



Artwork by Axel, Kindergarten

What gets wet while it dries?

[Answer: a towel]

Why didn't the lion eat the clown?

[Answer: Because he tasted funny]

Jokes submitted by Amelia R., 2nd grade

# COMING IN 2021 FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE (THANKS LODEN AND EUNICE)



# LETTER FROM MARLO AND HENRIETTA, 5TH GRADE

Dear Ivanhoe Students,

The two of us were talking about issues in the world.

We noticed a lot of students are stressed out being at home all the time. This magazine is a way to help students out, have fun, and still share topics on our minds.

The Ivanhoe Vogue is a space to share. It's an interactive space to show other students what you are interested in and what you have been up to. Enjoy!

—Marlo E. and Henrietta H.

There will be more issues. So if you are interested in having something included in an upcoming issue please send it to andrew.skomra@lausd.net.



Artwork by Chloe H., 5th Grade

# INTERVIEW WITH 4TH GRADE TEACHER Ms. ZAMORA



How has online school changed how you teach?

It has had its fair share of challenges, especially when my internet goes out and I leave twenty something students on ZOOM to their own accord, but I do love that I get to sleep in. I love to sleep!

What do you do to take care of yourself during the pandemic?

I have a group of friends who are on a group text and we send each texts throughout the week just to check in on each other. Send each other funny pictures or riddles to solve. We also hold ZOOM sessions where we play Kahoot on a variety of topics. The last one was on the history of Los Angeles, I learned a lot about LA. Favorite meal to cook?

As of late, I have really enjoyed making summer rolls. The summer weather makes me want to "cook" cold meals. As much as I enjoy cooking, what I REALLY enjoying doing is chopping ingredients. So around my friends and family I am known as the Chopper. Whether I am the one cooking that day, I am the go to Chopper. I love to see the pieces uniformly cut. I find it to be very zen-like for me.

Favorite Streaming Platform (Netflix, Hulu, etc.)?

I'm going to have to go with Netflix. I just finished binge watching The Queen's Gambit. Not a show for kids, but a very interesting show adults might enjoy.

Is there a subject or topic you'd like teach that is not already taught at Ivanhoe?

I would love to start an Ivanhoe Podcast. I would love to get the upper grade students involved to create and produce the show.

I would also love to start a Robotics club, or an after school book club.

Do you have any pets?

I do have pets. I have two turtles called Mo and Rea, named after the Tahitian island of Mo'orea. I claim my best friend's dog as mine. an almost 2 year old doggie named, Nugget.

Do you have a favorite actor?

I would say that the closest thing to a favorite actor I have would be Meryl Streep. I love how versatile she is. I have enjoyed many of the movies she has starred in.

Favorite holiday?

My favorite holiday has to be Thanksgiving. I love that it is all about family and friends getting together to share a meal and create memories. Favorite candy or snack?

One of my favorite go to snacks is a hostess cupcake, but I enjoy it the most when it is accompanied with an iced cold glass of milk.



Artwork by Auren, 3rd Grade

## **UPDATE FROM 3RD GRADE**

### By Auren

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Let me tell you what's going on in our third grade classes.
I'm in Ms. Ortiz's class.

Ms. Ortiz teaches reading class. Right now, we are reading nonfiction books. We are reading biographies about famous people of our choice.

Mr. To's class is math. We are learning division and multiplication. We are also learning how to group big numbers such as 64, 76, 81, and 65, and we put them into groups and divide them equally. We also sometimes use addition, but not as much now because we are learning different topics.

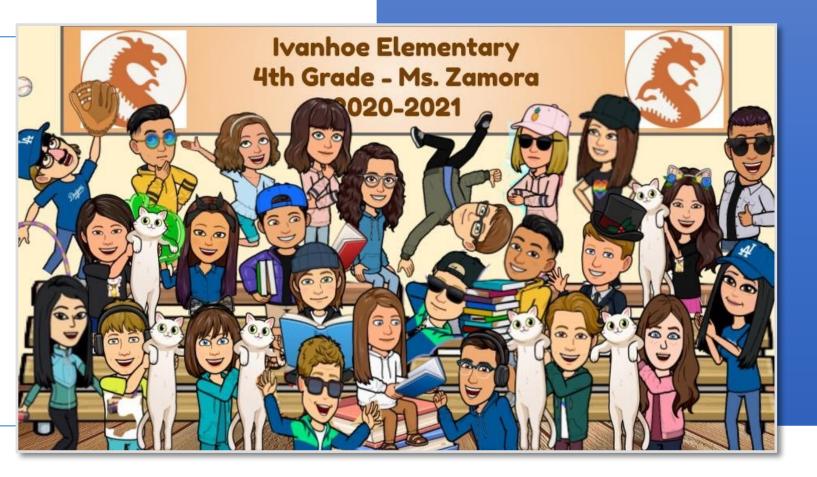
The next class is Mrs. Chan's writing class. We are writing a biography book on a famous person that we chose based on the book we are reading in reading class. It is a chapter book that will be published on the Seesaw Ivanhoe 2021 Blog. Another essay we previously wrote is a personal narrative. We wrote about a particular event in our life that we found special or that we thought others should hear. We put them on the Seesaw Ivanhoe 2021 blog to share with our class.

The next class is science class. It is also taught by Ms. Ortiz. We learned about velocity and how this can make us go down a slide fast or slow depending on the angle you're in. If you are pointing your head down you're more likely to go fast. If you're pointing your head up you will go slower.

Mr. To is the teacher of social studies class. We learned that natural resources are very important to us, humans. We need them so we can build shelter. However, natural resources need to be preserved. In order to get the resources we need to work for them. We cut down trees, mine ores/ stone, and gather food. But that hurts the environment. It is making less room for animals to live. We need to harm the environment less and save it more.

The last class, PE, is taught by the one and only, Coach Tony. We learned how to do many exercises we could never do without him, like burpees or swim kicks. Thank you so much, Coach Tony and all the wonderful teachers our grade has.

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## 4th Grade, Room 14

BY RUDY R. AND MARY T.

What our Morning Homeroom Is Like

Listen to Six Minutes & KidNuz

(Listen to a Podcast)

Gimkit and Kahoot

Which does not Belong

## IF IT WAS A NORMAL YEAR BY RUDY R.

When I started fourth grade in August,

I never saw the Room 14 classroom like you would if it was a normal year.

I only know Room 14 as 27 faces in little boxes.

In the morning some faces have strange virtual backgrounds,

Flying cats,

Aliens from outer space,

Penguins and pika.

Last year was a normal year.

We had a few crayfish and some slugs in our classroom.

So far this year I've seen 3 dogs, 2 cats, 2 bunnies, 4 guinea pigs and 1 tortoise.

I'd never have that in my classroom in a normal year.

Sometimes we get visitors.

Baby brothers and sisters will toddle into view

And parents will come to check on us.

We have 27 times the amount of clocks we would have if it was a normal year.

We also have 27 extra rugs.

The line that weaves to the pencil sharpener is 27 times shorter than it would be

if it was a normal year.

If it was a normal year I would be able to smell my class mates airborne toxic events.

At break time instead of running down the steep ramp to the lower yard

we run for new toys to show our friends or to go and get a snack.

I imagine we're the best class Ms Zamora has ever had.

No one has ever been sent to Ms. Rescia's office.

No one has ever been told off for running in the corridors.

No one has ever left their backpack at home.

Or their lunch for that matter.

I'd never have experienced this if it was a normal year.



#### California State Capitol Building

## 4th Grade, Room 11

By Phoebe A.

## 4th Grade, Room 13

By Lexie S.

Room 13 is having an amazing time on zoom. We play all sorts XS games like Boggle, which you play by putting a picture up on your screen with letters scrambled up. The concept of the game is to find words, kind of like a word search except the letters do not need to connect. We also play games like Charades, Scattergories, and Rebus puzzles that REALLY confuse you. Room 13 is really supportive and in a way it's like having one amazing best friend. So even though things are different, our class is having a great time.

This year the Fourth Graders are going to do lots of stuff but the reason I am writing this is for ONE reason. That reason is to write a story on something we are going to do this year, the Fourth Graders' Sacramento trip. Yes, you are probably thinking that we won't have the Sacramento trip because of COVID, but maybe we can make a few changes. Instead of physically going to Sacramento, we can visually go to Sacramento. What I mean is, we have a couple options, you can go with the simple option and just watch a virtual trip to Sacramento on YouTube, or you can go big! Here's the first idea, you can search up some pictures of Sacramento on the web and take some ideas of what Sacramento looks like.

Then you basically turn your house into your own Sacramento by putting some pictures of Mountains everywhere and put pictures of people fishing and imagine your fishing too! There is so much more stuff you can do to make your house a Sacramento but I will let you figure that stuff out on your own. My next and last idea is Ivanhoe can raise a COVID-safe fundraiser where little at a time people can come and they could help around and clean up Ivanhoe and you can imagine you are in Sacramento and you are doing all these fun activities! Thats all I have to say, but make sure you keep these ideas in mind!

#### STREET STYLE & STREETWEAR

## By Geneviève Rabb

We are going to be learning about a type of fashion called STREET STYLE. The style known as streetwear was created from New York City hip hop culture during the late 70s and early 80s. It became popular in the 90s. Union is said to be the first streetwear, hip hop shop at the time. Union was the only shop of its kind at the time. Through my parents, I had the pleasure of meeting Chris Gibbs, who is from Canada. He was one of the original employees of the NYC shop. Now, he owns Union LA with his wife, Bephie. They even have a location in Tokyo that I had the pleasure of visiting.



Designer Chris Gibbs.



Dapper Dan changed the fashion industry in ways I could not believe. His contribution is the one of the reasons why street style has evolved with luxury brands. It's motivating because he grew up in a time when black people were not given credit by the fashion world. The fact that a Black person helped change the fashion industry is inspiring. He managed to overcome the odds and make something more of himself. He went through so much to get where he

is today. The police raided his store and took everything he had. On top of that, he had several lawsuits against him. High-end brands like Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Dior, Chanel and Balenciaga have been inspired by his looks for decades and only recently have given him credit.



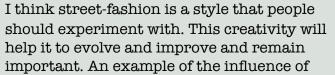
Street Fashion is one of the most trending fashion styles especially because streetwear is incorporated with the origins of New York Hip Hop culture. Thankfully, life has a way of balancing out. Louis Vuitton's director of menswear is a student of street-fashion; he is an African American named Virgil Abloh.

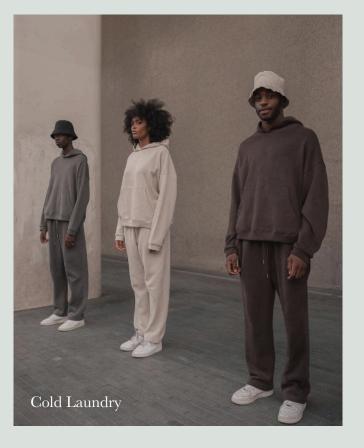
If you are new to streetwear fashion like me, you might be wondering what it looks like. Look on Pinterest for sweatpants. Search Rebellious Fashion, The Kript, Goodgoods and Gen Z Lab. If you want patch work jeans, look at a site called "Fit Inspo," which means "outfit inspiration." If you are looking for baggy pants go to Gstyle.com. (Although none of these sights are sponsoring, I will be a good sport and share.) These are some of the sites I'm going to list.

Now, I would like to talk about my opinion regarding streetwear. I think streetwear is a fashion style that took from multiple, different styles that are popular. I think that the baggy jeans comes from California skate style. If you look at popular 90s movies like

Clueless you will find that one of the main characters is into skating. You're probably like, what does an early 90s movie has to do with streetwear? Well, I'm using one of the main characters from Clueless as a reference. Women's streetwear is not just shorts and oversized shirts like the woman in the photo is wearing. You can switch the shorts for jeans or any type of pants like sweatpants or mens pants because they have a baggy fit. Which is what you're mainly going for, so it gives a baggy fit that you desire. I think that streetwear also takes from other fashion styles that are trending. Street-style does not have a standard dress code. You can add your own touch to it. It is based on individuality. There is no wrong way to dress when is comes to streetfashion. It's kinda like trial and error when it comes to fashion.

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streetwear and the artists that create it can be seen in the collaboration between McDonald's and Travis Scott. The trends that begin in the inner city spread across the world. For me, that is super exciting because it encourages me that I can have a big impact on the world by working hard. As mentioned, Street-style is big in the rap community and a lot artists have turned their personal style into clothing brands. I'm going to list a few people in the rap community that have done this. Beyonce, Kanye West, Jay Z, Rihanna, Pharrell, Playboi Carti, Fabulous, Wiz Khalifa, ASAP Rocky and Lil Wayne, to name a few. Street Style has come a long way and will continue to thrive.

Now, we are going to talk about upcoming brands like Unknown, MKI, Hoodlab, Pleasures, Gramms and Olive. Also, there's Minustwo and can't forget Bankside, Origin, TWS, Agora, Cold Wash, 90z Back, Stussy, Anti Social Club, Billionaire Boys Club (BBC) and Sukami. These are all up-and-coming streetwear brands that are mostly popular in the UK, except for Pleasures and BBC, which are based in the U.S. Hopefully, next time I write an article I'll have even more to talk about.

## 5TH GRADE, ROOM 12

By Lauren M.

The Ivanhoe 5th grade may be a little different this year but that hasn't stopped us from having an amazing year! Wait till you hear about all the creative and interesting things currently happening right now in 5th grade.

We are making our own podcasts about spectacular books we've been reading in our book clubs. We also have a very cool science class where we're learning about some incredible star scientists like Stephen Hawking, Mae Jemison, and many more interesting people.

We are finishing up a writing project to persuade our teacher to donate money to 3 different organizations during this holiday season!

We have a music class where we have learned how to use Garage Band to make music and record our own voices.

We have a PE class that gets us awake and ready for the school day and really works us out!

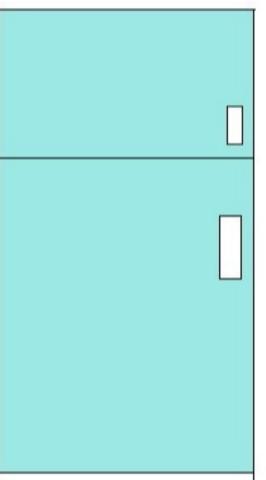
And last but not least we have the BEST 5th grade teachers you could ever imagine! They make class fun, interesting, unique, and in general a class that everyone loves! Thank you for reading what 5th grade is like this year and have an awesome winter break!

## 5TH GRADE, ROOM 10

By Phoebe C.

5th grade has been working on a lot of group projects this year.

In Math we are doing modules 3 and 4 in our books and have been taking tests currently. We are learning how to add and subtract fractions. After we finished modules 1 and 2, Mrs. Demirdjian, our math teacher, let us tear up our math textbooks!



write about a problem or issue that needs to be changed. Mr. Skomra, our writing teacher will choose 1 or 2 essays that he is persuaded by and will donate 100 dollars to each in our name.

Around Halloween we wrote short stories about pumpkins.

In Writing we are working on a project where we

In Reading, we finished 2 books called *I can Make this Promise* and *Efrén Divided*. Both were very good books, and after we read a little we talked about it with Mr. Skomra, our Reading teacher. We just finished our book clubs and we are now in the same groups working on making a podcast about the book we read. We do many reading reflections and tweets for homework.

Science Class is also an opportunity to work on projects together. Mrs. Palmer, our science teacher, put us into groups and assigned as an Astronaut or scientist. We did research about that person and made a presentation. For homework sometimes we go out and look at the night sky.

Working on group projects gives us more time to work and see our friends that we are not able to really see in person.

Artwork by Marlo, 5th grade

### LEOPARD GECKOS

## By Shaun, 5th Grade

Leopard geckos may seem scary but they are more nice than you could ever imagine. They are cute little reptiles that will make you say awwww.

Leopard geckos come in many colors and each gecko has a unique personality and it does not take hard work to take care of them.

Leopard geckos only require to be fed three times a week and also setting up their enclosure is not hard at all. All you need is a heat pad, two hiding places, a reptile carpet and a shallow water bowl and food bowl.



Also leopard geckos only need to have their reptile carpet cleaned once a week or twice a week. When you feed leopard geckos you need to sprinkle calcium on their food and sprinkle multi-vitamin about once a week on their food. Please note that the the leopard gecko eats live mealworms. Most mealworms are very cheap so you do not need to worry about the price of them.

If you feed your gecko three times a week you will want to put the calcium two times a week and the multi-vitamin once a week. You should also get a third bowl that you can fill with calcium and the lizard will walk over to it if it feels like it is not having enough calcium. Also a juvenile (young) leopard gecko can last ten to fourteen days without food and baby leopard geckos can only go for a week or so without food and that is also a long time. Leopard geckos can go so long without eating because they only eat three times a week and they could go without water for two days. If I get a leopard gecko, when I go to Big Bear I will leave the leopard gecko with enough water to live over the weekend and it will survive.

Now you know all about these amazing creatures. Leopard geckos are the nicest reptiles that you will grow to be friends with.

## ANIMAL OF THE WEEK

## By Wyatt, 5th Grade



Galapagos sharks are a very fascinating species of animal. They live in the Galapagos islands. But sometimes they migrate to Baja California, Hawaii, and Australia. They weigh around 100 pounds. And they are 9 feet long. Their diet includes crustaceans, mollusks, and fishes. They sometimes eat marine reptiles, seals or trash. Galapagos sharks are apex predators of the Galapagos waters. They can't swim in fresh water, only sea.

Tessa, a 3rd Grader in Ms. Ortiz's class, recently gave a presentation about the Rainbow Club she is starting at Ivanhoe.

It is a group that any student can join.

#### This was Tessa's presentation:

Hi. My name is Tessa. I am going to talk about the LGBTQ+ community and a new club called the Rainbow Club/GSA which stands for Gay Straight Alliance. You are probably wondering what does LGBTQ+ mean? Well, I'll tell you. LGBTQ+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer. And the Plus stands for other things like Asexual or Pansexual. But I am not just going to bore you with all the logistics. I am going to tell you about some stuff.

Like first of all, the LGBTQ community is not just working for that community. They are also working with BLM, aka Black Lives Matter, which is a movement to give people of color more rights and equal justice. So for that we are changing the usual gay rainbow pride flag to a flag that has a triangle cutting into it, which has black and brown to symbolize the Black and Brown communities.

Also, have you ever heard of Marsha P. Johnson or Sylvia Rivera? I will tell you about them. They were part of a big history in the LGBTQ community. They were both LGBTQ+ activists during the Stonewall Riots. Oh and for your information, Stonewall was a riot where the LGBTQ community stood up for its rights for the first time and began the path to equality.

I want to ask you about your opinions on the Rainbow club/GSA. For example, what do you want to do in this club? Do you want to learn about LGBTQ history? Or just talk in general? Do you want to share anything, like your own stories? It's really whatever you want it to be.

And you don't have to be LGBTQ yourself to join. You can be an ally for a gay friend or a gay family member you might have too. Either way, we are welcoming everyone into the Rainbow club! If you have any questions, just raise your hands after I'm through speaking, and you can ask Mr. Skomra or me. Thank you for listening, and I hope you consider joining!



Activists Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson

#### TESSA, 3RD GRADE, INTERVIEWED BY HENRIETTA

What inspired you to do the rainbow club?

First, because I am Bi. My sister has a GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) at her school and I thought, Why not start one in Ivanhoe?

Why do you think the Rainbow Club is a good club?

There are a lot a LGBTQ kids in Ivanhoe. I want [those kids] to feel comfortable in Ivanhoe like the other kids.

If you could give one piece of advice to the readers what would it be?:

No matter how many people make fun of you, do what you want and reach for the stars.

If you could say one thing to people that are getting bullied for their sexuality what would it be?-

Stand up for yourself. If you are too scared, tell a friend or a grown-up.

Do you think the Rainbow Club will be successful?

Yes I do.

Do you think other schools should have a Rainbow Club? Why?

There are a lot of [members in the [LGBTQ+] community in L.A. and in the world. I think all schools should have one because they should be proud.

Have you ever been bullied for who you are?

No

Do you have to be part of the LGBTQ+ community to join?

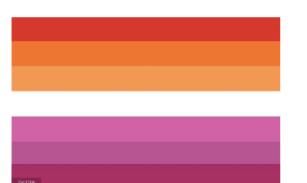
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#### LGBTQ FLAGS AND THEIR MEANINGS.

The famous rainbow flag represents gay pride. Here are other flags recognized among the LGBTQ+ community.



Rainbow Flag



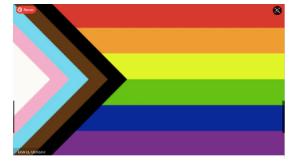
Lesbian Flag



Bisexual Flag



Transgender Flag



**Progress Flag** 

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# CONVERSATION WITH BETWEEN HENRIETTA AND STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDRÉS AND VICE PRESIDENT LODEN

Why did you want to participate in Ivanhoe's student council?

Andrés: I want to include everyone so they can be part of what the school does. To unite, to bring everyone together. Having lots of different minds to work together so we can create one idea. I wanted to make feel better because we're all going through hard things.

Loden: I wanted to make sure everyone at the school has a voice, felt that they could just say an idea and have it happen or hopefully happen.

Andrés: The main thing I wanted to do was bring the school together when we're physically apart. We have zoom so often, and i wanted to bring us together so we could all collaborate. We're all really apart, and I know it's hard for everyone. But we're one school and we should stay that way. If one person rejects your ideas, that doesn't mean their bad. They're your ideas and that's what makes them good.

Loden: I want to make sure [everyone] has a voice and they can use it because, usually, people aren't able to use their voice because the student council meetings are just for student council officers and reps. People at Ivanhoe need to have a voice. That's what I'm trying to accomplish.

Andrés: I'd want to make everyone feel like it's back to normal. When ever I look at a picture of people together before the pandemic, it sounds weird to me because no one's wearing masks.



Student Council Logo by Nahla, 5th Grade

Andrés: I think [mask rules] are good rules because it's not like they're trying to be super strict, they're trying to keep us safe or so the school's not chaotic. This online transition is a hard one. You still need to learn, though. The school is trying to keep you safe. I definitely [want to come back] because I'm missing all my classmates. Even if we had masks on, it would still at least feel like something is back to normal. I know some kids say you get to be at home or play video games after school, yeah, I appreciate those things, but I think we all are really happy when we could run around and play games.

Loden: I would be happy to go back to in-person school. In zoom school, we've learned about things that we wouldn't in normal school. I don't have a total opinion about going back to school.

Andrés: Well, I think it affected everyone, and the fact that we're online all the time. Even if it feels like sometimes you're really talking to them, you can't really see them: go to each other's house and hang out. I think it affected us in a bad way, but it wasn't all bad. They are somethings we can improvise when we come back to school in person. At school, I didn't get to spend as much time with family, but I get to know my family more then I thought I knew them. Our relationship gets stronger. Who knows how long this will be for?

Loden: I think school life, going into zoom school, it was hard for everyone at first. We've gotten used to it. But in personal life, it affected me in a good way, because now I can text and call my friends.

What would you do if you saw students fighting?

Andrés: If it was fist-fighting, then yeah, I'd tell an adult to come. I'd try to separate them. It's happened to me, when I see my friends fist-fighting. I'd separate them so they could calm down. If they were fighting with words, I'd want the other person to understand the other side of the argument. I've seen two people fight or argue, I realized, well, both of these things make sense. But sometimes when you're in the argument you don't understand the other person because you're just focusing on you being right. If you do try and understand, you won't be having an argument anymore.

Loden: I'd either run the other way or tell someone else to stop it.

Andrés: If you have a past trauma, I understand, but cyberbullying isn't going to help it. Tell an adult and try to fix the problem. If you are the person who is the person who is the cyberbully, stop it, because there's no reason.

I know a lot of times it's really hard to talk to an adult about cyberbullying. You feel like you'd be embarrassed. Parents aren't always very understanding. It may not be easy. But, that's when it comes to you. If you don't do it yourself, then it's never going to end. You gotta let them know. You gotta do something. If that's not your first step, then you gotta stand up to the person.

Andrés: I feel that I don't think there should be violent protest. I think you need to stand up peacefully. The discrimination of black people and

other people of color has been here for so long. It's a horrible issue. So many black people have died because of police brutality, and we need to stand up. We shouldn't just stop now. It's important to stand up. So We shouldn't just stop now. It's important to stand up. I would definitely protest.

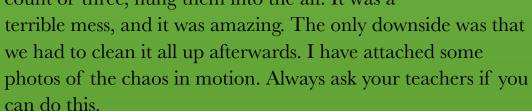
I know Tessa started this project. I am so happy about that. Everyone should be treated equally. Let's go LGBTQ! Everyone is equal, no matter your skin color or background! I think that more people should be aware that this is happening so we have the chance to do something about it. To not feel ashamed. It doesn't mean you should be bullied, you should be treated equally with respect.

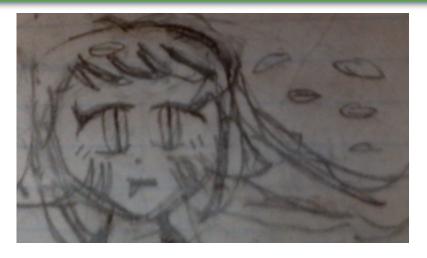


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## DELILAH, 7TH GRADER FORMER IVANHOE STUDENT

I have lots of fond memories of Ivanhoe, and most of them are completely and truly hilarious. But one memory truly is memorable, one that stands above the rest. In fifth grade, in the middle of our performances in the winter holiday concert, we had a math class. We had finished the current math book, just in time for winter break, so our teacher at the time, Ms. Demirdijan, let us do anything we wanted with them. So after getting permission, our entire class tore out all of the pages from the math books. We threw them on the floor, gathered up as many papers as we could in our arms, and on the count of three, flung them into the air. It was a





Artwork by Oceane, 5th Grade

So fun in hard times and not

Certainly take me there

 $\mathbf{H}$ elping is key here

Oh my gosh another day there

Only here for a year

Lonely if you don't go

By Maximus, 3rd Grade

# OLIVE, 7TH GRADER FORMER IVANHOE STUDENT

I remember one time in fourth grade when Mr. Skomra had read us A Wrinkle in Time. After we had finished reading it, Mr. Skomra and some of the parents (I think) organized to have as many people in our class go to the Americana movie theatre to watch the new Wrinkle in Time movie. My friend Ruby and I had gone to the Americana together and were super excited to watch the movie. We had gotten out of the car with my sister and dad, while my mom tried to find parking. It was fine, we were just waiting for my mom so we could cross the street when all of a sudden we were being shoved into the Shake Shack behind us. There had been an attempted robbery across the street. I don't quite remember all the details, but I remember being super scared and confused because I had no idea what was going on. Finally we were let out and reunited with my mom, and we got to go watch A Wrinkle In Time.



Artwork by Freya, 2nd Grade