

Gardner Gazette

Gardner Life

Winter Music Performance By Suzanna Baregamian



At Gardner Street, we put on a show every year that everybody really loves. This year was no exception and I think the whole school did a great job. Here is my breakdown of every grade's terrific work!

TK: The TK kids did this GREAT job on this catchy beat it was really nice to listen to! But I didn't understand the music they were singing but it was still pretty awesome. I also loved how they used different kinds of instruments. They also sang "Santa Shark". It made me laugh a little. It was funny but in a good way.

K: I LOVED IT! They did the DO, RE, MI, song, I love so much!!!!!! It was so cute. It reminded me of this musical called "Sound of Music." I love that movie and this performance was awesome. Their dance was also awesome. It was calm at first until the RUSH part began and the song became faster. I loved it. It was a fantastic performance!

1st: I love the costumes and props! It was so cute how they had hot chocolate as props.! Love the instruments, I feel like it's the same genre As the TK kids but it's still awesome.! I also love the song they were also singing about hot chocolate.

2nd: It's sooo cute! They did GREAT! I think the song is called "Every Little Thing is Gonna Be Alright" (3 Little Birds) It was awesome! Also it was part of a medley with a different song called "Lean on me." Great job! The dance was also really good. It was satisfying how ALL the 2nd graders did the same thing at the same time! And it was surprising when they turned off the lights without the audience knowing and using lights to continue their dance.

3rd: Before they even started I love how they got in line right away! The dance was phenomenal, it was funny in a good way. The dance was satisfying and they also sang an Encanto song, "Pressure like a drip drip drip". When they did the recorder part it was AMAZING!!



4th: The 4th graders started off really good. They wore grinch outfits which I thought were excellent. The dance was really interesting and cool. They all did an amazing job! I feel like the grinch outfits made the audience more interested in their dance.

5th: The 5th graders were golden in my opinion. They sang, "Last Christmas," and had Santa hats that looked really cool. 3rd grader, Talia Serebrisky said, "The 5th graders did amazing. I loved the signs for the 2nd number – Santa's Brother Bob." For the 2nd song they added sunglasses to their costumes and I think the audience enjoyed it!



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By Kayla Uzochukwu , Grade 3

The monster walk is one of Gardner street elementary schools most lively events. Every year Gardner puts up the monster walk fundraiser for stuff such as supplies, after school enrichment programs, field trips, etc.

Students participate in activities that promote physical exercise and wellbeing overall. Children usually wear their Gardner Gear when the monster walk is in action, to show their Gardner street spirit. 🥳

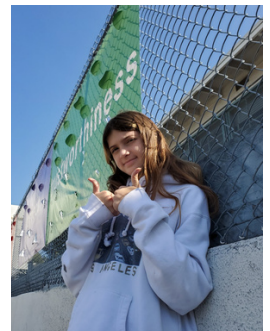
One of the parents I know participates in the monster walk is Marianne Mazurowski. She helps create the web pages for getting the donations! 🙌 Shout out to her for making the event successful and fun for the kids each year! 😊

The **BIGGEST SHOUTS OUTS** should go to **all** the Gardner families who create a page and do their part to fundraise. They are the reason the event is so successful every year! who -hoo! 🎉

Thank you for reading my article and I hope you learned a little something about one of the most loved events at Gardner, **THE MONSTER WALK!!!**

PILLARS OF CHARACTER

By Blake Fitzgerald



IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE GARDNER GAZETTE I HIGHLIGHTED RESPECT, CARING AND CITIZENSHIP. HERE IS MY HIGHLIGHT OF THE NEXT 3 PILLARS ENJOY!

What is Trustworthiness?

Trustworthiness can make your friendships bigger and stronger. **Trusting** someone is the biggest thing to have in a friendship. You can **respect** friends who you can tell things to that you wouldn't tell anyone else. **Trustworthiness** is also important with teachers, staff, etc. When we can trust each other we build a strong community.

What is Fairness?

Fairness is important to keep things peaceful. **Fairness** can be playing a game, and there are rules to make the game fair so both teams have a good chance and it's more fun. **Fairness** is a big thing in this school and people should **respect** that and follow the rules.

What is Responsibility?

I feel like **Responsibility** is kind of a part of **trustworthiness** because, to get **responsibilities** you need to be **trusted** or **trustworthy**, so people can put **trust** and **responsibility** in your hands. If you show **Responsibility**, people like, teachers, counselors, staff, etc. can **trust** you to do things to help them out. Being **Responsible** for your actions, and your schoolwork means people can **trust** you.

Gardner Street & the Nation celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Legend Reign Seaton



On January 15th 2024, the United States celebrated MLK Day. MLK day commemorates the life and work of Dr. King, who was a Baptist minister and prominent leader in the American civil rights movement. People are encouraged to use the day to “reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by Dr. King.

Dr. King died young (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) He was shot by an assassin, and never regained consciousness. He died at 7:05 p.m. King's autopsy revealed that his heart was in the condition of a 60-year-old man rather than that of a 39-year-old such as King, which his medical doctor attributed to the stress of King's 13 years in the civil rights movement.

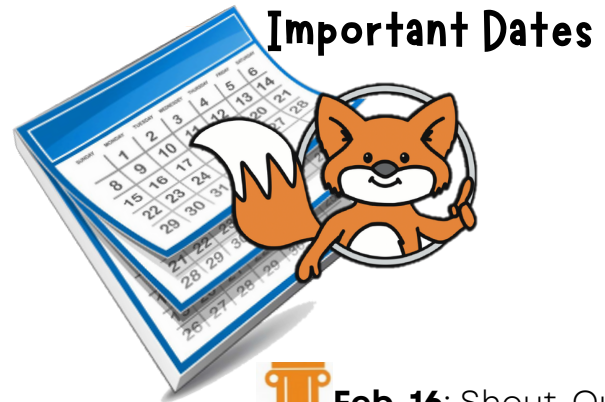
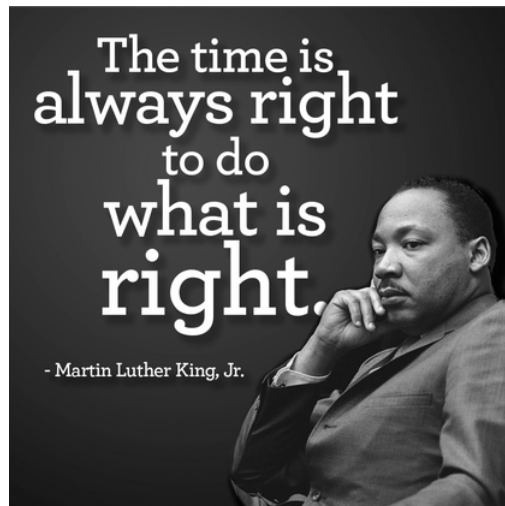
Martin Luther King, Jr. was born with the name Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. He did this because when King was two, his maternal grandfather died and his father became pastor. Four years after that – in 1935 – his father changed his name and his son's name from Michael to Martin in honor of the sixteenth-century religious leader of the Protestant Reformation.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a pastor, a religious leader and a civil rights activist and most importantly a huge example of standing up for what is right in our country.

African Americans were called a disgrace to our nation and enslaved just because they were darker than other people. At one point there was even a brown paper bag test, where you had to be lighter than the brown paper bag to get into places.

When you think and say that that was not too bad and that there was worse done to people just think about switching the scenario. How would you feel if you had all those bad things done to you.

So next time you learn about MLK day, think about what they're saying, listen to what they're saying, and then come back to what I said in this article and honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.!



Feb. 16: Shout-Outs
Spirit wear: SPORTS
Pillar: Fairness

Feb. 19: President's Day
(NO SCHOOL)

Feb. 22: Black History
Assembly

Feb. 23: Monster Walk!

Mar. 6 & 7: Minimum
Days



Mar. 22: Shout Outs
Spirit Wear: Crazy Hair
Pillar: Citizenship

Mar. 25-Apr. 2:
Spring Break
(NO SCHOOL)

Gardner Street Celebrates National Heritage Months

By Legend Reign Seaton

Gardner Street Elementary is proud to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our community. This winter we celebrate Black History Month (Feb.) and Women's History Month (Mar.)

Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Every February, the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history.

Mr Carter G. Woodson chose February for reasons of tradition and reform. It is commonly said that Woodson selected February to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are the 12th and the 14th, respectively.

I love Black History Month because it is the time for African Americans to be acknowledged for the great things they've done for America in our past and present. It is also an opportunity to spotlight and celebrate the achievements that African Americans have and will accomplish in this country, despite the history of racism and oppression.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "...seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."



Women's History Month

National Woman's Day was originally celebrated in the United States on February 28. The Socialist Party of America designated this day in honor of the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against working conditions.

Women's History Month as we celebrate it today, dates back to 1978 in Santa Rosa, California, when the Education Task Force of Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women planned a "Women's History Week" celebration during the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day.

And if you're wondering, why we celebrate, here's why: Women weren't always treated fairly. Just less than 100 years ago women were treated like they were not equal to men. Women were treated very badly.

I love women's history month because us women finally get a month where we are honored.

Spotlight on Teachers

By Veronika Ivanova

Gardner Street Elementary has brought on a lot of new teachers this year! I plan to spotlight some of the incredible teachers new and old and am kicking it off with this interview of my own amazing 5th grade teacher:



Ms. O'Hara!

What inspired you to start teaching?

"I wanted to start teaching because I wanted to make a positive impact on my community. I had wonderful teachers throughout my life that fostered my love of learning, and I wanted to do the same!"

Why did you want to start teaching?

"I wanted to become a teacher to share my love of learning! I have always loved learning new things and I wanted to inspire future generations to also be passionate about learning."

Why did you want to try out different grades and not stick to the same?

"One of the best things about being an elementary teacher is that you can try out different grades throughout your career! Every grade and age between kindergarten through 5th grade has unique and fun aspects that are specific to them. As a lover of learning, I of course like to learn about different grade levels and try them out. I have to say though, that teaching 5th grade is my favorite!"

Before becoming a teacher what did you want to have as a job?

"My plan was to become a psychologist! I got my Bachelors degree in psychology and wanted to help children and families with their mental health."

Have you ever regretted becoming a teacher and why?

"Never! Teaching has its challenges like all other jobs, but there are so many wonderful and fulfilling aspects to it. I am so grateful to be a teacher, especially at Gardner. My students bring me so much joy and I loved watching them grow so much this year."

Have you had another job? If so what was it?

"I've had so many jobs over the years! In each one, I got to learn new things and meet interesting people. A few jobs I've had are: barista (starbucks) server, yoga teacher, reading tutor, and I used to sell juice at the local farmers market!"



By Zsofia Gergely

Hi everyone! I'm Zsofia!!! (the "Z" is silent) Students at Gardner Street are excited about our new Garden class! It inspired me to talk about the garden and how to respect the work we do there!

- Never ever pull the plants out unless the Garden Teacher gives you permission.
- Don't start eating ANYTHING without PERMISSION!!! Some of the "food" in the garden is poisonous or inedible to us, But other critters and insects can eat them.
- Don't crush the plants in any way.
- Be kind to the insects and leave them alone.
- Pay attention to the teacher.
- Respect one another.

So the "Garden" is probably like every other class in the school, because we learn a lot. But, It's special because all the plants are living creatures in the Garden and we have to respect that!





THE GARDNER STREET FOX FORCE By Paige Salada

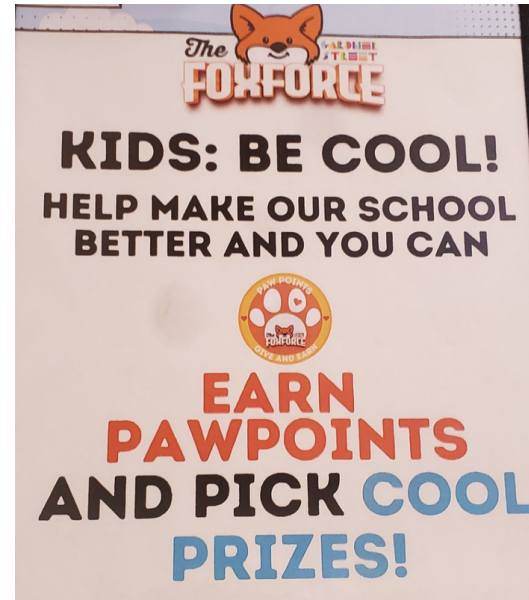
The Gardner Fox Force is our Gardner community. I interviewed the creator of the Foxforce, Gardner Mom Samantha Nelson, about the Fox Force on 12/10/23. I asked her why she made the Fox Force, and she said “My kids love superheros, so I wanted to turn the Gardner Fox into a superhero.” Then I asked her who helped her make the Fox Force. “One of the other moms had already drawn the fox, but I made the

concept.” My next question was “What did you want to achieve by making the Foxforce?” Her answer was, “I wanted kids to understand that they could help the school without money. I wanted to teach them ownership of their school.” Another question I asked her was “When did you come up with the idea of the Foxforce?” She answered “Jen asked me if I wanted to help the school, and I said yes.” My last question about the Foxforce was “is there anything else you want to add about the Foxforce?” “I’m very excited that the kids are understanding the Foxforce before the adults. I made the Foxforce for the kids.”

PAW POINTS

If you go to Star, you’ll know that Paw Points are like Star Dollars. You can help the community, like picking up trash, to earn Paw Points. Then you can turn them in for prizes. Sam said “I created Paw Points as a way For kids to get involved.” The other question I asked her was “Is there anything else you want to say about Paw Points?” She replied “I hope that when the kids understand Paw Points, they’ll help the school.”

I think Gardner needs the Foxforce to keep our community safe and clean, and the kids can earn Paw Point to get prizes while doing it, too! Look out for the next Paw Points store right before spring break!



F O G

FRIENDS OF GARDNER

By Lila Ockman and Maile Solares

F.O.G. stands for Friends of Gardner. When you join Gardner your parents immediately are in F.O.G. There is also an F.O.G. board which are the leaders of F.O.G.

The people who are on the F.O.G board are Melisa Brides, Korbi Ghosh, Jen Salada, Alexa Krull, Tangelia Rouse, Nicole Quinn, Philippine Ppearlly, and Joey Jovanovich. The president of F.O.G. is Korbi.

F.O.G. helps fund raise for all of our special activities such as art, P.E., music, dance, and more. And almost anything the school needs. F.O.G. runs a community closet and Science lab. F.O.G. also plans the Halloween carnival and most other exciting Gardner events . They decorate for our shows, they run the bake sales...In short they do everything and anything to keep the Gardner community special and rewarding!

We had the opportunity for a Q&A session with F.O.G. president Korbi Ghosh, and board member, Melisa Brides.

Q: When did you join the F.O.G. community?

A: Near\during Covid.

Q: Why did you join the F.O.G board.

A: During Covid there was a importance of recruiting new members so really I had no intention it just happened

Q: What is F.O.G? (in more detail)

A: It is a nonprofit, (not doing it for money) parent-run, organization that raises money for the school

Q: How does F.O.G affect the school?

A: It raises money for the school and it pays for all the specials such as gardening, cooking, P.E.\psychomotor, dance, science lab, art, and library. It also raises money for all school events. **No F.O.G. No Fun!**

Q: Why is F.O.G important?

A: Same answer as the previous question. =)

That’s what F.O.G is all about!



Fox Features



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

By Eliana Prado

Hi, I'm Eliana Prado and every time I look at the grass or the ocean I see plastic or plastic water bottles. Another thing I see – apples on the floor or oranges. So I'm going to teach you how to Recycle, Reuse and Compost!

1. RECYCLE

Whenever you see a plastic bottle, or can please pick it up and put it in the recycling bin. You can also get a plastic bag and get all the glass bottles, plastic bottles, and cans until you have the bag full. If you go to the recycling center with it, they'll give you MONEY!!!

2. REUSE

Whenever you get a plastic or metal bottle that had a drink in it before, use it again. Simply put another drink in it!!! You can use a glass bottle, can, or water bottle, just put a refreshing drink inside.

3. COMPOST

Whenever you see an orange, apple, banana, or salad, please put it in the compost bins that are orange at Gradner Elementary. Whenever you are walking in the streets, compost bins are green. If you are eating oranges, apples, or anything that can be composted please put them in these bins so the earth can be a better place to live. Remember organic materials like meats, bones, fruit and vegetables can all be composted!



GARDNER BUGS

By Lyric Rouse-Ringo

I hope you all are staying nice and cozy, cause jeez, its cold out there!

My name is Lyric Rouse-Ringo, and today I am going to be telling you about a little bug that you may not like so much. After this I'm sure you will change your mind. The bug we're going to be talking about is... THE MIGHTY FLY!



I know I know, you guys are probably going like (we already know every thing there is to know about flies). Well think again! I know you guys are probably saying, (flies are just gross, annoying creatures), but they're so much more then that. You know how when a fly comes into your house and starts flying around you? So annoying, right? Well, they're only doing that because their trying to find a way outside. It's a dangerous world out there for a fly, especially since they don't live very long.

People live years and years and years, but flies only live up to 28 days. It's sad. So what I am trying to say is that when a fly gets trapped in your house you can choose to save it, or you can kill it. I know your probably going like, (but you always say to save the bug). Yes I do always say save the bug, but I decided to give you a choice because there are starting to be too many flies in the world. There are more then 120,000 flies in the world. W.O.W! That is awesome. The number is awesome, I mean. Now to finish up I want to end with telling you all a fun fact about flies. Did you know that flies have hair on their eye balls?! I know right!? I hope you all will know what to do the next time you see a fly. I love bugs!!!!!!!

Fun Facts About Arctic Animals!

By Mia Hart

My name is Mia Hart, and I am a fifth grader who loves animals! In this fascinating world there are a lot of creatures that have homes in jungles, rainforests, deserts and many other environments. These animals deserve to be recognized and be told how they live in their harsh habitats and what their personality is. And most importantly, how we can save them from endangerment. For the winter edition I have chosen Arctic Animals! Here's some cool and interesting facts about some arctic animals you may know!

Snow Leopard Facts!

Snow Leopards are rarely seen so it is extremely difficult to prove their existence. Almost like they are ghosts of the Arctic?

Cubs stay with their mother until it's 20-22 months. They eat Blue Sheep and Ibex and argali. Ibex is a wild goat, and Argali is a kind of mountain goat. The color of their fur helps them blend into their surroundings. When they blend into their surroundings they are able to hide from prey they might want to eat!



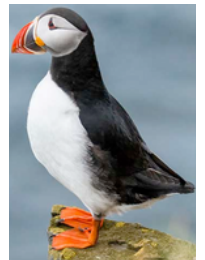
Arctic Foxes

Arctic Foxes are known to easily adapt to their surroundings. In extreme cold weather if a fox can't find their food, they dig a snow den. Inside the snow den they slow down their heart rate which saves the Arctic Fox some energy so it doesn't have to eat as much. Some fox dens are as old as 300 years old! When Arctic Foxes are happy they make a laughing sound that sounds close to a crow barking like a dog. Arctic foxes change their coat from white in the winter to a brownish orange gray color in warmer weather.



Puffins!

Puffins are an atlantic sea bird and their nickname is "Parrots of the Sea". A puffin's beak changes color during the year. In winter, their beak is a dull gray, In spring, their beak transforms into a more radiant color palette. With the more radiant color beak the Puffins are able to attract mates. Puffins dive underwater to deep depths using their webbed feet to get to their prey. Puffins look so cute but sound like an old man stretching out his back.



These are some examples of Arctic animals. If you'll notice many are born with traits that help them live in colder climates. We adapt to different climates by wearing coats when it's cold and shorts when it's warmer outside. Thank you for reading my article. So long Gardner (Arctic) Foxes!



WHAT IS Y2K?

By Kristen Lee

Many people mistake y2k (year 2000) as multiple different fashions which can confuse many people. Here, you can know what y2k truly is. Lets get into it!



Now, what is Y2k? Y2k stands for year 2000. Y2k can also mean potential computer errors related to the formatting and storage of calendar data, but these are not the same! The Y2k we are going to talk about is fashion and aesthetics.

Many people mistake Y2k for acubi, which it is not. Acubi is a style which borrows the minimalist concept, adding with muted colors. People who wear this style will usually wear baggy pants, baby tee and simple alternative wear. Though if this isnt Y2k, what is it?

Real Y2k was the feeling or zeitgeist of the world between the late 1990s and early 2000s. It is based from hardware design, music, futuristic technology, and optimism relevant to the time period.

Now, y2k is known as Cybercore, Cyber y2k, futuristic y2k, or kaybug.

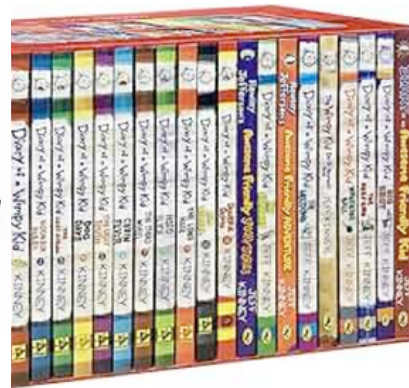
This eras predecessors include the Memphis Design era, and the Grunge era. Then they were later succeeded by the Frutiger Aero era.



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Entertainment



A Series Overview

By Talia Serebrisky

Jeff Kinney is the author and creator of the Wimpy Kid Series.

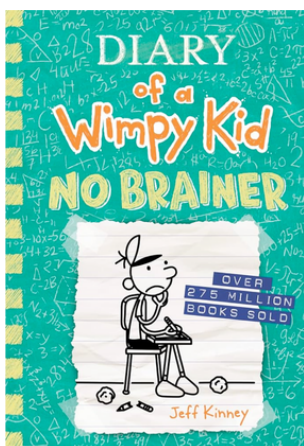
In his college years, he wanted to be a newspaper cartoonist. He wrote a section of graphic novels and articles. Kinney loved the literary works he was creating, so much so that he started writing comic books for kids. With all the publicity he got quite famous but if you don't know him it's OK. So now that you know how Jeff Kinney started writing books it's time to get into the book.

I'm going to tell you the whole series so I bet that after this book you will really like Diary of a Wimpy Kid. If you like drama and fights then diary of a wimpy kid is a great book for you. In Diary of a Wimpy Kid my personal favorite book is The Last Straw; you should totally read it! Lets review some of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid characteristics.

In all of the books, they have one thing in common which is that in all of them, the main character, Gregory, thinks that life does not always go his way. Another characteristic that is very important for you to know is that Greg and Rowley are best friends (BFF).

These themes make Diary of a Wimpy Kid a wonderful story for kids. I highly recommend these books!

Review of DIARY OF A WIMPY KID NO BRAINER By Stefan Ashuika



12 year old Greg Heffley is in for a ride. After his school's test scores plummet, the state threatens to shut down the school. Can budget cuts, fraudulent teachers, and a swarm of bees in a classroom make his school close its doors? Or will Greg and his classmates save the school?

For people who love to read books that have a funny part, a cliffhanger at the end, and a bit of weird stuff, this book is perfect to read.

Do the wimpy kid books live up to the hype? When I began reading my first wimpy kid book I was immediately struck by how good and laugh-out funny the book was and the new book is not disappointing.

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH CONTAINS SOME MINOR SPOILERS!

Without a doubt I also think it was very humorous how the school tried to make money to get the principal to kiss a pig, and the school changing the name of the school from "Larry Mack middle school" to "1(800) DED BUGS middle school".



RATING: 5 stars

RECOMMENDED AGE: 8-12

TYPE OF BOOK: humor, realistic fiction

RELEASE DATE: October 24, 2023

For me, Diary of a wimpy kid No brainer really lives up to the hype.

WHY SUPER MARIO RPG

Is the Best Game!

By Kaden Castro-Gomez

Super Mario RPG is an amazing game that always makes me return. The story is amazing and builds more story and emotion for all of the game's classic characters. If you are tired of fighting evil, there are many more activities you can do. There are also so many secrets to unravel, and the amount of love they put into the music and character designs are phenomenal!

The game itself has the perfect amount of easy and hard in it. The rematch boss fights after story mode are such great challenges, that even if I get angry I would still come back. Even if I have more variety of games to play on my Nintendo Switch I would always return to this one. Every character has a story to tell in the game and sometimes I wish they would show more storylines on the characters because that is how interesting and lovable the characters are!



A Guide To



By Brielle Ormordia

Creatures of Sonaria is a fun game known in Roblox as a survival game created in 2020. Where you start as a baby and grow to teen then adult. My name is Brielle Ormordia and I love this game. I recommend you to play it!

Every game or app has someone or something to control here in creatures of sonaria i will help you with their controls.

Here the action buttons. They are animations, voices and where you can see your creature stats etc.



Attack cause damage to other players creatures
Sniff lets this creature sniff out player's creatures food and water.
Options you can chose to help you survive
Sprint makes your creature run fast
Fly is an ability that lets flying creatures well... fly. Wing flaps will take away your stamina so be wise!
 You can also **Glide** as you fly you aren't flapping your wings and instead gliding

There are many kinds of creatures with different abilities let's look at a pero and their controls .

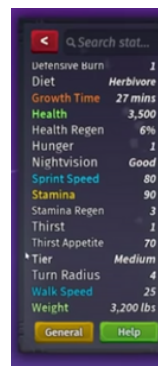
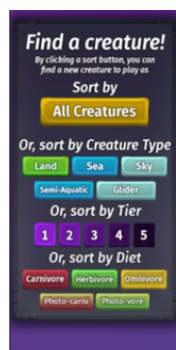


There are many different ways how to tell gender for different creatures big and small and big and small differences. For an example this Pero the male has horns but the female does not.

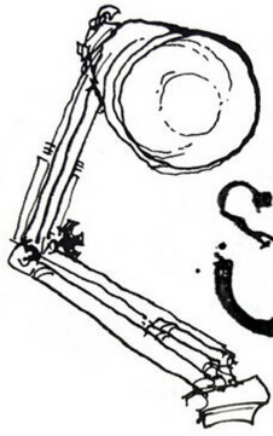
Now let's look at the SHARAROOK this creature wears a mask and has a big difference with gender when it comes to it it seems here for male it has this kind looking mask huge orange lips and cheeking smile but when it comes to female... it's creepy ;-;



This game offers so much. You find creatures and earn mushrooms on missions and quests, There are a lot stats for each creature. There is so much fun to be had. And it doesn't end there! There are animations art and oc's memes stories videos etc... by fans who like the game! I highly recommend it!



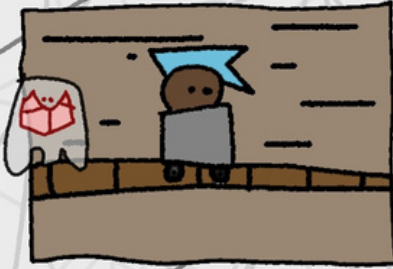
If you are interested in learning even more about this fascinating game, just reach out to Brielle. She is happy to share her full Creatures of Sonaria presentation.



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

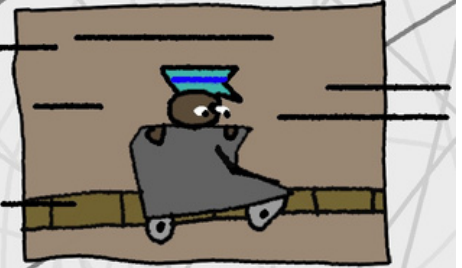


by akai King
link



Blink speeds inside the cart, running from the ghost.

speed →



Blink goes even faster.



The ghost gets annoyed.

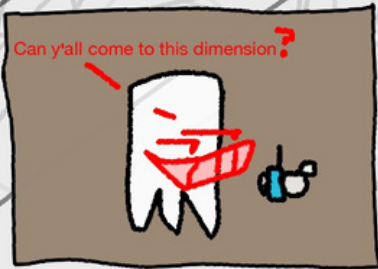


The ghost gets his phone.

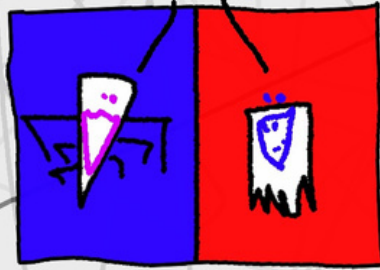
sure!



The ghost calls his friends, Future and Past (he's present)

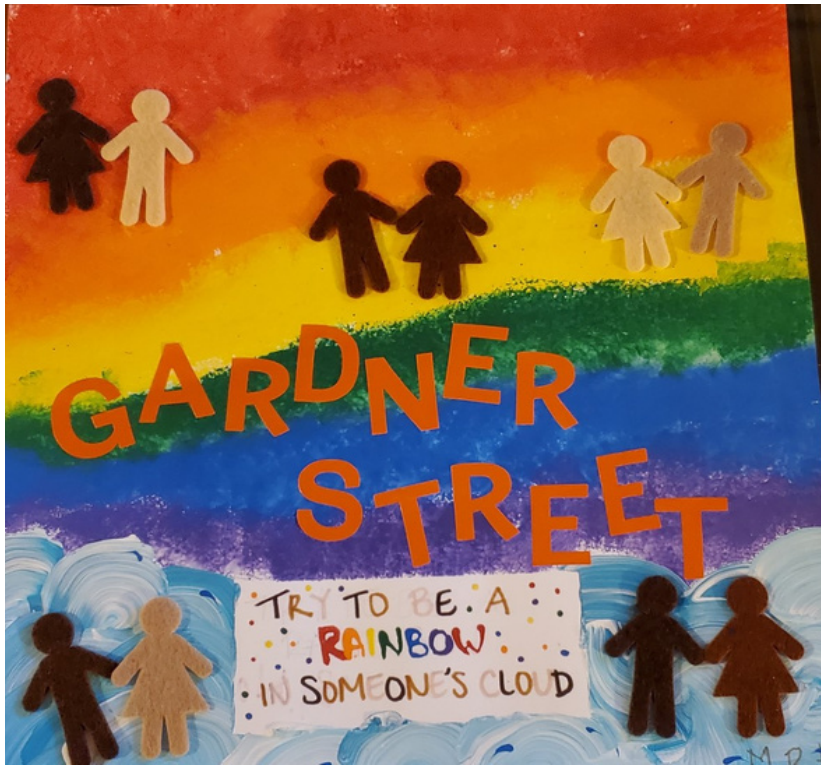


Can y'all come to this dimension?



to be continued...

CHECK OUT THE NEXT ISSUE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IN "BLINK!"



Editor's Choice: 
Message from editor in chief:

This artwork shares a wonderful message, that I find indescribable in its awesomeness.

Original art piece by 3rd Grader, Mayla Hendricks. She used mixed media to relay a beautiful message!

A Sculpture by Les Arriola

Les Arriola
"Lookie"
From Rainbow
Friends





Authors' Corner



In a new feature of Artist's Spotlight we aim to highlight the art of writing fiction. Gardner's own, **Ella Dennig** presents an original

CREEPY WINTER GHOST STORY!

So sit back and enjoy...



Editor's Warning:
The Cookie Recipe
may not be suitable
for younger readers
Age 7+

Jackie and Joe were siblings, and they were so excited for Christmas to come! It was the day of Christmas Eve and they couldn't wait to fall asleep and wake up with presents the next day. As a family tradition, they used their grandma's recipe to bake cookies every year. But this year was different. Their grandmother had gotten sick and passed away some months before. Jackie's and Joe's parents couldn't find the recipe.

Jackie and Joe searched and searched in every nook and cranny. Right as they were about to give up, they heard a faint knock on the door. Jackie and Joe peeked through the peeping hole while their parents weren't looking, but saw no one. They opened the door to see a note stuck to it.

They grabbed the note and shut the door. Jackie sat at the table to look at it, while Joe stood behind her.

"What the-" Jackie said.

"What! What happened?!" Shouted Joe, very curious.

Jackie gave the note to Joe. "Wait, it's a recipe?" asked Joe.

As they were reading the recipe, they saw on the bottom was a handwritten message. "Remember, once you make the cookies, you better save one for Santa...you CANNOT break the promise you've just made." Jackie and Joe were very confused. But they both promised to save a cookie and went to go make the recipe.

After making it, they were about to go to bed. But they smelled the sweet aroma of freshly baked cookies wafting their way. Before they knew it, they were eating the cookies one by one. There was one thing they forgot-they forgot to leave a cookie for Santa! Joe began worrying.

“Don’t worry Joe! We can just grab a store bought cookie from the cabinet and leave it.”

“Oh right! Good idea sister.” They grabbed a cookie and placed it by the chimney for Santa, not knowing the cost for their actions...

Later that night they heard a horrible groaning coming from the living room. They slowly crept downstairs. As they got closer the sound got louder, giving them goosebumps each time. Finally they arrived at the living room. They hid behind the couch waiting for the noise to show itself. A red fog rose from the chimney and shaped into Santa! Except...it wasn’t Santa.

“Look Jackie! It’s Santa, lets go up to him!”

“No!” Shouted Jackie. “Something’s off about that Santa, his face is all distorted and his skin is decayed. I don’t think that’s the Santa we know...”

The Santa-Thing started walking around the house, scratching all the doors and windows. “You broke the promise...” Jackie and Joe spent the rest of the night listening to the Santa-Thing scratch the doors and windows, muttering about the promise they made. They woke up the next morning with a terrified look on their face, and promised never to be greedy again!