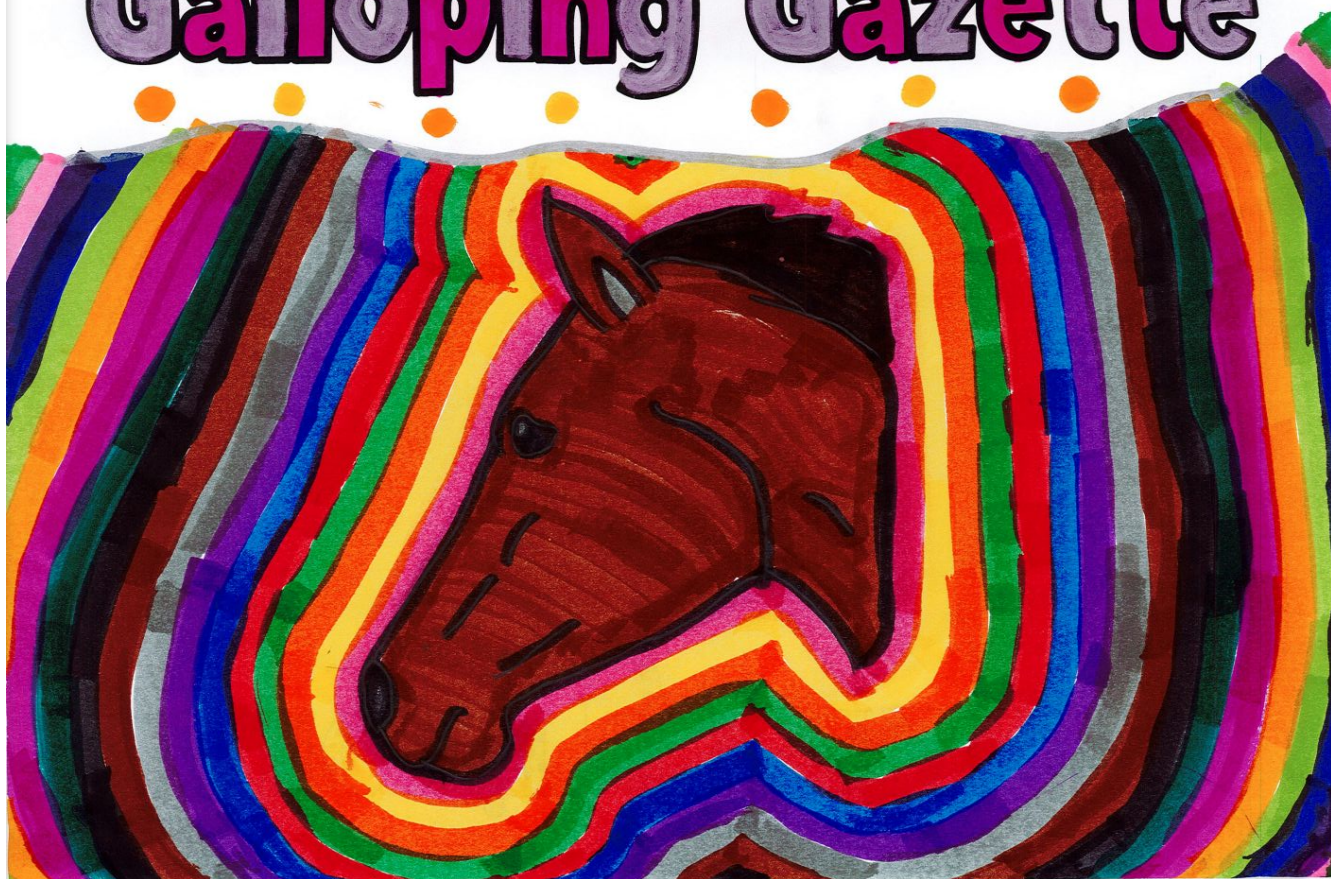


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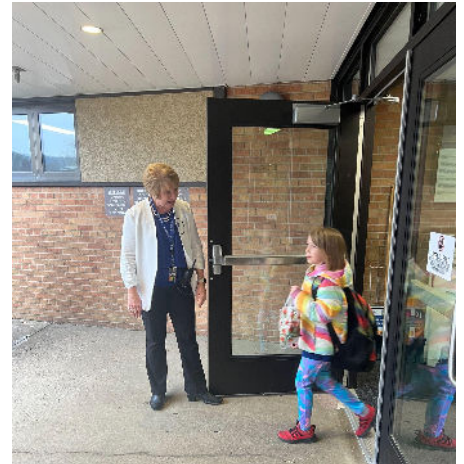


# Meet Mrs. Eide

By: Rune V.

Mrs. Eide said she decided to come to Spence because it has a very good reputation for being a place where people take care of each other and work hard to do their best. Before she came to Spence she was a high school and middle school principal in the Blair–Taylor School District for many years. She was also a co–teacher and speech teacher.

Mrs. Eide loves students, staff and family. She said she has learned a great deal at Spence and is grateful that she was welcomed. She has been in education for 32 years. She looks forward to coming to school every day and is super excited and said this has been her favorite job she's had. In conclusion we feel Mrs. Eide is a great addition to our school.



# After School Youth Development

By: Jackson G.

Are you in an after school program? If you aren't these are the new after school programs:

1. Jewelry making
2. Mindfulness coloring
3. Fitness
4. Chess Club

Here's why they made them:

**Fitness** 🏃: Mrs. Blakstad made it because she loves working out and sports/games and thought it would be fun.

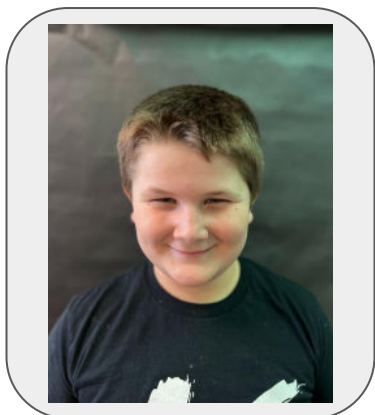
**Mindfulness coloring** 🙌🎨: Mrs. George started it because she always wanted to lead an after school program.

**Jewelry** 💎: Miss Veenstra made this program because she enjoys making things.

**Chess** ♟️: Mr. Schmitz started this club because he loves playing board games.

If the teachers could lead clubs in the future, here is what they would do. Mrs. Blakstad would lead a Taylor Swift fan club. Mrs. George said she would make her club about books. Mr. Schmitz had a funny answer, saying he would start a snorkeling club, "but due to certain limitations it could only be offered in July."

As you can see, being in after school club can be fun. Sign up if you can!





# Fifth Grade Leadership Camp

By: Arianna M.

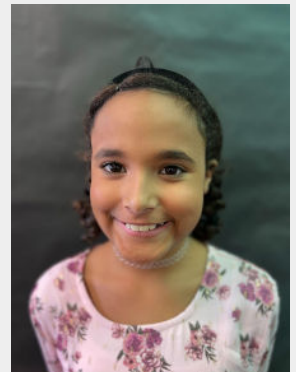
What people think about leadership camp, Miss Roberts said that she believes that leadership camp is good for kids as they have the opportunity to kick 🦵 off their last year of elementary school learning important leadership qualities and skills👊. Leadership camp allows kids to practice being leaders and talking to each other in kind ways while solving problems, according to Mrs. Buxton.

I (Ari) think that it is very important for kids that sometimes they need to be nice to kids even if they don't want to. I have a frame at home that says, "Be kind and kindness will come back to you."

Here is another thing that a kid said that they like about leadership camp. Elise said, "I liked the seven minute challenges. I liked the cup stacking one where we had to flip the 🌀 and stack the cups only using pencils."

What I think about leadership camp is that it is much better to work together than just working by yourself because you can get more mad 😡 and annoyed at it. I think kindness is good for people like me. I think 4th graders should do it too.

Doing leadership camp is fun, I think leadership camp is an experience to show people that it feels good to be good 😊. Here is what Olivia said, "My favorite part was going around the classroom and putting our sticky notes on the leadership camp questions'." I (Ari) think that I liked all the activities in the leadership camp. Maybe you can do leadership camp too when you're in fifth grade!



# Ghost of Harry Spence: Haunting or Hogwash?

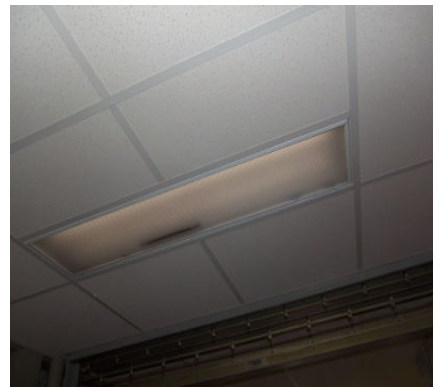
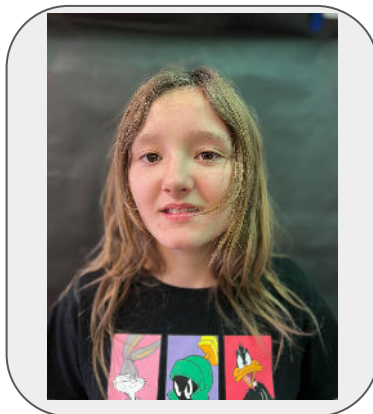
By: Autumn M.

Do you think the ghost of Harry Spence is real?👁️ Well, Mrs. Craig said that she saw the light in the hallway turning off and on, but then said that it was her students who did it. According to the paper she basically told us no to everything. She doesn't think the Ghost of Harry Spence is real.

The library teacher 🧑🏫 Mrs. Olson, said the lights in the library were flashing, but that could be because the light 💡 was going old . The books have been falling on the floor. And the puzzle was taken apart every single day when she comes back to school, and the children and the staff say they have not been doing it.

Oh my gosh the lights in Mrs. Buxton's room just went off , and no one was at the door 🚪 !! I'm not joking 😬.

Mr. Schmitz said that his posters have been falling down, but that could be anything. He didn't really answer the question 🧑🏫 it is mostly just jokes. Do you think the ghost of Harry Spence is real?



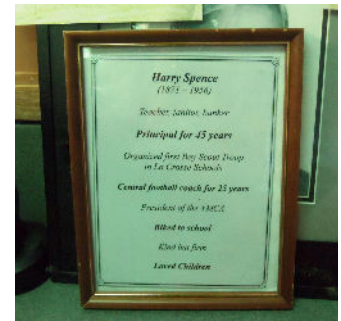
# History of Harry Spence

By: Oliver S.

Have you ever wondered about the history of Harry Spence? Spence opened on September 9th, 1953. Ms. Metz told us that the library was remodeled in 1992-1993 and that today's art room used to be the library! The principals that she can remember are Susan Zimmerman, Nancy Sikorsky, Shelley Shirley, Mrs. Moll, Mrs. Huth, and Mrs. Eide.

Gerald Pilger was a teacher here from 1965 through 1979. He said, "When I taught at Spence it was very innovative and was considered one of the better schools on the south side."

The school's first principal was Ezra Hartl, and he was the principal until 1970. Hartl died in November 1975, at the age of 70. The school board voted to name the school after Harry Spence, who was a longtime La Crosse educator. Harry Spence was born in 1871, and died in 1956 at the age of 85. He was a teacher, janitor, and a banker. Harry also organized the first Boy Scout troop in the La Crosse schools. He also coached the Central football team for 25 years.



Here is a picture of Harry Spence.





# Keeping Spence Clean

By: Journalism Club

Long before kids arrive in the morning and long after they leave at night, the custodians are here making sure that Spence is ready to go for a day filled with learning, play and fun.

Mr. Erickson and Mr. Vue are two of our custodians, and they answered the journalism club's requests for information. Mr. Maas is also a custodian at Spence. Both Mr. Erickson and Mr. Vue said the bathrooms are one of their least favorite things to clean, especially when they're messy. Mr. Vue also said cleaning up when someone throws up or when someone spills on the carpet are not so fun.

While Mr. Erickson has worked here since December of 2011, Mr. Vue started about three and a half years ago. They both said that Miss Roberts has one of the cleanest rooms in the school, and added that Mrs. Buxton, Mr. Xiong and Mrs. Jones keep things pretty tidy.

On the positive side, Mr. Erickson loves the Chariot riding floor scrubber, while Mr. Vue is a fan of the backpack vacuum (think Ghostbusters). Both said their favorite part of the job is seeing the kids and their smiling faces.

Thank you Mr. Erickson, Mr. Vue and Mr. Maas for keeping Spence clean and safe!



Mr. Erickson



Mr. Vue

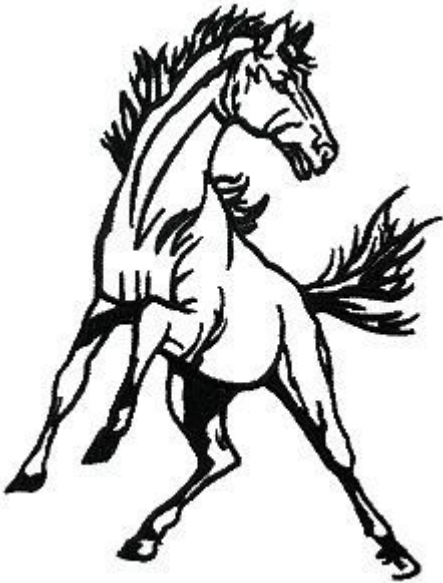


Mr. Maas

# Spence Staff Survey

By: Journalism Club

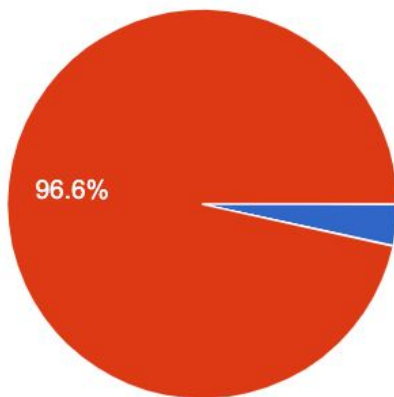
**Number of  
Spence staff that  
responded: 29**



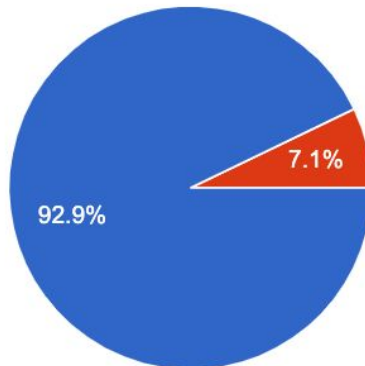
## How long have Spence teachers been “horsing around”?

- 28 years - 1 staff member
- 27 years - 1 staff member
- 25 years - 2 staff members
- 23 years - 1 staff member
- 22 years - 2 staff members
- 19 years - 1 staff member
- 16 years - 2 staff members
- 12 years - 1 staff member
- 9 years - 3 staff members
- 8 years - 4 staff members
- 7 years - 1 staff member
- 6 years - 2 staff members
- 3 years - 5 staff members
- 2 years - 1 staff member
- 1 year - 1 staff member

**The 29 staff who responded have over 331 years of teaching, just at SPENCE!**



**Above:** One Spence staff member attended school at Spence!



**Left:** Nearly 93% of the staff who responded said Spence is the best school they have worked at. WOW!

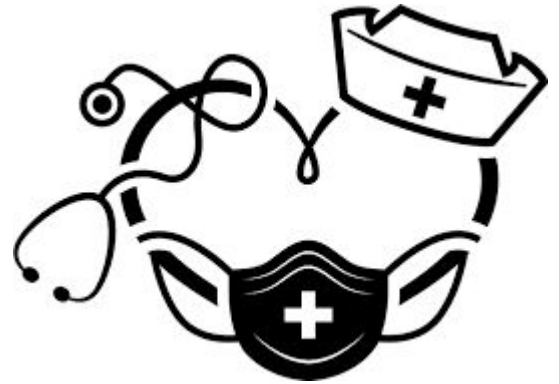


# Spence Staff Survey

By: Journalism Club

## If I weren't a teacher I would...

- be a flower farmer
- be a librarian or dolphin trainer.
- do something in the medical field.
- write children's books.
- be a librarian.
- be an occupational therapist.
- sell houses.
- have my own consignment shop.
- be a secret shopper.
- work at Kwik Trip or own a popcorn and ice cream shop.
- be a nurse.
- be a lawyer or a nurse.
- work in a jewelry store.
- be a nurse midwife.
- have a daycare.
- take care of dogs.
- work in a test kitchen.
- do something with reading.
- be a writer or professional candy tester.
- be a landscaper.
- be a CPA (certified public accountant).
- run a daycare.
- be a drummer in a rock band.
- open a dog rescue and art studio.
- be a caretaker.



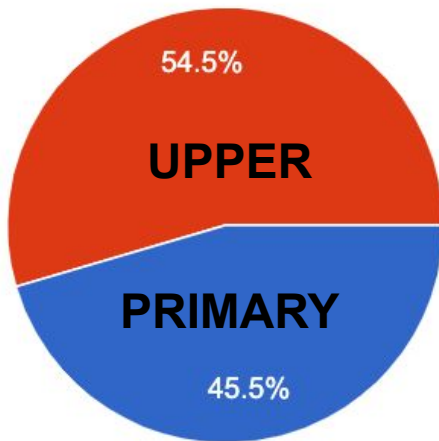
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# Playground Survey

By: Journalism Club

**Which playground would you rather play on?**



**What do you do at recess?**

1. Play with friends and run around.
2. Swings
3. Monkey bars
4. Gaga Ball
5. Basketball
6. Tag

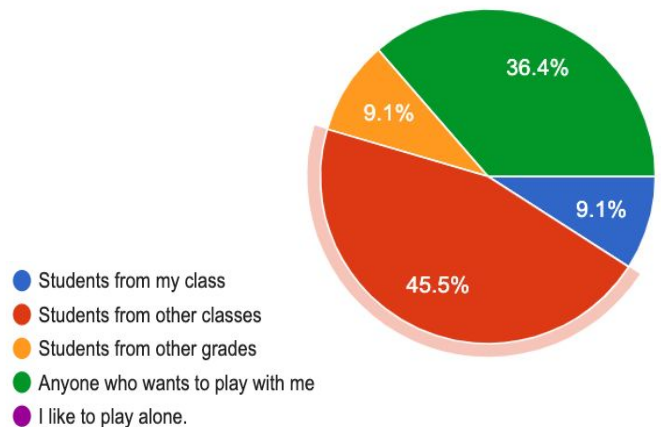


**We had 11 responses to our classroom questions about recess at Spence. Thanks for your participation!**



**If students could add one thing to the playground, it would be a trampoline!!!!**

**Who do you play with at recess?**





# Just Horsing Around

## Spence Comics

The Walnuts By Oliver & Rurr

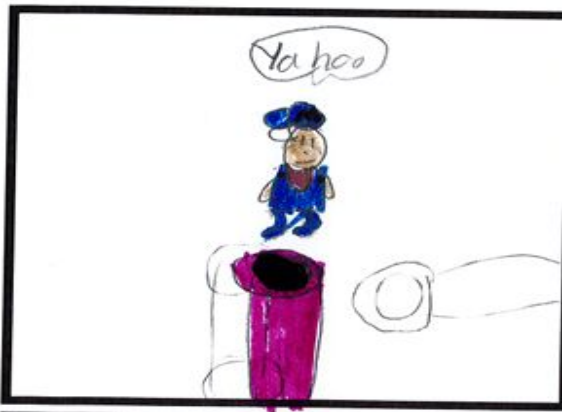
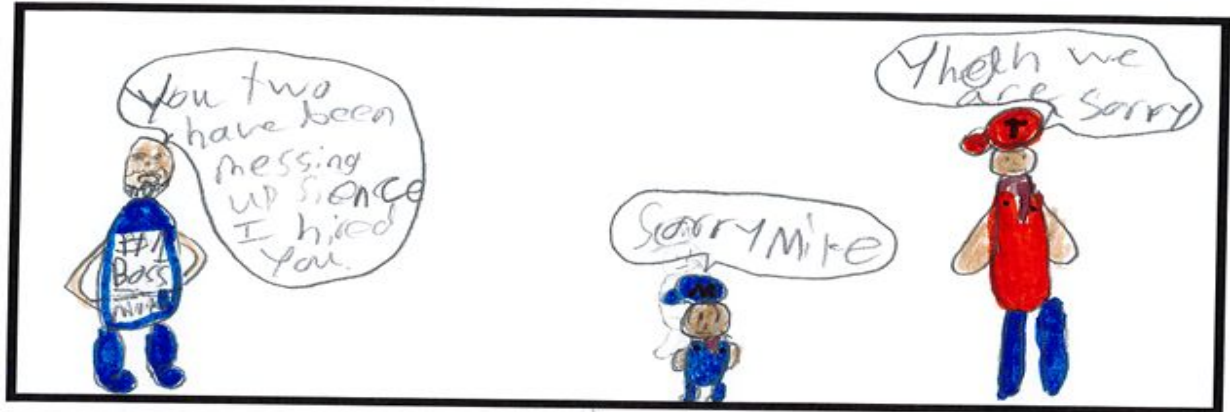


And Charles Pink was never seen at school again. The End

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The maci bros by Runcible





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# Extra, Extra!

## All About Journalism Club

By: Mrs. Buxton

Over the past month and a half the Journalism Club has worked hard to come up with story ideas for the Galloping Gazette. Students were in charge of picking their topics, sending questions to interview their subjects, writing their articles, and taking pictures to match their topics, while others created their very own comic strips! Thank you to all of those who took time out to answer questions, pose for pictures, and more!



**Journalism Club  
(left to right):  
Jackson, Autumn,  
Arriana, Oliver and  
Rune**

Tatumn (Spence Class of 2023) and Chloe (Spence Class of 2024) designed the cover for the original Galloping Gazette during the 2022-2023 ASYD.

