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Book Drive

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Okay, let's face it. It's April and it's time for spring cleaning. So you're cleaning the back of your closet when you find a pile of your old books. They're too precious to throw out but you can't keep them in your closet! Then it pops into your head, you'll donate them to the school's annual book drive! Now that this idea has popped into your head you wonder where to drop these books off.

You can put your extra books in the box outside the library or you can bring your books into the library and give them to Mrs. Cronk, who, I may add, is in charge of the book drive.

The reason she holds the book drive is to support the Read and Share program, which is a program started six years ago. The program includes placing baskets of books in Rose City, Urbank, Leaf Valley, Parkers Prairie City Hall and the Parkers Prairie Vet Clinic. This program is to offer people a wider selection of books during the summer months.

Book donations also go toward classroom libraries and the elementary school library. If you're donating books, you need to do so before the middle of May, when the book drive ends, but keep in mind, Mrs. Cronk accepts books any time of the year. Now remember, get on with your spring cleaning!

The 1st grade Eagle Project

By: Sam Kastner

Did you know that a bald eagle can fly up to 100 mph? Well I didn't! I learned this when I interviewed Mrs. Kellen and her class about their eagle project. I asked Mrs. Kellen why she had her class do the project. She said that they were learning about national symbols and they seemed very interested in the eagle. I also asked her what she thought the benefits of the project were. She said the benefits were that the kids were able to get a better understanding of the eagle and that they learned more.

I asked two students, Brocklyn and Lily, what they liked the most about the project. Brocklyn said she liked making the eagles. Lily said she liked the writing part.

I asked the class what they learned. Here are a few things that they said:

1. That the bald eagle has been our national symbol for over 200 years.
2. That the eagle is not bald.
3. It is the strongest bird,
4. That you cannot shoot them.

I don't know about you, but I learned a few things. If you want to experience more about eagles, check out this live webcam:

<http://www.raptorresource.org>



1st Grade - Eagle Artwork

1, 2, 3, Math's for Me

by Maddie Schroeder



5th Grade Math Masters

Quick, what is $12x(72/9) + 15 - 2$? This is just an example of what the questions look like for the seven 5th grade Math Masters. Jayme Aune, Megan Benzinger, Hunter Haggemiller, Austin Koep, Maddie Schroeder, Jonathon Schwartz, and Cody Springer are those seven people.

Now you might be wondering what Math Masters is. Math Masters is an after school activity where certain students are drilled on three different rounds which are: fact drills, individual round, and finally the...team round!

On Friday April 29th, 2011 the seven above students and their awesome coach Mrs. McBrady will travel to Osakis Elementary in Osakis and compete against other schools after 8 weeks of hard practicing. If you see one of the students or Mrs. McBrady wish them good luck!

6th Grade Math Masters

by Sarah Koep



6th Grade Math Masters

Do you know what the square root of 6,561 is? The 6th grade math masters do! On March 11th the 6th grade math masters team went to competition in Alexandria. Mrs. Christopherson was their coach. The team members were Sam Kastner, Sarah Koep, Matthew Arens, Harry Samuelson, and Grace Roers. The alternates were Kathryn Burquest and Brittany Mickelson. The alternate are an important part of the team because if one of the team members can't come to the competition they take their place.

There are 4 parts in the competition. First there was a fact drill, then there was individual rounds. After that there was a tiebreaker round and finally the team rounds. The team placed 6th out of over 30 teams. Grace Roers won a ribbon for the individual rounds and Sarah Koep got a medal for the fact drill and a ribbon for the individual round. After the competition the team ate at pizza ranch.

Balloon Racers

by Matthew Arens



6th Balloon Racer winners: Angel, Hunter and Devin

6th graders in Mr. Denny's 6A science class made Balloon Powered Automobiles (or BPAs). There was a contest with three different categories: fastest, best looking, and longest distance. Angel Koep was the victor for the fastest car with a speed of 3.4 meters per second. Devin Glebe had the best looking car, named Devin's Car. Hunter McDaniel's BPA took the longest distance award. We have no measure for the distance, but we can say it can cross the big gym for sure.

The 6B group was not required to make BPA's. A few people did anyway though, and the best distance and time for that group is held by Levi Arnold.

Miss Tootsie Pageant

By Hunter Haggemiller

An extravagant show happened on April 1st as, for the first time, the Miss Tootsie Pageant came to Parkers Prairie, Minnesota! The competitors were: Ivana C.U Atrecess (Mr. Denny), Lola K. Tingwire (Joe Dorn Jr, Dowanna B. Alion (Jim Arvidson), Joanie Z. Hosenfire (John Zimmerman), and Rosalie U. Walls (Greg Larson.)

The evening started out with a group dance and the casual wear competition. The winner of the casual wear competition was Ivana C.U Atrecess. Next, was the talent competition. The winner of that was Joanie Z. Hosenfire, by bribe. Next, was the evening gown competition and the on-stage question. The winner of the evening gown competition was Dowanna B. Alion. The winner of the on-stage question was Rosalie U. Walls. Now it was time for Miss Congeniality and Miss Tootsie! It was a close battle but Lola K. Tingwire won Miss. Congeniality. And the winner of Miss. Tootsie is..... Ivana C.U Atrecess! The Miss Tootsie Pageant was a great event and I hope it comes back to parkers Prairie soon.

Need A Laugh?

Why do cows wear bells?

What do you call a Grizzly Bear standing in the rain?

Behind the Scenes

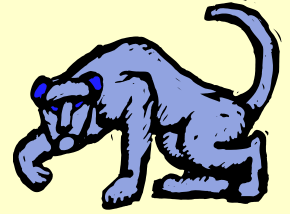
by Katie Koegel

Earlier this year the Prairie Fire Children Theater, elementary students, and high school students performed Sleeping Beauty. As usual they twisted the plot... this Sleeping Beauty takes place in a Hollywood movie premiere!

You may have watched the “premiere” from the audience, but I was “behind the scenes” with the cast! When we first had to go backstage in practice everyone was talking. We were so excited! But we had to be quiet because when we actually put the play on someone in the audience wouldn’t whisper, “Boy, is it loud backstage!”

When we got our costumes it was frantic! The directors were yelling over the commotion to groups who needed their costumes, some people didn’t like their costumes and some people were taking pictures of their costumes!

Overall, the play was an awesome experience! So if you’re in grades 2nd-12th next year try out! Who knows what wacky play they’ll have in store for us next time!



New Students

by Kathryn Burquest

For this addition of the Paw Print I interviewed Callista Gardner in Mrs. McDaniel’s second grade classroom.

The first thing I asked Callie was what school she went to before she came to Parkers Prairie, and she told me that she went to Grace elementary. Callie also told me she is eight years old and has one sibling, his name is Michel and he is in Mrs. Kellen’s classroom. Callie’s favorite color is blue and she likes to do art in her free time.

I loved interviewing Callie, it was so fun. If you see Callie in the halls say hi.



*Callie Gardner
2nd Grader*

5th and 6th grade Band’s Internet Debut

by Wil Hezlep

The Parkers Prairie Elementary School Band is always exciting but they just did something really exciting. They were uploaded onto the internet. One day during full band practice, they recorded two songs and uploaded them onto the internet. This means our band can be seen on Youtube!

If you want to watch the videos, simply go to our school website, which is <http://www.isd547.com> go to High School, then click on Teacher Pages, look for Dale Plasek and click on his name, then pick a video under 5/6 band videos. Enjoy!

Other Musical Notes

by Wil Hezlep

If your child is in 1st-6th grade you can come and watch their music program on May 27th.

12:30 Elementary Band

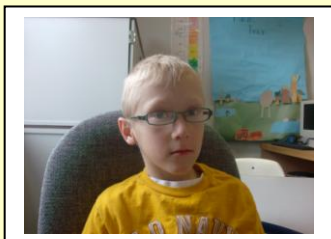
1:15 1-3rd graders

1:45 4-6th graders

Man on the Street

by Chloe Thue

We asked people, “What is your favorite Easter candy?”



*Cole Gesell
said lollipops*



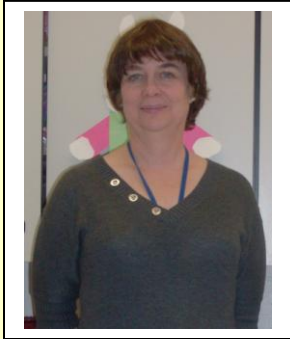
*Megan Cryder
said chocolate eggs*



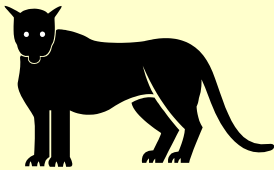
*Mitchell Gardner
said jelly beans*



*Hanna Wilke
said lollipops*



*Mrs. Duberowski
Kindergarten Teacher*



Joke Answers:

Because their horns don't work.

A Drizzly Bear.

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Teacher Feature

by Katie Koegel

Have you ever met Mrs. Duberowski? I interviewed Mrs. Duberowski and learned a lot about her! Here is what I learned.

She has a 6 year old black lab named Shadow. She belongs to a book club too. Mrs. Duberowski taught Early Childhood for 2 years and has been teaching kindergarten for 31 years. She loves watching Walt Disney movies and fishing with her husband. She likes going anywhere with her family. Some of Mrs. Duberowski's hobbies are, reading, taking walks, and gardening.

I had a great time interviewing Mrs. Duberowski. If you see her in the hallways, say "Hi".

Soccer

By: Megan Arens

Soccer is finally in Parkers Prairie! Michelle Olson (the coach) organized soccer for us this year. The new soccer program is for students from preschool-3 grade.

Soccer goes from 3:00 to 4:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays from April 18 to May 18. They practice and play on the elementary football field. There are close to 80 kids in soccer. In soccer, you will learn the skills of soccer and you get to practice with your friends!

What could be better than that!!

Chess Club Tournament

By: Grant Euteneuer

On Saturday, April 9, 2011, the Parkers Prairie Chess Club hosted a tournament at the highschool. There were 56 kids from Brainerd, Staples, Pillager, and Parkers Prairie. Our chess club hosted this tournament to give them an opportunity to play other kids and to raise funds for our chess club. There were 3 divisions: k-3,4-6, 7-12. There were awards for the top 5 in each division, plus two team awards. Alex Koep took 2nd place and Graham Larson took 3rd place. The kids from Pillager won first place team award and Brainerd took the 2nd place team award.

Chess is not always easy but it is fun!



*PP Chess
Tournament,
K-3 Division
Winners:*

*Alex Koep -
2nd Place
Graham Larson -
3rd Place*