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STAR OF INDIA - BY LILY P. ROOM B-8

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Did you know when you are in the 5th grade you get to spend the night aboard the Star of India? The Star of India is located in the San Diego Bay/Harbor near downtown and is the world's oldest active sailing ship.

You learn a lot when you spend the night on the Star of India. The Galley is the kitchen where they make the food. Boatswains clean the mast. Boatswains also get to be in the galley more than others. Riggers move cargo around the captain. Line Handlers raise barrel with the Riggers. Students played these various roles during their time on the Star of India. The galley had watch from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Boatswains from 9:00 - 11:30 p.m., Riggers from 11:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m., Line Handlers from 1:00 - 2:30 a.m., and Deck Hands had duty from 2:30 - 4:00 a.m., which was the coldest and darkest time! When you go on the Star of India, you will have a

great time and feel like you were transported to the year 1867!



Ms. Paula is Back! - by Marissa T., Room B2

Yeah! Ms. Paula is back! Ms. Paula transferred to Hearst Elementary School and then moved to U.C. High School to be a senior cook. She is happy to be back but she is also sad that she had to leave the

other schools. Ms. Paul remembers everybody at B-W but some students have left and some are new. She met Ms. Patton prior to leaving but when she came back she got to know her better. She missed all the

kids and their cute smiles. Ms. Paula said if she could pick a dessert for our lunch it would be a white chocolate hazelnut glaze. If she could pick drinks for our lunch it would be water, milk, and Gatorade. When you see Ms. Paula, welcome her back !

Panda Pals - by Kathryn Z., Room B8

Here at Benchley-Weinberger, we have something we call Panda Pals. Every fifth grade class is assigned a kindergarten class, fourth grade is paired up with second grade, and third grade is with the first grade. Then everyone picks a student that they would like to have for a buddy. We also call them big buddies and little buddies. They will stay buddies throughout the entire school year. About every week, or every other week, the two classes will get together and the older kids will do things

like read, help with projects or some other fun thing! "Buddies are helpful friends, and when you are hurt they help you," says Travis, a fifth grader. "They are always sweet and nice," states Bella, also a fifth grader. I think Panda Pals are great because the older kids can help the younger kids do things they already know and teach them new things too! At the end of the school year, the kindergarteners and fifth graders also have a Teddy Bear picnic on the kindergarten playground.



Our New Media Lab - by Sarah Z., Room B2

Have you heard? Room 6 is now our wonderful new Media Lab! Ms. Kathy, who is now in charge of the lab, said she likes it a lot more. She likes it because it is bigger and nicer and even includes the KRBW news station.

Do you know why we call it the Media Lab instead of the Computer Lab? It is because we do not just use computers in it now. We actually use a lot more than just computers. We learn keyboarding and digital storytelling in all grades, Microsoft Office Suite in the upper grades, and photography in all grades. Fourth graders get to make

their videos for the iVIES (Innovative Video in Education), and K through third grade will learn about movie making through multi-media websites. Fifth graders will get to make Voki's which are avatars or virtual representations of themselves. We will also still be doing the Panda xPress in the Media Lab. Now we have new MacBook Pro laptops. We got them by students and families participating in awesome fundraisers like the jog-a-thon. The new Media Lab is pretty cool. It is much more organized and there is a lot more room!



Panda Ben's Best - by Ben M., Room B2

Do you know as you grow you tend to eat more? If you are 10 or 11 you consume a lot more than you usually do. When you are six, seven, and eight years old you barely feel the difference when you are eating more. Some ways to satisfy yourself is to eat little snacks when you are hungry, that is

better than eating three big meals a day. Another important thing is to make sure you have breakfast. Eating something like eggs, toast, healthy cereals, muffins, and yogurt for breakfast is really good because it will keep you healthy and active. Always eat healthy snacks when you are hungry.



Halloween Happening - by Toria T., Room B2

Guess what? Our annual Halloween Happening is coming very soon **(October 27th from 3:00-7:00 p.m.)**. According to Cathy Monroe, who is in charge of the Halloween Happening, her committee has been working very hard this year. This is Ms. Cathy's 10th year! We will have a new game called the Jack-O'-Lantern Disk and the tilt-a-whirl is coming back from four years ago. B-W is happy to have it return! Of course a popular game at Halloween Happening is the dunk tank! Kids love

to dunk their favorite teachers!

Los Primos Mexican Food will have quesadillas, tacos, and burritos. Moody's Lunch Truck will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, corn dogs, and French fries and there will also be yummy Milo's pizza. Popcorn, nachos, and cotton candy will also be available for a quick snack.

Prizes will be in Bungalow B. Turn in winning tickets you earn from the games to get fun prizes like noisy silly

putty, blow up aliens and butterflies, glow in the dark masks, wands, whoopee cushions, and much more!

Everybody enjoys the haunted house that our 5th graders and their parents put together! This year it is called Skull Island. There will be spooky haunted rooms like The Bermuda Triangle and a treasure grave room and much more! You can purchase tickets by pre-ordering through envelopes that went home or by purchasing tickets before or after school. Wear your costume or come casual!

Amanda Panda's Advice Column by Tyra L., Room B8

Do you remember tough times when you forgot your homework or assignment that you finished but just did not put it in your binder, red folder or backpack? Well, here are some good tips to remember:

- After you finish your work you should put it in your backpack so it is ready for the next day.
- You can put a sticky note on your door before you go to bed. In the morning, you can remember to put it in your backpack.
- Before you leave the house make sure everything is in your backpack.

These tips will help you be a better student. You will also spend less time at Work Center.

Our New Library Assistant - by Ava C., Room B2

Benchley-Weinberger has a new Library Assistant! Her name is Ms. Pelayo. She transferred to B-W from Balboa Elementary. Her favorite book from when she was in elementary school is Charlotte's Web (very good book by the way). She likes the kids here because they are smart and polite. I like Ms. Pelayo, please give her a warm welcome when you see her!

Book Review - by Ainsleigh B., Room B8

The Ever After by Amy Huntley is an advanced reader book. I would recommend it for girls because it is from a girl's point of view.

Summary: Maddy has no idea where she is or why but she knows that she is dead. In this empty afterlife, she finds objects that connect her to her old life.

Warriors' series by Erin Hunter

The Warriors' series is second grade language level but approximately fourth/fifth grade content. Each series has six books. The Warriors' idea is based on the same group of cats and their generations. I have enjoyed reading the Warriors' Series.



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Panda Pride!

For a Good Laugh! By Maya W., Room B8

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite!

Q: Where do polar bears vote?

A: The North Poll!

Q: Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

A: Because if they flew over the bay they would be bagels!

Q: Why did the man put his money in the freezer?

A: Because he wanted cold hard cash!

Principal Patton's Post by Jake M., Room B8

Welcome back Pandas! It has been a wonderful year so far! Everything has been running smoothly. Remember Back to School Night? It was a success! The changes to this school year have been tough, but they have all been worth it because it is all for the students here at B-W. If you are wondering, it is awesome being a principal here because you are amazing students!

Movie Review by Alexis W., Room B8

The Odd Life of Timothy Greene is a very good movie about a young boy who sees the best in everyone. Timothy and his best friend do everything together, from soaking in the sun to taking long bike rides. Here are some other students' opinions:

Nicholas, Room B9 - He liked when there was the lightning storm and he grew out of the ground. Rating : 4 stars

Alexis, Room B9 - She liked it when Timothy showed Joni how he absorbs the sun. Rating : 5 stars

Kirsten, Room B10 - She liked it when he kicks the winning goal for the other team. Rating: 5 stars

Kelli, Room B8 - She liked it when he came to the house and he was all muddy. Rating : 4.5 stars

Madeleine, Room B8 - She liked it when he they made a fort out of nature. Rating : 3.5 stars

Kai, Room B6 - He liked when they wrote what the kid would be like and then put it in a box. - Rating: 2 stars
I agree with all of these and I would give it 100 stars!

Pando's Adventures- by Cole H., Room 4

PANDO goes Back to School

