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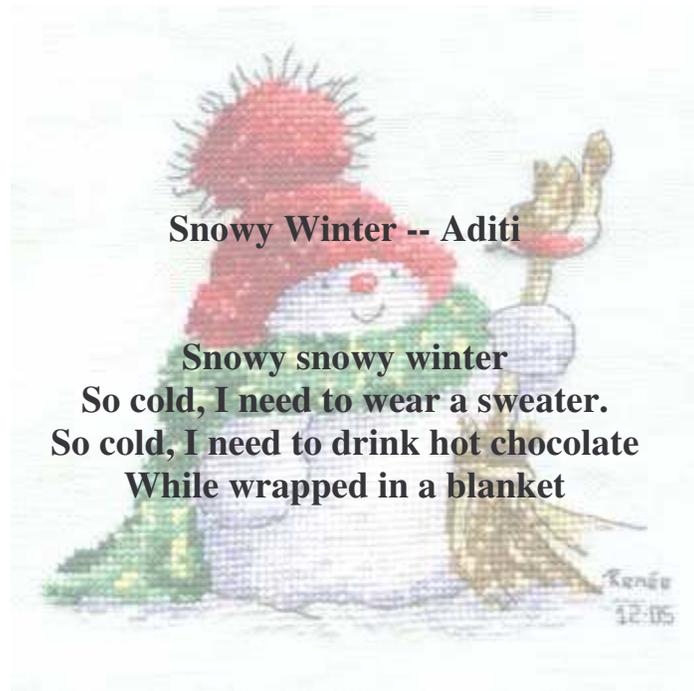
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## From the President's Desk:

Welcome to the BKPA's e-magination, the new name for our e-Magazine. I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year. First off, I want to congratulate starting this year with a huge "bang". Our Christmas party was a huge success, with celebration of all the festive holidays taking place. It brought upon great food, fun, and splendor for the Christmas party event. Our next event was the ever holy Saraswati Puja of 2007. This is a day celebrated to worship the Goddess of wisdom and knowledge. Thanks to all the performers who contributed their talents to the event. They all did a wonderful job! Now I want to hand off the attention to the wonderful work put in by the creative and talented BKPA members. Hope you enjoy!

Until Next Time,  
Nimita



My Dream, January 2007 -- Tori

I was riding my bike, I saw a tree. It had a door. I opened it. There was a whole new world inside! There was a pond with giant lily pads, with a giant frog on it. I saw a spider on a tree, it was sleeping, the frog was sleeping too.

I saw some kids playing about. They had all been there before, although I had not. I said, "Wow! a giant frog..." and it opened its eyes and asked,

"What is your phone number?"

"Where do you live?"

"Where do you come from?"

"What is your name?"

"Are you an orphan?"

"Are you a girlie girl?"

I answered all his questions. I played with the kids. I heard my sister call for me. She wanted to give me an ice pop. I showed her the magical world, ate the ice pop and then, I woke up.



*My trip to Magic Kingdom--Anoushka*

*I saw Mickey and Minnie and liked them the most. I saw the Princesses - Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Belle and Snow White. My favorite is Cinderella. Cinderella's castle was beautiful. I saw all the shows. I liked the parades. I liked the Dumbo ride. I bought a Minnie hair band, a Minnie purse and a Princess Crown and treasure chest. I took pictures with Mickey, Minnie, Goofy and Pluto. I love the Magic Kingdom.*

## Winter Wonderland -- Shounak

Jolly Santa gives presents happily

Hot Chocolate cools quickly

Excited kids build snowmen anxiously

Bombarding snowballs soar aimlessly

Crackling fireplaces burn joyfully

Overwhelmed kids unwrap crazily

Hibernating squirrels collect acorns rapidly

Ferocious wind blows maliciously

Bright Christmas trees hold ornaments endlessly

Cold winter prances away slowly.

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## Winter -- Ananya



The winter sky is a dreary gray.

The chirping of the birds has faded away.

The winter air is sharp and cold,

And the sun's glow is no longer bold.

The grass's greenness is gone and yellow,

While the falling of the snow is gentle and mellow.

Standing bare are the leaf less trees.

They shiver and scorn at the winter breeze.

Snowflakes have started to gently fall,

While the leaves cripple away to the winter's call.

**WINTER WONDERLAND AT  
HERSHEY**  
- Tanya -

New Year weekend my family and I went to Hershey Park. It was great fun. There were so many rides that it was difficult for me to choose. My baby sister and I went on some rides and some I went alone because Tanvi was too young. At night the Christmas lights came on and it all looked so beautiful - especially from the monorail ride. Next morning we went to the Hershey's Chocolate World where my sister and I got to be one of the Factory Workers and made Hershey Kisses... After that we went on a tour ride which showed us how the chocolates were made --so many different types! Wow - the 3D show was terrific with our glasses. I loved it but my sister got scared!

The best part was that we got to eat lots and lots of chocolates!! The trip was great and I would love to go back again!!



**Winter -- Aparna**

Winter is nice  
Winter is cool  
But not when  
You are in the swimming pool  
Winter is awesome  
Winter is fantastic  
But not when  
You are really sick



**Pressure -- Anita**

As a new day begins,  
I look at the sky,  
At a blue bird flying,  
Carelessly singing,  
And sometimes I wish,  
The pressure was not as deep,  
And I could be free,  
Like the bird above the trees,  
But as the daydream stops,  
The pressure comes back,  
And the bird flies faraway,  
To a land where I wish to stay.



## How the Ring of Fire Came to Be -- Nikhilesh



Long ago, before Columbus discovered America, humans lived in peace and were slowly moving towards better ideas and new technology. At this time there was a god who thought differently from the other gods. The God of Ice (whose name was Polaris) thought that only gods had the right to be intelligent. So, he secretly plotted to freeze the world. He planned to place magic ice markers at strategic places around the world. However, The God of Fire (whose name was Fulker) found out about him. Nonetheless, Fulker kept his silence because he didn't know exactly what Polaris was up to. One day, while Fulker was surveying the planet, he saw something odd. Stopping for a closer look, he realized that it was a magic marker, one of ice. He knew that they were only used in multiples to freeze planets. He had seen similar things when the God of Ice had frozen Pluto. He himself had used the same thing when he had turned a giant space rock into the sun. So he guessed that this was what the God of Ice was up to.

To quietly stop the evil god, Fulker created a volcano where the marker was. The God of Ice was livid when he found out. He started to create many magic markers around the globe. The God of Fire created volcanoes wherever the markers appeared. This turned into a race, with one god trying to freeze the planet, and the other trying to save it. Humans were shocked at the number of volcanoes that were suddenly appearing. They asked themselves how these volcanoes came. And all the time, the two gods were secretly at war with each other.

While all this mayhem was going on, the other gods, who were in the dark, realized that something was up. They didn't see the markers but they certainly noticed the volcanoes. There were dozens of them, huge, lumpy, brown volcanoes. Luckily, most of them were dormant, and didn't cause any problems. However the other gods didn't say anything for the God of Fire was very wise and had earned the respect of all the gods (except, of course, Polaris). If he thought that the world needed a few volcanoes, maybe it did, maybe it didn't, but they wouldn't argue. They also noticed that the gods of Fire and Ice seemed a little tense, but they dismissed it as another one of the two gods' arguments (there had been quite a few in the past 2,000,000 years).

With all these volcanoes coming up, Polaris decided to make a new region of snow. So, while Fulker was away, he froze a huge chunk of rock at the bottom of the world, calling it Polaritica. Of course, now we call it Antarctica. This, Fulker was content with, as long as it wasn't the whole world. Besides, there weren't many inhabitants on that rock, just the first penguins and an arctic wolf. But Polaris refused to be satisfied with it, and insisted on creating more markers. Fulker created more volcanoes and the war raged on, fierce as ever.

Eventually, a year later, and with over 150 new volcanoes, the God of Fire decided that it was finally time to take a more direct way of stopping the other god. When the next marker appeared, he challenged the God of Ice to a single combat. The latter accepted. This was going to be a hand-to-hand combat between the two of them and it had to be completely secret because the other gods would not have approved. As the marker was in the center of the Pacific Ocean, that was where the combat was to take place. They also agreed that they would battle in 3 days time. As a final precaution, the God of Fire decreed and Polaris agreed that neither of them would set anything up. (No magic markers or volcanoes would be allowed to be formed.) ..... **(to be cont...)**

### Winter Time -- Aditya

Winter is the time  
For fun in the snow,  
Time to relax  
And make yourself glow,  
You can play with your  
friends,  
Or just sit at home  
And play in your den,  
You can have a snowball  
fight,  
With teams that you think  
are right,  
And then maybe,  
Just maybe,  
You can have a good night.

### Winter -- Neela

Winter Winter  
Has begun  
Snow is falling  
Sun is gone  
Kids are cheering  
For the fun has begun!  
Winter Winter  
Has begun!

### Interesting Homophones -- Arnob

Soar	Sore
Cymbal	Symbol
Knot	Not
Board	Bored
Byte	Bite
Route	Root
Tied	Tide
Mussels	Muscles
So	Sew
Gene	Jean
Pores	Pours
Or	Oar
Boulder	Bolder
Ring	Wring
Mrs.	Misses
Weather	Whether
Horse	Hoarse
Deer	Dear
Heard	Herd

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## Announcing the Next BKPA Event:

Baishaki  
(Bengali New Year 1414)

Sunday, April 22  
Directions will follow  
via email.

To confirm your attendance,  
please email  
[RSVP@bkpa.org](mailto:RSVP@bkpa.org)

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### The Mystery Of The Strange Voice -- Ankush

#### *Chapter 1* "The Experiment"

One day Nick was at school learning how the first experiment was created. Then something hit him. He decided to make his own experiment. It was going to be dangerous.

Nick was going to make strange voices appear. The problem was that Nick couldn't do it by himself. So he called his two best friends, John and Sam. Fortunately they could help.

First they had to collect some items. They needed a micro cassette, a brown cloth, and a voice morpher. They needed a micro cassette to record what they wanted people to hear. They needed a brown cloth because they didn't want people to see it. (A brown cloth because it would blend in with dirt.) They needed a voice morpher so it would sound weird.

Next they had to do some research on the computer. It took them a while to find a voice morpher. They finally found one. But there was one problem. It cost five hundred dollars. The three used their bank account.

Last they had to do it. They needed to make plans first. It took them one whole hour just to make a simple plan. Now it was time to put the plan to work.

Unfortunately it wasn't as easy as it sounded. "At least we're doing ok. We are aren't we?" asked John "Yes we are doing great." Answered Nick.

Wait for the next chapter....

## My New Years Eve Celebration 2006 -- Puloma

My New Years Eve celebration started out somewhat disappointing. We could not go to the party in New York City because of traffic alerts. But later, I was glad, we stayed home. I had a lot of fun with my family! My Dad brought home lobsters from Chen's. We drank cocktail made with apple cider, ginger ale with a cherry. We made a cake that said 2007 on it. Tori and I could not stop eating it! We watched the Ball Drop on T.V. There was a man with spiky blond hair who sang off key. I thought the ball would drop fast. It dropped very, very slowly.

When it was 2007, we did a long group hug.  
Then we went to bed.

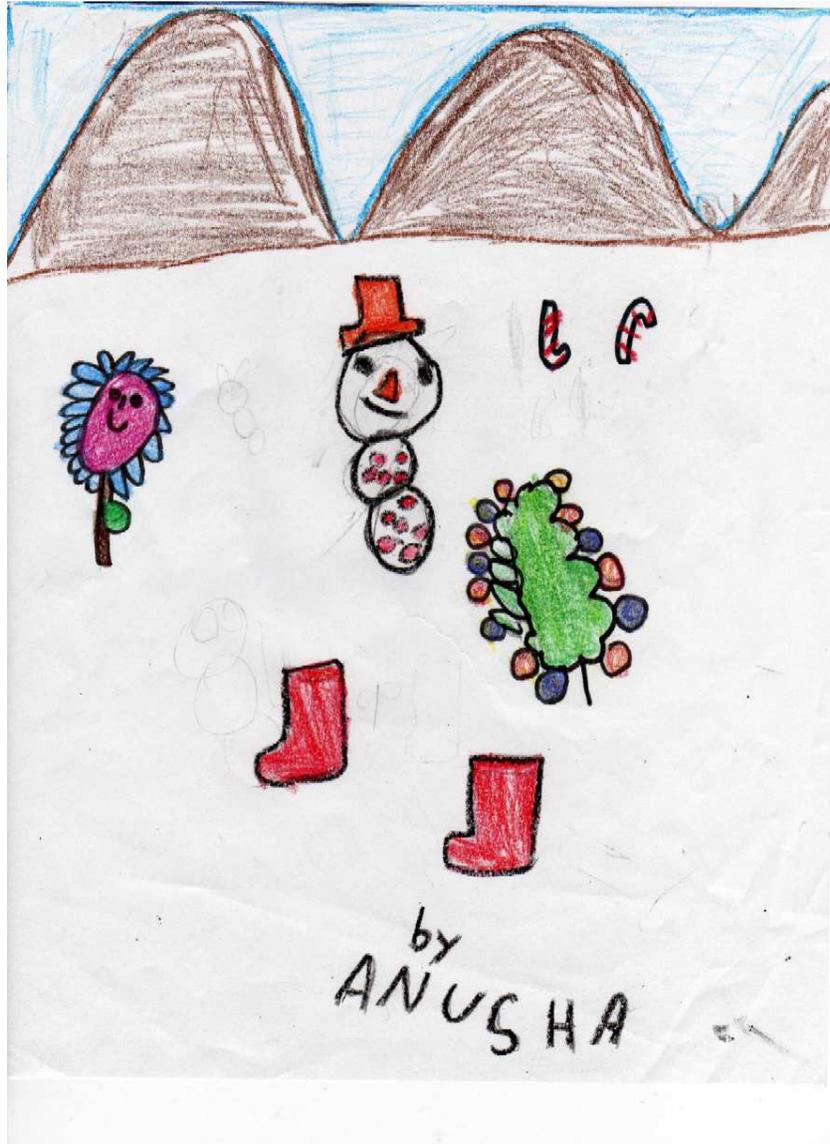


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## ARUBIAN NIGHTS - Romi

Last fall we visited ARUBA, one of the Caribbean Island's on the Atlantic ocean. It was absolutely fascinating - the ocean changing colors from aquamarine to turquoise and the silvery sandy beach! We saw a unique tree called the DIVI tree, which had its branches spread around like an umbrella. Watching the iguanas play with each other was also a treat (sometimes my mom was really scared by them). We also got to taste many delicious dishes of the Caribbean cuisine. Snorkeling, sailing & swimming were some of the popular water sports. We had an awesome time!!!!!!  
I wish all my friends were there with me to share the fun!





**THANKS  
FOR READING!**

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ANITA,  
& NEELA**