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Lego Club

by Hunter Haggemiller



Have you ever heard of a building block called a Lego? Well, if you have you should join Lego Club! Lego Club is a fun activity for kids, kindergarten through 6th grade! It runs now every Monday after school until 4:30 P.M. There are currently 80 kids in Lego club. It is the most popular activity in the school.

I interviewed Lego Club coordinator Kris Wagner. She created Lego Club because of her kid's passion for Lego's. It is a great activity for kids.

If you are a Lego builder keep on imagining!!

MN Health Care

by Deanna Lipinski

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My role as a Community Action Agent is to help people apply for Medical Assistance/Minnesota Care and answer any questions they might have. I am a resource to help people get in touch with help that is available to them from the county. Otter Tail County was awarded a Grant this summer to put an agent in every school in this county to help families that qualify financially, obtain health insurance for their children. In August of 2010 I attended training for confidentiality and for my role as a MNCAA (Minnesota Community Action Agent).

Medical Assistance is a government funded health insurance program that provides free insurance for low-income families, especially pregnant women and children. Families who apply for MA and don't qualify, can be considered for Minnesota Care which has a cost to it, based on family income. Families complete one application for the two programs. There are several web-sites and phone numbers available for interested people to gain more information:

<http://www.coverageforall.org/> This website has a quiz that you can take to find out what programs you might be eligible for.

www.dhs.state.mn.us/MHCP Applications for MA/MN Care can be printed from this website.

www.covertheuninsured.org Provides a list of other resources that are available and more websites to check out.

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school two or three days per week. Please leave a message and I will return
your call.

Deanna Lipinski, MNCAA I am only at
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your call.



Lego Club - starts each meeting in the library pit.

Need A Laugh?

What does a baseball have in common with pancakes?

What are the strongest days of the week?



Family Fun Night!



Spelling Bee

Inquiry Club

by Megan Arens

Can you figure this out? Inquiry Club is a club for 3rd-6th graders that are accelerated in math and reading. Inquiry Club starts at 1:35 and goes to 2:00 p.m. and is taught by Mrs. Schoeneck. If you are in Inquiry Club you get to leave class but have to make up what you missed for home work.

In Inquiry Club we do tests with safe chemicals, work with think tubes, and work on rockets. Science rocks!

6th Grade Poster Contest

by Kathryn Burquest

The 6th graders had to do a poster contest for the Parkers Prairie Lions Club and the Pride of Lions. The Parkers Prairie Lions and Pride of Lions do this to promote citizenship and to show how 6th graders are good citizens and ways 6th graders can act like good citizens.

The categories that the 6th graders got to choose from was saying no to peer pressure, saying no to drugs and alcohol, being a good citizen, volunteering, helping your community, and acts of kindness. Parkers Prairie Lions club picked one poster and the Pride of Lions picked one poster.

Sarah Koep and Claire Ruckheim won the contest. Claire's poster was on Drugs and Alcohol and Sarah's poster was on volunteering. Then the Parkers Prairie Lions Club and the Pride of Lions took the posters to a state convention. Then the winners were picked from there to advance. Every poster there received an award.

Next year if you're in 6th grade you could win and have fun doing it.

Family Fun Night

by Grant Euteneuer

Did you go to Family Fun Night? If you did, did you investigate the experiments? If you did I'm sure you learned something from each experiment that you investigated. In Mrs. Olson's room you were investigating how the top spins determines which way it goes. In Ms. Buvarp's room you found out how to make a bubble bigger by putting your straw into it and blowing out softly. In Mr. Denny's room you had to figure out what made the whirligigs spin. In Mrs. Kellen's room you had to figure out the right amount of water and a place in your home where it would get the precise amount of sunlight. In the Activity room you had to find out what made the oobleck a solid and what made it a liquid.

What a fun night and you can learn so much from it!

Spelling Bee

by Katie Koegel

Can you spell zigzaggedness? Some 5th-8th graders can! The first practice spelling bee took place at the elementary school. All 5th and 6th graders that were spelling levels 1 and 2 got a chance to be one of the top ten that were going to the high school spelling bee. At the end of the practice spelling bee Matt Arens was the champ.

At 9:00 am on February 3, 2011 the high school spelling bee started. Seventeen students competed in the high school library. The last three students standing were Abigail K, Cheyanne R and Hanna R. In the end Abigail K proved to be the top speller! Abigail's next competition will be at the regional spelling bee on February 23, in Fergus Falls. If you ever see Abigail, say "Good luck!"

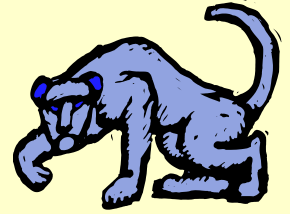
School Patrol

by Madeline Schroeder

Walking home from school today? No problem, the elementary school patrol will guide you!

The patrol consists of 5th and 6th graders supervised by paras. But life isn't always easy. The patrol has to walk through rain, snow, and extreme heat! Plus it can be like super tiring. The patrol squad consists of over 20 people. That's more than all the kids in Mrs. McBrady's class!

If you are interested in joining you have to be in 5th or 6th grade, and wait until back-to-school night. Next time you see someone from the patrol say hi!



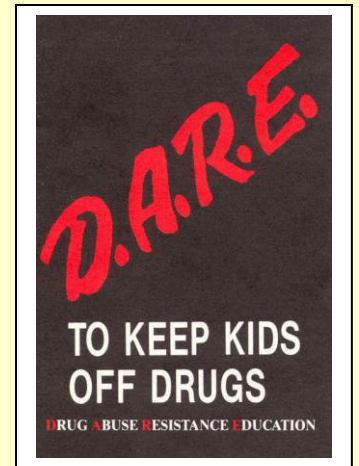
D.A.R.E.

by Matthew Arens

Recently the sixth graders in Mr. Denny and Mr. Wagner class have been in the DARE program. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Every Monday from 12:50 to 2:55 we meet. Sixth graders participate in a DARE class led by police officer Doug Whiting. Officer Whiting talks to the students about drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and other things that are dangerous when misused.

In DARE sixth graders also have a chance to learn more about a police officer's tools. At the end of class, the students get to ask questions about DARE related topics.

Now I have a message from Officer Whiting to all of the elementary students: "stay safe, stay away from drugs, and most importantly, be a good student."



Cushion Concentration

by Chloe Thue

Did you know that Mrs. Olson's 4th grade class got a donation from Wal-Mart? Well, believe it. They got blue chair cushions. These 4th graders including me worked so hard on this project said their teacher, Mrs. Olson and she said she was happy with the result.

This class got this donation for a persuasive writing project, and to be comfortable while sitting on the floor and sitting at their desks. Mrs. Olson thinks that these cushions have been working for some people but not all people.

The kids did this at the end of September of 2010. Three cheers for Wal-Mart!



4th Grader, Megan Arens
With Donated Cushion

Man on the Street

by Sammie Kastner

We asked "What would you buy if you had a million dollars?"



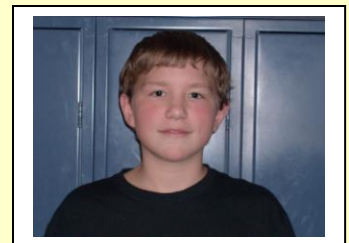
Chloe Thue would buy a laptop and a sports car.



Grace Roers would buy a laptop and donate the rest to a charity.



Matt Arens would buy an iPod touch.



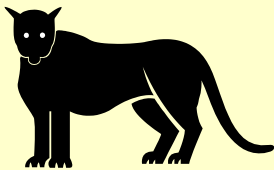
Benn Westfall would buy a private jet and a mansion.



Sports & Activities

by Wil Hezlep

The fifth and sixth grade boys basketball team is coached by Jeff Vosburgh and Sandy Yohnke. We have practice every other day. We practice hard by running plays, running panthers, and by practicing shooting baskets. We have games every other Saturday. So far our record is 3-4 but I think I see wins in our future.



More Family Fun Night Pictures!

Answers to jokes on Page 2:

They both rely on batters.

Saturday and Sunday, the rest are week days.



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