



Weibel Chronicles

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A Message From the Editors

Hi Wildcats! Welcome to a new school year, we hope it's been fantastic so far! This volume is pretty much a mixture of everything, from sports to Greek myths. We hope you enjoy it, the staff worked really hard on it!

Getting to Know Our Staff

Our newspaper staff worked extra hard to get in via the newspaper tryouts and create articles to entertain the student population. Here's a little more about them!

All About Me - Timothy

Salutations! My name is Timothy and I am a fifth grader in Mrs. Hillman's class which is Room 4. This is my first year in the Weibel Chronicle Newspaper Team. I have been attending Weibel for 4 years. My birthday is on April 27, 2005, which is also the birth month and date of Samuel Morse. My favorite and best subjects so far are social studies, english, and writing. My favorite project I did at school is the Native American Mask project. Making the mask uses a lot of time, patience, and creativity. One of my most favorite hobbies is sailing at Lake Elizabeth. Since I can't go sailing every day, I also like reading a variety of books. One of my favorite book series is *Percy Jackson*. *Another thing I like to do during my free time is make fun crafts. One of my favorite crafts I have made is a glow-in-the-dark lava lamp. Those are some facts about myself.*

All About Me - Annabelle

Hello everyone! My name is Annabelle W. and I am a fifth grader in Ms. Guinan's class, Room 5. I am on the Weibel Chronicles team (otherwise, why would I be writing this?). Last year, I represented my class in both the Spelling and Geography Bees (yep, I'm the person who spelled prejudice like p-r-e-j-i-d-o-u-s and thought Israel produced more oil than Venezuela. Don't they?). I am pretty good at spelling, at least I think I am. I never got an incorrect word on a test before, except for the challenge word "migraine" in fourth grade. I know how to speak English, Mandarin, and Cantonese, and some of my hobbies include drawing, writing, and cooking. I also enjoy playing the piano, flute, Chinese harp, and badminton. Don't think that I can only cook instant noodles! I can make cheese quesadillas, milk tea, pancakes, rice (that's the easiest), and eggs in different styles. The books Matilda and The BFG by Roald Dahl, the Anna Wang series by Andrea Cheng, and the Fudge series by Judy Blume are some of the books I like to read

I have been attending Weibel for 6 years, or, to say it correctly, this is my sixth year at Weibel. My birthday is on June 1st, which is Children's Day in China. That is a holiday when all kids don't have school and instead spend time with their families and receive gifts. (>o<.) I am an only child, but I'm never really bored, especially now that I have articles to write. When I grow up, I haven't really decided what to be, but there's enough time to decide. I want to let everyone know--I am a pretty detailed writer unless there's not much time, so I apologize if my articles are too long. One last thing--I hope everyone likes my articles. Thank you, and see y'all later!

All About Me - Amaelia

My name is Amaelia S. from Room 28. I have 2 dogs, named Copper and Nickel. I love reading, and my favorite book series is Wings of Fire and Warriors. I like spaghetti, and I love animals. I have 2 siblings, 1 sister, and 1 brother. My favorite sport is running, and I really like kicking things. My brother and I go to after school at Achiever Institute. These are my favorite things, and I hope you all agree with me! ;)

All About Me - Mansi

I am Mansi in Mr. Richwood's 6th grade class. I like to read, write, make origami, and draw. My favorite color is light blue, and I like to eat pineapples. My favorite movie is also my favorite book: Harry Potter. (of course). I am excited to be in the newspaper team.

Who am I? - Shreya

The questions we ask: how, why, when, where, and who. When we ask who, it's usually someone else, not you. But why don't we ask about ourselves? We think we know us the best, that's why. Then you discover a hidden talent. Did you know that before? Probably not.

I like to make slime a lot. I feel that the smooth, runny texture is very calming. I hope it can help in some way in everybody's everyday lives.

My favorite things to do are math, read Harry Potter, and doing art. When I am bored, I like to do complex math because it makes my brain solve problems. I also like to quiz my dad with some tough questions!

You have heard this much about me. Who am I? My name is Shreya.

All About Me - Natalie

My name is Natalie. My favorite thing to do is to draw, sleep, and watch T.V. My favorite shows are Sam and Cat and the test show. My favorite color is magenta and mauve. My favorite foods are pasta and taquitos. I am in Mr. Stange's class. My favorite subject is recess. My favorite desserts are ice cream and caramel corn. My favorite sports are soccer and volleyball. I am the best person in my family. I have an annoying little sister, my mom, my dad, and my grandparents. On my vacations we go on cruises or go camping. When we go camping, we make s'mores and pizza on the grill. When we go cruising, we usually spend the day in the arcade or in the restaurants. That is all about me!

All About Me - Kripa

My name is Kripa, and I am a sixth grader from Room 30. I have a little sister, Kriti, who is in Mrs. Black's class. My favorite color is yellow, and my favorite food is Maggi noodles. I am a strict introvert who is dangerously diabolical. Some of my interests are programming and reading. I am also able to bring down an iPhone in fewer than 150 characters. Besides hacking, I am also a fan of Harry Potter. I really enjoy reading, and I love most books. Thirdly, I love math, and even made the Math Club. Besides a love of math, I also have a potentially lethal robot who will aim balls at your head if provoked. As opposed to my academic excellence, I am as skilled as a satsuma at sports. As you now know, I have made the newspaper staff, or else my name wouldn't have been in this article.

All About Me - Eshaan

Sup' humans, my name is Eshaan. I am a fifth grader in Mrs. Quall's class. My favorite color is turquoise. My favorite food is mango. My hobby is playing tennis and readin' 'bout science. Other sports that I play are, tennis, chess, swimming, and many others. My family includes my sister, mother and father. If I was an animal, then I would be a rhino/cheetah. If I was a fruit then I would be a mango. But people would eat me 'cause I'm so delicious.

All About Me - Zayaan

My name is Zayaan K. from room 27. I have a ginormous passion for chess, soccer, and basketball. In soccer, I play the crucial position of goalie where I attempt to prevent the opposing from scoring a goal. I almost have an average chess rating of 1600 and have participated in a great amount of tournaments, some good and some not so great. I also participate in a basketball program named Hoopshere to prepare me to get into the Weibel Elementary School team, one of my resolutions this year. My family consists of 7 members including myself. I have one younger four year old brother, one younger sister, and two older sisters. My family is definitely a very foody family. Our last name means "eat" in Bangla.

All About Me - Neha

My name is Neha. My favorite things to do are to read, swim, and watch TV. I am in sixth grade in room 28, Mr. Richwood's class. My favorite foods are pizza and noodles. I like to watch Disney Channel and my favorite TV shows on Disney Channel are Liv and Maddie and Girl Meets World. My favorite desserts are apple pie, caramel ice cream, chocolate cake, and cupcakes. My favorite colors are turquoise and purple. My favorite book series are Percy Jackson and the Olympians, The Heroes of Olympus, and Harry Potter. My favorite time of the day is lunchtime. My favorite singers are Taylor Swift and Shawn Mendes. My favorite season is summer because it is the time when school is out and you can swim or hang out with your friends all day. There are four people in my family: my mom, my dad, my sister, and me. I like to go camping with my friends and family. When we go camping, we like to make s'mores and tell stories around the fire. I also like to go on cruises. My first and only cruise was last December when I went with 7 other families on a cruise to Mexico. This summer, we are going on a cruise to Alaska with the same families. That is all about me.

All About Me - Trisha

Hi, my name is Trisha. I'm a sixth grader in Room 27. My favorite color is pink. I like to eat macaroni and cheese. My favorite dessert is fudge brownies with vanilla ice cream. I enjoy writing stories especially ones that are related to fantasy, with characters such as dragons, fairies, pixies, and magic. I have completed writing one story consisting of 20 chapters. I am working on two stories currently. My hobby is reading as well. In my free time, I read and write stories. This is my second year in The Weibel Chronicles. I work well with computers and I can navigate through most mobile devices. I am currently in Girl Scouts and am enjoying it very much. This is my third year in that troop. When I grow up, I want to be a software engineer, an author, or a teacher. I might end up being all of them at different times! I have been playing the clarinet for three years and have been in intermediate band for all three. I look forward to writing more articles this year!

All about me—Laasya

My name is Laasya. I am in 6th grade in room 27. I am a new student from John Gomes Elementary. My favorite color is indigo, and my favorite food is ice cream. I have one little sister in second grade. In my spare time I like to draw or paint. Writing and reading are also some of my interests. I like to read realistic fiction and graphic novels. I chose to get into the newspaper club because of my passion for writing, even though it is not my best subject. I hope to be a journalist someday, and I want writing to play a big role in my life.

All about me—Samrit

Salutations everybody! My name is Samrit and I am in fifth grade in Mrs. Hillman's class. I was born on October 2nd 2005, and according to the Chinese Zodiac my birth year is a rooster. The birthstones in October are Opal and Tourmaline. My birthday is also on the same day as Mahatma Gandhi, who is India's Father of Nation. He was a prominent leader of the Indian independence movement in British-ruled India. My favorite color is magenta. The most delicious food I've ever tasted is Indian Maggi Noodles. I am also very passionate about maths and hope to become a mathematician one day. I go for competitive swimming and have won numerous ribbons. I can't wait to write articles this year. I know you would be eagerly waiting to read my next article, so I will try to not leave you in suspense for too long!

All About Me — Rina

My name is Rina. I am a 6th grader on the newspaper team. I am in room 27. In my spare time, I enjoy playing basketball, the clarinet and the guitar, and computer games. I also enjoy reading and writing. I am a huge fan of scary stories. I love all books, but some of my favorites are *Doll Bones* by Holly Black, *In a Heartbeat* by Loretta Ellsworth, and *Savvy* by Ingrid Law. I enjoy watching the Harry Potter movies. My favorite color is turquoise and my favorite food is pizza. My favorite animals are dogs and chimpanzees. I am enrolled in some after-school activities such as girl scouts, and Weibel's advanced band. When I am an adult, I would like to be a real estate agent or a journalist. I look forward to writing articles for *The Weibel Chronicles*.

Animal Rights

by Rina

A few years ago, in 2011, a monkey named Naruto who lives in an Indonesian island named Sulawesi, snapped a selfie of himself. Naruto pushed the button of the camera that was set up by David Slater, which caused a bit of a debate about who truly owned the pictures. These photos are on websites all over the world. The websites claim that the photos don't belong to anyone, since they were taken by an animal, not a human. Last year, the US government declared that only people can legally own photos. But copyright laws say that the living thing in the picture owns the picture, not the person who owns the camera. Now an animal right group called the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has filed a lawsuit to make sure that all of the money made from the photos are used to help other animals like Naruto.

Sources: <https://newsela.com/articles/monkey-selfie/id/12128/>

<http://time.com/4044452/peta-monkey-selfie-copyright/>

T-Rex By: Eshaan

I hope you all know about the T-Rex. But I'm going to tell you more. Guess how fast a T-Rex can run? Only 10-15 mph! This is because they weigh about 5 tons. The T-Rex's bite force can crush a car! They have powerful jaw muscles to help them bite into things like the tough flesh of the other animals they eat. The T-Rex's teeth can grow to the size of a banana. Why do T-Rex's have so short arms? This is because they only use them to grip their prey. How do they scratch their noses? Well, um... I don't know.

National Chess Day

By Kripa

On October 11, hundreds of people turned up at the Weibel campus to celebrate National Chess Day. While adults chatted outside, approximately 180 participants in the Weibel Quads checkmated, lost, and drew. Several reputable chess institutions had set up booths advertising their business, like Shoreview Chess and NorCal House of Chess. Other attractions were also set up, such as a Chinese Chess booth and a Celtic Chess booth. Parents Rob Chan and Mike Show, along with Rob's daughter, Angela, helped teach willing students these games. Meanwhile, Kevin Moy, a former Weibel student, and Chenyi Zhao, a Weibel sixth-grader, each simultaneously played 5 volunteers in the simuls outside the MUR. International Master Emory Tate also played a blindfold simul, also against 5 volunteers. One of the 5 volunteers, a sixth-grader named Ritwik Narendra, even drew against Tate. Kevin Moy also analyzed the moves being carried out on Board #1 of the Quads and explained the moves to a small audience. Several chess celebrities also attended, including Jay Stalling, Hal Bogner, Uyanga Byambaa, and Frisco Del Rosario. At the end of the day, everyone went home with something, be it newfound knowledge, a glossy trophy, or a medal.

Cream!

By NATALIE

HI! Have you heard about the new ice cream shop CREAM! Well if you haven't I suggest you to go there! I myself have been there; they have all the flavors you can imagine of having and eating. They even have a cone and cup section they have rows and rows of cones and cups that are different flavors and even different shapes! Their cups come in different sizes. Their cones can be wafers, chocolate, and sprinkles. Their ice cream can come in strawberry shake, raspberry swirl, red hurricane, cotton candy, and sizzling sunset etc. They don't only have ice cream they have cookies too! They have more than five types of cookies. Their cookies are just as amazing as their delicious and craving ice cream cones.

YUMMMMMMMMMM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT by: Neha

Imagine going to the kitchen to get a glass of water, but you find there is none! California needs lots of rain and we aren't getting that. California is in a very severe drought. From 2011-2014 was the driest California has been since 1200 years ago. That is not good. We are hoping for chances of rain, but so far, there hasn't been many. This year, it is predicted that there is going to be an El Nino which can help with our drought, but probably not cure it completely. People can help with our drought by turning on only full loads of dishwashers and clothes washers, getting a fake lawn, taking shorter showers, and not turning on their sprinklers too often. People can also use excess water from other places to water their plants instead of turning on the sprinkler or hose. Agricultural growers lost about 6-7 million acres of surface water because of the drought. The Sierra Nevadas are also barren without much snow when some spots get 60-70 inches. The drought covers 95-98 percent of the entire state of California. NASA also predicts that there will be an 80 percent chance of a mega drought in California before this century ends. Toilets also use about 1.6 gallons per flush! That is a lot of water. This drought is affecting many parts of California in many ways. Also, California is a big agricultural state and without water, they won't be able to make as many crops. As you can see, California is in a very big drought and we need to help by saving water in any way we can.

Afghanistan-Pakistan earthquake leaves hundreds dead

by Laasya

On October 26, after a 7.6 earthquake in Afghanistan and Pakistan, more than 260 people have died. The quake was felt in Tajikistan and India as well. It was thought to be an aftershock of the big Nepal earthquake in April 2015. It was caused by the seismically active Hindu Kush mountain region, where the Indian subcontinent pushes into and under the Eurasian landmass. The quake was 132 miles deep and centered 158 miles northeast of Kabul in Badakhshan province. Countries such as the United States and Iran have provided humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, despite the fact that they have been at war for a long time. Unfortunately, scientists and officials are predicting more earthquakes in the Hindu Kush region.

Football

By Samrit

Football has been an important part of American history since November 6, 1869. That was when the first game of football was played. William "Pudge" Heffelfinger, is widely regarded as the first professional football player. The first game of football was played in New Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S. The match was against Princeton and Rutgers. The first football was made of natural materials such as pig bladder and then covered by leather. Some of the most famous players in NFL history are Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, and Tom Brady. Joe Montana and Tom Brady are known as the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history. One of the best wide receivers is Jerry Rice (pictured here) who played for the S.F. 49ers from 1985-2000. The 49ers played against the St. Louis Rams on Sunday, November 1, 2015. They lost 6-27. The 49ers have been having a bad season and to find out more, watch their next game on Sunday, November 8 at 1:05 P.M.



The Story Behind Halloween

By Trisha



You may go trick-or-treating, but have you ever wondered where it originated? Halloween is thought to have originated with the Celts about 2,000 years ago. They would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off nearby ghosts. It was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween, as we know it today. Halloween marked the end of the Celtic summer and their harvest. It was the beginning of the cold winter. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the worlds of the living and the dead were connected. Samhain, the Celts' "Halloween," was celebrated on the 31st of October. It was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

Halloween wasn't very common in America, though. Slowly, with mixing with many different beliefs and customs, a new version of Halloween began to form. It was more similar to today's Halloween. The very first of the celebrations began with "play parties," which were public events that were held to celebrate harvest. The people would tell each other's fortune, share scary stories, dance, and sing. During Halloween, people would do mischief of all kinds. Halloween still wasn't celebrated all over the country.

By the 1950s, Halloween had evolved into a holiday for young people. The trick-or-treating tradition, from the 1840s, was also included in this new holiday. It became today's Halloween of dressing up in costumes and going from door to door asking for treats. There still are some roots of the Celtic festival, for example wearing costumes. The people thought that ghosts would recognize them if they left their houses, so they wore masks. Halloween went from the Celts' Samhain to today's dress up and candy celebration.

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween>

Interview with Mrs. Rahman By Annabelle W.

As you probably know, Mrs. Rahman is currently a second grade teacher in Room 19. Three years ago, she left Weibel. Now, she's back at Weibel, and I wanted to know why. Since I am in the Newspaper team, I thought this would be a great opportunity to interview her and see why she left and is now back. Below, I wrote down what we talked about in the interview that I did with Mrs. Rahman.

"When did you start teaching? When did you start at Weibel?"

"Let's see...I started teaching in nineteen seventy-five. I started here in nineteen ninety....nine. Waaaaay before you were born."

"Why did you come to this school and not any other?"

"There was a job opening, and I really wanted to work here because I heard many good things about the students here."

"Around three years ago, why did you leave Weibel?"

"I was offered a job to teach reading in the district."

The reason why she came back to Weibel was...believe it or not, the district job was closed! Yes, that *is the reason*. And Mrs. Rahman is teaching 2nd instead of 3rd grade now because this was the only job open.

"What inspired you to become a teacher?"

"I wanted to work with people, and children are fun. I wanted to make a difference in the world by teaching them the right things."

"What do you enjoy doing when you're not teaching? Like, any hobbies..."

"I like reading, comedy, traveling, cooking, baking, watching movies...that doesn't sound like much, huh?"

Well, teachers are very busy. She showed me a stack of "to be graded" papers that was an inch and a half thick. That's how busy our teachers are.

"Do you have any special methods to help your students enjoy learning?"

Mrs. Rahman knew just what to reply. "I like to be silly and funny, and also tell my students about some of my own experiences to make learning realistic for them."

"If you were to use three adjectives to describe yourself, what would you use?"

"Um...let's see...busy, funny, and really really strict. I beat people up, you know. Just kidding." We both laughed like crazy.

"Is that it?" Mrs. Rahman asked.

I wish this interview, or what became a conversation, would last longer, but I only had this many questions prepared and I had to head to the Newspaper Team meeting that day. Now, I no longer think of Mrs. Rahman as a serious and cool teacher, but after I did this interview, I know that she is also a funny and very experienced teacher!

Millionaire Chess

By Zayaan

Ted Castro, a former Weibel Chess Coach, participated in the 2015 Millionaire Chess tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada in October. Ted is the proud owner of Norcal House of Chess where many strong players play chess. Ted Castro played amazingly, and battled against Prachura P.P. for the championship. If he had successfully defeated the player, he would have won the million. He played a series of 7 games, but unfortunately, he was defeated. Even though he didn't get the million and lost, second place gets a good amount of Benjamin's. However, I'm confident he can win it all next year. Root for the exceptional chess player and maybe even visit Norcal House of Chess sometime. GO Ted!

ORIGAMI

by Mansi

Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper to make objects that suggests real life objects. Ori means paper, and kami is “to fold”. Over time, kami became “gami”, because it was easier to pronounce. Today, modern origami can be made with paper, glue, and scissors. But traditional origami is made without any of the other amenities except the paper, and of course the folder’s hands. Most origami paper used to fold traditional models are perfect squares. People make chains of 1000 cranes as a symbol of hope, and peace.



There are certain types of origami. One is wet folding. Wet folding is the use of water, but very little, to manipulate the paper in such a way as the model looks realistic in the end. This origami bull has wet folding techniques used on it to make it look curved and realistic.



Another type of origami is using money or dollar bills to make elephants, hearts, stars, and gold nuggets. This type of origami can be used for graduations, awards ceremonies, and just as a birthday gift. This origami is a more formal way to give money as a gift.



A third type of origami is to use many of the same folds on several papers, and fit them together to make cool looking models. this type of technique is called modular origami.



Origami can be used in mathematics, such as this spring into action toy design by Jeff Beynon. Origami models have been used on practical things such as airbags inside cars, and solar panels on satellites.



Kirigami is the technique of cutting paper so it pops out such as this happy birthday card on the right in which the letters HAPPY BIRTHDAY are cut out and folded.



Some types of origami are, wet folding, money folding, modular origami, kirigami, and mathematical origami. Origami is made from a square paper most of the time, but today, paper, glue, and scissors are used, but traditional origami is made without. Hello or other greetings can be sent with paper folded into birds, airplanes, or other objects.

Book Review By Amaelia

Series title: Wings of Fire

Author: Tui T. Sutherland

Artist: Joy Ang

Short Summary:



Wings of Fire is an amazing series about a prophecy that chose 5 different dragonets who try to stop the battle that has been raging on around them for about 20 years. These are the 7 tribes of dragons: MudWings, SandWings, SkyWings, SeaWings, RainWings, IceWings, and NightWings. After the first 5 books, there is another side series about 4 younger dragonets. This side series happens after the War of the SandWing Succession, and goes into the future about 6 months. After the war, there is another prophecy about the dragonets. This series contains many adventures and secrets waiting to be found. Tui has worked hard on this series, and I encourage you to go and read it!

Amazing World Records By: Timothy

Lately, many phenomenal world records have been broken. One of the most viewed record broken is about a ring containing 3,827 diamonds. This ring is worth 1.2 million dollars, becoming the most valuable ring in the world. Another interesting fact is that a senior named Jeanne Louise Calment in France broke the record for the oldest person in the world. She is 122 years old and 164 days. Guess how tall the tallest man in the world is. The tallest man in the world is 8 feet and 3 inches (251cm.). Another unbelievable fact is that a person named Scott carried piggybacked another person while running one mile. His mile time was 11 minutes and 58 seconds. A weird fact is that a man named Simon Elmore of Germany placed 400 straws in his mouth. An unbelievably strong person named Joe Alexander cracked 24 concrete blocks while holding an uncooked egg.



The largest burger in the world was sold at Mallie's Sports Grill & Bar for \$399. It weighed 164.8 pounds! A delicious record is about a scoop of ice cream that weighed 3,010 pounds. This ice cream took 20 people to eat and it took the people 1 week to eat the entire massive scoop of ice cream. Have you ever tried to blow a bubble with bubble gum, isn't it hard? Even though it is hard blow a bubble, a person named Chad Fell blew a bubble that was 50.5 centimeters without using his hands. One super hard record to break is that Bryan Berg created a card structure that was 10.39 meters long, 3.45 meters wide, and 2.88 meters tall.

It took Bryan Berg 44 days to build. Can you guess how long the longest discovered snake in the world is? The longest discovered snake is a python that is 7.67 meters long! Those are some of the latest records that have been broken.

Pandora's Box

By: Shreya

Once upon a time two brothers, Epimetheus and Prometheus, were two kind and gentle gods. Prometheus was trying to bring fire to man. Zeus disagreed though and said man did not deserve fire. However, Prometheus secretly gave man fire. When Zeus figured out, he was so full of rage that he chained Prometheus to a rock at the top of a very high mountain. Zeus wasn't done, though. He then went to Epimetheus to bother him. Instead of chaining him to a rock as well, Zeus decided to be tricky. He had a girl made of clay and then brought it to life. Zeus named her Pandora. Zeus knew Epimetheus was lonely and offered Pandora for marriage. But of course, he didn't mean it. Now, Epimetheus wasn't dumb so he suspected Zeus was up to something. However, he agreed to the marriage. As soon as they were married, Zeus gave Pandora a gift. It was a box. Attached to the box was a note. The note said, "**DO NOT OPEN.**" So, if you got this box, you would probably want to open it right that second. So that is just what Pandora did. But before she could close it again, all the bad things in the world flew out: envy, sickness, hate, and disease. She closed the box as fast as she could. Then Epimetheus heard her crying. When she opened the box to show that it was empty, a small bug flew out and thanked Pandora for releasing him. That bug was Hope. From then on, Hope made the biggest difference in the world.

