

All About Soccer

by: Shawn S.

Soccer is a game played by foot and sometimes you use your hands. There are 90 minutes in a soccer game in total. There are two halves. The positions of soccer are goalie, striker, center midfield, right midfield, left midfield, center back, left back and right back. Strikers usually stay up the field on the other side of the field. Midfields can pressure on the other side and they can come back down and help the defense. The defense players stay back and protect the goal from being scored on. The goalie uses his hands to try to stop the ball from going into the goal. My favorite position in soccer is goalie because it is fun to dive and jump to save a ball.

Goals are a really important part of soccer. In soccer, each time you get the ball in the net you get one point. There is no limit in goals. Some people even do crazy celebrations when they score! People playing can score goals scored by corners, which is a kick that can be shot into goal by the edge of the boundary, shots which are kicked by a player, headers which is when another player hits the ball with their head and into the goal, and even a self goal which the team kicks it into their own goal!

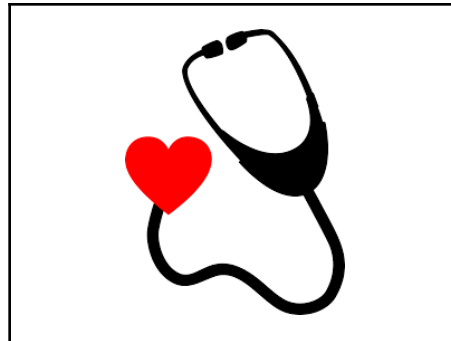
There are a bunch of rules in soccer. If you get two yellow cards you cannot be in the next game. You can get a yellow card by sliding and tackling an opponent. If you get a red card you can't play in the game. If you handball the soccer ball in the eighteen yard box the other team takes a penalty kick from inside the box in the exact middle. It is rare for it to be saved by a goalie but if they do save it then the other team can come inside the box and try to kick it away from the goal and try to score on the other half of the field.

There is a lot of equipment in soccer. In soccer there is one ball and usually four referees. Each player has shin guards, a jersey for their team, and cleats. There are also two big goals.

You can play soccer by just playing with your friend in the backyard or you could be playing in a stadium and on TV. The reason I got into soccer is because my dad used to be on a soccer team. My dad taught soccer to me, so I am now really good at playing it. I am on a travel soccer team. I encourage you to play soccer even if you are bad



at it. Don't worry if the rules confuse you and don't make sense. It will make a lot more sense when you start learning.



Getting to Know Mrs. Sullivan

by: Natalie C.

I think Mrs. Sullivan is a really nice person and I wanted to get to know a little more about her! I interviewed Mrs. Sullivan because when I get hurt, she helps me feel better. I also think that she is a great school nurse!

Q: Why did you become a school nurse?

A: I always had a love for children, and this career allowed me to fulfill that, along with giving me a schedule to be home a lot with my own three sons.

Q: What do you like about being a school nurse and why?

A: I like the autonomy, or the ability to have my own 'practice'. I love meeting the children and being here as a safe haven for those who are either not feeling well physically and mentally. I love that this realm of nursing allows me to pull from all of previous nursing jobs, utilizing the knowledge and skills I had obtained in other specialties.

Q: What is the hardest part of your job?

A: Currently, the hardest part of my job is dealing with all of the guidelines & protocols set in place for Covid.

Q: What do you do when you aren't at school?

A: When I am outside of school, I love to spend time with my husband and grown sons when they are home. I also love to go on hikes with my dog Molly. In the spring and summer, we have a huge garden that I love to tend. I also enjoy working out at the gym and reading. I love plays and concerts, too!

Q: How long have you been a nurse?

A: I have been a nurse since 1993. I initially worked as an oncology nurse, then did some work in Hospice, Homecare and Labor and Delivery. I went to school at night to get the courses and credits needed for a school nurse certification.

Q: How long have you been at Bragg School?

A: My very first year of school nursing was at Bragg in 2006. I then moved to Long Valley where I worked as a middle school nurse until 2017 when I returned to Bragg.

What's the Word: What is your favorite animal and why?

by: Our Staff

AH: A Koala is my favorite animal. It eats eucalyptus leaves and sleeps in high trees

AL: My favorite animal is a dog because they are always there and I can play with them.

NS: My favorite animal is the smallmouth bass. I like fish and they are cool colors, like teal or turquoise.

AV: My favorite animal is a tiger because they are fierce and brave.

SS: My favorite animal is a monkey. There are about 260 different monkey species in the whole wide world.

ES: I like sharks because they live in the ocean and they hunt fish to eat.

TS: My favorite animal is a tiger because I like the design of black and orange.

JP: My favorite animal is the falcon because they can fly at 240 mph and can dive at a speed of 200 mph.

MY: My favorite animal is a panda because they're cute, cuddly, and don't eat humans.

SS: My favorite animal is an arctic fox. They live in the Arctic and they eat rodents, berries, and other kinds of animals.

CH: My favorite animal is a dog because they are very fluffy and cute.

NC: My favorite animal is a dolphin because they are very pretty, and I also like sea animals. They are also very graceful.

VH: My favorite animal is a Komodo Dragon because they are very strong and powerful. They are very destructive, and protective of territory.



How to Play Football

by: Teddy S.

Football is a sport with tackling and running and lots of fun things. There are four quarters in a football game and they are 15 minutes each.

There are a lot of positions. On offense you have a quarterback, and he tries to throw the ball, run it or hand it off. A receiver tries to catch the ball. A running back gets the hand off and starts running it down field. On defense you have a safety who cleans things up if the running back gets past everyone else. The linebacker is the person who is behind the defenses linemen.

Some of the equipment you need in football is a helmet and shoulder pads. A helmet protects your head if it hits the ground. Shoulder pads protect your shoulders, the top of your back, and your chest. You need the equipment because it protects you from getting hurt.



Author Spotlight: Shannon Messenger

by: Madeleine Y.

Information Source:

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Did you know that Shannon Messenger, world famous children's author, studied art, screenwriting, and film production, but realized her real passion was writing stories for children? Did you also know that she ended up a film major at USC, attending their School of Cinematic Arts and by the time she graduated, she'd decided that Hollywood really wasn't for her?

Shannon Messenger was born in Southern California and she grew up there too. She says she gets asked all the time if she always knew that she wanted to be a writer and the answer is no. She always enjoyed English classes in school—and she even won a few ribbons in her old school's writing fairs, and even though she grew up to be a writer, her real hobby when she was young was drawing. Her dream was to grow up to become a Disney animator because it combined everything she loved: princesses, Disneyland, and art.

After she decided to take a break from her art classes and signed up for a class called "Broadcast Writing and Production". In fact, probably the most amazing thing about that class was that for the first time she felt like what she put down on the page was exactly like what she'd pictured in her head. Her writing professor also seemed to see her talent and really encouraged her to pursue screenwriting. As a result she ended up a film major at USC, attending their School of Cinematic Arts. However, by the time she graduated, she'd decided that Hollywood really wasn't for her.

She spent about a year after graduation trying different jobs in the industry. She didn't like any of them. She left Hollywood and got a regular day job to pay her bills, moved to a nice house, and adopted several cats.

Even though she was happy she missed writing. Therefore she decided to try writing a book, and focused on middle grade because that was the time period in her life when reading had been the most special to her. Yet she just wasn't sure what story she wanted to tell. Finally she had an idea and spent three years working on the Lost Cities.

I think her writing is spectacular, and that she should really write more book series. I think you should really read her books because they're really good, and once you read them, they might turn into your favorite book ever.

A TV Show Review: *Carmen SanDiego*

by: Vivian H.

Carmen Sandiego is a fantasy television show for children ages 7 and up. She is a character who stops the Villains International League of Evil (V.I.L.E.) from stealing famous items from all around the world. This show is educational because of Carmen's Sidekick: Player. Player has a lot of knowledge about many places around the world, like Indonesia, Sydney, San Francisco, and even Paris. Carmen has a backstory she really wants to know. She has no clue about her past, so in this show she is trying to uncover her past and find out about her family.

Zack and Ivy are two other characters. They are brother and sister and they first met Carmen at a donut shop owned by V.I.L.E. As



Carmen was trying to get in, Zack and Ivy stopped her but Carmen managed to escape their grasp and went into the donut shop with Zack and Ivy.

A.C.M.E. is another agency in the show. Instead of stealing, it catches the V.I.L.E. operatives. A.C.M.E. is trying to team up with Carmen. In Episode 8, Season 4 it shows that V.I.L.E. brainwashes Carmen to turn her into a V.I.L.E. operative.

Another member of Carmen's crew is Shadowsan who is a ninja and works on Carmen's team. Shadowsan is a great help to Carmen and he starts to help her find her mother.

I think you should watch this show because it is a very interesting show and since it is educational it can teach about places all over the world.

All About Thanksgiving

by: Nikhil S.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday to celebrate giving thanks. Some traditional foods for Thanksgiving are turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and stuffing. My favorite food to eat on



Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie.

The first Thanksgiving football game was in 1876 and the first Thanksgiving NFL game was in 1920. The teams that played were the Detroit Lions and the Chicago Bears. It was a gimmick to get people to go to Lions football games.

Turkey wasn't on the menu for the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated over a three day harvest festival. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated for a big meal for the pilgrims and Wampanoag people.

Americans prefer pumpkin pie more than apple pie on Thanksgiving. About 50 million pumpkin pies are eaten every Thanksgiving and about 18 million apple pies are eaten every Thanksgiving. I prefer pumpkin pie because it is very creamy.

There are four towns in the United States called "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Louisiana, Texas and North Carolina. I think they have really fun Thanksgivings.

Personal Story: The Big Move

by: Sophia S.

It was just another normal day. I was getting ready for school and then my mom told me that I was moving and I was excited that I was going to live in a new house but also I was sad that I was going to leave everything behind: my friends, my school and my house. My mom said, "We are moving towards the end of the school year." During that time my friend Anisa and uncle were on his phone on the way home. A couple of weeks later... I had to go directly to my new house.

I liked it a lot but my bed wasn't there yet so I had to sleep on the couch with a sleeping bag. A couple of weeks later...

It had become the new normal. I have a new secret hide out in my room and I made a new friend named Maeve and so did my brother. He also had a friend that was from preschool who lives a couple of houses away. Now I love my new house.



Jokes and Riddles

by: The Staff

Why did the banana go to the doctor ?

Because he was not peeling well!

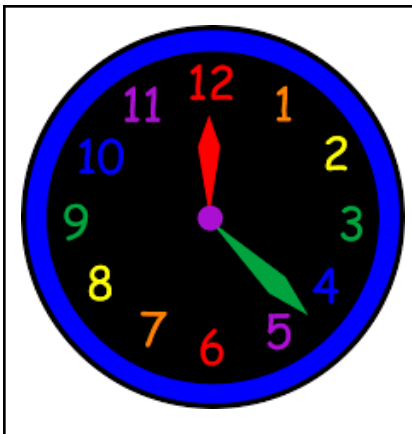
What has two hands but can't clap?

A clock

A cowboy leaves on Friday and comes back 3 days later on Friday.

How is this true?

The horse is named FRIDAY!



What runs around your house but never moves?

A fence

What has 88 keys but can not open a lock?

A piano

Why did the man fall into the well?

Because he couldn't see that well.

What do librarians take with them when they go fishing?

Bookworms

Why did the bicycles fall over?

Because they are two tired!

Why did Mickey Mouse go into space?

He was trying to find Pluto!

Poll Our Readers:

What would you make if you had to cook your own lunch?



What is your favorite homemade dessert?

Readers, it is your turn!

Write a creative joke, riddle, or poem below.

School News: Bees Nest on the Playground

by: Alessandra L.

There was a bees nest by the yellow and green playground ever since the beginning of the school year at Bragg School. The bees nest was on a tree. It was near the climbing equipment at Bragg School's playground.

For many days, the yellow and green playground was off limits. Be careful you might get stung like some kids that got stung. Kids are getting stung because they were going near the bees and not noticing them. If you look around closely, you can see bees flying. They seem to appear in these two pine trees. They like to come out when it is 50 degrees or higher. So every now and then you might see some bees appear.

They like to live inside rotten or dead trees. Bees are sometimes flying back and forth from tree to tree to collect sap and bring it back to it's hive. If you see bees going to one tree and another and then another tree back to the other tree you probably found the tree that has the nest. The bees nest is somewhere in the woods but not too far since bees have been spotted so close to the playground. The playground did get sprayed in case there is a beehive in one of the pieces of the equipment but there is no solution since they had not found the nest. Be

so careful you don't get stung!



Personal Story: My American Girl Doll

by: Alyssa H.

2021 is the year Kira the American Girl doll was released. She is one of the new dolls and you can only get her in 2021. It was Sunday night and I said to my mom, "Can I see how much money the American girl doll is?" My mom let me. I looked, \$110 that is so much!

"Mom it is \$110!" I yelled.

My mom said, "I will buy it for you since you really want it." So I went to bed and the next morning I jumped out of bed and called for my mom . She said she ordered it.

"YAY! It is coming!" I said. "When is it coming?"

"It is coming on Wednesday." Mom said. That is the last day of school. I couldn't wait.

The last day of school came and I was so excited for it to end. When it ended I played on the swings then a truck pulled up. "YAY!" I screamed.

Then I opened the box. "Oh my gosh. It is really here!"

I played with her all the time. Kira went everywhere with me". My best friend



Alessandra has her

too so if I come to her house we can play with her. She is so special because she likes everything I like.

I like animals and she likes animals.

"Kira was \$110 so it was very expensive and we do not want to buy another one" That would be alot of money on a doll. Another thing is that me and her like to go camping outside.

Write My Own Personal Story

by: _____

Blank lines for writing a personal story.

Restaurant Review: Ichiban Sushi

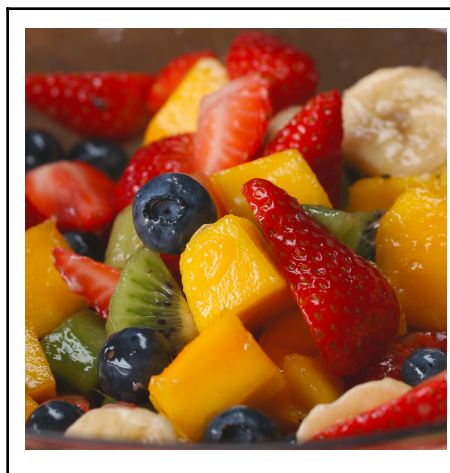
by: Jake P.

Want to try a new restaurant? You should go to Ichiban Sushi. It's located in Ledgewood, New Jersey. During the week they stay open until 9:30 PM. They are open late on the weekend too.

Ichiban Sushi has a lot of types of sushi. Some rolls are the Philadelphia roll, California roll, Alaska roll, Philly roll, Shrimp tempura roll and the Rainbow roll. Those are only a few. There's a bunch more! They have sauce with the meal. My favorite roll is the Philadelphia roll because I like all of the things in it, like cream cheese, avocado and salmon.

Don't like sushi? Ichiban has more than just sushi. They have noodles, fried rice, sashimi, soups, and salads. Some soups are seafood combination, miso soup, and gyoza soup. Some salads are green salad, seafood salad, tuna avocado salad, spicy mango kani salad, and avocado salad. I like the fried rice because I like how all the stuff tastes.

It has a nice, medium size dining room and if you don't have time you can order online and go to pick up our meal or have it delivered. My family usually orders online and picks it up. I hope you'll try it, too.



How to Make a Rainbow Fruit Salad

by: Alina V.

When my family and I were discussing what to have for dessert I said, "How about something rainbow?" That's when I thought of rainbow fruit salad. My dad and I got to work and before we knew it we had a rainbow fruit salad!

You will need:

- 1 pound fresh strawberries
- 4 kiwis
- 2 mangos
- 2 bananas
- 12 ounces fresh blueberries
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 lime Juiced

Directions:

1. Quarter the strawberries and place them into a large bowl.
2. Dice the mango and place them on top of the strawberries.
3. Peel and dice the kiwi. Add the kiwi into the bowl.
4. Slice the bananas and place them in the bowl.
5. Add in the blueberries.
6. Mix in honey & lime juice so it doesn't brown.
7. Pour the mixed honey and lime juice over the fruit and gently mix. Mix well and enjoy!

Learning Tips

by: Our Staff

AH: Participate in everything that your teacher tells you to do even if you do not have to do it.

AI: Don't bring in fidgets if you know it will distract you. Also, it is better to ask questions than guess!

NS: You should say please and thank you even when you don't want to.

AW: Putting away distractions will help you pay attention during class and get better grades. If you participate, the teacher will know that you are paying attention.

SS: You can be a good student by just raising your hand instead of calling out. You can ask the teacher if they need help. For tests, if you finish early look over it.

ES: I can be a good student by cleaning up my stuff.

TS: To be more successful in school you need to listen to your teacher and study hard for your tests. You also need to get good grades on tests.

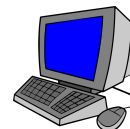
JP: Some things you can do are be kind and respectful to your teacher and classmates & participate in things that the school has like the Read -a-Thon and spelling bee.

MY: When you get really distracted or bored, try to focus all of your attention on the things you're learning. Think positive!

SS: You will need to learn to be quiet when a teacher or someone else is talking. Also listen to your teacher because you might miss something important. Also don't be mean to other people.

CH: Doing all your work and not wasting your time is a pretty good tip. Try to do your best in every subject even if you don't like it. It is good to do your homework and practice skills at home.

NC: If you get bored, always remember that you have a mask coming up. For can answer the first, then you can answers. Believe too!



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Book Review: The Kid Who Ran for President

by: Connor H.

Can you picture a kid as president of the USA? That would be pretty cool. Well that happens in the book The Kid Who Ran For President by Dan Gutman! It is a very funny book and is not too easy or too hard to read. I would recommend this book because it has very funny lines and is hilarious to read. This is overall a great fiction book and a good book for children ages eight to twelve.

At his house while playing pool, Judson Moon's friend Lane thought up the crazy idea of a kid running for president. Judson Moon's friend Lane wanted him to run for President of the United States of America because when he was younger he played a game called King of The Hill where people would push each other down a big hill and the last one standing would be King. Lane thought that if one of his friends was president it would be like him being King of the Hill. He thought Judson Moon was the kid for the job. It took a little convincing but he got him to do it. So they tried hard but at first everyone thought it was just a big joke and a kid would never become president.

Judson Moon got to work with his friend Lane. Lane convinced him to let his friend Chelsea Daniels be his First Lady and let Ms. Syers be his Vice President. The real problem was he was only 12 years old and he needed to be 35 to run for President. So he started convincing kids around America to start doing crazy things like refusing to eat healthy foods. That forced the Government to create a national vote that could allow him to run for President. He ended up winning the vote! Somehow, in the end, he won!

I liked the book because of some of the dramatic scenes and suspense, like at the end when everyone was in the ballroom to see who won the presidency. That made the book more interesting.

All About Sharks

by: Ethan S.

Sharks eat sea otters and seals and their favorite is fish and squid. They will also eat anything else they can find. They can eat other smaller sharks that roam.



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The great white shark and the whale shark both live in the Pacific Ocean. The basking shark and the hammerhead shark live in the Atlantic Ocean. The black tips live in the coral reefs.

There are over 400 species of sharks alive today! The goblin shark can stretch its mouth out like a rubber band. The cookie cutter shark can nibble on fish and also dolphins. Sharks do not have any bones. Most sharks have good eyesight.

What's the Word: Create a Question

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Poll Your Class

by: You

Question: _____

Answers:

Meet Our Staff

The Staff would like to introduce themselves!

I am Alyssa H. I have no pets but my favorite animal is the koala. I have 3 sisters. My favorite doll is an American Girl doll named Kira. I am in third grade. I like the color purple. I like gymnastics. I love animals and my favorite subject is math.

I am Alessandra L. I have three cats named Jack, Jade, and Jewel and one dog named Koda. I am in third grade. I am the youngest and I have two older sisters. I play soccer, lacrosse, dance, and basketball.

My name is Nikhil S. I am in third grade. I am the youngest person in my family and I have one brother. I like art, baking, cooking, reading, and doing math. I also like video games and some board games, like Risk, Monopoly, Life, and Payday. I am good at reading. My favorite desserts are doughnuts and marshmallows. My favorite chocolates are Snickers and Twix.

I am Alina V. I am in third grade. My hobbies are art, reading, cooking, baking and ice skating. My favorite board game is Night of the Ultimate Werewolf. My favorite book series is *Dork Diaries*. The sports I play are tennis, ice skating, and skiing. I also play basketball and soccer at my house because I am not on a team. I moved from Brooklyn, NY.

My name is Shawn.S. I am in third grade. I have a dog named Sophie. My favorite sport is soccer, and I am really good at being a goalie. My hobbies are watching TV, playing video games, soccer and writing stories about anything. My favorite foods are pizza, tacos, sour candy, and quesadillas.

My name is Madeleine Y, and I'm in fourth grade. I like to read, write, play tennis, make origami, crochet, draw, make bracelets, and help my mom cook. I love to read very much. Some of my favorite book series are *Keeper of the Lost Cities*, *Spy School*, *Front Desk*, and many more. One of my favorite animals is the panda. My favorite food is my mom and dad's cooking. My favorite game is Uno.

My name is Ethan S. I like to play soccer, football, and wiffle ball. I like to play with Legos. My favorite foods are pasta and ice cream. I love to draw and color and do art and crafts.

My name is Teddy S. I like to play sports, like lacrosse, football, and baseball. I also like video games. One of my favorite things to do is to play with Legos. My favorite video game is Mario. My favorite foods are pizza and ice cream. I love to write stories.

I'm Jake P. I have a dog. My favorite sports are baseball and basketball. I like building LEGOs and playing video games. My favorite video game is Super Mario Smash Bros Ultimate. My favorite subjects are technology and science. My favorite book is Big Nate. My favorite food is sushi and my favorite dessert are donuts and candy.

My name is Sophia S. I have one dog and her name is Belle. I like to travel from state to state and country to country because I think it's fun to go to new places. I have no favorite movie because I like a lot of them.

I am Connor H. I have one dog who is named Summer because we got her in the summer and she is my only pet. I love building LEGO sets and doing tricks on a trampoline like frontflips. My favorite subject in school is math. My favorite sports are tennis and basketball. At home I play soccer, baseball and many more. On weekends I like to play with my neighbors, watch TV, play ping pong, bounce on my trampoline, and shoot hoops.

My name is Natalie C. I love puppies. I also like knitting. I like reading and writing. I play softball. I like chicken caesar salad and also pasta and meatballs. I also like my mom's homemade pizza. Two of my favorite authors are Lisa Schroeder and Raina Telgemeier. I like the movie Diary of a Wimpy Kid, too.

I am Vivian H. I have one puppy named Rocco, I love my family. I play tennis. I love Christmas and Thanksgiving. I love doing math because it is my favorite subject. I like playing video games and some board games like Monopoly. During weekends I like to have slumber parties.



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