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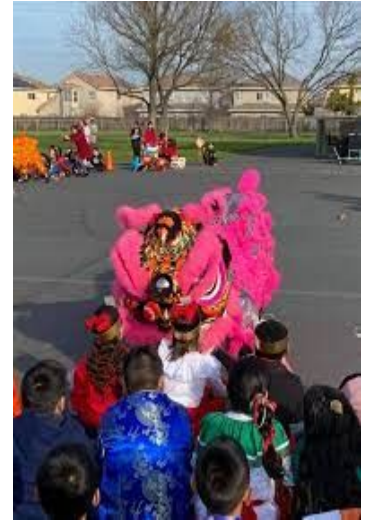
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Lunar New Year Lion Dance

By: Priscilla Zarate

Do you ever wonder who the lion dancers are or where they are from? Well, you're about to find out because I interviewed Sifu (Master) Matt Stroh. Some people asked how they learn the lion dance and Sifu Matt said that he learned the lion dance from his teacher Tai Sifulan Habbarel. The lion dance took him only one year to learn all the performances. Sifu Matt went to Eastern Way Martial Arts to learn all the moves. There are thirty people in his team. There are many people because it takes 9 or more people to hold up the dragon, but only 2 people to hold up lions. So, in coming to Camellia, they've chosen the lion dancers because of the number of dancers he has, and that he enjoys being part of the lion dancers. The easiest part is putting on the costumes because it only takes like a minute to put on the costumes. The hardest part is the workout of all the jumps and movements. However, the best part of it all is he enjoys performing for kids. Afterwards though, they have to help clean up after the lion dance.

Eastern Way Martial Arts gets paid by how long they perform. They performed in about 12-13 schools. He also thinks that students love all the dances, in which we do. They are from Sacramento, and the part that he likes the best about Camellia is the parade. He also celebrates the Lunar New Year with his family.



All About the Red Envelope!

by Angelina Li

Do you wonder why teachers and elder family members give out red envelopes? Red envelopes are small, red, and gold with money inside given to children, family members, and workers. They are given also for good luck and happiness. Family members give out red envelopes because the red envelopes are a symbols of good luck, wealth, and happiness in the Lunar New Year. It's a tradition giving out red envelopes on birthdays and the starting of January 22nd or the day before. This year is the Year of the Rabbit. Happy New Year also known as chúc mừng năm mới in Vietnamese and also in Chinese it's 新年快乐. I hope this explains why people give out red envelopes.

Mr. Hein:
Camellia's Amazing P.E. Teacher

by: Hailey Ho

Everybody knows our P.E. teacher, Mr. Hein. I interviewed him to gather more information about him. Mr. Hein was born in New Jersey and grew up in the bay area with 2 older sisters. He was born sometime in 1969. He is 53 years old and has been teaching for about 23 years since around 1999. He likes teaching outside, teaching physical things, and teaching the whole school instead of just 30 kids. He teaches 6 classes a day. He finds teaching in terrible weather challenging, and getting people to like PE is challenging. He has been teaching for 23 years and taught at Martin Luther King Jr., Crocker Riverside, Pacific, C.K. McClatchy, and was a substitute at Earl Warren.

Mr. Hein is more than just our P.E. teacher. He is a father and a husband too. He has 4 kids of his own with his wife. They are Harrison, Hailey, Hayden, and Hudson. His wife is also a teacher in our district. In addition to having 4 children, he has many pets as well. He has 6 pets: a dog, 2 cats, a snake, gecko, and a fish.



Valentine's Day

By: Aliyah Le



Valentine's Day is on February 14th. The first Valentine's Day celebration occurred in Paris on February 14, 1400. Today, people are still celebrating Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a day to show love to family and friends. People exchange cards, send flowers, give out candy, and more to express their feelings of love. Even pets get gifts for Valentine's Day too. About 20 percent of pet owners give Valentine gifts to their pets.

Fun Facts about Valentine's Day

- ❑ 145 million greeting cards are exchanged every year for Valentine's Day. That's just in the U.S alone!
- ❑ Over \$1 billion worth of chocolate are sold on Valentine's Day.
- ❑ 8 billion conversation hearts are manufactured every year!
- ❑ 250 million roses are grown just for Valentine's day!

Gifts for Valentine's Day

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George Washington

by: Ava Deaver

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. His mother and father were Mary Washington and Augustine Washington. He was the eldest child out of 9, and spent most his days at Ferry Farm. He had a wife named Martha Washington and had no kids. At 21 years of age, he joined the army and led 19 battles in which he won 6, lost 7, and had 6 draws. Washington became a national hero after the Revolutionary War! Washington became the first ever president on April 30, 1789 through March 4, 1797. He had really bad teeth which caused him to have pain. He died December 14, 1799 due to a throat infection. He is known as the Father of Our Country because he was the first president of the United States.

I hope you had fun learning about our first president. Presidents' Day is February 20th this year. I hope you take the time to read and learn more about other presidents. My favorite president is George Washington. Who is your favorite president?



The Adventures of Fred and Gracie

By: Khloe Vang

Monday, January 23, 2023

Dear Journal,

Hi, my name is Fred. If you don't know who I am, I am the orange cat that you see in your classroom, outside, or hallway. Today I am going to tell you what happened yesterday. When school opened I was walking around looking for stuff to play with. Later, I saw that all of the primary kids doors open. I thought to myself, "It isn't time for all of the primary kids to come out of recess. If I'm correct, then where are they going?" The kids and their teachers all went to the cafeteria so, I followed them as well. In there, I can see all of the benches/seats folded up and were moved to the side. In the middle of the stage I saw a big white screen with some slides on it. All of the teachers were telling the kids where to go sit at.

I didn't stay long as I walked out of the cafeteria and started to explore again even though I've been to this school here for a while. As I was walking out of the hall I stumbled across the intermediate kids. I saw the two six-grade classes standing in the intersection waiting for commands. I saw this one boy who was tying his shoe laces. What's his name again? Oh ya! Joseph! That boy who was tying his laces was Joseph! I've seen him before at Room 20 and all of the other kids as well, you know the ones that gives me a lot of attention. Anyways after he was done I walked right past him and another kid as well. I went to the stairs on the right and went somewhere I couldn't remember.

After that I went back to the hallway and what do I see? I saw lines of students, so many. I walked by some of them and they gave me some pets on my back. As I was walking by, a boy picked me up from his hands and petted me as well. His hands were warm but I wasn't able to stay long as the student put me down on the cold ground. I was confused for a tiny bit and then walked the other way and getting more pets along the way.

Oh, looks like I'm out of time. It's almost dinner time soon. I'll continue writing soon. But, in the meanwhile I guess that I had a pretty weird day today. Anyway see soon bye bye!

rs truly,

The Camellia Cat

You
Fred

Parent Volunteer Hours

by Troy Tang

Parents are expected to help at the school for 40 volunteer hours, so I asked Ms. Moua some questions regarding these hours.

What are some criteria volunteers have to go through?

They would have to get a packet from Carmen, then go down to the district office to get fingerprinted.

What are the most popular events for volunteers?

Parents volunteer for every event, except for school days. They volunteer mainly for the events. However, our most popular event has got to be the Fall Harvest Carnival.

Are you having a lack of volunteers?

Yes, we usually have the same ones. It's usually the same volunteers that show up to help. Our goal is to have more volunteers so the same volunteers don't have to work so hard.

What are the longest volunteers can stay to help?

There are no limits on the time that volunteers can stay to help.

What happens if parents don't do their hours?

We encourage them to put in the 40 hours for volunteering to improve their child's academic and emotional well being.

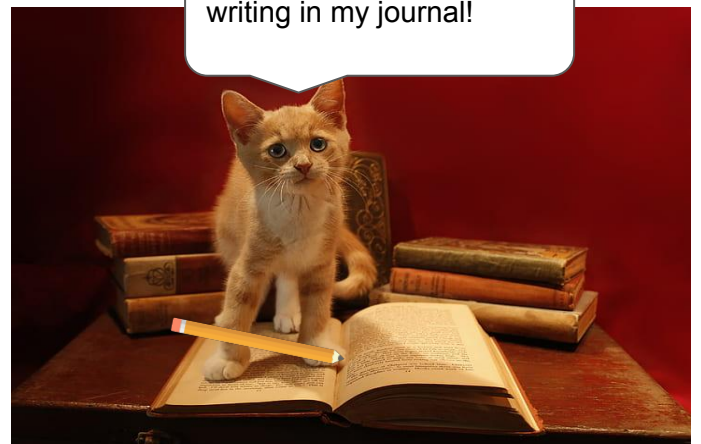
Will you try different approaches to get more volunteers?

We have several ideas for getting volunteers next year.

What happens if there's too many or too few volunteers?

If there's many, that's great. If there are very few, it's very difficult to host events.

Don't look at me when I'm writing in my journal!



Plant Manager: Ms. Marie

By: Eden Ding

Marie Alvarez, more commonly known as Ms. Marie, is the proud plant manager for Camellia Basic. Plant managers do much more than just clean the cafeteria or mop up milk spills. Plant managers earn about \$21 per hour. Ms. Marie is responsible for making sure everything is clean, checking the park to make sure it's safe, and opening and closing the 10 gates before school and after school. Even though being a plant manager requires you to arrive at school at 5:30 a.m., Ms. Marie chose to still be a plant manager because she wants to work with kids. (Just like all teachers do.) She also gets to drive a golf cart (which sounds pretty fun in my opinion) to open the gates. Ms. Marie also helps run events like the carnival and Wee-Bazaar. Not only does she need to make sure the carnival games are safe, she also needs to get permits to even allow the games to be on the school campus.

Unlike many families, Ms. Marie's family is REALLY big. She has 7 brothers and 7 sisters but unfortunately, 4 of the brothers and her parents have passed away, which only leaves 10 of them (which is still a lot in my opinion). She also has 4 children of her own, 10 grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nephews, and cousins who we don't even know about, which makes her family even bigger! Her favorite food is Mexican food in general, and she has a pet chihuahua. On the weekends, she babysits her 3 grandchildren (which is a lot of work) and loves to play volleyball.

About a week ago there was a bathroom incident in the intermediate boys' bathroom. Apparently, one of the boys (still unknown) flooded one of the bathroom stalls, and the water flooded the bathroom up to 3 inches. This caused a lot of work for Ms. Marie to remove the water and especially a lot of hassle for the kids in Room 27. To remove the water from the bathroom, Ms. Marie had to put on her rain boots and turn off the water in the boys' bathroom. Then, she had to get this broom-like machine to push some of the water out. Even after that, there was still water. So, she brought another machine that can carry water and release it. After hours of work, Ms. Marie finally finished removing water from the boys' bathroom. Whoever flooded the bathroom, I encourage you not to flood the toilet again, as it causes lots of hassle and work. And to the rest of you, just remember all the things that Ms. Marie does for this school, and for US. The next time you see Ms. Marie, make sure to thank her for everything she had done for this school, and us. She's amazing, and we are so lucky to have her here.



Guess Who?

Who do you think this teacher is?

Make your prediction below, cut, and return to Ms. Her. Must be submitted by 2/28/23.

Name _____

Your Room # _____

My prediction is: _____

*Last month's baby picture was Mrs. Bowling.

Here are the Riddles answers from the last issue:

1. Bed
2. Shadow
3. Hot Dog
4. Because is was filled with problems
5. Blue