Ponce De Leon Articles (Belich/Mannino):

Emily Buklis

When my grandma passed away I was often looking at picture and watching videos. When I was a toddler my grandma would come to Florida from Canada to hang out with me. We would go to the pool and park and when we got hungry we would go to a place my mom used to work at to eat. I wish I was little again so I could do it all over again. This is one of my favorite memories as a child.

Robbie Nelson-Azim

I think video games are popular because it is stuff we can’t do in the real world. Real life is different from video games. Some video games have violence in them and some video games don’t have violence. Some games are even based off movies which is why some people like video games. Also, you can play with your friends because there are online games where you can talk to your friends while playing.

Darryl Walls

Daily News: Are avocado’s a fruit or vegetable and how many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop?

Gabriella Starcher

“Wishes” A Song by: Gabriella Starcher

Wish…. Wish… wish… wish…. Wish… wish… wish…. Wish… I’ve been wishing on a star that I’ll go somewhere…. Somewhere far. I wanna travel to the moon or I’ll go and land on Mars. I wanna see the stars! Ohh-ohhh-ohhh, I wanna see the stars! Ohh – ohhh- ohhh – ohhh – ohhhh – ohhh -oooohhh – ohhh!! I wanna go and travel far. I wanna go to countries far. I wanna go to small towns. I wanna go to big ones now! I wanna travel soon. I wanna travel with you <3 I wanna ohh- ohhh- ohh- I wanna travel soon <3 I wanna travel with you, I wanna ohhh- ohhh- ohhh- I wanna travel soon <3

Yhovan Ramos-Tovar

Imagine your parents waking you up for a long road trip. Would you say, “I want to stay!” or would you say, “Okay, I will pack my things” and join them on a trip to a new place? Now everything is in the car and the car starts. You fold the seats down and make a bed so you can sleep. The next day you wake up and see SNOW! You’re so excited! Your family is staying in a cabin! You unpack and take a break from being cramped up in the car. You sit in front of the fireplace with hot cocoa in your hand. You look out at the beautiful view of the other cabins and Christmas lights. You look at the other side and see the mountain filled with beautiful wildlife like deer and rabbits. You hear a wolf howling at the moon. You and your family go to the village to purchase supplies and when you return you relax and say “I love Tennessee!”

Julia Valera-Franco

Merry Christmas! Christmas is just right around the corner. Do you know what you want? I have already written my Christmas list of all the things I want for Christmas. Also, you can go visit Largo Park and see all of the lights and all of the beautiful décor. I love the holiday season!

Ja’kya West

Wow, this place is so big! Today we are at Enterprise Village! What a big day for all of 5th grade. We have responsibility, we have a job, we have to be on our best behavior. Also, today is my birthday so come by Tampa Bay Times and tell me Happy Birthday! I’ll try to visit you at your job too!

Logan Winter

Ahhh! Pass it to me! “BOOM” “MOVE!” Today I will tell you about Mike Evans. He plays for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and wears the number 13 jersey. My favorite number is 13 because of Mike Evans. I like Mike because he is chill, very cool, and a good player. Mike’s birthday is August 21st which is the same day as my brother! Have you ever played the NFL Madden video game? I have a Mike Evans is a player that you can pick. When I play I always pick Mike Evans.

Jackson Seitz

Have you ever been on a cruise before? I have! They are so fun. There are water slides, food, and pools. My favorite is the pools you could stay in there all day, just not at night. You also get to go to islands! Some of the islands even have water slides. So next time you want to go on vacation you should go on a cruise!

Amaya Howlett

The Little Red Bird

Day1, day 2, and all the way to the 3rd there was a little red bird who came to my window and he said “Hi there, kid. I’m Joe!” I said, “Hi Joe.” We talked for a while then became friends. After that day we talked every day.

Brittany Lapread

Hello there!! Do you want to hear about my favorite vacation? You do? Well let me tell you! First, me, my sisters, parents and my grandma drove to Georgia. During our first break we picked up some chicken wings and got back on the road. During our next stop we switch cars, and I rode with my dad and little sister. When we arrived in Georgia we met up with some family members, my Aunt Brenda and Aunt Hereta. We went to Juicy Crab for food, went to the park and even visited with my uncle. It was a great vacation with family.

Keira Cox

Happy December 21st! Today we are at Enterprise Village. Parents, guardians and volunteers are here to help so if you don’t understand something that you need to do just ask for help!

Kalaya Boykins

My favorite memory was when my baby cousin was born on July 10th. He was so cute, even cuter than me!

Kaveon Kinsler

Christmas is a time of giving and joy. People celebrate this holiday all around the world. Some people celebrate Christmas differently and that’s okay. It doesn’t matter how big or small as long as you’re giving it from your heart. Getting love from your mom is the best present!

Marcello Dominique

Football is the best sport to play because you can get more help from your coach so you will be more prepared for games. When you go to practices you become a more skilled player. Wide receiver is the best position for a skilled player like me. You can also make more big touch downs and big plays as a wide receiver which can win big games!

Ophelia Radu

Picture this: You got a cat and the cat is very cuddly! I love cats! Cats are just so cute and cuddly and I love their soft fur. They can sometimes be bad because they like to scratch furniture. They may also scratch you even though they love you so much. You can even teach them how to do tricks! Cats are very smart and you can teach them lots of things, even how to talk. The most important thing is that your cat loves you no matter what.

Christopher Vasquez- De La Cruz

One day I was at the beach. I was a hot, sunny day. The water was nice and cool and the birds were flying around. Then my cousin brought chips and then, BOOM! Suddenly, the birds went crazy and followed him to the ocean. The birds finally went away as he fell into the ocean!

Melissa Hernandez-Rivas

Do you like sports? What sport do you play? Today I am going to be talking about sports. There are many different kinds of sports such as volleyball, soccer, football, and cheerleading. You may not know this, but gymnastics is also a sport! All sports have teams that they are against. There are also many types of tricks and jukes that players use. All sports also have practice routines. As you can see sports may look easy, but they really aren’t.

Denasia Calloway

I love Christmas because it is a great holiday. You can get a lot of toys if you are good. Do you like Christmas? My favorite Christmas present that I got is slime.

Elliam Pintos-Rivera

I love my pets. My pets are birds. My family has fun with our 4 birds. The birds love kisses in the tummy and they fly everywhere in the house.

Braxton Kutzler

Last year I got a dirt bike for Christmas and I believe it was the best Christmas present ever. I remember it like it was yesterday. It was a 2005 Yamaha 350 SX. It was beautiful and output 80 horsepower. That might not sounds like a lot but when its only 90 pounds that is a lot of speed! The point is that the top speed was 53 mph and I was 9 years old. It did not end well. I crashed going 49 mph which is as fast as a car!

Giselle Avila-Secundino

Hello, what is your favorite soccer team? My favorite soccer team is Mexico. Well mainly because my culture and my parents culture is Mexico. Since I was born here in the USA I am Chicana which is what they call girls that were born in the USA. They call boys Chicano. So as you can see, my favorite soccer team is Mexico because of my culture.

Keon Williams

Tyrek Hill is the best player because if you see him he is very fast. His position is wide receiver. He runs the ball. If you go to his Miami football game, you will see what I’m talking about.

Juliana Harden

Do you want to hear a joke about…. Never mind, it’s too cheesy. Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7, 8, 9!

Why did two 4’s skip Thanksgiving dinner? Because they already 8!

Ja’riah Joseph

I love basketball because I’m so tall. If you want to go against me you will have a hard time dunking on me!

Ja’mya West

Poems are calm because they are sweet. Poems are cool and fun to read. Poems make some people feel happy. Poetry is a way to be creative and express their feelings through writing.

Keasyana Golden

So, the first thing I wanna talk about is my favorite game which is Blade Ball on Roblox. I’m rea;;y good at it and have 3,567 wins! I also have cool swords.

The second thing I want to talk about is my family. My whole family is kind and gentle and throw really fun birthday parties. Especially my mom and dad. A few years ago they threw me a tiktok themed party.

The third thing I want to talk about is my favorite sport which is flag football. I play it sometimes, but my mom is still looking for a team. Sometimes I still practice

The fourth thing I want to talk about is my favorite school event, Astro Skate! It was so fun and I was a fast skater. The food there was also very good, especially the wings!

Those are all the things I wanted to talk about soooo, BYE!

Jarek Rancel

The MLB playoffs have been crazy! The wild card first off was the Rays vs. Rangers. The Ray’s had the advantage but played the worst baseball I’ve ever seen. Rangers move on. Next, was the Twin’s vs. the blue Jays. All I have to say about that is the Twin’s move on. Next game was the Phillies vs. Marlins. I thought the Marlins would be competition for the Phillies but I was wrong, the Phillies advance. Next was the Diamondbacks vs. Brewers. The Diamond back sweep the Brewers and move on. Then we get to the divisional round and the Rangers beat the O’s. Then the Astro’s play the Twins and the Astro’s move on! Next we have the Diamondbacks vs. the Dodgers. Better get a broom because we have a sweep… wait! What?! The Diamondbacks advance! Unbelievable! Then we have the Braves vs. the “Fighting” Phillies. The Braves choke and the Phillies move on! We’ve made it to the championship round. First up is the Astros vs. Rangers. I’m sick of the upsets and the Astro’s take the win. And another upset when the Diamondback win! We are in the world series and it looks like its going to be a sweep….. and the Ranger’s win the world series!!!! That’s all for now. See you next year!