

Dutch Buzz



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8 Acres and Before

BY Anna S. &
Rachel W.



The school we know as Holland Hall was established in 1924. The first graduating class from Holland Hall had 4 girls. They were not at 8 Acres yet because school was still being held nearby at the Bole Estate. They boarded girls from other countries there, too. They had a big pool, and our favorite, a large riding stable called the Charleston House and Stables. Eight acres was the old Holland Hall campus. It was at 26th and Birmingham, near Monte Casino School. The campus was actually 23 acres. Mrs. Brown told us that the primary school at 8 acres was split-level.

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Pet Match Up by Rachel W

Frisko

Bella

Vanilla

Cheer

SQUIRT

Madgie

Sugar

Crawler

Mustard

CHARLIE

TACO

Cinnamon

Snicker doodle

Rock star

Salsa (pet rock)

Can you match these pet names with the 4th grader teachers' names?

Mrs. Vrooman

Mrs. Hobbs

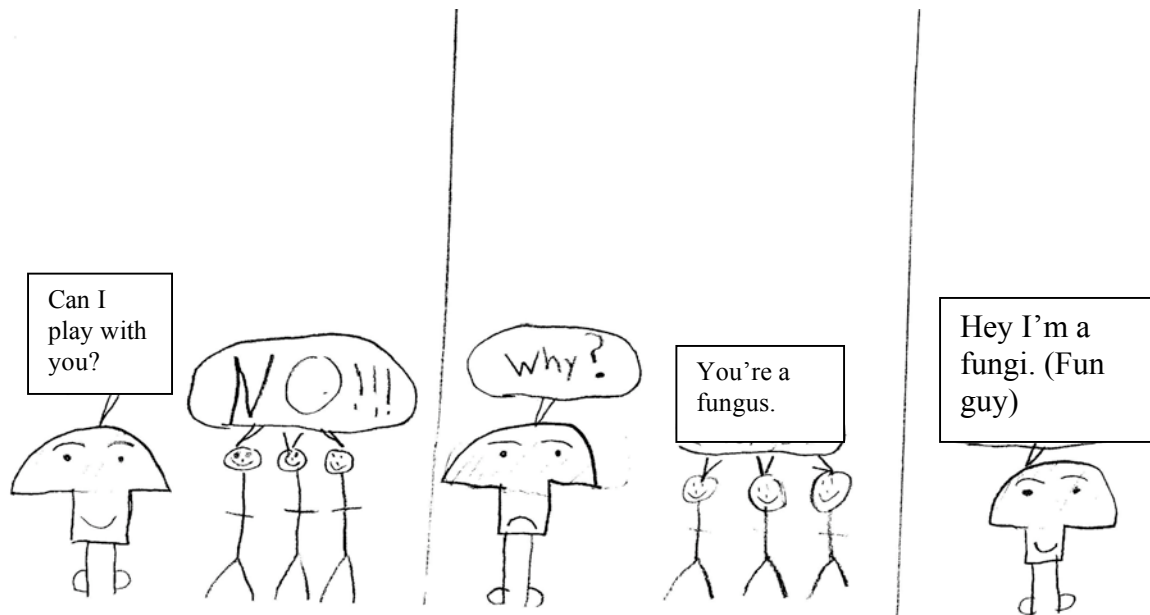
Miss Molloy

Mrs. Cambern



Dutch Chuckles

Comics by Morgan Wagner & KJ Marieshie



KJ's SONG REVIEW

Big Girl's Don't Cry

By Fergie

This song is about a girl, who is sad about her boyfriend leaving her, but she doesn't want to cry, and so her best friend helps her through it. She said that it's "personal" and she doesn't want help. Fergie has been at the top of the charts three times [#1's]. Everyone loves her music because it has "*feeling*." She sings about things people really care about. For example, daily issues, and disappointments.

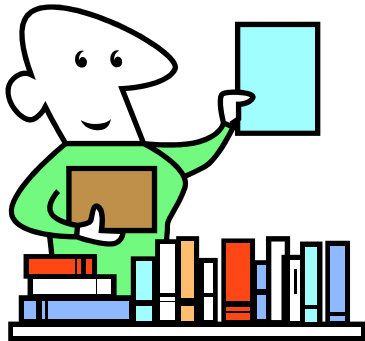
Diary of a Wimpy Kid

A Book Review by Michael Saliba

A cool book that the 4th grade boys think is really cool is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. You might think that sounds like a stupid book, but you might be wrong. It's full of so many funny parts; adults will also think it's funny. It's easy to find at major bookstores.

In the book the main character, a boy, talks about his day, his friends at school, and his mean brother, Roderick, who is so mean that he will do anything to hurt people!

If you like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, you can buy the next book in the series, which is *Roderick Rules*. It's even funnier than the first, but read the first one first, then read the second one. There's a third book called *The Last Straw*, so look for these funny books.



Why Aren't Books Interesting to Most Kids?

by Hope You Read

Books are like movies except with more detail, so why aren't they interesting to most kids? Maybe it's because readers have to do work to actually know what the story is about. But still, why wouldn't it be more interesting for kids to spend time reading?

When you pick up a book, you may want to put it down as soon as you start it. It takes a really good book to get kids into that not-want-to-put-it-down phase. Even though kids should read doesn't mean they want to. It's past Christmas and Hanukah, so now kids are probably loaded with books they received as gifts.

If you're looking for a solution, you don't need a new one. What I mean is just try to see behind reading and sit down to read a good book. Also, if you do like reading, stick with it until you like it more. I am just okay with reading myself. So I am also going to try to be interested in reading for longer periods of time.



Do you want a do over?

by Callie J.

Everyone sometimes wants a do over. I know because I've had experience. The best advice I could give you to avoid the need for a do over, and the only other advice would be to think before you speak. Now I know you don't always remember to. I don't either, but just try. Do overs, as you know, don't really exist. So don't mope around wishing you had a do over. Because you're not going to get one. Get out and have fun instead of wishing for something that won't happen.



Fad of the Month #2

by Morgan Wagner

This month's fad is flats. Everyone is wearing them to school and everywhere else. That is the latest update on trends. Keep watching Dutch Buzz for more.

Fad of the Month Boys Edition

I am starting a new section in Fad of the Month. It is for boys. I started this section because vegetarianism and flats are not very interesting for boys.

Anyway, the fad of the month for boys is World of Warcraft. You must buy a box of CD's at Best Buy or another video game store. Then you must install them, and then you start and make an account, and finally, YOU play. (According to our sources, some of the French exchange students even play.)





Poor Birds! by Madison Graham

“I don’t know why they do it but they do,”
says Mrs. Arnett.



About the birds that ram into the library window all day... According to www.ask.com the female cardinal keeps flying into the window because it sees its reflection and it thinks it is looking at another bird, so it wants to go see the bird, which causes the it to run into the window, until finally it notices that it is just hurting itself.

The tennis ball over the Holland Hall By Michael S., Joshua C. and Dakota C.

A new game has been invented at Holland Hall. On Monday, March 3, 2008 the boys of Dutch Buzz were playing around on a regular Dutch Buzz day but there were no computers. So there were four boys just sitting around looking for something to do. We asked to go outside and have a little fun in the courtyard. While we were playing we found a tennis ball. We had nothing else to play with so we started throwing the ball at each other. Then we got a great idea of two people on one side of the school and two on the other. We’d throw the ball from one side to the other to see if we could make it to the other side and we’d try to catch. It was all fun until we had to leave. We had had so much fun we didn’t want to leave. We asked for one more throw the teacher said it was okay, but the last throw was the worst. As one of my friends got ready to throw with me on the other side, I saw that the ball got stuck in the gutter. We never got it back.



EU Country of the Month

LIVING IN LATVIA

By Austin Webb (whose interests reach far and wide)

Latvia is a fairly unknown country among most of my friends, but my grandpa and cousins lived there for quite some time. They liked the snow at first, but eventually it got old; it was an



everyday winter thing. It wasn't unusual for snow to be a foot high most days!

Latvians call the "euro" the "eiro," which can really irritate some Euro-peans! There is simply no "eu" sound in the Latvian language.

Many of you may have no idea what Latvian life is like or where Latvia is. I've attached a map to give you an idea where it is. My cousins have pictures of themselves under the snow with only their heads sticking out. They drove walked and rode bicycles places depending on the weather. They ate a lot of mashed potatoes, surprisingly. Everything was characterized by an old-timey look.



More Notes From the Dark

By John Zuk

Yes, I have more Notes from the Dark. Although, considering that we have already sprung forward, this might be the last time I write notes from the dark, but that's a good thing. For you fans, I am sorry. Well, a little while ago just before March, my dad and I were playing catch. Pop! The ball hit my glove. My dad told me we had to go in. For some weird reason he gave me the excuse we were running out of daylight. This has happened more than once to me, so I know how to deal with it.

Tip 1: Reject going inside a few times. Try saying, "Dad, I think I need to take the trash to the curb, plus there are some tree limbs in the yard that I have to look at." Trust me, sometimes it works to sound as if you are going to do some good in the dark.



Also, the other night I was playing tennis against my wall. I have an all concrete backyard. Clang! The ball hit my racquet. Then my mom called and said, "John, it's getting dark, come inside." I mean, I like being outside. There aren't very many things to do inside. Why can't they just let me stay in the backyard a little bit longer? Well, this might be the rest of my notes, including some more tips. Please follow my tips. They help a whole lot.

Tip 2: When your parents call you to come inside, hide. Your parents might freak out, but you will get to stay outside longer. I have this dirt side yard, and since my parents don't like to get dirty, it's the best place to hide.

Tip 3: Tell your parents you will come inside when it gets dark. They will forget you, and you will get to stay outside longer.

That's it for now. Hopefully, I will right more notes from the park this spring.



The French Connection

William Wright

- My French correspondent is Paul Fiolet. He likes soccer and Play Station.
- Tips for students who participate on exchanges: Pay attention and listen.
- Something kind your French family did: My own room
- Name a “must” for anyone visiting France: BREAD AND CHEESE!
- **About Paris?** It was smaller than I expected.

David Clayman

- My French correspondent is Pierre-Antoine Doutrelot; he plays W.O.W.
- Tips for future students who participate on exchanges: Eat all the food you get
- A “must” for anyone visiting France: *Les Escargots*
- **About Paris-** what was different? It didn't smell stinky.
- You want to point out that... Tulsa is not like in the movie “Honky Tonk.”



Molly Sokolosky

- My French correspondent is Laure Meyer. She likes Tennis & Violin.
- Tips for students on future exchanges: Be very open with a positive attitude
- Something kind your French family did: Adjusted their diet to fit mine! Very helpful.
- A “must” for anyone visiting France: Bread and cheese! It's a staple in the diet.
- **About Paris-** what was different than what you'd expected? I loved everything.

Mitch “8 Ball” Hill

- My French correspondent is Christophe Lovisi; he likes swimming and ping pong
- About your French family in **Amiens**: They were very nice. They gave me my space until I got comfortable.
- A “must” for anyone visiting France: Definitely Peanut Butter. Bring your own.
- **About Paris-** What seemed different that what you'd expected? It is not the “rock star” place and lifestyle that people expect.
- Finally: Americans and the French aren't that different.

Cindy Saliba

- My French correspondent is Jean- Baptiste, who likes golf, sailing & traveling
- Tips for students on exchanges: keep an open mind, be happy and smile
- My French family made my stay easier by letting me have time to myself.
- A “must” for anyone visiting France: crepes (if you don't try every kind possible you're not living the full experience!)
- Finally, what would you like your French correspondent to understand about life in Tulsa, at Holland Hall, etc? Let them experience something that they don't get to in France b/c it's a waste to spend time doing stuff that you can do at home!

Peter Adelson

- My French correspondent is Nicolas Li, he plays ping pong and guitar very well.
- Tips for students on exchanges: Don't panic...it will be a lot better.
- My French family made my stay easier by giving me medicine for my cough.
- A “must” for anyone visiting France: Crepes (preferably Nutella)
- **About Paris-** I was surprised at many of the sights, they seem to be a lot different than from how you imagine them.
- Finally, what would you like your French correspondent to understand about life in Tulsa, at Holland Hall, etc. There is a lot less walking places, it requires a car to get around. Also Holland Hall is a lot simpler to get around in the La Providence.

Julia Tandy

- My French correspondent is Agathe Debeauvais (pronounced Ahgat)
- She likes to watch rugby, The Simpsons, she loves the USA and swimming.
- Tips you have to offer students who participate on exchanges: Try to forge relationships with students in the other school. If you don't, you'll regret it. Also, make sure that it is in your best interests to get the most out of your exchange. Take risks and speak the language confidently.
- Something that your French family did to make your stay easier in **Amiens**: They changed their routines to accommodate me. For instance, I stayed in my correspondent's bedroom and she slept somewhere else. They tried to make my life as easy as possible. They made sure that I was comfortable in the environment and that I had everything I needed.
- A food or an activity that is a “must” for anyone visiting France: MUST get crepes. I could eat them for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, and snacks. I loved chocolate crepes, and I also had a great crepe at this restaurant in Amiens that had potatoes and cheese and everything possible in it. It's just one of the essentials.



- **About Paris-** what surprised you or seemed different that what you'd expected? I was surprised at how old everything was. All the buildings looked very old. It was practically the exact opposite of how big cities in the US are – it was beautiful but still big. I just loved the feel of it.
- Finally, what would you like your French correspondent to see or understand about your life in Tulsa, at Holland Hall, etc. I hope she sees how incredibly different life is here for us. For instance, in Amiens, the houses are smaller, closer together, and often attached. Over here, most of us have huge yards and huge houses. Over there, they may only have one or two bathrooms for the whole house, but over here, there's pretty much one per room. Also, they walk virtually everywhere, but here, everyone drives. The way the town looks and the way we live are completely different from what they're used to. The school system is very different as well.

Cherish Mason

- French correspondent: Marie Sanson who likes tennis, poker, MANY many more... ;)
- Tips you have to offer students who participate on exchanges: Try everything you can. This experience is to experience, meaning you need to try as many new things as you can.
- A food or an activity that is a "must" for anyone visiting France: NUTELLA CREPES!
- And in Tulsa?: They will have an amazing time at my house with me! I cannot wait to have them experience what I experienced. It was great.

Lauren Sawyer

- French correspondent: Valentine Fournier who enjoys the theatre and movies
- Tips you have to offer students who participate on exchanges: Don't let homesickness get you too down.
- A "must" for anyone visiting France: Doowy snack (like a donut without a hole with chocolate chips in it).
- **About Paris-** what was different than what you'd expected? The subway system.
- Finally: Our lives are different. We are more involved in sports. Also, that we don't walk places often.

Chloe Coman

- French correspondent: Adrien Bellenger, who likes field hockey, video games and speaking Spanish.
- Tips to offer students who participate on exchanges: Focus on all the good parts
- About your French family: I liked going to bed when I was tired; it wasn't like a set bedtime.
- A "must" for anyone visiting France: Go visit Versailles and EAT CREPES.
- And in Tulsa: I want my French correspondent to experience American food and how much we eat.

Austin Benzinger

- French correspondent: Thibaut Dehedin whose hobby is Judo.
- Tips for students who participate on exchanges: Bring a small pillow because it helps for the plane ride.
- Something kind your French family did: They let me figure things out on my own.
- What surprised you about Paris? It was actually a lot dirtier than I thought and it is very scary at night.
- Finally, my life in Tulsa seems a lot less organized than my correspondent's life in France.

Haileigh Burr

- French correspondent: Antoine, who likes to play World of Warcraft
- Tips to offer students who participate on exchanges: Always be optimistic.
- Something kind French family did to make your stay easier in **Amiens**: Let me sleep when I wanted to.
- A "must" for anyone visiting France: Seeing the Eiffel Tower lit up at night.
- What surprised you? The schools and houses were a lot bigger than I expected.
- What's different here in Tulsa? We ride in cars so much.

Molly McDowell

- French correspondent: Juliette Andre, who enjoys the arts.
- Tips for students on exchanges: Bring a French Dictionary! Act out or to draw what you're trying to say.
- Something about your French family: They smiled a lot. They were warm and polite.
- A "must" for France: The Eiffel Tower! Also, walking in the streets of Paris was an experience itself.
- Finally, what would you like your French correspondent to see in Tulsa? Indians do not roam the plains of Oklahoma, and I am not a cowgirl.

Amanda Chastang

- French correspondent: Mathilde, who enjoys music, dancing and shopping.
- Tips you have to offer students who participate on exchanges: Be ready to walk a lot.
- Something kind your French family did: They let me have my own room and bathroom.
- About your life in Tulsa? We're not cowboys and cowgirls who ride horses to school.

Carly Chalmers

- French correspondent: Louise, who likes tennis.
- Tips you have to offer students who participate on exchanges: Be prepared to walk A LOT.
- Something kind your French family did to make your stay easier in **Amiens**: They let me call my parents.
- A "must" for anyone visiting France: NUTELLA AND ORANGINA.
- **About Paris-** what surprised you? The food was pretty modern.





Student Leadership: Can do attitude plus talent!

The can trophy? It's here thanks to the 3,434 pounds of food the Middle School raised for the 23rd Annual Food for Families. We earned 1st place in the combined school category.

Mrs. Timko, proud sponsor of the student leaders, also announced that we raised \$700 for the Student Orphan Sponsorship Program. This will allow us to send two students to school next year or fund one student for two years.



The Death of Pudgie In Fourth Grade

By Morgan Kramer

Pudgie is a fourth grade hamster. One of my friends bought her for Ms. Vrooman's class. On February 21, 2008, Pudgie died. The day before he died, he was shaking and had a hunched back. Everyone gathered around Pudgie in Ms. Vrooman's room during inside recess. They screamed, "PUDGIE'S DYING. SHE'S DYING!" The teachers, Mrs. Hobbs, Miss. Molloy, Mrs. Cambern, Mrs. Vrooman, and Mrs. Basnett had to put Pudgie's cage in Mrs. Basnett's office. He came back to Mrs. Vrooman's room healthy and ready to play again. But the next day, our class found out Pudgie died. Then, Mrs. Molloy's class found out. After that, Mrs. Camern's class found out. Last, but not least, Mrs. Hobbs class found out. So February 21, 2009 is the day Pudgie died. Try to think about PUDGIE.

The Death of the Fourth Grade Hamster Frisko

By Callie J.

The morning of February 19, 2008, a hamster named Frisko passed away in Ms. Vrooman's room. Frisko arrived this summer as a replacement for the (thought to be dead) hamster named Charlie. Frisko was nicknamed Tarzan by some boys. When they stuck a string her cage, she would grab it and swing to the bottom of her cage from the top. Also, she would climb up her cage. We are not certain how Frisko died, but in some hearts she remains. I know she will remain in my heart (because I bought her for the class). How about yours?

City 5,000



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by Lauren Nolan

City 5,000 was created by Chris Bones, Brendan Smith , Grayson Norris , Josh Chung , and Eleazar Tikhomirov. They have made their city 8 pages long, and their goal is 25-30 pages. This floating city is just for boys! They started drawing this city 2-3 weeks ago! Brendan Smith has been working on a military base and an electricity base. If



they get hungry, they can eat at their donut shop. They have spent a lot of recess in this city, or should I say working on the city. Here is a picture of the city with some of the creators.

Google Up Gmail and You'll Have E-mail!

By Joshua Chung

Go to gmail.com and you can e-mail and chat with your buddies. You will have to invite them to chat, first just ask your parents if you can get an e-mail address in gmail.



Second, if your parents say yes, then go to your computer and go to gmail.com. Down at the bottom of gmail, it will say: *Sign up for Gmail!* Click on it, and then you will find yourself looking at name, password, username, and other sorts of options. Sometimes the username is already taken, so you will have to get another username. You can even chat with your friends if they have a Gmail. If you e-mail someone about something, for example: soccer, then there

is a list of things that will say information about soccer and you can click on it. Beside your name, you can type things you want people to know about you. On the top, there is a bar that is just like the bar when you go to google.com. You can type any questions or things you want to know while you are e-mailing or chatting! Gmail is really fun because you can do a lot of other things besides e-mail. If there is an important e-mail that you want to notice then there is a star right next to it. You can click on it and it will file it on

your starred e-mail section. I guarantee you that you will have an awesome time! Find more information at gmail.com. Thanks for reading.

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What's **Hot** and What's ... **Not**

By Tommy Winkler, Dakota Christian, Miles Razdan, And Michael Saliba

Hot	Not
Wii	Gameboy
Homemade waffles	Eggo waffles
Summer	School
Goofing around	Homework
Mario	Luigi
Rock band	Barbie island princess
Mtv	Barny
Flying	Walking
Blue Ray	HD DVD
I pod	Portable DVD players
Joy	Pain
Santa	Easter Bunny
Clean air	Pollution