Merlin House News

¾ cup wheat germ

¾ cup dry instant milk

2/3 cup oats

1 cup peanut butter

½ cup honey

2 tablespoons water

1 cup crushed peanuts

½ cup Special Dark chocolate chips

Mix first 6 ingredients. Roll mixture into balls. Roll balls into crushed peanuts. Put one chocolate chip on the top of each ball. Store balls in a covered container in the refrigerator. The recipe makes about 30 energy balls.

The Merlins surely have sweet teeth! With a few exceptions – a local fare favorite was scrumptious Chicken Pot Pie and two family favorites that delighted our interest were Pepperoni Fettuccini and Spam Noodle Salad – most “Favorite Recipes” submitted in math class were sweets and treats. While visions of peanut butter balls, blossoms, and fudge may dance in your heads this holiday season, this Becker Family favorite is a nutritious twist on peanut butter balls that will satisfy your sweet tooth and be kinder to your body. It’s also excellent brain food as you will use fractions and measuring tools. Enjoy!

Next we played tug-of-war then the gross relay where we passed gross like pig’s feet to our teammates. Later, we did canoes, the maze and different little games where the teams got separated to different sections in the end Mrs. Manbeck’s team won the games. The next day we could do whatever we wanted to do.

The Merlin team went to Gretna Glen and had a good time. When we came there the teachers told us which cabins we should go to. Then when we dropped our stuff off we went down to the meadow to sit by our flags to start the games, we started to play the egg hunt. Everybody got messy at that game.

# Super Energy Balls **Mrs. Becker**

## KIDS KORNER **By Rebecca Drain**

## **The Gretna Glen Field Trip** **By Georgiy Soltanov**

***December Trivia***

1. Which city in PA is known as the home of the cheesesteak, water ice, soft pretzels, and Tastykakes?

[Click here for the answer to question #1.](novembertrivia.wav)

2. What character did Walt Disney say he created on a train ride from New York to California?

**Prizes**

Be the first to answer question #2 and win a prize. Please have your response written down, and get it to Mr. Groff as soon as possible.

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This year for the fall play is a play called “Romeo and Juliet Together and Alive At Last.” Some people have been confused about this title. The play is not about Romeo and Juliet. It’s about a group of eight graders who put on a play of Romeo and Juliet. They put on that play because a boy named Pete Salts and a girl named Annabell Stackpoole like each other. They are both to shy and won’t

ask one another out on a date so agroup of their friends are reading “Romeo and Juliet” in language arts. They decide to make a play out of it. They get Pete to be Romeo and Annabell to play Juliet. They try to get those two to talk to each other. Nobody knows how things will turn out. That is nearly what the fall play is about this year, It’s not the real play “Romeo and Juliet.”

## The Fall Play **By Nicholas Weiss**

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##### **The Fall Dance** **By: Trinh Nguyen**

“Throw your hands in the ayer, ayer, ayer!...” Friday, October 24, 2008 was definitely a night to remember. A combination of the perfect DJ, awesome blasting music, and crazy sixth graders gave rise to the most spectacular 6th grade dance ever, ever, ever! The majority of the selections consisted of the hottest songs from this year, but there are also the classics the Macarena and the Slide. Colorful lights and fog and bubble machines added to the hype, water was available for replenishment, and of course, candy for some quick energy so we could keep rocking the night away. Sadly, like all great things in a sixth grader’s life, the fun had to come to an end 9 p.m. However, there is great anticipation for the next dance and no doubt, it will be just as groovy!

#### Gretna Glen in Review **By Cali Wolfe**

The teams were Trump’s Tacos, Groff’s Geeks, Becker’s Bulldogs, Brown’s Barracudas, and Manbeck’s Marbles. Some of the events that took place were Guess the Yummy Food, and Happy Little Home. Every team got points for wins they achieved and the winner was Manbeck’s Marbles!

The Merlin team in Cedar Crest Middle School went on an adventure to Gretna Glen. The team saw that the events are difficult because many challenges took place. There were five groups competing against each other and they had to work together in their tasks. The teams were based on the home room classes in the house.

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[**Big Win for the Phils!!**](http://philadelphia.phillies.mlb.com/phi/history/championship08.jsp) **By Nick Gonzalez**

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was an exciting series, but game 5 was the one that ended it all. In the end Brad Lidge struck out Eric Hinske. Cole Hamels was named World Series MVP. No one did it by themselves. They all worked as a team to conquer the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Phillies have won their first World Series title since 1980. In 1980 the Phillies won the World Series against the Kansas City Royals in game 6. This year the Phillies went on to beat the Tamba Bay Rays in game 5 at home in Philadelphia. It