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Red, White, and Blue!

By: Sam Koegel

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, I'm sure you all have heard these words before. Like when you say the pledge in the gymnasium, on Monday mornings. But have you ever wondered why we do it? I sure have!

Mrs. Gordy, our Principal talked to me about reciting the Pledge. Mrs. Gordy reported she thinks the reason we do the pledge is because of respect to our country and History. Wait a minute, respectful is the "r" in Panther Pride! Remember be respectful to everyone!

Mrs. Gordy is not really sure when the pledge started in our school. So give it up for the man that invented the Pledge of Allegiance! Francis Bellamy!!! Francis Bellamy wrote the Pledge in 1892, but after years, and years went by the Pledge changed, five times!!!

Basically, saying the Pledge means you swear to be loyal to the U.S.A. So remember wear red, white, and blue on the most patriotic day of the year, the 4th of July, and don't burn yourself with sparklers!!!

King of the Sky Found in Garage

by Sarah Koep

One day when Grace Roers came home from school, she was surprised to find out there was an eagle at her house.

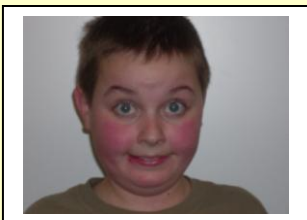
Her mom tried to call the DNR, but she couldn't reach them, so they called the Raptor Center. They called there and were given permission to catch the eagle with a blanket, but to call the sheriff first. When they called the sheriff, the sheriff said they needed special permission, which they had already received.

Grace's parents cornered the eagle and caught it with a blanket. The Raptor Center called and asked if there was any "blood or bones" sticking out, which there was not.

The following day Grace was picked up from school to watch the eagle get transferred. Watch out for flying eagles!

New Students

by Matthew Arens



Christen Yttrie
5th Grader

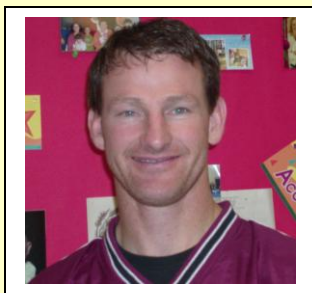
Christen Yttrie is a new student in Mr. Denny's 5th grade. He used to go to Lezon Lake elementary in Wayzata. Some of his favorite things to do are playing Legos and coloring pictures. His favorite show is the National Geographic show. He has a sister in Mr. Parson's 3rd grade named Taren.

If you see him in the halls say hi!

Need A Laugh?

What is black, white
and read all over?

The Paw Print
Newspaper!!!



*Happy Birthday
Mr. Wagner
6th Grade teacher*



*Carter Rokes
2nd Grader*



Go Green!!

by Karley Colberg

Did you know that we are losing part of our animals' habitat every second?

Well, we are and we need to help take care of it! One of the main causes is global warming. Global warming is caused by the carbon monoxide that comes out of your car, from littering, and from simple pollution!

Everyone can help by GOING GREEN! Going green is basically just Reusing, Reducing, and Recycling.

You can make the world a better place one step at a time.

Teacher Feature

by Abigail Koep

Say 'Happy Birthday' to Mr. Wagner who just turned 40 on December 16th. He said that the best birthday present would be to read a book of his choice for 2 hours.

Mr. Wagner is the 6th grade teacher and has the biggest class in the whole school, 31 kids! His favorite thing about 6th grade is how much communication and thought process 6th graders have. His least favorite thing is to repeat discipline to the same kids. Mr. Wagner has been teaching for 14 years. He has 4 children.

Maybe you'll have Mr. Wagner for your 6th grade teacher.

Ask a 6th Grader

by Riley Springer

This month's "Ask a 6th Grader" question was "What is your favorite game?" This question came from Carter Rokes a 2nd grader in Mr. Radtke's class.

I asked Mr. Radtke's class what their favorite board games, electronic games, and their favorite sports were. The most popular board game was checkers then chess. They like Wii then Xbox as electronic devices and baseball then soccer as their favorite sports.

My favorite board game is Catch Phrase. I like to play Wii, and my favorite sport is football.

What is your favorite board game, electronic game, and sport?

Ho Ho Ho!

by Katie Koegel

It's that time of year again, time to start dreaming about Christmas vacation.

Here are some of the 6th graders plans for their Christmas vacation. Some students will stay home and read stories by that warm fire unlike one student who is traveling by car to Texas! Some students will be performing plays about Jesus' birth in church.

How will you be spending your Christmas vacation?

Happy Holidays!

Christmas Songs and Traditions

by Wil Hezlep

This month I interviewed Mrs. Suchy's 4th grade class about Christmas songs and traditions. I asked them what their favorite Christmas song is out of Jingle Bells, Deck the Halls, and Rudolph. Rudolph won big time!

My next question was how many kids open presents on Christmas Eve? It turns out only three people do. My next question was how many kids open presents on Christmas day? It turns out 16 people do.

My next question was if they could get any piece of equipment for recess out of a trampoline or a giant slide for Christmas which one would it be? It was almost unanimous! Trampoline won.

Well that's all I have, so have a Happy Christmas!



Meet the Staff

by Kathryn Burquest

I interviewed Mrs. Olson and it was really fun because she has a bubbly personality.

Mrs. Olson teaches students who need extra help in math and reading. Guess what! Mrs. Olson grew up in Parkers Prairie and went to school here. Cool, huh! Mrs. Olson has 4 children: 3 boys Josh, Caleb, and Jordan and 1 girl, Kinsey. Mrs. Olson likes playing with her grandchildren.

Her favorite colors are earth colors like brown, dark green, yellow, and orange. Her favorite food is Ham and scallop potatoes. Her Birthday is on November 23. Mrs. Olson likes reading books and her favorite kind of book kind of book is historical fiction. Mrs. Olson has 2 dogs and 2 cats. Mrs. Olsons favorite season is Summer because it's warm. I asked Mrs. Olson what she likes about Parkers Prairie and she said "it's small and everyone knows each other and less crime, less traffic, and less pollution".

If you see Mrs. Olson in the halls say hi and I'll bet she'll say hi back!



Deb Olson

Christmas Gift Tip for Parents

by Laurie Koep

Do your kids like to guess what their Christmas presents are? Do they feel their presents, shake them, and think they have it all figured out before it's time to open presents?

If you have more than one child, here's an idea to stay one step ahead of them. Wrap each kid's gifts in a different wrapping paper, and then don't put names on the gifts. So, they won't have any idea which gifts are theirs. And, they'll all have fun together trying to figure out whose gifts are whose.

Just make sure you remember which wrapping paper goes with which child!



Donkey Basketball

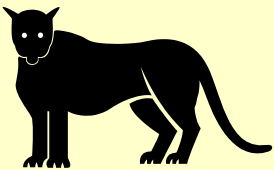
by Saren Smith



She shoots, she scores, she's ... riding a donkey?

Rachel Grabow was one of the few people who were daring enough to ride a donkey! A lot of people suited up in padding and headgear and made their way to the gym to win the trophy for whoever they were supporting. Although the seniors put up a good fight the teachers were a little bit better. In the end the teachers came out on top and the seniors came in second.

Mrs. Grabow won the award for MVP and the donkey's well I think they were happy to have a load taken off their backs.



Need Another Laugh?

Why does Santa Clause like to work in the garden?

Because he likes to Hoe, Hoe, Hoe!!



Student trying to stay on her donkey.



Student trying to catch her donkey.



Donkey Basketball Awards:

Rachel Grabow, Lisa Nori, Lizz Peterson, Fred Lilligren, Dan Custer, Dave O'Brien, and a little fan

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