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The Comet Code

By
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Here at Carroll Elementary we have Star Comet Codes. A Star Comet Code is basically a certificate given to you for it being respectful, responsible, safe, or kind. Thanks to Mr. Ferreira, the vice principal, and Dr. Pearson, the principal, we now have a Comet Code Store! In the store you can trade

your Comet Codes for prizes. Luckily for you, I interviewed Mr. Ferreira about eve-



Mr. Ferreira with a few of the many prizes

rything you would want to know about the Comet Codes.

First you need to know what to do to get a comet code. Of course you need to be safe, respectful, responsible, and kind, but do you know the actions you can take to get one? Some actions are showing good sportsmanship, holding a door open, saying something kind, or putting the equipment away at recess instead of just throwing it. Remember all teachers and staff can give you a Star Comet. Sometimes Mr. Ferreira walks into classrooms, he may hand out a Comet Code if he sees that you are hard-working, listening to the teacher, doing your best, and accomplishing what the teacher told you to do. Mr. Ferreira also mentioned that he loves when kids are being safe, remember to walk instead of run. Not only could this get you a Star Comet Code, it means you're being safe and you don't have to risk tripping or falling.

Next you probably want to know what you are earning these for. Well trust me, you're in luck. I got a sneak peek at a portion of the prizes, and boy they are worth it.

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Happy 2019! It's Resolution Time

By Maiya Lopez

It's officially 2019 and it's time to set goals for yourself. Every year people make New Year's resolution for themselves when the holidays are over. Every year you get a fresh start. If you're wondering what a resolution is, here's the explanation: Resolutions are goals people set at the beginning of the New Year to push themselves to be better. For example, things like making new friends, getting more exercise, or participating more in class.

Resolutions has its roots in history. Romans made promises to their god, Janus, at the start of January. Christians and Jews also make New Year's resolutions

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An Experience of a Lifetime

By Julia Kraemer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to meet someone famous or someone who really inspires you as a person? I had that exact feeling in the beginning of December when I was given the opportunity to interview the attendees that were selected to be in the California Hall of Fame. Every year, the governor of California selects eight candidates to be put in the California Hall of Fame. These candidates have done incredible things for the state of California and helped it thrive. Some of the more recognizable names are Joan Baez, Robert Redford, Thomas Keller, and Fernando Valenzuela.

To prepare for this amazing event, I was given cue cards with the attendees faces on them so I knew who to ask what. On the cue

cards we had to write three questions about something in that person's life, about their achievements, or how they felt about receiving the award. This part was really enjoyable



Robert Redford hearing the cheers!

because I was able to learn things about certain people that I never knew. For example, Robert Redford's Sundance Festival was named after his role as Butch Cassidy in the movie *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. After he was interviewed he said this was his favorite role.

When I arrived at the event, I was given a press pass and was ushered to a side section that was sectioned off for just the student reporters. I was pretty nervous, but excited as well. While waiting for the event to start, news stations started panning in on us and would tell us to smile for the cameras. Finally, after what felt like very long cold minutes of waiting, they announced the first Hall of Fame attendee and I was ecstatic.

The first name that was announced was Ed Lee. Unfortunately, Mr. Lee had passed, so his family was there to accept the award for him. I was able to interview his daughter

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Paradise Lost

By: Zoey Milburn

The Camp Fire wildfire is the worst fire in California history. The horrible fire wiped out a whole town called Paradise. Many people and animals lost their lives or were severely injured. Some people are homeless now because their homes were destroyed in the deadly fire. So, what are the victims of this fire doing now? How can we help them?

According to USA Today, they believe that around 85 people died and around 6 people are missing. They also found out that near-



ly 15,000 homes have been destroyed. Due to all the rain we've been having, people also have had to deal with mudslides. Mudslides can occur after a fire when it rains. Because there is no vegetation to hold the soil down, the mud slides down a hill. Mudslides can be very dangerous, and could wipe out property in a second! So that's another thing people and animals have to worry about. Because of the fire and the mudslides, people don't have a place to stay. Most have moved to other cities in California with the hope of returning and rebuilding their home in Paradise.

So what can we do to help? There are many things you can do to help. The easiest option is to donate money to charities such as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army. Another helpful thing that you can do is open up your home for victims of the fire. There are still about 6,500 people that need shelter until they can find a new home. Along with their home being lost, they also lost most of their possessions. You can donate items they need, like clothes, pillows, tents, food, etc. If any of these options are not right for you, you can always volunteer your time to help.

If you want to do something today, you can thank the firefighters who risked their lives to save as many people as they could. It took weeks, but eventually the fire was put out by these brave men and women.



Alaska: The Last Frontier

By: Tianna Nguyen



Have you ever traveled to somewhere where the water always glistens, and where wildlife is everywhere? How about where there's outstanding scenery and tourists coming from all over the globe to see this amazing state? Well, if you haven't ever heard of this state, it's called Alaska.

In Alaska, there are many places to go to and activities to do. For example, you could go on tours and take pictures with beautiful



scenery, and possibly encounter some animals, including mountain goats, moose, brown bears, black bears, caribou, reindeer, mountain goats, reindeer, and bison. The one thing all of these animals have in common is the ability to endure the cold, so it's natural for them to live in the most coldest state in the United States.

Another breathtaking sight in Alaska are the famous glaciers and icebergs. Although the color of glaciers sometimes appear to be blue, the natural color is white. Icebergs, however, vary from red to yellow because of the sun's light. Instead of reflecting the light, icebergs absorb the light, causing the color to change.



I hope that this has encouraged you to go to Alaska someday. Despite the freezing temperature, you will discover that this state holds beauty and wildlife everywhere.



Welcome Ms. Karl

By Gavin Haymond

Let's start by welcoming Ms. Karl to Carroll Elementary. She's taught 1st Grade for three years and Art for one. She's an amazing teacher. Let's see what Ms. Karl is all about.

Ms. Karl's students and her paraeducator, Ms. Kelley, all had something nice to say about her. Aliyah said, "She's a very sweet teacher and doesn't mess around, which makes learning fun." "She makes reading really fun," Derick said. "She is an amazing teacher. Ms. Karl makes math the most fun," said Milo. Ms. Kelley added "She's a very good teacher and has control of her class. She enjoys teaching. Ms. Karl has never had to raise her voice and corrects her class in a calm manner."



Ms. Karl went to American River College then transferred to Sacramento State. She loves helping her students learn new skills that they can use and develop by themselves.

When Ms. Karl's not teaching, she paints and travels to places she hasn't been. Her hidden talent is creating art. She also enjoys watching movies. Her absolute favorite movie is Finding Nemo.

Ms. Karl wants everyone to know something her mom told her: If you put your mind to it, and don't give up, you can do anything.

Carroll's Lunches

By Narjes Alkaikh

Have you ever wondered where your food comes from? You might be wondering which food I'm talking about. Well I'm talking about the cafeteria food. Thanks to the amazing Mrs. Angelica, I asked her some question about the food and how its gets delivered.

Do you remember the first time you went to a classroom that did lunch count? You probably did it today. The question is why do we do it . Well, the lunch ladies need to know how much food to cook for you.



Usually you receive a chocolate chip cookie on Friday. Do you know why they give you these delish cookies? It is a special dessert reward for eating all your veggies, fruits, and your main meal.

You , your class and teacher might think it's a great idea, to come to lunch early but the lunch ladies don't think so. They actually don't like it. When your class comes early, they have to get all the food out early and the food might have not had enough time to cool or warm up. So next time don't come early to lunch, it may be the difference between getting cold food!

Your food gets delivered in a truck from a food processing center. The school lunch staff orders the food weeks in advance so it can be delivered fresh.

Although the lunch ladies job looks easy and runs smoothly, it takes a lot of preparation and work. So thank the great Carroll lunch staff next time you see them.



Ms. Angelica

NBA Player Profile: Isaiah Thomas

By Tyler King

Isaiah Thomas was born in Tacoma, Washington, and has legendary basketball skills.

His career started in high school in 2006 and continued through college with the Washington Huskies. Isaiah Thomas decide to leave college in 2011 to become eligible for the NBA draft.



Thomas' main position is a guard. A guard is somebody who tries to prevent the other team from scoring. Even though he is only 5 feet 9 inches tall, Isaiah Thomas is nearly impossible to block. He is very fast, so he can run past his opponents who try to block him. He averages 18.9 points and 2.6 rebounds per game.

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They have squishies, rubik's cubes, slime, tiny footballs, and stuffed animals. If you don't enjoy at least one thing I listed, well I don't believe you! What are your favorites? Personally my favorites are the squishies and stuffed animals. They're just so cute! Hey, do you remember when I said "a portion," well I wasn't lying. Mr. Ferreira told me that he has ordered a new shipment of prizes that were as exciting as this batch. Also if you would like to contribute to this awesome store, parent and student donations are always welcome. If you would like to see anything new in the Comet Store, you can always go to the office and tell the staff about your suggestion.

Promise me one tiny little thing, you have to show integrity. Integrity means doing the right thing when no one is looking. Don't just be kind when a staff member is around and don't expect to get a Comet Code every single time you're safe, respectful, responsible, or kind. Help someone up, put the recess equipment away, hold a door open, even if no one is watching. It may not affect you too much, but acts such as these help other people, and if not, at least puts a smile on their face.



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and she was very nice. The next thing I knew another name was being called. Next up was Thomas Keller, a chef that has done many things to help produce items of food and recipes for those of certain food allergies such as gluten and different kinds of nuts. He was really kind and answered all the reporters questions. After the attendees answered our questions, the news channels bombarded them with millions of questions and would sometimes push each other out of the way to get the attendee’s answer. Although, they were just doing their job and there were no actual fights, this part was kind of hectic. For some reason this made me laugh. Anyway, the next person was called. Then the next. They were all very kind and answered all of our questions with great responses. For instance, I learned about the very special Belva Davis and her adventures in journalism that were quite astounding. Fernando Valenzuela, the former pitcher for the Dodgers, autograph my cue card! Then, the moment finally came that I was both dreading and looking the most forward too. It was Robert Redford’s turn to come out and take pictures. Unfortunately, he was only up for answering one question and I missed my opportunity. Although, that was still the closest I have ever been to a famous movie star. To finish the night off, Governor Gavin Newsom and his wife, Jennifer Newsom, came out and had a conversations with us. This was a really good way to finish up the night.



Getting an autograph from Hall of Famer Fernando Valenzuela

When I got home, my family and I watched back the tapings of me and other reporters smiling at the camera. In our defense, we did not know when the cameras were taping and when they weren’t. This truly was an experience



Joan Baez with Elk Grove student reporters

of a lifetime.

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with prayer and looking ahead to the coming year. The ancient Babylonians were the first ones to make New Year’s resolutions about 4000 years ago. They would make promises to their gods to return borrowed items and pay back their debts. Ok, enough history, let’s get to some fun stuff.

Here are some ideas for New Year’s resolutions that even a kid can do.

- Try a new food item that you would never think of trying like sushi, salmon, feta cheese, pesto, artichokes, or shrimp.
- Make a plan with your parents to visit a new place. It could be somewhere close by like Yosemite National Park, Old Sacramento, or local museums like the Crocker Art Museum. You could also plan a far away trip to New York City, Europe, Mexico, or India.
- Write a letter to an out-of-town cousin or friend. No texts or emails allowed! Get out the pen and paper and start writing about how life is going.
- Learn a brand new skill. You could try out a new sport like volleyball, golf, or swimming. If you’re the artistic type, you could learn how to paint, take drum lessons, or learn how to bake cupcakes.
- Read more books. This resolution will make your parents, your teacher, and your brain very happy. Try different kinds of books like mystery, fantasy, non-fiction, or poetry.
- Play outside and enjoy the outdoors more this year. Try your best to stay away from technology (Fortnite people!). Play with your pet, run in the sun, plant some flowers in the soil and get your hands dirty.
- Help the environment more this year. For example, turn off the lights when you leave a room, turn off the water when you brush your teeth, walk or bike to school more often. Start your family recycling glass, plastic, paper and aluminum cans.
- Change a bad habit like biting your nails, chewing with your mouth open, or (ewhhh) picking your nose. Don’t forget to use good manners like holding the door for the next person or saying please and thank you.



Most importantly, don’t forget to have fun this year. Fill it with great memories, unforgettable photos, playtime with new and old friends, smiles, pets, favorite foods, and lots of happiness. It’s going to be a great year!

Word on the Blacktop: *What do you like to do on rainy days?*



Malena

Mrs. Fernald

I like to go step in the puddles



Emeka

Ms. Nelson

Jumping in puddles!



Nia

Ms. Lee

Jumping in puddles



Kaiyan

Mrs. Johnson

Silent Ball



Quang

Ms. Karl

Playing



Arianna

Ms. Lucerio and Ms. Gallapn

Watch Movies



Jordyn

Mr. Mallory

I like to play in the puddles



Rozlynn

Ms. Burnat

Staying warm!



Zack

Ms. Sackett

Coloring superheroes



Natalie

MS. Hickman

I like to do art and make books.

Last Issue's Staff Member:



Mrs. Garcia

Guess this issue's Staff Member



Look for the answer in the next issue of the Chronicle!