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Read about their rockets!



Read about what Terry
Has to say about sports!

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"The faces behind the news"

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"The Idea" is the first elementary school newspaper published here at AIS. When we first started, there were only four members. Now there are fourteen and more are joining! If you have anything you would want to publish, contact Ms.Hill, room #26.

Get to know the new AIS teachers

Mrs. Gaff

By Molly Martineau

I have recently interviewed our new French teacher, Mrs. Katherine Gaff. Here's what she has to say. "So, Mrs. Gaff, do you like teaching French?"



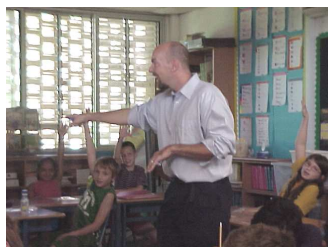
"Yes, I definitely do." she

replied. She likes the campus because it is outdoors and she has taught French before. When asked if she liked Israel she said she did like Israel. I asked her what her favorite French word is and she told me her favorite word is "le chocolate" because it means chocolate.

Mr. Johnston

By Molly Martineau

I learned a little about our new 4th grade teacher, Mr. Kevin Johnston. Here's what he has to tell us. "Mr. Johnston, would you mind telling me what your favorite part about teaching 4th grade is?" "Well, I love seeing the kids' enthusiasm and



energy everyday." Mr. Johnston has taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. He has taught in the U.S., Ecuador, and Russia. When asked what his favorite part about the school was, he said, "The weather is great, and the kids are even greater." He also said that the worst thing about the school is that they don't have filtered coffee ready every morning.

Ms. Hill's Interview

By Jordan Brandt

It takes a very special person to teach overseas and one of these special people is Ms. Hill. Ms. Hill is new to the school and she teaches 5B. Ms.

Hill got an interest in teaching when she was a counselor. She worked in schools and she said to herself "I can do that!" And so she has. Ms. Hill has been teaching for 8 years now and this is her 9th. We asked her what she likes the most about the children. She said to us that all the children here at A.I.S are special and I quote "Special" because we all have different backgrounds.



Mrs. Weller

By Molly Martineau

I have also interviewed our new 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Weller. "Mrs. Weller, what is your favorite part about teaching 3rd grade?" I asked. Mrs. Weller replied, "My favorite parts are getting to do fun science experiments and working with the 3rd graders." Mrs. Weller's favorite book for kids is Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. Her favorite author is Mary Pope Osborne because she loves the adventures that Jack and Annie take in The Magic Tree-house series. When I asked her what she thinks the best thing about the school is she said the best things are the open environment and being able to interact with kids from all grades.

When asked what the worst part about



t the school is she said the worst thing is that there is never enough time for all the activities she wants to do.

Ms. Urieli

By Molly Martineau

We have a new Hebrew teacher named Michal Urieli. Michal used to teach 5th



grade but switched to teaching Hebrew 1. Michal also does Musical Theater after school. Here is her interview. "What is your favorite part about teaching Hebrew 1?" I asked. Michal answered, "My favorite part is seeing all my students. Michal has many favorite Hebrew words, but she likes haim, which means life. I asked her what her favorite part about the school is and she said her favorite part is the people and the creativity. According to Michal the worst part about the school is the parking situation.

Ms. Lucas

By Molly Martineau and Katie Hipp

What inspired her to be a teacher? Ms. Lucas answered that what inspired her was that she had so many good teachers when she was young and she loves learning. Ms. Lucas came to AIS because she wanted to live somewhere other than the US and she wanted to work at a

quality school (Yippee!



! She thinks we are a quality school!). She was happy because she had both here. "Ms. Lucas, what's your favorite subject to teach?" Katie asked. Ms. Lucas answered, "Probably writing and math." Ms. Lucas has been teaching for eight years (Wow!).

Yael's interview

By Dayae Jeong

Yael has been teaching in AIS for three years. She came last



year but she also taught in 1980 and 1981. She teaches Hebrew in both levels. She also teaches ESOL. She loves teaching and the thing that she likes most is learning different and interesting things from the kids whom she teaches.

Ms. Ericson

By Molly Martineau

Ms. Susie Ericson is our new, fun, 2nd grade teacher. According to many 2nd graders, she is very fun. Now, let's get on with our interview. "Ms. Ericson, why were you inspired to be a teacher?" "Well, I have always respected teachers and my mom was a teacher. I like to work with kids and I learn from kids."

When asked why she came to AIS she



said, "I think the staff that I met was really passionate and dynamic and it's important for me to work with people who like their jobs. My favorite subject to teach is math, and I have been teaching for five years." Ms. Erickson's favorite subject when she was growing up was English. Her favorite subject when she was a kid was reading.

Ms. Shneider (Idit)

By Tamar Hoffman

Idit Shneider is a PE teacher here at AIS.

She has been at AIS for one year.



The reason she likes to teach PE is because she has been fond of PE for what seems like a long time. She is very glad to teach here at our school.

A Sneak Peak of Other Schools Around the World...

This is an article by an unknown author in another school.

How To Make a Friend**Ingredients:**

- 1 pinch of happiness
- 1 pocket full of fun
- 1 spoonful of trust
- 2 scraps of love
- 3 specks of wildness

Method:

Use the happiness to brighten your smile, Then go and have fun with the People around

You. Open your heart to a person you trust, and in return you'll receive Some love. Go

A bit wild, Well what could you do? Jump in the fountain, Visit a zoo.

Who is

the person

You'd enjoy this with most. That is the friend you've always wanted!!

This is an article by Karli H. at Grove Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Water: A Dwindling Resource

As of today, November 11, 2004 there is the same amount of water on Earth as there was one million ears ago. As surprising as this

may seem, it is 100% true.

Although we have the same amount of water, it doesn't mean it'll

be here forever. Each year 2,000 gallons of water is wasted on dripping

faucets alone. Although snow and rain help in keeping the water levels up, such heavy usage of groundwater just for dripping faucets can have a major long-term effect on the water table.

Each day just in Wisconsin, 1180 million gallons of water is used. This may seem like a lot, and it is. But, around 9 trillion gallons of snow and rain fall down on Wisconsin alone each and every year.

But there are still thousands of ways that are easy for us to waste water, but there are also thousands of ways we can help!

Just trying to imagine life without water is almost impossible. In life you have 2 choices when it comes to protecting this special buried treasure, you can be a waster of better, or a saver of better. But it's all up to you. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "When the well's dry, we know the worth of water."

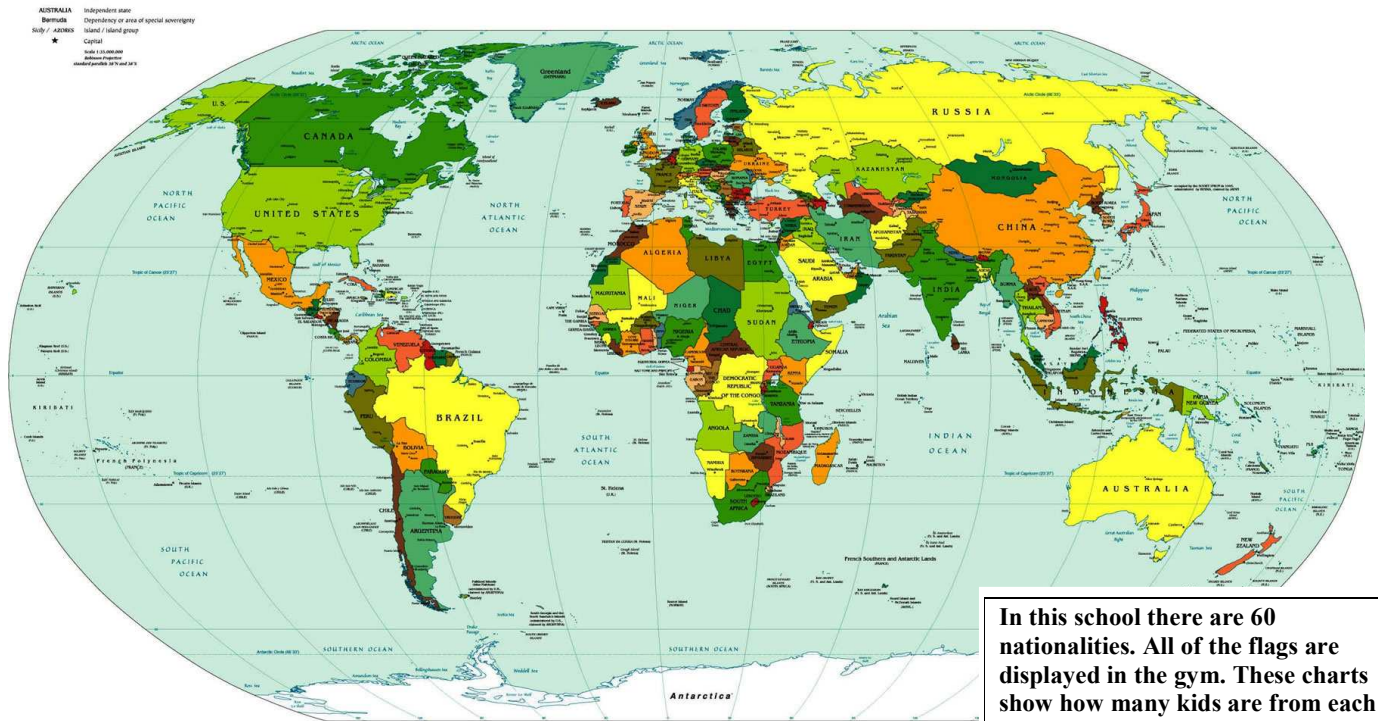
Have you got anything to publish, or do you need advice?

Hand in your writing to Ms. Hill, Room #26. There is a good chance it will be published in our next edition!

Any troubles? Write about them and put it in the advice box located in the library. Find out what to do in the next edition.

Where in the World are we from????

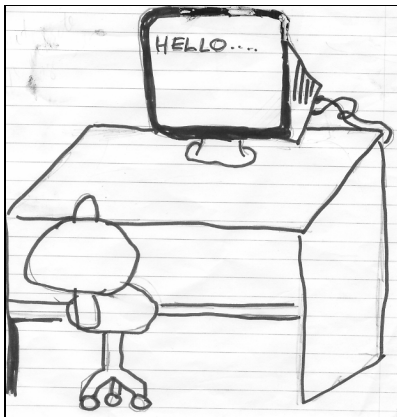
Political Map of the World, April 2001



In this school there are 60 nationalities. All of the flags are displayed in the gym. These charts show how many kids are from each continent in the elementary school. 33% of our students in the elementary school are from Asia, 31% from North America, 25% are from Europe, 10 % are from Africa and South America represents 1%. (Percents are rounded)

What's on the Web?

By Molly Martineau



By Eungang Lee

Recommended For Grades 3-5

- **Neopets.com**
Great virtual pet site with games, e-mail and more!
- **Gunbound.net**
A site where you can play games, make a guild, have avatars and tons more!
- **Flashplayer.com** and **Miniclip.com**
A website with lots of fun games!

Educational Sites

- **Scholastic.com**

Like *Harry Potter*? Like *Dear America*? If you do, you will certainly like it here!

- **Factmonster.com**
Do you like learning while having lots of fun? If you do, Fact Monster is the right place to go!
- **Loc.gov**
This is the Library of Congress website. If you like reading or history, you will like it here!
- **Funbrain.com**
Do you like thinking about Guts, Eyeballs and other stuff like that? If you do, try this site. Remember, Fun brain is waiting!
- **Eduplace.com**
This is the Houghton Mifflin Educational site. It has a kids' place to play games, solve brainteasers, and an online word find!

Recommended for grades Kidergarten-2

- **Playhousedisney.com**
Do you need help to find just the perfect site? Try this and you will find Peter Pan, the Disney Princesses and 101 Dalmatians!
- **Toondisney.com**
This is a fun place that features Digimon, The Proud Family, and Tarzan!

Other Sites

- **Kids.msn.com**
This is a site packed with games, facts and quizzes. Have fun!
- **Postopia.com**
This site is full of Flintstone games, Justice League, and much, much more!

Kangaroo Rats?????

By Zoya Kozakora

Do you know how kangaroo rats adapt? They are found only in Sandy Hills and Alberta, Canada. They jump like kangaroos, and need little water. They measure up to 30 cm including its long tail. When it senses danger, they use their powerful hind legs to hit the animal. However, this is only if an animal is trying to eat them, or the animal is a kangaroo rats' enemy.



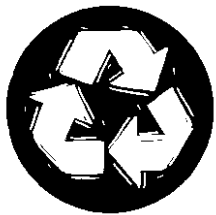
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Recycle, Dude!

Mr. Mutchler started recycling last year but Mr. Ratner actually started the program. Fleischer and the ECO.COM club are also involved. They spread the word about recycling around the school by putting fliers up and putting the latest news in the Friday newsletter.

Of course, they are examples too. Mr. Mutchler recycles personally because he loves the Earth. This school was in a contest last year and we won third place with 25000 cans and bottles! That's really good because we were competing against seven hundred other schools. Mr. Mutchler is no longer in charge of recycling, Mr. Ratner is. So don't forget to recycle, dude! It'll make you feel good.



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Big Hits!

ESOL Night

By Yael Guinor and Cindy Lisker

The ESOL Evening was on September 23, 2004. The fourth grade performed "Arthur and the Lost Glasses" at the opening, and the fifth grade performed "American Evening Tail" to close the evening. Parents were impressed that the performers had memorized their lines and are very proud. Teachers think the same way. The actors had a fun time performing, and most say they were quite nervous. To conclude, everybody thought the plays were interesting and funny.



4th graders perform "Arthur".

Time for a.... Joke!

Try this on your friends!

You: I can jump higher than the room.

Friend: Really?

You: (Jump) Now tell the room to jump. See, the room can't jump at all, so I can jump



higher than the room!

Dear Miss Behavior...

By Dayae Jeong

Problem: My Mom is always yelling at me, especially when she is angry at someone. I don't even do anything and she's already yelling! Help!

-Sore Ears

Solution: Count to ten before you speak. After you've both calmed down, talk about how to fix your problem.

Problem: All my friends are always better than me when I do something. When I do something, one of them does something, except better!

Solution: Nobody is perfect. Your friends may be better at some things, but you will always love your work in your heart

Advice box is located in the library.

Holidays

What are people celebrating around the world?

By Jessica Fretwell

Columbus Day is an important holiday celebrated in the U.S. It takes place on October 12. It is also celebrated in Spain, Italy, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Columbia, and Costa Rica.

Thanksgiving is celebrated in November in the U.S., but in Canada it is celebrated in October. In the Philippines

Independence Day is celebrated in September in Singapore, Brazil, Qatar, Swaziland, Mali, Mexico, Malta,



Honduras, and Guatemala. In

October it is celebrated in Turkey, Uganda, Zambia, Cyprus, Lesotho, Hungary, and Fiji.

National Day is another important holiday in many countries. In September, it is celebrated in North Korea, Libya and Saudi Arabia. China, Yemen, Nigeria and Taiwan all celebrate it in October. In Taiwan, it is also known as “Double Tenth Day”.

In September, there are Jewish holidays such as Rosh Hashanah (September 16), Yom Kippur (September 25), and Sukkot (September 30). In October, there is Simchat Torah on the seventh.

In December the holidays are Christmas, Boxing Day and Hanukah. Christmas is celebrated on the 25th and Boxing day right after Christmas, the 26th, and Hanukah is celebrated for 8 days in December.



Fifth Grade Representatives Alternates and the Executive board pose for a picture.



Student Council

What do they have to say?

Guest Writer: Klaudia Kucel

At the beginning of the school year, we held student council elections. A lot of people ran for offices. Every candidate prepared a speech. It was hard to choose whom to vote for, but the following candidates were chosen:

President: Klaudia Kucel
 Vice President: Noor Refai

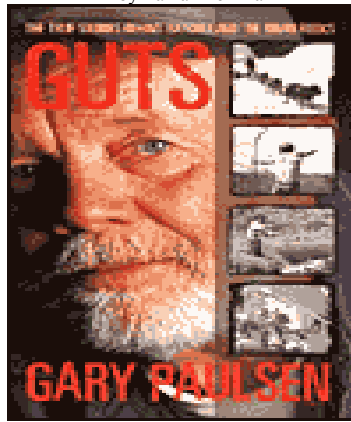
Secretary: Katie Hipp
 Treasurer: Ze’ev Lailari
 On the first meeting the newly elected student council discussed plans for the coming up holidays. This is when they came up with the door-decorating contest. Student Council members proposed many ideas to make this year more fun and exciting for all of us. We are looking forward to a great year.



Noor (Vice President) and Klaudia (President) after a student council meeting.

Book Reviews

by Tamar Hoffman



Guts By Gary Paulsen

Where do ideas really come from? You just need to read Guts by Gary Paulsen to find out the best answer. Can you imagine eating eyeballs in order to survive? Or even almost being killed by a moose? Find out how Hatchet and the “Brian” series came about.

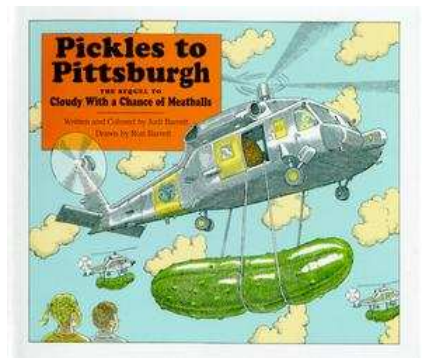
Whoever is ready for adventure is ready for Guts. Can you believe that Gary Paulsen survived moose attacks, helicopter crashes, heart attacks and even more? I’m not a big fan of Hatchet, but Guts is great!!

The title might not sound appealing to some people (it did to me), but it’s a really fabulous book. It’s good for people who like adventure, writing and freaky, fun stories. On a scale of one to ten, it’s a ten.

Pickles to Pittsburgh By Judi Barret

Can you imagine an ice cream reservoir? How about raining pea soup? People say that “Chew and Swallow” used to be a very ordinary town except for some of its weather. Now-an extraordinary town! Everything is basically food. You could literally just catch 100 chocolate chip cookies from the sky. This is only true if you read Pickles to Pittsburgh, a sequel to Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, both by author Judi Barret.

It’s worth reading Pickles to Pittsburgh and I’m not just saying that. How can you even think about school being closed because a giant pancake lands on the school? Because the writing is so realistic you will come to believe it. Ready to laugh your head off? Just read Pickles to Pittsburgh.





By Eungang Lee

The Baseball Games

Guest Writer: Lee Kopel

In the summer break I went to the U.S.A. and I went to two baseball games. They were great! They were the New York Yankees vs. the New York Mets and the Yanks vs. Tampa bay. I rooted for the Yanks.

Both games were in the Yankee Stadium. We got left field tickets. We got them out side the stadium from a stranger for \$60.00. The Yankees won 10-7 agents the Mets.

The second game was great. It was between the Yankees and Tampa bay. The first inning was 1-0 and the second inning was 2-0, the fifth 5- 0, the sixth 6-0, seventh 7-0, the eighth 8-0, ninth 9-0. It seemed impossible! It was almost a shout out. I was amazed. I hated it, even though we won because I expected a shout out after all that.

Swing the bat, kick the ball, and make a basket

By Natalia Sivackova

Terry Lagerquist, or as many of you know as just Terry, says that the most popular sport in the elementary school is soccer. Many kids play this game at

break, recess and any other free times that they may have. Usually the boys play but sometimes girls do to. For after school activities elementary kids play soccer, basketball and baseball. Terry thinks that the elementary kids play and like these games because they are fun, popular and competitive.

Students learn the 6+1 Traits of Writing

The third, fourth and fifth grades have been busy learning about the six traits of writing. In Ms. Weller's third grade class the students have practiced "word choice" to compare places they have been. They understand that the same place can be described differently by the words they use.

Two very different viewpoints on school.....

"School is not fun"

I think school is so annoying. The teachers make you do things a thousand times. Plus you get a pile of homework that looks and feels like it is as tall as Mount Everest. Worse, people throw things all over the floor. It is so disorganized. You think you're in jail and you're going to explode into a million pieces.

Guest Writer: Lee Alpert

"School is cool"

I love school. My teacher is soooo good. She never shouts. She always lets us out on time at break and lunch. Sometimes she's so nice that she lets us have extra time in the afternoon. The time is about 45 minutes. She always makes us do fun work. The cool thing is that I'm her favorite child. The field is really, really big, at most as big as two football fields. The principal is also really nice. If we do something bad he never calls home. He just talks with you.

Guest Writer: Tim Muller

AIS Students Uncover Adult Rules!!!!!!!!!!

Guest Writer: Naomi Hoffman

Moms always say, "clean up your room." They say it's so you can pass by. The real reason is because there are very small bugs that come to your

room and make your room smell terrible it also makes the electricity stop.

Every single grown up probably says "don't cut things your not suppose to, there would be cut things all over the house."

The real reason is that there is a stealing elephant that if there are at least 10 cut things that are not supposed to, he becomes huge and eats your parent's room.

All dads say "don't leave things all over the room. You won't know where things are."

The real reason is because there is a big scary dinosaur that eats up your things that are not in place after 5 days.

People tell you to be a good boy or girl, so people will like you.

The real reason is that a witch grabs you by the neck, traps you in a hunted house than throws you out the window.

A very common rule parents have is "do good on your test so you will get good grades.

The real reason is that you get pulled back to pre-school and become at least 15 years older as every one else in the pre-school.



Guest Writer: Ryo

Adult Rule: "Don't put your elbows on the table"

Official Reason: Because it is bad table manners

The Truth: Parents don't want you to put your elbows on the table because if you do diminutive

elephants with green polka dots will come out from you ears. They will slide down your elbows and have a BBQ. The elephants will also snatch whatever you are drinking and turn it into a pool!

Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder or...Second Grade Rocketry

Second Graders studied the Solar System and learned about rockets and space shuttles. They learned that the shuttle couldn't take off without booster rockets. They made rockets in class and launched them. Continue reading to learn how to make a rocket and launch one.

How to Make a Rocket
Guest Writer: Emil Rajahalmé

You will need these objects:

- A paper towel tube
- paint
- a cone
- 4 fins
- glue

First you need to paint the paper tube and you have to let it dry. Next, you cut the fins and glue the fins at the bottom. Finally, you glue the cone on to the top. When the glue is dry, blow in the paper towel tube and check that there is no air. Now you have a rocket that you can launch.

Other Important Information:

- There cannot be any air holes in the cone of the rocket.
- If you want to make your rocket go far, you have to have a long, thin paper towel tube. You can only

blow in the paper towel tube when it is dry.

How to Launch a Rocket
Guest Writer: Arthur Aldea

First, you will need a launch pad, a launcher and a rocket. Put the rocket on the launcher. Next, you fill the launcher with an air pump. * Then you turn off the air pump. Next, you have to turn the red knob, which lets the air come through. Finally you are ready to launch your rocket and it takes off. * (Teacher note: it is easier if you use an electric air pump and reach 60 pounds of air pressure)



Second Grade teachers and Students watch rockets being launched.



Students watch their rockets take flight.

Interesting Facts
By Tamar Hoffman

- Pinocchio is Italian for "pine eye."
- The tip of a 1/3-inch long hour hand travels 0.00000275 mph.
- Cat urine glows under black light.

- The longest record of a flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.
- Most people use 16,000 gallons of water in a lifetime, 2.5 quarts a day.
- A crocodile grows new teeth to replace old ones when ever necessary.
- Taphephobia is the fear of being buried alive.
- Elmer's glue is the best selling glue in America.
- There are about 75,000,000 horses in the world.
- Texas covers 275,416 square miles.
- The Titanic had 20 lifeboats.
- Australia is the smallest, lowest and flattest continent. It is also driest besides Antarctica.



The Lonely Sheep

Guest Writer: Yasha Brudno

I saw one day a small alone sheep. It was green. It had a sound aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa and then it stopped. It was green because it lives in a tree because it didn't want anybody to touch it. It ate apples because it didn't have anything to eat.



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