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## ACSI Speech Meet



CHS not only participated in, but also hosted the ACSI Regional Speech Meet for the second year. Everyone did great and tried their best. Christian Hills had a wonderful group of their own speakers. While the three categories are Superior, Excellent, and Good, all of the CHS students achieved either Superior or Excellent! The results are as follows: For First Grade Poetry, Callie Bergeron and Sarah Admire both attained Superior; for Bible, Liam Merichko got Excellent and Zoe Palmer, Superior. Then in Second Grade Poetry, Anastasia Maravillas received Superior and Levi Kemp achieved Excellent; in Bible Matthew Mahalick and Anthony Fletcher each got Superior; and in Fables, Alivia Ekanem came in with Excellent and Mason Xavier Mitchell achieved Superior. For Third Grade Poetry, both Gabriel Smith and Abbey Kosloskus attained Superior; for Bible, Olivia Gillies and Asher George both received Superior; and in Fables, Frank Huisman and Isabel Glanvill also got Superior. In Fourth Grade Poetry, Allison Pavoni and Sydni Hardy; Bible, Chris Johnson, and Makayla Harley; Fables, Gage Kosloskus and Emma Weeks and got a Superior Score! The in Fifth Grade Poetry, Poppy Mahalick, and Daniella Dodge each received Superior; in Bible, Joseph Borkowsky achieved Excellent and Annie Bergeron attained Superior; in Patriotic Oration, Kennedy Brooks got Excellent; and in Bible Prose, both Charlotte Gauthier and Nyla Eze received Superior. Finally, in Sixth Grade Poetry, Jadyn Gillies and Alyssa Espano each received Superior; in Bible, Jacob Leary achieved Excellent and Kameron Cleveland attained Superior; for Patriotic Oration, both Shama Patel and Joely MacRitchie came in with Superior scores; and in Bible Prose, Chelsea Brooks achieved Superior and Caden Blohm attained Excellent.



Congratulations to all our participants and thank you to everyone who helped to make this a great event at our school; especially Mrs. McCartney, who headed up the entire event!

One final note; our very own 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Alyssa Espano, participated in the Regional ACSI Spelling Bee on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. She took third place and will be advancing to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. Congratulations Alyssa!

## CHS 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM!

The girls' basketball season went out with a bang! They got 1st place in their tournament. There were three teams in the ICC Tournament. They first won against FOFCA in their first game. Next, they had to play Trinity Christian. They had never won against TCS before in basketball. They ended up winning against TCS, that meant they won the championship. They were very happy about that. We are very proud of them, and of how far they've come. They have won most of their games and have done an excellent job this season. We can't wait to see the team next year! Great job Alison, Emma, Annie, Kennedy, Daniela, Charlotte, Poppy, Jayden, and Chelsea!  
by Gabriela Huisman and Jazmyn Nelson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade





# CHS World Expo 2019



*Italy*

Camryn Disser, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

On Expo day there were many classrooms showing different countries, but Italy was my favorite. In Italy, there were posters on the wall of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The Ombrone River was also in it as well. The food there was really good. There was gelato, pasta, water, and bread. The thing that we did to keep us entertained was we created things from three tables of Lego's. On the walls were facts about popular Italians like Virgil, a famous poet, and Marco Polo, a famous traveler. There were quite a few things that you could learn from this room. The capital of Italy is Rome. We also had passports where we wrote down what food was our favorite.



*China*

Adrienne Brown, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

This year, K4 did China for the World Expo. Mrs. Sapulich decorated the room really nice with things like panda bears, Chinese fans, and bamboo. For food, she had fried rice from Panda Express and fortune cookies. They had a lot of rice left over. The food was really good and we could have as much as we wanted. They had chopsticks that we could use and it was really fun to try them. Mrs. Sapulich also hung colorful silk kimonos on the cabinets. A big red Chinese dragon hung over the doorway. We learned that this year is the year of the pig and that the Chinese New Year isn't the same as ours; it was on a February 5th this year. I thought it was really cool and fun this year. My favorites were the food and decorations. Thank Mrs. Sapulich and all the K4 students for putting together a really cool room with great food!





Marcello Gamboa, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

This year was our World Expo, and Kindergarten did Mexico. They had a variety of interesting projects. One of them was a tortilla presser, but unfortunately, we had to use Play-Doh as the tortilla. They also were busy making frilled lizards and snakes out of paper plates. I was very excited to go to Mexico to try their food and punch. They had a variety of Mexican food. They served nachos with salsa and guacamole, churros, quesadillas, and for the drink, they had sangria punch. My favorite food out of all the choices was the nachos and salsa, but the punch was really good too. The students also dressed the part. They each had on a sombrero and ponchos that Mrs. Anson gave them. While I was in Mexico, I learned a lot of stuff. I learned that monarch butterflies fly to Mexico from the US in the winter. Also, living in Mexico is really different than it is in the United States, such as big houses are built next to little huts. I also learned that most of the people in Mexico take a siesta (nap) in the middle of the day during some of their jobs. The last fact I learned is that Mexico City is the capital of Mexico. I really enjoyed my time in Mexico.



KENYA

This year, we had a fantastic World Expo. We saw lots of awesome food and awesome projects. One class really wowed me, this class was first grade. They taught us about Kenya, a small country in East Africa. I learned lots from the first graders. I learned that Nairobi is the capital of Kenya. It is made mostly of desert and jungle. Kenya has lots of animals, including elephants, giraffes, black leopards, and zebras, and much, much more. The first graders were seen sporting homemade Kenyan shirts. Some of the food they served was mango ice cream, rice pudding, banana chips, a fresh fruit platter, ugali (which I will elaborate on later), and punch. My personal favorite was definitely the mango ice cream, mmm-mmm! Back to ugali, it is an authentic traditional dish in Kenya. It is made, basically, from cornmeal and water. Kenya had lots of fun decorations and many fun facts. Kenya is, yet again, one of my favorite and most anticipated countries we go to at every World Expo. Thanks for reading!

Karalyn White, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade





# Australia

by Jeremy Faustin, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

This World Expo, second grade did Australia. They had Tim Tams, fairy bread, and some tea. They made a Great Barrier Reef painting, that looked pretty cool. They had a Jeopardy game with facts about Australia. They also had a koala art and some other facts around the room. There was a project on display that Caleb did when we were in second grade (only real old school CHS kids will remember him). He did Uluru, the big rock. It looked pretty cool.



# NETHERLANDS

Netherlands is located in Europe and this year, the third grade class did Netherlands for the State Expo. Fun fact; my brother is in third grade and he did his project on the royal family. People in the Netherlands love to eat licorice. They are also usually tall and are known to enjoy drinking coffee. Netherlands are very popular for their windmills and their cheese. The main religion in Netherlands is Catholicism. In their winter season, it gets really, really cold. Netherlands is ranked twelfth in how much money they have. They are also known for their wooden shoes. Netherlands seems like a really fun place to visit.

by Todd Vinson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade





# GUATEMALA

The World Expo for 4th grade was Guatemala. In that class, we played soccer! The soccer was fun because Mrs. Bergeron actually had a net and let us play. Next, were the volcanoes. It was really cool how it was set up, they were kind of like a really big science experiment. Mrs. Bergeron erupted all of the volcanoes one after another. We then drank the fruit punch, and there was bread with cheese in it. That was really good food. The entire room was set-up with really great decorations and past expo projects. She told us that the capital of Guatemala was Guatemala City. She also taught us that Guatemala means place of many trees.

by Terrence Ware, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Germany

A while ago, there was a day where all the school got a cultural awakening called the World Expo. The World Expo is where each class has to choose a country and show the culture of that country. The fifth grade class chose Germany. Germany is home to many evils like Adolph Hitler, the dictator who killed many Jewish people. But it's also home to many wonders like Sophie Germain; she was a huge contribution to mathematics by coming up with the Germain theorem. The culture is very interesting and they have amazing food like noodles and gummy worms. The capital is Berlin and it dates back to the 13th century. It is home to the Holocaust Memorial and the graffitied Berlin Wall. One of the best things to do in Germany is to go to Neuschwanstein Castle. Germany has been around for some time now but the oldest town is Trier. Some of the best places in Germany are the Brandenburg Gate, Europa Park, and Lake Constance. Germany may be remembered as bad but there are some amazing things there. So instead of looking at the bad maybe we should look at the good.

by Jacob Kemp, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade





# India

by Ben Gomez, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

During the World Expo, we visited many classes to see all the different countries. There was also different food for each place. But I am going to talk about India in the sixth grade class. While in India, we learned about their culture and their famous people. Gandhi was one of those famous people. He was an Indian lawyer, politician, social activist, and writer who ended up being the leader of the nationalist revolt against the British rule of India. He inspired many in his lifetime. I also learned that they like to drink mango juice.



# Greece

Niko Balaskas, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Greece was a fun place to travel to. The first thing we did was sample all the food. There were many delicious foods such as; homemade pitas with tzatziki sauce, which is made of homemade Greek yogurt, cucumbers and garlic. There was also homemade cheese puffs called tiropitas (in Greek) which is phyllo dough filled with feta and Greek cheese, and homemade Greek cookies called portakalokouloura. These cookies are made from oranges, cinnamon and cloves, they go great with coffee! All the food was made by my Yia Yia (Grandma in Greek) Lambrini Balaskas.

They also served two traditional carbonated pops that are popular in Greece. One was Portokalada, which is an orange pop and Vyssinatha, which is a cherry pop.

After we were done eating, my Yia Yia taught us how to do a traditional Greek dance. This is where everyone holds hands in a circle and typically the male will be the lead, sometimes they will even hold a napkin with the next person and spin them around.

Lastly, we got to check out all the projects the seventh and eighth graders worked on. I learned many new things, I didn't know a lot about Greece. It was one of my favorite countries to visit.



by Allison Gillies, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

This year, CHS started a new event, the Pastors Appreciation Breakfast. It was a big success! To show their appreciation for our pastors, the seventh and eighth graders made cards for all the amazing pastors that came. Every grade made special cards for them, and it made them really happy when we passed them out. We had a special chapel just for them, too. The fourth and fifth graders made a great video of each kid saying a few things they appreciate about their pastors. They read verses that talked about mentors and giving good advice. Caitlyn Disser and Gianni Balaskas gave testimonies on what it's like living with a family member who is a pastor. The fourth and fifth graders even put on a skit about the struggles of being a pastor. At the end of the chapel, Mrs. Bergstrand thanked all the pastors for coming and we passed out our cards. The breakfast was a success, too. The food included fruit, bagels, and cream cheese, egg casserole, bacon, and sausage. Yum! There were a total of 6 pastors that attended. Is there anything you can think of that you could do for your pastor? Pastors are some of the most important people in our lives, and sometimes we take that for granted. Make a card, buy them a nice gift, or even take them out for lunch! They deserve it. Remember all the things your pastor has done for you when Pastor Appreciation Week comes next year. Thank you, pastors, for all that you do for us!

## Skating Party!!!

This year, the World Expo was a fun time, but the party hadn't even started. Everyone was invited to the skating party!!! Not everyone was able to go though. The Roller Skating Party was not a fundraising party, but it was a social event. The skating party started at 6:30 pm. This event was held at the Tinley Park Skating Rink; 170 people attended. The PACHS committee loves planning social events and wanted to have an event where the entire family could go out and have fun. When you walked in you had to pay \$10 for pizza, pop, and skates. Some people brought their own skates to use. Many people bought slushies though because they were hot. Later, the workers came out with the food and beverages. Although everyone didn't know how or want to skate, they still had fun hanging out with friends. They played music the whole time. Also, you could suggest a song for them to play. They would also turn on only the disco lights sometimes. Later on, SpongeBob came out and danced with everyone. He also helped sing "Happy Birthday" to TJ Vinson. They had time slots for only adults, only kids, backward skate, and just girls which made it exciting. The Skating Party lasted until 8:00 pm. Afterwards some stayed to help clean up, but the PACHS committee was a big help cleaning up. Overall, everyone enjoyed the skating party and had a blast. This year was a big hit, and we hope we can have this experience again next year. by Jori Lambert & Zoie Balaskas, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade





Every year, the CHS youth group has a lock-in. This year, the lock-in was on March 1<sup>st</sup>. At the lock-in you do a ton of fun stuff. This year, we started the event by going to Sky Zone for two hours. When we got back, we hung out and played a few games. Then, we had worship and Pastor Brennan gave a message. When Pastor Brennan finished his message, we played a game that was kind of like hide and seek. There is one hider and everyone else is a seeker. Next, we played a game called "Hunter Zombie Ninja". That game is basically a more intense hide and seek. After that, we watched *The Incredibles Two* and packed-up for the night.

by Eli Weeks, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

# The Adventures of People



A Continuing Story by Ethan Blohm, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

"How did we summon a DRAGON?!!!!!!!" screamed Piper. "Let's check out the book!" said Leo. "Do not pick up this book or else you will summon a dragon." read Jason. "OK, that's just dumb." "Well, what do we do?!" said Hazel. "We run." As the friends were speeding down the hall away from the dragon, they ran into a knight in dusty armor. "Oh thank you for freeing me from that book. If I didn't get out soon I would have tired out and the dragon would have taken me down." said the knight. "How long were you in the book?" asked Leo. "Something around 400 years." "400 YEARS!" exclaimed the friends. "Yep" replied the knight. "What are your names?" "I'm Leo and these are my friends Hazel, Jason, and Piper." "Hello, my name is Sir Slaysdragonsalot." "That's a long name," said Hazel. "I got it from slaying dragons." "You slay dragons!" yelled Leo. "Can you slay the one chasing us right now." "Oh yeah, sure." So the knight leaped into action and fought as hard as he could. The knight attacked with his balloon sword and the dragon fought back with fire, and the knight blocked the fire with the balloon sword, and the fire hit a fire

extinguisher and the fire extinguisher exploded covering the dragon with the solution inside of the extinguisher. The dragon was stunned for a minute and the knight popped his sword. The popping sound scared the dragon and he jumped back into the book. "Thank you Sir," said Piper. "No problem," said Sir. "You saved our school," said Leo. "It is the least I can do considering you saved me from that book," said Sir. And the school lived happily ever after... or did it? This is the end of my story, I hope you enjoyed it!



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to Him, "Yes Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

John 11: 25-27

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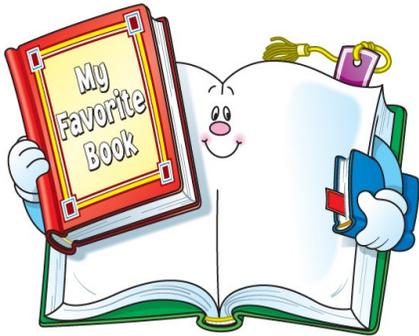
Presented by Grace Wallace, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Moon Rising** is the sixth book in the *Wings of Fire* series by Tui T. Sutherland. The star of this book is a new dragonet who is subtly mentioned in the epilogue of book 5. This NightWing dragonet's name is Moonwatcher, but everyone calls her Moon. Her egg was hidden in the rainforest, where she hatched under two full moons. Those moons hold power that the NightWings haven't seen in centuries... the powers of mind-reading and prophecy. And Moon got both of those! Moon has one silver scale on the corner of each of her eyes. She is very shy and doesn't have any friends; until she was sent to Jade Mountain Academy, that is. She doesn't want to leave her mother, but her mother forces her to go. Upon walking in, she is greeted by FateSpeaker, one of the alternate Dragonets of Destiny. She is told that she is sharing a cave with Kinkajou, the cheerful RainWing, and Carnelian, a grumpy, sarcastic SkyWing. She is put into the Jade Winglet, a group consisting of Kinkajou, Carnelian, herself, a charming SandWing named Qibli, a prideful IceWing prince named Winter, Umber, Clay's brother, and Turtle, a calm, peaceful SeaWing. Kinkajou is awfully excited to meet Moon and takes her to the prey center. Moon is greeted by a pounding headache from the many shouting minds chasing after prey. Winter brought a pet scavenger to the academy. Qibli let it loose, and it made a run for the prey center, which is, frankly, a horrible idea. Just as it was about to get eaten, Moon snatches it up and curls into a ball with it in her talons. Winter starts yelling at her about not eating the scavenger. Moon replies with, "No, he can never get eaten." Winter was dazed for a moment. A couple days later, on her way to history class, her visions attack her. Dragons dying and a raging fire surrounds her mind. As Qibli is about to enter the room, moon throws herself to the ground, tears streaming down her face, pleading that he doesn't enter. Qibli stops everyone else from entering the room; except for Carnelian. She stops at the cave entrance, wondering why everyone was trying to stop her. It was too late. The cave exploded, killing Carnelian and a nightwing dragonet, Bigtail. But also severely injuring a RainWing, Tamarin. Later, all of the rest of her winglet finds out about her powers. Qibli doesn't give up on her and they spend hours searching for who set off the explosion. I bet nobody suspected that it was Sora. I give this book 5/5 stars! I LOVE this book. This book definitely has more drama than the rest of the books so far, but it's amazing! If you are interested in these books, then I encourage you to read them over the rest of the year and in the summer! There are 12 books in this series so far, and book 13 is coming out in July!

Book By- Tui T. Sutherland

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# Book & Movie Reviews



## MARVEL CAPTAIN MARVEL

by Jackson Bergeron, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
*Captain Marvel* is about Carol Danvers and the story of how she became Captain Marvel. This is how it all started: Carol Danvers was a US Army pilot who was volunteered to fly a state-of-the-art ship. While she was flying, she got shot down and crash-landed. That's when Danvers was abducted by the Kree and was reborn.

The main plot of the story was that Carol Danvers (Captain Marvel) has to save the earth from being caught in the middle of a war between the two alien races. In the end, Carol Danvers saves the planet from intergalactic turmoil. Also during this movie, we are introduced to a younger Nick Fury. This film explains how Fury lost his eye (it was scratched out by a cat). This post-credit scene was staged after the Thanos Snap. In this film's post-credit scenes, it shows Steve Rogers, Captain America, Natasha Romanoff, Black Widow, Bruce Banner, the Hulk, and Tony's friend Roddy, the war machine, all talking about the two-way pager that was beeping, showing the Captain Marvel logo. All of a sudden it shuts off and they are all confused. Then out of nowhere, Captain Marvel shows up and asks, "Where is Fury?" This film is rated PG-13.

# HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON THE HIDDEN WORLD

and killing the whole race of Toothless. He is very passionate about hunting Toothless because he finally wants to kill his entire species. So Toothless finds his own species, but there was only one female species of him. So Hiccup, Toothless' friend and trainer, helps Toothless defeat the villain. Grimmel the Grisly destroyed the entire village that Hiccup had made a haven for the dragons. Hiccup discovered the place that was a myth at the pinnacle of the world where there were thousands of dragons. Toothless became king and he met his queen. Then he learned how to disappear in the sky like his female species, and they had kids. Hiccup and Toothless and all of the dragons parted ways and began their own lives.

*How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World* is rated PG, so you can take your entire family to watch it. This movie is about Toothless finding his one true love and where he is meant to be. There is a new villain introduced in this movie named Grimmel the Grisly. This villain is a hunter and he is hunting for world conquerors. He is known for hunting and killing dragons and knows how to bend them to his will. He is also known for hunting



# Movie Reviews

## THE LEGO MOVIE THE SECOND PART

*The Lego Movie 2 The Second Part* is about a group of five Lego friends that go on a magical trip to another Lego Land. Along the way, they face a threat from LEGO DUPLO invaders from outer "LegoSpace". These invaders start to wreck everything in their path so that they can't make it back.

I would rate this movie a 10 out of 10 for kids and families to go to see because it's entertaining and fun to explore. It also gets kids off of electronics so that they can start playing with toys again.

This movie has a PG rating.

by Tru Butler, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



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