Merlin House News

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.

The Merlin House News 1st Edition is finally here. Our newsletter staff was hard at work bringing you the latest news on Merlin Team events. The newsletter will be a monthly publication sent out electronically. Students and parents will be able to access our newsletter at the Merlin Team WikiSpace.

<http://merlinteam08.wikispaces.com/>

Parents can also sign up for a monthly newsletter email by signing up with Mr. Groff. Just simply email Mr. Groff your email address, and he will see that your address is added to our database. Each month the newsletter staff will see that you are emailed our newsletter.

The newsletter staff is always looking for ideas to write about. If you have some great ideas or information to share, please contact the staff and let them know. The staff will change throughout the year but there’s always someone ready to hear your ideas.

We hope you enjoy the 1st edition.

# Merlin House News **Mr. Groff**

## KIDS KORNER **By Rebecca Drain**

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

From October 16th to 17th the Merlin Team went on a field trip to Gretna Glen. We had a phenomenal time there! Many of us got dirty hustling and winning challenges, but some of us participated in activities that required more brains, like Human Memory. The students had a blast doing all those activities and challenges, but which was preferred?

Tug-of-War- 40 Free Day- 27 Canoeing- 8

Camp Fire- 7 Rock Stars-7 Happy Little Homes- 6

Pillsbury Dough Boy- 5 Scavenger Hunt- 4

***November 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