



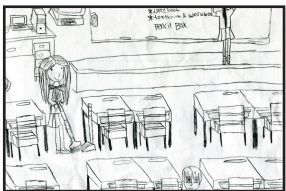
# THE LEMUR

*The student newspaper of the IBSH Elementary School*

*"Two Tongues; One Voice"*

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## Teacher Nationalities



\*ABC stands for American Born Chinese

Created by Jack Baek



*Third Graders perform "I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." Credit: Luz Serrano*

## Christmas Concert

*IBSH community joins together in humorous harmony*

**By Amanda Chen**

The room parents of 6A and 6B made the 30th annual Christmas Concert the most extraordinary day of the school year. They decorated the auditorium and made it look spectacular. There were trails of colorful balloons strewn across the ceiling and decorated cardboard reindeers taped to the walls. The gym was filled with a multitude of beautiful decorations, which made the show even more festive.

At approximately 12:30

PM, the hosts, musicians, singers, and student actors prepared for their performances. The concert started with the school's amazing orchestra. They played three different musical pieces, which showed the audience their true talent. The following show was Shake Up Christmas, performed by an adorable group of first graders. There were other performances and plays that earned the audience's applause. How-

ever, the most phenomenal show of all was "Call Me Maybe," an entertaining music video created by the teachers of IBSH. "I really loved that video," mentioned a student in 6B, "It was extremely funny." The video was so hilarious, it made everyone laugh by showing the humorous side of our teachers and how much they care about our school. Because of all the enjoyable events, the Christmas Concert was a great success.



Students examine the inner anatomy of a cow's body. Credit: Dana Chiueh

## Life on the Farm

*Students take a field trip to Wei-Chuan Puxin Ranch*

By Ryan Chen

On December 7th, students from grades 1 to 6 participated in the school wide field trip to the Wei-Chuan Puxin Ranch in Taoyuan County. It was a sunny day in the morning; students were ready to relax and have fun in the ranch all day. Once the students arrived at the ranch, students from grades 1 to 4 were making delicious cookies while grade 5 and 6 students made panna cotta with fresh milk and solidificating powder.

Later, everyone visited a small pasture to watch sheep herding and to touch furry lambs. After that, an exciting event had arrived: the pig and goat race. Every student voted for the contestants, hoping their luck would help them, because the voters of the winner would receive a small gift. When the game started, one contes-

tant zoomed out and was way ahead, but then, the unexpected happened. The contestant suddenly stopped, causing the other contestants to race past it. Afterwards, grade 5 and 6 students creatively colored ceramic cows, ate a lunch consisting of unlimited braised meat and corn chowder, and played on the green meadows.

In the afternoon, some classes made kites while other classes went to different exhibits, milked cows or fed various animals. It was time to go back to the school, and clearly both students and teachers enjoyed the trip. "My favorite activity was the butterfly exhibit," Felix Liour from 6A remembered, "because butterflies are cool and have special patterns." The trip was successful and full of happy memories.

## One Giant Oven

*Global warming impacts Earth and its inhabitants*

By Eugene Eun

The rise in the average temperature of Earth, global warming, which is causing harmful effects on Earth has become a hot issue. The root cause of global warming is mainly the destruction of the Earth's ozone layer. The ozone layer is getting destroyed since air pollution breaks it apart, causing the sun's heat to come into Earth more directly and freely. Consequently, it is a great problem on Earth's in places that are becoming overheated. This can be harmful on animal habitats, plants resources, etc. Sadly, modern industry and advanced technology have made this situation worse.

Imagine a world without cars. Toxic gas from automobiles is the main element in the destruction of the ozone layer. However, if there are no cars in this world, the Earth possibly would not be experiencing, global warming, since the earth would be cleaner and ozone layer can be kept in tact.

These days the Earth's temperature is rising quickly. Places that are overheated right now are mainly located in Australia and Asia. Also, Global warming is currently a serious problem. Over the past decades, an average increase of 1.4 degrees celsius has occurred. This means our Earth is overheating.

This is one of the reasons why people were saying it would be the end of the world on December 21st.

## Christmas Fun

By Andre Tsai

Do you like Christmas? We can do all sorts of things in 5th grade that are really fun, such as have stockings hanging in the back of the classroom, and enjoy a fabulous game called Secret Santa. Christmas in 5th grade is fun because students celebrate it together with Mr. Kyle, the "crazy teacher," participate in Secret Santa, and have stockings around the classroom.

There is also be a gigantic celebration between both 5th grade classes with everyone eating lunch together. With Mr. Kyle included, the classroom is full of spirit and energy. Students hit, chase, annoy, say cow to Mr. Kyle, and call him "Dave." Toys, stationary, and candy are stuffed inside the Christmas stockings, and sometimes the stockings fall down from the pin board when they get heavy. When that happens the presi-

dent, vice president, and discipline monitor have to hang it up again.

For the Secret Santa activity, students became extra curious and most of them found out who their Secret Santa was early. The price of the gift was set at a minimum of \$250 NT with a \$300 NT maximum. Students were not allowed to buy food or drinks because it might turn rotten.

Overall, Christmas time for the 5th grade is pure enjoyment.





## School Construction

*Building a better education today*

By James Chien, Benjamin Zhang, Wesley Kochpatcharin

Near the end of the 2011-2012 school year, IBSH officials announced they would be constructing new school buildings. Consequently, all students had their swimming pool fee refunded, since the old swimming pool would have to be demolished to make way for the construction. Mr. Min Yeh, physical education teacher for sixth grade and computer class teacher for fifth and sixth grades, announced that in PE classes there would be no swimming for the 2012-2013 school year.

A new complex will contain three indoor swimming pools. One pool will be smaller for little kids, and there will be two large pools, one slightly smaller and deeper. Also, in the new gym, complete with a green roof, there will be two new basketball courts, with two outdoor courts. Finally, there will be a new school building for 5-8th grade classes. With construction expected to be completed in December, 2013, the IBSH community has lots to look forward to.

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## Fundraising

*UNICEF Status Report*

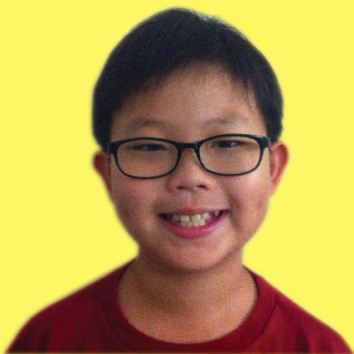
By Michelle Sheu, Allison Ku

What truly is UNICEF? Is it merely a wrapped box screaming, "Donate?" Does UNICEF stand for Unicorns Never Ignore Candy Eating Feasts? Well actually, UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. UNICEF was created by the United Nations General Assembly on December 11, 1946, to provide emergency food and health care to the children in countries that had been devastated by World War II. The reason we donate money to UNICEF is so every child in need has a chance for a better life.

This year a total of 42,000 NT was raised for UNICEF from events in October and November such as the Walkathon and Halloween Carnival. Consequently, more children in Argentina have shoes to wear to school. UNICEF helps lots of children in poor regions by providing food, money, protection, and shelter for the children who need it. If you ever have a chance, donate something that might help other children.

## HOT TOPIC

*The Lemur Staff asked students what exciting place they would love to visit during Chinese New Year vacation.*



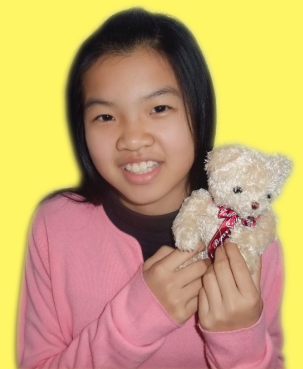
**Andy 5B:**  
*"To Singapore to stay in a hotel where there is a boat on top."*

**Sunni 5B**  
*"To Japan to ski."*

**KC 6A**  
*"To England to see his brother."*

**Katherine 5A**  
*"To West Virginia"*

**Allison 5B**  
*"To Korea to play in the snow."*



**Claire 6A**  
*"To Japan to find her old friends."*

By Alica Lee & Ashley Yeh





# Why the Lemur?

*Origins of a Name*

**Editorial**

Ever since the first issue of "The Lemur" was published on November 27, 2012, a huge question mark has been hanging above everyone's head in a thick mist of confusion. "Huh? Why is this newspaper called The Lemur?"

When the advisor, Mr. Stephen Cravak, of Panther Press, the after-school club that produces 'The Lemur,' offered us the chance to come up with a newspaper name, we were thrilled and jumped with excitement. Some were so

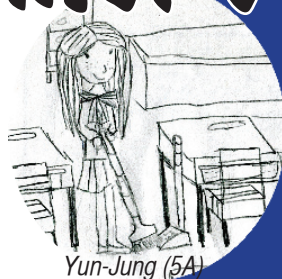
enthusiastic about this task they came up with more than fifteen ideas. Others didn't propose ideas, yet played a role no less significant: voting on the names they thought worthy of being the final winner.

The namesake of 'The Lemur' is a striped, furry 'monkey' that lives in southern Madagascar, an island off the coast of south-eastern Africa. Students in IBSH are bilingual; that is, they speak in two tongues, and lemurs have two tongues. Besides a regular tongue, lemurs also have a "under-tongue," which acts as a toothbrush to help clean teeth. "The Lemur" was proposed to reflect this 'similarity'.

It had been a close online race between 'The Lemur,' proposed by Dana Chiueh of 6B, and 'The Killer Panthers,' proposed by Ashley Yeh of 5A, with 'IBSH Times' also a top contender. After consulting with parents Mr. Cravak decided a vote should be held once and for all at the next club meeting, with the choices being student-nominated names approved by the parents. Approved names included 'IBSH Times' and 'The Lemur' among others, but many 'Killer Panther' fans were let down, because the adults had decided that that suggestion was "inappropriate." In the end "The Lemur" won.

# CLEANUP DUTY

**PRO**



Yun-Jung (5A)

**CON**



**By Aaron Chao**

Would you rather have a clean classroom or a dirty, messy, and disorganized classroom with crawling bugs? I would like to have a clean classroom where I spend eight hours a day and 220 days a year doing cleanup. In order to have a clean environment, we need to tidy up the classroom everyday. If we all pitch in, our school can become a tidier and more pleasant place. Another reason I like cleanup

at school is because we can learn how to work together. Students do equal shares of cleanup jobs to keep our school spotless. Sometimes I'm the leader and can train other people to do their jobs well. By sharing the cleanup work at school, we can save money used for hiring a janitor, so it will save money for the school and parents. We also can get certificates at the ceremonies.



Kenneth enjoying cleaning duty in the AV room.



**By Brendyn Chao**

Disgusting is the first word that comes to my mind when I think of cleanup at school. We collect messy, stinky, and sticky garbage lying around in the classroom and around school. We also need to dispose of smelly food scraps everyday. Sometimes it may get on students' clothes and make them smell like garbage for the rest of the day. Cleanup is also tiring. We need to lift heavy garbage cans up and down three flights of stairs. It takes important time away from learning and having fun with friends. Instead, we should use cleanup time for recess, so we can make new friends and socialize. Worst of all is that the cleanup monitor gets the reward even though it's a group effort. Most of the time students only do cleanup just to get a prize or not get into trouble with the teachers.



Dino viewing sweeping as a chore.



# Snakeboard: Banned From School

By Ethan Chiang



Following the accident in which a student was injured by riding a snake board, IBSH has banned the use of snakeboards on campus. Although school officials think the snakeboard is dangerous, they can't prevent students from riding them at home. Instead, they can make the school safe by banning them.

If you have enjoyed using a snakeboard, you might think that the school is doing something bad, but they're not. Imagine riding it in the hallway and you collide into someone. This person might get hurt, you might fall down the stairs, you could even break your hand or arm. This injury may affect the rest of your life as you may no longer be able to write. It will also take time to heal. Worst of all, you also affect the other person. He or she might feel really sad. Isn't that bad?

Well I'm not saying that I'm against it, it's just dangerous, if you want to play, you can use it on weekends, after school, or with your parents, when they help you to avoid injuries. Unlike at school when sometimes you are not watched by adults. So you shouldn't play with it at school. When there are no snakeboards, we might avoid more injuries, and make the school a better and safer place for learning.

# Elevator Issue

By Justin Chen



Many students have complained about elevator cards. A lot of students like to ride the elevator before school. But what about during school when some like to secretly ride the elevator? I think it should be against the rules to do so. It is an unfair act to other students who are following the rules.

Some students who have injuries have an elevator card. Then other students crowd the elevator along with the injured student. I think it is sort of disrespectful because if the injured student didn't give permission, then it is an invasion of his/her personal space.

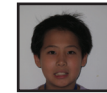
Other exceptions for riding the elevator can include: getting permission from a teacher, helping a teacher, riding upstairs in the morning, and bringing supplies to school events. I believe that using the elevator should be a privilege, not "Let's do it every day."

I heard a student complain, "If the teachers have elevator cards, why not just locate the offices on the 3rd and 4th floors while students have to walk up 3 or 4 flights of stairs?" In my opinion, I think this makes sense. Although then I thought how it means that parents have to walk up 3 or 4 flights of stairs to meet with teachers. Therefore, having the main office on the first floor is still the best choice.

To summarize, I believe students should not be allowed to ride the elevators except for special reasons. It is fair, safe and respectful.

Do you like the new iPhone5? Well, I liked it and here's why. First, the iPhone5 is actually 18% thinner and 20% lighter than the previous iPhone4S. Then, there's a new function called the LTE that enables the iPhone to download faster and even make the Wi-Fi connection faster wherever you are. Additionally, with the new A6 function, you will experience a boost in speed and it also makes maps in 3D. You can also see how places look taken from satellites and zoom in to see things even as small as a building. However, the most amazing part is that the A6 is actually twice as fast as the functions of the previous iPhone. So not only is the new A6 better, it is also faster. Lastly, the new camera is thinner and more durable, which makes your photos look great. With Panorama, you can take a whole scene, which is traditionally wider than a regular photo, and turn it into a picture. Without a doubt, the iPhone5 is awesome.

By Brian Chiang



By Ryan Chen

The iPhone 5, one of the newest technologies by Apple, is not yet popular in Taiwan. The main problem is the wireless network. The iPhone 5 uses 4G/1800mhz wireless, but Taiwan doesn't support 4G wifi, which means the wireless function is disabled. People thought that the charger plugs would be the same size, wide and fairly thin, but they are completely different: nearly two times smaller than a regular USB, and about the same size as a Samsung smartphone charger. It is inconvenient for people who already have Apple products because they cannot use them with the iPhone5. To many, it's an unwanted sign that you need to spend more money. Then, if you think that the iPhone5 is much larger than iPhone 4 and 4S, you are wrong. The iPhone only "stretched" 0.86 centimeters longer than the iPhone 4S. Afterwards, the functions are nearly the same. So as you can see, the iPhone5 isn't much better than the iPhone 4S.

# Game Review: World of Tanks

By Victor Su

World of Tanks is a fun and interesting game to play. It incorporates physics, algebra, geometry and history. When you start playing, creator Wargaming provides all sorts of guides: text; video; beginner; and video tutorials.

World of Tanks is based on actual tanks used during World War



II. It is a simulated tank game with added special effects for more action. The game is relatively easy to play, the controls are W, A, S, D for forward, back, left, and right. In addition, use the mouse to aim and left click to shoot. Overall it is a very easy and fun to play!

Photo courtesy of Wargaming





# Hsinchu's Top 4 Restaurants

By Michelle Han & Ashley Sun

**1) Chubby's-** An American style restaurant that opened in May 2010 serves burgers, brunch, and sandwiches. It is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and is located at 新竹縣竹北市高鐵路158巷8號1樓. If you want to try something new, this is a good choice! Website: [www.mychubby.com.tw](http://www.mychubby.com.tw)

**2) Ding Tai Fung-** A Chinese restaurant famous for its xiaolongbao opened at 新竹市西大路323號4樓 (FE21 MegA Department Store Basement - 1) It is rated as one of the top ten restaurants in the world by the New York Times and is always stocked with customers.

**3) Amici -** An Italian style restaurant that has been serving up pizza and pasta since 2002. Located at 新竹縣竹北市成功三路88號, they serve salad, pasta, pizza, risotto, gratin, and herbal teas. This is a favorite among IBSH students! Website: [www.amici.com](http://www.amici.com)

**4) Bon Appetit -** A pizza shop located at 新竹縣竹北市光明一路72號. It receives great reviews with customers commenting positively on the pasta and bread. Be sure to order that if you go there!

## Honorable Mention:

**Outback Steakhouse** 新竹縣竹北市莊敬2街10號

**Tasty** 新竹市東區林森路231號2樓

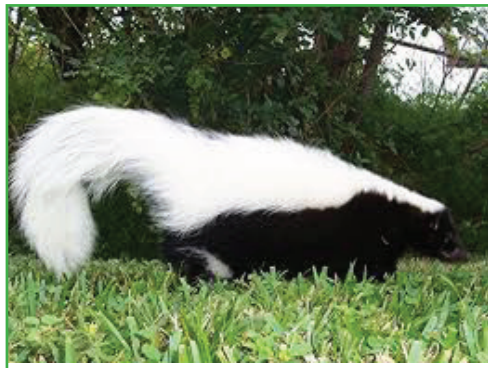
**Sushi Express** 新竹市公道五路二段469號

# PECULIAR PETS: The Smelly Pet

By Jack Baek

The skunk has been kept as a pet since the early 20th century. But due to its smelly reputation, it has never been a popular pet. Truth be told, when a skunk is one month old its scent glands can be removed, so that it doesn't "fart" all over you. Also, this way owners don't have to constantly deal with the stinkiness.

Like mammalian pets such as cats, skunks can be litter trained. They eat dry food similar to ferret food, and you can mix vegetables into it if you want. Skunks are not allowed as a pet in most countries or states in America. But even if it is allowed in your area you should care-



fully consider if you want to get one, because if the skunk bonds with you, there is no turning back, as you cannot toss it out into the street. Since it

has been tamed it will not know how to survive in the wild, so it will not last long in an unsupervised outdoor environment. Unless you find a new owner for your pet, you will have to be with it for ten years or more.

Skunks also require annual visits to the veterinarian for vaccines like other pets. In closing, skunk enthusiasts describe them as sensitive, curious, and intelligent animals.

*Photo: Google images*



# Q & A Interview Principal Huang

By Jack Baek & Victor Su  
(pictured above)

**Q:** What are your plans for IBSH?

**A:** Since IBSH is WASC (We Are Student Centered) I want to make curriculum assessment better and create more activities.

**Q:** What is the hardest thing about being an administrator?

**A:** I must provide the best education for all five sections. I cannot please everyone because there are regulations I must follow.

**Q:** What comes easiest to you as an administrator?

**A:** The easiest thing would be to call a meeting between the five departments.

**Q:** What is the next skill or knowledge set you want to add to your repertoire to make you a better leader?

**A:** I would like to be better at time management. There are five departments and it is hard to spend time with all of them.

**Q:** What has been your most embarrassing moment as an educator?

**A:** There was a case when I accidentally called a student the wrong name.

**Q:** What has been the happiest moment during your time as a principal?

**A:** To see students at the flag ceremony.

**Q:** Is being a principal hard? Why?

**A:** No, because I have been here for 26 years.





# Book Nook with Dana Chiueh

*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

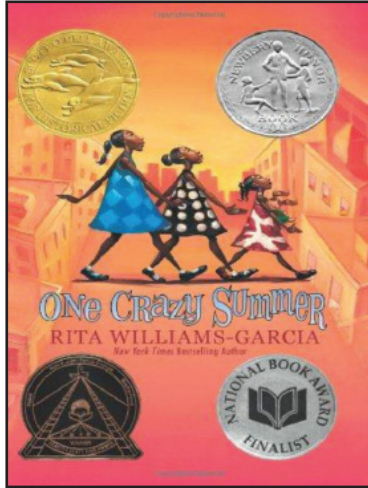
**Length:** 215 pages

**Genre:** Children's Books, Young Adult

**Age Level:** Grades 4~8.

**Rating:** One of my favorite books this year and definitely in my Top Ten book list.

**Summary:** It is 1968, and three colored sisters from Brooklyn have been put on a California-bound plane by their father to spend a month with their mother, a poetess who ran off years before and is living in Oakland. Yet Cecile reacts to her daughters' arrival without warmth or even curiosity. During their stay, Delphine and her younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern, spend a lot of time learning about the civil rights movement and staying out of their mother's way.



**Thoughts:** I think Cecile, who uses the pen name "Nzila," is actually a better person than she is a mother. When her eldest child proves herself responsible enough, Nzila lets her operate the precious printing press, which is used to print poems, which shows that she actually has a soft side. However, Cecile/Nzila often can't be bothered with her daughters, so they don't think she is fit to be a mother. Although this book describes the events of the Black Panther Party and the fight for justice, I feel that this book is just as much about gender as it is about race. The four main characters are female, and the absence of men in general bothers me slightly. One suggestion I have for the author is to change Sister Pat into Brother so-and-so, because except for Crazy Kelvin, I feel as if there are no male characters in the Black Panther Summer Camp, and even Crazy Kelvin represents a negative perspective on men.

*Photo courtesy of Amistad Publishing.*

## Project Green Tips on Keeping the Earth Clean

By Jasmine Chen

There are lots of things you can do in order to go green and save the Earth. Here are the important ones: save electricity, save water, and avoid littering.

You can save electricity in 3 ways or more. First, turn off the lights when you go outside, so the room will not always shine. Second, take the plugs out when you don't need electronics. Third, when it is sunny outside, and the light is enough, then you don't need to turn on the lights.

You can save the water by: First, take a shower instead of a bath. Second, turn off the faucet when you are done using it. Next, when it is raining outside, you can use a bucket to capture the raindrops, then use it to water your plant if you have one.

Also, you can go green by not littering. If everyone litters, planet Earth will be covered by trash and plastic. Consequently, no one will be willing to live on the Earth. If everyone didn't litter, the Earth would be clean without trash and plastic.

Use these ways to go green and tell other people to go green, such as saving water, saving electricities, and avoiding littering.

# GOING BANANAS

By Ashley Yeh

Have you ever wondered how many trees there are on the school campus? Did you know that some of those trees are fruit trees? When you walk down the stairs from the black gate you might notice a few banana trees. You should go check them out. If you don't know where the banana trees are located, they are on the pathway leading to the dormitory. The bananas are not yet ripe so they look like tiny green crescent moons.

## Did you know?

*Facts about bananas*

*The banana "tree" is not really a tree, but instead a giant herb.*

*The cluster of bananas sold in supermarkets is a "hand," while individual bananas are called "fingers."*

*A man in India once ate 81 bananas in a half an hour.*

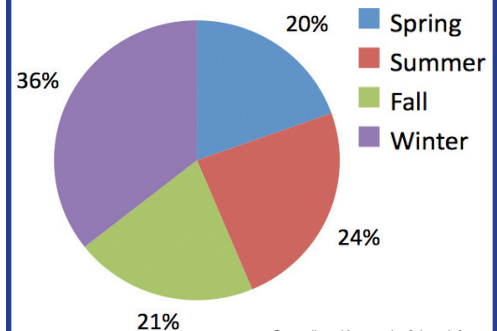
*You can use the inside of a banana peel to polish leather shoes.*

*The banana peel is edible, though not tasty unless cooked.*

*In 2001, Britain recorded 300 incidents of injuries related to bananas. The majority of these involved people slipping on banana peels.*

*In Auburn, Washington there is a museum dedicated to bananas called the Washington Banana Museum.*

## Favorite Season







# Highlight Student: Jeffrey Chang

By Jack Baek and Ashley Yeh

What is your name? Which class are you in?

**Jeffrey Chang, 5B (Mr. Kyle's class)**

Did you win an award in any sport?

**Yes, I got 1st place in fencing.**

Did anyone help you receive this award? If so, how?

**Jason Perng, he helped intimidate the opponent.**

How did you feel when you won this award?

**I felt happy and excited. I also proved my dad wrong because he thought I couldn't win the fencing award.**

What are your goals for the following years?

**I want to try to get an Olympic gold medal in fencing.**

Do you think you are athletic? Why?

**Yes, because I got a gold medal in fencing.**



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**How to Draw a Mouse**

by Jolene Chen

"In the second installment of the delightful "How to Draw a..." series by Jolene Chen, even complete beginners can learn how to sketch a cute little mouse! First, pencil in the ears. Unevenness adds a touch of whimsy to this creature. As you draw in the rest of the mouse, keep a light stroke for easy erasing; you can always darken the outline with a pen later. Steps six and seven are where you can really let your inner creativity shine! Fancy an adorable mouse or a scary monster? Accessories, business tie and bow for the tail, as shown in step seven are optional, but they can give an entirely unique personality to your drawing." - Dana Chiueh

## PHOTO CONTEST

**Who:** IBSH students grades 1-6

**What:** Sports themed photos of IBSH students. Max 3 photos.

**Where:** E-mail photo to [TheLemurStaff@gmail.com](mailto:TheLemurStaff@gmail.com)

**When:** Due March 1st

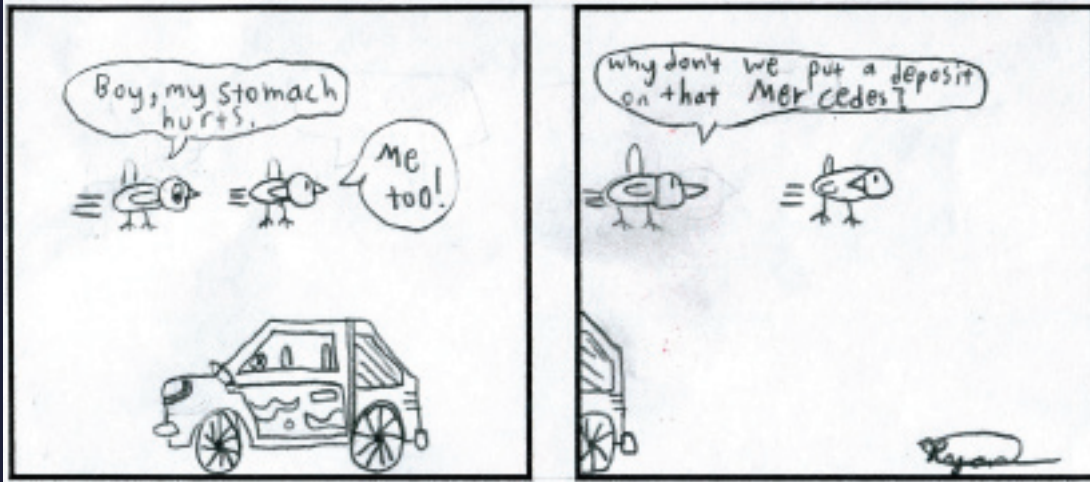
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Birdie

By Ryan Chen



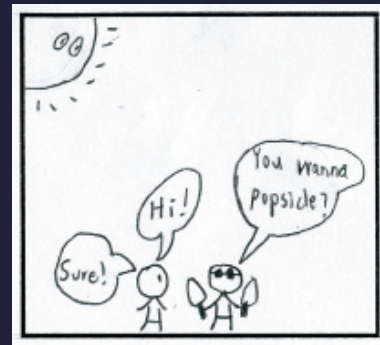
Summer Prank

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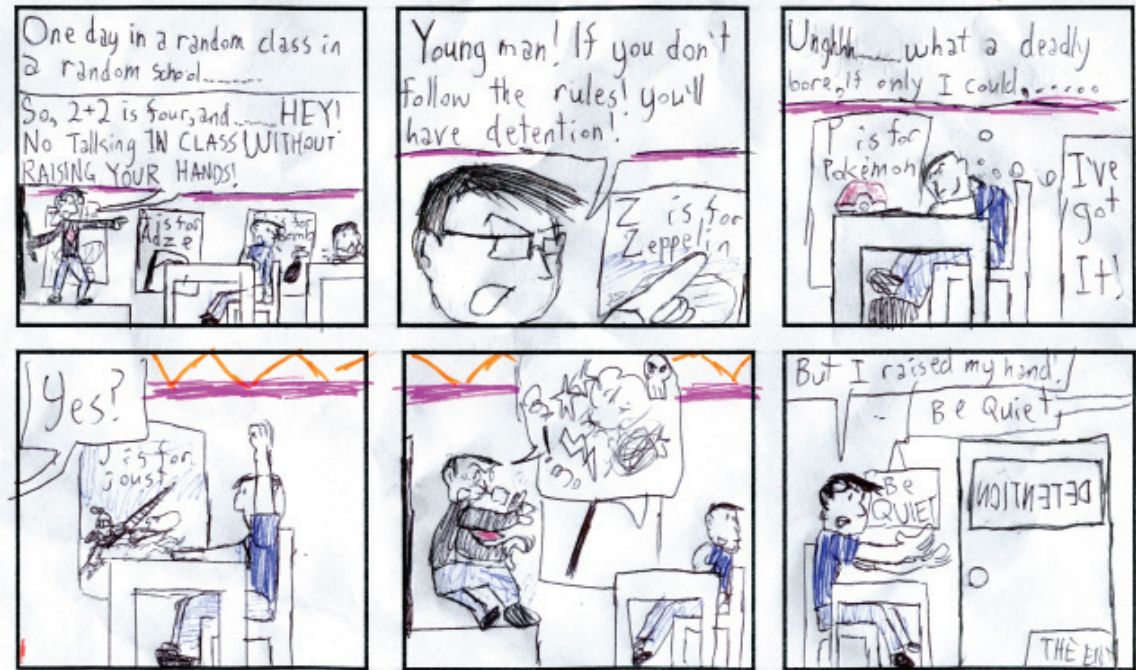
Son and Dad

By Alica Lee



Raise Your Hand

By Alex Han





# MOROSCOPE

By Ashley  
Yeh

## ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)

Traits: warrior, creative, independent

Today a friend will ask you a very important question. Beware of this question for it could affect your life. Remember that something that has been bothering you since the first day of school? Well today, most of your problems will be fixed as long as you stick to the plan and listen to friends' advice.

## TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

Traits: dependable, patient, musical, practical

Things are going to get better for you as the day progresses.

Though, one of your friends will betray you to someone else and you may feel alone and sad, but your classmate's advice may turn your luck around. On the positive side, your parents will give you exciting news about your winter vacation.

## GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Traits: curiosity, idea sharing, adaptable, affectionate, kind

Today you are very clumsy, always watch your step as you may stumble over your own feet. Although on the bright side, you will meet a very special friend who will soon become your best friend. You have also been gifted in math and English. So if you have any tests on those subjects then you will most likely ace the test.

## CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Traits: emotional, intuitive, imaginative, cautious, protective

You and your friends are fighting lately. Today is a great chance to make peace. Negatively, your teacher will give you a hard task to do. This task will be tough but you will have to do it because the task will follow you for the rest of your life. If you don't do it you will be unsuccessful in your future.

## LEO

(July 23 - August 22)

Traits: generous, warmhearted, creative, enthusiastic, faithful

Put your foot down today. Don't let others push you around.

It could be that you're used to letting people have their way in order to keep the peace. The problem with this is that your dreams and goals may get lost in the shuffle. Don't lose sight of your true destination. There's much more to life than you might see on the surface. Dig deeper.

## VIRGO

(August 23 - September 23)

Traits: modest, shy, practical, intelligent, analytical

Today is a very bad day to make important decisions. Postpone them if you can. If you don't then those choices will most likely be terrible choices. Try to spend time with friends and family instead. Friends are important today. Play with your friends and no one else some of your friends will become jealous.

## LIBRA

(September 24 - October 23)

Traits: easygoing, sociable, idealistic, peaceful

Today, you realize that it is hard to understand some of your friends. Your mind will wander in class. Also, you will do terribly on any of the tests you have today. On the positive side, one of your old friends will come and visit you today. You will share your deepest secrets. Beware though, if you reveal your deepest darkest secret then your friend may not keep the secret.

## SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Traits: determined, forceful, powerful

A stressful period is coming. To overcome that stress, you must listen to the advice your classmates and friends give you. There will be an accusation, which will turn your class against you.

You must make it right by telling the truth. On the positive side, you have been gifted in math.

## SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 21)

Traits: optimistic, freedom-loving, honest, straightforward

Today you will do something that is incredible. Everyone will remember you for it. This will make you the center of attention, but beware you will forget who your true friends are and hang out with so-called friends. On the positive side, for your winter vacation you and your parents will decide to go somewhere new.

## CAPRICORN

(December 22 - January 20)

Traits: practical, patient, careful, humorous

Things are looking up for you, especially later in the day. Pieces should naturally flow into place. You will find that your outward-directed energy is better balanced now. You should connect with others using your keen wit, strong will, and sheer intelligence. True friends will steer you in the right direction. Take your time to do the things you need to do. Don't rush.

## AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 19)

Traits: friendly, original, inventive, independent

Being easily distracted, focus and concentration is something that you tend to admire in others. Today is a wonderful opportunity to choose something to focus on and go after it. Sadly, you will fail to understand the importance of being a friend, and you will forget about all that you and your friend have been through.

## PISCES

(February 20 - March 20)

Traits: imaginative, sensitive

Someone you've known for a long time may move away or otherwise vanish from your life. He or she may move to a distant state. You'll probably stay in touch by phone or E-mail, but it will never be the same, at least not for a long time. You will feel better if you meet new people. They will come your way today.



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