# The Top



Stories!

## **Short Headphones**

By: Michael Banco

In the computer lab recently there has a shortage of headphones because students do not know how to properly handle headphones and therefore there has been a shortage. Also there has been a shortage because people have been taking headphones without asking Mr. Bradt and they have been breaking or some old ones just died.

#### **New Chromebooks**

By: Jordan Cordon Recently the school got enough chromebooks for everyone in the Middle School. Before we had a enough chromebooks kids had trouble getting to their chromebook because it wasn't always available when kids needed it. This was a challenge for the teachers because it wasn't easy to get chromebooks because they weren't free. Now we have our own Chromebooks for everyone. Now we can do more work like essays and web-based learning. In the future SMI plans to have enough chromebooks for everyone in the rest of the school, including the elementary grades.







# Living Environment

By: Melissa Sapia

SMI is bringing you a new 8th grade science class called the Living Environment. It's special because it is advanced and it gives you High School credits when you pass a Regents exam. It involves a lot of additional hands on experiments that are fun and cool to learn and find out about. There will be four state mandated labs, they will do enzyme reaction rates, and maybe even dissect a frog. I interviewed Kateri Guillion , and she is very excited about this new class. Kateri said "It's going to be difficult but it is a great opportunity to have going towards high school."



## **Community Week**

By: Kasia Derrico
This week the early childhood had there
community week. They learned about
community helpers and jobs in our
community. They were visited by the principal,
police officers, dental hygienist, cooks,
firefighter, and a construction worker. All the
kids learned and had a great time. They were
able to learn about what people do everyday.

## Endangered White Rhinos

By: Annie Stanivich

The white rhino or square-lipped rhino is the largest species of rhinos. A northern white rhinoceros named Nabiré died Monday at a Czech Zoo, leaving only three of the species alive in the world. With only one male rhino remaining, and at 42 years old he can no longer breed. Rhinoceros populations in both Asia and Africa have suffered for decades. The rhinos are under 24-hour protection by armed guards. Rhinos are targeted for their horns. Some people in Asia say that their horns are special because they cure sickness. The rhinos that are still alive in the world are Sudan at the age of 42, Fatu at the age of 15 and, Najin is at the age of 25.

Website-

http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/16/africa/ken

a-northern-white-rhino/index.html



#### Slime

By: Ella Sawitski

Slime has been one of the most popular actives in America.

There are all different kind of slimes like crunchy slime, floam slime, butter slime, fluffy slime, scented slime, and regular slime.

There are more than 3 million Instagram posts tagged #slime and a seemingly endless number of Youtube tutorials teaching you how to make your own slime. There seems to be something appealing about slime. Famous slime people sell there slimes on Etsy, people are so famous of slime they can sell their slime for \$18 and people still buy them.

Elmer's has made so much money on people buying slime stuff, they decided to make gallons of white glue and clear glue. Famous slime people like Karina Garcia make slime kits to have kids try out all different kinds of slimes in only one box.





## **Lego Robotics**

By: Kasia Derrico

Lego Robotics is a new SMI club. It has two groups. One group is for kids grade 1-4 and the other group is grade 5-8. Five through eight enters a contest, where they need to come up with a poster board to represent their main topic. The group is working on a solution for how to get rid of sewage and wastewater in areas that are hit by hurricanes. Meanwhile, 1-4 is doing an exhibition to learn about water and how you use water every day. The coaches of the teams are Mr.Bradt and Mrs.Teresco. Our teams are part of an international organization called FIRST whose purpose is to promote STEM learning, creativity, problem solving, and several core values through the development of robotics. "It's fun, but you're always fixing something", says classmates Shawn Kuehling and Sam Van Wie.



**Picture Day** 

By: Melissa Sapia Saint Mary's Institute had their annual winter uniform picture day on October 11,

2017. Every grade was called down to get their picture taken and their class picture that was amazingly done by the photographers. Before you get your picture taken they have mirrors, combs, and more if you want to fix yourself up. These photographers are so polite that when you get your picture back and don't like the way it was done, they will come back to SMI and retake your picture. To get your picture taken you fill out the form that you were given in school, choose your background, and select your package. There is also spring pictures that are coming up in May!



#### **SMI Halloween Donations**

By: Emma Charboneau

SMI is donating Halloween supplies to Kids that don't have enough money to buy things for Halloween.

Items include, candy, bags, stickers, books, cups, hats, costumes, or other little Halloween supplies for this year's Halloween. SMI will be allowing everybody to participate in this event. If you would like to donate, bring it to Mrs. Allen's room and put it in the box with the other Halloween supplies.