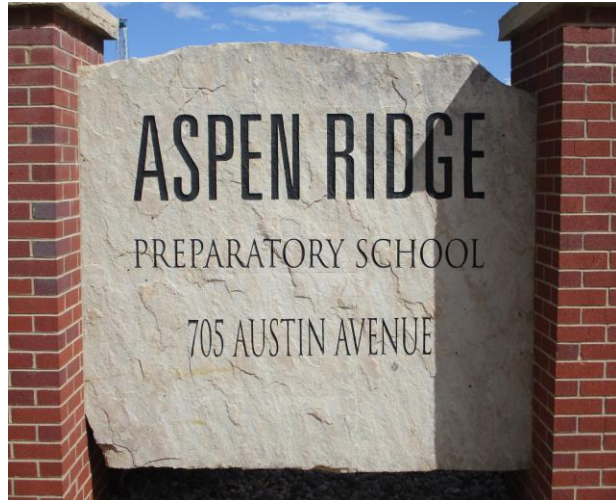


# The Owl Times

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**Congrats to our logo winner,  
4th grader Boo Boo G!**

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## **Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Tyson**

By Mia L (6th grade) and Talan B (6th grade)



**What is your favorite part about teaching?** My favorite part about teaching is I can be really silly and goofy and the kids don't think that I am crazy.

**What made you want to become a teacher?** I have wanted to be a teacher since 1st grade. I had my favorite teacher ever named Ms. Sloane and she made school really fun and I always enjoyed it. I just decided that's what I wanted to do one day.

**How long have you been teaching?** This is my 5th year as a teacher.

**What do you like about the students 3rd grade students?** I like that 3rd grade students are still young enough to be silly, but they are old enough to do some things independently as well.

**What kind of music do you like?** I like all kinds of music. I like pop music, country music, rap music. I like all of it!

**What is your favorite season?** My favorite season is Fall because the weather is nice and sunny, kind of cold, and I love the clothes too.

**What is your favorite hobby outside of school?** My favorite thing to do outside of school is baking. Especially when I can give away yummy treats!

**Do you have any pets? If so what are their names?** I have 3 three. One big, one medium, one tiny and there names are Asher, Burt and Tie.

Thank you Mrs. Tyson for being the staff spotlight! See who our next staff spotlight is in two weeks...

## VOLLEYBALL

By [Jadesola A. \(7th grade\)](#)

The game Aspen Ridge Owls played on Monday, September 25th, was a great one to be remembered. For the first time, Aspen Ridge Owls Volleyball Team won a game! With a 25 to 18 score on their fourth game (Just so you know, whoever get 25 wins and then the game ends). The only thing was there were 6 games, but we did great. Slowly, they started to catch up from a low score while we had 24. Just as we thought it was over, we got the ball. Hearts racing, Annalee P. served the winning serve as the other team struggled to get it. Players on this amazing play were Chaya M., Cora P., Annalee P., Shreya G., Sidney H., and me, Jade A. Our wonderful coaches helped us prep for this play, encouraged us, and congratulated us in the end. On Saturday, September 30th, Aspen Ridge volleyball team concluded the season with a tournament. Although they didn't win, they tried their hardest, had fun, and can't wait until volleyball starts next year!

Our **Coaches** were Ms. Britton and Mrs. Zehnder. The **Team Captains** were our two eighth graders, Sydney and Chaya. Our 3 **7th graders** were Annalee, Shreya, and Jade/Me. Our 8 **6th graders** were Mia, Marin, Hollyn, Cora, Tahlia, Elena, Ellie, and Kaelin. Our 5 **5th graders** were Erica, Frankie, Hailey, Katelyn, and Lizzie. Special thanks to everyone!

## Fall Poem

By [Chaya M](#) and [Zoe R](#)

Falling leaves ☐

Autumn Breeze ☐

Fall Word Search

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FIRESIDE  
FLANNEL  
FOGGY  
FROSTY  
GOLDEN  
HALLOWEEN  
LEAVES  
PUMPKIN  
THANKSGIVING  
WINDY  
WONDERFUL

Lovely Trees ☐

Longer Please ☐



## Marin's Puns

By Marin C (6th grade)

Why did the scarecrow win the nobel prize?

Because he was out-standing in his field

What is a scarecrows favorite fruit?



Straw-berries

Who helps the small pumpkins cross the street at school?

The crossing gourds

## Video Game Review: Skyrim

By **Matthew W (6th grade)**

Skyrim is an awesome game about going on a mission. You can do whatever you want. You can create your character, level up your character, and upgrade him/her to make your character more powerful. There are swords, bows, arrows, daggers, armor, helmets, and axes, so there are plenty of weapons to choose from! Players can choose groups to join like Battle Borns, Thieves Guild, or guards. Another fun part of the game there are bandits you can steal from people. It's always important to make sure your parents are okay with you playing video games first, like this one because it's rated M.

## Video Game Review of *Banished*

By **Carl H (6th grade)**

Rating: ★★★★★

### Summary:

Banished is a strategy and management game published by Shining Rock Software. In the game, you manage a colony built by a group of people who were banished from their homeland. You create jobs by telling the people to build houses, farms, gathering huts, blacksmiths, etc. There are no enemies except the environment. You have to manage the colony's struggles with warmth, food, and supplies while constructing special buildings to make things like coats, tools, and firewood. There is a lot to do in this game, and it will really eat up your time. If you are okay with risking that, this game is really cool!

**Suggested Audience:** If you like strategy or management games, you might find this game really fun!

## Book Review of *Please Don't Tell my Parents I'm a Supervillain*

By **Carl H (6th grade)**

Rating: ★★★★★

### Summary:

This book, by Richard Roberts, is about a girl named Penny who gets superpowers. She tries to be a superhero, but things go wrong and she gets labeled a supervillain. She tries to



figure out how to switch to a hero, but then she discovers that she actually enjoys villainy. This is an amazing book, and it is almost impossible to put down!

**Suggested Audience:** If you like books about superheroes or just need a really good read, this book probably will be awesome for you.

## Newsletter Survey Results

By [Anne-Faye T.](#)

Here were the questions for this newsletter:

What is your favorite season?

Results- Summer: 27% Winter: 35% Spring: 15% Fall: 23%

I was not surprised by these results because everyone loves winter! It is my favorite too. I'm glad people are happy that fall is here! For the people who love spring and summer, sorry, you have a while to wait. According to the rainy and cold weather lately, summer is long gone.

What is your favorite thing about fall?

Choices were: Halloween, the weather, leaves, Thanksgiving, and fall clothes

Results- Halloween: 60% Weather: 10% Leaves: 6% Thanksgiving: 16% Clothes: 8%

Honestly, I was not surprised by these results either. I know that Halloween is super cool, and I was expecting everyone to vote for it. It's my favorite part of fall too. I also love Thanksgiving and I am happy that other people love giving thanks. Leaves and clothes are also an awesome part of fall!

Thank you so much for voting! We got a lot more votes this time. Next newsletter poll will be Halloween themed!

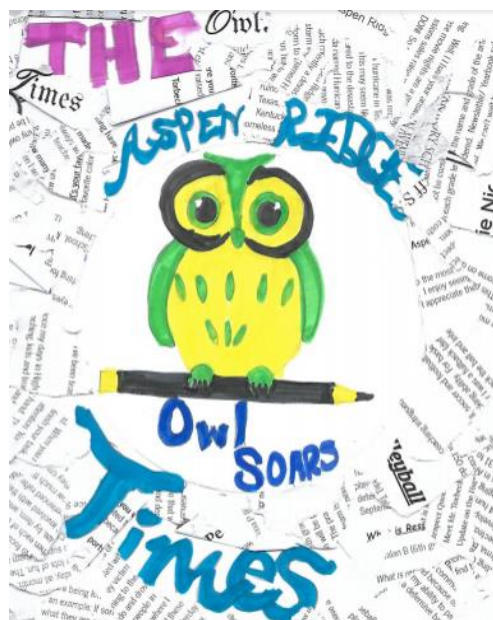
## Owl Times Logo Contest

We were so excited to see over 40 ARPS students' owl submissions! Thank you to all of the creative artists who submitted their logos! It was hard to choose, but the staff narrowed the submissions down to 3 and then voted for 4th grader Boo Boo's, whose design you will see on the cover of each newsletter. We wanted to

honor the two other students who were chosen as top three contenders. On the left is an adorable owl drawn by Sophia J, a 5th grader in Mr. Rhoda's class. On the right is an extremely creative collage (made with real pieces of the Owl



Times newsletter) crafted by Claire R, also a 5th grader in Mr. Rhoda's class. Great job to you both, and congrats to 4th grader Boo Boo!



## Mexico Earthquakes

By: Grace S

As some of our friends from the Aspen Ridge community might know, Mexico recently suffered from 3 very large earthquakes. Let's start out right at the beginning. It was a beautiful morning on September 7, 2017. People were going through their usual routine, getting up, eating breakfast, going to work, when suddenly a large shaking rattled the floor beneath the unsuspecting pedestrians. Next, people watched in horror as buildings tumbled over in front of them, rattling the earth itself. Screams pierced the air, and the whole street turned into pandemonium, people running to the nearest shelter. Thousands of people were running in the same direction. Now this all happened in a matter of seconds, but people knew what else was coming their way. As people ran, they saw buildings on their last limbs tilting over like the Tower of Pisa, except these towers were ready to fall at any minute. As people arrived at shelters or fields, they immediately contacted their families, making sure that everyone was okay. Those who were able to connect with loved ones felt relieved, while unfortunately some were not able to reach their friends and relatives at all.

This is an example of what happened during the first earthquake. Around one hundred people during this terrible disaster passed away. This earthquake was located off of the southern pacific coast of Mexico, near Chiapas State. Some bridges and a highway were damaged during the earthquake, too.

The next earthquake hit Mexico on Tuesday, September 19th. This had a magnitude of 7.1. Although around 300 people were found dead from this tragedy, and 650 people ended up in the hospital, there are still some amazing stories from survivors of the earthquake. For example, a tree branch saved a maintenance mechanic's life, and a slap for a man's wife took him out of shock and into survival mode. Finally, it's time for the third (and hopefully last) earthquake in Mexico.

This atrocious earthquake occurred on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at approximately 7:53 am. About 275 miles southeast of Mexico city, in Oaxaca, but shakes in the earth were still felt in Mexico City, making people stop and get under tables while people made sure that nobody was hurt. This disastrous anomaly's epicenter was just 9.9 kilometers below the earth's surface. (5.5 miles) This may seem like a long distance underneath the earth, but it was actually very close to the earth's surface, since the average earthquake occurs about 8-10 miles below the earth. This means that the earthquake was much longer and widespread than a normal earthquake, causing much more damage over a larger span of land.

In conclusion, there were recently 3 massive, devastating earthquakes in Mexico. Their magnitudes were 8.1, 7.1 and 6.1. These catastrophes claimed many people's lives and injured many other people. They also left thousands of people homeless and in need of food and water. To donate to the victims of these tragedies, search for relief agencies such as UNICEF or Red Cross, and donate what you can. Any help will be appreciated. Meanwhile, please pray for everyone that had to experience this catastrophe.