

Cornerstone Chronicles

What is Fame and what does it take to get there?

Lily Walker

Fame is the condition of being known or talked about by many people, especially on account of notable achievements.

Fame can change people for the good and or bad. Most people become famous by something they do or have done. Athletes, singers, dancers, bands, and more. There are many ups and downs with fame. It can bring friends, happiness, money, and success. It can also bring sadness, loneliness, and others.

Marilyn Monroe once said “Fame will go by and, so long, I’ve had you, fame. If it goes by, I’ve always known it was a fickle.

So at least it’s something I experience, but that’s not where I live.” Many people want to be famous but can not handle it. One way to be famous is to beat a world record. For example Carlton Williams beat the world record of push-ups in one hour. He did 2,220 push-ups in one hour beating the previous record of 1,874.

Fame is never good or bad. Fame is one of the things in life you can use with your talents.

What Music Inspires Me?

Lily Walker

I do not listen to music a lot. Music does not inspire me whatsoever. I only listen to music in the car or in the mornings. Music helps me wake-up but some music doesn't. Jazz and rock. There are probably more I just can not think of them. A lot of the music I listen to annoys me. I still like to listen to music sometimes.

A Tasty Day in Chronicles

Ava Schoone

Before winter break, we had Mrs. Baker, Chloe Gatling’s grandmother, come in to teach us about cooking. She also made lasagna, which I will talk about later in the article.

She told us about how she became a cook and some of her favorite recipes. Here I have asked Chloe what she thinks of her cooking. “When I eat it, I feel great. I feel amazing.

I think her cooking is very delicious. If I were to describe it in one word I would say it is fantastic. Very well seasoned.”

Music That Inspires Me

Jennifer Pearlman

Music that inspires me is jazz. It relaxes me and I do a radio station with Kelsey, Lily, Caroline, and Amy. There are so many types of jazz and they all make me feel different feelings. But they also always calm me down.



So after I heard Mrs. Baker talk, I had to taste this. She brought in lasagna, green beans, and yams. When I took a bite of the lasagna, OH MY GOODNESS. I tasted so many flavors in my mouth that when they all came together, it was delicious. I loved that lasagna. She let me take some home with me. The yams were so delicious too. The green beans were amazing. Overall, if you have a chance to try Mrs. Baker's cooking, you will not regret it!

Valentine's Dessert Recipes

Ava Schoone and Rachel Edwards

Hey everyone! You can do something "sweet" for your family and friends this Valentine's Day. Here are three dessert recipes that you can make.

ALL KIDS MAKING ANY OF THESE RECIPES MUST HAVE PARENTAL SUPERVISION. THANK YOU! STAY SAFE!

Heart Shaped Sugar Cookies

Prep Time: 35 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Makes 18 cookies

Dough has to be chilled for one hour!

Ingredients:

2 cups all purpose flour, plus more for rolling the dough

½ teaspoon baking powder

¼ teaspoon salt

8 tablespoons(1 stick) unsalted butter at room temperature

1 cup sugar

1 egg

1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract

Steps:

1. In a bowl, using a wooden spoon, stir together the flour, baking powder, and salt and put it to the side.

2. In a large bowl using an electric mixer, beat the butter and sugar on medium speed until creamy for about 3 minutes. Add

the egg and vanilla on medium speed until well blended. Turn off the mixture and add the flour mixture and beat on low speed until just well blended. The dough will look lumpy.

3. Dump the dough onto a workspace and shape the dough. Divide the dough in half. Press each pile into a flat disk and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until chilled for about one hour.

4. Preheat an oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease 3 baking sheets with butter.

5. Sprinkle a work surface with some flour. Unwrap one of the chilled disks of dough and place it onto the workspace. Sprinkle the top of the dough with more flour. Roll out the dough until it is about ¼ inch thick. Sprinkle the dough underneath and on top of the dough so it doesn't stick.

6. Cut out the shapes(I suggest a heart because it's Valentine's day, but you can use what you want). Set the cutout on a baking sheet. Repeat cutting as close as possible to the previous shape and spacing the cutouts about 1 inch apart on the baking sheet. Set the scraps aside and repeat this step with the other disk of dough. Then, smash all of the scraps of dough together and roll out the dough and cut into shapes.

7(THIS STEP IS WHERE YOU WILL NEED ADULT SUPERVISION). When one baking sheet is full, put in the oven and bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Using oven mitts, take the baking sheet out of the oven and set to cool for 15 minutes. Repeat with the other cutouts.

8. Add sprinkles to the cookies if desired. Share with your family and friends, or keep for yourself! Enjoy!

Recipe by:

<https://www.williams-sonoma.com/recipe/kids-sugar-cookies.html>

-Ava Schoone

Red Velvet Cupcakes

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Makes 20 cupcakes

Ingredients:

- ½ cup butter
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- ⅓ cup sweetened cocoa powder





- 1 fluid ounce red food coloring
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon salt

Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease two 12 cup muffin pans or line with 20 paper baking cups.
2. In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Mix in the eggs, buttermilk, red food coloring and vanilla. Stir in the baking soda and vinegar. Combine the flour, cocoa powder and salt; stir into the batter just until blended. Spoon the batter into the prepared cups, dividing evenly.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until the tops spring back when lightly pressed, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool in the pan set over a wire rack. When cool, arrange the cupcakes on a serving platter and frost with desired frosting.

-Rachel Edwards

Oreo Truffles

Prep Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Makes 42 Truffles

Truffles need to be chilled for one hour!

Ingredients:

- One 16 ounce package of Oreo chocolate cookies
- One 8 ounce package of cream cheese (softened)
- Two 8 ounce packages of semi-sweet chocolate chips (melted)
- Heart shaped sprinkles (optional)

Steps

1. Using a food processor, crush 36 cookies to fine crumbs; place in medium bowl (Cookies can also be finely crushed in a resealable plastic bag using a rolling pin). Add cream cheese; mix until well blended. Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
2. Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet. (Any leftover chocolate can be stored at room temperature for another use.) Add sprinkles on top if desired

Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.

-Rachel Edwards

Peer Pressure and its Effects on Others

Hailey Picon

Peer pressure is when someone does not want to do something, but all of their friends or all of the peers want them to. The person does not want to disappoint their classmates, so due to the pressure from their peers they, sadly enough, usually do what their peers want.

I believe that peer pressure can be dangerous depending on what the pressure and who the pressure is directed towards. It can make people take dangerous risks like drugs or alcohol or going out somewhere where you shouldn't be, put distance in between your family and friends, and it makes some people lose self esteem. Peer pressure can also make others lose trust or faith in you. It also can get teenagers involved in drugs, suicide, and homicide.

Before you do something involving peer pressure ask yourself: "Why am I doing this?" "Where will this get me?" And "if everyone was to do this same thing should I

If I Could Choose Anyone to Work at the School...

Amy Feldmann

My topic was if I could choose anyone in the world to hire to work at the school. The person I chose died in 1993, but I still would choose her. If I could hire anyone in the world to be my teacher, I would definitely choose Audrey Hepburn because she is known for being a good person. I need a teacher that I will look up to, not someone I feel I'm forced to deal with. Hepburn is also an actress and I would be able to relate to that with her. I think her kindness and patience would really help me when I struggle in classes. She would be able to be my role model and help me academically. Hepburn said, "Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm. As you get older, remember you have another hand. The first is to help yourself, the other is to help others." This shows that she is first, very realistic. It's very hard to always help others before yourself. She also shows that she will help others. In the quote, she says one hand is for us, one is for others. She keeps a good balance of self help and helping others. This shows that she'll help you if you need it. Another thing about her is that she wanted to help children. She went to foreign countries to help other kids in need. She also would be a very encouraging teacher who would encourage people when they would want to give up. She once said, "Nothing is impossible, the world itself says, 'Im-Possible!'" She also shows that she wouldn't judge people for their levels or academics or reading. "If I'm honest, I have to tell you, I still read Fairy-Tales and I like them best of all." In conclusion, I would definitely say Audrey would be a great teacher!

do it?" Kind of like asking yourself... "If all of my friends jumped off a building should I?"

It is important to realise when peer pressure is happening to you and, no matter where you think it will get you, say no.

What Music Inspires me?

Hailey Picon

Different things inspire me at different times. I enjoy to listen to Broadway soundtracks. I usually listen to twenty one pilots if I am anxious or stressed because I keep the sound low and in the background at school. A Broadway that I enjoy to listen to is Hamilton, but I don't listen to it when I am doing things like

Superbowl

By Griffin Rainwater

Eagles one against Patriots by 41-33. That's common knowledge, but did you know, Americans eat 1.35 billion wings during super bowl weekend alone? That's roughly $\frac{1}{8}$ of the population. If you couldn't make it to the actual stadium, don't worry, you saved 3000 dollars. The winners get 112000 dollar and losers get exactly half of their pay, 56000 dollars to be precise. The football has gone through eight major changes in shape.

What Music Inspires Me?

By Griffin Rainwater

The music that inspires me depends on my mood. Sometimes I listen to my dad's old album, but most of the time I just sort through my playlist and listen to whatever plays. I think there is an example of almost every genre in my playlist. So to answer the question there is not a specific genre I listen to to get inspired.

*homework or schoolwork though
because it distracts me.*

ARTS AND CRAFTS

LILY WALKER

Some arts and crafts for Valentines day could be melted crayon hearts. You can also use new crayons if you don't have any old ones. It's super easy to do and doesn't cost much money at all. This craft can be done anytime of the year and you can use any type of mold that you like. You can also use new crayons if you don't have any old ones. It's super easy to do and doesn't cost much money at all. This craft can be done anytime of the year and you can use any type of mold that you like.

HOW TO MAKE MELTED CRAYON HEARTS

1. Preheat the oven to 250 degrees.
2. Unwrap your crayons, making sure you get all of the paper off. If your making a solid color crayon separate your colors into piles. If not you can just make one big pile.
3. Next break or cut the crayons into small pieces. The smaller the pieces the quicker they will melt.
4. Now place these crayons into the mold and fill up about 3/4, depending on how big of crayon you want. My mold was pretty big so we only filled it up 1/2 way.
5. Bake these crayons in the oven at 250 degrees for about 20 minutes.
6. After they are done, take them out of the oven and let cool completely before attempting to take them out of the molds. If you take them out to soon, they will break.

Would You Rather...?

Jennifer Pearlman

Lose all your money

Or

Lose all the pictures you've ever taken

Give up TV/Netflix/movies for a year

Or

Give up all social apps for a year (including texting, email, ect.)

Always be alone

Or

Always be surrounded by crowds of people

Be able to fly for a day

Or

Be invisible for a day

Only eat meat

Or

Never eat meat

Have a well paying job that you hate

Or

Have a bad paying job that you love

Be poor but have a lot of great friends
Or
Be rich but lonely

Why Kids Do and Don't Need Homework

Caroline Hunt

My topic is about why kids do and don't need

homework. First I am going to tell you why we do not need homework. We don't need homework because we spend seven hours at school and all we do is work. Then you have to go home and do your homework and it puts a lot of stress on people who have after school activities to do after school. So by the time they get home from school they have to go to do homework, do other activities, go outside and get exercise and eat dinner. So by the time they are done it is time to take a shower and go to bed. Kids also need to take their mind off of school and relax since that is where they have been all day. Also it takes time off of the time that they could be spending with their families. Also everything the students do you have to grade causing stress on you. Why kids need homework is because the teacher can take time out of their day to help the children that need help so they can exceed in class. Another reason is that when a child needs help they can go to their family and ask for help. Which might help the family grow closer in their relationship. Research says that homework is a great way to earn responsibility. It also creates stress on the person who is doing it.

Why Oprah Winfrey Would Make A Good Teacher

Rachel Edwards

If I could hire one person in the world to be our teacher, I would hire Oprah Winfrey. I would hire Oprah because she is wise, gives good advice, and she is very generous. In case you didn't know, Oprah had her own talk show where she discussed different topics.

Oprah is not only a celebrity, but an excellent and generous leader. Oprah supports and donates to children's charities, disaster relief, and animal rescue charities. She is a very kind and charitable person who could teach us a lot about building character. In 1998, she founded her own charity, Oprah's Angel Network. Her charity was involved with many different projects including providing education supplies and school construction.

Oprah is also a very wise person and helps people get through many problems. One of Oprah's famous quotes says "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you'll never, ever have enough". This simply means that you should be thankful for everything that you have. This is great advice for a person who feels like they don't have enough. Once you actually sit and think about what you do have, you realize that you are a lot more fortunate than you think. This is just one example of Oprah's great advice.

As you can see, Oprah Winfrey would make an incredible teacher. She would help us understand things we learn and get us through many of our problems. She would be so good at dealing with drama between friends and teaching us important life lessons. This is why I think Oprah would be an amazing teacher.

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The Flu

Amy Feldmann

The flu season is taking over the world, and everyone is at risk of catching it. Here are a few things YOU can do to protect yourself from catching it:

1. Wash your hands! The germs from someone else's hand, a door knob, a desk, or even a borrowed pencil can transport to your hands. Keep hand sanitizer on hand and wash your hands when ever you can.
2. Keep your distance! Try your best to stay away from shaking or holding hands or hugging anyone. Keep away from people coughing. Wipe down tables and keep things clean.
3. If you have a fever, a headache, or have thrown up in the past 24 hours, you need to stay home in bed. If any of your friends have had these symptoms, kindly tell them to go home.
4. Keep your hands away from your face as much as you can because germs to your mouth, eyes, or nose can cause the flu. Washing your hands and keeping away from your face is one of the best ways to keep away from sickness.
5. Keep your overall health up. Eat healthy, wash your hands, and drink a lot of water.

BE SAFE!!

What makes a good teacher/ principal

Jennifer Pearlman

My topic is what makes a good teacher or principal. I think something that would make a great teacher is to be calm and collected. You need to be able to

Magic Wand

Ava Schoone

If I had a magic wand, I would use it to have no hate. One of the worst problems for kids is bullying. If there was no hate, there would be no bullying. Just think about that for one second. No more shouting at others. That would have a huge impact on our school. We would have more students listening to the rules. We would have no more rudeness. Homework would be completed on time. No more issues about these things. They would all disappear. The thing is, we don't even need a magic wand to complete this. We can complete this as a school! You can do your part by not thinking bad thoughts about people. If you see someone being rude to someone else, tell them to stop. Don't say mean things about people, especially behind their back. Be respectful of adults, classmates, and school property. I've seen a lot of people who just kick trash instead of picking it up. Be friends to everyone. It doesn't matter their differences. How does this benefit you? Teachers will be so happy with you, you and your class probably won't get in trouble as much anymore. You will get out of school quicker with less interruptions because of students not respecting their teacher or Mr. Caraher. I saw something the other day that said to taste your words before you say them. In other words, think before you act. Do you ever say something, or do something, and then go, "Ooh, I shouldn't have said/done that."? I do. And also, nobody is perfect. We are all equal. There is no person greater than the other. And there is no

understand your students. You also need to be able to go at your students' pace, whether that would mean to go faster or slower. You need to stay on topic and keep all your focus on your students. You have to try your best to understand your students and always try to do what is best for them. You need to make learning fun and always challenge your students to the fullest. You need to be organized.. You need to always have the proper supplies just in case one of your many students does not have one of the supplies. Teachers should let students sit with whom they choose, because that will get them more motivated to work. They should also let their students pick their partners for ALL projects, classwork, and just doing anything else that involves two or more people. I think that teachers should also make interactive activities for their students. It will make students feel like they are a part of teaching themselves as well as their classmates. I also think that something that makes a good teacher is being ok with students correcting you. For example, if a teacher is writing on a whiteboard, chalkboard, or basically anything else, and they make a mistake, they need to be ok with a student correcting them.

I think some of the qualities that make a good principal is to take students/staff suggestions seriously. I think the reason the principal should do that is because that way students will feel like they made a bigger impact within their learning. I think the principal should always be there for students if they

grade greater than the other, either. If you have a grade that is younger than you, don't pick on them. You were in that grade once, too. Did you do those things? How would you have felt if someone said that about you when you were in that grade? What is the point of being mean to people? To have to go so low to feel so high? You don't have to. If you are feeling really low about yourself, please go talk to someone before you go and pick on someone to feel better about yourself. You can come talk to me. If someone is bullying you, go tell an adult. They will help you. Imagine this. You walk down the halls, looking at everyone laughing with their friends. But, you don't have any friends. You get picked on each day for not having any friends. How would you feel? I know that I would feel really upset. But what if you were the person who was picking on the other person? How would you feel? Proud? Angry at the other person for having no friends? Sad? Think before you act. It means so much. For the people who do not have a friend, be a friend. You won't lose anything. And what if there was no popularity? I think that would be amazing. We wouldn't feel so pressured all of the time. We could be ourselves without worrying about others. So what do you think? I know we can do this. But the question is, WILL you do this?

are ever in trouble, or just need to talk. The same goes for teachers. I think teachers should always put up fun posters with bright colors to make kids more energetic to learn. I think principals should also do the same. Bright colors make students much more eager to be in school, instead of a dull environment. I think that student learning activities should relate to their students, however old or young they are.

Teachers Movie Star Look Alikes

Griffin Rainwater

Mr. Linz is a solid Nicholas Cage. they have some striking similarities. "I think I jump around more when I'm alone" Nicholas Cage said. Which I feel is true for most of the teachers. I also feel like Mr. Brame shares some similarities with Charlie Hunnam, specifically the long flowing hair and beard. Mr. Tangredi is Marc Anthony because they share a couple similarities in terms of looks, but also the fact that he is a New Yorker. Mr Redmond is Will Smith. Mr Redmond is a radical rapper, and Will Smith is too.

"Throughout life people will make you mad, disrespect you and treat you bad. Let God deal with the things they do, cause hate in

Music That Inspires Me

Amy Feldmann

The kind of music that inspires me is indie music. I like indie music because it has a softer sound. It has a calm sound that I can listen to this kind of music when I'm working and need to focus, or when I'm just relaxing. I also like it because it's made by people who aren't very popular, but they still continue to make music just because of their love for it.

Snowflake Ball

By: Caroline Hunt

Did you go to the Snowflake Ball? Hopefully you went because it was so much fun. What we obviously did was dance, eat , and there were many other activities like cornhole and guessing how many things were in the container. They played songs like Every Breath You Take, Havana, and Rolex, these songs were very very good. We also had a dance contest to see who would win. The food that we had included Oreos, vegetables, and also Hawaiian Punch.

your heart will consume you too." - Will Smith.

Ms. Kimbrough is Daniel Radcliffe, more specifically Daniel during the Harry Potter movies. Mr. Goetz is Christopher Lloyd, both are scientists, both are smart boys, they're pretty much the same person. Goetz is also Tom Cruise. He has been in the teaching game a long time and Tom Cruise has been an actor for a long time. Since 1962 in fact. Their facial structure is similar in a couple ways as well.



Birthdays!



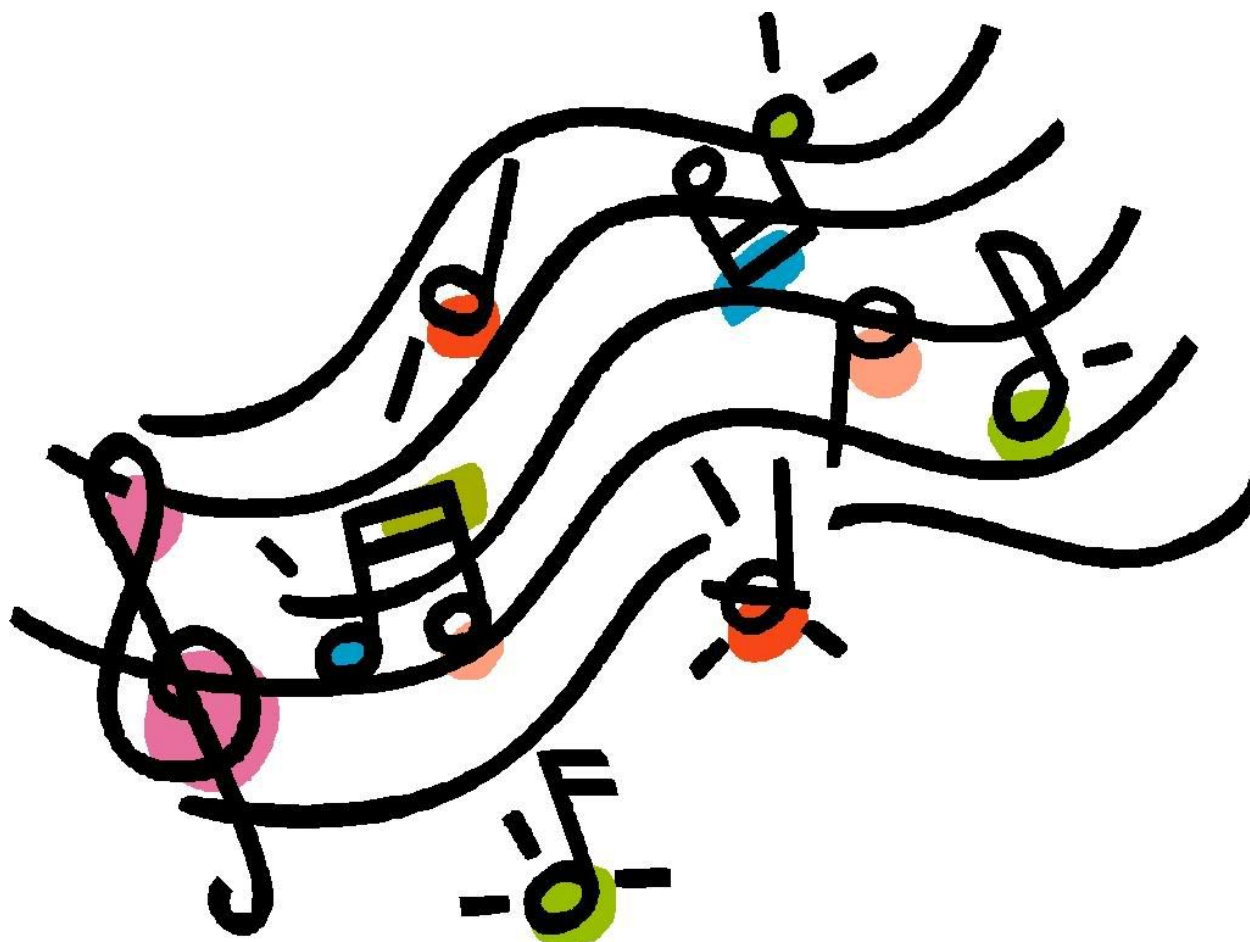
It's that time again! Teachers and Staff birthdays are back for the month of February! Mrs. Evans, our beloved 7th grade math teacher has a birthday! Make sure to give her a great day! Mrs. Furrow, our 8th grade English Language arts teacher has a birthday too! She deserves a day she wont forget! Mrs. Gaulden, our kindergarten teacher deserves an amazing day! It's not easy to keep track of younger kids. :) Mrs. Phillips, our 1st grade teacher has a birthday too! She also deserves a great day! Mrs. Sheets, our high school spanish teacher has her day in this month as well! Feliz cumpleaños! Mrs. Stern, our high school theatre arts teacher deserves her day to be full of happiness!

Everyone put your hands together for all of our teachers and staff! Happy Birthday to all of our Cornerstone teachers and staff!



Caroline Sharp

What Music Inspires you?



Pop music really inspires me to become a better person. When I listen to pop music I get into the zone. I feel like i'm another person and become a different person. I feel happy and free. Most most favorite thing to do is go down on old country roads, and listen to music. When you connect to music you have a happy feeling in your heart.

Caroline Sharp

If School Were a Movie What Movie Would It Be?

If school were a movie I feel it would be the movie *Beauty and the Beast*. I think this would be an accurate description, because some people in the school feel that they are better than others, so those people would be the "beasts" of the school. The "beauties" of the school would have to be the people of the school who spread positivity and don't hurt others. The "Gastons" would be the arrogant people in the school, and the people who thought they were better than others. The "fathers" of the school would have to be the teachers because they help learn and grow just like fathers do. There are two different sides to a beast: one is mean and nasty and the other is nice and polite but is hidden inside. These characters all have important parts of the school. You always have bullies in schools and you really shouldn't let them bring you down. The beauties in the school are the ones who help you get through tough times. The ones who will always listen when you have to rant or when you need a shoulder to cry on. Try to never lose these people in your life, because they will help make your life better. The Gastons will make you feel like you are nothing, but trust me: you are your worth so much and never forget that. The fathers or the teachers help us learn and grow in life. These "fathers" will help us learn, grow, and to be better people in life. In the future there will be people in the world who make bad decisions and will try and stop you from doing something you love. Do not let them stop you from pursuing your dreams. You don't know where they would be in the future, they could be in jail for their wrong actions. This is what school would be like if it were a movie.

[What Music Inspires Me](#)

[Caroline Hunt](#)

The music that inspires me is Country and Pop. Country music inspires me because it usually tells about love stories and life experiences that they are going through. Music helps me through really hard times. I listen to music all the time, especially when I go to sleep. Music helps us find out who we really are deep down inside. My favorite singers are Shawn Mendes, Thomas Rhett, and Justin Lynch. My favorite songs are Small Town Boy, Legends, Why U Wanna. These are my favorite songs and music is amazing.

Caroline Sharp

How Would a Kindergartener Run for President?



Questions

1. What are four rules that you would have while you were in office?

2. What would be some things you would get rid of?
3. Would you add any national holidays?
4. Would you still come to school?
5. Do you ever want to become President, and if not what do you want to be when your older?

Answers From: Caroline Stout

Question 1

1. Follow the rules by your mom and dad.
2. Make smart choices
3. Don't be mean to others
4. Honor your mom and dad

Question 2

There are no bad things to get rid of.

Questions 3

I would make it so Christmas would be everyday.

Question 4

I would still love to come to school.

Question 5

No, I would like to be a dentist when I grow up.

Answers From: Mason Clapp

Question 1

1. Follow directions
2. Go watch tv at least once a day.

3. To give some of your toys to poor people.

4. No more

Question 2

Nothing to get rid of.

Question 3

I would love for everyone to celebrate my birthday.

Question 4

I would choose not to go to school.

Question 5

I would like to be President when i'm older.