

Scholastic Book Fair Returns to Peters

by Mason Kidd and Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade



From February 2 to February 6, Scholastic sponsored another book fair at Peters Elementary. The book fair was open during parent-teacher conferences so parents were able to help their kids pick out books.

“When adults see the quality of books, they want their kids to have them more,” said Mrs. Lampi. There were five volunteers for the book fair. Volunteers helped with the cash register and helped kids find books.

“My favorite part was seeing all of the books for the first time,” Mrs. Lampi stated.

The bestselling picture book in the book fair was *Nugget and Fang*, and the bestselling chapter book was *Plants vs. Zombies*. “My favorite book was the weapon one, I love weapons,” said kindergartener Ronnie Howell.

For the first time there was a coupon in the newspaper for 50 cents off any book. Coupons were very popular according to Mrs. Lampi. “When I told them they could get 50 cents off any book with the coupon a bunch of people bought newspapers.”

Peters raised \$2,900 from the book fair. \$1,000 will be used for books in the classrooms, \$1,200 will be used for books in the library, \$700 will be used for purchases such as a new banner and more non-fiction and other surprises.

There was a competition for teachers this year. If a teacher turned in their wish list before February 3 they got their name in a drawing. The winners were Mrs. Morris, Ms. Cunningham, Mrs. Tate, and Mrs. Lira, who each received \$25 to the book fair.

Peters to Host Family STEM Night

by Cameron Brashear, 4th Grade and Reilly Logan, 3rd Grade

On the evening of April 2, Peters will be inviting students and parents to a program called Family STEM Night. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM Night is a night for families to meet together for inquiry-based activities in the STEM subject areas. There will be an assortment of hands-on challenges for all ages.

Planned activities include a paper airplane building contest, construction activities, science experiments, and many other design challenges.

STEM is a Union district initiative. There are many careers in STEM-related fields. Teachers are trying to expose students to these career opportunities at an early age. According to Mrs. Harding, these are the fields in which many solutions to global problems will originate.

“I’m very excited about family STEM Night because I think it’s going to be a lot of fun and educational, too!” Mrs. Harding said.

If you are a parent and would like to volunteer for STEM Night, contact Mrs. Harding.

Pi Day: 3.14.15

Student Council is sponsoring the annual Pi Day contest. The person who memorizes the most digits of pi wins a pie and gets to recite the digits on the morning announcements. Get started memorizing those pi digits.
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Show Your College Spirit

The week of March 23-27, Peters will be celebrating College and Career Week. Show your college spirit all week long by wearing the colors and logos of your favorite college.

Upcoming Events

- March 3 - Sonic Spirit Night
- March 4 - Chess Club
- March 5 - 5th Grade Academic Meet
- March 5 - High School Cat in the Hat Performance (2nd Grade)
- March 6 - 4th Grade Academic Meet
- March 6 - Solarium Club
- March 6 - Talent Show
- March 10 - Weather Show
- March 13 - Pi Day Celebration
- March 16-20 - Spring Break
- March 23-27 - College and Career Week
- March 27 - Reptile Guy (3rd-5th)
- March 31 - Seussical - Tate

Paper Airplane Contest!

Can you design a paper airplane that will fly a long distance? Research and practice ways to build a paper airplane. At Family STEM Night we will have a contest to see whose plane will fly the farthest. You must build it at Family STEM Night with the materials provided. Each family who chooses to participate will receive one sheet of legal sized paper. Scissors and tape will be provided. These will be the only materials allowed. You are not required to use the entire sheet of paper. The winning family will receive tickets to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum.



Fourth Graders Sing Their Hearts Out

by Lauren Hemm, 4th Grade



On February 12, in the gym, fourth graders sang friendship songs for an audience of families and friends. They sang “Why Can’t We Be Friends” by War, “Lean on Me” by Bill Withers, “Everybody Needs a Friend” by James Taylor, and “You’ve Got a Friend in Me” by Randy Newman.

Beth Meyer, Mackenzie Thiesen, Tyler Williams, and Conner Ritchie sang solos. Other students

read poems or stood on the risers and sang. Mackenzie Thiessen said, “I was very nervous.”

The fourth graders practiced during specials with Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Carosielli, and Mrs. Salinas. They also practiced in Mrs. Borgelt’s room right before specials.

Mrs. Morris decided to put desks on the stage to make the stage look like a classroom. They also put in a school bell to make it sound like a classroom. The fourth grade teachers said that they wanted to have a performance kind of like the fifth graders had for Veterans Day. They thought it would be nice if we could do a performance about friendship around Valentine’s Day.

Volunteer of the Month: Bethany Church

by Mia Hastings, 5th Grade



Bethany Church is our Volunteer of the Month. The church members have been helping Peters for more than six years. They also help Anderson and Moore. Members help maintain the solarium, provide food and clothing for families in need, and help clean the playground in the spring. Every year on their day of service they work in the solarium, cutting weeds, taking out trash, and planting flowers.

Many people from Peters attend Bethany Church. Bethany Church is located on Olive Street between Kenosha and Houston Street. Some of the volunteers are the students and teachers who attend Peters.

Mrs. Paschall has been going to Bethany Church since she was in seventh grade. “I love that my church works so closely to the school I love,” she said.

Fifth grader Cambell Gniech said she recommends Bethany Church to others. “It is a good church and they donate things to people in need,” she said.

On Wednesdays, kids can go play at Bethany Church from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m and participate in programs.

“We are a partner with the school and when Peters needs help, Mrs. Gray can always call us. We like to help in any way we can!” said Missions Pastor Ernest Holland.

Love is in the Air

by Mazie Waters, 4th Grade

On February 12, Peters Elementary had Valentine parties. The people who organized and set up the Valentine parties were the home-room moms. The reason we have Valentines parties is because Union has a policy that we have can have two parties a year. The two parties are winter parties and Valentine parties

Activities included exchanging Valentines, box decorating contests, eating cupcakes, playing games, and making crafts.

“Valentine’s Day means a symbol of love to me, it can mean love for friends or family. It’s a nice time to celebrate the people you care for,”



stated Mrs. Gray.

“The parties were fun, everybody was happy, and I was happy to see all of the parents,” said fourth grade teacher Mrs. Alvarez.

“My favorite part was giving Valentines to everybody,” said fourth grader Ruby Polos.

Writing Test Over!

by Xitlali Moreno, 5th Grade

On February 26, fifth graders took the state writing test. Students had unlimited time to finish the test.

Fifth graders take the writing test because it is a state law for fifth and eighth graders to take it, and it is important to know how to write well. Many careers require writing. For instance, doctors, scientists, lawyers, teachers, engineers all have to write well to perform their jobs. Colleges

and jobs require an essay for admission and to get a scholarship.

“Writing is important throughout your life, in colleges and jobs,” stated fifth grade teacher Ms. Morris.

“This is why it is so important to put effort into learning to write well.”

Students said they felt relieved when they finished the test.

Eric Thompson said, “I felt that the test wasn’t as hard as I thought it would be.”

Fifth graders can expect to get results this summer.

Really Bad Jokes

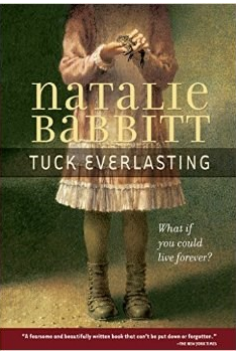
by Noah Duncan, 5th Grade

What did one ocean say to the other ocean?
Nothing, they just waved.

What did one dandelion say to the other dandelion?
Take me to your weeder.

Tuck Everlasting

Book Review
by Taylor McDonald, 5th Grade



Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt is the story of Winnie, a ten-year-old girl, who is not happy with her life. One day she takes a walk through the woods. She meets a boy named Jesse Tuck and immediately falls in love with him. Later, she is kidnapped by Jesse's mother and her two sons. She has no idea that the Tuck family has a big secret that they haven't told anyone. This secret is that the Tucks are immortal. They had drank from the Fountain of Youth.

Winnie has to make a hard decision. Should she drink water from the Fountain of Youth and run away with Jesse or have a regular life and be mortal? Will her love for Jesse be strong enough for her to choose an immortal life? These decisions will be hard for her, but you will have to read this amazing book, *Tuck Everlasting* to find out her decision.

Ranger in Time

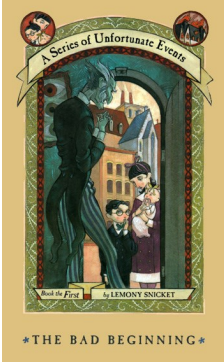
Book Review
by Aidan Byers, 3rd Grade



Ranger is a search and rescue dog. One day, he finds a mysterious first aid kit in the garden in his backyard. Then the first aid kit transports him to the year 1850, where Ranger meets a young boy named Sam Abbott. Sam's family is heading west on the Oregon trail, which can be very dangerous because of diseases and stampedes. It's up to Ranger to keep the Abbott family safe. Check out *Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail* by Kate Messner to see what will happen next.

The Bad Beginning

Book Review
by Caris Fore, 4th Grade



Do you like a good book series that you can't put down? If so, consider reading *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. Violet, Klaus and Sunny are at the beach on a foggy day, when a man comes walking toward them. He has bad news for them,—their parents have died in a terrible fire. The man is a friend to the children's parents and his name is Mr. Poe. Mr. Poe takes Violet, Klaus and Sunny to his house. The children get told that they will be living with a long distance relative after a few days at Mr. Poe's house. The relative's name is Count Olaf. When the children get to Count Olaf's house they find out that he is a terrible man who makes the orphans do long, hard, terrible jobs like chopping fire wood and cleaning the chimney. To find out how the orphans end up, go to your school library to check out *The Bad Beginning*, the first book of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket.

Show Your Pride

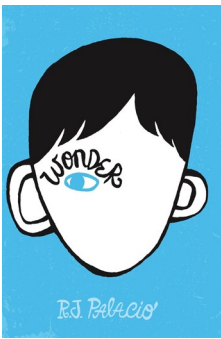
by Peyton Kunkel, 6th Grade

The sixth graders finally got their pride cards in January and most people weren't so lucky as to get a badge. The rules to earn a pride card in sixth grade includes more than just being prompt, acting responsibly, working hard and showing respect. It is also about cleaning up after yourself, because the principals have many times taken away our privilege to sit with friends on pizza day because we were not leaving the cafeteria the way we found it. Instead we left a huge mess, milk cartons on the tables, or spilled underneath, and food on the ground. There are many more things to do to achieve your pride badge in sixth grade.

As in elementary, you are allowed to customize your badge and lanyard, but you cannot draw or color on it.

Wonder

Book Review
by Cambell Gniech, 5th Grade



The book *Wonder* by RJ Palacio is about a boy named Auggie whose face is deformed. He goes through tough times when he starts school for the first time. Auggie doesn't know anyone at school, because he has been home schooled his whole life.

Before school starts, Auggie does a walk through. The principal has a couple of kids show Auggie around. There was a kid named Julian who was a little rude to Auggie and a kid named Jack who was pretty nice.

Some days for Auggie are okay and others not so good. Julian continued to be rude to Auggie and wrote hateful notes to him. On Halloween Auggie overheard his friend Jack saying rude things about him. Jack didn't recognize Auggie because he was wearing a mask. Auggie went home sick and never wanted to go back.

Does Auggie go back to school? Does he make friends with Jack again? Does Julian stop picking on him? You will have to read this moving story to find out!



Sixth grade is about more than just classes and seeing your friends. It's about being responsible and caring for the building that provides your education. So many kids were disappointed when they didn't receive a badge but it was their own fault. Many of them had D's or F's, and with those grades you are sure to not get one. If you have a dream, have the courage to make it happen. Never give up.

Editor's Note: Peyton is a former Peters student and member of the 2013-2014 Paw Prints Staff.

Fun Bus Comes to Peters

by Abigail McMahon, 5th Grade

The Fun Bus is fitness fun that improves motor skills. That means physical fitness, self esteem, social skills, interaction, flexibility, and strength. The Fun Bus has been offered to school districts for 4 years. The activities on the fun bus are mats, horizontal bars, swings, ropes, mini rock wall and a slide. There are also games like obstacle course and light tumbling. The fun bus goes to daycares,



schools and private parties. If you are interested in the Fun Bus it is offered for ages 2-7. The bus comes to Peters every other month on Wednesdays from 2:35 to

3:15. The next session starts in April. The cost for one person on the Fun Bus is \$10.00 per week with about four weeks per session.

A Healthy Spirit

Editorial by Miles Givens, 5th Grade

One evening each month, the Peters Elementary PTA designates a spirit night at a local Union school district restaurant. A certain percentage of the proceeds are donated to Peters PTA. In the past, we have met successful outcomes at Sonic, Top That Pizza ,and Chick-Fil-A . After reviewing First Lady Michelle Obama’s initiative of Get Fit, a nutritional option to eating, I wondered if it would be a possibility for our students to celebrate spirit night at a healthier restaurant like McAlister’s, Subway. A healthier option for spirit night would benefit all of the Peters students, most especially the all-year athletes who must stay in shape. These options will ease those unhealthy cravings and could perhaps expand your taste buds to try new and different foods. The cafeteria already provides a nutritious lunch filled with fruits and vegetables, so our students would be able to partake of two healthy meals in a row! Let’s face it, a healthier life is the way to go.

Editors note: A spirit night has been scheduled for McAlister’s on March 10.



PTA Hosts Movie Night

by James Huffman, 5th Grade

On Friday, February 6, the Peters PTA held a movie night in the gym. Students and parents came to watch The Lego Movie. They were able to purchase concessions including Hershey’s Chocolate Bars, Pepsi, hot dogs, and other snacks. Michelle Abrams, one of the hostess’s of movie night, said, “We held PTA Movie Night to raise donations for PTA,” She continued, “I chose The Lego Movie because it’s fairly popular and I thought kids would like it. I would like to thank the Union High School National Honor Society for helping out. It took a couple of weeks to plan.” Fifth grader Ian Dollins said “My favorite part of movie night was the concessions.”

Parents Attend Conferences

by Harish Vaithianathan, 3rd Grade and Mazie Waters, 4th grade

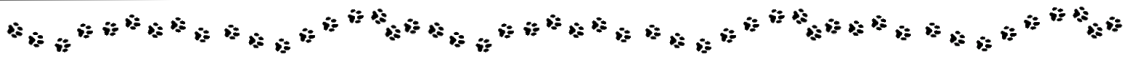
On February 3 and 5, Peters held parent-teacher conferences after school. Teachers and parents discussed how their children were doing in school. Everyone is proud of their children. Since the teachers are used to dealing with students in this age group, they can discuss students’ strengths and weakness in studies as well as behavior. “It gives parents an opportunity to see how well their children are doing and learning in the classroom and making friends at school,” stated Mrs. Gray “(Parents) were very interested in how their children were doing in school,” said fourth grade teacher Ms. Cunningham. “I felt nervous when my teacher was talking with my parents,” said Michael Gilyord in Mrs. Hall’s third grade class. Beside the nervousness, the kids were also excited to show their work to their parents. “I am so eager to know how my child is doing in school and what are the places he needs our help to improve both in academic and personal skills,” said Mr. Vaithianathan, a

Valentine’s Word Scramble by Cameron Brashear, 4th Grade

Treelt	Ancyd	Aiylfm
Mpeos	Rniedsf	Ethars
Orses	Wtese	Vleo

Another Really Bad Joke
by Noah Duncan, 5th Grade

Two peanuts walked into a bank.
One was a-salt-ed!



Let’s Go Outside!

Editorial
by Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade

Lately at school we haven’t been able to go outside for recess because the wind chill has been under 32°F. I think we should be able to go outside even though it is under 32°F. If students prepare themselves with coats and mittens they will stay warmer. Students also run around which increases their body temperature, keeping them warm as well.

News reporter Kristin Coppens said, “In general, when the wind chill is 32°F and above it is safe to be outside. In temperatures 13°F to 31°F indoor breaks should happen every 20 to 30 minutes.” Peters recess doesn’t last for more than twenty minutes, so these temperatures should be safe for students to play outside.

Students in other states, like Alaska and Illinois, get to go outside for recess when it is well below 32°F. In the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois, both the temperature and wind chill have to be at least 10°F for outdoor recess to be canceled.

At recess most students are running around, which makes kids’ body temperature high. That keeps them warmer. It might be a little cold, but the students’ feel warmer when they are active.

A position statement from the American College of Sports Medicine stated, “-18°F is the danger zone to be outside. Chances of frostbite and hypothermia get higher.” In Tulsa the temperatures usually don’t get near that cold.

Because of these reasons, I believe that in the future students who are prepared for the weather should go outside for recess when it’s under 32°F, but above 15 or 20°F.



Effort Does Matter

Editorial
by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade

When you do your homework, do you just slap down some answers to be done with it? Do you just want to go outside and play with your friends? I know what that urge feels like, but effort does matter.

A building requires a solid foundation to be able to support the floors on top of it. Similarly, if you want to succeed in life, it is very important to start early and have a good grasp of the basics.

Would you want a doctor who cheated in school or didn’t take their work seriously? I wouldn’t! I would want a doctor who paid attention in school and worked hard to be the best doctor that he could be. Would you want to fly on an airplane with a pilot who got low grades in school or would you want a pilot who graduated at the top of their class?

Every part of your education matters, even the elementary part. When you make a decision to not do your schoolwork or projects, it could turn into a bad habit that is difficult to overcome. That’s why you should start now and develop good work habits. If you don’t do your work correctly the first time you’re just going to have to redo it. It’s better to just do it right the first time, instead of getting a bad grade and suffering the consequences.

When you were a little kid, did your mom go around feeding you? Did she pick out your clothes for school? When you were a little kid, did your teachers hunt you down if you didn’t finish your work? They are not going to do that as you advance in school. When you get older you are going to have more responsibilities. So remember, always put your best effort into everything you do, because when you turn in your work and write your name on the top of the paper, that work represents you.



Dear Panther...

by Xitlali Moreno, 5th Grade
Advice Columnist

Dear Panther,
I’m having trouble about not being able to see five people in my family anymore. How could I be happier?
Sincerely,
Sad

Dear Sad,
To be happier you should be happy that you see some people and enjoy it. Don’t be sad. Just think of some good memories.
Your Pal,
The Panther

Dear Panther,
What do you do if someone is bothering you and won’t stop?
Sincerely,
Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,
I would just walk away and ignore them. I would ask them why they are doing that. If they keep on doing it then I would tell the teacher.
Your Pal,
The Panther

Dear Panther,
I’ve been having a rough time in school with people who keep laughing at me, what should I do?
Sincerely,
Confused

Dear Confused,
You should tell them to stop because you don’t like them doing that. If they don’t stop, you could ask them why they are doing that. Then if they don’t stop, tell the teacher.
Your Pal,
The Panther

Dear Panther,
Thank you for helping people and giving good advice. You’re a really good panther! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!
Sincerely,
Thankful

Dear Thankful,
You’re welcome. I like doing that.
Your Pal,
The Panther



Give the Nurse a Break!

Editorial by Caris Fore, 4th Grade

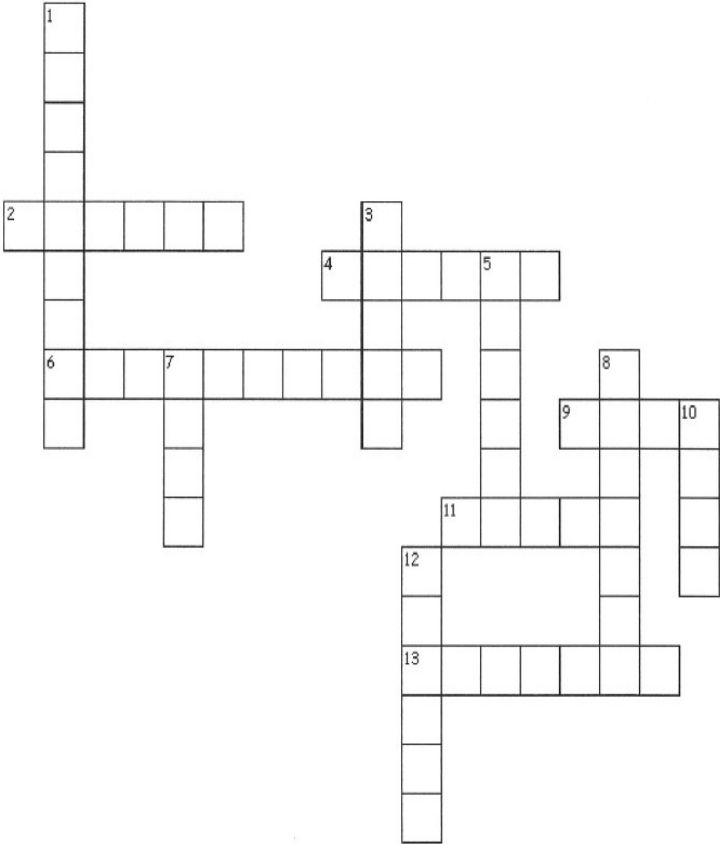
Nurse Dean is our school nurse and she does a lot for our school. On February 3, I went to the nurse’s office and she was jam packed with kids. So, I decided to write an editorial about the school nurse and the reasons to go there.

You should only go to the nurse’s office if you are throwing up, passing out, or have other emergencies. You should go to the nurse if you have fever, a really bad cough, if you are bleeding, have a bump on the head, fainting, or need to take medicine. All the teachers have Band-aids, so if you just have a scratch, get a Band-aid from your teacher and give the nurse a break. Students who have fever over 100 degrees should stay home from school until they are fever-free for 24 hours.

If a kid comes in saying that she/he has a small head ache, and there are kids in there who are throwing up or have a nasty cold, you definitely would not want to be in there. That type of stuff happens all the time.

So, only go to the nurse’s office in emergencies and next time you do see the nurse, be sure to thank her.

Crossword Puzzle by Mia Hastings, 5th Grade



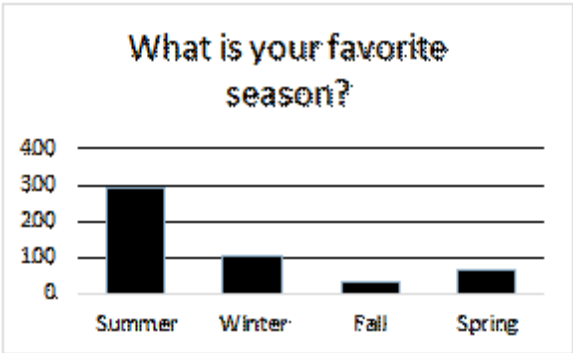
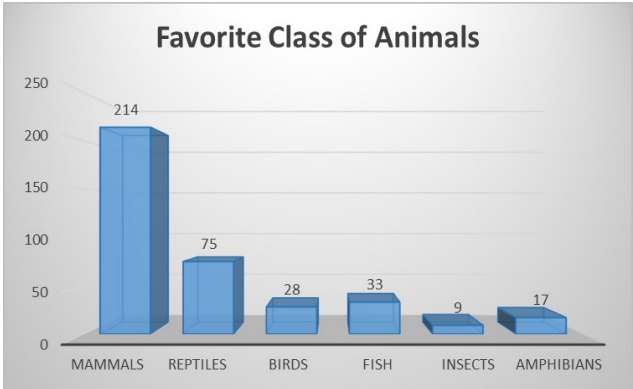
- Across
- 2. the color of the sun
 - 4. grows in the grass and has a stem
 - 6. Looks like a little green elf
 - 9. Leprechauns hide pots of _____
 - 11. the color of grass
 - 13. When sun shines through rain
- Down
- 1. an insect with wings
 - 3. condensed moisture
 - 5. A holiday where you paint eggs
 - 7. water that falls from the sky
 - 8. They call Oklahoma _____ ally
 - 10. They are yellow and quack.
 - 12. A season between winter and summer

RECYCLE



Peters PTA is collecting aluminum cans to raise funds. Please bring your clean aluminum cans and deposit them in the recycling can in the front lobby.

Polls and graphs by Grayson Tempest and Mason Kidd, 4th Grade



A 6-panel comic strip. Panel 1: A boy slides down a rainbow. A pot of gold is at the bottom. Panel 2: The boy asks a leprechaun where the gold came from. Panel 3: The leprechaun explains he got it from a bag of Skittles. Panel 4: The boy asks a riddle. Panel 5: The leprechaun gives the answer. Panel 6: The leprechaun runs away with the gold, telling the boy to catch him first.

Oh my lucky charms! Where did you come from?!

I opened a bag of Skittles and slid down the rainbow! Is that Pot of gold for me?

Uhhh... Sure, if you can answer my riddle... When you do not know what I am, then I am something. But when you know what I am, then I am nothing what am I?

Hmm. That's one tricky riddle.

Aww man, you got it right!!

Huh?! The answer is "A Riddle"?!!

Yeah! I get the gold!

You gotta catch me first!

Apple Pie

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Four girls in Ms. Mahrten's home economics class—Tara, Jennifer, Krista, and Becky—are making an apple pie. Each one is in charge of part of the operation—mixing dough, rolling crust, peeling apples, and measuring the sugar and spice. See if you can slice through the clues for a sweet solution.

1. Tara asked the girl measuring the sugar to check the temperature of the oven.
2. Jennifer and the girl with the rolling pin and the girl with the pastry blender wanted to serve part of the pie to Miss McDannold, their principal.
3. Becky cut her finger and had to get a bandage from the school nurse.
4. Krista thought the girl rolling out the crust had the hardest job.

