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5th and 6th Grade Concert by Maddie Schroeder



Do you know what's happening on December 20th? I do! It's the 5th and 6th grade Christmas program.

The program will be held in the elementary new gym at 9am and also at 1pm. The 5th and 6th grade music kids are putting on a Christmas play. The 6th grade band will then be playing some Christmas music. The play is called North Pole Exposure. The program is put on every year to put people in the Christmas spirit and it's a school tradition.

So remember to mark your calendars for December 20th!

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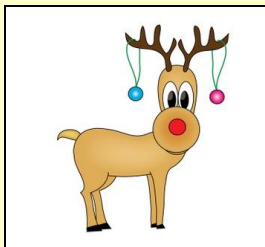
Reindeer Facts by Eli Simonson

Now Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen are words that might pop into your head this holiday season.

Well if you want to hear some facts, I will tell you some right now.

- Reindeer can swim across huge rivers without stopping.
- In the winter months reindeer prefer snow over water.
- I never knew that male and female reindeer both have antlers.
- Reindeer are known as caribou.
- Caribou can travel in herds of up to 1,000 to 10,000. Now that's a big family.
- Calves are being born between May and June. They need to grow fast to keep up with the herd.
- Reindeer can get up to 4 to 6 feet tall and can weigh up to 700 pounds.
- Their life span is usually 10 years. That is not very long.
- My favorite fact I learned is that reindeer have white necks and white tails.

As I learned about these animals they sound very interesting.



Need A Laugh?

If ten cats were in a boat and one jumped out, how many cats would be left?

It's Time for School Family Time

by Alex Koep

Have you filled a bucket today? This is a theme for school family time this year. Being nice to people is filling a bucket. Being mean to people is being a bucket dipper. When you are being nice to people you are not only filling their bucket but you are also filling yours.

School family time meets once a month. Everybody in K-6 participates in school family time. They divide the school family time groups into fruit groups. Each group has a mixture of kids from all grades. They play several games to get to know each other better.

I hope you enjoy the next school family time.



*Ethan Carruth
5th Grader*

New Students

by Grant Euteneuer

There is a new face in Mr. Denny's combo class. His name is Ethan Carruth. In Ethan's spare time he likes to draw. He told me the reason he likes to draw is because he says it is fun. He lives in Miltona. He started coming to school in Parkers on September 6th 2011. He is ten years old.

If you see him in the hallway say hi!

The Ice Skating Rink

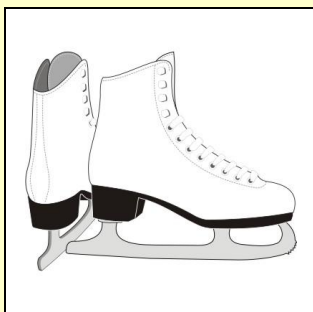
by Abby Burquest

Have you ever wondered: why do we have a skating rink? How is the skating rink made? What are the hours of the skating rink? Well, here are your answers.

I interviewed Kim Schroeder, City Hall clerk and she said: the way it is made is by flooding. They pour the water on the ground then when that freezes, they put another layer of water on the first layer. This process continues until they decide to stop. The ice skating rink is predicted to open at least by Christmas break, but it depends on the weather.

The hours it will be open is on the weekends and on Christmas break, noon to 6:00. On weekdays, it is open 3:30 to 8:00. The rink is between the parking lot and the tennis court at the elementary school.

The reason we have a rink is that it is safer than Lake Adley because Adley has a harder time freezing. So bring your family there for a great day of skating!!



School Patrol

by Graham Larson

Have you ever walked with the patrol and wondered how it worked? Here are few things you might want to know.

Who is running it? Kelly Klaessy.

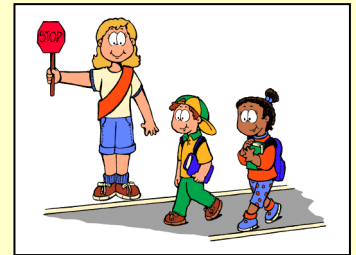
What do they do there? They lead kids across busy streets.

Why do they do it? So no one gets smacked by a car.

Where do they meet? North or South doors.

How do they do it? They have one person on the right side of the street and a person on the left side of the street.

Well that's all I have. I hope I answered some of your questions.



Changing Weather

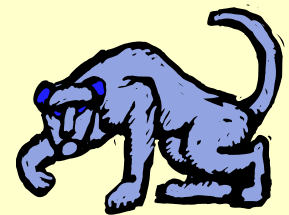
by Jonathon Schwartz

“What a nice day it is outside, Jonathon.” said Hunter.

“I know usually we have a few feet of snow by now, Hunter” answered Jonathon.

It's that time of year again. Time to pull out all the snow pants, hats, gloves and winter coats.

In school you need boots even if it hasn't snowed. When there's snow, then you need snow pants.



Man on the Street

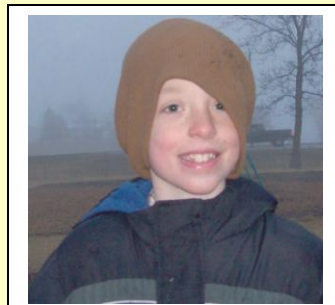
by Alex Koep

We asked people, “What is your plan for Christmas Break?”

Caption describing picture or graphic.



*Jack Marquardt said
“Going to Grandmas.”*



*Johnathan Suchy said
“Building a snowman.”*



*Kaylee Esterberg said
“Going to my aunts.”*



*Matthew Almquist said
“Going to Grandmas.”*

Go Green

by Haley Poynter



Did you know that recycling one can of pop can run a TV for three hours? An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can five hundred years from now! So your family should start recycling!

If all of our newspapers were recycled we could save about two hundred fifty million trees each year! Americans throw away twenty five billion Styrofoam cups each year. That's a lot! Every month we throw away enough glass bottles to fill up a giant skyscraper.

So ask your parents if you can start recycling now!

4th Grade Field Trip

by Luke Geiser



*Carter Rokes
4th Grader*

On Nov. 16, 2011 the 4th graders went on a field trip. I wanted to get some information about the field trip so I asked 4th grader, Carter Rokes, about the trip. I asked him a few questions and these are the answers he gave me: I asked him what his favorite part of the trip was, and he said his favorite part had to be the play because it was really funny. I asked him where the play was. He said it was at the Moorhead State University campus.

The last question I asked him was how much did he like McDonald's® food? He said it was delicious. He liked it so much he ate two cheeseburgers, some fries, and a shake.

I'm guessing after how this field trip turned out, the 4th graders can't wait until their next field trip.

*4th Grade
Field Trip
Lunch Stop*



3rd Grade President Election

by Wil Hezlep



For this edition of the Paw Print I interviewed Ms. Buvarp about the 3rd grade president election.

The election is a social studies activity that helps students understand and learn about how elections actually work in real life.

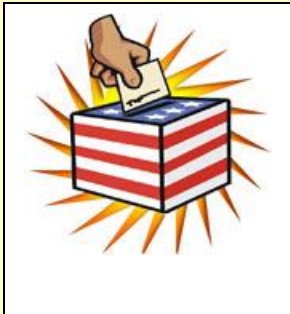
All the third grade students had to make lists of why they should be the president. There were also debates between the candidates. The students all voted for their favorite.

The winners in Ms. Buvarp's class were Hannah Samuelson and Jason Koehn.

The winners in Mrs. Grabow's class were Owen Hezlep and Faith Alberts.

Both groups were Republicans.

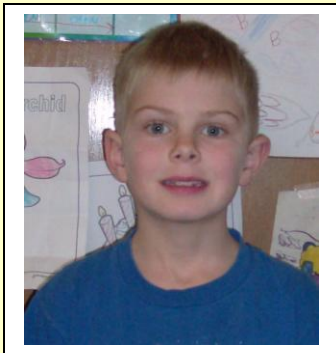
If you see them in the hall say congratulations!



Another Man on the Street

by Eli Simonson

We asked people, "What is your favorite Christmas Cookie?"



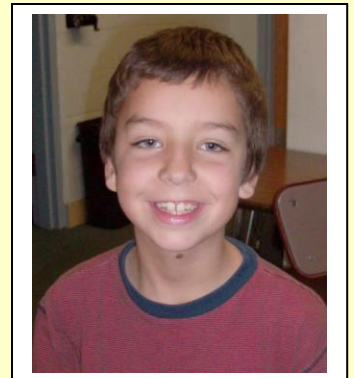
*Aiden Larson said
"Chocolate Chip"*



*Cole Euteneuer said
"Snickerdoodles"*



*Jordan Schroeder said
"Sugar Cookies"*



*Micah Arens said
"Peanutbutter"*



Mrs. Erickson
Kindergarten teacher

Teacher Feature

by Hunter Haggemiller

Mrs. Erickson is one of the kindergarten teachers here at Parkers Prairie Elementary. She has been teaching for 8 years. Her favorite part about teaching is being creative, and letting the kids share their excitement further. Outside of school she likes to take fitness classes at the YMCA, read, and spend time with her family. Her favorite subject in school when she was a kid was reading.

If you see Mrs. Erickson in the halls say “Hi!”

Prairie Christmas

by Izzy Noska

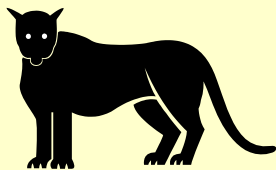
Have you ever wondered why we have Prairie Christmas? Well, we raise money for our community and that’s wonderful!

Prairie Christmas was at the high school on Saturday December 3rd. Here are some of the acts that were at Prairie Christmas: Just for Kix dance performers, piano recitals, Runestone Rockets, choirs, and the most exciting thing was sleigh rides!

The Paw Print newspaper wishes you a Merry Christmas!!!

Joke Answers

None, they were all copycats!



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