

# News Flash

## Hammond Elementary School

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### Taking a Look in Space

by Robbie

I want to inform 4th graders about the Hubble Space Telescope. I interviewed my dad. He works at NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). The Hubble Space Telescope is a telescope built by NASA that is in orbit around the Earth. They put it in orbit because it has a much clearer view of the universe from there.

The Hubble Space Telescope is about the size of a school bus and was launched April 24, 1990. The

telescope has not come down, and is still floating in orbit. The telescope takes pictures of planetary nebula, stellar dust, supernovas, and galaxies. It can take pictures from long distance. For example, it can take images of objects millions of light years from Earth.

The Hubble Space Telescope travels 276 miles per minute around the Earth. As you can see, the Hubble Space Telescope is important for us to understand our Earth and the universe.



Hubble spacecraft orbits Earth.

### Do We Really Need Homework?

by Caitlin

A lot of people in Hammond Elementary School think homework is boring. Ashlee is one of these people. "It is just too easy," she says. Kirstan thinks homework rots your brain. Other people think it is enjoyable and fun.

Homework is study you have to do outside of your classroom at home at 3:30 or in the evening. My sister Christine thinks home-

work can be fun or boring or even frustrating. She thinks homework is important because you have to study for class so you get a good grade. Christine says, "You have to practice to be good at something." She also says that homework teaches you a lot of things like math and social studies. Finally, Christine said, "Yes, we really need homework."

### No Fingerboards in School

by Stephanie

Students from Hammond Elementary School are being distracted by fingerboards when given directions by teachers. It's all happening here at Hammond. I've done a survey on fingerboards in school. All the boys in my class say

fingerboards should be allowed in class, with the exception of Morgan; he doesn't think they should. Our teacher thinks the toys shouldn't even be brought into school, and most of the other teachers do too. So kids what should we do?

### Election 2000

by Benjamin

What an election! Gore winning! Bush winning! Not Nader. Those are things people are saying all because of Florida. And it all started in November 2000.

Oh boy, the election! Mitchell and other people are saying, "Hey, I bet Gore's going to win," and "Hey, I bet Nader's going to get over 1 percent of the votes." I know what most adults think but visit the kids' point of view.

Mitchell says he feels they should do the election over and has confidence in Gore. Some people think we should roll the dice. Others think we should not count the votes that were not punched in right next to the person they wanted for president. Other people think the votes should count if the hole is somewhat close to the candidate running.

Now it's between Gore and Bush. With a 331-vote lead for Bush it looks bad for Gore. It will take a miracle for him to win. Will Gore get lucky enough to win the election?