

# Bernadette Gazette

## Christmas Edition

### Christmas Book Suggestions

by: Anthony Western

Lower grades K-2

- Gingerbread Man
- The Great Reindeer Rebellion
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- Merry Christmas Little Critter
- The Animal's Christmas Eve

Middle grades 3-5

- Magic Treehouse #29: Christmas in Camelot
- A Christmas Carol
- Judy Moody and Stink: The Holiday Joliday
- The Family Under the Bridge
- Christmas From Heaven

Upper grades 6-8

- A Christmas Carol
- The Family Under the Bridge
- The Christmas Doll
- The Birds Christmas Carol
- The Lion in the Box



### AT THE MOVIES

#### THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS MOVIE REVIEW

By: Remington Holder and Audrey Hurlburt

This a magical movie about a young girl named Clara, who has been gifted a locked egg from her deceased mother. Determined to find it, she sets out on an eventful journey to find a key. This movie was released in November 2018 and had very good box office sales right after it released. It sold \$151 million worldwide in tickets. It was produced by Walt Disney and had a production budget of 120 million.

Clara is a young girl with a great amount of persistence. She goes to a Christmas party after arguing with her father and follows a rope that SUPPOSEDLY is supposed to lead to her present from a wealthy family. But instead of a short walk to a wrapped box, she discovers an unknown world.

In this world, she discovers her mother was the queen. But the inhabitants of it are now endangered because their ruler has died. When she goes to defeat what she thought was the threat, she discovers that her instructor was the REAL threat. De-

fying the odds with her bubbly personality and hardcore persistence, she destroys the reign of the traitor, becoming the new queen.

The movie is a great movie, and even though it did not get a great review, we would call it one of the funniest movies anyone has ever seen. The review of this movie on rotten tomatoes was 5.1/10. This lower score was probably the result of the fact a lot of adults and film critics were watching the movie, but this movie made for a younger audience. Overall, this movie was very well planned and is an amazing film to watch over the holidays.



# Christmas Event History Spotlight

by: Ethan Sharp and Carter Kent

Christmas is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. Americans celebrate Christmas Eve on the night of December 24th and Christmas Day on December 25th. Christmas is also a celebration of Jesus' Birth. Popular customs for Christmas are exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends, and waiting for Santa to arrive. Over 160 countries celebrate Christmas, many don't call it Christmas but celebrate a similar way. 98% of all Christmas trees are grown on farms. The US only has over 15,000 Christmas tree farms. Many people recycle their Christmas trees. A Christmas tree can take up to 15 years to fully grow. The word Christmas originated from Christ's Mass. A common figure for Christmas in the US is Santa, other countries may include Christkind, Saint Nicholas, and Father Christmas. The word Noel entered the English language in the 1300's, It originated from the Latin word "natales" which means day of birth.

By: Carly Kent

Coming Up:

Our school has a lot going on in the next few months. With Christmas a few days away there is a lot happening.

## December

Christmas Break

## January

3- School Resumes

21- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No Classes)

27- Open House

## February

1- St. B's First Talent Show

18- President's Day (No Classes)

## Recent Events:

We have had a lot of success in recent events and fundraisers at school. We earned a lot of money during the 2018 Walk-a-Thon. A large portion of the money we earned came from Jennifer Reiser. She earned \$901.50 out of the \$5289.00 collected during the 2018 Walk-a-Thon and \$642.75 of the \$15,573.25 collected in the 2018 Magazine Drive. Jennifer said that she collected money from her whole family and that her family really

wanted to help her school. We are very happy to have collected so much money this year.

# Christmas Fun Facts

by: Valeria

~ "Jingle bells", was originally written for Thanksgiving not Christmas.

~ Japanese People eat K.F.C for Christmas dinner.

~ A old Christmas tradition was telling Ghost stories.

~ Some people leave food out for Santa instead of cookies

~ Almost 28 sets of lego are sold every second during the Christmas season

~ Coca-Cola was the first company to promote Santa Clause.

~ Germany created the tradition of putting up the Christmas tree

~ The tallest living Christmas Tree is 122 feet tall

~ Franklin Pierce was the first president to put up a Christmas tree in the White House

~The two days before Christmas are more busy than Black Friday

~ Thomas Edison was the first to be in charge of the FIRST light show

by: Alex and Nick

# Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Schooley

1. Question: What High School did you go to?

Answer: Glen Este high school

2. Question: What is your favorite food?

Answer: Anything mexican

3. Question: Do you have a hobby and what is it?

Answer: Sand volleyball

4. Question: What sports or extracurricular activities did you do as kid?

Answer: Softball and volleyball

5. Question: How long have you been a teacher?

Answer: 12 years

6. Question: If you could go one place in the world where would you go?

Answer: Fiji

7. Question: What's your favorite book and why?

Answer: Herald and the purple crayon

8. Question: What's your favorite movie and why?

Answer: Liar liar

9. Question: What's your favorite drink and why?

Answer: Diet coke

10. Question: Do you have any pets or had any pets?

Answer: 1 dog and 2 cats

# Class Spotlight

What are the reasons you like your teacher?

We asked them and they said the following: Mrs. Alvey is awesome, got candy when they were good, Mrs. Alvey would play board games and games at recess, good education

What do you like about 4th grade?

Love division and science experiments

What is your favorite subject?

All of them!

What is your favorite thing you've done so far this year?

Science experiments like building bridges with popsicle sticks

Have you guys ever enjoyed homework?

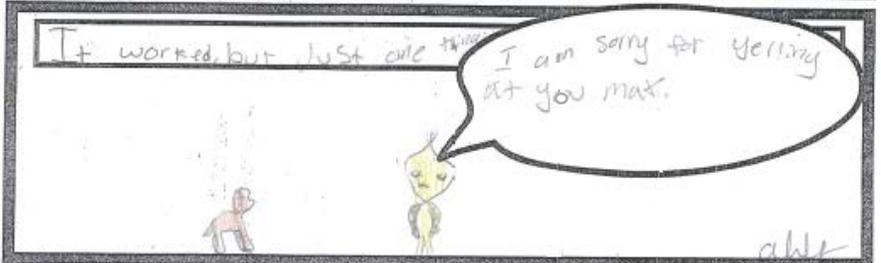
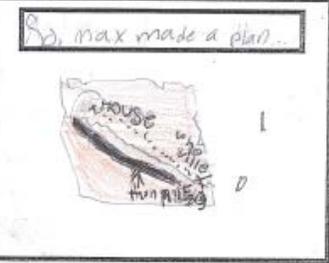
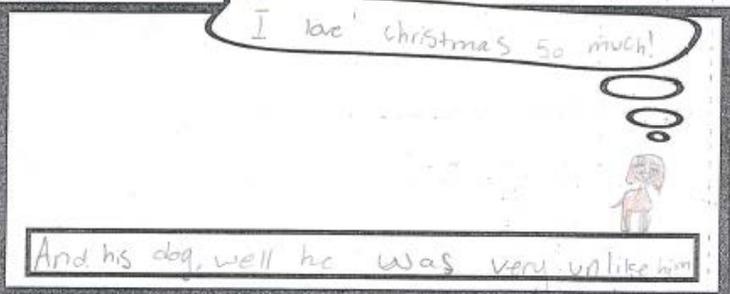
Mixed answers of yes and no

What are somethings that you enjoyed about 4th grade?

Teacher balloons on wall experiments

What is your favorite book?

Smile, Diary of Wimpy Kid, Harry Potter, and I Survived



# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From the St. Bernadette Newspaper Club

