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## Easter's Intriguing History

By Samantha Hall

Now Easter is mostly about the rabbits, eggs, chicks, and candy, but this holiday has an intriguing history. Easter has been observed for at least 1,800 years, and celebrated in many different forms. Most people will automatically think of bunnies, decorating eggs, or chicks, but how did those traditions even start?

An Anglo-Saxon (a German group from the fifth century) goddess of spring was accompanied by a hare, which symbolized fertility and new life. Later on, the rabbit was used in many feasts of the gods. Decorating eggs began because they symbolized spring and renewal. In 19th century Russia, it was a tradition for the royalty to give each other jeweled eggs as an Easter present. Another tradition was the Anglo-Saxons colored and decorated eggs to put on display during feasts for the gods. Chicks association with Easter began because chicks represent new growth. Brightly colored chicks were used as decoration along with bunnies and eggs to represent the gods' abundance during feasts. Another tradition is the Easter basket. In Germany children made nests out of bonnets and caps to collect eggs in.

Easter has been going on since at least the 2nd century, but it is still a widely observed holiday. It has been celebrated in many different forms. Now it is about the arrival of the Easter bunny, decorating eggs, chicks, and candy, but all of these current traditions have their own captivating history.

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## Art with Ms. Hauder

By Kylie Wanner

You may have attended the art show at our school. Students in all grades were able to create many different and unique pieces of art. Thanks to Ms. Hauder, who taught the classes, everyone was able to observe amazing art.

Ms. Hauder loved the experience of teaching us and said, "I love teaching art most when I see kid's faces light up with the magic and knowledge that they've created something beautiful and unique." She also said, "I'd be honored to work with anybody and have another opportunity for another beautiful art show."

Though she has taught for one and a half years, Ms. Hauder has been an artist her whole life. She likes to work with many types of mediums, but loves painting and sculpture the most.

Many students enjoyed the art show and liked working with Ms. Hauder.

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# Don't Bug Bugs, Even if They Bug You!

By Aleeze Ali

When most of us see bugs, we first think, “EEEEWWWW!” This can lead many of us to wish that bugs never existed, but do you really want to wake up one morning to see that wish come true? Do you really want to look out the window to see nothing: No flowers blooming, hardly a creature to be seen, and so many things gone?

Well, consider yourself lucky if that never happens. You see, most bugs may seem creepy to you, (and personally I agree ) but they're the reason behind many wonderful things in your life.

I'll admit that the commonly known 'dark side' for bugs is very dark, and it does almost as much harm as it does good. First of all, as you all know, BUGS ARE ANNOYING! Especially the fact that they bite and sting. More importantly though, bugs spread deadly diseases like malaria and dengue that kill thousands of people each year.

However, if you don't include these major problems, you'll see that insects are very important to our world. If you don't believe me, let Professor Davidowitz, a professor in the Department of Evolutionary Biology, prove you wrong.

“ Honey and silk, two of the most prized sub-



stances in human history... would be no more as both are products of insects.”

Insects aren't all bad; like ladybugs and butterflies. They look good, do no harm, and most importantly are pollinators. Without insects, starvation would become a domino effect for bugs and humans alike.

If you're still not convinced, you should know that if bugs stopped hanging around, the world would be littered with all kinds of corpses! How? Bacteria, fungi, and insects are decomposers. Have you ever seen a dead bug's corpse (dead body) just lying on the ground as you walk by? It's most

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likely that the corpse was covered with



live ants doing something to it. If that's happened to you, then you have witnessed insects doing their job as decomposers.

More to the point, if you can picture something twice as disgusting as the most gruesome insect you've seen, you have a pretty good idea of what the world would be like without these slimeballs with legs. Remember, if all humans judged books by their slimey covers, the world would most likely end.

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## The Chronicle Cliffhanger: Part 2

By Nika Mazloom

*In each edition you will get clues about this on-going mystery and get to know a little more about each character. At the end of the year, the mystery will be solved. Can YOU solve it?*

On July 13, 1927 there was a piece of jewelry stolen from a museum in Elk Grove. Seventeen people were at the scene, yet only five people were suspects:

1. Chester Croft, a rich, rude employee at the museum.
2. Elmer Livingston, a kind and fancy dressed chauffeur.
3. Eugene Archibald, a kind, handsome butler.
4. Herbert Elswood, a poor, homeless father of three.
5. Thelma Farley, a sweet, and obedient maid.

Aaah, so we meet again. Last time we left off with Bert Anderson, he had no idea who the culprit was. Bert had gathered the suspects, and placed them in the backroom of the museum. When they walked in, all of the suspects smelled of mint mixed with metal. They all knew what it smelled like, yet none of them could put their finger on it.

Bert told them to stay put, and for certain reasons, they would be spending the night in the backroom of the museum, “AFTER HOURS!!!” He also said, “Food will be served at 6 o'clock SHARP. We have also notified your families about this situation. Uhhh... one last thing. Chester, can I have your keys?

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ALL OF THEM. Thank you, and GOOD LUCK.”

The instant Bert left, all but Thelma rushed to the door. Chester yelled, “DARN IT, WE’RE STUCK!!” Chester had a tendency to lose his temper very easily. He had known Bert from a while back, he knew better than to test Bert’s patience, so he went and sat back down. Thelma had been crying, since she was a sensitive soul, but now, she realized something. “Umm, guys, uhhh...GUYS!!” Suddenly all eyes were on her. “Have any of you realized that Elmer Livingston is not here? I CAN NOT believe it. Elmer and I have been best friends throughout our whole lives, and he was never one not to show. Even if he was under pressure. It’s obvious that he did it.” All the others talked amongst themselves, and realized that Thelma had a point. Suddenly, the door opened. Bert had all their food. He passed out the trays to each of them, and was just about ready to leave, when he asked, “Where is Elmer?” Thelma quickly spoke up for him, “Uhhh... he went to the bathroom.” None of them wanted to reveal anything quite yet. “Got it,” was Bert’s quick answer as he swiftly left the room. After he left, Eugene spoke up, “I say we make a break for it.” His idea was quickly outvoted by the others. They ate their dinners, but none of them took this as hard as Herbert. He cried all night over the fact that he wasn’t with his kids. Thelma comforted him, but after a while, she ran out of material. As they covered for Elmer throughout the night, one by one they started to fall asleep, and await the next morning.

**Last issue’s clues were:**

- It was a two person crime.
- Both people were kind.

**This issue’s clues are:**

- It was a man and a woman.
- They are both employed.



# An Interview With Ms. Lee

By Nika Mazloom

Many people know Ms. Lee as the “new teacher,” but did you know that she used to work here? In fact, she was my kindergarten teacher. Here are a few facts about her.

Q: Do you have any siblings?

A: I have four brothers who are also my role-models, because they taught me not to give up.

Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I love to see kids grow. I became a teacher in 2004, when I graduated from UC Berkeley, and since then I’ve taught at three schools. My favorite subject to teach is writing.

Q: What do you like to do away from school?

A: I like to spend time with my nieces and go shopping.

Q: What hobbies do you have?

A: I like to read classics. My favorite book is The Catcher and the Rye.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: My favorite movie is *The Princess Bride*. I like to watch dramas though.

Q: When is your birthday?

A: My birthday is April 20th.

Q: Where were you born/what is your hometown?

A: I was actually born in Thailand, but my hometown is Modesto, CA.

Q: What is your favorite thing to watch on television?

A: I like to watch *HGTV* and *The Voice*.

Q: What is your favorite genre of music?

A: I like rock and pop. My favorite artist in music is Adele.

Q: Do you like to be surprised or scared?

A: I don’t like to be surprised or scared. I like to know things ahead of time.

Q: What is your fondest memory of your childhood?

A: My fondest memory is ice-skating in Minnesota.

Thanks Ms. Lee!



# The Endeavour

By Evyn Behr

As I stood under this giant rocket, I was both inspired and amazed. The shuttle Endeavour was a replacement for the Challenger shuttle that exploded 73 seconds after launch on national television on January 28th, 1986.

The Endeavour was authorized for construction by the Congress on August 1, 1978. This shuttle took 34 years to construct. That's a very long time! The Endeavour cost 196 BILLION dollars to complete...WOW!

One of its most important missions the shuttle went on was to capture the INTEISAVI satellite and replace its rocket motor. However, the ship was not built for this type of mission, but the citizens of America were fascinated. The Public was fascinated by this and they started to send letters to NASA with possible ways to capture the satellite. It took three tries, but the satellite was captured and repaired.

In the end, the Endeavour went on 25 space missions. After retiring, the Endeavour was attached to an airplane and

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was flown from Florida to California. The last space mission might have been on July 8th, 2011, but this shuttle still had one more mission ahead of it. The Endeavour took a two day, twelve mile trip through the streets of Los Angeles. After this trip it took its permanent home at the California Science Center.

If you would like to see the Endeavour with your own eyes, you can visit the California Science Center in Los Angeles. It is worth the trip!

## The Comet Coffee Program

By Faith Provost

Mrs. Amy McCartney and her class have started a program called "Comet Coffee". She began the program to teach her 5th and 6th grade students math, responsibility, teamwork, and social skills.

When I interviewed her, I asked her what inspired her to start the program. She replied, "I was trying to think of a way to get my class involved in the school community... I also wanted something that the teachers would like." She created the idea of Comet Coffee.

Next, a parent talked to our local Starbucks about donating to Comet Coffee. The store generously donates the coffee, stir sticks, and cups every week. To top it all off, they replenish their supplies. The manager of our local Starbucks came to their class so that the students could ask her their questions and meet her. Evelyn, a student in her class, said that she enjoys the program. She also explained that her classmates have a box in the office where the teachers drop in their order and the students come by on Friday and fill the orders. After that, the students deliver the drinks to the teachers.

Financially, the program is doing very well. Her class started the program in January of 2015, and since then, they have raised approximately \$700. The class uses a portion of the money to buy school supplies, and donates 10% of the profits to charity.

Obviously, the program does very well financially, and helps the students of Mrs. McCartney's class. Comet Coffee will keep you on high energy for as long as it keeps selling. Mrs. McCartney is certainly on the right track with Comet Coffee and the program will definitely go very far.

### Last Issue's Staff



Mrs. Perkins, 6th grade 1985



Mr. Phillips, 1st grade, 1973

### Guess the Carroll Staff Member

Look for the answer in the next issue of the Carroll Chronicle!



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For example, Nicole Rong, a 4th grader in Mr. Stults’ class, liked how Ms. Hauder made her feel artistic and creative. Em-malene Huynh and Vivian Hoang, 4th graders in Mrs. McCartney’s class, liked that Ms. Hauder taught with expression and made the experience entertaining.



4th grader Cailie Thor

The art show was an amazing experience for the students and Ms.

Hauder. The students appreciated the opportunity to make and see their art, and Ms. Hauder appreciated the opportunity to teach them.

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## Hoops at Carroll

by Ezinne Okonkwo

When you think about basketball, you mostly think about the NBA or LeBron James, but what about kids on the basketball team at Carroll?

When I asked Jessica, a 6th grader, why she plays, she stated, “ I like playing and it entertains me.” I also talked to Divine, a 5th grader, and he said, “ It’s fun and is a career goal for me.”

I first asked Ms. Erfe, the coach of the girl’s team, why she coaches the team. She said, “ I enjoy it and I do it to get my team ready for the next step up: middle school.”

What advice they could give to kids who wanted to try basketball?

Ms. Erfe: ” Don’t hesitate and just try out and be part of the team.”

Mr.Burke: “ It’s a great way to get exercise and stay in shape. It s also never too late to learn new skills.”

Basketball is not only about the NBA and WNBA or Stephen Curry and Kobe Bryant. Its also about kids and our school team.

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# Carroll Elementary Band

By Olivia Edmiston

Did you know Carroll Elementary had its own band? Band offers 7 instruments, including: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums, and Bass Guitar. This year’s band is the biggest at Carroll since 2006. At this year’s winter concert, 29 students at Carroll Elementary played.

Mr. Campbell, the current band director, has been teaching here since 2006, when the school first opened. Mr. Campbell learned to play every band instrument to earn his degree as a band director. He has been teaching band since he was 19 years old. “This year’s beginners band is doing amazing, and intermediate and advanced are doing the best in school history.”

The band is split into two groups: intermediate and advanced, and also beginners band. When you start band in 3rd-6th grade, you are a beginner. Analise, a 6th grader, started playing trumpet this year. She loves playing in band and thinks it’s so much fun. She said she joined band because family and friends play. She has also played another instrument, the piano.

When you play your second year and up, you are in intermediate and advanced. Samantha, in 5th grade, started playing clarinet last year. Samantha practices and gets better and better every time she plays. She feels when she plays songs correctly, it show her hard work paid off.

The Carroll band is so interesting and fun. I love being in band!



The 2015-16 Carroll Elementary Band

# Island of Trash

By Ella Tracy

The ocean is a beautiful part of nature and we need it to live. Unfortunately, trash is building up in the amazing ocean creating an island known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It is in the North Pacific Ocean and is believed to be bigger than Texas! Some of the garbage is from North America and Asia and the rest of it is debris dropped from ships. This massive sized clump of garbage is almost impossible to clean up and it affects a lot of ocean life.

All of this is very dangerous for the animals. The loggerhead sea turtle often mistakes plastic for fish eggs and feeds it to its hatchlings. Seals and other sea creatures are at risk of getting caught in the plastic. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch also blocks the sun from hitting plankton and algae below. If these two plants are threatened it may cause a change in the food web.

Cleaning up the garbage patch is not as easy as it sounds. Charles Moore, the man who found the garbage, says cleaning up the garbage patch would “bankrupt any country” that tried. Many people have tried to clean up the ocean, but it is very hard without harming tiny creatures in it. Because of its large size, it seems almost impossible.



Maybe someone like you could help by just recycling paper and plastic water bottles instead of throwing them in the trash and letting them go into the oversized dumpster. Even Oscar the Grouch will be happy when this island of trash is no longer threatening the ocean.

# A Home in Space

By Mikaiya Philip

For the past fifteen years, people have been living in outer space. The International Space Station, or ISS for short, is like a big house in space, and astronauts from different countries go up there to live, do work (like conduct experiments), and do research. Because this space station is up in space, the astronauts have to fly up in rockets to reach it. Five bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, and a laboratory make up this home in the sky. Up to ten astronauts can live there at once!



Solar panels, a lot like the ones you see on houses, provide the ISS energy. There is a robotic arm that helps with repairs on the outside of it. Water is a very valuable resource on the ISS. In fact 93% of the water on it is reclaimed. That means that any stray water particles; from brushing your teeth, washing your body, and even from urinating is mostly recycled! To help conserve water, astronauts use things like no-rinse shampoo and no-rinse soap. Instead of showers, they use small amounts of water on a towel to scrub their skin, because there is no running water.

Astronauts have busy days on the ISS. They study animals, plants, and even robots to see how well they adjust to being in space. Astronauts only do spacewalks if they need to gather information for experiments or need to fix something. They have to make time for exercising at least two hours a day because their muscles get lazy and weak from all the floating around. Mealtimes are a favorite, and food is specially prepared ahead of time so it will last, won't be messy (you don't want little bits of rice flying around), and won't take up too much

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# Tomorrow's Leaders Today

By Ella Tracy

Student Leadership teaches the kids at our school responsibility, to get involved in activities, and most of all, leadership. Students get to bring their ideas for the school to meetings every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Student Leadership puts fun into work.



Leadership raised enough money to buy art lessons for the school and still had some left over. They do a lot to help our school. Student Leadership

puts together most of the spirit days and makes all the posters! They also sell and buy smencils, Valentine grams, and birthday grams.

How did this all start? "I wanted to get students involved in spirit days," said 1st grade teacher, Ms. Perkins. Students were given a sheet of yellow paper that they could

sign their names on. Last year two kids from every class,



4th-6th grade, were able to bring their ideas to life.

Students in Leadership have a lot of fun doing things for our school. "I like to organize fundraisers," said 5th grader Savanna. "I like to sell smencils," said 4th grader Sophie.

A lot of the ideas were made up by Carroll's very own students. "They come up with ideas that I would never think of," Ms. Perkins said. Student Leadership has come up with the book exchange, presents for paws, and spirit days such as Fancy Formal Day

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space. It also has to be very nutritious so the astronauts stay healthy and strong. Did you know they even have liquid salt? When it is time to go to sleep, the astronauts change into their "space jammies" and climb into sleeping bags that are strapped to the wall (so they don't float away) in their little bedroom, or space pod.

After many months of hard work aboard the ISS, astronauts return to Earth on space capsules. Even though living and working on the ISS sounds like quite the adventure (especially the floating around part), it must be hard not to have regular meals on Earth, have no running water, exercise for two hours a day, and give up a lot of the other comforts from Earth. I bet they are really happy when it is time to finally come back to their real homes!

If you would like to know when the ISS flies over Sacramento next, check out this link <http://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/>. Don't worry that Elk Grove isn't listed as a city. Just choose the nearest one, Sacramento, and the ISS should be visible for 50 miles around!

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and Disney Day. 5th grader, Savanna, said she would use the money to help our school. 5th grader, Jacob, said he would buy a flat screen T.V.

With help from Mr. Hauder, students and teachers at our school are able to do more for Carroll Elementary. Leadership also does good things for others such as Kids Can Food Drive. So maybe next year you can sign that sheet of paper and make our school a better place.

# Word on the Blacktop



*What's your favorite bug?*



Hannah Stensler

Ms. Perkins

I like the butterfly because they are so pretty.



Maya Wakefield

Ms. Noya

A ladybug because they help my plants.



Ethan Catanzaro

Ms. Licerio

Bees because they help flowers.



Ryan Cody

Ms. Burnat

A ladybug because they have spots.



Varun Naido

Mr. Mallory

I don't like bugs!

# Carroll Comets Basketball



# Chronicle Comics

Buddy v.s. Whiskers

By: Ella Tracy

