Team Ruby

By Lena A.

Ruby Haag is a second grader in Ms. McLaughlin’s class. She likes giraffes, the color purple, The Minions Movie and eating spaghetti. She enjoys collecting Pokémon cards and walking into the classroom each morning and being greeted by her teacher and classmates. She lives in Harvard with her Mom, Dad and little brother, Oscar, who is in Pre-K. Ruby is just like you and me except for one thing. Ruby was born with a brain disorder called Alexander Disease, which is a form of Leukodystrophy. She was diagnosed with this disease when she was six. Her disability affects her gross motor skills (balancing, catching a ball, jumping) and her fine motor skills (holding a pencil, buttoning a jacket, cutting with scissors). It also affects her speech and ability to eat. Because of her disability, Ruby faces many challenges on a daily basis, but that doesn’t keep her from being a sweet, happy, kind girl who enjoys life to the fullest.

Ruby’s dad, Jeremy, and his good friend Blake enjoy competing in high endurance events together. They have done a 100 mile wilderness hike, it took them three days. It usually takes accomplished hikers 10 days to complete. That should earn them the title of expert hikers! This year, Ruby’s family wanted to start an event to support Ruby, spread awareness about her disease and raise money for Leukodystrophy research. They created ‘Team Ruby’, which consists of Ruby and her family, Blake and his family, and a family friend, Lacey Johnson. On June eighth, Ruby’s dad and Blake ran a 50 mile race together, up and down Mt. Wachusett, to support Ruby and other kids with her condition. Many students and their families have donated to their cause, helping Team Ruby raise over 26,000 dollars, exceeding their goal of 4,000 dollars.

Ruby’s family would like to thank the students of HES for showing Ruby such kindness and support while she is at school. They understand that Ruby is different from other children, but she has never been made to feel that way. “We are beyond lucky for Ruby to be surrounded by the best students and teachers we know,” says Ruby’s mom, Helen. Ruby says that it makes her feel happy that her family and friends have been so supportive of her and done all this for her. She would like to thank the students of HES for being kind and supporting her. “They make me happy,” she says. “If Ruby wasn’t Ruby, we would not have raised the amount of money we have, we are so proud of her.” Helen said.

Ruby has been known to greet everyone with a big smile and sometimes even a hug when she sees them in the hallway. Every time I see her, she always makes me smile. She brings joy to everyone she meets and is truly an amazing girl. Her strength, courage, and persistence is inspirational. She is unique and special and we are blessed to have her as part of our HES family!
Walk/Bike to School Day Initiative

By Reval AS., Ruby C., Phoebe C., Cate C., and Lainey L.

What inspired us to start Walk/Bike to school day?

It all started as a simple health class project. However, as soon as we started, we realized that we could take this further. We were all really dedicated to the subject and thought that our small idea could make a big impact. We also hoped that this would inspire others to help make a change.

We want to give a big thank you to Ms. Sintros for inspiring us to start this project. Without her this project never would have been created.

We also wanted to give a big thanks to Mr. Mulcahy for helping us turn this into what it is now and helping us have the confidence to present in front of the entire school and for helping us come up with a lot of ideas such as the newspaper article to help create a bigger and better change!

A huge thank you to all the students at HES for participating and taking this seriously. Without all of you this project never would have made the impact that it has now.

Then, we want to say thank you to the Harvard Police Department for helping us with the safety part of the project. They really helped boost our presentation by speaking about bike and walking safety. They also helped us multiple times during the actual bike or walk to school days to help with crossing the street and other safety related things.

Lastly, we want to thank all the members of the HES staff that let us work on this project all the time even during class hours. Without that allowed work time this project never would have gone far at all.

Sorry we if we missed any other people. We really just want to thank all adults and people that helped even in the smallest ways.

How how did it feel presenting in front of the entire school and to individual classrooms?

Terrifying. The thought of your every move being watched is stressful. Presenting in front of the school is frightening. Many times we were very hesitant about the thought of it. We had to be ready, especially because we had a special guest with us. We counted down the minutes, each second we got even more stressed!

Then, we did stress circle. This may sound crazy, but we had created a circle for stretching, at that time we just relaxed and laughed. The minutes passed by, a feeling of excitement rushed throughout. Classes poured into the gym, we all took our places and started. The experience was very different from a normal presentation at our class, it was like a giant class!

Throughout the presentation we made multiple mistakes, but we got through it as a team.

Presenting to classrooms was overwhelming. Our schedule was very full, considering that we still had classes and schoolwork. It was much easier because we already have been through the process of speaking to an audience, it was sort of like repeating what we had already done. Overall, presenting was a great way to gain confidence.

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How did it Feel During the First Bike or Walk to School Day knowing you were responsible for it?

We felt proud and happy that people came. We felt that with how many people came to the Bike or Walk to School Days, that we had created a movement to all of the kids at HES. We also feel thankful not only for the police helping us, but the many parents, and teachers, that helped us make this successful. We went around and asked a few people their opinions:

Helen H fifth grade said, “It feels fun to walk to school, and it is fun to help the environment.”

Veronica W first grade said, “It felt good and fun and I liked helping the community.”

Declan K preschool said, “It was fun and I felt proud, and I liked it. It was a special day, and lastly, I liked being fast, and keeping up with the big kids. I would do it again.”

Neil C second grade said, “It felt good and I really enjoyed it. I liked knowing that I helped make a change.”

Callia S, third grade, said, “I was excited to help the community and excited to help the environment.”

Thomas S from fourth grade said, “It felt good and I really enjoyed it. I would definitely do it again.”

How has it felt since with the increased participation?

Photos by Harrison B. and Norah B.

How does it feel to be a student leader knowing that you are responsible for a positive change?

We felt responsible for the Bike or Walk to school day and more ready for Bromfield. We also felt more mature know that we hosted several events for everyone in the school. We knew that we made a good impact in the school and that people really cared.
Field Day Photos  By Lucas R. and Harrison B.
Construction Helmet Contest

By Mathias H. and Helen H.

Have you heard of the construction helmet contest? If you haven’t, read this. The construction helmet contest is where six people draw something on a paper helmet. There may be groups (if you haven't turned it in yet, you're too late). The people who win get to have their drawing on a real construction helmet, which will be used by children to go into the construction site.

The Roxbury Puddingstone

By Ryan P.

The Roxbury Puddingstone has been the state rock of Massachusetts since 1983. This special stone was given it’s unusual name because a few people believed it looked like a cup of English plum pudding, not like most of the pudding we eat in the United States. These stones have quite an interesting design. They look like a collection of clasts that can be formed together or sometimes separated. Many people like to believe that these precious stones didn’t originally come from Massachusetts, Lots of people like to argue that it first came from West Africa. Overall this is a very fascinating stone and you should definitely keep your eyes peeled on your next hike!

An Interview With Mrs.White

By Satriah S. and Laci O.

Us: What’s something you like to do in your free time?
Mrs.White: I like to play with my dog.
Us: Why did you decide to become a teacher?
Mrs.White: I liked to be in kindergarten classrooms. I did it in high school.
Us: What college did you go to?
Mrs.White: I went to Boston University.
Us: Do you have any siblings and if you do, how many, and if you don’t what type of sibling would you want?
Mrs.White: I have no siblings but I always wanted a younger brother to play sports with.
Us: What’s something you don’t think anyone would know about you?
Mrs.White: Maybe that I played soccer in college.
Us: What’s your favorite food?
Mrs.White: Popcorn.
Us: What are some of your favorite books?
Mrs.White: Books by Mo Willems, who is the author of Piggie and Elephant.
Us: Lastly, what is your favorite subject to teach?
Mrs. White: Reading is my favorite subject to teach.
Us: Well, goodbye and thank you!
As you can see we have a talented, super awesome, fabulous and super nice kindergarten teacher in Mrs. White.

British Mindset

By Gian M.
Mother's Day

By Saara P. and Satriah S.
Illustrated By Siena C.

There are so many amazing things that your mother does for you, that's why we celebrate Mother's Day! This year on May 12th you could do a good deed for your mother. Or, you could get a gift for her. Mother's Day started on May 9th, 1914. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared May 9th to be the first Mother's Day. It all started with Anna and her mother. Anna Jarvis wanted to remember her mother and all other mother's as well. Anna's mother had been very active in helping their neighbors. Because she loved her mother so much, in 1908 she had a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church West Virginia. The first "Mother's Day", Anna began a campaign, in 1905, to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday. The year 1905 being the year that her mother Ann Reeves Jarvis died. Jarvis had been a hard-working mother and had been part of many important groups that helped others. Anna wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to have a day to honor her mother and all other mothers, including your mother and mine. Anna believed a mother is "The person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the U.S. Congress denied a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to create a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states celebrated the holiday, some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday (the first state being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910). In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor all mothers.

Although Anna was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude toward their mother's, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925.

Now that you know the history of mother's day maybe you'll work harder to make a homemade present, or try to get one at the store [knowing Anna won't like it] by yourself instead of relying on your dad. Maybe you'll appreciate your mother more and show your appreciation to her. Anna worked hard, and I hope you'll appreciate her hard work and continue to celebrate Mother's Day (and Father's Day) enthusiastically.

Slug Man Says Hi  By Harrison B.
Science Spotlight: Local Snakes

By Gabriella T.

Massachusetts has multiple types of snakes, almost all of which are nonvenomous. Some types of snakes are quite similar to others, with only slight, barely recognizable differences. Read more to find out information about snakes that have their home right here in Massachusetts!

One type of nonvenomous snake that lives in Massachusetts is milk snakes, with the scientific name of Lampropeltis triangulum.

Milk snakes rely on numerous types of animals for food, such as small mammals, birds, and other snakes. This helps control the population of these animals.

The coloring of milk snakes is often a repeating pattern of color bands, with the common arrangements of red-black-yellow and white-black-red.

Milk snakes aren’t big. Adult milk snakes vary in length from 20 inches to 60 inches.

An additional nonvenomous snake that lives in Massachusetts is the water snake, with the scientific name of Nerodia sipedon. While they are nonvenomous, they are sometimes mistaken for venomous snakes such as northern copperheads or water moccasins (also known as cottonmouths). There are multiple subtle ways to tell water snakes and water moccasins apart, and the website http://ufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/water_moccasin_water-snake_comparison.shtml displays a couple of ways to tell the differences.

Around the time when water snakes reach the milestone of 1.5 feet in length, their food preference switches from fish to frogs, toads, salamanders, and other similar creatures.

Water snakes are dark in color, with a color range of brown, gray, and tan. When they become adults, they form bands darker than the rest of the body on their skin.

If a water snake becomes agitated, he or she will often flatten his or her body in order to appear more menacing.

The average adult length of a water snake is 53 inches.

Yet another variety of nonvenomous snake that lives in Massachusetts is the garter snake. A commonly spotted snake throughout the Northeast and Midwest, they are small but fascinating. A garter snake’s saliva is slightly toxic, but a bite from them is harmless to humans.

Garter snakes will eat almost anything that they are capable of overpowering, including leeches, slugs, salamanders, toads, lizards, frogs, and small rodents. They are excellent swimmers and can bring down minnows and other small fish.

Garter snakes have variable color patterns. They typically have three lightly colored stripes that run down the length of the body. The background body color is often black, brown, green, or olive, with the stripe color being white, yellow, mustard-colored, blue-gray, blue, greenish, or brown. Some are very colorful, and some are very dull.

The average adult length of a garter snake is 22 inches, and the maximum length is 54 inches.

The three above snakes are nonvenomous, like almost all the snakes in Massachusetts, but it is possible to encounter a rare venomous snake in Massachusetts.

These are not the only nonvenomous snakes in Massachusetts, but they are among the most common.

Identifying a poisonous snake is often not very hard, because most venomous snakes have arrowhead-shaped heads (northern copperheads and timber rattlesnakes both have arrowhead-shaped heads).

One type of venomous snake is the northern copperhead, with the scientific name of Agkistrodon contortrix. Northern copperheads are one of two types of venomous snakes in Massachusetts. However, there is a very small chance that you will see one in the wild and be bitten, because they are endangered, and aren’t aggressive. If you get bitten, the bite will not have enough poison to kill unless he or she saw you as prey or predator. A northern copperhead could inject enough poison to kill a human.

Northern copperheads, true to their name, can be copper-colored, tan, brown, gray, yellow-brown, red, or orange with hourglass-shaped patches that are darker versions of the color of the body.

Northern copperheads aren’t very big. The average length of an adult northern copperhead stretches between 24 inches and 36 inches.

An additional venomous snake found in Massachusetts is the timber rattlesnake, bearing the scientific name of Crotalus horridus. Crotalus horridus is formed by two Latin words: crotalum and horridus, crotalum meaning “bell” or “rattle,” and horridus meaning “horrid,” referring to the fatal bite of the snake. Timber rattlesnakes can kill a human if he or she is not given the proper medical care immediately after a bite. They have fangs long enough to pierce through most boots and clothing.

An easy way to identify a timber rattlesnake is the readily recognizable rattle located on the end of his or her tail. Timber rattlesnakes have cross bands on the body and tail. The bands are either dark brown or black, with a background range of yellow to brown. Sometimes, the bands are V-shaped.

The average length of adult timber rattlesnakes is 30 inches to 60 inches, although the world record for the longest timber rattlesnake is 78 inches.

These are all of the poisonous snakes in Massachusetts.

I hope that you can now recognize some of the local snakes. Central Massachusetts has many fascinating snakes.
4Ocean

By Lena A.

Recently, my family and I took a trip to New Jersey to visit my mom’s side of the family. When I got to my grandmother’s house, she hugged me and gave me a bracelet. “I saw this online and thought of you,” she said. “I think you’ll be interested in the story behind this bracelet. Later that night, I googled the brand’s name, 4Ocean, and read an article about them. What I read was so interesting and inspiring, I decided that I wanted to share 4Ocean’s story with the students of HES. I hope it is as inspiring for you as it was for me.

Two young men took a surf trip to the number one surf destination in the world, Bali, Indonesia. They saw something that would change their lives forever. There was a ton of plastic washed up along the shoreline. One of the young men, Andrew Cooper, walked up to a lifeguard and asked, “Why is no one doing anything about all this plastic?” “We clean it up every morning, but this is just what happens. By the afternoon, all the wind and tides just bring in more plastic, because there is so much in the ocean,” the lifeguard responded. Andrew and the other man, Alex Schulze, decided to do something about this. On their trip, they also noticed a fisherman who pushed their boats through tons of plastic every day, and caught hardly any fish. The fisherman worked very hard all day long, but the plastic had scared off all the fish. That’s when Alex and Andrew had an idea. “What if we pay the fisherman to go out and catch trash in the ocean instead of fish?” they thought. This would help Bali Indonesia, the fisherman, the ocean and the animals in it. They took their idea back home and started hiring fisherman to go out in boats and collect trash from the ocean.

Their idea was successful and today, they are the world’s biggest ocean clean up crew, employing fisherman seven days a week to remove trash from the ocean. They have operated out of twenty seven different countries and removed two million pounds of trash from the ocean.

4Ocean sells bracelets made from 100% recycled plastic and glass from the ocean. There are different kinds of bracelets, with different colored bands. Each bracelet represents a different animal that is affected by ocean pollution. The one I received represented sea turtles. For each bracelet purchased, 4Ocean will remove one pound of trash from the ocean. By supporting this amazing organization you help the fisherman, help the animals affected by ocean pollution, do a small part in ocean clean-up, and get to wear an awesome and meaningful piece of jewelry.

Alex and Andrew are truly changing the world, one bracelet at a time. What can you do to help change the world?

For more information visit 4Ocean.com.

101 Dalmatians

By Maddy K-Y.

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Slug Man Runs a Race  By Hannah H.

Ice Cream  By Ari S.
NBA Playoff News

By Ben M. and Alex S.

Right now we’re in the final round of the playoffs. In the second round the Golden State Warriors beat the Houston Rockets to face the Portland Trail Blazers who beat the Denver Nuggets in the second round. The most exciting thing about the Warriors vs. Trail Blazers match up is that Steph Curry is facing off against Seth Curry. One good lesson that you can learn is to always have good sportsmanship. An example of that is when Steph Curry booked a gym to shoot around in before the game but Chris Paul deleted it. Then in the game 6 Steph dropped 33 points against him to win the game and the series!

On April 23, 2019 the Portland Trail Blazers played against the Oklahoma City Thunder in game 5 of the first round. Damian Lillard hit a 37 footer to end the game and the series he hit the miraculous shot just as time expired.

In the 76ers vs. Raptors series Kawhi Leonard hit a miraculous buzzer beater shot in game 7 of the eastern conference semifinals. His shot hit the rim 4 times. Now in the eastern conference finals there will be an exciting match up between Giannis Antetokounmpo and Kawhi Leonard. The series was an upset because the Bucks had the best record this season and most people thought they would win the NBA Playoffs. The series went to 6 games and the Raptors (led by Kawhi Leonard) beat the Bucks 4-2. The Warriors swept the series against the Blazers, so they are going to the finals.

The Warriors are a challenging team to beat but if the Raptors give it their all they might just stand a chance against them. In the Raptors vs. Bucks series Kawhi Leonard has been the surprise star player, not Giannis Antetokounmpo. With Kevin Durant out the Raptors have a good chance because Kevin Durant was finals MVP the last two times the Warriors won the NBA championship and was a candidate for that award this season before he got injured. Since the Raptors record is 58-24 they will have home court advantage against the Warriors with a record of 57-25. So if the series goes to 7 it will be in

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Fluff Squad By Siena C.

Dramatic flashback

No!

Meanwhile

What’s that noise?

Damian Lillard buzzer beater against Thunder.
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Toronto which could be a big advantage.

Our predictions for the NBA Finals are that the Golden State Warriors will win the series in 5 games. We think this because Kawhi Leonard played lights out against the Milwaukee Bucks and he might not have enough energy. Also, the Warriors have 5 really good players (Steph Curry, Kevin Durant, Klay Thompson, DeMarcus Cousins, and Andre Iguodala). The Raptors have Kawhi Leonard, Danny Green (A good 3 point shooter) a rising star in Pascal Siakam, and a brand new acquired center Marc Gasol.

Another reason why we think that the Golden State Warriors will win the finals is because Kawhi Leonard was just sitting in the paint when he played the Bucks (guarding Gianiss). Now he’s going to be guarding fast and agile players like Kevin Durant and maybe Klay Thompson.

In game one of the finals Kawhi and the Raptors were able to beat the Warriors with Kevin Durant out due to injuries. Pascal Siakam was shooting 82.4 percent from the field which really helped out the Raptors. The final score was 118 to 109 Raptors. In the game each team had possession of the ball 97 times each.

Kevin Durant vs. Kawhi Leonard match up

Danny Green helped the Raptors out with his amazing 3s. The Raptors out scored the Warriors every quarter except the 3rd quarter when the Warriors out scored the Raptors by 3.

HOCKEY NEWS

By Eric B. and Conor B.

On May 27, 2019 at 8:00 pm, the Bruins beat the Blues 4-2. This was the first game of the 2019 Stanley Cup Finals. The Bruins were losing 2-0 and they made an epic comeback with a finish of 4-2, beating the Blues by two goals. Before then, on May 16, 2019, at 8:00 pm the Bruins beat the Hurricanes 4-0. Another game on May 14, 2019 at 8:00 pm the Bruins beat the Hurricanes 2-1. And on May 12, 2019 at 3:00 pm the Bruins beat the Hurricanes by 4 goals, with the final score of 6-2.

Also, on June 6, 2018, Tampa Bay Lightning faced of against the Bruins. It was quite a loss for the Bruins, only scoring half of the Lightnings goals. The game ended, with a final score of 6-3. Another game was Tampa Bay versus the Arizona Coyotes. The Coyotes were crushed, with a devastating score of 1-4. Another game was Arizona Coyotes vs Winnipeg Jets. The Coyotes lost, with a final score of 4-2. The day this game played was April 6, 2019 at 10:00 pm. Also, on April 25, 2018 the Toronto Maple Leafs faced of against the Boston Bruins. The final score was 7-4 Bruins.

Another game was the Boston Bruins vs the Detroit Red Wings. The final score was a close one, but the Red Wings lost.

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The Bruins one, 3-2. There was another game but not as close in the score. It was the Montreal Canadiens against the Boston Bruins. It was quite a crushing, with a final score of 4-1. Finally, it was the New Jersey Devils vs the Calgary Flames. The Flames won, with a high score of 9-4. The Flames won by quite a lot.

Last year, it was the Washington Capitals and the Golden Knights competing in the Stanley Cup Finals. The finals are a series of games. The games can go for up to 7 rounds. They go until a team wins 4 games. On May 28, 2018, at 8:00 pm the Stanley Cup first game began. In the first game the Golden Knights won 6-4 at the Capitals rink. The Knights were winning 1-0. This was the only game the Knights won during the Cup. In the second game the Capitals won at their rink. They won by one, finishing with a close game of 3-2. This game tied the Capitals with the Knights, 1-1.

The next game was at the Knights rink. During the third game, the Capitals won by two points. They managed a score of 3 goals, while the Knights only got 1 goal. This pulled the Capitals ahead by one game. The next game was at the Knights rink again. This time, the Capitals made an even bigger performance, scoring 4 more goals then the Knights. They won, 6-2. Finally, the Capitals won their last game at their rink. It was a very close game of 4-3. The Golden Knights lost the Stanley Cup, and the Washington Capitals won the Stanley Cup.
Once upon a time, on the coast of No Man’s Island, on the edge of a river that flows wild, was a village. The village was called Hoppity Dop, and the citizens were animals. In Hoppity Dop, there was a citizen named Mr. Wilson, whose goal was to open a café and sell his delicious food.

One day, Mr. Wilson, who was a walrus, was cooking his specialty, Beefy Alamo. Sure it wasn't the tastiest thing but it was the easiest thing to cook with the shortage of resources. This is because a couple weeks before, the Hoppity Dop colony was raided by the Blackhorse colony. They took most of the village's food and medical supplies.

So, when Mr. Wilson was about to open his café, a sand storm blew the door off! All of the sand blew into his face, the sand was everywhere! The sand was in the air, in the small cracks in the corners of the walls, and worst of all it was in the Beefy Alamo!

“Oh NO!!” cried out Mr. Wilson. “My café! My food! What will I do?”

All of a sudden, a commercial from the T.V. turned on.

"Hello Hoppity Dop civilians!" said a goat on the screen. "Have you ever had a big mess and you didn’t know where to start cleaning? Maybe you do right now. I think almost everyone has been in a situation similar to that. But, citizens of Hoppity Dop, never fear! Our company has accomplished something others would pay a lot of money for. With the all new Cleaning Ninja, animals won't have to clean any more. Buy one today at our new store or order it at our website. Only costs $200.00." The goat on the T.V. finished talking.

“That’s perfect for right now. And later, after my café opens, I can spend more time cooking than cleaning. This is prefect!” Mr. Wilson said again and raced off to their new store, excited to purchase a ninja.

Two hours later, Mr. Wilson finally had picked his favorite ninja (it was a hard choice) and was heading back to his café. He knew it was a good idea to get this. This is because as Mr. Wilson was walking to his café, all of the surrounding neighbors were saying they wished they had a ninja. The WILSON continued on page 13...
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only person who didn’t seem jealous was Crusty, a black cat who was very shady. Mr. Wilson didn’t know much about him, but wasn’t too fond of him either.

“I’ve heard of those things,” he told Mr. Wilson in a raspy voice. “Those things aren’t good at all. A whole bunch of rubbish, if you ask me.”

“Well, I’m going to my café to test it, but thanks for the warning,” Mr. Wilson answered, for he didn’t know what else to say, and ran off, thinking about what Crusty had said. Crusty has never been very trustworthy, but why am I so worried? It doesn’t really matter, anyways. But two hundred dollars is a lot, and I’m just gonna say that I’m not the richest person in town, especially after the Blackhorse raid.

And what if nobody comes to my café? So, Mr. Wilson was filled with horrible thoughts as he was walking to the café.

The Next Day

Mr. Wilson woke up with the sun shining on his face. He knew that now was the time to use the ninja. It was his only hope for bringing back his café.

Mr. Wilson went right to unboxing his cleaning ninja. Little did he know that something more powerful than his imagination was coming right for him.

He pulled out the ninja and instruction manual. He took half an hour to look at the manual to finally get how this thing works. Then, he turned the ninja on and told it very clearly to begin cleaning the dining area of the restaurant. The screen on the back of the cleaning ninja’s head showed him it would take 20 minutes to clean, and then hopped off toward the dining area.

“Threat will give me plenty of time to go to the orchard to pick some fresh fruits for my fruit salads,” said Mr. Wilson and he hurried out the door.

When he was done picking blueberries, blackberries, and raspberries, he saw some juicy looking watermelon that the farmers were selling. Watermelon was quite rare, after the Blackhorse raid, and Mr. Wilson knew people would be attracted by them. It took a few minutes until Mr. Wilson had himself a good bargain (for Mr. Wilson he thought that the price that the farmer was selling was too much). Finally, Mr. Wilson was walking through his neighborhood with three big watermelons.

As he arrived to his restaurant, he saw it was still quite sandy. He was very surprised, for he knew that it had taken him at least an hour to pick the freshest berries, reason for the best prices with the farmer, and haul all of his berries and three watermelons home.

“Why, I thought it would take the cleaning ninja only twenty minutes to clean everything. Unless the ninja would consider that a clean room,” exclaimed Mr. Wilson, as he was walking through the door. He was right, the restaurant was still sandy, and he was hoping to open it tomorrow. He saw the ninja, sweeping the floor slowly and feebly. “Ninja!” said Mr. Wilson. “Work faster!” The ninja picked up more speed. Seeming satisfied, Mr. Wilson made his way to the back, where he began to prepare more Beefy Alamo.

A few hours later, Mr. Wilson went back into the dining area. The ninja was still cleaning, but was almost done. Well, I guess I’ll just go to sleep. He should be done in the morning. Thought Mr. Wilson, but what he didn’t know was that the ninja had a mind of its own.

During the night, the cleaning ninja was slowly but surely cleaning up the piles upon piles of sand, so he thought. But, what the ninja was really intending was to steal Mr. Wilson’s famous recipe for his most famous dish, Beefy Alamo.

When the ninja finished creeping up the stairs, he found a hidden safe that was covered by a mural of Mr. Wilson’s great, great, grandma. Then the ninja thought, Boy she is one scary walrus! He proceeded, and was easily able to crack the safe code and retrieve the secret recipe.

As the ninja came down stairs, he wanted to exit the café as sly as possible, without bumping into anything. So, he ran as fast as he could towards the door, but what he did not notice was that the gust of the sand blew all of the furniture in every single direction imaginable. Then he decided to play a nasty trick on Mr. Wilson, and he stole all of the furniture in the dining room and messed up Mr. Wilson’s room.

The next day, Mr. Wilson awoke to find his room all messed up! Nothing was in its right place and where it was supposed to be. His first thought was robbers, and made his way into the dining area, clearly panicking. What he saw in the dining area was quite a surprise. All of his chairs and tables were gone. The whole room was blank!

“Oh no! What has happened to my restaurant? Everything is missing! And it’s still dirty! Where is my cleaning ninja? That is also missing. Oh no!” He finished, sobbing loudly. He decided to see if anything else was missing.

By the end of the morning, he found one other thing that was missing, it was his top secret recipe! Not only that the recipe was top secret, but it was his most famous dish the Beefy Alamo.

Then, all of a sudden a commercial popped up on TV, nother.

And so, Mr. Wilson again tempted to purchase one of the caddy cats, and that was exactly what he did that fateful morning.

The End. He also sued the people who sold him the cleaning ninja.
Call for Contributors

Any 3–5th graders may attend The Husky Headlines meetings. Look for meeting announcements in the HES email newsletter next school year. We welcome artists, illustrators, photographers, journalists, and short story authors. Students in grades PreK–5 may submit work to smulcahy@psharvard.org. Have a great summer!

Tips for Contributors

- Use a black pen or marker over pencil marks so drawings, comics, and games can be seen well.
- Bold colors will show up best. Bold colored pencils or markers will work well. Art crafted on a computer or tablet will work well, too.
- Work with a buddy to write a story or article for your illustration! Work with a buddy to make an illustration for your story or article!
- When taking a photo make sure to stand still so your photo is in focus.
- When taking a photo, or a scan of art, leave extra background when possible. The publisher can always zoom in/crop.

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