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This month's spotlight falls on Mrs. Lasher's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Mrs. Lasher started teaching in Robert Graves in 1994. During, these long 13 years she always wanted respect from her class and she gets it every year. Her second grade teacher, Mrs. Falvey, inspired her to become a teacher. However, teaching wasn't her first choice. She wanted to be a...Rockstar! Here is an interesting fact: Mrs. Lasher once dated George Clooney...just kidding! Mrs. Lasher's class wouldn't be so exciting without Mrs.S. Mrs.S wants respect just like Mrs. Lasher. Mrs.S and Mrs. Lasher are the best!

AMAZING AILA Edited by Megan Tubbs Written by Samantha Leiching and Sierra Stitt

Aila is Mrs. Hannum's pet dog. She is friendly to all children and is very playful. Aila goes to Agility School with other dogs. She also goes to dance class with Mrs. Hannum. Aila's favorite toy is the red cube. She likes it when you kick it to her. Aila's best friends are Mrs. Parese's kids and her ducks. Mrs. Parese's class helped hatch the ducks. Outside, Aila chases birds and squirrels around. She likes almost every food and she is on a raw food diet. Aila eats a lot of frozen green beans. Aila is friends with every person in school.

## Teacher of the Month: Mrs. vanderPoel Written by Beth Allred and Taylor Vendetti Edited by Robbie Sepesi

Guess who is the teacher of the month is? It's our very own Mrs. vanderPoel! She does so much with her kindergarten class.

One thing that her class does is they have parties. They also read books and tell jokes. For some parties they bring in toys. They do arts and crafts at parties. They also read many books in her classroom. The big thing is the jokes that she and her class tell. One of the jokes is very funny. It is: Why was six afraid of seven? The answer: Because seven eight nine! Now that's a real joke!

Mrs. vanderPoel has twenty kids in her class. They all think she is very nice. Now that's a great teacher of the month!

## What's Marvelous About Music



Written by Danny Garner and Dane Warren Edited by Johnathan Clark and Danielle Breithaupt

Music gets harder in the higher grades. In middle school, the music gets a little tougher. Sometimes you even get to play in a jazz band. But in high school, the music is the hardest! If you are in a musical, the better people get the better parts. This year's musical was *The Man of La Mancha*. There were nostly brass players in the musical. Sometimes there were some guitar players. As you can see, when you get in the higher grades, the music gets more lifficult but a lot more fun.

Starting in fourth grade, students who wish, can participate in instrumental lessons. They can choose from a variety of instrument types, such so woodwind, brass and percussion. Lessons are taught by Mrs. Sheils or Mrs. loesher and are usually given twice a week. During the middle of the year, students have the opportunity to join the full band and participate in fun loncerts. Learning to play an instrument can be fun and challenging.



## What's in Your Stuffed Animals

Written by Ashley Carpenter
Edited by Karyn Murphy
Did you ever know that you are
living with dust mites? Yes, it is true.
Your stuffed animals could have bacteria.
If you want, wash your stuffed animals and if they don't thoroughly dry it could cause mold on top of bacteria. Now you would not want your parents to break your heart by throwing out your favorite stuffed animals, would you? So, what we would recommend is take your stuffed animals and put them in a bag with baking powder. Then shake it up and some dust mites will be gone but NOT ALL of them.

## Hip Tips: FASHION TIPS

Vritten by Tiffani Whitney and Alizabeth Holland Edited by Mary Auringer Hey girls: Here are some awesome fashion tips to spice up your look. So we hope you enjoy them! (We sure do.)

he brand new looks for girls are layers. For example, over the top of a irt wear a loose dazzling belt and a shimmering necklace. his is time to create your own look. Add some color to your outfit. Be eative! Go with a theme.

on't let people intimidate you because of your talent in fashion. shion just runs in our blood!

The Hip Tip girls would like to make a special shout out to Mrs. Dippel for her GREAT sense of style especially her shoes.