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## **HARLEM WIZARDS**

## **VS. RPS TEACHERS**

By: Alexandra Z. & Ella M.

Harlem Wizards in action in the Ridgefield High School gymnasium. Thank you to Emily Mills for this great shot.

The Harlem Wizards blew the roof off Ridgefield High School. The game was action-packed with tricks for the fans. It started with one of the Harlem Wizards. Big Jay bumped the ball with his behind, and the crowd burst into laughter. The Wizards allowed Ridgefield Public School teachers to score multiple times before really getting into the action.

Glitch was trying to be funny and ran out onto the court with a kid in his arms. His teammates started yelling at Glitch to put the kid down. Glitch misunderstood and almost dropped the poor kid. Then his teammate, RoadRunner, gave the kid a Wizards ball. The Wizards stopped the game for brief moment to let a teacher make a basket.

Samara Krellenstein is truly brave. In her words, "I was listening to the music, and the halftime buzzer went off. I saw a couple of girls on the other side of the gym wearing Taylor Swift shirts. I thought of the music, and I saw that not many people were enjoying it. I went down, and I saw the DJ, and I said to the DJ, 'Can you play some Taylor Swift?' He said, 'Let me put the songs you want on my phone.' I suggested 'You Are on Your Own, Kid,' 'Enchanted,' 'You Belong with Me,' and 'Bad Blood.' Disappointed, he did not play any of the songs, but he did play some good songs."

The second half was full of excitement at the beginning of the 3rd quarter. Since Samara went up to the DJ, he did play a lot of songs that we liked, but not any that she recommended. "As the music came on, the crowd started singing the songs so loudly my ears burst," as quoted by Ella M. Just like that, the game was off to a start. Some of the Wizards switched with the teachers. Some teachers were on the Wizards for a quarter, which was neat.

In the 4th quarter, with 15 minutes to go, the game was neck and neck for a second. Then, with 10 minutes left in the game, spring {#27} was ready! The Harlem Wizards were having DUNK TIME! Big Jay started it off with one awesome dunk. The next spring was in the air, and he SLAMMED another great dunk, this time over a 6 ft 4 player named Big Jay. The game buzzed and ended, and the Ridgefield Tigers lost to the amazing Harlem Wizards.



Mrs. Green and fellow Barlow students.

As the game buzzed to an end, the Ridgefield Tigers ultimately lost to the amazing Harlem Wizards. It was a thrilling and unforgettable evening of basketball and entertainment!

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# BMES Teacher Spotlight



Meet Ms. Nezvesky

By Aria S.

## Fun Facts:

- **Favorite Animal:** Tiger
- **Favorite Color:** Red

**Did you know?** Ms. Nezvesky was in the background of a Disney movie!

Picture someone doing the same thing for a really long time, like teaching kindergarten. Now, imagine one day they switch to a completely different subject! That's exactly what happened to Ms. Nezvesky, and it got me thinking about her and why she decided to change. I had so many questions like, "What do you like about this change" and "What is one thing she would want to change." Then, out of the blue, I got the chance to interview her. My questions were finally answered! Whether you have questions or not, keep reading. I hope this helps you find the courage to find out more about someone new or someone you know, as well as answers to your own questions.

### What is your new role?

A: A math specialist.

Do any of you readers struggle with math? (It is okay if you do.)

### How has it changed from this year and last year?(or the year before?)

A: Now I work with small groups of students K-5 with math .

### What is something you love about the change in your role?

A: It's a challenge to learn new math and work with other teachers

### What kind of math do you like? Is there anything you not like about the change?

A: I miss having my own class. Try to guess which teacher took her place!

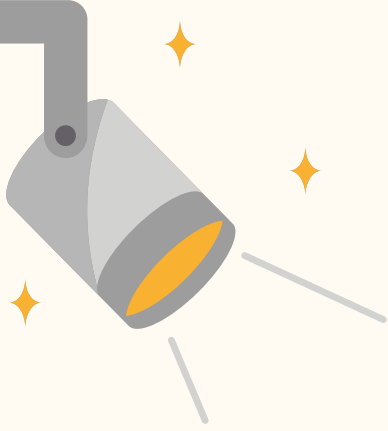
### What is one thing you like to change?

A: I learned a lot and like working with Ms. Pagliaro and Ms. Spivey

## "MATH" About Ms. Nezvesky

1. Her birthday month + day:  $1 + 5 = ?$
2. How many years teaching?  $8 + 3 = ?$
3. How many children?  $10 - 9 = ?$
4. How old?  $2 \times 17 = ?$
5. How many siblings?  $4 \times 1 + 1 = ?$
6. She was born in ...  $1900 + 89 = ?$
7. How long is her commute?  $10 \times 3 = ?$
8. How old is her dog?  $100 - 97 = ?$

ANSWERS: (1) 6, (2) 11, (3) 1, (4) 34, (5) 5, (6) 1989, (7) 30, (8) 3



# BMES Student Spotlight

## Lucy Pizzarello

By: Ella M.



### Get to Know Fifth-Grader Lucy Pizzarello

Lucy really likes two subjects in school, Integrated Science (I.S.) and reading. She thinks I.S. is fun because she gets to do cool experiments, and reading is awesome because it's both educational and fun. Her favorite sport is soccer, and she's super good at it. She loves playing soccer because she can control the ball with her strong legs.

Lucy's favorite book is "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. She learned about it from a website called SparkNotes. In the book, a girl named Meg goes on an exciting adventure through time and space with her brother and a friend to rescue her scientist dad from bad guys on another planet. At the start of the story, Meg is a bit shy and worried about her dad, who's been missing for a long time.

Lucy also says she really likes her school because of the nice people and great environment. She enjoys doing art, reading, and going hiking in her free time. Her most loved color is red because it's bright and bold, and her top movie is "The Goonies." Oooo Spooky!

### Get to Know Fifth-Grader James Cassaro

James has a real passion for I.S., which is his favorite school subject. He's also into playing hockey. When it comes to books, he's all about "Take Your Eye Off The Ball: How To Watch Football By Knowing Where To Look," a book by David Seigerman and Pat Kirwan.

He's a big fan of Barlow Mountain because it hosts tons of events and helps the environment, and that's something he strongly loves. In his free time, he enjoys playing hockey and building with LEGOs. His go-to color is red, and his top movie choice is "Haunted Mansion."

When it comes to music, James plays the baritone, a brass instrument with three valves that help tune the sound. His favorite musical artist is Vance Joy, an Australian singer known for songs like "Riptide" and many more.



## James Cassaro

By: Gavin K.

# RIDGEFIELD'S ANNUAL PUMPKIN WEIGH OFF

By: Layla S.



The winning pumpkin at the 2023 pumpkin weigh off.  
Photo by: Layla Stone

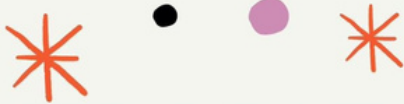
Ridgefield's 11th annual pumpkin weigh off was on October 1, 2023 at Ballard Park announced by Jessica Collins and Steve Maydan. The pumpkin weigh off is a fun event where there is food, things to buy, and carved and giant pumpkins to view!

The 2023 winning pumpkin was grown by Steve Sperry. It weighed 2,154 pounds!



Pumpkin carvings at the pumpkin weigh off.  
Photo by: Willa Boshoff

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# TEAM TEDDY 5K

BY WILLA B.



October 2023 Team Teddy participants at Barlow Mountain Elementary School.

## OCTOBER 1, 2023

Team Teddy is an amazing group started by Teddy's mom, Kate White. She wanted to help find a cure for something called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. It's a big word, but it's a disease that makes our muscles get weak because our bodies can't make something called dystrophin.

One sunny Sunday on October 1st, lots of people came together at Barlow Mountain to do a 5K race for Team Teddy. A 5K is like a really, really long run! Teddy's mom, Mrs. White, went up to the microphone to talk to everyone.

She said, "Thank you, everyone, for being here with us today to race against Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy!" When she said that, all the people in the crowd got super excited. They clapped, cheered, and even whistled.

Then, Mrs. White asked, "Can you raise your hand if you've been with Team Teddy from the very beginning?" She stopped talking for a moment and looked at all the hands that went up in the air. So many hands went up because Team Teddy has been around for a while



The White family, Kate, Caiden, and Teddy.



Willa, the first place girl.

The race began with a fire truck driving Caiden and Teddy. Then, Mrs. White said, GO! All the runners and walkers took off excitedly. There were people spread across the whole course.

The first person crossed the finish line with excitement! As I crossed the finished line, I didn't even realize that I would be the first girl. When I was running up towards the line, my dad was yelling excitedly that I was the first girl to cross! It felt fun and exciting to be the first girl to do so!

At the end of the race, everyone gathered up and Kate White announced the winner of the race. She shared her gratitude to all the sponsors and runners. It was an amazing day.

If you want to learn more about Team Teddy and maybe join them next year, you can visit their website at

<https://www.teamteddy5k.org>.

They have lots of information there for you to check out!



The White family, Justin, Kate, Caiden, and Teddy.



The first girl to cross the finish line, Willa, a third-grader.

# SPORT PAGE



## FLAG FOOTBALL

BY: BRIAN B. & MAX R.

Flag football: Boys Washington Commanders game on Saturday. Practices are held on Thursdays at 6:00 at Barlow Field with Coach John. There are 11 people on the team. At practices, they have 5v5 scrimmage sessions.

Week 1: Commanders vs. Giants: Commanders took the win 14-0 with two touchdowns.

Week 2: Commanders vs. Eagles: Commanders won 16-0 with two touchdowns, and Adrian played a key role.

Buffalo Bills vs. Washington Commanders: The Commanders defeated the Bills 18-2. The Commanders scored 3 touchdowns, while the Bills managed only one safety.

49ers vs. Commanders (both Barlow teams): The 49ers beat the Commanders 20-6, with the Commanders scoring 1 touchdown.

Patriots vs. Commanders: Commanders won 18-6 with 3 touchdowns.

Cowboys vs. Commanders: Commanders won 20-12 with 3 touchdowns.

Panthers vs. Commanders: It was a tie game, ending 12-12, with the Commanders scoring 2 touchdowns.

## WEIRD SPORTS: WHAT IS EARTHING?

By: Alexandra Z.

What's earthing, you ask? Well, it's a sport that's a bit like a biathlon, but not quite. Some folks call it the "fastest man competition" because it mixes running and swimming. It's used to help ground someone, and they say it's good for things like improving blood flow, reducing inflammation, getting better sleep, boosting energy, and relieving pain.

Why is earthing so popular? It's been around since the 6th century, but the first official experiment was in 1746, thanks to Clint Ober.

Is earthing safe, you wonder? Well, it's not entirely safe because there's a risk of electric shocks when you're running on the ground, trying to balance yourself during a storm. But it does have some benefits like helping wounds heal faster and improving balance. So, that's earthing for you!





# Raising Money at the School Store

By: Charlotte P.

One rainy Friday morning at Barlow Mountain Elementary School, it was time for the school store to open for the first time this year! The school store helps raise money for the fifth-grade activities committee. They sell cool stuff like erasers, slime, pens, hair accessories, and other fun things. This year, the favorite items were stickers, squishmallows, jelly cube slime, and jibbets. Sometimes they also had scrunchies and Poppets for sale.



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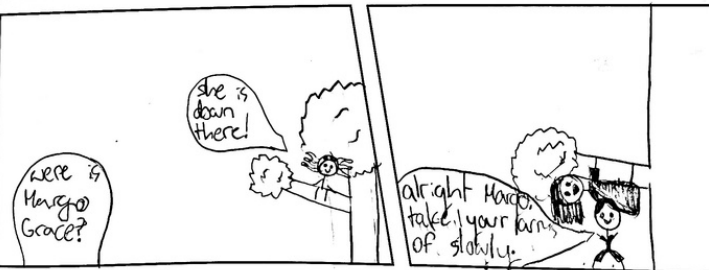
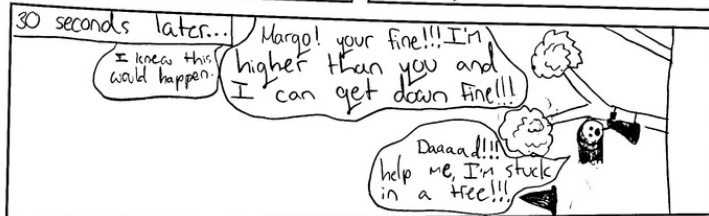
Fifth Graders getting ready to sell and shop!

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By: Grace F. & Margo M.

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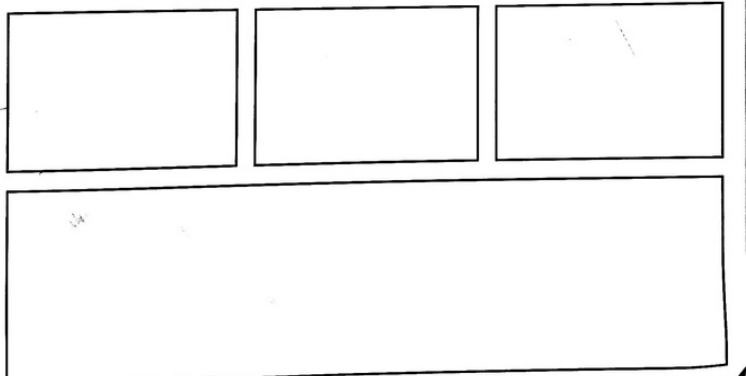


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By: Sohum D.



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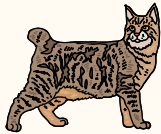
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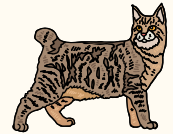
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