What Is It??

What do you think this is? A giraffe? A zebra? Well guess what? It’s both. This animal is an Okapi. It is found in Central Africa. Okapis like altitudes of 500 to 1,000 miles because of the rain in the forests where they roam. Okapis have oily, velvety fur coats that block the water. They are mammals. They have reddish dark backs and horizontal white stripes on front and back legs. They look like zebras from a distance even though their body shape is like a giraffe’s, but, they have much shorter necks and long legs. Like giraffes, they have very long tongues which they wash their eyelids with and clean their ears. Okapis are herbivores. They eat tree leaves, buds, grasses, ferns, fruits, and fungi. Many foods that Okapis eat are poisonous to humans. Next time you go to the zoo, look for an Okapi.

By Sophia A.

Autumn Poems

Orange leaves, red leaves
Brown leaves, yellow leaves
Those are the colors of Autumn
Leaves

By Nolan H

There I was upon a hill, cool breeze in my hair. As I stood there, snowflakes fell on my jeans. I thought about Autumn.

Oh how I missed it! But now it is winter. Oh how I long for Autumn.

How I long, how I long.

By Emily B

Meet the Staff

My name is Jack K. I’m 10 years old and I live in Folsom, CA. I am very curious and like to be silly. My favorite foods are pizza and strawberries, and my favorite TV shows are Wild Kratts and America’s Funniest Home Videos. In my free time, I like building with Legos and drawing. I hope to be a doctor someday.

My name is Eva S. I am ten years old and a 5th grader at Folsom Hills Elementary. I was born in San Francisco, California and moved to Folsom when I was one. I have many interests from reading to art to sports. I enjoy mysteries and have read almost the entire Nancy Drew series. I like watching baseball and the San Francisco Giants are my favorite team. I started playing softball last year and now it is my favorite sport. In my free time, I enjoy making crafts. I am currently working on rubber band bracelets and am in the process of sewing an outfit for my American Girl Doll. (Continued in the next issue)

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Yosemite Rim Fire

The Rim Fire is the 3rd largest fire following close behind the Rush Fire which is the second largest fire and the Cedar Fire which is the largest fire. The Rim Fire is the largest fire ever recorded in Yosemite National Park and the biggest fire in California. The Rim Fire was started by a hunter’s illegal fire and burnt tens of thousands of acres in Yosemite. Forty percent of the acres in the fires’ boundary is charred, but some of the trees were left scarred but alive. The Rim Fire is still burning in Yosemite National Park. Remember always leave a campsite with your fire put out!

By Eva Smith

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Meet the Teachers

Hi! I’m Alyssa A., a fifth grade student who is interested in the school newspaper, and I’ll be drawing comics! I’m nine years old and I like writing, but most of all I like drawing. I spend a lot of my time playing with my dog, Doug. He’s a lab. I also have a cat. I like playing video games, even though it’s not how you would think a girl likes to spend extra time.

Another thing I like doing is listening to music; it always cheers me up. I really enjoy being at FHE!
Meet the Staff

Hi my name is Kiera H. and I am going to tell you about myself. I am 10 years old and am a fifth grader here at Folsom Hills Elementary School. I am in the Spanish Magnet Program and my teacher is Senor Perez. I have one older sister named Casey who left our school two years ago and is now in 7th grade. I love to play soccer, ski, read and hang out with my friends. The reason I joined the Newspaper Club is because I also really writing and always wanted Folsom Hills to have a newspaper!

Hi my name is Jerret B. and I am 10 years old. I go to Folsom Hills Elementary school. I think it is the best school ever. I like to play baseball when I have free time. Also I like to play video games and play board games with my parents. If I could be anyone I would be Nolan Ryan because he was a great pitcher and I am

Meet the Teachers

Mrs. Kirk
Interviewed by Hannah K.

Do you have any pets?
Yes, I like cats. I have 3 cats. I have a new kitten that looks like “Skippy”, a bunny and 3 chickens.

What college(s) did you go to?
U.C. Davis and University of St. John

How long have you been teaching?
23 years

What is your favorite thing about teaching?
The Kids; the kids are so much fun!

What would you be if you weren’t a teacher?
I would be a civil engineer.

Do you like to cook? If so, what do you like to cook?
I love cooking! I like to cook food from all around the world.

Mrs. Cann
Interviewed by Hannah K

What’s your favorite food?
Crab

In what city were you born?
Lima, Ohio

What is your favorite movie?
Serenity

Who is your favorite author?
Diana Gabaldon

What are some of your hobbies?
Sewing and playing games with my grandchildren.

What’s your favorite song?
One Heart Beat at a Time

Mrs. Ochoa
Interviewed by Valentina C

What’s your favorite part about teaching?
I had gotten a lot of ideas from school and now I am happy to try them out with the kids.

What subject is your favorite to teach?
My favorite subject to teach is Spanish.

How long have you wanted to teach?
I have wanted to teach for a very long time.

Do you have fun teaching?
Yes, it is very fun.

How did you feel when it was time to start teaching?
I was very nervous, but when I met the kids I was fine.

Was second grade the grade you wanted to teach?
I wanted 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade, so it worked out.

Celebrate 50 Years with the Folsom Zoo

The Folsom Zoo is turning 50! Come celebrate! This fun birthday party at the zoo cost only the regular zoo admission. The event will be happening on October 5th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. It will feature a birthday card-crafting station, party games, and a sing and dance along with Music Mike. There will also be face painting and displays of interesting animal treasures. Want to bring a birthday present for the animals? You can find the wish list at FosomZooFriends.org. See you there!

Night of 1000 Pumpkins

By Riley M.

The streets of Historic Folsom will be closed on October 26th from 6 -10 P.M. The Night of 1000 Pumpkins is a great experience for everyone in your family! This free and fun Halloween event features a gigantic display of beautifully carved, lit up pumpkins that will be lined up and down Sutter Street. It also includes trick-or-treating at local shops and great Halloween movies that are completely family friendly! The movies will be shown outside on a giant movie screen. It will surely be a night everyone will enjoy. See you there!
Meet the Teachers

Mrs. Vickers
Interviewed by Hannah K
How long have you been teaching?
Thirty-two years.
What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to read, go to the movies, and eat out.
What are some of your favorite books and movies?
I like mysteries, but some of my favorite books are children’s books with authors like Jan Brett. I also like children’s books with great pictures.
Have you ever played any sports or instruments?
I played piano for eight years, but I never played any sports.
Why and when did you decide to become a teacher?
I decided to become a teacher when I was 16 or 17. The reason was both of my parents were teachers and I knew they loved their jobs.
What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?
My favorite thing is when a student struggles and finally understands something. The look on their face is priceless.

Mrs. Chew
Interviewed by Valentina C
What is your favorite part about teaching?
Getting to know the kid, being with my class, and coming to school every day.
What is your least favorite part of teaching?
Having to give grades to kids. I would like to go to Stanford University for college. Finally when I grow up I want to become an Aerospace Engineer.
Have you lived anywhere but Folsom, CA?
I lived in Los Angeles until I was five.
What is your favorite subject?
Math because it makes a lot of sense and reading.
What year did you start teaching?
1994
What is your favorite subject to teach?
Science
How many years have you been teaching?
20 years

Mrs. Windham
Interviewed by Hannah K.
Have you lived anywhere but Folsom, CA?
I lived in Los Angeles until I was five.
What is your favorite subject?
Science
What jobs have you had other than teaching?
I worked for the President Pro Team of the California Senate.
What college did you go to?
Sac State
Where is your favorite spot to vacation?
Monterey and Hawaii
How many years have you been teaching?
20 years

“Did You Know?”
by Hannah K

⇒ Did you know that after recycling most of their waste, there was a family of four who was able to fill a years worth of trash into a spaghetti jar?

⇒ Did you know that walking uses 200 muscles?

⇒ Did you know that there are no coffee shops in a town called Hot Coffee, in Mississippi?

Did you know that when glass breaks, the cracks move faster than 3,000 miles an hour?

⇒ Did you know that there are about a trillion web pages on the internet—that’s about 140 for every person on earth?

⇒ Did you know that it takes about 540 peanuts to make one 12 ounce jar of peanut butter?

The Military’s Best Branch / The Night Of All Goblins

By Jerret B.
The mission of the Air Force is to fly, fight, and win in air, space, and cyberspace. The Air Force has all different types of aircrafts and jets such as the C-17 and F-22. To get in the Air Force you have to go through basic training which is like a skills and training class.

By Raphaela R
Coming up on October 19, 2013 is everyone’s favorite event, All Goblins! Every one is excited to show off their new costumes! All Goblins is a huge party for Halloween where everyone dresses up as zombies, goblins, princesses, and more. You play games to win prizes like candy and toys. There are a bunch of games and prizes to choose from and there’s a cool magic act close to the end! Tickets are cheap, so I hope everyone is coming because this event is something to “die” for.

My name is Raphaela R. I was born on December 12, 2002. I have three siblings; Caio, David, and Eric. My hobbies are sports, hanging with friends, listening to music, and art. My best friends are Emily, Alyssa, Sami, and Rosie. I also have a pet named Timone. I can’t wait for you guys to read my first article!

I’m Hannah K. I’m 10 years old. I’m the treasurer (and I’m so gooder at English), I’ve been in the Science Fair once and the Spelling Bee twice. My favorite color is silver, and my favorite animals are dogs and dolphins (I have a dog of my own named Griffen).

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**Book Review and Jokes**

**Holes : Louis Sachar**

By Kiera H.

Can you imagine digging a 5 foot deep hole every day? Stanley Yelnats and his friends had to over and over at Camp Green Lake in a dried out old lake. They thought they were digging for punishment, but that was not the reason. If you were at Camp green lake you did something wrong. At court the judge gave Stanley a choice, either Camp Green Lake or jail. If you want to find out why he was there or what he was digging for, read Holes by Louis Sachar. It will keep you on the edge of your seat!

**THE #1 JOKE OF THE DAY**

By Matthew S.

Billy had 32 pieces of bacon. He eats 28. What does Billy have? Happiness!

Here are some other jokes for you guys...

Dad what is winning? I don’t know son, were Jaguar fans.

What is he official soft drink of Tony Romo? CHOKE

I’m not lazy, I’m just on my energy saving mode.

You realize school is the only place where a trip to the restroom becomes your favorite activity.

**Comics**

**The Doug Diaries By Alyssa A.**

Oh no! I overslept

Shhh! It’s Saturday!

I knew! If it was just a school day I wouldn’t care.

**Sports**

**Giants Win!!**

By Matthew S

Never before have the Los Angeles Dodgers seen a game like this at Dodger Stadium! The NL West leaders are hoping they don’t have to watch a repeat performance anytime soon. Hunter Pence’s Grand Slam and career high seven RBI’s helped the San Francisco Giants romp the Dodgers 19-3 on September 14th. It was the most runs the Dodgers have given up in the 51 year history of Dodger Stadium. “This was one of those games. We’ve probably had four or five of them all year. I think it’s probably a lot easier to write one of these off than it is to blow a two run lead in the ninth, a game you really should have won. We really did not have a chance to win this game at all.” –Don Mattingly

**Soccer**

**What is Soccer?**

Soccer is a game played by two teams of eleven. You play with a round ball named a soccer ball. You can play with your feet, but not you hands or arms. When you are playing goal keeper you may use you hands. A goal keeper is a person who protects you goal. The object of the game is to score in you rival teams goal. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. Soccer is called futbol everywhere but the USA. I want to tell you some facts about soccer. Soccer is the most popular sport in the world. Over one billion fans watched the world cup on TV. In 1999 over 35,000 fans competed in the largest soccer tournament in Bangkok. Those are the facts, but I have one more thing to tell you. Our next world cup is in Brazil in the year of 2014. Go USA!!