



# North Beverly Star



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## Special Stars Club Feature Issue

### **Making News**

By The Newspaper Club

The Stars Newspaper Club brings you this first issue of the North Beverly Star to your doorstep. As young reporters we are learning about the parts of a newspaper, how to conduct an interview, and the five w's of a well-written story. We also realize that knowing how to type sure would come in handy. It takes a lot of patience and hard work to publish a newspaper. We hope you appreciate this first issue

### **Students Become Scientists**

By Dalia Agudelo

The Science Club is mostly about science and experiments. Students work together in groups of four. Today everyone is working on weighing things using a scale that looks like a seesaw.

"I like the Science Club because we get to make cool stuff," said Alex Alves.

"This club is the best because we do experiments," said Michael Ballentine.

### **Leader Tells About American Girl Club**

By Rebecca Jones & Megan Carroll

Mrs. Leighton leads 18 students in the study of Kirsten, a pioneer girl, in the American Girl Doll Club. Students work on crafts from Kirsten's time period of the 1800's. Mrs. Leighton has

two daughters, which is why she decided to be a teacher for the American Girl Doll Club.

"I like the American Girl Club because we get to make yarn dolls and paint wooden spoons," explained Emma MacAlpine.

"I wanted to learn about the history of American Girl dolls," said Rachel Wiley. "That's why I joined the club."

### **It's All About Building**

By Chris Lewis

Kids are always building to a new theme in the Lego Construction Club. Students work in groups to build something that goes with the current theme like space, city, or the ocean.

"I just love Legos," Sam Bigus said, when asked what inspires you.

### **Relaxing with Yoga**

By Mike Lepore

Students, kindergarten through second grade, relax their bodies for school in the Yoga Club. Under the direction of Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Rowe students learn to exercise their brain, which helps them think positive for the week. Yoga also gives them more oxygen for their bodies.

### **Kickboxing for Exercise**

By Robby Rowe

10-year-old Michael and 8-year-old Hannah are in a class of 21 students learning the rigorous sport of kickboxing for exercise in the Kickboxing Club. Hannah's favorite move is the sidekick, while Michael prefers another karate-like move. Originating in Japan, kickboxing is the sport of using martial-arts-style kicks and boxing-style punches to defeat an opponent in a similar way to that of standard boxing. Mrs. Hannon and Mrs. Smith are teaching students how to use the moves of kickboxing to exercise their entire bodies.

### **Writing & Publishing Fairy Tales**

By Megan Carroll

The students in Dr. Galinski's Fabulous Fairy Tales Club are learning first hand what it takes to write, create, and publish a fairy tale. Students work in groups to create their own stories starting from creating the story board, to writing the story, figuring out what props will be needed to take photos to accompany their stories, taking the photos, and then making the story and photos work together on the computer. Very high tech.

"I want to be an author and illustrator one day, that's why I joined the Fabulous Fairy Tales Club," explained Grace Bigus.

### **Puzzling Out Puzzle Making**

By Allia Parianos

Making pieces come together into all sorts interesting creations is what the students in the Jigsaw Puzzle Club are experts at doing. Stephen Serino doesn't just put together puzzles he enjoys making puzzles for his friends to do. Stephen explained that to make a puzzle you first sketch what you want it to be, color it, cut out the pieces, and package put the pieces to keep or give away.

### **Practicing Fire Safety**

By Jake Viel

The students in the Fire Injury and Prevention Club have been very busy learning about how to get out of a fire safely. To aid in learning fire safety words students play hang man.

"My favorite part about the club is learning about the first aid needed if someone is burned or suffers from smoke inhalation," said Matt Jones. "There is a lot to know."

### **Challenging Minds with Everyday Math Games**

By Paul Edson

Math becomes a game in the Everyday Math Games Club.

"My favorite game is I'm The Greatest, because I always win." said Alise Burgess. "I like this club because my friend Jill and I get to be a team in the games we play and she is always very helpful."

All of the students are busy but having fun.

### **Students Learn to Knit**

By Michaela Frangos and Alana Gabriel

We spoke to Emily Zieff and Noelle Erikson, two students in the Knitting Club:

"I joined because my mom learned to how to knit," explained Emily. "The hardest thing is that the yarn keeps getting into knots. At times it seems hard and then easy."

"I love the Knitting Club," said Noelle. "It seemed hard at first, then the more you do it, the easier it becomes."

The Knitting Club first made bracelets and then scarves.

### **No Time to be Bored, in Board Games**

By John Hannon

Mrs. Ploszay is the leader of the Board Games Club, in which students K-2 challenge each other to all sorts of different games.

"I like playing the game, Sorry," explained Dylan Zocco.

### **Board Games Blast is a Real Blast**

By Tim Geary

Mrs. Scott is the leader of the Board Games Blast Club, in which students in grades 3-5 play a variety of games. They have a lot of fun and they work well together.

"I like a lot of the games but my three favorite are Othello, Sorry, and Monopoly," explained Chris Cole.

"I like a lot of games too, but my two favorite are Othello and Sorry," said Ian Alpine.

Both Chris and Ian are really glad to be in this amazing club. Board Game Blast is a blast!

### **Awesome Cooking from the Healthy Cooking Club**

By Alana Gabriel and Michaela Frangos

What's the best way to try new foods? Join the Health Cooking Club and make some yummy treats yourself.

"I like to cook, that's why I joined the club" explained Aubrey Whitalver. "When I'm at home I cook steak with my mom. My favorite thing about the cooking club was the hot chocolate."

"I joined this club because I wanted to learn how to cook," said David Gabriel. "At home I make cupcakes, cakes and frosting. My favorite food that we made during the club was waffles."

The students in the club agreed that food tastes even better when you can make it yourself.

### **It's all in the Swing**

By Jillian Seaboyer

Students are getting into the swing of golfing in Mr. Daly's Golf Club. Students have been busy practicing proper stance and follow through to hit the ball and get more distance from every swing. All of the students are very focused and busy trying to get their bodies in the right position and watch their golf balls each time they tee up. With the onset of winter it will be time to put the clubs away until spring. All of the students have learned a lot from Mr. Daly.

### **Healthy Kids Club**

By Alana Gabriel and  
Michaela Frangos

“I joined the Healthy Kids Club because I wanted to know how to be healthy,” explained Claire Knott. “I learned all of the food groups and what’s healthy to eat in each of them. Getting healthy is easy.”

“I joined the Healthy Kids Club so I could be healthy,” said Mai MacInnis. “We learn about healthy eating from a movie and coloring pictures.”

### **Waste Free Wednesdays Organized by the Green Team**

By Ariana Brown, Allia Parianos &  
Megan Carroll

The Green Team is busy learning about recycling so they can spread the word to fellow students, family, and everyone they know. This team has been busy making posters communicating the good of recycling and coordinating a Waste Free Wednesdays, day focused on collecting as many items as possible for recycling.

“I want Waste Free Wednesdays to be every Wednesday,” said Sydney Wiley, a member of the Green Team. “I like helping the environment and learning about recycling, all while having fun.”

### **Kids Gone Global**

By Madeline Peck

The kids in room D61 have gone global! The Pen Pals Around the World Club is lead by Mrs. Repp, who I interviewed for the inside scoop.

“In the Pen Pals Around the World Club, all of the children write letters

and learn about cultures,” explained Mrs. Repp.

“Just a couple weeks ago we made Chinese hackey-sacks! We get together and we talk about a culture and discuss the letters we receive. Our Pen Pals tell us that they write to several different countries. Right now we write to Holland, China, and England. This club absolutely helps students over seas learn about our holidays and our cultures.”

“I am writing to a kid, Frank, from Australia and two kids Ethan and Courtney from England,” explained Alex Dantone. “My favorite activity was using chopsticks. It was messy but fun!”

### **Babies in Room D62?!**

By Madeline Peck

The fifth grade girls in room D62 are goo-goo for baby-sitting! I was lucky enough to grab an interview with their director, Mrs. Morency. Mrs. Morency says the purpose of their club is to help mothers who volunteer, by taking care of their kids so they can lead Stars Clubs. She explained that the club is only for fifth graders because they have a better understanding of safety and a little more patience. Mrs. Morency also explains that her favorite part of the Stars Club is meeting all of the cute babies.

“I think this club will help me in my future, explains Callie Donovan. “I love working with the babies. They are so cute and playful!”

### **Creative Projects from the Arts & Crafts Club**

By Matthew Gomes

A bird feeder, a dream catcher, a skeleton, and painted rocks—there’s no end to the creativity coming from the Arts & Crafts Club.

Kabi Wellington and Remy Normand really like this club because it is so much fun.

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