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**This yearbook is dedicated to all of the
happy, fun, and excited students
who attend Lajes Elementary/High School.**



“Soaring To Great Heights”

2007-2008

By Joey Leighton

A Wonderful Pair of Principals



"The best students, the best teachers, and the best community" are just a few of the positive words Ms. Briggs uses when describing Lajes to other people. She also thinks Lajes Elementary/High School is an especially happy place to work. She was inspired to become an educator

by her teachers when she went to school. Ms. Briggs enjoys all class subjects, but if forced to pick a favorite, English tops her list. When asked to compare Lajes Elementary/High School to other schools, Ms. Briggs responded, "Since it's a small school, it seems to have more of a family atmosphere." Ms. Briggs has been a teacher or an administrator for a total of 41 years! After many years of helping and supporting others, Ms. Briggs has decided to retire.

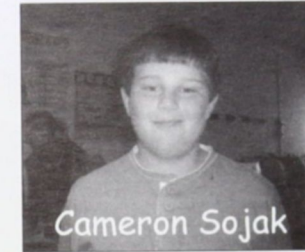
We will miss you, Ms. Briggs!

Ms. Waller has been a teacher or principal for almost 30 years. Of those 30 years, 19 have been overseas with the military community. Like Ms. Briggs, she was also inspired to become an educator by the teachers she had. When Ms. Waller was growing up, she liked almost every subject. Now, as an educator, Ms. Waller is very fond of language arts and reading. This is Ms. Waller's first year at Lajes E/H School, and she thinks the students and school are GREAT!

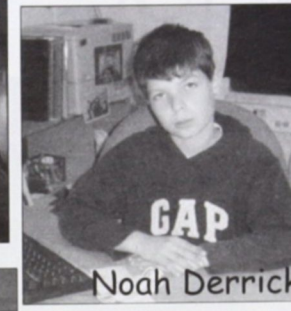


By Whitney Corley

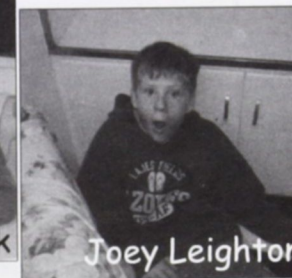
YOUR HARD-WORKING YEARBOOK STAFF



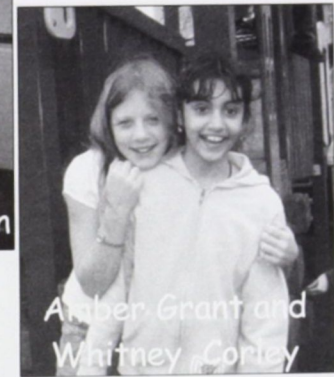
Cameron Sojak



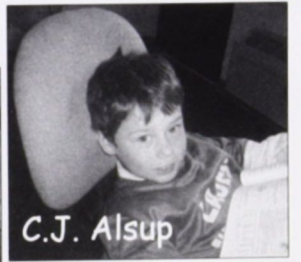
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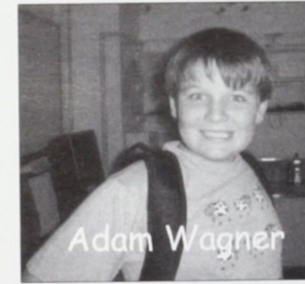
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Amber Grant and Whitney Corley



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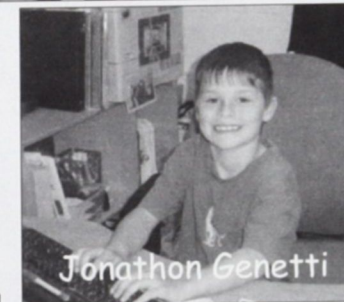
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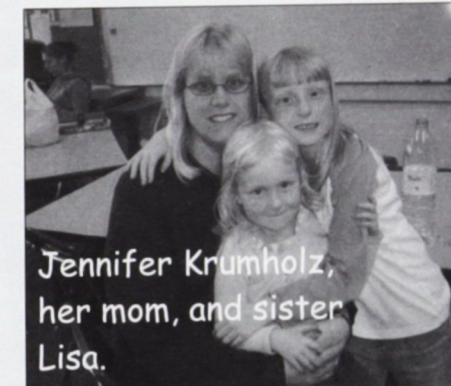
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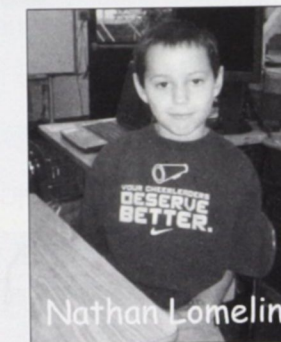
Jennifer Krumholz, her mom, and sister Lisa.



Luke Oldham



Julia Briggs



Nathan Lomelin



Rachel Domingo



Price Walker

Your Lajes yearbook staff has worked really hard on this yearbook, and we hope you are excited about reading and looking through it. The yearbook staff would like to thank Mrs. Krumholz, our dedicated parent volunteer, for helping us each week with the yearbook. We would also like to thank the teachers, students, and staff for letting us come and interview and take pictures while they were working. We hope we didn't interfere too much. Finally, we would like to thank Ms. Ching, our sponsor, because she taught us all we needed to know to create the great yearbook you are now reading. She also helped us to stay on task and very focused during this project. We hope you enjoy the yearbook because we enjoyed putting it together.

By Price Walker

Top-Notch Teachers



4th Row: Mrs. Noll, Mrs. Gregorek, Mrs. Swanson, Mr. DeMelo, and Mr. Ballantine

3rd Row: Mr. Hurley, Mrs. Domingo, Mrs. Miller, and Ms. Sorrell

2nd Row: Dr. Brei-Crawley, Ms. LaForge, Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Areias

1st Row: Ms. Jones, Mrs. Deisher-Cabral, Ms. Gallant, and Mrs. McClain

Mr. Hull and Mrs. Teixeira



Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Keiser, and Ms. Denham



Here are a few of our wonderful teachers who care a lot about the students at Lajes. You might notice that a few teachers are missing from the picture, but don't worry, you'll find them in other places in this yearbook. All of Lajes's teachers are very kind and caring. They help make Lajes a really fun and safe place to be a student. You should consider yourself lucky that you've had these wonderful teachers and the opportunity to go to school here.

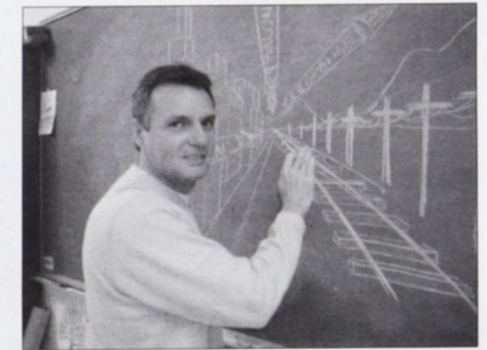
By Rachel Domingo and Jennifer Krumholz

Super Specials



Mrs. Wagner teaches additional physical education (A.P.E.). A.P.E. gives us more time to learn how exercise helps make us healthier. We LOVE A.P.E. time!

Mr. Hull teaches art. The things Mr. Hull thinks of are very creative. In art we learn about calligraphy, drawing, and much more.



Mrs. Areias teaches Host Nation. In Host Nation we learn how to speak Portuguese, and we learn about the customs of Portugal.

Mrs. Teixeira teaches physical education (P.E.). In this P.E. class we focus on teamwork and having fun while exercising.



Mrs. Teixeira also teaches music. She teaches us to play different instruments and sing songs. We also learn how exciting music can be.

By Jennifer Krumholz

THE BEST SUPPORT STAFF



Mrs. Harwell
Sure Start Aide



Mrs. Mitchell
PSCD and Special Education



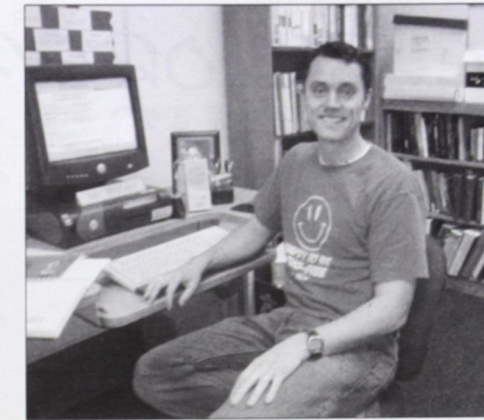
Mrs. Rodriguez
Special Education Aide

There are many people who help us in our school. Nurse Brown takes care of us when we get hurt. Mr. Moore helps us with speech, and Mr. Weyland teaches us how to work through our problems. When we need support with reading, we can go to Ms. Gallant or Dr. Brei-Crawley. Ms. Piccone helps with our writing, and Mrs. Bryant-James works with extending our learning. Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Lucas, and Mrs. Rodriguez assist us with our writing. Mr. Ballantine shows us how to use different programs on the computer. We also have several aides who work with students in all grades. Our support staff is GREAT, and we really appreciate them.

By Johnathon Genetti



Mr. Moore
Speech Language Pathologist



Mr. Weyland
School Psychologist and Counselor

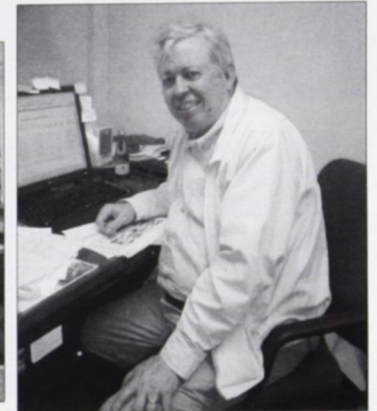


Ms. Piccone
Occupational Therapist

Ms. Gallant
Language Arts
Reading Specialist
and
Reading Recovery



Mrs. Deisher-Cabral
Information Specialist



Mr. Ballantine
Educational Technologist



Dr. Brei-Crawley
Compensatory Education



Mrs. Domingo and Mrs. Gregorek
Kindergarten Aides



Nurse Brown



Mr. James
Kindergarten Aide

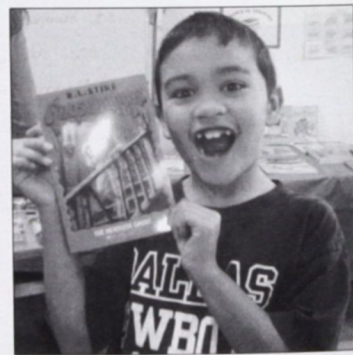


Mrs. Bryant-James
Gifted Education



Mrs. Lucas
Special Education Aide

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION



PTO Board

Mrs. Heerema—Scholastic Coordinator
Mrs. Leon—President
Mrs. Ciotuszynski—Treasurer

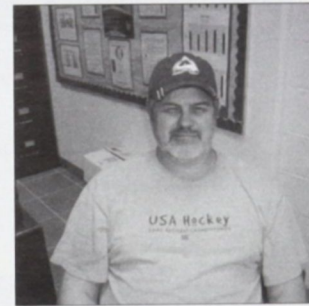
Not pictured: Desiree Burroughs—Secretary
Charlene Bush—Box Top coordinator
Jasmin Malboeuf—Vice President
Patricia Rohrbeck—Volunteer Coordinator

Bingo is a blast! Students buy books!

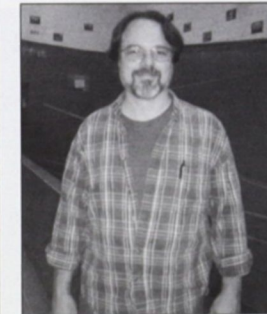
The PTO is a group of parents and teachers who help our school with many activities. They give our school a lot of support throughout the year. The PTO sponsors many extra activities for the students, like the school carnival, Bingo night, Box Top contests, Santa's Work Shop, and the Scholastic Book Fair. Our PTO also donates money to teachers who request special things for their classrooms. Our PTO is a great help and asset to our school year after year.

By Jarod Leon

SUPER SCHOOL SUPPORT



Master Miller



Brave Brei-Crawley



The sweetest secretaries are Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Dias.

Really nice Ms. Rachel



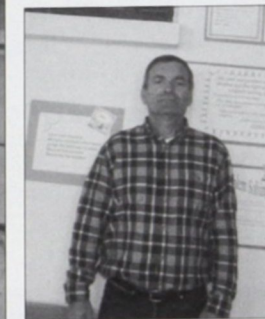
Cheerful Mr. Chuck



Cool Mrs. Castro
School Liaison Officer



Responsible Cleaning Crew



Marvelous Mr. Mario



Our Gourmet Chefs

All of our school support helps us in many ways. Our lunch and recess monitors are Mr. Chuck and Ms. Rachel. They make sure we play safely on the playground and behave well during lunch. There are many cleaning ladies who are responsible for keeping our school clean each day. The kitchen staff and cooks make our lunches. Mrs. Castro helps the school and base work together. Our helpful, helpful workers here, including Mr. Mario, Mr. Brei-Crawley, and Mr. Miller, keep our school in tip-top shape.

By Noah Derrick

Perfectly Progressing PSCD

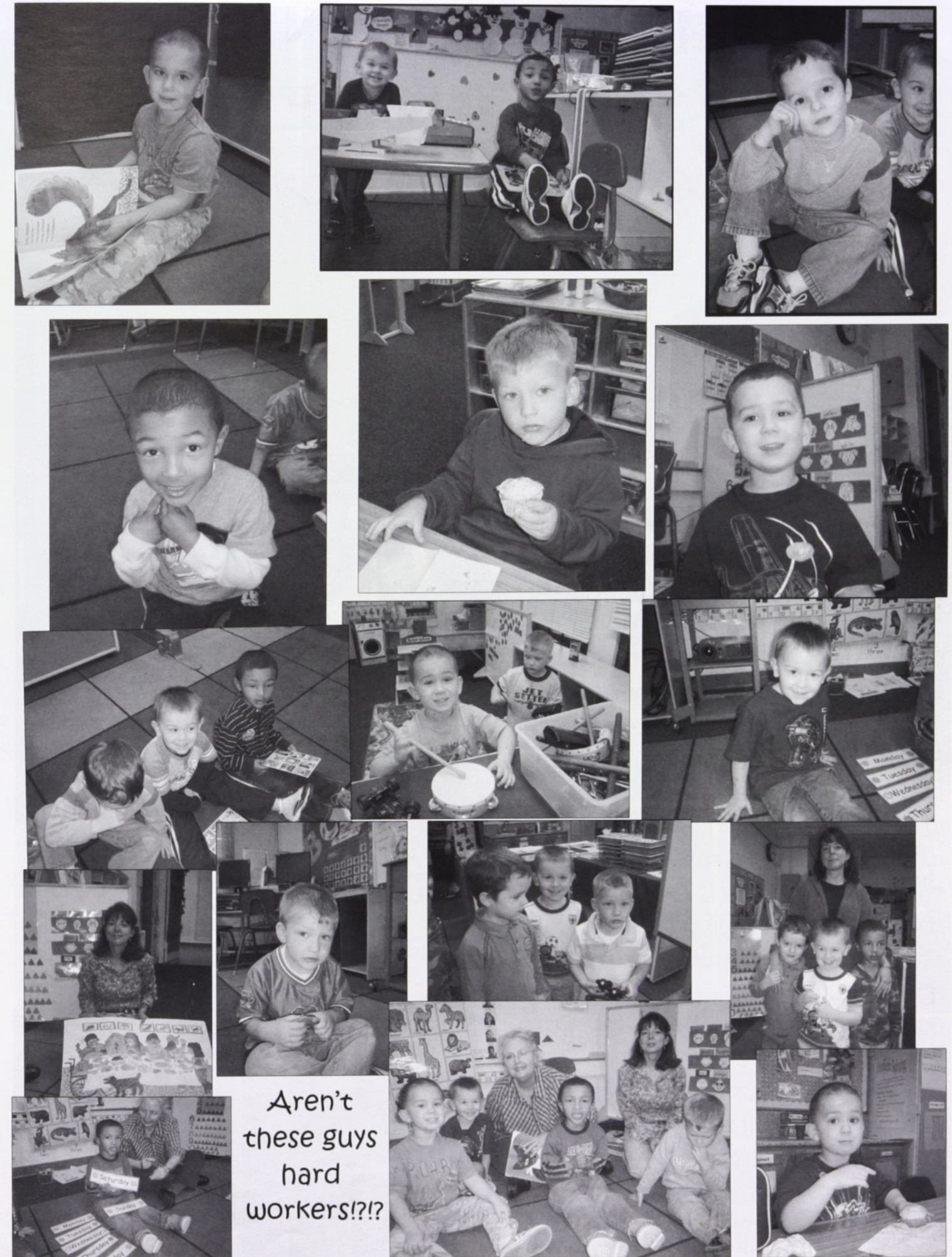
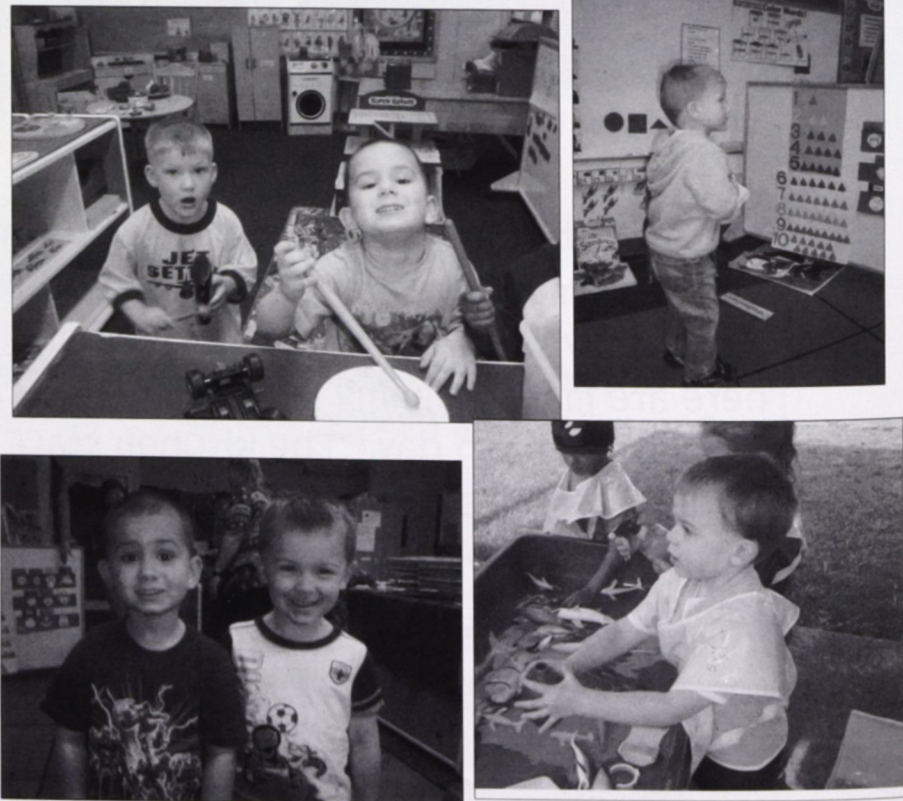


Aaron W., William P., Mrs. Lucas, Chaz P., Caleb S., Seth G., Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Rodriguez

Meaningful minds
Reaching goals
Students are creative

Marvelous kids
Impressive classmates
Teachers are awesome
Cool pre-school class
Helpful hands
Expanding smarts
Lovely working
Looking good PSCD

By Luke Oldham

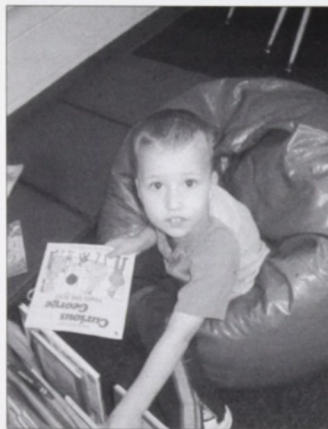


MS. ROBINSON'S SUPER SMART SURE START

We ♥ reading!



Flowers bring smiles!



Have you ever wondered what goes on behind Ms. Robinson's closed door? Well, that's why I'm here. Ms. Robinson is a teacher because she loves children and wants to make learning a fun experience. Mrs. Harwell, the Sure Start Aide, is working towards her Early Childhood Degree and enjoys working with the children. The class's favorite time of day is Gross Motor, and their least favorite is Quiet Time on their mats. These little students go to the computer lab to learn more about technology. Sure Start only celebrates birthdays because a Sure Start regulation doesn't allow celebrations of holidays. Ms. Robinson and Mrs. Harwell really love the students in their class and are proud of all their progress.

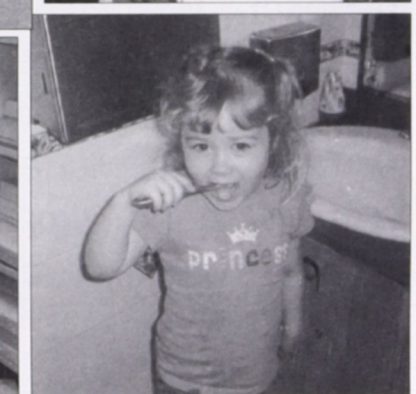
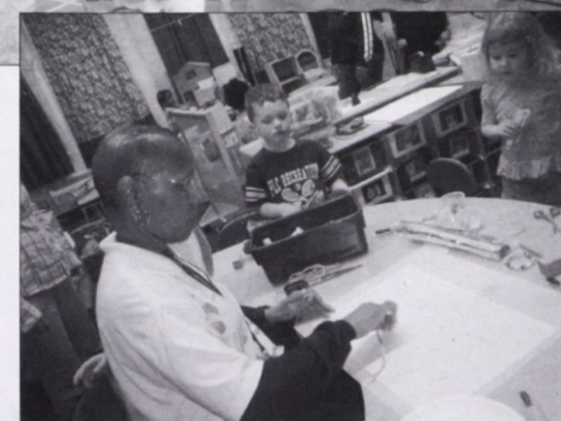
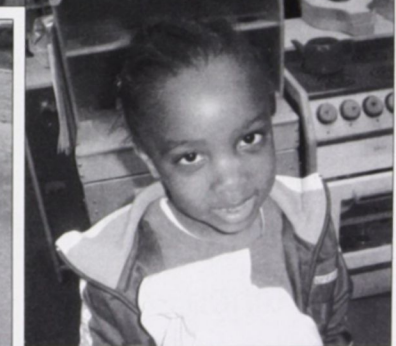
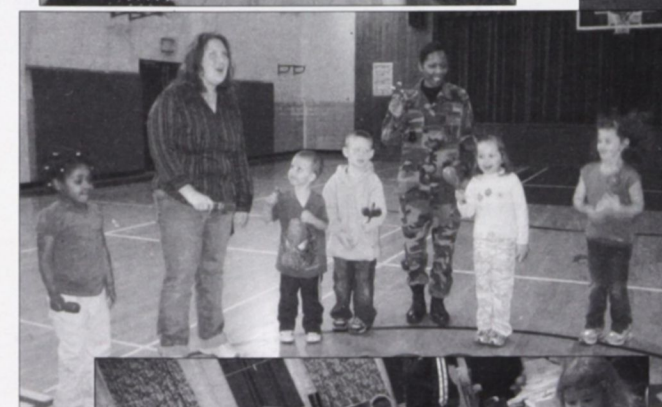
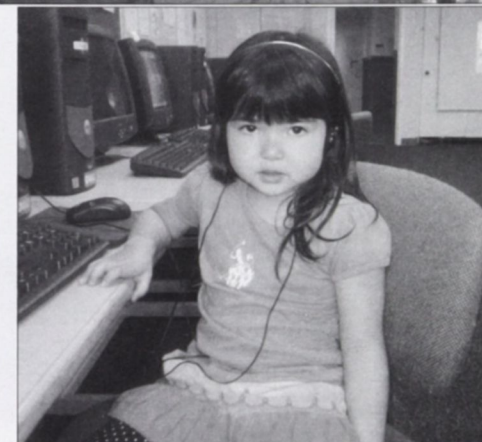
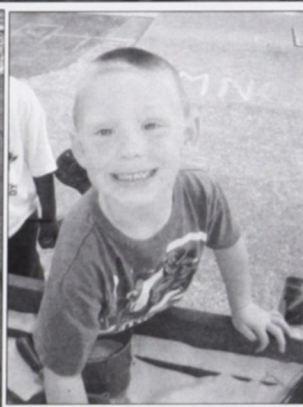
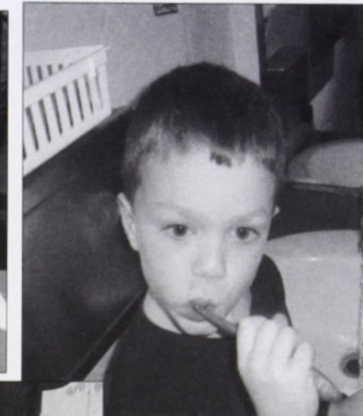
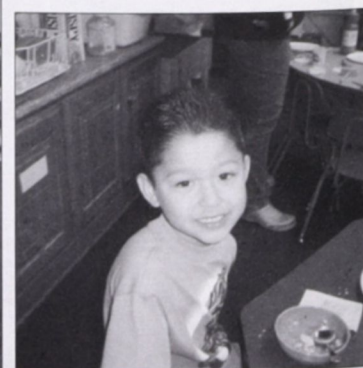
By Julia Briggs



Back row: Ms. Robinson, Ms. Harwell, Tyler M., Sarah G., Arianna M., and Dustin J.

Middle row: Maia C., Kaelin E., Jayda H., Abigail W., and Austyn L.

Front row: Peter M., Ahmya F., Charlotte S., Lilly A., Jayla P., and Adrian K.



Mrs. Cookerly's Cool Class



Back row: Mrs. Cookerly, Alexander S., Jasmine G., Grant M., Enrique F., Keegan N., and Mr. James

Middle row: Brenna S., Jaemes E., Cohwen M., Ann-Marie C., Haleigh E., and Mason C.

Front row: Matthew L., Olivia R., Olivia C., Damien B., Miranda F., Dylan P., and Alex V.

This class must be the best class because they listen to their teacher, and when she asks them to do something, they do it. The students think Mrs. Cookerly is nice and funny. Mrs. Cookerly said she likes watching her students grow into their learning, and that is what she likes best about being a teacher. The students' favorite day is Wednesday because they have Show-and-Tell. The students' favorite holiday is Valentine's Day because it is a time for loving and being with their parents. This seems like one of the best classes to be a student in.

By Rachel Domingo



Cute and Cuddly Kindergarteners



Back row: Taryn K., Mrs. Noll, Kadin V., Jordan C., Katrina K., Mrs. Gregorek, and Ashley B.

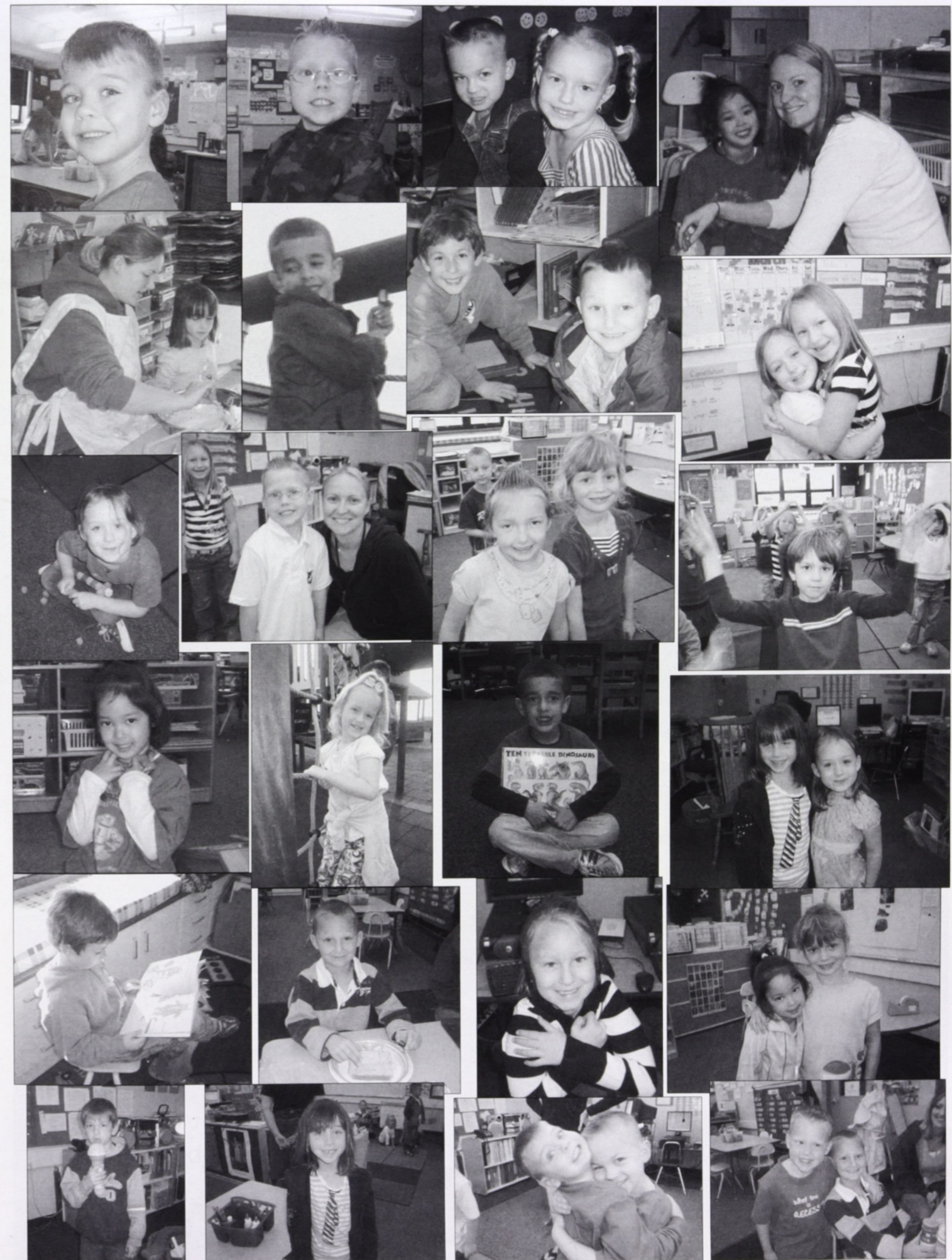
Middle row: Kyler K., Kylor M., Kaylyn R., Zoe R., Zachary L., and Jacob C.

Front row: Trevor S., Ciara H., and Alexis W.

"My students favorite part of the day is centers," says Mrs. Noll. Her students say their favorite centers are computers and building blocks. This is Mrs. Noll's first year teaching at Lajes. She was inspired to become a teacher by her favorite teacher when she was a student. Her favorite part about teaching is watching her students "get it." Her favorite thing about working at Lajes is her big team!!!!



By Amber Grant



Mrs. Swanson's Kindergarten Class



Back row: Ashley L., AJ C., Mrs. Swanson, Jaden B., Jordan S., Mrs. Domingo, David M., Jonah C., Austin B., Hadden B., and Paloma B.

Front row: Terryn B., Elizabeth E., Loxley P., Pamela D., Nanako C., Malik B., Quenzy S., Anthony C., and Carter C.

Out of Lajes, Korea, and the United States, Mrs. Swanson likes teaching at Lajes Elementary/High School the best. Mrs. Swanson's students spend their day learning to read, write, and work with others. They are also discovering that learning can be fun. These students really enjoy running around at recess and sharing during Show-and-Tell. When people walk into this classroom, they see the students working on their class work, Mrs. Swanson teaching, and Mrs. Domingo helping any student who needs it. Mrs. Swanson loves being a teacher, and her students like being in her class.

By Price Walker



Mrs. McClain's Really Cool Readers



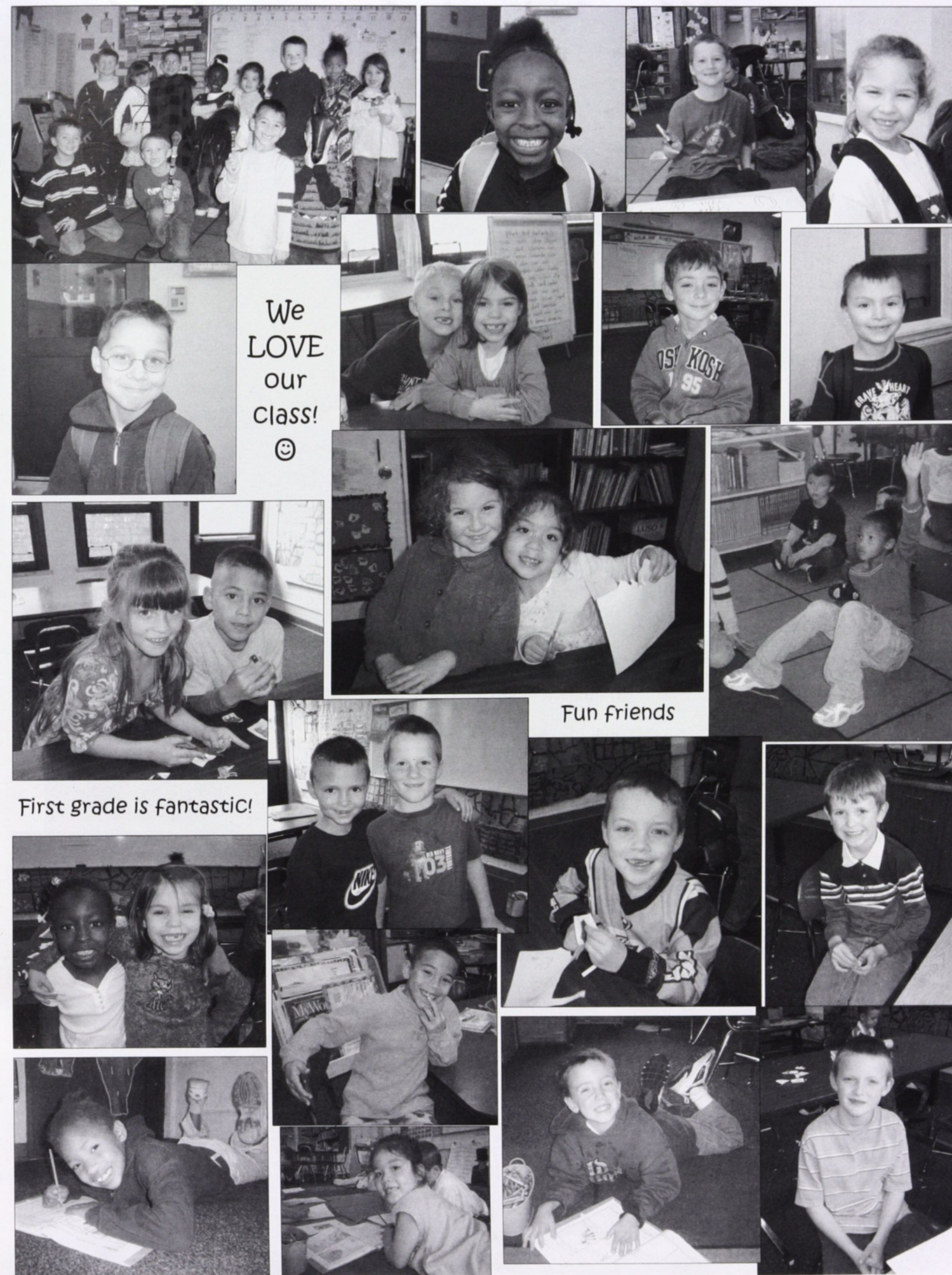
Back row: Austin H., Adam K., Savannah B., Ethan W., Caleb F., Mrs. McClain, and Max N.

Middle row: Serena L., Danielle C., Justin F., Makayla S., Caleb E., and Christian R.

Front row: John M., Reina P., Layla H., and Maguire M.

Mrs. McClain has taught many grades. Before she arrived in Lajes, Mrs. McClain taught in Africa. She enjoys teaching at Lajes because the students are good and the parents are very supportive. There are 16 kids in this class, and when you walk into this room, you'll see these students doing math, having discussions, and learning in centers. If Mrs. McClain could change anything about Lajes, she would have a full-time helper in each room.

By Alexis Hanks



We
LOVE
our
Class!
😊

Fun friends

First grade is fantastic!

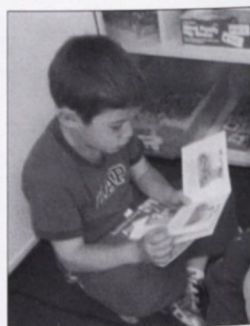
Ms. Miller's Mighty Minds



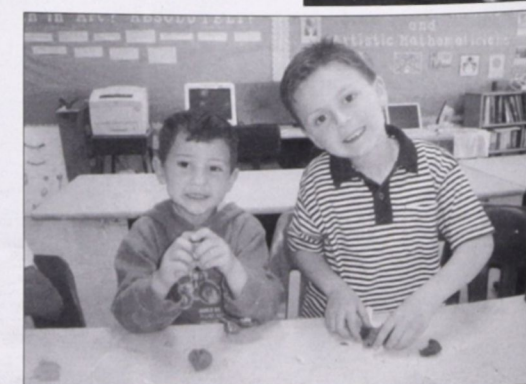
4th row: Christopher C., Brianna S., Nikken M., Darren B., Mrs. Miller, and Joe F.
 3rd row: Nathaniel B., Jasmine H., Joseph F., and Dillon P.
 2nd row: Zoe W., Nikolas A., Elana D., Christopher H., and Marshal C.
 1st row: Dylan R. and Jolie L.



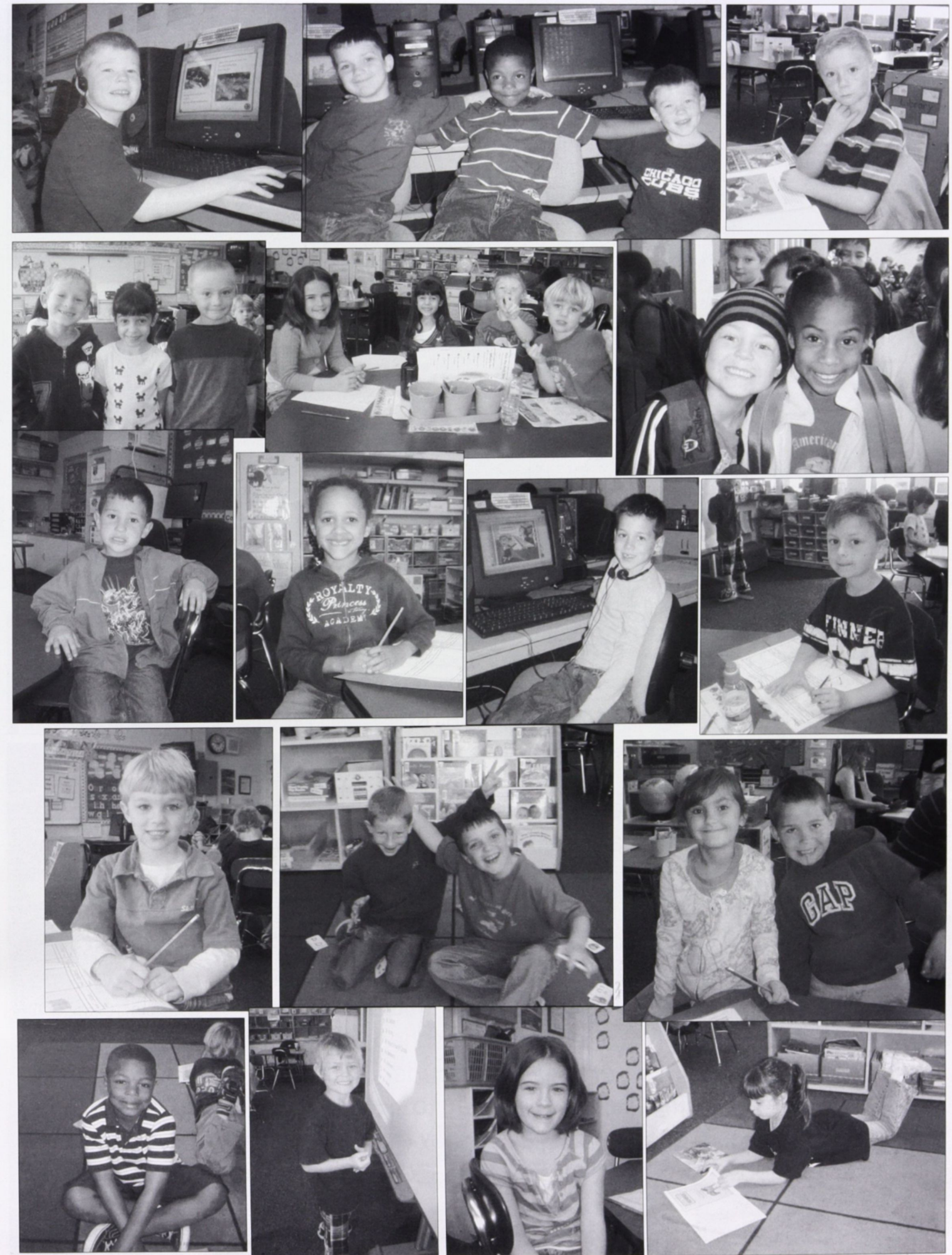
Fantastic
 Intelligent
 Really fun
 Smart
 Talented



Gifted
 Reading
 Active
 Dedicated
 Excited



By CJ Aisup



Ms. LaForge's Laughing Learners



Back row: Jacob G., Abbey R., Sean L., Lucas F., and Michelle M.

Middle row: Timothy K., Mackenzie J., Liam H., Jolie H., Kylee R., and Dustin Q.

Front row: Jozel B., Alyssa M., Kayleigh M., Ashlyn S., Samuel M., and Dante J.

Curiosity about the learning process is what inspired Ms. LaForge to become a teacher. Math was and still is Ms. LaForge's favorite subject. Ms. LaForge said, "Teaching kids to read is my favorite part about being a teacher." *Green Eggs and Ham* is Ms. LaForge's favorite book. She said that she likes the book because the rhyming is fun. Her favorite movie is *The Wizard of Oz* because she likes the characters. Beside Lajes, she has taught in New York, South Carolina, Arizona, Germany, and Okinawa. Ms. LaForge likes the size of the classes and the super students at this school. Lively, engaging, and curious is how she would describe her class. Her students' favorite time of the day is Silent Sustained Reading because they get to sit anywhere they want and they get to pick their own book. In this class they do Literacy Stations, Reading Groups, Mathjobs, Book Writing, SSR, and Construction Stations (magnets).

By Jennifer Krumholz





We're all smiles!

We are so proud of our military parents!!!

These pages are for our hard working parents. By Rachel Domingo and Adam Wagner

Ms. Jones's Silly Second Graders



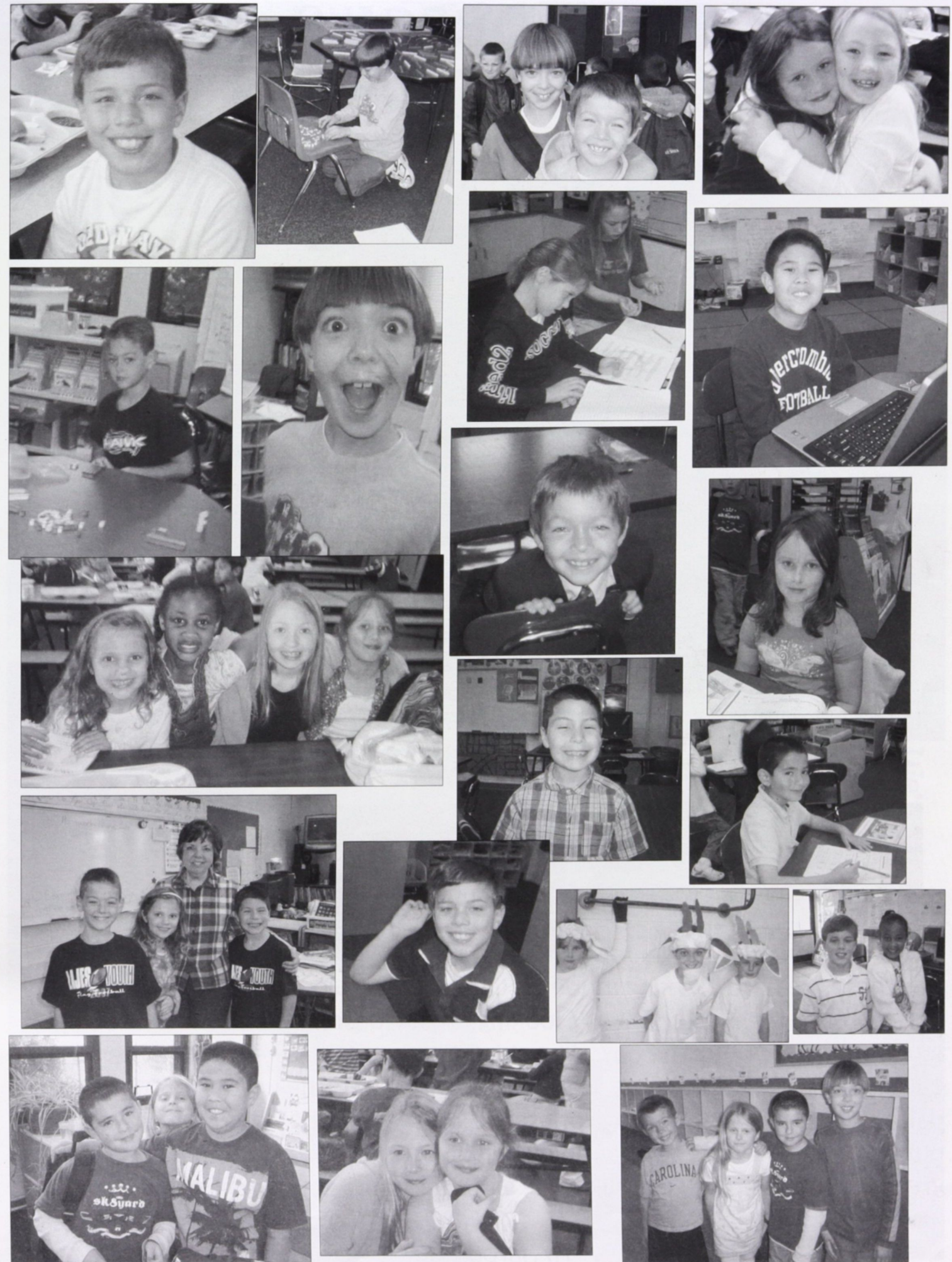
Back row: Ms. Jones, Calista K., Juan (Miggy) T., Will R., and Taylor K.

Middle row: Ethan S., Eddie Q., Luke V., and Alexis W.

Front row: Justice M., Marco N., Steven V., Liliana R., and Sutton D.

This is Ms. Jones and her silly second grade class. Her class is silly because they have so much energy to get out, and they love to tell jokes. Ms. Jones has taught in a lot of other places besides Lajes, like Oregon and New York. Ms. Jones says that the difference between teaching in Oregon and teaching here is that the kids here have a lot more privileges, such as P.E, art, and kindergarten. Her favorite part about teaching is when she hears one of her students say, "Ohh, I get it!" That shows her she has taught them something, and that must be the best feeling for a teacher. Don't you agree? Ms. Jones really loves to teach her class. She must be one of the best 2nd-grade teachers in the world.

By Cameron Sojak



MS. HOBSON'S HAPPY STUDENTS



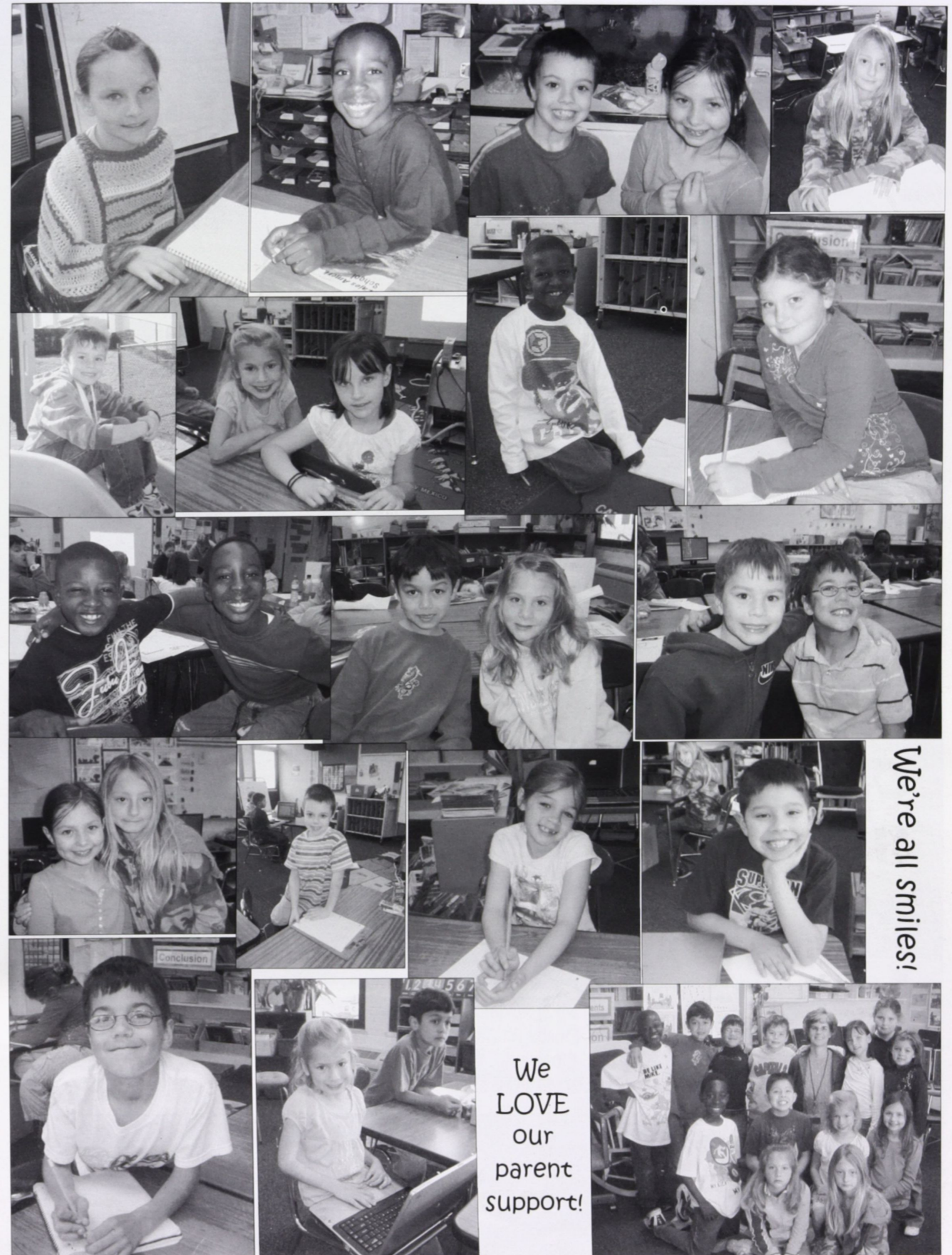
Back row: Aaron M., Brittney S., Hailey L., Alexandra L., Hanna M., Angel M., and Jadin N.

Front row: Emily A., Jade G-L., Sydney C., Victor N., Jack B., Drew D., Terriquer P., and Jacob M.



These are hard-working students who do their work even when Ms. Hobson, their teacher, isn't looking! Ms. Hobson really likes to teach her students throughout the day. She thinks her students are hard workers because they do presentations, learn to write through the writing process, read daily, create their own math stories, and do a lot of their work on the computer. She also thinks she has an excellent class this year. Ms. Hobson is a great teacher, and she likes working with her happy students.

By Jarod Leon



We're all smiles!

We
LOVE
our
parent
support!

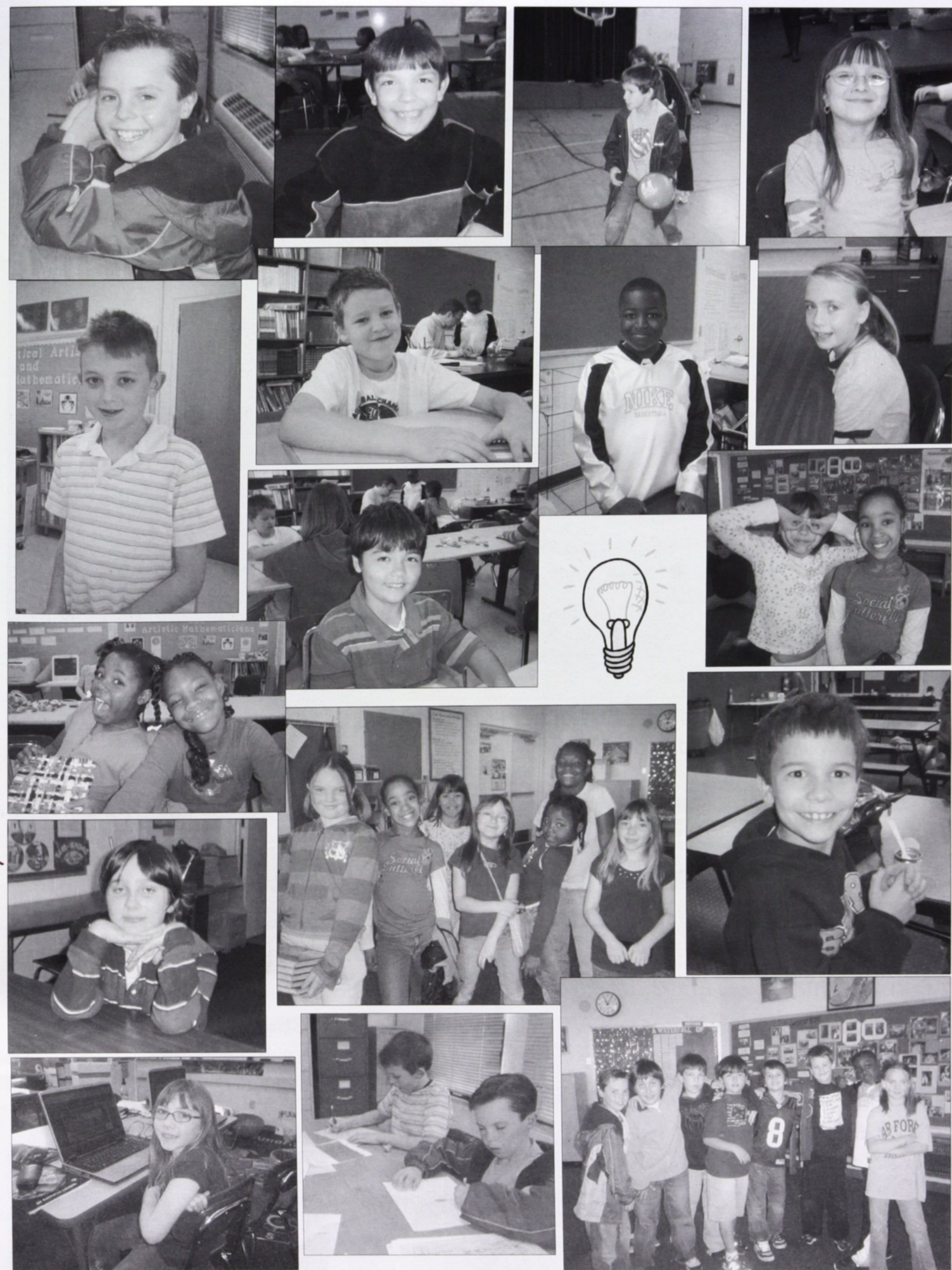
Mr. DeMelo's Third-Grade Thinkers



Dedicated
Ever so nice
Marvelous
Envious
Laughing
Original
Silly
Cool
Lovely
Amusing
Super smart
Super nice



4th row: Mr. DeMelo, Noel C., Alex P., Thatcher W., and Justice G.
 3rd row: Darby P., Jaziah J., Skye C., and Dakota R.
 2nd row: Charlie S., Luke O., Johanna E., and Daisia D.
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By Nathan Lomelin

MS. SORRELL'S BLAZING JAGUARS

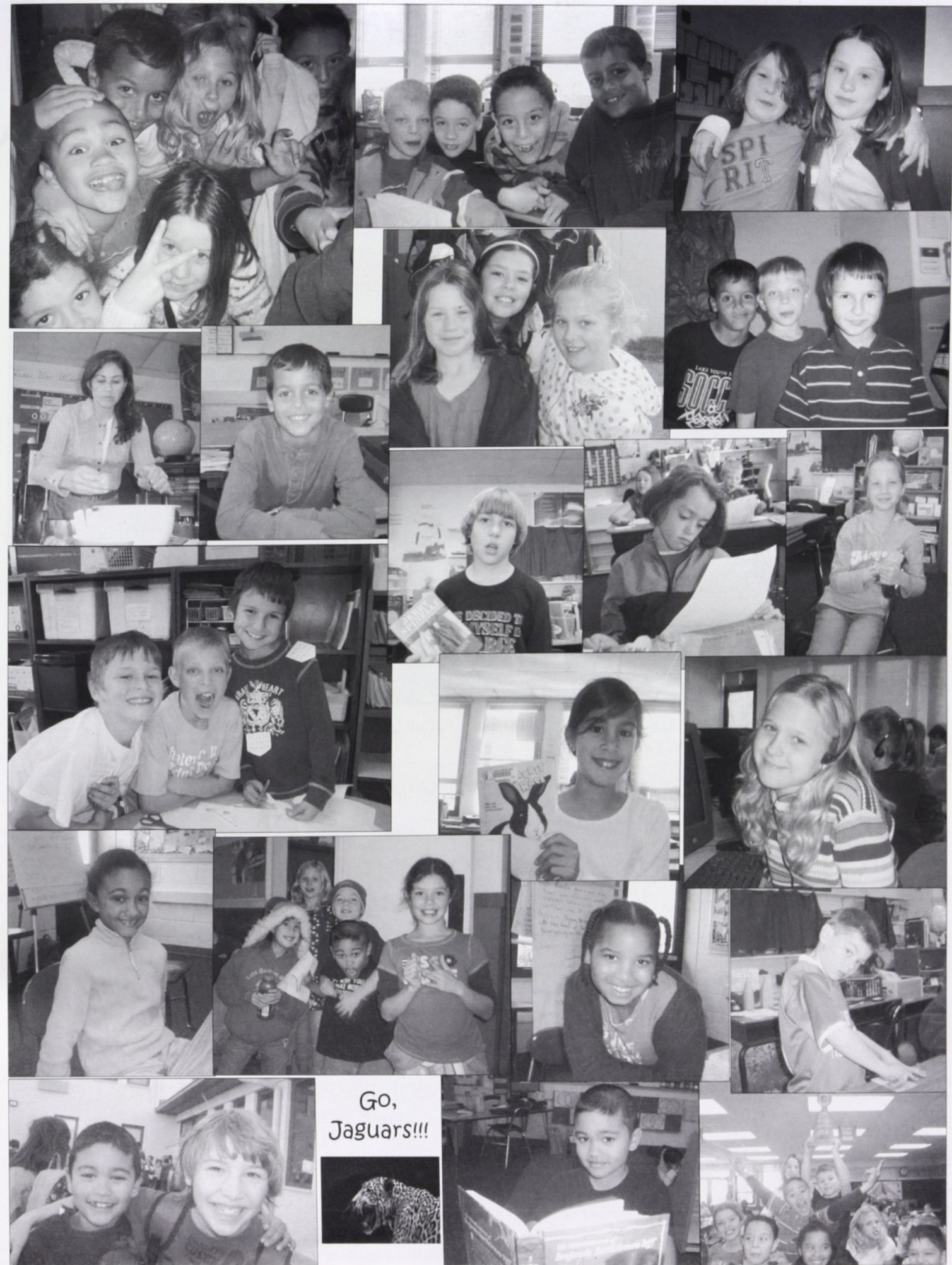
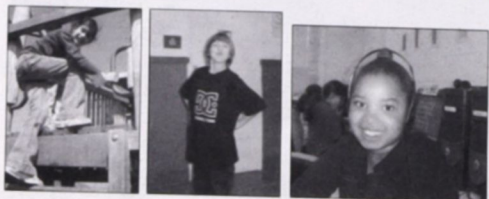


Back row: Ana M., Alexis H., Christopher H., Greylen M., Ms. Sorrell., CJ A., Jarod L., Alondra M., Jacob P., and Jade A.

Front row: Brooke M., Summer M., Monica L., Rachel D., Jose B., Abigail S., Johnathon G., and Jayden G.

Hard-working, friendly toward others, and excited about math are just a few ways to describe the Blazing Jaguars. Ms. Sorrell, a very nice teacher, is the leader of these Blazing Jaguars. Ms. Sorrell knows how to teach math, science, language arts, and social studies in fun and exciting ways. The Jaguars' favorite subject is science. Visitors to this classroom will find the Blazing Jaguars learning from the creative lessons Ms. Sorrell prepares and enjoying each other's company. One thing is for sure—the Blazing Jaguars are on their way to success.

By Johnathon Genetti



MR. KEISER'S COOL AND CREATIVE CLASS

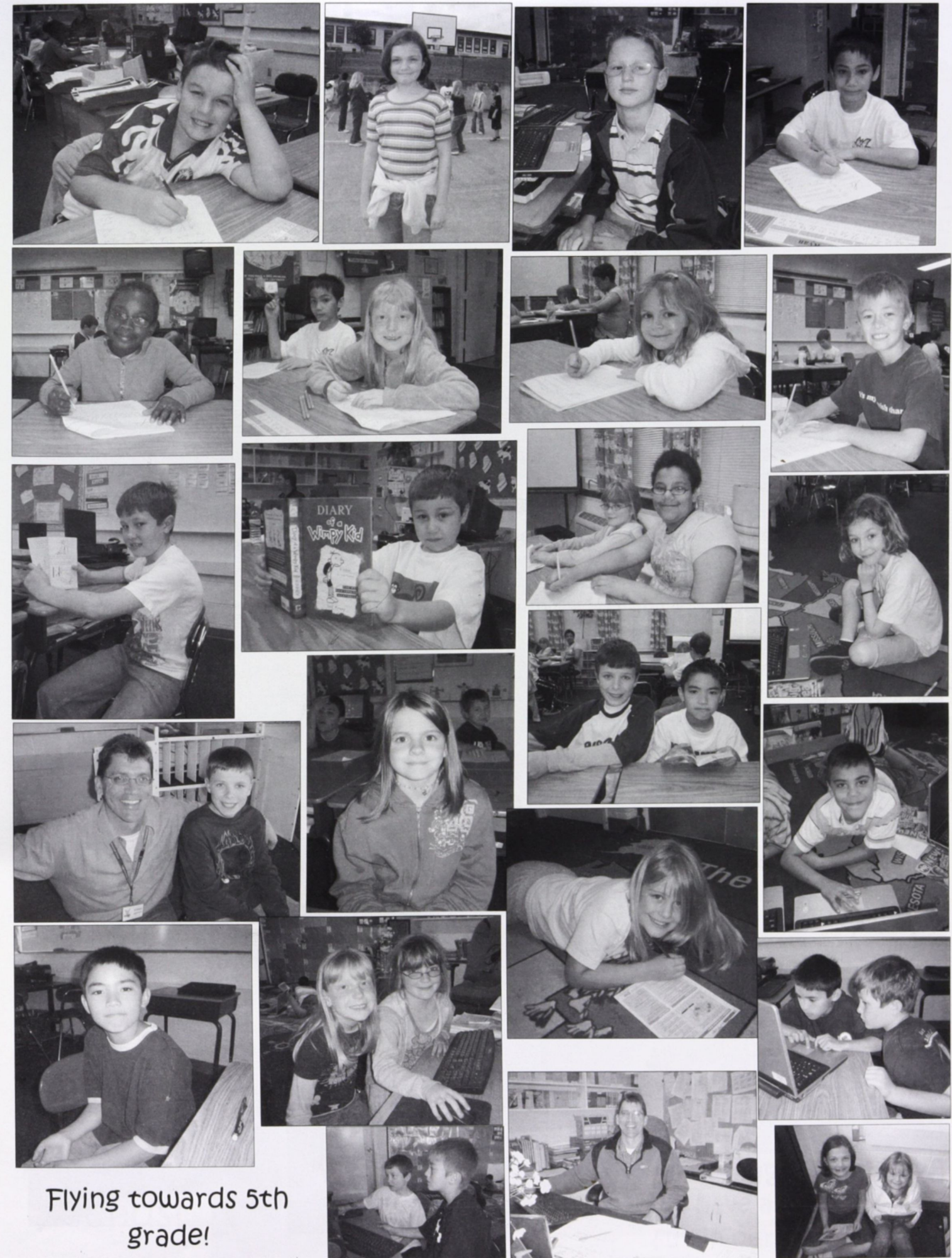


Back row: Matthew S., Joseph C., Jacob D., Joshua W., Adam W., Mr. Keiser, Hope M., Devin P., Christena C., and Tanatsa (Tani) G.

Front row: Hailey J., Douglas G., Brandon K., Jennifer K., Kaitlyn W., Page F., Hannah S., Ryan Q., and Kristian M.

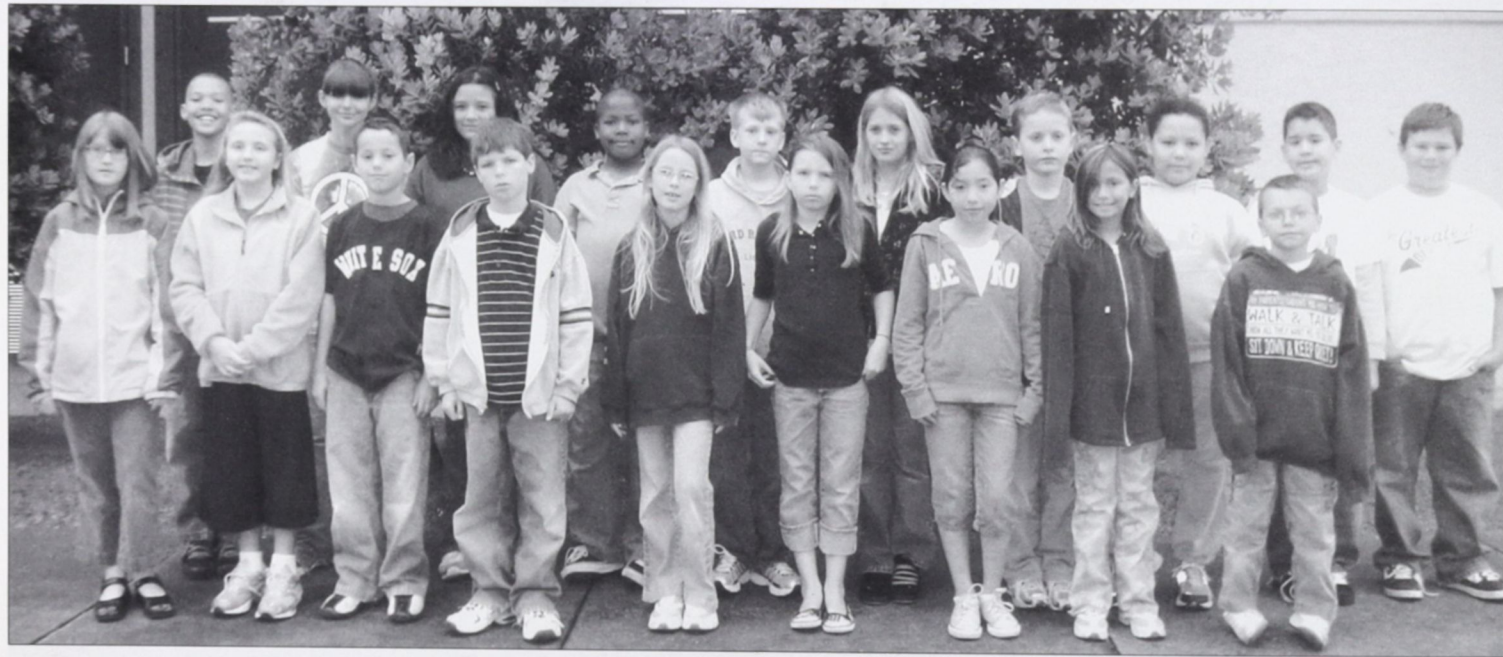
Mr. Keiser's favorite subject to teach is technology. This is good because his students like to use the SMART board in their classroom. Mr. Keiser loves being a teacher in Lajes, and he has also taught in Oregon and Washington. Mr. Keiser teaches because he wants to make a difference in kids' lives. When you visit this class, you will find a large vocabulary wall, bookshelves, and computers. However, you'll find the bookshelves partly empty because these students love to read. The students seem to like him a lot.

By Noah Derrick



Flying towards 5th grade!

Ms. Denham's Marvellous Minds



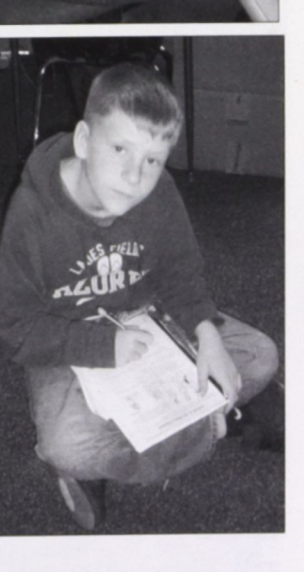
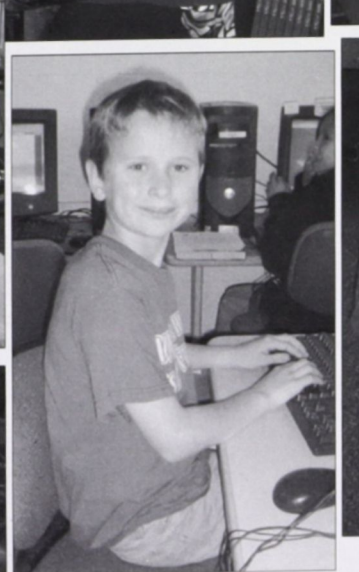
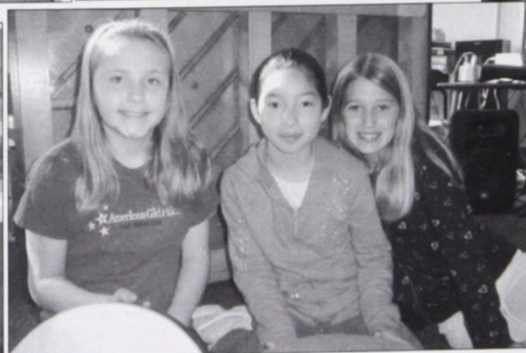
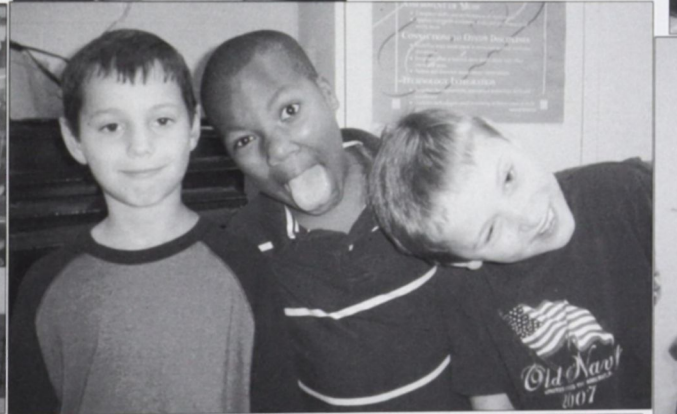
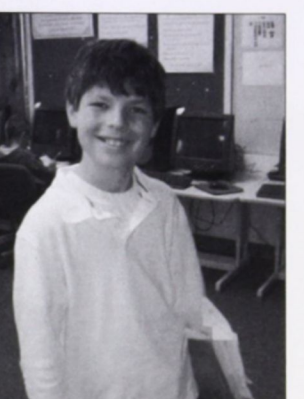
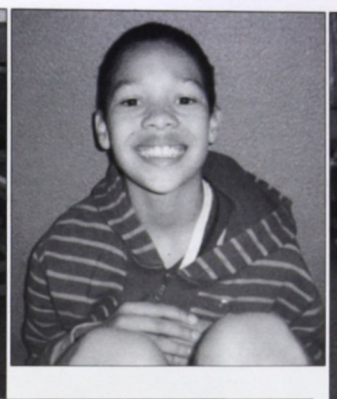
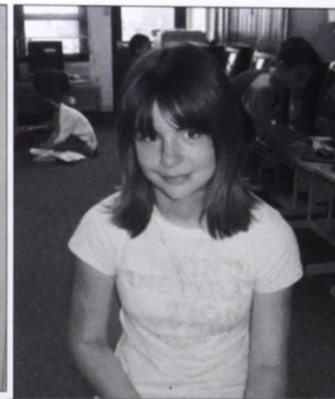
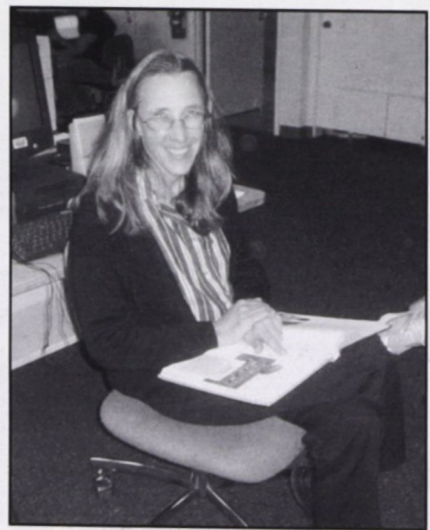
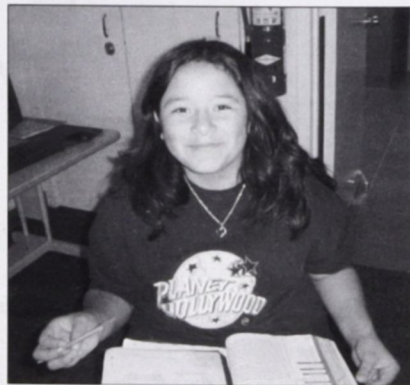
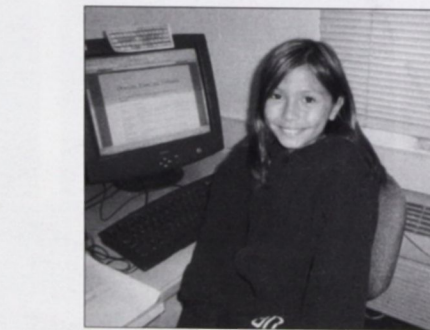
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Front row: Allison K., Hallie F., Nathan L., J. Noah D., Alayna R., Emily M., Karen Q., Leah M., and Jacob B.

Ms. Denham is the teacher
 Ultra mathematicians
 Lovers of language arts
 Tremendous workers
 Intelligent

A nice class
 Grades 4 and 5
 Each equal to each other

By Adam Wagner



Fantastic Friends!



We have a lot of fun in our class.

Mr. Hurley's Happy Helpers



Back row: Amber G., Samantha B., Parker B., Kassy H-B., Julia B., Phalon B., Ashley G., and Mr. Hurley

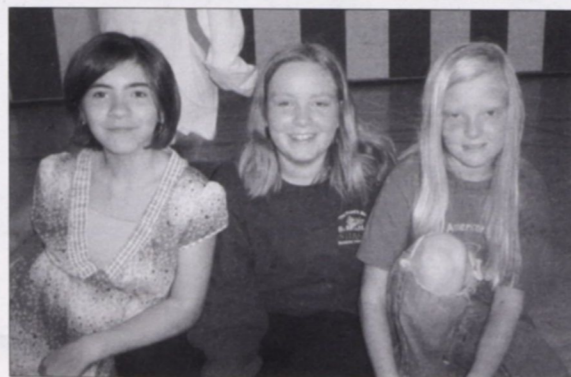
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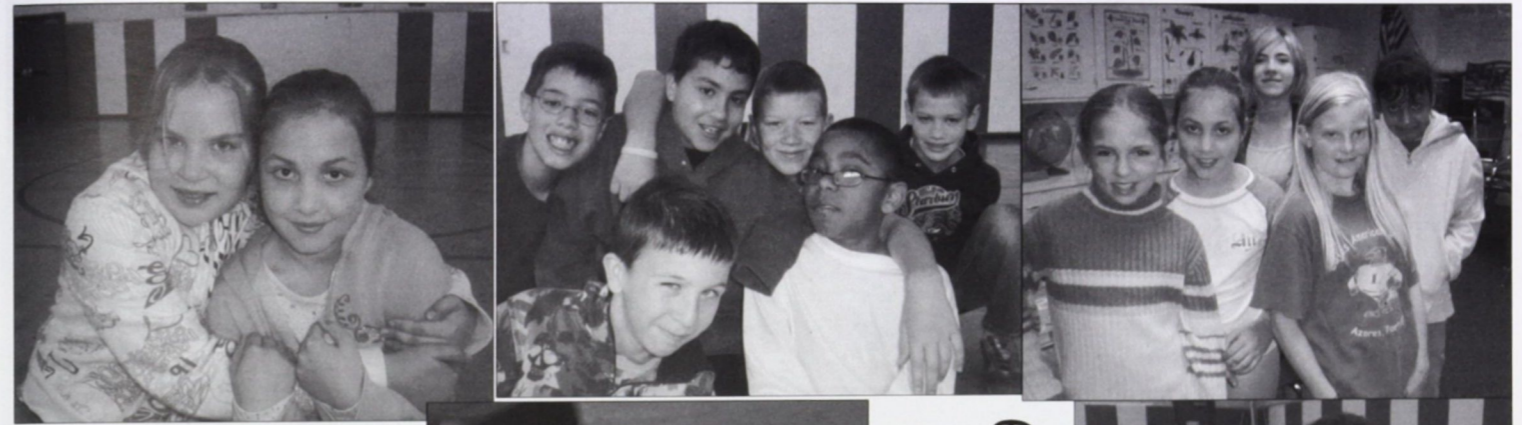
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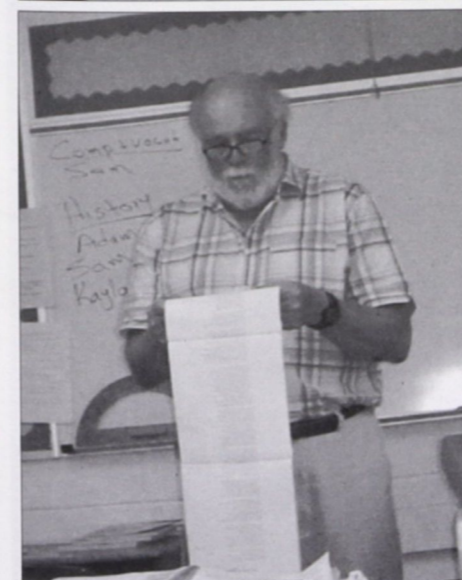
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Entering sixth grade



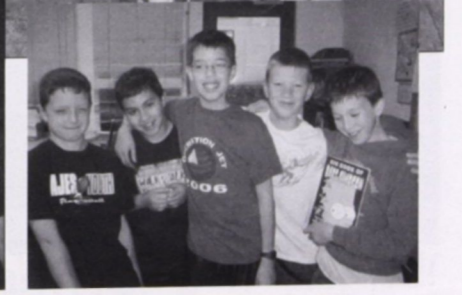
By Joey Leighton



6th grade is on
our horizon!



Mr. Hurley LOVES
reading!



COOL CLUBS 4 KIDS



CHORUS

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND



HOMework CLUB



Yearbook Club

There are a lot of cool clubs that students can join at Lajes E/H School, and they're all GREAT. We have Homework Club, Eco Club, Safety Patrol, Chorus, Odyssey of the Mind, Reading Counts, Internet Café, and of course the Yearbook Club. So if you like completing your homework, learning more about our environment, keeping others safe, singing, performing together, reading, using technology, or creating yearbooks, Lajes clubs are for you.

By Cameron Sojak



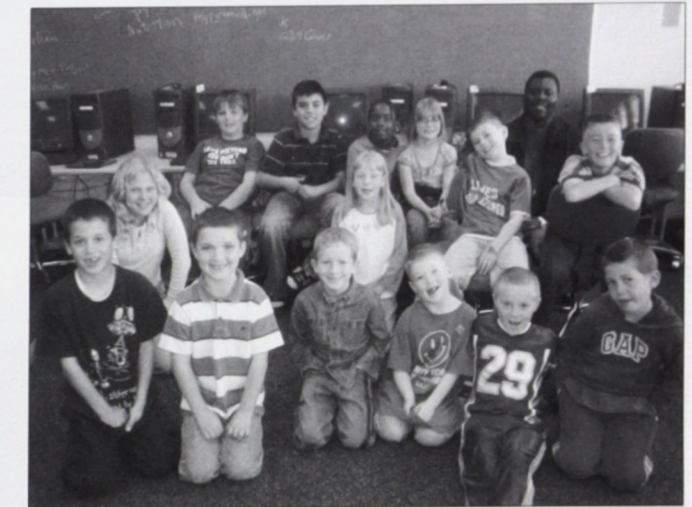
SAFETY PATROL



Computer Club



READING
COUNTS



**ECO
ISLAND
CLUB**





We
LOVE
recess!!

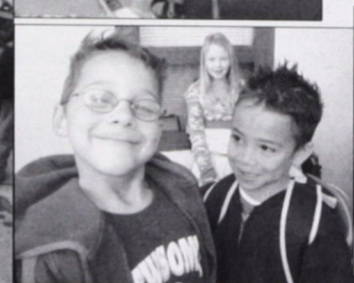
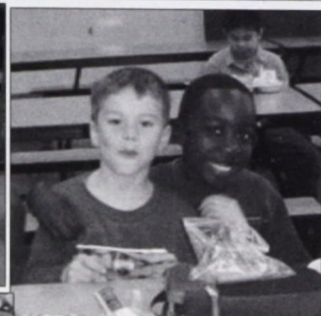
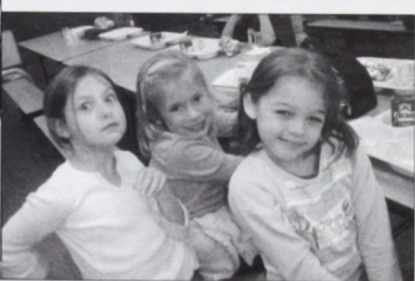
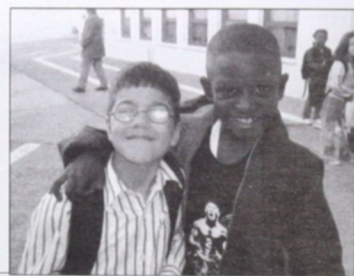
I think the whole school loves recess because it gives us a chance to have fun and get away from school work. Every one needs a break to have some fun, right???

By Amber Grant

Have FUN!



FALCON

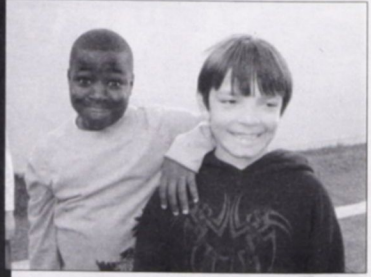
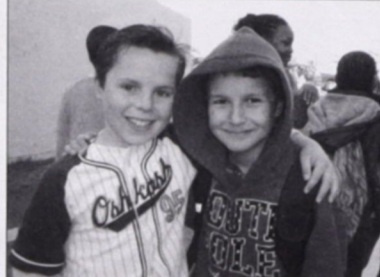


Fun
 Always like learning
 Laughter
 Cool
 Optimistic
 Never mean
 Super smart

BEST FRIENDS
 Easy-going
 Smiling
 Terrific

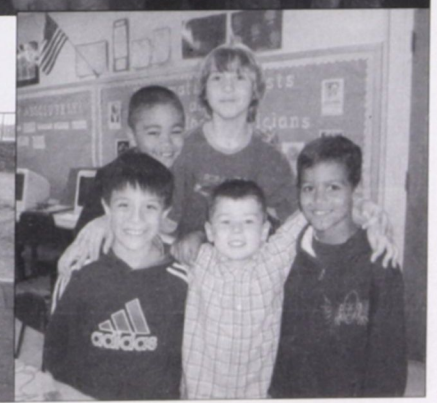
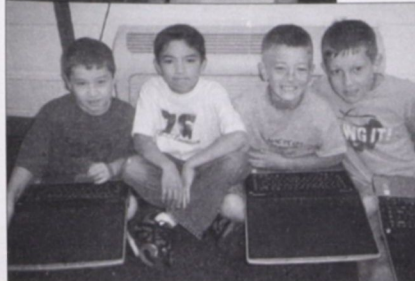
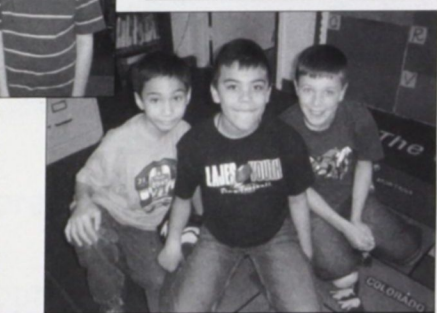
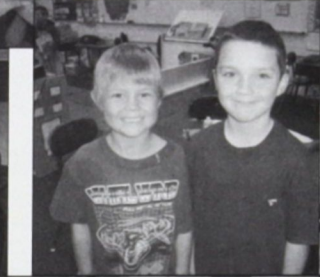
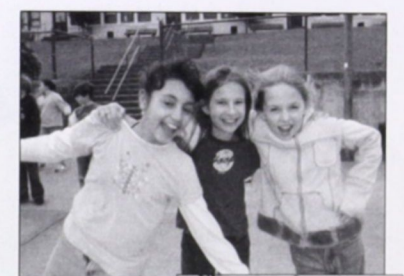
Funny
 Right
 Independent
 Energetic
 Never quiet
 Dynamite
 Special

By Julia Briggs



FRIENDS

Falcon Friends can be
 throughout our school!



Way Away From Lajes

Students at Lajes know how to travel and take advantage of time away from school. These pages are pictures and captions of where some of our students went—both on and off the island. Enjoy!

By Nathan Lomelin



Adam Wagner visits Gibraltar and makes a new Barbary ape friend.



Jaden Beha loves the snow on Mt. Etna in Sicily.



Hope McLean meets Jackson, her new baby brother, in Landstuhl, Germany.



Joseph and Anthony Carranza enjoy Trafalgar Square in London, England.



Quenzy Sykes and her cousins attend a Sinterklaas celebration in Eindhoven, The Netherlands.



Johnathon Genetti takes the plunge in Praia, Terceira.



Nathan Lomelin and his family visit Big Ben and the House of Parliament in London, England.



Jeneke and Jolie Heerema shop for hats in Kusadasi, Turkey.



Noah Derrick explores Biscoitos.



Liam and Leonia Hunt, visit a harbor in Chania, Crete.



Luke Oldham explores the Erechtheion Ionic temple in the Acropolis in Greece.



Sierra and Dakota Richardson visit Agrigento, Sicily.



Jack Briggs poses at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, PA.



Jacob Gregorek, left, enjoys extreme amounts of snow in Bergland, MI.



Brianna Dashnea and her mom frolic in the snow at the Hohenschwangau Castle in Germany.



Julia Briggs and her sister Anne take in a few Broadway shows in New York City.



Carter and Aleigha Cordova enjoy Crete.



Reina Pollock tries her hardest to support the Leaning Tower in Pisa, Italy.



Ethan and Cameron Sojak hang out in sunny Venice, Italy.



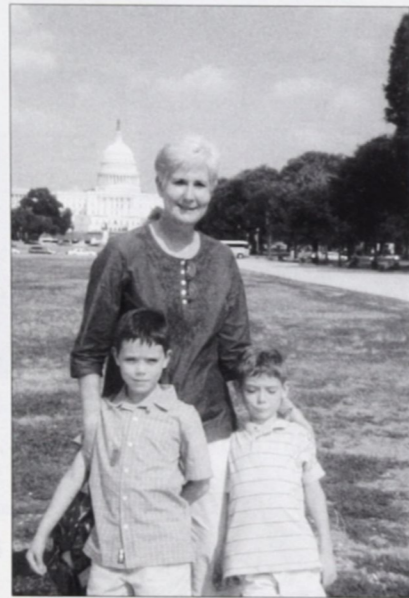
Kassy Harvey visits the historical site of Pompeii in Italy.



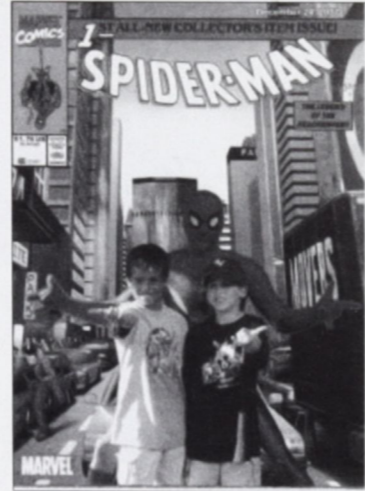
Marco Nunes hunts for Easter eggs in Windsor, CT.



Joey Leighton takes a moment at the Coliseum in Rome, Italy, to honor the fallen gladiators.



Lucas and Caleb Fenderson visit Washington, D.C., with their mom.



Greylen and Nikken Malboeuf perfect their web-throwing technique in Orlando, FL.



Giovanni Castro waits at the port of Elounda for his boat trip to Spaniola.



Jarod Leon visits Mt. Etna, Sicily.

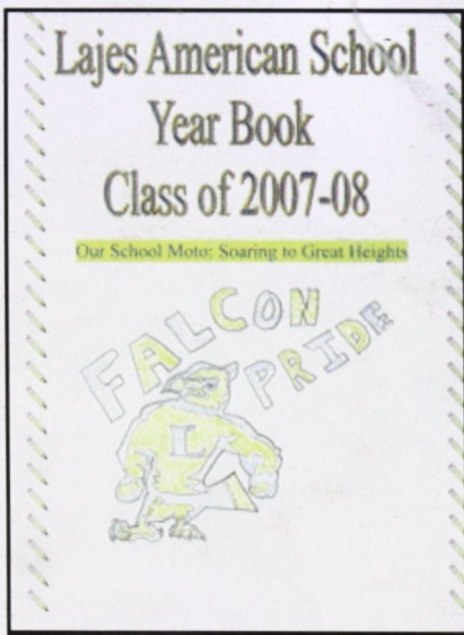


Ciara Himes and her mom enjoy the view along the Amalfi coast in Italy.



Daisy Duck and Jade Adams spend time together at Walt Disney World in Florida.

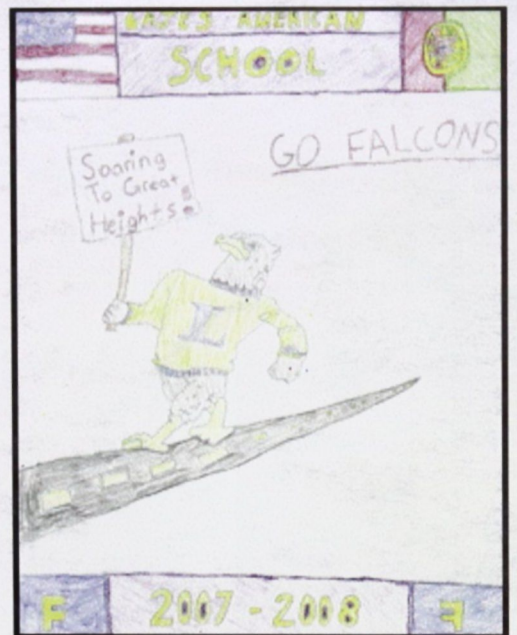
Thank you to all the parents and kids who sent in their pictures. I hope you enjoy these pages! Nathan



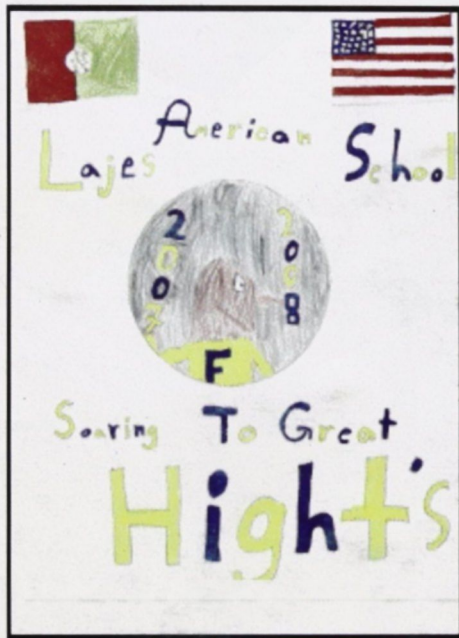
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Luke Oldham-3rd



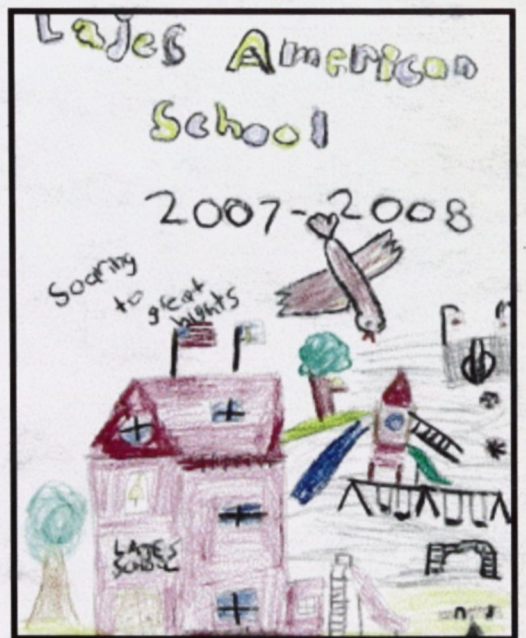
Cameron Sojak-4th



Emily Medeiros-4th



Sabrina Watson-5th



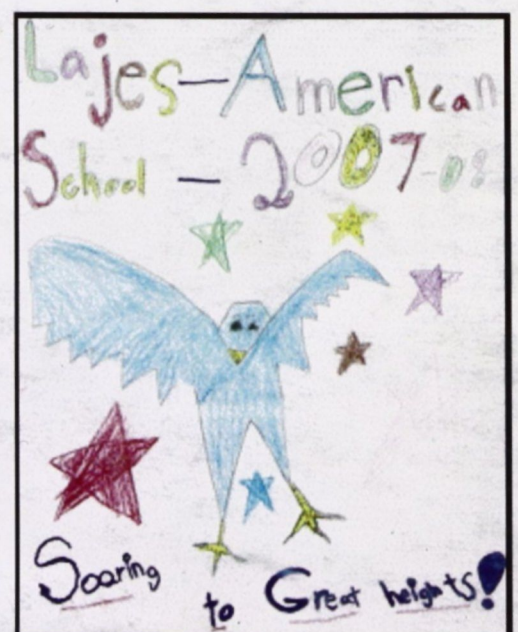
Brooke McIntyre-3rd



Ana Marte-3rd



Kaitlyn Weir-4th



Reina Pollock-1st