



# The Daily Whale



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## Principal's Message

By Mrs. Chadwick

Winter is a strange time in New Jersey, isn't it? One day we've got a foot of snow and a few days later the sun is shining and it's 60 degrees! Some lessons we can learn from nature are to be flexible, to be prepared, and to enjoy each day.

Being flexible means adapting to new situations and attempting new things. It might be time to taste a new food or try a new sport. Being prepared for the weather could mean wearing the proper clothes or having a flashlight.

What can *you* do to be better prepared in your everyday life (homework, getting your clothes ready for school)? Finally, while you can prepare for the future, live in the moment. Build a snow fort or play soccer in a tee shirt & shorts...whatever the day brings. Enjoy being your age, have fun, be safe, and do what you can to help others. Yes, there's a lot we can learn from Old Man Winter!

## PTA News

You'd never know from the blanket of snow on the ground, but spring is around the corner. Looking back to January & February, we'd like to recognize those parents who helped make BINGO Night, Family Fun Night, Jump Rope for Heart and this year's Science Share a great success! We couldn't do it without your help!

### Events Coming Up:

- PTA Meeting - Tues., March 10th at 7:30pm
- Variety Show - Fri., March 20th, 7pm at Thorne

For more information on these and other events, please visit our website at: [www.middlestownk12.org/newmonmouth](http://www.middlestownk12.org/newmonmouth)

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## Artist's Alley



## Jump Rope for Heart - 2009

Jump rope for heart is a fund-raiser that New Monmouth students participate in to raise money for the American Heart Association. This year Jump Rope for Heart was held on Friday, February 13, 2009. It is a day of jumping rope all different ways. The students get to exercise and raise money at the same time. This year we raised about \$10,329! This is more than we have ever raised before! Ms. McCall also earned \$750 towards new gym equipment for New Monmouth School!

There were several different rope jumping stations. Some of the jumping that we did was forward and backward, ski jump, the double-dutch, partner jump, crossover, long

jump roping, and skip roping. This year there were two new stations, one of them was called the long jump. At the long jump station you had to bend your knees, swing your arms and jump to see how far out you could jump. The other new station was what I like to call run and jump. You write your name on a post it, run up to the wall, jump and stick the post-it to the wall to see how high you could jump. Then finally, there is always a fruit and water station. Everyone looks forward to the break! Thanks to Miss McCall, we were able to have this wonderful event. Many moms came from each class to help out too. In the end I think many people enjoyed it, and we raised a lot of money for a great cause!

## Video Game Review: Boom Blox for Wii

The object of Boom Blox is to advance through levels to unlock characters and toys, like baseballs and the six-shooter. You play as yourself.

In level one, The Gem Tower, you have to knock down a tower to get nine gem blocks to the ground. You have the baseball as a toy, and you have to throw it at the gems to knock them down.

There are two vanishing blocks in this level. Depending on how many throws you use, or how much time you use, you get points. Here's a tip: you have to aim a little bit below the lower vanishing block

to knock down all nine gems in one throw. Once you have knocked down all the blocks, you can advance to the next level.

However, it isn't as easy as it seems. There are obstacles like bomb blocks, chemical blocks, and invincible blocks that can get in your way. Some blocks are so annoying, sometimes they can even stop a chain of chemical explosions. You can see that in the level called Rampart Ruin.

There are four different levels in all, with three sections each. Then there are levels within the sections. So you

could play for hours and still not have the three sections of level one complete. You can even create your own stages.

This game is rated E-10, for comic mischief. You can play by yourself, or with three other friends or family members. It's a fun game that puts a smile on everyone's face. I would definitely recommend it.

## Movie Review: Hotel for Dogs

If you love dogs, then go see Hotel For Dogs. If you don't love dogs, then go see Hotel For Dogs. It is such a cute movie, that if you are dog lover or not you will still love it.

Hotel For Dogs is about two kids that save stray dogs. The stars of the movie

are Emma Roberts and Jake T. Austin. They were very funny and should get an Oscar for their work in this movie.

The dogs in this movie were just so cute. I know every kid that sees this movie will beg their parents to buy them a dog. I hope they make a part 2, and call it Hotel For Cats. I love cats!

### Winter Acrostic

Freezing snow gently falling.  
Racing down the hill on sleds.  
Outside playing in the snow.  
Snowball fight!  
Thinking of warming up.  
You and I drinking hot chocolate.

## Interview: "Mr. Mike" Quilty

**Q:** How long have you worked at New Monmouth School?

**A:** 2 Years.

**Q:** What is your favorite part about working here?

**A:** Working with the kids and teachers.

**Q:** How many custodians work at New Monmouth?

**A:** There are four custodians in all.

**Q:** How long does it take to clean the school after the kids leave?

**A:** It takes between 6 & 7 hours depending on after school activities.

**Q:** What is your favorite song to

sing?

**A:** My favorite song to sing is "Proud to be an American".

**Q:** Have you ever thought of trying out for American Idol?

**A:** Yes, I was in a contest like that at the Elks Lodge and won 1st prize.

**Q:** Do you like sports? Which ones?

**A:** I enjoy Softball, hockey and football

**Q:** What are your favorite teams?

**A:** I am a fan of the New York Giants and the New York Rangers.

**Q:** What do you like to do when you are not working?

**A:** I enjoy watching movies and volunteering at the Elks Lodge.

**Q:** Why do you have flags on top of your car?

**A:** I am very patriotic. I was in the Marines for 6 years and served in the Vietnam War.

**Q:** What is something you did that was really cool?

**A:** I sang the National Anthem at the Meadowlands.

**Alexa and Emily:** Thank you, Mr. Mike, for your time. It was so nice to interview you.

# Interview: Ms. Eileen Lynch

Fifth Grade teacher Ms. Lynch was involved in an automobile accident this summer that left her severely injured. She came back to work in January. We wanted to hear her story on this event, to clear up any rumors that we heard around school.

**Q: Ms. Lynch, were you driving at the time and were there any other people in the car with you?**

*A: My mother was driving and I was in the backseat with my daughter. My dad was also in the car.*

**Q: Did you have your seatbelt on at the time?**

*A: No, because I was getting my daughter settled in in the back seat.*

**Q: We heard rumors that the car flipped over several times. Is this true, and how did it feel?**

*A: Yes, the car flipped over for 157 feet, and it felt like I was in a bad dream!*

**Q: How did the accident happen,**

**and do you know whose fault it was?**

*A: Someone was trying to make an illegal turn from across the highway.*

**Q: Was it hard for you to learn how to use crutches?**

*A: Yes, it was hard at first, but then it got easier.*

**Q: Are you still in a lot of pain?**

*A: Yes, sometimes, after a long day.*

**Q: Is the accident going to leave any permanent damage?**

*A: I don't know yet. I still can't walk without a crutch.*

**Q: Were you able to go trick-or-treating with your daughter on Halloween?**

*A: Yes, she went to different houses, but it was hard. My daughter, Bridgett, is three years old and did not notice.*

**Q: Onto other subjects. Do you like to read newspapers?**

*A: Yes, I like the Asbury Park Press.*

**Q: What is your favorite color?**

*A: I think blue. I like all shades of blue.*

**Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?**

*A: I love teaching. I like teaching reading and math.*

**Q: Will you be giving us lots of homework?**

*A: I will be giving homework based on the fifth grade district guidelines.*

*This completes our interview. We hope Ms. Lynch fully recovers from her injuries very soon.*

## Jokes cont'd

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day? Sure, they're very scent-imental.

What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream? I'm sweet on you!

What did the pencil say to the paper? " I dot my I's on you!"

What is a snake's favorite subject in school? Hissssssssssssssssssstory!

What do you get when you cross a mountain lion and a parrot? I don't know, but when it talks, you better listen!

What do you call penguins in the desert? Lost.

What did Mr. and Mrs. Chicken call their baby? Egg.

What travels around the world but stays and in one corner? A stamp.

What does an envelope say when you lick it? Nothing, it shuts up.

## Fun Facts

- Did you know...the New York Giants' stadium is in New Jersey?
- Did you know...there are more French restaurants in New York than in Paris?
- Did you know...dartboards are made of horsehairs?
- Did you know...honeybees use the sun as a compass?
- Did you know...the starfish can turn its stomach inside out?
- Did you know...square dancing is the official dance of Washington State?
- Did you know...a hummingbird's heart beats 1,400 times a minute?
- Did you know...dragonflies have 6 legs but can't walk?
- Did you know...the mouth of the Statue of Liberty is 3 feet wide?
- Did you know...a pigeon's feathers are heavier than its bones?
- Did you know...seals sleep only one and a half minutes at a time?
- Did you know...only male turkeys gobble?

## Jokes

What ship never sinks? Friendship.

Where can happiness always be found? In the dictionary.

## A New Dog to Love

Last summer, I got a cute German Shepherd puppy that we named Virago. Virago means brave woman in Latin. We got Virago from a breeder in upstate New York. It was a hard decision picking which dog to bring home, but I knew the second she walked up to me and licked my nose that she was my dog. Everybody told me it would be hard work taking care of her, but I did not expect how much

work she would actually be! Before getting our dog, we watched a lot of dog shows like "The Dog Whisperer" and "It's Me or the Dog", read books, and watched training videos. We also went to PetSmart to get supplies. The most important thing we bought was the puppy crate, because dogs are very similar to wolves so they like to be in dens. Also, if you leave your house too long the dog will rip up everything!

One time while I was at Girl Scouts, Virago ripped up my homework! The other important things we purchased were baby gates, because we have a cat. This way we can avoid cat and dog fights!

It's been hard living with an active puppy in the house, but our dog is growing up to be a well-behaved, little sweetie!

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## Super Bowl XLIII Highlights: Cardinals VS Steelers

At 6:30 P.M. on February 1, 2009, at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa Bay, Florida, Super Bowl XLIII was under way. The Cardinals won the toss and chose to kick. The Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger threw two long passes and ended up on the 1 yard line. The Cardinals held the Steelers to a field goal. Later in the half, the Steelers moved down the field and scored the first touchdown of the game.

The Cardinals got the ball and moved down the field with Kurt Warner's 46 yard pass to Anquan Boldin. The Cardinals scored on that drive with a 1

yard pass to Ben Patrick. The Cardinals got the ball back and drove down the field to the Steelers' 1 yard line. James Harrison of the Steelers intercepted the ball and ran it back 100 yards for a touchdown. That ended the half.

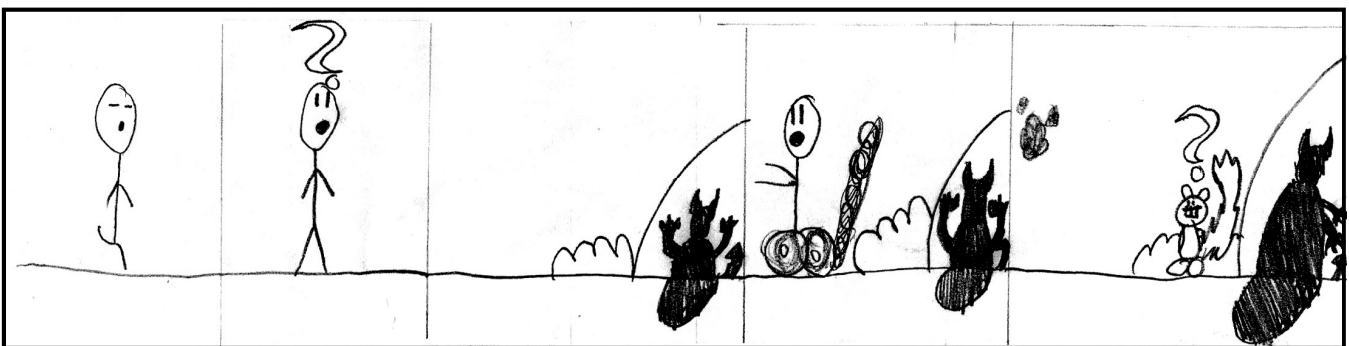
The Cardinals started the half with the ball, but ended up punting to the Steelers. The Steelers drove down the field with a mix of penalties and passes. The Steelers scored on a field goal and kicked back to the Cardinals. Once again the Cardinals punted.

After that, the Steelers got sacked and had to punt. The Cardinals progressed down the field with a mix

of long passes and scored a touchdown. Later in the quarter, with less than 3 minutes to play, the Cardinals had a huge 64 yard pass to Larry Fitzgerald for a touchdown. The Steelers got the ball back and drove down the field to the Cardinals' 6 yard line. Santonio Holmes made a miraculous catch in the end zone to win the game. The final score was Steelers 27, Cardinals 23. The Steelers had won Super Bowl XLIII! Santonio Holmes was voted MVP. The Steelers have now won six Super Bowls which is the most by any franchise in the NFL.

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## Comic Corner: The Haunt on Squirrel Hill



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### Suggestion Box

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