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From the Editors

As we wrap up another year of writing, we wanted to thank our dynamic reporters for all their hard work. We had a lot of focus this year on asking the essential questions like, “which holiday movie is the best?” “Whats your favorite football team?”, “Is volleyball really better than swim?” and so many other questions that the student body needed answers to.

We are proud of the work and dedication our team has done and we thank them for another successful year of the Westfield Newspaper Club.

Special thanks to our fifth grade reporters on all their dedication, tenacity, and overall epic quest for the truth.

Sapere aude.

Editor-in-Chiefs

Going Down Memory Lane with 5th Grade!

By: Carena Lawrence



This year has flown by and school is almost over! That means 5th Grade is leaving Westfield and going to Middle school! Every teacher has made an impact on these students and it's crazy that the 5th graders are leaving. These 5th graders have made amazing friendships and memories. Each 5th grader has a special memory from Westfield and I wanted to share that with you. Also I'm going to ask teachers what advice they would give to these 5th graders in the future and ask the 5th graders what advice that they would give to the future 5th graders. Lots of questions so lets see what everyone says!

First I am asking 5th graders what their favorite memories are at Westfield. Adam replied, " Getting wet on field day." Field day always feels like a summary day! Micheal states," Field trips. Specifically 5th grade." Super fun! Tarek says," Field Days because you get to run around and get sprayed with water." Paul replies," The aquarium field trip and meeting him(Luca)." Lastly Mia said, " Being in Mrs. Commo's class because she told a bunch of stories and she was funny."

I interviewed many others and overall their favorite memories were field trips, field days, friends and teachers and more!

Now, I am going to ask teachers what advice they would give to the 5th graders for the future. Mrs. Coran states," Be true to yourself and remember that you are always a Wildcat." I love it! Mr. Mennecke replied," Try try try, try to do stuff , try to try out for things. Try to get off your phone. TRY!" I think he wants you to try 👀. Mrs. Goushas states," Don't be afraid to ask for help." That is very important. Mrs. Kielion answered," Stay true to yourself, make new friends and try as many new things as possible." It's like a mix of Mrs. Coran's and Mr. Mennecke's answers. Mrs. Carter says," You're going to meet a lot of new friends and try out for sports teams and clubs." Mrs. Hanneman remarked," Put yourself out there and try something new." Yes! Finally the one and only Mrs. Ulery! The best principal ever! She said," Be true to yourself. It's better to be unique than try to be someone else." That is amazing advice! I also interviewed other teachers and their responses were mostly the same. They all gave great advice!





Finally I am interviewing 5th graders what advice that they would give to the future 5th graders. Natalia replied, "My advice for the future 5th graders is don't mess around because this is your last year of Elementary school and next year is middle school and it's going to be a lot harder." People, take notes because that is great advice! Next, Jada said," 5th grade is not as hard as it seems and the teachers are really nice. Don't be afraid of 5th grade!" Very true! Mrs. Goushas and Mrs. Kielion are the best 5th grade teachers ever! Luca remarked," Try your best, 5th grade is great!" Next, Emma states," Just be yourself and don't try to fit in and schoolwork is first before anything." Lastly, I would say, Don't throw rumors or secrets around because you never know what could happen. Try to stay positive!

Thank you for reading this article and I hope you learned something new about the 5th graders and the advice they gave!

SUMMER FUN

Sleepover Guide: For Boys

Adam Peasley, Luca Barker, Paul Scheffert, Tarek Omaira

You might have had a sleep over or two and if you have you might know that there is always a part in the sleep over that gets very boring. In this article we will be telling you many different things that you can do during a sleep over to keep you entertained.



Play hide and seek in the dark : 10pm
Try not to laugh with water in mouth 11pm
Get snacks,build a fort, and watch a movie : 12am
Prank call people : 2am
Play video games : 4am
Truth or dare : 5am
Pillow fight : 6am
Power nap for 30 minutes : 7am
TikTok challenges : 8am
Breakfast : 9am
Relax and watch things on phone/ipad : 9:30-end of sleep over



Now this is a great list but you will have to pull an all-nighter.





MAKING MONEY



Adam Peasley

The summer is approaching quickly and I'm sure you are going to wish you weren't so broke. Well it's your lucky day. Today I'll give you the top 4 ways to make money over the summer!

First, you need to find a product or service to sell. Door to door is the best way to start out.

1. Lawn mowing, Mowing is an excellent way to make some money but also tough. First off you have to own a mower. Then, walk around and look for houses with long grass. Estimate a price (you may want to search for a reasonable price) Go up, knock, and ask if you can mow!

2. Selling, Selling old items or stuff you have made to sell is a great way to make some profit. Starting an Etsy account is an amazing way to sell stuff you have made, not old stuff. You can ask a parent to sell old things on ebay or facebook (marketplace. You have to pay to create an Etsy seller account)

3. Dog Walking, walking dogs is a good and fun way but you have to be prepared for it. You have to own a leash and be able to handle a large dog. You also have to be okay with picking up dog poop, which also means you have to own some. This is a great way, but you have to be prepared.

4. Lemonade Stand, lemonade is a perfect summer drink. Try to sell on the hottest days, (you may get more customers) If you don't want to pay for an Etsy account, try selling products here.

March Madness

By Reina and Anna

Hello wildcats! March madness is a great time of year. Making brackets with your family and watching the games with your family is so fun! Guessing who is going to win and seeing if your predictions are true or not is so Interesting! The big question for you is, who is going to win March Madness? Make sure to make brackets and watch the games!





First, we have Mrs Coran, and she said she wants anyone except Purdue for both men and women because she does not like Purdue. Next, we have Mr. Mennecke , and he said anyone besides Purdue too because he does not like them. Next in second grade is Jonah he thinks Duke is going to win. Evelyn also thinks Duke is going to win. She also thinks for woman Uconn is going to win. Connor thinks Houston is going to win because he likes them. Timmy thinks Duke is going to win because they are good. Next we have Kaden and he thinks that Arizona will win because they are having a great season so far. Logan thinks that Oklahoma City is going to win because they are his favorite team and they are goated. Lastly we have Sienna and she thinks that Duke is going to win because they are a good team. She also thinks Uccon for women because they are undefeated.



The winner for men is……. MICHIGAN!

The winner for women is…… UCLA!

recess time!

By Jasmyn Gilman and Kamila Mendoza

Which do you like better? Gaga ball or kick ball?

We all love recess right? WRONG But for those of us that do we thought, what do we all do during recess? There's the playground, swings, and basketball, but the most popular of all are kickball and gaga ball. Which one would you rather play? Well we wanted to ask Westfield Students what they thought and here's what you, Westfield, said.
First we interviewed cariena and she said she would rather play gaga ball because it's more fun.



Then we interviewed Mrs. Coran. She's a first grade teacher who has been teaching at Westfield for fifteen years. She said, "Kickball because I like to kick (not just people) and I'm a good pitcher." We looked into it, turns out Mrs. Coran has never pitched in the major leagues, but maybe this is her time.



Then we asked Mr. Mennecke. He apparently is a teacher at Westfield too, who knew, not us! He said, "Ga ga, no! Give me kickball any day!"
Finally we asked legendary teacher Mrs. Goushas. She said, "Kickball is awesome! I love it so much. My husband and I actually play professionally and I'll say we rock! Also, I can't play kickball. My arms are too weak and short."

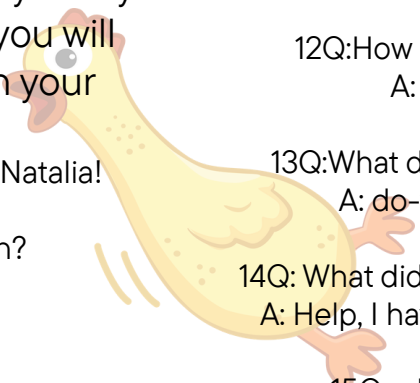
We also asked Grant Hobbs. He's a fourth grader, soon to be fifth grader at Westfield. He answered Gaga ball without even thinking. When why he said simply, "Gaga balls got more action!"



Jokes

Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side! Yea, yea, that isn't a very funny one but if you keep reading, maybe you will have some good jokes to share with your friends!

By June and Olivia, and some joke credit to Natalia!



1Q:What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A: A gummy bear!

2Q: Why did the cow go to space?
A: To see the moooon!

3Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?
A: A bulldozer.

4Q: Why do golfers wear two pants?
A: In case he got a hole in one!

5Q: What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A: Fsh.

6Q: Why did the picture go to jail?
A: He was framed!



7Q: Why can't a pirate say the ABC's?
A: He got lost at sea!

8Q:What do you call a cow with no legs?
A: ground beef!

9Q:Why didn't the teddy bear want to eat?
A: because it was stuffed!



10Q: Why did the right angle go to the beach?
A: Because it was 90 degrees!

11Q: What do you call a huge pile of cats?
A: A meow-ntain!

12Q:How do you make a witch itch?
A: You take out the w.

13Q:What do you call a blind dinosaur?
A: do-you-think-he-saur-us?

14Q: What did the horse say after it tripped?
A: Help, I have fallen and I can't gettyup!

15Q: why don't eggs tell jokes?
A: Because they might crack up!

16Q: What is the king of school supplies?
A: A ruler!

17Q: What is a cat's favorite color?
A: Purr-ple

18Q: Have you heard the rumor about butter?
A: Nevermind, I shouldn't be spreading it!

19Q: What do you call a cat that can swim?
A: A catfish

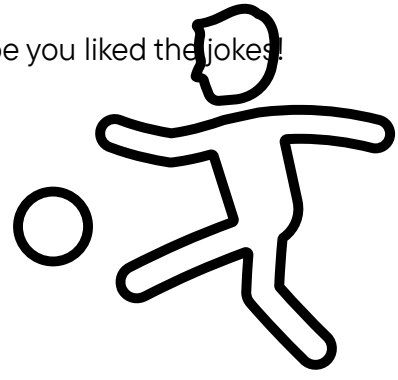
20Q:Why did the boy eat his homework?
A: His teacher said it was a piece of cake!

21Q: Why was the mathbook sad?
A: It had too many problems!

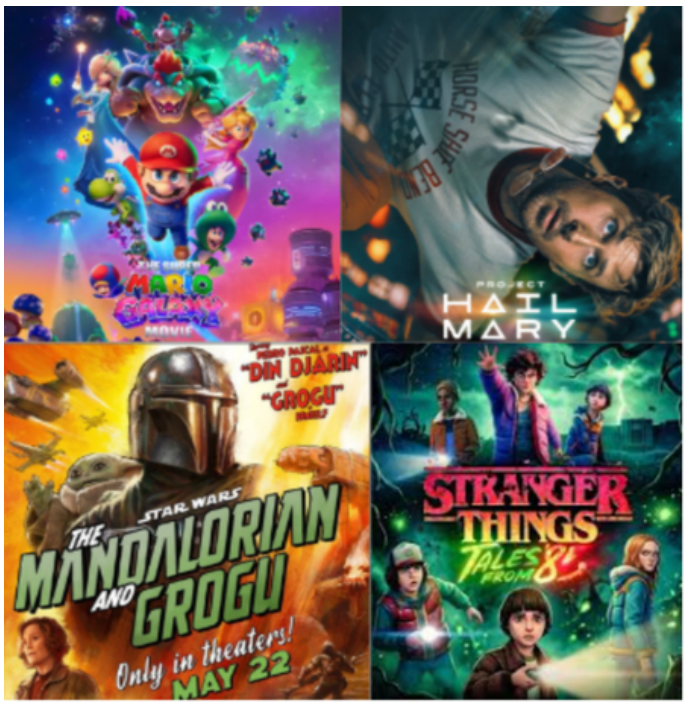
22Q: What kind of dog sneezes?
A: A choo-wawa!

23Q:

I hope you liked the jokes!



New Movies Coming Soon!
Adam Peasley



Summer is only a few weeks away and it could be the best or most boring summer of all time. So here are some of the best movies and TV shows coming this spring - Fall!

#1: The Super Mario Galaxy Movie - PG - April 1
A sequel to the one from 2023, this movie will introduce Yoshi, and Bowser Jr. You may know these characters if you've ever played on the Nintendo Switch.

#2 Project Hail Mary - PG-13- March 20
Based on the original novel, a 6th grade science teacher goes on a trip to space to save the sun...

#3 The Mandalorian & Grogu - NYR-May 22 (NOT YET RATED)
The first Star Wars Movie since winter 2019. The Mandalorian returns with more adventures involving Mando and "Baby Yoda" Don't forget to watch only in theaters on May 22!

#4 Toy Story 5 - NYR - June 19
It has now been since 1995 when the first Toy Story, The crew faces an ipad. The movie comes out June 19th so make sure you put this one on your list.

#5 The Hunger Games- Sunrise on The Reaping- NYR - Nov. 20
Set 24 years before the first Hunger Games this movie focuses on the 50th Hunger games. The novel was released in March last year. This film is a ways away coming in mid november.



TV SHOW
#6 Stranger Things: Tales from 85' TV-PG - Apr. 23
This show takes place between seasons 2 & 3 during winter. This show will give us more new characters that we never learned about during the original 5 seasons. We expect 10 episodes in season 1. Watch the first 2 episodes in select theaters soon!



Would you rather always read the book and never see the movies or vice versa?

By Keira and Rosalind





We've asked people if they would prefer to watch the movie of a book but never read it or read the book and never watch the movie, and we found out what wins.

We asked multiple people in different grades and we got some opinions that helped lead us to our answer.

3rd grade ended up tying with the books movie

For fourth grade movie steel the stage again

Overall, Kindergarten seems to enjoy the movies more, sorry, books.

1st grade also really loved the movies, books, it's not your day.
2nd grade also enjoys their movies. Ouch to books.

How many kids have actually read the book of the movie though? We did a little more research and it turns out, not much!

Many kids just assume that movie is better because they haven't spent the time reading the book.

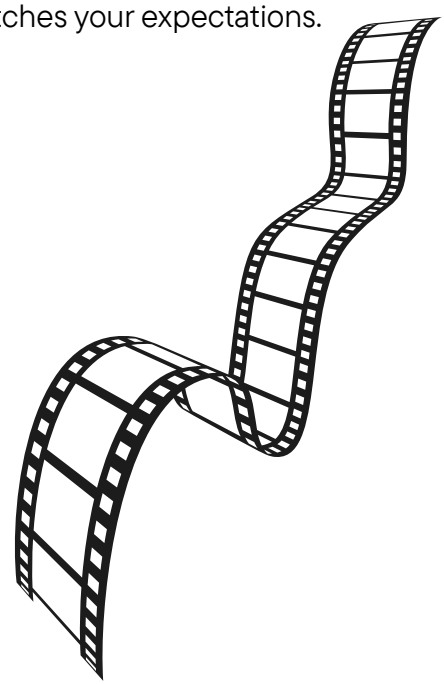
As it turns out, reading for pleasure has dropped from 28% in 2004 to 18% in 2023.

However, movie theater attendance has also gone down. According to the Harvard Gazzette, only 53% of adults in the US have visited movie theaters in 2025 and roughly 75% of Americans reported they would rather stream movies then go to the theater.

Reading and movie watching are also different forms of entertainment. A movie doesn't require your brain to do much other than watch and enjoy. However, with reading a book your brain is actively engaged, it is building the world and you're experiencing it based on your own views and prior experiences.

One great way to think about it is with scary movies or books. A scary movie that is really frightening you you can kind of get around. You can close your eyes, cover them with a blanket, etc... But while reading a scary book, you're kind of forced to keep reading, if you dare.

So while reading may not be as popular we would like to challenge our readers and contributors by asking them to pick up a book of a movie they've read and really experience it. Better yet, read the book first and then watch the movie. See if the movie matches your expectations.



Pink Palm Puff vs Comfrt
By : Aubrey Ransom



Comfort and coziness are all the rage and we are debating which top is more comforting, Pink Palm Puff or Comfrt hoodies. Which one do you like better ?

Personally, it's no question, Pink Palm Puff hoodies are better because they have stitched designs and they are really pretty colors.

But let's see what other people think.

Fifth grader Suzie says she likes Comfrt hoodies because, They are more comfy."

Lili agrees. She says she likes Comfrt also because of the comfort.

However Esther shares my opinion. She says she likes Pink Palm Puff because she likes the designs, like I do.

But Layla Salmen says she likes Pink Palm Puff because they are comfy and stylish.

Fourth graders seem to enjoy the Comfrt ones more. Avrey said she likes comfort because, "It says comfort cause it is comfortable and less expensive."

Olessia agreed saying that she likes Comfort, "They have a lot of color and sets and are less expensive."

Pink Palm Puff has gained popularity among Gen Alpha and Gen Z girls. Its growing influence and popularity on social media apps like Tik Tok have made it a "must have" item amongst young adult women. At $89, their sweatshirts are currently dominating the market place.

Pink Palm Puff started in 2023 by then 15 year-old Lily Balaisis. The company is currently valued at $1.7 million. Balasis's model of oversized comfortable sweatshirts and viral marketing worked at convincing young women and girls that this was the sweatshirt for them. But like all trends eventually it will die down. Pink Palm Puff will need to keep their products growing and changing to fit new styles and wants.

Comfrt Hoodies were founded in 2022 by Hudson Leogrande. The sweatshirts are weighted and designed to help reduce anxiety. Although the sweatshirts themselves are usually marketed at $100 or more, they are often found on sale. The company is thought to be valued at $250 - $500 million.

It's clear to see that not all sweatshirts are created equal.

Do you feel like chicken tonight ! If so you have two options
Raising canes or chick - fill-a
What's your choice ?
by Kamila and Jazmyn

First we interviewed Mia from Mrs. McCormick's class and she said, “chick - fill - a because of their waffle fries.” Next up lena from McCormick's class she said she prefers chick-fil-a because she likes their waffle fries and she said their food is better.

Then from Mrs. w class is Logan he said chick -fil-a because their waffle fries are better than the other fries and then we asked sienna also from Mrs. w class she said raisin canses because they have really good Texas toast that is first for raisin canes. Last from Mrs. W class is Lincoln. He said raisin canes because he really likes the fries and he said the chicken is crispy.

Next from Mrs.Coran's class dominic he said raisin canes because he likes how their food tastes.Then sienna from Mrs.croans class she said raisin canes because she likes the toast.

Declan from Mrs. Stoll class said raisin canes because he likes dipping the chicken in the sauce. And finally from Mrs.spinos class Henry and wren . Wren said chick-fill-a because she likes how they give you big fries, and Henry said raisin canes because he likes how fresh their chicken is.
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Currently, Raising Canes is $22 billion dollars while Chick-fil-a is currently and $33 billion dollars.
That's a wrap for the chicken war. The winner is drum roll please.....Rasin canes . That's all, maybe next time you can get interviewed. Bye.

