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Reaching Out

by Maddie Schroeder

Have you seen the posters hanging outside the 5th and 6th grade classrooms? Well you are about to find out why they are there!

The Youth Outreach Poster Contest is a national contest where 6th-8th graders, although in Parkers Prairie only the 6th graders participate, have to make a poster. The poster can be about: drug and alcohol awareness, child abuse, or citizenship. The Parkers Prairie students had about 10 days in December to work on their posters. The posters were then judged by three different Lions groups. Each Lions group picked one poster to sponsor. The winners were: Austin Koep, Megan Benzinger, and Maddie Schroeder. The three winning posters then moved up to District Level where, if they kept winning, posters would keep moving up a level.

The contest is held every year because it gives kids a chance to show people nation-wide their knowledge on the above topics.

I would like to thank Nancy Bunde for letting me interview her. I hope you learned something!

Battle of the Books

by Luke Geiser

“It’s time to battle!” On Dec. 20, 2011 Battle of the Books took place in the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms. To get some information about the battle I interviewed Laurie Koep. The winning 3rd grade team was Callie, Blaze, Brooklynn, and Megan. The winning 4th grade team was Macy, Jillian, Graham, Dawson, Kolby, and Emily. The purpose of Battle of the Books is to get people to work together to read ten books. It’s also to get the people who do it more interested in reading books. If you’re a person that really doesn’t like to reading because it’s too boring, after Battle of the Books you’ll change your mind completely. Here’s a sneak peek of Battle of the Books for every 2nd and 1st graders. There are three rounds. Six teams. One champion.

The winners get a medal, and a \$5 gift certificate for the book fair. If you want to watch videos and get more information about Battle of the Books go to our website at www.isd547.com paw print videos.



3rd Grade Battle of the Books winners



4th Grade Battle of the Books winners



What Would You Do With No Snow?? by Eli Simonson

The totals are in. I had a chance to take a survey on two classes. Mrs. Christopherson's and Mrs. Olson's. I was curious on what they miss most on not having much snow. The three choices were shoveling, sledding and making snow forts. Shoveling snow has four votes. Sledding has six votes. Last but not least making snow forts has an amazing twenty seven votes.

Now let's hope snow falls so we can have some fun!!!!



Gingerbread House

Gingerbread Houses by Alex Koep

On December 16, 2011 at one thirty the kindergarteners made gingerbread houses. The kindergarteners parents came and helped them build the ginger bread houses. The kindergarteners used milk cartons, frosting and graham crackers to make the house. To decorate the houses they used Froot Loops, candy canes, mini marshmallows, M and M's, jelly beans and lots of other things.

I asked 5 kindergarteners what their favorite decoration was. Bayleann Moen said candy canes, AJ Olson said the Christmas tree, Carelen Grant said the star on the Christmas tree, Isaac Grabow said the candy canes and Zachary Mrnak said the ginger bread man.

They also did a little concert for their parents. What a fun day.

Need A Laugh?

Why did the pickle turn away?

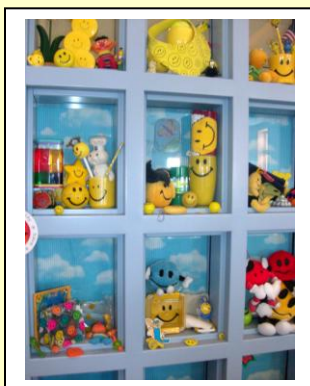
Why are 4-legged animals bad dancers?

Cheese! by Katie Koegel

Smile! If you look behind Mrs. Cronk's desk you will be greeted by a sea of smiles! Mrs. Cronk has been collecting smiles since 1997! That's 15 years of collecting!

It all started when Mrs. Cronk thought that librarians had to smile more. So she set a little yellow smiley face figure by her computer. A kindergartener saw it and got Mrs. Cronk another smiley face. Kids started noticing Mrs. Cronk was collecting smiles and got her more! Her collection grew and grew and grew to a size of over 250 smiles. Mrs. Cronk has smiles from all over the place! When students go on vacation they get Mrs. Cronk a smiley face!

So if you ever see a smile, think of Mrs. Cronk!



Small sample of Mrs. Cronk's smiles!

Teacher Feature

by Abby Burquest

Have you ever wondered: how did my teacher get here and why? If you were wondering this about Mrs. Christopherson, here are your answers. When she was a student, her Math and German teachers influenced her the most to teach. Which, of course, makes her favorite subject to teach, Math.

She got her teaching degree at Moorhead State college. That's what it was called when she was in college. The reason she started teaching was because some Special Needs kids needed teachers. The year she started teaching was 1978. As you know, Mrs. C started teaching in Special Needs. She did that for three years, and in case you didn't know, she got her thirty-year milestone for teaching thirty years in Parkers Prairie. That adds up to 33 years in teaching. That's a long time!



*Mrs. Christopherson
5th Grade Teacher*



Meteor Shower

Meteor Showers

by Alex Koep

Did you know that on January 3rd there was a meteor shower at 2:00 AM? A meteor shower can produce greater than 1000 meteors per hour. Meteors are left over pieces of rock in space that didn't get made into a planet or moon. Then the meteors fly through Earth's atmosphere causing a meteor shower. People often call meteors shooting stars. I got this information at Wikipedia.com and at Thinkquest.org.

If you're interested in meteor showers here are the dates of the future meteor showers in 2012: night of April 21, night of May 5, night of August 13, night of October 21, night of November 17 and the night of December 13.

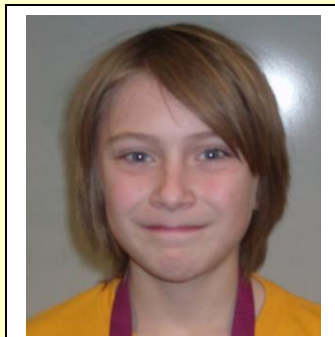
Man on the Street

by Abby Burquest

We asked people, "What is your New Years Resolution?"



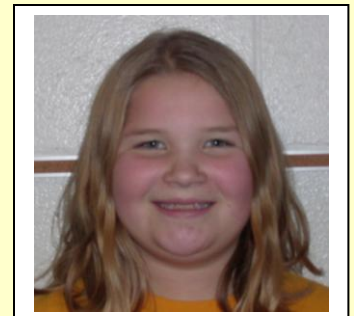
*Chloe Thue says
"To drink a lot more
Orange Juice"*



*Luke Geiser says
"To drink less soda"*



*Mr. Denny says
"To keep my house
clean"*



*Taylor Glebe says
"To improve in
basketball"*



*1st Grade
Snowmen Project*



Snowmen in the Making

by Eli Simonson

The 1st graders here at Parkers Prairie Elementary were busy before Christmas. I had a chance to speak with one of the 1st grade teachers, Mrs.Kellen. She told me that they start out with a plastic bottle and then cover it with sculpt a mold and add water and that forms a paste. It takes one whole week to dry.

Both 1st grade classes do snowmen. This has been a 1st grade tradition many, many years. Mrs.Kellen's favorite part is seeing the finished result and the kid's reaction to their final project. The 1st graders put detail with marker and fabric. I hope you enjoyed making snowmen or will in the coming future.

Box Tops Pay Off!

by Haley Poynter

I interviewed Mrs. Cronk and found out why we collect box tops. She said "The profits from box tops have helped to fund the school wide family fun night. The average amount of box tops collected is about 9,000 which equals 900 dollars for the school. The school uses the money to buy sleds and other play ground equipment".

So convince your parents that eating Reeses Puffs, Cookie Crisp and other favorite cereals really is a great idea.

Mr. Wagner's Cooking

by Jonathon Schwartz

Mr. Wagner cooks food on Friday if his class is good. His students bring money for pop sometimes, and Mr. Wagner find recipes and cooks them for the class. I asked Mr. Wagner why he does this and he said, "I do it as a reward for good behavior."

Spelling Bee

by Wil Hezlep

On January 17, 2012 the elementary school had a spelling bee. The participants were 5/6 grade students who are level 1 or 2 spellers. 25 kids participated in the spelling bee. The winner was (drum roll please)... Maddie Schroeder!

Ten kids out of the 25 advanced to the spelling bee at the high school. This will take place on January 31, 2012 at 1 p.m. It will be in the high school media center. The winners were Abigail Burquest, Chloe Thue grade 5. Wil Hezlep, Hunter Haggemiller, Cody Springer, Jake Martin, Maddie Schroedor, Hailey Marquardt, Morgan Allen, and Abbigail Thieshafer grade 6. This spelling bee will include kids in grades 5-8.

The winner of this spelling bee will advance to the regional spelling bee in Fergus Falls on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Good luck to everyone!



*Maddie Schroeder
Elementary Spelling Bee
Champion*

New Students

by Erica Woida



*Tiahna Hendershot
2nd Grader*

I interviewed Tiahna Hendershot here is what she said. "I am in Mrs. McDaniels second grade class and that I have made a lot of new friends since I began to go to PPES". She also said "Art is my favorite class because you get to make really fun art projects". Tiahna lived in Henning before she came to PPES. She also stated that "I like being at PPES because my dad, my aunt and my uncles went to PPES".

If you see Tiahna in the halls say hi.

Behind the Keyboard

by Hunter Haggemiller



*Wil Hezlep
Paw Print Reporter*

This month, the Paw Print is introducing a new feature; "Behind The Keyboard". This is a behind the scenes look at the activities at the Paw Print. The first reporter to be featured is Wil Hezlep. This is his 3rd year as a reporter for the Paw Print. His favorite part about Paw Print is finding out about cool things that are happening around the school. His favorite article of all time was the Harry Potter Movie Review, which you can check out in the December 2010 edition of the newspaper. His favorite thing to do outside of school is hanging out with friends and cousins.

That's all from Behind The Keyboard. See you next time.

Another Man on the Street

by Luke Geiser

We asked people, "What was your favorite Christmas present?"



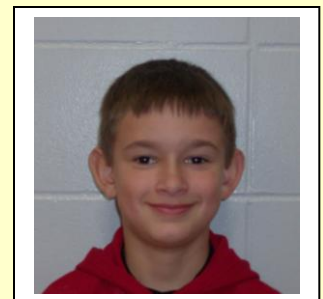
*Brock Peterson says
"A full sized football"*



*Dominic Doble says
"A PS 3"*



*Haile Lenzen says
"Bottled perfume"*



*Lucas Kies says
"Ipod Touch"*



Elementary Wrestling

by Graham Larson

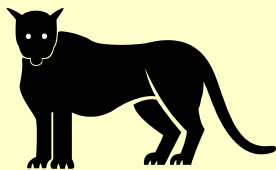
Wrestling is here! If you are one of those people that like to know a few things about a sport before you join, I will tell you a few things about wrestling before you join. Rick Arvidson is the Coach. We meet in the little gym in the high school. Wrestling is held every Monday and Thursday. If you join you will learn moves, go to tournaments, and win trophies! That is all. I hope you win some trophies.

Boys Basketball

by Grant Euteneuer

Have you ever wondered what they do at boys basketball? If you have then I think I may have some answers for you. I interviewed their coach Kim Blake. Kim told me that they teach basic fundamentals like dribbling and shooting. They also teach sportsmanship, teamwork and to just have fun. They do it so kids get motivated for sports. The practices are held in the elementary school gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays the tournaments are every other weekend on Saturdays at various sites.

Any boy in 5th and 6th grade is welcome so come on and get on the court!



Joke Answers

Because the Salad was Dressing

Because they have 2 left feet.

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*More from Kindergarten
More Snowmen from 1st Grade*

