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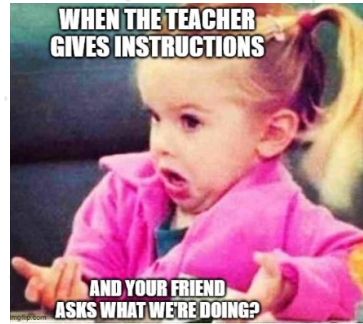
Let's start this newspaper the way any good newspaper should start, with a story.

A long time ago, in a French town far far away, Monsieur Lemay really didn't like writing. He would sit across from his mother at the kitchen table (because he was homeschooled) and he would do these crazy things called "dictations". Yuck! Mini monsieur would ask to see the school nurse, telling the teacher he had a belly ache. Needless to say it didn't work. His mom was also the school nurse, and the principal, and the custodian, and the EA. Mama Lemay wore many hats! Anyways... deep down, he wanted to like it. Despite his aversions and misgivings towards the writing side of literacy, he did love to read. Once a week he would visit the local library, and would always borrow the maximum amount of books allowed (16). He would sit at his desk (in his room) and lean in, transfixed by any story he could get his hands on. His favourites were those about Tintin and Snowy, the muckraking investigative reporter, who would solve cases, expose corruption, and go on globe trotting adventures.

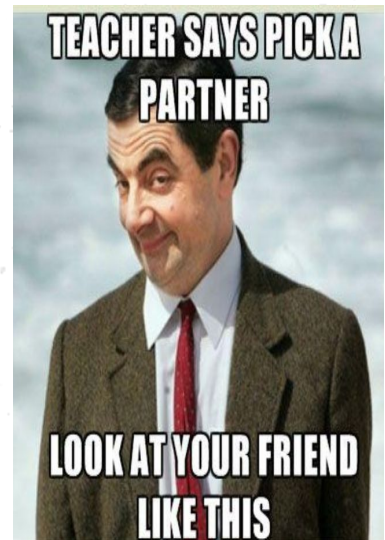
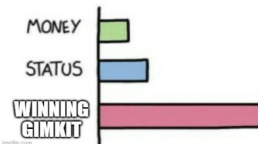
His love of literacy grew over the years and after he got out of high school, even though he didn't fancy himself much of a writer, he still wanted to be a better wordsmith. Just like his harrowing journalistic heroes. But alas, he just couldn't get past that writer's block.

Fast forward a few years and he gets to Macaulay. It was there that he realized something amazing. It was the students of Macaulay, sitting in French class, begging for the many tales of his past adventures that got him thinking. Maybe he could *write* a story and teach French around it? Boom! He had his inspiration. It took him a long time to get to that point, but there it was, his purpose for getting better at writing. So he dug in, persevered and did it! He wrote a book. That's right, the dictations hating, writing challenged dreamer, was writing and loving it! What?! Yup!

Ok, great, but you're probably thinking: why this story Monsieur? Well, my reason for starting this newspaper, is to try and inspire the students of Macaulay, like they did me. So lean in close, perhaps they can inspire you too!



### WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



## MEMES OF THE DAY

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# SHORT & SWEET

## The Little Octopus

By Hannah Marshall

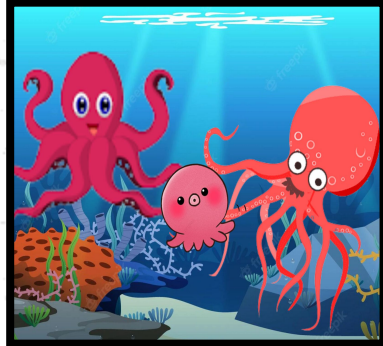
Once upon a time, there was an octopus named Shelly. Shelly was a lot smaller than the other octopi. In fact, she was so tiny you could probably fit her in a can of soup.

The other octopi made fun of her all the time, Squirt, they called her. This made her sad. "Why can't I just be bigger?" she would ask herself. Her mom, overhearing her, thought differently.

"My little seashell," she said, "It's OK that you are smaller than the other octopi. That's what makes you unique."

"Unique?" asked Shelly. "What does that mean?"

Her mom smiled. "Unique means when you're special because you are different, and you being tiny makes you *very* unique!"

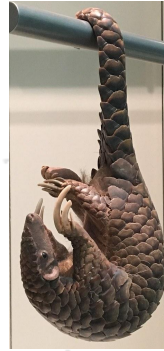


"Really?" asked Shelly.  
"So I'm... Special?"  
"Yes," said her mom.  
"Very, very, special."  
From then on, Shelly didn't care what other people thought. If anyone was mean to her for being tiny, she would say that being different is what makes her special!  
We are all different, that is what makes *us* special!  
THE END



# AMAZING ANIMALS

This section will be dedicated to animals that are not well known to the general population. Each issue will give a profile of a land/air animal and an aquatic (water) animal.



## THE PANGOLIN - Kiera Maki

There are animals all over the world that people don't even know about. For example, the pangolin. They have scales that are made out of the material as our fingernails. Pangolins are being hunted for their meat and scales. It is our job to protect them. They can curl into a ball so predators can't eat them. They eat ants, termites, and larvae. They live in a variety of places. From deserts to rain forests. When they are little they ride on their mothers backs. I love pangolins. They are the cutest.



## THE BLOBFISH - Kristen Jelley

The blobfish. This deep sea dweller is affixed with a permanent scowl (ugly face), and is basically a loose gelatinous sack (bag of goo). It was even named the world's ugliest animal of 2013- The poor guy! The blobfish can live for more than 100 years.



# MACAULAY HEARTBEAT

## THE LOPPET MAKES ITS TRIUMPHANT RETURN

Last year Macaulay started its first annual "Loppet". It was an idea birthed from the mind of Mr. Wolgemuth, where grades 4-8 strap on their cross country skis and race around the school. It was a hit! We continued this year under the leadership of Macaulay's newest addition to the staff, Mrs Murtaugh. Beautiful medals were created as prizes and were on display at the start as motivation. The students took their places to compete and showed the famous Macaulay spirit as they dashed around the course. The kinders and primary kids also took part, in a modified version, where they were pulled around on crazy carpets, in an event called the Reindeer Race. All in all it was a huge success and we hope it will continue for many years to come!

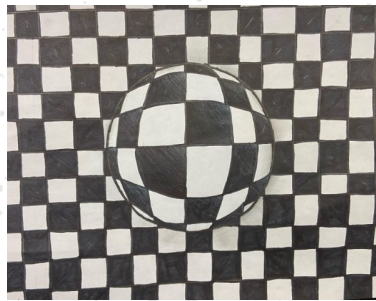
By Julia Traves, Grace Ridgley and Monsieur Lemay

# AWESOME ARTISTS

*A stroll around the school to see all the budding artists and their latest masterpieces.*



Untitled - Mason H. (Gr. 7)



Op Art Sphere - Charlotte H. (Gr. 6)



Dragon - Liam K. (Gr. 4)



Rambunctious Recorders - Lily B (Gr. 2)



Notan - Chaewon Lee, Gr. 2)



Guitar Gators - Carlee S (Gr. 3)

# COMICS CORNER



By Hudson Weening



By Declan Oates

# RIDDLE ME THIS

I have cities but no houses  
Mountains but no trees  
Water but no fish  
What am I?

Answer in the next issue of the Macaulay Gazette

## MOLLY'S TRAVELS

By Molly Wolgemuth

My travels have taken me many places so far. Today, I'll be taking you on an adventure through Vietnam. Vietnam is a country that plants lots of rice. The first place we went to in Vietnam was Mai Chao, a small little town where there are many rice paddies. To plant the rice they have to get a special kind of lawn mower to clear an area then they put water in it to make it muddy. After that, you plant the rice in the mud, then it grows and they harvest it and it turns into rice. Every night we would go to the same place for dinner,



we met A family from Denmark, they had two children Esta and Jonathan. After Mai Chao we went on an Orchid Trendy cruise in Halong Bay. Every day we went on a day trip to an island. My favorite day trip was one where we went to an around a fishing village. Then we took a break at a restaurant.

At the restaurant they had a pond full of fish that would nibble at your feet. They also had a kitten and seven, six week old puppies. They were so adorable. Then we flew to Phang Na where we hiked in caves. And we also hiked the Phang Nha botanical gardens (it was nothing like how it sounds).

We also hiked up a waterfall and saw cool snakes. Then we drove for a few hours to Hue. We went on a tour and we saw the imperial city where the emperor lived. After that we went to Hoi An where we saw the family from Denmark! I loved Vietnam. It had great food and fun things to do. I would definitely come back.



## MACAULAY TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. SLEMIN

In this issue we will be profiling the wonderful long time teacher at Macaulay Public School, Mrs. Slemin. Mrs. Slemin, started her teaching career in 2011, at a little school in Kirkfield, Ontario. She joined our school family six years ago as an intermediate teacher and has not looked back. She has always taught the grade 7/8s. As some of you might not know,

when teachers go through university and work to earn their teaching degree, they have to specialize in specific school subjects. Mrs. Slemin's specialties were math and science. Outside of school, you can find her spending time with her family watching lots of movies, and like any Muskokan, you will often see her hiking and camping our beautiful area.

One of her favourite destinations are the shores of Lake Huron at Sauble beach. Some of her long term professional goals are

to one day teach high school. On a personal note, one of her goals is to take on more challenging hiking adventures such as the Pacific Coast trek. So if you see Mrs. Slemin in the halls, give her a wave and say hello and she will always respond with one of her patented glowing smiles.



By Monsieur Lemay