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Behind the Scenes of a Teacher

by: Hailey Ho

People may think teaching is easy, but it is actually very hard. After shadowing Mr. Lundstrom, I learned a lot of things about what teachers do before students come to school and after they leave. Mr. Lundstrom arrives at school around 7 am every morning. This particular day, I met with him in the morning. He showed me some of the rooms around the school. We walked around the office where he showed me the teachers mailboxes, student files, and the storage room. While in the office, he made some copies, greeted some teachers, and laminated some papers. We went back to his classroom where he did some online grading. Within that time, he was always busy getting things ready for students or grading.



After school, he did MORE grading. It just seemed that he was always grading papers. After grading, he did some cleaning, signed some field trip papers, and signing more stuff. After, we went back to the laminating room to laminate a few more things. By 3:15 pm, I had to leave and he was not finished yet.

Mr. Lundstrom said that teachers don't get paid for the hours before and after school, and that grading takes up a lot of time. He also said that they should have smaller classes and that they should give more planning time to teachers because there are so much work to do. (P.S. This did not encourage me to become a teacher.)

Beware of the Dangers of TikTok

by: Cassandra Figueroa

Do you know about the dangers of the social app called Tiktok? Well if you don't I'll tell you all about the dangerous trends and dangerous things that could happen! First, kids can be targeted by predators, and users may be victims of cyber-bullying. It's really unfortunate to encounter inappropriate content such as gore, 18+ content, etc.. There are plenty of privacy concerns as well. Most kids don't have adult supervision.

A lot of parents don't know but there are trends out there that are suggesting students do different things that can give them bodily harm, cause house fires, or even hurt others. These trends on Tiktok has caused a 9 year old to try the trend, which was costly, and she was not alone. Other children have been hurt due to these trends.

There is an age requirement for Tiktok but children below the age requirements are signing up with or without parental approval. If you have a Tiktok, please don't follow trends that might hurt you. You are smarter than that.

Some Fun Facts About Mr. Fadum

by Angelina Li

Mr. Fadum's first name is Jon, and his birthday is November 13th. He taught at another elementary school called Ethel Bakers Elementary School before coming to Camellia. Here are some fun facts about him. Mr. Fadum arrives at school every morning at 7:45 am. He liked his previous class and misses them, but thinks this class is cool too. He likes the movie Frozen, and prefers dodgeball over kickball. He likes math, science, and enjoys coding. His favorite song is "Psalm 19" by the Corner Room. Some people may be surprised but he likes Taylor Swift more!



The Future of the Community and Native Garden (Part 2 of Garden Series)

by Eden Ding

The future of the native and community garden is becoming clearer. If you don't know what a native garden is, it's the small areas around classrooms where the plants are leading to the garden. I sat down with Principal Moua to discuss the future of the garden, and what we can do as teachers and students to help.

Garden

Q: What are your plans, as a principal, for the garden?

A: I want to make gardening available for all the classes to get involved in. It will help the students learn some responsibility. If possible, make the community garden into a school community garden. It will help students understand the process of healthy food, and appreciate the environment.

My thoughts: If you didn't know, the garden on Camellia campus is a community garden. It's open to the public. If someone wanted to use a plot in the garden, the school would have to let them. Since no one uses the plot at Camellia garden, Ms. Moua wants to make it a school community garden where students and parents can tend the garden after school or during the weekend.

Q: Do we have money for the garden?

A: As of now no. PTSO is paying for the renting of the garden. If we need to, we can ask for donations from the PTSO, as long as we let PTSO know the purpose of the garden. I'm sure the PTSO and the parents can donate. We have lots of wonderful parents at Camellia Basic.

Q: Mrs. Butterworth used to feed hummingbirds, who does that now?

A: I didn't know Camellia has hummingbirds. That could be something classes can do; build or buy a hummingbird feeder and feed the hummingbirds. It would also help beautify our garden.

My thoughts: While Ms. Moua and I were discussing hummingbirds, a hummingbird flew a few yards away from the glass door in her office. Coincidence? I'll let you decide. Yes No

Native Garden

Q: What's going to happen to the Native Garden?

A: For now we're going to leave it as it is. If classes, students or teachers, are interested in beautifying the native garden we can ask for donations from the PTSO or make a gardening club.

Q: Is there going to be a spring gardening day for the Native and Regular Gardens?

A: Yes. We would like to set up a Saturday in the springtime for parents, teachers, and students to come and work in the garden. We can ask parents to donate plants and plant them all on a Saturday. Not required. I will ask parents and students to come help beautify the school's native and community garden in the near future.

Q: Can we plant more varieties of plants in the Native Garden?

A: Yes. We can. We don't have to just plant whatever plant was there before. If classes are interested, they can plant more variety of plants. As of right now, we don't have lots of classes helping out.

After reading this Q&A with Ms. Moua, do you think you and your family can help? If not, would you consider donating plants and other gardening tools. If possible discuss with your class what you can do to help tend the Native and Community Gardens. Camellia could use all the help it can get.



Plants in the Native Garden





Who is Ms. Feliciano?

by: Ally Lulo Valencia

Are you curious who Ms. Feliciano is, especially if you haven't had her as teacher? We're all curious about who she is and her

new teaching style. I had the pleasure of interviewing Ms. Feliciano, and it turns out she has been teaching for 18 years in all kind of schools. But, before Camellia, Ms. Feliciano taught at Joan Sloat Elementary School, and has one child who is 26 years old.

Ms. Feliciano taught 2 grades last year, but this year, she's only is teaching one grade; second graders. Ms. Feliciano really didn't have a choice to teach two grades last year, and is very grateful that she only has to teach one grade this year. Ms. Feliciano enjoys working at Camellia Basic along with knowing she has good workers in her classroom.

Ms. Feliciano is in Room 10. When you see her in the hallway, say hi to her. If you pass her room, take a minute to look at her students' work on the windows too. She has a very creative group of students because of what a great teacher they have.

Some Fun Facts about Pandas!

By: Aliyah Le

Did you know that pandas have excellent camouflage, and have eyes that are different from normal bears? Panda cubs are well protected in their first month of birth. For food, bamboo is critical to their diet. Pandas eat almost entirely on bamboo, eating from 26 to 84 pounds per day and spend from 10-16 hours of their days eating!

Most giant pandas are native to China. It has a black and white coat that features large black patches around its eyes. Pandas are also an endangered species with only about 1,800 of them left in the wild. A Giant Panda cub weighs only around 150 grams (5 oz) at birth, while male adult Giant Pandas, weigh up to 150kg (330 lb). Pandas live on high mountains filled with large bamboo forests. The mountainous areas are present in a few of China's provinces, but the majority of pandas live in Sichuan Province, nicknamed, "The Home of the Giant Pandas." Pandas didn't always live in mountains. They once lived in the low areas of China but agriculture (farming and raising animals) and other building developments forced the Giant Pandas to live up in the mountains.

Election Day

by: Priscilla Zarate



What is Election Day? Election Day is when people vote for a government officials. Some things that you should know about election is that the population chooses an individual or multiple people for governmental positions like governor, president, city mayors, senators etc. The 2022 United States election is an ongoing set of election that are primarily held on the second Tuesday of November. During this midterm election year, seats in the Senate and House are up for election.

Here's a fun fact: If you want to be president, here are some things required of you.

1. You need to be at least 35 years old.
2. You need to be born in the USA.
3. You have to live in the USA for 14 years.

So any of you who want to be president will have to wait another 24 years or more.

Good luck to all the candidates for this year's election.

Do pandas roar? Pandas don't roar the way brown bears or other bears roar. Some vocalizations pandas do are, honks, huffs, barks, and growls. For young cubs, they are known to croak and squeak.

Are you ready to draw your best panda below? Draw and turn in your panda drawing to be judged by the journalism team. Return to Ms. Her in Room 9.

Name _____ Room _____



Thanksgiving

by: Khloe Vang

As we all know, Thanksgiving is coming up soon. Have you ever wonder “When was the first Thanksgiving?” Well... The first Thanksgiving was held on the November of 1621, when the new Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians first gathered. They ate onions, beans, lettuce, spinach, cabbage, carrots, peas, pumpkin pie, potatoes, and turkey. They didn’t care if they had turkey or not at that time. The first people who attended the first Thanksgiving were 50 colonists.

“Why do we even eat turkey?” Why do we need to know about Thanksgiving, and when did Thanksgiving become a national holiday? You see, we eat turkey because it symbolizes our history about the holiday. Thanksgiving is a way to celebrate the harvest and other blessings of the past year. We eat on Thanksgiving because we thank the Gods for the good things that already happened and for what we have. The real meaning of Thanksgiving is about giving prayers and blessings, for safe journeys, and military victors. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Thanksgiving became a holiday on November 26, 1789, but on December 26, 1941 Thanksgiving was declared to be a national holiday in the United States.

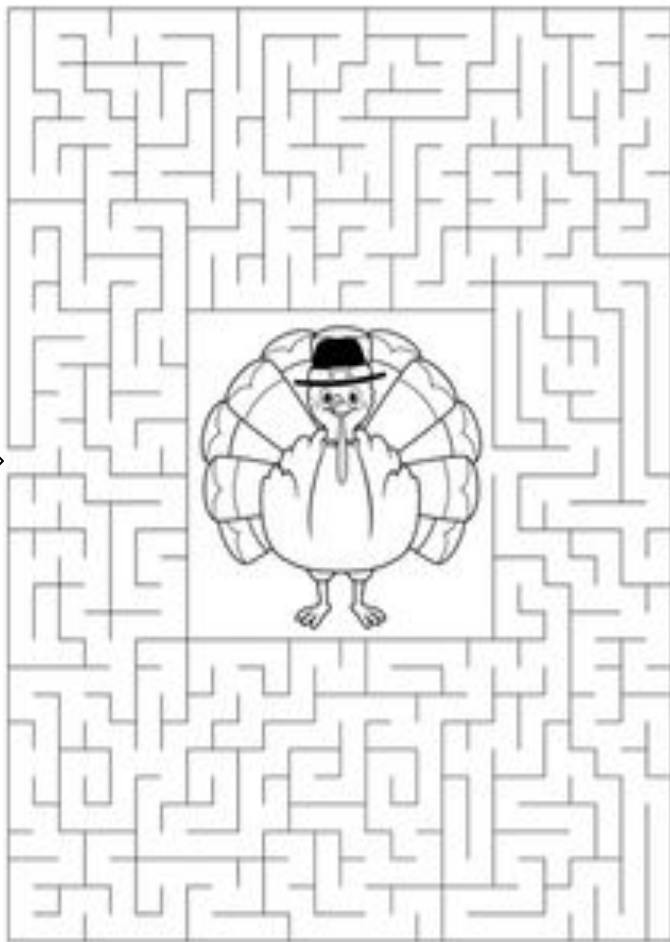
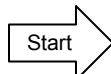


*Turkey, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie are traditional dishes a family might have for Thanksgiving dinner. What do you enjoy for Thanksgiving dinner? Share your answer with a teacher, partner, or friend.



Direction: Go through the maze to get to the turkey.

Thanksgiving Turkey Maze



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Guess Who?

Who do you think this teacher is?

Make your prediction below, cut, and return to Ms. Her. If your prediction is correct, you’ll receive 3 Good Worker Tickets. Must be submitted by 12/2/22.

Your Name _____

Your Room # _____

My prediction is:

*Last month’s baby picture was Mr. Lundstrom.