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Peters Hosts Annual Talent Show

by Aubrey Stanley, 5th Grade

The 2014 Peters Talent Show was held January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The cost to attend was \$2 for students and \$4 for adults. Acts ranged from dancing to guitar solos

to musical instruments and even magic and mad science.

"The Talent Show is a fun activity where you learn how to get up in front of a lot of people," said fifth grader Erica Coday who danced to "Roaring Applause" with friends McKinley Jarnagin, Kaylie Metsch, Alaina Reich, Celecity Wallen, and Holli Meyer.

This was Rhonda Jarnagin's last year hosting the talent show. She has hosted the talent show for 10 years. She decides on the emcees each year by talking with the teachers to see who is doing well in class.

"I decide on a theme by looking at what is current. Last year, the theme was based on the X-Factor, but we did the U-Factor," said Mrs. Jarnagin. The theme this year was "We Live for the Applause."

To be able to perform in the talent show, students had to fill out an application. Those who turned in applications then had to go to the talent show tryouts. At the tryouts, students performed until Mrs. Jarnagin told them to stop. Tryouts took about two hours. A few days after tryouts, Mrs. Jarnagin posted a list in the cafeteria that told who was in the Talent Show.

"My favorite part of the Talent Show was watching all of the students perform," said third grader Grayson Tempest who played the song "Cruise" on piano.

There are a lot of talented students here at Peters. We hope to see you again next year!

Peters Celebrates Winter Olympics

by Daphne Crawford, 4th Grade

On February 7, Peters celebrated the beginning of the 2014 Winter Olympics with an assembly. The program was directed by Mrs. Beam. Students sang songs including "Jingle Bells" and "Mr. Snowman Rap." They danced and they carried flags of countries through the gym.

Fourth grader Madison LaPointe performed in the program. When asked if she would like to be in the Winter Olympics, Maddi said, "Yes, I would like to be in the Winter Olympics! I would be a figure skater."

Mrs. Morris said, "My favorite part was when the flags came into the gym."



Ashley Mitchell carries the flag of Croatia



The Olympic rings represent the five continents.

\$\$\$\$\$ for Peters

by Caris Fore, 3rd Grade

Fundraisers are one of the many things that keeps Peters going. We have two cookie dough sales every year. We recently began another round of the cookie dough fundraiser.

"We have fundraisers to raise money for student learning materials at Peters," Mrs. Gray said. "Examples are after school tutoring, student and teacher supplies, and items for our no-tardy parties."

"It costs the school nothing to start the cookie dough fundraiser," Mrs. Gray said. "The fundraisers have been successful. Last fall, we made \$5,000. Last spring we made \$10,000, so we hope to increase our goal with our cookie dough sales this March."

Help Save Earth

Editorial
by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

So many people take the earth for granted. They don't realize that there is only one earth and we don't get to trade it in for a new one. People take the earth for granted by littering, dumping dirty water into lakes and oceans, and throwing away things that could be recycled. America is one of the worst countries in the world about polluting and littering, and there are very simple things that we can do to change this.

I just hate it when I go to the park and see other people's tissues, grocery bags, and to-go drinks from

McDonald's. Can these people not walk five extra steps to the trash can? It's absolutely ridiculous! This makes our environment look bad. People need to wait until they find a trash can and not just throw their trash on the ground.

Another thing that hurts our environment is people dumping dirty, unusable water into the lakes and oceans. When people drain polluted water into the lakes and oceans it kills the animals that live there and makes people not want to swim in it because it smells bad. Instead of dumping dirty water into lakes and oceans, take it to a place that specializes in the disposal of hazardous chemicals.

One of the main things people can do to help save our earth is recy-

cle. So many people forget about recycling and don't do it; some are simply too lazy to do it. Recycling can make old things new again. This means not as many trees are cut down, and not as many animals lose their home. The more trees we cut down, the less oxygen supply we have. I don't know about you, but I want to keep breathing.

By not taking care of the earth we don't just hurt the earth but we hurt ourselves and all living creatures. Animals like fish and dolphins can die because of people dumping their trash into lakes and oceans. Animals like deer and wildcats can choke on the litter that people throw out.



My Dream for the Future of Our Planet

Student Council Essay Contest Winners



"Be Nice"

by Lauren Hemm, 3rd Grade

My dream for the future of our planet is world peace, no bullying, everybody loving each other, and no one hurting each other. There is a lot of bullying, people hurting each other, and unhappy people. I try to make people happy and if I see someone getting bullied, I try to stop it. Also, if I see someone getting hurt I try to stop it. But I can't go all the way around the world. So if my dream of the future of our planet came true, I could just relax because I won't have to stop bullying or stop people from hurting each other. That's my dream for the future of our planet.

"Get Green"

by Jenaya Monroe, 3rd Grade

My dream for the future of our planet is that more people recycle. With recycling we can have a cleaner planet by using less energy and making less carbon energy and by not having garbage everywhere. Less energy will be used to change raw materials into goods. Like we can we recycle to make more plastic water bottles or glass to make windows. If everyone would recycle we could have a greener planet.

"Quit Fighting"

by Caiden Asbill, 3rd Grade

My dream for the future of our planet is that there will be no wars and everybody will be friends. There will be no murder and no bullying. Nobody will be mean to each other and everybody will treat people the way that they want to be treated. Nobody would have to worry about terrorists and robbers coming into your house and taking your stuff and killing you. Nobody will own scary guns that can hurt people and make people feel uncomfortable. That is my dream for the future of our planet.

Editor's Note:

These are the winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest sponsored by Student Council. Student Council chose to have this contest to educate and inform students of the wonderful things that Martin Luther King, Jr. did for communities and people around the country. We held this contest to honor this remarkable character in history.



Valentine’s Day Fun

by Anna Hemm, 5th Grade

On February 14, pre-k through fifth grades had their Valentine’s Day parties. Many grades had their parties in the classroom, but fifth grade had their party in the lunch room.

At the parties, students opened their valentines and had sweet treats, such as cookies. As a fun Valentine craft activity, first grade made edible snowmen out of marshmallows.

First grader Keira Mullay said that her favorite thing about the Valentine’s party was making the snowman.

Fifth grade had a box contest. Each class had three winners. The



categories were prettiest, funniest, and the most creative. They also had a contest to guess how many M&Ms were in a jar. Peyton Kunkel won that contest and got to keep the jar full of M&Ms.

Kindergartener Caia Cussen said her favorite thing about the Valentine’s party was seeing family that came to the school.

History of Valentine’s Day

by Warisha Choudhary, 5th Grade

Valentine’s Day started in 269 A.D. It began in Rome, when the emperor Claudius II had forbidden couples to marry. Saint Valentine (one of the saints) had broken the law and married couples secretly. When Claudius II found out, he was really angry. Claudius II had Valentine killed. Valentine was killed on February 14. This is why we celebrate Valentine’s Day on February 14 to represent and remember him. Since that day we have been celebrating Valentine’s Day.

Jump Rope for Heart

by Meghana Venkatesha, 4th Grade



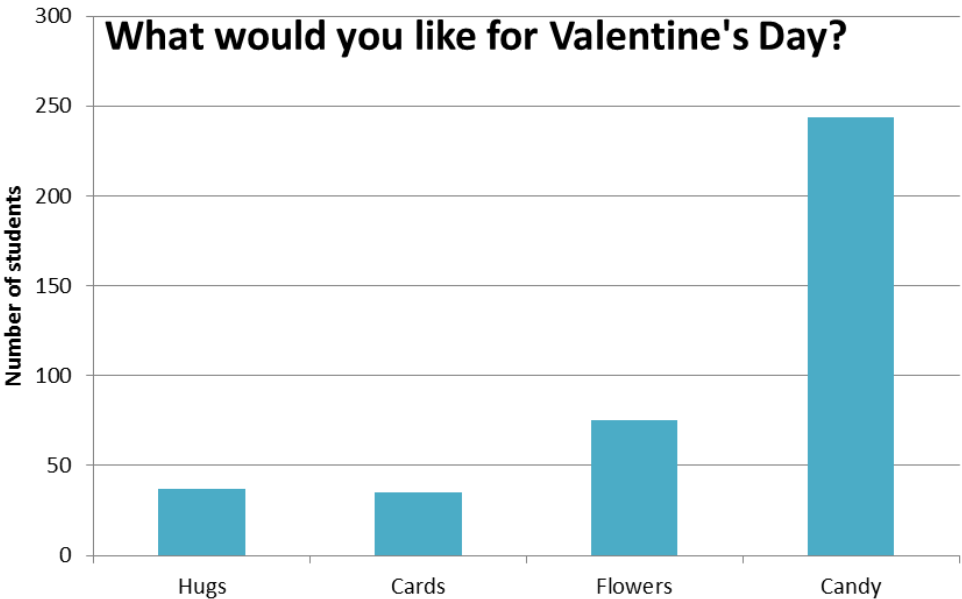
On February 1, pre-k through fifth grade had Jump Rope for Heart. Jump Rope for Heart is when students jump rope while music is playing. Students participate in this event during their specialties. Third through fifth grades got to jump the long rope. The teams that did the long jump ten times in a row, earned a soda.

Most students said they enjoyed this event. “It’s a good way to exercise!” said fifth grader Peyton Kunkel.

Mr. Ritter was in charge of this event. He said Peters has been doing Jump Rope for Heart for more than 20 years. Mr. Ritter said that Peters does this event so kids can get exercise and have fun.

Students could raise money for prizes by asking for donations. All the money that was raised goes to American Heart Association for heart research. Mr. Ritter said that Peters usually raises more than \$100 each year.

What would you like for Valentine's Day?



Make it a Great Day...

by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade



How do students know what they’re having for lunch or where they’re going for specialties? The TV Crew on the morning announcements answers these questions and more.

Mrs. Leslie selects what is on the morning announcements by checking the school calendar, researching

events in history, and using input from staff, parents, students, and the PTA.

TV Crew films and broadcasts the morning announcements. They usually practice once and if they get it right they don’t practice again. There are two anchors and two camera operators on each crew. There are five crews: red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. These crews take turns doing the morning announcements every week.

Mrs. Leslie helps run the crews. She said that the kids on TV Crew learn “to be responsible, be public speakers, and the camera operators learn how to get good footage”.

Only fifth graders are allowed on TV Crew. Each year, fifth graders can apply for both anchor or camera operator. Students who are interested in applying for next year’s TV Crew can fill out an application at the beginning of next year.

Book Fair Fiesta

by James Huffman, 4th Grade



Ole! The theme of this book fair was Mexican Fiesta. The book fair had a lot of cool books like *Ungifted*, *The Sasquatch Escape*, *Road Trip*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, and so much more. The book fair had about 3,000 books to sell.

Tracy Hudspeth, one of the people in charge of the book fair said, “My favorite thing about the book fair is all the kids.” She also said her favorite genre of book is funny fiction.

Mrs. Leslie, our school librarian, said, “Peters has been doing the book fair for over 15 years.”

The book fair started on February 4 and ended on February 12. This year each teacher received a \$100.00 to buy books for their classroom.

Bad Grammar Day

by Meghana Venkatesha and Xitlali Moreno, 4th Grade

on feb 24 ms cunnighams class had bad grammar day and bad grammar day is when you talk all bad grammar like me and sally or I had gone somewhere and all the kids i talked to loved it and kids were tired of talking proper grammar and they wished they could talk improper grammar for a day and they were happy when they heard about bad grammar day and ms cunningham agreed with this idea and ms cunningam (the grammar queen) almost couldnt resist herself from correcting them and if you like the idea about bad grammar day please give us your suggestion by putting it in the paw prints box

Editor’s note: This article was left unedited in the spirit of Bad Grammar Day.

Book Fair Should Sell Erasers

Editorial by Sara Castle, 5th Grade

I think Peters should have things at the book fair besides books. There are a lot of items you can sell besides books. Here are three reasons why.

First, Mrs. Leslie would make more money to buy more books for the library. If we didn’t have other things at the book fair then Mrs. Leslie wouldn’t make as much money so we won’t get as many new books in our library. The stuff attracts kids and they buy it and Mrs. Leslie uses that money to buy books for the library.

Second, kids need supplies for the classroom and they can get it at the book fair. Kids might need things like pencils, bookmarks, note pads, or pens. These could have information about a book that they may go back and buy.

Third, the items can also be used as gifts. Students enjoy giving things to their family and friends. Or maybe you can just give it to a special teacher.

So as you can see the book fair should have things besides books for gifts, supplies needed in the classroom and money to buy books for the library. The next time there is a book fair, make sure you remember that the sale of all items will give Mrs. Leslie money to buy books. So come out and support our library by buying anything they offer.



Book Fair Should Only Sell Books

Editorial by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

One thing that really bugs me at Peters is how the book fair sells pencils and erasers. Some people say that is because they want to make more profit. Others say that it’s because they want to get students to come to the book fair to buy toys and then they will want to buy books. I disagree. Peters is not hosting a Trinket Fair they are hosting a book fair. I think Peters should stop doing this because students buy toys instead of books and students pay more attention to the toys and not the books.

Last year many people started to trade things like erasers and cool pencils. By the end of the year I had a hundred foot tall stack of knick knacks (*hyperbole*). When the Peters book fair sells all of these toys students want to buy that stuff instead of the books. Parents also do not like this action. For example, when I was in kindergarten my mom gave me fifteen dollars to shop with at the book fair. I came home with an eraser and an OU poster. She said she gave me the money to buy books with and not to buy posters.

When students go to the book fair to preview books all they care about is writing down the toys that they want. Students pay more attention to the toys than they do to the books. So many kids just can’t wait for the book fair because they want to buy the chocolate scented calculator. I mean seriously. Take these toys out of the book fair so kids can focus on books and not being in the book of world records for the person with the most erasers in their desk.

This is an action that many people disagree with. This is not something a school should be doing because erasers don’t teach you how to add and subtract. News flash, books do! I think Peters should stop doing this because students buy toys instead of books and students pay more attention to the toys and not the books.





Chess Tournament

by Jordan Taylor, 4th Grade

On February 6, there was a chess tournament at Andersen between Peters and Anderson students. It was a double elimination tournament for third through fifth grades. About 60 kids competed in the tournament.



There was a regular bracket and a consolation bracket until the third round. Students who lost in the third round or later were eliminated. Each participant played at least two games in the tournament.

Riley Black said he thinks Andersen’s players are good because they beat a lot of our players.

Miles Givens said his favorite chess piece is the queen.

The tournament started at about 6 p.m. and ended at about 9 p.m. The tournament was organized by Chris and Barbara Yeats, the Peters Chess Club sponsors. This tournament was



only for Peters’ and Anderson’s Chess Club members.

The top finishers at Peters were Sebastian Loya, Jordan Taylor and Brennen Stout.

One way students at Peters practice chess is through the mystery player chess game in Mrs. Harding’s room. Mrs. Harding selects a mystery player who plays against the rest of the school. The mystery play-

er always plays with the white pieces and challengers use the brown pieces. All students who know how to play chess are welcome to play against the mystery player, but only the mystery player may move the white pieces. If you have questions about how to participate in the mystery player game, talk to Mrs. Harding.



Letters to the Editor

Homework Club

by Miles Givens, 4th Grade

Dear Editor,

Every student needs help! Some parents don’t get off work at 6 p.m. If you’re and only child who is going to help you with your homework? A homework club between 3 and 5 p.m. in the library is a good idea because it’s a quiet place to study and it’s a safe place for kids.



The PTA should provide a snack as well. Homework Club challenges brains and gets homework done faster. Mr. Bowen should help because he’s Teacher of the Year. The PTA would be a great help to this. Homework Club helps students with concepts they don’t understand.

Trashing the Playground

by James Huffman, 4th Grade

Dear Editor,

I think we should change the way students might trash the playground and ruin the beauty of nature. It also ruins the trees.



Meet the Cafeteria Staff

By Grayson Tempest and Cameron Brashear, 3rd Grade



Pictured: Ms. Pat, Ms. Laura, Ms. Donna, Ms. Betty, and Ms. Marla

Ms. Marla

Ms. Marla is the child nutrition manager at Peters. She is in charge of food preparation in the cafeteria. She has been working here for two years. She worked at Roy Clark Elementary for six years. She orders all the food and milk and makes breakfast for the kids and teachers.

To be a child nutrition manager, she went through Union Culinary Training and was an assistant manager for five years. Union gives her a recipe book and a schedule of what to cook each day.

Speaking of recipes, one of Ms. Marla's favorites is cowboy bread. At home she knits and takes care of her family.

Students can make her job easier by not talking after they get their milk and listening to the questions the servers have. Her favorite part of the job is seeing the kids and serving the food.

Ms. Pat

Ms. Pat cooks the side dishes like mashed potatoes, vegetables, and also prepares the salad bar. Ms. Pat's favorite cafeteria food is chicken fried steak. At home, she visits her grandchildren, plays dice games with her neighbor, goes to church, and does mom stuff. Her favorite part of the job is seeing the kids.

Ms. Laura

Ms. Laura cleans the dishes. She has been working here for four years. Her favorite cafeteria foods are mac and cheese and cowboy bread. At home she plays computer games, reads, does box tops, and mom stuff. Her favorite part of the job is spending time with the people she works with. She said, "I'm too busy to be bored." She also has three kids. Seth and Ian are ten and in fourth grade at Peters. Ryan is eleven and in sixth grade.

Ms. Donna

Ms. Donna has been working at Peters for three and a half years. Her job is to cook the main dish. One of her favorite cafeteria foods is cowboy bread which takes two hours to make. Her favorite part of the job is seeing the kids and seeing how they change.

Ms. Betty

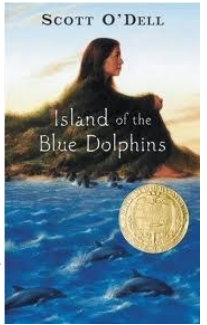
Ms. Betty is Ms. Marla's assistant. She serves the main dish. Her favorite cafeteria food is cowboy bread. She has been working at Peters for one and a half years. At home she teaches Taekwondo. The hardest part of her job is serving kids when it is loud in the cafeteria. Her favorite part of her job is making good food.

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Book Review

by Aubrey Stanley, 5th Grade

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell is about Karana and her struggle on an island by herself. This book is set in the 1800's on an island off the coast of southern California.



Before the Aleuts came she lived in peace with her father, the Chief of their village, her older sister, and her younger brother. After the Aleuts arrived, Karana's father made a deal with the leader of the Aleuts. "You can catch as much otter as you want. You just have to give us half of what you catch." After the Aleuts left, white men came and said their leader had sent them to relocate them from the island to a better place.

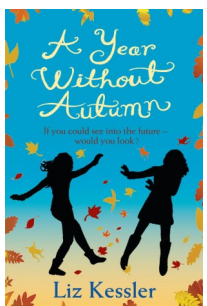
What happens to Karana? Will she survive on the island by herself? Check out this book at the Peters Library to find out.

A Year Without Autumn

Book Review

by Anna Hemm, 5th Grade

A Year Without Autumn by Liz Kessler is about a girl named Jenni who goes on a summer vacation with her best friend, Autumn. But something bad happens. When Jenni goes up to Autumn's condo in an old elevator, everyone in Autumn's family is a year older! Jenni soon realizes that she needs to fix the past to change the future. Can she fix the future? Read A Year Without Autumn to find out!



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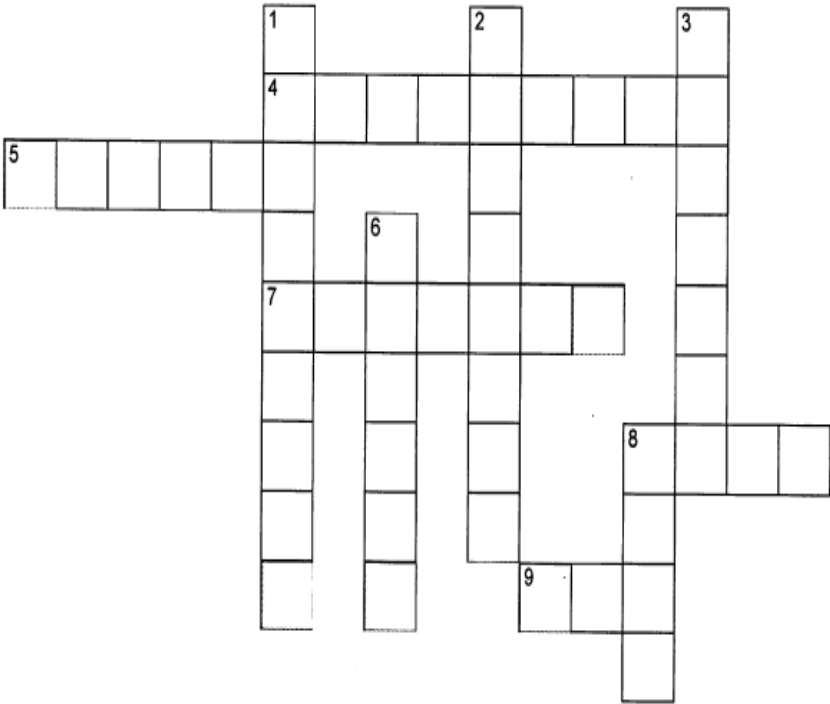
Out of My Mind

Book Review

by Anna Hemm, 5th Grade

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper is a book about a girl who can't walk or talk. Her name is Melody and she is the smartest kid in school. But nobody knows it. When she has a chance to be on the school's whiz kids team, will people accept her for who she is? Find out in Out of My Mind

Crossword by Tanvi Kiran, 3rd Grade



ACROSS

- 4. Sleeping all winter
- 5. A cold season
- 7. Kids build these with snow
- 8. It is white, soft, and falls from the sky
- 9. It is frozen and slippery

DOWN

- 1. A winter holiday when Santa comes to visit
- 2. A shiny ball that hangs on a Christmas tree
- 3. A bird that can't fly
- 6. A sport that is played on ice
- 8. Kids ride these down hills

Citizens of the Month



4th Grade - Madison LaPointe, Cambell Gniech, Simran Naik, Melody Stanley
5th Grade - Javonte Wilson, Anna Hemm, Aubrey Stanley

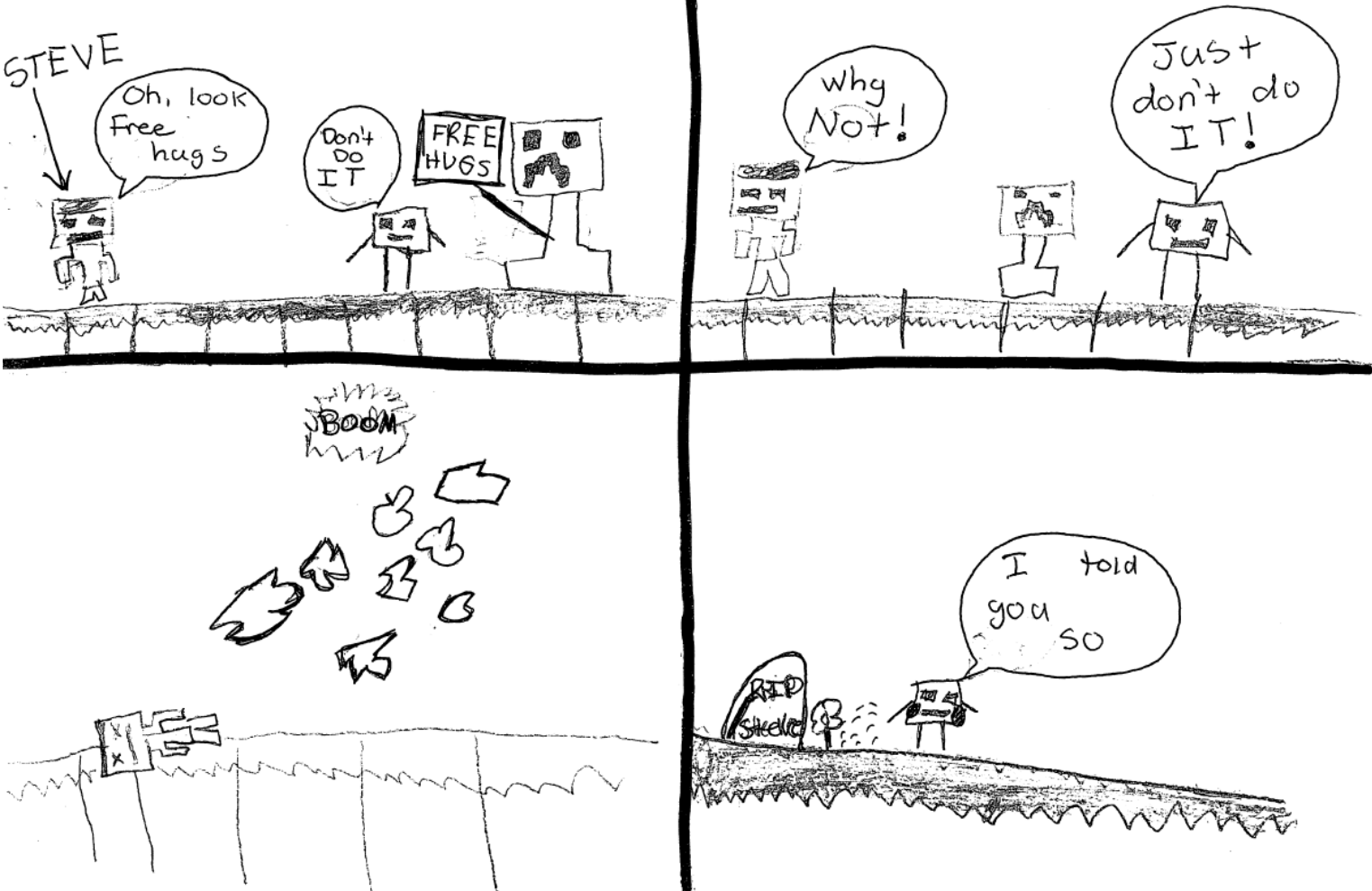
Ask the Panther

Are you sad, mad, angry or depressed? Is your friend being rude? Does your friend think you're a liar? What is the problem? Well, maybe you need advice. Just write your problem down on a piece of paper and drop it in the Paw Prints drop box outside Mrs. Harding's room. The advice columnists will read your problem and give you advice. Your advice will be in the newspaper. Just tell them your problem and you will get your advice!

Comic by Mason Kidd, 3rd Grade

By Mason Kidd

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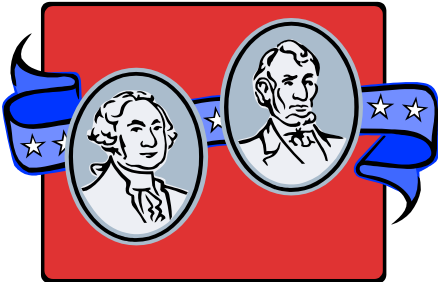
Who’s that President?

by Peyton Kunkel, 5th Grade

On February 21, our school celebrated President’s Day. How many Abe Lincolns or George Washingtons did you see? Not many. This celebration wasn’t really a big hit. To tell you the truth, I only saw one person dressed up as their favorite president.

“No one really dressed up, I was surprised.” said Mr. Bowen.

Maybe the next dress-up day will be more popular.



Our country has President’s Day to celebrate all the presidents. The holiday originated when the holidays celebrating George Washington’s birthday on February 22 and Abraham Lincoln’s birthday on February 12 were combined to create President’s Day.

Pi Day

by Professor Pi

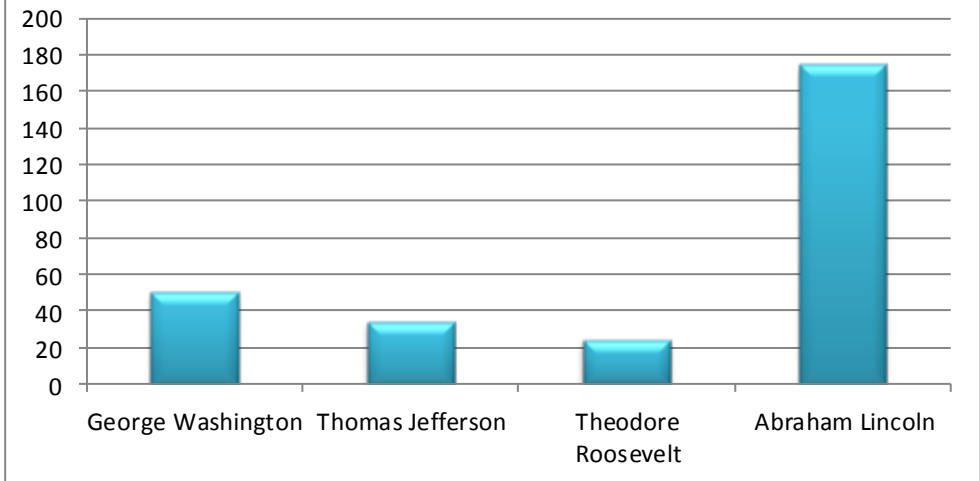
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Pi Day is on March 14. Get it? 3-14? Those are the beginning digits of pi. Pi is the circumference of a circle divided by the diameter. No matter how big or small the circle, the result is always the irrational number beginning with the digits 3.14.

Also on March 14, 2015, it becomes 3.1415 the first 5 digits of pi instead of the first 3 numbers.

To celebrate Pi Day, the person in each class who memorizes the most digits of pi wins an actual pie! The person who memorizes the most out of the whole school gets a big, yummy to the tummy, mouthwatering, scrumptious, triple chocolate pie! I hope you’re practicing!

Favorite Mt. Rushmore President



Gardening Greatness

by Tanvi Kiran, 3rd Grade

Many kids think gardening is fun. A group of expert gardeners called Master Gardeners was formed to teach kids about gardening. On January 31, Master Gardeners visited Peters to teach kindergarten about butterflies and moths.

Miss Sheila, a volunteer for Master Gardeners, said, “I like to volunteer and teach kids about gardens.”

All the kids looked like they were loving it. Kindergartener Drake Vasicek said, “I like when the butterflies hatched and everything else!”

The Master Gardeners will return to Peters soon to teach second grade about worms and third grade about plants.



Insect Collection

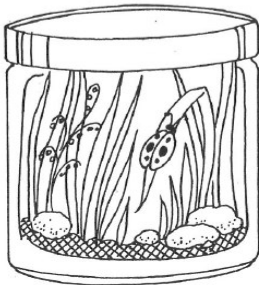
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Kevin, David, Julie, and Tom contributed a praying mantis, a katydid, a ladybug, and a wasp to their class insect collection. Don’t let the clues BUG you as you sort through the puzzle.

1. Kevin, David, and the boy with the wasp brought their specimens to school in jars with holes poked in the lids.

2. Julie lives next door to the boy who brought the katydid and down the street from Kevin.

3. The boy bringing the ladybug to school carried it in a baby food jar lined with grass.



	praying mantis	katydid	ladybug	wasp
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David				
Julie				
Tom				