



# FOSTERTOWN ETC BEE



WHAT IS THE BUZZ AROUND THE BUILDING.....

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## April Fools! by Meriem

On April Fools or All Fools Day, a holiday that everyone loves, we do pranks, scream “April fools!” and have a blast all at the same time. But where did this all come from and why are doing pranks on one another? This day originated partly in Ancient Rome, at the end of March, called Hilaria, when people disguised themselves in costumes. In 1582, Pope Gregory the 13th invented a new calendar called the Gregorian Calendar. But the people who failed to get the news that the start of a new year now began on January 1st and continued to celebrate the new year from the end of March to April 1st became a big joke to others. Some jokes would be putting a paper fish on someone’s back representing a young, gullible and easily caught kind of person. During the 18th century, the tradition spread throughout Britain and Scotland. It was there that a two day tradition started. The first day, called “hunting the gowk”, people were sent on fake errands and the second day, called “Tailie Day”, people played pranks on each other like pinning kick me signs to people. Today many people make complex plans to prank people. In 1996, Taco Bell claimed that they purchased Philadelphia’s Liberty Bell and were going to rename the famous bell, The Taco Liberty Bell. Jokes, pranks and hoaxes have evolved over time but yet they're still fun to do on April Fools day.



## Plastic Bag Ban by Roman



Have you heard about the upcoming new ban on plastic bags in New York State? If not, you need to know that it is a BIG deal. In about a month, plastic bags will no longer be used in stores. We will have to use paper or reusable bags instead. First off, this ban will reduce the amount of plastic killing animals. You see, the plastic bags make nurdles, yes, nurdles. Nurdles are tiny pieces of plastic that get inside of digestive tracts and make animals, from mammals to fish, die. Banning plastic bags will decrease the amount of these nurdles. The new law will make it easier for animals to thrive and increase. GO NY!

## Interview With a Goldback by Amirah

Daijon Johnson is a student leader in 5th grade from Mrs. Porcelli’s class. He is also a helper for Mr. McCoy and Mrs. Lehman’s classes. Daijon plays for



the Newburgh Goldbacks and he is number 13. Daijon said he likes it “because it’s really fun, and my team teaches me sportsmanship. The coaches are funny and nice. Sometimes you may think they don’t like you, but it is really tough love”. He has played for the Goldbacks for 3 years. He is a running back and linebacker. He practices everyday. His favorite uniform was from his 2nd season when they wore the white Goldback jersey. Last season he had 10 touchdowns. If he ever was to play a different sport, it would be basketball. His favorite professional football team is the NY Giants. He likes the Giants because they are a New York team and his favorite player is Saquon Barkley. Today a Goldback, tomorrow maybe a NY Giant!

## Celebrate the Earth by Divine

Have you ever asked yourself how can we celebrate the Earth? Earth Day is a event made to celebrate the planet’s environment. The day, marked on April 22, is for worldwide rallies, conferences, outdoor activities and service projects. Earth Day is celebrated in more than 193 countries each year. On Earth Day you can celebrate by doing anything that will help the Earth. Arbor day is closely related to Earth Day. Arbor Day is a holiday created to recognize the importance of trees. It is celebrated every year on the last Friday in April. The way most people celebrate Arbor Day is to get together in groups to plant trees. I hope you try to help the Earth on Earth Day and Arbor Day.



## The Boston Celtics by Ryan

Who are the Boston Celtics? In my opinion, they are the best basketball team in all of basketball history. I know some might say that The Golden State Warriors are the best because they have Stephen Curry and other great players. While The Warriors are indeed a great basketball team, the Celtics have 11 more championships than the Warriors and 17 championships are much greater than 6! The history of The Celtics is interesting. It all started when James Naismith invented Basketball, a small game, that evolved in to a great one. They used



a soccer ball and one of those old fashioned lunch boxes as the hoop. The game gathered up many followers. One day at the draft, the Boston Celtics drafted Bill Russell. Most would say he was the foundation of the Celtics. As a player, he dominated the league and won six championships. He eventually became coach, then while coach, he won five more championships. Then

the Celtics drafted Larry Bird ten years later. He dominated the league along with Kevin McHale and Robert Parish. Together they won five championships. Then the Celtics obtained Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, and Ray Allen. While they continued to dominate the league, they only won one championship together before they split up. The Celtics have made many trades to get many draft picks for the future. Currently, the Celtics have a huge advantage over the rest of the league, especially with their great players and many draft picks. Go Celtics!

### **Iceland by Jayde**

Have you ever been to Iceland? If not, here are some interesting facts about Iceland. Iceland got its name from a Viking family who were banished from their home. This family found a island that had lots of vegetation and they decided to name it



Iceland to make people stay away from their island. Iceland's capital is Reykjavik. Reykjavik is located on the coast of Iceland. Reykjavik's currency is known as the Icelandic krona. Reykjavik's weather is mostly cold and usually partly cloudy. Time wise, Iceland is 4 hours ahead of us here in the United States. Iceland's schools are divided into four levels; playschools, compulsory, upper secondary and higher. In Iceland, education is only needed for ages 6-16. A school year in Iceland is similar to ours, but starts in late August and ends in the beginning of June. Some traditional foods eaten in Iceland are kjötsupa which is a traditional lamb meat soup, svið, which is sheep's head, plokkið fiskur and harðfiskur, which is dried fish jerky, and hákarl which is fermented shark. Iceland has many traditions such as Thorraþlot. On this occasion, locals come together to eat, drink and be merry. After the Thorraþlot dinner, traditional songs, games and storytelling are accompanied by dancing and in true Icelandic style continue until the early hours of the morning! I hope this information might convince to go to Iceland one day.

### **"Annie" Movie Review by Dharma**



I betcha that everyone knows who Annie is! Since our fifth and fourth grades are doing Annie as our play this year, I am doing a movie review on "Annie". In this movie there is a orphan and her name is...you guessed it, Annie! She and other

girls live in a orphanage that is run by Miss Hannigan. Later in the story, Annie escapes from the orphanage and she is taken in by Daddy Warbucks. There she finds her happiness. Warbucks decides to help Annie find her long lost parents by offering a reward if they would come to him and prove their identity. However, Miss Hannigan, her evil brother, Rooster, and a female accomplice, plan to impersonate those people to get the reward for themselves. This put Annie in great danger. Watch the movie or wait until the big show to find out what happens to Annie. This movie is as great as the play we are going to be doing!

### **LOL Corner by Dharma**

Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A: During Ape-ril showers!

Q: What flowers grow on faces?

A: Tulips (Two-lips)!

Q: Why is the letter A like a flower?

A: A bee (B) comes after it!

Q: What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

A: A hot cross bunny

Q: What does the Easter Rabbit get for making a basket?

A: Two points just like every one else!

Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May!

Q: Why are frogs so happy?

A: They eat whatever bugs them.

Q: Do you know all about April 1st?

A: Yes, I'm fooly aware of it!

Q: What bow can't be tied?

A: A rainbow

Q: Why did the farmer bury all his money?

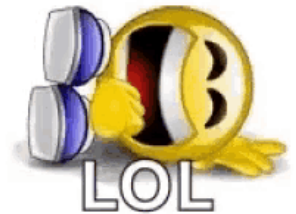
A: To make his soil rich!

Q: What did the big flower say to the little one?

A: You're really growing, bud!

Q: What can be seen in the middle of the months 'April' and 'March', that cannot be seen in the beginning or end of either month?

A: The letter "r".



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