

The Park Glen Press

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Jokes

By Sophie Torres,
1st Grade, Ms. Coke

What do I always say
when I stub my toe?



Oh no!
Toe mah
toe!

By Henry McFarland,
3rd Grade, Mrs. Pruitt

What has four wheels
and flies?



A garbage truck

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WELCOME TO PARK GLEN

The PGE family is happy to welcome nine new faces to our campus this year. Be on the lookout for these new faces on campus: Mrs. Marci Formby, Principal; Mrs. Dinah Stringler, Counselor; Mrs. Stacey Brewster, Office; Mr. Russell Branum, STACC Aide; Mrs. Jennifer Nance, 1st Grade; Ms. Jordan Coke, 1st Grade; Mrs. Lindy Kaemming, 4th Grade; Coach Travis Spratt, PE; and Mrs. Shayna Coyne, Theater. With over 75+ years of educational experience between them, we thought it would be great to get to know our new staff in a fun way.

What's your favorite thing about Park Glen so far?

- *I absolutely adore the energy of the Cheetahs. They are also so ready to come into the gym and do their absolute best! Their smiles, friendliness, and effort make each day fantastic and I always love coming to school every day!* - Coach Spratt
- *The community and the students - there is a genuine kindness from the adults, teachers, students and parents. I really enjoy being part of something where people matter to each other.* - Mrs. Kaemming
- *My favorite thing about Park Glen so far has to be all the support from both the staff and the parents. There are so many helpful people here!* - Mrs. Nance

- *The kids. I feel it's an honor and a privilege to have a part in their daily lives. Secondly, the staff is unbelievably encouraging and supportive. It's just a really positive environment.* - Mr. Branum
- *The children's comments on life and school; there is a fresh authenticity within their expressions.* - Mrs. Formby
- *My co-workers. I love who I work with and being here at Park Glen!* - Mrs. Brewster

What are you most looking forward to this year?

- *I'm most excited to be able to see the entire 4th grade class perform in the musical Annie in November.* - Mrs. Coyne
- *Getting to know my students and see them grow, and get to know and work with all of the great teachers at Park Glen.* - Ms. Coke
- *Working with students and their social and emotional needs.* - Mrs. Stringer

Tell us about a teacher that inspired you. What made them special to you.

- *I was very fortunate to have many teachers who touched my life. One that I have kept in touch with is my 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Dana Bishop. She was consistent with her instruction and kept the classroom fair among all of us. One of my most fond memories was a final note she gave me. When I left her 8th grade class she wrote me*

a very positive note that said I was important and would do good things. I have kept the note until it literally fell apart. She still sends me a Christmas card every year and I exchange an update as well. - Mrs. Formby

- *My high school calculus teacher, Mrs. Stefka, inspired me because she believed in me.* - Mrs. Stringer
- *My third grade teacher, Mrs. Barrs, was a huge advocate in my learning and made sure all of my needs were met. I want to be able to do that for my students.* - Ms. Coke
- *My high school history teacher, Mr. Christianson, was an amazing educator and mentor who inspired me to pursue a career in education. He made history fun with his special ability to make it come alive.* - Mr. Branum
- *Mrs. Urso was my 2nd grade teacher at Holland Elementary School back in Ohio. She was passionate, excited, friendly and incredibly caring. She cared about me, who I was and what I was learning. She was the one that made me want to be a teacher. I want to be that for other kiddos.* - Mrs. Kaemming
- *My 11th grade high school English teacher inspired me. She made class fun and engaging. We were always given time to share our thinking.* - Mrs. Nance

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All About Pets

By Audrey Perry,
1st Grade, Mrs. Lyssy

We have two guinea pigs. Their names are Teddy and Lincoln. They are my brother's guinea pigs. We also have a cat and a dog. The cat likes to sit on top of the guinea pigs' cage. The dog does not care about the guinea pigs. The cat's name is Bella. The dog's name is Mopsy.



Found Magical Shoes

By Madison Norris,
3rd Grade, Mr. Hudson



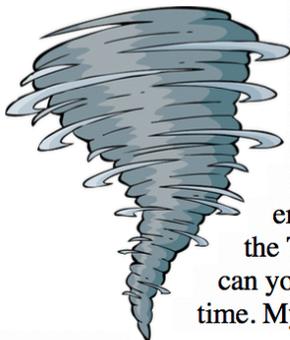
If I found a pair of magical shoes they would be turquoise and sparkly and then they'd be able to give me three wishes. My first wish would be for us to be rich so we can buy a ranch and have a ton of horses. My second wish would be to have a house next to the barn that is a big classy mansion on our ranch. Also, my third wish would be to have fresh ice cream delivered to our ranch every day for us to eat!

The Tornado: The Beginning

By Gavin Sullivan, 4th Grade, Mrs. Smedley

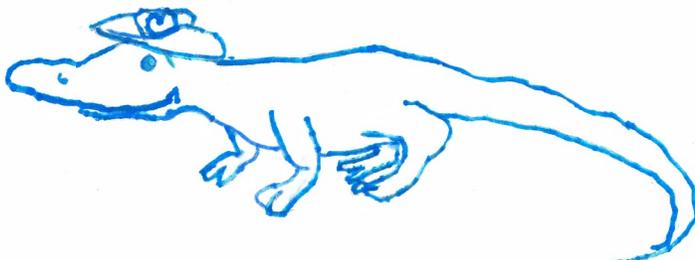
Disclaimer: This story is not real nor scary in any way, so if your one of those people that don't like scary stories, don't worry, your fine. Now, back to the real story.

One windy and rainy day, I was mindlessly walking around then I suddenly came to my sense when I hear the wind blow with a storm-less feeling... "WSH" I watch the mini dust-devil as it blows "WSH" the wind blows much faster than usual. Now, about our character: I'm Gavin, and I have an insane life, I do crazy things, but I have come to tell you that there are such things as, too crazy I guess, like jumping off things you're not supposed to... like.. Yeah... so, back to the real story. "AHH" I yell, "The storm wind is getting closer! It has just taken over my neighbor's house! Help me! "I cried for help. Meanwhile, in a conversation, not so-far away...*Phone ringing* Operator: 911, How may I assist your emergency? Mystery neighbor: There is a kid in the Tornado. Operator: Sir/Ma'am? Are they IN the Tornado or are they in the path and or/ near it? Mystery neighbor: Sir, they are in the tornado, can you help with this situation? Operator: Well Yes, Yes but it might take a small bit of time. Mystery neighbor: Ok, but please hurry.



Hank the "Alligator"

By Dalton Jacobs, 1st Grade, Ms. Coke



This is Hank. He lives in the bushes in our front yard. He wears a cowboy hat with a heart on it. If you're lucky you may see him come out and say "howdy!"

Tornado Trouble

By Darren Perry,
3rd Grade, Mr. Thompson

Darren has three billion, nine hundred ninety-nine million, nine hundred ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred ninety bricks in his house. Then a tornado strikes and Darren loses one billion, five hundred fourteen million, seven hundred seventy-seven thousand, one hundred twenty-eight of his bricks. How many does he have left?



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Robot Unicorn

By Allison Walker, 1st Grade, Mrs. Wilson

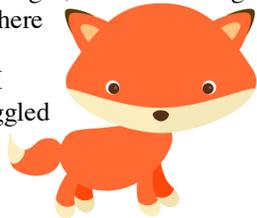
A giant package got delivered to our front door. It has my name on it! I wonder what's inside of the big box. It's taller than Mommy! I think I know what's inside. My Robot Unicorn that does everything for me. I ordered it from Amazon because they have everything. It's a rainbow unicorn. I'm so surprised, because I told them to surprise me with the color. I will name her Belle. I will ride to school on her and she will bring me lunch from somewhere different every day, somewhere that I like. If Mommy wants to come eat lunch with me, Unicorn Belle will go pick her up and bring her to me. If it is Grand Pals Day, Unicorn Belle will bring Grammie and Grampa to my school. Unicorn Belle can go underwater too. When she is underwater she can turn into anything, even a submarine or a mermaid. She can even fly! The whole family can ride on airplane Unicorn Belle. There's room for friends. She has tv's and there are a lot of bathrooms and there are snacks and drinks. Every two weeks or months she gets another seat, so we can bring another friend. My Robot Unicorn is really cool. I'm gonna order one for everyone in our family!



A Box

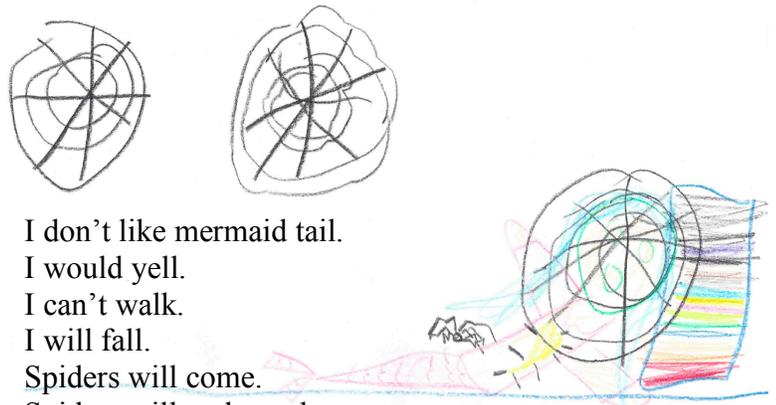
By Ryleigh Laughter, 4th Grade,
Mrs. Smedley

One day the doorbell rang and a gigantic box somehow ended up at the front door. "It's my new frying pan!" I screamed. I opened it. And then something jumped out. It was big! It was beautiful! It's eyes blazed like the sun. It was...A FOX CUB! I thought, "How did this get here? Why was it here? And where was its mom?" The box was addressed to me, so...I kept it. I grabbed it out of the box. I snuggled it. I cuddled it and for once in my life I had my own pet!



I Don't Like Mermaid Tail

By Reina Irie, Kindergarten, Mrs. Joyce



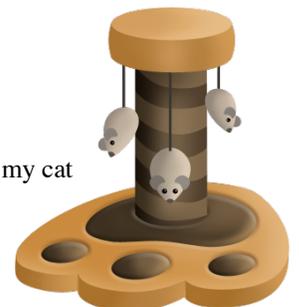
I don't like mermaid tail.
I would yell.
I can't walk.
I will fall.
Spiders will come.
Spiders will make webs on me.
I don't like mermaid tail.

The Scratching Post

By Charlotte Brewster, 1st Grade, Mrs. Lyssy



One sunny day I went to a pet shop with my family. We tried to find a scratching post for my cat Taquito. "Ah, yes!" We found it! The perfect scratching post for Taquito. When we came out of the store it was raining! We put the box in my dad's pickup truck. The box got wet. And when we got home the box was really wet! We opened the box and the scratching post was dry. I don't know how! I was so happy the scratching post was dry and Taquito was too!



Mermaid Life

By Brynna Laughter,
1st Grade, Mrs. Lyssy

One day I woke up, I pulled down the sheets and I yawned. I opened my eyes and saw that I had a mermaid tail instead of legs and feet. I tried to get out of bed, but I fell out. I don't know how to get out of my room. I yelled to my mom and dad, "Mom! Dad! Come Quick!" They ran upstairs and I showed them that I had a mermaid tail. They did not know what to do. They tried to carry me downstairs, but I was too heavy because of my mermaid tail. So they lowered me out of the window and drove me to the ocean. I saw some other mermaids while I was in the ocean. I did not know how to sleep and live like a mermaid. The next day I woke up and realized that everything I went through was just a dream.



The Chase

By Jacob Mulugeta,
4th Grade, Mrs. Smedley

One cold, dark night I took my dog out for a walk. Then someone came and stole her. Frightened, as fast as I could I ran home and I did not turn around. I screamed, "MOM!" She said, "What is wrong?" I said someone stole Ruby. She quickly printed Missing papers with her picture on it. With me whining my brother couldn't go to bed. So he slept on the couch. The next morning, we put the pictures up. Then we asked our neighbors. They all answered the same thing...no. My cousin came over, he is in college. He went on a walk. We told him to keep an eye out for Ruby. He saw so many dogs, but then he saw a dog with a collar that said Ruby. The person forgot to take the collar off. He grabbed Ruby and came home. I was so happy! I would not stop thanking my cousin. Those were some long days.



Tiffany Troubles

By Anna Pickett, 4th Grade, Mrs. Massengale

One stressful afternoon, Tiffany was practicing fractions for school. Tiffany did not like fractions one bit. Every time she practiced she got so angry that she screamed! She had been taught by her retired teacher mother ever since she was five years old. Tiffany's mother thought that she should go to a public school since everyone will be new. Tiffany is going into the 5th grade. She was scared, but why? "What if I don't get better at fractions?" she thought. She felt a wave of distress fly over her. Then suddenly she remembered the past years and how well she had done in school. Why did she feel stressed? She knew that school started next week. She still has a few days left of summer. "You got this!" she thought to herself, "You got this." Then she started working again.



On the first day of school, Tiffany's mother dropped her off and left as Tiffany slowly walked up to the door. Tiffany felt calm yet scared as she walked towards the door inching closer and closer. She knew which way, and where everything was, mostly... She hustled into Mrs. Connor's room which was her math teacher, or at least she thought it was. "Well it seems to me that we will have a great group of students this year in my class," Mrs. Connor exclaimed as she took her glasses off. The class cheered! She was finished taking attendance by then. "Is there anyone who I didn't call?" "I didn't," Tiffany said as she stood up. Mrs. Connor looked back at her list. "No," she whispered to herself. "Excuse me?" Tiffany called from the back of the room, "Is there something wrong?" "I don't have you here," she explained, "but you can still stay. Ready everyone?" She looked up from the papers and she started the lesson about fractions. "Okay everyone!" she said as she wrote blurry fractions on the board, or at least that's what Tiffany saw. When Mrs. Connor just started talking Tiffany was so confused! She didn't understand anything at all. She looked around the room and saw, over Mrs. Connor's whiteboard, a sign that said, "Go Pre-AP Math!"



Just then she heard a knock. Mrs. Connor opened the door and there was another teacher! "Excuse me, can I have Tiffany please!" she said. "OK." She answered completely confused. The teacher walked out into the hallway and said, "Hi! I'm Ms. Sotomayor and I'm your math teacher. You were in Mrs. Connor's Pre-AP Math and that's for people who wanted to do it." "Oh!" Tiffany said, "I'm so sorry. No wonder I saw a poster that said 'Pre-AP Math!' No wonder!" She walked back inside and grabbed her things. Mrs. Connor asked, "Where are you going?" "I'm not supposed to be here," Tiffany told her. "Bye!" she said as she walked out the door. "Whew!" Tiffany said as she walked into a much safer environment, Mrs. Sotomayor's room. She thought this was her only trouble this year, but she really has a long way to go!

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- Ms. Manners, my 3rd grade teacher at Whitley Road here in Keller. She allowed our creativity to soar! I remember performing poetry in front of our family in her class and eating smores while watching the “stars” underneath a tent. I also remember her being so caring!
- Mrs. Coyne
- My dad was a teacher and coach for 42 years. Besides being an amazing dad, he was exceptional at what he did. He always put so much energy into his classroom and athletes, but he was never too tired to spend time with me. His work ethic, passion for education, and love for his students and athletes set an example for me that I knew I wanted to follow.
- Coach Spratt

If you were a raindrop, where would you land? Why?

- The Alps. There is a particular location in the Alps where you can see 5 countries

from 1 mountain top. It is one of the most beautiful places I have ever been.

- Mr. Branum
- I would hopefully land at Garner State Park on the Frio River or Mueller State Park just west of Pike’s Peak in Colorado. I love nature and those are two of the most beautiful places to visit. I take my family to both places quite a bit because they are special to me and places where we can spend quality time together. - Coach Spratt
- I’d like to land in Wellington, New Zealand. I studied abroad there and fell in love with the culture and everything about it. - Ms. Coke
- If I were a raindrop I would want to fall on the face of a small child experiencing rain for the first time. The thought of being part of a community of light rain sounds wonderful to me. - Mrs. Formby
- If I were a raindrop, I would land at Bethany Beach in Delaware. It is my favorite place to take a vacation and relax. - Mrs. Nance

If you could be any animal, what would you be? Why?

- I would be a monkey. Monkeys can climb through the trees easily and they have great balance. It would be fun to swing in the branches. - Mrs. Nance
- I would want to be my dog because I know he is loved and well cared for!
- Mrs. Formby
- A bird. I would love to fly. - Mrs. Stringer
- I would be a cat because they jump everywhere and they are lazy and like to sleep. - Mrs. Brewster
- I would be the immortal jellyfish. They live “forever”. Look it up! - Mrs. Coyne
- I’m a dog person, so I think I would go that route. I consider myself a loyal guy with a good heart and those characteristics are pretty consistent with the two of us. Plus, I hate to go to the doctor and every dog I’ve ever known wants nothing to do with a vet.
- Coach Spratt

If you were in a band, what role would you play? What type of music?

- I love ALL music. But acoustic, folk, country music is probably where I fall most often. I would more than likely be a guitar player (Heaven help - I can’t sing). - Mrs. Kaemming
- I would play worship music on the piano. It’s a hobby I’ve lost. - Mrs. Stringer
- I would be the lead singer in a rock band. - Mr. Branum
- I would be a back-up singer in an 80’s cover band. - Mrs. Brewster

Write a haiku about your favorite food.

Pizza is the best,
For breakfast, lunch, and dinner,
Great with pineapple!
- Ms. Coke

Food, Glorious Food.
Cheesecake, chocolate, the works!
Give it to me now!
- Mrs. Coyne

Guacamole yum
Chips and Salsa yum yum yum
Tex Mex is the best
- Mrs. Kaemming

So when you see one of these new faces on campus, say hi and welcome them into our Cheetah Family. **#cheetahstrong**

The Cheetah of Awesomeness

By Braelyn Vincent, 3rd Grade, Mr. Hudson



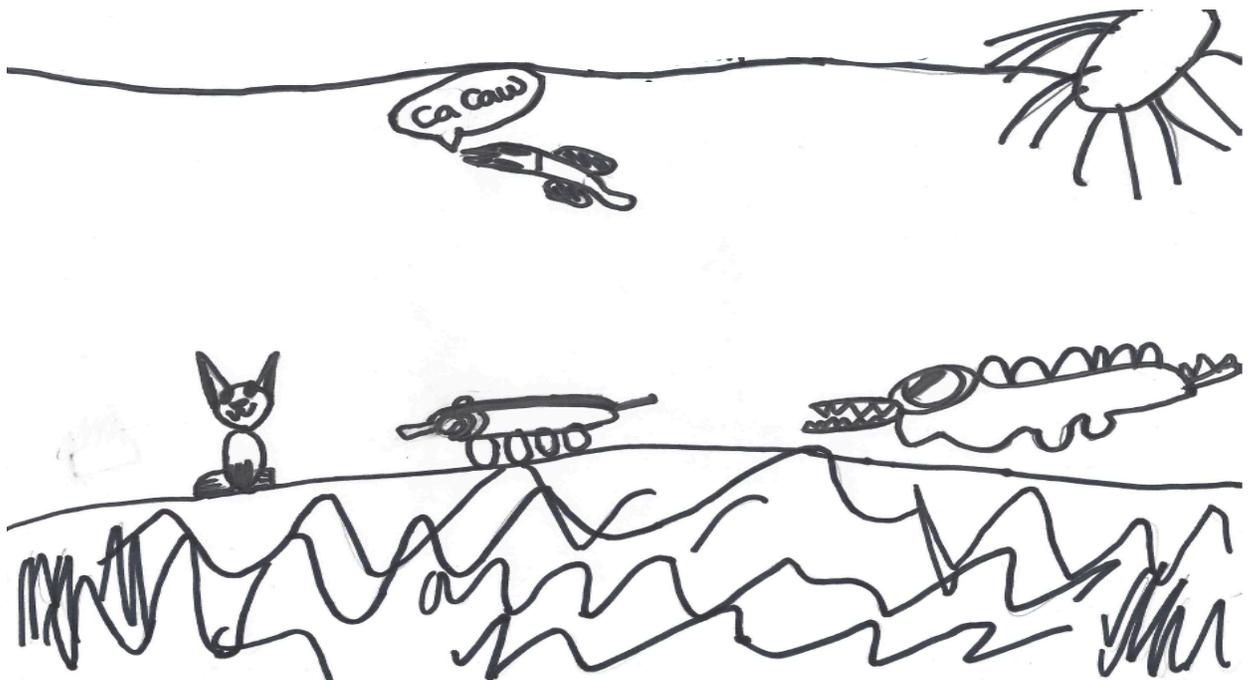
Llama-corn

By Jenni Rivera, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Buchanan



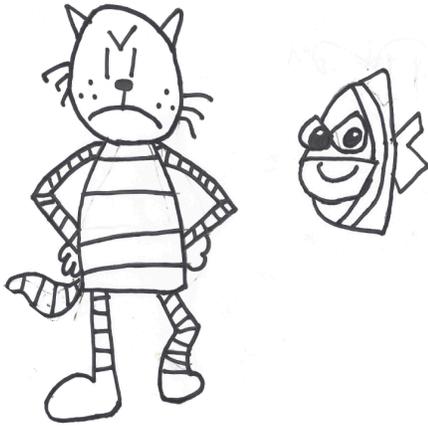
Amazing Animals

By Philip Guerra, Kindergarten, Ms. Benson



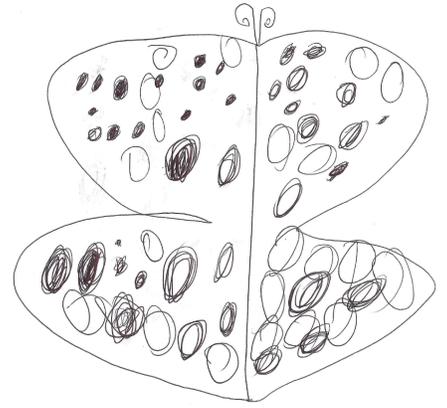
Mad Petey with Flippy

By Liam Guerra,
3rd Grade, Mrs. Lance



The Lost Butterfly

By Cheyanne Vincent,
Kindergarten, Ms. Gregg



Memory Lost

By Gerrin "J.J." Mueller, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Young



Day at the Park

By Sloane Booker, 1st Grade, Mrs. York



The Park Glen Press Wants YOU!

Welcome back Cheetahs! We are excited to begin our 3rd year of The Park Glen Press. We are so impressed with all of the talent represented here – thank you to the students who submitted their stories, art work, jokes, and more. Every student who is published in this edition has now achieved the rank of “Contributor”. Will you achieve the rank of “Reporter” with the next edition? Who will become a “Contributor” next time? The Park Glen Press wants You!

Each student will receive one complimentary issue of this edition of The Park Glen Press. You may also view the paper on the PTA website at www.parkglenpta.org

How to Submit to The Park Glen Press

Submit your content before the next deadline to your teacher or via email at parkglenpress@gmail.com

Submission Guidelines

- **Include a title, your name, grade and teacher’s name.**
- Write neatly or type your work.
- **Artwork MUST be done in pen or marker on UNLINED paper.**
 - Pencil drawings WILL NOT be published.
 - Artwork on lined paper WILL NOT be published.

Next Deadline:

Friday, November 30, 2018

Issue II Writing Prompt Ideas

1. Write about 3 places you would like to travel to someday. How would you get there? What would you do there? What do those three places have in common?
2. Write about a time you felt really happy. What happened? What made you feel happy?
3. Describe your favorite book character. What do you admire most about that character? Why?
4. How would your life change if you were shrunk down to 1 inch tall?
5. If you were in charge of the whole world, what would you do to make the world a happier place?