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Growing Global Thinkers

By: Rachel Walendzik and Ashley Dentler

Our goal is to grow global thinkers into difference makers. Global education is woven into our curriculum through stewardship, opportunities, travel, field experiences, and daily second language. We want our kiddos to know the world outside their school, community, state, and country to help develop an awareness of new cultures, languages, and ways of life.

Our staff understands that valuable learning occurs outside our classroom walls. This encourages us to bring our learning outside of our building, from the mayor's office in downtown Zeeland for our younger friends, to Mexico and Costa Rica for our oldest friends. As students grow older, their classes venture further away from home to nurture a global mindset and widen our learning lenses. Our travel experiences serve many purposes – to create real-world learning experiences, to understand other communities or cultures, to serve others using our gifts and talents, and to maintain our love and excitement for learning!



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Innocademy Field Experiences

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Our innovative students travel near and far at an earlier age than most traditional schools. The trips that are planned for our students progress in range and depth as they grow from a younger friend to the oldest friend.

Our overnight field experiences begin with our Blue Room friends (3rd & 4th grade). Blue Room destinations alternate every other year, traveling to Mackinac Island one year, and to Detroit and Lansing the next.

Our 5th and 6th-grade friends have traveled to the East Coast and Washington DC on alternating years, and our 7th and 8th-grade friends have traveled to Mexico and Costa Rica! We love creating positive and impactful relationships with communities and organizations around the world, and strive to instill those same values in our students!



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Triple E Virus, should you be worried?

By Dominik Rieder

In 1933, the Triple E Virus introduced itself to mankind and ever since it has stayed right by our side. The virus spread due to large amounts of mosquitos who were infected with the virus. When someone gets the Triple E virus they will experience encephalitis or inflammation of the brain. This year some people say it has returned bigger, better, deadlier and more infectious. This is only slightly true the reason being the virus never left.



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I believe in the fact that the virus is real and I won't deny that it is dangerous. Since the start of 2019, about thirty people have been infected and nearly ten have died. And, I do believe that this is a spike, and it does deserve attention... but not this amount. This year I have noticed that some parents have gotten worried that their child will get infected. I believe that there is a chance you could get it but it is very slim in most places.

There are so many easy ways to prevent getting the virus that almost no one should get it, like using bug spray. There is a reason it exists and that is to stop mosquitos. Wear long clothing if you live in an area prone to have mosquitoes or are going to a place that has a lot of mosquitoes. Steps like these are so easy for almost anyone because they are simple and very effective.



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Earth's Most Deadly Animals

By: James Nyhof



Name: Mosquito

Description: The mosquito is small but is not short of a killer. They can wipe out entire towns with the deadly parasite known most commonly as “Malaria”. It slowly kills your blood cells and often gives you fevers or nausea.



Name: Box Jellyfish

Description: Box Jellyfish may look harmless but these transparent creatures pack venom that attacks your heart and sends you into shock, drowning, or cause heart failure.



Name: Black Mamba

Description: Black Mambas are one of Earth's deadliest creatures with venom potent enough to kill an adult with two drops.

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Name: Cone Snails

Description: Cone snails look harmless but actually have harpoon like arrows made from bone they shoot at around 400 Mph and inject venom into what they hit.



Name: Poison Dart Frog

Description: Poison Dart Frogs are very deadly and pack enough poison to kill 10 grown men. They live in the rainforest of Central and South America.



Name: Hippopotamus

Description: Hippos are actually very dangerous. They kill more people than lions and have huge ivory teeth that can crush people with a bite force around 2,000 psi.

Dia de Los Muertos

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Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a holiday people celebrate on October 31-November 2. This holiday is in celebration of their dead loved ones. Dia de Los Muertos has its origins in Aztec traditions honoring the dead. Ancient Mesoamericans believed that death was part of the journey of life. Rather than death ending life, they believed that new life came from death. The Aztec Empire's tradition passed down to present-day Mexico and Central America. Not all people celebrate it though, like most people in America celebrate Halloween.

Like I said before Dia de Los Muertos lasts from October 31 – November 2. October 31 is Halloween. November 1 is “el Dia de Los Inocentes” or the day of the children and All Saints Day. November second is All Souls Day or the Day of the Dead.



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In Mexico, they would visit their loved one's grave. Unlike in Michigan people in Mexico maintain their loved one's grave themselves. So on the day of the dead, it's all about taking care of those graves. On Dia de Los Muertos the families of the deceased ones decorate the graves and they also set up altars in or by their house. These altars usually contain their dead one's favorite food, the traditional flower (marigolds), pictures, skull candies, and other traditional decor. They make a trail with these marigolds to the loved one's graves so that their spirit will find their way back home.



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Food on Dia de Los Muertos is very important! Some of the food they make on Dia de Los Muertos is pan de Muerto (it means bread of the dead), Agua de jamaica (which means hibiscus flower water), Agua de tamarindo (which means tamarind water), Caramel flan, Sopaipillas, Blue corn enchiladas, Calabaza en tacha (which means candied pumpkin) and my personal favorite Horchata. It's a very yummy drink!



Fun D.I.Y Activities for Fall

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By: Deborah Salas

Fall is here and coming bigger than ever! Are you and your child(ren) looking for something to do to pass your time? Well, you and your kids are in for a treat! Here are some fun D.I.Y activities to do with your kid(s).



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- [Paper Plate Sunflower Craft](#)

This sunflower craft is a great way of bringing bright colors into your home during fall.

- [Tissue Paper Fall Tree Craft](#)

Scrunching up tissue paper on this tree is great for fine motor skills for younger children. This craft can also be great for older children.

- [Mason Jar Fall Luminaries Craft](#)

Love fall? These fall luminaries are sure to bring the best of the fall tree colors into your home!

- [Watercolor Coffee Filter Leaf Suncatchers](#)

These fun Suncatchers will sure catch your guest's attention when the light catches these Suncatchers.



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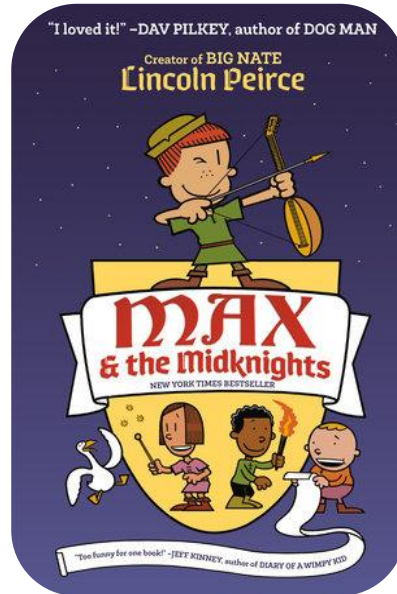
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Books Elementary Students May Enjoy

Max & the Midknights is
Is a series also by the creator
Big Nate, the story is about a
10-year old boy named Max who
needs to save his uncle from the
wicked King Gastley. This book
has a lot of medieval puns.

If your a fan of Big Nate I think
you would really enjoy it. It has a
5/5 on [Common Sense Media](#)



Silver Meadows Summer is a
book by Emma Otheguy, the
book is about a Puerto rican girl
adjusting to her life in the U.S,
this book has a 4/5 on [Common
Sense Media](#)

By: Tzaddik Kawano

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Book's Middle Schoolers May Enjoy

Wonder is a book about a boy named Auggie Pullman who was born with a facial deformity and gets bullied because of it. The book is written by RJ Palacio and is very charming, this book is rated a 4 on [Common Sense Media](#). A very good read.



Echo is a book set in World War 2. A boy named Friedrich has a Magical Harmonica that saves lives. The book Echo has a 5/5 on [Common Sense Media](#). Common Sense Media also states that the book would be enjoyed by kids 11+.

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Place that shows global learning

By: Emma Frye

Global learning is all about the environment and caring about it. Some amazing places show global learning. For example, in Tanzania, there is a place called Mount Kilimanjaro. Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa it is 15,110 feet (4,600m) from its base. Mount Kilimanjaro was made by 3 snow-capped volcanic cones. Kilimanjaro is a Masai word meaning large rock. There are so many more places that show global learning, like Australia. There are some cool/fun places in Australia like Sydney Opera House it is Arts complex it was created by Jorn Utzon. The Sydney Opera House looks like nesting shells or sails.

It opened in 1973 and right away recognized as one of the world's most important landmarks. Another cool place in Australia is Uluru (Ayers Rock) it stands 1,142 ft (348m) high. If you walk completely around it you would walk 5.8 miles (9.4km). Uluru (Ayers Rock) scared to the Aboriginal people of the area. Uluru has caves and ancient paintings. During sunset and sunrise, this amazing rock changes colors from red to yellow to gray. Global learning shows so many people in the world. I hope I could show you some places and help you experience global learning.

Uluru (Ayers rock)



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Here is the recipe for pasta salad (serves 12)

Perfect for a school lunch!

1(16 ounce) Italian salad dressing

1(16 ounce) rotini pasta uncooked

2 cucumbers chopped

6 tomatoes chopped

1 bunch green onions chopped

4-ounce shredded pamesan cheese

1 tablespoon Italian seasoning

Directions

Take a large pot and fill with water lightly salt the water and add the pasta boil for 8-12 min. until boiling then drain the pasta.

Then toss the cooked pasta with the Italian salad dressing, cucumbers, tomatoes, and the green onions together then mix the Italian salad dressing, Italian seasoning, and shredded pamesan cheese and put it on top of the cooked pasta with the Italian salad dressing, cucumbers, tomatoes, then refrigerate and eat for lunch or dinner.



Ms.Rachel is the teacher for the healthy advisory and spanish. Ms.Rachel wanted to teach the eating healthy advisory because it's part of our foundation and it keeps us healthy and we are ready to do more things when we are more healthy. Make sure that you brush your teeth after you eat your halloween candy.



[https:// www.allrecipes.com/recipe/86353/simple-pasta-salad/](https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/86353/simple-pasta-salad/)

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What is PBIS?

By: Isabella Cooney

PBIS, Positive Behavior In Students. One of the newest add on systems to our school. You may know it as another name such as “Tickets” or “Caught You Cards”. But, I think we can all agree that it has changed our school for the best. Just to learn more as to how this system came to be and how it's changing, I (the author) interviewed different teachers from around the school that were apart of “the founding” you could say, of PBIS at Innocademy.



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I started off interviewing our favorite Cheez-It loving teacher, Ms.Kerri.

Ms.Kerri was part of the team that went to the ISD and got the original training and she said that just trying to be more positive with students is what inspired them to bring it on over to Innocademy.

When I asked if she had seen any changes in PBIS she responded with, "Yes, I have seen by just giving a thank you for doing what's right, then more kids are wanting to follow in the footsteps of that student and get rewarded."

Ms.Kerri thinks that it would be nice to have a store for PBIS in the future, where students can save up their tickets and buy bigger and better prizes.



Wow, look at that smile!

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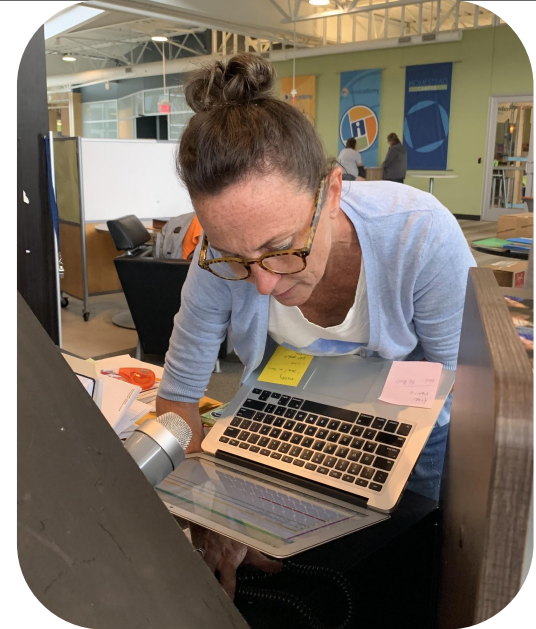
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Next up we made our way to the teacher who certainly makes it a difficult game of hide and seek, Ms.Kelli.

Ms.Kelli replied to the question, “Do you see any changes in the students” with “Oh yeah, kids seem a little bit more motivated, the expectations at school are more on the top of their mind, I think it helps give them a good reminder of doing things that they already know is the right thing to do.”

Ms.Kelli in the future would like to see an easier way to do the tickets. She knows that some schools do online things, like earning points digitally. That maybe the kids could wear badges and all the teachers could have scanners.



Ms.Kelli calling off the winning names for the raffle

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And lastly we interviewed Mr.Cory.

Mr.Cory thinks that there have definitely been changes in the students since the start of PBIS, that he sees a chain reaction in the kids when one student does a good thing.

And when asked what inspired them to start the system he answered with “We realized that we were giving out a lot of negative enforcement instead of positives ones which was negatively affecting our culture here at the school.”

And Mr.Cory thinks that they're always trying to change the system and make it better, but he would like to see more teachers from elementary giving tickets to Middle schoolers, and Middle school teachers giving them to elementary students.

Overall, I think that PBIS has been a great success in our school, and I think everyone is looking forward to what changes it will come across in the future.



Jack picking out his prize because his name got called!

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Interview with Ms. Debbie

By: Carlton DeBoer

Do you want to learn more about Ms. Debbie? Then this article for you! Innocademy's resident ELA/Math teacher has several interesting facts, for example, her motto is "Keep it simple.", She can't live without coffee and Her high school math and anatomy teachers inspired her to become a teacher because of their willingness to never give up until the class understood, and so did her Mom because she was an educator and a teacher. But that's not all! If she could have lunch with a historical figure, she would pick Harriet Tubman, If she could have any superpower, it would be to freeze time. Another few interesting things are that her favorite hobbies (other than reading) are hiking or running with her family, her favorite sport is baseball/softball and she thinks that watching a movie before reading a book ruins it. She also has 1 german shepherd and had another german Shepherd and a mutt/rescue dog. The rescue dog had a condition where he had to be in a doggy wheelchair for 2 years, which she thinks was a challenging but rewarding experience. Another interesting thing is that her special talent is redecorating/reorganizing houses and classrooms, finally, Her favorite book is Reign, rain, because It talks about some unique characters who survive in the world, by showing unconditional love and making the right choices even though it may be difficult.



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Learn To Be Fit with Erin Schall and Kai Gracia

By: Violet McKay

This month we decided to interview a couple of students, to get their opinion on a certain topic. In this case, that topic is Learn To Be Fit. We wanted to learn a little more about what the students think about Learn To Be Fit. Kai Gracia and Erin Schall have agreed to give their opinions.

Kai right away said that she liked to Learn To Be Fit, however, Erin was a little unsure and in the end, said "Kind of". Erin also said that her favorite sport that they have done so far captures the flag. Kai's favorite sport has been basketball. The worst part for her was the part where they have to go outside and also the fitness test. "If I could make one change about Learn To Be Fit, it would be that we didn't have to go outside". She must not like the cold! Erin said her least favorite thing they do in Learn To Be Fit is basketball and doing sit-ups. "If I could change one thing about Learn To Be Fit, it would be that there were separate Learn To Be Fit classes for girls and boys". Both of them said they do NOT like the pacer test, but that the worst part of the fitness gram is the sit-ups. One other thing that they also both answered the same for was that they would not choose Learn To Be Fit again for one of their electives, which is very interesting because they both seemed to enjoy it.



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Why are field trips important?

By: Audrey Durham and Hannah Prahls

Why are field trips important? Field trips are important because they help you think more about what you're doing and learning. They also can help you interact with new people and build a stronger community. Field trips are a great way to learn new things. Once in a while, sometimes you could just use a little break from school work and have a little fun. We have experienced some exciting field trips and they have all help us learn. Whether we are just learning or doing fun activities. Field trips can be an important way to learn. Although field trips are a great way to learn you should not do them all the time.



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How Snickers are made

By: Adyson Vanliere

Have you ever wondered how candy is made? I know I have. Especially with Halloween just ending that makes you think, how is candy made? I had multiple choices of candy that I could research on and I chose Snickers.

The recipe for Snickers is a nougat base, made with egg whites, sugar and vanilla. This is a mixture that Mars (the creator of Snickers) calls "Frap". More exact ingredients are milk chocolate (sugar, cocoa butter, chocolate, skim milk, lactose, milk fat, soy lecithin, artificial flavor), peanuts, corn syrup, sugar, palm oil, skim milk, lactose, salt, caramel, egg whites, and artificial flavor.

The process for making Snickers isn't all that complicated. When all the ingredients are mixed for the nougat, you mix the caramel with the peanuts. Then once the nougat and chocolate are placed how it should be, you layer the caramel and peanut mix on top, then you add more chocolate on top to cover the caramel and peanut mixture. When all of that's done the machines cut them into long, thin bars, or the shape it needs to be for the size it's going to be. For example, the Snickers Minis are small squares and the machines don't have to cut them into long thin bars.



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Getting to know Ms. Kelli

By: Zachary Fox

Ms. Kelli is everywhere, she does a lot around the school, during her free time at home she likes to gather with her neighbors around a bonfire. Interviewing Ms. Kelli was fun and interesting. When I asked her what is your favorite of the seven habits she said synergizing, which is one of the most important ones.

I also asked her What are your thoughts on outdoor learning? And she replied with. "I can feel like a different person when I'm outside I get a new mindset so it excites me for kids being outside because I know what it feels like when I go outside I would say I have a fresh new mindset when I go from inside to outside"

Asking her about the classes... I also wanted to ask which class would you like to teach again, and she said fourth grade. I also asked her What was your favorite class to teach? She said wellness.



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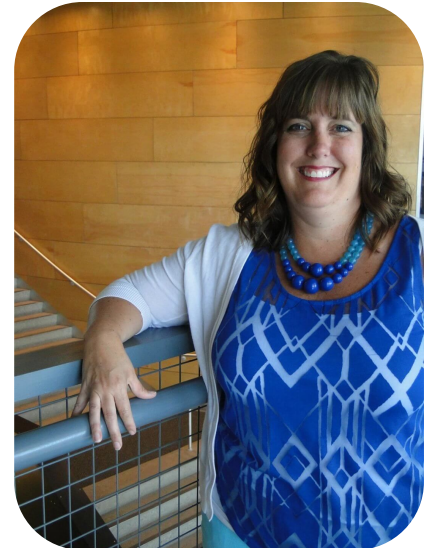
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Getting to Know Ms. Heidi

By: Kameron Rhoda and Tobie Bigelow

Getting to know Ms. Heidi was a lot of fun. She wanted to come to Innocademy because of her children. Her goals are to learn all students names. If Ms. Heidi could teach one class it would be preschool. She likes her job because of the challenges she faces. She wants to visit australia. She wants to go on the Washington D.C trip.



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Major League Baseball Teams Mascots

By: Reagan Troutman

- Arizona Diamondbacks : Baxter the Bobcat
- Atlanta Braves : Blooper
- Baltimore Orioles : The Oriole Bird
- Boston Red Sox : Wally and Tassie Green Monsters
- Chicago White Sox : Southpaw
- Chicago Cubs : Clark
- Cincinnati Reds : Mr. Red
- Cleveland Indians : Chief Wahoo
- Colorado Rockies : Dinger
- Detroit Tigers : Paws
- Houston Astros : Orbit
- Kansas City Royals : Sluggerrr
- Los Angeles Angels : Rally Monkey
- Los Angeles Dodgers : Bailey
- Miami Marlins : Billy the Marlin
- Milwaukee Brewers : Bernie Brewer
- Minnesota Twins : T.C Bear
- NYY :Dandy
- New York Mets : Mr.met
- Athletics : Stomper Elephant
- Philadelphia Phillies : Phillie Phanatic
- Pittsburgh Pirates: Pirate Parrot
- San Diego Padres : Chicken
- San Francisco Giants : Crab
- Seattle Mariners : Moose
- St.Louis Cardinals : Cardinal Bird

