How Great Is Shamona Creek
Maithili S. and Cindy Z.
Grade: 4

Shamona creek is the best school ever! Why? Well, all our teachers, our principal Mrs. Welsh, and of course, us, the students! We are all the nicest people a school could ask. The teachers are so nice! They let us watch movies in class, always have the funniest plans for us! Mrs. Welsh is the nicest, the best principal in the world! We the students are, probably, the most important part of the school because without us there would be no school because there would be nobody to teach to. Overall, if I were to rate Shamona Creek Elementary, I would rate us... One Hundred Percent!!!

Renaissance Faire
Lily F.
Grade: 3

This fair is a fun way to explore the past. There is jousting, plays, and giant turkey legs. The people who work there are always in character. There are fun games and you can cash in bands for prizes. If you dress up, it will be more fun. Even the restrooms are historical. Most of the huts and stores are made of wood and rope. They sell fake swords, soaps, cloves, and other goodies. This fair is for your whole family to enjoy. You can be any age, and still have fun. I cannot wait until next year!

The Awesome Fun Run
Aarav P.
Grade: 3

This is what I did in the FUN RUN! First, my class and I went outside to go to the FUN RUN! Awesome Airy all of the classes. They said everyone had 30 minutes. Next, when the music we started to run and on the 14th lap, I saw my brother and he had 10 laps done. Last of all, the music stopped so our time was up. I ran 41 laps and 35 laps was the maxed amount of laps you can do so I ran more than enough laps. That is what I did in the fun run.

Awesome Sharks
Trey D.
Grade: 5

The Shamona Creek Elementary School mascot is a shark! Do you want to know more about sharks? Here are five fun facts about sharks!

1. Sharks have about 40 to 45 teeth in just in the front row!
2. Sharks are very big sea creatures - almost the biggest in the world!
3. There are over 400 hundred species of sharks in the world!
4. Baby sharks are called pups just like babies of dogs.
5. Sharks are closely related to stingrays!

The Alphabet Story
Katherine S.
Grade: 5

Once upon a time, there were letters A to Z. Although everybody loved living in Letter Land, it wasn’t always so great. AB and C thought they were the best because they were the title of the song. And they thought that Z was the worst. AB and C were very mean to Z. X and Y were Z’s friends. They did everything together. When X found out that AB and C were being mean to Z, he told Y what was going on. They felt bad for Z and wanted to help. They tried to think about what they could do. Finally, they came up with a fantastic idea! What if they brought in the numbers to see how they live? They invited 0-9 to A’s house. All the letters were at A’s house waiting for the numbers to arrive. It took a while but they eventually made it. All the numbers plopped out of the car. They were all helping each other walk up the steps to the house. A was very surprised. The numbers were being nice to one another! X and Y’s plan was working out great. Eventually, A figured out what X and Y where doing. After a lot of convincing by X Y and Z, A finally agreed to be kind to all the letters. The End. But wait, that’s not all, two days later, Letter Land came up with a rule. Not any rule. A Golden Rule.

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Solar S’mores
Emma F.
Grade: 5

Shamona Creek 5th graders made solar s’mores. They used pizza boxes with tin foil tops to attract the heat and cook the s’mores. The whole 5th grade made them on November 4, 2015. It was so fun! Mrs. Milano assigned us groups. First, we got a pizza box. Then we got our ingredients to make the s’mores. We got two graham cracker halves, two pieces of chocolate, and one marshmallow. The chocolate melted and the graham cracker browned, but the marshmallow did not cook. They were so good! I loved making s’mores and I hope I can do it again!

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Best School in the Whole Wide World
Anoushka S.
Grade: 1

SHAMONA CREEK IS AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When you are buying lunch, they make food that tastes AMAZING!

Mr. Conroy is such a funny teacher. Teachers from K to 5th are AWWEEESSOOMMEE! Art teachers make beautiful pictures. Gym teachers help you get healthy and strong.

And.............................. I LOVE SHAMONA CREEK!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Solar S’mores!
Lineesha K.
Grade: 5

Recently, the fifth graders in Shamona Creek used energy from the sun to melt marshmallows, chocolate, and make s’mores! First, we had to make pizza box “ovens” by cutting a hole in the pizza box, covering it in clear plastic, and making a piece of foil stand up next to it to reflect sun onto the s’mores. Last, we covered the inside of the box with black cardstock paper. Finally, we could make s’mores! All five fifth grade classes gathered on the green top to begin the fun. First, we gathered into groups of 6 and placed our pizza boxes in the sunniest spot we could find. Then, we broke our graham crackers into half, placed a marshmallow on it, and put it in our “oven.” When the marshmallows looked delicious, brown, and squishy enough, we put chocolate on the marshmallow and placed it back into the oven. Finally, we were done and got to eat the s’mores. They were the best s’mores I ever had!

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Troop Donations
Caci R.
Grade: 5

This week, we were told to donate food and games to families who need it. Friday, November 20, was the deadline for turning in our goods. We are all very thankful for those who donated! In the school’s front lobby, there were many boxes where you could donate items, like batteries, candy, shoes, PS2, PS3, and PSP games, and much more. However, the deadline has already been reached, so thank you everyone who put something in those boxes! We all hope that the many items that were put in the boxes (some boxes were filled to the brim, others were halfway full with small objects) will help a family in need. Thanks you everyone who donated! We all appreciate it!!

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Happy Halloween
Henry D.
Grade: 3

Candy, Candy, Candy, Candy! You may think Halloween is about going door to door getting free candy but ...... It is not! The Irish thought that the dead could come back for a day but the Italian corrected them. And yes, Halloween did start in Ireland. If you want to know how the costumes started, keep reading.

Back in the day, people dressed up in costumes to scare the evil spirits away. And that is how Halloween started.

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2015 World Series
Robert V.
Grade: 4
Every year since 1903, there is a series of baseball games that decides the champion of Major League Baseball (MLB). 1904 and 1994 were the only years without a World Series. The World Series is a best of seven series.

This year, the Kansas City Royals beat the New York Mets in 5 games. In Game 1, Alcides Escobar got a leadoff inside-the-park home run. Catcher Salvador Perez won MVP. Johnny Cueto pitched an outstanding Game 2 and only gave up 2 hits. Last year, the Royals lost to the San Francisco Giants in 7 games. They were the 15th team to win the World Series after losing it the year before.

For the Mets, Matt Harvey pitched a good Game 5, pitching 8 innings, giving up 2 runs and 5 hits. Daniel Murphy had 20 at bats in this year’s World Series. He had 3 singles, and 5 walks. He scored twice in this year’s World Series, had a batting average of .150, and an OBP of .320.

Baseball is a fun game to watch and so is the World Series. Next year, you should watch the World Series. Who will be in it? Who will win?

Interview with Tanvi B.
Francesca T.
Grade: 4
Favorite COLOR: blue
Favorite ANIMAL: pig
Favorite FOOD: pizza
Favorite THING TO DO: Do sports
Favorite TYPE OF FLOWER: rose
Favorite SPORT: swimming
Favorite BUG: Ladybug
Favorite SUBJECT: ART
Favorite LANGUAGE: French

Now, check out this!

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE INTERVIEW ANSWERS (not all words will be used).

I like to eat_______.
I also ride _______.
You will also see me in my ________ room.
I will eat any kind of _______.
I will not, however, eat _______.
In summer, you will find me_______!
I LOVE to do_______ in school.

The Invisible Dog Part 1
Sri Ananya P.
Grade: 4
Dogs are interesting, but this might be the most interesting dog of all! There once was a normal dog named Stellar who liked to be naughty. His family put him in many dog schools, but he was good at school and bad at home. He would get curious and accidently delete an important office file. He once even peed on the office computer. The family always thought he did those things on purpose. One day he was being “naughty” again and he went through a hole in the fence.

There was a gumball machine. He flipped button and a gumball popped in his mouth. He felt a prickles. He looked at his paw but he couldn’t see it. Dun-Dun-Dun!

NFL
Freddy R.
Grade: 4
The Seahawks are a great team. They are a football team. They play in Seattle, Washington at CenturyLink Field. 3 reasons why I like the Seahawks are that they have great players like Richard Sherman. He is a Cornerback. They won the Super Bowl in 2014. They are an exciting team.

Alex Gordon hits a home run in Game 1.
I read the book Capture the Flag by Kate Messenger. In the book, someone steals the original Star-Spangled Banner (also known as the American flag). Anna, Jose, and Henry are the main characters in the book and they are trying to figure out who stole the flag. Anna, Jose, and Henry first meet at the Washington DC airport. Anna, Jose, and Henry are all in 7th grade. They have the same February break and are visiting Washington, DC. They are trying to get home to stolen the Flag.

Anna writes a school newspaper and calls herself a journalist. Jose is another one of the main characters. His mom was one of the textile scientist selected for the Star-Spangled Banner restoration project. The star spangled banner had holes that could not be fixed because it is a historic artifact. Henry is the last main character. His mother died of cancer three years ago. Henry is at the airport with his aunt because his dad was away on a cruise with Henry's new stepmom. At the end of the school year, Henry is moving to Boston because his dad had been hired at Boston University.

The star spangled banner was at the Smithsonian Museum of American History. It was guarded by 5 doors & lots of security systems and bodyguards. The museum was giving a tour to four men, but five men showed up to take the tour. They took the extra man on the tour too. The museum made a horrible mistake! The 5 men went past all the security to go in and see the flag. On their way out, the extra man stayed behind to steal the flag.

Anna starts to think about who else might be snowed in at the airport when she thinks that the person who stole the flag could be snowed in at the airport too. The kids think a man who they call Snake Arm stole the flag. They think he stole the flag because he was in such a rush. They call him snake arm because he has a snake tattoo on his arm. Jose's mom is also a suspect. She is a suspect because she was in the restoration project and one of the last people near the flag. Jose doesn't think his mom stole the flag because she "cares" for the flag and wouldn't want to steal it.

A dog runs up to the kids. The dog's name is Hammurabi. Hammurabi belongs to Sinan. Anna, Jose, and Henry become friends with Sinan. Sinan's parents become suspects who stole the flag because the police have evidence that his parents may have stolen the flag. The police put Hammurabi back into the baggage area. Sinan's mom says Sinan is missing. Anna, Jose, and Henry think Sinan went into the baggage area to find Hammurabi. They decide to go and find him. What could have happened to Sinan?

My favorite part is when Sinan shows Anna, Jose, & Henry his drawings. Sinan draws parts of speech in a notebook. For example, if someone said let the cat out of the bag Sinan would draw a cat coming out of a bag. This book was surprising because who I thought stole the flag didn't steal the flag. Be sure to read the book capture the flag by Kate Messenger.
Why Baseball is Awesome
Pradhi P. and Asrith S.
Grade: 4

Baseball is one of the many sports that you can work out in every part of your body. Baseball is a really fun sport to play like football and basketball!! The Benefits of baseball is targeting. The more you practice baseball, the more you will improve in targeting.

When you are batting in baseball and you turn to hit the ball and in your mind. You think that you are going to hit a GRAND SLAM!!! You are working out your core and your hands. Your core because when you turn, your core is getting tighter and stronger each time to hit that ball at that sweet home plate. Baseball is a really fun sport because there is running. You run when you hit the ball because that’s how you get a homeron. You do not want to get out by the opponent who is standing in the base. You get out when he catches the baseball. Baseball is a fast and competitive sport. The uniform is really cool when you play baseball. The equipment like the mitt makes the sport better and it gives you a better grip to catch the baseball. Baseball has so many famous players like Basketball and Football. Some famous players are Jackie Robinson, Derek Jeter and many more. Baseball players get a good amount of salary. They earn about 18 million to 23 million. The highest they get paid for coming into different teams is 30 million. I wish I could get that rich! Finally, baseball is a vigorous activity with lots of strength but at the same time is a humongous amount of. This is why baseball is a fun sport to play!!

Professional baseball in the Americas is composed of teams from Major League and Minor League Baseball, as well as several independent baseball leagues. This is the hierarchy of professional leagues in North America:

- Major League Baseball, composed of two Leagues, the American League and National League, currently comprising a total of 30 teams, 29 in the United States and one (the American League’s Toronto Blue Jays) in Canada
- Minor League Baseball
  - Class AAA, including three leagues: the International League (14 teams in the United States), the Pacific Coast League (16 teams in the United States), and the MLB-independent Mexican League (16 teams in Mexico)
  - Class AA, including three leagues (the Eastern League, Southern League, and the Texas League, with 30 teams between them, all in the United States

This is why Baseball is a really fun and EXCITING sport!
NFL Football
Junaid M., Arnav, and Dev S.
Grade: 3 and 5

There are many football teams in the NFL league. I will name a few of the best teams in the NFL. Starting off with the Houston Texans. The Houston Texans are a professional football team based in Houston, Texas. The team is a member of the South Division of the American Football Conference in the National Football League. The Texans joined the NFL in 2002 as an expansion team after Houston's previous franchise, the Houston Oilers, moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where they are now the Tennessee Titans. A few good players on the team are J. J. Watt, Arian Foster, and Ryan Mallett.

Another great in the NFL is the Seattle Seahawks. The Seattle Seahawks are a professional American football franchise based in Seattle, Washington. They are members of the West division of the National Football Conference in the National Football League. The Seahawks joined the NFL in 1976 as an expansion team along with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Seahawks are owned by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen and are currently coached by Pete Carroll. Since 2002, the Seahawks have played their home games at CenturyLink Field (formerly Qwest Field), located south of downtown Seattle. The Seahawks previously played home games in the Kingdome (1976–1999) and Husky Stadium (1994, 2000–2001). Sometimes they play in Seattle, Washington at CenturyLink Field. A few of their best players are Richard Sherman, Marshawn Lynch, and Russell Wilson.

The Denver Broncos are also a great NFL team. The Denver Broncos are a professional football team based on Denver, Colorado. Their current head coach is Gary Kubiak. One cool fact about the Broncos is that they were NFL champions in 1997 and 1998. One famous player on the team is Peyton Manning. Peyton Manning is a football quarterback for the Denver Broncos. A famous sibling of him is Eli Manning. Eli Manning plays for the New York Giants. Peyton Manning played for the Indianapolis Colts for 14 seasons between 1998 and 2011.

Also, the New England Patriots are a very good team. The New England Patriots are a professional American football team based in the Greater Boston area. Their head coach is Bill Belichick. One famous player on their team is Tom Brady. Tom Brady is the quarterback for the famous New England Patriots. The New England Patriots were NFL champions in 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2015! The owners of the Patriots is Robert Kraft. In the 2015 Super Bowl the Patriots faced the Seattle Seahawks. It was a very close game and the Patriots won 28 - 24 because a teammate named Malcom Butler had intercepted the ball from the Seahawks.

There are many teams in the NFL. Only some of the teams are good enough to go the Super Bowl. Most of these teams have gone to the Super Bowl because of their teamwork, perseverance, and football skills.

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A Comic
By: Christian Burk
Grade: 4

One day

Sigh, I wish I had a house

Free house this way

You silly little mouse!
AAARRRGGG
All About Fall
Bella D.
Grade: 5

Across
1. Ghosts, goblins and ghouls come out on this day
2. Another word for Fall
3. Orange vegetable grown in a patch
4. Fall begins in this month
5. The process of gathering ripe crops

Down
1. Use this to hold all of your Thanksgiving Food
2. These fall from the tree in Autumn
3. Celebrated on the Last Thursday in November
4. Owls hoot during this witching hour
5. A fun fall activity
Favorite Phillies
Micah B.
Grade: 3

Today I'm going to write about a major league baseball team called the Philadelphia Phillies. I'm just going to give you a hint that they aren't that good of a baseball team. Well they did win the World Series twice. In 2015, they avoided losing 100 games even though they lost 99. In 2008, they won the World Series. If you play well enough for the whole baseball season. Your team can win the series. The Phillies's home field is called Citizens Bank Park. You get to play at least 132 games home and away. One of my favorite players on the Phillies is a first baseman and has the name of Ryan Howard. He has hit at least 349 home runs in the time that he has been playing baseball. One more thing is that he is number 6. My other is no longer on the Phillies and he was traded to the Dodgers. But his name is Chase Utley. Lots of people liked him while he was on the Phillies and also while is now on the Dodgers. He is number 26. Turkey hill decided to make an ice cream named after the Phillies. I tasted it and it tastes like graham crackers.

Best Soccer Team
Devvrat S.
Grade: 3

Germany may be the best soccer team because it has won 5 world cups and it has the best offense I have seen in my life. They have Robben, Schweinsteiger, Lahm, and Klose they are good but their goalie keeps them undefeated Manuel Nauer he is beast he blocks every shot people take. Last year they won the world cup by defeating Argentina 1 nothing. That's why they are the best team.

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