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# THE WASH PARK

# KID TIMES

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# INTRODUCTION

The Wash Park Kid Times



WELCOME to the first edition of The Wash Park Kid Times! In this edition, you will read poems, kid written articles, and parent written articles that are about the beautiful Wash Park! Each edition has a theme and next months theme is the Fourth of July and Fun at the Park. This edition includes the history of the white statue in the park, a poem how wash park is a great place, and many other things!

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# *New Kid, New Perspective.*

Parks in Colorado are way different than the parks in Myanmar, a third world country in South-east Asia, (also known as Burma) where I lived for seven years of my life. At the time I lived there, there were no parks. You could only go to a park if you knew people who owned a lot of land, they would usually let you take a stroll in their areas (sort of like taking a walk in somebody's really big garden). Although still NEVER a government owned park that was opened to anybody at any time. Only now, in 2015 to be exact, its first public skate park opened and now many local Burmese kids like to skate there. As of 2016, even more parks have become part of the community. Seven new parks have been introduced to the locals. This shows that Myanmar is making a change for the better.



By Jack Bleers, Age 11

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## History Time

If you live in Wash Park, I'm sure you've seen the statue of Wynken, Blynken, and Nod. If you do not know what we mean by the statue of Wynken, Blynken, and Nod, it is that picture in the top right corner. The statue is right by the lake, and is very beautiful. It is to model the poem on the next page. It is about a child's sleepy eyes and nodding head. The statute was made in purpose of Eugene Field's poem, and his house is now in our own Wash Park! His old house was originally built in 1875 on Colfax Ave, and was rented by Field 6 years later. The house was moved to Wash Park in 1930, and it is still there!



By: Tristan Champion Regini

# Wynken, Blynken, and Nod

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Wynken, Blynken, and Nod one night  
Sailed off in a wooden shoe,—  
Sailed on a river of crystal light  
Into a sea of dew.

“Where are you going, and what do you wish?”

The old moon asked the three.

“We have come to fish for the herring-fish

That live in this beautiful sea;

Nets of silver and gold have we,”

Said Wynken,

Blynken,

And Nod.

The old moon laughed and sang a song,

As they rocked in the wooden shoe;

And the wind that sped them all night long

Ruffled the waves of dew;

The little stars were the herring-fish

That lived in the beautiful sea.

“Now cast your nets wherever you wish,—

Never afraid are we!”

So cried the stars to the fishermen three,

Wynken,

Blynken,

And Nod.

All night long their nets they threw

To the stars in the twinkling foam,—

Then down from the skies came the wooden shoe,

Bringing the fishermen home: ‘Twas all so pretty a sail, it seemed

As if it could not be;

And some folk thought ‘twas a dream they’d dreamed

Of sailing that beautiful sea;

But I shall name you the fishermen three:

Wynken,

Blynken,

And Nod. Wynken and Blynken are two little eyes,

And Nod is a little head, And the wooden shoe that sailed the skies

Is a wee one’s trundle-bed; So shut your eyes while Mother sings

Of wonderful sights that be, And you shall see the beautiful things

As you rock in the misty sea

Where the old shoe rocked the fishermen three:—

Wynken, Blynken, And Nod.

**By: Eugene Field**



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## **A Backyard Friend**

### **The bright side, of backyard Chickens**

Written by: Caden Huynh-Smith 10 3/4 years old great friend to Tristan Regini.  
Interviewing was helped greatly by assistant Elysa Huynh-Smith 4 ½ years old, and  
Caden's little sister

In Wash Park you're bound to find a flock of Chickens in one place or another. Many people are proud owners of Chickens and think that this hobby is terrific and helps the neighborhood. And they do, this article will prove why owning such livestock is good.

#### *Promotes a Healthier Meal*

Chickens can be found announcing the laying of an egg rather proudly (And loudly) and with good reason too. This is because backyard eggs are much healthier than store bought eggs. Backyard/ farm laid eggs has less cholesterol, and less saturated fat. Also increased vitamins A, E, and D, plus more omega and beta carotene.

#### *Education*

Not only do chickens have nutritional value, but they also have educational value. If you have kids, *and* chickens, this would teach your family where your food comes from. We need more examples of people doing this. Why? Because for too many kids, food comes from the grocery store. And owning chickens, would be a stupendous way to show children where food really comes from.

#### *Helps Your Garden Grow*

Got problems with bugs in the garden? No problem, chickens are born bug hunters. They love to munch on all sorts of creepy crawly bugs. Such as slugs, centipedes, grubs, worms, beetles, of all sorts. This not only benefits you, but also them, they become healthier the more nutrition they eat. This nutrition also goes into your eggs. Now you might be wondering 'hey! What about chicken poop?' You're right,

## Interviews



# Poem Reading of the Week

**Wash Park is forever.....**

No matter if there's snow or wind or the skies are blue  
 Washington Park is the place for you  
 Spectacular is this glorious park in Denver  
 It's where we're all attracted to have fun together

Runners galore lap the park a mile high  
 Above sea level in this climate so dry  
 It's a park that blossoms during each season  
 By the magnificence of the people that come for many reasons

Playing tennis in the summer  
 Or throwing a Frisbee or two  
 Basketball, volleyball  
 Then enjoy a barbeque

It's so scenic to watch the geese flying by  
 But when they poop on the path, oh it makes one sigh  
 Fly a kite, ride a surrey, there's plenty to do  
 The lakes are so pretty overlooked by stunning mountain views

Snowshoeing in the winter, nothing keeps us indoors  
 Or cross country skiing and sledding and more  
 Of the trotting during Thanksgiving, our annual event  
 Whenever you visit, it's time well spent

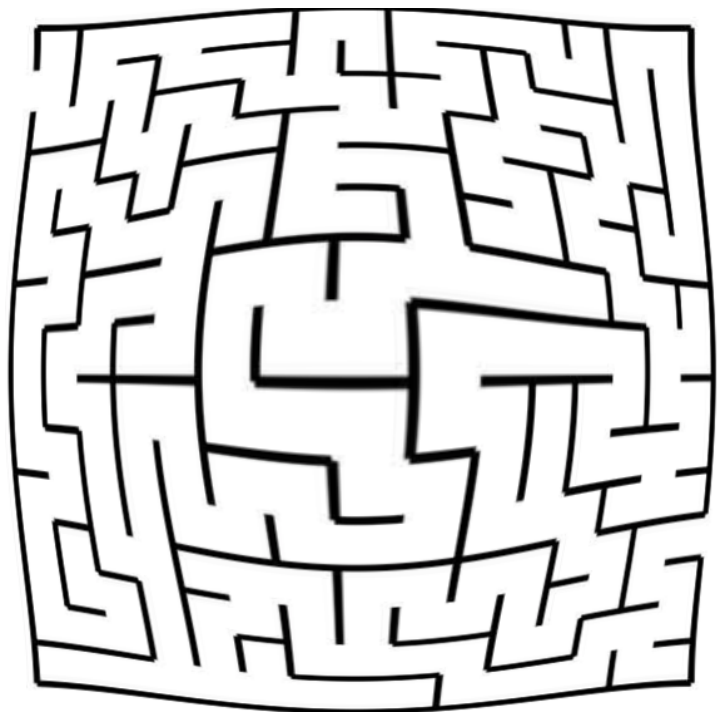
Roller blading and cycling, they love whizzing by  
 How about a picnic, just you and I?  
 Strollers and scooters the kids have a blast  
 Playing in the playgrounds they learn so fast  
 To make friends and be social and enjoy some great laughs  
 You take your pick when you visit Wash Park

The tranquility at dawn brings peace during Tai Chi  
 It's the diversity of Denver that makes one see  
 How inspiring it is to be so close together  
 That no matter what or when, Wash Park is forever.....

Written by Wash Park Resident, **Kiran Rathod**



# Kids Korner



## Summer Word Search

BARBECUE  
CAMPING  
FISHING  
FRISBEE  
ICE CREAM  
PICNIC  
POOL  
SUNGLASSES  
SUN TAN  
VACATION

M	B	P	A	P	N	Z	E	N	B	P	G
X	A	L	I	A	A	U	H	O	F	O	N
C	O	E	T	C	C	Q	B	I	R	O	I
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## Washington Park

Wash Park Provides Both Recreational and Educational Opportunities. Wash Park gets plenty of visitors throughout the year, including students from schools like Steele Elementary, which is just one block north of the park. I am currently a 5th grade student at Steele and I know first hand that Steele's students take advantage of this wonderful site by organizing plenty of events at the park. Our gym coach goes out of his way to make sure we get good exercise engaging in fun activities. Plenty of these activities include making a trip to Wash Park. Every year, Steele holds a "Bikeathon" where hundreds of students bike around the park and a "Field Day" where we enjoy many great races, obstacle course competitions and other activities. Steele's teachers are also allowed to bring students to the park to enhance lessons by allowing us to directly explore science and nature themes. Teachers also schedule picnics in the park to celebrate their students' achievements. While everyone knows that Wash Park is a true recreational asset to the neighborhood, not as many people know that it is also an outdoor classroom for our neighborhood students!

By Harrison Hauptman, Age 10



Photos by: Jen Horn





# Did you Know...

- There were several landscape architects that designed Wash Park. One of which was Frederick Law Olmsted, who also designed Central Park, NYC.
- One of the flower gardens in the park is an exact replica of Martha Washington's gardens at Mt. Vernon garden.
- Back in 1911, Smith Lake was used as the first bathing beach in Denver and South High school even used the lake for their swim team practice! The beach closed in 1957 due to pollution, polio scare and how difficult it was to chlorinate the lake.

Info from: Denver.org and Wikipedia.



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