

# THE LION

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## ALL ABOUT MR. EZRA



*Mr. Ezra is the custodian at CLS.*

**How much do we really know about Mr Ezra?** This writer wanted to know more. I sat down with CLS's master of everything to learn a few more fun facts about him.

Mr. Ezra is so cool! When he was little he wanted to be a policeman or a security guard. But don't worry he loves CLS. His favorite part about CLS is that he loves fixing things and having fun with his friends.

When I sat down with Mr. Ezra we did a lightning fast round. His favorite color is orange. His favorite food is Chinese food.

His favorite song is "Far Kingdom" by Gray Havens. Last but not least, he can burp whenever he wants to! Now that's a cool talent if you ask me.

I had a lot of fun talking with Mr. Ezra. If there are any other people you want me to learn about, let me know!

*By: Amelia, 4th grade*

## Ever Hear The Word "Neurosurgeon" and Want to Know What It Means?

**I am going to be telling you all about neurosurgeons.** I feel that more people should know about neurosurgeons. I think neurosurgeons are awesome. Keep reading so you can decide if you think neurosurgeons are awesome, too!

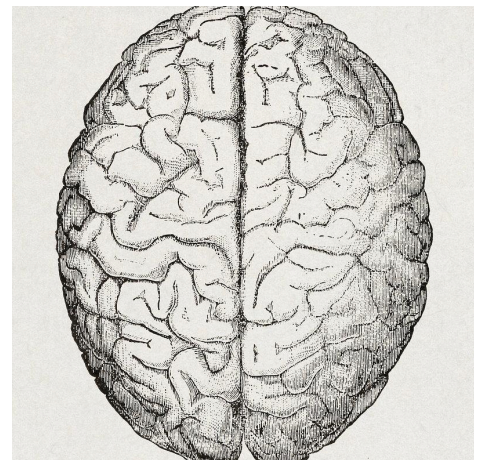
Did you know it takes around 15-18 years to become a neurosurgeon but sometimes more if they become specialized? It also takes four years of undergrad, four years of medical school, seven years of neurosurgery residency, and some may choose to complete an additional 1-3 years if you want to become specialized.

Neurosurgeons work on the spinal cord, brain, and nervous system. Neurosurgeons that are specialized only work on one of the three.

Did you know neurosurgeons usually make around \$646,000-\$862,000. Those that are specialized make around \$721,401-\$962,912.

The most common reasons people need neurosurgery is because of tumors, traumatic injuries, to relieve pressure on the nervous system, nerve damage, deformities, bulging vessels, and to repair weakened nerves.

I feel these doctors do really hard jobs and it feels accomplished. Now that you know about neurosurgeons, do you think they are awesome, too?



*By Hazel, 6th grade*



## School Sports Club

**Hello, my name is Derek.** At our school, we do so many fun things. We play chess, have a newspaper club, play instruments, have fun specials, and do so much more! But something we aren't doing is sports. Sports are so much fun! I wondered if CLS should or shouldn't have sports. I know I like them, but maybe other people don't. So I interviewed three people to see if they wanted sports.

I first interviewed Henry, and he said we should have sports because people sit on the couch eating potato chips and not doing exercise. He said we should do sports like soccer, kickball, and baseball. He thought all grades should have sports

Kane also thought we should have sports because it is good for your heart. Kane said we should do sports like baseball, soccer, kickball, and football. He also thought all grades should be able to participate.

Finally, I interviewed Tanner. Tanner loves sports so he said we should have them. He believes this because it gets your heart pumping. Tanner said we should have baseball, kickball, and football. Tanner agreed that all grades should participate, too.

Sports are a lot of fun for me! Usually, after school I play baseball in my yard. It's a lot of fun, but sometimes I feel like if we had a team I wouldn't have to play alone.

*By: Derek, 5th grade*

## Poetry Corner

### Untitled

I love dogs and cats.  
They are so cool.  
They can dance and jump, too!  
*By: Amelia, 4th grade*

### A Poem for the Morning

1,2,3,4, get yourself out the door!  
5,6,7,8! Hurry now, so you're not late!  
*By: Emily, 4th grade*

### Untitled

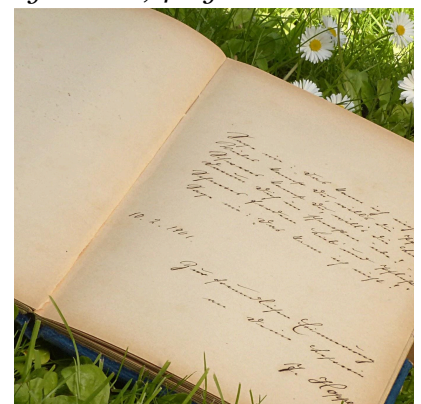
Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Your feet stink,  
Mine do, too!  
*By: Amelia, 4th grade*

### The Meaning of CLS

"C" is for caring,  
"L" is for loving,  
"S" is for success.  
*By: Emily, 4th grade*

### Untitled

CLS! CLS!  
Strong and true.  
We wear blue,  
And you can too!  
*By: Amelia, 4th grade*



*All poems are original compositions by CLS students.*

## The Segessenman Scoop

**Hi! We all love Mrs. Segessenman as our principal.** Well, at least I do! Read more to find out what she likes and doesn't like about her job.

Here's her opinion of her job: she likes her job most of the time. She doesn't like disciplining kids or going to boring meetings. On a positive note, she likes interacting with teachers and students. She likes helping with and being with people at school events.

These are the reasons she is principal. The reason she chose to be principal is she wanted to challenge herself. She also wanted to help the school to move forward in faith and education. That's the scoop on Mrs. Segessenman!

*By: Emily, 4th grade*



*Mrs. Segessenman is the new principal of Carroll Lutheran School.*

## More Sleep?

**Hey! Are you tired of getting up early for school?** I know I am. I thought I would ask some people what their opinions were about this subject.

Here's what some of them had to say. Hazel in 7th grade said she doesn't mind getting up early. She felt starting at 8:30 was just fine. On the other hand, Amelia, a 4th grader, said no, she wants to start school later. She would like to be able to sleep longer in the morning.

I thought I should ask a teacher about how they felt, and what they thought about getting up early for school. Ms. Dickerson, who teaches 3rd and 4th grade ELA, remarked that she was fine with the current time she needed to be at school.

So what do you think about this topic? Which do you choose? Getting up early or sleeping in?

*By: Hannah, 4th grade*

## Student Favorite Bible Verses

*We asked our writers to submit their favorite Bible verses. Here are their responses:*

"Lord my God, you are very great. You are dressed in glory and majesty."  
Psalm 104:1; *Submitted by Amelia*

"The grass dies, the flower withers, but the word of our God will stand forever."  
Isaiah 40:8; *Submitted by Derek. (Story continued on page 4).*



*Hannah is tired of getting up for school!*



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## All About Louisa May Alcott

If you have ever read the book, “Little Women,” you may have heard of Louisa May Alcott. She was born on November 29th, 1832 to Amos Bronson Alcott and Abigail May during the time of the Civil War. She is best known for her book, “Little Women.” Louisa May Alcott wrote her book as a semi-autobiography, which means she wrote about herself, but used her character to represent herself and her three sisters: Anna, Elizabeth, and May Alcott.

Louisa May Alcott also wrote more books including, “Good Wives,” “Little Men,” and “Jo’s Boys.” Part of the reason she became a writer was because her mother, Abigail, often encouraged her to use her imagination and she supported her writing. This is what would encourage her to write her 1898 novel, “Little Women.”

I think she is a great writer because she uses beautiful imagery and she makes her characters endearing and relatable. Over the years her books have become very popular, and there are now many copies sold all over the world! Even though she is no longer alive, her ability to write heart-warming stories are what make her such a well-known author to this day.

*By: Rebecca, 8th grade*



*Louisa May Alcott*

## Student Favorite Bible Verses

*(Continued from page 3).*

“There are three things that will last forever: faith, hope, and love. The greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13

*Submitted by Emily*

“So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, ‘May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!’”

Daniel 6:16

*Submitted by Hannah*

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Psalms 51:10

*Submitted by Rebecca*

