

**Harrison Maughan**

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One of my best friends, Harrison Maughan, committed suicide because he gave up hope. I don't ever want these wolf pups to give up hope that their lives will get better and I am going to do everything I can to help them, like I so wish I could have helped Harrison. This is my way of honoring him.

***In memory of Harrison Maughan:::March 12, 1997- November 5, 2015***

**H**elpful and brilliant, he's who to ask the most puzzling questions.

**A**mazing at whatever he wanted, there seems to be nothing he can't do.

**R**easonable and willing, he listens to others and compromises.

**R**epresenting all that the band plays for and all that we love.

**I**ntelligent and increasingly so every day, his knowledge knows no bounds.

**S**axophone, the Bari: he is the baseline, a strong and steady heartbeat.

**O**penly critical of many things, and (politely) always with a valid argument.

**N**ever mean, he's forever the kindest person around.

**M**emories are all that remain, tearful and painful like photographs.

**A**ll who knew him wish to give the help he cannot receive.

**U**nderstanding the band must keep playing, to honour our friend and brother.

**G**oing to class every day, with an empty chair and music stand.

**H**oping that he hears us playing for him. Playing with him.

**A**lways remembering him, on the saxophone, doing what he did best and truly loved.

**N**ot a day goes by where we don't think of what he would say and what he would do.

**We love you Harrison, and we hope that you are joyfully playing your tune with the others who have gone before.**

I think Inconnue is a good name for a wolf because it means “unknown” in French, and the truth of the beauty of these creatures is unknown to most people.

**Wolf Eyes**

by Turner C. Burns

The depth of colors will trap your gaze with its beauty- deep yellow, deep black.  
What knowledge do those eyes hold? What have they seen?  
What do they know instinctively, even without having seen?  
How could you explain the feeling  
Of that stare?  
So aware and knowing.  
Any sudden movement  
Seems predicted  
As if your mind has been read.  
Even if this wolf  
Has not been in the true wild  
Somewhere in his ancient animal memory  
He knows what the feeling is  
To hunt for his pups,  
To run thousands of miles,  
To howl from the top of the mountains, to call out to his pack.

**BOSQUE SCHOOL**  
**(6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science)**  
**WOLF PUP NAMING CONTEST 2016**

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Alex B. & Luke R. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Fuego
<b>ESSAY:</b>	We chose this name for a wolf because it translates to <i>fire</i> from Spanish. We chose fire because if we keep helping the wolves they will get off the Endangered Species list like a spreading fire. We also think the name sounds good for a wolf. We think <i>Fuego</i> is a fitting name because fire can change an environment like how the wolves changed Yellowstone. We chose fire because it is very powerful and merciless like some wolves.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Nick B. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Choopie
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I would name the wolf puppy Choopie because it is short for Chupacabra. The myth of the Chupacabra originated in Mexico, and since this is a Mexican Wolf, it could be similar to the Chupacabra and the attacks on farm animals in Mexico and Arizona. The Chupacabra has been spotted in New Mexico, Mexico and Arizona and so has the Mexican wolf. The Mexican Wolf has also been spotted in Texas. The Chupacabra has been spotted to have brown skin which is one of the many colors of the Mexican Wolf. These are the reasons I chose the name Choopie.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Hawthorn B-W., Lauren H., Katia C. 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Yazhi
<b>ESSAY:</b>	For our Mexican wolf pup name we picked Yazhi. Yazhi means "small one" in Navajo language. We picked this name because the Mexican grey wolf is one of the smallest out of five species in North America. It's also used as a term of endearment to a younger sibling or family member. We also picked this because the Mexican grey wolf usually travels in large extended

	<p>family, including grandparents, uncles and cousins. The Mexican grey wolves used to live on the Navajo reservation which leads to why we used this complex language. The name Yazhi also means “small animal” or “small cub” which is the perfect name for a young wolf cub. Overall, Yazhi is a great name for a baby wolf cub because of its history.</p>
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**NOTE:** *The following entry essay confuses several pieces of information, mixing information from a fictional story (Dracula – a man/werewolf? name Renfield kills a young woman character named Lucy) with other facts I can't verify. This student couldn't explain to me where she got her information (sources) or if she completely understood the information she was synthesizing. However, I'm including her entry because I wanted to give her the opportunity to still participate in the Wolf Pup Naming Contest. ~Ms. Sarah Hooper (teacher)*

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Jeanmarie C. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Lucy
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>I chose Lucy because I wanted my wolf pup to be named after the oldest living wolf. Lucy was the first wolf that humans saw. She was 21 years old and 147 human years. She lived to be almost 25 years old. Lucy died by someone named Renfield. Ever since then humans have been attacking and killing wolves. Now the population of <i>[Mexican gray]</i> wolves is almost extinct. There are about 80 New Mexico <i>[sic.]</i> Wolves in 2016. The New Mexico <i>[sic.]</i> wolves are only in North America. Soon they will be extinct. This is why I chose the name Lucy.</p>

**NOTE:** The following two students worked together as a team to come up with a name and some reasons, and then wrote their own essays. Please consider their entry as one. Thank you! ~Ms. Sarah Hooper (teacher)

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Anele Careaga C. & Alexis S. 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Bellatrix
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I believe this is a suitable name because Bellatrix means “woman warrior” in Latin. Woman warrior is a suitable name for the battle of gray wolves versus endangerment. Bellatrix is a character in the famous Harry Potter series, her being a protagonist. Having a wolf with a protagonist name gives the wolf respect in their presence. Bellatrix also has the root word “Bella” which is the word for beauty in Spanish considering the Mexican gray wolf is a creature of beauty. Finally Bellatrix is just a catchy name for a Mexican gray wolf. Saying the name gives your mind this tingle that cannot be put in words.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Alexis S. & Anele Careaga C. 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Bellatrix
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I believe this is a suitable name for a female pup, for Bellatrix means “ <i>woman warrior</i> ” in Latin. These wolves are still are going through a hard time of population re-growth. I think that all the wolves have to be warriors to go through such a hard time in life. They would be known as wolf warriors, female warriors and men warriors. Bellatrix is just the name for a female pup because of its meaning and its effect on the animal. The way it affects them (in a good way) is that it changes how we see them; like if I were to name a bird Chirp because it chirps a lot. I would be detecting the personality of the bird. Same thing with all the other animals. So let’s give these animals a chance to be brave and be warriors; let’s give them a name that describes them. Let’s give one pup the name of Bellatrix.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Elliot C. and Aldo M. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Leopold
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>This name is appropriate because this is connected to Aldo Leopold. Aldo Leopold was one of the first people to notice the effects of our impacts. This is relevant because these wolves have been almost extinct by our human actions. We're sure that Aldo Leopold's actions have helped wolves and their ecosystems and so this is a perfect candidate for a wolf pup name. He was one of the driving forces in creating the first wilderness areas which help wolves and other animals thrive.</p> <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Emiliano G. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Condimentar
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>I chose this name because the coat of the Mexican grey wolf has a rustic color and a vanilla color and a pepper color. Also because wolves can be nice or mean like a spice. Also because they are Mexican grey wolves and <i>Condimentar</i> is in Spanish like the primary language in Mexico.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Carson G. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Zeus
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>I chose this name because New Mexican gray wolves are like gods (they are awesome like gods). Also I give this name because like Zeus is the leader of the gods, the wolf pup could be the leader of the pack. The Leader has to protect the pack, and yes the gods do protect people, like Zeus will protect his wolf pups when he grows up. Also that name signifies powerful and strong, and wolves are very strong. Also their fur is white, and lightning has a dash of white in it like the wolf's fur.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Yarden G. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Silver
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>Silver would be a good name for a wolf because there are many reasons that it would match a wolf in many ways. First I think that Silver would be a good name because silver is rare and so are wolves. A second reason is because most people think that silver is not THAT rare but it actually is more rare than most people think and that is also with wolves. Also wolves look a little bit silver-ish so the name also shows the exterior. And finally I think that Silver would be a good name for a wolf because wolf personalities are very different and so is silver, like silver can be sharp or dull or maybe even green. In conclusion, Silver would be a good name for a wolf because there are many reasons that it would match a wolf.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Connor Q. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Clark
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>I chose the name because Jamie Rappaport Clark is the president of Defenders of Wildlife. She is the one to release the first reintroduced Mexican Grey Wolves in Arizona. Jamie Rappaport Clark has been the CEO for the last 12 years. Clark has saved a lot of endangered species. She has also been saving more predators and has focused on the Mexican grey wolves. She also released some here in New Mexico. Even though the wolves have still been increasing in the death rate, she is a good person and yet-to-be wolf.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Naomi W. and Josie V. 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Tsuki
<b>ESSAY:</b>	Tsuki is a good name for a wolf because it means "moon" in Japanese. Wolves are often associated with the moon. This is because of two reasons. One is that they are nocturnal, meaning that they are awake and hunt at night. The other reason is that wolves often howl to each other before a hunt, or just to say "this is my territory." Although we know this, it seems as though they are howling at the moon. Some parts of the fur on a Mexican gray wolf look like moon light. We think Tsuki would be a great name for a wolf.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Dayle A. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Wisp
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose to submit this name because it has a strong relation to the wolf's past. The name Wisp is a word that is used to describe the wind. This name has to do with their past because when people were hunting wolves, the wolves seemed to become lost so fast. This relates to the metaphor, "gone with the wind." The wolves which were the pups' ancestors almost seemed to be gone with the wind. That is how the name I chose is a fitting name for the wolf pups.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Hala A. 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Europa
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I believe Europa is a good name for a female wolf. Not only does this name sound beautiful but Europa was the name of a princess in Greek mythology. Her name can be construed to mean "intelligent" or "open-minded," and the moon goddess was sacred to her. Europa's association with moons does not end there. In fact Jupiter also has a moon named Europa. Wolves are often associated with moons so I thought that a name related to moons would be a very good fit!



<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Aidan B. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Scout
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I decided to name the wolf pup Scout because wolves are excellent scouts and pay attention to everything. They have excellent memories and know exactly where they are at most times. So do scouts in the military; they never miss a detail. Wolves are also very good at staying out of sight. And scouts are excellent spies and sneakers. In all Scout is one of the best names for a wolf pup.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Enrique G. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Friendship
<b>ESSAY:</b>	The reason I chose this name is because humans back then killed and poisoned the Mexican gray wolves because they sometimes killed their livestock or got near their family. After then they realized that they were going extinct, and they started a program to help them. After all this, they came together, and the humans make up for their mistakes. Another reason is now they are sharing resources. They are also giving land back to the wolf for them to live, hunt, and reproduce their species. This shows friendship between wolf and humans.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Raila J. and Katelyn P. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Maple
<b>ESSAY:</b>	We are writing an essay about why we named our wolf pup "Maple." Maple was our choice because we thought it was the perfect name to describe the coloring of the Mexican gray wolf. Maple sounds like a strong but gentle name. Another reason why we chose the name Maple is because the definition of Maple is like a maple tree, and we are sure you have heard of a Maple Leaf, and so we thought it would be cool to name a wolf pup Maple. If you do not know what a maple tree is, it is a tree that makes sugar. The sugar that is in that tree makes maple syrup, so we thought it was a cute name for a wolf pup. That is why we chose the name Maple.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Everett J. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Clan
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I think a Mexican grey wolf should be named Clan because they stay with their Wolfpack, and a clan is like a group. They speak in groups and follow the order of the leader, which is otherwise known as the alpha, so their pack is like a clan. Another reason is they are like a family and a clan is also kind of like a family. Also I think Clan should be a wolf's name because it's educational, and I think it's a nice name. These are the reasons I think its name should be Clan.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Levi L. and Elijah O. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Artemis
<b>ESSAY:</b>	We think Artemis is an appropriate name for a Mexican gray wolf. We think this because Artemis is the Greek goddess of hunt. She is also the goddess of the moon. Both of those have something to do with wolves. First wolves hunt elk and deer for food. Second wolves howl at the moon which is an icon of a wolf. This is why a wolf should be named Artemis.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Tahir M. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Hunter
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose this name because all of the pictures on the photo gallery sites were all wolves looking like they were stalking prey. Also in the video that we saw, wolves were hunting deer and elk. In all the stories that I have heard wolves are hunting animals. Mexican grey wolves are lean and fast, and those are the personalities that a hunter needs. Hunters are brave and so are wolves. Also Hunter is a fierce name, and I think it will suit a Mexican grey wolf really well.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Aavry S. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Pioneer
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I want to name the wolf pup this because it will be almost like a pioneer for its species. The reason is because it will help restore areas and help restore the population.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Anthony S. & Paolo V. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Catori – “Spirit” in Native American
<b>ESSAY:</b>	The name Catori means “Spirit” in Native American. Catori or Spirit is what kept the Mexican grey wolves going in their long journey for survival. Without Spirit no one can survive, but especially the Mexican grey wolves could not. From 1976 all the way to 1980 the Mexican grey wolves had lots of Catori. Then by late 1979 to 1980 there were only six Mexican grey wolves left. The six Mexican grey wolves left had plenty of spirit; they needed all their spirit because of all the hunters out to get them. Also our research shows that all scientists and famous Americans who have quoted about the Mexican grey wolves have showed that the number one used word is “Spirit.” To conclude why a wolf will be called Catori is because Mexican grey wolves have more Spirit than any other endangered species ever had or will have because they are “El Lobos.”

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Andrea S. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Lupin
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I decided to use the name Lupin. I got this name off of Remus Lupin, a character from Harry Potter. On the full moon he would turn into a werewolf. Also, Lupin sounds very close to lupin [ <i>sic.</i> ], which is part of the scientific name for the Mexican Gray Wolf. In my opinion, Lupin would be a great name for not just a Mexican Gray Wolf, but any wolf. Plus, as a wolf, I’d like to be named Lupin.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Olivia W. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Kiko
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose this name because my uncle Kiko's favorite animal was the Mexican Grey Wolf. It is nearing the ninth anniversary without him. He died of brain cancer in 2007 when his daughters were nine and six. Because of his love for Mexican Grey Wolves, our family has adopted a Mexican Grey Wolf at the Albuquerque Zoo in our uncle's name for the last nine years. So whenever we go to the zoo, we look for the wolf we call Kiko. Kiko is a diminutive of Enrique, which is a Hispanic name; the subspecies of this wolf is called the Mexican Grey Wolf. My uncle Kiko's formative years were spent along the border between Mexico and the U.S., which is the historical range of the Mexican Grey Wolf. In conclusion, my uncle Kiko embodied many of the characteristics of the Mexican Wolf: strength, endurance, intelligence, adaptability, and the devotion to family.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Camille W. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Hunter
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose Hunter because wolves are good hunters. Hunters themselves are social and have to talk to each other about how to hunt their prey, and the Mexican grey wolves are very social animals. Hunters Alamo are in a pack (like groups) just like Mexican grey wolves. Hunters also communicate in different ways like hand gestures, or they speak to each other. They also can make sounds. As for the Mexican grey wolves they communicate also in different ways just like hunters. These are all the reasons that I think that Hunter should be used for a name for a wolf cub.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Juliana W. - 6C
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Spice
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I would name a wolf cub "Spice." One reason I would name a wolf Spice is because of their similar ways of communication as dogs. Another reason I would name a wolf pup Spice is because like different kinds of spices there are many types of wolves and the Mexican Grey Wolf is the smallest. All spices have their flavors, and the Mexican Grey Wolves are the only mammal in North America that is more endangered. Like the Spice Cumin, the color of the Lobo eyes is a light hazelnut color. Lastly like a flavorful combination of spices, the Lobo's fur coat is a lovely combination of earthy browns, greys, and cream colors. That is why I would name a wolf pup Spice.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Luc C. 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Selene
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose Selene for my wolf pup's name. I think Selene should be the wolf pup's name because Selene is the goddess of the moon, and when I think of sad stories I think of "They looked to the moon for help." The wolves' story is one of those sad stories. Also, people believe that the wolves' communication is actually howling to the moon, even though this myth is false, it still fits. Another reason I think this should be the name is that the moon lights the wolf's hunt at night. The last reason is that this is my mother's middle name, so I am honoring a wolf to my mom. I hope you take my name into consideration. Thanks, Luc.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Elena F. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Freedom
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose the name <i>Freedom</i> because it describes the essence of Mexican grey wolves to me: free. When they run, they run freely, bounding on light feet, without a care in the world. They are happy, happy to be out in the fresh air and sun, not having to be trapped in cages being bred. They are wild, changing rivers and wildlife patterns, unique, making a difference. Please let the wolves be free by choosing the name Freedom.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Lauren A. and Elena H. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Ruby
<b>ESSAY:</b>	We chose the name <b><u>Ruby</u></b> because the wolves are precious, like jewels. They were near extinction, and we brought them back by breeding them in captivity. Now there are still few of them in the wild, which makes them precious to the U.S. <b><u>Ruby</u></b> would be a good name because they are a stolen jewel of the wild, stolen by hunters. The name <b><u>Ruby</u></b> also represents strength, bravery and courage. We put this name forward because it is powerful and majestic. Thank you.....

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Anna G. and Phoebe C. 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Suki
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>Suki is a Japanese word for <i>beloved</i>. One of the main reasons we chose Suki is because wolves are so beloved to us and the ecosystems around them. And we feel that this is how everyone should feel about wolves. For example when the wolf population was low in Yellowstone National Park, the amount of elk and deer in the park was very high. When humans released the grey wolves back into Yellowstone they began to scare the deer and elk away from valleys and gorges, which meant more plants started growing in the valleys and gorges. Because of this more birds came to eat the seeds of the plants and bears came to eat the berries off of the shrubs. Beavers also came to eat the trees which gave shelter to otters, weasels, etc. Wolves also killed coyotes so more rabbits and mice came, which meant more hawks and bald eagles came to eat them. Not to mention the rivers changed too. There was less meandering, less erosion, pools formed, and all of which gave more access to habitats. So wolves are pretty beloved to the Yellowstone National Park ecosystem. Beloved also means to like and to love, and we both like and love wolves. This is why we LOVE the name Suki, and we hope you do too. It would mean the world to us just to know that there is a wolf out there that we got to name. So thank you for considering the name <i>Suki</i>.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Tyler C. 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Flow
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>The reason why I want to name my wolf pup Flow is because the wolves hunt and kill many, but also give life to many others. For example, the wolves kill the elk and then the bears eat part of the elk and other animals too. Then the wolves kill coyotes, which mean more small mammals such as mice and weasels. More small mammals mean more hawks and more ravens. The wolves scared away the elk which means more vegetation in the valleys and gorges, which attracted beavers, weasels and other small mammals and reptiles. The more vegetation means more expansion for the river and less meandering rivers. That's how wolves change the river!!!!</p>



<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Carter E. and Tay H. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Transformador
<b>ESSAY:</b>	We picked the name <i>Transformador</i> (or Transformer in English). We picked this name because we hope that the increase in wolves being reintroduced to the wild will transform the ecosystem back to the way it was. The name <i>Transformador</i> means "to transform or build together," so the wolves will gather together and make one big pack that could get the ecosystem back on the path of greatness. This could bring down the number of deer that are bringing down the number of trees, because every wolf averages eating about 3.7 pounds of meat to sustain them and even more for a full tummy. So this name will be saying exactly what we hope: that reintroducing wolves back into the environment will transform the environment.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Jaimee G. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Rusty
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose the name Rusty because most wolves have a rust color in the under parts. Most wolves usually grow to be 4-5 feet long. They are the smallest type of wolf, out of 5. Wolves are very social animals. They live in packs. The packs have 5-6 wolves in them. Wolves communicate with each other in many ways. For example: scent marking, howling, barking, whimpering, growling, and many more.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Cristian F. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Hunter
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>I think that Hunter is a good name because it shows that he or she is strong and will fight for his life even though his or her species is going extinct. Wolves can have such an impact that could help the other species such as the deer and the elk. As an example, when the wolves were brought back to Yellowstone, the elk and deer and other animals increased in population because the wolves helped the grass grow by eating the deer so the deer would have more to eat. He would be strong and would be brave. Hunter is a name for the brave and strong. I think he and his family of 6-8 would have him as a leader. That's why Hunter would be a good name for a Mexican gray wolf pup.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Bennett H. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Light
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>I think Light would be a good name for a Mexican Gray Wolf. After all they have been through, all the darkness, they deserve some light. I think they will get out of the tough spot they are in and Light will give courage and hope. I think Light could be a face of the journey out of darkness. Light could make a difference in where they are now to where they will be. I hope you agree with me and decide Light can propel the wolves back to a safe population. When Light dies it will be very sad, but he (or she) will be remembered. Even then although Light would be gone by then light would stay. As long as you continue to do this program the light will not die out. Light is just a name, but what is more important is this program that continues to make light by saving these wolves. They just need help from the outside by involving people, letting them name a wolf, giving them a part. I am one of those people. I believe Light would be a good name for that. I hope you will take Light as a name for the light.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Kyera C. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Aura
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose the name Aura because it means “glowing light.” This breed of wolf was on the edge of extinction. Only 6 wolves that we knew of remained on this earth, and it is sad to think that such a beautiful creature could no longer exist. But they were able to pull through and they became the <b>glowing light</b> of the ecosystem. Wolves in general are important to the ecosystem because they may kill animals but they also help animals in so many ways. Without them our ecosystem wouldn't be the same and that would eventually affect our lives and how we live. Humans were able to save the Mexican Grey Wolves by capturing and breeding and re-introducing the wolves into the wild so the <b>glowing light</b> will live on in our ecosystem.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Andre K. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Vida de Belleza
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose this name because it means “Life of Beauty” in Spanish. I love this name because it sounds beautiful and means so much. We rely on the life and existence of these wolves so much because they eat deer and if they didn't, the population of deer would grow out of control. This would result in very bad consequences like loss of plant life. Evidence shows that when Mexican Gray Wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park, there seemed to be more animals that were thriving and the flow of the river actually changed in a good way. These wolves have changed the entire ecosystem of Yellowstone National Park. I have learned that the life of a Mexican Gray Wolf is very beautiful and precious to everyone. That is why I love this name so much.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Lance R. and Davis M. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Rusty
<b>ESSAY:</b>	We chose <i>Rusty</i> as a name because it is one of the colors on their fur. Mexican Gray Wolves main colors are black, gray and rust. So out of rust comes Rusty. The other colors on their fur also look rusty. We also think it should be the name Rusty because they were reintroduced in 1998. So they are still a little <i>rusty</i> at surviving in New Mexico. Rusty is also a good name because when the pups are playing they get a lot of rust colored dirt on them so they look like rust. We hope you choose Rusty as a wolf pup name.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Alyssa O. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Vanilla
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I named the wolf <i>Vanilla</i> . The gray wolves are endangered; that's what makes them special. Mexican gray wolves are actually not gray; they are a vanilla ice cream color. You can also call Mexican gray wolves "lobos." Gray wolves are carnivores, so they don't eat vegetables. Those are reasons why I named my wolf Vanilla.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Aiden W. - 6B
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Bear
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose the name Bear because of a wolf's personality. He grows up being a playful puppy like a bear cub and grows up to be a hunter like a bear. Just like a bear, it will be on guard and hunt for their children to eat and be a good parent when he grows up. Until then, bear will be a playful fluff fuzz ball.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Ella A. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Equilibrar
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I think this name fits because it means balance” in Spanish, and wolves help balance the ecosystem and keep it stable. Wolves help balance the ecosystem by keeping the elk and deer population down. Wolves appear scary but they're not; they are really just surviving and while doing it they are stopping the population from exploding. This name also represents how without balance the ecosystem will take a hard blow. Wolves help balance and that’s why I think this is a good name.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Colin D. and Connor B. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Echo
<b>ESSAY:</b>	We believe that we should name the wolf <i>Echo</i> because when wolves howl, it will echo in forests and canyons. Another reason we think that we should name a wolf Echo is because at first one wolf howls and others follow in a howling chorus. When wolves hunt one attacks then the rest follow in example like an echo. A reason we should name a wolf Echo is because they have had a huge impact, which became more and more quiet with the drop in the numbers of their species; it may be sad but it’s to honor the dead and living wolves still left.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Brendan B. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Bosque
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>The name I chose for the wolf pup is <i>Bosque</i>, which means “forest” in Spanish. The reason I chose this name was because of how important wolves are to the life cycle of the forest.</p> <p>Wolves are a huge part of the forest, and play a big part in keeping the forest healthy. For example, just having a pack of wolves scare off a couple of deer can help the trees grow taller, and help the plants mature. This is because now, the deer are not eating the leaves off of the trees or the leaves from the plants. Also, because the trees and plants are growing, the bears have more berries to eat making the bears stronger and healthier.</p> <p>In addition to the trees, plants and bears being more healthy, many other plants and animals are positively affected by the wolves existence in the forest. These are just a few examples of ways that wolves contribute to the health of the forest and why I believe that <i>Bosque</i> is a perfect name for the wolf pup.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Carter B - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Dusty
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>The name I chose for a wolf pup is <i>Dusty</i>, and I’m going to tell you why. I think that <i>Dusty</i> would be a great name for a wolf pup because their fur color looks kind of dusty and has similar colors to dirt. I think this also fits them very well because they are always hard at work, getting dirty and getting dusty. Controlling huge amounts of land at once, controlling the mountains, controlling other wildlife, and most of all, controlling the rivers. They’re brown and grey and white and black on the outside, but they are burning red on the inside with passion and heart, always working and trying harder, pushing themselves and the environment. This is why I chose the name <i>Dusty</i>.</p>

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Lauren B. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Poco Salvaje
<b>ESSAY:</b>	The reason I chose this name is because in English it means "little wild." Almost all Mexican Grey Wolves are wild, unless they were in captivity and do not get released into wild. Every pup is little and wild so I thought little wild, <i>Poco Salvaje</i> , is a great name for a little Mexican grey wolf pup!

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Sean C. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Angus
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I believe the name <i>Angus</i> would be a great name for a surviving Mexican Gray Wolf pup. It is a Scottish name and means "unnaturally strong," which may seem weird, but it fits perfectly with the Lobo. The Lobo is very endangered, for example, like the Passenger Pigeon was, and they were both made endangered by humans. The Passenger Pigeons were strong, but even with human help they still went extinct. The Mexican Gray Wolf is strong, but not just any regular strong.....unnaturally strong. Most animals, even with human help, go extinct, but the Lobo didn't. They stayed strong when times were rough and they survived. The Mexican Gray Wolves are still endangered today, but at least they have hope and the small pup named Angus will make that hope bond stronger.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Aidan C. and Jay C. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name</b>	Oak
<b>ESSAY:</b>	The reason we picked <i>Oak</i> for the Mexican grey wolf pup's name is because pups are born under trees but not all the time. Hopefully this pup will have the chance to run around the Oak trees. Hopefully when he is among the Oak trees, he is in the wild not in a zoo, where it is in a fenced area. Hopefully Oak will be as big and strong as an oak tree. And that he or she will thrive though all of its years just like an oak tree.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Graham D. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Mr. Key
<b>ESSAY:</b>	The reason I made a name for a pup <i>Mr. Key</i> is because the wolf is extremely helpful at maintaining the balance of the populations of bigger prey. This bigger prey eats away most of the habitat of other smaller mammals. Also if the mice and other smaller mammals are abundant, we will have the number of the bald eagles increase, which are an endangered species. You see, a name like "Mr. Key" implies that a wolf plays a very important role in the huge environment. Because of the wolf and its significant role, you name them.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Jayden G. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Smokey
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I chose the name Smokey for a couple reasons. My first reason is that the color of their fur is not only gray, but black, brown, and white, and those colors make them look smoky. My second reason is that they live in a smoky habitat, wild fires and mist. My last reason is that Smokey the Bear was a fun cartoon character that helped to stop wildfires with his advertisements. I want people to think of the Mexican grey wolf like Smokey the Bear, not scary but one that will help our community, nature, life and the ecosystem. I hope you like the name and understand why I chose it.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Trinity S. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Trinity
<b>ESSAY:</b>	The name <i>Trinity</i> is a very appropriate name because Trinity means "3" and the wolves live in a family of 2-8 and 3 is in between 2-8. These wolves have a thick layer of fur that has 3 colors: black, white, and grey. Trinity means that three living beings are very close, and I would figure that the wolves are very close. Trinity is a good name for these wolves because it



	can be a boy or girl. Trinity is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and these wolves mean every little bit of it. SAVE THE WOLVES!
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<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Rayne M. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Dream
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I picked this name because many people are working hard to get them off of the Endangered Species list and have their population higher. I chose this name also because wolves are very spiritual creatures to me. Another reason I chose this name is because I always think of the night sky; when I think of the night sky, the coloration of wolves' coats look the same to me. I know it's my dream to see wolves not struggling in population, and I probably share that dream with all those people out who are working nonstop to get wolves off the Endangered Species list. <i>Dream</i> is what I think a pup should be named.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Amber T. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Storm
<b>ESSAY:</b>	The name <i>Storm</i> represents their color when a storm comes. Also, where the wolves make their homes and where they hunt is on the mountain. The wolf name <i>Storm</i> is a powerful name to declare power. When the wolf pack Storm is in hunts, the wolf attack will go and come as fast as a storm does. This is why the name Storm is appropriate for a wolf pup name.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Jake V.
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Pan
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I want to name a wolf <i>Pan</i> because Pan is the name of the minor Greek god of the wild, shepherds and flocks, nature, mountains, rustic music and satyrs, which are men with goat horns and goat legs. Pan is a satyr god and I thought <i>Pan</i> might be a good name because wolves have a large

	impact on nature like what happened at Yellowstone National Park when they were re-introduced. That is why I think <i>Pan</i> is a good name.
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<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Connor W. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Rustypaw
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I choose this name because it describes a wolf pup's fur and symbol. The rusty part resembles their fur color throughout their life. Another one for the rusty is how they can sometimes camouflage with their habitat. The paw part resembles their paw print, a known symbol of the wolf. Another one for the paw is how they are always on their paws, hunting, playing, and scavenging.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp; Section:</b>	Constance Y. - 6A
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Westie
<b>ESSAY:</b>	I like the name <i>Westie</i> for a wolf pup. I think that <i>Westie</i> is a really good name for a wolf because the Mexican grey wolves live in the southwest. Since the wolves now only live in the west and this is where they have been kept for so long, I think that it will be perfect to represent a wolf. I think that the name <i>Westie</i> will also show that even though Mexican grey wolves lived in Mexico, they are still in the southwest. The name <i>Westie</i> is a good name for a wolf because they are territorial and it shows what their territory is. I hope a wolf pup can be named <i>Westie</i> to show where they live.

<b>Team Member Name(s) &amp;Section:</b>	Jack M. - 6D
<b>Wolf Pup Name:</b>	Prime
<b>ESSAY:</b>	<p>I think Prime would be a great name for a Mexican Gray Wolf pup. Prime is a good name because the wolf is the primary reason some forests and rivers got back to their natural environments. The reason I know that is a video my class watched was about reintroducing the Mexican Gray Wolf into the Yellowstone National Park in New Mexico.</p> <p>The wolves helped the park grow back into shape by killing the deer which made the deer's population decrease and made a lot of other animals come into the area of land. Some examples of those animals are the otter, the beaver, the bear, the fox, the hawks, and the weasels. When the wolves killed the deer, they didn't just change the ecosystem, they changed the river too. They made the river flow evenly and more naturally. They made the deer go to other areas of the park which made the river more narrow and made the banks stronger.</p> <p>The Wolf was the primary reason that the Yellowstone National Park became more stronger and filled with more life. The wolves didn't just help that area either, they have helped parks and areas of land just like Yellowstone all around the United States. Those are the reasons why I think a little Mexican Gray Wolf pup should be named Prime.</p>