THE SADDLE Vers all know, spring is the

Flowers

As you all know, spring is the time flowers bloom into their full glory. In this article, I'll list the most common flowers grown.

- sunflower
- irises
- rose
- lilac
- magnolia
- jasmine
- tulip
- · daffodil
- orchid
- daisy
- carnations
- gardenia
- hyacinth

Maybe you even have some of these beauties growing in your backyard!

Quote of the Month

By Daveen Dokhani

"Life is like a camera

Focus on the **important things**.

Capture the great moments.

Develop from all of the negatives,

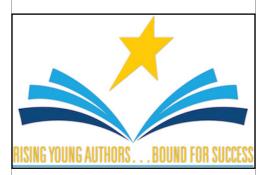
and if things don't turn out...

Just take another shot."

-Ziad K. Abdelnour



Poems



by Karinne Ulrey

Colors

Red is roses in full bloom.

Orange is fresh carrots from the garden.

Yellow is the gentle sun rays.

Green is grass swaying in the breeze.

Blue is the cloudless summer sky.

Purple is the violets in full glory.

Pink is the dress you're twirling in.

Who's Who

By Alayna and Rucha

In this section, there are riddles that give you clues about Marshall Lane staff members. Find out who's who.

> My name starts with G, And my favorite drink is tea. I'm tall, And I really like kickball.

(Answer on the last page)



Comic Strip

By Lukas Winter (writer) and Bennet Kelly (illustrator)



Classroom Events

By Nishant Perla

This section has some information about events that are going on in a few classrooms. Some neat stuff is happening on our campus!

The third grade students are doing really fun things! All of the fourth and fifth graders know how cool the Levi's Stadium field trip was. The Expect Respect Team was surprised to find out that the third grade field trip got canceled! Levi's Stadium wasn't able to fund the bus, so the third graders couldn't go.

On a lighter note, in February, third grade went on a trip to Alum Rock, where they learned all about Native Americans. In Ms. Wright's class, they are doing a biomimicry project. In this project, the kids pay attention to an animal's behavior and traits. They make an invention based off of this animal after they learn about it.

Ms. Wright's class also did an Olympic unit recently. They made an alpine skiing course, a bobsled, and an Olympic Arena. It was fun to watch the bobsleds zoom down the track!

There are exciting things happening in second grade classes too. Recently, they went to the YSI! It seems to be a really interesting trip. They are also doing super fun **Mystery Sciences!**

Fourth grade is getting ready to go on a field trip to San Juan Bautista (the Mission). We spoke to Ms. Glantz and guess what?! A day before the Mission field trip, her class is going to The Children's Discovery Museum to do a unit on environmental literacy.

Bookclub is a fun way to learn about new books. Each class in bookclub is reading a different book. The three books are "Bridge to Terabithia", "Island of the Blue Dolphins", and "Caleb's Story".

Last but not least, fifth grade is doing some super fantastic things. Although they have no upcoming field trips, the time for Colonial Day is coming up. It's a project where 5th grade gets to travel through time back to the Colonial era, and learn about it.

The most recent project that they have finished is the Innovation Fair. If you came to STEAM Night, you might have seen the presentation boards. This was a big time for the students, and now they can finally say, "I did it!"

The Newsletter committee would like to say a special thank you to the teachers who gave up their free time to answer our questions for this section. Thank you all so much!

Marshall Lane's Newsletter March 23, 2018



By Noah Hirsch

Chapter 2: Catastrophe

He woke up to find himself lying in bed. Confused, Gabe looked around. He saw his blue walls, mirror, drawings... this was his room. He looked around a little bit more and tried to contemplate what was happening. After around five minutes, Gabe decided that the entire time that he was in the forest, he was actually inside of a dream. It was really the middle of the night on a Saturday morning and he was just overtired from staying up late. Everything felt normal until he realized that he was drenched, just as in his dream. He set his hand on top of his head. As he suspected, it was soaked.

Gabe opened the door to his room to dry off. As he turned the corner into the hallway, he noticed that a bizarre orange light shone on the wall. He thought that the light must have just been the kitchen light reflecting on the wall, but as he went towards the bathroom, he saw a spark flick in front of his foot. Gabe looked up and his mouth dropped... everything at the end of the hallway was ignited on fire.

Gabe knew that he was the only one in his family who was awake, so he sprinted towards his parents' door to wake them.

Gabe ran around patches of fire and burnt furniture until he reached his parents' room. He tried opening their door, but it seemed to be locked. Gabe knocked as hard as he could, but when they didn't answer, he yelled the only words that could come out of his mouth, "Wake! Fire! Everywhere!" When they still didn't answer, Gabe predicted that they were gathering their things, so he decided to try and escape.

He tried opening the window, but it was jammed. He decided to try the front door, but it was blocked by the fire. Gabe didn't want to risk getting there, so he ran back to his room to grab something hard that could break the window. When he got to the door, he grabbed his baseball bat, and smashed the glass. He then tossed his bat outside. Gabe started getting really worried that his parents still weren't out of their room though, and he wasn't going to strand them in a house that was about to burn down. He tried opening their door again, but nothing changed. It was still locked.

Just as things seemed like they couldn't get any worse, a gush of wind blew inside his house. The fire immediately caused a giant eruption and it made an enormous explosion. The entire house was now completely hidden in fire. Gabe quickly jumped out of the window, lucky to still be alive. His face was covered in ash and it now seemed almost impossible for his sister and parents to be alive. Gabe looked at his house and saw how destroyed it really was. The fire seemed incredibly deadly, yet Gabe didn't even know how it began. One minute it wasn't there and the next, it was.

Gabe ran to his neighbor's house and told them to call 911. Obviously, they already had and minutes later, the paramedics and firefighters were already rolling in. They put out the fire after around 20 minutes. During that time, they asked Gabe if anyone was still in there. Gabe answered "yes" and they sent ten firefighters in, along with two paramedics. They came out of the house looking worried. The firefighters held axes and the paramedics were holding unwieldy briefcases. Gabe thought that the briefcases must contain emergency tools. Nervously, they said that they couldn't find anyone in the house!

Gabe started to get fearful, because he was quite sure that the rest of his family was inside. He knew that they were more loyal to him than to just leave. Debating whether he should or not, Gabe ran back towards his house. A few people tried to stop him, but once he was doing something, no one could stop him. Gabe ran under the caution tape and through the open door. He ran past what was left of the kitchen, past the deteriorated bathroom, and towards his parents' room. He saw that the firefighters had broken down the door to their room, and they were right, no one was in there.

Gabe darted up to his sister's room and saw that nobody was in there... if you just looked through the door. But he knew his sister was smarter than to get caught in a fire. She was a year older than Gabe, and to be honest, she was a lot brighter than him. Gabe looked around to try and find her. Under the bed...no, in the closet...no. Gabe looked for the harder clues. He looked at the window and noticed that it was about an inch open. This was especially strange because Hanna, his sister, was so precise that she never left her window open in the past four years! Gabe opened her window a little bit more and climbed out into the backyard. He looked around and saw that under the trees, was a small hole (that only Hanna would fit in) leading to the other side of the fence. He knew that this must have been how she escaped the fire, so he squeezed through the hole and found her sitting under a tree, staring into space. (It looked like she might have gone into shock.) When she saw Gabe, she got up and ran towards him. "I thought that I was the only one who survived the fire," she desperately exclaimed. Gabe said the exact same thing, along with everything that had happened. Hanna hugged him and told him that they needed to find their mom and dad.

They climbed back through the hole and went toward the front yard. They heard the officials on their walkie-talkies and saw the red flashing lights of the emergency vehicles in the front of their house. The neon colors on the firefighters' suits were just barely able to show in the dark of the early morning. Quickly, they ran back through the bushes away from their home and anybody that could spot them. That was the beginning of the search to find their parents. That day, their adventure began.

(Wait until the next issue for	r more)
--------------------------------	---------

Games

By Alayna and Rucha

Unscramble the following words to find the teachers' names.

- 1) ESIMSOER
- 2) OWLETRS
- 3) UCHOHISNT
 - 4) LAHL
 - 5) EDDOB
 - 6) PESNERC
 - 7) OHEBM
 - 8) NSEHMAL
 - 9) ILLG
 - 10) ZGALNT



BEES BLOSSOM BUD CHIRPING FLOWERS FRAGRANT FRESH **GREEN SHOWERS SUNNY**

Answers

Issue # 1, Who's Who:

Mrs. Steele

Scramble, Unscramble:

Sisemore

Wolters

Hutchison

Hall

Beddo

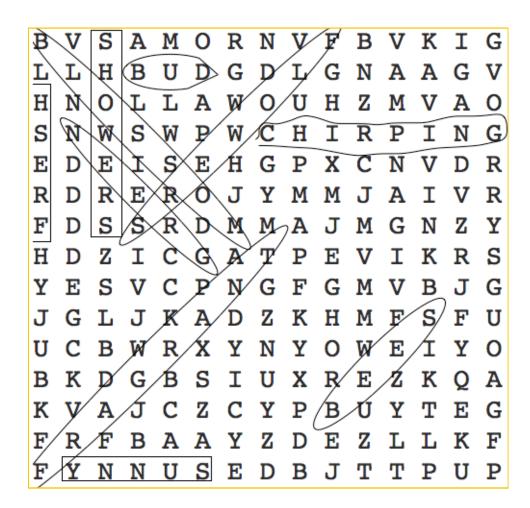
Spencer

Boehm

Snelham

Gill

Glantz



Issue # 2, Who's who:

Mrs. Gill

