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Introduction

By Mehreen Hunjan

Welcome to the final edition of the Green Growl of the 23-24 school year! As the year comes to an end, we want to recap the many exciting things that happened this year, like the Day of Totality on April 8th, an Outdoor Education field trip on the 6th day of school, a super fun fall fest with THE cutest decorations, a Halloween parade was epic with tons of scary cool costumes and of course, the Haunted House. This edition is the last one where Anil and Mehreen will be writing, so if you have any interest and are in 7th or 8th grade, you are encouraged to join. As a side note, Anil is a for-lifer, which means he has been at this amazing establishment for 10 years! We're going to miss LISG a whole lot. Putting the gushy stuff aside, welcome to Edition 11 of the Green Growl!

Upper School City Trip

By Mehreen Hunjan and Anil Trinidad



A highlight of upper school that is also an eagerly anticipated tradition is the LISG city trip. This trip took place on May 1st this year. Most of you might be wondering what it's all about, so we're here to tell you. The city trip is where the upper school (7th, 8th, and 9th grade) go to New York City and watch a musical and enjoy being in the city with their classmates. This year the musical was "And Juliet". "And Juliet" is a musical based on the play by William Shakespeare called Romeo and Juliet. "And Juliet" is a play based on the question: what if Juliet didn't die at the end of Romeo and Juliet? The possibilities are actually more than just dying alongside Romeo as in Shakespeare's original play.

Before the play, the upper school visited the National Museum of Math, a museum with super cool exhibits based on

the visual and auditory components of math. For example, there was a bike with square wheels and students had to decide the best way for it to work. (The best way for it to work was a hilly track, instead of a normal flat plane). After the museum and play, the upper school had a nice dinner at Hard Rock Cafe where they got to talk with their friends and have fun. The annual city trip is something that Upper School students look forward to every single year. It was a great experience that the upper school students will surely never forget.

Scavenger Hunt from 1991 Student List

By Anil Trinidad

Hey, LISG students! Prepare for a jolt from the past, because our newspaper club has discovered a massive treasure hoard from 1990 to 1991. Yup, you heard that correctly! We've compiled a list of all the cool cats who formerly frequented LISG's halls. But here's the kicker: one of our favorite teachers today was once a student back in those old days.

It's now up to you to solve the case and discover which of our present teachers was a standout student back then. Do you think you have what it takes to unravel this intriguing mystery? So buckle up, for this adventure has just begun!

Original LISG Roster 1991

KINDERGARTEN 311 MRS. KRAMER		K-1 COMBINATION 309 MRS. ELUTO		1ST GRADE 310 MRS. GRUBER	
Karl Danitz	K-1-K	Paul Gallagher	1-01-E	Sara Blumenthal	1-05-G
David Givison	K-02-K	Christine Guido	1-01-E	Amanda Carlson	1-06-G
Michael Hendry	K-03-K	Timothy Tully	1-02-E	Michael Gelber	1-07-G
Matthew Hurwitz	K-04-K	Alison Gustafson	K-12-E	Michael Israel	1-08-G
Matthew Karpman	K-05-K	Nicole Nieto	1-03-E	Matthew Perlmutter	1-09-G
Kristie Narine	K-06-K	George Ponick	1-04-E	Gowri Radhakrishnan	1-10-G
Liz Novick	K-07-K	Jonny Saks	K-11-E	Tyler Roche	1-11-G
Mary Catherine O'Leary	K-08-K	John Silano	K-12-E	Casey Rothendath	1-12-G
Christopher Smith	K-09-K	Beth Sparacino	K-13-E	Casey Ehrlich	1-13-G
Wittiana Weiner	K-10-K	Lester Mackney	11-K		
Gabrielle Pinto	K-11-K	Beth Rubenstein	12-K		
2ND GRADE 308 MRS. STILLER		3RD GRADE 307 MRS. REUL		3RD GRADE 305 MRS. FISHER	
David Batzer	2-01-S	Kamilah Cisner	3-01-B	Joshua Diamond	3-12-F
Hannah Berenson	2-02-S	Grace Fisher	3-02-B	Lissa Feinell	3-13-F
Danica Givison	2-03-S	Jacob Frisch	3-03-B	Joseph Gaiger-Sadler	3-14-F
Kris Diaz	2-04-S	victor Jaffe	3-04-B	Eric Greenberg	3-15-F
Amy Eluto	2-05-S	Nicole Lake	3-05-B	Andrew Kallens	3-16-F
David Goldman	2-06-S	Rebecca Ladd	3-06-B	Dustin Kallens	3-17-F
Daniel Karpman	2-07-S	Stephanie Miller	3-07-B	Gregory Mizewitz	3-18-F
Marielis Lyascht	2-08-S	Corinne Vizconde	3-08-B	Tara Paulose	3-19-F
Rachel McCollum	2-09-S	Schuyler Weiner	3-09-B	Jonathan Penner	3-20-F
Besed Shek	2-10-S	Marc Wurst	3-10-B	Elizabeth Smith	3-21-F
Michael Shifren	2-11-S	Ruth Streiter	3-11-B	Jimmy Ward	3-22-F
Julia Silano	2-12-S			Brittani Williams	3-23-F
4TH GRADE 304 MRS. DOLAN		4TH GRADE 306 MRS. WILLIAMS		5TH GRADE 302 MR. REINER	
Maurice Archer	4-01-D	Justin Bravoboy-Werner	4-01-D	Joshua Borge	5-01-D
Daniel Bedford	4-02-D	Aaron Bronfman	4-02-D	Jeffrey Bluto	5-02-D
Shannon Brown	4-03-D	James Chen	4-03-D	Scott Goldman	5-03-D
Travis Cuperman	4-04-D	Katie Grechen	4-04-D	Joseph Lagano	5-04-D
Tracy Diamond	4-05-D	Andrea Hildreth	4-05-D	Richard Mathisen	5-05-D
Lauren Levy	4-06-D	Abigail Howard	4-06-D	Alexis Karpman	5-06-D
John Muller	4-07-D	Ryan Pitts	4-07-D	Danny Novello	5-07-N
Jason Nash	4-08-D	Victoria Siasse	4-08-D	Justin Poitras	5-08-N
Dawn Padavan	4-09-D	Christopher Sieber	4-09-D	Ruthie Shek	5-09-N
Adam Pennisi	4-10-D	Jared Weinstein	4-10-N	Samuel Silano	5-10-N
Shawn Smith	4-11-N	Ruth Streiter	4-11-N	Aaron Streiter	5-11-D
Ruth Streiter	4-12-N			Justin Weiner	5-12-N
5TH GRADE 300 MRS. BAYON		6TH GRADE 303 MRS. SHEPHERD		7TH GRADE 407 MRS. KAPNER	
Michelle Albert	5-01-D	Jarrett Blakeley	6-01-D	Adam Best	7-01-D
Matthew Francis	5-02-D	Jordan Gass*	6-02-D	Shara Birn	7-02-N
Samantha Galligher	5-03-D	John Joyce*	6-03-D	Maia Blumenthal	7-03-N
Scott Hirschfield	5-04-D	Lauren Numeroff	6-04-D	Ryan Brown	7-04-N
Devra Jain	5-05-D	Mark Paloske	6-05-D	Matthew Cohn	7-05-N
Jesse Keichman	5-06-D	Alisa Peleg	6-06-D	Jonathan Fink	7-06-N
Jennifer Keichman	5-07-D	Cassandra Pierret	6-07-D	Jamesel Mutee	7-07-N
Jesse Mann	5-08-D	Evan Rapo*	6-08-D	Sean Oliva	7-08-N
Matthew Miller	5-09-D	Jason Scheiner	6-09-D	Jessica Smith	7-09-N
Billy O'Brien	5-10-D			Christopher Swart	7-10-N
David Shifren	5-11-D			Amit Trehan	7-11-S
Suzanne Silverman	5-12-N			Steven Vellone	7-12-N
8TH GRADE 403 MRS. LASKY		8TH GRADE 405 MRS. SHWARTZ		8TH GRADE 406 MRS. SHWARTZ	
Shawn Bayon	8-01-S	Sharon Hofmann	8-01-S	Patty Cisner	9-01-S
Yessmin Best	8-02-S	Mark Keichman	8-02-S	Nickoley Didenko	9-02-S
Jamie Blair	8-03-S	Lonnie Lake	8-03-S	Dotty Moore	9-03-S
Joseph Ching	8-04-S	Alison Lake	8-04-S	Bradley Penner	9-04-S
Douglas Daniels	8-05-S	Deborah Sah	8-05-S	Joey Rubin	9-05-S
Eddie Fleckerg	8-06-S	Andrew Samnick	8-06-S	Mike Schenfeld	9-06-S
Sean Green	8-07-S	Jeffrey Schaller	8-07-S	Virat Shukla	9-07-S
Adam Hobgood	8-08-S	Brini Varanasi	8-08-S	Corey Vilma	9-08-S

* INDICATES NEW STUDENT

Pride and Joy Club

By Joy Chen



Mehreen Hunjan, Joy Chen, Kennedy Wilson

The Pride and Joy Club is a teacher-nominated club where students do community service yearly. The students who best represent the PRIDE core values are nominated by their teachers. As a reminder, PRIDE stands for positivity, respect, inclusion, dedication, and empathy. This year the students that were nominated who best represented the core values were Mehreen, Joy, and Kennedy.

Every year, the club works together in and out of school with local organizations on various projects. One of the projects this spring was to make Easter baskets loaded with goods and delights to be donated to Our Assembly of God Church in Huntington. Thirty baskets in total were made and the volunteers working there were pleasantly surprised when Kennedy, Mehreen, and Joy unloaded tons of baskets from Dr. Aziz's car. The baskets barely fit in the back of the car itself and some were a little squished at the end of the car ride but still brought joy to those that received them. The baskets had toys, stickers, chocolates, and little trinkets for little children, all generously donated by LISG families. They also included

handwritten letters of encouragement and messages of love and positivity to the receivers made by Kennedy.

Another annual project is the participation in a national program sponsored by Beyond Differences- No One Eats Alone. No One Eats Alone is where students sit at a specific table and socialize with new people around them. Students got to improve bonds between friends and made new friends with other people. What a fun experience! Students were asked to write one possible way to help someone on a flower while the leaves represented a place where they felt most comfortable. No One Eats Alone is a national program, helping children and adolescents all over the country feel included and seen. NOEA is all about getting outside of your comfort zone and talking to people you're not used to. Most children around the US are very accustomed to their few close friends and may subconsciously disapprove of others simply because they're different. This program can help kids see beyond their immediate group and get to know somebody new for themselves and not just what they're told about them. NOEA helps kids expand their circles and have new experiences. LISG is very proud to take part in this!!

Pride and Joy Club also participated in an activity run by the Helping Hands Rescue Mission/Our Assembly of God church, holiday wrapping and sorting. Five thousand presents were sorted into groups by gender and age and our Pride and Joy volunteers wrapped and bowed them for nearly 2 hours. Though it may not seem like much, helping out your community with something as simple as wrapping presents is very

rewarding and makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside, especially during the holiday season. These presents went to the less fortunate and those who may not have been able to give presents to their children. Knowing that we all made a little kid's day and brought a huge grin on their face is absolutely priceless.

The Pride and Joy Club's Smile-O-Gram project is a heartfelt attempt to not only convey love and joy on Valentine's Day, but also to encourage inclusion. Members of the club sold a variety of goods ranging from sweets to chocolates. The atmosphere was electric with excitement and warmth as people rushed to buy delicious treats not only for themselves but also for their friends and loved ones. Children exchanged candies with their peers, sharing smiles and making lasting memories. The initiative represents the spirit of kindness and charity, uniting the community in celebration of love and friendship. The Pride and Joy Club's activities help to brighten many people's days and bring happiness throughout the school.

The Pride and Joy Club's commitment to community service demonstrates the attitude of caring and kindness. Members of the club have made a significant difference in the lives of others through projects such as Easter basket donations, No One Eats Alone campaigns, holiday wrapping, and sorting, and the Smile-O-Gram project. Their dedication to spreading joy and kindness embodies PRIDE's basic values, and their efforts have contributed to a sense of unity and camaraderie within the school community.

Shakespeare Festival

Dr. Aziz

Last year, a very exciting event took place at LISG. It started with one tiny idea by Dr. Geyer - to have a Shakespeare festival - a celebration of all things related to Shakespeare. Quickly, within months artifacts, costumes, artwork all pertaining to the playwright and poet started to accumulate and soon donned the auditorium in rich extensive displays.

Over the course of the past year, the students embraced this unique opportunity to showcase their talents and understanding of the complex themes made famously by Shakespeare. The festival this year began with an interactive quiz show run by 8th and 9th grade students that tested the knowledge of famous Shakespearean quotes.

Three plays, Hamlet, Midsummer Night's Dream, and Caesar showcased the amazing talents of Upper and Middle School students and captured the essence of Shakespeare's brilliance. Students worked independently during their lunch periods to rehearse diligently over the last year to bring the stories to life. A very big congratulations to all the performers on their exceptional performances. Broadway awaits!

March Mammal Madness

By Joy Chen



March is more than just the start of spring; it's also the month when two unique but equally spectacular events attract sports fans and wildlife lovers alike: March Mammal Madness and the March Madness Basketball Tournament. While one involves vicious animal fights, the other has intense college basketball games. Let the games begin!

March Madness refers to the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament, which is one of the most prominent and extensively viewed athletic events in the United States. March Madness features 68 collegiate basketball teams participating in a single-elimination format, with a national champion crowned at the end. The tournament is noted for its unpredictable nature, with underdog teams frequently pulling off shocks and buzzer-beating shots adding to the excitement. Millions of fans across the country compete in bracket challenges, attempting to predict the outcomes of each game in exchange for bragging rights and rewards.

On the other hand, March Mammal Madness (MMM), founded by Arizona State University, is an annual online tournament that matches several mammal species against one another in a simulated combat, similar to the format of the NCAA basketball tournament. MMM blends scientific knowledge with creative narrative to explore potential animal conflict scenarios.

Every year, a bracket of mammal species is formed, with matchups based on size, habitat, behavior, and adaptations. Participants, ranging from kids to

researchers, use their knowledge of animal biology and ecology to forecast the results of these simulated battles. The matchups are broadcast live on social media platforms, complete with realistic descriptions of the traits and scientific insights into the creatures' behavior and anatomy.

LISG and its 7th and 8th-grade Biology science classes predicted this year's winners based on research. To everyone's surprise, the shark won this year's championship and not one single mammal got into the Final Roar, the first unnatural phenomena since the beginning of March Mammal Madness. If you got this far into the article, which you better have, be sure to make your bracket next year with March Mammal Madness (see Dr. Aziz for the bracket to play).

Field Day 2024

By Joy Chen

This year represented an exciting milestone in LISG's history. For the first time in its history, 8th and 9th graders were allowed to participate in the much-anticipated Field Day celebrations. Additionally, new track and field events were added to this year's field day including the shot put, the baton relay, and track events and a tug of war! Students from various grade levels prepared for a day full of exciting sports and amazing experiences, marked by passion and a spirit of friendly competition. The day began with the Pep rally - and a chant from each team (Green vs. White) to kick off the events!

The Potato Sack Race, a classic with a twist, was one of the newest additions to the Field Day roster. This classic game of agility

and balance was recreated to add a new level of excitement to the proceedings. Students excitedly anticipated the opportunity to hop and bound their way to victory, their laughter resounding across the school grounds as they looked forward to each challenge.

In addition to the Potato Sack Race, eager participants found a variety of other inventive activities that have been carefully curated to foster teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill development. This action-packed day included tug-of-war battles that tested strength and tactics, as well as obstacle courses that demanded agility and coordination.

For eighth, and ninth graders alike, the opportunity to gather and enjoy Field Day symbolized more than just a chance to compete; it was a chance to foster relationships, form friendships, and make lifelong memories. Students donned their team colors and united behind their classmates, not only to play games but also to form friendships that will last long after the final whistle blows.

As the sun rose on Field Day morning and enthusiasm reached fever pitch, anticipation permeated the air at LISG. With each hop, skip, and jump, kids demonstrated their athleticism and their spirit of PRIDE and friendship that defines the LISG community. Here's to another year of fun, cooperation, and amazing memories.



Grade 7



Tug of war



Sarah Drennan, Guy Drinkwater



Grade 5



Kai Cheng, Kyle Chen



T-shirt contest winners- Evan Yoo, Kennedy Wilson

want to give a special thanks to Ms. C for helping to take care of Glow! She and a few other students check on Glow to change the water and give Glow food.

“How do you like Glow and what do you do to take care of her?” one of our students, Celina replied, “Glow is the cutest, most adorable thing I have ever seen. I usually change the water for her.” You can often see kids go and visit Glow during their lunch period. I’m sure Glow feels at home already! On another note, Glow is almost finished shedding!!!

Fun facts:

Leopard geckos usually don’t eat when they are going to shed.

They eat the skin that they shed.

Leopard geckos can live from 15-20 years.

Leopard geckos, both babies and adults, can drop their tails if they become frightened or stuck, or even due to illness.

The geckos will shed weekly or every couple of weeks as juveniles and shed about once a month as adults.

Five weeks later, after I wrote this article, a series of unfortunate events took place...



The New Pet

By Gloria Chen

L.I.S.G. has a new pet - a leopard gecko! Its name is Glow and it loves eating mealworms and crickets! It was donated by Joy Chen and Gloria Chen. Right now, Glow lives in the Imaginarium right beside Tutu. I

Word Jumble

By Ben Salem

WOLRG 

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FIDEGT 

**Find out
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MTARS 

COSOLH 

REGNE 

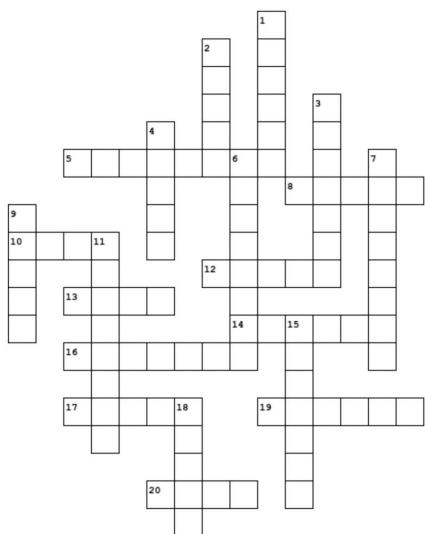
CARHI 

Letters:

**Unscramble letters:
It's _____!**

Crossword by *Ben Salem*

Green Growl Crossword (Edition #11)



Please see Ben Salem for answers.

Think you know LISG? Read on to figure out which of the following statements is fact...or fiction!

1. This is the 10th edition of the Green Growl.
2. Mrs. Garay's room is #303.
3. LISG used to be called Memorial Junior High.
4. The shark won March Mammal Madness.
5. The Lower School's hallway is the 400 wing.
6. The Crying Corner is in Mrs. Arnesen's room.
7. W.A.I.T. stands for "Why am I talking?"
8. The school nurse's name is Jane.
9. Mrs. Ziegler's title is the "Dean of Students".
10. Prices at the Snack Cart are \$1.50.
11. Kai Cheng is allergic to Oxyclean
12. Miss Arnesen went through an emo phase in 7th grade.
13. There's a hidden time capsule in the Imaginarium and in Doc Aziz's room.
14. Doc Aziz's has only one meme on her door
15. Miss Spaulding has a puppy named Chicken Noodle
16. Mrs. Furnell is Mr. Yanez's sister once removed
17. Ben loves Oreos and prefers them to Hydrox
18. Mrs. Ambrosio has two parrots, Rudy and Giuliani
19. The 7th grade is the quietest class in the school
20. Field day this year involved a tug-of-war

Well this is it for me. I'm done with this school. I'm not saying it's a bad school or that I hate it, quite the opposite actually!! This is an **amazing** school that I have been lucky enough to attend for my entire life. It has been an amazing experience that I will never forget. Thank you everyone for all you have done for me. - Anil

Even though this is only my fourth year here, LISG has really helped me grow as a person and these 4 years have been some of the most fun-filled and happy years of my life. I met my best friends and some of the most important people in my life here.

Thank you everyone for all you have done for me. -Mehreen

We hope you liked reading this edition of the Green Growl. This is our eleventh 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 7 or 8, you can join ! If you have any further questions contact Dr. Aziz at Saziz@lisg.org See you next year and remember we, the Green Growl, are LISG's BEST and ONLY newspaper.

See you soon! -The journalists of Green Growl