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Lego Club

by Abigail Koep

Lego Club is here and it's the place to be! There are 63 kids in Lego Club and they meet at the library in the Elementary School every Thursday from after school to 4:30.

Kris Wagner is in charge of Lego Club. I asked her how she thinks kids can express themselves with legos. She said legos give kids the chance to be creative and build all sorts of things. I also asked Kris what she thought was more popular: lego kits or bins. She thought bins. I asked the kids what they thought was better. Kits won, but barely.

Some fun facts from Ducksters.com are that kids all over the world spend about *5 billion hours* playing with legos. Another fun fact is that legos are used for engineering and other technical fields. In other words, you're never too old to play with legos.

Lego Club is looking for donations. If you have any legos, new or used, please drop them off in the Elementary School office. Thank you for your support.

Cub Scouts

by Wil Hezlep

Have you ever wondered what they do in Cub Scouts? Well, I'll tell you. You learn about the outdoors, get to go on cool camping trips, help your community, learn about being a good citizen, learn how to tie knots, and a lot of other things. At your meetings, sometimes you make cool projects and maybe learn something new, there's almost always a theme.

By doing certain things you can earn belt loops and badges. At some point in the year, you get to make pinewood derby cars and then race them. You also get to make boats and race them, too. If you do good enough, you can even win a trophy.

If this sounds good to you, join Cub Scouts! Our Packmaster is T.J. Schlosser (218-943-1353) - the Parkers Prairie Cub Scouts are always happy to welcome new members.

Band

by Saren Smith

This winter the Paw Print Newspaper is talking about a lot of new things. In this article we're going to give you an inside look on Band for the 5th and 6th graders.

You can start band in 5th grade. There are lots of instruments to choose from. If you are not in band you get to be in choir with Ms. Pearson. The Band teacher is Mr. Plasek. He is amazing! He can play all of the band instruments and more! When you are in Band you have lessons once a week. The 6th grade Band had a Concert at Christmas. In the spring the 5th grade band students get to join the 6th grade band students for a large band concert.

Before you know it you'll be playing like a pro!!



Kris Wagner
Lego Club
Parent Volunteer

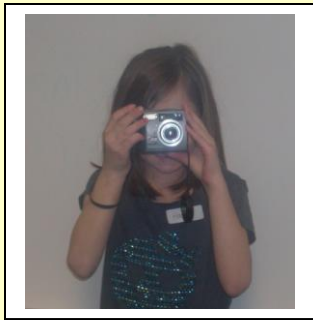
Need A Laugh?

What runs but never walks?

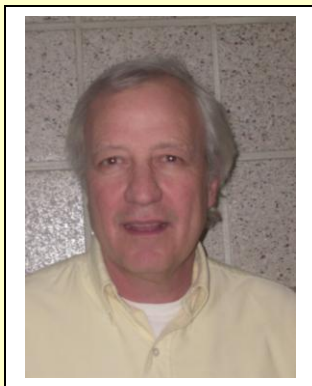
Water

What kind hair does an ocean have?

Wavy



*Haile Lenzen
3rd Grader
Photo Club.*



*Mr. Parsons
3rd Grade Teacher.*

Checkmate!

by Sam Koegel

Checkmate! That means “Gotcha “ in chess . Abigail Koep is a chess player and also goes to a chess club right here in Parkers Prairie MN!

Do you like chess? Many people do! Would you like to join the 13-15 person chess club? Well swing on in on Monday or Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 and sign up!

When you join you get to go to competitions and compete against other kids who also like chess. But the best part? You don’t need to know how to play chess! You will be taught how. Ages are 1st grade to 12th grade! Sign up!

Books Galore

by Matthew Arens

Have you ever wanted to be the person who gets to pick out which books to buy for the library? You might not want to be. There are a lot of things to take into consideration. When Mrs. Cronk tries to find books she sometimes goes on special web sites. These sites list the “hottest “books for a certain groups. Other times she gets special recommendations from teachers and students.

How do these books get paid for? The elementary library is allowed a certain amount of money. The book fair profit also goes toward this cost. Book fair profit is also used to pay for AR.

Read on!

Snap Shot!

by Karley Colberg

Hey all you picture takers, I had a chance to hang out with the photo club and I had so much fun. The photo club kids are currently grades 2 through 6, but was open to grades K-6. The kids names are; 6th grade Shelby Sowers, Naija Woods, Joey Kastner, 5th Sammie Kastner, Maisie Poynter, Justin Thiel, 4th Maddie Schroeder, Brady Hoppe, Nicole Albert, Micah Martan, 3rd Haile Lenzen, and finally in 2nd Jordan Schroeder.

Vanessa Lenzen is in charge of the photo club and they meet once a month. They take photos and learn how to use camaras.

So keep clicking and snapping those pictures.

Teacher Feature

by Katie Koegel

Have you ever seen Mr. Parsons sailing the seven seas? Some of his favorite sports are skiing, sailing and canoeing. He loves to go to Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Parsons can’t wait every morning to see his class and just have fun! One student had an excuse of spilling chocolate on their homework!

Mr. Parsons has been teaching in Parkers Prairie for thirty years and was only planning to stay for two years. I learned some awesome stuff about Mr. Parsons. I hope you did too!

5th/6th Grade Combo Class

by Kathryn Burquest

My article is about how 5th and 6th graders like being in the combo class and why they think this way. I interviewed Courtney Meissner and Benn Westfall from 5th grade, Tanner Johanson and Caroline Carlson from 6th grade and Mr. Denny.

Question #1: Is it weird being in a combination class with 5th or 6th graders rather than being in a class with just your grade?

Courtney: It is fun.

Benn: No.

Tanner: Kind of because I don't really know all of the 5th graders and most of my friends are in Mr. Wagner's class.

Caroline: Not really.

Question #2: Do you like being in a combo class rather than being in a class with just your grade?

Benn: I would rather be in a plain 5th grade class.

Tanner: It's been fun getting to know 5th graders but, it would be fun to be in Mr. Wagner's class because they have lots of parties.

Caroline: I was in it last year, I don't mind it.

Question #3: Is there anything that you would change about the combo class to make it better?

Courtney: No. Benn: No. Tanner: No, not really. Caroline: No.

I was expecting something more like Mr. Denny should be nicer. Just kidding, Mr. Denny is really nice.

Question #4: What do you like most about being in the combo class?

Courtney: To have the same teacher again as in 3rd grade.

Benn: You learn more because you learn what the 6th graders learn.

Tanner: I like having Mr. Denny as a teacher.

Caroline: To be with the other grade and meet new people.

Question #5: Is it easier (for 6th graders) or harder (for 5th graders), being in a combo class rather than just your grade?

Courtney: No.

Benn: Yeah.

Tanner: It's easier because sometimes 5th graders get different directions.

Caroline: No because you have more responsibility.

Finally I interviewed Mr. Denny about how he feels about teaching the 5th and 6th graders.

Question #1: Do you like teaching 5/6th graders rather than 3rd graders and why?

Mr. Denny: There are fun things about both ages. 3rd graders like school, try hard, and like their teachers. 5/6th graders are awesome and I love their discussion and conversation in class. I like teaching about the things they're learning, and both ages brought me food so they're great.

Question #2: Is it easier or harder teaching a combo class than a single grade classroom?

Mr. Denny: It's more difficult, you have to prepare more.

Question #3: Is this the first time you've ever taught a combo class? If it isn't, where did you previously teach a combo class?

Mr. Denny: No my first year teaching in Alaska I taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grade.

Question #4: What other things do you do for Parkers Prairie School?

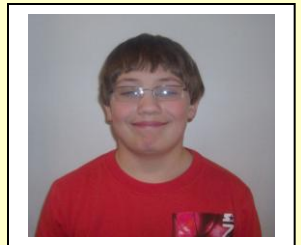
Mr. Denny: I'm the Assistant Coach for Girls Tennis and the Head Baseball Coach, teach targeted services and I'm on the technology committee.



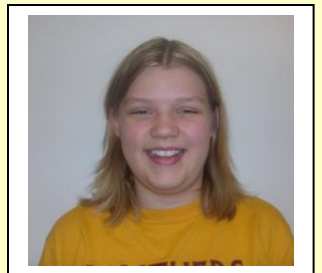
*Courtney Meissner
5th Grader*



*Benn Westfall
5th Grader*



*Tanner Johanson
6th Grader*



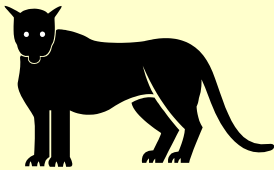
*Caroline Carlson
6th Grader*



*Mr. Denny
5th/6th Grade Combo
Teacher*



Mr. Plasek
5th/6th Grade Band
Teacher



Need Another Laugh?

Why did the Hen cross the road?

To prove she wasn't chicken.



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Meet the Staff

by Riley Springer

I interviewed Mr. Plasek. Mr. Plasek is the 5th and 6th grades band teacher. In 5th grade you can start band. He has taught here for 4 years. In High School he liked to play the trumpet, but now he likes the tuba.

Mr. Plasek grew up on a dairy farm in Pine City, Minnesota. His favorite food is enchiladas, and his favorite color is green. Mr. Plasek is married and has two kids, Carter who is in Mrs. Carlson's class and Isabel who is 3. They live on the east side of the train tracks.

Mr. Plasek helps with the food self and also with the Thanksgiving community dinner. He is the National Honors Society adviser and puts most of the stuff on the school website (www.isd547.com). He just put a video of the first edition of our Paw Print Newspaper on our school website.

If you see Mr. Plasek in the halls say hello!

Sports & Activities

by Riley Springer

The Winter Sports are here! The sports are Elementary Wrestling that started for kindergarteners through 6th grade and 5th and 6th grades girls and boys basket ball.

In girls basket ball there are 12 6th graders and 11 5th graders. The girls' coaches are Brad Ost and Lisa Nori. They had their first games on Saturday Jan. 9, 2010. The 5th graders won one of their three games and 6th the graders lost all three. The girls play on Jan. 23, 2010 in Perham so good luck there!

The boys have 8 6th graders and around 15 5th graders. The boys' coaches are Peter Lind and Austin Samuelson. On Jan. 16, 2010 the boys had their first games. The 5th graders won one out of three and the 6th graders lost all three games. The boys' next three games are in Parkers on Jan. 30, 2010 so good luck to them here!

That is all the sports info for now, we well keep you all updated!

Lego Club Fun!

