

## Peters Hosts Family STEM Night

by Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade

On April 2, Peters held its first annual Family STEM Night. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. More than 300 people came to this event. Students completed tasks such as construction activities, design challenges, a paper airplane contest, and more.

“STEM is a Union district initiative and is a way of thinking. It is a problem-based approach to learning. We are trying to introduce families to the STEM approach, so they will know what their kids are learning in school,” said Mrs. Harding.

In the paper airplane contest, families built paper airplanes, then had three tries to throw them as far as they could. The Shaw family won the challenge and received four tickets to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum which were donated by the Tulsa Air and Space Museum.

Another event was called Tower



Third grader Ezequiel Palos attempts to remove a supporting cup in the activity “Tumbling Towers” during Family STEM Night on April 2.

Discovery. In this challenge, families were limited to six sheets of newspaper and one meter of tape. The goal was to build the tallest tower possible that could hold a baseball.

“I liked the activities because they were challenging,” said fourth grader Alex Bateman.

Peters teachers and staff organized the free event. Many former Peters students volunteered to help at each station.

“A lot of parents told me that this is the best event we’ve had at Peters so far. Thank you to all the volunteers. We couldn’t have done it without you.” said Mrs. Gray.

## Academic Team Buzzes In!

by James Huffman, 5th Grade and Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade

In early March, the fourth and fifth grade academic teams traveled to Jarman for the Academic Tournament. Anderson, Jarman, and Peters academic teams competed in this tournament. Each school had two teams, so there were a total of six teams in each tournament.

Games were held in the science lab, the computer lab, and the ARC teacher’s room. Students ate lunch after the third round.

“I like hearing the kids answer questions that I don’t know,” said Shannon McClain, mother of fourth grader Brennan Stout.

At the end of the five rounds in the fourth grade tournament, Anderson 1 was undefeated and was awarded first place. Anderson 2, Peters 1, and Peters 2 all won three games and lost

two games, so they each tied for second place. However, according to tournament rules, a tie is broken by adding the total points scored by each team. Anderson 2 won the tie-breaker and was awarded second place, Peters 1 finished third, and Peters 2 was fourth.

At the end of the fifth grade tournament, Peters 1 was awarded first place and Jarman 1 was awarded runner-up.

Jasai Brunson, part of the fifth grade team said, “My favorite part of the meet was when we got seven questions correct in a row!”

“My favorite part of the meet was having fun and meeting students from other schools in the district,” said Peters fifth grader Amiyah Norwood.

“Academic team is a great way for students to demonstrate the knowledge acquired in school. I think it motivates them to learn more and pay attention to the world around them,” said Mrs. Harding.

## Upcoming Events

April 21—Choir Performance  
April 21—PTA Meeting  
April 23—Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip  
April 25—PTA Carnival  
May 1—1st Grade Aquarium Field Trip  
May 5—Sonic Spirit Night  
May 6—Chess Club  
May 7—4th Grade Science Fair  
May 8—3rd Grade Field Trip  
May 8—5th Grade GATE Renaissance  
May 12—McDonald Wizard of Oz  
May 13—Stone Wizard of Oz  
May 14—Knight Wizard of Oz  
May 14-20—5th Grade Rogers County  
May 15—Hall Wizard of Oz  
May 19—PTA Meeting  
May 19—1st Grade Picnic  
May 20—Pre-k Picnic  
May 21—Kindergarten Program/Picnic  
May 22—5th Grade Science Invasion  
May 22—2nd & 3rd Grade Picnics  
May 25—No School  
May 26—4th Grade Picnic  
May 29—5th Grade Picnic  
June 2—Last Day of School



# Let it Snow

by Mia Hastings, 5th Grade

Have you ever wondered why we have so many snow days? Some students in my class said that they just moved here from a northern state and that they have school when there is a foot of snow! To learn how Union decides when to cancel school for weather, I spoke to Union Assistant Superintendent, Charlie Bushyhead. He told me that we have snow days to keep kids safe.

“Northern states are better prepared to clean streets and we tend to get ice with our snow so it makes it more dangerous,” he said.

Union has used four of their six scheduled snow days. Last year, Union used so many snow days that the school day had to be extended.

“We have to take two main things into consideration. The first thing has to do with student safety and standing outside in the cold, and the second is if the kids will get to school on time,” Mr. Bushyhead said.



Administrators from Union, Jenks, Tulsa, and Broken Arrow districts all talk to each other to make the best decision about closing school.

“We have to consider teachers and employees, because if teachers

and employees have kids that go to different schools, then we have to try to make the best decision,” stated Mr. Bushyhead.

If no additional snow days are needed, school will end on June 2.

# 3.14.15 Pi Day $\pi$

by Mazie Waters, 4th Grade

Have you ever wondered what pi means? Pi is the ratio of a circumference of a circle to its diameter. It is also known as the numerical value of pi. The first digits of pi are 3.14159265. Pi is an irrational number, which means it keeps going on and on forever without repeating. It never stops!

Pi Day was on March 14, but because that was a Saturday, we celebrated it on March 13. Student Council sponsored a Pi Day contest. The contest was to see who could memorize the most digits of pi. The way to enter the contest was for students to write down all of the digits of pi that they had memorized. The person who memorized the most digits of pi won, well, what else—a pie!

Fourth grader Douglas Sawyer won the Pi Day contest. Douglas memorized 73 digits of pi.

“The reason I was excited to win was because I got to go home and eat the pie!” said Douglas.

Pi Day was special this year because it was the only day in this century that will have the first eight digits of pi (3-14-15 at 9:26 a.m./p.m.).

# Peep, Peep, Peep

by Sean Kester, 2nd Grade

Second grade GATE students are incubating chicken eggs. Fifth grader Daphne Crawford brought the eggs. One egg kept falling around in the incubator. An incubator is something that you put eggs in that keeps them warm so they will hatch. It takes twenty one days for chicken eggs to develop.

Three eggs have hatched so far. The chicks names are Woodstock, Lucy, and Linus.

Mrs. Salinas is going to let the chicks visit the art room so everyone will have the chance to see them.



# Disrespect Is Not Funny

Editorial

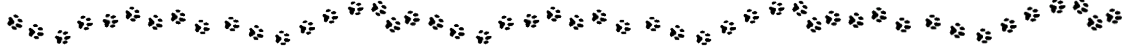
by Cameron Brashear, 4th Grade

Sometimes when people are trying to be funny, they actually are being disrespectful. There is no excuse for being funny if it hurts someone’s feelings.

Here are two ways to help know if you are being disrespectful. The first way is to think before you speak. For example, when you decide to do something funny, think to yourself, “Will this upset the other person?” If you think, “yes”, then you probably shouldn’t do it, but if you think, “no”, then you’re probably good to go.

If you’re always trying to be funny, but it comes out in a disrespectful way, then your grades in school could go down. You could be so focused on trying to be funny, you forget about your work. Next thing you know, you get a big fat zero. In my opinion, these are good reasons not to be disrespectful, even in a funny way.





# Meghana Venkatesha Wins Nicholas Green Award

by Xitlali Moreno, 5th Grade

Fifth grade student Meghana Venkatesha was awarded the Nicholas Green Award for leadership by the Oklahoma Association of Gifted, Creative and Talented (OAGCT). Mrs. Harding and Mr. Bowen nominated Meghana for the award. Meghana will be presented with a \$500 savings bond later this year.

The Nicholas Green Award is

for a talented student in every state. To apply for the award, students must fill out an application, write an essay, and get a recommendation letter. The award can be for artistic or academic achievements or for leadership.

The Nicholas Green Award is to honor the memory seven-year-old Nicholas Green who passed away in 1994. His parents donated all of his college money to the National Association of Gifted Creative and Talented (NAGCT). The NAGCT created the Nicholas Green Award program.

On Friday, February 20, Mrs. Harding, Ms. Cunningham, and Mr. Bowen went with Meghana and her parents to the OAGCT meeting in Stillwater, where she was honored as the 2015 award recipient.

“I felt excited when I heard that I won the award, but I couldn’t have done it without my teachers and friends who supported me throughout my education at Peters, especially Mrs. Harding, Mr. Bowen and Ms. Cunningham,” stated Meghana.

Mrs. Harding said, “I recommended Meghana for this award, not because of the numerous leadership roles she performs, but for the grace with which she performs them.”

# Being a Leader

by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade

Did you want Mitt Romney or Barack Obama to win the last presidential election? Even if your candidate did not win, it does not mean you should not respect the president that won.

You should respect the president even though you might not agree with all his policies. Being President of the United States is not an easy job. The president cannot listen to just one group’s opinion, but he has to consider the opinions of many different groups. He has to do what is good for the country, not just what his party wants.

For example, when you are captain or leader of a team, you have to listen to everyone’s ideas because you might not see the things that they see. You have to make sure everyone has a chance to share their ideas. Pretend that you are in charge of a school-wide project and have to raise \$500. Do you think that you could accomplish this on your own or be more successful working with a group of people?

When you are old enough to vote for the leader of our country, remember that it is a big responsibility for the leader and you should always respect their decisions.

# Peters Learns About College and Careers

by Lauren Hemm, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Harish Vaithianathan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Peters held College and Career Week from March 23-27.

“Career Week is when guest speakers come to each grade and talk about their careers,” said Mrs. Allen, Peters counselor and sponsor of the event.

Many different guest speakers came to Peters. Officer Hurst spoke to first grade about his career and what college he had to go attend to become a police officer. He let the first graders touch his bulletproof vest and the different parts of his uniform.

Engineers from Honeywell spoke to fifth graders. The engineers showed the fifth graders what they do. The engineers talked about the importance of science and math and gave advice on how to succeed in

school.

John Hoover, a sports writer for the Tulsa World, came to Peters to speak to the fourth graders. He showed all of his tools, including a huge collection of press passes. He told stories about people he has interviewed and showed video of himself interviewing famous athletes.

Dr. Jeff Schoenhals, a veterinarian, spoke to second and third graders. He told them what college students have to go to in order to become a vet. He spoke about his job and about his dog. He even brought his dog!

Chuck Adamson, a shoe cobbler, talked to kindergarteners about his business and showed them different kinds of shoes.

We have college and career week so students can get an idea of what they can be when they grow up,” said Mrs. Allen.

Throughout the week students wore clothing from their favorite colleges.

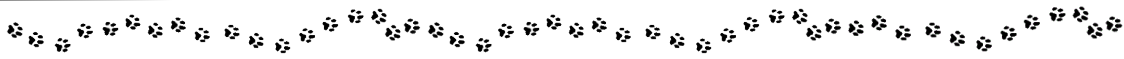


Paw Prints staff writer Lauren Hemm takes a selfie with sports writer John Hoover from the Tulsa World (above).

Honeywell engineers visit fifth grade to discuss careers in engineering (below).







Money For Metal

by Caris Fore, 4th Grade

PTA is collecting aluminum to reduce the waste sent to landfills and because of the value of a pound of aluminum. According to Clark Borgelt, PTA president, currently a pound, or about 25 cans, can sell for up to 60 to 65 cents. Peters PTA sees this as a way to generate money for PTA projects that benefit Peters students, the staff and the school.

“Initially we want to get students and the staff in the habit of recycling. Within a year, I hope that we can make \$25 or more per month,” said Mr. Borgelt.

“We ask that only aluminum beverage cans be brought, that they are crushed, and brought in a plastic grocery bag (like a used Walmart bag). It would also be very helpful to make sure the cans are empty before crushing so they do not get sticky or leave liquids in the bag,” said Mr. Borgelt.

Bring all your clean aluminum cans and place them in the big recycling can in the front lobby. In this way you will help Peters raise money for our school.

Disappearing Ducks

by Reilly Logan, 3rd Grade

Recently, the chess ducks have been disappearing. The chess duck is a rubber duck used for the mystery chess game in Mrs. Harding’s room.

Mrs. Harding put out a mallard duck for her chess game, but then the mallard duck DISAPPEARED. Then Mrs. Harding set out a white and blue polka-dot duck and then THAT duck vanished over spring break.

Nobody knows what happened to the ducks. Some people suspect there is a rubber hawk on the loose! So if you find the ducks please return them to Mrs. Harding’s room.

The reward is a tasty Twizzler.



Zoorassic Park Dinosaur

by Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade

Roar! Braxton Tempest, a former Peters student, won a contest by designing a dinosaur. To enter the contest students had to design a dinosaur on paper and send it to the zoo.

Hundreds of people entered the contest. The zoo staff picked the top five and their designs were put on Facebook where people voted for their favorites. Braxton received the most votes.

“The dinosaur colors are so wild, it is so unique,” said Leanne Taylor from News On 6.

The rewards for winning the contest were a free membership to the zoo, an appearance on News on 6, and the dinosaur’s design was painted on an animatronic robot.

“I had never done anything like it and I thought it would be a neat experience. I like to put myself out there and that’s exactly what I did,” said Braxton Tempest.

Sports at Peters

Editorial by Caris Fore, 4th Grade

I think that students should have the option of playing a sport in PE. Students at Peters should be able to choose a sport to play at school because that could help students be healthy and so that kids can get in the habit of being fit. Students could have the option of track, gymnastics and more but still have the same stretches and activities as regular PE. This could also be used as extra practice for sports that kids do after school. More PE coaches could be added for these extra sports so that practices could take place during regular PE time.

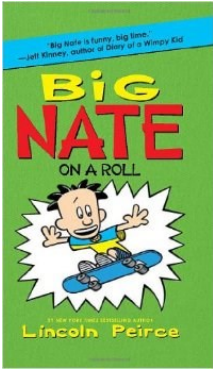
Peters is a green school but Peters also deserves to be a fit school.

Big Nate On A Roll

Book Review

by Reilly Logan, 3rd Grade

Nate Wright is having a little trouble with his friend Artur. Artur is messing up Nate’s week because Artur steals Jenny, Nate’s dream girl. Artur joins the Timber Scouts and Nate feels like he cannot get away from Artur.



Then Nate’s Timber Scout troop finds out that if you sell enough “Warm Fuzzies” in the fundraising contest, you can win prizes including a telescope. Warm Fuzzies are decorative wall hangings, with cheesy sayings underneath.

The most coveted prize in the contest is a customized skateboard. Nate REALLY wants to win the skateboard because his was lost in an oily pond when he had to stop quickly to avoid hitting a lady and her dog.

Nate quickly comes up with lots of schemes and plans to outsell Artur but of course not everything goes smoothly or easy. As we know from many of the other books in the series, Nate is not always the best of role models, but he seems to be a good kid overall. He is always resourceful and works hard at achieving his goal to win the skateboard.

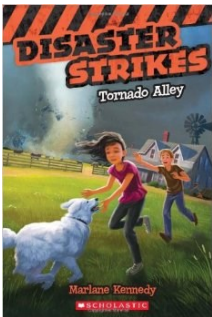
To see who wins the best prize, Artur or Nate, go to the Peters library and check out *Big Nate On A Roll*.

Disaster Strikes Tornado Alley

Book Review

by Aidan Byers, 3rd Grade

Wyatt Anderson isn’t excited to see his cousin, Alison. Alison has come to visit his Oklahoma ranch. Alison is excited because she gets to fish for the first time in her life.



Her cousin Wyatt isn’t having such a good time. But then some tornadoes form. It’s up to Wyatt, Alison and neighbors Joshua and Jackson to find shelter and to help the barn animals. Are they successful. ? Read *Disaster Strikes Tornado Alley*, by Amanda Ripley to find out.



# You Can't Stop the Beat

by Mason Kidd, 4th Grade  
and Taylor McDonald, 5th Grade



On March 2 and 6, Peters held their annual talent show in the gym. After the original February 27 date was canceled due to snow, the evening performance was rescheduled. The talents included singing, dancing, cheering, magic tricks, instrument playing, karate and more. Admission for the evening performance was \$2 for adult and \$1 for students. It was free for performers.

Music teacher Kelley Morris, Miss Cure, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Story, and Mrs. Gelnar organized the Peters Talent Show. The hosts for the talent show were Miss Story and Mrs. Long.

"The reason for the talent show is to give students the opportunity to show off their talents to friends, family, and students," said Mrs. Co-day.

"There were about 100-200 peo-

ple at the talent show. The PTA made \$624.11 at the talent show."

"The kids worked hard, and did a good job in the talent show," said Miss Story. "I think the parents enjoyed the talent show."

Mrs. Morris said "The hardest part of the talent show was getting everything organized, like deciding orders of acts, making sure all the recordings were the right length and securing teachers and students to help. I learned that it takes a lot of work behind the scenes by many people to make the talent show successful. I also learned that we have many talented students at Peters Elementary. I plan to do the talent show again next year. I really enjoyed the process of getting ready and helping students rehearse."

"I was nervous but I felt confident doing my act in the talent show," said fourth grader Cameron Brashear.

Kindergartener Lily Ketner said, "I liked the talent show because I got to perform in front of people."

"One of my favorite acts was when the girls flipped, because it looked hard," commented third grader Jack Arnold.



# Are You Smarter?

by Cambell Gniech, 5th Grade

On Tuesday, March 24, Peters Fifth Grade Academic team challenged their parents to a match.

Parents and students buzzed in to answer many different kinds of questions including Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, Humanities, Science. and Pop Culture.

Cody Paschall, a fifth grader on the academic team said 'Before the meet, I felt that we were going to beat the parents and the kids were going to win.'

It turns out, Cody was right to be confident. The fifth graders defeated their parents 31-29. However, their parents got revenge in a rematch, defeating the fifth graders in a partial game by a score of 31-16.

This is the second year that the fifth grade academic team has played their parents.

"It is a great opportunity for kids and parents to spend quality time together while learning," said Mr. Bowen.

# Dear Panther...

by Xitlali Moreno, 5th Grade  
Advice Columnist

Dear Panther,

Why do my friends always argue? They fight and yell at each other and they do a lot of competitions. They also have fights in the locker room. What should I do?

Sincerely,  
Trouble

Dear Trouble,

You should tell them to stop because then they won't even talk to each other. You could tell them to leave their differences behind and tell some things in common for them.

Your Pal,  
The Panther

Dear Panther,

I have a problem. There is a girl in my class who has been ticking me off. One time she spoiled my field trip. Lately I ask her to stop poking me or just messing with me but, she just will not stop. What should I do?

Sincerely,  
Ticked off

Dear Ticked off,

Tell the girl to stop because you don't like her doing that. If she sits next to you could ask the teacher if you could switch seats with someone else.

Your Pal,  
The Panther

Dear Panther,

I'm having some problems on the soccer field. They are cheating in soccer and they don't play fair. No one will stop. What should I do?

Sincerely,  
Soccer Player

Dear Soccer Player,

If people are cheating at the soccer field than tell them that's not fair and that that's not how you play in soccer. If they don't stop, you could ask a teacher to watch the soccer games outside.

Your Pal,  
The Panther





# Dunk That Duck

by Lauren Hemm, 4th grade

Have you ever played Dunk-a-Duck or Duck-a-War at the Peters Carnival? The school carnival will be on April 25 from 3:00 through 7:00. Kids can come in at that time and play games, ride rides, and eat food. It costs one \$0.50 ticket to play Dunk-a Duck or Duck-a-War. Wrist bands don't work because it is a special fundraiser for the solarium.

Dunk-a-Duck is where students have to try to knock down a toy duck. Each grade is represented by a duck. The duck that gets knocked

down the most wins an extra recess for their grade level!

Duck-a-War is a game where students have squirt guns and try to get the toy duck to the other side. The student who is the fastest wins some candy. If you like candy, then please donate some to game sponsor, Mrs. Harding before the carnival.

All of the money that Dunk-a-Duck and Duck-a-War raise goes to the solarium for maintenance. The fourth grade solarium club is very excited to be running these games. So make sure you stop at Dunk-a-Duck and Duck-a-War and support the solarium.



The Peters Carnival is sponsored by PTA and will be held on April 25 from 3 to 7 p.m.

# Pre-k Shows Love

by Caris Fore, 4th Grade

On March 5, pre-k put up a chandelier in Mrs. Gray's office. All of pre-k worked together to build it.

The chandelier is made of beads and wire. Mrs. McCoy, a pre-k teacher, thought of the idea. Pre-k put up the chandelier to make Mrs. Gray happy.

Mrs. McCoy said that it took about a month to build the chandelier. "We do one about once a month," she explained.

Pre-school student Zoe Sanders said that her favorite part of making the chandelier for Mrs. Gray was making it for her.

"They invited me down in their room first. I felt like the luckiest person in Peters Elementary that day." said Mrs. Gray.

# Lira's Class Top Seller

by Taylor McDonald, 5th Grade

Peters students were motivated by the Great American Company to sell items for the spring fundraiser. There was an assembly to inform students about an opportunity to sell jewelry, magazines, candy, candles and more.

Students were excited about the prizes that they could receive by raising money for Peters. They could get anything from a splat ball to silly stringing the principal. The bigger prizes included cash and playing games in a mobile game truck. The money raised will go to classroom educational needs and school activities.

Ms. Lira's class was the highest selling class for the Great American Fundraiser. The class will get a party and the teacher will get a gift for herself.



# The Whos Are Coming!

by Reilly Logan, 3rd Grade and Mazie Waters, 4th Grade

Whos and other Dr. Seuss characters invaded Peters on March 31, April 1 and April 10. The classes of Mrs. Tate, Mrs. Gelnar, and Mrs. Brashear are the INVADERS! They performed The Seussical in the Media Center.

Dr. Seuss narrated The Seussical. The characters included Yertle the Turtle, Cat In The Hat, red fish and blue fish, Horton, a speck of dust, the Onceler, the Lorax, the Grinch, Cindy Lou Who, Thidwick, and more!

"I loved the Seussical," said second grade teacher Mrs. Gelnar. "I thought they did a great job and practiced really hard!"

"The reason we have the Seussical is because it is a Peters tradition to celebrate Dr. Seuss and Read Across America," said Mrs. Tate.





## Take Cover!

by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade

Aidan Byers, a third grader who wants to become a meteorologist, invited meteorologist Travis Meyer and his staff from News on 6 to Peters. On March 10, Trav’s Weather Show made a trip to Peters to teach students about weather safety. The meteorologists in the show talked about different kinds of weather phenomena in the spring and about measures people could take to protect themselves during the events. They also talked about what could happen if one did not take cover.

“I invited Travis Meyer because he is my role model. If I bring him to Peters, students will get to learn about weather,” second grader Aidan Byers said.

The staff brought their dog, Radar and his trainer. He was a dog who was rescued from an animal shelter. He gave an example of where to go if there is a tornado.

Travis started a small tornado and showed what could happen if a tornado showed up. The wind was so strong it made the play house fall over. Travis also showed how lightning is electricity and how it can give you a shock.

“I was really amazed that they had science at a weather show and that electricity can be in your body,” said third grader Monica McMahon.

Travis Meyer said he wants all students to know what to do in case of any weather phenomena. Tornadoes are very common in Oklahoma

as it is located in Tornado Alley. “The more you know, the less afraid you are,” he said.

The Weather Show has also visited other schools in the Union district. They have tried to visit many schools in Tulsa County to educate students about the severe weather.

“Because we live in Oklahoma, we never know what the weather will be!” Travis Meyer exclaimed.

They also taught rhymes to help students stay safe. Remember these rhymes and you will be safe:

“Turn around, don’t drown!”

“When a tornado you see, go to a safe room to flee.”



Aidan and Rylee Byers and family pose with News on 6 Meteorologist Travis Meyer.

## McAlister’s Spirit

by Miles Givens, 5th Grade

In the past, we have enjoyed Spirit Nights at some of our favorite local restaurants like Sonics, Chick-Fil-A, CiCi’s Pizza and Top That Pizza. While these places have some really good food, their menus aren’t really healthy. On March 10, we began a new crusade for healthy eating by adding McAlister’s to our list of PTA fundraisers. That night, people ordered healthier meals such as baked potato soup, turkey sandwiches on wheat bread, grilled chicken salads, stuffed flatbreads and the McAlister Club Sandwich.

I took an informal survey of Peters families who joined us. All of the participants ranked their food selections as a 5. Erin Hillhouse, a fifth grader in Mrs. Lira’s class felt we should continue healthier eating options for Spirit Night and choose McAlister’s as our top choice.

It turns out this was a very successful Spirit Night. Peters earned \$286, plus tips, which is more than any other Spirit Night this school year. On behalf of our students, we would like to thank the Peters PTA for allowing us to try McAlister’s as the first trial towards a healthier Spirit Night!

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A gummy bear!

Q: Can February March?

A: No, April May.

## Snakes at Peters!

by Abigail McMahon, 5th Grade

CHOMP! Watch out for reptiles! On March 27, Marty Benson from the nature center at Sequoyah State Park came to Peters to talk to second through fifth grade students about reptiles.

Marty explained the differences between reptiles and mammals. Reptiles have some distinct advantages over mammals, including the fact that they don’t have to eat as often. He explained the difference between cold blooded and warm blooded animals. He showed us that snakes can be friendly.

Marty has worked at the Se-

quoyah State Park nature center for 25 years. He owns 14 reptiles and keeps all of them at the nature center. Marty gets his reptiles from a local park. In his spare time he helps boy scouts earn their nature badges.

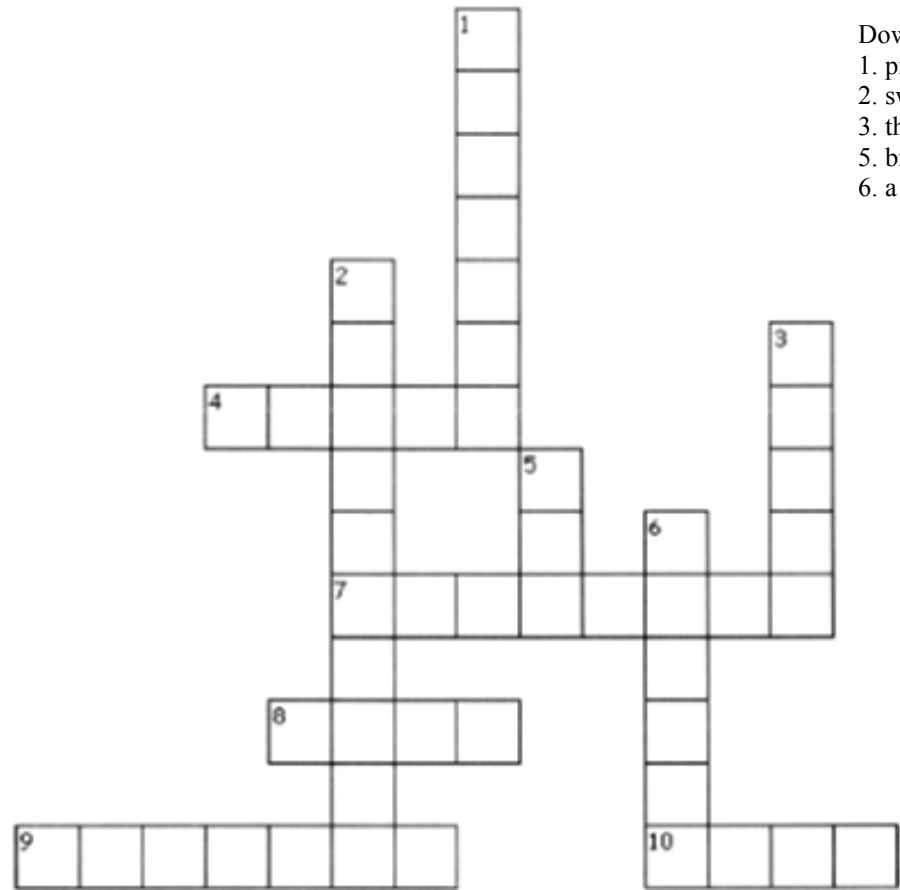
Second grader Avery Payne said, “My favorite part was when I got to pet the snake.”

Fourth grader Alex Bateman assisted Marty with the reptile presentation. Mrs. Harding selected Alex to assist Marty because he has pet reptiles and is familiar with proper handling techniques.

“I liked when I got to hold the snakes and a turtle,” said Alex. “My favorite snake in the presentation was the bull snake.”



Spring Crossword Puzzle  
by Cambell Gniech, 5th Grade



- Across
- 4. green, outside, and needs to be mowed
  - 7. colorful; these show up after a storm
  - 8. lives by a pond and swims; also flies
  - 9. twister
  - 10. what comes out of clouds
- Down
- 1. pretty plants that blossom
  - 2. swings and slides are found here
  - 3. they fly and have feathers
  - 5. bright, yellow, hot, and 93 million miles away
  - 6. a game where you kick a ball and try to score goals

Spring Word Scramble  
by Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade

- NRBIWAO \_\_\_\_\_
- GESG \_\_\_\_\_
- KDCSU \_\_\_\_\_
- OBMSLOS \_\_\_\_\_
- LWEOFSR \_\_\_\_\_
- RNIGSP \_\_\_\_\_
- NRIA \_\_\_\_\_
- UNYBN \_\_\_\_\_
- TESAR \_\_\_\_\_

Comic by Aidan Byers, 2nd Grade

