

# Blue Ribbon Press

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advice

By: Maria D.

When going into sixth grade, there are a lot of things that you need to do and a lot of things you need to stay away from. First let's start with the Do's.

### Do's

- Always turn in your work on time and stay organized. If you don't, you'll get a negative Dojo and have to stay in from lunch recess. If you get too many negative Dojo's within the month, you'll miss out on Fun Friday and other sixth grade activities throughout the year.

### Don'ts

-Don't fool around in class. You could get a negative dojo  
- Always do your iXL assignments. You'll have to stay in for recess and do double the work.  
-Don't fall behind on your work. Sixth grade goes by fast so you need to stay ahead and on top of things, especially in Media Center.

There are many fun activities in sixth grade so you don't want to get them taken away, by not doing what you are supposed to. Don't try learning the hard way. I hope you have a great time during your last year at Graebner! This is Maria D., 6th grade, signing off.

## April Student of the Month Members

Dominico Amore  
Christian Babbit  
Leah Boettner  
Maddie Comment  
Ryan Delavan  
Eriny Gabriel  
Duke Garza  
Luther Gray  
Ali Hussein  
Sandy Karoomi  
Anthony Lanni  
Ryan Lenz  
Jun Wen Liu  
John Lucas  
Anthony Nichols  
Vraj Patel  
Liliana Reece  
Brayden Reinowski  
Sonya Sawka  
Audrey Stechly  
Keira Taylor

# Bina Ruins History

By: Albina J.

Have your parents ever told you that adults don't lie? Well, they don't when it comes to the most part, but when it comes to history it is a little confusing, and history gets morphed each generation to fit their own biased opinion.

One example of this is the famous Christopher Columbus. Kids have learned over the past decades that he was a hero and found America, but he in fact did not find America, but places like Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. And you can say he found these places, but there was about 250,000 Taino people who already lived there. All he did was run around South America and eliminate hundreds of thousands of people when he found out they had no gold for him to steal. Then after that, he spread the rumor that he sailed to India and died thinking he found new land there. Lastly, the only reason we learn about him is because when Italians immigrated to the U.S.A, they were treated very badly so they made up a little white lie and told everyone that Christopher Columbus discovered America since they knew he was Italian.

Another common misconception is the settlement of Plymouth. First, they were nowhere near prepared and didn't even build a village. They stole it from a tribe that was wiped-out because of diseases. The worst part is Squanto. He was kidnaped and sold as a slave. Then, three years after he returned to the same village that was wiped-out due to diseases, he was kidnaped again by the Wampanoag tribe, who forced him to translate and create a treaty with the settlers. They would trade corn and corn know-how if they would help defeat their enemies. Thanksgiving was made an actual holiday when the lady who created "Mary had a Little Lamb" (Sarah Josepha Hale) kept sending Abraham Lincoln letters until he agreed.

For another fact, the Pilgrims were grave robbers. An actual pilgrim wrote in his journal "We found a weird grave-like hole, so we decided to dig it up and look for valuables." Last, they dug up food (from the village that died of DISEASES) that was buried for the winter. SPOILER ALERT! They all died. Talk about poor, unfortunate souls.

Lastly, is something that made one of our presidents very popular the Cuban missile crisis. You most likely didn't learn this in school, but you probably know what it is. The young president John F Kennedy found missiles in communist Cuba, but instead of attacking, he made peace with the situation. But that is all bologna. The truth is, the U.S.A started by pointing missiles towards the Soviet Union so that the president thought all was fair and placed missiles in Cuba. Also, JFK did almost no work to end the Cuban Missile Crisis. His brother did! And the only reason he made his brother do it was because he won against Joe McCarthy (which I believe he was equally as bad), and because he would always pick on him for being soft on communism. Last, the U.S.A wasn't even in the missile crisis because we had 1,800 missiles while Russia only had 160. JFK exaggerated to look stronger because he wanted to run again, which was sad, because he didn't even live to run again.

Now that you read this, tell your friends, ruin childhoods, and most importantly, ruin history for all.

## A New Universe Part 2

By: Addison B. and Alivia G.

### *Previously on "A New Universe":*

*Ella snatched the rock from her shelf and sat down next to me. She looked over to me, and put her hand on my shoulder as if she were pitying me. "Sorry, Alex, gotta get a new-"*

*My head quickly turned from a bit dizzy to full on nauseous and a migraine. "Ow, El, it hurts..." I murmured, holding the heel of my hand to my head. Then, I felt my arm begin to numb, and a faint sound coming from Ella. The pounding in my head became worse and worse and it hurt until...*

*The world went black.*

I woke up, standing in the middle of the woods breathing heavily as I tried to look around, but I couldn't move. But shortly after a few minutes of struggling to move, I realized. . . this was the same nightmare I had in school.

"E-Ella?" I whimpered, blinking wearily as my vision came into focus. The trees were bare of leaves, and fog covered me. I was lying on the ground, sinking into the soft dirt. My head pounded, pain coursing throughout my bones and I didn't know *why*.

I heard shifting, and my hope flared. "Ella!" I mustered up the strength to move my arm back to rest on it, raising my head out of the fog. She had to be here somewhere.

A low groan echoed throughout the forest, causing my heart to beat faster. Was that Ella? Is she hurt? What if that was some unworldly beast-

"I'm here, pl-please help me."

That weak voice interrupted my thoughts. Some sort of hope or strength surged through me-I had to get up. I had to help her.

My body didn't want to cooperate, but I forced my body to rise. I limped away from the mini grave I was beginning to form and called, "Ella?!"

"Alex..." I whipped my head around, and what I saw was certainly *not* Ella.

The being looked as if it were made of ash, little flakes of it crumbling to the ground with every movement it made. It towered over me, all its bones jutting out and menacing claws daring me to come closer. My breath hitched in my throat, frozen with fear.

"Hello..." it whispered, leaning down towards me. I couldn't find it in myself to move back, to try to escape it. "Your friend Ella is elsewhere. She's a little bit of a blabbermouth-told me every little thing about you." And before I knew it, its breath brushed my face-I inhaled a tiny-and my vision blanked.

I awoke in a haze, everything faint and far away. My surroundings were black, with the exception of a torch hanging over me and... it appeared to be Ella. Her face was smudged with dirt, and she was staring into the dark abyss in front of us, breathing shakily.

I grabbed her shoulder, trying to find her gaze. "Ella? Are you okay? Ella!"

She fidgeted her fingers, but still didn't respond. Was she paralyzed? Hurt? I grabbed her shoulders, and she turned towards me, still shaking, and tears running down her face. "Can... Can you see it?"

"What?! Ella, you're not making sense. What do you mean-what are you seeing?"

Her whole body convulsed as she let out a sob. "It's there, Alex! I can hear it..." She threw her head into her hands, letting out incoherent screams.

"Ella!" I wrapped my arms around her, more frightened than I had been before. "You're okay, you're okay, I promise." She thrashed for a few moments in my arms, but eventually she gave up and went limp.

"...Ella?"

"T-The demon." Ella whimpered as she sat up. "It told me..." Then she paused.

"It told you what?" I said. I was starting to get paranoid-was she going crazy? Or was I? This isn't like her, to break down.

Her body made a sharp turn towards me, her jagged breaths echoing. "I-I-I CAN'T!" Ella screamed at the top of her lungs, falling to the floor, tears streaming down her face once again.

"Ella!" She turned towards me. "Get it together! I need you to tell me what is going on! I don't understand!" I shouted, getting extremely worried for Ella's sake.

"The demon. I-It told me it would hurt us. Our families. It explained to me that we're in... a new universe. And that it's coming." Ella said as she fell to the floor again, this time, unconscious.

"Ella!" I scream as I try to shake her awake. My heart feels like it's going to rip-what am I going to do?! Is she *dead*?! I can't think clearly-I'm not going to get out of here, am I?

"It seems your friend had a little... *freak-out*."

I whip my head around, and there it was-the demon floated over Ella's head, pieces of it scattering into the air, as if it were breaking apart. Its eyes were completely white, and they bored into me.

"Now, you seem a little confused." It chuckled. I took a step back, but pieces of it broke off and grabbed my arms, yanking me back forward harshly. I fell forward, onto my knees, petrified. "*Don't* do that. Do you wish to fall down into nothingness for the rest of your life?" I didn't move a single bone in my body. It seemed to take that as a proper response. "However, as I was *saying*, your friend is not human."

My head shot up, face-to-face with it. Could it smell fear? If so, I was reeking. "W-What?"

"Don't make me repeat myself. I said, *your friend is not human*. She can see monsters." It slinked backwards, keeping intense eye contact with me. "When others can't. That's why she saw my little friend out in the darkness, and why she's a bit..." It laughed. "Eccentric."

"Wel-Well... why are we here? Why am *I* here?"

It sighed. "Do I really have to explain myself? I sent that rock in because I wanted to bait her in-for testing, of course-and you just happened to tag along." It began to circle around me, as if I were its prey and it was my predator. "That's enough information for you, though-I must pardon myself, though. I must set up everything." It twisted around and headed into the abyss-and disappeared into the darkness.

Ella sat up at the speed of light and was breathing more heavily than ever before.

"Ella!" I shouted, scurrying over to her and grabbing her shoulders. "W-Wh-Do you see them?! Why didn't you *tell me*?!" Everything was so overwhelming-rage, fear, and so many indescribable emotions surged through me.

She stared, no expression on her face. It felt like she was looking through me. Her neck, slowly, turned towards me. “It doesn’t matter right now. We have to get out.”  
To be continued in Fall of 2018...

## (Un)Famous Firsts

By Jean D.

We all know that Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon in 1969, but people do new things every day! Many of these people go unrecognized, so I have chosen many unusual topics. Hopefully you learn something new about the world’s firsts!

### First Person to Create Mac and Cheese: Elizabeth Raffold

If you look up who the first person to make mac and cheese was, the first thing that will pop up says Thomas Jefferson. But upon further research, that is just the topic of an urban legend. On Hoaxes.org, you will find that the first written recipe mac and cheese was made by Elizabeth Raffold.

### First Cat to be Cloned: CC

CC stands for CopyCat. CC is the first pet to be cloned. She is a mix of a brown tabby and a white domestic shorthair. CC is also the first clone to give birth, when she had four kittens in 2006.

### First Food in Space: Applesauce

Applesauce was the first food eaten in space. However, it was not the most delicious. After eating the food during the Friendship 7 flight in 1962, astronaut John Glenn reportedly thought it was disgusting.

### First European Person to Find a Potato: Sir Walter Raleigh

Although the potato originated in Peru, Sir Walter Raleigh brought the plant to Ireland in 1589. It took a little bit longer for the crop to spread to the rest of Europe.

Well, those were a couple of things you didn’t know before! Check up on your local search engine for more random facts like these!

# Neko Atsume

By Madeline D.



Neko Atsume is a fun game for all ages. It's very easy to play. All you do is put food and toys in your yard, and wait for cats to come. The cats are very cute, especially the extremely rare Peaches! Peaches is a small white cat with brown speckles in the shape of a heart. Well, onto the review.

In Neko Atsume, all you do is collect cats. You collect them by placing out food and toys and then leaving the app. There are so many cats to collect, including the rare cats, which can only be attracted with certain toys. Neko Atsume has only one bad quality: sometimes it takes a very long time to get cats! That means the game can get a little boring at some moments, but it is all worth it when you get a new cat! I would rate this game 9 out of 10 stars.

# The Incident

By: Maggie G.

One Saturday Lily was getting ready for gymnastics. She got her hair up and said, "Dad lets go". Then got in the car.

## The Floor

She started to stretch. Then, she started to practice her routine for her meet next week. She was on the floor doing her routine. She did a round off and she felt like she twisted her ankle.

## The Beam

She did as much as she could on the beam. Her ankle got worse then it was before. She sat out for the rest of class. She told her dad her ankle hurt when class was done.

## The Doctor

Lily iced her foot last night. Her mom took her to the doctor on Sunday. She had a BAD sprained ankle!!!!!!!!!! The doctor said if it got worse come back. Lily wrapped her ankle. She went to school on Monday her friends Lea and Megan helped her carry her things. She went home that night. She told her mom it hurt even more. Her mom can you please take me to the doctor? "Okay." said her mom. On Tuesday, they went to the doctor. The doctor said, "We will put a cast on it and come back in two months."

## Two Months Later

The doctor said "Let's take it off and you will have to do some physical therapy." Lily still had to use crutches until physical therapy was done. But life was much easier without a cast.

# The Boov-Pocalypse!

By: Alivia G.

Maxene and Oliver walked down the hallways from their math class-sounds of lockers slamming shut and shouting filled the air.

Maxene shouldered Oliver, catching his attention. "My dog's been acting pretty weird lately," she mentioned.

He straightened his back, as if a lightbulb went off over his head. "Oh, you just reminded me-some crazy stuff's been happening to my dog, too." They entered their home room, and he placed his books down, sitting behind his desk-Maxene did the same. "His fur used to be gold, y'know? But now, it's all black, and he's gotten smaller. The vet's got zero idea what's up-they say it's like he changed into a completely different dog."

Maxene furrowed her brows. "Uh, that is *not* normal."

Oliver nodded, shaking his head with a sigh. "I just hope he'll be alright. He's acting fine and healthy and stuff, just looks... weird. Anyways, what's up with your dog?"

She shrugged. "Rosie has been barking randomly, and whenever she goes outside, dogs come up to her and they start howling together. It's like they formed some sort of cult."

"... Weird."

"I know, right?"

Rosie marched triumphantly around the front yard. It was time-she had been planning this for years. Finally, the blue moon. It'll allow her to transform all dogs into Bouvier Des Flandres-the best dog in the world-and no one will not know what a Bouvier is! Because they'll rule the world, of course.

She had to gather all the dogs, enough so that when the blue moon is at its highest peak in the sky, all the dog power will be *released!* Then, it'll spread to all continents, turning all dogs into Bouviers! Some already have, due to Rosie's 'amazingness' (as she calls it).

"Peasants!" she howled, relishing in all the attention she was receiving. "Gather 'round, my little peasants!"

A pheasant bird waddled up. Rosie sighed. "Not you, but you will also be my servant soon!" The bird began to waddle away. "Beware!"

"Excuuuse me," a nasally voice spoke up. The neighbor's dog, a horribly annoying Chihuahua named Fluffy. "I don't-"

"SILENCE!" Rosie shrieked, pouncing at Fluffy. "How *dare* you object against your queen?!"

Fluffy rolled his eyes, but still took a few steps back. "I'll let you know, I am pampered by the greatest queen in the world! She'll put an end to this-this-this madness!"

Rosie snorted, raising a paw to signal him to go away, and turned around (her belly jiggling as she did so). "You'll see soon. Humans have no power over me! Don't worry, Fluffybutt... you'll be free soon. MWAHAHA!" She cackled, and began to howl to attract other dogs.

Maxene hopped off the school bus, and began to walk down the street towards her house. But she stopped right in her tracks as she witnessed an... interesting sight.

Her dog, Rosie, surrounded by possibly hundreds of other dogs-some that lived in this neighborhood, some not. They all barked to one another, seemingly having a debate of some sorts.



# Sprinkle Rice Crispy Treats

By: Isabelle I.



## Ingredients

- 3 tbsp of butter
- About 40 marshmallows
- Large bowl
- Spatula
- 6 cups of crispy rice cereal
- Toppings [optional]



## How to Make It

- Step 1: Microwave butter in a large bowl
- Step 2: Add marshmallows and toss to coat
- Step 3: Microwave for 1 ½ minutes until smooth when stirred
- Step 4: Add cereal and mix lightly until coated
- Step 5: Press in a greased pan
- Step 6: Let cool for about 20 minutes then cut
- Step 7: Add toppings [optional]

# Betrayal

Written by: Emily K.

Hello, my name is Alex. I have been alone since I was 4 years old. I have been a loner for so long that it's normal for me. I thought everything changed when I was 11 years old. I was right my life did change, but not in a good way.... This story has just begun... I was just 11 years old and I was starting school as the new kid. I moved to America from Korea, so I wasn't very useful to my new home. I had no friends in America or Korea because everyone thought I was a waste of time and most people didn't even know I was there.

I went on the bus and no one wanted to sit with me and it was the same at school. Some kids (girls) even bullied me on the first day of school. I thought there was no point on making friends, I was already on a bad point in the day. I sat down at my desk by the corner again no one sat by me. I waited patiently for the lesson to begin. A few minutes later, the teacher came in; I thought we would just start the lesson, because that's what they did in my old school, but she said.

Teacher: "Good morning students, we have a new student from Korea! Please, new student, come up to the front and introduce yourself."

I stood up and went to the front of the room to introduce myself, but I was shuddering and shy. I could tell that the other students were talking about me.

I breath in and out and restarted.

Alex: Hi, my name is Alex. I came from Korea, I'm happy to be here with all of you!"

Even though I didn't mean that, I knew this year was going to be horrible!

Alex: "I like music, and I draw a lot.... I hope I can get along with all of you!"

Even though I didn't mean all of that, I went back to the corner desk...I felt so uncomfortable, people kept on staring at me, I felt like I was in a dungeon.

After the lesson, we had free time and I just sat in the corner drawing. I noticed a girl coming towards me, I thought she was going to bully me. I closed my eyes in fear and I put my drawing book above my head. Although I didn't expect the girl with blond pig tails would say, "Hey, Alex, want to be friends?"

"Huh?" I said in confusion.

"I said, do you want to be friends, also my name is Jenny," she said.

Of course, I would say YES! I never ever had friends before. I was mind blown, that someone asked me to be their friend! I was so happy I could explode into tiny candy pieces!!!!

At lunch.....

I sat down at the corner table even though I had a friend. I was still shy and uncomfortable. I saw Jenny and two other girls. I saw them talking and laughing and smiling...but in an evil way. I'll admit it, I was scared. Although I didn't know that they were talking to me...

At Jenny's table...

Jenny: "Oh my gosh did you see the new girl...she is such a loner and too dark!"

Amy: "I know right, I can't believe she came to THIS school!!"

Zara: "Oh I almost forgot, Jenny did she accept the friend request?"

Jenny: "Yes she did"

Zara: "oh goody"

Amy: "Alex we have big planes for you!!"

Jenny: "When the time is right Amy, then.... WE STRIKE!!!!"

After that day, I was "friends" with Jenny and her friends Zara and Amy. I thought this could be the end of my reputation of being a loner, but a few years past and I was wrong....

Years past...

I am now 17, I thought that high school was going to be "awesome" like the other school years I've had with my "friends!" But, this year, I will meet two new people.

As I was walking to school I saw Jenny, Zara, and Amy talking again and laughing. I wanted to go up to them and say "hi!" but I felt an evil tension from them, so I backed away and just walk past them. I didn't hear them... I wish I did...

Amy: "Today is the day girls!!!!"

Zara: "Yes, finally time to strike!"

Jenny: "now we can have fun, this year is going to be great!"

The bell rang, and everyone went to their classrooms. As I went to computer science I saw Jenny, Zara, and Amy all staring at me....and so did the other classmates. They all chanted "FIGHT! FIGHT!" Fortunately, the teacher came in, if he didn't come in the classroom when he did, I would have been dead. I went to my seat and Jenny sat in it, then Zara sat in the other seat I was going to, and then Amy did the same thing. So, I sat in the corner of the room...too bad computers is one of my favorite classes.

Jenny: "Oh! Too bad Alex has gone back on being a loner! Ha-ha!"

Everyone laughed at me...it was my childhood nightmare all over again. While trying to hold back tears, I stood up and said, "Why are you doing this Jenny, I thought we were friends!!"

Jenny: "Key word you said THOUGHT, we were never friends in the first place, we were just using you"

I felt like I was in one of those bullying movies, I wanted to cry so badly, but I knew I had to do something in my life. I wanted to talk back but I was too scared, what was I suppose, to do. After class I bumped into two girls, their names were Eva and Ella. Apparently, they were loners too, like me. Quickly, we became friends. Once again, I thought I would be happy and that it would be like this forever, but no, again I was wrong. I didn't know that Jenny, Zara and Amy took it way to far. They really didn't want me to be a somebody or have friends. They bullied Eva and Ella and made them not be my friends. I only figured this out the next day as I was walking to school. I walked up to them saying, "hi" but Ella said "DON'T HI ME, WE DON'T WANT TO BE FRIENDS!" Eva said, "WE ARE TIRED OF BEING BULLIED BECAUSE OF YOU!"

And then they left me, alone...again....my mother was right, I will be a nobody when I grow up.....

"This is the end" I said to myself. BUT, I'm not giving up yet...

## My Career

By: Ryan S.

When I grow up I want to become a lawyer. I want to help make the world a better place by keeping the bad guys in and the innocent out! I don't want to be just any lawyer though. I want to be a Criminal Defense Lawyer. A Criminal Defense Lawyer defends individuals and companies being charged with criminal activity.

To become a Criminal Defense lawyer, I would have to go to college for about 7 years to earn at least a professional degree. Then I would have to go to law school for about 3 years. The college I want to go to is called Saint Leo University located in St. Leo, Florida.

I want to go to Saint Leo because I hear they have a very good Criminal Justice Class, and because it's in Florida. If for any reason Saint Leo didn't work I would like to go to Liberty University located in Lynchburg, Virginia.

The minimum salary/ wage for a lawyer in the United States is about \$113,500 a year. With that money, I would have to pay for a house, food, water, heat, electricity, phone bill, and a car. I would have to buy fancy suits to wear to work every single day. I would earn at least \$54.50 an hour.

A kind of person best suited for this job is a person that has time management skills, people skills, problem solving, research skills, collaboration, organization, and judgement skills. After the skills, I just listed I learned that you would have to be a person with a lot, I mean a lot of patience. It would also help if you're good at writing, and have good handwriting. I would have to handle sitting down and talking for 10 hours with a lot of paperwork also.

Lawyers work 10 hours a day, talk a lot, fill out a ton of paperwork, meet with clients, go to meetings, and drive. It takes a lot more than arguing to become a lawyer. I know a lot of people good at arguing, but sadly a lot of people think lawyers are just people who argue on your side. You must research something before you choose this to be the thing you do for the rest of your life.

I chose a lawyer as my career because I feel bad for innocent people being put in prison for life. I want to fight for the people that deserve a chance. I want to fight for the people I know deep down are innocent. So, short answer: I chose to be a lawyer to make the world a better place.

The outlook for employment in this career is about 6%. It is increasing. People don't understand how important lawyers are. There will come a day where you will need a lawyer, I can almost assure you of that. It is expected to increase 14% in the next couple of years

Jobs related to a Criminal Defense Lawyer are Tax Lawyer. Also, attorneys are very similar to lawyers. Being a part of the government is like a lawyer. There's probably many more jobs related to a lawyer, you can take a look in the bibliography located at the end of this writing.

A Day In The Life of a Criminal Defense Lawyer:

I would wake up early in the morning, shower, get ready to go. Be out the door for a long day. Work about 10 hours a day, 6 days a week, earning about \$500. a day. I would meet with clients, talk, fill out papers, and drive all day, every day!!!

Technology plays a huge role in the life of a lawyer. Lawyers type papers, fax papers, make phone calls, talk with clients, make schedules, make copies and so much more. Without technology skills, lawyers would be a lot less efficient. Technology helps lawyers

research cases to defend their clients. Imagine what would happen if lawyers didn't have technology.

Lawyers are a huge part of this world. They help people with taxes, save them from jail, fight for them, prove them innocent. A world without lawyers would be crazy, we would have millions of people in jail a year, and many crimes. Lawyers make a big change in the world, and I hope I can too one day.

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## Greenfield Village

By: Ellie H. and Erica T.

Green Field Village is a fun, historic place to visit. There are A LOT of things to do there like hands on activities, you could also make somethings, and do activities there. There are so many things to do there that you couldn't see everything in one day.

### Activities to do & see at Greenfield Village

- Watch a historic baseball game
- Go take a ride in a Model T
- Make some crafts
- Go inside the place were Thomas Edison invented the light bulb
- Go on a train ride
- Make a candlestick
- Go on a horse ride
- Make your own glassware or brassware
- Watch glass blowing
- Postmark
- Weaving
- Printing Press
- Pottery's Wheel

### Notice Information

Greenfield Village is open every day when it is between April 14<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

This year it was closed from January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup> and it Open from April 14<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup> 2018. From October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup> it is only open on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets

Greenfield Village has a Membership program which you get lower prices and even some exclusive things free. Prices are for seniors (62 & up) is \$25.50 to just go there, youth (5-11) goes there for \$ 21.00. For general admission, it is \$28.00.

#### Fun facts

The year that Greenfield Village opened was 1929 that was a long time ago! Did you know if you went in this house and went upstairs you would get to look at the exact chair that Thomas Edison made the light bulb in. Greenfield Village owns 240 acres of land which is for attractions and the rest being forests, rivers and extra pasture for the sheep and horses. If you ever visit Greenfield Village make sure to do the very exciting attractions that you would like to see first because it will get packed!!

## Random Todd

By: Luke W.

Once upon a time, there was a man named Todd. He lives in a random city in a country, but that's beside the point. He has a dog named Doge and a cat named Kate. That is also beside the point. He lives in a normal house, and lives a normal life. Or so he thought. Todd was minding his own business when a woman who goes by the name of Amanda Wisteria came to his house and asked the most random question: "Can I come into your house? There is a Pikachu in your front room."

"What is this? Some kind of... witchcraft?" asked Todd.

"No? HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT ABOUT POKÉMON GO?!? I just gotta catch 'em all!"

"Catch 'em all? This is definitely witchcraft..." Todd's voice began to drift off.

"So... can I come in?" asked Amanda, with a strange and suspicious look on her face. "I *promise* that I won't do anything wrong..."

So, Todd agreed to let in the strange lady, and she complimented his style, which was mid-century modern. That is also beside the point. Then, out of the blue, Amanda grabbed her phone, and said that she would zap him with her laser pointer app.

"Woah, woah, woah... let's not get too hasty here. And what laser app do you use? I've literally tried 13 different ones, and none of them actually work."

Amanda didn't answer him. She probably thought that it was a stupid question or something. It really wasn't, according to Todd, but that is even more beside the point. What happened, you ask? That, my friend, I'm afraid is a short and un-serious story. So Amanda told Todd to leave his house immediately, and he did. Amanda really wasn't joking; there was a Pikachu in his front room! So, Todd was outside and waiting for the OK to come in, and Amanda made a sound and threw a vase at a window above the door Todd was in front of. Todd figured that was the signal to come in, so he unlocked the door, and walked inside. He walked in to a COMPLETELY RUNIED HOUSE

and Pikachu was right smack dab in the middle of the room, just like Amanda told him.

"WHAT!?! What is this thing doing in my house?!? And why is it so cute?!?" Todd questioned. He was in his house alone, but he thought that Amanda was still there. He poked around in his house, and couldn't find Amanda. The only thing he found was that in the backyard, there was a trail of smoke. Todd followed it, and it lead him to this weird place where there were portals and fairies. He said to himself, "Wow! What is this place?" He wasn't expecting an answer, but he got one. "Wow! A human!! The only human I've ever seen was Amanda Wisteria..."

"W-What was that? Who said that?" And Todd got another answer, still not expecting one. "We are the mystical fairies of Alicornia, and we are trapped in the Earth dimension forever. We are sworn in to protect these portals, but we really don't care who goes through them. That's why Amanda goes through here all the time; if you want to know which portal she went through, I could tell you."

"Yes! Please, tell me!! She just completely TRASHED my house; please tell me!!!!!!!!!"

"Ok, well she went through that pink one right over there. You're welcome."

Right as Todd was about to leap into the portal, Amanda came out. Todd called the police, and Amanda was arrested and taken away from Todd's house. Todd never saw Amanda ever again after that. So, I guess this is...The End

## April Fool Pranks

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### **Prank 1:**

For this prank, you will need orange juice, water, and cheese from a macaroni and cheese packet. What you will need to do in order to do this prank is you need to pour out the orange juice and pour the water inside next you add the cheese and shake the orange juice and you're ready for the prank. So, when its morning everyone will go for the orange juice so you can put the prank juice in their cups then you can put regular juice in a cup that's for you. Now you give everybody their orange juice and drink it.

### **Prank 2:**

Now for this one, you will need a mint gum and wasabi. For order to do this prank is grab your mint gum and unwarp the gum then grab the wasabi and then put the wasabi on the gum then put it in the for 10 or 20 minutes. So, if someone asks for gum and you give the wasabi one to them and they bit in to it and their mouth will be on fire.

### **Prank 3:**

For this one, you will need a raisin and a napkin. In one hand pretend you slapped a fly and in the other hand put the raisin in the napkin then you eat the raisin from the napkin and someone might think you ate the fly.

### **Prank 4:**

Now you need for this one your sibling's toothbrush and food coloring. So, grab the toothbrush and any food coloring and put the food coloring on the brush. So now when your siblings brush their teeth, their teeth are going to be colorful.

**Prank 5:**

Now you need hand sanitizer and clear liquid glue. Now empty the glue from the container and clean it. Put the glue in the hand sanitizer and put the lid back on. When your friend need hand sanitizer gives it to your friends then she or he is going to put it on their hands are going to be sticking together.

**Prank 6:**

Now for this prank you will need broccoli, cupcake liners, edible glue, and sprinkles. Now put the broccoli in the cupcake liner and on top of the broccoli the edible glue and if your done put the sprinkles so you will not see the broccoli. When your brother or sister love muffins give the broccoli muffin to then and they will eat it, but they are going to see the broccoli and they will not like to eat it.

**Prank 7:**

For the last prank, you need shampoo, saran wrap, and scissors Grab your brothers shampoo and put saran wrap on top of the shampoo and grab the scissors and trim the excess. Now your brother is going to take a shower he is going to wash his hair but no shampoo is not going to come out.

Now you can do these pranks on your family or friends.

Thank you, Ms. Harriet Tubman!



“Harriet Tubman,” also known as our own Ms. Chapman, visited with Graebner’s 3<sup>rd</sup> graders as a follow-up to their research project about Harriet Tubman. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have spent a lot of time researching and comparing multiple resources to validate facts to write their own research reports.

The students had a great time participating in this program; especially, interacting with and questioning the real Harriet Tubman!