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My Cruise Trip

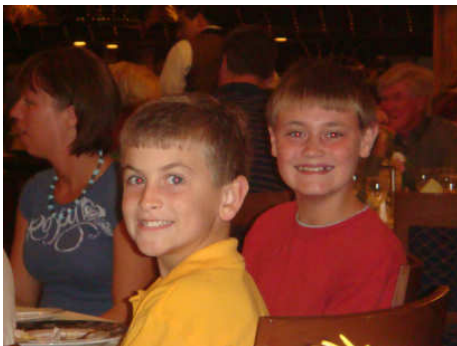
By: Corey Chapman

My mom, dad, our friends, and I went on a cruise. It was a 4-day cruise to Cozumel Mexico. We sailed out of Tampa Florida on December 25th. Yes, we sailed on Christmas Day. As we boarded the *Carnival Inspiration* it was so exciting! This was our 4th cruise and I love it.

We docked for a day in Cozumel. We had a lot of fun. We took a taxi downtown and shopped all day. We had lunch at Jimmy Buffet's and I had a cheeseburger and fries. It was very good.

I met a lot of people but the best friend I made was Noah. He was from North Carolina and that is where I want to go to college. That was exciting too. We did so many things on the ship. We played putt putt golf, ping-pong, and chess. We ate ice cream and lots of food. Noah likes mustard on everything. When we parted, it was very . likes mustard on everything. When we parted, it was very sad.

It took us 13 hours to get home. We had to drive because my dad does not like to fly. It was a FUN vacation and I can't wait to go again.



Louisville and

Kentucky

Basketball!



Louisville vs. Rutgers

78-59

1/21

Louisville whipped the Rutgers Scarlet Knights 78-59. The player of the game was Terrance Williams with 23 points, 11 rebounds and 4 steals.

Kentucky vs. Auburn

73-64

1/21

Kentucky soundly beat the Auburn Tigers 73-64 this previous Wednesday. Jodie Meeks and Patrick Patterson were the players of the game. Jodie had 31 points and 1 rebound. Patrick had 21 points and 18 rebounds.

Louisville vs. Pittsburgh

69-63

1/17

Louisville beat #1 Pittsburgh in a close game. Terrance Williams and Earl Clark were the players of the game. Terrance had 20 points and 7 rebounds. Earl had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Kentucky vs. Georgia
68-45
1/18

Kentucky had an amazing victory against Georgia. Jodie Meeks was again player of the game with 22 points and 4 rebounds.

Kentucky vs. Alabama
61-51
1/24

The Wildcats defeated the Alabama Crimson Tide 61-51. Junior Ramon Harris had to go to the hospital at the half. Luckily he returned home with the team.

Karate



By: Shayne Osborne

I go to Karate with Daniel and Joshua Hassall. We take Shaolin Do Karate. Our instructor's name is Billy. It is hard work, but fun at the same time. We practice horse stances, bow stances, punches, kicks and stretching. We have learned our first kata and have done a little sparring. Since Vance and I have started we have seen some new faces, so it is a good place to meet people, too. For good discipline and fun, I would suggest that you join a karate class, too.



MYSTERY STUDENT

Who am I ?

My little sister and I are new to BHLC.

I am learning how to play guitar.

I am crazy about Japanese food.

I want to snow board like Shaun White.

Who am I... the answer next month.

The History of Mardi Gras

By Remi Allen

Every year around the middle of February my family and I go down to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras. Last year we got a hotel one block away from the parade route. We went to St. Charles Avenue and saw the parades full of large floats, marching bands, and dance teams. The people on the floats throw beads, toys and stuffed animals to the children cheering as they pass.

Mardi Gras came to North America from Paris where it had been celebrated since the middle ages. In 1837 a costumed group of revelers walked in the first documented "parade," but the violent behavior of maskers during the next two decades caused the press to call an end to Mardi Gras. Fortunately, six New Orleanians who were former members of the Cowbellians, (a group

of people that had presented New Year's Eve parades in Mobile, Alabama since 1831), saved the New Orleans Mardi Gras by forming the Comus organization in 1857.

Comus coined the word "krewes" and established several Mardi Gras traditions by forming a secret Carnival society, choosing a mythological namesake, presenting a themed parade with floats and costumed maskers, and staging a formal ball. A visit by Russian Grand Duke Alexis Romanoff was one inspiration for the first appearance of Rex (The King of Carnival) in 1872, who immediately became the international symbol of Mardi Gras. Next year ask your parents if they will take you to Mardi Gras. It's a great holiday.



"Krewe of Shangri La" Mardi Gras 2008

Video Game Tips

By Zachary Womack &
Shayne Osbourne

Pokemon Diamond/Pearl for DS

Hint 1: To get a spiritomb, get the odd keystone and insert it in the hallowed tower, which is outside of solaceon town, and then go underground and talk to 32 people (not including hikers). Go back to the hallowed tower and click A next to it. Spiritomb will appear.

Hint 2: Would you like a free Eevee? After you get your national pokedex, go to Hearthome City. Next to the Poke Center is a house. A girl named Bebe is there and if you talk to her, she will give you a level 5 Eevee.

Super Smash Bros. Brawl for Wii

Hint 1: To get the boss battles mode and the ancient minister trophy, complete the subspace emissary.

Hint 2: To unlock Toon Link, do 400 brawl matches or complete subspace and go back to the forest stage.

"The Legend of Spyro" for Playstation 2

For Infinite Furies:

Pause the game and press L1, R1, Square, Triangle, R2, L2

For Unlimited Magic:

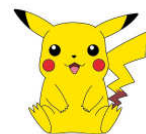
Pause the game and press Up, Up, Down, Down, Left, Right, Left, Right, L1, R1, L1, R1

For Unlimited Breath:

Pause the game and press L1, L2, R1, L1, R2



Good luck in your



journey!



Because of Winn-Dixie

A Book Report by
Emma Robinson

My name is India Opal Buloni, and last summer my daddy, the preacher, sent me to the store for a box of macaroni and cheese, some white rice, and two tomatoes and I came back with a dog. That was the first sentence from Kate Dicamillo's book Because of Winn-Dixie.

The story begins when Opal does indeed go to the store and comes back with a dog. But what she had to do was lie to the manager of the Winn-Dixie store so he wouldn't send the dog to the pound by calling the dog Winn-Dixie. And the first thing Opal likes about Winn-Dixie was his smile when he pulled back his lips and shows his teeth to her. So now Opal is off to tell her dad, the preacher, about Winn-Dixie, at first the preacher disapproved of having a dog but Winn-Dixie softened the preacher up a bit with that smile of his, so now Winn-Dixie is apart of the family now and Opals new friend.

Opal is a lonely child, her mother left when she was little and Opal hopes that she will come back someday so they can be a family again. Opal doesn't have any friends except for Winn-Dixie but that's about to change when Opal meets some new friends all because of Winn-Dixie. Like Miss Franny Block a town librarian, Miss Gloria Dump a supposed witch by the Dewberry boys, Otis who

works at a pet shop and plays music for the animals and Sweetie Pie who is 5 years old and still sucks her knuckles and maybe a few others.

If you wish to find out about Opals other friends and all her adventures with Winn-Dixie throw out the summer in Naomi, Florida, then I recommend that you read this book.

Wright Patterson Air Force Base

By Zachary Womack

On January 17-18, we went to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio! First we had taken a look at the WWII planes and missiles. I saw a Flying Tiger plane that was a Curtiss P40E. It was very cool, here's a picture of it.



Then I went to an IMAX movie about fighter pilots in training. They were very good for first time fighters. There wasn't much action, using fake machine guns and flares, but at the end, they blew up unmanned trucks and tanks. It was awesome!

Then back in the hangars, I was amazed at the space. They even had Titans I and II! We even saw space food, yuck! Fruit

cocktail was brown squares and the milk was powdered, disgusting!

The next day, we went and saw some presidential planes. There were quite a few planes but I had a favorite. It was the one that Johnson took the oath of office on when President Kennedy was shot. We also saw the X-2 plane. There were 2 X-2 planes but the other one exploded in a photo shoot. The trip was very fun and I hope to go again.

The Homeschool Detectives



"The Missing Pair of House Shoes"

By: Corey Chapman

"Hi, and welcome to the Homeschool Detectives. So, what is going to be our mystery today?" asked Detective Allen. "Well, let's take a look on the detective monitor. It looks like we're going to solve the missing pair of house shoes," explained Detective Chapman. "Sounds great!" Detective Womack said excitedly. "Hmmm... What is the mystery of the missing pair of house shoes?" Detective Womack asked. "Well, according to the detective monitor, it says that the house shoes went missing yesterday at 7:46 am," said Detective Chapman. "What are we waiting for, let's go and meet the

owner," suggested Detective Womack.

As the detectives were planning their day, the phone rang. It was Daniel Hassall on the other line. "Hi, my name is Daniel and I need you to come over as soon as you can and investigate." The detectives decided to go meet Mr. Hassall and start gathering evidence.

When they arrived, Daniel met them at the door. "It is a pleasure to finally meet the Homeschool Detectives in person. Let's get started!" exclaimed Daniel. Detective Womack was the first to start the questioning. "When exactly did the house shoes go missing?" "Well, I first noticed it when I let my dog out," answered Daniel. "Have you noticed anything else missing?" Asked Detective Allen. "Well, yes, I have. I am also missing my remote control, my gloves, and my Yankees hat. I don't know how long they have been missing but I realized they were missing after I missed my house shoes." Detective Allen had an idea and asked if they could look around outside.

Of course Daniel let them go out and told them to take their time. It didn't take long before Detective Allen suggested that they take a look in the doghouse. "I have a thought, that maybe the dog had something to do with the missing items." When they looked in the doghouse, guess what they found? They found a pair of gloves, a remote control, and a

Yankees hat. Laughing, Detective Allen said, "Look here, what's in the back." He pulled out a pair of yes, house shoes. "Well, let's go break the good news to Daniel," said Detective Womack.

"Well," said Detective Chapman, "looks like we did it again. We solved another mystery. Uh, oh... We're getting another call about our next mystery. Gotta run."

Until next time...

February Calendar

By: Vance Osborne

Don't forget these fun and exciting days during the month of February!

February 5th

Picture Day

Economics Field Trip to Chase Bank at 10:00 am

February 9th

Middle School Monday at Noon

February 12th

BHLC Valentine's Party at Noon

February 14th

Don't forget to kiss your sweetheart! It's Valentine's Day!

February 18th

Lexington Children's Theater presents: Keeping Mr. Lincoln at 11:45 am

February 23rd

Middle School Monday at Noon

Vance's Art Corner

Happy Valentine's Day



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My Boy Scout Ski Trip

By Jonathan Brenner

Here's the basic picture: 14 boys all packed into a bus. You might be thinking 'oh that's not so bad', but imagine being on that bus for eight hours. That's what it's like on the way to Timberline, a ski resort

in West Virginia. When we got to the lodges, we unloaded the bus and went inside. I was pretty tired so I decided to go to bed. The next day I had to get up early so I could get my gear and hit the slopes early. I got up early but didn't get our gear and hit the slopes early. It took about an hour and a half just to get my boots and skis. I was wearing three layers that day, so I was burning up by the time I got outside.

At Timberline, there is a ranking for each slope. Green Circle is easiest, then Blue Square, followed by Black Diamond and on to Double Black Diamond which is most difficult. There is a Green Circle trail that is two miles long (I finished it in 3 minutes. There's a dollar for the first person to tell me how fast I was going). After I did that trail I did a blue square. I fell about 10 times going down. That's all I did for the first day.

At the end of the day, we went back to the lodge and got in the hot tub. My friends Tyler, Morgan, and I decided to get our hair wet and style it. I spiked mine and Tyler made his into a Mohawk. In 5 minutes our hairdos had literally frozen solid.

The next day I did the two mile trail, some blue squares and two black diamonds. I fell four times on one black diamond and two on the other, so I

considered it a good day. The next day I got up around 7:30 so we could leave by nine. We all packed back onto the bus and started the journey home. It was fun and I look forward to doing it next year! Skiing is a fun physical activity which I recommend to all. Check the Lexington Homeschooler's Yahoo line to find out opportunities for skiing this winter.



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