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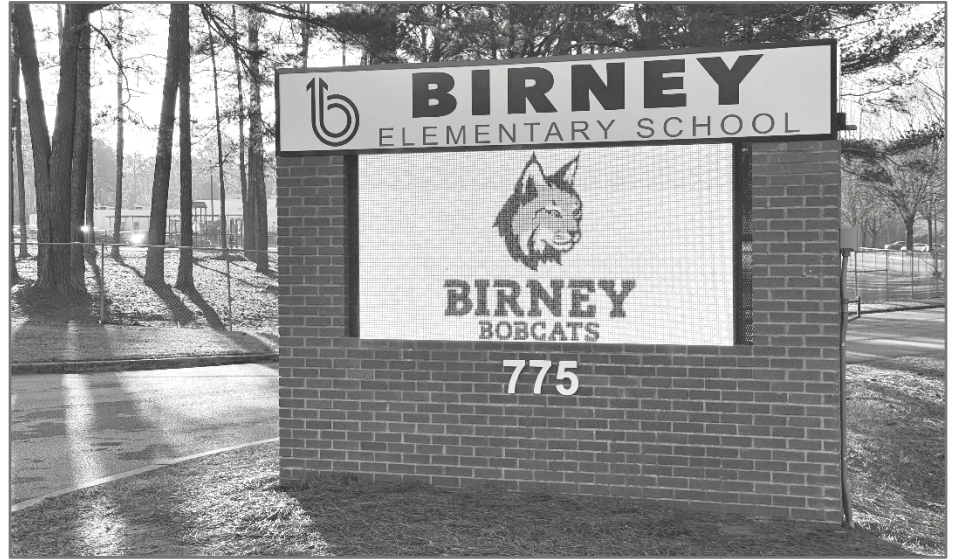
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The Georgia Aquarium

By: Aisha Salinas-Ramirez & Rubi Robles, 5th Grade

Have you ever been to the Georgia Aquarium? Well, if you haven't, I would suggest you visit because it's a very good place! If you haven't gone, today we will tell you about it. So, at the aquarium there is a bunch of fish and sometimes there can be rare animals like a pink lobster or a tiger lobster!

Something else that happens at the aquarium is a show called the dolphin show. It's a show where you can see dolphins jump and do some tricks and make noises. At the Georgia Aquarium's dolphin show, you can also sit in the splash zone where dolphins do their tricks and splash people who are in the front getting them wet. They also ask for volunteers to come up, and those people get to pet the dolphins or do a trick with them. So, the people who work at the dolphin show call people up to play with the dolphins. When the show ends, as you walk out, you see a big enclosure where the dolphins stay when they aren't performing. In the enclosure you can see the dolphins swimming around, and if



you're lucky they will come by the window.

Something else at the aquarium is the touch pool, where you can touch some cool animal called stingrays. It's cool because they don't bite, but you have to be careful because their tails are poisonous. If you touch their tails, your skin might get really rough and you will have to go get an appointment with a doctor so he can give you treatment before it gives you a lot of pain.

Another thing that you'll see are exotic animals, like the whale shark. Only one aquarium has a whale shark, and that aquarium is the Georgia Aquarium! The way that they built a place that big for a whale shark is crazy! There are other exotic animals, like an octopus or a hammerhead shark.

Those are some cool animals!

One exotic animal that comes from a far, far away place is a penguin. The penguins come from Antarctica. It might even take them a whole week to get back to the aquarium from there!

One final reason is why you should go to the aquarium is that they have a sea lion show so when you enter and sit for the show there is a splash zone and a no splash zone and as a fact sea lions can sing but not to be mean they sing bad and they are crazy. They love to belly flop in the water. So that is why you should visit.

These are all reasons you should go to the aquarium. You'll see exotic animals, touch animals, and even see poisonous animals.

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So, if you go, you'll see that what we said is true.

Also, when you grow up you can work there and that would be super cool. So that is why you should go to the aquarium.

Space

by Sofia Esparza, 4th

Are you stuck and don't know what to read about? Well, you are in the right place, because I'm going to tell you about something I like: space. I like learning about space because it makes me think outside the box and get creative.

One fact about space is that the universe is approximately 13.8 billion years old and contains more stars than there are grains of sand on all the beaches on earth. Imagine a person traveling

the world to count all the stars or count the grains of sand. I read that there are 5 sextillion grains of sand on EACH beach. How many grains of sand are in ALL the beaches on earth?!

Another fact about space is scientists estimate that there's about 2 trillion galaxies in the observable universe. I wonder what the names of all the galaxies could be, and what different planets there are. Maybe there's people in different galaxies than just the milky way.

Our galaxy isn't just floating in a crowded room. It sits right on the edge of a mind-bogglingly massive, empty desert of space called the local void. This empty region is at least 150 million light years across and contains almost

absolutely nothing, no stars, no planets, and no galaxies. It's just pure, terrifying emptiness. I didn't know that we were on the edge of a void, did you?

Saturn

By Fatima Jawara, 4th Grade

Saturn is a world full of wild and amazing secrets. Even though Saturn is a giant planet, it is made entirely out of hydrogen and helium gas, meaning it is lighter than water and could actually float in a giant bathtub like a piece of styrofoam! It is also a place of crazy weather, where winds scream at over 1,100 miles per hour and a permanent six-sided hexagon storm shapes the planets North Pole like a giant cosmic hat.

Bobcat Beliefs – Student Opinions & Editorials

Weather War: Sunny or Rainy?

By: Valeria Frausto, 4th Grade

Do you like swimming or eating popsicles by the seaside? Well, you are in the right place! Sunny weather brings so much joy and endless possibilities to spend time outside with friends and family. In

my opinion, sunny weather is way better than rainy weather because you can go swimming, enjoy tasty popsicles, and go on a fun vacation during summer break.

The first reason sunny weather is better than rainy weather is because you can do a lot of fun things in the water. When it is hot

outside, there is nothing better than jumping into a cool swimming pool or splashing in the ocean waves. You can play pool games with your friends or build big sandcastles at the beach. You cannot do any of these things when it is pouring outside, especially because of dangerous lightning.

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Another reason sunny weather is amazing is because of the delicious treats you can eat to cool you down. Ice cream and fruity popsicles taste so much better when the sun shines brightly. Sitting on the porch and eating a cold popsicle on a hot day is one of the best feelings in the world. On rainy days you usually just stay inside and do not get to enjoy the snacks the same way.

Finally, sunny weather is the perfect time for family vacations. Most school breaks happen during the warmest months of the year. This means you can pack your bags and go on road trips, visit amusement parks, or go camping in the woods. The bright sunshine gives everyone more energy to explore unfamiliar places and make great memories together.

In conclusion, sunny weather is superior to rainy weather. It allows you to swim in the water, eat delicious popsicles, and go on memorable summer vacations. While rainy days are okay for staying inside, sunny days bring people together for outdoor adventures. This is why I believe sunny days are better than rainy days, and I hope you agree.

Students Shouldn't Be Assigned Seats at Lunch

By: Ariel Settles, 5th Grade

Kids shouldn't have assigned seats at lunch because what if the kids they are sitting by don't get along? Or what if they're sitting by kids they don't really talk too?

Many adults say kids need to have assigned seats, so they won't argue about who sits by who. But sometimes, adults need to think about what kids think or feel. Kids feel like they can't express their feelings because they feel like adults don't always care. Most kids want to sit by their friends not with a kid they don't really talk to. And teachers don't like it when students talk while they are trying to teach.

If kids feel that they can't talk at lunch, then they'll talk in class. Students need to socialize during lunch and recess so they can focus and stay out of trouble. If the students lose recess the teachers are making them lose talking time. Instead, the teachers should want the students to have a good lunch period just like them. This is why students

shouldn't have assigned seats at lunch.

School Lunch Should Last Longer

By: Aziyah Hutson, 5th Grade

In my opinion kids should have longer lunch because after a long period of time you might get hungry. Now yes, we have lunch, but do you think that 30 minutes is enough? Typically, when you are waiting in a line to get school food, it can take about 5-10 minutes depending on how many people are in line. When that happens, you can lose tons of time to eat! Kids should have an extra 10-15 minutes each day, since waiting in line takes up so much time!

If you get the extra time whenever you wait for your lunch, it will feel like getting your time back after waiting for so long! Plus, when you have extra time, you get to talk to your friends longer because as soon as you walk back to the classroom you have to get right back to your work! But after a 40-45-minute lunch, you will feel refreshed enough to be happy and full for the rest of the time at school!

Also, when you don't eat or don't have enough time to finish, it can

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cause you to feel tired, irritated, nauseous, lightheaded, and can even make you faint. But when we have longer lunch you will have just enough time to finish your food! So, this is why I think kids should have longer lunchtime.

Recess Should Last Longer

By: Zaria Jackson, 5th Grade

In today's article, I will write about why we should have longer recess.

The first reason students should have a longer recess is we need more time to talk to our friends.

Also, we are in class for hours and we need time to walk and play so we enjoy learning.

Lastly, our friends can be in different classes and we need more time to hang out with them. That is why we need longer recess.

Sports Roundup – What good games have happened recently?

By: Damian Codrington, 4th Grade

“The Blowout” LA Rams VS New Orleans Saints, Aug 22nd

This football game was pure obliteration by the Rams. I mean 34-0! Something must have been in the air on August 22nd. The Saints fans had hope when they almost scored at one point, but a Rams' defender caught the ball at the goal line. Then he returned the ball for a 100-yard Pick Six! They showed some serious skill & smackdown.

“The Comeback” LV Raiders VS Houston Texans, Aug 22nd

This football game shows to never give up. On August 22, 26, the Raiders had a horrible 1st half. It was 20-3! Number one pick Fernando Mendoza threw a Pick Six. First the Raiders defense had to get a stop. They did in a fumble. Then, the offense got the momentum and scored twice. Then with 14, they scored again and won 22-20. So the next time you want to give up, remember this game between the Raiders and the Texans.

“The Buzzer” The Chicago Sky vs The Golden State Valkyries, Aug 21st

This was a crazy WNBA game. On August 21, the Valkyries were down by 21. Then, they started gaining on the Sky. By the 4th Quarter it was tied. Then Brianna Taylor, who's on the Sky, turned the game upside down. It was 70-67 with 35 Seconds left until she hit a three to tie the game! Then she forced turnover and then did it again. With 2.0 seconds left she hit a game winning shot, and the Sky won 73-70. So, if you want to watch a crazy game, check out this WNBA match!

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Life & Style – Food

Why Texas Roadhouse Is the Best Common American Restaurant

By: Tayohnie Williams

Some people might say, “is Texas roadhouse actually worth the hype?” Some might say, “the service is horrible, the food is disgusting, and the ratings? Don’t get me started” or some will say, “the service is great, the food is delicious, and the rating is 5 out of 5”. Well, my essays might change your opinion if you think it’s bad.

First, the service depends on how you act and how the server acts. During your time with a server, you’re supposed to remain calm, collected, and respectful, while the waiter is supposed to be professional even when they have disrespectful customers.

Although they can get

disrespectful back when you are getting too disrespectful and might not realize it could just be your attitude that’s causing the bad service.

Second, the food sometimes depends on what Texas Roadhouse location you’re going to. Say if you’re going to a location and they got inspected by Gordon Ramsey and he says they haven’t changed their grease, meaning they use the same grease for foods like fried pickles or fries. Their food would probably be pretty gross. But let’s say you go to a different location, and they change their grease regularly and Gordon Ramsey gave them a good “score.” Their food is probably better.

Lastly, their food service has a good rating because people like the food and think the workers are nice and professional. The food is usually good, and people do not

have to wait too long for their orders.

Their rating could be bad if the food tastes bad, the workers are not friendly, or people must wait a long time. But their good ratings show that most people are happy with the food and services they provide.

In conclusion, their food and service are good. Just make sure you go to one with a good rating and you’ll get great food! For example, I went on September 9th for my 11th birthday and they did take some time on the food, but they were professional and friendly and the food was great! Overall, they’re a good common American restaurant with normal mistakes.

Claw-Some Creative Writing – Stories from the minds of students

The Breakout

By: Elliot Mitchell, 4th

Have you ever experienced a jailbreak where people break out of jail? Well, you are in one now!

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Hello Kitty and her friends broke out of jail and have been biting people, turning them into copies of Hello Kitty and her friends! Lock your doors and hide. **Do Not Trust Anyone!**

1 Week Since the Jailbreak

It has been a week since it happened, and scientists have found a type of medicine that can turn everyone back to normal. Everyone is cheering in joy, but then Cinnamaroll comes and bites people! He even brings Hello Kitty her friends back.

2 Weeks Since the Jailbreak

It has been two weeks, and the medicine has stopped working. Luckily, we have two superheroes that can save us! Their names are Elliot and Diana. I know they are just kids, but they have special powers. They can turn Hello Kitty and her friends into stuffed animals. Weird right? But they are still saving the world!

3 Weeks Since the Jailbreak

It has been three weeks since the breakout and everything looks normal again. Everyone is ok now, but there is still chaos in the city, so stay safe out there!

Bobcat Brainteasers

Across

- 4. The room where your class learns together.
- 11. You carry your school supplies in this.
- 13. Schoolwork you may finish at home.
- 14. Use this when you make a mistake with a pencil.
- 16. You use these to cut paper.
- 17. A colorful tool you can use to draw.
- 18. You may sit at one of these in your classroom.
- 19. Something you read that has pages.

Down

- 1. This yellow vehicle takes many students to school.
- 2. The person who helps lead the school.
- 3. The month when our first newspaper issue of the year comes out!
- 5. A subject where you work with numbers.
- 6. Someone you enjoy spending time with at school.
- 7. A place at school filled with books.
- 8. A school break when you can play outside.
- 9. This helps keep your papers organized.
- 10. This person helps you learn in class.
- 12. You can write with this and erase your mistakes.
- 15. You can write notes and assignments in this.

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