

# Sabercat Post

## Current Events

By Melanie P. & Ashley H.

### Seussical Jr.

After a long and fun 3 months of rehearsing, the hardworking cast of Seussical finally had their time in the spotlight on December 6th and 7th. In the magical world of Dr. Seuss, JoJo (Zayn D. \*Sneeches, Madilyn M. \*Lorax), the mayor's son, meets the Cat In The Hat (Sarah S. \*S, Nicolina C. \*L) who starts to get him into trouble by making him open his mind to new possibilities and thinking, even though he gets in trouble in school and is criticized by all in the land of Who. Meanwhile, Horton the elephant (Jayden L. \*S, Angad S. \*L) is going through something similar, protecting a dust speck with the small civilization of Who's on it and getting criticized by the whole jungle of Nool since he is the only one who can hear their tiny pleas. With kind allies such as Gertrude Mcfuzz (Ashley H. \*S, Urvi V. \*L), powerful enemies such as the Sour Kangaroos (Melissa M. and Ava L. \*S, Hayden G. and Makayla K. \*L), and obstacles caused by the kangaroo's accomplices and requests from Mayzie (Medha M. \*S, Grace M. \*L), Horton and JoJo learn that anything is possible, and a person's a person, no matter how small. \*Cast

### Battle of the Books

In the exciting game of this year's 5th and 6th-grade championship match of Battle of The Books, two amazing teams were put head to head to end with only one winner. After several questions, the team *You Are What You Read* gained the lead. *You Are What You Read* sustained the lead the whole game, with *The Survivors* always so close of catching up. After winning the nail-biting match, *You Are What You Read* walked away with a certificate and an Amazon gift card for their victory, and the title is theirs to keep forever. If you want to end up like them, join Battle of The Books next year to compete in fun battles against other teams reading exciting books assigned to you! Congratulations to Deshna, Aaditya, Anya, Nayan, Sanjala, and Gurneel, the hardworking teammates of *You Are What You Read*.

**Welcome to Silver Oak Student Council's monthly newspaper. We hope you enjoy reading our stories and getting to know the goings on at Silver Oak!**

**Enjoy!**

## Q & A

By Sanjana V. and Diya V.

Welcome back to Q & A! Enjoy!!

Kindergarten Q - What is your favorite animal?

A- Kindergartener Isaac M. said, "Parrots."

First Grade Q - What is your favorite candy

A- Ajay B. chose Smarties.

Second Grade Q - What is your favorite dessert?

A- Mirabelle Mai said her favorite dessert is Cheetos...hmmm???

Third Grade Q - What is your favorite subject in school, and why?

A- Nikhil M. chose Social Studies because he likes History.

Fourth Grade Q - Who is your favorite book author and why?

A- Danielle M. said Roald Dahl because his books are funny.

Fifth Grade Q - What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

A- Kaitlin H. chose mint-chocolate chip.

Sixth Grade Q - Who is your favorite celebrity?

A- Darya A. chose Khloe Kardashian.

**Teacher Question - We asked Mrs. Richard, "What is your favorite part of the holidays?"**

Mrs. Richard said, "My favorite part of the holidays is sitting in front of a lit Christmas tree by a fire with my family and friends while listening to holiday music."

## Sports

By John Henry K.

**MLB:** Outfielder Andrew McCutchen has agreed to terms on a three-year deal with the Philadelphia Phillies, worth 50 million, dollars, which is far less than the five years and \$80 million he was going to get this offseason with the Yankees.

**NFL:** The Raiders fired Reggie McKenzie from his job as General Manager, maybe because of the Amari Cooper and Khalil Mack trades.

The Raiders will immediately begin a search for a front office executive and will have no further comment until that process is complete.

**NBA:** The NBA replaced G League president Malcolm Turner with former NBA All-Star Shareef Abdur-Rahim the league announced on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, which happened to be his 42nd birthday.

## **This and Last Month in History - November & December**

*By Rachel H. and Ashley H.*

### **November (Ashley) - The Month of Thankfulness**

The month of November got its name from the Latin word “novem,” meaning “nine.”

- ≡ November 1st - All Hallows Day/All Saints Day, commemorating those who have no special feast day, Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded in California (1776), and the first medical school for women opened in Boston (1848)
- ≡ November 3rd - The first Opium War between China and Britain began after British frigates blew up several Chinese junks (1839), and Soviet Russia launched the first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika (1957)
- ≡ November 4th - King Tut's tomb was discovered (1922), Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd (1842), and the first electrified Underground Railroad system was officially opened in London (1890)
- ≡ November 6 - Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th president of the United States (1860), and it is the birthday of the inventor of basketball, James Naismith
- ≡ November 11 - Veterans Day, celebrated in the U.S to honor U.S. soldiers in the Armed Forces because of World War ending on this day in 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month
- ≡ November 12, 1923 - Adolf Hitler was arrested in Germany
- ≡ November 19 - Puerto Rico was discovered during Columbus's second voyage to the New World (1493), and the U.S. House of Representatives started an impeachment inquiry against President Bill Clinton (1998)
- ≡ November 20 - Robert F. Kennedy and Edwin Hubble's birthday
- ≡ November 22, 1963 - John F. Kennedy was assassinated and Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th POTUS
- ≡ November 25th, 1963 - John F. Kennedy was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery
- ≡ November 26, 1789 - The first American holiday was celebrated, proclaimed by George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day

### **December (Rachel) - The Month of Holidays**

The month of December got its name from the Latin word “decem,” meaning “ten.”

- ≡ December 1, 1640 - A nationalist revolution in Portugal led to independence from Spain as the Spanish garrisons were driven out of Portugal
- ≡ December 2 to December 10 - Hanukkah begins on the evening of December 2 and ends on the evening of December 10
- ≡ December 4, 1943 - During World War II the second Cairo conference took place, attended by Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and President Inonu of Turkey
- ≡ December 5, 1492 - Christopher Columbus discovered Haiti
- ≡ December 10, 1950 - Dr. Ralph Bunche was the first African-American man awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in mediation between Israel and nearby Arab states
- ≡ December 12, 1745 - American statesman John Jay was born in New York City
- ≡ December 13, 1642 - Dutch navigator Abel Tasman discovered New Zealand
- ≡ December 14, 1799 - George Washington died at Mount Vernon
- ≡ December 15, 1995 - European Union leaders announced their currency would be known as the Euro
- ≡ December 17 - (1903) after three years of experimenting, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights. They made four flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and the longest lasted about a minute. (1971) The war between India and Pakistan over East Pakistan (later called Bangladesh) ended
- ≡ December 21, 1846 - Anesthesia was first used in Britain during an operation at University College Hospital in London performed by Robert Liston who amputated a servant's leg
- ≡ December 23 - (1888) artist Vincent Van Gogh cut off his left ear in a fit of depression (1901) Japanese emperor Hirohito was born in Tokyo
- ≡ December 24, 1990 - On Christmas Eve, the bells at St. Basil's Cathedral rang for the first time since the death of Lenin (1905), Howard Hughes was born in Houston, Texas. He was a movie producer, aviator and industrialist
- ≡ December 25 - Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Although the exact date is not known, it has been celebrated on December 25 by the Western (Roman Catholic) church since 336 A.D. (Dec. 25 - Jan. 1) Kwanzaa, an African American family observance established in 1966 celebrating traditional African harvest festivals, focusing on family unity, with a community harvest feast on the seventh day. Kwanzaa means “first fruit” in Swalian