
Indian Cultural Association

Kaleidoscope

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Artwork By Anish Premnath | Grade 6

Foreward

Kaleidoscope-a hub of our young ICA-ites to tap into their imagination, a place to explore and celebrate through STEAM activities targeted towards K-12. Anyone beyond is always welcome to participate. This initiative cannot be a success without the encouragement of parents, so, humbly request your enthusiasm and support.

The magazine will be a bi-monthly publication with artifacts from our young community along with some updates from ICA. Email communication will be sent for other activities part of Kaleidoscope. Please feel free to share your comments and suggestions.
Look forward to a fun journey together!
~ICA Committee



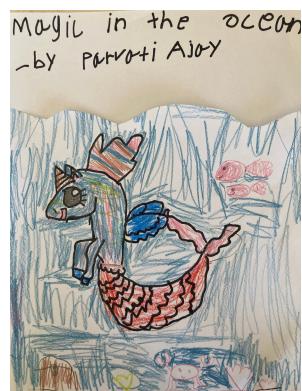
Artwork By Prisha Ghosh | Grade 4

Short Stories

The Squirrel Family

That night there was a squirrel, and the eggs were inside the tree hole. The eggs were not safe. So, the mom went at the place where the baby eggs were. But in the morning the eggs hatched. So, the dad came and was happy to find the mom protecting their baby eggs. But again, next night there was thunderstorm. And there was thunder thunder and rumble rumble. So, the dad stayed with the mom. The End.

Author-Sharvil Banerjee Singh |Grade-PreK.



Artwork by Parvati Ajay |Grade 2

A Fairy Good Dino Dream

I'm in a dream and I am biking with my dad. Suddenly, I see a sparkle...it was Fairy Dust! I followed the dust to a hole in a tree. I looked inside and guess what I saw? A REAL LIFE, VERY SMALL FAIRY! The fairy smiled and said, "Hi! I am Penelope, the Pink Fairy! If you want to come in, I could make you smaller." I wasn't hesitant, I just gasped and said, 'Yes!'

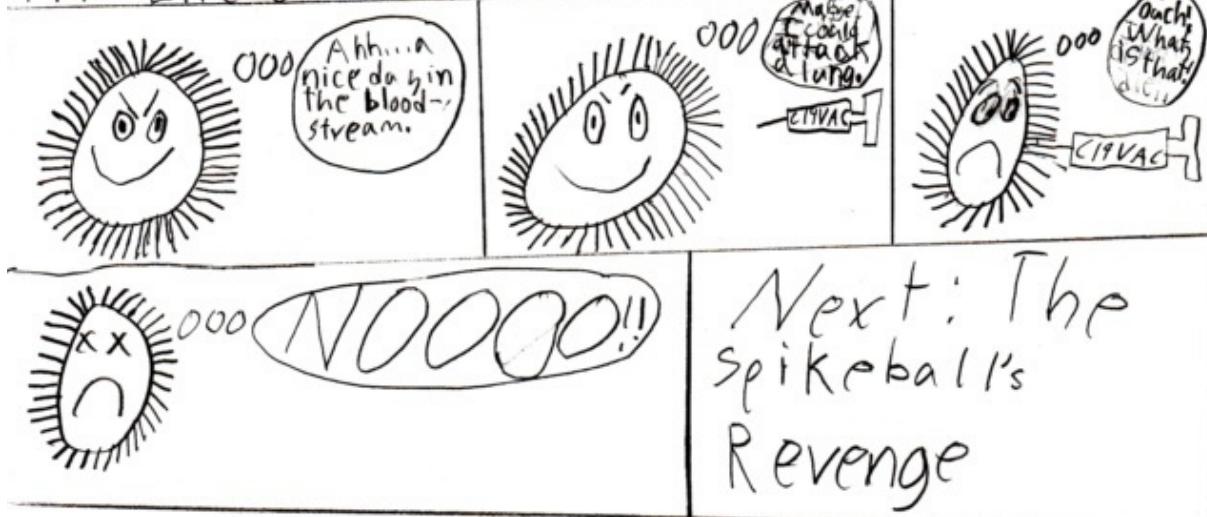
Penelope made me smaller and led me to the hole. By small, I mean tiny, she made me a fairy!

"Come on, I will take you to my sister. Penelope said gleefully. Polly! Penelope said. "I'm right here sis!" Another fairy was standing in front of me. "Hi, I am Polly, the purple fairy!"

I said, "Hi, my name is Parvati". "PPP!" we all said at the same time. Suddenly, we heard a loud squawk. A Compsognathus was at the entrance of the tree! Polly said, 'Compy, is our smallest dinosaur friend who loves to give us rides on his back'. "Giddy up!" giggled Penelope. We rode until I could hear the rushing waves of the ocean or wait! was that my mom brushing her teeth? With half-opened eyes, I saw my fairy and dino toys grinning at me and thought to myself what a fairy good dino dream that was. The End!

Author-Parvati Ajay |Grade 2

The Life of Covid-19



Comic Strip by Arnabh Swamy

Local Diaries

Blaze Pizza

There are multiple pizza places in Ames but the one that surpasses all others is Blaze pizza. It has multiple food choices like the build your own pizza where you can see exactly what you are getting. Blaze also has great desserts, they have smores pies and gooey chocolate chip cookies. Also, the service is very fast. Another thing about Blaze is their drinks. They have delicious regular lemonade and blood orange lemonade. But it is not all unicorns and rainbows even though they eliminated straws there is still a lot of plastic in their disposable containers and silverware or should I say plasticware ☺. But on a happier note, I loved my meal the Caesar salad was incredible and so was my pizza. All in all, I would like to give blaze pizza 4.5 out of 5 stars.

By Arya Sharma | Grade 5



Blaze Pizza, Ames



The Cafe

The Cafe has been part of my life ever since I can remember. Any celebrations, family visits, or even our weekend breakfasts are not complete without a visit to the Cafe. From devouring their kid's menu, I have graduated to enjoying their main menu and I must say - those are delish!! I would highly recommend trying their 'After 5' entrees and my mouth is watering already- the finest local ingredients!! If you have a sweet tooth, Cafe is pure heaven. Going on an evening walk with my family, grabbing their creme brulee, and sitting on the patio enjoying the same has become a family ritual and a cherished memory. Your visit or even stay in Ames is not accomplished without going to the Cafe. So, run eat local and enjoy!!

By Anika Banerjee | Grade 6



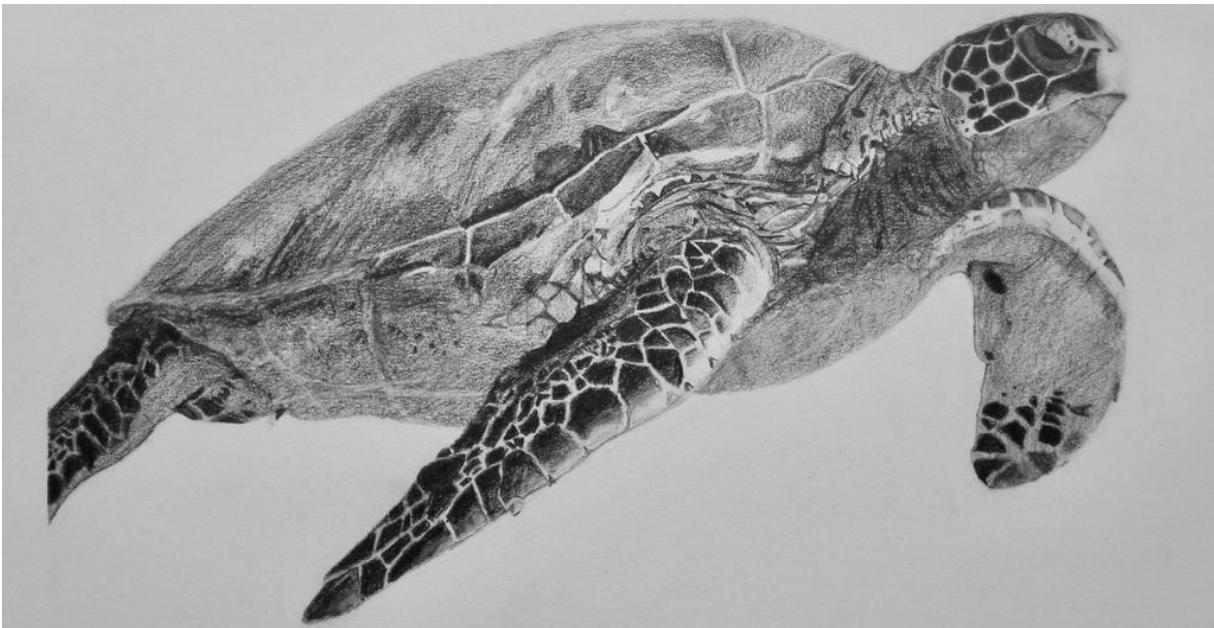
Breakfast at Cafe



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Artwork By Aadi Ghosh | Grade 8



Artwork By Varsha Premnath | Grade 3

ICA Updates

Membership Drive

A successful membership drive was held at Alluvial in Ames clubbed with Halloween-themed activities for kids and a Garba nite.



Holiday Party

The holiday season was celebrated with the community with a holiday party twined with all things celebration-A Secret Santa, Karaoke, Homemade Cupcakes and loads of chitter-chatter, and of course, a food coma!!



Upcoming Events

Family Night - February 19, 2022

- Cook-Off
- Kids Baking Challenge
- Dumb Charades

Talent Nite 2022 - April 2, 2022

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