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## Bullying in School

by Sam Koegel and Caroline Carlson



Someplace Safe came to our school because April is violence prevention month. Someplace Safe is where people help people that are abused.

The people you saw doing the plays, showing you movies and talking to you were: Leigh Lake, Tina Gray-Siebers, Janda Westfall, and Mary and Jerry Wilkins. They went to all of the classrooms.

The Someplace Safe worker's plays were about what bullying looks like, and how to prevent being bullied, on April 2, 2009.

After that program you should know how to prevent bullying!



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## Talk about Books

by Hanna Ruckheim

I talked with Mrs. Cronk, our school librarian, about our Accelerated Reader (AR) program.

The kids who have earned the most AR points this year in each grade are: 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Alex Koep; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Chloe Thue; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Katie Koegel; 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Matthew Arens.

In grades 5 & 6, Cheyenne Riedel, James Vosburgh, Joseph Kastner, Abigail Koep, and Leah Olson have each earned over 300 points!

The most common books used for AR

testing are: Diary of a Wimpy Kid for older grades and Fly Guy for younger grades.

Mrs. Cronk wants to remind everyone that the library is open during the summer. You can check out books and take AR tests. Any AR test points earned after July 1 will be counted toward your next year's goal.

We will be having one more book fair before the end of the school year. It will be held May 11-15, and all items (not just books) will be ½ price! Buy a book for your summer vacation!



Ramsey Copeland -  
Kindergartener

## New Students

by Riley Springer

The newest kid in our school is a kindergartener named Ramsey Copeland. Ramsey moved here to Minnesota from Arizona and is 5 years old.

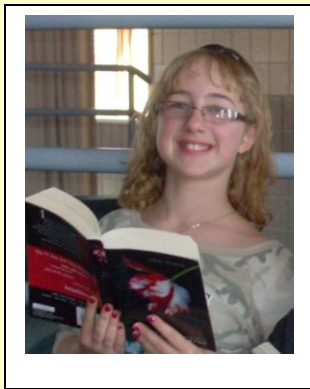
He has 1 sister, 1 dog and 1 cat. Ramsey's favorite color is red, he likes pizza and to play soccer.

He also likes to build inventions.

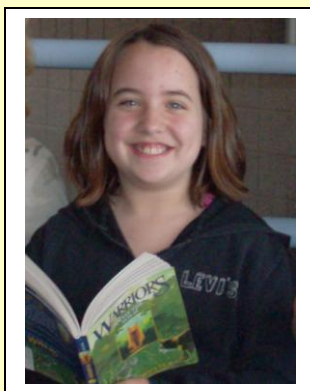
Everybody make sure you say hi to Ramsey when you see him!

## Need A Laugh?

Why don't fish play tennis?



*Abigail Koep  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Top AR  
Reader*



*Katie Koegel  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Top AR  
Reader*

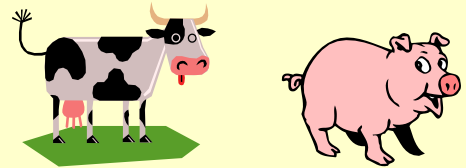
## Kindergarten News

The kindergarteners are learning about farms. Two of their favorite farm animals are cows and pigs. Six kindergarteners liked cows and six liked pigs.

They learned that baby pigs are born over 3 pounds and that cows came from Spanish people.

They do not get to go to a farm. They are estimating how many John

Deere fruit snacks are in a bag and are graphing them.



by Mitchell Kalpin

## First Grade News

Mrs. Kellen's class has been working on shadows lately. Some of the materials they used are pencils, crayons, and the sun. They have been working in 4 groups and sometimes with a partner.

The classes favorite shadow activities were watching a video about how shadows moved and writing in their science journals. If you want to know about shadows ask Mrs. Kellen's class.

Mrs. Carlson's class is working on bean plants. One material is a wet paper towel in a bag to help it grow. Mrs. Carlson's class works by themselves but compares with a partner.

Some of Mrs. Carlson's classes favorite activities are watching the bean plant grow and opening up the seed to see what's inside. Looks like Mrs. Carlson's class is ready for spring.

by Leah Olson

## Second Grade News

Mrs. Suchy's baby has finally arrived. Her baby was born Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. His name is Grady.

Mrs. Suchy will not be back in school until next year. Mrs. Suchy's sub, Mrs. Moore, is doing a great job.

Congrats Mrs. Suchy, hope you're doing great.



by Saren Smith

## Third Grade News

I interviewed Holly Thiel from Ms. Buvarp's class, about M.C.A testing. I asked Holly what M.C.A stands for, and she said it stands for Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment. I asked her how they are preparing for the M.C.A. tests. Holly said they each got a bottle of water, and the choice of a piece of gum or a jolly rancher. They also stretched, and then they went to breakfast. I asked her what subjects

they were tested on. She said that on Wednesday they were tested on segments one and two of reading. On Thursday they were tested on segments one and two of math. On Wednesday they test on segments three and four of reading. On Thursday they test on segments three and four of math.

Hopefully they will do good on their testing.

by Sarah Koep

## Earth Day News

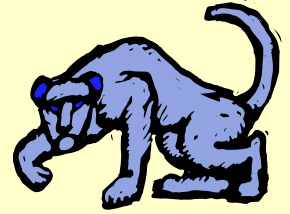
On the 22 of this month was Earth day. Earth day is a day about the environment.

Everybody in the Parkers Prairie Elementary School will be getting a tree in honor of Earth Day.

The types of trees are Maple tree, Pine tree, and White pine.

by Katie Cornish

Help the environment by planting your tree in your yard, or in a forest near you.



## Fifth Grade News

When you're in 5<sup>th</sup> grade you get lots of projects and one of them is the wax museum.

The wax museum is just like a dress-up day at school. You get to pick a pick a book out of the biography section in the library or in your class room library.

Once you've read the book the teachers plan a date when you get to go in to the

by Saren Smith

library and dress- up as the person you read about then share all the information that you found out.

A lot of people don't think projects are fun, but this one is a lot of fun. I mean come on, who wouldn't have fun dressing up in school!



*Leah Olson  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Top AR  
Reader*

## Sixth Grade News

### Up and Out

The sixth grade class is moving out of the elementary and into the high school. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade you were the sharks but then you're going to be the plankton!!

I interviewed Anna Guenther and she said that she can't wait to move to the high school! She also said that she is

by Sarah Bunde

excited to find out who will win the Charlie Martin award and she will miss all her previous teachers!

The Charlie Martin award is based on who is respectful, kind, and caring. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will get to see last years sixth grade friends too!

Have fun at the high school 6<sup>th</sup> grade we will miss you!



*Steve Aldrich - Chess coach, with Abigail Koep, Caroline Carlson, and Alex Koep - Some of the elementary chess club*

## Student Council News

As this school year draws to an end, it is time again for the Teacher of the Year and the Paraprofessional of the Year awards. The entire teaching, support and paraprofessional staff are eligible.

The procedure for choosing the winners is as follows: the current Student Council votes and declares the winner. The winners are announced on Awards Nights, on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The winners will

by Grace Roers

each receive a sweatshirt that says he/she is the Teachers/Paraprofessional of the year.

Last year's winners were Mrs. Karen McBrady and Mr. Harlan Jahnke. Each received a plaque.



Mr. Noga  
Physical Ed teacher

## Meet the Staff

Hey, do you like Mr. Noga and gym? Well here is your time to know Mr. Noga a little bit better. Mr. Noga's family members are Nancy, Kellen, Sari and Micaela.

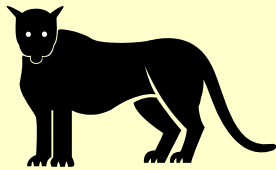
He loves to see the kids moving, having fun, and enjoying class. His favorite class to teach is matball. He also likes

by Sierra Nori

to go camping and going for walks.

He likes watching American Idol and he has considered trying out for it but says, "I would never make it."

Well I hope you have fun in gym with Mr. Noga tomorrow!



## Sports & Activities

by Sam Marshall and Abigail Koep

### Wrestling

Four students participated at the NYWA State Wrestling Tournament in Rochester, MN on April 3-6, 2009. NYWA stands for Northland Youth Wrestling Association.

Tyler Schlosser in 8<sup>th</sup> grade placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his age/weight category. Kyle Schlosser in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Sam Marshall and Josh McKeown in 4<sup>th</sup> grade also wrestled. The boys wrestled in 16-man double elimination brackets to place.

The boys earned a trip to the state tournament by qualifying at the District and Regional level. The team is coached by Rick Arvidson and several helpers.

### Chess

Chess is a fun playing, strategy board game. Parkers Prairie has its own chess club, for grades K - 12. It takes place once a week at 6:30 pm. The coach is Steve Aldrich. He has been coaching for 6 years.

Chess club has 12 kids this year. In the past the chess club has won trophies. Their best one is 5<sup>th</sup> place in state out of 40 teams!

Parkers is having their own chess tournament on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Steve is expecting at least 45 kids to be there.

So if chess sounds like fun to you contact Steve Aldrich to join.

## Last Editions Trivia Answer:

The three layers of the earth are crust, mantle and core.

## Riddle from Page 2 Answer:

Because they might get caught in the net.

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