

THE OAK



The Los Encinos School Newspaper

"By kids, for kids."

Shade Sale Branches Out

by Sabrina, 4th

Fourth-graders held their annual "Made in the Shade Sale" to support TreePeople and their mission to provide a greener, shadier, and more water-secure environment. The Shade Sale is where fourth-graders make bits and bobs to sell to the students. Over the past month, fourth-graders were tinkering and altering their designs for pins, bookmarks, planted pots, pencil bags, bracelets, postcards, and magnets. All the money they make goes to TreePeople, a business that helps the environment in safe and healthy ways. One of TreePeople's mottos is, "Trees need people. People need trees."

If I could change one thing about the Shade Sale, I would make it longer. I would do that because it would earn more money for TreePeople, and if someone forgot their money on the first day, they could bring it the next. Did you know that the smallest tree is 2.45 inches tall? A really fun job I had was being a floater. I got to encourage people to get different stuff instead of using all the money they brought on one item. Instead of 10 pins, I might suggest 5 pins and a plant, or 8 pins, a juice box, and a snack. I also got to run the photo booth, which was fun, too. I have a joke for you: What is a tree's favorite subject? Geometry! A thing I liked about the Shade Sale would be how many people came. Did you know that we raised \$990? That's enough to buy 1,287 oranges! If you want to know more about the Shade Sale, talk to the fourth-graders or their teachers! 🌱



Letter from the Editor by Zelda, 5th

When I think of Los Encinos, I think of a place where people are accepted no matter who they are. A place where students can be themselves and know that people care about them. I watch the joy on students' faces when they see their classmates and teachers daily. This is all due to our inspiring head of school, Mrs. Reinfeld, and our wonderful assistant head of school, Mr. Beckmann, who encourage us to advocate for ourselves and our ideas. These people make our school a place where an idea can become a reality. That was how *The Oak Newspaper* started, just an idea that turned into something in which the whole school can take part. I am so thrilled we get to bring you another issue as we head into the summer. 🌱



A Day of Activism

by Sienna, 6th

Over the past six months, the 6th grade Class of 2024 has been working on a service learning project. On Friday, May 17th, they hosted a service learning day to share with the school everything they learned, and to spread awareness about important topics affecting our communities. The sixth grade class started by coming up with issues that they want to fix in our world. The topics decided on by the class were mental health, endangered animals,



climate change, pink tax, down syndrome, racial equality, and educational resources. Since the sixth grade class felt passionate about these topics, they got to choose which ones they wanted to be a part of and were put in groups to learn more. They researched, took notes, and found organizations supporting the many causes. After that, they wrote argumentative essays to share their research inside of that topic and explain why it is a serious issue. On



top of making argumentative essays, they also watched and then wrote their very own Ted Talks to perform for the rest of the school. They did this to help spread awareness about these issues and to share how we can help be part of the solution. The groups that did Ted Talks for kindergarten through third grade were topics about Down Syndrome, educational resources, and endangered animals. Those groups then led activities to help organizations they researched. The endangered animal group planted small plants to help attract honey bees, which are endangered; the Down Syndrome group created backdrops for Born to Act for their next play; and the education group asked for gently-used books, and they added handmade bookmarks to donate to

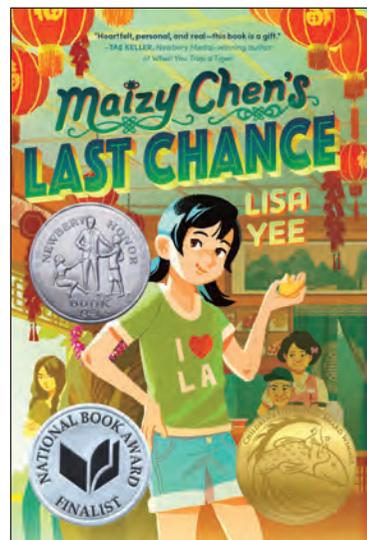


Book Worm Global. The mental health, climate change, racial equality, and pink tax groups presented to fourth and fifth grade, after which the younger students had the opportunity to walk around and ask all the sixth-graders about their topics. The class also got to make posters and a brochure about their topics, which were handed out in their booths following their Ted Talks. It was a very special and meaningful experience for all. 🌱

Book Review by Cameron, 4th

In Fourth Grade, we read *Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee. Some of the main characters in the book are Maizy, a Chinese-American 12-year-old girl; Opa, Maizy's grandpa; and Werner, the German bratwurst owner. The story takes place in Last Chance, Minnesota, which is where Maizy's great-great-grandfather Lucky ended up after running away from San Francisco.

At the beginning of the book, Maizy travels to Minnesota from Los Angeles, but she is not happy to be there; however, in the middle of the story, she adapts to Minnesota because she makes friends, like Logan and Daisy, and gets time with Opa to learn about Lucky. At the end of the story, Maizy faces challenges, like her grandfather passing away.



Two themes in the book are friendship and belonging. We see friendship when Logan helps Maizy with getting signatures for a petition. We see belonging when Maizy gets to Last Chance and sees a home just like hers.

I liked the book a lot because Maizy faces lots of challenges, which makes the story more interesting. I also learned about California's history. I would recommend this book to future 4th-graders because it connects to our Social Studies unit. 🌿

First-Grade Everest Drawings



by Eleanor



by Jack



by Sophie



by Lorna



by Ethan D.

2nd Graders Hungry to Make a Difference

by Saige, 2nd

On Friday, April 19, second grade went on a field trip to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry (NHIFP) where we got to pack food for people in need. We took a bus to the Interfaith Food Pantry after lunch. When we got there, we got to learn about how they help people. Every month, companies and people donate food to the food bank that people pack into bags. The types of food they had were pasta, canned foods like corn and green beans, dry beans, rice, and snacks. They also had packaged chicken and soup. We had to bag these foods in the correct order. Each bag had basically the same things.

After we packed the bags, we went to the second job that was scooping rice into Ziplock bags. The last job was carrying the food from the back to the bagging area to restock the cans.

At the end of the field trip, we could have a snack. Then we got back onto the bus and rode to school. We all had so much fun there. The trip also made us feel extremely grateful for all the food that we have. 🍃



2nd Grade Everests



by Decker



by Mia

Sports

Track & Field by Harper, 5th

Track and Field Day was a super fun and energetic event. There was the long jump where you run up and jump into a sand pit as far as you can. There were also all the relay races and regular races. My all time favorite was the softball throw where you try to get the ball as far as you can. One of the challenging ones was the high jump and you had to jump over the metal bar! Coach Terry and Coach Michael really helped prepare us for the different events and helped with skills and agility. The track and field event was a time where you can exercise, get better at your skills, and cheer on your friends. 🌿



P.E. by Nora, 3rd

In this trimester, all the grades learned about hockey and volleyball. In volleyball, we learned that if you turn your wrist the ball will go to the side of your partner instead of going straight to their hands. In hockey, we learned that you can't use the handle of your stick in professional hockey, but we were allowed to use the handle of the stick because we weren't playing professional hockey. My favorite unit this trimester was hockey because my mom played hockey. Out of all the P.E. units, my favorite is soccer because I play it. 🌿



Celebrating Valerie

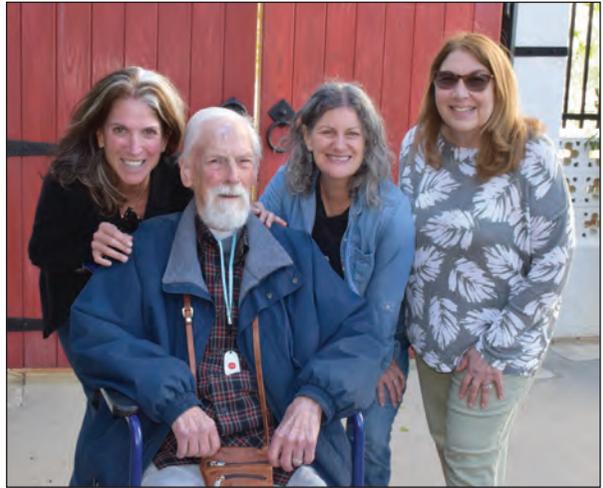
by Zelda, 5th

Valerie Gordon is a wonderful teacher with an incredible legacy at LES, and every student and LES graduate looks up to her. We, as a community, have the honor of celebrating Ms. Valerie as she goes on to the next chapter of her life.

When I think of Ms. Valerie, I think of a kind, loving, and thoughtful teacher. Even though Ms. Valerie is starting her journey to retirement and will no longer be a full-time teacher, she will always be a huge part of our community. What she has taught and the memories she has made will live on forever in the magical world behind the red gates.

Ms. Valerie will be missed by the whole community, but what I believe will be missed the most is the feeling you get when you walk into the art room – the joy you feel when you see all the materials set up and hear her explain the project you are about to begin. The art room will not be the same without Ms. Valerie, but it will always be the place she created – where students feel safe and at home.

On behalf of the entire Los Encinos community, we would like to wish Valerie luck on her retirement journey and we can't wait to see her next year in her new role as artist-in-residence. 🌿



[Above, left to right] Mrs. Reinfeld, Mr. Holabird, Valerie, Jenny. (March 2022)



[Above] Beginning the Empty Bowls Project 2024 with the fourth-graders.



Working in the original art room, which is now Mr. Beckmann's office. (ca. 2000)



With Linda Fuller, the art teacher who preceded Valerie and remained a friend and mentor.



Making cardboard shoes and teaching empathy with the second-graders.

Q&A ...with Mr. J

by Stokely, 4th

Q: How long have you been teaching at LES?

Mr. J: I've been teaching for six years.

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching science?

Mr. J: When the students conduct an experiment.

Q: How many more years might you be teaching for?

Mr. J: I hope to be teaching for a long, long time.

Q: Why do you teach science in the first place?

Mr. J: I teach science because I find it most interesting.



Kindergarten Everest



by Ava

Assembly tomorrow at 8:20am any questions



by Sterling



by Jackson



by Cecily

Virtues & Values

Curiosity (March)

by Chester, K



I was showing curiosity when I asked, "How long is the world?" 🌿

Ed. Note: Earth's circumference (the distance all the way around the equator) is 24,901 miles (40,075 kilometers). Its diameter (the distance from one side to the other through Earth's center) is 7,926 miles (about 12,756 kilometers).

Sense of Humor (May)

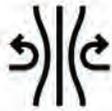
by Teddy, 1st



I have a sense of humor when I tell jokes. Here's one:
How do bees brush their hair? 🌿
(Solution on page 12)

Resilience (April)

by Maddox, 2nd



Resilience means to never give up. It's like effort, but a little different. I will give you an example. Let's say this: Somebody was playing basketball after school and you were losing by 45 points. Continuing to play, even though you're losing, shows resilience. 🌿



Honesty (June)

by Tabitha, 2nd

Honesty is being true to your word. Honesty is when people can rely on you and trust you. You can show honesty by being a reliable person. Being reliable means you can count on and trust someone to do what they say they will do. 🌿



Crossword

"Friday Fun"

by Allie, 4th

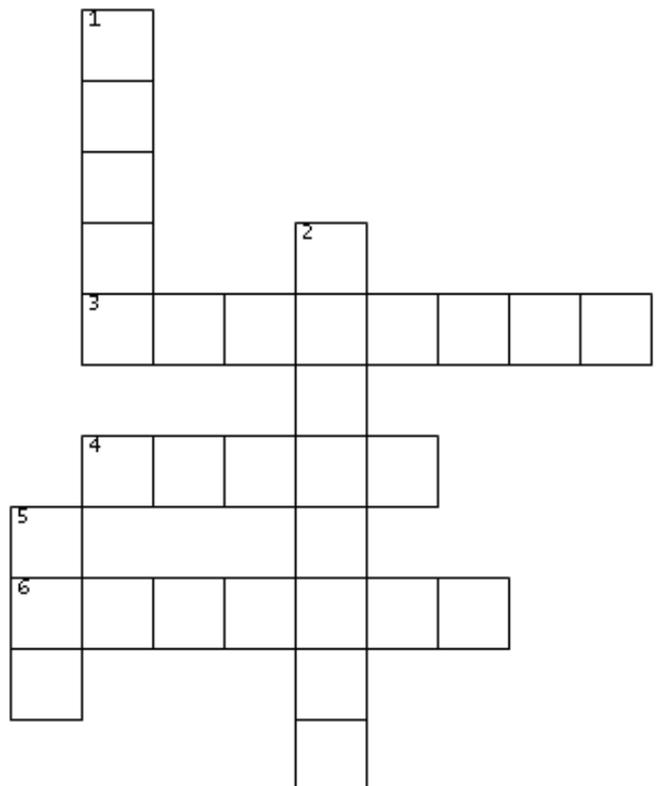
(Solution on page 12)

ACROSS

3. Where do we all go on Friday morning?
4. On Fridays we all enjoy _____ Party Fridays.
6. Who is our mascot?

DOWN

1. What is hot lunch on Fridays?
2. Who teaches you every day?
5. What is the best school ever?



Games & More

Crossword

"Summer Fun"

by Everett, 3rd

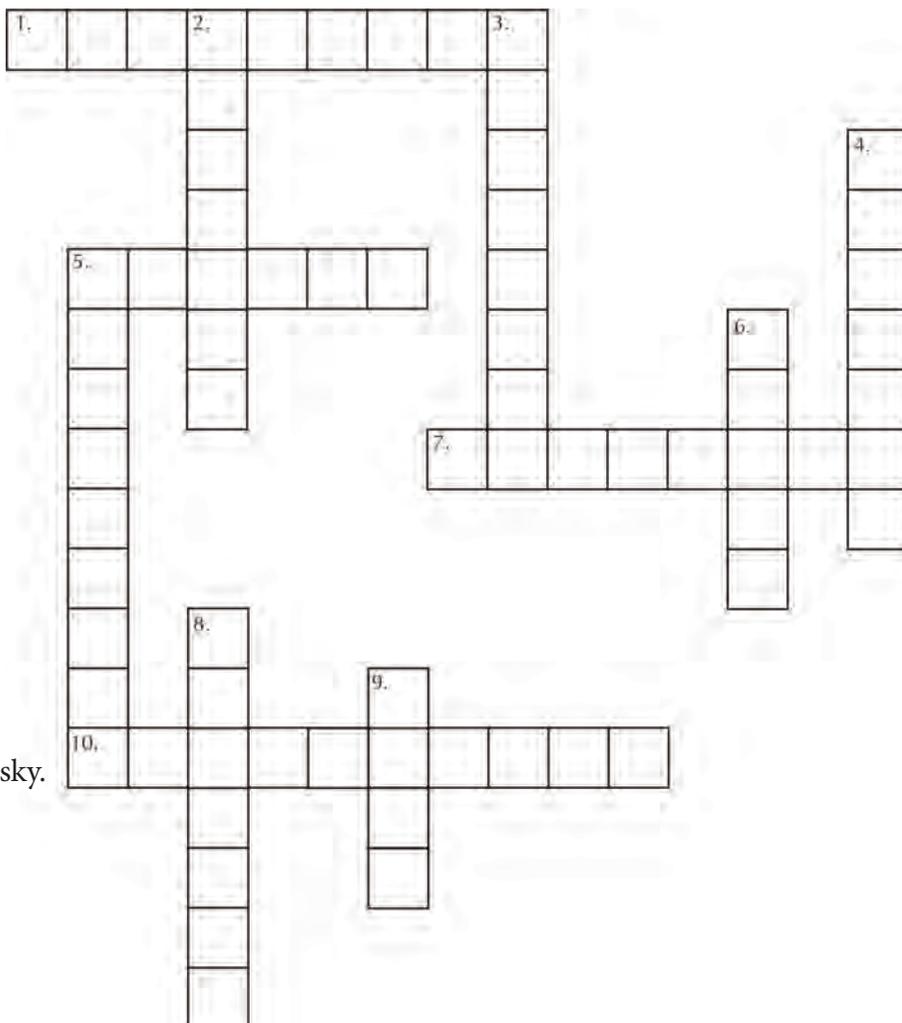
(Solution on page 12)

ACROSS

1. Frozen treats.
5. Everest's favorite day.
7. Sweet & sour drink.
10. Summer eyewear.

DOWN

2. Riding a wave.
3. Rays from brightest star.
4. Pool athlete.
5. Rainbow-colored sparks in sky.
6. Sandy place near water.
8. Summer footwear.
9. Sleepaway or Day.



Just Joking...

(Solutions on page 12)

1. by Cade, 1st

Why are the basketball players always so cold?

2. by Audrey, 1st

Why did the spider want a computer?

3. by Beau, 1st

What kind of pillar can't hold up a building?

4. by Callan, 2nd

What do french fries say when they haven't seen each other in a long time?

5. by Leo, 2nd

Why did the tree fall over?

6. by Roger, Kindergarten

What kind of dog keeps time?



Happy Birthday (April - August) by Felix, 4th



APRIL

Cade
 Emma
 Griffin
 Zoe M.
 Maya S.
 Isaiah
 Chloe J.
 Mia A.
 Ethan d.
 Sophie K.
 Maddie
 Oliver
 Levi
 Alex B.
 Allie
 Olivia F.
 Maya P.
 Henry

MAY

Lawi
 Aliana
 James B.
 Liam
 Julius
 Felix
 Pippa
 Ellie
 Jacob
 Chloe N.
 Aiden O.
 Charlotte
 Grayson H.
 Evie

JUNE

Audra
 Eli B.
 Connor
 Mia Y.
 Dylan W.
 Ben
 Michael
 Campbell
 Stevie
 Lorna
 Wolfie
 Zach
 Caspian
 Miles K.
 Hudson
 Olivia W.

JULY

Holt
 Aubri
 Poppy
 Strummer
 Ava S.
 Lilah
 Shawn
 Clarence
 Luna
 Parker
 Leo
 Zoe
 Nora B.
 Jack P.
 Max M.
 Truman
 Cassius
 Jai
 Eleanor N.
 Chloe P.
 Sophie S.

AUGUST

Maro
 Maren
 Ethan D.
 Teddy S.
 Aiden E.
 Ella W.
 AJ
 Dylan F.
 Saint
 Dylan H.
 Miles E.
 Maya R.
 Decker
 Cooper
 Alex J.
 Roger
 Boz
 Sebi
 Finn



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Happy birthday...



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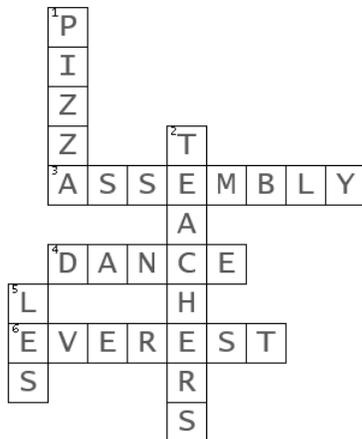


SOLUTIONS **Sense of Humor (May)** (page 8): With a honeycomb!

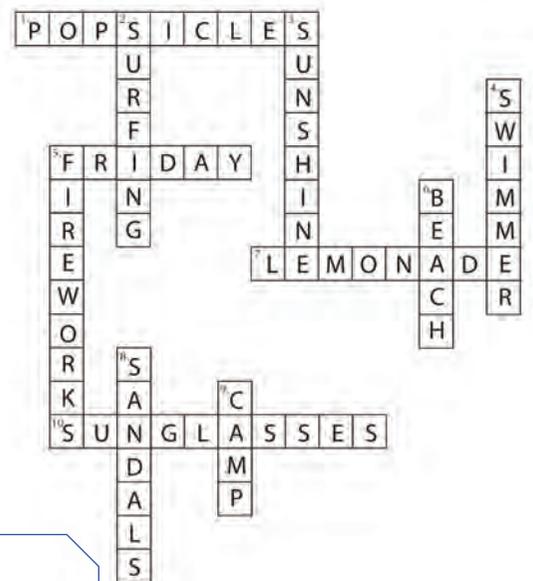
Jokes (page 9):

1. Because they have so many fans!
2. To build a WEB-site!
3. A caterpillar!
4. Let's ketch-up!
5. It was an AXE-ident!
6. A watchdog!

Crossword (page 8):



Crossword (page 9):



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