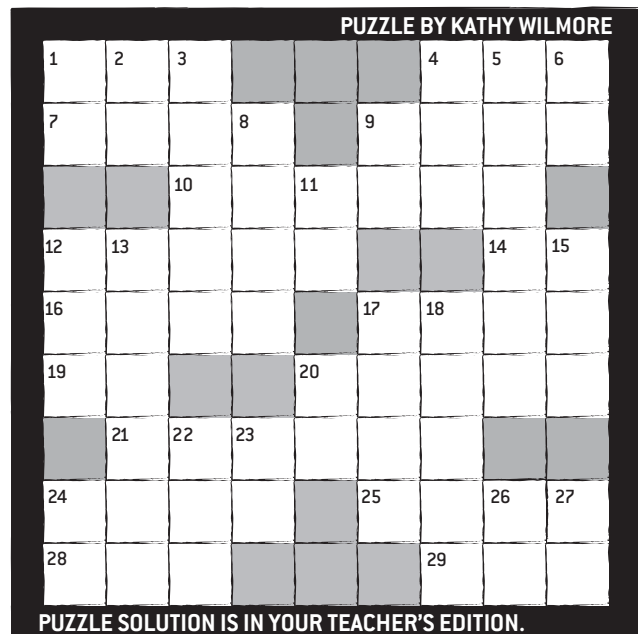


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Take our crossword challenge before reading this issue. Then come back and fill in any blanks. The starred clues refer to the article on pp. 5-7.

ACROSS

- 1 It makes electric guitars audible (abbr.).
 *4 The only space station still in use (abbr.).
 *7 General Charles Bolden is its administrator (abbr.).
 9 Very dark
 *10 7 Across is the official U.S. space __.
 12 City in southeastern France
 14 California's biggest city (abbr.)
 16 Sings with lips closed
 17 Graceful, long-necked bird
 19 Best: "good __ it gets"
 20 Jabs with something sharp
 *21 Main U.S. rival in the Cold War space race: __ Union
 24 Very short, as a skirt
 25 Benches in a church
 28 Woman's first name, as in __ Jemison, first African-American woman in space
 *29 Nickname for Mars: the __ Planet



DOWN

- 1 " __ apple a day keeps the doctor away."
 2 Pa's partner
 3 Sacred song or poem
 4 Abbr. at the end of many company names
 *5 The first U.S. space station
 6 Nickname for Seymour
 8 A long, long time
 9 "Are you __ or are you out?"
 11 Plural ending, as in bus __
 12 Exclamation of discovery
 *13 Country succeeding former U.S. space-race rival
 15 The reply to a question (abbr.)
 *17 Buzz Aldrin was the second person to __ onto the moon.
 *18 Frozen __ has been found beneath the surface of Mars.
 20 Yes, in Spanish
 *22 Neil Armstrong took " __ small 17 Down for man."
 23 Six, in Roman numerals
 24 One thousandth of a meter (abbr.)
 26 " __ the People"
 27 Pierre is this state's capital (postal abbr.).

"Kids Helping Kids to Help Themselves"

Sometimes we at *JS* receive letters from students who want to share a special experience with fellow readers. Recently, we received just such a letter from Krista Laforest, a seventh-grader at Broad Meadows Middle School in Quincy, Massachusetts. Krista and her school are involved in a program call Operation Day's Work-USA, the motto of which is "Kids helping kids to help themselves." As Krista puts it, "ODW's goal is for U.S. students in grades 5 to 12 to decide together how to provide meaningful, sustainable aid to children in one poor, developing country each school year." Please see Krista's letter at scholastic.com/js. She hopes that you will post it in your classroom or reproduce it so that each student can have a copy.



Krista Laforest

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