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# Kids Give Back

From helping people in need to feeding hungry animals, kids today show they can make a difference

**CARING KID**

Mimi Ausland helps animals in shelters.



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## Making Room in Space

The International Space Station expands for bigger crews

The world's space station will soon become a home away from home for more astronauts.

The space shuttle *Discovery* is scheduled to blast off to the International Space Station (ISS) in February. It will take more parts to the station, which is still under construction. The ISS is being prepared to house more astronauts. In May, the number of crew members living aboard the ISS is expected to double to six.

### Word to Know

**solar:** (soh-lur) *adjective.* To do with the sun.



**AT HOME IN SPACE** An astronaut works on the International Space Station (ISS) in November. Left, a drawing of a space shuttle docked at the ISS.

During the February mission, astronauts will complete the ISS's **solar** power system. The sun provides all the station's power.

Other parts and supplies were recently delivered to the ISS as part of an out-of-this-world home makeover. Improvements made include another bathroom, new sleeping compartments, a better water system, food warmers, exercise equipment, and a new refrigerator.

The ISS is a giant complex of

science laboratories in space. Astronauts there research subjects like how living things are affected by being in space for long periods of time.

The station measures about 291 feet long. That's about 70 feet shorter than a football field. The ISS orbits 220 miles above Earth. The U.S., Russia, Japan, Canada, Brazil, and several European nations have worked together to build it. The station is scheduled to be completed in 2010. ■



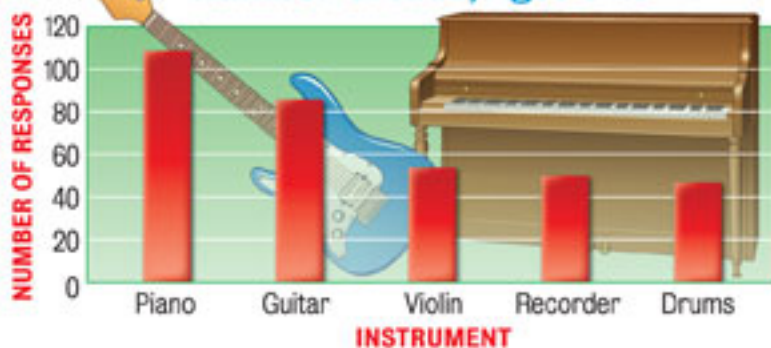
### GRAPH OF THE WEEK

## Musical Kids

Do you play a musical instrument? If so, which one? In a recent survey, 498 kids, ages 8 to 15, were asked these questions. This bar graph shows their answers.

1. Most kids surveyed play which instrument?
2. More kids play the violin than play the drums. True or false?

Instruments Played by the Greatest Number of Kids, Ages 8-15



# Ape for Tigers

A pair of white tiger cubs find an unusual companion

**A**njana, a 3-year-old chimpanzee, likes to take care of young animals of a different species. At Jungle Island, a zoo in Florida, she often helps workers care for animals such as baby lions and cougars. Recently, Anjana has been helping to raise two white tiger cubs.

"She pretty much treats all the animals as if they were her babies," says Jungle Island's China York.

## Word to Know

**species:** (spee-sheez) *noun*. A class of individuals having some common characteristics or qualities.

Anjana has been in York's care since birth. "Anjana likes [the cubs] to suck on her finger just like a pacifier," York says. "She even helps feed them with a bottle."

The tiger cubs, named Mitra and Shiva, were born at a zoo in South Carolina. When Hurricane Hannah struck the state in September, their home was flooded. The cubs had to be separated from their mother and were brought to Jungle Island.

Though Anjana and the tigers love to play together, their bond can't last forever. "She will stay with the cubs for only a few more months," York says. "Then they will become too big for Anjana to take care of." ■



**CUDDLING A CUB**  
Anjana plays with one of the tiger cubs.



## PICTURE THIS

**L**ook closely. This is what ski jumpers see from the top of a ski jump! The goggles of Japanese ski jumper Noriaki Kasai reflect the view from a jump in Germany. The event was part of the 2008-2009 Ski Jumping World Cup, which ends in March. Top jumpers can soar 460 feet!



## DID YOU KNOW?

**T**his year, January 26 is the start of Chinese New Year! Festivities last 15 days. During that time Chinese people worldwide have parades (often some marchers wear dragon costumes, as shown here) and exchange gifts. The Chinese lunar calendar is based on the moon's phases. Each year is represented by one of 12 animals: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, or pig. This is the Year of the Ox.



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# Kids Reach Out

Across the U.S., kids are finding ways to help

**N**ot too long ago, Mimi Ausland, of Bend, Oregon, realized that there is no limit to how helpful kids can be.

Mimi, 12, has **volunteered** at a local animal shelter since she was 9 years old. She walks dogs, plays with cats, and cleans the animals' cages. Last year, she took her pet project to another level. With the help of her parents, she started the Web sites [www.freekibble.com](http://www.freekibble.com) and [www.freekibblekat.com](http://www.freekibblekat.com). Both Web sites help collect food for dogs and cats in shelters.

How does that work? Every day, a new trivia question is posted on each of the sites. For every person who answers the question, right or wrong, 10

## Words to Know

**volunteer:** (*vol-uhn-tihr*) *verb*. To do a job, usually without pay.

**sponsor:** (*spen-sur*) *verb*. To pay the costs of something, such as a Web site or television show, in return for having your products advertised.



**ON THE JOB** Mimi Ausland lends a hand at her local animal shelter.

pieces of dry food are donated to an animal shelter. Businesses such as pet stores **sponsor** the Web sites. They donate the pet food or help pay for it. Mimi got her idea from a similar Web site that donates rice to hungry people worldwide.

Since last April, the two free kibble Web sites have provided more than 600,000 meals to homeless animals. The food is currently donated to 11 shelters around the U.S.

"I want to try to feed animals in as many shelters as possible," Mimi said. "Helping all of the shelters would be amazing. There are a lot of them out there."

## Generation Serve

Mimi is one of thousands of kids nationwide who are using their time and

creativity to help others. More than one third of kids perform community service through school. Others find their own ways to serve. A recent survey showed that 9 out of every 10 kids ages 6 to 14 believe it is important to give back to their communities (*see Kids Care*). From feeding shelter animals to helping U.S. troops, kids everywhere are discovering they have the power to make a difference.

## Helping Soldiers

This school year, Olivia DeFoggia of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, has been learning what it

**HELPING HANDS** Students at Eden Hall Upper Elementary collect items for troops in Iraq.



# \*\*\* KIDS CARE \*\*\*

Kids nationwide are finding ways to show that they care about others and the world around them. A 2008 survey asked 2,000 kids, ages 6-14, how they have been involved in service activities. Here's how they responded:

**71%** Donated food, toys, or clothes to people who need them

**64%** Recycled

**44%** Raised money for an issue or cause they care about

**39%** Donated money to something they care about

**38%** Volunteered or helped out in other ways

**35%** Watched a TV show about an issue or cause they care about

**32%** Talked to friends, family, or teachers about an issue they care about



**64% RECYCLED**

SOURCE: JUST KID INC., WINTER 2008

means to help others. She joined the Fourth-Grade Outreach Team at her school, Eden Hall Upper Elementary. The group offers students the chance to participate in community-service projects.

"I like helping the less fortunate, and it makes me feel good inside," Olivia, 10, said.

Members of the Fourth-Grade Outreach Team recently showed their support to U.S. soldiers in Iraq. They set up collection boxes at their school to fill with items to send the troops. Many of the students also went to their neighbors, friends, and family to gather donations. The students collected items such as toothpaste and shampoo. The Outreach Team's hard work helped fill about 15 garbage bags with supplies.

Students at Richland Elementary, a nearby school, got in the spirit of service too. Through a coin collection they called Silver



**ON A MISSION** Jonathan Freeman stuffs backpacks with supplies to give to needy children.

for Soldiers, the school raised more than \$1,700. The money was used to cover shipping costs for Eden Hall's care packages.

## Kids Helping Kids

Kids are also helping each other. Jonathan Freeman, 14, of Tampa, Florida, started a project when he was 13 called Kits for Kids. The project gives backpacks filled with school supplies to children whose families are in need of such donations.

Jonathan spent a year collecting money to purchase the backpacks and supplies, like notebooks and pens. He collected more than \$3,000. Last summer, the money helped Jona-

than give away more than 400 backpacks. But his work's not done. Jonathan says he plans to continue Kits for Kids. He wants to give away backpacks each new school year.

"It's been a life-changing experience to me," Jonathan said. "Just seeing the look on the family's faces . . . it's just been really [rewarding]."

—Natalie Smith

## BACK TO YOU

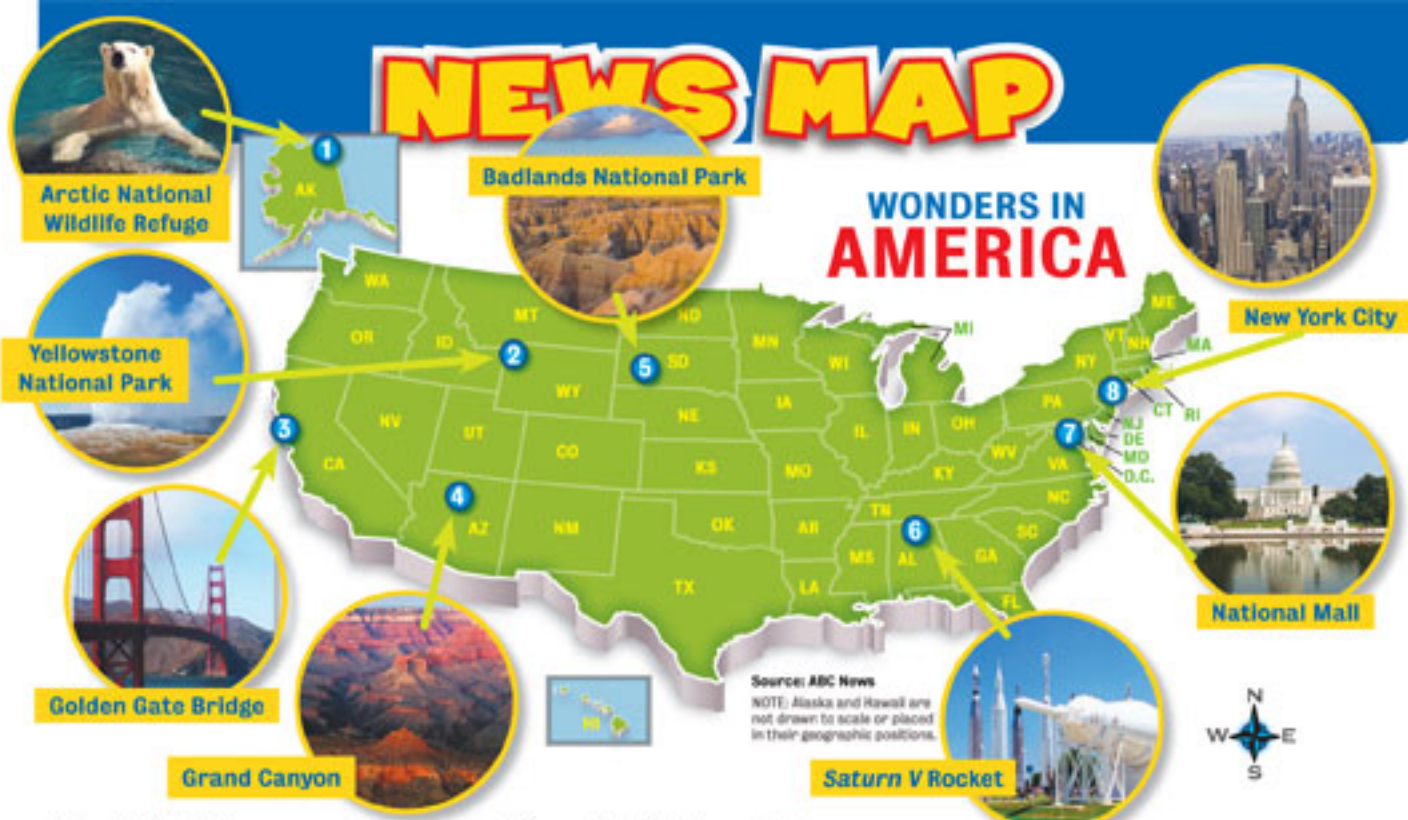
Do you want to volunteer? Here are some ideas!

- \* As a class, find an organization that helps others. You can raise money for it by having a bake sale or collecting change.
- \* Collect canned goods, coats, blankets, and toys to donate to a local homeless shelter.
- \* Make cards for local police officers, firefighters, or soldiers.

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# NEWS MAP

## WONDERS IN AMERICA



## A Wonder-ful Nation

Special spots in America are honored. One may get world fame.

**W**hat do you think are the most special landmarks in the United States? Last year, a TV show called *Good Morning America* asked that of a group of experts, including museum directors. They chose the “7 Wonders of America.” The show’s viewers voted on an eighth. They picked Yellowstone National Park.

All eight wonders are important parts of America’s history and landscape. Now, one may even earn world fame! Read on to find out which one. Here they are, as numbered on the map above:

**1. Arctic National Wildlife Refuge:** This huge Alaskan wilderness area is home to many animals, including polar bears.

**2. Yellowstone National Park:** Our first national park (founded in 1872) lies in three states. It’s home to grizzly bears and geysers, which shoot out hot water and steam.

**3. Golden Gate Bridge:** Opened in 1937, San Francisco’s famous bridge is roughly two miles long.

**4. Grand Canyon:** Carved out by the Colorado River, this canyon is 217 miles long and 18 miles wide in places. This U.S. wonder may get world wonder status. It’s nominated to become one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature. Natural landmarks worldwide are in that contest. People vote online. Finalists will be announced in July.

**5. Badlands National Park:** This park is full of ridges and canyons.

**6. Saturn V (5) Rocket:** In 1969, this rocket launched the first spaceship to put men on the moon.

**7. The National Mall:** This outdoor mall in Washington D.C. is home to many famous landmarks, like the U.S. Capitol building.

**8. New York City:** The nation’s most populated city is known for its skyscrapers.

—Jill Lederman



### MAP QUIZ

Answer the following questions using the map.

- Which wonder is in South Dakota?  
 A Badlands National Park  B Saturn V Rocket
- Polar bears live in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A Alaska  B Alabama
- The Golden Gate Bridge is located in California.  
 A true  B false
- The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is south of the Grand Canyon.  
 A true  B false
- Which wonder is farthest east?  
 A The National Mall  B New York City

### Word to Know

**grand** (*grand*) *adjective*. Large and impressive.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?



## DEBATE OF THE WEEK

### Rules at Recess?

University of Nebraska researchers believe too many kids stand around during recess. They think kids would be more active if teachers told them what to do. They say this would increase kids' activity and keep them healthy. Others say kids should be allowed to do what they want during recess. What do you think? Should there be rules about what kids must do at recess?



ISAHIAH HILL-BAKER  
Ohio

**Yes**

Recess would be better if [there were] rules [that resulted in] more physical activi-

ty. More activities and exercise equipment would help kids be healthy and strong. Kids are wasting their recess time when they only stand around talking.



SAFA AHMAD  
West Virginia

**No**

Recess should be about whatever kids want to do. There shouldn't be rules for recess. If

there were people supervising you during recess, you wouldn't have fun. Recess is a time to play and hang out with your friends.

Vote on the Debate of the Week online at:  
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## STICKY SITUATION

Noah's mom was a basketball player. She thinks Noah should join a youth basketball team. Noah doesn't want to play basketball because he wants more time for his favorite activity, playing the saxophone. But Noah doesn't want to disappoint his mom. What should Noah do?

WRITE ABOUT IT!

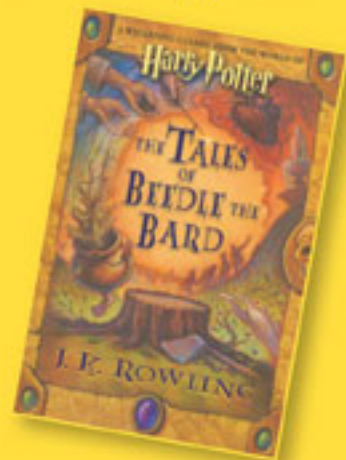
\* Write a paragraph explaining what you think Noah should do. You can also go to [www.scholastic.com/news](http://www.scholastic.com/news) to tell us what you think!



## BOOK REVIEW

This review is by  
Scholastic Kid Reporter  
Shoshana Mintz

### Reviews by You



Have you ever wondered what stories Harry, Ginny, Ron, and Hermione would read to their children before bedtime? You can find out by reading *The Tales of Beedle the Bard* by none other than J. K. Rowling.

The book contains five wizarding legends, complete with comments from Professor Dumbledore. What I liked best about the book were the exciting adventures at every turn. It's a great read for both kids and adults!

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# SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

## BRAIN TEASER



### Money Math

Allison was at a store buying a birthday present for her friend. At the checkout counter, her total bill, with tax, came to \$103. Allison paid with eight bills that totaled exactly \$103. The funny thing was that none of them was a one-dollar bill. Can you figure out what combination of bills Allison used to make her purchase? Hint: You will need at least one \$2 bill.

## NEWS IQ PAGES 4, 5, & 6

Fill in the circle next to each correct answer.

1. Mimi Ausland created a Web site that donates food to \_\_.

- (A) animal shelters
- (B) homeless shelters
- (C) poor countries
- (D) pet stores

2. Another good title for the article "Kids Reach Out" could be \_\_.

- (A) Where to Work
- (B) Creating a Care Package
- (C) Youth Can Do It!
- (D) Kids Helping Soldiers

3. The Saturn V rocket is located in which state?

- (A) Arizona
- (B) Alabama
- (C) New York
- (D) California

4. Which American wonder was the first national park in the U.S.?

- (A) New York City
- (B) Grand Canyon
- (C) Yellowstone National Park
- (D) none of the above

## MYSTERY PHOTO



### WHAT AM I?

I am a soft substance that can be molded into different shapes. I am often used to make pots, vases, and dishes.

## NEWS IQ PAGES 2-3

Fill in the circle next to each correct answer.

1. The International Space Station is expanding to \_\_.

- (A) house space shuttles
- (B) become a radio satellite
- (C) house more astronauts
- (D) none of the above

2. What word best describes Anjana's relationship with the white tiger cubs?

- (A) typical
- (B) unusual
- (C) dangerous
- (D) predictable



Anjana plays with one of the tiger cubs.

## VOCABULARY QUIZ

These words appear in this issue. Fill in the circle next to each correct answer.

1. Animals of the same species have \_\_.

- (A) the same habitat
- (B) the same parents
- (C) similar qualities
- (D) all of the above

2. Volunteers often \_\_.

- (A) refuse to work
- (B) do not get paid
- (C) ask for help
- (D) none of the above

3. To sponsor something is to \_\_.

- (A) help pay for it
- (B) discover it
- (C) protect it
- (D) borrow it

4. Something grand in size is \_\_.

- (A) ugly
- (B) big
- (C) small
- (D) none of the above

name \_\_\_\_\_