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# The Woodland Arrow

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## Legend Has It...

By: Ava Crossley

St. Patrick's day was coming up and Delilah HATED it. Her parents were Irish and CRAZY about this holiday. The reason she hated this holiday, nobody knew...except her. When she was 6 years old, on the eve of this holiday, her parents told her to watch out for leprechauns. For years she watched for them every year, but she never saw them. She grew angry at her parents joy every morning when it showered the house. So now here she is angry and upset in her room. Little did she know, all would change...

After a night of partying and fun with her parents, she was exhausted. She lied down on her bed, tired from the long day. But at 1:00 A.M., she heard a creaking noise. She looked at her door but it hadn't opened. "Strange..." she thought. Once more, she heard the creak. When she looked on the floor by her bed, she



was amazed to see a little door. Near the door was an even more amazing sight. There was a little man with green clothes, red hair, and a rough face. The little man shrieked. He had been caught. He ran and

disappeared through the door. Delilah carefully got out of bed and walked over to the little door. She pushed the wooden door open. A swirl of green mist engulfed her and pulled her through the little door.

## Extra Free Period

By: Ashley Kalvala

I think that we should have at least 30 mins of free period. During this period, we should be able to do homework, go to the library, talk with friends, finish projects, and many more things. This period could be very beneficial because during lunch, we don't have enough time to talk with friends or do much besides eat. We need this time to take a break because we have 7 hours of school for 5 days a week with no break (not including lunch). We can be less tired in our next classes, too. Then we won't be so stressed.

## Death Defying Continued

By: Alli Voyles

It is the day before Halloween, and nothing has happened. Michael, our friends, and I have hung out many times since then. The one thing that scares us the most is that there is a 90% chance of thunderstorms tomorrow. Michael and I have planned out many ideas on what to do for various situations. One major one is for if we get trapped in a storm, another if we get stuck in a forest, another if we get kidnapped, then lastly one if one of us gets hurt or even killed, but we didn't go into much detail. Tonight is the 30th of October, a normal night, I hope. My friend, Cat, is the only other person we told about the corpse, curse, thing. At first she didn't believe us, but then we took her to the dumpster and since then, she has been so over-protective. We have been trying to finish our homework for the past three hours, but every five to ten minutes she asks me if anything has hap-

pened and I keep telling her that I think she would be able to tell if something had happened. "OK, are you sure nothing has happened yet?" she repeated for the eightieth time. "OMG, you are getting on my nerves, Cat! For the last time, NO!" I yell at her and hope that she will finally stop asking that, but everytime I think that she will, she never does, "Come on, we need to get this done or Ms. Chess will give me an 'F', and I already have a 'C' in math. So, what question are we on?" I say quickly, mostly trying to change the subject. "23, but we can stop if you don't feel like it because...something happened," she tries. I give her the death stare and bark, "If you do not shut up I'll take your sweater and throw it in the mud." "But I just got this sweater!" she whines. "Exactly," I stare at her again, and she notices the worry in my eye. "Hey, I'm sorry. I am worried too, but the only way we can get through this is together," she says comfortingly, and I start to feel safe again. "I'm sorry I snapped. This is just a lot to take on and I don't



want to mess anything up tomorrow." "I know, now let's get back to this and try to get our minds off this curse thing," she continues. "Okay, question 23; if there are 65 meters in a road how many..." Michael runs into my room cutting her off. "Turn on the news, Channel 4!" he yells like he is being chased by the undead. We turn it on and they are talking about something no one would

ever want to hear before a night like tomorrow. A major thunderstorm, they say, might cause critical damage. No one says anything. We only stare at each other. **To be continued.....**

## The Egg That Cracked The Internet

By: Grace Potter

How did photo of a lone egg rock the Instagram universe? On January 4, 2019, a photo of an unassuming egg attempted to unseat the most liked Instagram post with the challenge of: "Let's set the world record together and get the most liked post on Instagram. Beating Kylie Jenner (18 million)! We got this." Posted by the anonymous Instagram account, world\_record\_egg, within days the egg had millions of shares and gained countless new followers. By January 23, the egg had OVER 50 MILLION likes and 2 million comments - surpassing Kylie Jenner by over 32 million! She responded by posting a video of herself cracking a similar looking egg on

the pavement. As days went by, the account posted pictures of the egg slowly cracking open. On Super Bowl Sunday, the egg finally cracked completely open. Inside the egg, was a video talking about mental health awareness. The video's message was clear - the "egg" said that it was cracking under the pressure of social media fame and that you too can always talk to someone. Once the egg opened - the man behind the egg was revealed - Chris Godfrey - an advertising executive in London. When interviewed by Time magazine about the egg, Godfrey said, "An egg has no gender, race, or religion. An egg is an egg, it's universal." Congratulations to this ordinary little egg just about broke the internet!

Follow the egg on Instagram @world\_record\_egg

## Sixth Grade Teacher of the Month

By: Kalia Liuchan and Erika Robertson

Congrats to Ms. McCullough for winning the May Sixth Grade Teacher of the Month! She definitely deserves this for being so kind and enthusiastic towards students. Everyday students come to class excited to learn new things. She has great teaching methods and always smiles at everyone who walks into her classroom.

She will greet you with a kind tone and will teach you impeccably well. She always gives you notice for a test, so you have time to study. She also makes sure she is giving you the best information possible. She is an inspiration to many. Congratulations, again, to Ms. McCullough for winning the Sixth Grade Teacher of the Month!

# Death Defying Continued

By: Alli Voyles

We started to head out for our Halloween plans at around seven p.m. Cat and I had already done the costumes and makeup when Michael came around. We drove to our friend Zac's house, which is in the first part of our huge neighborhood. When we got there, he invited us in, as everyone was getting what they might need for the storm.

Our friend, Holly, came up to Cat, Michael, and I and asked, "Why have you three been so close together these past three days and never invited us anywhere with you? We always do everything together!" I am a little startled by the question, but I am also not. Holly has always been one of the ones that wants to know everything and always thinks people are trying to avoid her. We all look at each other and notice that the room has gone silent.

Michael was the first to speak, "Okay. Really? I have a few good reasons why. First, Lizzy and I are together and we should be able to spend as much time as we want to together. Second, who cares what we have been doing? Third, why do you care? Have you always wanted to know what we have been doing?" Holly was surprised by his response and said back, "You know, we don't want to go trick or treating anymore with you because you guys are just going to be out in your own little group!"

"Fine, we probably weren't going to hang out with you anyway, and speaking of leaving, we should probably start," I retort back. We go outside and start to head in different directions. Zac's house is in the front of the neighborhood and we go around and circle to the second part. We go ahead and start trick or treating. The wind has re-



ally picked up and we are only on like the fourth house. We finish two more when Michael says, "We should probably ask someone if we could come inside for a while." We agree and by now, it is raining. All the houses are empty for some reason, even Zac's! We rush to the only house that has a light on and ring the doorbell. The house is pretty torn up and the boards beneath our feet creaked. A strange lady answered the door. "Hello," she said to us, "Why would the three of

you be out in a storm like this?" We just looked at each other until Cat answered, "We got separated from our friends, and the rest of the houses are locked with no lights on." She looked inside the house for a moment and asked, "You wouldn't mind letting us come in for a while, would you?" "Not at all," she responded. **To be continued.....**

# Jokes

By Zack Schacht

1. What falls but never gets hurt?... The rain!
2. The roundest knight at King Arthur's was Sir Cumference... He ate too much Pi!
3. What is the official animal of Pi Day?... the PI - thon!
4. Why are diapers like 100 dollar bills?... They need to be changed.
5. Why is the longest human nose on record only 11 inches long?... Otherwise it would be a foot!
6. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?... Spring-time!
7. What Dr. Seuss baseball book was never published?... "The Cat at Bat!"
8. What do you call a rabbit with flees?... Bugs Bunny
9. When do monkeys fall from the sky? ...During Ape-ril showers
10. What did the summer say to the spring?... Help! I'm going to fall.

## Can TCAP be too Stressful for Kids to Handle?

By: Erika Robertson

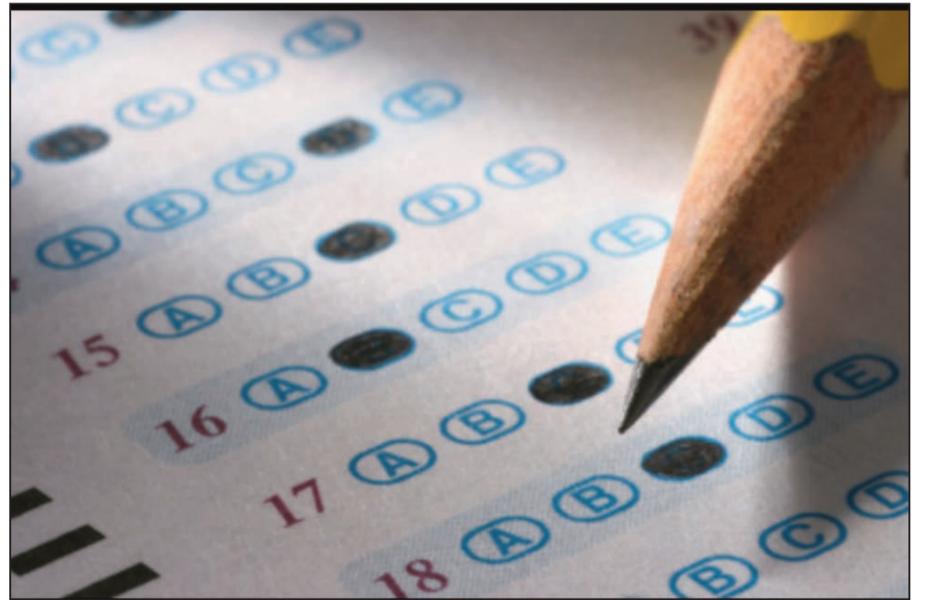
TCAP is state wide testing that all kids in Tennessee agree is very stressful and quite a hassle. This is not just in Tennessee though, as many other states across the United States struggle with statewide standardized testing.

TCAP can be quite the problem, and kids every year dread it. Not only is TCAP an add on to all the stress students have to deal with, but it is not a good way to test a students knowledge. The American school system has been using

standardized testing in schools for years, which makes the American school system one of the worst. In fact, many people agree to put a stop to this testing. In one article, "Standardized Tests should be Abolished," the author states, "If standardized tests were devised in order to rank students, they do a poor job of it.

How many times have we seen a student fail miserably in his academic studies, only to shine later on when left to do what he or she enjoyed?" This proves an important point that standardized testing can be anything but helpful at times.

So what can we do to stop this stress caused by testing? We can get rid of standardized testing and find a new way to test knowledge because if anything, standardized testing makes students feel stupid, like they aren't doing very well, and lowers their self esteems.



## April Fools!

By: Luke Dietrick



Did you know that Burger King published a full page advertisement in USA Today announcing the introduction of a new item to their menu: a "Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans? Or that McDonalds has created the Micro Mac for when you're only a tiny bit hungry? Or Ikea is

taking to the skies with the all new Flikea, which will include the first Sweden to Australia nonstop flight? APRIL FOOLS! These are all hilarious April fools jokes that famous stores played on their customers. Believe it or not, some people actually came to Burger King asking for the Left-Handed Whopper! People came to McDonalds asking how much the Micro Mac cost! People tried to purchase Flikea tickets! All of that for some silly, but believable, April Fools jokes.

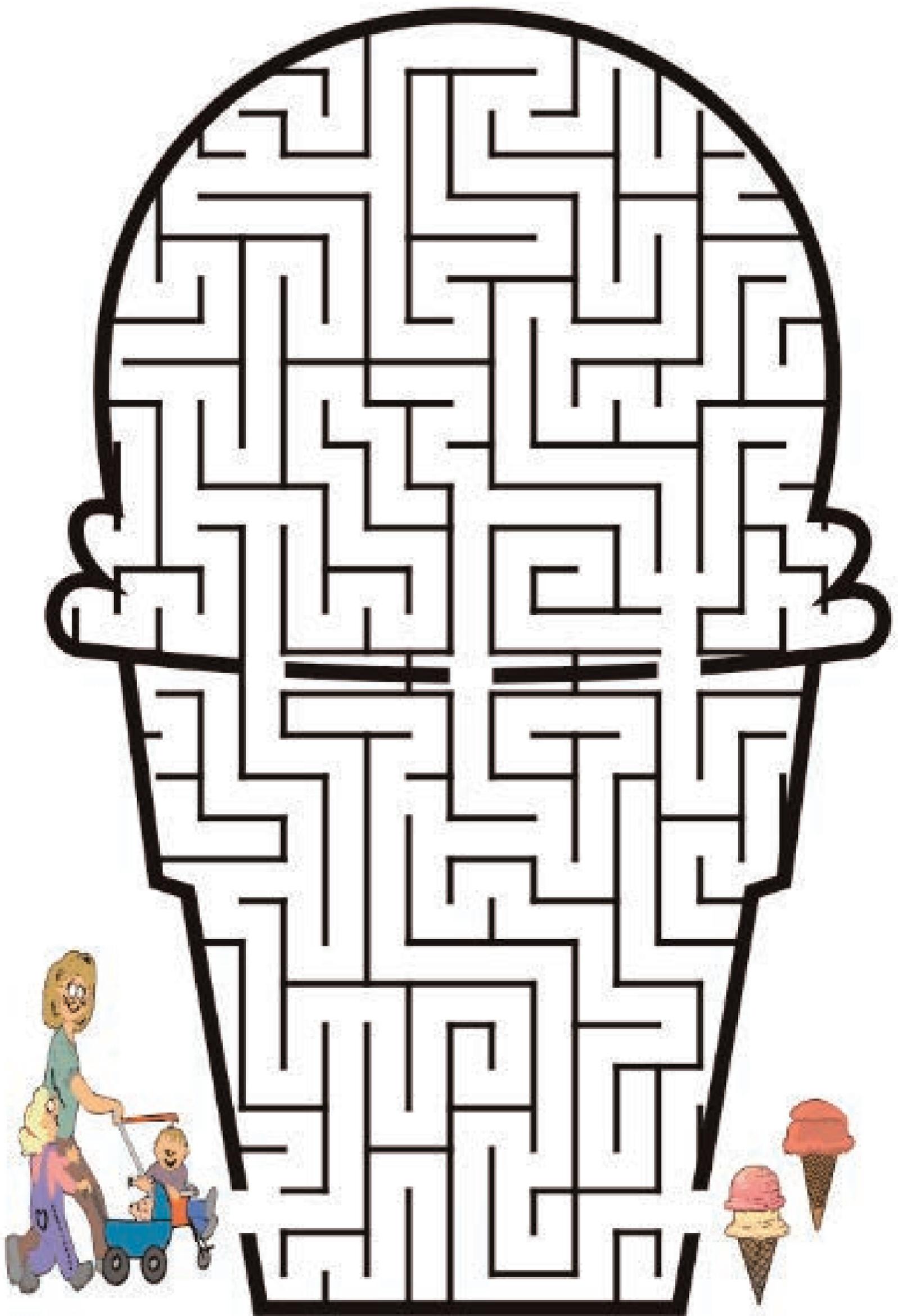
## Jokes

By: Azariah Cherukara

1. Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!
2. When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look? Because when you find it, you stop looking.
3. Why does a seagull fly over the sea? Because if it flew over the bay, it would be a baygull.
4. What building in New York has the most stories?

The public library!

5. What's worse than finding a worm in your apple? Finding half a worm.
6. What was the first animal in space? The cow that jumped over the moon.
7. Why couldn't the pony sing a lullaby? She was a little hoarse.
8. What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta.
9. What dinosaur had the best vocabulary? The thesaurus.
10. How do you throw a party in space? You planet.



## Fun in the Sun

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