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## *On the cover:*

“My favorite part about Train Town is when we were working on our houses and it was fun to decorate them 'cause you could make whatever you wanted and even make a big house out of three like me, Yongyi and Ada. We made a backyard with a pool and a llama! The llama is owned by Ada 'cause she wanted it. And its name is Llama! I know it's weird but Ada named it that and it's genderless and I made it.”

*Veronica*

“My favorite part of making the house is cutting the cardboard because I get to use the cutting thing.”

*Yongyi*

Alan Ball, *adviser*

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# Making after school better

The question: How would you make after school better? The writers on this magazine had some interesting opinions.

Several students wrote that a good thing would be if you got a free phone. Charlotte suggested an arcade, magic show, paper airplanes allowed, and No Whining!

Justin wrote, “By bringing in Mr. Fun! And buy me all the Pokèmon cards.”

Raiden wrote in agreement, “By bringing in Mr. Fun!!!! And if you bought me an iPhone.”

We’re not sure who Mr. Fun is, hut he sounds like...fun.

Larissa expressed a very serious point of view, suggesting that after school was fine as it is. “I feel that after school is happy and fun because you get to have fun and learn.”

Christina wrote:

I would make after school better by...

- Write rules on a big paper and put it on the wall/door so everyone will follow it.
- Have every student try each class then they will choose which one they like.
- Put art works around the walls to make it more decorative.
- Tell student council your ideas.

Readers, if you have a good idea for making after school even better, please write it and give it to Ms. Lisa, and we will put it in this magazine. Hope we get a lot!

## **Knit this sew that**

by Ada

This afterschool program is made by Ms. Pellegrino. She knows a lot of things, for example, she knows how to sew and knit a scarf and **EVEN MORE!** She loves to make creative unknown artwork but you know what she loves the most? She loves to help people sew so that means she is kind. If you wonder if she can make an artwork like Starry Night maybe there's a 100% chance she can. She can also draw something that someone imagines. If you wanna draw like Ms. Pellegrino there's only one step you need to do and that is you need to believe in yourself.

## **Designing a playground**

by Aliana

“Designing A Playground” is fun but it is very challenging, because you have to meet the needs of every different type of children in the town.

The person who runs the club is Ms. Deb. I think Ms. Deb is a good organizer and keeps everyone focused. Someone from my club said, “What I like about it is I get to design a playground and it is fun.”

## **Mercy ball**

by Charlotte and Noah

Mercy ball is the best sport in the school! In afterschool, at 5:00 pm, we have tons and tons of people play. We can't wait to play and sometimes we nag our teachers in clubs and homework time to make sure we are going. We try to get them to let us go before 5 pm but they never allow us. One of the only punishments to help us behave is being

told we may not get to play mercy ball. We have a tournament and all sorts of stuff. We get out, throw the ball, and get hit. It is really fun and we all love it.

## **Student Council**

The A-Z Student Council meets as a club on Wednesday afternoons. Ms. Tracey is the teacher. It is made up of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who serve as officers and class representatives. The council comes up ways to make A - Z better for all the students and its work and projects are to help the community, school and the afterschool program.

Early in the year the candidates for officers campaign and make speeches. Then the kids in A - Z vote. Hamza was elected president, Edward was voted in as vice president, Bo became secretary, Leen is treasurer and Makenzie is public relations director.

### **Student council campaign speeches**

#### **PRESIDENT**

##### **Christopher**

Hello, everyone, my name is Chris. I'm in the fifth grade. I will be running for president. Last year I ran for fourth grade representative. I wasn't here and I still got elected. I would be a good president because I get all A's in every subject. I am also a very good team leader. I can be a good role model. I play many sports. I play baseball, basketball, football and lacrosse. That means I'm a team player. I am a good listener. Last year the whole student council came up with awesome ideas. I am going to try (if I get elected) to get more gym and stuff like that. Please vote for me. Thank you and **MAKE A-Z PROGRAM GREAT AGAIN!**

## **Henry**

Hello A to Z student council. I'm here to tell you to vote for me. Now I'm done. Just kidding. You think that's it? There's more. The reason you should vote for me is because for instance the gym is full with ladies' basketball. I could make up ideas for what to do if you vote for me. If you think froggy Friday is a good idea vote for me. I can make fun activities and buy new games for A to Z with fundraisers. At the end of the session 3 I could plan a big party for A to Z. Remember froggy Friday is on the line here. Vote Henry 2017-2018 at least.

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

### **David**

Hello A to Z...my name is David and I am in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. I am attempting to be vice president. I guess you need to know a little more about me. Well... My favorite color is blue, and my favorite hobby is making comics. I'm fairly friendly and fairly creative. My favorite book is *The Name Of This Book Is Secret*. If you look at my poster it has cookies. No, my favorite snack is sadly not cookies. My favorite snack is chips. Oh well I think I will end the topic there. To kill time I will tell you why you should vote for me. If you vote for me I would be shocked in a good way. Well, I can't tell you anything else since you already know almost everything about me. So I'll finish this speech by saying goodbye. Goodbye.

Hi, guys, I'm **Edward**. I'm running for vice president. There's some positivity and negativity each day. I want to put smiles on your face by going to the gym and having free time. I will work by my fellow student council members and try to make after school a better place by doing fun things.

Even if I lose I will still be in student council and I hope a good vice president will be voted. I think a lot so hope to share my ideas with you and I will keep thinking of ideas until one of them is good and we will keep sending ideas to Ms. Lisa until one of them is successful. Again my name is Edward. Have a nice day.

#### Vote 4 **Katelynn**

Hello there students grade 1-5 from A to Z afterschool program! My name is Katelynn. Before you even vote for me I'll let you know me more. So I like the color blue and I like to play games and I even watch YouTube! Anywho I'm running for vice president and I'm hoping for many votes. I know I'm not experienced and I'm going big. But it's my dream and I forgot to say that I'm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade! Now I'm going to say the reasons why you should vote for me. First of all I'm kind, helpful and should get along with other people (not to brag), second of all good grades may pop up on my report card and my mom and family will be proud of me if I'm vice president in student council!! Oh, speaking of student council I'm in student council trying to become vice president! So vote for the best person in the world, Katelynn, for vice president! (Still I'm not trying to brag.)

#### **SECRETARY**

In case you haven't noticed, I love wearing shorts. Hello, my name is **Bo**. I am running for secretary. Last year when I was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade I was the secretary. I was very good at it so I have experience. I will fight for you and one of my goals is to make a designated place for water bottle flipping and fidget spinning and sports. I am an all-A's student and a good listener. Let's make after school great again! I am a role model to students. I am a very good leader. I was a

great secretary last year. I took good notes and now that I am experienced I want to do it again. I stand up to bullying. I am a good note taker. So overall I hope you vote for me. I promise I will fight for what you want and be a good leader. Bo will Go! Also I already set up a party. Vote for me and May the force be with you! Peace out!

### **Karim**

Hello, my name is Karim and I am running for secretary. I believe that I would make a great fit because I love to write and my grades are good. I would love to be elected because I feel like this role is special, because I can help out the president and talk about some things on how we can improve A to Z afterschool. And writing is my 3<sup>rd</sup> favorite subject. And I hope everyone has a good day and Peace out!

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

Hello, my name is Makenzie. Anyways, I want to run for public relations director. The reason I want to be public relations director is because I love to take pictures, I am very responsible and I think I would be very good for the job. Now, how about I tell you some of my abilities. First of all, I'm a good artist, I'm a people person, I get excellent grades, I'm a team player (especially 'cause I play soccer too) and lastly I was in student council last year. I mean I didn't run to be anything but I'm hoping that this year will be different. Thank you for your time and have a great day!

### **Aymen**

Do you want a good PRD? Well guess who has the best traits. It's me because I'm good at math, can take good



pictures and can also make and post on the social media page. So vote for me for **PRD**.

Do you want a responsible **PRD**? Well, if you vote for me you will get the best there is. I am an online artist that can post on the social media page. I can also hang posters around the school. I also have over 80 subscribers on YouTube and I can publicize **FAST**. I am also very smart. So that's why you should vote for me. My name is **Aymen** and as a wise man once said, there is a time for everything and now is the time to vote for me.

### **TREASURER**

Vote 4 Me!

Hello **A-Z!** My name is **Leen**. I'm from Student Council and I wish to be your treasurer. This is why **YOU** should vote for **ME**. First of all I am amazing at math. Well, not **AMAZING** (not trying to brag) let's say...um...very good. That's good. Now, no more math talk. Anyway, I will be able to keep track of the money. Hey, I said no more math. Who wrote this speech...oh wait, it was me. Nevermind. I'm in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but that won't stop me from being a good treasurer. I also work very well with people I don't really....uh...how can I say this in a nice way?... I don't really hang out with. Let's just say, I am very responsible, nice, funny and serious when I need to be. I'm smart and a straight **A** student. I am always a good role model as well. I love helping and I'm a good artist. Trust me, I can help the president and vice president make **A-Z** a better place. Thank you for your time and effort. **VOTE FOR ME!**

Hello, my name is **Henry** and I am running for treasurer. I will try to make after school a better time with things you want. At the last day of after school I will not be here next

year but I hope other people will do well. Last year I got elected treasurer so I am taking the shot again. I am very good at math so I think I will do well. I will admit student council was a little boring sometimes but I never left student council. I will try to be good in student council and work with my fellow student council members. My name is Henry and thank you for your time.

## **Student council visits the Davenport residence** by Leen

Student council got to go to the Davenport for a visit. It was for a project “Walk in My Shoes.” We interviewed the residents. We asked them questions about their childhood, adult life, and now! My buddy was Brenna. The elders we were partnered up with were Kay and Myra. We asked them questions about their lives. We got to know them better. It was very fun and interesting.

## **Take a Walk in My Shoes: Barbara Brown** by Christopher & Bo

Barbara Brown was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1934. She grew up in Malden on Mount Vernon Street. Her favorite toy as a child was a simple doll. Her favorite candy was and still is licorice!

Barbara was an only child, but growing up she had a pet dog named Teddy. She was not given any nick names as a child. Her chores were not hard, but included taking care of dinner for her and her parents. She said she was “a tom-boy” and liked sports, especially football and softball.

Barbara has lived her whole life in Malden. She was at the Faulkner Elementary School for grades K-6. She went

on to the Beebe Junior High School(!) for grades 7-9. She attended Malden High School for grades 10, 11 & 12. One significant piece of history she remembers was the bombing of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, when she was seven years old.

Barbara's first job was a park councilor in Malden. She loved listening to jazz music and her favorite singer was Bing Crosby.

Education was always first in Barbara's life and she went to Salem State College after graduating from Malden High School. She married the love of her life in 1956 and has been married for 61 years. Together they raised 5 children in Malden. They took their kids to Pine Banks Park to play.

During her adult life, Barbara was involved in clubs and sports. Now that she is retired, she has a true appreciation of life and loves every day of retirement. "It has been a wonderful experience!"

Barbara came to live at the Davenport for several reasons. First, she was on the board of directors. She loved the friendliness and welcoming of the Davenport Estate. She especially loves the food they prepare for all the residents.

Looking back, Barbara believes the biggest changes she has seen in her lifetime have been the invention of television and the use of electricity in so many things. The two Presidents of the United States she has most admired are George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan. When asked "What age has been the best age of your life?" Barbara answered, "EVERY SINGLE ONE!"

## **Take a Walk in My Shoes: Francis Brown**

by Karim & Henry

Francis Brown is his name. Fran, as he prefers to be called, was born on Saturday, December 15, 1934, in Union Hospital, Lynn Massachusetts. Fran grew up in Lynn where he lived with both of his parents and four brothers.

Fran's favorite toy was a baseball glove. He loved to play catch and it was his most favorite thing to do. Next to that, Fran loved eating Hershey bars. The Brown family only ever had one pet. It was a dog named Blacky.

Chores in the Brown house were not easy. As a boy, Fran's responsibility was to gather coal and take the ashes out. In his free time, Fran loved to play sports. His favorites were baseball, fastball and basketball.

Fran went to Clark Elementary School and then to Swampscott High School. His favorite subject was English. Homework was often difficult.

The most historic event that happened when Fran was in school was World War II (1939-1945).

As a young adult, Fran joined the United States Army and became a sergeant. Fran's favorite kind of music to listen to was jazz. His favorite band was The Glenn Biller Band and his favorite singer was Bing Crosby. The Presidents he most admired were Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy.

Fran attended Salem State College. He married the love of his life, Barbara, in 1956. Together they had 5 children and now have 12 grandchildren! They see their kids and grandkids all the time. When Fran's kids were little, he would often take them to Ferryway Park in Malden.

As an adult, Fran's favorite hobby was cooking. Now, living at the Davenport Estate, he finds that he is busier

than ever in his retirement years. Retirement has been a very good experience for him. Fran has lived at the Davenport for the past four years and enjoys every minute of it. The top three things he loves about living at the Davenport are the food, the location and the residents.

The reason why he and his wife Barbara decided to retire and live at the Davenport was due to the fact that Barbara was on the board of directors.

## **National Donut Day November 5**

by Leen

One chilly day in November, afterschool Student Council had a donut sale in the Beebe courtyard. Donuts were for \$1. So was hot cocoa. Candy-canes were for 50 cents. We got around \$125. We are planning to buy new mercy balls for A-Z afterschool.

## **Wicked Quiet Wednesdays**

by Leen

Every Wednesday from about 2:25 to 2:45 we do something called “Wicked Quiet Wednesday.” It is when everyone in A-Z (including kindergarten) has to be quiet for 15-20 minutes. Then student council goes around with tickets. The kids can’t talk, laugh or communicate in any distracting way. If they are quiet, they get a ticket. If they talk, then they get their ticket taken away. Once they get it taken away, the kid can’t get another one. Each can have up to 1 ticket. When time is up, everyone puts his or her ticket in a bucket. If the bin is full by the end of the year, then everyone will have a pizza party.

# goNoodles.com

by Amelia

GoNoodles are fun exercises and are calming. If you're a kid, you log in as a kid and choose a monster: some eyes and a mouth and instead of leveling up you would get a shirt or pants or other items to design your monster.

If you're a teacher you log in as a teacher and you pick a real goNoodle monster and when you level up your monster gets stronger. There's cool stuff and a choice of channels like Moosetube and KIDZBOP. You also get Laser Fresh, and a bunch of other stuff that I don't remember well. I'll see you there.

Remember goNoodles.com. Sign in today, free.

**“I run in the peaceful meadows. I feel the grass under my feet. I smell the fresh lemons. I see the blossoming flowers. As I run free I see a bee. The meadow I run in is life by myself.”**

*Noah*

## **My Body**

Charlotte

**I have bones.**

**I have a system**

**I have germs**

**I have a voice**

**I have a life!**

# Showcase Night

by Amelia

Showcase is when the students bring in their projects for everyone to see and after, the students take them home. The project is based on a certain thing. My class's is based on sea creatures. I'm CRAB. You write about it and then you make a project.

# About Ms. Hall

by Charlotte

Ms. Hall teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at the Beebe School and also in the afterschool.

Ms. Hall is a wonderful and friendly teacher, so I wanted to get to know her better and tell you what I learned.

Here's a fun fact for you to start off. Ms. Hall's favorite food is lobster ravioli and her favorite snack is Cheetos!

Ms. Hall's favorite books growing up were the Harry Potter books. The last books she read are *Handmaid's Tale* and *Alias Grace*, both by Margaret Atwood. She likes to color, relax, and have brunch on the weekends, and she likes to relax and watch TV in the evenings. Her favorite TV show is *Game of Thrones* and her favorite character is Khaleesi (Daenerys) from that show.

Ms. Hall is passionate about teaching, dancing, and arts and crafts. She became a teacher because she likes kids and teaching kids. She sees herself in five years still teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and married.

Ms. Hall's hero is her dad.

# Harry Potter club

by Charlotte

In Harry Potter club we have read *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in session one, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* in session two, and *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* in the third session. The class is on Mondays. Before we start the books our awesome teacher, Ms. Ariana, gives the new kids in the class a paper that tells the house to which they have been assigned. We have Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw.

Noah and I are both in Ravenclaw and Noah doesn't trust me but enough about me. We read two chapters each class and talk about the reading and answer some questions. We have teammates for the quiz and we try really hard to get house points, which are points you get for correct answers in the quiz and just for being good. If you are mean or rude you will lose points, but we have a very nice teacher and she gives us three chances.

We do this because we like to hear the stories.

# When life gives you lemons

by Maha and Kristalyn

## About the Lemonade Stand

The lemonade stand is for the school and for charity. We are selling lemonade, powdered donuts, pretzels and more food. The lemonade will be refreshing. If you buy the food or drinks, the money will help the charities. This is the second time we are going to do the lemonade stand. We have worked on the lemonade stand for a lot of weeks for the day of the lemonade stand. This article will help you understand about the lemonade stand.



The lemonade is fascinating because the ingredients seem like it's not correct but it is. The ingredients are water, lemons, sugar and ice. The lemonade stand will help the World Wildlife Fund, MSPCA, Make-A-Wish and Children's Hospital. The lemonade will be fresh, very fresh. The foods and drinks will be cheap. It might be \$1 or 50¢. That is a little money and we will have a lot of treats you can buy. Just to say the food will be bought. We will try our very best to make all customers happy to come. Our food may be good in your opinion. We would love to sell and get some tips.

We are so happy that we want to give lots of money to the charity to rescue dogs and cats and give money to the WWF. Also we will give money to Make-A-Wish and Children's Hospital. Every single person will put lots of effort into the lemonade stand. The kids will get to try every job. The lemonade stand will be outside the school unless it is raining. If it is raining we will put the lemonade stand inside somewhere where everyone can see it. Maybe we will check the weather the day before because it might rain hard as in pouring.

The lemonade stand will have lots and lots of treats. Also you may give tips for the charities. There will be lots of employees there. The lemonade stand sign will be creative. If you want food wait in the line and ask us at the table.

We will wash our hands for not to gross anyone out. If you're a customer rate us if it's good 👍 or bad 👎. We will get a clean table and maybe a fresh table cloth also.

# Ms. O'Brien in 20 questions

by Makenzie and Olivia

Hello so as you know we interviewed the new principal and if you're wondering why we have a new principal, it's because our old principal Dr. Vatararo retired. Our principal now is Ms. O'Brien. She herself was retired but agreed to come out of retirement just to be our interim principal—interim means someone who does a job while they search for someone to hire permanently. So, we asked Ms. O'Brien a few questions anyways and let us tell you about them...

Q1. Who's your favorite character in a book or movie?

A. "Llama, Llama." It is a book and she enjoys reading it to her blind grandson.

Q2. What is your favorite meal?

A. Her favorite meal is meatloaf...mmm that sounds good with some mashed potatoes on the side. Oh sorry...NEXT QUESTIONS!

Q3. What is your favorite color?

A. "Green."

Q4. What do you like to do in the evening?

A. She enjoys reading

Q5. What was your favorite subject in elementary and high school?

A. "Math." (That's probably why she's so smart.)

Q6. Do you watch television? If so what are your favorite shows?

A. Her favorite shows are on sports channels so I'm guessing ESPN, Fox Sports, super bowl Patriots and CBS sports network.

Q7. What colleges did you attend?

A. She went to **Boston University**. I've heard that's a pretty good school.

Q8. Tell us about your family.

A. She had six children! And her oldest son is in the **FBI**...(probably shouldn't have told you about the **FBI** part)...Whatever! So her daughter works as a vice president (not for the President of the United States) and she has a twin sister.

Q9. Where did you grow up?

A. She grew up in **Somerville**.

Q 10. What jobs did you have before this?

A. She worked 47 years in the **Somerville** schools. She was a **K-8** councilor and a principal in **Somerville**.

Q11. What languages do you speak?

A. English and she understands Spanish and French.

Q12. Did you ever work jobs outside of education? If so, what were they?

A. "Information telephone operator and a nanny (baby-sitter). Did we mention she was a mom of 6?"

Q 13. Who most influenced you?

A. Her father most influenced her.

Q14. Do you have any pets or hobbies?

A. She has pet dogs and she likes horseback riding and mountain climbing.

Q15. What are a few things that most concern you?

A. "Children grow too fast! Also, kids may be too interested in electronics, missing other things.

Q16. What is your earliest memory of something you wanted to be when you grow up?

A. "I wanted to be a nurse!"

Q17. What motivates you? What puts a smile on your face when you get up in the morning?

A. All of us (children). (Awww how sweet!)

Q18. Who is the most interesting person you ever met?

A. The most interesting person she's ever met is ... Hillary Clinton!

Q19. If you could change one thing about the school right now, what would it be?

A. "That everyone work together and know that their voices will be heard."

Q20. In what way do you want to make school different?

A. She would want to start clubs.

Well that's the principal interview. Hope you enjoyed it.



*Food collected in the food drive led by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade of the Beebe School. Photo by Kyleigh*

# Fun, fads & games



**by Michelle**

## Across

3. A billion combinations (2 words)
6. Spins on your hips (2 words)
7. Soft and squeezy thingies
9. Walk the dog, butterfly, sleeping, 'round the world, Imperial, etc.
10. Tornado, or name of a physical game
11. Yes (Spanish)
12. Use for many games, fit in a pocket
15. These soar when teachers aren't looking (2 words)

## Down

1. Huge a year ago, almost nothing now (2 words)
2. Coloring tool
4. Double Dutch, etc.
5. Making music with only your lips
8. Biggest thing around. Got something to put it in?
11. Yummy treats
13. "I'm \_\_\_\_\_, I didn't mean to bump you off your space!"
14. Craft of folding paper