Fidget Spinners
by: Samantha Lang

The new popular toy, the fidget spinner has taken over our school! You probably already have a fidget, but I’m going to tell you about it anyway.

Fidget spinners come in many different colors. Now you can even get them at 7-Eleven. Fidget spinners cost usually around $10, but they can range from $2 to $460! They are so popular now that even my orthodontist gives them out.

Fidget spinners were meant for kids to focus, but now they are distracting for many people (like teachers) and don’t help with focusing. The fidget spinner is a small gadget made out of metal and plastic and guess what? It spins! If you didn’t know that already, you have really been living under a rock.

If you don’t have one, then you should get one...But, DON’T BRING IT TO SCHOOL!

It will be gone in five seconds. Remember, fidget spinners are banned from Pleasant Lake Elementary. So, if you take one to school at your own risk, don’t say I didn’t warn you!

At home, you can do many different tricks with fidget spinners. You can balance them, throw them while spinning, and more. If a piece ever comes off of your fidget, all you have to do is find a hard surface and push it back in. The more you play with the fidget, the faster it goes. So, remember if you have a fidget spinner, have fun with it at home.

The Fidget Cube
by: Jalia Marks

You most likely have a fidget spinner, but do you have a fidget cube? Mark and Mathew McLachlan made the fidget cube. They are also calling this toy a vinyl desk toy. Fidget cubes are about $20 to $30.

Mark and Mathew McLachlan’s goal was to earn $15,000. Well, they blew past their goal! As of right now, they have made over $14,000,000!!! That’s absolutely awesome if you ask me.

It comes in several different colors like black, white, red, aqua, sunset, berry, and fresh. The fidget cube is supposed to help you not fidget all the time, especially in class. When you use the fidget cube, you can spin, click, roll, or rub the cube. It became popular from a video that was posted on Facebook and You-Tube. Clickable pens were the McLachlan’s inspiration for creating the fidget cube. If you are a big fidgeter, you should definitely go get a fidget cube. Hopefully, it doesn’t become a distraction in our school like fidget spinners.
Is World Wrestling Fake?
by: Landon Gordon and Brady Najor

There is a lot of talk about WWE Wrestling and if it is actually real. We learned that most of it is not real. The matches and most of the moves are planned before the event even begins. The referee keeps track of time and tells them secretly in the match when to stop. Most good wrestlers have to be good actors. They have to sell or exaggerate their moves like the Stunner, The Cutler, The Tombstone Pile Driver, and the Skull Crusher.

Wrestlers protect each other like when they do high flying moves. They hit their target almost always. They also protect themselves by using their hands, knees and elbows during impact. Most of them do not really hate each other. They have to know how to hit the opponent and protect him at the same time. The props are real, but are cut in certain ways to break in a predictable way. This is so the wrestler doesn’t get injured. So, when you watch wrestling now, pay more attention to their moves and injuries. Most of them are not real! (Do not try these moves at home, though)

UNUSUAL LAWS
by: Brooke Kouza

Everywhere you go there are laws, some are for safety and some are just unusual. Here are some of the most unusual laws from across the globe.

1. It’s illegal to chew gum in Singapore. In fact, no gum is bought or sold here. The law is said to be in place to keep public spaces clean.

2. In Alabama, you’re not allowed to wear a fake mustache in church because it causes laughter.

3. If you own an explosive golf ball in Massachusetts you’re in big trouble.

4. In Mexico, it is illegal for bicyclists to lift their feet off the pedals while riding as this might cause them to lose control of the bike.

5. In Switzerland, it’s against the law to flush a toilet after 10 p.m. in an apartment building.

6. It is illegal for a chicken to cross the road in Georgia! How silly is that!

7. There is a law in New Zealand that states you cannot fly with a rooster in a hot air balloon.

8. In Baltimore, Maryland it’s illegal to bring a lion to the movies.

9. It’s illegal to drive a dirty car in Russia.

10. In Oshawa, Ontario, it is against the law to climb a tree.

These are just a few of the millions of laws that are quite unusual. And the funny thing is, they all exist!

Ally Raisman
by: Alexa Karana

Do you know about Ally Raisman? Well, if you don’t know, I will help. Ally Raisman was an Olympic gymnast winner. She was born on May 25, 1994. Ally is twenty-two years old and loves to be an American gymnast. She is a two time Olympian. She was a member and captain in 2012. Also, Ally Raisman got twelve gold medals in her life so far, and eleven silver medals! She also has eight bronze medals. Did you know that Ally Raisman’s full name is Alexandra Rose Raisman? She is 5 foot 2 inches. She weighs 115 pounds. Ally’s head coach is Mihai Brestyan. Here are some fun facts about Ally. She has a dog. She helps other gymnasts that are kids. I hope you loved learning about Ally Raisman.
Lionel Andress Messi
by: Emmanuel Ita and JP Jarbo

If you love soccer, you should read this! This article is about Lionel Messi. Here are some facts about him. First, he was born in 1987 on June 24th. Second, he is an Argentinian player and is the youngest player on the team. Another fact is that many people say that Messi is the best soccer player ever. The fourth fact is that Messi’s positions on the soccer field are forward and winger. Next, his real name is Luis Lionel Andress Messi. The sixth fact is that when he was a kid, he was not too healthy. He had a growth hormone deficiency, and his parents did not have the money for the treatment to help him.

Another fact is that people call him the Fly because he is small and fast. He is 5 foot 7 inches. Also, he has two sons, Mateo and Thiago. The final fact is that he gives a lot of money to charities for kids. Those are some facts about Messi. I hope you enjoyed reading this article.

Russell Westbrook
by: Brady Najor and Bradley Yono

Russell Westbrook was born on November 12th, 1988. Russell plays for Oklahoma City Thunder in the NBA. He was selected with the fourth overall pick in the 2008 NBA draft. He was selected by the Seattle Supersonics who then relocated to Oklahoma City six days later.

Russell Westbrook won two gold medals in the 2010 Fiba World Championship and the 2012 Olympics. In 2017, Westbrook became one of the two players in NBA history to average a triple double for a season with Oscar Robertson (1962). He also set a record for the most triple doubles in a season with 42. Wow, Russell Westbrook sure is an amazing basketball player!

Candace Cameron-Bure
by: Sydney Crawford and Savanna Johnson

Full House has been around for many years, and now they have released their latest series, Fuller House. You’re probably familiar with the actor that plays DJ Tanner. Her actual name is Candace Cameron-Bure. Candace Cameron is 41 years old and she was born on April 6th, 1976. She was born in Panorama City, Los Angeles, CA. She was known for her role on Full House as DJ Tanner.

In Fuller House Candace is DJ as an adult and mom. Candace is 5’2. Candace has three siblings. Their names are Melissa Cameron, Bridgette Cameron, and Kirk Cameron. Candace has four children. Her spouse’s name is Valeri Bure. Her favorite book is Redeeming Love. Also, her favorite shoes are Gold Glitter Toms. Another interesting fact is that her nickname is Candy. Her zodiac sign is Aries, her favorite lip balm is Rosebud lip salve, her birthstone is a diamond, and her birth flower is a Daisy. We hope you liked our article about Candace Cameron-Bure.
If you are looking for some summer ideas, I have great ones. Going to the beach and collecting shells is just one of the ideas. Water parks are some favorites of kids and families for weekend getaways. My favorite water parks are Soaring Eagle and Kalahari. If you like water, then Splash City is what you’re looking for. Those are really fun.

Some other fun ideas are having water balloon fights and winning. Going to the park is another idea. Amusement Parks are full of excitement, too. Cedar Point is one of the biggest amusement parks. It is located in Sandusky, Ohio. It just recently opened for the season. Cedar Point has rides for all ages. The Snoopy section is for toddlers. Adults and older children on the other hand can’t wait for all the roller coasters. So, whichever place you decide to go to, be safe and enjoy your summer.

We recently interviewed Mrs. Johnson, our new gym teacher. The first question we asked her was about the hardest part of her job? She responded, “Learning all the names of students.” The next question we asked was, “What’s your favorite sport?” She answered “Basketball, volleyball, softball and swimming.” The third question we asked was, “What inspired you to become a gym teacher?” She said that she had all different kinds of gym teachers in her life, but the bad ones encouraged her to be a good one!!

We also learned that Mrs. Johnson grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, and went to Central Michigan for college. Some of her hobbies are painting, poetry, sports, and all outdoor activities. She has a little sister, three dogs and one cat. We asked Mrs. Johnson who her hero is. She said her grandpa.

Besides working here at PLE, Mrs. Johnson has other jobs. Most of her jobs are at Schoolcraft College. She teaches CPR, first aid, swimming, basketball, volleyball, and pilates. She also manages the fitness center and dome there, and is a personal trainer. Her favorite part of her job here at PLE is working with students.

Thank you for taking the time to read our article. We hope you know more about our new gym teacher, Mrs. Johnson!

You’ve probably never seen a white tiger because they are found only in zoos or in India. There are 200 white tigers left in the world. They are endangered. Also, all white tigers have blue eyes. White tigers are the 2nd biggest tiger. They weigh about 600 pounds! Did you know that their vision is six times better than us humans? Guess what white tigers eat. They eat deer, wild boar, cattle, and goats. These are some interesting facts about the white tiger.
Personality Profile:  
Ms. Lessa  
by: Amelia Vong  
and Hannah Dabesh  

Do you want to know more about Ms. Lessa? We asked Ms. Lessa these ten questions and here are her replies:

Question #1 - “What is the easiest / most fun part of your job?”
Answer - “Playing out on recess with the wonderful students”.

Question #2 - “What is the hardest part of your job?”
Answer - “Not spending enough time with the precious students”.

Question #3 - “Why did you come to PLE?”
Answer - “To come to a different school in the district I grew up in.”

Question #4 - “What teacher do you work with the most?”
Answer - “All of them pretty equally”.

Question #5 - “What college did you go to?”
Answer - “Eastern Michigan University”.

Question #6 - “Do you have any pets?”
Answer - “No, but I want a dog”.

Question #7 - “What do you do on your free time?”
Answer - “I am a Girls on the Run coach and I like spending time with friends”.

Question #8 - “How many siblings do you have?”
Answer - “I only have one younger sister. I am the oldest child.”

Question #9 - “Who’s your hero?”
Answer - “My family, former coworkers, and my current coworkers.”

Question #10 - “Are you a State or Michigan fan?”
Answer - “STATE! GO GREEN! GO WHITE!”

Now you know more about Ms. Lessa.  
(Sorry Michigan fans.)

Chromebooks  
by: Joseph Najor  

Do you know about the Chromebook? Here are some facts about it. The Chromebook was chosen to be the best choice for most schools. Most of them are between $200 - $300. The Chromebook can be alive for 8 to 11 eleven hours until the battery dies. One good thing is that it has spill proof keyboards, so they can be used at any age. Over 20 million students around the world are using Google apps on the Chromebook. Also, in 2013, thirteen percent of k-12 schools started using Chromebooks. Our school, Pleasant Lake Elementary, also uses Chromebooks in many ways. Our teachers show us how to use them for math and reading, using many websites. Some teachers in our school let us play educational games for a few minutes as an incentive to finish our work. We also use them to research information for reports. If you don’t have a Chromebook, I think you should get one!
Sugar Gliders
by: Brady Maher

Sugar gliders are cute, but are also amazing. This is why. Sugar gliders are omnivores that eat insects, meat, and vegetation. They drink nectar and tree sap. Sugar gliders weigh about four ounces. They are related to the flying squirrel. Also, sugar gliders can make really good pets since they are very playful.

Sugar gliders only live for 10 - 15 years. They can glide over 150 feet. Sugar gliders have pouches like kangaroos. They hold their babies in their pouch. Sugar gliders are found in Australia and New Guinea. Also, they have one to three young at a time. They will sometimes fight with other sugar gliders. They always fight in groups, though.

Male sugar gliders are longer than females. All sugar gliders have a little flap in between their arms and legs that let them glide. Sugar gliders are nocturnal animals, so that means they sleep in the day. This is why sugar gliders are amazing animals!

A Light in the World
by: Isabella Kozlowski and Alissa Bloomfield

Even though the following people are kids, they have made a difference in the world.

#1: Zack Francom

“When life gives you lemons you can do much more than make lemonade,” says Zack Francom a boy who will change so many lives. He sells cookies and lemonade for money to buy wheelchairs. He’s raised $60,000! Zack has helped more than 300 people.

#2: Blare Gooch

A couple of days after a terrifying earthquake in Haiti, Blare Gooch spotted a young child crying in a piece of rubble. Still thinking about what he saw, he started a program called Hugs for Haiti. Today he has given away 47,000 stuffed bears to make the children of Haiti a bit happier.

#3: Winter Vinecki

Not everybody is born to race, but Winter Vinecki was. In 2008 her dad was diagnosed with cancer. When she was nine years old, she competed in a triathlon to earn money to help her father. She earned $100,000 for a cancer foundation.

Now you know that you can make a difference in the world, too! How will you change the world for the better?
Slime Recipes
by: Hailey Dabesh

Here are some DIY slime recipes for you to make. But, before you make them, read these warnings:
1. Do not get on your carpet.
2. Do not play with slime with a cut on your hand.
3. Do not eat slime.
4. Wash your hands after playing with slime.

Fluffy slime: borax, glue, shaving cream, a food coloring of your choice and hot water.

Bubbly slime: glue, baby powder, 1 teaspoon of borax, 1 cup of hot water, and soap. If it is still sticky add more borax.

Smooth silky slime: glue, conditioner, lotion, ½ cup of water, soap, baby oil, and food coloring.

Shampoo slime: water, salt, flour, shampoo, hair gel, food coloring, and salt water.

Hand soap slime: hand soap, shaving cream, glue and food coloring.

Whichever slime you choose, remember to mix it well.

Movie Review:
Boss Baby
by: Savanna Johnson

Have you seen the new movie “The Boss Baby?” This new movie was released on March 31, 2017. First, let me tell you all the cast member’s names and who they are. The first cast member is Miles Christopher Bakshi. Miles plays the character Tim. Next, Alec Baldwin does the voice for the baby. The next character is Eric Bell Jr. He is the voice of the triplets. Steve Buscemi is Francis E. Francis. Those are the main cast members.

This movie is about a baby in a suit that has a suitcase. He and his seven-year old brother are rivals, but then they team up to stop the CEO of the puppy company from creating a forever puppy that will replace babies. It’s babies against puppies. If I were you, I would go out and get tickets to see the movie. It’s an awesome and funny movie.