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# **AWESOME ALL STAR NEWS**

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**By Sammy, Rm 16**



## Visiting the Capitol

By Karina S., Rm 28

During spring break, a group of Azevada students went to the state capitol in Sacramento. First, we had a short tour around the capitol building and went into the two main

rooms where senators and assembly members vote over which laws they think are right. Next, our tour guide explained the three different branches of the government—judicial, legislative, and executive. Finally, we met California State Senator Bob Wieckowski and California State Assembly Member Kansen Chu.

Our tour guide provided a short review of our government. The legislative branch writes the laws and passes them, and this branch includes Congress. The United States Congress is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives, while the California State Legislature is made up of the California State Assembly and the California State Senate. The



executive branch carries out the laws which were passed from the Congress. The governor is the head of this branch and he approves or vetoes the laws. The governor cannot create his or her own laws but has the responsibility to decide whether this law would become a real law. Finally, the judicial branch is the branch that interprets the laws. The Supreme Court is head of this branch; Supreme Court Justices

decide whether the law is against the constitution and can overturn the law if it is against the constitution.

We walked through several special rooms of the capitol. The Assembly Chambers were decorated in green and the Senate Chambers were decorated in red. Along the hallways, life sized portraits of former governors hang on the walls.



We met State Senator Bob Wieckowski on the floor of the Senate Chambers, and sat behind the



desk where he votes yes or no against laws. He said that the hardest part about his job was deciding how to vote on laws. Then after lunch, we met Assembly Member Kansen Chu. He spoke to us in Mandarin and took a group photo with us near the rotunda. Later on, we watched assembly members vote from the balcony gallery of the chamber floor and listened to Kansen Chu announce us to the other assembly members. We heard the members call roll and spoke the Pledge



of Allegiance.

We explored the capitol, enjoyed learning historical facts, and viewed artworks of the statesmen. This was our exciting trip over spring break. We all learned a lot about the government, state senators, and state assembly members. It was so cool to actually meet our State Senator Bob Wieckowski and our State Assembly Member Kansen Chu.

# Best Tips

By: Justin W.

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### Interview with Ms. Huo

By Aidan, Annette Rm 31, Forrest Rm 30, Karina Rm 28



**What is one of your hidden talents?**

Yoga! And doing splits!

**Do you have any kids?** (Just a bunny)

**What do you like most about being a teacher?**

I get to have fun conversations with my students. They bring out the best in me.



**Did you have any other jobs you would like to do?**

A counselor, yoga instructor, or bunny vet.

**Which place is your dream vacation?** Europe.

**How do you normally start off with your class, like what do you do to grab attention and to be spunky and silly?** I say, "Baby Giraffe face!"



**What is your spirit animal?** A gazelle. A bunny.

**Which Hogwarts district would you like to go to if you were a wizard?** Ravenclaw



### Interview with Mr. Waller

By Annette and Aidan, Rm 31

**1. Which Harry Potter School would you like to go to?**

Gryffindor or Hufflepuff

**2. What is your dream vacation?** Australia

**3. Do you have any kids?** Yes

**4. What do you like about being a teacher?** I like kids, having fun with them, watching them learn and exploring possibilities with my students.

**5. What is your spirit animal?** Sloth

**6. Do you have any pets?** 2 Dogs, 14 fish, 3 snakes, cockroaches, 2 beetles, 2 turtles.

**7. If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?** A biologist

**8. Why did you decide to become a science teacher?** Because I love science, kids, and I love showing science to kids!

**9. How long have you been a teacher?** 21 years

**10. What is your favorite food?** My mom's apple pie

**11. What is your favorite sport?** Baseball

**12. If you could domesticate any animal what animal would you choose?** Elephant.



### Interview with Ms. Dekker

By: Allyson and Karina, Rm 28



**What is one of your hidden talents?**

I am a runner and I can run forever!



**Do you have any kids?** I have two kids and two dogs.

**What is your favorite food?** Chicken enchiladas

**What is your dream vacation?**

Glacier National park, I would like to camp there.



**How do you normally start off a day with your class?**

We normally go through a checklist of what do to do that day.

**Why did you become a teacher?**

I became a teacher because I was inspired by my fifth grade teacher.

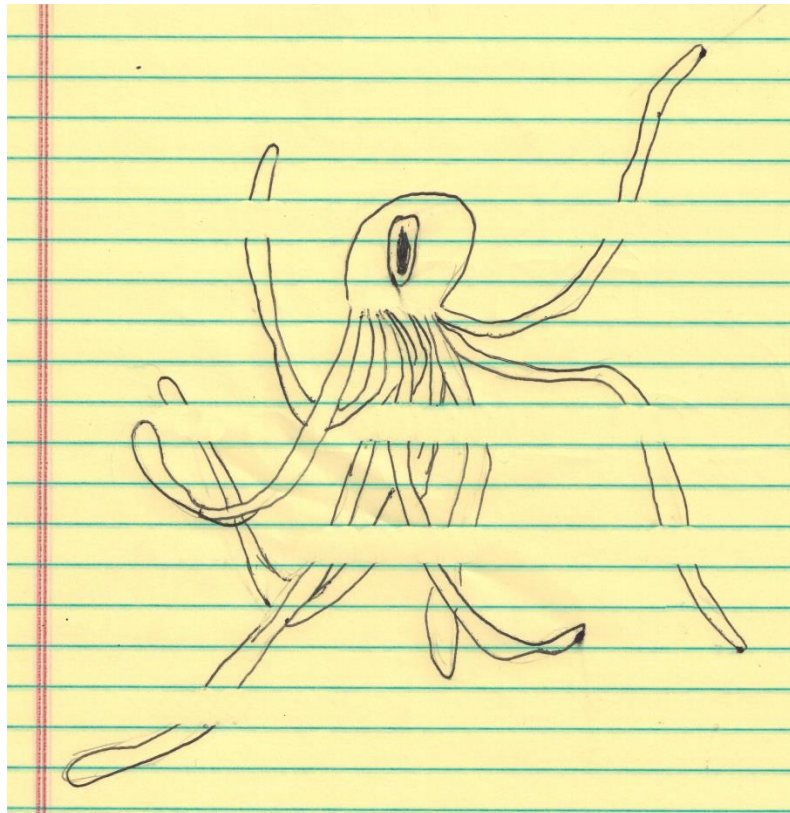
**How long have you been working at Azevada?** 17 years

**What do you do during your free time?**

I do gardening, running, cleaning, swimming, family time, and friend time.



**What is your spirit animal?** Butterfly



By Keane S., Rm TP2