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The Westside Breeze

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BIRTHSTONES!

漆曉曦 Amelia Chief (5A)

January: *Garnet*

Fun Fact: Garnets are a traditional gift for second wedding anniversaries.

February: *Amethyst*

Fun Fact: In the olden times, amethyst was used only by royalty because of its brilliant purple color.

March: *Aquamarine*

Fun Fact: Aquamarine is the crystal of the mineral beryllium.

April: *Diamond*

Fun Fact: Diamonds are the hardest natural material on Earth.

May: *Emerald*

Fun Fact: Colombia produces over half of the world's emeralds.

June: *Pearl, Alexandrite, and Moonstone*

Fun Fact: Alexandrite is green in sunlight, but red in lightbulb light!

July: *Ruby*

Fun Fact: The most expensive ruby ever sold was the "Hope Ruby". It weighed 32.08 carats and was sold for \$6.74 million.

August: *Peridot*

Fun Fact: Some varieties of Peridot have been found in meteorites!

September: *Sapphire and Agate*

Fun Fact: Sapphire and agate are both the state gemstones of Montana.

October: *Tourmaline and Opal*

Fun Fact: Tourmaline and opal are both jewels with many varieties and colors.

November: *Topaz and Citrine*

Fun Fact: Topaz and citrine are both a yellow-orange color.

December: *Turquoise, Tanzanite, and Zircon*

Fun Fact: Turquoise, tanzanite, and zircon were chosen to be the birthstones of December because of their winter blue color

Annual Sports Meet 2017

The SCCCS Annual Inter-Schools Sports Meet is a yearly tradition at the Westside Chinese School. Families from Chinese schools across Southern California spend a day under the sun competing in track and field events, winning medals, and enjoying delicious food. This year, 33 participants from 17 families brought home a total of 70 medals. 31 gold, 17 silver, and 22 bronze were won in categories such as sprints, relays, high jumps, shot put, and tug-of-war. Parents were able to earn service points (some earned up to 20!) for participation and medals earned.



Two groups of girls won gold in relay racing.





Aki

Aoi

It was a great day to play out in the sun. The high jump was my favorite event! I was so excited to prove my skills as an athlete. It was so fun to run as fast as I could and land on a huge mattress. The Long Jump was the most challenging event and the dirtiest! I was so afraid to fall flat on my face but I guess that's what hands are for. I also had the opportunity to work as a team in the 400 and 800 girls' meter relay. We were a fast and mighty group of girls that day! It was so exciting to compete with other schools. After a day of competing in games that Bento Box sure tasted real good!! I ended the day with 6 medals and made lots of new friends!

- Aki Kusano

What started out as a tiring and early day turned out to be the best day of my life! The sun was superhot and made me sweat a lot. My first event was the Standing Jump. I was scared to lose to kids older and taller than me but I wanted a chance to win a medal. I imagined being a kangaroo and jumping as far as I could! I was so happy to win the Gold!! The next events were the 50, 100, 200 and the 800 meter relays. I put in a lot of effort to run as fast as a cheetah even though it was so hot, but I quickly cooled off because it was raining gold medals! It was a great day and it ended with a really big smile on my face!

- Aoi Kusano

Lavinia/Wei Bao Bao did very well again at the sports meet this year... In the two races she participated in, she won gold in the 400m and silver in the 100m. She is 9 years old and due to her birth year, was placed in the 10-12 age group, so she didn't expect to medal at all, yet alone win. I'm very proud of her for continuing because she collapsed after the 400m (her first race) and said she couldn't breathe and that her vision was blurry. She was also shaking and coughing up mucus. She wanted to go home because she was so exhausted and couldn't run anymore. But she rested in the shade (it was 93 degrees in Walnut!). Then she told me she felt the pressure was too intense. Everyone at the medal table remembered her from last year because she won gold in all her races, and she felt that if she didn't win gold, she wasn't a success. I told her to just try to do the race and don't worry about medaling; just do what you can do but don't give up because of the pressure to succeed. So I was even prouder of her silver than the gold because she felt terrible and intimidated (some of the girls were double her size) but she didn't give up. She was very proud of herself too, and it was a wonderful lesson in resiliency. -Lavinia's mother



Lavinia/Wei Bao Bao



我的暑假計劃 2A 吳秉昱

今年暑假我要去台灣看外公外婆、舅舅、舅媽、表哥、表姐和表弟。我很想念台灣的家人，所以很開心，可以看到他們。我最愛去台灣因為台灣的食物很好吃。我喜歡跟表哥和表弟玩車車。大舅舅跟小舅舅要帶我們去很多地方玩。我希望可以快點回台灣。

我的暑假計劃 2A 符恩慈

今年八月我要去台灣看外公。在外公住的大樓裡有游泳池和遊戲間。所以我可以玩 x-box 和游泳。在台灣還可以去騎士堡和坐捷運去玩。台灣還可以吃好吃的東西，像是麵、蛋餅和仙草奶茶。我相信今年暑假在台灣會很好玩。希望八月趕快到。

我的暑假計劃 2A 李璟旻

今年暑假，我要參加一些夏令營。其中一個是我最喜歡的是啦啦隊夏令營，因為可以學到跳舞，體操還有學到啦啦隊團隊精神。另外我也要開始上網球課，這樣以後就可以跟爸爸一起打球。這麼熱的夏天，一定要去游泳。我要繼續上游泳課把姿勢學好。最重要的，六月二十五號是我的生日。我很期待爸爸媽媽會給我辦的生日派對。我的生日願望是媽媽能讓我穿耳洞。最後，我們全家會去棕櫚全泉旅行，期待又有新的體驗。

我的暑假計劃 2A 草野葵

我今年的暑假會去日本和台灣。我會在日本的國民小學上課兩個月。在台灣十三天，我會照顧阿嬤，阿嬤會買給我布丁和冰淇淋。夏天的台灣和日本都很熱，但是水果和食物都很好吃。還有可以和好多的朋友們見面，一起玩。

我的暑假計劃 2A 何彥彤

今年暑假我要去法國。在法國有我的爺爺和奶奶，還有表哥們。我們玩很多東西。然後我還要去台灣看我的阿公和阿嬤。在台灣很好玩。我最喜歡暑假。

我的暑假計劃 2A 毛丫丫

我的暑假計劃是去藝術學校。我要去海洋世界。我要去阿拉斯加。我要去看灰熊。我要去英國。我要去樂高樂園。

我的夢想 2A 周道全

我未來想做一位工程師，我想發明一輛會飛的車子。我從小喜歡玩樂高遊戲，我媽媽常常說我是樂高專家，我花很多時間搭樂高，我會用樂高發明各種各式各樣的車子和飛機。媽媽說，如果我用玩樂高的心來念書，我一定會成為真正的工程師。

Game Page



Directions: use the four pictures to guess the one word that can relate to each picture. Come with the answer to room 5 after school for a prize!

Spot the differences!



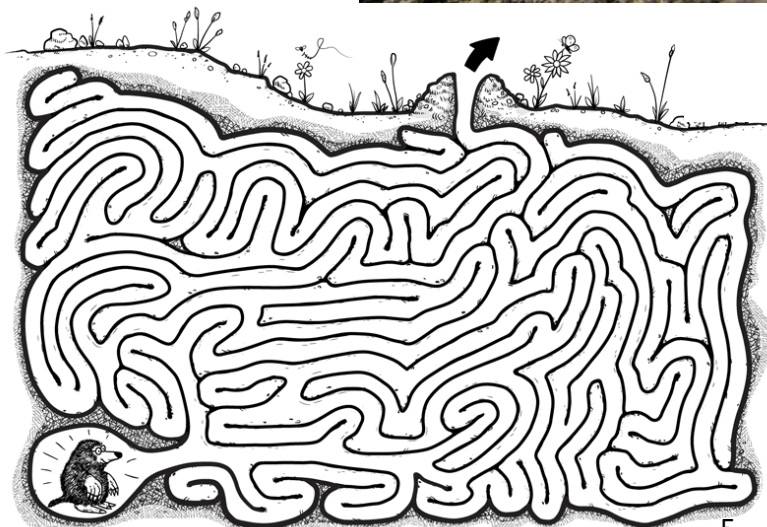
Find a character that can be used to make two phrases.

1. 大 家 人
2. 上 — 校
3. 氣 — 賽
4. 書 — 子
5. 水 — 汁
6. 糖 — 凍
7. 手 — 器

← Example:
家 can be used to
make 大家 and 家人.



Help Mrs. Mole dig her way out!



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WESTSIDE BREEZE MEMBERSHIP



Hello, my name is Amelia. I am in fifth grade in Warner Avenue Elementary School. I will be continuing Westside Breeze next year for the third time. My favorite thing about Westside Breeze is that I get to do creative writing and I can write about things I like. When I grow up I want to be an author.

William: I'm in 10th grade and I have been a Westside Breeze member since last year. I like to write and watch movies. I'm also a professional actor and have enjoyed performing since the 3rd grade. The Westside Breeze is something I enjoy doing because of all the people around me. It's like another family when we work together to create these articles. Plus I enjoy annoying everyone, particularly Amelia and Stephanie. I enjoy doing the game pages and writing special interesting articles. →



Summer: I'm an elite ice skater in my last year of high school. I have been a reporter for Westside Breeze for the past three years. My favorite articles to write on are athletic events. My hobbies are composing pop music, dancing, and sailing.



Stephanie: I am a 3rd year student at UCLA and have been in the Westside Breeze since sophomore year of high school. I really enjoy the creativity and problem-solving required for the making of each issue and take great pride in our work.



Hello, my name is Lulu! I became a member of the Westside Breeze in 8th grade. My favorite part about the Westside Breeze is working with all the other amazing members. I enjoy putting together interview articles. I am currently in 10th grade at El Segundo high school. My hobbies include watching Netflix and eating.



← Catherine:

I am a junior at Palisades Charter High School. I have been a part of Westside Breeze for three years. I enjoy laying out the cover page and designing a theme for each issue. I play the Viola and I'm on the swim team.