

## Introduction

*By Mehreen Hunjan*

This year was off to a great start when everyone came in-person on the first day of school. Everyone came in happy and excited to see their friends. There were many new faces too! We saw many different students from countries across the world. Out of Halloween ideas, no worries, we got you covered with all new costumes, movies, and joke ideas. As well as a detailed description of our holiday festivities. Entailing about the fall festival, Halloween, new teachers, new students, biographies of the newspaper club, sudoku, and fact or fiction from your very own newspaper squad, welcome to the sixth edition of the Green Growl!



## The Fabulous Fun Fall Festival

*By Khush Mehta*

Fall is in the air! LISG celebrated the fall with the annual fall festival. It was celebrated on the 20th of October. The rain

date was October 22. There was also a hoedown for the lower school on the 15th of October. At the hoedown, there were many fun activities, and arts and crafts. The teachers did face painting and other temporary tattoos. Parents were invited to the hoedown, and it took place from 3:30-5 pm after school. Snacks were given, such as apples, apple cider, and popcorn. In addition, there was also a Fall festival for grades 4-6. There were batches of pumpkins to choose from, and you could choose your own pumpkin from a pumpkin patch! Students picked one, and decorated it with paint and stickers at one of many stations. In addition, there was a photo booth, lawn games, science experiments, and explanations. And of course, everyone's favorite dance-a-thon, Cotton-Eye-Joe was going on. All in all, the Fall Festival was a fun, exciting, and wonderful celebration!

## Welcome Fest Together

*By Anil Trinidad*

A massive hurricane was predicted to hit the Long Island region on September 1<sup>st</sup> causing flooding and destruction. Everyone in the area was advised to take cover. The First Annual Welcome Fest Together was also supposed to be on the 1<sup>st</sup>

of September and was in danger of getting hit by the hurricane so it was changed to the 27<sup>th</sup> due to the hurricane (that never happened!!). The Togetherfest was a fun time to welcome students back to LISG. The school had a 60-foot inflatable obstacle course, lawn games, including a corn hole and of course plenty of ice cream! It was a great start to the new school year!



## **School during the pandemic**

*By Vinay Kamath*

Coming into 2020, everybody was unsure about what to expect for school. Some people thought that school would be remote learning starting in September. LISG had a staggered start. That meant lower school

started first in early September when school was supposed to start for everyone. The middle school joined in late September. Finally, by October, the upper school finally came to school in person. Kids had the option to either be remote for as long as they wanted for the year or be in person. This was a really good idea because now no one would fall behind in their academics. However, in reality, students learned way less than they should have learned while working asynchronously. This made it hard for teachers to work with in-person kids and online kids. The internet was also a problem. Kids at home sometimes had to wait 20 minutes for the teacher to unfreeze. The kids in person were able to answer and ask more questions while the kids at home were less engaged. Also, it was less fun. If you were in school and your best friend was remote, you would not get to talk much. There was no recess and lunch was very isolated.

This September 2021, LISG welcomed a full in-person school. There was no remote option but everyone still had to wear masks. School has been more exciting to attend now that everyone is back in the classroom. The pandemic helped teach us how to be safe and spread fewer germs. The pandemic showed us where to improve in safety and how important frontliners are in a pandemic.

## **Interview with Dr. Geyer**

**Is wearing masks and social distancing going to be the new normal?**

Well, only time in 2022 will tell.

**Will things get better later in the year?**

Hard to predict. We have a lower school so we will have to be very careful.

**What do you like most about this year that was not there last year?**

Now the parents can be a part of the LISG family. However, they must prove they are vaccinated.

**What are you most disappointed about this year and last year?**

The cancellation of field trips.

**What do you think September will be like in 2022?** I hope next year is better.

**Meet the Teacher Night**

*By Tiffany Liang*

Time to meet all the teachers!

Meet the teacher night was a night when parents got a chance to meet teachers. They also got to see Mrs. Ambrosio's art show which featured artistic creations by LISG students in grades K-9. The artwork included pinwheels made by grade 4 and pointillism done on small canvas made by 8th grade.

LISG welcomed six new teachers this year at meet the teacher night. Ms. DeLalla and Miss Ambrosio joined the lower school while in the middle and upper school we have Mr. Yanez, Mrs. Cortez, Miss Knapp, and Miss Stickney.

During the meet the teacher night the parents were all given their child's schedule to follow. The parents first gathered in their child's homeroom to watch the morning

announcements. Each period was 7 minutes long. A student council member announced on the PA system when it was time to switch classes. The parents got a great opportunity to follow their child's schedule for the evening. During what would have been lunch time, parents went to the cafeteria to learn about their kids' extracurriculars or their ninth period elective. Student council members helped direct traffic and usher lost parents in the intersections of hallways.



**Halloween**

*By Vinay Kamath*

On Oct 29, 2021 LISG hosted their annual Halloween parade. From kindergarten to 6th grade, students were led around the parking lot to show off their costumes to the parents. This year, there was also a haunted house by Mrs. Aziz and Mrs. Garay. Every grade got to walk through as a spooky treat! At the end of the day, there were parties in all homerooms. Parents send

in goodies with snacks, games, and Halloween-themed crafts.

Halloween first started in 609 AD. Pope Boniface III made a Catholic feast called All Saints day.

In the 9th Century, Christianity spread. All Saints day became All Souls day. All Souls day was on November 2nd. People honored the dead. Another influence for Halloween was Samhain. Samhain was an American Indian holiday. The American Indians wore costumes to ward off ghosts. Over time, Samhain evolved into All-Hallows-eve. Eventually, All-Hallows-eve became Halloween. Halloween used to be in certain communities and over time spread to more towns. Now, Halloween is all over the country and is a good way to get candy!

On Halloween you can dress up as a character, your hero, a real-life person, or a historical figure. Most people try to dress up as the scariest person possible. Halloween is the only day of the year when you can be someone else. Halloween is a funny but scary holiday. Enjoy your Hallo- SCREAM!

### **Jokes for Halloween**

*By Vinay Kamath*

What do you call two witches sharing an apartment? Broommates

How do vampires get around on Halloween?  
On blood vessels.

Why couldn't the skeleton help being afraid of the storm? He just didn't have any guts.

What would be the national holiday for a nation of vampires? Fangs-giving!

Knock, Knock...

Who's there?

Phillip!

Phillip who?

Phillip my bag with Halloween candy, please.

What can you catch from a vampire in the winter? A frostbite

### **New Teachers Spotlight**

*By Tiffany Liang and Mehreen Hunjan*

This year LISG welcomes six new teachers. We have two new teachers in the lower school and four new teachers in the middle and upper school. Read further to learn more about our new teachers!

**Mr. Yanez** is an english, language arts, writer's workshop teacher. He teaches grades 4, 6-9.

#### **What school did you teach at before?**

I worked for seven years as a teacher in public schools before coming to LISG.

#### **Did you just graduate?**

No, I've had my Master's degree for over five years now.

#### **What are you most excited for?**

Summer vacation. Runner-up is seeing my cat when I get home.

#### **What do you teach?**

I teach English, Language Arts, Writer's Workshop, and (hopefully soon) Dungeons and Dragons!

**Favorite thing about teaching?**

Talking about books, and reading everyone's work - it's amazing how creative the students at LISG are.

**Why did you choose teaching?**

It's a gratifying feeling to work with the younger generation. The classroom has always felt like the place where I belong, and now that I'm here, I wouldn't want to go anywhere else.

**Where did you graduate from?**

I attended St. Joseph's College for my undergrad, and Long Island University for my Master's.

**What do you love about teaching?**

Grading tests ;)

Miss Stickney is a history teacher. She teaches grades 5-9.

**What school did you teach at before?**

This is my first official teaching job, which is amazing because I get to have my first full teaching experience at LISG! Everyone has been wonderful so far.

**Did you just graduate?**

I graduated in 2021 at Hunter College in Manhattan, NY! I received my Bachelors in Secondary History Education. I am now going for my graduate degree at Stony Brook, studying Administration.

**What are you most excited for?**

I'm excited to be here at LISG! All the students and teachers are so kind and respectful.

**What do you teach?**

Social Studies!

**What is your favorite thing to teach?**

I love teaching WW2 and anything that took place in the 1960s.

**What do you love about teaching?**

I love the kids!

**What year did you graduate?**

2021

**Why did you want to become a teacher?**

I've always had a love for helping students out. However my love for teaching started when I was a coach for Baton Twirling. I started as an assistant coach when I was 14 years old and worked my way up to be an official travel coach who had teams place first at nationals. This dedication really made me fall in love with teaching and I started to look into education at College.

**Where did you graduate from?**

Hunter College.

Miss Knapp is an English and history teacher. She teaches grades 4-7.

**What are you most excited for?**

All of the amazing events planned here at LISG. Excited!

**What do you teach?**

I teach history and english but I can also teach math.

**What do you love about teaching?**

The different relationships and bonds I make with each student.

**Why did you want to become a teacher?**

I wanted to make a difference in kids' lives like my teachers did for me growing up.

**What is your favorite thing about teaching?**

Learning something new everyday from my students.

Stay tuned in to the next edition of the Green Grawl for more teacher interviews!

**New Students**

*By Nathan Ma and Tiffany Liang*

This year, LISG welcomed four new students from all around the world. Students came from China, Mexico, Austria, and Canada.

They were very nervous on the first day of school. No one knew what to expect. They had never heard about LISG, and everything was different.

When they first visited the school, some of them thought it was a lot smaller compared to the schools they used to go to. Others thought the school was larger than their other school. The new students found it a lot easier to fit in and make friends since the grade was a lot smaller. They were not sure if it would be easy to fit in, but some of

them thought it was going to be easy. The new students were a little worried when they discovered they had to take an SAT prep class. They were also a little overwhelmed by the large amount of homework they received. One student, who was at ASF (The American School Foundation) in Mexico City before, said her favorite class is the easiest class for her, which is Spanish class.

Overall, coming to LISG has been a very new and wonderful experience for the students.

**What are you looking forward to this year?**

*By Anil Trinidad*

Please rate each of the following on a scale of one to ten which ones are your favorite?

Secret Santa	___
Halloween Parade	___
Fall Festival	___
Hispanic Heritage Celebration	___
Diwali Celebration	___
Holiday Boutique	___
Family Fun Night	___
Book Fair	___
Chinese New Year	___
Spirit Week	___
Irish Celebration	___
Greek Independence Day Celebration	___
Russian Heritage Celebration	___
LISG Appreciation Luncheon	___
Mother's Day Plant Sale	___
Awards Night	___

## **Jokes**

*By Vinay Kamath and Khush Mehta*

- 1) One traffic light told the other “don’t look at me I’m changing”
- 2) A pessimist sees a dark tunnel  
An Optimist sees light at the end of the tunnel  
A realist sees a freight train  
The train driver sees three idiots standing on the track
- 3) The husband told his wife “embrace your mistakes”  
His wife then hugged him.
- 4) Why doesn’t James Bond fart in bed? Because it would blow his cover
- 5) Today at the bank an old lady asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.
- 6) Why did the nurse need a red pen at work? She needed to draw blood.
- 7) I bought coconut shampoo today but when I got home I realized that I don’t have any coconuts.
- 8) I used to have a job at a calendar factory but I got fired because I took a couple of days off.
- 9) Two guys walk into a bar, the third one ducks.
- 10) Why can't you hear a pterodactyl use the bathroom? Because the "p" is silent
- 11) One egg asked the other “ Why don’t you like my jokes?”  
“Because they're cracking me up.

## **Student Council**

*By Mehreen Hunjan*

This year, LISG has made many changes to the way that the student council members are elected. From now on, anyone wishing to run must submit a letter of intent stating why they want to be in student council, their qualifications, and their goals. The letter must have 5 signatures, one from yourself, a parent signature, your homeroom teacher’s signature, and 2 teachers must sign it. Students that get their letter in on time with all the signatures will receive a nomination form. For 4th, 6th and 8th graders, they must have one other nomination sticker besides their sticker. 5th and 7th graders need 2 other stickers. A meeting will be held for those who have made it through the nomination process. They will receive a letter about the rules and instructions for their campaign. The campaign will begin October 21st. After that, every qualifying student must perform a video speech. Once your speech has been approved, the students must play their video on November 3rd. Then students will be given a ballot that they must fill out to determine their homeroom representative. In 7th grade, no one seems to be running as of yet. In 8th grade, Sophie Ngai and Tiffany Liang have been nominated and are probably going to win, because they have no other competition from their grade.

## **Puzzles**

*By Alvin Deng*

**Shikaku**



Shikaku is a puzzle where you have to create rectangles (or squares) on the lines that contain one of the numbered tiles that have the area (in terms of tiles) of that number. (Table is gray so that you can write over it)

2					7						4
	4				3					4	
		2							5		
			6				4				
7	6				12				7	5	
			8				5				
		6							4		
	5				2				2		
4					6						1

### KenKen

In KenKen, the goal of the game is to fill up the grid with numbers that satisfy what it says on the top left corner of each cage, outlined by thick lines (e.g. if it says 2+, the numbers in the cage have to add up to 2). Numbers go from 1 to the number of tiles (in this case ...). Each row and column can only have 1 of each number.

2÷			20×			2−		
2÷			1−			11+		
2−					7+			7+
12+	2÷			1−				
	11+			1−			2−	
	3−			11+				

## Book Review

*By Mehreen Hunjan*

### The Percy Jackson Books By Rick Riordan

The Percy Jackson franchise is a well known book series by Rick Riordan, dubbed 'Storyteller of the Gods'. Rick Riordan is known for his many series about the myths of various cultures. This particular series is about Greek mythology. The story takes place in the Manhattan and Long Island area and follows the life of 12 year old Percy Jackson on his quest to stop Kronos, one of the almighty Titans. The series continues to when Percy turns 16, and he and his best friend Annabeth, have to fight the Titans. The series spans over 5 books, with each book telling the story of one summer of his life. The story is well written, throwing in many action scenes and lots of humor to keep the reader interested and engaged. This series is best for ten to thirteen year olds.



## **The Green Growl Fact or Fiction**

*By Everyone*

1. **Fact or Fiction?** Adrien and Albert have more than 57 teddy bears in their stuffed animal collection
2. **Fact or Fiction?** There is a pool in the school's basement
3. **Fact or Fiction?** Robots actually run the school part time
4. **Fact or Fiction?** Bobby Jones' favorite car is the Mercedes AMG
5. **Fact or Fiction?** Bobby Jones' Favorite word is scam
6. **Fact or Fiction?** Bobby Jones has a roman numeral in his full name
7. **Fact or Fiction?** Bobby Jones is a Nigerian scammer
8. **Fact or Fiction?** Bobby Jones is really Batman
9. **Fact or Fiction?** In 6th grade, Bobby Jones ate cheese sandwiches for lunch every day
10. **Fact or Fiction?** Miss Spaulding can run a mile in less than 6 minutes
11. **Fact or Fiction?** Bobby Jones and Justin Jones are related
12. **Fact or Fiction?** Mrs. Furnell's husband plays on a hockey team
13. **Fact or Fiction?** Alvin E Deng's costume can fit his pencil box, hoodie, lunchbox, stuffed animals all at the same time with a lot more room to spare
14. **Fact or Fiction?** Mrs. Garay once ate a goldfish on a dare
15. **Fact or Fiction?** Mr. O'Shea coaches basketball at St. Anthony

16. **Fact or Fiction?** Mr. Novick actually is a professional tennis player undercover as a computer science teacher
17. **Fact or Fiction?** Mr. Wilensky was the 1988 Olympic runner up for discus throwing
18. **Fact or Fiction?** Mr. Novick has a baseball collection worth more than four hundred thousand dollars
19. **Fact or Fiction?** Alvin Deng once solved the Rubik's cube in less than 57 seconds
20. **Fact or Fiction?** Mehreen Hunjan has only cut her hair once in her entire life
21. **Fact or Fiction?** Mrs. Osborne used to teach English Literature to 6th grade
22. **Fact or Fiction?** Mrs. Terrence once taught a club for those who loved to eat chocolate to an excess - it was called Chocoholics Anonymous
23. **Fact or Fiction?** Vinay Kamath has won a total of twenty chess trophies so far
24. **Fact or Fiction?** Mrs. Ambrosio spent one summer in Murano, Italy working in a blown glass art gallery
25. **Fact or Fiction?** Mr. Novick attended LISG as a middle schooler

## **Newspaper Author Biographies**

*By Everyone*

Vinay Kamath is a young ambitious writer. He is in 6th grade. In his free time he enjoys playing in his backyard, playing with his brother and reading.

Alvin E Deng is a person. He can eat a banana in 42 seconds without his hands. He likes to play Minecraft, watch YouTube and burn things in his backyard in his spare time. Alvin is also a world-famous YouTuber (youtube.com/alvinbalvin321).

Anil Trinidad is a forward thinking 6th grader at Long Island School for the Gifted. He loves playing video games and reading books. He is a sweet at the game destiny 2 and Apex legends.

Khush Mehta is an aspiring sixth grader in Long Island School for the Gifted. He enjoys reading and shooting hoops with his friends. In his free time, he plays minecraft.

Tiffany Liang is an eighth grader. This is her second year of the newspaper club. Her favorite genre of books is historical fiction. Science is her favorite subject in school. In her free time she likes to bake, sew, and do archery.

Mehreen Hunjan is a 6th grader that loves all the Riordanverse books. She loves to write, paint, draw, and read. She loves mythology (mostly Greek, Roman, and Hindu). Her favorite subjects are math and art.

Mrs. Aziz is a nonfictional character at LISG who teaches science and newspaper club. She was last seen in the haunted house.

## **What room of the Haunted House Was your favorite?**

*By Anil Trinidad*

Circle your favorite room of the haunted house

**Graveyard**

MAD SCIENTIST'S LAB

***Haunted Living Room***

*Spooky Forest*

**Spider Tunnel**

Trick or Treating House

***Witch's Den***

**The Final Word**

*By Vinay Kamath*

I hope you liked reading this edition of the Green Growl. This is our sixth volume and hopefully the best (yet!). If you have any questions or comments please feel free to give us feedback. Interested in writing for the Newspaper? If you are in grades 6-8 you can join in the coming trimesters. If you have any further questions contact Mrs. Aziz at [Saziz@lisg.org](mailto:Saziz@lisg.org) See you next trimester and remember we, the Green Growl, are LISG's BEST and ONLY newspaper.

See you next time! -The journalists of Green Growl