The Paw Print

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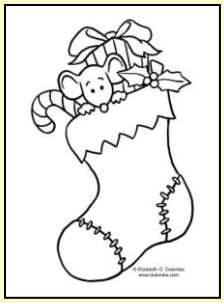

The Paw Print Returns

by Matthew Arens

It's the beginning of the second quarter and the Paw Print is back up and running! We're here to give you the latest school news, exclusive teacher interviews, and some jokes and trivia to top it off.

Even now in the Paw Prints third year of running, there are still some questions unasked, some answers not given. For this reason, I'm going to give you the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" of the paw print school newspaper in a special interview with our Coordinator/director Laurie Koep.

Who is in the Paw Print?

This year we have 13 students from grades 4-6. Fourth Graders: Chloe, Grant, Kaylee. and Megan. Fifth Graders: Katie, Maddie, Hunter, Cody, and Wil. Sixth Graders: Sarah, Matthew, Sammie, and Kathryn.

What does the Paw Print do?

The Paw Print creates a monthly newspaper. The kids brainstorm article ideas, assign articles and prepare interviews at one meeting. At the next meeting, they edit their articles and put the paper together. They also learn about photo editing, power point, and movie editing. The Paw Print also has used the Flip Mino to put video articles online.

When does the Paw Print meet?

They meet every first and third Tuesday of each month.

Where does the Paw Print meet?

The computer lab at the elementary school.

Why did you start the Paw Print?

I wanted to add some extra learning opportunities for kids at the elementary school. The reporters get some experience in public speaking while interviewing people. Not to mention the writing experience. It also provides a place to introduce kids to more computer technologies.

How did you get the idea to start the Paw Print?

I worked with Mrs. Gordy, the elementary principal, to make this happen.

Thanks Laurie! Now you know the who, what, when, where, why and how about the Paw Print!

Stocking Stuffer Challenge

by Sarah Koep

Clothes, pony tails, lotion, games, toys…these are just a few of the things that you would find in a Stocking Stuffer box.

According to Summer Dobratz, 4-H member, this is what the Stocking Stuffer Challenge is all about. She said that grades kindergarten through twelfth participated in the challenge. Kindergarten through third grade decorated the boxes, and fourth grade through twelfth grade brought in items to fill the boxes.

Summer told me that the boxes were given to people who were in need of them. This challenge started on November 1st and ended on November 12th. The Country Bumpkins 4-H club sponsored the Stocking Stuffer Challenge. I hope you participated in the challenge.

Need A Laugh?

What is Black and White and Read all over??

The Paw Print Newspaper!!!

Prairie Christmas

by Maddie Schroeder

Is it a cold snowy day and are you looking for something fun to do? If you are, Prairie Christmas is the thing for you! Prairie Christmas is an event that is sponsored by the Pride of Lions, where crafters and vendors sell their product, Santa pays us a visit, and local people share their talents as entertainment. Speaking of crafters/vendors there will be 75-100 there!

We have Prairie Christmas because it's a fun local event, there's fundraising, the Pride of Lions also collect food for the food shelf, and the money raised goes to different youth groups.

Prairie Christmas will be held on December 4th from 9am-3pm at the Parkers Prairie High School. Remember mark your calendars, because Prairie Christmas is coming to town!

Some Popular Books
Check out our
GREAT Library!!

Popular Books

by Sammie Kastner

Have you ever wondered what the popular books are in your library? For those 5th and 6th graders, a lot of the boys seem to like *The Alex Rider Series*. The girls seem to be reading *The Bacon Street Girls* books. For those Non-Fiction readers the *Who Was* books are quite popular.

For the 3rd and 4th graders, *Lego Exo-Force* seems to be read by the boys. For the girls, *Allie Finkles Rules for Girls* are popular. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Geronimo Stilton* are read by both girls and boys.

Now for the 1st and 2nd graders, the popular books they read are *Fly Guy* and *Magic Tree House*. Some more are *Junie B. Jones* and *Especially Mammals*.

So if any of these books interest you they can all be found in your school library.

New Members Coming Aboard

by Katie Koegel

Say hello to the two new school board members, Sheryl Myers and Glenn Cornish. Sheryl Myers will be replacing Kirk Lee and Glenn Cornish will be replacing Lonnie Benzinger. Their new terms will begin on January 1st, 2011.

The purpose of the school board is to make sure students get the best education they can. They make decisions about the school budget, superintendent, safety and learning goals.

School board members are elected for either a two year term or a four year term. This gives other people a chance to be a school board member.

Anyone from the public can attend a meeting. They are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the high school media center.

Damian Gonzalez
6th Grader

New Students

by Kathryn Burquest

Have you met Damian Gonzalez? He is in 6th grade and is in Mr. Wagner's class.

Damian used to live in Long Prairie and went to Long Prairie Elementary School. I asked Damian what he likes about Parkers Prairie, he said he likes that he has a lot more friends. Damian said that if he could change anything he would have 1 hour snack breaks. Damian wants to go into the Army when he gets older. Damian's favorite color is green and his favorite number is 8. Damian said that a bat is his favorite animal. Damian also told me that he likes sports and that his favorite sport is skateboarding.

If you see Damian in the halls say hi!

Smartboards

by Grant Euteneuer

Mrs. McBrady, Mrs. Christopherson, Mr. Denny, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Grabow, Mrs. Welch, and the Activity Room all have smartboards! Smartboards are interactive white boards that allow us to use technology in our teaching and learning. We got them to use more technology to interact with our learning and to motivate students to learn.

The first ones we got in the fall of 2009: Mrs. Christopherson, Mr. Denny, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Grabow, and the Activity Room got them. Smartboards are helping kids learn more by making them pay closer attention and by being actively involved.

I wish that every classroom could have a smartboard!

Mrs. McBrady With a Smartboard

Fourth Grade Field Trip

by Megan Arens

The fourth grade classes are going on a field trip! There will be 2 teachers, Mrs. Olson and Mrs. McBrady. There will also be two other adults. They are going to see "The Princess and the Frog". The play is being performed at Minnesota State University in Moorhead. The trip is on Thursday, November 18, 2010. The reason for this field trip is for a cultural experience. The fourth grade classes will get to have lunch at McDonalds in Moorhead – what a treat!

Unfamiliar Champion

by Hunter Haggenmiller

For the first time since 1954, the San Francisco Giants have won the 2010 World Series. They clinched a playoff spot on the last day of the regular season. They beat the Texas Rangers in 5 games with superstars like, Tim Lincicum, Matt Cain, Jonathan Sanchez, Pablo Sandoval, Buster Posey, and Cody Ross. Our Minnesota Twins were the first team to clinch their division but were swept by the New York Yankees in 3 games. We hope the Twins can bounce back and win it all in 2011.

Here Today Gone Tomorrow

by Cody Springer

Did the Vikings really think that getting WR Randy Moss was going to help them? If QB Brett Favre had been playing at his best, it could have been a good thing. As it turned out, Favre and Moss just couldn't connect. Moss was with us for four games and we only won one game and had 13 receptions. Just like the first time we had Moss, Moss's attitude got him in trouble. He was then placed on waivers and was traded to Tennessee Titans.

Man on the Street

by Wil Hezlep

We asked people **"What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?"**

Owen Hezlep likes Turkey.

Mr. Denny Likes Grandma Denny's Pecan Pie.

Jake Martin Likes dark meat turkey.

Lori Henning Likes cranberry salad.

Mrs. Olson
4th Grade Teacher

Teacher Feature

by Chloe Thue

Have you ever wanted to know all about Mrs. Olson, our new 4th grade teacher? Well, if you do here's your chance.

The first question I asked Mrs. Olson was, "How do you like teaching"? She answered, "Teaching is great and I have an awesome class. My class is well behaved, and has excellent manners. They are smart and love to learn."

During her free time, she likes to spend time in her boat fishing and reading. In the winter, she likes to snowmobile with her family.

Mrs. Olson's favorite color is turquoise. I asked her what her favorite food was and she answered, "I like Mexican food."

Mrs. Olson has three pets. She has two dogs and one cat. Her dogs' names are Dixie and Hank. Dixie is a Basset Hound and Hank is a nine month old puppy. Her cat's name is Brophy. She's a year and a half and gets into a lot of trouble.

Mrs. Olson lives over by Garfield with her husband, Jon.

Miracle Horse Riders:
Angel Koep riding Polly
Lindsey riding Polly
Neil riding Blackjack

Miracle Horse Riders

by Kaylee Esterberg

What is it? It is a therapeutic riding program for people with special needs. Who gets to ride? Kids and adults with special needs ride our horses. What do they do? They ride horse for therapeutic benefits. Why do they ride horse? They ride for balance, muscle strength, and flexibility. Where? They go to Rolling Rock Ranch near Urbank. How? There are volunteers who help them.

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