

GET TO THE POINT

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LITTLE SILVER HISTORY

By Aiden Lenahan

Little Silver was established in 1663 and was settled in 1667. According to The Borough Office of Little Silver, “The Parker-Sickles Homestead is the oldest house in Little Silver.” Believe it or not, Shrewsbury and Little Silver used to be one town! But in 1923, they separated. Sickles started as a farm over one century ago. Little Silver used to be called Parkersville. “Parkersville” started in a triangle. Edie’s used to be the first business to be established in “Parkersville”. If you can believe it, Edie’s used to be a gas station!

How Little Silver Got its Name

It started a long time ago when Little Silver parted from Shrewsbury Township. Little Silver didn’t have its current name yet. There was a train stop here. The train station company recognized that Little Silver didn’t have an official town name. The Parker family named their town Little Silver because it reminded them of their ancestors birthplace: (in Europe) “Silver”. “Parkersville” was a much smaller version of “Silver”, so they called it “Little Silver”!

Fun Facts!

•Sickles donated and sold a lot of land, and new properties have now been built on some. Actually, where my grandparents live right now (on a street called Alderbrook) was sold by Sickles!

•Bruce Springsteen, Bon Jovi, Danny DeVito, Meryl Streep and even Derek Jeter lived around here!

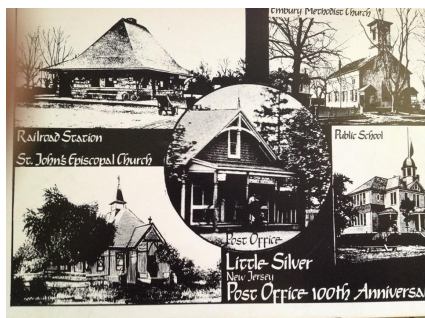
•Bob Sickles has arrowheads that belong to the Indians that were dug up on Sickles Field that relate back to the date!

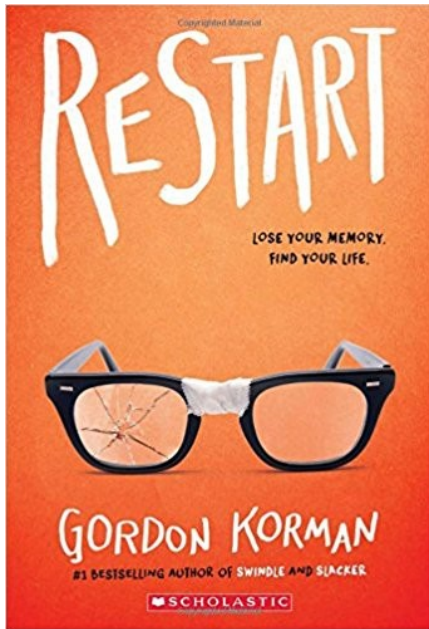
•ar-row-head, *noun, plural noun: arrowheads* (erō hed/, the pointed end of an arrow.)



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MARKHAM TO LAUNCH 'ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK' THIS SUMMER

By Mr. Platt—summary by Charlotte Richards

Summer will be here before we know it. This summer, in addition to reading one free choice book, all students entering fifth through eighth grade will be reading the same book, *Restart*, by Gordon Korman!!

When reading *Restart*, teachers, students, and our families will embark on a journey to discover what happens when a well-known bully gets the rare chance

to “restart” his life as a middle schooler. Will he choose to continue down a negative path or will he begin to treat those around him with respect and kindness?

Throughout the summer, you and your family will have the opportunity to come to Markham Place for book club discussions related to the novel. During this time, teachers will hold

GRAFFITI MENACE

by Owen Haviland

Have you heard about the Graffiti in the girls Bathroom? Though I have not seen the graffiti, it is reported to have been inappropriate language. It is very offensive because it is defacing school property. School administration had to temporarily close up the girls bathroom while it was cleaned by the janitors. Because the girls bathroom was closed, it probably made other bathrooms more crowded and more inconvenient as the girls had to walk further to the bathroom.

Why would someone do this you may be asking yourself? Maybe the person did it because they were angry or frustrated. What they should have done is to talk to a teacher or classmate. However, if all they wanted to do was draw, they could have gone to the art room. Sometimes graffiti is considered art. For example we can see it in the subway. But in this case, writing on the walls of the girls bathroom is not good.

The school is taking this matter very seriously. The evening custodian Mr. Mike says, “I don’t get it why people write on things that aren’t theirs.” and Mrs. Thompson says, “We are doing an investigation and asking students if they saw anything.” If you saw anything you must report to Mrs. Thompson, immediately! What do you think? Maybe you should jot down your ideas on graffiti.

discussions, read chapters from the book aloud, and offer activities that relate to the novel.

All fourth grade classes were visited by Markham teachers and we were instructed to join two Google Classrooms. One of the classrooms is for us to blog about the books we are reading over the summer and the other is specifically for *Restart* activities. Are you ready for a restart? The first book club meeting is July 10th.

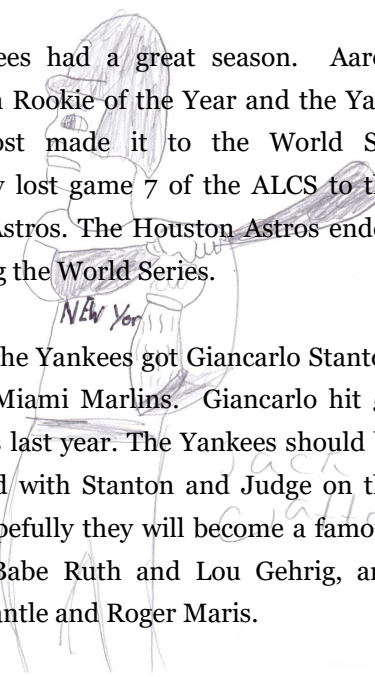
EXCITED FOR BASEBALL SEASON?

I AM!!

By Jack Ciatto

The Yankees had a great season. Aaron Judge won Rookie of the Year and the Yankees almost made it to the World Series. They lost game 7 of the ALCS to the Houston Astros. The Houston Astros ended up winning the World Series.

This year the Yankees got Giancarlo Stanton from the Miami Marlins. Giancarlo hit 59 home runs last year. The Yankees should be really good with Stanton and Judge on the team. Hopefully they will become a famous duo like Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, and Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris.



THE HORRIFYING NIGHT GHOST:

A short story by Brayden Cosimano, Picture by Jack Ciatto

It was a dark and stormy night like this one, and Peter Parker was just about to go to bed when he heard a hard and loud shriek. He quickly ran to the window, but when Peter looked out the window there was nothing but thin cold air. However, 5 ft. away there were thousands of people out of their apartments and on the thick hard road... running. Suddenly, in a freak way— air picked up a person and flung them high in the sky. Peter quickly left the window and dashed to his closet and pulled on his suit.

He dashed out the door and slung one thin sticky web at the air that had picked up the person. Oh no, his web hit something...and then a quick short breeze hit spider man and 'something' picked him up and threw him into a nearby rusted car. He was shaken up and then thought for a second and he said "how am I going to hit this thing when I don't know where it is"? So Spiderman started slinging webs everywhere into the thin air, people thought he was crazy. But suddenly he hit something, it felt like a ripped shirt. It was scratchy and rough. By luck Spiderman was able to rip a piece of fabric right off 'this form', and ran as fast as he could inside his apartment and put the piece of fabric into his DNA scanner.....The reading said: NIGHT GHOST... he shook his head in disbelief—he couldn't believe it was so obvious the whole time. He thought to himself "It's night and it's thin air, so it must be a night ghost". Urgently, Spiderman dashed outside, and in his haste forgot his ghost catcher so he ran back inside to get his night ghost catcher. When he got it, he dashed outside again, and started spraying. It appeared here was nothing there, so he sprayed it a different way—Eureka!! He had got him!. Then everybody thankfully went into their apartments again—eager for a better nights sleep..

Chapter Two—The Morning Ghost

Spiderman had so many questions racing in his head. He didn't know where that thing came from and if there will be more. But he decided to solve that problem tomorrow morning. He ripped off his suit and jumped into bed. In the morning it appeared to be an ordinary day. However, when Peter got out of his apartment, he saw a black and blue portal. What came out was not a night ghost but a morning ghost. But he still had one question, why is it right next to his apartment? But at this moment he couldn't find that out. He had to fight right now, and that was something he knew. So he swung his fist and it hit something yet it was invisible. Peter knew it wasn't the morning ghost. So he swung another fist and again it hit nothing. He swung again and again, it hit nothing. The next thing he knew he was shoved to the ground, and hit his head hard, and got knocked out for about 30 min. When he got up, he looked around and saw there was not a portal anymore. He thought that was weird ,it was still morning. Peter also realized if there was no portal the morning

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GREETINGS FROM THE WITNESS PROTECTION:

A book review
by Aoife Oldroyd

"Greetings from the witness protection" is a book you simply can't ignore. This book is funny, dramatic and action packed. Jake Burt is such a amazing author to write an awesome book.

This book is designed for readers who have outgrown early chapter books and are not quite ready for adult books. This book will leave you on the edge of your seat and you simply can't put it down.

Niki is a ordinary foster child, but then one day she has a opportunity of a lifetime. Niki is asked to join the U.S marshals to cover for a family. Niki will join 'Project Family' to hide a family on the run from criminals. Niki will help hide her family, avoid the internet, dodge bullies, while still keeping her family protected. Will Nicki succeed or give away her cover? To find out what happens, get this book!

Just by reading the first few pages I promise you,

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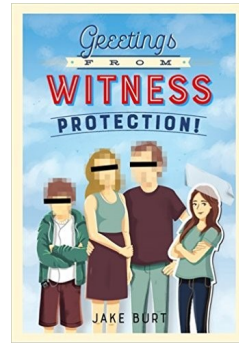
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ghost could not go back and therefore die in the afternoon so all Peter had to do was keep that thing away from the people. That would be easy, he did that everyday.

Chapter Three—Too Late
But he was too late, the ghost was already at one building smashing it till it was just pieces of glass. Luckily Peter had his suit in his backpack. so he quickly put that on, and raced into action. First he got the ghosts attention and then he started slinging webs at him. When the morning ghost was snarled up with the sticky webs, Spiderman intently watched the ghost until the clock struck noon. He then told everyone to take cover because he didn't know if the ghost figure was going to explode into millions of pieces. Surprisingly it didn't, all it did was ' poof' and fizzle and then disappear with a loud hisssss sound. The problem was solved and everyone screamed "Hurray for Spiderman!!"

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you will simply fall in love with the book and you have to get it! To prove this, I asked a friend to read the first few pages as well as the description. She reported that "Greetings from the Witness Protection looks like an exiting book about an extraordinary girl doing ordinary things while maintaining an amazing secret." This really shows to you that this book is simply awesome. "Greetings from the Witness Protection" is a great family pick. This book will keep you entertained for hours and will



leave you on the edge of your seat just dying to find out what happens next. This book is perfect for a lover of action and light mystery and readers who simply love reading! Thanks to Jake Burt, he made this amazing book and he is such an amazing author to write such a story. This book must have taken amazing creativity and thought to make this incredible book! Thankfully Jake Burt had all of that and more, and in my opinion he made the best book ever, "Greetings from the Witness Protection".

INSIDE SCOOP ON AARON JUDGE

By Connor Luce

Aaron Judge is the right fielder for the New York Yankees. Last year he hit 52 home runs in his rookie year. He was also named the American League Rookie of the Year for 2017.

He first got called up in September of 2016. At his first time at bat he hit a homerun to center field but he did not do well for the rest of the season. His avg was only .179 with 3 homers for the rest of the year. He keeps a note of this avg on his phone to motivate him to do better.

The next year turned out to be much different. In April of 2017 he hit 10 home runs in one month with a .303 avg. Some players hit 10 homeruns a year! For the rest of the season he had .284 avg with 52 home runs, 114 RBI's, and 154 hits. It has been said to be one of the best performances ever by a rookie.

Baseball players can have ups and downs. During July and the August

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WHY THE BEATLES WERE THE GREATEST BAND IN THE WORLD

By Owen Haviland

Do you know who John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr are? They were members of the greatest band in the world ...The Beatles! The Beatles lasted from 1957-1970. They won 25 Grammys, and inspired bands such as: The Yardbirds, The Zombies, The Monkees, The Beach Boys and The Rolling Stones.

A few reasons that the Beatles were a great band is that they wanted to bring peace to the world. One of their songs is titled "All you need is love". They sometimes even protested for peace! Once, John stayed in bed for 2 weeks to protest the Vietnam war. They even grew mustaches and long hair and beards to protest!

Another reason that they are the greatest band in history is that their songs are still very popular today. For example they have their own satellite radio channel called "The Beatles Channel" (maybe you'll be listening to it after you read this). Songs like "She loves you" and "Yellow submarine" are two of the most popular Beatles songs that you will hear on the radio.

And the final reason is, they were very popular with fans when the band broke up. Their songs were even more popular as were some of their life achievements. Some of the achievements they have had are: John made peace, Paul had a new band called "Wings", George was the only Beatle to have a number 1 hit with "My Sweet Lord", and Ringo also had hits with "Photograph" and "You're 16". Are you interested in listening to The Beatles, the greatest band in the world? Well, then go on satellite radio or iTunes and listen to The Beatles!

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FUN FACTS

of 2017 Aaron Judge had a big slump. In July he hit .230 with 7 HRs and 39 strikeouts. In August he hit only .185 with 3 HR's and 41 strikeouts. During these hard days he still had confidence in himself that he could be the player he was earlier in the year. He kept working hard and by September he had turned it around hitting .311 with 15 HR's 32 strikeouts.

So far in 2018 Aaron Judge is hitting .306 with 11 HR's, 34 RBI's and a .436 OBP. If his season continues to go well he will most certainly be an MVP candidate again this year.

- Both of Aaron Judge's parents are teachers
- He went to Fresno State University
- Judge played first base and pitched in Little League
- He is very tall at 6'7" and 282 pounds
- He was originally drafted by the Oakland A's but decided to go to college instead.
- He was in the College World series two years in a row
- He was born April 26, 1992 in Linden, California



HARRY POTTER THEORIES—BEYOND THE BOOKS & MOVIES

By Charlotte Richards

We all love the Harry Potter movies and books right? But here are a few really scary, cool and weird theories that I have researched. One of these scary theories is that Harry's wizarding world may just be all a fantasy. In the first book we learn that Harry has been abused by his aunt, uncle and brother for his whole life. This "Wizarding World" of his may just be an escape from his real life with his relatives. "Aunt" Petunia and "Uncle" Vernon may be his actual parents and Dudley may be his brother, not his cousin. He could have made up the idea that his "mom and dad" are dead and that his real parents are actually his "aunt and uncle".

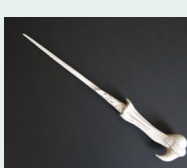
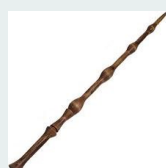
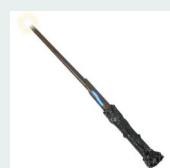
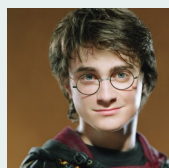
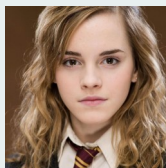
Another theory, that actually makes sense, may I add, is that Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon are actually decent people. I know, I know, this does NOT sound like it makes sense at all, and I don't blame you, considering Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon are extremely MEAN people, but hear me out. As we learn in the 7th book, Ron is a really very nice person, but he gets plain nasty wearing the horcrux*. Because Harry is a horcrux, his aunt and uncle may just be mean to him because, like Ron, they're being affected by Harry/horcrux.

**A horcrux is an object that somebody has put part of their soul in. Some of Lord Voldemort's soul is in Harry, Nagini the Snake, Helga Hufflepuff's cup, Salazar Slytherin's locket, Rowena Ravenclaw's diadem, Tom Riddle's diary, and Marvolo Gaunt's ring.*

Now back to theories. This next one sounds impossible, but it actually might be true. The theory is that the Tale of the Three Brothers actually represents Snape, Harry, Voldemort, and Dumbledore. Voldemort is the first brother, wanting the most powerful wand in the world (the elder wand), Snape is the second brother, constantly searching for Lily, his lost love, the third brother is Harry, who was wise and chose to have a cloak that could conceal him from Death, and Death is Dumbledore, because in the end of the story it says that the third brother, Harry, finally took off his cloak, and greeted Death as an old friend. This greeting represents when Harry meets Dumbledore (who at this time is dead) in "Kings Cross" and they have a friendly little talk as friends.

The next theory is not actually that much of a theory but more of a connection. At the end of the 2nd book Harry makes Dobby promise him that he will never try to save Harry's life again. Dobby keeps this promise all through the series, except when Harry, Ron, Hermione, Luna, Ollivander, and Griphook are trapped in Malfoy Manor. Dobby comes to rescue them, but Bellatrix Lestrange throws her knife and kills Dobby. It's sad because Dobby didn't keep his promise to Harry and as a result dies. You won't be able to find anyone more innocent than Dobby.

There really are many more theories than these, but I didn't want to make this article too long. Remember, keep making crazy theories! Bye for now, Muggles, Witches and Wizards!



The wand chooses the wizard (and witch)!

Match each wand to its wizardly owner.

THE STORY OF ANNE FRANK'S LIFE

By Sloane Massey

I found Anne Frank interesting and inspiring, so I wanted to write about her. I read a lot of books like The Diary Of Anne Frank, Anne Frank And Beyond The Diary and even more. I put the information together from all the stories I read and this is my interpretation:

Anne Frank was a Jew who lived during World War 2. Back then, a leader of a group called the Nazis, Adolf Hitler wanted Jews dead. So he made these terrible places called Concentration Camps. That was where Nazis killed or tortured Jews.

When Anne was young, 3 or 4, she moved to the Netherlands with her family. That way, they could stay safe, for at least a little while. As Anne grew older, the war got bigger. Soon it was too dangerous to go outside.

Her Father found a spot to hide. Anne called it The Secret Annex. It was the last couple of floors in a building of a friend he worked with, Miep. Soon after Anne Frank and her family moved in, a slightly smaller family called the Van Daans moved in as well. Anne kept a diary and dreamed of becoming a writer someday. In 1947, shortly after the war, Anne's diary was published by her Father.

There were so many fights and almost no peace. All the people hiding on the upper floors had to be quiet, because at some parts of day, others would visit the office and they could not be heard, unless they wanted to be sent to the Concentration Camps. After twenty-five months in hiding, on August 4th, 1944 they were caught and separated from each other. Anne's diary was left behind. But Miep found it, hoping she would come back alive.

Anne was sent to Auschwitz, where over 1,000,000 died and then to Bergen Belsen. Anne's Mom died, just before her birthday. Anne and her sister Margot survived a few more months. Five hundred people died each day. Three days before her own death, Anne's sister died, Anne died of Typhus.

Her Father however, stayed till the Camp he was at, was liberated. World War 2 was over, and Jews were freed! When Anne's Dad found out that his wife and children were dead, he was very crestfallen. Later, he married Anne's best friend's Mother, and Anne's diary was published in 1947. Now Anne Frank is remembered by her bravery and her diary that she wrote in The Secret Annex.

A conversation with Annie Silvestro

By Connor Luce

I interviewed Annie Silvestro about her book Bunny's Book Club. The book is about Bunny who likes to read so much that he takes books from the library without checking them out. He gets in trouble but learns in the end to check the books out.

I asked the author did you have revisions on your book? Yes all the time.

Can you tell us something about the illustrator (Tatjana Mai - Wyss): We have never met but we plan to. She seems to be super nice.

Is there a question that you wished we'd asked, but did not?. No.

Scoop time! What's next for you? I'm going to make bunny book club 2. As Annie Silvestro likes Christmas and her son likes trains, she is making a book called: The Christmas tree who loved trains.

It was great to meet Annie Silvestro and it was nice talking to her.

HARRY POTTER TRIVIA QUIZ

- In book 4, who did Harry go to the yule ball with?
 - Hermione Granger
 - Ron Weasley
 - Cho Chang
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- BONUS QUESTION:** What is Hermione's favorite subject?
- Arithmancy
 - Defense Against the Dark Arts
 - Herbology
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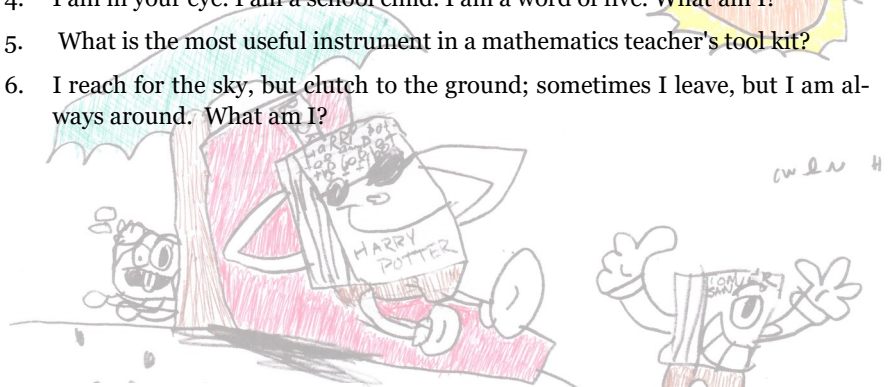
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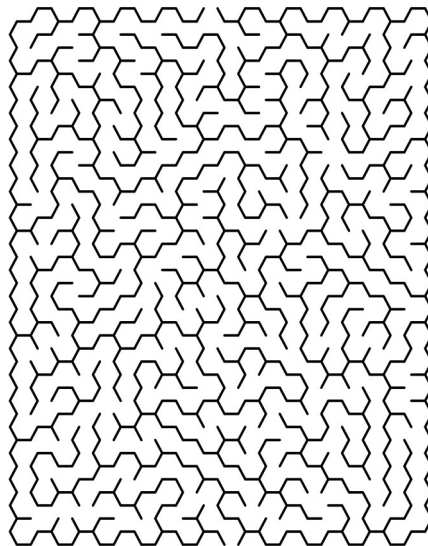
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- There were three girls going to school. They were sharing 1 umbrella. How come all the girls did not get wet?
- I am two-faced but bear only one, I have no legs but travel widely. Men spill much blood over me, kings leave their imprint on me. I have greatest power when given away, yet lust for me keeps me locked away. ?
- I am in your eye. I am a school child. I am a word of five. What am I?
- What is the most useful instrument in a mathematics teacher's tool kit?
- I reach for the sky, but clutch to the ground; sometimes I leave, but I am always around. What am I?



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Answers: Harry Potter Trivia: 1d; 2c; 3b; 4d; 5d; BQ a. Brain Teaser: 1. history; 2. it was not raining; 3. coin/money; 4. pupil; 5. multi-pliers; 6. tree

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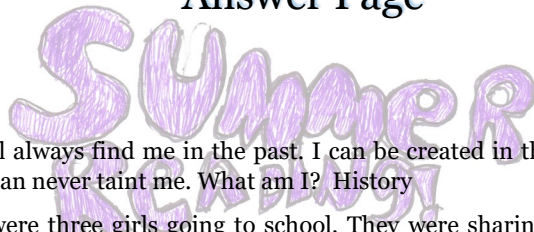
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