New Students Love The Lower School
By: Laila Valentí

Do you know what it's like to be a new kid in the Lower School? I am new at Lab this year so I know a little about what it's like. To find out more, I talked to another new student and a teacher.

Ava Budeselich is a new third grader in the Lower School this year. She came from Discovery Charter School in Porter, Indiana. One thing that she likes better at Lab than at her old school is that we have special classes like art, P.E. and science more often than she did at her old school. Ava's favorite part about changing schools has been meeting new friends. The one bad thing about her switch from her old school to Lab is that Lab is much farther away from her house and so she has to drive for one hour every day to get to school.

I am also loving all of the opportunities at Lab.

Third grade teacher, Ms. Lambrax, told me about her experience with new kids. She really enjoys having new kids in her class because sometimes they think of ideas that are new for her classroom or for Lab. "They also change the dynamic of the class," Ms. Lambrax said. She tries to help new kids feel comfortable by giving them a buddy, partnering them up with someone that they might form a friendship with, making sure they have people to play with at recess, offering them help and emailing their parents to see how their adjustment is going. Continue reading on page 2

Protest at Lab
By: Sonakshi Mutreja

Did you wonder why you were not allowed to go out the front entrance of the Lab School on the morning of Wednesday January 14th? Well you are about to find out, since I tracked down the Head Security Guard at Lab, Officer Nance, for some answers.

Officer Nance informed me that the protest was about some of the Chicago Public Schools shutting down. After doing some other research I also discovered that they were protesting about not getting enough funds for their schools. Many of the protesters were upset that they didn't get a say about the schools getting shut down and when they tried to speak they were ignored. They decided to have the protest in front of The Lab School because they wanted to come to grounds that they think Mayor Rahm Emanuel may care more about.

Most of the people who participated in the protest were children. Some of them said that they felt that their mayor didn't care about them. Four schools in Englewood are getting shut down. Some students spoke out and said that the decisions people make about taking their funds away affect their futures. They said that they don't have different classes to choose to see what interests them -they only have the necessary classes. The students at the Lab School were not allowed to go toward the front of the school because some of the protesters were taking the pictures and the school did not want somebody's children's photo used in a negative way. Continue reading on page 3

The History Of The Newspaper
By: Alexander Saratovsky

What is a newspaper? Well it is pretty self-explanatory; it is the news on paper. But there are many things you probably don't know about it. Like when was the first newspaper started and why physical newspapers are having so much trouble. This article will tell you.

First let's go all the way back to Ancient Rome. In 131B.C. Rome started the first daily newspaper. It was called Acta Diurna or "daily acts". The Romans would hang metal or stone in crowded streets to inform the public about military victories, legal matters, gladiator bouts, lists of games, birth and death notices, and even human interest stories. The newspapers played a very important role in making Rome the great state it was.

Newspapers started to expand around the world. One source places the first printed newspaper in 700 A.D., China. Continue reading on page 3
**Interview with Ms. Palmer**  
By: Katie Schmidt

I interviewed Ms. Palmer, and asked her some questions about her job and about her opinion about the gun violence that has been going on lately. I asked her about her job, and how interesting it is. She said that she has a lot of responsibilities regarding parents and kids. She also said that she gets to meet parents and greet the kids.

We asked how she felt about the massacre shooting in parkland, Florida. She said she feels terrible about how many parents lost their children, and that she can’t imagine losing her child to such horrible violence and her heart goes out to the parents that lost their children.

What does as an office manager for the Lower School do? She replied that she makes sure faculty and staff get the supplies the need, and place orders for them and monitor their budgets. Also, she helps students with things they need and give parents information when they are not sure about something.

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We wanted to know whether she is happy working at Lab, and she said that she is so happy working at Lab, because the faculty and staff are so friendly and the kids light up her day with their beautiful smiles. On a related topic, we asked why did you start working at Lab? She said it gave her the opportunity to help people.

We asked one last question, and that was “Do you feel this school is a safe place?”

She answered that we could never be too safe, but that we can strive to be safe as a community.

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Ava said that her transition to Lab’s Lower School was made easier because all of the teachers make learning fun. She also said that it helps because the kids in the Lower School have all been very nice to her.

I have also enjoyed my switch to the Lab Lower School. I think that the teachers make me feel really comfortable by always checking on me. I agree with Ava that the kids have been really nice to me! I am also loving all of the opportunities at Lab. Everyone can choose what they love! Lower School was very welcoming to me!

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**Did You Know A New Dinosaur is Coming to the Field Museum?**  
By: Celia Lukas

The Field Museum is getting a Titanosaurus. On the Field Museum's website, it says the Titanosaurus will be in the main Stanley Field hall. You will be able touch the Titanosaurus, take selfies with the Titanosaurus and walk under the Titanosaurus.

You can do this because the bones will really be casts. Some of the real bones will also be on display, including an eight foot-long- thigh bone. The Titanosaurus will be 122 feet long, as big as two accordion CTA buses together. Sue will be moved to the “Evolving planet” exhibit. The new Sue exhibit will tell the story of Sue's life in detail including fossils found around Sue.

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**Family Traditions**  
By: Addison Eirich

I have two different sets of Christmas traditions. One when I am with my mom's family and the other when I am with my dad.

One of my favorite family traditions with my mother’s family for the holidays happens on Christmas Eve. We all help my grandmother make dinner and dessert. We usually make French onion soup and have lots of different kinds of cheese and paté. We all sit together and enjoy our dinner at a beautifully decorated table. My favorite part is when we make Christmas cookies that are my great grandmother’s recipe -they are so good! We usually make a few kinds of cookies like peanut balls and oatmeal cookies which are my favorites.

On Christmas morning, I am usually the first one up and I get everyone else up. My grandmother loves Christmas stockings. When she was a kid, her stocking was from a real stocking not like the one that I have that is made to be a Christmas stocking. Each year, she got to pick out a stocking from all the ladies that helped her grandfather and hang it at the end of her bed. **Continue reading on next page...**
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The stockings that the women wore were really long. What she loves more than getting her own stocking is to work all year with “Santa” to find funny things to fill up the stockings. The stockings are usually so overfilled that they are on couch rather than hanging in front of the fireplace. The extra surprises that do not fit in the stockings are piled on the couch to prevent the stockings from falling off the hooks. Once everyone is up and ready we all go into the living room and open our stocking presents. After we have opened all of those (and we have to take turns), we have breakfast. We have to wait to open our other Christmas until breakfast! We usually have Stollen, eggs, fruit and the adults have lots of coffee. After we clean up the dishes, we open the presents under the tree. After we have played and cuddled with our gifts, we start on the long journey home.

I also have Christmas with my father. My favorite traditions start on Christmas eve when grandmother and I make so much food that I can’t believe we can eat it all! We make cookies, pie, meat and best of all my dad makes the most delicious potatoes in the world. When the family arrives we all gather around the Christmas tree and talk and talk and talk about so much I don’t know where to begin. Finally it gets so late that we all have to go to bed.

The Fruit Fly Problem

By: Ava Lin

Ms. Philips’s class composting system has been helping the environment by reducing our waste by collecting biodegradable garbage which will eventually turn back into soil. But there is one problem. Though we all like this compost idea, fruit flies like it just as much. We should continue to compost even though we have to deal with the fruit flies!

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It was called Ti-pao and was carved out of wooden blocks. In 1609 A.D., Germany had the first regularly published newspaper, it was called Avisa Relation oder Zeitung. The Boston News-Letter was started by John Campbell in 1706, it was the first successful newspaper in the states. There were 34,657 newspapers sold daily in the U.S., in 2016 according to Statista.com.

Lately newspapers have been having trouble because of digital news, which is published on the internet rather than on paper. One advantages of digital news is that it can be updated whenever something newsworthy happens so that people can read about it immediately instead of having to wait for the news the next day. It is also less expensive to keep up since everything is digital, so they don’t have to pay for ink, paper and delivery. All this has put many newspapers out of business. The amount of newspapers sold daily in the U.S. has dropped from 62,826 in 1987, to 34,657 in 2016, according to Statista.com. That is a giant drop of 28,169! If the numbers keep dropping like they are now soon there may be no such thing as a newspaper.

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This changed a lot of teachers’ plans. Classes had to go to recess in a different area and we were not allowed to go to the Outdoor Classroom.

Officer Nance said that the main goal of the school was to keep everyone safe. They didn’t want to break their safety guidelines and they wanted all the children to be safe. They executed this perfectly as some of the students at Lab were not even aware that this event happened.

I AM FROM

Original Poem By: Addison Brown

I AM THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

I AM FROM THE NATIVE LANDS TO SLAVE HANDS, TO HELPING KEEP HOUSES CLEAN AND MOVING AROUND JUST TO GET BY

I AM A MOVER AND A SHAKER, FROM MY ANCESTORS MOVING FROM STATE TO STATE AND THE MINI ROAD TRIPS THAT MY FAMILY NOW TAKES

I AM THE PRODUCT OF LOVE AND A CELEBRATED GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GROWING ON CHRISTMAS AND LIGHTING UP THE SKY LIKE THE 4TH OF JULY

I AM DEEP LIKE CHICAGO PIZZA AND AS SWEET AS THE SOUTHERN SWEET POTATO PIE MY GRANDMOTHER MAKES FOR ME

I AM FROM PRESSURE THAT IS PLACE TO ENSURE THAT I AM GREAT

I AM THE ARTS AND CRAFTS THAT I CREATE

I AM NOT LIKE THE GRILLS FROM OUR FAMILY BBQ...MMM GOOD

I AM BLESSED, I AM STRONG, I AM BEAUTIFUL, I AM BLACK, I AM PROUD

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Keep Reading!
Our Zoo Field Trip - A Funny Fill-In
By Callum Reddy

This Past _______ we went to the ___________ zoo. When we got there _________ fell
Day of the week A Place First Name #1 Noun Animal Last Name
Over The _________ and into the ___________ cage! Our teacher Mr.________ had to
pull __________ out of the _________ cage! After that we had _______. During the
First Name #1 Same Animal A Meal
Same Meal First Name #2 Body Part broke their _______ and had to go to the hospital! When
________________________ _________ they screamed ____________! All I can say is
First Name #2 Same Body Part Silly Word That I will never go to the ___________ zoo again!
Same Place

Hungry for Haggis?
By: Lucie Bhatoe-Bertrand

Over winter break I took a trip to visit family in Scotland. We had pre-ordered some meat online for Christmas dinner. We drove to Edinburgh to pick up the order and decided to also take some "good" old Haggis to where we were staying far out in the countryside.

Our family arrived. The third night we were there my Dad cooked the haggis. Pretty much everybody (Everybody that tried it) at the dinner table thought it was... well, an acquired taste. It smelled bad and looked weird.

This got us to wonder, and so when I returned home, I did some research:

Question #1: Where does haggis come from?
Haggis is supposedly, a dish that originates from French, Scandinavian or Roman origin and was taken by the Scots and turned into the haggis we know and like or dislike today. Haggis is so old no one knows who made the first one.

Question #2: What is haggis made of and why does it smell like horse manure?
Haggis is wrapped in a stomach or sausage casing. In the mushy mixture you'll find a sheep heart, liver and lungs along with minced onions and sheep's fat. The heart, liver and lungs explain the whole strong smell.

Question #3: Why is haggis banned in the U.S.?
In the U.S., Haggis has been banned since 1971. Why? It's because the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) does not approve of one main component: Sheep lungs. Sheep lungs are banned because they are considered inedible. That's right, the ban is about its taste.

Question #4: How is haggis prepared?
Well haggis can be prepared on the stove wrapped in tin foil and in hot water. It can be prepared in an oven by, again, wrapping the haggis in tin foil, then put it in a casserole dish with a small amount of hot water. Haggis can also be prepared in the microwave. You take the casing off and then slice it, then add a little water then put it in.

Scottish Haggis Joke:
In Scotland they tell tourists that haggis is a tiny creature that lives in the mountains of Scotland and that you can catch them. They supposedly have one leg longer than the other; for high mountain climbing, high mountains would be their natural habitat. If you ever go to Scotland do not buy tickets to go on the Wild Haggis Hunt.

Will Middle School Be A Mess?
By: Maxine Huang

"Winter Break!" The cry has seemed embedded into the walls of Blaine. To some it might sound joyful to hear that ringing through their ears, and to some it might be a grim idea of leaving their friends and teachers at school for a while., What I've been wondering, as a 5th grader, is how many people are scared of going into 6th grade and why? After all, middle school could be like a whole different world. I decided to survey/interview a couple of people on their thoughts about 6th grade. Continue reading on next page...
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First I interviewed my older eighth grade sister about how she felt about going into 6th grade. The adults were a big part of her feelings. I asked: “Were you scared of going to 6th grade and why?” Her response: “...the teachers were really open about it and gave us lots of tours and stuff.” Yes, the teachers and adults of Lab are there to help you.

When I asked her, “Did your first assumptions of the first year of middle school turn out to be true?” She said, “Mmm, I didn’t really have any assumptions because I didn’t really know what it was like.” Sometimes you really don’t know what to think or what to expect, so you might be a little confused but impartial. One person I surveyed even said it was “undecided” if they were scared of 6th grade or not because they are new to Lab this year.

I also surveyed 9 of my fellow 5th graders. I tried to include students from all 6 of the 5th grade classes for more points of view.

**Question #1:**
Are you scared of going to 6th grade? (and why)

**Question #2:**
On a scale of 1 to 5, how do you feel about 6th grade? (1=not scared at all and 5=really anxious and upset)

Students had a discussion about this at school with Ms. Gruber, lower school counselor. A lot of people feel like their homework is taking longer and getting bigger. I think individual schedules people are scared of because they might get lost or confused without a whole other class to follow. Perhaps these new, different classes will also stack up even more work and push away even more personal activities.

Two students said that it’s just like 5th grade, not different. I see what they mean, because in 5th grade you get more independence than the rest of Lower School and you get to choose some of your own classes.

The last reason someone used to back up why they were not scared of sixth grade was that their brother had already gone through it. I understand that reason because if you have an older sibling to tell you stories about what everything’s like and what to watch out for, nothing’s quite so daunting.

**I think it’s good no one thought of themselves as really anxious or nervous or upset.**

- Writes 5th grader Maxine about experience of moving from Lower School to Middle School

I think it’s good no one thought of themselves as really anxious or nervous or upset. What I find interesting is the fact that no one said they felt 1: not scared at all. Not one person didn’t have a gram of fear in them, not one person.

We’re all mixes of both fear and calm.

I don’t know if these results transfer to other grades, but some of the aspects are the same and I think it would be interesting if someone surveyed maybe 2nd graders going into 3rd grade, 8th graders going to high school, even kids who have never gone to school before.

My original question was, “How many people are scared of 6th grade and why?”

What I’ve concluded from this research is everyone is scared. Everyone is. The main reasons why are: fears of not being able to do homework and not being able to handle classes.

All of 5th grade read a book this year about a boy named Gabe who was afraid of everything. He really didn’t want to go to 5th grade because he would have to take classes with these bullies in sixth grade. His friend Frita made him write a list of everything he was scared of, and they spent the whole summer confronting them. It turned out that Frita had fears too, and he had to help her.

You have Fritas all around you. If you feel anxious, there are always people to help you and people who have the same fear. You are not alone in this new adventure - your entry into Middle School - wherever you go.

**“Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don’t.”**  
- Bill Nye

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first issue of Lower School's newspaper: Lab, What Dewey Know? We are excited to share our hard work and hope that you will become a consistent reader of our publication.

An important feature of our newspaper: the articles are written and edited entirely by students! We have spent several months brainstorming interesting ideas for articles, practicing our interview skills, and sharing our works-in-progress with each other for feedback. The students have produced many excellent pieces of work in addition to the articles in this issue. I am extremely proud of all our journalists and hope you will enjoy reading our paper.

Happy Reading!
- Ms. Zwaska