

# Soaring Eagle Presents:

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# School

September 2013



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# Our Editors:



Skyler M.

Avneet

Kimberly

Saveya

Caitlyn

Bianca

# To begin our year, we decided to check in with a few teachers, and see what we could learn about THEM!

## Mr. Olesiak's Interview

By: Joey S.  
Grade 5

1. What's your favorite color?  
Purple.
2. What's your favorite place to go?  
Michigan.
3. How long have you been a janitor?  
21 years.
4. What's your favorite food?  
Pizza.
5. What's your favorite sport?  
Hockey.
6. What's your favorite animal?  
Dogs.
7. What do you do on the weekend?  
Rides his motorcycle.
8. Who are the people in your family?  
2 sons, a wife, a dog, a granddaughter, and another granddaughter on the way!

## Mrs. Borsellino's Interview

By: Gia and Eliana  
Grade 5

1. What's your favorite color(s)?  
Pink and purple.
2. What's your favorite Book?  
The Giving Tree.
3. Do you think this school year will go well?  
Yes.
4. Where have you gone to vacation?  
Italy.
5. Do you have any pets?  
No.
6. What is your favorite movie?  
Brave.
7. What is your favorite food?  
Pizza.
8. What's your favorite roller coaster?  
Batman.
9. What's your favorite day of the week?  
Sunday, because I can see family.
10. What's your favorite clothes?  
Comfy clothes.
11. What's your favorite dessert?  
Brownie sundae.

**Encouraged**

**Really fun!**

**I love it**

**Cool!**

**Kindergarteners are cool**

**Sweet**

**cOoperative**

**Never mean**

Charles  
Grade 3



## Mrs. Conway's Interview

1. What is your favorite color?  
Green!
2. What is your favorite animal?  
Duffy her dog!
3. Where is your favorite place to go?  
(short distance)  
Lake Geneva!
4. What is your favorite food?  
Soup and Salad from Panera!
5. What is your favorite sport?  
Soccer!
6. What were you doing on 9/11?  
Teaching and protecting all the students.

By: Nina, Danielle, and Joey  
Grade 5

## Interview with Mrs. Bucci

By Ella and Paige  
Grade 3

Mrs. Bucci went to Mackinac island with Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Uppling.

Mrs. Bucci also went to Michigan to visit her son and daughter in-law.

Mrs. Bucci also met a former student, Natallia, at a book store. She read many history books.

Mrs. Bucci also took her dog for a walk many times.

She also went to school to help her teaching.

## Miss Cockerham's Interview

By: Jack and Aidan  
Grade 3

Q: What is your favorite board game?

A: Trouble

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Otters

Q: What is your favorite song?

A: Roar by: Katy Perry

Q: What is your favorite book/series?

A: The Giving Tree

Q: What is your favorite store?

A: Forever 21

Q: What's your favorite place to go on vacation?

A: Italy

Q: What's your favorite ride at Cedar Point?

A: Top Thrill Dragster

## School!!!

Gurneet (Grade 4)  
Caitlyn and Bianca (Grade5)

School, School, School! I am away from the pool.

School, School, School! It's the first day of school.

School, School, School! My teachers are very cool!

School, School, School! I hope I'm not a fool!

School, School, School! My knowledge is as special as a jewel!



## How To Survive the Whole School Year!

By: Charles  
Grade 3

This is how to survive the whole school year in some steps. First, you have to pay attention and never get distracted because if you do, you might have to stay in for recess! Second, never turn in your homework late or else you will get in trouble. Third, never give up, if you keep trying you'll ace that test!

If you follow all of the rules above, you will be a super student!

Back to school, back to school

We have fun and we learn, too

When we walk in we see our new  
principal, we see our new teachers.

**SCHOOL ROCKS!!**

By: Jenna and Mia



## School By Joey S. Grade 5

Starting a new school year.

Cool teachers you can have.

History, math, science, and spelling that  
you'll learn.

Oh! Have homework and schoolwork to  
work on.

Oh yeah! You can play at recess with  
your friends.

Living a life in a new school year.

Come on eagles!

Back to school!

lets be regale,

and follow the rules!

Go to the stores for supplies,

pencils,

markers,

scissors,

Lets be thankful for the creators,

we'll serve our teachers apples,

use kind manners,

we'll admire our new desks,

and nail our work like a hammer!

Now the school year just begun.

Now lets wait for the ending to come!

Samuel  
Grade 4



## Mrs. Conway's A.M. Class

I Like Coming to Erickson because...

Nicole

I like school because we have work time and I learn Jolly Phonics.

Nathan

I love library because you get 2 new books each week.

Lucas

Music is great because we dance and play instruments.

Joshua

Activity Time is fun because it has toys.

Kallie

I like to go to Art because we paint different things and I love my Jolly Phonics homework.

Dakota

I like to learn new things like reading.

Natalia

I love Gym because you get to run around.

Annabelle

I like to read about puppies and frogs.

Luka

I like working because it is fun and we color with smelly markers.

Emily

I love my room because of all the stuffed animals.

Andrew

I like that I can play with Legos and build monsters.

Kameron

Gym is fun because you get to run around and play with bowling pins.

Kiran

Gym is great because we run to cool music.

Dominick

I like playing in the gym because we play soccer.

Mohammad

I like school because I draw cats.

Juliana

I love work time because I love to draw and learn.

Tashi

I like to run in gym because I am fast.

Nicholas

I like coming into the kindergarten class.

Kaidyn

I like to play with teddy bears.

Madison

I get to learn about the letter 'W'.

Gabriella

I love Mrs. Conway because she teaches me the world.



## Mrs. Conway's P.M. Class

I Like Coming to Erickson because...

Hadi

Erickson is fun because of Activity Time.

Kevin

I like going to Kindergarten because it makes me feel happy and bigger.

Nicholas John

I like doing the work time.

Milica

School makes me happy.

Shrina

I like to play with my new friends at school.

Allison

I like to be in school with my teacher to learn.

Maha

I like to learn the ABC's.

Sophia

I like to learn how to do letters.

Dora

I really like Music because of the many instruments.

Michael

I like Gym because I run around the big room.

Ty

I like playing and drawing.

Rose

I am a good listener and a good friend.

Matthew

I like the Jolly Phonics songs.

Nick A.

I like being a Top Apple.

Nicholas

I like to run around the big gym.

Eshaan

I like to be nice to my friends.

Jake

I like gym because I can run around with music.

Emma

I like reading math books.

Adi

I like math and work time.

Mrs. Rosenzweig's Interview  
By: Reagan and Alyza  
Grade 3

We interviewed Mrs. Rosenzweig, and she was extremely fun to interview. Here are some of the questions we asked her.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Pink

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Penguins (Waddle Waddle!)



Q: What was a fun thing you did this summer?

A: I loved going to Niagara Falls this summer.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Chicken pot pie (Yummy!)

Q: What is your favorite drink?

A: Diet Coke

Q: What is your favorite school?

A: Erickson Elementary, of course!

Q: What is your favorite number?

A: 14

Isn't Mrs. Rosenzweig cool?

Soaring eagle is fun!

Character counts is good!

Having fun seeing my friends again!

On my desk piles of homework!

Oh the things we have to learn!

Like my new teacher!

By: Lauren, Taylor, Skyler

Grade 4

School

By Zohair, Grade 3

School is fun. When Summer vacation starts, I miss school, but it always comes back. My favorite subject in school is math because I can compose and decompose numbers. I also like Science because I like old things like fossils. Social Studies is also good because I like learning about presidents and important people, but most of all I love my teachers.

School, school, its super cool.

You learn and burn, in your brain.

So, so, hot, that its caught in a pot,  
that's boiling red now.

Raise your hand, we don't demand.

Now get out of the pool and get to school.

Charles

Grade 3





## My Interview With Mr. Ryan

By: Jack

Grade 3

Q: What's your favorite color?

A: Blue

Q: What's your favorite animal?

A: Dog, because my only pet I have now is a dog.

Q: Are you planning anything special in gym this year?

A: Well, every year gym teachers from different states have a meeting and talk about different things they have been doing in gym.

Q: What's your favorite book?

A: My favorite books are the Hunger Games series. Books 1, 2, and 3.

Q: Are you and other teachers planning any new things or changes to the school?

A: Well, a big change is that there is a new principal because I've been working with Dr. Markgraf for a long time. But nothing else I know of.



## How I Want To Change the School

By: Charles

Grade 3

The first thing I want to change is: you can only receive homework on Fridays because having homework every day is too much! But, a little homework is good.

The second thing the school should change is: At recess you should be able to choose which playground you play on because different people like different equipment than others.

Those were the 2 things that I want to change about school.



# Mrs. Knapstein's Interview

By: Lauren

Grade 4



Q: What's your favorite color?

A: Purple.

Q: What's your favorite sport?

A: Soccer.

Q: Do you socialize outside of school with other teachers?

A: Yes! When I go to Lorado Taft, I played on an indoor soccer team with Miss Albig, and I go out to dinner with other teachers.

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: Frozen yogurt with toppings.

Q: What's your favorite book [s]?

A: The Hunger Games series.

Q: What's your favorite movie?

A: The Lion King.

Q: What's your favorite TV show?

A: Downtown Abby.

Q: What's your favorite board game?

A: The Game of Life.

Q: What's your favorite store?

A: Target "because I get everything there."

Q: What are the names of people in your family?

A: Mom, Dad, older brother Jason, and my husband Michael.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: No.

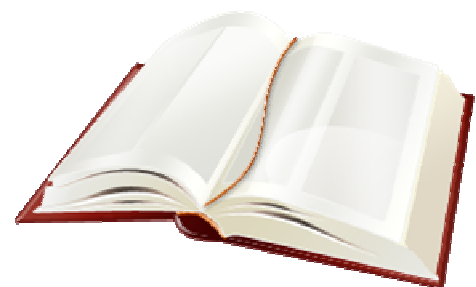
Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Reading and running, "when I have time"

Q: What's your favorite song?

A: Glamorous by Fergie

Fun Fact:  
Mrs. Knapstein is going back to school to become a reading specialist like Dr. Niemiec.



## Mrs. Stankoskey's Interview

By: Zohair  
Grade 3



Mrs. Stankoskey's favorite animal is skunks. This summer she went to Mackinac Island. Mrs. Stankoskey also attended her brother's wedding in Michigan, and has been teaching for more than 24 years. Mrs. Stankoskey played tennis when she was younger and loves teaching. Did you know she likes pizza and writing? Last but not least, Mrs. Stankoskey's favorite baseball team is the Chicago Cubs and her favorite soccer player is her daughter, Sarah Stankoskey.

## School Acrostic Poem

By: Jack  
Grade 3



**S**tudents are smart

**C**ool teachers everywhere!

**H**ope for a great year!

**O**ptimistic kids and teachers

**O**pen for learning

**L**earning is fun!

## An Interview of Mrs. Atchison

By: Nikki and Kendall  
Grade 5 and Grade 3

*What is your favorite food?*  
Chocolate chip cookies



*What is your favorite book?*  
The Giving Tree

*How is my brother doing in you class?*  
Shawn is a shining star!

*What is your favorite drink?*  
Raspberry Ice Tea

*What is your favorite subject?*  
Science

*What is your favorite time of day?*  
I enjoy the night because I get to put on my flannel friends!

## An Interview with Mrs. O'Connor

What is your favorite color?

Blue

What is your favorite food?

That's a tough question because I like all kinds of food!

What's your favorite hobby?

Bike riding with Mr. O'Connor on the bike trails by my house.



Why did you become a teacher?

I wanted to be a teacher because I love working with kids.

How long have you been a teacher?

I have been teaching in Bloomingdale for 31 years.

Are you married?

Yes

Do you have any kids?

I have two kids, Iain and Meghan.

What grades do you teach?

This year I work with kindergarten, fourth and fifth grades.



What is your favorite subject to teach?

I really enjoy teaching reading.

What do you love about Erickson?

Erickson has awesome students and an excellent staff.

What is your favorite restaurant?

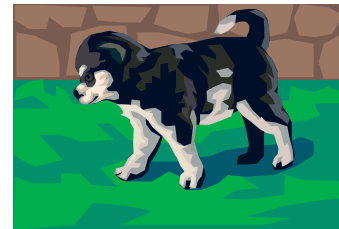
I like many different kinds but I really enjoy going to Thai restaurants.

Interviewed by Sammie and Charmi Grade 5

## All About Miss Patla

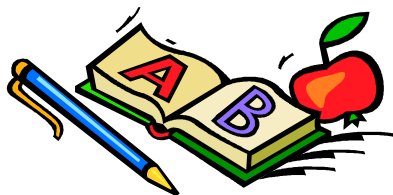
Her favorite color is purple.  
Did you know that she coaches cheerleading?  
Miss Patla loves homemade brownies, sushi, and Cherry Coke.  
She loves to be organized.  
Miss Patla loves puppies.

By: Nikki and Eliana  
Grade 5



Smart  
Caring  
Happy  
Optimistic  
Original  
Laughter

By: Aidan  
Grade 3



## All About Mrs. Sliwa By: Nikki and Eliana Grade 5

- Her favorite color is pink.
- She loves to scrapbook.
- Mrs. Sliwa's favorite food is Mexican,
- and her favorite sport is football.
- Did you know she had Mrs. Stankoskey for 3rd grade?
- She does not like orange and grape flavoring.
- This is her first year of teaching 3rd grade.
- Hope you learned something.

## Fun Facts about Mrs. Gajewski By: Julianna, Taylor and Angelina Grade 4

What is Mrs. Gajewski's favorite animal?

- Dolphin and Yorkshire Terrier

How many kids does Mrs. Gajewski have?

- 2 boys

What did she do on summer break?

- Mrs. Gajewski went to Great America, Oak Street Beach, and a boat ride on Lake Michigan.

What kind of food does she like?

- Italian food, homemade foods and sushi
- Did you know her favorite symbol is the yin-yang??
- In her free time, Mrs. Gajewski loves to bake and clean!
- WOW...Mrs. Gajewski has been teaching for 27 years. She loves teaching history and reading.



Interview of Mrs. Volkman  
By: Haley and Gurneet  
Grade 4

Q: What is the baby's name?

A: It's a secret...but it's a boy!

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Purple

Q: How do you like sharing a classroom with Mrs. Guge?

A: Its nice because half of the week I can spend time with my children and the other half I can teach.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

A: Math



Q: Who was your favorite teacher?

A: My favorite teacher was my high school social studies teacher.

Q: What was your favorite thing to do this summer?

A: I enjoyed spending time with my son, Kaden.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: I like cats a lot.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: I like to dance (tap, ballet).



Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

A: California Pizza Kitchen

All About Miss Motto

By: Kimberly, Skyler, and Journi  
Grade 5

Miss Motto grew to love the game of football ever since she was a little girl. Miss Motto was taught the game of football at age 5 by her dad. The Packers were on and at first she liked the Packers because of the colors and then because of how they played.

Miss Motto has been teaching for 2 and a half years. Miss Motto has 9 fish and a snail named Turbo. Miss Motto's favorite baseball team is the White Sox. Miss Motto grew up in Alsip, IL. Miss Motto's favorite genre of music is Country, and her favorite country artists are Brad Paisley and Tim McGraw. Her favorite actress is Meryl Streep. Miss Motto said that if she had one wish she would meet her dad's mom. If Miss Motto could go back in time she would like to go back to the 1950's.



## **An Interview with Mrs. Cherrie**

**By: Kimberly, Skyler, and Journi  
Grade 5**

- Mrs. Cherrie has been teaching for 32 years.
- Mrs. Cherrie's favorite projects are sculptures, ceramics, and drawing/ painting. Mrs. Cherrie volunteers at WDSRA, which is a school for those with special needs. Mrs. Cherrie's favorite project every year is the plaster masks.
- Mrs. Cherrie's favorite color is Blue-Violet.
- Mrs. Cherrie wanted to be a art teacher ever since an artist came to her art class in 4th grade.
- If Mrs. Cherrie could go back in time she would go back to the 80's because that's when she had her children and started teaching here at Erickson.
- Mrs. Cherrie grew up in Saudi Arabia and moved here at age 15.
- Mrs. Cherrie has no brothers or sisters.
- Mrs. Cherrie wanted to be a art teacher or a graphic arts drawer.
- Her favorite kind of art is print making and painted pictures.
- Mrs. Cherrie would like to meet Monet.
- Mrs. Cherrie wishes that people would get along.
- Mrs. Cherrie's favorite paintings are up on the wall.
- Mrs. Cherrie like the Cubs and the Bears.
- Mrs. Cherrie wants to learn how to make jewelry.
- Mrs. Cherrie said that everyone has great projects.



**E**rickson  
**E**lementary = **E**xcellent  
Education

We interviewed Mrs. Guge and asked her 20 questions.

Here are the 20 answers we have to share!

By: Avneet and Saveya

Grade 5

1. How does it feel coming back after a year?

It feels wonderful to be back with students.

2. What is your favorite color?

Sky Blue

3. What is your favorite food?

Desserts like brownies and ice cream

4. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Peanut Butter Panic

5. Where were you born?

Elk Grove Village (IL)

6. What's your favorite book?

The Bible

7. What is your favorite sport?

Soccer

8. What is your favorite day of the week? Why?

Saturday because I do something special with my family.

9. What is your favorite thing to do with your family?

Take a walk to the park

10. Which subject do you like teaching?

Writing

11. Who was your favorite teacher as a kid? Why?

Mr. Morley because he made me learn how to think.

12. What was your favorite subject as a kid? Why?

My favorite subject was reading because I LOVE to read!

13. What was your favorite grade? Why?

12th grade because I loved to play on the soccer team and I had my senior trip that year.

14. Why did you want to become a teacher?

I love working with kids and watching them.

15. Where did you go over the summer?

Raging Waves Waterpark!

16. Which do you prefer: Pen or Pencil? Why?

I prefer pencil because I like to erase and make my writing neat.

17. What is your favorite month?

June

18. What is your favorite restaurant?

Maggiano's

19. What things do you look forward to this year?

Watching the students apply what they learn.

20. Why do you like Erickson Elementary?

I love the students and teachers!





## Mrs. Johnston's Interview

By: Taylor, Skyler, Julianna and Gurneet  
Grade 4

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Purple

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Pizza

Q: How many years have you worked at Erickson?

A: 14 years

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: Social Studies

Q: Where do you live?

A: Carol Stream

Q: What can you tell us about your family?

A: I am married. I have 1 daughter, 2 step children, and a son on the way!

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Remember the Titans

Q: When is your birthday?

A: November 21<sup>st</sup>



## Getting To Know Mr. Haugens!

By: Kimberly, Skyler, and Journi  
Grade 5

### *More About Mr. Haugens*

Mr. Haugens' first and last name is Patrick Haugens. Mr. Haugens grew up in Peoria Illinois. Mr. Haugens said that he has 3 kids, there is Layne who is 3, Addison who is 2, and little Liam who is only 7 weeks old. Mr. Haugens has 1 brother.

Mr. Haugens likes playing golf and watching football. Mr. Haugens' favorite teacher was Mr. Diaz. During the Super Bowl last year Mr. Haugens was rooting for the 49ers. Now Mr. Haugens lives in South Elgin, Illinois.

### *Mr. Haugens The Principal*

Mr. Haugens used to be a principal at Springfield ,IL. Mr. Haugens decided to be a principal here because the job came open and because of the great kids, staff and the excellent reputation of the Academic Excellence Award. Mr. Haugens got the pledge from the district beliefs. Mr. Haugens is in touch with Dr. Markgraf; they call and email. When they talk, Dr. Markgraf asks how we're doing. Mr. Haugens said he will try to tell jokes and be funny like Dr. Markgraf.

