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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
65 Years of Excellence!

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Letter from the Principal

This Yearbook is dedicated to the many students and teachers who have walked the hallways of Mark Twain Elementary School over the more than sixty years that it has served the children of military and civilian personnel stationed overseas in service to our country.

These students and teachers were a part of a select group fortunate enough to have lived in one of the most beautiful towns in Europe. Memories of trips to the Heidelberg Castle, the Christmas Market on a cold winter day, springtime walks in the Schwetzingen gardens, and sitting under a shady tree in the LuisenPark on a warm day in June, are all indelibly written across their hearts. Their years spent in Heidelberg are sure to be a highlight of their conversations in years to come. Our students have been our pride. They have always reflected the high academic values instilled by their parents. They understood the importance of getting a quality education that would set them apart in a world that is getting increasingly smaller. In living the transient life that is endemic to the military our students have demonstrated the flexibility it takes to "put down roots quickly," as well as the ability to adjust to new cultures and to make new friends. They have experienced the sadness of saying "good-bye" to a deploying parent, as well as the great joy of greeting them upon their return. We can rest assured that when it is their turn to take the reins and make the decisions they will do an excellent job.

Parents have been the bedrock of Mark Twain Elementary School since it opened. Even when family unity was disrupted when parents were called to serve in hostile areas our families stayed strong. Parents, as the first teachers to your children you were the ones who molded your children's good manners and prepared them for that big step into school. It is to you that we say "thank you" to for giving us your best all these years. Thank you for continually rolling up your sleeves and demonstrating that "can do attitude" that served as a model for your children. You always gave the school your support and, by doing so, you validated us and let us know that you trusted us to do our best in keeping your children safe and providing the quality education to which they were entitled.

To be a "teacher" is one of the highest callings in life. In what other profession does one have the opportunity to teach someone to read and to write down their thoughts so that the minds of others could be transformed and taken places they never knew existed? There is "magic" in being a teacher and that "magic" happens daily in classrooms in small ways, whether it was the sudden understanding of fractions, the ability to write in cursive, or discovering that getting up in front of class to give a report was not that scary after all. Throughout the years, our teachers have served their students well because they recognized what they do as more than a "job." It was a "calling."

Mark Twain, himself, would have been proud of this little school which is located a breath away from USAREUR Headquarters. He would have wanted his name linked to a place such as this where children could learn, not only about things of the world, but about themselves as they related to others. He would have liked that children, similar to the likes of Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher, had the opportunity to learn in such a historic setting. Mark Twain would also have been appreciative of the efforts to learn the "awful[ly]" hard to learn German. The time he spent in Heidelberg provided material for much of his writing. His leisure boat trips up the Neckar River, gliding past the castle to Hirschorn, were memorable and when he returned to America he always referred to the experience. Now we are in a similar situation. It is our time to say our "goodbyes" and to move on to new adventures taking with us, in our hearts and in our memories, times spent here with our friends, our teachers, and our parents. How could we ever forget living abroad and attending Mark Twain Elementary School? The experience has become "us" and we are ready to take it with us wherever in the world that might be.

"Wir haben unser Herz in Heidelberg verloren."

With warmest regards from the teachers and the staff at Mark Twain Elementary School'

Dolly Crooks

Ms. Mease - Grade 1



Stacey Mease



Nicolas Alford



Breck Borkert



Maleah Brown



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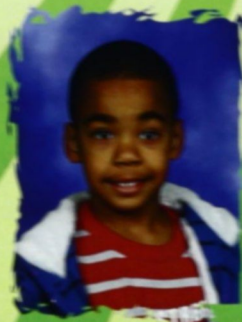
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James Kaleskas



Samuel Kendrick



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Joshua Kubala



Connor McCullough



Henry Renninger



Daniel Robinson



Nathan Russell



Kendrick Samuel



Makhyia Young



Maxfield Young



Ms. Finch - Grade 2



Carlen Finch



Alison Allmon



Cameron Brady



Trey Cunrod



Brett Davis



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Luca Hranilovic



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Bethany Longmuir



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Quentin Richards



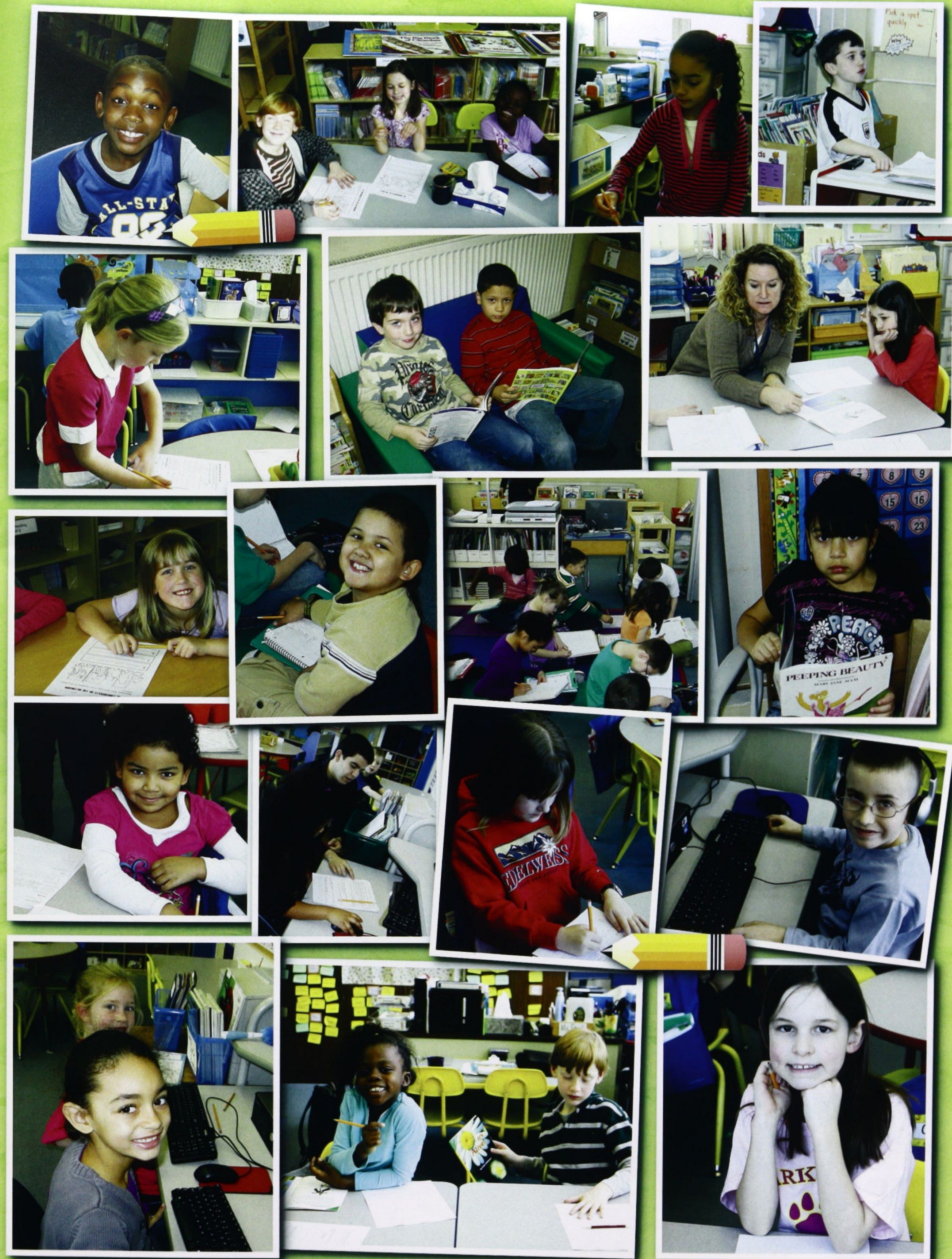
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Ms. Smalls - Grade 3



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Nathan Hebert,



Stephanie Janos



David Jones



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Darby Martinez,



Mason McCullough,



Aaliyah McKoy,



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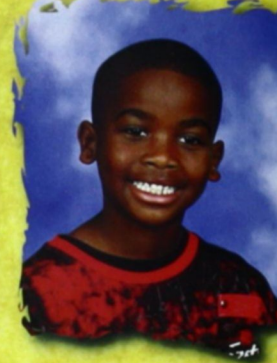
Linda Williams



Jordan Coney



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Milton Jackson



Alena Kaleskas



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Kimberly Lambert



Richard Lambert



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Samuel Renninger



Alexander Richards



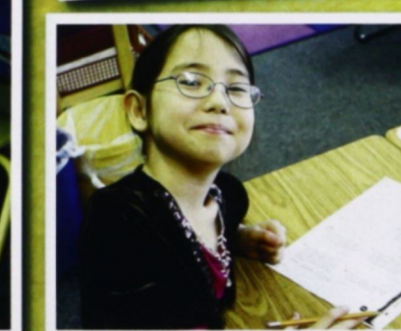
Elena Russey



Cyrus Scruggs



Emma Stanfield



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Heidelberg-Germany March-11-2011
Ms. Mease Grade 1*



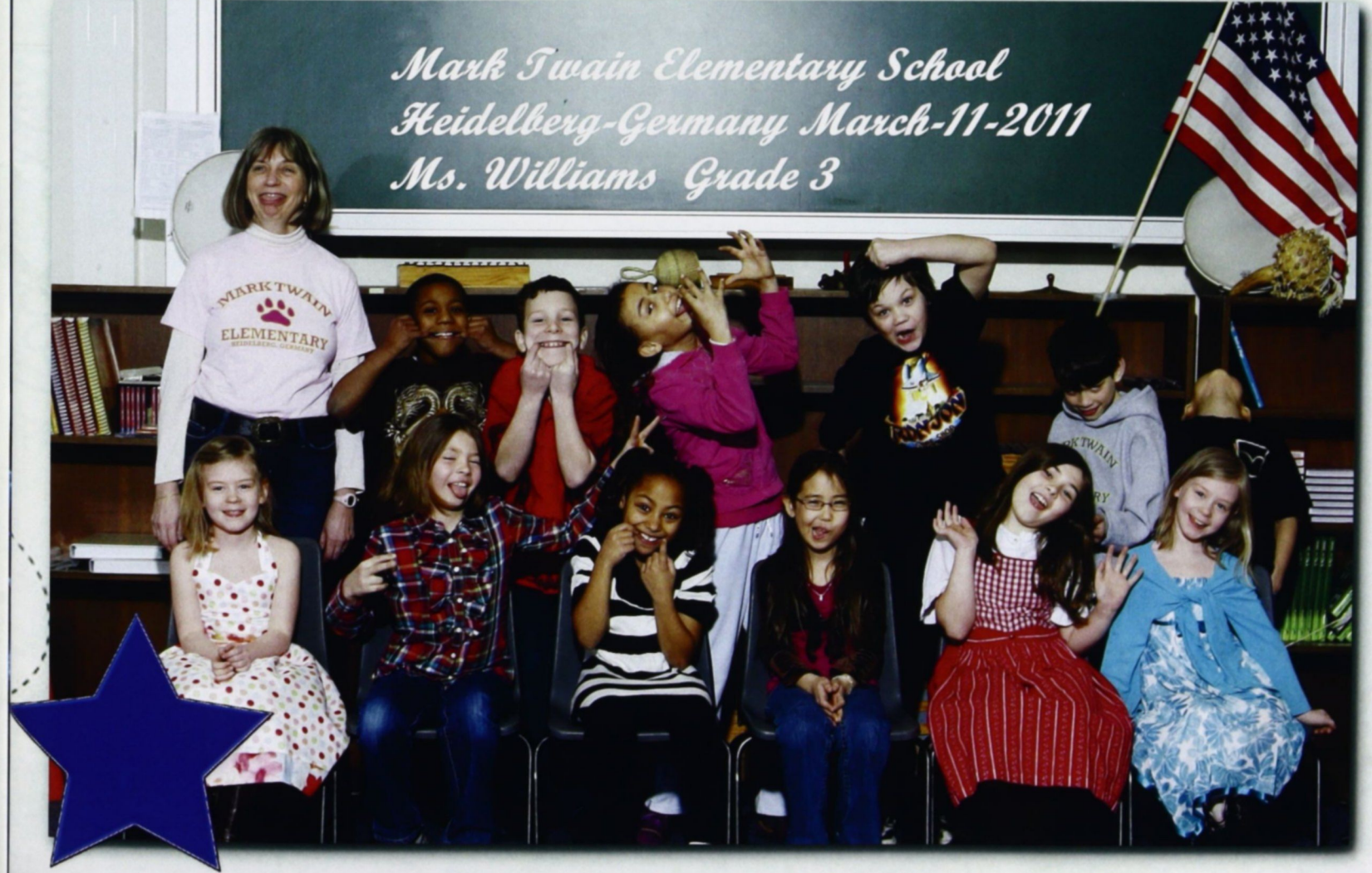
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Ms. Smalls Grade 3*



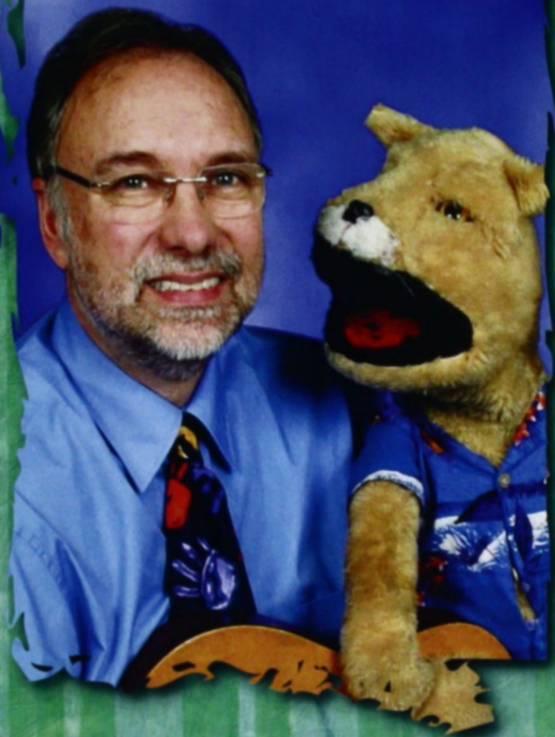
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Ms. Finch Grade 2*



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Mr. L'Esperance - Grade 4



Dan L'Esperance



Cameron Adolph



Michael Berry



Colin Boyd



Ashton Craycraft



Joseph Crusan



Chad Davis



Kobi Davis



Celine Frazier



Graham Hendrickson



Anna Hoepner



Connor Hughes



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Adam Johnson



Connor Johnson



Anna Kendrick



Lorenzo Kern

Mr. L'Esperance - Grade 4



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Rebekah Lindell



Da'Zha Loney



Gabriel Mendelson



Adriana Ortiz



Mia Petrunyak



Joseph Spratley



Jocelyn Walker



Rowan Waller



Ms. Peterson - Grade 5



Patricia Peterson



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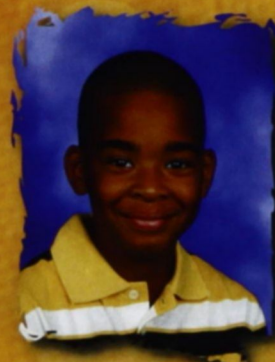
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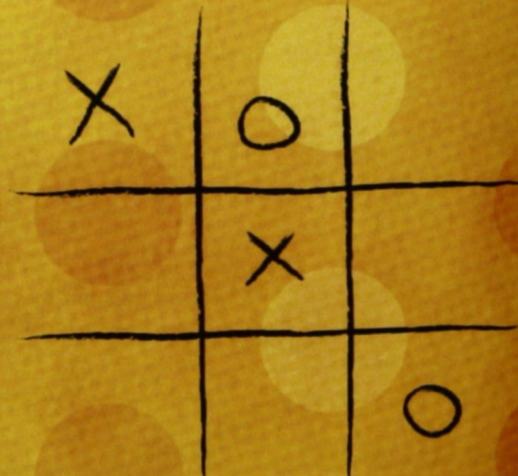
Katrina Tudlong



Kenneth Wilson



Jared Yarbrough



Seniors of the Elementary School!



"Teacher!"

- Jenny



Our Plans for the future

"Marine Biologist!"

- Katherine



"Work for

Nintendo!" -

Antonio



"An Inventor!"

- Eli



"A Marine!"

Jared

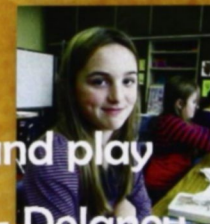


"Zoologist!" -

Katarina



"Sing and play
guitar!" - Delaney

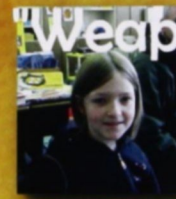


"Video Game
Tester!" - Kenny



"Weapon-Designer!"

- Sam



Faculty and Staff



Carmen Crooks



Diane Abeyta



Laurie Bliss



Scott Davis



Van Edwards



Carlen Finch



Kelsey Gannon



Justin Garcia



Heather Harbach



Marie Johnson



Dan L'Esperance



Stacey Mease



Anabel Muro



Patricia Peterson



Amber Putra



Kirsten Rock



Serivia Smalls



Kimberly Smith



Laura Spencer



Lisa Thomas



Susanne Thomas



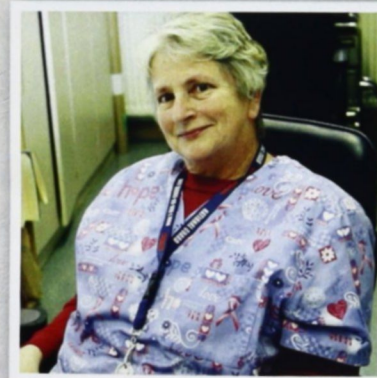
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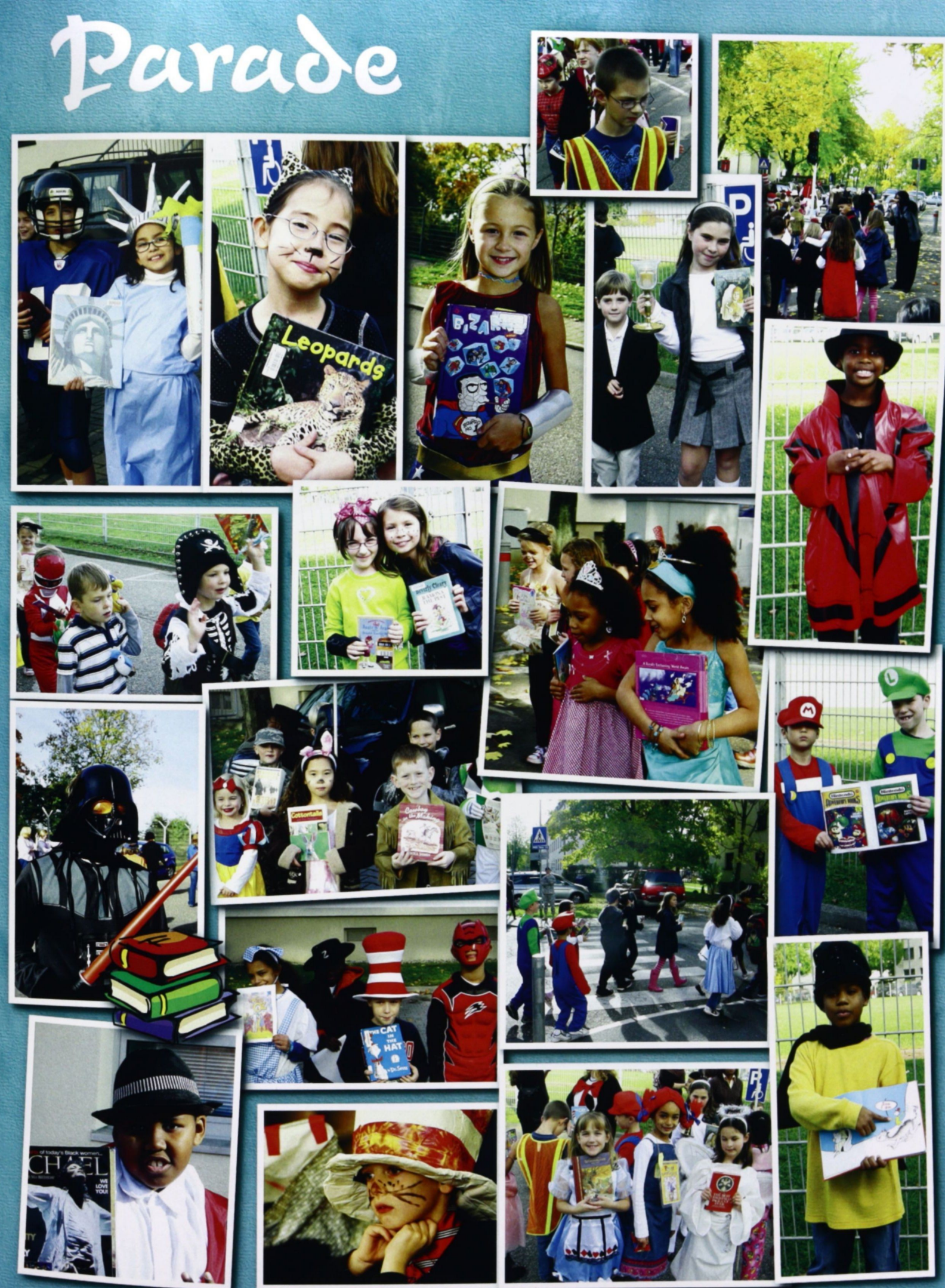
Teachers
Staff



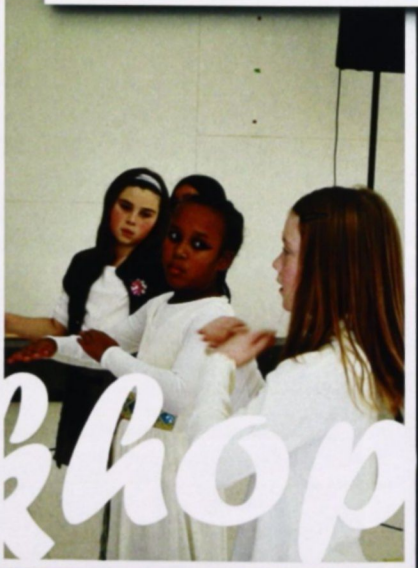
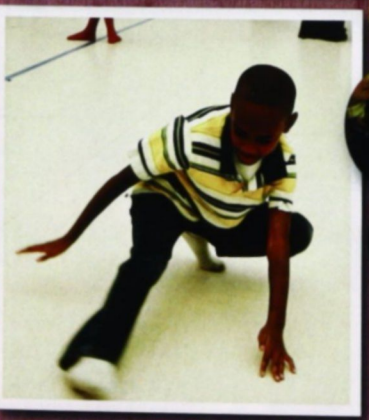
A collage of seven photographs showing firefighters and children. The photos depict firefighters in full gear, a fire truck, and children interacting with the firefighters and each other.



Character Day Parade



Parade



Sockhop!



Fieldtrip!



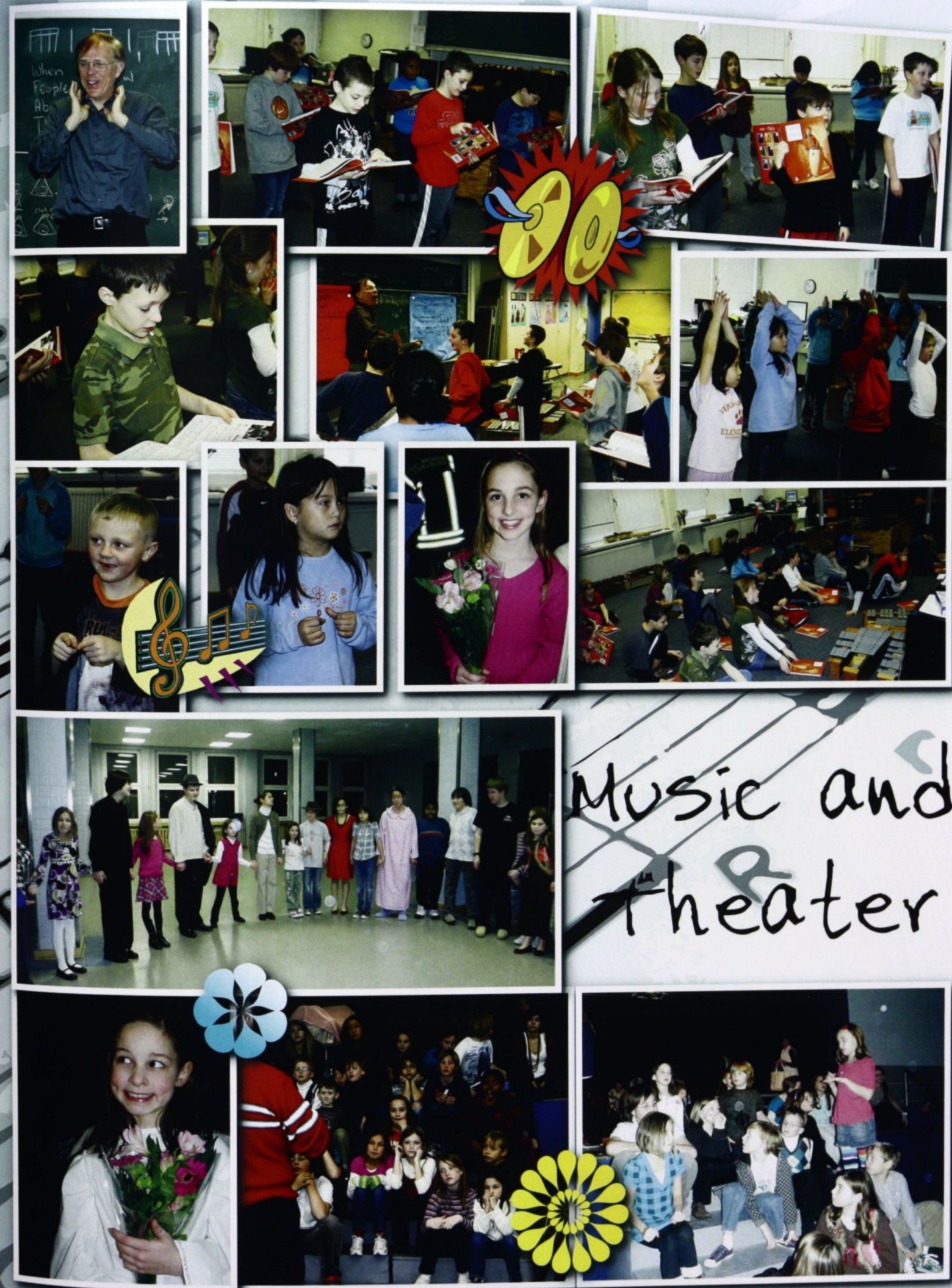
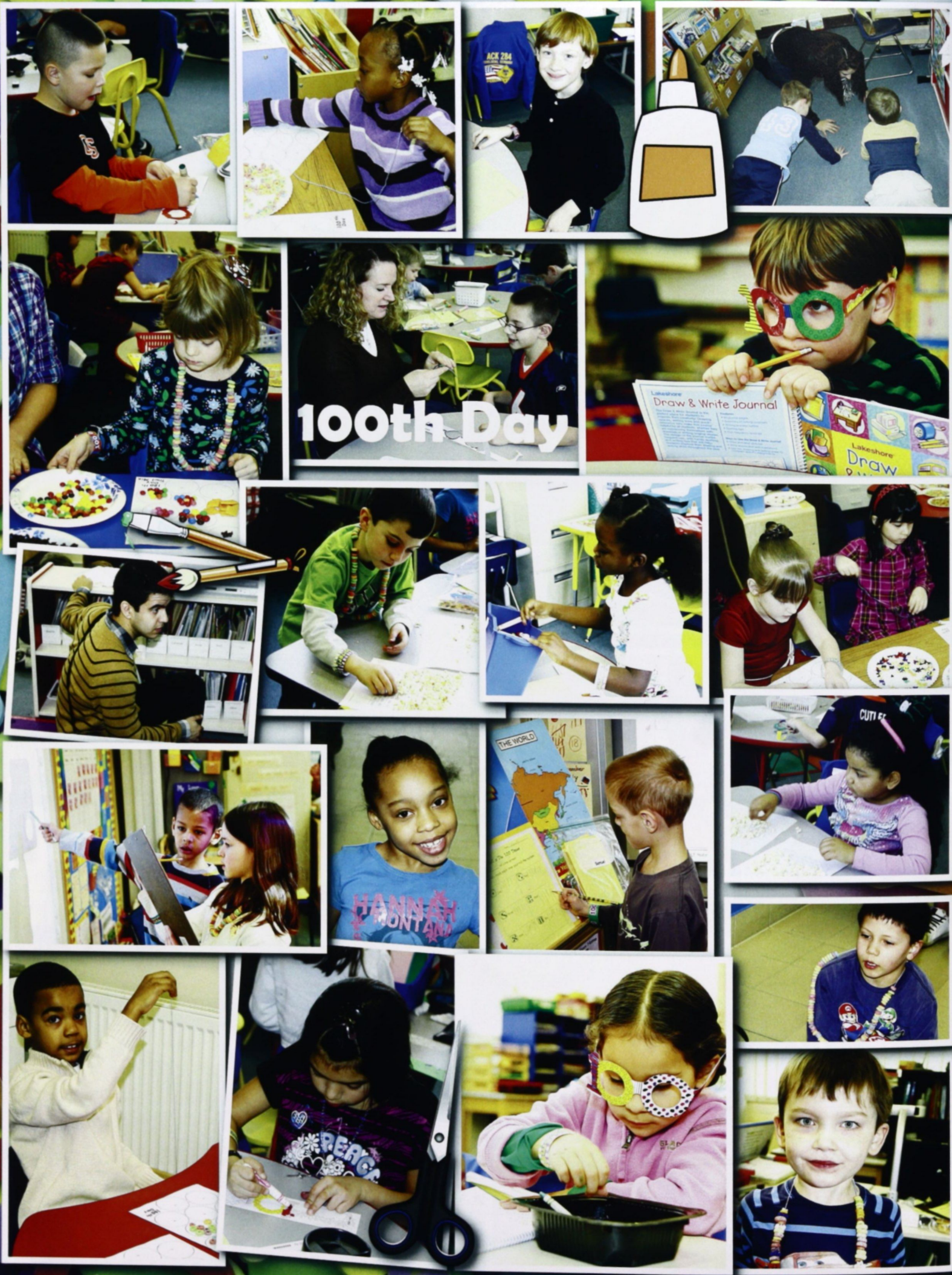
HALLOWEEN



THE GIGGLIN' GOBLIN







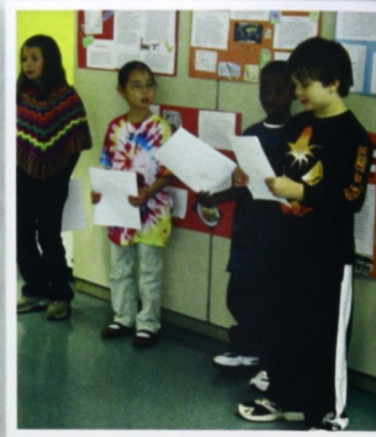
Music and Theater

Peer Mediators



Attack of the Germs!





Hispanic Heritage Month

THE LIVING MUSEUM



CHILDREN

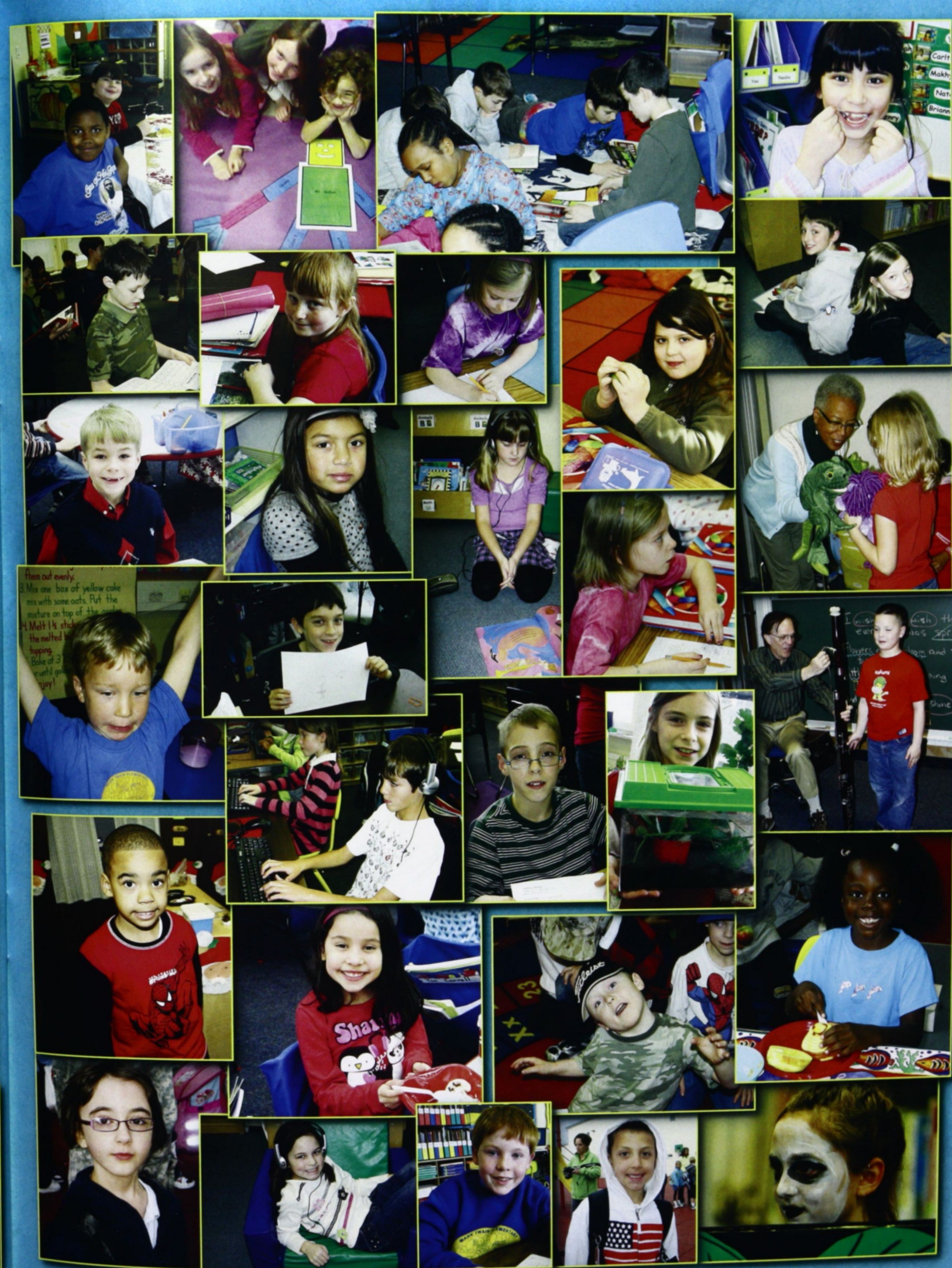
CHILDREN

Read Across America



The Sembach Quartet and Carnival

Around Mark Twain







Teachers and Staff of MTES, 2011

Message from the Editor



Well, it would be untrue to say that I expected to be working on Mark Twain's yearbook. While on the look-out for somewhere to do my Career Practicum, the Mark Twain yearbook walked across my path. The PTA needed someone to help with the yearbook—just to lay out some of the pages and take a few pictures. Well, the situation evolved into the entire yearbook being my responsibility. The task ahead was so huge I could hardly wrap my mind around it! Eager to fulfill my responsibility, I looked for a publisher and started taking more pictures than you can imagine. Even with all the photos I took, I did not have enough. I would like to thank those who have made many of the contributions that made the yearbook possible, including Ms. Crooks, the PTA, the Teachers, and some of the parents. It has been difficult working out all the kinks in the yearbook program, but I got there. Although I did not expect to do the yearbook layout alone, it has been both a joy and an honor to be a part of such a monumental experience. After all the hard work and countless hours of taking photos, editing, and laying out pages, I am glad to say Mark Twain Elementary School's final yearbook is complete. Being Mark Twain's last Yearbook, I wanted to put in pieces of Mark Twain's colorful past, and create a theme I hope to hold true for every Mark Twain Elementary Student: to live happily ever after regardless of what path they choose in life.

Sincerely **Rebecca Steil**



Mark Twain Elementary School



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"...and they lived happily ever after."



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