born. The eighth fact is that female black bears can have up to six cubs. Fact number nine is that black bears are amazing climbers and use their claws to get a grip. Fact ten is if you are by a black bear, slowly walk away. Don’t run! Those are the ten black bear facts.

An extra fact is that black bears are hunted in 27 states for fur and food which makes them endangered. The black bears seem like an amazing animal!

Quokka
by: Hannah Dabesh

Ever heard of a quokka? A quokka is like a kangaroo, but a lot smaller. It’s coat is its fur which is brownish gray. Many quokkas can be found in Western Australia and on small islands near Australia. Did you know that quokkas can weigh up to 5.5 to 11 pounds? They are 16 to 21 inches long and their tails can measure up to almost 12 inches.

The quokka can live to be ten years old. They are at risk, but not endangered. A quokka can be a very cute animal, but it can also be very dangerous. There are still many more facts to learn. A quokka is a marsupial. The adult female has a pouch to carry her young.

Quokkas can go without water for a whole month. That’s unbelievable! They also love being around people and socializing. Those are some facts about the cute, but dangerous animal, the quokka.

Simone Biles
by: Paris Taylor

Hey, do you want to know about Simone Biles? Did you know that Simone’s full name is Simone Arianne Biles? Simone was adopted by her grandparents when she was six years old because her parents weren’t capable of caring for her. Simone is a fantastic gymnast. She is unbeatable when it comes to floor routines and she is only 19 years old! Another fact is that Simone’s little sister Adria also does gymnastics. They support each other. Aimee Boorman has been Simone’s coach for nine years.

Here are some facts about Simone that don’t have to do with gymnastics. Simone is really, really scared of bees. She has four german shepherds named Atlas, Lilly, Bella, and Maggie. Simone loves pizza. When she is sad she eats pizza. Well, I hope you enjoyed this article about Simone Biles.
Wolverines

by: Ivan Karana

Hi! My name is Ivan Karana and I’m going to tell you about wolverines, not the University of Michigan Wolverines. Some people say that wolverines look like a mixture of a dog, skunk, and a bear. Wolverines are part of the weasel family and I’m surprised because they are really vicious.

Wolverines can grow up to 26 to 34 inches and their tail adds another 7 to 10 inches. Also, wolverines are light. They only weigh about 24 to 40 pounds. They can live to be 5 to 13 years old and that is a really long time for an animal.

Another fact is that wolverines are omnivores. That means they eat meat and vegetables. They eat things that we do like chicken, berries, and lettuce. But, wolverines also eat reindeer, mountain goats, squirrels, rodents, bird eggs, and dead animals! The wolverine’s scientific name is Gulo Gulo which comes from a Latin word meaning glutton.

Glutton means an excessively greedy eater and wolverines have a ferocious appetite.

Wolverines are also called the skunk bear. Wolverines prefer colder areas because they use snow to build their dens. Many wolverines live in the arctic and subarctic, but they also live in grassland areas. So, they live in Canada and in Russia.

Did you know that baby wolverines are called kits? Kits are born with their eyes closed. When they are two years old their mother lets them live on their own. Females give birth to two or three kits at a time. Most are born between February and mid-March. I didn’t know that wolverines can run 30 mph!

Some other interesting facts about wolverines are that they are nocturnal (awake at night), they have an excellent sense of smell and hearing, and their enemies are bears, wolves, porcupines, and humans. There are about 15,000 to 30,000 wolverines in the world.

I have learned many facts about wolverines. Hopefully, you have too!

The Seattle Seahawks

by: Bryce Wiggins and Sam Glennon

The Seattle Seahawks were established on June 4, 1974, almost 43 years ago! The Seattle Seahawks play on Century Link Field in Washington. Their first Superbowl was against The Denver Broncos. They beat the Broncos that year and were the Champions for Superbowl 48. The Seahawks then lost Superbowl 49. Russel Wilson threw an interception and they lost because they didn’t run with Marshawn Lynch. They were the best in the NFC.

The owner for the Seahawks is Paul Allen. Some nicknames for the Seattle Seahawks are The Hawks and the Legion of Boom. They used to have a beast mode running back named Marshawn Lynch. He was the best running back in the league. He retired after Russel Wilson threw that interception. He was mad that they did not run the football. They were at the 2 yard line. That’s why he quit.

Did you know the Seahawk’s logo was modeled as a wooden mask carved by the Kwakawaka Native Americans? Over the years, there were several great players on the team like Matt Hassleback who was a good quarterback. The Seahawks are the second best team in the NFL. The Dallas Cowboys are the first team. The Seattle Seahawks could play them in the conference championship. I hope you enjoyed learning about the Seahawks. Now, go watch a game!
Visiting Arizona
by: Joseph Najor

Have you visited Arizona? I have. Here are some reasons why you should take a trip to Arizona. You can go to the Antelope Canyon in the Navajo Nation. You can’t visit the canyon unless you have a Navajo guide since they know the area and it is on their land. There is an upper and lower canyon there (600 feet deep). You can visit Horseshoe Bend on the Colorado River. This is near Antelope Canyon.

You can visit the Grand Canyon that is $25 per car for a seven day pass. It ranks as one of the most photographed attractions. There are many activities you can do outside like go in a hot air balloon, white water raft, helicopter rides, hiking trails, or you can visit one of the museums.

The Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona has more than 400 items to see. You can also make baskets, do pottery, or weaving. Another place to visit is the Barringer Crater that was created 40,000 years ago. The crater is 4,000 feet deep and 570 feet wide. Have you been to the Montezuma Castle? Well, you should because the castle has one of the country’s oldest cliff dwellings that people lived in a long time ago. This dwelling has five stories and 20 rooms. It is named after an Aztec emperor.

I bet now you want to go to Arizona! Enjoy your trip.

Nick Cannon
by: Hailey Dabesh

I will tell you fun and cool facts about Nick Cannon. He was born on October 8, 1980 in San Diego, California. He is 36 years old. Did you know that he is a host in America’s Got Talent? Cool right? When he was 27 years old, he married singer Mariah Carey. But, they are not together anymore. He has two children that are twins named Monroe and Moroccan.

Another fun fact is that Nick Cannon is six feet tall. Nick is famous for being an actor, a rapper, and a comedian. He worked at comedy clubs and has been on three shows and movies. Here are three shows/movies that he is in: Wild ‘N Out, Drumline, and Love Don’t Cost a Thing. He hosted the 2016 Nickelodeon Halo Awards.

Here is an interesting fact. Nick always wears sparkly shoes when he is on a show. He also makes music and has written, directed, and produced television shows. He had four albums in 2014. Some of them were White People Party Music, Child of the Corn volume one, and Child of the Corn volume two. Nick Cannon’s real name is Nicholas Scott Cannon, and his favorite color is blue. These are some facts about Nick Cannon.
Have you ever read the book, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down*? Well, if you haven’t you should! In the beginning of the book, Greg gets money for the book fair. He uses it on pens and yoyos, but his mom wasn’t impressed. After that, Greg showed his mom a poem. She was impressed with this, so she sent it off to the National Poem Council. Two weeks later Greg got a letter saying his poem was accepted. Greg’s mom was so excited. She bought ten of the books!

When Greg looked through it, he realized the book was a ripoff and let anyone in. His mom thought Greg was still special, so she entered him in the talented and gifted group.

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When he took the test, he failed. Instead of the talented and gifted group, they put him in the Champs which is a group that has trouble with their “r’s”. His mom wanted him to be better, so she hired a special tutor to help. One day, he started saying words with “r’s” and then…..Well, you will have to read the book! This book is very funny and I give it a two thumbs up!

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A Wii U is a game pad that you can play on instead of the t.v. There is a game for it. It is called Super Mario 3D World. But, the Wii U is not waterproof. A little drop of water is fine, but a lot of water is not okay. The Wii U has been out for four years. That means it was made in 2012. 12,800,000 Wii consoles have been sold. The only game the Wii U does not have is Plants vs. Zombies. My favorite game for the Wii U is Super Mario Maker. Super Mario Maker is a game where you can make your own level and upload it online if you want so other people can play it.

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You better hurry and buy one though because pretty soon they are making a new version. If you already have the Wii U, don’t worry. They will still be selling games for it.
Mrs. Grace is a very special teacher. She is an amazing cook and very good at sewing quilts. Have you ever wondered why Mrs. Grace went from teaching fifth grade to kindergarten and back to fifth grade again? She wanted to teach fifth grade because you can joke around with them more. Luckily this year she is able to teach fifth grade.

Mrs. Grace went to three different colleges. She started at Oakland Community College and transferred to Madonna University for her teaching certificate. Then, she completed her Master’s degree at Marygrove College. Mrs. Grace has one kid named Gwendolyn who is six years old. Mrs. Grace loves to do anything with her family that allows her to spend time together.

She has become a better teacher because the staff at PLE work so closely together. Her favorite habit is to synergize because everyone working together means more gets done. Mrs. Grace loves beagles because they are loving and become part of the family. Mrs. Grace is an outstanding teacher and we love her!

The 2016-2017 S.A.I.L. Team

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