Lab, What Dewey Know?

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Top 10 Things You May Have Not Done in Chicago but You Really Should
By: Evelyn Halbach and Maggie Yagan

The Air and Water Show - The Air and Water Show is held each year in August. Great to watch from North Avenue Beach, this amazing display of tricks and stunts is performed by historic fighter planes. “I think it’s so cool how close together the planes are, while they fly so fast and do all those fancy tricks!” says Ms. Lechowski, Computer Teacher.

Check out a class at the Revival Theater - Work on team-building, strengthen your improv skills, and just have plain old fun! “The Revival Theater is a really nice place, and the instructors there are very encouraging and excited.” says Bayaan, a fifth grader.

“Take a cruise on the Chicago River - The Chicago river cruise is an excellent way to learn about all of Chicago’s amazing architecture, as well as learning the history of the Chicago river. It is also a great way to spent time with your family and friends. “When we were on the boat and the bridges were going up, and it was really cool.” says Oliver, a third grader.

Walk down Navy Pier at night - Take a nighttime cruise on Lake Michigan, or see a show at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater. “I want to do that. People have told me it’s very beautiful.” says Ms. Zwaska.

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Swimming: Fun or a Flop?
By: Laila Valenti

Everyone knows there are many P.E. units, like tennis, softball and football. One unit that everyone has been debating about is swimming! Do you like swimming? Students and teachers in the Lab Lower school community have many perspectives on the swimming unit. Reading their ideas might change your thoughts about it.

Did you ever wonder why we have the swimming unit? Coach B. offered some answers to that question. Coach B. said that the swimming unit is one of the most important units in P.E. He believes it is useful for everyone to know and learn how to swim. One reason Coach B. thinks the swimming unit is important is because it provides a great full body workout without the added pain on our joints of running and some other sports. Another reason Coach B. thinks it is important to have the swimming unit in P.E. is because he believes swimming can provide hours and hours of fun either on hot summer days or indoors during the cold winter months.

Some students agree that swimming is a great P.E. unit. Fifth grader, Ava Williams thinks it is helpful because kids can conquer their fear of water. Also when she gets in the water with her friends, it’s fun. Arden McLean, a fourth grader, agrees that the unit is important because students learn the safety of swimming. She also likes Free Swim Friday!

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Halloween
By: Ellie Rosenberg

Halloween is coming up! Some of us get into our costumes and come to school. At Lab, Halloween is very fun. We play games and do activities. After school most of us go home and trick or treat (and eat candy.). Halloween is very fun! After you are done trick or treating (if you go) most kids and adults will give out candy to the kids who are still trick or treating. We eat the candy we got from trick or treating for dessert at school. Happy Halloween!

Fun Facts
By: Vicky Brown

- Cotton candy was invented by a dentist.
- Halloween was not supposed to be scary (it originates from a Christian religious holiday.)
- The Statue of Liberty was made in France and then disassembled into pieces and then shipped to New York City, where it was reassembled.
When You Vote, Don’t Fight (Fiction)
By: Analia Arias

One night there was a party. People were voting for who likes Christmas or Halloween more. But somebody didn’t vote because she didn’t know what to pick. So Halloween won. The kids started to argue. A parent came and stopped them. He said that he was trying to sleep. He yelled, “You must be sleeping right now! I’m tired and you must be tired too!” The next day there was school but somebody noticed that there was a girl who didn’t vote. That girl was angry because she thinks each holiday is special. A fight started but the teacher stopped them all. But they didn’t listen. One student made a funny face and they all started to laugh. They kept on doing those things until they forgot why they were mad. Since that day, nobody ever got mad when they voted.

Ms. Zwaska would like to remind all readers of voting age that November 6th is election day! Please make time to vote!

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Water Tower Place - The Water Tower Place is a place to go with your entire family. They have an awesome American Girl Doll store, a mega food court, a clothing shop, and, best of all, a cupcake shop on the top floor, with the best cupcakes you will ever eat! “I really like the Water Tower Place because there are so many different things you can do there,” says Anaya, a fifth grader.

Maggie Daley Park - Everybody thinks they’ve already been there, done that. But have you climbed the giant rockwall, or ice skated on a winter day?

Even just playing on the towers and climbing structures with friends is better than sitting in your house with nothing to do. “I think Maggie Daley Park is a great place to visit if you’re not from Chicago.” says Addison, a fourth grader.

Take a tour of the Robie House - We pass by it every day, it’s basically in our backyard, and yet, have you ever been inside of it? “The house is very grand and elegant, and the tour was very interesting, because of the way the rooms were set up.” says Jack, a fifth grader.

The Jane Addams Hull House Museum - Jane Addams was the first American woman to set up an immigration house. The JAHHM preserves the spot where the original Hull-House stood. (The Hull House is where Jane housed the poor, helped adults get jobs and helped kids get an education.) “My favorite part was seeing a copy of the Nobel Peace Prize Jane received,” says Ms. Mitz, a fifth grade teacher.

The Money Museum - Located near the Willis Tower, this incredibly hilarious museum lets visitors literally stand in the shadow of 1 million bucks. You can watch money be shredded before your eyes, or see an empty elevator shaft filled to brimming with over $50,000 worth of coins. “I feel like it’s a really good place to go if you just want to hang out and take a picture with $4,000,” says Freddie, a fourth grader.

The Oz Park - Play a game of tag or have a picnic, (well, wait until spring) with Dorothy and friends at this statue spectacle. “I really liked that there was so much room to run around and the statues were really cool,” says Jack, a 3rd grader.

Cubs 2018 Season
By: Jackson Slidell

It will be the Cubs’ 4th year with Manager Joe Maddon. This is the 157th year that the Cubs have been together, and it is the 103rd year that their home stadium has been Wrigley Field.

They started their season against the Miami Marlins and ended the regular season against the St. Louis Cardinals. They had 95 wins and 67 losses.

They clinched a spot in the postseason for the Cubs record four years in a row. That’s the longest they have ever made it.

Their last 2 games took 22 innings instead of 18 innings. They ended their season with scoring only 2 runs in two games. They lost to Milwaukee 3 to 1 in an extra game to decide who would be in the wild card. Then they lost to Colorado in 13 innings, 2 to 1 in the Wild Card game.

Next year Joe Maddon will be back. Schwarber might be gone, and Bryce Harper or Manny Machado might replace him.

Squash: You’d Really Like it Once You Give It a Try
By: Ava Lin

Squash is a racquet sport. When you serve, it’s similar to a tennis serve but you throw the ball lower and you don't hit down on the ball but you hit on the side. The ball must hit the front wall and be above the middle line (called the service line) and has to land in the opposite corner behind the horizontal line on the floor. At least one player’s foot must be in the small box on the floor called the service box.

The person who returns the serve stands around one racquet distance away from the corner facing the back wall (a little more than 2 feet.)

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TheHaunted Hallway
By: Bayaan El-Bawab and Maggie Yagan

Students up and down the halls of Lab Lower School are in an uproar about the recent removal of many people’s favorite Halloween tradition: the Haunted Hallway.

We asked Mrs. Bloom about the origin of the Haunted Hallway, and found out that it all started when the fifth grade classrooms used to be in a line in the middle school. Every year, the fifth graders would decorate their hallway for Halloween. Soon, the fourth and third graders started to come to admire the fifth graders’ hallway. When the fifth graders became part of the Lower School, they continued to decorate outside their classrooms for Halloween. And so the tradition of the Haunted Hallway was born.

But now in recent years, the teachers and principal have decided that there needed to be a change, due to the fact that they had been getting a lot of complaints of kids who had been badly scared, or even hurt. Maybe it’s time for a new Halloween tradition in the Lab Lower School.

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On the other hand, some students do not agree. Fourth grader, Tessa Hughson thinks the lessons might be useful for those students who don’t know how to do basic strokes, but she doesn’t think it’s helpful for kids who already know how to swim.

Whether they liked the swim unit or not, most students had some suggestions for making it better. For instance, Arden suggested creating individual changing rooms so kids don’t have to change their clothes in front of everyone else. Fourth grader, Freddie Neater-Dubow thinks the shower water should be warmer so that kids can warm up after swimming.

Tessa suggested giving kids more time to change before and after swimming. Even Coach B. had an idea for improvement! He said that the water temperature should be kept at a comfortable level so the kids aren’t worried about being cold. He also thought that teachers should work hard to balance skill development and fun throughout the unit.

Clearly, there are many different perspectives on swimming in the Lower School community. It is an important part of P.E. because it is a safety skill. Hopefully, the school can consider some of the students’ suggestions so that the unit is not only about learning safety, but also more fun, comfortable and enjoyable for everyone!

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You can hit anywhere as long as it hits the front wall and is under the top line and above the bottom line known as the tin.

Because squash is played in an enclosed space, it is possible for there to be interference so after you hit you must get out of the way or else your opponent will be awarded a point. If you are in the way of hitting the shot is called a stroke but if you are in the way of getting to the ball it is called a let and the point is replayed.

The whole thing is called a match. A match is best 3 out of 5 games.

A game is played until 1 player gets to 11 points. If the score is 10-10 then a player must win by 2 points. A point is won if your opponent does not return your shot, if he or she hits it out (above the top line) or hits the tin, if he or she does not hit their serve where they were supposed to or if you get a stroke. You should try squash sometime!

POETRY CORNER

Illustration by: Arianna Novak

Life
By Addison R. Brown

I AM THE SEA
I AM THE TREES
I AM THE OCEAN
I AM THE BREEZE
I AM THE FOOD
I AM THE WATER
I AM THE MOTION
I AM A DAUGHTER
I AM LIFE
I AM DEATH
I AM THE FLOOR THAT IS SWEPT
I AM THE SUN
I AM THE MOON
I AM A FLOWER THAT ALWAYS BLOOMS
I AM THE LIGHT
I AM THE DARK
I’M THE ONE WHO ALWAYS SPARKS
I AM SWEETS
I AM TREATS
I LOVE TO EAT TREATS
I AM LIFE
Ninja Smack — A Funny Fill-In
By Isaac Sutherland

Hello! Thank you for watching the last episode of Ninja Smack _____! It’s Senta, the Master of ____ vs Thorn, the Great _____! Ready! Set! _____! Senta is off on a roll! He’s already _______ Thorn! But hold your _____ Senta just fell on his _____, And look (Verb – past tense) (Plural Noun) (Part of Body)
at that, Thorn made Senta walk the into boiling, _______ infested _____! And Thorn (Animal) (Liquid)
has won the match!
#### Getting To Know Ms. Perez

By: Laila Valenti

Did you know that there is a new Dean of Students in the Lower School? Her name is Ms. Perez and you may have seen her around the halls. I sat down to interview her so that we could all learn a little bit more about her and this new job at the Lower School.

First, I asked about her role in the Lower School community. She is here to help us when we are feeling sad and we need someone to talk to. She is also here to offer support to everyone at school. Kids are welcome to talk to her at any time so if you need to, you can stop by her office near the security desk on the first floor.

Ms. Perez has been working with kids for a long time and in a lot of different ways. She was an Assistant Principal at her old school. She also has been a Spanish teacher, a Fourth Grade teacher, and an Eighth Grade Reading and ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher.

I asked Ms. Perez to share a little bit more about herself and she told me about her interests outside of school. She loves dancing. She also loves spending time with her dog.

Ms. Perez is enjoying her time at Lab so far. She especially likes that there are opportunities for many different types of students who have many different interests. Ms. Perez also enjoys how excited and engaged students are about new things and about learning.

I was excited to learn that Ms. Perez also has some new and interesting ideas for the Lower School. She wants the students to know that their voice matters in the school community. To make sure students are heard, she is interested in starting a Student Council in the Lower School.

Ms. Perez says the most important thing to know about her is that she wants to support kids in every way she can and she wants us all to be happy members of the Lower School community!

By: Skylar Murphy and Mila Bhatoey-Bertrand

#### Student Wonderings

This issue by: Arden McLean

How do you feel about not doing The Haunted Hallway this year?

Do you like the swimming unit in P.E.?

What do you think about your teachers?

Do you like the design of this campus? And the new changes, like the outdoor classroom and new playground?

“Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don’t.”

- Bill Nye

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### Halloween

By: Skylar Murphy and Mila Bhatoey-Bertrand

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### Find These Words!

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- boo
- candy
- costume
- fall
- food
- ghost
- halloween
- lab
- mummy
- october
- orange
- pink
- play
- pumpkin
- spider
- spooky
- treat
- zombie
Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first issue of 2018-2019 Lower School’s newspaper, Lab What Dewey Know? Our journalists, poets, and artists have worked hard (and had fun while doing so!) to produce this issue. An important feature of this publication is that it is entirely student-produced. Students ponder different ideas for possible article topics, brainstorm, collaborate, and share works-in-progress with each other for feedback.

Each member of the newspaper crew is valued and integral to the group dynamic that is fostered between third, fourth and fifth graders. While not each student will be published in each issue, the presence and contributions of all are very much appreciated!

As we continue on with the school year, we hope you will eagerly await further issues of the newspaper.

Happy reading!

- Ms. Zwaska