

## DREAM JOB

By Aiden Zarcone

The making of video games has been tremendous at Nintendo USA when former Morse student Irena Cranston got the job being in the field of video game designing.

Former Morse student Irena Cranston has a job many students dream of having. She is a video game designer for Nintendo Systems USA. People who want to make video games have to go to college in order to get the education and to get their Bachelor's degree to make them. "Most of the time, the college classes are taught by teachers that have been making video games for years, so they pass along their knowledge to you. They give you tips and tricks on how to make good games and then give you homework to practice their tips. In the college I went to, we also had to form teams of 4 people and make a



Morse graduate Irena Cranston is now a game designer for Nintendo.

whole game in about 9 months in addition to doing homework. It was difficult, but doing the homework and making real games is the best way to learn about making video games. I went to DigiPen Institute of Technology in Washington State," says Irena. "In a way it's similar to being in high school except you have a bit more freedom. You still need to go to classes almost every day and there's still a lot of homework. You do get to choose what classes you want to take and what time you want to go. College is hard work though. With the extra freedom, you need to stay responsible and do your home work on time. There are no parents around to remind you and the teachers aren't forgiving if you forget."

She says that you have all these opportunities to get a job and have to do a lot of work to get them. She told me how she got her job. "A friend from college was working at Nintendo and they recommended me a job there. That was enough to get me an inter-

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## Grant D. Morse Welcomes Mrs. D'Orazio

By Samantha Tubby and Morgan Bennett

Brittany D'Orazio (Mrs. D'Orazio) is a great new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher in Grant D. Morse. She has 25 wonderful, amazing friendly students in her class.

Mrs. D'Orazio started student teaching at Morse about 8 years ago and she knew right away that Morse was a special place. "Everyone was so friendly and helpful," she said. She felt a close bond with



Mrs. D'Orazio uses the teachers she has had to inspire her to greatness, as well.

the students, teachers and faculty at Morse. Morse just felt like one big family to her so she wanted to work after graduation. She kept her eyes open for years and waited patiently for a job

opening in Saugerties. Mrs. D kept her resume and teaching portfolio up to date so that as soon as she saw a job opening she could hand in her application. That's why she got the job of replacing Mrs. Granwehr. She explained she will do her best every day to be a wonderful teacher just like Mrs. G was.

"I was a student teacher here for 2 months, a permanent sub for a year, a daily sub for 3 years, and a teacher since January 19<sup>th</sup>

2016. I guess it depends on how you look at it but I've always been here in spirit," she said.

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## Irena Cranston

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view. I went through the interview process and they offered me a job. I've found all of my jobs in the games industry from people that I knew which isn't uncommon. It's important to make friends in college and be nice to the people around you. If you burn bridges, it may become hard to find jobs eventually," says Irena.

Video game designing is very important in making video games which does a lot of work. "Designing covers a lot of area in video games. It can involve coming up with the entire idea for the game or just coming up with an idea for a single mechanic, like jumping, or collecting stars. A designer may have to put a map for an area together or decide where secrets should go. They may need to decide how much damage a weapon does or how much a healing potion will heal you. Designers may also

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get people together to test the game to make sure the mechanics make sense and the game isn't boring. These are all just small examples of what designers can be in charge of. Overall, they help make sure that a game is fun to play. Designers start by coming up with a plan for what they want in the game. Some designers make paper prototypes of parts of the game so they can make sure that it will be fun and balanced before programming even starts. Once a basic design has been put together, the designers begin working with programmers and artist to implement their ideas. Throughout development, designers will continue to work with programmers and artist to make sure the game feels fun. Games have become more complex over the years requiring larger teams of designers. This means that nowadays designers tend to become more specialized in smaller areas like weapons balancing or world design rather than being responsible for the design of the entire game," says Irena.

The programmer works differently from the designer and need to work together to make games.

## Mrs. D'Orazio

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"I taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in New Paltz for 2 years and then 1<sup>st</sup> grade for 4 months right up until I started working here."

Teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is so much fun, said Mrs. D'Orazio.

"I like it because it is right in between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The two grades I taught in New Paltz, so it's a nice middle ground for me", she said. "Second grade is fun to teach because they become very interested in the books we read and the topics we learn about in Science and Social Studies.

They ask questions that spark deep conversations and help us to expand our knowledge even further. Second graders are also super friendly to each other and this particular group helped me settle in and feel right at home when I took over for Mrs. G", said Mrs. D'orazio.

"I grew up and went to school in Saugerties. I went to Mt. Marion from kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and then I went to Riccardi for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I can say without a doubt that going to school in Saugerties is what inspired me to be a teacher. My teachers made learning so fun every year. They helped me

learn how to use a computer, make new friends, sing, dance, draw, paint, play sports ... I am so grateful for all they've done for me. My teacher made me feel special and that I was important to them, so one of my goals as a teacher is to make my students feel the same way," said Mrs. D'orazio.

"My favorite teacher, I would have to say was Mrs. Charlene Fraske. My first grade teacher was my favorite elementary school. My favorite in high school was Senora Aponte. She really helped push me to do my best in Spanish class and I was lucky to have had her as my Spanish teacher for four year. She was so passionate about teaching and her classes were so energetic and exciting. She is someone I think as I plan my lessons for my students. I want to be a teacher just like her.

"My favorite teacher in college was Dr. Ebert. He was my earth science teacher. We did tons of hands on science activities and group projects in his class. He helped me see how students learn is just as important as what they learn," explained Brittany D'Orazio (Mrs. D'Orazio).

Mrs. D'Orazio, you now will be the favorite teacher of numerous

lucky children who will be in your class over your career. Welcome to Grant D. Morse School!

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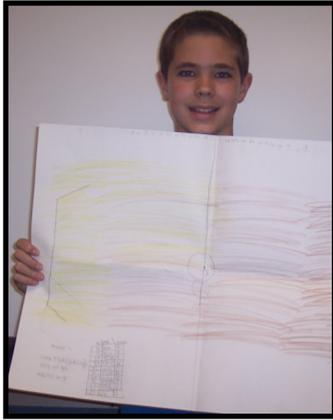
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**News Department**  
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*Math game inventor John Turk has created Math Soccer.*

# Math Game Inventor

*By RJ Paff*

A 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Mr. Defino’s class is making a math game. That 6<sup>th</sup> grader is John Turk. He is not finished with his game yet, but he is getting there. The name of his game is MATH SOCCER. I think that’s a pretty cool name, don’t you ?

When John first started thinking about making a game he was thinking about making it a Math Hockey game, but another one of John’s classmates, Tyler Hommel is already doing that.

The game looks like a soccer field with numbers along the side. Even though Math Soccer was John’s second choice he is having fun making the game and coming up the rules and creating the game board.

He expects to have it finished in a few weeks.

I am looking forward to learning how to play this game with John. I love soccer so I think I will really like this game too.

# Baby Tessa Arrives!

*By Gavin Ingrassia*

I had a baby sister on April 29, 2016. I am so excited to have her in my life. My mom is excited, too.. My mom could not wait to see what she looked like. The same for my dad.

I am getting advice from my classmate Tyler Hommel on what it is like to be a big brother. He said, “She will be helpful, but sometimes little sisters are annoying.”

My sister’s name is Tessa. “I think she will be okay.” My parents think she will have light hair in stead of dark. My mom is glad because Tessa is the first girl in the family. My mom thinks Tessa will make us happy. My dad thinks she will make the family whole.

And that is what we think about my baby sister.



*Ms. McMann had her chorus sounding like angels in the heavens.*

# Spring Concert

*By Maggie Wade*

On April 21, 2016 was the Spring Concert. One of the students, Spencer Flanagan said “I was nervous but it all went very well.” Spencer is a sixth grader who made her final Morse concert appearance. She said that her favorite song was “Rock Around the Clock”

because everyone know their parts and it was sung very well.

In the interview she said, “We practice long and hard but it all did pay off in the end.”

Another student in the chorus is Logan Griffin. Logan is a fifth grader in Mr. Reynolds’ class. Logan decided to join chorus after the Winter Concert in December. “I like being on stage,” he said. “I was not nervous.” Logan sang very well. The chorus sounded great and so did Mr. Spirig’s band.



*The chorus and band were spectacular during their wonderful Spring Concert.*

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**Monday, May 9 is the Color Me Fund Race at the Morse School. These races are experiencing wide popularity around the world and many of the Morse parents participate in these tests of endurance while sprinkling or splashing in wild arrays of color.**

This event is sure to be a hit with students, as well as prior to this, the nearest similar activity would have to take place in the art room. Unfortunately, however, if students were running and spraying each other with vibrant colored paints and dyes, they would end up in the principals office, not in the winner’s circle.

Perhaps if it works well, Morse could adapt the Fun Run into a “Color Me Reading” assignment or “Color Me Math” assignment whereby students could get sprayed with colors while they do their homework.

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## Figure Skating Monthly

By Nicole Moorhus

This is figure skating monthly reporting for duty! We are at the serious part of the job. I just had a competition on April 9, 2016.

I competed in my compulsory and a solo. A compulsory is a program without music. There are four moves you have to do otherwise you are disqualified. You have to stay on one half of the ice or you're not allowed to compete.

There were three girls competing my group including me. Those girls were Carmen Costello, Marie Ellsworth, and me. Carmen got third place, Marie got second place, and I got first place.

It took forever for the results to come out, but they finally did. Emma Hallion got second place on her compulsory in her group. Then came the solos. There were four girls competing including me. I got first place.

My friend Carmen got second. I was the most excited I have ever been in a long time. I had the biggest smile out of every one there! It has been a long time since I have competed in a competition.

My show was April 10, 2016.

This is my figure skating life!!

## Softball

By Ashly Pitt and Jenna Wormell

Maddy Dodig and Natalie Vail are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and they have a lot in common. Did you know they both play softball and

they are in the girls majors.

Natalie Vail wants to play short and second. Vails mom is her coach. She has played for 7 years. Vails dad taught her how to play softball. She hits righty. She is looking forward for Ashly Pitt being on her team. Vail likes having her friends on her team.

Maddy Dodig wants to play pitcher and second. Mrs. Vail is her coach. She has played for 7 years. Dodig's dad taught her how to play softball. Dodig is a lefty hitter, but a right handed thrower. She is looking forward to winning and getting a home run. Dodig likes playing with her friends.



## Bryce Flanagan Goes to Nationals

By Spencer Flanagan

Bryce Flanagan is a snowboarder. She is in 8<sup>th</sup> grader at the Saugerties High School.

Bryce got invited to go to Nationals.



She felt very excited to win four gold medals, one silver and three bronze.

Bryce got 3<sup>rd</sup> place in her heat (her age group) Bryce was very proud and excited about her wins in other races.

The challenge was to get enough money to pay for food and gas.

Bryce and her family drove to Nationals in their car because her mom is afraid of flying..

Bryce, her mom (Shannen), her dad (Thomas), and her sister (Spencer).

Bryce did not think she will win because she's not fast enough.

She felt very proud at Nationals.

Bryce and her family were in Colorado for 1 week.

Bryce's goal was to take home a gold medal.

It took her family 3 days to drive to Colorado.

Bryce and her family will be stayed in east village Colorado.

Bryce hopes to go back next year and win.

## Pick a ball hit a ball

By John Turk



It's coming to that time again at Grant D. Morse. Pickle Bowl is here. Many kids like to play in the Pickle Bowl.

Tyler Hommel has not played in the Pickle Bowl yet. Tyler is a sixth grader in Mrs. Tucker's class. He loves to play outside. He is really excited for the event. His friend Gavin Ingrassia is having his first look at the Pickle Bowl also.

Gavin is a fifth grader in Mrs. Fanelli's class and also likes to play outside. Tyler and Gavin are going to be the best.

The Pickle Bowl is a great sport to play in Grant D. Morse School.



Mrs. Tucker enjoys watching the Pickle Bowl action just as much as the students.

## Sports Department

Edited By Liam Curtis

### A New Episode Of Baseball TMZ

By Liam Curtis

MLB is an iconic game which is one in its own category. In today's day and age of baseball, its a whole new chapter of statistics, players, hype of October, and the Front Office. Woah now!! Don't get all crazy with me. Yes, there was a lot going on in THE OFFSEASON!!! Lots of trades, or potential trades, (sorry Dodgers for not getting Aroldis Chapman or Hisashi Iwakuma, you're going to have to bite the bullet on that one.) but you understand. Today I'll be your TMZ for baseball news and rumors. So prepare for lift off!!!

Yoenis Cespedes; an icon of sluggers across America. He was recently publicized for showing up to training camp this year in his exotic vehicles. Of which he spent millions of dollars on. This time around, he shows up on HORSEBACK!! I know right. It's crazy to even think that if your getting publicized for something like that, you show up on horseback. My god NEXT!!

MLB and MLBPA (Major League Baseball Players Association) developed a new safe slide rule for sliding into second base on a double play, and tweaked the pace of play rule. Double Plays, your coach tells you to "take out" the middle infielder to prevent a double play from happening. Does anybody remember the 2015 NLDS Dodgers vs. Mets when Chase Utley slid or didn't even slide into Ruben Tejada and Tejada fractured his left leg? Well, this new rule states that you must be within arms reach of the base and once you get on the base you must stay on the base. and the "neighborhood" play is reviewable on instant replay. Thank you Joe Torre. Pace of play is something new to baseball. It cuts commercial times and shortens the game. Well, it's even shorter. Why? I don't know.

Let's shift our thinking to outside the border. The USA and Cuba have had no relationship (baseball wise) for 17 years. The Tampa Bay Rays will represent America to play an Exhibition game against the Cuban National Team. You know I hate when the world has to be like this, for instance North and South Korea. Why can't you be called Korea?

I just recently heard that Chase Utley won his appeal for his two game suspension for his slide into Ruben Tejada. What I think about the appeal, he shouldn't have won his appeal and his suspension should've been longer than 2 games. It should have been at least 10. All I know is that I am not happy. But thanks for that safe slide rule.

I just recently heard that Kenta Maeda, a Japanese immigrant player th currently plays for the Dodgers will get the opening day start instead of Clayton Kershaw. What just happened?

I can't compute this. This is like Derek Jeter not making it into the Hall Of Fame. This doesn't make any sense. Well I guess that's MLB for ya. You'll never know what will happen

Well I've been called Mr. Met, and the Baseball Encyclopedia; but now I can be called Baseball TMZ.



### Little League Opening Day

By Marciano Neglia and Paul Croce

Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, was the opening day for the Saugerties Little League, and we'll give you the latest for the 11-12 boys league. The morning began at the parade, where the Rays, Giants, Athletics, Cardinals, and Phillies marched to Thornton Field. Then they played the national anthem, and recited the Little League pledge. Then each team had their pictures taken. Finally it was game time!

The day began when the Rays played the Cardinals. It was a scoreless game until the 5<sup>th</sup> inning where the Cardinals put on a show scoring 5 runs and leaving the Rays in the dust with 1 run. On the mound for the Cardinals was Cade Lindhorst, and for the Rays was Michael Hunter. Then the Giants played the Phillies. The game went strikeout, after strikeout. Until Matt Belfance hit a solo shot to left center driving himself in. Then the Phillies answered back scoring 2 more runs. On the mound for the Phillies was Dylan Norton who pitched a 1 hitter striking out 18 batters, and for the Giants was Jace VanValkenburg, and Ryan Curran, who struck out a total of 16 batters. The Athletics didn't get to play until Monday where they played the Giants. Long story short both teams were putting up runs. The Athletics ended up losing 16-18. That's all that we have, and good luck to any kids who are playing baseball or softball this year.



### Gavin's WWE Game

By Tyler Hommel

Fifth grader Gavin Ingrassia has invented a math game which turned Mores school into a professional wrestling frenzy. Gavin made a really cool math game. It is about WWE.

He had a little help from his Dad. Gavin said that everyone liked his game because it was amazing. I asked John Turk why did you like Gavin's game he said because it was active with subtraction.



## Meet the Morse Student Body

### EASTER BREAK

#### Jenna Wormell

In the month of March we had a week off from school for Spring Break.

Natalie Vail went to her Aunt & Uncle's house in White Plains, she got to play and spend time with her cousins. After a family dinner, Vail played kickball with her cousins. On Easter, Natalie enjoys the day with family at her home where they gather for an Easter dinner. She's happy to have a week off from school.

During Spring break, Faith VanRoy had a basketball tournament. She also went to New York City, while

there she went to the M&M Store. VanRoy loved seeing all the candy in this store, and even had a few M&M's.



Faith had a good Easter, her family tradition is eating Easter dinner at her home. Her family all meet at her house and spend the day together. Faith also likes the week off from school and enjoys spending time with her family during this week.

The girls seemed to enjoy their Easter break! The weather was also nice, so they could play outside with friends and family. They are looking forward to Summer vacation in a couple months.

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## What is Your Favorite Song?

By Natalie Miller and Ema West

Please vote for your favorite song at the bottom of the page and then tell Ema West or Natalie Miller.

- 1- Fight Song
- 2- Stiches
- 3- Happy
- 4- Hello

We will tally the results and include them in the next issue.

**Pickle Bowl Applications are now Available**

**Get in on the action and excitement of the Morse Pickle Bowl tournament set to begin on June 1, 2016.**

**Applications can be obtained from your teacher, online or outside of room 22.**

**Applications are due on or before May 18.**

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## The Newcomer

By Shaun Sussman

You may have noticed a new 6th grader in the halls and classrooms of the Morse school. Arriving on February 17, 2016, Margaret "Maggie" Wade has quickly found her comfort zone at the school. She has quickly become part of the Morse atmosphere and social scene.

Maggie is a student in Mrs. Brott's sixth grade class. "I feel okay in this school," she said. "I think the people are really friendly here at this school, it is a friendly environment."

Maggie moved from Mt. Marion elementary where she started her career as a student. Maggie was a first grader in Mrs. Buckton's class, but spent the rest of her time at Mt. Marion elementary.

Maggie feels a difference in both schools. She said, "I can feel a difference in the atmosphere." At her old school they didn't have as much extra recess and did much more school work. "We ended up having to do a lot of work at home," she said.

Maggie came to Morse just as the sixth grade class was about to put on its Lip Sync. At Mt. Marion the Lip Sync is later in the year and it involves both the fifth and sixth grades. She liked the Morse Lip Sync. She performed in one act, but mainly helped as a member of the stage crew. "At Mt. Marion there are more singing acts and talent acts," she said.

Maggie's older sisters Amber Hasbrouck and Felicia Countryman attended Morse school when they were in elementary school, too.



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# Endangered Animals

By Miya Gambino and Ema West

There are many endangered animals in the world.

For example manatees. People think they are nasty, mean creatures. They bump against boats to play, but people think they are trying to sink the boat and people kill the manatees and they get cut by the propellers.

Another example is the blue whale. The blue whale was once heavily hunted for oil, meat and other products. It is the largest animal on the planet.

The last example is the golden eagle. There are many types of eagles. The birds' number may have dropped for several reasons. That is pollution, shooting, and accidental trapping, mostly shooting for fun and for no reason.

There are many endangered animals in the world. We need as much help as we can get to raise awareness about these animals.

# Pickle Ball

By Emily Schlosser

Pickle ball is a fun sport. The Morse Pickle Bowl tournament begins in June.

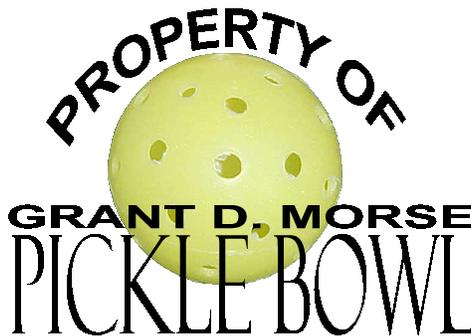
Here are some feelings 4th graders in Mrs. Dudzic and Mrs. Mulford's classes. Jason Martin, part of the Martin family pickle ball dynasty, is excited and ready to compete. Natalie Tucker is also excited and wants to make it to the championship again. Nicholas Stinemire says it is a good alternative when he can't play tennis.

Teresa Bautista is excited and ready to play. Brady Reynolds is also excited and ready to play.



10-year old Natalie Tucker looks to be a champion in this years tournament.

If you sign up to play in the Pickle Bowl this year, you will not regret it. Applications are being accepted until May 18.



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If you have ever seen the movie "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius" you may remember Jimmy's Dad as a nerdy inventor in search of the next gadget which could change the world. A funny, likeable man, but one who had a difficult time noticing what was going on around him.

RJ Paff, a sixth grader in Mrs. Tucker's class is very much like Jimmy Neutron. Besides having beautifully manicured hair, which is a plus, RJ and Jimmy are both well-spoken, highly intelligent individuals who function at a level far superior than the adults around them. Not only is RJ a master inventor, as evidenced by his creation of a fascinating math game, but RJ has the ability to understand the inner workings of his classmates and peers and keep their attention throughout the day.

Some may call it magnetism or charisma, but really it is exceptional intelligence. RJ is able to continually draw the attention of his classmates in sheer silence and without provocation, while the teacher, like Jimmy's dad, is oblivious to it all. Evidence of this attraction is found when the class will giggle when the teacher didn't say anything funny, forcing the adult to check his or her attire and personal grooming to see if they are noticing something awry. Also, there are times when a murmur will build in the classroom without a tangible prompt.

Meanwhile, like Jimmy, RJ sits at his desk with a grin on his face, working steadily along as his marionettes attend to his every manipulation.

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**Entertainment Department**  
**Edited by: Spencer Flanagan**



## Morse Rocks Music and Arts Festival Ready to Roll

### *Soul Comes to Saugerties*

The Morse Rocks Music and Arts Festival opens with an explosion of sound on June 17 at the Smokin' Pony in Saugerties. Along with local heavy hitters Pitchfork Militia, Carl Mateo, Ian Flanigan and Katie Hoffstatter; Vermont sensation Kat Wright and the Indomitable Soul Band and Karma Darwin from Brewster, NY headline opening night. "The line-up of artists we have is incredible. It is mind-boggling that they are gathering at Morse Rocks," said teacher and organizer Joe Defino. Defino organizes the festival to allow for local up-and-coming-artists to share a festival experience with established professional artists and musicians.

Blues/ R&B/ Funk and Soul are descriptors which are used to describe Kat Wright and the ISB. They have been blazing their way around the country since 2012. Most recently, they are routinely seen stumping with presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders acting as his unofficial campaign band. They are also awaiting the release of their first full-length album due to be released in a few weeks. Along the way, they are playing to sold-out audiences around the northeastern United States.

Backed by a brilliant band featuring a horn section, keyboards, guitars and percussion, Wright immediately draws comparisons of soul's leading ladies. She is also gritty and powerful evoking likeness to the industry's top singers such as Grace Potter and Susan Tedeschi.

Karma Darwin, like Kat Wright and the ISB are getting ready to release their first full-length album in late May. They are described as an alternative/indie/rock band with a distinct reggae influence. Karma Darwin features a four piece band self-proclaimed as "a band that mixes high energy sound and harmonies with smooth vibrant riffs and grooving jams."

Frequently performing at Daryl's House in Pawling, NY, Karma Darwin generated a huge following of fans from around the greater Hudson Valley. Their music is able to seamlessly cross generations providing the beat to move younger fans and the grooves to draw appreciation from the hard to please older generation. A four piece band featuring classic guitar, bass and drums, Karma Darwin successfully embellishes classic R&B with a fresh new flavor which gets audiences out of their seats and on their feet.

Doors open at 4 PM on Friday and the performances begin at 5 PM. Single day and weekend tickets are available. The festival runs both Friday June 17 and Saturday June 18 with over 30 bands, as well as poets, comedians, visual artists and a film festival.

Tickets and further information are available at [www.morserocks.com](http://www.morserocks.com),

[www.saugertiesrocks.com](http://www.saugertiesrocks.com) and the Smokin' Pony BBQ located at 963 Kings Highway in Saugerties.



*Above: Kat Wright and the Indomitable Soul Band make their first trip to the Hudson Valley Region on Friday June 17 at the Morse Rocks festival. They will be headlining Friday night's concert which features some of the best areas in town and the Northeastern United States. Below: One of the many bands joining Kat and her band are Karma Darwin from Brewster, NY. Karma Darwin is a band known for getting the crowd moving with its groove.*



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## Catskill Mountain Legends Rock Saugerties

When the phrase "Catskill Mountain Rock" is uttered, the Paul Luke Band immediately strikes a chord. The PLB has been rocking the Hudson Valley for five decades and they know how to keep the Catskill Mountains rolling in sheer appreciation.

Morse Rocks welcomes the PLB to the stage on Saturday June 18 as part of a formidable lineup of over thirty bands. "The Morse Rocks festival provides a chance for all musicians to perform to a live concert audience on a professional level sound stage," said founding member and namesake Paul Luke Andreasen. "We look forward to performing and seeing all the other great local, regional and beyond, acts perform."

Paul and percussionist PJ McManamon started the band in 1979, and have endured the changes and evolution of music and the industry, yet continue to stay true to their recipe for success. "We perform what we always perform....original hard driving Catskill Mountain Rock," said Andreasen.

This recipe has provided delight for its numerous fans who have faithfully followed them through the years. As a result, the PLB are recipients of many prestigious honors throughout its career. They opened Woodstock '94 and had their music used for the soundtrack of a French documentary of the festival. They have been named 'Best of the Hudson Valley' from Music Machine Magazine. The PLB was instrumental in the foundation of the Nam Jam concert series as well as frequent contributors to the northeast music scene. Their longevity and talent has earned them residence into the New York State Country Music Hall of Fame.

The passage of time has changed the make-up of the band. "The Paul Luke Band started in 1979 and will forever mourn the loss of two members Mario Yzquierdo & "Smokin" Joe Abdallah," noted Andreasen. "One of our retired members, Chris Schneider, might make a cameo at the Morse Rocks event, we hope." Schneider was a founding member of the band with Paul and PJ. Jimmy Epard joins John Chanler and Paul Luke on guitar. Paul's brother Larry Andreasen joined the band in 2013. Morse Rocks veteran Ian Flanigan and McManamon's daughter Katlyn Rose are also expected to sit in with the band.

The band is eager to play festivals and events such as Morse Rocks because it allows them to continue to grow



*Catskill Mountain rockers, the Paul Luke Band, has seen music change, but they have continued to use the ir tried and true recipe to continue to endear fans.*



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as a band. "Morse Rocks provides a chance for all musicians to perform to a live festival audience on a professional sound stage, plus, hear and see other musicians perform and hopefully learn something from this experience by the time the event is over. We always do," he explained.

The Paul Luke Band, like all of the other artists involved with the festival, are committed to the objective of the festival. Any profits generated from the festival will go toward the building of a permanent amphitheater to be constructed on the Grant D. Morse School grounds to further the development of young artists. "Morse Rocks is a worthwhile cause to raise funds for a performance place so that student's creative dreams can become a reality."

Decades of touring and performing have wizened Paul Luke and his band mates. Helping young artists gain experience and knowledge is now a big part of the band's mission. The festival is intended to give up-and-comers a chance to interact with those who have made their living with their art. Paul suggests musicians to "Keep writing. Keep trying. Keep playing. Keep practicing. You're only as good as your last gig. Make them all count and never give up your dreams."

Tickets available at [www.morserocks.com](http://www.morserocks.com) and [www.saugertiesrocks.com](http://www.saugertiesrocks.com). Line up and information can be found at [www.jsutprintit.net](http://www.jsutprintit.net).



# MORSE ROCKS

MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

The Morse Rocks festival was created to give young artists a chance to share their talents with professionals from around the nation. It is a celebration of artists and their art.

Saugerties provides outstanding opportunities for its athletes and the academically minded, but nothing for the huge percentage of the population for which those disciplines do not mesh. Morse Rocks is an attempt to create a high profile art festival with musicians, poets, comedians, filmmakers and visual artists.

So far, it is meeting and exceeding this mission. Artists are thrilled to be part of this festival and it is getting the attention around the Northeastern United States. Over 60 artists are participating with more than 30 top quality local and regional bands with a few national treasures mixed in.

The festival takes place on Friday June 17 and Saturday June 18. Tickets are on sale now at

[www.morserocks.com](http://www.morserocks.com). Elementary aged children are free and substantial discounts are offered to high school and college students.

Any profits generated from this festival will go toward the Dennis Jones Performance Art Amphitheater Project at Morse School.

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Karma Darwin  
Pitchfork Militia  
Late Night Blower  
Carl Mateo Band  
Fallen Rock Zone  
Inatia  
Jack Smythe Band  
Katie Hofstater  
Ian Flanigan  
Logan Callahan  
The Slackers  
and many more!

Saturday

Scheduled to appear

Bow Thayer  
Dave Kolker Band  
Paul Luke Band  
El Yeah!  
Hudson's Crew  
Last Daze  
Guter Cat  
Imocent  
90 Proof  
Sin City  
I Got A Rock  
Ian Flanigan  
Katie Hofstater  
Kelsey Gaulin  
Steve Stellayato  
The Rough Shapes  
Abby Hart  
and many more!



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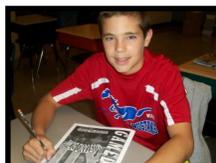


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## Math Game Geniuses

By Ashly Pitt

In Mr. Defino's class we are creating math games. Students have to build them and name them. It is fun.

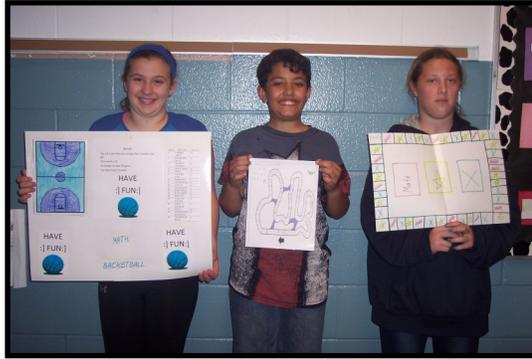
Gillian Mills, a fifth grader, is creating a game called Triple Crown Horse Racing.

Mills thinks her game is hard because if you roll a 12, you have to go back to the start. She feels good about her game. To play Mills' game you need two six-sided dice. Two to six players can play the game. It starts with youngest players and then to oldest players. There are multiple rules.

Another fifth grader, Logan Griffin has created a game called Math Racing. Griffin says his game is easy and hard, at the same time. His rules are to have fun, no cheating and don't be a sore loser.

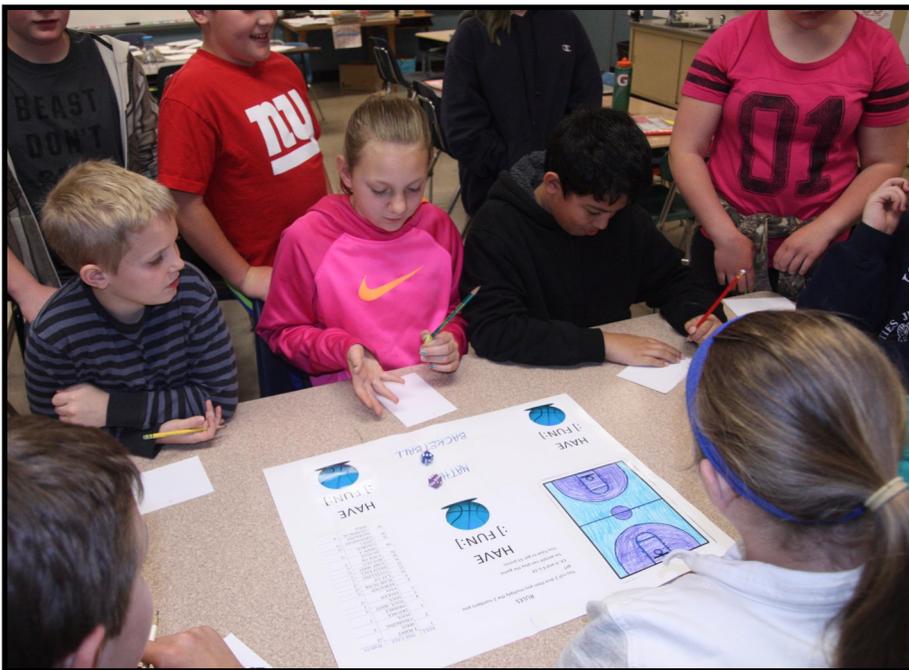
Sixth grader, Morgan Bennett made a game about dogs. Bennett thinks it is easy and hard at the same time. In Bennett's game there is three different cards. If you get a card with a star or and X on it, follow the rules on the back of the card. Also, each player starts with 95 points.

Students are playing these games and rating these games in class. Maybe, one of these games will end up on a store shelf, someday.



## Did You Know?

- The origin of the word "mother" can be traced back to the Latin word 'mater'.
- In the vast majority of the world's languages, the word for "mother" begins with the letter M.
- Mother's Day is the third most popular holiday in the world, second to only Christmas and Easter.
- 24.8 is the median age of women when they give birth for the first time - meaning one-half are above this age and one-half are below. The median age has risen nearly three years since 1970.
- In 1873, women in 18 American cities held Mother's Day for Peace gatherings.
- There are more mothers than fathers who work at elementary schools around the United States.
- Once a mother, always a mother.
- Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, present and future.



*Students test Jenna Wormell's math Basketball Game. Jenna and her classmates invented their own math game to develop and strengthen math skills. Jenna's game used some of the concepts Gavin shared in his game to generate excitement which mimics the best action basketball can offer.*

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# MATH GAME

By Liam Turk

R.J Paff and Gavin Ingrassia are two students in Mr. Defino's class that are creating math games.

R.J Paff made a game called "The Math Marathon." Paff said, "I feel good about this game." He said, "If they like math they will like it." He said, "My game is going really well." He also said he will probably not sell it.

Paff and his classmates were assigned by the teacher to build it. He said it took two days to build his math game. Students agreed that his game is pretty fun. Paff said he wanted to do it because it was easy.

Gavin Ingrassia is another of Mr. Defino's class mates. He created a game called WWE Math. He said, "They will love it."



*Gavin set the invention bar high with his creation of the WWE Math game. His unique and creative perspective has captured the attention of many high-powered individuals. Look for a WWE Battle Royale coming your way very soon!*

And he is right. Just after he created it, Mr. Turner, the school superintendent challenged him to a match. Mr. Turner wants to come back a play with Mr. Dieckmann, the Morse principal.

WWE Hall of Famer Mick Foley saw a picture of Gavin's game and congratulated him on a great job and brilliant idea. "Tell him he did a great job. I am very impressed. It gets a thumbs up," said Foley in a message on social media.

Ingrassia said he would definitely try to sell it. He said he made the game because he loves WWE.

Ingrassia said it took three days to build it. He thinks it should get a 10 out of 10 rating.

Ingrassia said he likes to build things that include fighting.

Sometimes creating math games shows a great deal about a student's understanding of the math skills they are learning in school. Math game creation could be an uncommon method of teaching common core.

# PICKLE BOWL PREVIEW

By Bob Moon

The sun is warming up and the calendar is racing toward June. Summer is coming and so is the annual Pickle Bowl pickle ball tournament. Since 2010, nearly half of the Morse school's student population participates in this thrilling championship tournament.

Tyler Hommel is a sixth who enjoys the tournament every year. Tyler likes the Pickle Bowl because it is an exiting game to play. Tyler said he would ask Asmir Ayaz to be his doubles' partner. They are good friends and Asmir is also a skilled player.

Hommel said if he plays this year, the matches are going to be challenging. Hommel thinks the Pickle Bowl should continue in the years to come. This way future Morse students could have the opportunity to play this amazingly fun game. Tyler thinks playing in the



*The action is always intense at the Pickle Bowl.*

Pickle Bowl this year will be a good experience since it is his last year at Morse.

At Morse, we call it Pickle Bowl, but

nationally it is called pickle ball. The rules are the same, but since we have a Mustang Bowl and had a Dodge Bowl, it seemed the right name for this tournament.

Pickle ball is exploding throughout the country especially in the southeastern and southwestern parts of the United States. Tennis courts are being converted into pickle ball courts, as it is an easy game to learn and master. Young people and old people can play it and it is great exercise.

At Morse over 140 students get involved in the tournament and over 300 games are played in the month of June during the tournament. We have up to five courts, three in the gym and two outside.

This sport is becoming known in other countries also. Maybe one day it will be an Olympic sport.



*The greatest athleticism and precision is demonstrated as the tournament heats up.*

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