





## NICK'S REVIEWS! WHAT I WANT YOU TO PLAY!

### Nintendo Issue

Hello, dear gamers. I, Nick Weaver, am here to present you with my first issue of "NICKS REVIEWS!" But first, let me give you a quick rundown of my 5-point ranking system.

1 out of 5: A horrible monstrosity of a game! Not worth your time. Flee from it! FLEE! FLEE!

2 out of 5: A hard score to give because, it's pretty much broken, but still has some redeeming quality. It's like a cherry on top of a horrible sundae of dreck.

3 out of 5: Pretty much every game falls in this category. A good game overall. If you like the genre you should buy. Otherwise you might not like it.

4 out of 5: A excellent game, with a few flaws, which, although minor, hold it back from gaming nirvana.

5 out of 5: A wonderful, holy-grail like game, which calls out to you from its shelf: "Buy me, buy me, you MUST buy me!"

And now... to the games!

### **Elebits, for Nintendo Wii.**

First I must say, why must Nintendo name it a "Wii"? What was wrong with "Revolution"? Well any way, Elebits is a 1<sup>st</sup> person shooter, aimed at kids. You will play as a young boy, whose only wish is to be the apple of his parent's eye. But unfortunately, small alien invaders called Elebits, come down to earth and mess all that up, by stealing your parent's attention. Now heart broken and miserable, you decide to rebel, by zapping every Elebit in sight, while destroying your house in the process. To tell you the truth, the Elebits look a bit more like rejected Lucky Charms shapes than alien invaders. The Wii's simple controls, allow for simple game play. This is good for younger players, but veterans might get tired. And multiplayer mode, where this title could have really shined, fails, by trapping all the players on one screen. A 2 out of 5.

### **Animal Crossing: Wild World, for Nintendo DS.**

Do you like animals? Do you wanna talk to animals? Do you just want to eat, drink, sleep, and live with animals? If yes, then do I have a game for you. Animal Crossing Wild World, for the DS, is the handheld sequel to the wildly popular game for the GameCube. Did you see what I did there? "Wildly popular?" "Wild World?" Get it? Hmm? Ok, well anyway, it places you as a yourself, having moved away from home, to a village populated by adorable animals, which can walk and talk just like you. It's pretty much open ended, like The Sims, but there are no goals or needs to take care of. Instead you take care of your town. By planting flowers and trees, and pulling weeds, more people come to your town. The graphics are amazingly cute, and it's hard to get bored. You can design your shack of a home, and upgrade to a smooth pad. You can also fish, catch bugs, go to the museum, shop, donate to charity, drink coffee, design your own clothes, talk to animals, or pay off your loan. Yep it's just like living in a real village populated with animals! And with wi-fi play, you can visit the town of another friend. A 5 out of 5.

That's it for this edition. Next edition will be on the Xbox 360! Expect to see Dead Rising, Viva Piñata, and maybe even Halo 3! Bye! Wanna request a game? Have a comment? Complain about a score? Want my opinion on a game not shown here? Email me at [keyblade94@yahoo.com](mailto:keyblade94@yahoo.com)

### Funbrain

By Jordan L. Sexton

Funbrain is a site on the Internet that can help kids with math. Funbrain's focus is to help kids with math but for them also to have fun with it. Funbrain also has an arcade with games that don't involve math this is to let the player also have fun to take a break with the math. The way it is set up is so that the player may gather a code and then come back later. I tried out games from both math and arcade. I give funbrain an 8 out of 10, because it is pretty fun but you could get bored.

### Who will win? By John Carstens

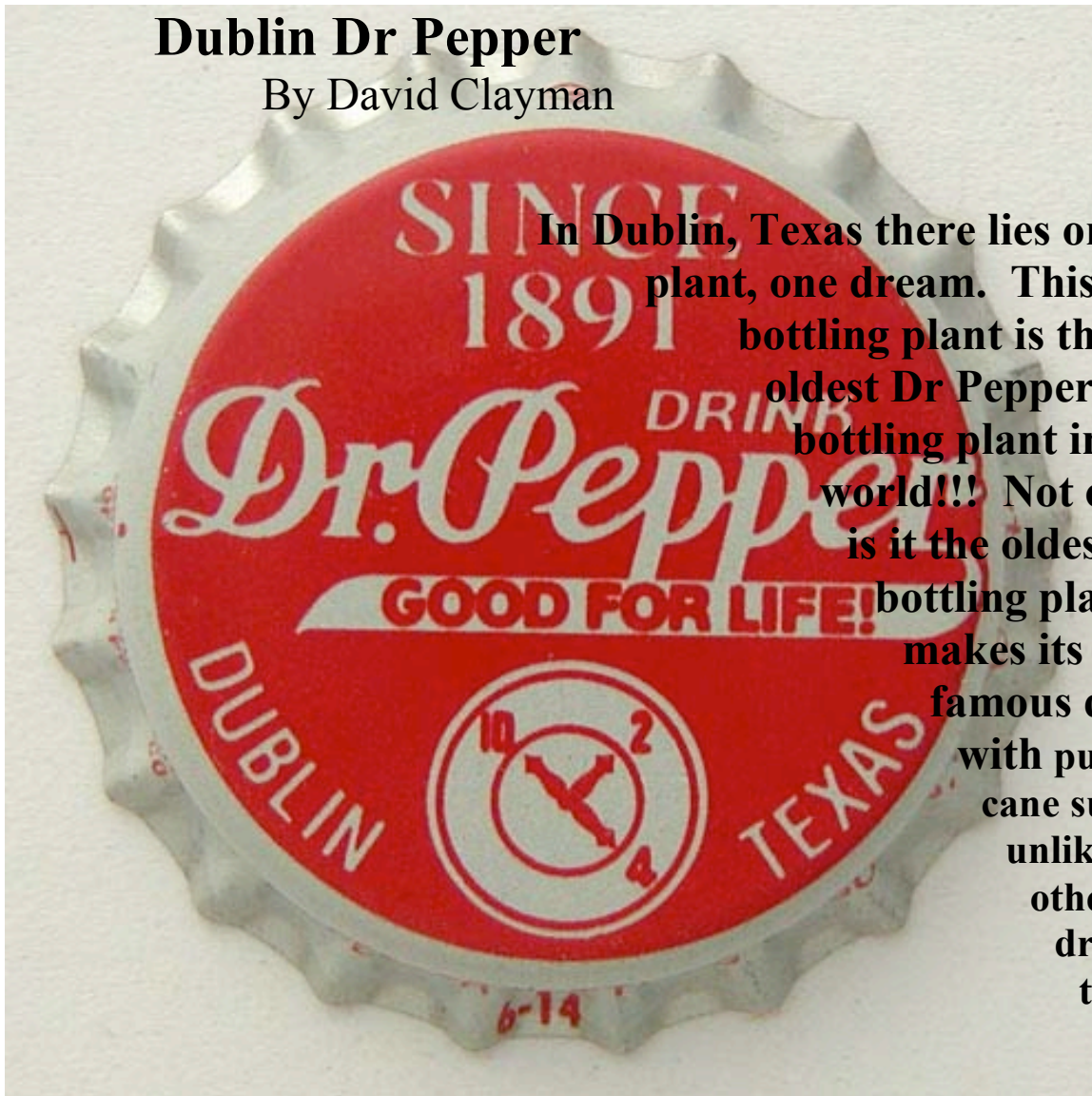
Master Chief or Samus Arron?

Who would win? A question that when you think about it has nothing to do with anything but really are Halo 1, 2, and 3 not some of the most popular games in video game history. Is the ten game series of Metroid not one of the more popular games of Nintendo. Of course it falls down to what you prefer Nintendo or Microsoft's Xbox, the warlike master chief or the quick witted Samus. Bounty Hunter vs. Warrior. Xbox vs. Nintendo. Samus vs. Master Chief who will win?



## Dublin Dr Pepper

By David Clayman



**In Dublin, Texas there lies one plant, one dream. This bottling plant is the oldest Dr Pepper bottling plant in the world!!! Not only is it the oldest bottling plant, it makes its famous drink with pure cane sugar unlike the other drinks that use the**

**terrible corn syrup. Outside the plant you see the little girl on the billboard holding the coke (coke is used for all soda's so never call it soda again) swinging on her swing watching the world go around her. Inside you get Dr. Pepper floats instead of root beer floats and you can watch the factory put the coke into the glass bottles, which tastes better in a glass rather than in the bottle. So when you are going to the middle of nowhere Texas near Waco and Stephenville, stop by the Dublin Dr Pepper plant.**

# advice from a chicken2.0

Hello my name is, well... chicken. It has occurred to me that people need help so they seek things like shrinks, vacations, television and coffee. But in reality people need not pay attention to these things for help, but instead seek the help of their animal friends. In this case, a chicken.

That's right, ask  
the chicken!  
ASK THE CHICKEN!!!!



BY Austin Webb

Dear chicken,

In the first week of school my locker is a chicken's coop. I can't find anything in my locker. To add to that, the teachers are getting angry with me for not having my materials for class. What should I do?

Yours truly,  
Lost in locker

**Dear Lost in Locker,**

**You know I used to be just the same in school. My textbooks always used to crush my eggs. That's when I decided to peck away all the unwanted junk. like water bottles, old snacks and clothing.**

**DON'T FORGET, to put all stray papers in their right binders. Otherwise you'll be plucked by the teachers, and then batter fried if you still can' find it.**

## WE'RE ROCKIN' THE GYM!

### The Guide to Physical Education

From 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to 8<sup>th</sup>

By Tommy Winkler

1. For all you primary kids, gym gets better!
2. In middle school, ALWAYS lock your locker!
3. RESPECT COACH OWENS!
4. Be ready for a HUGE change from primary to middle school gym.
5. Sorry, but you WON'T like the mouth guards. When you talk. It comes out like this: "I hafe dis mouf gurd!"
6. Enjoy gym in middle school 'cause it's awesome!
7. Some of the things we do like handball are awesome!
8. Some gym sports AREN'T fun 'like field hockey.
9. MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM ROCKS

P.E

By Roby M.

So are you doing okay in gym? I'm not enjoying it very much. Have you ever forgotten your gym clothes? I did that today, and it was not that fun for at least five minutes, but my dad brought them to coach Owens' office. And it turned out pretty okay. So one big, or little tip: Don't forget your gym clothes. **So you're on a good path to fun in gym now!**

## SportsReport - October 1, 2007

Written By John Zuk and Dakota Christian

Dutch football has been on fire for the past two weeks. Last week for the win against Tahlequah, Michael Bibens caught a winning touchdown pass to put us on top of Tahlequah in the fourth quarter. The coaches were excited about the catch.

If we keep on playing like we are, we will be fine for the rest of the season.



# **IS IT A BATTLE? By Abby L.**

Ever been in a sort of battle with your friends? Well, I'm here to help you prevent that from happening. I'm Abby L. I've had LOTS of experience. I can help you tell foe from friend, HUGE battle from *tiny* fight. I can tell you one of MY "friend battle" stories.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BATTLE ARCHIVE: MY "FRIEND BATTLE"

"Yes! Recess!" I thought. But, I had NO idea what I dreaded most of all would happen that very day! My friend and I started a friend battle. But, at that time, we knew it as a "Recess War." Once I knew about it, I began to "battle." He spied on me. I spied on him. We both gathered "armies." Nobody won. Nobody ever does. It only lasted one day.

So, I hope you can avoid "recess wars." And, make sure YOU are NEVER the one to start one, and help your friends not to start them by being nice to them, and not giving them any REASON to start one. And, when one starts between some other people, either try to stop it or get involved people uninvolved. Remember, Peace: good. War: bad.

### **Friend or Foe?**

By Kelsey M.

Have you had a friend that seems like a foe? This is where you learn how to know if he or she is a friend or foe.

I think a friend is someone that you can trust or is really nice to you. I say you should be nice to everyone. That doesn't mean you have to be best friends with them.

You don't have to force someone to be a friend. If force someone to be a friend, other people will see and not want to be your friend. You have to make friends.

You know if someone is a foe if they force you to do something you don't want to do. They might call you names or they are just plain MEAN!

You know if they are a friend you can trust when they are nice and they don't laugh at you!

### **Friendly Advice**

By Morgan W. a/k/a Penelope

Dear, Penelope  
I'm having problems with kids in my class Everyone teases me. How can I stop them from Teasing me? Should I tell a teacher or should I just deal with it myself?  
Sincerely,  
NoFriend

Dear, NoFriend  
This is a pretty common problem. Don't be worried I would tell a teacher. That way, you won't get hurt  
Sincerely,  
Penelope

# Book Rating and Reading Fourth Grade

By Michael Saliba

There are new books this season to read, and the fourth graders are reading! We are going to rate the books that are most read in fourth grade

HARRY POTTER.....1  
STAR WARS TALES.....2  
SPIDERWICK.....3  
GOOSEBUMPS.....4  
THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX.....5

Even though some of the books that you thought would be good didn't get a very high ranking, or they are not on the top 5 doesn't mean that those books aren't good; it just means that the third graders like these books the most. So head to the library and read them!

## *By Rick Riordan* **The Lightning Thief** *A Book review by Colin Evert*

*The Lightning Thief* is a book about a kid named Percy Jackson who is in sixth grade and has been to six different schools. He is now at a school called Yancy Academy. Percy has two problems: ADHD and dyslexia. Their Grade goes on a field trip to the Natural History Museum in New York and when they're eating lunch he pushes down a girl named Nancy Bobfit. Percy gets her clothes all wet and hurts her and gets himself kicked out of Yancy Academy. His mother takes him to Montauk beach, which is at the tip of Long Island. There she tells about his father who left them, but never tells Percy his father's name. He gets sent to Camp Half Blood and during that time they play a game of capture the flag. During the game a spinning trident appears and they declare Percy the son of Poseidon. He gets sent on a quest to retrieve Zeus's Master Bolt with two friends, Grover the satyr and Annabeth the Daughter of Athena. Along the way they meet several Greek mythology people including Medusa and Procrustes.

*I liked this book because I'm really into Greek myths and adventure books. Camp Half Blood reminds me of the camp I go to, Camp Kanakuk, because we have cabins and we play capture the flag. If you're into Greek myths, read this book because I know you'll like it.*

### 10 Books for Girls -Recommended by Kelsey Marr

1. Beware Princess Elizabeth
2. The Secret Garden
3. Princess Dairies
4. The Harry Potter series
5. The Secret Language of Girls
6. Mary, Bloody, Mary
7. Hoot
8. Flush
9. English Roses
10. Doomed Queen Anne



# EUROPEAN COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

by Austin Webb

## a Croatia Christmas song

SVIM NA ZEMLJI

D Em F# Bm E A  
1. Svim na zemlji mir, veselje,

D Em F# Hm E A  
Budi polag Božje volje.

D B7 EmA7 D A7  
To sad nebo navješćuje

D B7 EmA7 D A7 D  
I glas s neba potvrđuje.

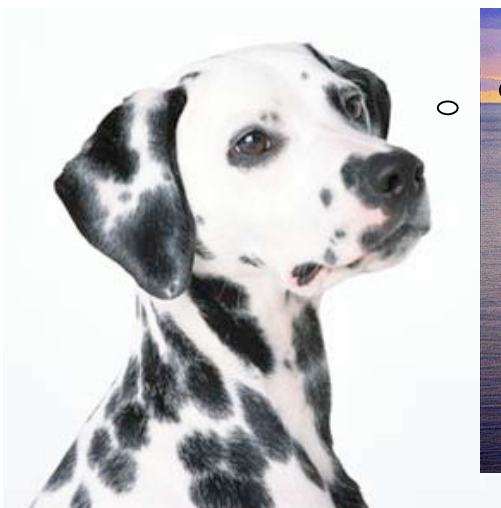
2. Dobre volje svaka duša  
grijeha neka vech ne  
kuša  
Nego hvali, diči Boga,  
Što je posl'o Sinka svoga.

3. Sinka svoga, Boga moga,  
S Ocem, Duhom jednakoga  
Duhom Svetim začetoga  
Od Djevice rođenoga

This month's European country is Croatia! Croatia is famous for its beautiful beaches and historical coast side houses.

Croatia was the first country to begin breeding Dalmatians. The Dalmatian got its name from Croatia's nickname of the "Dalmatian Coast."

People from Croatia are known as Croats (Crow-at). Anthropologists think that the two peoples who first established Croatia were the Dalmatia and the Pannonia.



# Field Day: funfair or unfair?

By Thomas Winkler

**BZZZZZ.** Let's  
compare  
notes!



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Field Day last year was a big success. One thing I really liked was the way they set up a "tribute to video games" booth. They had a lot of awesome games such as *guitar hero* and *super smash bros*. But now they're having us, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders, work in something called the 4<sup>th</sup> grade booth. We don't know what we do there, but I'm thinking it's going to be boring. Hopefully we won't just watch the primary school people and make sure they do it right.

I guess it's only fair for us to work though. I mean, it's only a 20 minute shift anyway. I just hope it's not too boring.

And for all the people out there who have already worked the shift during my primary school years, YOU ROCK.

## Mac iPhone Vs. Windows "iPhone"

By James Darden

The iPhone was the most hyped gadget of the summer. But something emerges from its shadow. The Meizu MiniOne M8. Sadly, until Meizu sells M8 in the US, the M8 is only available from Negri Electronics on January 17, 2008 for \$788.50. It's website for comparison and pictures is [http://www.meizu-minione.info/m8\\_iphone\\_comparison.php](http://www.meizu-minione.info/m8_iphone_comparison.php). Although if you wait until it is available in the US, it will sell for about \$399 for a 16 GB version, the same price as an 8 GB iPhone. (after Apple's price cut).

I personally would wait for the iPhone 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, coming out around February. We can expect much from it, such as:

- 3G High-speed data network
- Available on Sprint, Verizon, and *officially* on T-Mobile
- A video conferencing camera (3G only)
- A non-recessed headphone jack (You need an adapter in iPhone 1<sup>st</sup> generation for most headphones)
- A low price
- An accessible battery
- XM or Sirius satellite radio (might be in 3<sup>rd</sup> generation or above)

Plus, the iPhone already has direct access to iTunes. However, since Windows CE 6.0 runs Windows Media Player 11 as its music player, Microsoft might update it so it can access MTV Urge, Windows Media Player's music provider, if it doesn't already.

## TEACHERS' PETS by Rachel

This week I interviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher. Mrs. Vrooman .

Mrs. Vrooman has a dog named Chester. Chester is a brown wire fox terrier. On rainy days he likes to stare out the window at squirrels. His eyes are hazel, and does not like the water.



Mrs. Vrooman dresses him up for Halloween. His bed is green. He eats Science Diet, and he is very fast!

### *Here she, is...Mrs. Timko*

By Anna Schale

I interviewed Mrs. Timko about a few things.



She loves to teach about maps and globes she's been at Holland Hall for 11 years. She was born In Kansas and grew up in Oldenville, Oklahoma. She went to OSU for college, and she's taught English, Math and Social Studies. Her favorite colors are orange and turquoise. The number one thing that she always wanted to teach is gym class.

by Austin Webb

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# Jokes & Riddles – New and Old

By Andrew H.

A man walks into a bar a falls unconscious. Why did this happen?

**Answer: It was a heavy metal bar.**

If Jack and Jill look exactly the same, were born on the on the same day and are **NOT** twins, then...?

**Answer: They are tow of a set of triplets**

If you have too much of me you're bored and if you have too little of me you rush. What am I?

**Answer: Time**

There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies. What is it?

**Answer: A watermelon**

What animal falls from the clouds.

**Answer: Raindeer**

## **More of the same, only different... by Dakota Christian & Miles Razdan**

What kind of apple is not an apple?

Answer: Pineapple

Where does a car go to swim?

Answer: Carpool



Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: To show the armadillo that it was possible.

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: To get away from Colonel Sanders!

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road twice?

A: Because it was a double-crosser.

Q: Why did the chicken cross the playground?

A: To get to the other slide.

Q: Why did the chicken cross the beach?

A: To get to the other tide.



## **COOL CATS!**

Hi! I'm Abby L. And I have some *crazy cats!*

Beauty, for example, is a hunting cat. He will see a bird and go and go get it. And Milo, he's a fat cat. Oddly, he is allergic to fleas!



Milo and Beauty *hate* each other! To get them where they want to be, I have to kick Milo away, let Beauty in, then convince Milo to go out, and he barely *ever* listens to me! They are both a little weird. And, in our own way, aren't we all a little weird? We're all different, and that's what makes

us all who we are. So try **NEVER** to make fun of people or be mean to people, just because they're different, because that's what makes them, well, *them*, and what makes you, you!



## BELLA the BUNNY

By Faye Bartlett

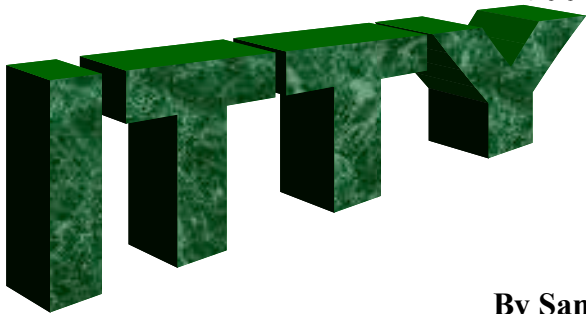
Bella the Bunny is a 4th grade pet. One weekend Bella came home with me. When my daddy put the cage in the car. And we were driving, we heard a big sound. When we got home Bella was shaking all over. We put her in a small room.

# Insider's Guide to Fourth Grade

## By John Zuk and Pete Kelly

1. Never forget your homework, or else!
2. GET ORGANIZED, PEOPLE! I'm talking your Organizer and desk!
3. Respect COACH OWENS OR ELSE!
4. Study for tests, or you will get an F-!
5. Don't save your homework till the last minute, trust me. Pete, the guy helping me write this, did just that. IT WAS BAD!
6. Make sure your friend(s) and you get out to recess quickly or you will get less recess!
7. Be careful with the pets or you will get in trouble.

Good Luck



By Samantha

October 1, 2007 was the day Itty died. The whole fourth grade was talking about it. A lot of people had said that it Itty climbed the cage and fell on its head. Some people had asked MRS. VROOMAN but no one knows about it for sure. BYE, MY LITTLE FURY FRIEND THAT'S GONE!

### IMAGINATION: IS IT GOOD OR BAD?

Hi! Abby L. here! I can NOT think of ANY time when my imagination has failed me. But, I can tell you the GOODS and BADS of imagination.

#### GOODS

Helps with writing  
Helps with art  
Can help with playground fun

#### BADS

People may think you're a little "crazy"  
Friends may not be "friends" in a few years after the year imagination is at it's best  
Soon, you may not have anyone to talk to

So, is imagination good for you? Or bad?



# This I Believe

by Abby Dow

I believe in family. They are the ones who are there for me in times of joy or in times of sorrow. They are there whether I feel like laughing or crying. While sometimes I feel like they are my worst enemies, I know, deep down, that they are truly my best friends.

Last week I returned to Tulsa after living in Mexico for two months on an exchange program. The trip changed my perspective on life for the better, and made me realize how lucky I am. Before the trip, I would spend time alone in my room just to get away from the company of my sisters, parents, or nannies. Rather than making the most of the time I had with them, I would choose to be alone. Before I left, I wasn't worried about getting homesick, figuring that my level of independence was so high, I could easily get along without my parents' help. I was wrong. I didn't realize how much I loved my family until I was hundreds of miles away from them, living in a foreign country, speaking a different language with a strange family and a new school. At first, all I could think about was being at home in my parents' loving arms. I wanted, a million times more than I had ever wanted anything else, to see, or even talk to my family. I would count down the days until our weekly phone call and carry around a family photo everywhere I went. Gradually, I adjusted, and ended up having a wonderful experience, but my homesickness of the first few weeks made me realize just how important my family is to me. Before the exchange, I knew my parents would always be there for me, so I felt no need to seize the moment to be with them. I still know they will always be there for me, but I now realize how important it is not to take them for granted.

A few days after I returned, I heard a quote on television that really caught my attention. A character had been shot in the arm during a robbery, and was unsure if she would be able to make it through. She was able to heal, and while at home a few days later, she said the following to her husband: "When I was lying there, unsure if I was going to live, I wasn't thinking 'Wow! I am really going to miss my job!' I wasn't thinking about how much I would miss my car, my house, or anything else of that nature. I was thinking, 'I am going to miss my family!'" I thought this quote really summed up my thoughts on how family really is the most important thing in life.

A few years ago, my grandfather passed. It was a very hard time for my mother and grandmother. Tears streamed down their faces for days. What got them through, though, was having my father, my sisters, and me there for them. Sometimes they just needed a shoulder to cry on, or a hand to hold during a memorial service. Without their family there, it would have been so much more difficult for them to make it through.

Though we may fight, take each other for granted, or say hateful things about one and other every once in a while, my family is the most important thing in the world to me, and without them, I couldn't make it through the day. I am so lucky to have a family like I do, and because they are there for me, I am able to live life to its fullest. This I believe.

# Dutch



# Buzz

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## What's **Hot** and What's ...

By Madison Graham

## **Not**

<b>Hot</b>	<b>Not</b>
Video games	Barbies
recycling	littering
ipods	CD players
Laptops	Desk top computers
Walking	Running
Homework	Tests
Flats	Super thick heels
Vans	Allstars
Football	Basketball
Pony tails	Hats