

## Ghostly magic

By **Kelvin (Discovery Club)**

The Ghost in the Bottle is a magic trick. It took me two days to learn. Here's how I do it:

- \* show the audience the magic bottle and rope
- \* put one end of the rope in the bottle
- \* hold the rope that is near the bottle, turn the bottle upside-down and pull the rope.

It's magic: I can hold the rope and make the bottle float or I can hold the bottle upside-down and make the rope float.

But that's not all. You need to know one more thing. But I'm not going to tell you because magicians do not reveal how to do their tricks. I learned three good tricks from Stunning Magic - it's a box of 150 tricks kept in the Adventure Club portable. I performed them at the spring break talent show. Photo: floating bottle.





## Iron Chefs give a big round of **applause** for apples

Apples were the secret ingredient for our spring break Iron Chef event. Cooks used Ambrosia, Royal Gala and Granny Smith varieties in different recipes.

### By **Christopher (Explorer Club)**

We made a smoothie with apples, bananas and strawberries. We added soya milk and orange juice. We put everything in a blender and pushed button 2 and then button 5. The blender was loud. It made the fruit squishy. It tasted awesome. Also on my Explorer Club team were:

**Jane** - The apples were hard to scoop up. The soya milk looked like yogurt. It tasted yummy.

**Kyla** - I put the lid on the blender. I pushed down hard so the smoothie wouldn't splat everywhere. It tasted delicious.

**Megan** - It was the best smoothie ever. I got a milk moustache.

Photo: Megan, Kyla, Jane, Christopher, Iron Chef cup with apple celebration.

### By **Janna (Adventure Club)**

Our upside-down apple pie was delicious. We used Granny Smith apples, butter, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and two pie crusts. It took 15 minutes to make and more than one hour to bake. My favorite part was peeling and cutting the apples.



## **Hungry child and tired parent** share Improv car ride

By **Colin (Safe Base)**, **Ilyas (Discovery Club)**

We were Improv acting partners. There were several scenes in a car with the audience giving actors different feelings like angry, happy, nervous, sad, worried. Ilyas was given the role of "hungry child" and Colin was given the role of "tired parent". We tried to make the audience laugh as much as possible. Ilyas was hyper: "I want fried chicken...I need a Slurpee...I could eat anything even a cow." Colin was exhausted: "I'm so sleepy...I need coffee...I want my mommy." Colin fell out of his seat. Someone in the audience asked, "Who's driving?" Colin got back in his seat but crashed the car and the scene ended. "I am never embarrassed when I'm on stage," said Ilyas. Photo: "Wake up, wake up, I want food," said Ilyas to Colin.





## Playing carnival games with skill and luck wins prizes

By **Jilliann (Explorer Club)**

I won 50 coupons at the spring break carnival. My favorite games were Spin and Win, Add 'Em Up and Dino Spin. I won a boomerang frisbee, a rocket ball and a spinning top. Photo: Jillian rolls at Add 'Em Up.

What games did you like at the carnival and what prizes did you win?

**Aizlinn (Adventure Club)** I liked Add 'Em Up and Angry Birds. I won twisty straws, lollipops and a pirate game.

**Amanda (Discovery Club)** I got two in the Potty Toss. I won necklaces, candy and a bracelet.

**Collen (Explorer Club)** I liked throwing the badminton birds in Angry Birds. I won a Snap Flyer frisbee and a slinky.

**Crystal (Adventure Club)** I liked Angry Birds and Spin and Win because they were easy to win. I got a boomerang, sticky lizard and bubbles.

**Ilyas (Discovery Club)** I liked Spin and Win because you couldn't lose. I won two frisbees.

**Jahz (Discovery Club)** In the Luck of the Irish hat of gold I found two purple coins and one green coin. I liked winning lollipops.

**Sasha (Explorer Club)** I liked rolling the earth balls in Add 'Em Up. I won a stuffed bunny and a slinky.

## It's a jungle in here

By **Eddie (Discovery Club)**

In Safari Rush Hour you have to drive the jeep out of the jungle. There are 3 elephants, 2 rhinos, 2 zebras, 2 lions, 3 lionesses, 4 herds of impalas and 2 termite mounds that might block the jeep. You have to move the animals and the jeep until the jeep can drive out the exit. Each level is different. They increase in difficulty from Beginner to Expert. I am on Level 7. I think I will be on Level 40 in one year.







## Bubbles mixed with paint create **blow-and-show art**

By **Kyle (Preschool)**

I blew pink, green and blue bubbles. I blew harder to make big bubbles. The bubbles popped. It made me laugh. I had pink, green, orange, yellow and blue circles on my paper. It looked like space. Photo: Kyle, art corner paint bubbles.

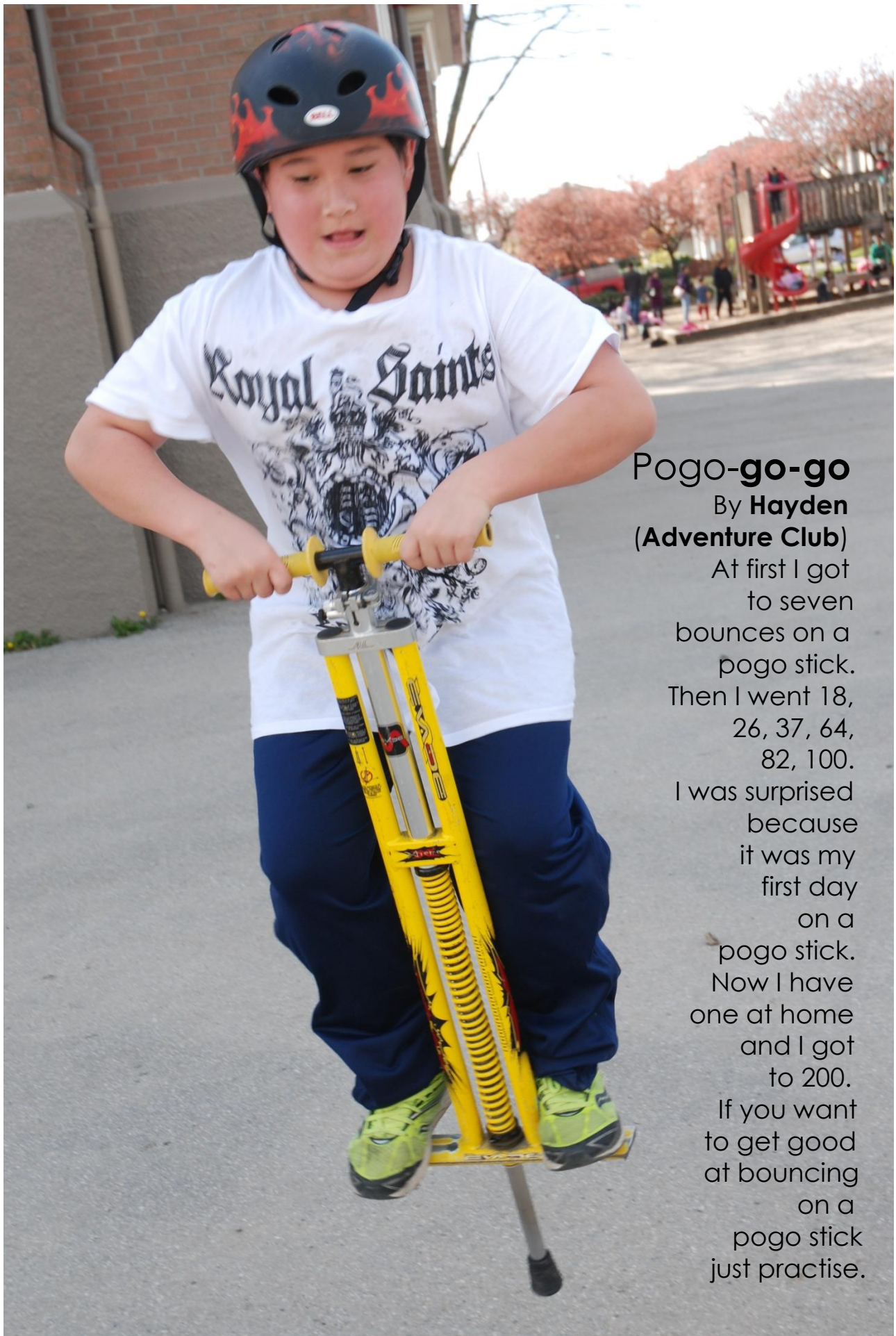


May is Child Care Month. Art by *Ariana*

**our children** hand-in-hand with **our community**

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## Pogo-go-go

By **Hayden**  
(Adventure Club)

At first I got  
to seven  
bounces on a  
pogo stick.  
Then I went 18,  
26, 37, 64,  
82, 100.

I was surprised  
because  
it was my  
first day  
on a  
pogo stick.

Now I have  
one at home  
and I got  
to 200.

If you want  
to get good  
at bouncing  
on a  
pogo stick  
just practise.





## **Hoop-hoop-hooray** for Canada at our Winter Olympics

By **Nastia (Safe Base)**

Our team ran fast because we wanted to win the Spare Time Winter Olympics. It was hard because the hula hoop was too tight to hold. I was laughing because I was wiggling alot and having fun. I had a red maple leaf tattoo on my cheek because we were on Team Canada. During the real Winter Olympics I was cheering for two countries: Canada because I have lots of friends here and Russia because my cousins and friends live there. Photo: **Patrick (Safe Base)**, **Christopher (Explorer Club)**, Nastia, bobsled race at Spare Time Winter Olympics.



## Team Shadow scores

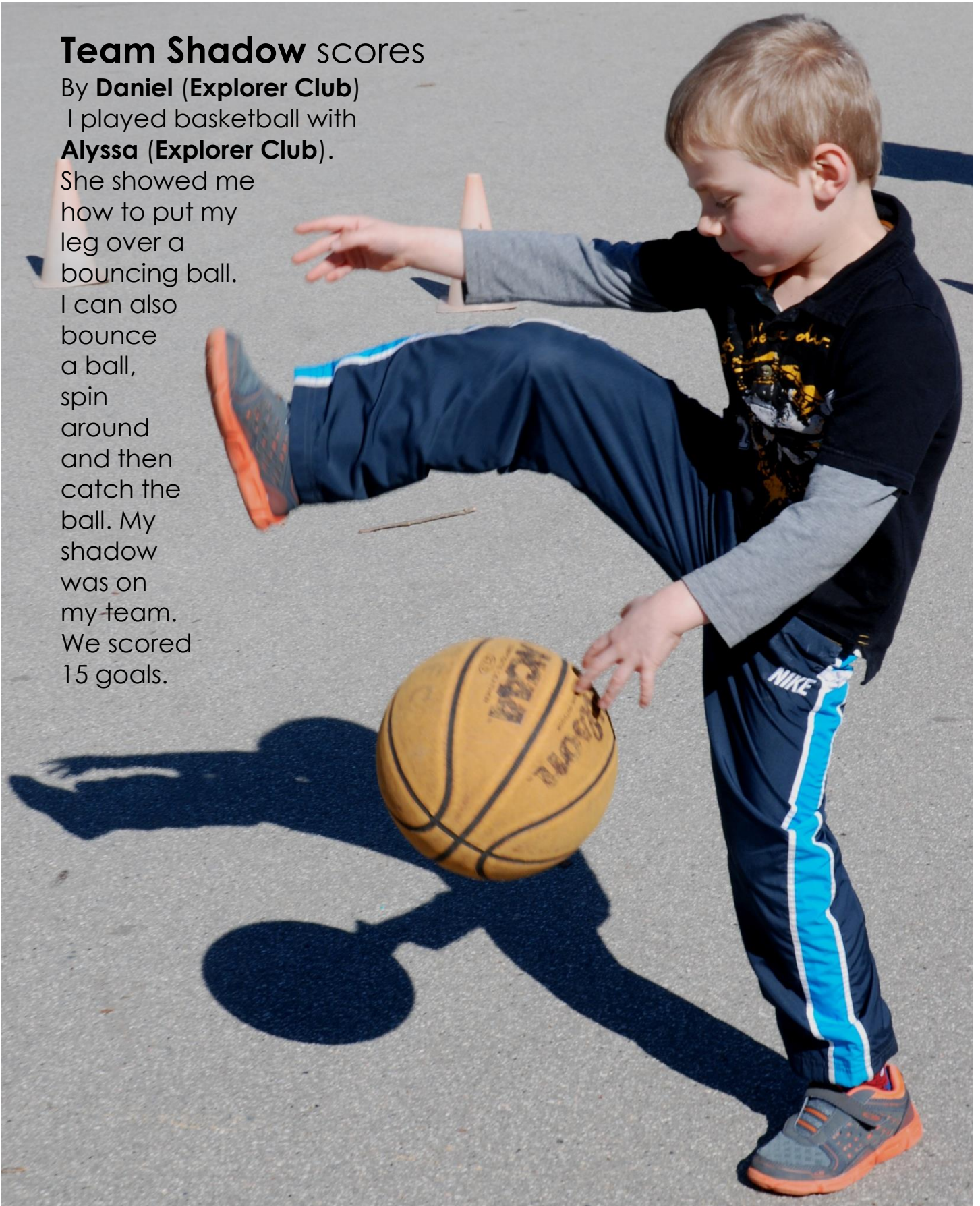
By **Daniel (Explorer Club)**

I played basketball with

**Alyssa (Explorer Club).**

She showed me  
how to put my  
leg over a  
bouncing ball.

I can also  
bounce  
a ball,  
spin  
around  
and then  
catch the  
ball. My  
shadow  
was on  
my team.  
We scored  
15 goals.







## **Snowy art**

By **Crystal**  
(**Adventure Club**)

It was hard to make a snowman: I had to roll three giant balls and lift the body and the head. I used stuff from the art corner for the eyes, mouth, necklace and buttons. The carrot nose came from the fridge. The hair and the arms were tree branches we found on the ground.



# Walking the dog

A stroll at 1350 West 67th Avenue in April 2014 revealed:

**Ariana's (Explorer Club)** art on page 7 is one of about 100 posters we put up in Granville Street stores from 64th to 71st Avenues. The "May is Child Care Month" poster have original art by a preschool to grade 7 child with the same "our children hand-in-hand with our community" message. It is the 21st year children have displayed art in the "Granville Gallery".

Annual spring cleaning? Yes. Not much fun. Annual spring shopping for sport shed equipment? Yes. Lots of fun: soccer and basketballs, lawn darts and the Ladders toss game, scooters, helmets and a skateboard, bogo sticks and hockey gear. So much to do and so little time.

Photo: Great save **Eathen (Discovery Club)**. That's hockey.

