

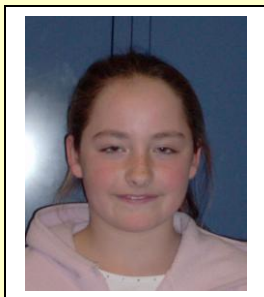


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*Sadie LeBlanc
New 5th Grader*

Prairie Fire Theatre

by Katie C.

Prairie Fire Theatre came, and taught us the play, A Midsummer Nights Dream. It went from March 2nd to March 6th. We worked hard on this play for just a week, but by March 6th, we were ready to go.

We had some pretty important characters, some of them were the Fantastic Four. They were Cody Johanson, who was Lysander; Jared Sowers, who was Demetrius; Tamera Schmidt, who was Hermia; and Shelby Westad, who was Helena. Our directors were Megan, who played Puck, and Daniel, who played Bottom.

During one of our practices, we beat the Minnesota state record for doing the

play in less time than any school in our state. This practice was called, The Double Time, Over do it, Run Through. Bemidji school got the time of 1 hour, 1 minute, 8 seconds. We got 1 hour, 1 minute, 4 seconds. It was tough, but we beat it.

This was a great experience for grades 2nd and up. We all enjoyed it, and had a lot of fun, and laughs.



Book Fair

by Riley S.

At the book fair that took place in the library March 3rd -6th, the most popular book was the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and The Magic Tree House series. The book fair raised \$1001.89.

May 11 - 15th there is going to be a book fair where everything is half price!

Theme Week

Theme week was the week of March 2nd - 6th, because of Read Across America. On Monday it was Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, Tuesday was dress for the Oscars, Wednesday was Disney day,

Thursday was Action Hero day, and Friday it was Hooray for Hollywood!

Read and Share

If you have gently used books that you don't want any more bring them to school and put them in the popcorn box by the front door or in the ticket booth by the library.

The books donated are for the Read and Share program!

New Students

by Leah O. & Grace R.

Sadie LeBlanc moved here from Meeker Colorado and is in the 5th grade. Sadie came here in December. Sadie likes it here better than her old school. Sadie likes to read and run.

Sadie has a 4 year old sister and a 15 year old sister. Sadie's favorite subject in school is reading.

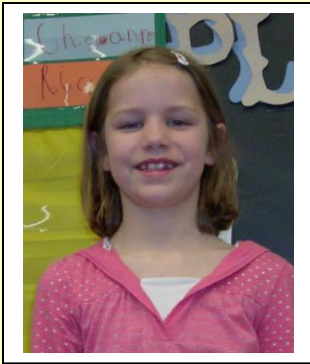
So, if you haven't met Sadie yet say 'Hi', and welcome her to our school.



Need A Laugh?

A cowboy rides into town on Friday, stays there for 3 days, and leaves on Friday.

How is that possible?



*Hali Moske
1st Grader*



*Prairie Fire Theatre Actors:
Sarah Bunde, Sierra Nori,
and Sam Hoppe*



*Prairie Fire Theatre Actors:
Miranda Larson
and Angel Koep*

Kindergarten News

Have you been wondering what the kindergarteners have been up to? With a quick visit to Mrs. Duberowski's room we have learned a few things they have been working on lately. In art class they colored a United States flag and also made a picture of Abraham Lincoln. Another fun activity the kindergarteners did was to take a picture in a hat and beard and told what they would do as the President. I wish I could have heard

First Grade News

The first graders have been doing some pretty interesting things to try to stop bullying in its tracks. A first grader Hali Moske told us what she and her class have been doing to try to stop bullying and to say thanks to the people who have been nice. She told us that she has written some nice notes and then handed them in to the teacher so that she can read them at snack time. First graders can also write nice

Second Grade News

We went to the second graders to see how they liked the play, A Midsummer Nights Dream. They said they loved it, and said it was really funny.

The second graders really enjoyed Gavin Schimdt, who's best and funniest line was "Yeah!" They also really liked when they pulled an audience member out to play the part of Bob: the hole in the wall. Their favorite characters

Third Grade News

We interviewed Katie Koegel about the third graders writing letters to pen pals. Katie said she is writing to Mara and Mariya from North Dakota.

In their letters, Katie and her classmates write about themselves and ask questions about their pen pals. We asked her if they got a letter back from their pen pals. She said that they have not received a reply yet. Katie said

by Leah O. and Hanna R.

those answers!

I interviewed Mrs. Erickson's class and it worked out wonderfully. We asked some questions like what art work have they done lately. They told us about how they're working on a "How To" book and some things on imagination. They are having a field trip, but it's going to be a surprise. For St. Patrick's Day they made leprecons and learned how to say "Top of the mornin' to you."

by Saren S. & Sierra N.

notes to people in the other first grade class. When first graders write nice notes they get to read them to the entire class. Those first graders are taking a big step to making our school a better place.



by Katie C. & Brandt S.

were, Titania, Lysander, Helena, Oberon, The Duke, Flute/Thisbe, Bottom, Moth, and Mustard Seed. A couple of their favorite lines in the play were, "Yeah!", "Thus I die!", "God Bathe the King", and "God Save the Queen".

The second graders really enjoyed it, and can't wait to do it again.

by Sarah K. and Saren S.

they write to other third graders. She said their teacher's name is Mrs. Hardwick. Katie said not everyone writes to two people. Mr. Denny picks people that he thinks can handle two people. She says that the letters are two paragraphs long.

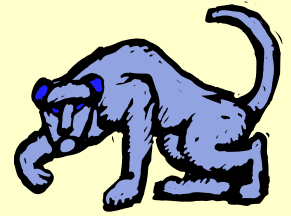
I think the third graders are having fun in writing. Hopefully, they will get a reply.

Fourth Grade News

Fourth graders in both Mrs. McBrady and Mrs. McDaniel's classrooms are learning how to write letters to a company, a Minnesota Pro sports team, and a government official. The students' letters are graded on spelling and how well written. One classroom sent letters to Hershey chocolate company, and they have since received brochures back. The other class wrote to The Independent Newspaper in Parkers Prairie to submit an article asking

by Sam M. & Sarah K.

others to recycle ink cartridges. Mrs. McDaniel said students could choose their own sports team. Some students wrote to the Vikings, some wrote to the Minnesota Twins, some other students wrote to the Lynx, and the Minnesota Wild teams. The Vikings sent a team poster, while the Twins sent a team photo, baseball cards, and stickers. Some wrote to President Obama and received a history of the White House.



Fifth Grade News

5th grade is opening a snack store called The Wacky Snack Shack.

They are selling: Go-gurt, Granola bars, Cereal packs, Cheese sticks, Crackers, and Fruit snacks, **only 25 cents each.**

They are located in the lunch room, and are open daily from 8:00 to 8:20 a.m.

Come and buy a snack and get a great deal!

by Abigail K. and Caroline C.



5th Grade
Math Masters

Sixth Grade News

D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Sierra interviewed Police Chief Doug Whiting about D.A.R.E. Doug has been doing D.A.R.E. for 17 years! He does it for his job, but he also enjoys it. Sierra also interviewed Sarah Bunde. One of the facts she learned was that alcohol is the #1 drug used by under age kids. The D.A.R.E program is a 12 week program.

by Sierra N. and Sarah K.

Sarah interviewed Logan Nibbe. One of the things he learned were the effects that drugs and alcohol have on people. Logan's favorite things about D.A.R.E. were the field trip and the lessons.

Congratulations To The 6th Graders and Good Luck To Next Years 5th Graders!!!!



6th Grade Store

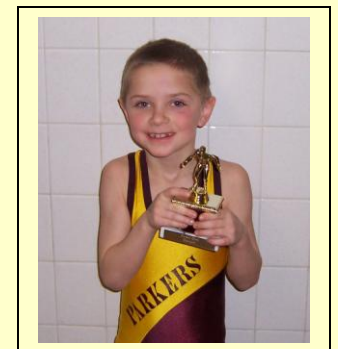
Student Council News

The student council conducted a food drive at the school again this year. The Prairie Food Shelf Volunteers sent a letter to our school and it said, "Dear members of the student council and students of Parkers Elementary, Thank you for having a food drive for the Prairie Food Shelf. You donated an amazing amount of food and other items. There are many families who depend on the Food Shelf and our

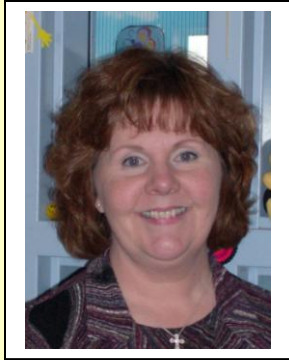
by Caroline C.

shelves are well stocked thanks to you. It is so great that the students at PPES are so willing to help people in need. Sincerely, Prairie Food Shelf Volunteers."

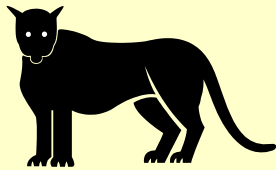
The student council members are: Jocelyn McKeon, Brian Westfall, Samantha Hoppe, Logan Nibbe, Maggi Hortan, Mitchell Kalpin, Shelby Sowers, Tanner Johanson, Sarah Koep, Devin Glebe, Matthew Arens, Grace Roers, and Mrs. Bartlett.



Alex Koep, 1st Grader
Elementary Wrestling



LeeAnn Cronk
Librarian



Trivia Question

Can you name the three main layers of the earth?

Last Editions Trivia Answer:
Our school opened in 1957.

Riddle from Page 1 Answer:

The horse was named Friday.

We're on the Web!
<http://www.isd547.com>

Meet LeeAnn Cronk

Everybody knows our fantastic librarian, LeeAnn Cronk!

She grew up in New Prague, Minnesota. When she was five years old, she got her first pony. Mrs. Cronk has two brothers and two sisters. She was the youngest. Mrs. Cronk has one horse that is housed at a stable outside Parkers Prairie. She loves horses so much because they have

by Sam K. and Erica R.

always been a part of her family.

Mrs. Cronk has been a librarian since 1997; that's 11 years! She has always loved books, but her favorite book is Follow the River. Mrs. Cronk decides on what books to buy by student recommendations. Why does she like smiley faces so much? They are universal symbol for happiness!

Sports & Activities

6th Grade Math Masters

The 6th Grade Math Masters competition was in Alexandria on Friday the 13th of March. Two team members were unable to attend and the two alternates Nicholas Shircliff and James Vosburgh got to help the team. Due to computer problems we are not sure what place the team got, but Sarah Bunde placed in the top ten for the fact drill. Mrs. Christopherson was the coach.

Congratulations to the 6th Grade Math Masters!

5th Grade Math Masters

The 5th Grade Math Masters were announced on Friday March 13th. Members are Regan Onken, Brandt Smith, Elizabeth Wippler, Javelynn Kelm, Abigail Koep, Shelby Sowers, and Riley Springer. The competition is on

by Riley S.

Friday, April 24th in Osakis. Mr. Harrison is the coach.

Congratulations and good luck!

Sports Update

Elementary Wrestling is almost over.

3rd and 4th Grade boys basketball ended on Friday March 20th.

6th Grade boys basketball is still going on and had a tournament on Saturday, March 21st in Barrett.

5th Grade boys basketball is done.

The basketball coach far all four grades was Jeff Vosburgh and the assistant was Sandy Yohnke.



6th Grade
D.A.R.E.
Graduation

