

## Safety Patrols in the SPOTLIGHT!



Stella Gonzalez



Diego Montoya



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

By Ethan Andre Wooten



St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday, also known as the Feast of St. Patrick, that has been observed for over one thousand years to commemorate the heritage and culture of Ireland and to remember a christian saint, name Patrick. St. Patrick was born in Britain, but was enslaved in Ireland at the young age of 16. He contributed greatly to converting many druids to Christianity in Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17<sup>th</sup>, the day of his death.

One of the holiday's traditions is a leprechaun mascot, the three-leafed clover (or shamrock) to symbolize the holy Trinity of the christian faith, and wearing green on St. Patrick's day to symbolize the country of Ireland. Another tradition includes Irish-Americans only eating corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. Many also celebrate with parades including Irish dancers and bagpipe musicians. In fact, the very first St. Patrick's Day parade is said to have taken place, not in Ireland, but in America in St. Augustine, Florida. Today, the holiday can be found celebrated around the world by people of all heritages.



## FEBRUARY NATIONAL DAYS

- March 1st: National Pig Day
- March 2nd: National Old Stuff Day
- March 3rd: National Dress in Blue Day
- March 4th: National Play Outside Day
- March 5th: National Cheese Doodle Day
- March 6th: National Oreo Cookie Day
- March 7th: National Cereal Day
- March 8th: National Proofreading Day
- March 9th: National Barbie Day
- March 10th: National Pack Your Lunch Day
- March 11th: Dream Day
- March 12th: National Plant a Flower Day
- March 13th: National K9 Veterans Day
- March 14th: Learn About Butterflies Day
- March 15th: National Shoe the World Day
- March 16th: Panda Day
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- March 18th: Global Recycling Day
- March 19th: Let's Laugh Day
- March 20th: First Day of Spring
- March 21st: National Countdown Day
- March 22nd: World Water Day
- March 23rd: National Puppy Day
- March 24th: National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day
- March 25th: International Waffle Day
- March 26th: Wear a Hat Day
- March 27th: International Scribble Day
- March 28th: Children's Picture Book Day
- March 29th: World Piano Day
- March 30th: National Little Red Wagon Day
- March 31st: National Crayon Day

## Learn About Butterflies Day

'Learn About Butterflies Day' is celebrated on March 14th. This day is celebrated each year to bring awareness of the variety of butterflies in the world, and their importance to our survival.



## PTA CARNIVAL



Did you know that the PTA is organizing a carnival for us?! The carnival will be on March 24th from 4:30pm to 8:00pm. There is going to be lots of games, but to play those game you need tickets. Each ticket will cost \$1. Some games will be more tickets than others. For \$12 you can even get a wristband that gives you unlimited use of inflatables. They will have lots of entertainment like laser tag, game trucks, inflatables-bouncy house, and obstacle course, petting zoo, train ride, face paint, cake walk, concession and much much more.



## K-2 All Stars of March



Mr. Abril's Class  
kindergarten



Ms. Kolinski's Class  
first grade



Mrs. Hodgkin's Class  
second grade



# Feature Teacher: Mrs. Bonchack!

By: Kate Behrens

Kate: "What is it like being a fourth grade teacher?"

Mrs. Bonchack: "It is a lot of fun, but one of the best things is seeing my former students in fifth grade, and I like teaching all of the subjects."

Kate: "What made you decide to become a fourth grade teacher?"

Mrs. Bonchack: "I have known that I wanted to be a teacher since kindergarten. My fourth and fifth grade teachers were my most influential teachers."

Kate: "What subject do you like teaching the most?"

Mrs. Bonchack: "Math"

Kate: "Have you ever taught a different grade?"

Mrs. Bonchack: "I have taught fifth grade, fourth grade, and opened up the ASD units."

Kate: "Did you like the Saint Augustine field trip?"

Mrs. Bonchack: "Yes, it is always fun getting out of the classroom and seeing my students reactions to new experiences."



## WILD FLORIDA

By: Saarth Bhardwaj



Hi 2nd grade Panthers - you're going on a field trip to Wild Florida. It's an amazing place to have a field trip and a fun place to visit. Here are some facts. Wild Florida has some exoctic animals like zebras and sloths. Wild Florida used to be a few pieces of preserved, private, property, then the Wild Florida team turned it into a gator park. Currently they have over **200** animals! Wow! In addition they have a airboat ride, and they have a safari so you can see giraffes and other animals. They also have a restaurant called the Chop House Grill that has great barbecue burgers and slushies. Finally, they have a walk in bird aviary with pheasants, and parrots. Wild Florida fun is endless! It's a very awesome field trip and a great place to visit.



## Ramadan

By Sarah Samie



Have you ever heard of Ramadan? I know most of you have not! What is that, you may ask? Well, you're about to find out ! Ramadan is the most special month for Muslims (a group of people who believe in One God) Muslims fast from the break of dawn to sunset. Fasting is where you do not eat anything for a designated period of time. Muslims fast because it reminds us of those who do not have food regularly, it builds discipline , and it also reminds us that we must be grateful to our Creator. The main purpose of fasting is to build a strong connection with our Creator. Before Muslims start to fast they have Suhoor - a healthy meal before the break of dawn. When it is time to break the fast, Muslims have Iftar - a meal to break the fast. Masjids (the holy place where Muslims go to pray) are usually filled during Ramadan! Everyone joins together as ONE Family to share and enjoy the Iftar Meal and pray Taraweeh (special night prayers) during the whole month of Ramadan. In some Muslim countries, kids get the whole month of Ramadan as a holiday! At the end of Ramadan, Muslims enjoy Eid ul Fitr - a day of food, gifts, and lots of fun celebrations!

## What's Your Favorite Disney Movie?

Cut this out, answer the questions, and turn it into the Newspaper Bin outside Ms. Johnson's door by room 211. Be sure to check next month's paper to see all of the results!

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Moana

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Frozen

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Cocoa

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Other (write in answer)

1	<b>"WATER-CUP" RELAY RACE</b>	This will be a relay race where the students will be transferring water from cup, to cup, in their Teams line, trying to fill their clear container, quicker than the other two Teams. Each class will be split up into 3 Teams
2	<b>"WET-HEAD" RELAY RACE</b>	During this relay race the students will be split up into 4 equal Teams. The students in each team will take turns running down to their water bucket, fill their cup, and return the cup to the beginning, where they will empty its contents into a container. The Team that has collected the most amount of water in the end, will be the Winners
3	<b>BALL HOPPER RACE</b>	Each class will be split up into 2 different lanes. Each lane will have their own ball hopper. Students will get a chance to take turns and race the other students by sitting on the ball while holding the handle, and bouncing all the way down to a cone and back. No problem if you fall off, just get back on and keep hopping!
4	<b>Limbo (How low can you go?)</b>	The students will stay in a single file line as they try their best to make it under the limbo pole. When the leader goes under the pole, they will make a loop around and lead their line back to the beginning. Each time the line makes their way back to the beginning, the volunteer will lower the pole one spot. See how low you can go without letting your hands touch the ground.
5	<b>The Statue of Liberty Race</b>	The class will be separated into 3 different groups. Each group will get in a line. The first person in each line will get ball which is balanced on a toilet plunger. On the start signal, the first person in each team will have to balance the ball on their plunger while running their way down to the end line and back. When they get back they will give the torch to the next person in line. The first team to finish everyone in their line will be the winning team.
6	<b>Noodle Bean Bag Relay</b>	The class will be split up into 4 teams. Each team will line up in a single file line with the line leader holding the noodle with the beanbag balanced on top. On the go signal, the player with the noodle will have to make their way down to their teams cone, go around their cone, and make their way back to the next person in line to pass them the noodle and beanbag. If it drops they can pick it up, but they must do 3 jumping jacks first.
7	<b>Jumbo Egg &amp; Spoon Relay</b>	The class will be split up into 6 teams. Each team will line up in a single file line with the leader holding the paddle and wooden egg. On the go signal, that player must quickly make their way down to their cone, go around the cone, and make their way back to their line, without dropping the egg. If the egg drops, they must do 3 jumping jacks before they can pick it back up and balance it again.
8	<b>TUG O' WAR</b>	The class will be split up into 2 groups with each group on a side of the rope. When the volunteer blows the whistle to begin, pull with all your might. When the volunteer stops the activity with their whistle, please stop pulling the rope and do not let go until you are told to let go. Always listen to the volunteer.
9	<b>OBSTACLE COURSE</b>	Each class will be split up into 2 different lanes. Each lane will have their own obstacle course to run through. The players on each team will take turns running through the course. When they reach the end of the course, they will run back to their team by running back along the side of the obstacles. The next student can go when the first student runs back across the line. Only 1 student should be running through the course at a time.
10	<b>ICE POP STATION</b>	Each student will be given one ice pop. Please, remember the saying, "you get what you get, and don't pitch a fit". If students would like to trade colors with a friend, they may. All wrappers need to find a trash can.....



# Field Day 2023

By Piper Simpson



Field day is a super fun event that all students at ECE get to participate in on Thursday, March 9th. There will be obstacle course, ball hopper race, tug-o-war, water races, and more. The PE team needs 20 volunteers for each grade so make sure your parents volunteer help out if they can! Field day is a hour and a half of fun and games for each grade level. There will be three identical sessions: Kindergarten and First Grade will be from 9:00 am - 10:30 am, Second and Fourth grades will be from 10:50 am - 12:20 pm, and Third and Fifth grades will be from 1:10 pm - 2:40 pm. This event is really hard to plan and takes a lot of time because they have to be making sure everything has to be perfect. Be sure to wear GREEN and your comfy shoes and shorts. Also remember these are just games so have fun and make sure you tell all the coaches thank you!

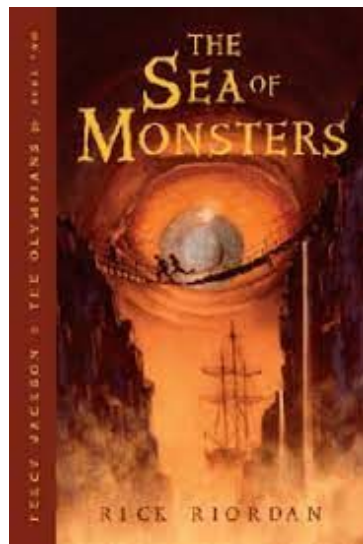
## Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters

By Jacob Echeverry



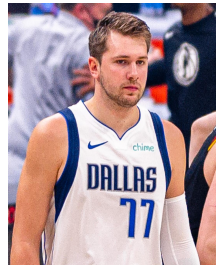
- Step 1: Survive a mechanic bull.
- Step 2: Meet a long lost brother.
- Step 3: Talk to a mummy.
- Step 4: Sneak out of camp.
- Step 5: Survive the Sea of Monsters.
- Step 6: Find the Golden Fleece.
- Step 7: Get back to camp.
- Step 8: Try not to die.

I really recommend this book! Percy Jackson needs to save Thalia's tree (A Tree that protects the camp from monsters). The only thing that can save the tree is the Golden Fleece. Be sure to read the book to find out what happens!



## Luka Dončić

By Landon Masters



Do you think it's hard to transition from one country to another? Luka Dončić is a professional basketball player. Luka Dončić was born on February 28, 1999. He was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Slovenia is right next to Croatia and Italy. He also leads the NBA in scoring. He averages 33.3 points per game.

### Early Years

Luka Dončić knew a lot about basketball at a very young age. His dad was a former basketball player and a coach. When Luka Dončić was 13 years old (2012), he moved to Spain to play at Real Madrid. Luka won a couple of MVP (Most Valuable Player) awards.

### Life In the NBA

Luka Dončić was drafted in the first round (third pick overall) in 2018. He averaged 21.2 points per game. He got the rookie of the year award. He also averaged 7.8 rebounds and 6.0 assists per game.

