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Tommy Lasorda, Skechers Foundation Host Children with Special Needs at Dodger Stadium



Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda and the SKECHERS Foundation hosted a day at Dodger Stadium on August 1 for members of the Friendship Circle, an organization dedicated to nurturing and inspiring the special needs community. The event included 100 children with special needs and their families, and five children with special needs were given the opportunity to join Lasorda down on the field with the current Dodger players before the first pitch. Seen here is Hall of Fame Manager Tommy Lasorda and Friendship Circle member Caley Verstelt of Manhattan Beach at Dodger Stadium. Image courtesy of SKECHERS.

Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council Plans for Luncheons and Scholarships

By Lynne Gross

The Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council has planned a full schedule for the 2012-2013 school year. Luncheons, hosted at Verandas on Rosecrans Avenue, will feature talks by important community leaders and also honor students from American Martyrs School, Manhattan Beach Middle School, and Mira Costa High School.

Some of the speakers who are confirmed are: George Butts from the Community Emergency Response Team, who will talk about the CERT program; Gretchen Oshita of MindUp Program, whose topic will cover the core of children's resiliency and learning; Dr. Greg Allen, founder of Freedom4U, talking about how to communicate with teens and understand their hidden logic; and Wayne Powell, Manhattan Beach mayor, covering everything you wanted to know about your city.

Throughout the year the organization will be collecting money so that it can award scholarships to Mira Costa Seniors at its May meeting. Last year it awarded \$24,000 to six students. The money comes from sponsors, associate fees, and monthly luncheon raffles. Individuals or organizations can become sponsors at one of three levels--platinum (\$1000), silver (\$500), or bronze (\$300). Associates pay \$40 for a year's membership.

"We are very happy that we are able to provide financial help to worthy students," says Jill Brunkhardt, President of the Council and Public Relations Representative for Chevron. "We appreciate all the contributions made by members of the community." For more information on how to become an associate or a sponsor, visit the organization's web site at www.mbcoordinatingcouncil.com.

Luncheons are held the third Thursday of each month during October through May, excluding December. The first luncheon will take place on October 18.

Brunkhardt points out, "Attendance at the luncheons and participation in the Coordinating Council presents an excellent opportunity to network with community leaders, small and large businesses, and

non-profit organizations, and to recognize the outstanding students in our community."

Other members of the Coordinating Council Board, in addition to Brunkhardt, are: **See Manhattan Beach, page 4**

Former City Manager Dolan Must Pay City \$45,000 City, Wins Motion For Attorney Fees

Courtesy of the City of Manhattan Beach

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Susan Bryant-Deason granted the City of Manhattan Beach's motion for attorney fees and awarded the City \$45,186.99 in fees and costs. Superior Court Judge Susan Bryant-Deason previously dismissed the former City Manager Geoff Dolan's lawsuit against the City and its former City Attorney in its entirety for alleged breach of contract and invasion of privacy. The issue arose from the City's release of public records in response to a Public Records Act request from, among others, well-known open government advocate Richard McKee, as well as disclosures made during the course of litigation that was subsequently filed by McKee. Dolan contended that the release of public records violated the terms of a separation agreement he had with the City. However, the City's conduct arose from protected activity and the Court found there was no evidence to support Dolan's arguments. An appeal, however, has been filed by Dolan.

The City sought to recoup \$88,760 in attorney fees and costs. Roxanne Diaz,

legal counsel for the City, stated: "The award of fees reaffirms the City's victory in this matter. In addition, we are pleased to recover a portion of public funds we were forced to expend in order to defend our obligation to disclose records and information related to the former city manager's resignation."

Commenting on the City's victory today, City Attorney Quinn Barrow stated: "It was important that the City's litigation counsel expend the time needed to bring this case to an early end at the trial court level. This was a complex matter where there were five causes of action against two separate defendants and the fees expended by the City were reasonable." Taking into account the award of fees granted to the city, City Attorney Barrow further stated: "Looking at the big picture, in the end less than \$100,000 was spent to successfully make this controversial litigation come to an end. It should not be lost on anyone that the Court dismissed all of Mr. Dolan's five causes of action and found there was no evidence to support his claims."

Geoff Dolan is personally responsible for payment of the fees and costs award. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
AM Clouds
PM Sun
74°/67°



Saturday
Sunny
75°/69°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
78°/69°



A Student's Perspective Calendar

What Not to Do in High School

By Glen Abalayan,
Torrance High School Student

By the time this article is in publication, virtually every student in the Los Angeles area will have already encountered the first day of school. This day is marked with lines of students receiving their official schedules, reunions with old friends, and the widespread feeling of a fresh start. But as the first few weeks of school come to a close, the once enjoyable seven-hour time period begins to slowly develop into what some students call "the daily grind." Eventually, this forms bad habits that taint the school year with distractions. The two main culprits of this issue are procrastination and the spreading of gossip. Unless these habits are put to an end, the fresh start everyone believes in will always yield to the same disappointments of last year.

Procrastination is the main reason for all the stress caused in high school. This can easily be avoided if students choose to properly practice time management. Procrastination is primarily caused by a student's attitude of continuously holding things for later. Gone are the days of elementary school when assignments could be completed within a few minutes. Today, most high schoolers spend hours completing their assignments. Having to balance a social life, extracurricular activities and homework successfully is one of the hardest things to accomplish in any student's life. Sadly, not everyone can manage to balance all three at the same time and thus turn to procrastination to compensate for the lost time caused by other activities. This leads to some students coming to school early in the morning in the hopes of finishing their homework. Although this habit may sometimes work, students should never rely on a stressful 30-minute period to complete multi-hour-long assignments. Continuing to do so will only create unnecessary distractions that will keep them from fully enjoying their

high school careers. But a bad habit even worse than procrastination is the spreading of gossip.

Eleanor Roosevelt famously said, "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events and small minds discuss people." Unfortunately, the small minds discussing people are usually the ones who do most of the talking in high school. After two years in high school, it is not a surprise to hear anyone resort to gossip as an effective conversation starter. This then starts a chain of other students trying to outdo the previous story by providing an even more outrageous rumor. It is interesting how a majority of conversations mindlessly talk more about another student's pitfalls than how they can do their part in helping their peers. The spreading of such gossip is toxic to any student's high school life because it spreads accusations without any viable proof and starts the diabolical act commonly known as drama. Next to procrastination, causing drama is one of the two things most high schoolers regret doing because of how it creates unnecessary amounts of stress and heartbreak. The proliferation of gossip can only lead to the destruction of once-great friendships and building relationships with the wrong type of people.

Procrastination and gossiping are the two leading causes of preventable stress in high school and students must rid themselves of these unnecessary anxieties to maximize their efforts in more meaningful places, such as maintaining their grades. Everyone deserves a fresh start, but it seems unfair how some students take these second chances to merely repeat the same mistakes of last year. Every student has only four years to experience the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of attending secondary school and should live the time to the fullest--and not waste it by continuously holding assignments back and searching for petty scandals to blabber about. •

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

• Bach's Lunch: Martha Kleiner with Luc Kleiner, 12:15-12:45 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1340 Eleventh St.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

• Getting Started with Natives Class, 10-11 a.m., Amphitheatre at MBBG, west side of Polliwog Park. Registration required for most classes. For more information call Julie Gonella at (310) 546-1354 or julie@manhattanbeachbotanicalgarden.org

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

• Main Concert Series: Annual Fall Chamber Music Concert: Gupta-Banerdt-Kaplan Trio, 4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1340 Eleventh St.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

• Farmer's Market, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 13th Street and Morningside Drive.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

• Author's Fair with Molly's Corner: A Walk with Sally Program, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Manhattan Gateway Shopping Center, 1800 Rosecrans Avenue, Building B. For more information call (310) 725-7025.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

• City Council Meeting, 6:30 -11:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1400 Highland Avenue.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

• 5th Annual South Bay Business Environmental Coalition Awards, 3-5 p.m., at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd. For more information visit info@sbbec.org.

UPCOMING

• The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present: Navigating

through Economic Evolution at a breakfast (7:00 am – 10:00 am) on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at the Manhattan Beach Marriott. Frank Mottek, anchor of KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO's Money News, will serve as the Moderator to an impressive panel of local leaders in the community. Michael Zislis, Zislis Group; Darrell Sperber, John Elway's Manhattan Beach Toyota/Scion; Marty Shelton, VP, NAI Capital; Mike Simms, Simms Restaurants and Rick Sowers, Executive VP & Chief Banking Officer, Bank of Manhattan are featured panelists.

If you have any questions or need more information please get in touch with Chamber President/CEO, James O'Callaghan, at james@manhattanbeachchamber.net or 310-545-5313.

• Manhattan Beach 10K Run, Oct. 6, 7:30 a.m. <http://www.mb10k.com/>

• 40th Annual Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Live Oak Park. For general questions email publicityandwebsite@mbfair.org.

• 25th Annual Family Halloween Carnival, Oct. 20 from 12- 4 p.m., Manhattan Heights Park, 1600 Manhattan Beach Blvd. For more information or to volunteer for this event, contact Eve Kelso at (310) 802-5407, David Ibarra at (310) 802-5419, or the Teen Center (310) 802-5426.

ONGOING

• Mayor Wayne Powell's Walk 'n Talk is the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Peets Coffee & Tea, 328 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Also the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at North End Café, 3421 Highland Ave.

People

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Berklee College of Music announces that the following local students have earned placement on the Dean's List for the spring

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Politically Speaking

Political Penguin

By Duane Plank

So did you get an opportunity to watch Mitt "The Glove" Romney give his Elephant Party acceptance speech on the third night of the weather-plagued Republican National convention that took place in Tampa, Florida? Unfortunately, I didn't get to see it. Or, more correctly, I didn't get to see the speech and opine on the virtues of Romney's most important televised commercial before the presidential campaign kicks off in earnest. Because a couple of inches of rain threatened the area a few days before the Republican festivities were set to kick off and everything was set back a day. So the not-so-telegenic, somewhat-stilted Romney gave his speech on Thursday night.

Was able to see the speech made by the Elephant Veep candidate before my filing deadline--the young and debonair Paul Ryan from the cheese-head state of Wisconsin. The 42-year-old Congressman Ryan, the youngest vice presidential candidate in the past quarter century, extolled the virtues of Romney, saying that "our nominee is sure ready. His whole life has prepared him for this moment."

Course, I was easily confused, thinking maybe the gadfly, ex-presidential perennial candidate Ron Paul, was the second banana on the ticket. Luckily, the Kid came into the front wing of the mansion, glanced at the plasma and noted that the ancient Ron Paul was not the youngster on the tube making election-year promises that he can't keep.

Paul Ryan just said something somewhat interesting, I guess, but didn't seem to strike a chord with the young partygoer/convention goer--a pretty blonde who first yawned big-time on camera. Then, like a Stepford wife,

she rose to applaud the comment that I am sure she hadn't paid attention to at all.

And I liked the catchy penning that Ryan mouthed, courtesy, I am sure, of one of his speechwriters: "After four years of getting the runaround, America needs a turnaround. And the man for the job is Governor Mitt Romney."

Also liked the Ryan comment, speaking of businessman Romney: "Being successful in business, that's a good thing!"

Slight correction, Mr. Ryan. Romney isn't the Governor of anything at this point. Just a rich guy running for the presidency. Nitpicking maybe. And it was nice to see Ryan point out his starstruck family, who had to be incredibly incredulous to be ensconced in a favored spot at the Tampa convention, basking in the post-selection limelight, much like the Palin clan four years ago.

And finally, nothing like a little salacious political stuff to finish off another boffo column. Former North Carolina Senator Terry Sanford gave notice that he was tying the marital knot with his ex-mistress, the very lovely Argentinean lass Maria Belen Chapur. Sanford, who at one time was considered a possible player in the 2012 Republican presidential horserace, got his "Mitt" caught in the ringer a few years ago when it was brought to light that the married Guv was having a cross-continental affair with Ms. Belen Chapur.

Scandalous! Not the first time such shenanigans have occurred between very consenting adults. And so help me, Slick Willie Clinton, doesn't necessarily disqualify one from running for the highest office in the land. Alas, the Sanford for President, 2012 campaign, petered out... •

Police Reports

Compiled by Cristian Vasquez
AUGUST 29

Attempted Vehicle Burglary: 2900 Block The Strand. The victim witnessed two subjects attempting to burglarize his vehicle. After calling 911 two subjects were detained and subsequently arrested.

AUGUST 28

Burglary from Garage: 2900 Block The Strand. Two subject(s) stole a bicycle from an open garage. The bike was recovered by a witness who had chased off the suspects.

AUGUST 25

Vandalism: 700 Block of Manhattan Beach Blvd. Two intoxicated subjects were walking down Manhattan Beach Blvd with their bicycles. One of the subjects hit multiple vehicles with his hand and bicycle causing damage.

AUGUST 24-26

Residential Burglary: 1200 Block of N. Manhattan Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's residence through an open window and stole an iPad, iPod Nano, X-Box and X-Box connect, four video games, assorted tools and, \$2.00 in change.

Vandalism: 400 Block of Rosecrans Ave. Unknown suspect(s) vandalized a vehicle which was parked on the street. The suspect(s) smashed the front windshield, dented and scratched the hood, bumper, and driver's side.

AUGUST 23

Theft: 900 Block of 27th St. Two subjects (movers) took various World War II memorabilia while helping the victim move boxes into the residence.

AUGUST 21

Residential Burglary: 400 Block of Chabela Dr. The victims were approached by two suspects. One suspect distracted the victim by asking several questions related to the victim's car in the driveway. The second suspect entered the residence with the intent to commit theft. Victims were unsure if anything was taken.

Residential Burglary: 1700 Block of Lynngrove Dr. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's house, possibly through an open front window. The suspect(s) ransacked several rooms and stole an iPad, iPod, iPod and Nikon camera.

Residential Burglary: 1800 Block of Marine Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's house through an open window. The suspect(s) ransacked several rooms and stole an iPad.

Attempted Residential Burglary: 3400 Block of N Manhattan Ave. A witness called 911 to report a subject who was seen tampering with a side window of the home to the rear. Officers responded and detained one male subject who matched the description given by the witness. The subsequent investigation revealed text messages with another subject, who was also found in the area. Both subjects were arrested for attempted residential burglary.

Theft: 400 Block of Chabela Dr. Two cell phones were stolen from the victim's residence. The crime was possibly committed by a cleaning company.

AUGUST 21-22

Theft: 100 Block of 3rd St. Unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked vehicle, which was parked in the driveway and stole a GPS unit, headphones, iPhone charger, power converter, and \$20 in miscellaneous coins.

AUGUST 20

Theft: 600 Block of S. Prospect Ave. Unknown(s) suspect stole a locked bicycle.

AUGUST 19

Theft: 200 Block of S. Poinsettia Ave. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole a check located in a small filing box in the back seat.

Theft: 300 Block of 18th St. Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's unlocked bicycle, which was left leaning against the side of the house.

One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

The battle flag hung limp from the pole, its previously vibrant blue field faded and tattered, and the red and white orb now nothing more than the perfect metaphor for a setting sun. Republicans had bashed him effectively with facts and responsible approaches to problem solving at their convention while accusing him of personal self-aggrandizement. The One sat with his head in his hands and called for his chief advisor. "What have you done to me?" he wailed.

Into the room slinked a figure dressed wholly in black, from his pointy-eared hat to his cape and his four black shoes. Magically, Carlos, my neighborhood talking cat, had transformed himself into the sinister Alley Cat...the new prince of darkness!

"Fear not," he said, "my plan is just starting. I was the one who got the Democratic National Committee to depict a faux-Paul Ryan pushing a wheelchair-bound granny off a cliff. I know your level of ethics better than anyone, so I tailored your campaign to your standards.

"I convinced ol' Uncle Joe to warn Blacks against Romney returning 'y'all to chains,' and I selected Maria Ciano to star in the ad representing Republican women defecting to Obama. I knew that Maria has been a Democrat for six years, but I made a point, right?"

"Give me some credit, Mr. President. I was the one who got Harry Reid to accuse Romney of not paying any income taxes for 10 years--an accusation so sensational it had a news cycle life of one week and

diverted the media away from the misery of your economy. No one else has done anything this good for you, Mr. President.

"Speaking of the media, I got them to put their fingers to their lips and go 'ssshhhh' so they wouldn't report that personal incomes had fallen more during your economic recovery than during the recession.

"I got the DNC to open your convention with a Muslim invocation.

"Your Super PAC accused Romney of killing Mrs. Soptic, your supporter's wife. Remember, Romney had left Bain Capital to run the Olympics in 1999. Bain had closed a business in 2001, costing the woman's husband his job. Subsequently, he found another job that offered them both medical coverage, but he declined to cover her because of the coverage's cost. When she died of cancer in 2006, I made that Romney's fault. Brilliant!

"I got Stephanie Cutter, your deputy campaign manager to publicly confess, 'I'm just going to make S%&t up about jobs.' She accused Romney of being a felon and was hammered by CNN's Anderson Cooper for misquoting the *LA Times*, but said, 'It doesn't matter.' In all, she has been your worthy representative, sir.

"Of course, your condemnation of private enterprise, saying, 'You didn't build that' was brilliant.

"So you see, Mr. President, I have faithfully led the 'spitball' campaign your Chicago-style ethics require, so let's keep our chins up and keep the Obamanation flag flying!"

Thus spake the dark genius, Alley Cat. •

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The mission of the Coordinating Council, an all-volunteer run non-profit organization, is to establish a forum to promote networking, communication, and information exchange among agencies, organizations, and individuals and to provide recognition to local students. •



Last year's Mira Costa High School students who received a total of \$24,000 in scholarships from the Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council were: (back) Elias Rivas, Ryan Daly, Austin Phillips; (front) Julia Bakerink, Austin Ahn, Ella Banach. Photo courtesy of the Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council.

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Servings: 4 servings

Total Time: 35 minutes

Ease of Preparation: Easy

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Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons canola oil or toasted sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated lime zest
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 12 raw shrimp (8-12 per pound), peeled and deveined
- 3 jalapeño peppers, stemmed, seeded and quartered lengthwise

2 plums, pitted and cut into sixths

Steps:

1: Whisk oil, cilantro, lime zest, lime juice and salt in a large bowl. Set aside 3 tablespoons of the mixture in a small bowl to use as dressing. Add shrimp, jalapeños and plums to the remaining marinade; toss to coat.

2: Preheat grill to medium-high.

3: Make 4 kebabs, alternating shrimp, jalapeños and plums evenly among four 10-inch skewers. (Discard the marinade.) Grill the kebabs, turning once, until the shrimp are cooked through, about 8 minutes total. Drizzle with the reserved dressing.

Nutrition: (Per serving) Calories - 194 Carbohydrates - 5 Fat - 8 Saturated Fat - 1 Monounsaturated Fat - 5 Protein - 24 Cholesterol - 221 Dietary Fiber - 1 Potassium - 292 Sodium - 446 Nutrition Bonus - Selenium (64% daily value), Iron & Vitamin C (20% dv).

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Havana Joe

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Wendy

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Matthew

his humans! In fact, Matthew is a sweet talker and a total charmer who is eager to please and wants to make sure you know he loves you. He will follow you around the house going from room to room with you. Matthew is perfectly content to sit on your lap for long periods, but is fine with short sessions too. His favorite playmates are his brother Christopher and his foster friend Athena. If you want a little lover, then Matthew is the one for you! Matthew would love to be adopted into a home with his brother Christopher or with his friend Athena, or into a home that already has a young kitty looking for a friend. He is just too social to be a single kitty.

Christopher is a darling, medium-haired, gray Tabby with warm, hazel eyes and a heart of gold. He is a beauty with a lion's heart and has charged himself with watching over his brother Matthew and the other fosters in his foster home. He thinks it is his job to protect the ones he loves and that includes watching out over his humans and making sure that they are safe. Like all kittens, Christopher

is extremely playful and he loves to romp and run around the room chasing his toys and wrestling his kitten friends. Christopher is a little charmer and will steal your heart with his sweetness and affection! Christopher would love to be adopted into a home with another kitten from Kitten Rescue or into a home that already has a young kitty.

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Christopher

Happy Tails

Reba, aka Ellie, was our gorgeous little red-haired Pomeranian--hence the name "Reba" McEntire. Her sweet personality landed her a home with a Pom-loving family and her new friend Missy...

"Ellie is doing really great with us. She had her first grooming with her new friend Missy. The groomer said she did very well. Ellie is sitting on her new daddy's [Paul] lap and Missy is with her mom [Katy]. She is fitting in really well. She has advanced into the big bed with the rest of her family and has found her spot. Missy and she are doing really well together. They have not started playing together, but it has only been a week and two days that she has been with us. She gets along with our cats really well...I believe our cats think they are seeing double.

This is our first experience with a rescue dog and it has been a pleasant one. Animals Rule Rescue is a very well-organized organization. Shannon and the rest of the ladies were very helpful the day we went to get Reba, aka Ellie. We picked the name Ellie because it seems to be a soft and sweet name just like her. Thank you for saving her so that we were able to adopt her." -- Paul and Katy.

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Grandma crossword puzzle grid with clues:

- 1. shop
- 2. bake
- 3. sweep
- 4. play
- 5. pray
- 6. design
- 7. cut
- 8. study
- 9. drive
- 10. lunch
- 11. sort
- 12. picnic
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Grandpa

Grandpa crossword puzzle grid with clues:

- 1. watch
- 2. bowl
- 3. sing
- 4. fill
- 5. paint
- 6. make
- 7. repair
- 8. fish
- 9. add
- 10. walk
- 11. plant
- 12. compete
- 13. play
- 14. read

Illustrations: A boy watching, a boy bowling, a boy singing, a boy filling, a boy painting, a boy making, a boy repairing, a boy fishing, a boy adding, a boy walking, a boy planting, a boy competing, a boy playing, a boy reading.

I love spending time with my grandparents! **Read the clues below to fill in both puzzles with activities I do with my Grandmother and Grandfather:**

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| 1. _____ broken items around the house | 1. _____ in the park |
| 2. _____ bulbs in the garden | 2. _____ squares for quilts |
| 3. _____ a story aloud | 3. _____ the birds at the feeder |
| 4. _____ lunch | 4. _____ up to go to see a play |
| 5. _____ at the alley | 5. _____ greeting cards |
| 6. _____ his favorite T.V. show | 6. _____ to swimming lessons |
| 7. _____ the dog | 7. _____ bikes |
| 8. _____ the bird feeders with seeds | 8. _____ the porch and steps |
| 9. _____ at board games | 9. _____ for groceries |
| 10. _____ and glue model cars | 10. _____ cards |
| 11. _____ off the bridge | 11. _____ photos for scrapbooks |
| 12. _____ songs at the top of our voices | 12. _____ at a new restaurant |
| 13. _____ horseshoes in the park | 13. _____ before I go to sleep |
| 14. _____ up our mini-golf scores | 14. _____ cookies |

Family Tree

There are many things you can do, learn, make or collect to help preserve **your** family history!

Fill in the missing vowels to see what kinds of things you can learn about your family or do with them:

1. S _ _ NGS
 2. L _ NG _ _ G _
 3. D _ NC _ S
 4. C _ _ K _ NG
 5. ST _ R _ _ S
 6. PH _ T _ S
 7. R _ _ N _ _ NS
 8. MAKE A ST _ RYB _ _ K
 9. F _ M _ LY TR _ _
 10. P _ CN _ CS

Illustrations: A family tree, a girl, a book 'Mom's Muffins', a book 'Dad's Recipes', a box 'Photos'.

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Grandpa and I started a family scrapbook. Help us get this photo into our album.

Family Memories

Maze with photos: 'The Lake', 'Family Reunion'.

Grandmother and Grandfather - All Over the World!

We speak different languages, but we all love our grandparents! **Match the set of names for grandmother and grandfather to the language we are speaking:**

Chinese (father's parents)	Oma Opa	Italian	Babushka Dedushka	German	Nonna Nonno	English	Nainai Yeye	Russian	Grandmother Grandfather	Dutch	Grootmoeder Grootvader	French	Ugogo Ubabamkhulu	Spanish	Grand-maman Grand-papa	Zulu (South Africa)	Abuela Abuelo
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