

# KidsPost

## Wolf Trap Takes a World View



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Face facts: A little paint on your cheeks might brighten the weekend.

have a **LOOK** »

### International Children's Festival

In its 37th year, the International Children's Festival lights up Wolf Trap National Park next weekend. This annual celebration brings together talented young dancers, musicians, storytellers, athletes and artists from around the globe.

There will be more than 80 performers, including tumblers and unicyclists from Sweden, and musicians and dancers from Bolivia, Nepal and Spain.

An added attraction is Tap Kids, eight talented tap-dancers from all over the United States. Their routine, about the challenges facing high-schoolers, is sure to be a hit with the "Hairspray" and "High School Musical" generation.

The festival is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days next weekend. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 (children under 3 are free). For a schedule and other information, go to [www.internationalchildrensfestival.org](http://www.internationalchildrensfestival.org) or call 703-642-0862.



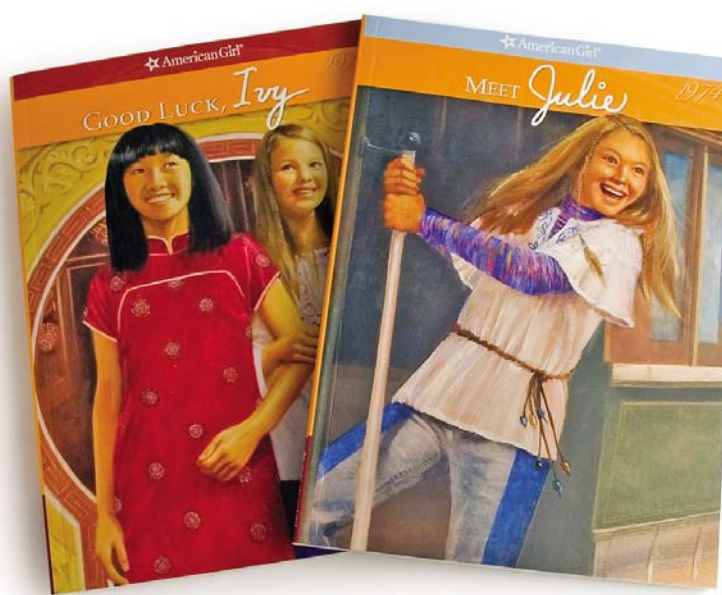
PHOTOS, FROM LEFT, BY LUDVKA MINICIRCUS; STAN WEINSTEIN; CONSERVATORIO PROFESIONAL DE DANZA



The International Children's Festival is known for a variety of acts, including (from left) acrobats from the Ludvika Minicircus, "firebreathers" from India and dancers from the Conservatorio Profesional de Danza in Madrid, Spain.



## » BOOKS of the week



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### Meet Julie; Good Luck, Ivy

by Megan McDonald; Lisa Yee  
ages 9-12

Julie Albright, a 9-year-old living in San Francisco, California, is the first new American Girl character in five years. Her six-book series, released this week, follows in the comfortably familiar footsteps of Kaya, Felicity, Josefina, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha, Kit and Molly.

Julie's story is set in the 1970s. Her parents have recently divorced, and she is moving away from her best friend, Ivy Ling. At her new school, Julie wants to join the basketball team, but girls aren't allowed to play. Later, she runs for student body president, the first fifth-grader to do so.

Julie's adventures reflect a time your parents are probably familiar with — when few girls played sports, even fewer ran for president of something, and many families were split by divorce. The books' publisher hopes Julie's story sparks some mother-daughter talks about how society has changed and what changes might be just ahead.

"Good Luck, Ivy" is a companion book to the series. Nine-year-old Ivy comes from a close-knit Chinese American family. When the all-city gymnastics tournament is set for the same day as her family's reunion, Ivy faces a tough choice.

*In case you were wondering, yes, there are American Girl dolls of both Julie and Ivy.*

### Coming Up This Week in KidsPost

**Monday:** Maryland's capitol idea.  
**Wednesday:** "Kid Nation" lets the kids run the town.

### JOKE

» of the week «



What do chickens do in earthquakes?

(answer at lower right)

## WORD SEARCH

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### September Birthdays

"Lizzie McGuire" actress: <u>Hilary</u> _____	Challenger teacher: <u>McAuliffe</u> _____	"Matilda" author: <u>Dahl</u> _____	27th president: <u>William Howard</u> _____
Tour de France champ: <u>Armstrong</u> _____	Puppeteer: <u>Jim</u> _____	Nationals' star: <u>Zimmerman</u> _____	Redskins' star: <u>Clinton</u> _____
Mystics' twin: <u>Miller</u> _____	Younger sister of Venus: <u>Williams</u> _____	Singer-actress: <u>Knowles</u> _____	"Boy Meets World" actor: <u>Savage</u> _____
British royal: _____	Famous outlaw: <u>Jesse</u> _____	Simba's voice: <u>Jonathan</u> _____	

See solution in Monday's KidsPost

### » it's about «

## YOU ... and Happiness

What things make you happy? Here's what kids ages 8 to 12 said in a recent survey.

SOURCE: Harris Interactive

### Top 5

<b>Money</b>	<b>65%</b>
Presents	63%
Video/computer games	60%
My own computer	57%
New clothes	55%

### Some other answers:

A pool in my yard	41%
Lots of stuffed animals	29%
Nice sports equipment	23%

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### This Week in History

Nationwide, there are more than 250,000 substitute teachers in schools each day. And this is **Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week**. Substitute teachers can have difficult jobs. They have to go from class to class, dealing with new kids and different subjects every day. So, if you have a sub in your class this week, don't wait for her to mispronounce your name during attendance; introduce yourself and thank her for teaching your class.

ILLUSTRATION BY ELIZABETH PRAGER

KEY ANSWER: Lay scrambled eggs.

SEPT. 16-22

## BIRTHDAYS

» of the week «

**Sunday 16**  
Stafford's **Colton Conley** (2001). Arlington's **Miracle Davis** (2001). Capitol Heights' **Justin Waldron** (1999). Herndon's **Austin Leach** (1998). Actress **Alexis Bledel** (1981). Singer **Marc Anthony** (1968). Blues musician **B.B. King** (1925).

**Monday 17**  
Riverdale's **Madisyn Smyth** (2000). Lanham's **Andre Johnson** (1999). Washington's **Jacob Chanin** (1998).

**Tuesday 18**  
Washington's **Zane Alpher** (1998). Boyds' **Emily Hecht** (1997). Leesburg's **Jack Speroni** and **Nic Speroni** (1997). Silver Spring's **Julia Derry** (1996). Waynesboro's **Zach Pereles** (1996).

**Wednesday 19**  
Woodbridge's **Johnny Crabb** (1998). Singer **Trisha Yearwood** (1964).

**Thursday 20**  
Rockville's **Timmy Ellett** (2000). Gaithersburg's **Ryusa Komatsu** (2000). Vienna's **Kira Nemeth** (1997). Author **Upton Sinclair** (1878).

**Friday 21**  
Potomac's **Raine Jervey** (2001). Washington's **Justin Johnson** (2001). Alexandria's **Tyler Eggleston** (2000). Waldorf's **Courtney Carter** (1997). Vienna's **Allison Brandmark** (1996). Singer **Faith Hill** (1967).

**Saturday 22**  
Forestville's **Omar Lyles** (2001). Herndon's **Allison Boone** (2000). Silver Spring's **Natalie Daly** (2000). Bethesda's **Matthew Anderson** (1999). Camp Springs' **Terrill Jones** (1999). Rockville's **Katie Ellett** (1998). Frederickburg's **Yanni Fallon** (1997). St. Leonard's **Ashlee Wallen** (1994).

**Conley**

**Leach**

**Chanin**

**J. Speroni**

**Derry**

**Jervey**

**Brandmark**

**Anderson**

**Wallen**

We'd love to hear from you. Send birthday announcements (ages 6-13) or jokes: KidsPost, The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071. Or e-mail: [kidspost@washpost.com](mailto:kidspost@washpost.com). Birthday announcements are published on a first-come, first-served basis. We need them at least six weeks before publication. (Don't forget to include your name, address and birth date!)