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## The Jingle Bell Jukebox

by Katie Koegel

Get ready to listen to the Jingle Bell Jukebox musical put on by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Pearson said “We put on the musical each year because it puts Parkers Prairie in the Christmas spirit.”

I also asked her, “Where do you get the ideas for the musicals?” She answered, “Music teachers from all over Minnesota go to a workshop to learn new ideas from other people.” My next question was, “How long do the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders rehearse for the musical?” She said, “They practice for ten weeks before they perform.”

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing two times, the first one is a practice for the elementary school and the second is for relatives at 1:00.

I hope you can get the chance to see the musical at one of those times!

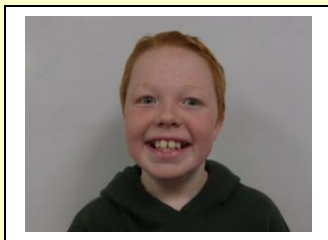
## Middle School Block

by Maddie Schroeder

Give me an M-I-D-D-L-E S-C-H-O-O-L B-L-O-C-K, what’s that spell? Middle school block! Middle school block is a class where 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders get direction instructions in science, art, social studies, and language.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and teachers have middle school block because it prepares students for high school transitions and teachers can teach in the areas they are specialized in. Students have art at the high school, science in Mr. Denny’s room, language in Mr. Wagners room, and social studies in Mrs. Christopherson’s room.

Students have middle school block from 10:15-11:15 every single day! Students get to classes in the elementary school by walking, and to get to the high school kids are escorted by an adult. Now that you’ve learned tons about middle school block let’s give it three cheers!



Alec Brown  
6<sup>th</sup> Grader

## New Students

by Sammie Kastner

Have you ever meet Alec Brown?

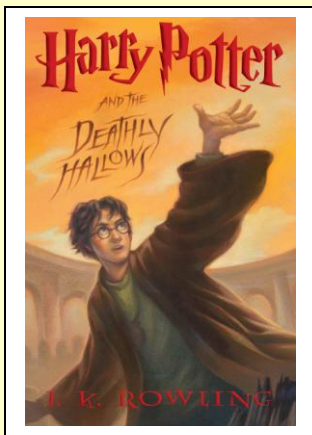
Alec is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Mr. Wagner’s class. He moved from Milaca. He says he likes it here and has lots of friends.

If he could change one thing he would have no math. He likes the cheetah and his favorite color is red.

So if you see Alec Brown in the hallway or at recess say hi!

## Need A Laugh?

1. What were Tarzan's last words?
2. Where can you learn to make ice cream?



## Protect Yourself from the Flu

by Matthew Arens

The flu is short for **infl**uenza. The symptoms of the flu include: chills, fever, body aches and headaches. Influenza is a virus that infects the body. This can happen when you either breathe in the virus from the air, or you get the virus on your hands and you touch your eyes, nose or mouth. You don't really have to worry about getting a serious case of the flu, especially if you've had your yearly vaccination shot.

Three ways to prevent the flu:

**Cover your cough**

**Wash your hands often**

**Keep your hands away from your face**

## Harry Potter Movie Review

by Wil Hezlep

If you're a Harry Potter fan this might be a movie for you. This is part one of the epic finale of Harry Potter. Even if you've read the book you still might want to see the movie.

Let me tell you one thing it's a great movie. With excitement almost immediately and danger at every turn how could it not be great. A lot of time people say the book is better than the movie and I agree but the Harry Potter movies always live pretty well up to the books.

Out of ten I give this movie a 9. Until next time!

## Photo Club

by Chloe Thue

Come click on into photo club.

Vannesa Lenzen runs photo club. Vannesa thought of starting photo club from an enrichment form that was sent out and she thought that would be so cool.

In photo club you get to learn how to operate cameras and take better pictures. You also get to learn elements of art like line, texture, shape color and rules of composition. In the club, the students learn how to have fun with photos. ☺The photo club meets in the activity room in the elementary school. Their meetings are on one Monday of the month.

It's not too late to sign up!

## First Snowfall

by Kaylee Esterberg

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Our first snow started as rain then it snowed. It snowed all over MN, our first snow was October 20, 2010. After a couple weeks, we were able to get the sleds out at the elementary school. All the kids love sledding.

Now we have even more snow and lots of kids love that. We can build snowmen and forts and other fun times.

We have many more months to enjoy the snow. So, go have some fun!

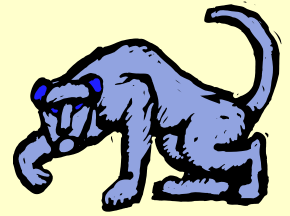
## All About 4-H

by Megan Arens

Did you know that in Parkers Prairie there is a 4-H club? The Country Bumpkins raised over \$700 at "A Prairie Christmas" by selling homemade cookies, lefse, rosettes, doughnuts, and Krumkaka.

The 4-H kids also make Easter baskets for the elderly people and they also enjoy classes about how to be on time and to have fun at the same time.

Anyone interested in joining 4-H, they should contact Diane Schwartz, or ask in the school office and they can help you.



## Man on the Street - I

by Sarah Koep

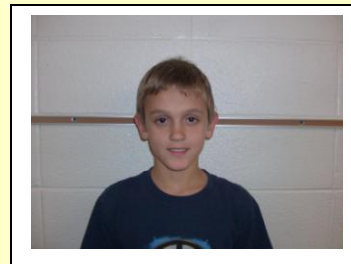
We asked people "What do you want for Christmas?"



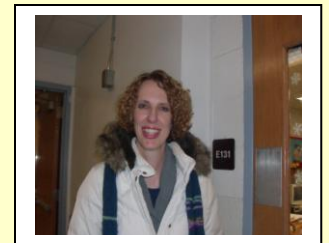
*Mrs. Pearson wants to have both her daughters home for Christmas.*



*Hillary Moske wants nail polish.*



*Matt Jirik wants a nerf gun.*



*Kelli Klaessy wants it to actually rain cats and dogs!*

## Man on the Street - II

by Cody Springer

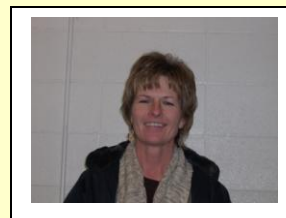
We asked people "What kind of Christmas tree do they have: real or artificial?"



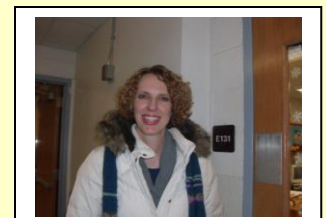
*Mrs. Cronk says artificial.*



*Mrs. Grabow says real.*



*Mrs. Fyhrie says artificial.*



*Kelli Klaessy says both!*



Mr. Denny

## Meet the Staff

by Hunter Haggemiller

Mr. Denny is the 5/6 combo class teacher. In the middle school block he teaches science. He also teaches 5B math. His favorite part about being in the 5/6 combo class is getting to talk with the kids about similar interests like hunting and sports.

Mr. Denny has also taught in Alaska. Which does he like better, Alaska or Parkers Prairie? Mr. Denny answered he likes teaching in Parkers Prairie more but said he likes hunting better in Alaska. Mr. Denny went to school in Bertha-Hewitt. My last question was what is your favorite subject teaching? He said in one word, Science!

If you see Mr. Denny in the halls say "Hi"!

## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball

by Kathryn Burquest

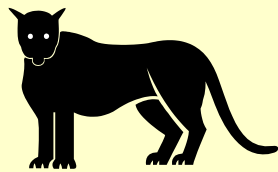
She shoots, she scores!!! There are 21 girls in basketball this year.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls first practice was on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The coaches are Steve Martinson and Kris Baardsen.

Steve had us say what our goals were this year many people stated: to win, to be in better shape, have fun, learn basketball better, become a team, work hard, have great sportsmanship, and try our hardest.

I interviewed Kris Baardsen and asked a few questions about sports and hobbies. Kris told me she loves sports and has always wanted to coach. She played volleyball, basketball, softball, and cheerleading in high school. Kris's hobbies are cooking, reading, camping, and sports.

This should be a good year with awesome coaches and great girls.



## Joke Answers

1. Who greased the vines?
2. In Sundae School

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