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# Cougar News

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## Happy Earth Day! by: Claudia K.

Have you ever wondered, who created Earth Day and why? Well, if you have, in this heading, you will learn a lot of things about Earth Day. Let's start from the beginning. The first Earth Day was celebrated in April 1970. The maker of Earth Day was **Senator Gaylord Nelson**. He really loved the Earth. His environmental devotion earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He created Earth Day when he was a United States senator from Wisconsin. He organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. **YOU** can make a **DIFFERENCE** to the Earth by cleaning up trash in the park, by a river, or anywhere else where there is trash.

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### Kindness Corner

## Columbus Cougars want to hear from you!

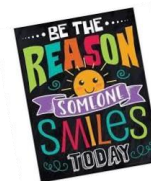
Has a student's actions been **outstanding**?  
Is there a teacher or staff member that has been **inspirational or kind**?

Do you have a **feel good** story to share?  
Email us and share your **positive and kind words**!

It just may end up in one of our newsletters.

**Email us**

**@columbus8newspaper@gmail.com** (We love photos also!!)





April 28: Student of the Month  
and Kindness Awards (grades  
2-5)

May 24: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Music Concert

May 25: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair

May 26: Field Day

May 30: No School – Memorial  
Day

## The History of Easter

by: Mia E. and Mariam B.

Easter is a holiday that's lots of fun, but people don't know the real meaning of Easter. Jesus actually rises on Easter. Easter, also called Pascha (Aramaic, Greek, Latin) or Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary. There is also Orthodox Easter. Orthodox Easter is celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon after Passover (between April 4th and May 8th.) There are spring equinox. In Christianity, the day was dedicated to observing the resurrection of Jesus Christ, celebrated around the time of the Jewish.

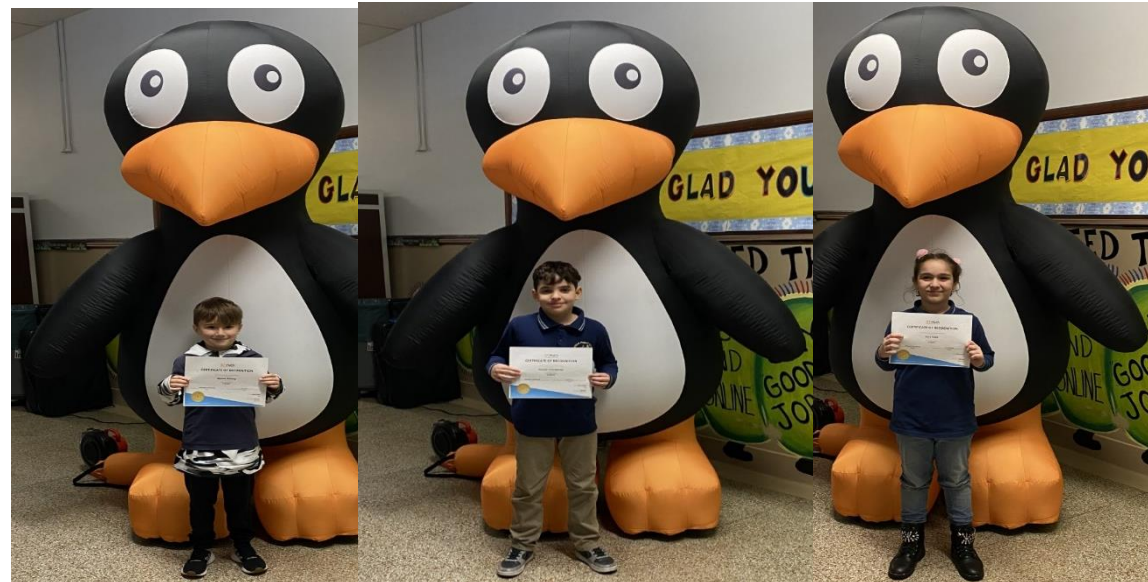
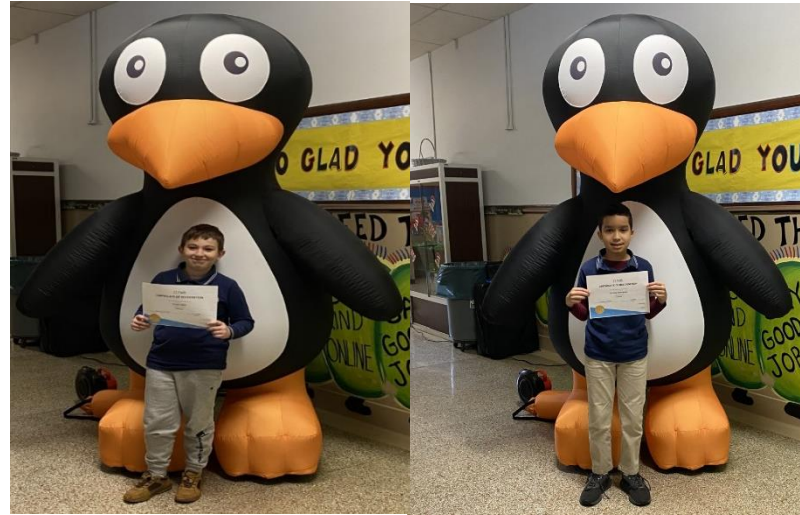
Passover. The naming of the celebration as "Easter" seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, Eostre, who was celebrated at beginning of spring. Easter is celebrated by Christians as a joyous holiday because it represents the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament and the revelation of God's salvific plan for all of humankind. In commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus, Easter also celebrates the defeat of death and the hope of salvation.



## Jiji Visits Our School

by: Kacper C., Jeremy R., and Niko M.

Jiji visited our school to nominate one person in each grade who completed the most puzzles. Jiji is a penguin who is in ST-Math which is a math program to help students in math. St-Math has many different math types. Some include volume, or adding, based on what grade you are in. You get puzzles every time you finish one block of an island. Every time you beat an island, you put a flag on the top. When you are in the mountain, there is a little test to do based on what you did on that island. When you make it to the next island, you get another little test based on what you are going to learn on that island. Jiji came to our school and gave a certificate and a sticker to the top players in each grade. ST-Math is a very fun game to play if you go to school and like math. Thanks for visiting Jiji!



## Get to know our Principal! By: Claudia K.

**Q: What is your favorite thing about being principal?**

**A: “My favorite thing about being a principal is having the opportunity to watching students learn and grow every day.”**

**Q: What do you do in your free time?**

**A: “I clean my house. I like to watch Netflix movies and I like to go to baseball games and watch them.”**

**Q: What books do you like to read?**

**A: “ I like to read mystery books or biographies. Those are my favorite.”**

**Q: Would you rather read or watch movies?**

**A: I like to share my time doing both.”**

**Q: What is your favorite meal/food?**

**A: “I’m a vegetarian so, my favorite meal is a salad with a lot of vegetables.”**

**Q: What is your favorite color?**

**A: “My favorite color is navy blue.”**

**Q: Why do you like kindness so much?**

**A: “I like kindness because it makes others feel good and you don’t have to do a lot to make it happen. You just treat others like you want to be treated. You also don’t have to study.”**

**Q: How long where you principal for?**

**A: “It’s going to be 6 years.”**

**Q: Why do you think kindness is so important?**

**A: “I think it is important because it is part of human nature to care about others or other things. It’s something we can all do without a lot of hard work.”**





## Word Search

By: Claudia K.

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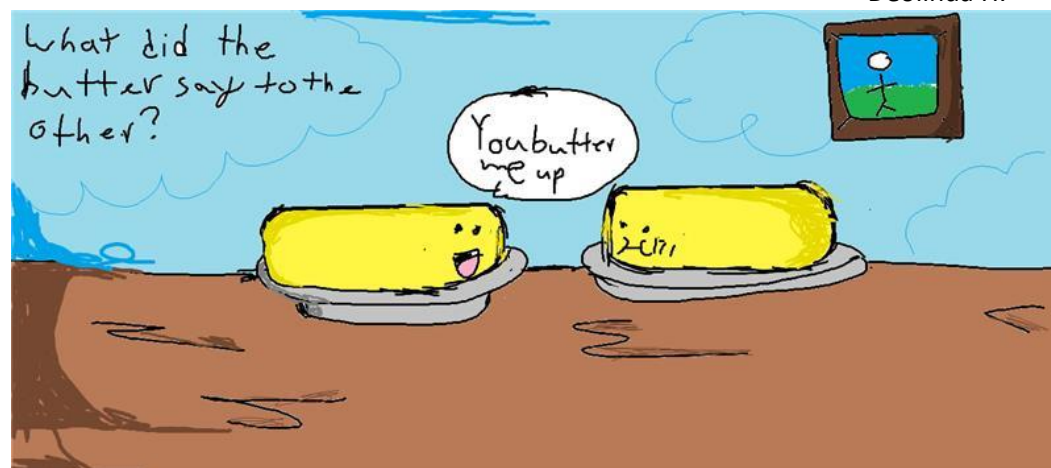
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## Comic Corner

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### April Fools

By: Joseph M

April fools is a holiday every year on April 1, on a Saturday. April fools is when people will prank each other on this day. Not everyone will celebrate it and it is not a challenge. You might see some people pranking people in shows in the show that might mean it is April fools in their time. Sometimes you will see people putting tape around people's walkway of their door. Make sure to remember when April fools is if your someone who likes to have fun then you should do this holiday/event.

## Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Crawford is so dedicated to our school and students. She works hard and always goes above and beyond each and every day. Our school, students and staff are lucky to have her as a coworker/friend.



## The Steam Competition by: Jeremy R.

The steam competition consists of five people, Haley, Frankie, Claudia, Charlie, and Joseph. These five fourth graders will be competing against other fourth graders from different schools. These fourth graders will need to brainstorm what they are going to build, design or sketch it. After that, build, test, and modify what they built. The steam competition. District Steam competition – Grade 4 on March 16, 2023, and SCHOOL #8 WON! Students had to construct a space lander for two astronauts (marshmallows in a cup). They had to understand the concept of shock absorption and stabilization to construct a space lander to fall from 12 inches or higher without the astronauts falling out or the lander turning over. Haley, Claudia, Joseph, Frankie, and Charlie worked together on this challenge and had to modify their lander multiple times as they tested it and collected data. Our school made it to the top 4 and then tested the lander inch by inch starting at 12 inches.

Our space lander (in the final round) fell from 14 inches to win the competition. (Earlier in testing, it was able to fall from 22 inches with a safe landing!)



Have you ever learned about eschrichtius robustus? An animal that swims in the water. The biggest on earth? It might be big, but it has no teeth. Welcome to the world of gray whales. Here you will learn how gray whales eat, what they eat, how they reproduce, and where they live. There are a ton of important facts and a lot of information in this article, so pay attention and start reading.

When you think of gray whales or any other types of whales you might always say they eat shrimp. Gray whales do eat shrimp, but it isn't their main source of food. They also eat krill (a shrimp-like animal) but that isn't their main source of food either. So, what do gray whales eat? They eat crustaceans called amphipods. They eat a lot of them one day. How much do they eat a day might be your question? We will prove that for you. To prove that they eat a lot of amphipods, they eat about 1.3 tons a day! That is too much food for a human! But this is not too much for them. Some eat way more than that!

## Eschrichtius Robustus

By: Shahed K.

Did you know how gray whales eat? Gray whales eat by sweeping the muddy bottoms of the oceans like vacuum cleaners. They suck in mud, silt and the food they find at the bottom of the oceans and then catch the invertebrate animals in their baleen. Gray whales don't have teeth! But instead, they have something called baleen that is similar to a paint brush. How weird can that be? A giant animal with no teeth? That's weird!

Did you know how gray whales reproduce? Well, if you don't, now you will. When the baby in the female gray whale gets formed, the babies in their stomach stay longer than humans. They stay in their stomachs for about twelve to thirteen months which is about one year! When the new calf is born, it is about 15 feet long. That's pretty short when you see the bigger whales!

Where do gray whales live? In what ocean? In what part of that ocean? Read to find out. Gray whales live in the shallow coastal waters in the salty north Pacific Ocean. Some whales also live in the Mediterranean Sea. Gray whales are very interesting and fun animals. We learned so many facts about gray whales and that was so fun. Try to find out other facts about gray whales. Never stop learning because there are so many facts you don't know. Keep up all your good work, reading, and learning.



## FUN FACTS

by: Mia E. and Mariam B.

- The Easter Bunny legend began in Germany.
- The holiday was named after the Anglo-Saxon Goddess, Eostre.
- The act of painting eggs originates from a Ukrainian tradition.
- More than 1.5 million Cadbury Creme Eggs are produced every day.



## Names for Gray Whales

By: Shahed K.

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CETACEAN  
GRAMPUS  
BALEEN  
NARWAL  
RORQUAL  
BELUGA  
ORCA  
WHOPPER  
FINBACK  
MAMMAL  
SEI

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/5422061/>



**Happy Birthday!**

<b>Maja K.</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>Leo Z.</b>	<b>4/16</b>
<b>Fabiana D.</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>Adrian B.</b>	<b>4/21</b>
<b>Ma'Tai H.</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>Alina D.</b>	<b>4/21</b>
<b>Matthew N.</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>Solei M.</b>	<b>4/21</b>
<b>Nikol Z.</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>Milette</b>	<b>4/21</b>
<b>Ambra E.</b>	<b>4/11</b>	<b>Arys B.</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>A'Sha L.</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>Claudia K.</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Angle R.</b>	<b>4/13</b>	<b>Alexia L.</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Ayden C.</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>Jessie S.</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Chloe M.</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>Robin M.</b>	<b>4/24</b>
<b>Nadia P.</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>Jadalynn S.</b>	<b>4/26</b>

**Student Council**

Student Council held their annual Easter Egg hunt for the lower grades. The Easter Bunny had made its presence as well during the Egg hunt.

April is Autism Awareness month the student council had raised money and purchased a BigMack for the GAPPS program. The BIGMack is a common device used for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and it can be used as a switch. It is a single cell switch that can record several minutes of messages.

During the month the school also had purchased books to read and discuss with the student: about what Autism is. Some of the books purchased were: The Girl who thought in Pictures, A Friend for Henry, Leah's Voice, Super Lexi, My friend has Autism.



<b>Student of the Month</b>	<b>Kindness</b>
<b>K/1S – Jax H</b> <b>2R – Jhannah K</b> <b>2A – Ricki</b> <b>2/3P – Adrian B</b> <b>3D – Shahed K</b> <b>3S – Caitlyn J</b> <b>3/4Kano - Hunter</b> <b>4L – Dairon</b> <b>4K – Safa K</b> <b>4M – Brandon</b> <b>4/5Mont - Phoenix</b> <b>5Ped – Bianca</b> <b>5Piz – Adrian</b>	<b>K/1S – Nicholas T</b> <b>2R – Lucas V</b> <b>2A – Leo Z</b> <b>2/3P - Tymar</b> <b>3D – Allison S</b> <b>3S – Jhostin L</b> <b>3/4Kano - Jathin</b> <b>4L – Brian G</b> <b>4K – Jadalynn S</b> <b>4M – Milad K</b> <b>4/5Mont - Isabella</b> <b>5Ped – Jeremy R</b> <b>5Piz – Gabriel G</b>

**Student of the Month/Kindness awards for Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be given during the April awards ceremony.**



*Kindness*  
STARTS WITH  
*you.*

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