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Winterfest 2024: A Jolly Time of the School Year

By: Shivansh Joshi

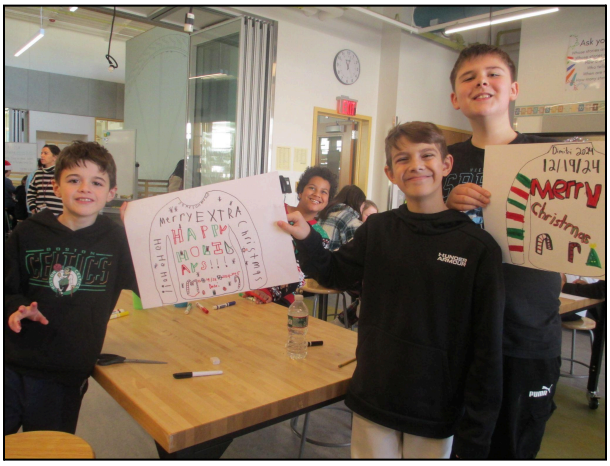


The Bike Guy, Mike Poulas, wowed students with his tricks. Photo credit: Shivansh Joshi.

On December 19, 2024 Winterfest took place at Raymond E. Shaw Elementary School. This event is organized every year by Mr. Tuccio. His desire in creating this event is for kids to build a sense of community and to have fun.

There were many activities for students to participate in. One event was Zoomba. Some of the fan favorite songs were: *Thick Of It* and when a 6th grade student, Dimitrios Dellas, sang a song called "Don't Stop Believing". Students got to see a person doing bike tricks and surely everyone was excited. There were six *Minute to Win It* games to play. At the arts and crafts station students were able to make items such as sun catchers, cardboard ornaments or drawings of festive yet ugly Christmas sweaters. Lastly, students played bingo with Officer Dean and Mikah or played other board games in the cafeteria.

Winterfest was filled with fun activities for students and was an awesome way to spend the last days of school before winter break.



Students decorated Ugly Sweaters in the Innovation Lab.
Photo credit: Shivansh Joshi



Students played *Minute to Win It* games in the gym. Photo credit: Ms. Harrington

Mr. Gervais: 2025

By: Giovanni Dixon



Mr. Gervais is the featured teacher. Photo credit: Jameson Lavallee

Mr. Gervais is a tech teacher at Shaw School and he loves to make gadgets and he just loves technology. Mr. Gervais wanted to make a difference. He said, "I figured if I could explain tech to a room full of students, I could explain it to anyone." Teaching combines his passion for technology and his love for storytelling. According to Mr. Gervais, "There's nothing better than watching students realize they have the power to change the world with the skills they're learning."

Mr. Gervais started teaching in 2007, back when flip phones were cool, MySpace was a thing, and "the cloud" just meant rain was coming. "It's been amazing to watch technology (and hairstyles) evolve over the years, and I've loved every moment of the journey with this community," Mr. Gervais stated during an interview.

Mr. Gervais became a tech teacher because he loves gadgets and figuring out how they work. Plus, it's the only job where he can talk about coding, robots, and how Wi-Fi works without people glazing over! All jokes aside Mr. Gervais said, "It's about sharing the thrill of creating something new and seeing students' eyes light up when they realize, "Hey, I can do that too!"

Pancake Breakfast

By: Adilynn Gardner

On December 14, 2024 Shaw sixth graders hosted the Pancake Breakfast at the Shaw cafeteria. Many families from Millbury came to the breakfast. The Pancake Breakfast was a fundraiser for the 6th grade field trip to Nature's Classroom.

The sixth graders had several jobs. One of them was greeter, who brought guests to their tables. There were also the servers, juicers, and bussers, who collected the trash. The meal included sausages, pancakes, and a choice of water, juice or coffee (coffee was only for adults).

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6th Grade servers pose for a picture(top). A holiday craft station was popular with guests (bottom). Photo credits: Mr. Tarka and Ms. Shedden.

Shaw School's Author Visit
by: Genny Holmes

The author visit was an event where the author, Jarrett Krosoczka, shared information about the books he has written or illustrated. Mrs. Rodriguez organized this event, which took place on December 18th, 2024 at Shaw Elementary School. Mrs. Rodriguez answered a few questions via email about the visit.

Why did you decide to have this author come?

I invited Jarrett Krosoczka to visit our school for a few reasons. First, he is local to the Worcester area and he went to school with several of our Millbury teachers and families. I love the idea of bringing in a local author since he grew up in our community and I think it's so fun that some of our staff went to the same high school as him. Another reason that I thought he'd be a great author to bring to Shaw is that the range of his books appeals to all of the students in our building. Every student, from 3rd grade to 6th, will find a connection to at least one of his books. I also love that he's an illustrator and can connect to students through his artwork. He has received many awards, even given TED Talks, and was profiled on *Good Morning America* - I think his presentations will be extra dynamic and memorable for our students!

Have you read any of Jarrett Krosoczka's books? If so, what do you think of them?

I have! Like the rest of the school, I read the first book in the *Lunch Lady* series, *Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute* and I loved it! I thought it was clever, funny, and highly entertaining! I've also read a few of his picture books - did you know he's written 13 picture books, plus books for young adults and middle grade students?

What is your role at Shaw School?

I am the Literacy Coach here at Shaw which means I provide support to the teachers in the content areas of reading, writing, and social studies. I also get to work in all the classrooms and help support all the students in our building. In addition to helping teachers plan, analyze student work, and learn new things, I model lessons and work closely with the reading specialist to ensure that all students are getting what they need. The most fun part of my job is spreading the #wooliebooklove and seeing all the ways that students and teachers get excited about reading!



4th Grade students took a special picture with Jarrett Krosoczka because they won the hallway decorating contest.Photo credit: Mrs. Rodriguez

SHOWCASING STUDENT ARTWORK

Compiled by RILEY LYNN BICHOTTE



All photo credits: Riley L. Bichotte

6th grade students from made *alebrijes* in Ms. Shedden's art class for term 1. Students are from Ms. Harrington, Mrs. Carneiro, Mr. Mistretta, Ms. Coonan, Mrs. Wuerthner, and Mr. Tarka's classes.

Below and to the right are two separate pieces that are the reporter's personal favorites.



Artist: Avalynn Huynh from Ms. Harrington's class.



Artist: Clara Canney from Mr. Tarka's class.

alebrijes **= brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures of fantastical (fantasy/mythical) creatures.**

Mystery Student Unveiled: *You Won't Want to Miss it*

By: Jameson Lavallee

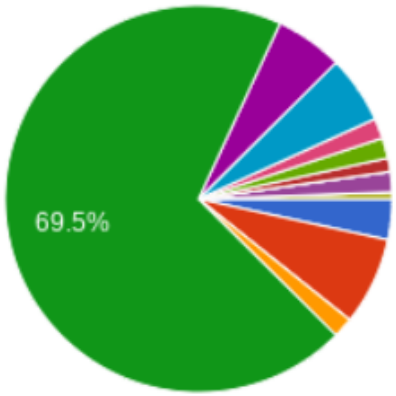
Hello fellow students, one of your peers was interviewed as the mystery student...Guillermo! Guillermo is a 6th grade student in Ms. Coonan's class. In his free time Guillermo enjoys playing video games to entertain himself and doing homework. Guillermo's safe place is his home or really anywhere. A weird habit he does is annoy his brother. Guillermo said he doesn't celebrate Easter and his favorite holiday is Christmas. Guillermo said his favorite movie is no movie at all! Overall, Guillermo is a cool guy and he has some pretty respectable and relatable answers.

WHAT DO THEY THINK?

By: Jamieson Field

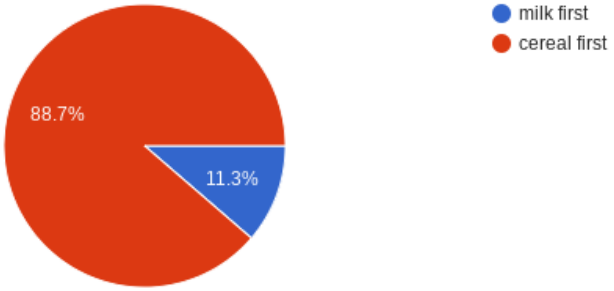
Have you passed by somebody while in a hot debate with your friend and wondered, "what do they think?" Well now you get a little insight into what students think.

Here is one survey we conducted about people's favorite holidays. The most popular holiday was Christmas. 177 Shaw students took the survey with varied responses but Santa took first place in the holiday race.



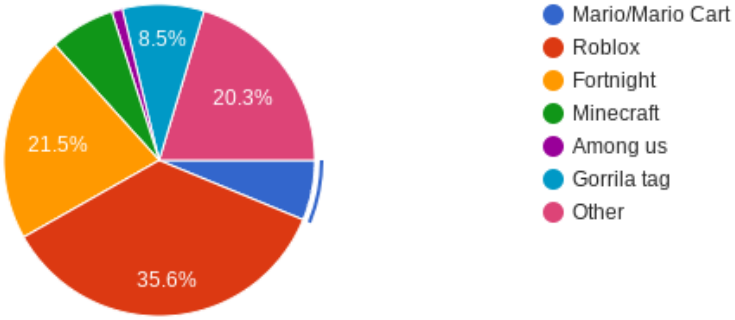


Next up is a popular debate about breakfast. Which comes first, milk or cereal?



This study analysis shows that putting cereal in the bowl first is the most popular option. So maybe next time you will give more consideration to your breakfast.

This survey shows that the favorite game is Roblox. The second most popular game is Fortnite. But to the rest of the games…oof!





Woolie News Jr Student Reporters
Term 2 Group 1B

JOKES:

These jokes were gathered from Ducksters by Ellianna Lokko

- Why was the math book so sad?
- *Because it had too many problems.*

- Teacher: Now class, whatever I ask, I want you to all answer at once. How much is 6 + 4?
- Class: *"At once!"*

- Why didn't the two fours want dinner?
- *Because they already make eight!*

- What has one head, one foot, and four legs?
- *A Bed.*

- If you were in a race and passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in?
- *2nd place!*

- David's father had three sons: Snap, Crackle, and?
- *David!*

- How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape?
- *Lots of eggercise!*

- What's under a gingerbread bed?
- *Cookie sheets*

Designed By: Zoey Comeau

5 Shoutouts for Shaw

1 6th Grade Girls Travel Basketball

The 6th grade girls travel team won against Dudley. They won 13-12.

2 6th grade Boys Travel Basketball

The 6th-grade boy's travel team is showing great effort good luck on your next game!

3 Book Shoutouts

A book shoutout for the library is Lunch Lady by

Jarrett J. Krosoczka.

4 Hallway Decorating

The 4th grade at Shaw won the Lunch Lady hallway decorating contest.

5 Specialist Shoutout

Mrs. Hahn is the Shaw librarian helping us organize the newspaper so here's a shout out to her.

SCHOOL STORE

By: Guillermo Alvarado Gomez

The School Store was introduced to Shaw students in late August. From the beginning there has been a rotation for where it is located in the building. The store is mobile so the location moves to each grade level's front porch area.

The school store is a place where students can buy a variety of items, from pencils all the way to plushies. But first, in order to buy items students must obtain a currency called "Woolie Bucks". In order to obtain a Woolie Buck you could do a kind act, this could be anything, from holding the door to picking up a piece of trash on the floor. If students do not feel like spending Woolie Bucks on an item they could perhaps use them to win a raffle item. The prizes for a raffle vary each month. You either win or you don't, it's a gamble!

Everyone has a different favorite item, whether it's an eraser or Pokemon cards. Overall, the School Store is a great place to spend Woolie Bucks. A place where you can buy items that range from something small to something massive.

Student Interview Question

Favorite item in the School Store?

Jamieson F. - Slime | Grade 6
Jameson L. - Plushie | Grade 6
Shivansh J. - Fidgets | Grade 6
Gio D. - Sunglasses | Grade 6



Students can use Woolie Bucks to win raffle prizes at the School Store. Photo credit: Mrs. Hahn

6th Grade Girls Basketball

by: Charleigh Richards

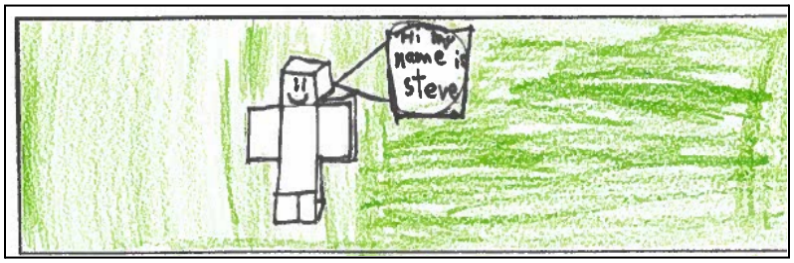


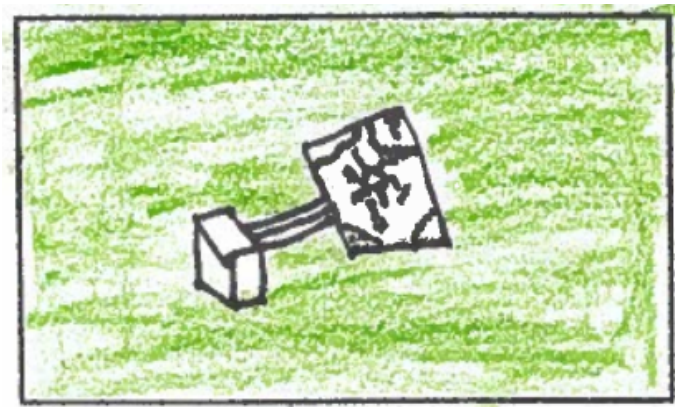
Members of the 6th Grade Girls basketball team huddle up during a recent game. Photo credit: Richards Family

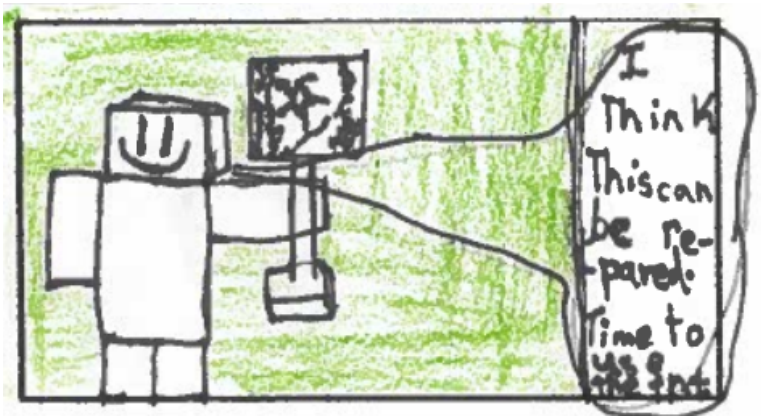
On December 15, 2024 Millbury's 6th grade girls basketball team faced off against the Oxford 6th grade girls at Oxford High School. Despite a hard-fought game, Millbury lost by just one point, with the final score being 22-21. It was an intense match, and many players felt it was the best game they had played so far. Everybody on the team tried as hard as possible and took part. They played amazingly. Great effort everyone on the team!

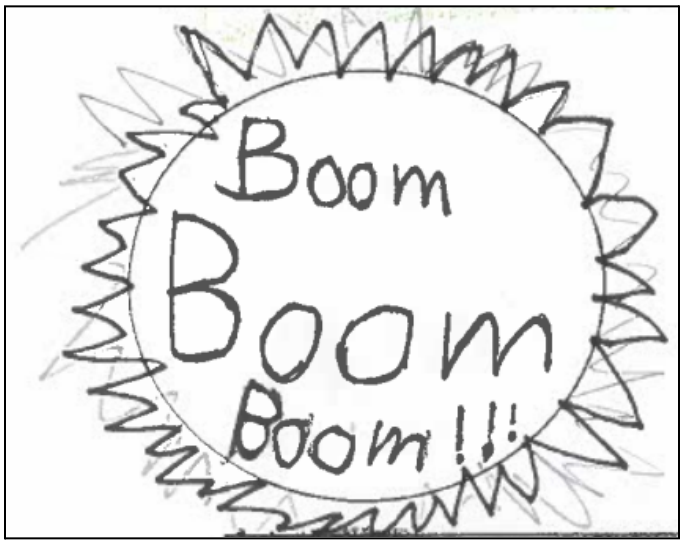
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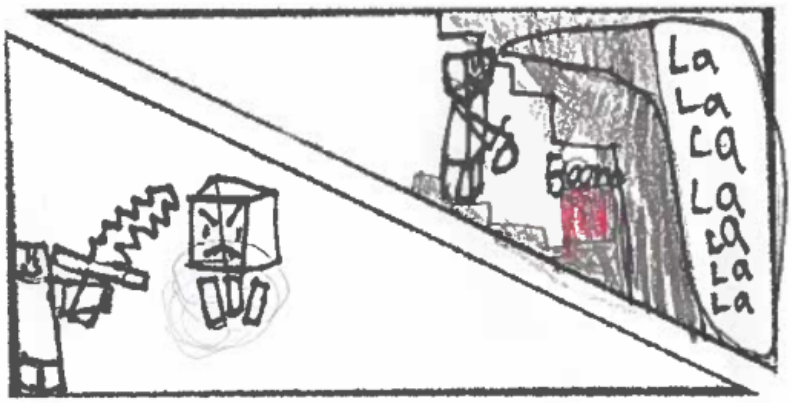
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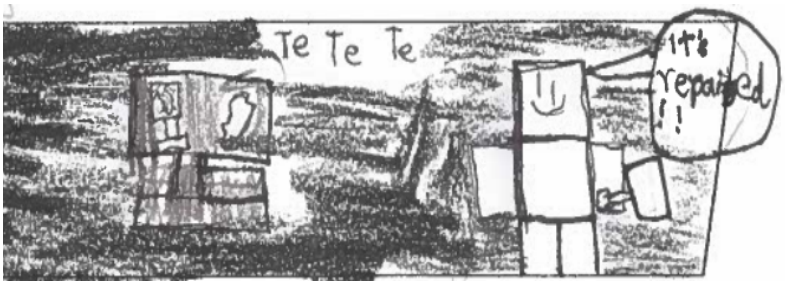












The End

COMING SOON!!!!!

By Shivansh Joshi

#Wooliebooklove Month is coming soon! There will be a door decorating contest, a bookmark design contest, World Read-Aloud Day, and a reading themed spirit week. Students and teachers will look forward to spreading #wooliebooklove.

The Read Bowl is another event that is currently taking place. The Read Bowl will be held for 4 weeks and ends on Super Bowl Sunday.