

# The Stampede

## Welcome to The Stampede MDE's Magazine made by The Specialists!

Meet the President of our PTA...Mrs. Christan Fuqua!



**Graham Fuqua sits down with the President of our PTA -  
who also happens to be his mom!**

**Graham:** Mom, if you could be the PTA President one more time, would you?

**Christan:** Well, this year has just started and we have 8 months to go. The Vice President is in line to be the President next year and I am in line to be the Parliamentarian next year. President is a big job and a lot of planning starts the year you serve as the Vice President. And the Parliamentarian's job is to make sure all rules are followed. So I actually have a job already planned for next year. Why, do you want me to do it again?

**Graham:** Yes, but Clay doesn't. What I meant was, do you like it enough to do it again if you could?

**Christan:** I went to MDE and enjoyed being a student here and I love that I am able to be a parent here now. This community is my home and I am so glad to give back to my community in this way. My mom served on this PTA in many roles and yes, I am so glad I am doing this now and if I were needed, I would, but I think we have lots of great qualified parent volunteers who would be good at PTA President, so I don't think I will be needed like that. So tell Clay, not to worry.

*(Interview continued on next page)*

## **Graham: What takes up most of your time as PTA President?**

**Christan:** I am in charge of the PTA calendar for the year so I started last spring working to coordinate lots of details with the various committee chairs and with Dr Jeremiassen and many of the staff members to plan and schedule all of the fun evens at MDE. This year I have been busy with the PTA webpage, all of the E-Newsletters, our new App, and talking to parents about what the PTA does and how we work together to make MDE the special place it is and always has been. We also raise money to pay for a lot of activities and even some staff, so I have spent a lot of time working with the fundraising committees. So mostly, I email information to people, I talk to people on the phone and I attend a lot of meetings. This is sort of like running a small business.

## **Graham: What is your favorite activity at MDE?**

**Christan:** I vividly remember Fall Festival when I was a kid. It was mostly the same, but people made a much bigger deal out of the Haunted House. The parents would dress up in costumes and drive up to MDE in a hurst and have a parade out of the car and into the haunted house before it started. And the pumpkin decorating contest is exactly the same. I also remember the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wave off parade when I was a kid and how fun that was. So I think my favorites are the pumpkin decorating contest and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wave off parade because they haven't changed much. My favorite new thing is Trek to the Deck. A friend told me about this at their school last year and I suggested it to Dr. Jeremiassen and she was excited about it too. I just loved seeing the deck full of families last week. It's times like that when it feels like we live in this small town in a huge city!



## **Meet Yano Garcia, MDE Parent and Guitarist Extraordinaire!**

Mrs. Dixon asked Mr. Garcia, of World Famous Fuller's Guitar (located in The Heights), to share his thoughts on being a MUSICIAN!

Pictured with his son, Isaac (*1st Grade*)



**Sing me a song!**

**Slow, fast, loud, quiet, happy or sad, music is all around us.**

**I always enjoyed listening to music, so when I was offered a chance to learn to play a instrument I was very excited.**

**My musical journey began after my father asked me if I wanted to play the drums and I excitedly said YES!**

**I also started taking guitar and piano lessons a few months later.**

**I started off learning the basics, after much practice, I learned to play some of my favorite songs.**

**Today, music is still a big part of my life.**

**Now instead of being a student I'm the teacher!**

**It's really exciting when I see one of my students master a new chord, or play a new song that they worked hard on!**

**When I'm not teaching music you can find me repairing and restoring guitar at one of the nations largest guitar shops here in Houston, Fuller's Guitar.**

**I was able to turn my passion for music into a career, and I get to play guitar every day!!!**

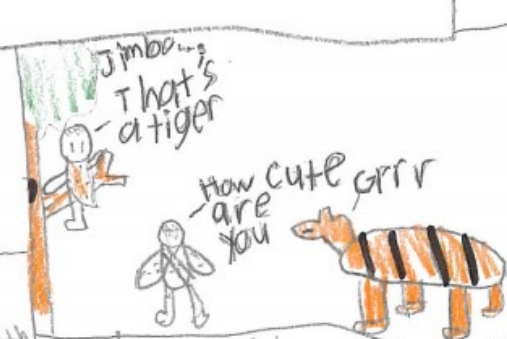
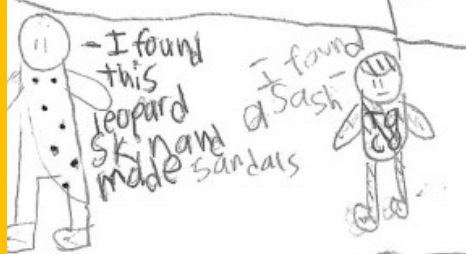
Bob and Jimbo  
Stuck in the  
**Stone Age**  
By xavier and  
Henry



To The End  
of the  
**Stone**  
Age...



**30 seconds later...**



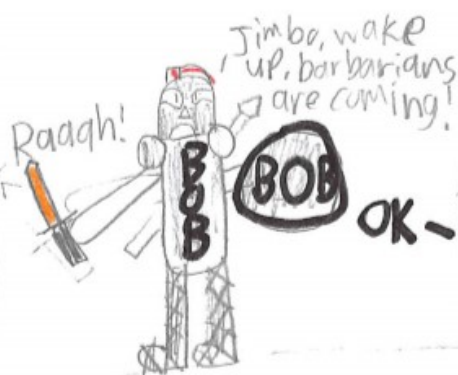
I want to go back home Wait until the bronze age so I can build another portal

One week later, the **Bronze Age** begins...

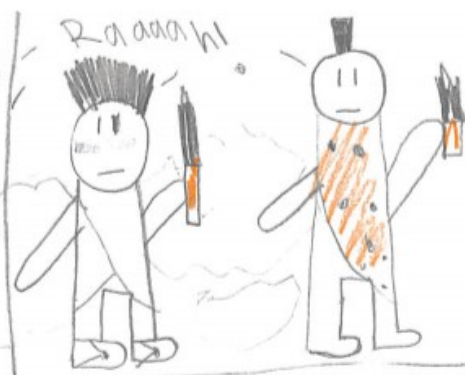




That night...  
phew! That took  
a while



**BOB** OK-

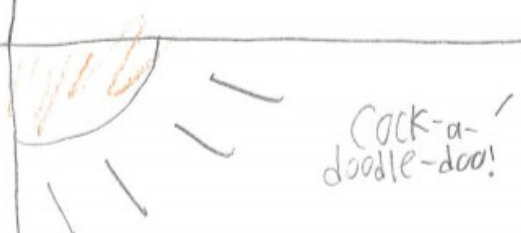


AAAHH!

Well... that  
was easy

What did  
I miss?

The **I**ron  
Age begins!!!  
The Next Day



Cock-a-  
doodle-doo!

If we have any  
of our stuff on,  
we won't have them  
when we go home



what's the  
bag for?  
-oh



Back to  
3019...



The End!  
By xavier and  
Henry

credits to Sandra  
Ramirez and  
Iain Pace for  
teaching us about  
the Stone Age  
at Spiral :)



Students in the first grade PGP program studied community helpers. They were able to interview **Jim Pappas, the mayor of Hunters Creek**. Read below to find out what they learned.

### **Mayor Pappas Interview**

**Mina:** Where did you go to school when you were little?

**Mayor Pappas:** Hunters Creek Elementary, Spring Branch Middle School, and Memorial High School

**Ryan S.:** What college did you go to?

**Mayor Pappas:** Texas A & M

**Brady:** Have you always lived in this area?

**Mayor Pappas:** Yes

**William:** What do you do as the mayor?



**Mayor Pappas:** Make sure police and firemen are paid, the neighborhood is safe, and the neighborhood is clean and pretty.

**Sonia:** Where else have you worked?

**Mayor Pappas:** Papa John's and Firehouse Subs

**Ryan B.:** What does the mayor have to do?

**Mayor Pappas:** Make enough money to pay for things and take care of problems

**Mina:** How do you help the community?

**Mayor Pappas:** Take care of problems

**Ryan S.:** What are you the boss of? What are you in charge of?

**Mayor Pappas:** Running the city

**William:** Why do you help the community?

**Mayor Pappas:** I've lived here a long time and care about the community.

**Ryan B.:** Who helps you do your job?

**Mayor Pappas:** The city secretary and five other people help me.

**Brady:** What was it like running for office?

**Mayor Pappas:** Not much fun.

**Sonia:** Do you have to dress up fancy every day?

**Mayor Pappas:** No.

**Brady:** What do you like to get for doing a good job?

**Mayor Pappas:** Nice emails



2nd Grade PGP students recently interviewed **Mrs. Bahorich**, a member of the **Texas State Board of Education**. Read on to find out what they learned about her role as an elected official.

### Interview Questions for Mrs. Bahorich

**Adam:** Where did you grow up?

**Mrs. Bahorich:** West Virginia

**Grayson:** Where did you go to school?

**Mrs. Bahorich:** Greenbriar East High School

**Abigail:** What do you do?



**Mrs. Bahorich:** I work for the State Board Of Education. I go to Austin for lots of meetings. I work hard to make sure there is money for classrooms. I make sure children are getting what they need to learn.

**Allie:** Why did you join the State Board of Education?

**Mrs. Bahorich:** I was working for a senator as a school district liaison. I got to meet lots of superintendents. When the previous member decided not to run again, I decided to try it out. I have always had a passion for education.

**Lylah:** Why does the state need to have a Board of Education?

**Mrs. Bahorich:** The state board helps make decisions for every school district in the state like what you are going to learn and what textbooks will help you learn.

**Eric:** What types of things did you hang to make people vote?

**Mrs. Bahorich:** I put out yard signs, walked the blocks, and mailed flyers to houses.

**Matthew:** How do you get elected?

**Mrs. Bahorich:** I had to talk to a lot of people about what I would do if elected.

**Allison:** Where do you vote?

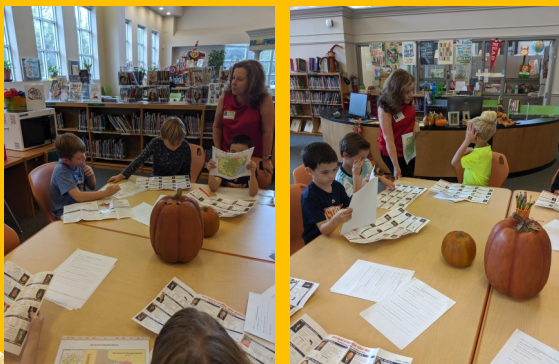
**Mrs. Bahorich:** At MDE

**Grant:** How many votes did you get?

**Mrs. Bahorich:** 326,112 votes

**Wesley:** What kinds of decisions do you make?

**Mrs. Bahorich:** I help make decisions about textbooks and what children learn.



# Library News

I would first like to thank everyone for a wonderful turnout for the book fair! We had so many fun events, and even with the lost days to rainy weather, overall it was a big success.

The **Books and Breakfast Club** is almost finished with their first book, *Merci Suarez Changes Gears*. Students will be voting on their next book soon. If you are interested, there will be a chance to join the group in January!

**Typing Club Session 1** has one more meeting and then we will start up with Session 2 on November 1.

We will be reading lots of nonfiction during library classes this month as well as learning about the databases that students can access from TexQuest.

**Don't forget** - students can always access sora ([www.soraapp.com](http://www.soraapp.com)) to read great eBooks! If you need help logging on, send a note to Mrs. Veenhuyzen.





# Music News



**Ukulele Club**

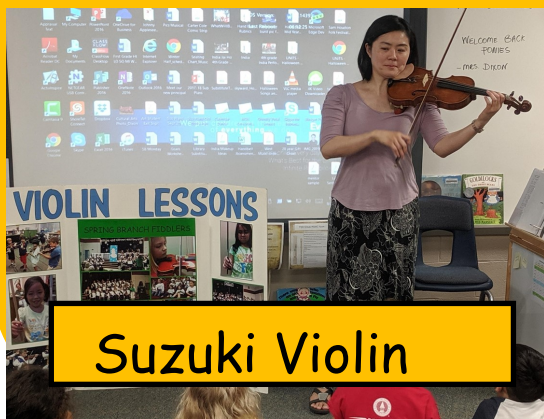
The **4th Grade Ukulele Club** has been rockin' and rolling on Fridays after school! We're getting ready to perform at the next Mini-Talent Show on Thursday, Oct 24!



**Mini Talent Show**



**5th Grade Music!**



**Suzuki Violin**



**1st Grade Music!**



**4th Grade Bells**



# Art News

## Art Club

The art club has started to meet in the art room after school on Thursdays. The first project was to create a face mask using plaster gauzes and a mold. Students will design their own masks based on their interests and choices.



## International Dot Day

We celebrated the on Friday, September 13th this year! Students put their marks and designed a plate of their own. You may find more information about the

International Dot Day clicking the link below:

<http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/>



By Emma P. (2nd Grade)





# Health Fitness News

**Hello MDE Ponies!**

**As we explore throwing and catching this month in Health Fitness, here are step by step tips!**

UNDERHAND TOSS:



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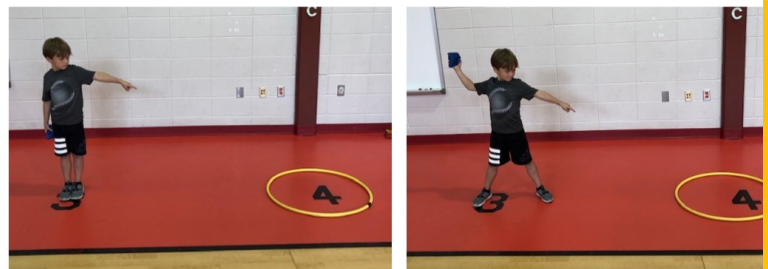
2. "STEP!"



3. "TICK"

4. "TOCK"

**Overhand Toss:**



1. "POINT!"

2. "STEP!"



3. "L SHAPE ARM"

4. "FLICK WRIST"



# The Nessy

By:

Isabella P.

(3rd Grade)

It all started when Ella was going on a boat trip. She was served oatmeal everyday.



When nobody was looking she threw it out the port hole.



A sea worm named Nessy ate the oatmeal everyday.



Now Nessy learned to catch his meal everyday. Intill he was as big as five school buses.



Ella finished her trip.



Nessy cried. Nessy also went back to normal.



The End!

by: Isabella petree

Powers! **Pickle Powers**

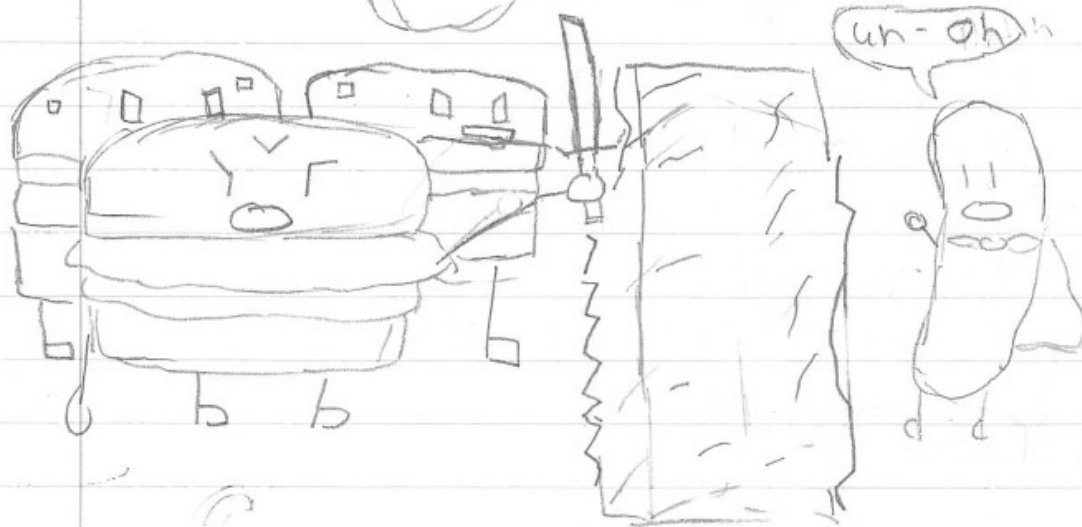
and the

**Burglar**

PART ONE

Yummy!

**Burger**



CREATORS: Ryan He and  
Micah Lee  
Tanner Rao



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# CHARACTERS



The hero, PICKLE POWERS!

- little stronger
- Super pickle acid!
- Flying!



Evil Villan, Burgler, burger!

- evil roburgers
- READ LAST FEW PAGES!!!



ROBURGERS

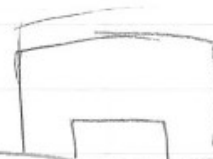
Burgler burger is da boss!

One day at school

zzz

Blah  
Blah

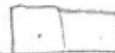
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Schools  
out!Soccer tryouts are  
today!1+1=2  
10+1

Goodbye!

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COOL School



AT Soccer tryout

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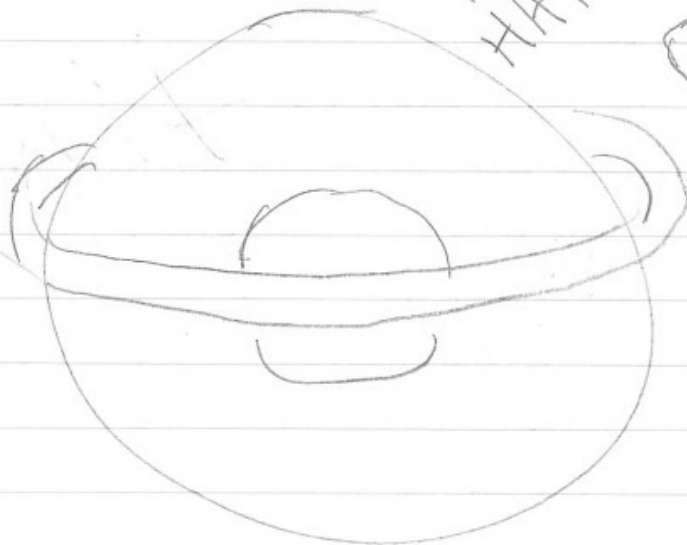
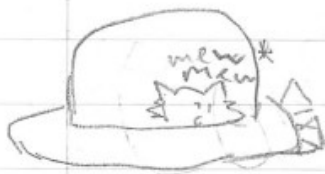






5 YEARS LATER





\*Weird donut thing  
that's laughing report.

The next day---

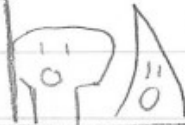
MWHAHAHA



Now that I  
have completed  
my roburgers  
I will DONIMATE  
this town



Bow before me, your king



Should we?

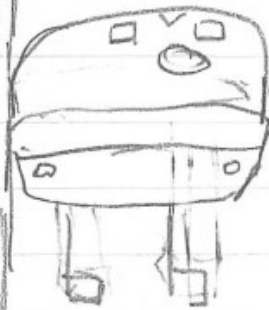


If you don't  
agree...



DESTROY

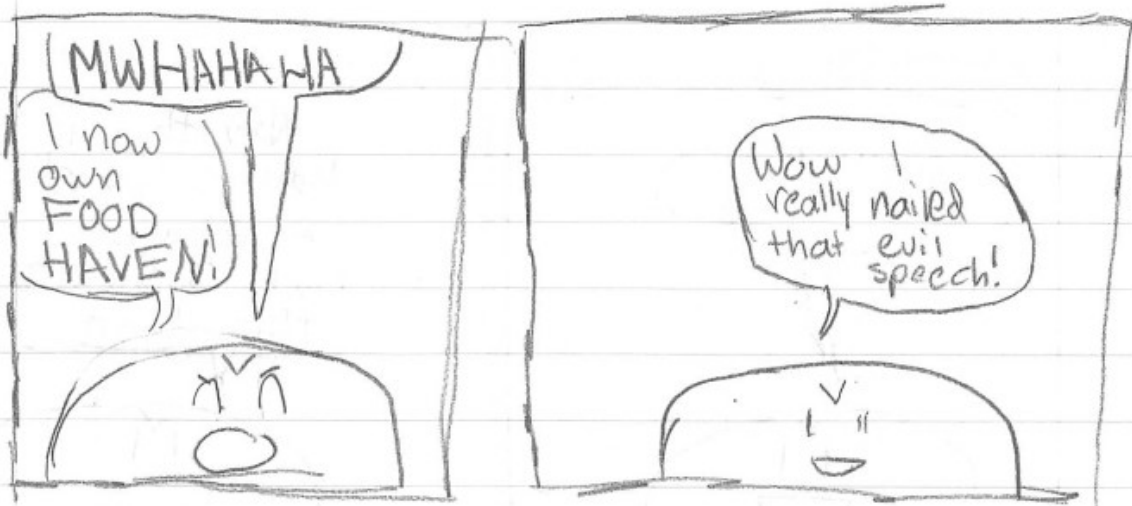
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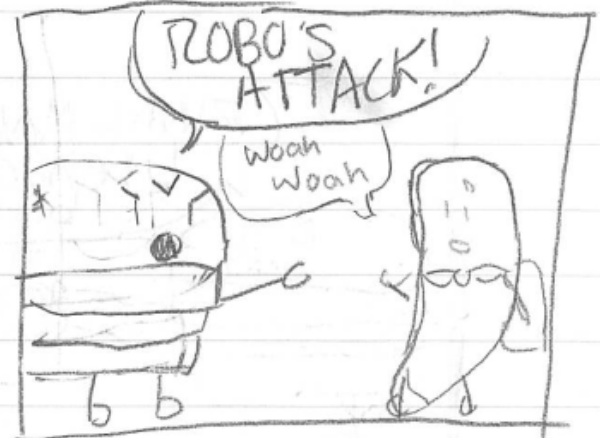
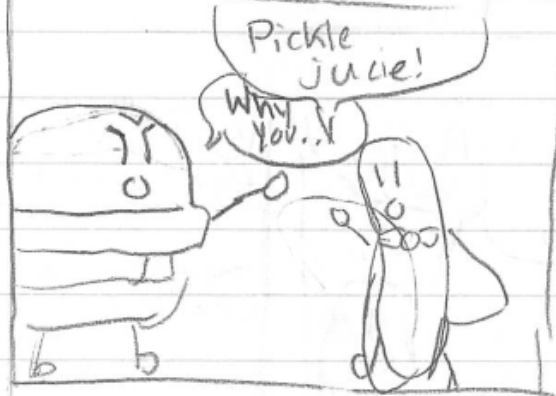
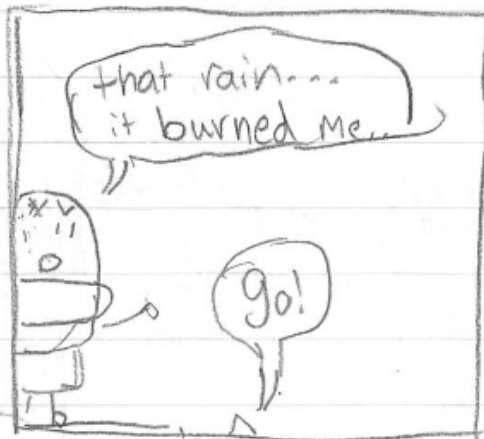
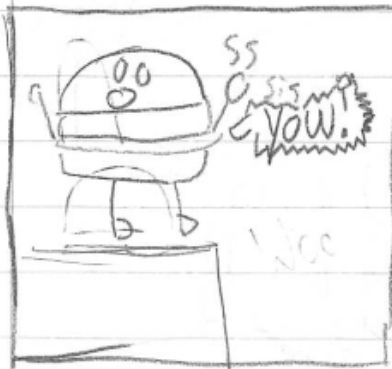
gasp!

\*Bowing\*



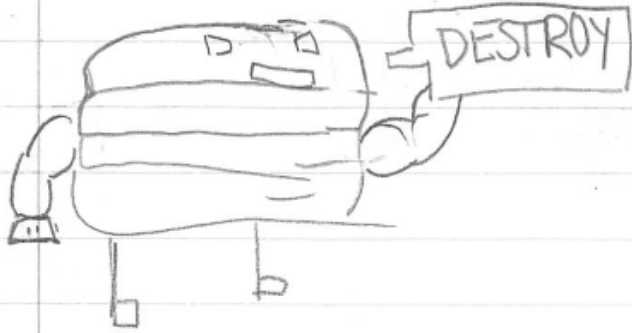


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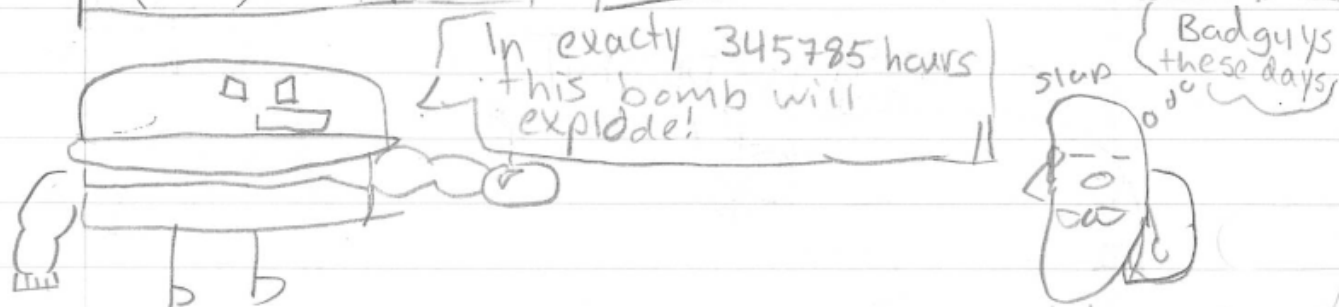
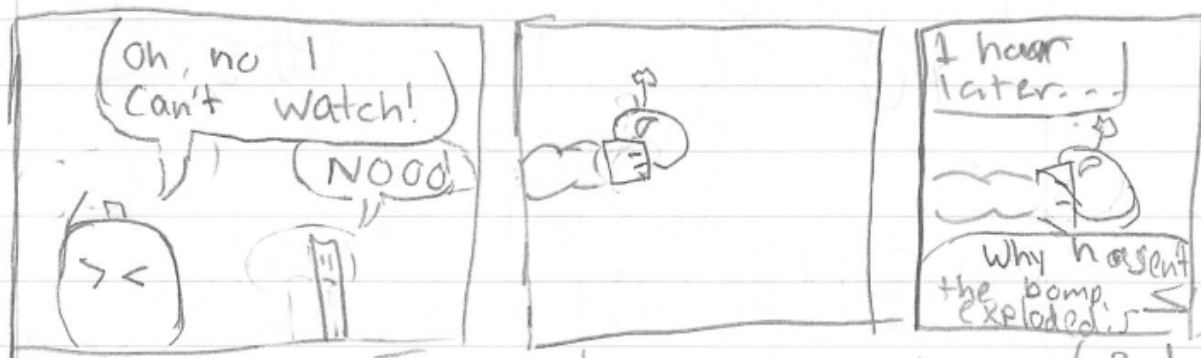
# Pickle Powers VS ROBOTERS

lets go Pickle, lets go!

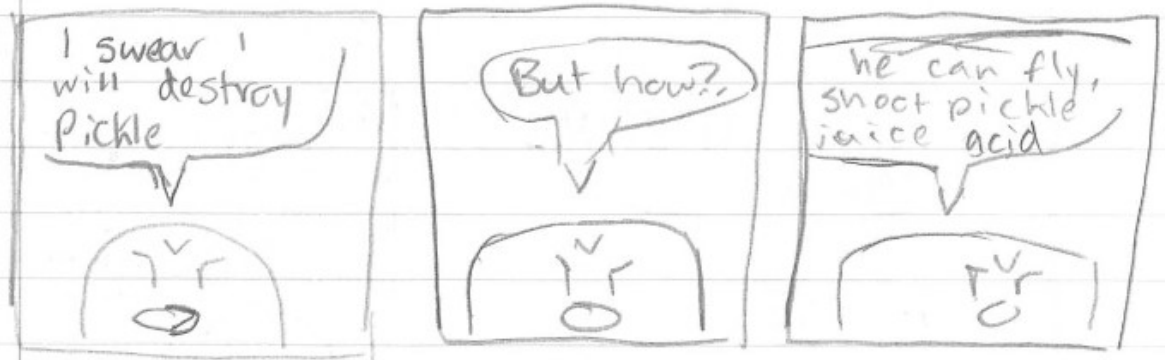




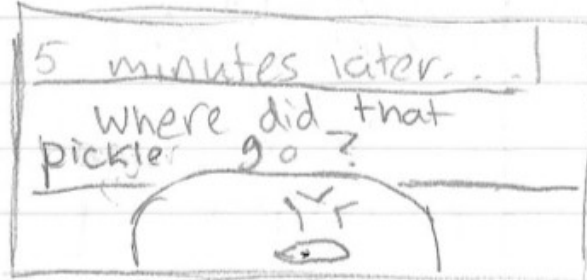
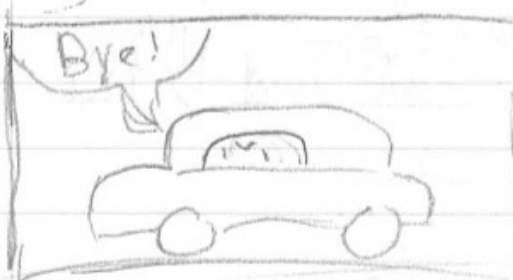
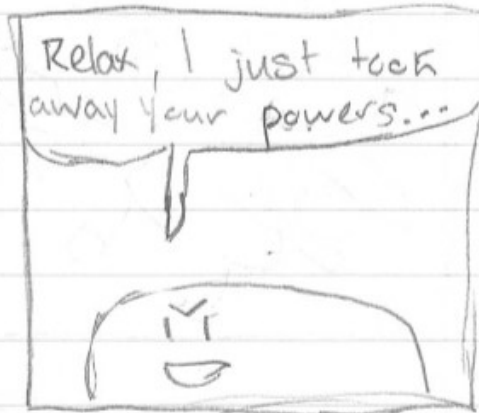
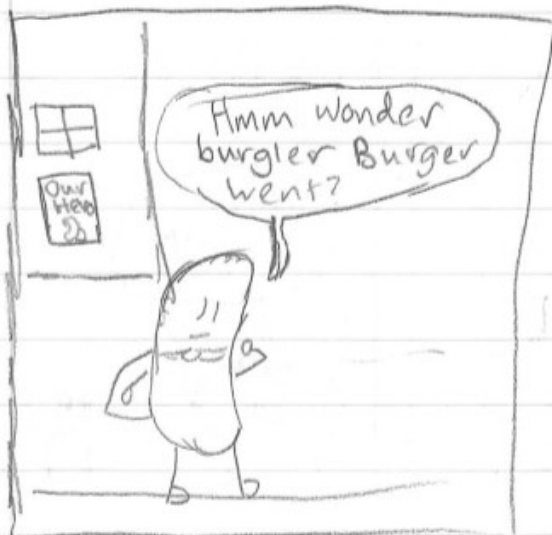
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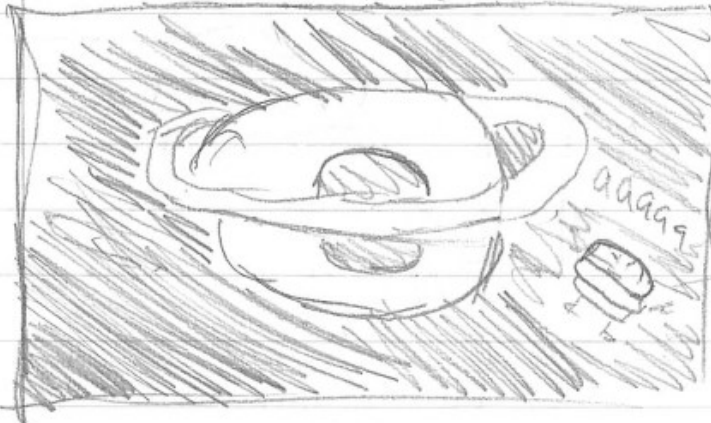


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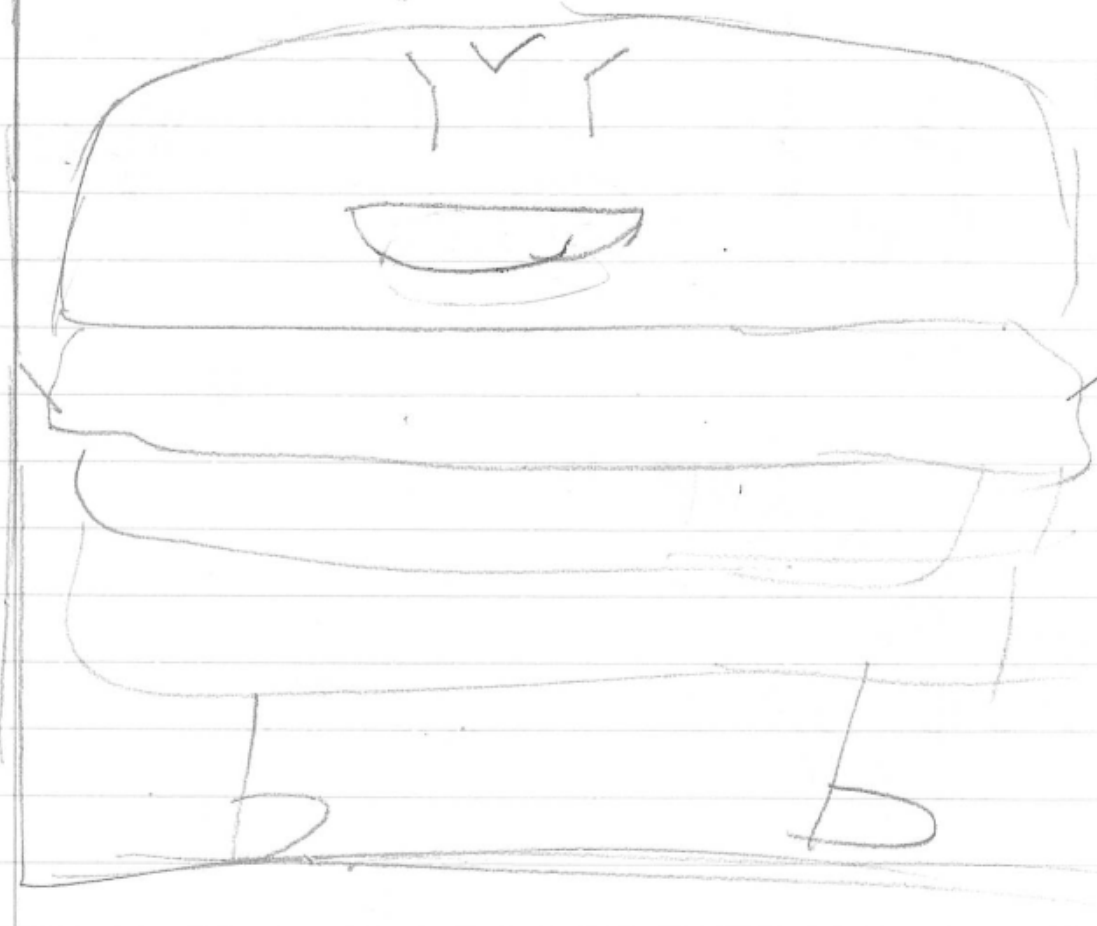


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Pd !!!

Pickle, You will pay!!!



TO BE COUNTED

in PICKLE POWERS And  
the BURGLER BURGER Pt 2