

# Dutch Buzz

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## From our French Bureau

Clarissa Hoskinson writes:

Hey, everybody! I'm sending out an email to update everyone on the trip! I'm doing great! Nothing drastically bad has happened yet! Ha-ha, I haven't gotten hurt and France is a blast. One thing I really don't like is the fact that school gets out at 6pm here or sometimes at 7pm! It's crazy and the keyboards are completely different that back home! I have actually gotten used to them for the 3 weeks I have been here. Paris was really fun! The view from the Eiffel tower was amazing and it has probably been one of my favorite parts of this trip so far!

Amiens is very cool! I love how small the town is and you can walk anywhere in the city. The people are very nice and since I look American, they help me out when I don't understand something. I have gotten pretty good at French, but of course I'm not fluent! I have grown in my fluency and it's really cool to see the cultural differences from America and here.

Once I get back, I WANT BREAD! Everyone at every single meal has bread. It's really cool and I love France. I hope all of you guys are doing well and ill see you all on Monday if you are coming to the airport!

### Taylor Moul't's Glimpses of France: History, Food, Skating, Travel and more!

"Yesterday I went to Paris for the day. We visited the Arc du Triumph, then we had some Vietnamese food for lunch and we went to Concorde Square."

"I found out that my French father's father was the Prime Minister of Madagascar, but soon after he got elected for office he died in a helicopter crash."

"Yesterday, Friday, was a very fun day. In the morning I went with my American friends to the Cathedral Notre Dame de Amiens, which is the biggest cathedral in the world. The cathedral was built in the early 1100s. At the cathedral we saw the head of John the Baptist. Everyday during school I get to come home for lunch. In France they have 2 hours for lunch. My family is from Madagascar so they make an assortment of Madagascan cuisine. I and the rest of the American exchangers went ice skating. I fell so many times and now from the skates I have a blister the size of a half dollar on my shin."

"Yesterday we went to q town called Arras, France. While we were there we visited WWI battlefields and trenches, then we went to Canada! In northwestern France there is an area of blocked off land where a WWI battle was fought and it belongs to Newfoundland. On our drive there we got lost so we spent three hours exploring the beautiful French countryside."

Dark  
by



Awaking  
Evy Sallinger

The dark is a light  
I wake but don't stop dreaming,  
The light blinds me  
But I don't mind,  
For the light is haven  
From the dark, dark night!

Hand and Flower  
by Kirsten Hoopert

you're a hand i am, a flower.  
you open me up, clear my eyes  
petal, by petal, you set me free.  
we wander off, into the clouds of life,  
you and i Are whole,  
We make eachother up.  
i help you when you, Are sad,  
you are there when i need You.  
you, help me when i, need you!  
you keep my heart, inside your hand,  
And you hold it there,  
every second of your life.



The Trip by Cameron Cooper

The little boy  
Cheerful and happy

Walked to a friend's house  
Briskly with no worries

Saw a big bush  
Full of life and green

And the sun was bright  
Hot and big

His friend  
Tall and skinny

Asked him to stay  
politely

# Poetry Pages

**I Know**

by Evy Sallinger

The light is haven over the dark cold night.  
I see but do not know the light I hold.  
I hold the key but do not know.  
My heart might tell me but though I don't  
listen, I know!  
I feel it arising and my heart beats as I find  
the way...  
Into the world, forbidden to me as the sea.  
I don't find it scary or not- but do see true  
potential....  
The life I once lived is over and I see the  
light as I see you.

Crash

By Cameron Cooper

I heard a loud screech  
Standing in shock-  
As I saw the people coming out-  
They were trembling in fear

The car's metal crushed in between-  
Glass shattered into many pieces-  
A couple of doors had been bent from the hit  
Gasoline and oil spread all over the street-  
It smelled like a thousand rotten eggs  
A crowd started to form the coalition-

Then a small multi colored shoe car pulled  
up  
A bulldozer came- ran over the car-  
There was a guy in a multi colored jester hat  
piloting the bulldozer-  
He was juggling

**The Sea by Evy Sallinger**

**The sea, the sea it calls to me  
The night sky is a copy of the dark water.  
My eyes don't stretch so far to the light of day,  
Only the night holds adventure  
Now I am there!**

In The End

by Arda Bulak



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In the End  
It will be Graceful

People will weep, People will turn away  
 but the end will be Respectful  
 If the End comes too late- They'll say he Lived a full Life  
 If the End comes too early- They'll say what a Shame  
 but is there a right Time for the End  
 So let the End come when it does  
 When it's Not in our hands- Does it matter what they'll Say

### *They Together Fell*

*A small child,  
 Falling falling  
 Away from Heart.*

*He was jumping,  
 But now,  
 Their falling falling  
 Down to earth*

*Unexpectedly  
 His hands, his hands  
 They failed him,  
 they would not jump*

*To his Heart  
 Her Heart  
 They fell*

*Together,  
 the snow  
 the wind  
 the leaves,  
 they fell.*

*Onto the earth  
 They fell.*

*his Heart  
 Her Heart*

*They fell*

*Together , in air*

*They loved*

*Their Hair  
 Felt the sting of the  
 air*

*but Together  
 no Fear  
 They fell.*

*It came near  
 Ominous it was,  
 but Together,  
 They fell*

*It came closer,  
 the snow,*

*the leaves  
 the wind  
 All fell*

*Together in fell  
 they loved  
 they laughed  
 they lived  
 They fell*

*HE  
 jumped*

*THEY Fell  
 no Fear*

*Together*

*They Fell*

*-Max Leo Boudreaux-07*

# Spring time = GS Cookies!

## Teacher's FAVORITES Bites!

By Lily



**Mrs. Danner- Although she has a taste for M.S. office information she also likes Thin Mints**

**Mrs. Carr Lonian- It's that she likes to search through Latin history, she also likes Café cookies.**



**true**

**and**

**but**

**Mrs. Morgan - She is definitely a math wiz, she loves to take a break from crunching numbers; give her some GSA Café cookies.**

**GSA Café cookies.**

**Mrs. Moore - She is great when it comes to knowing about Alexander the Great, but she has something that Alexander didn't have - TREFOILS and SAMOAS!**

**Ms. Dunlap - Watching kids after school is hard work, so she winds down at home with Samoas.**

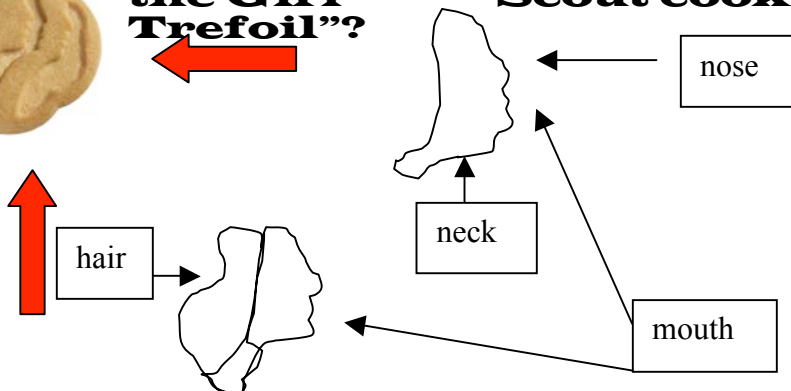
**Mrs. Matthews - Loves math, but also loves Thin Mints: "I could eat a whole box of those."**

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# SWWWwwwweet Profile!



**Have you noticed the two faces on the Girl Scout cookie "Trefoil"?**



# The Spelling Bee

By Morgan Wagner



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I was in the Middle School Spelling Bee this year! I am in fourth grade, so this was my first time. I felt kind of intimidated by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders because they are older and they know more words than I do. I felt better when some of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders missed a word, but there were still many older students in the competition late in the bee. Natalie Charney, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, won the bee. When I got out I was surprisingly not sad! I felt good because I had stayed in the competition for a long time! I thought the Spelling Bee was a lot of fun!

## Things you have learned time you

Collected by Lily



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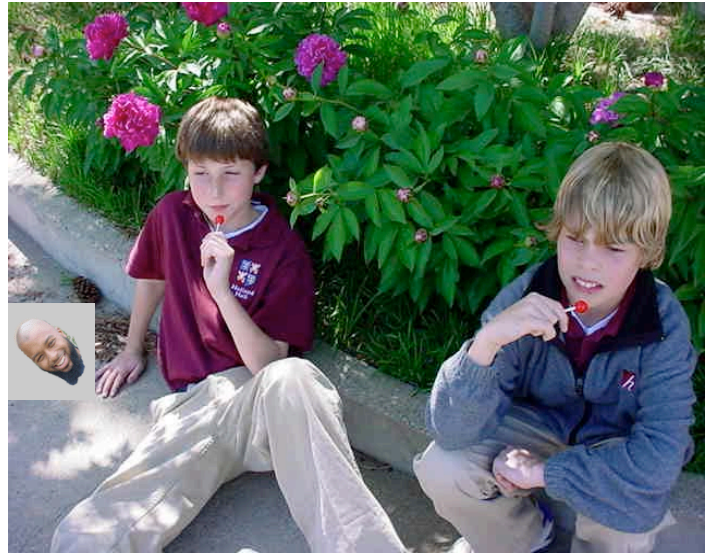
- **Don't stare into the sun.**
- **Swimming in the toilet is not the best idea.**
- **Playing with matches- NOT COOL**
- **When your sibling hits you, don't hit them back because parents always catch the second person.**
- **Pool water? Swim, don't drink!**
- **Underwear before pants!**
- **Dry erase markers *smell* better than they *taste!***
- **Hair + Scissors = TROUBLE**
- **After a full meal it's not the smartest thing to do to see how fast you can spin around in circles.**
- **You can't hide a piece of BROCCOLI in a glass of milk.**
- **Don't where polka-a-dot underwear under white shorts.**
- **Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time.**

- **Never ask a three year old to hold a tomato.**
- **Never sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.**
- **You can never trust a dog to watch your food.**
- **When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let your mom brush your hair!**



# Dum Dum lick off...580 licks later... by John D.

**My friend James and I decided to figure out what no human had the courage (or the patience) to attempt. O.K maybe these attempts aren't that great... but it doesn't hurt to stretch the truth. Now where were we? James and I tried a series of difficult tasks to discover groundbreaking evidence that nobody cares about. Our first amazing feat was counting the licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop. Unfortunately we didn't have a Tootsie Pop... So we got a Dum Dum instead. Here are the results. James who was licking all the way around the pop got 580 licks. I was licking in one spot an got 460 licks. By the way... These Dum Dums are...**



151...152...153...154...155...

## *Mother Goose Gone Quackers* By Michael Frohlich

### An Article On How Warped Mother Goose Can Be

Everyone's heard of Mother Goose, but have you taken some time to think of what the words in the poems really mean? Below I'm going to highlight the words of your favorite mother goose rhymes and below that, I'm going to put what they really mean. And if the text is light grey, look below for more light grey text explaining why it's highlighted.

Are we as clear as mud?  
I thought so.

**1.** Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king's horses and all the king's men; Couldn't put him back together again.

**1B.** Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. (Why Would He Be On A Wall, Anyway?) Humpty Dumpty fell off (Painful, Huh!) And To Top It Off, They Can't Put Him Back Together (If You Look Carefully Above, You Will See That The Horses Tried To Help Put Him Back Together- %#@!?!)

**2.** Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown, and Jill came tumbling after.

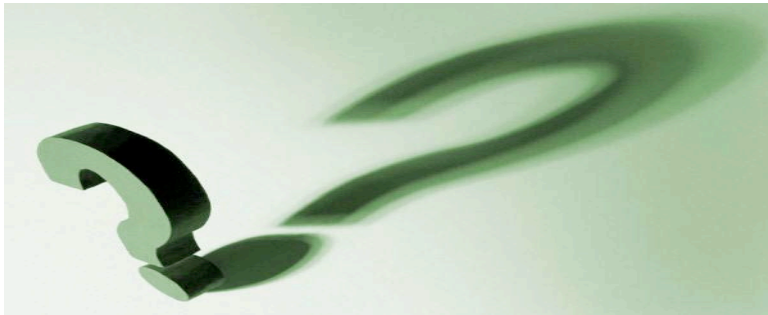
**2B.** Two people went up a hill to get a bucket of water. (Ok, Right?) Jack fell down and broke his crown (Crown?!? What Crown?! Is He A King Or Something. It makes no sense. If he's a king then he would have servants to get the water.) Then Jill Fell, Too? (Nooo! Queen Jill! Come Back!)

Check out the next issue of DutchBuzz to see that spider hanging right over you-know-whose tuffet!

# @ Play

## **Nintendo Wii By James Darden**

**The new Nintendo Wii and Sony Play Station 3 are now both available, but which console is the one to get? Although the Wii doesn't have High Definition, it is still fun. Motion-sensitivity is a great thing to have, and it still has the great games for America's younger gamers. The Wii is also backwards compatible, so it can play Gamecube games, a previous Nintendo gaming system. The Wii can also connect to the Internet, so you can look at the**



**weather forecast, and buy games saved directly to the hard drive in**

**minutes! I personally think the Wii is a great console, so check it out for yourself.**

## **Nintendo Wii vs. Sony PS3**

By Zachary King

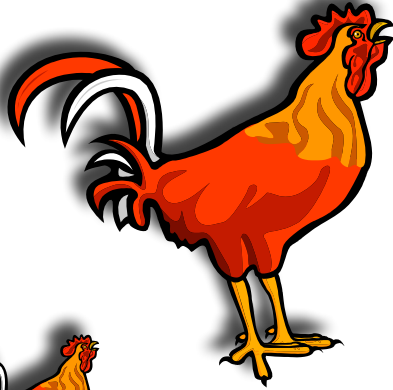
The new Sony Play Station three is now available, but is it worth \$600? Here are facts and reasoning on why you should never have to make this decision again.

Same old graphics? The Play Station three offers HD picture, plus a "chat now" site to talk to friends and communicate when email isn't working. The Play Station three also comes with a Blu-ray DVD player and connection to the Internet. With probably the best graphics, the Play Station three gets two thumbs up. The Play Station three also comes with a DTS (sound system) and Dolby (picture).

## Advice from a Chicken!



That's me!



**Dear Chicken,**

This is 123coolio and your advice about eating beef worked! Now I have more energy during the day than I used to. I'm getting better grades and my teeth are whiter. My mom says I'm moo-ing in my sleep. Thanks!

**Answer:** I'm glad to hear that my "*DON'T EAT CHICKEN!*" campaign helped. Remember don't eat chicken.

**Dear Chicken,**

I have detention and I'm afraid to go. What should I do?

Yours truly,  
Jailbird 123

**Answer:** Trust me, I know how you feel. I used to live in a KFC chicken hut, so I know what the birdhouse is like. Remember, detention happens. It just teaches you not to act out and to pay attention. And don't worry. The dean won't put you in the deep fryer.

Yours,  
Extra Crispy



**Dear Chicken,**

This is my first year to take an ERB. Is there any way to study for them?

ERBAnx-io-tea

**Answer:** No sweat! I took chick-ENS when I was a chick. I agree they're no walk in the chicken coop, but if you listen to the teacher, you'll do fine.



By Austin Webb



# Not-so-famous quotes

By Mike B., Zachary M., Austin W., and James B.

Goats and potatoes go together like... goats and potatoes.  
- Austin W.

When life gives you lemons, make some apple pie.  
- Miller

Life is like a camel; it takes forever to get where you're going,  
and no matter what you do, it spits in your face.  
- James B.

Flammable... we'll have to test that!  
- Mike B.

When life hands you death, and you feel a tear,  
sit down, suck it up, and have a root beer.  
- Miller

Life is like a circle, it has no point.  
- Mike, Miller, and James

Aaaagghhh! A gator's got me arm!  
- Austin

When trouble comes about, run in circles, scream and shout.  
- Webb family motto

20 bucks says you can't eat both of those Sonic cones.  
- Miller family motto



## Guess Where?

by Madison Graham

1. orange juice
2. the keys
3. 27<sup>TH</sup> state



Look for "Dutch Idol" to be featured  
in our next issue of DutchBuzz.



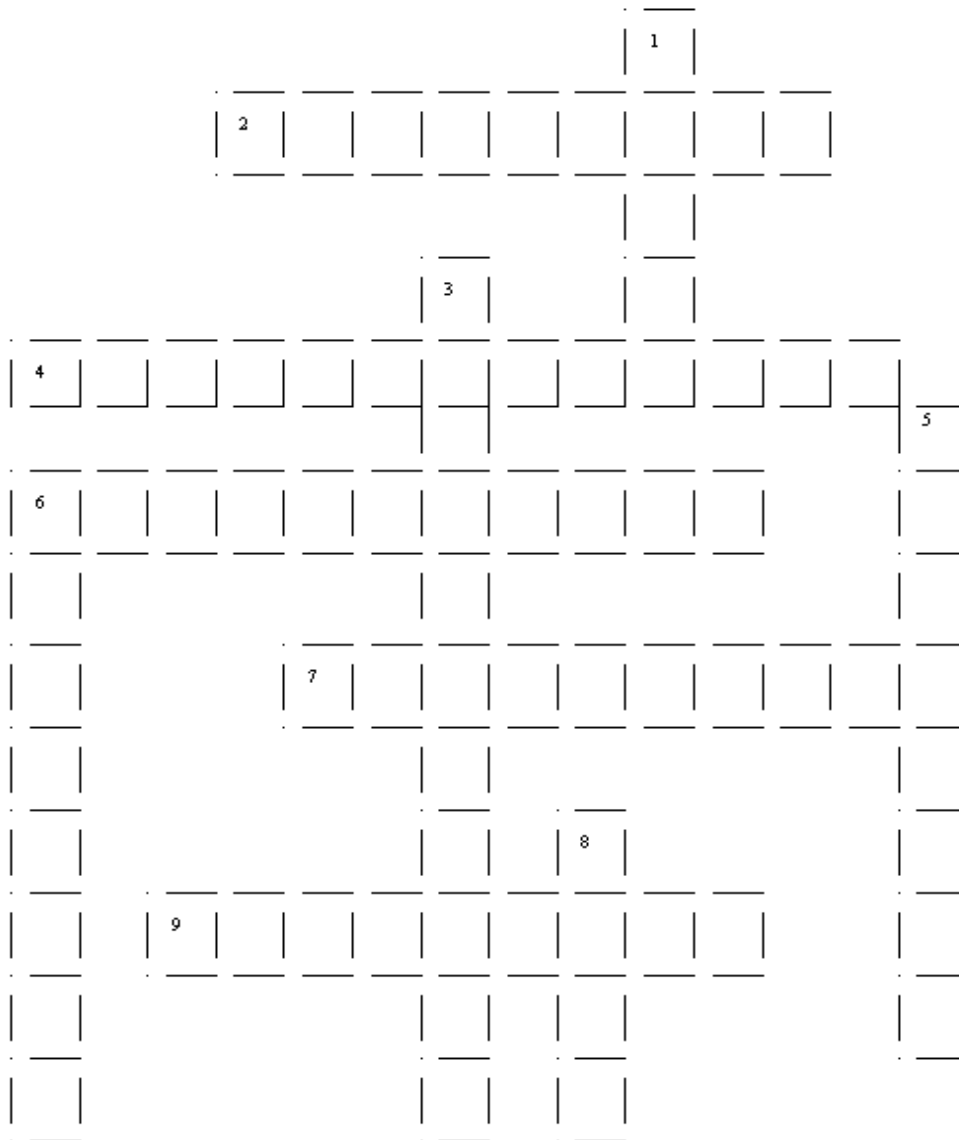
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# Funniest Wordz Crossword

By Michael Frohlich and Grant Bumgarner



## ACROSS

- 2 A buffet meal of various hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, salads, casserole dishes, meats, cheeses, etc.
- 4 The fear of running out of reading material.
- 6 Telling fortune from the rumblings of the stomach.
- 7 An imaginary sock with human like characteristics.
- 9 Having the form of a lark.

## DOWN

- 1 Far-out journalism.
- 3 The sense of ants crawling on your skin.
- 5 A fall on one's rear.
- 6 A warning shouted before throwing water from above.
- 8 A yellow vegetable

# Subzeros

By Mike Barton



Subzeros is a comic strip created by Mike Barton, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Holland Hall. It is about a polar bear named Merv, an arctic fox named Louie, and a narwhal named Bob. It's called Subzeros because they live in the North Pole and they're all sort of losers, or "zeros."



This was my first strip. It's part of a four-strip series.



## Squirrel Soap Opera by Michael Frohlich

### Part 1: Sally Meets Harry

- “Harry, how could you!” screamed Suzy. “How could you go on a diet without my permission! We are OVER! You hear my your pathetic excuse for a mammal, OVER!”
- *Harry was a simple house squirrel. He **HAD** a girlfriend named Suzy. But as you heard above, it didn't quite go so well.*
- The next day, Harry was driving a tricycle out of his private aircraft hanger with his creamcicle hanging out of his back pocket and, going 35 miles per hour. He slammed on the breaks when the Jamaican lizard that was belly-dancing on the sidewalk crossed the road on his skateboard.
- Then the lizard said, “Wooh, dude ... squirrel... thing... whatever. Lizard out” Then he walked off.
- Then Harry stupidly said, “Oh that silly mongoose, those things never know what to say.”
- *Harry has a little problem thinking about things before he says them. Well, better yet, he just plain weird.*
- A few minutes later, Harry approached the chocolate factory. “Turkey!”

Please turn to page 12 for the continued saga.



# Windows Vista: A New View by James Darden



The new Vista is out, and we've got the inside scoop on this new version of Windows. In this article, you will learn briefly about Vista, which version you should choose, and what computer manufactures are good.

For a computer manufacturer, I recommend Alienware and Dell XPS. They are both reliable systems and their prices are competitive.

There are many versions of the software, Vista Business, Vista Premium, Vista Basic, and Vista Ultimate. A student would probably use Premium because it has great productivity tools, entertainment, and the cool new stuff such as Aero (Microsoft's new visual experience and Flip 3D).

Now, you may be saying, "I'm going to get a PC now instead of a Mac," but still. Apple a few new hot spots on their version of OS X, which is now code named "Leopard." Plus, you can install Apple "Boot Camp" to run Windows XP or Parallels to run XP or Vista. I recommend "Boot Camp" when it comes out with a Vista version. Parallels is very good too. A company is coming out with a "Modbook," a touch-panel Macbook, but that will come in a later article. Well, there you have it. Whether you're a Mac or PC person, Vista is a great new view.

## *continuation of the Squirrel Soap Opera*

- *Silly Harry... I hate this job*
  - When he arrived, Willy Wonka came out. "Welcome kids—wait- who in the world are you?"
  - "I'm Harry"
  - "I don't want to know"
  - "Who are you?"
  - "I'm the famous Willy Wonka. Owner of the Wonka chocolate—"
  - "DID YOU SAY CHOCOLATE!!!! CHOCOLATE! CHOCOLATE! CHOCOLATE!"
  - *Then Harry went around screaming "chocolate" until a semi ran him over.*
  - *What will become of Harry? Will he survive? Or will he go to...*
- Find out next time on Squirrel Soap Opera***