

## Congratulations, Mr. Bowen!

by Peyton Kunkel, 5th Grade



Most people at Peters might already know that Mr. Bowen was chosen as Union District Teacher of the Year. His picture was all over the halls! That means he was the teacher chosen to represent all of Union.

Mr. Bowen said, "It was exciting, but also scary. I was shocked when they revealed a picture of Braxton and me. Everyone was clapping and cheering, I didn't know what to do!"

He walked onto the stage and was greeted by the Superintendent, who then handed him a trophy.

"We posed for pictures, and I was directed to the podium to give a speech."

Fortunately for Mr. Bowen, the lights were shining right on him, so he could not see the hundreds of people in the audience.

Fifth grader Alaina Reich, at-

tended the event. I asked her what it was like to be there. "It was embarrassing..." she said. After the ceremony, Alaina was interviewed by the Union district videographer.

There were lots of teachers from Peters there, too. Each candidate had a special table in the commons with prizes and refreshments.

This ceremony was on Wednesday, March 12, at 4:00 p.m. It was in the Union Performing Arts Center and lasted about one and a half hours.

Teacher of the Year is kind of like Citizen of the Year, but for teachers. It is a way to honor one teacher, who has done a remarkable job as a teacher. As District Teacher of the Year, Mr. Bowen will go on to compete for State Teacher of the Year. We congratulate him and his stupendous work as a teacher.

## Who Likes Pi?

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade



Fifth grader Evan Brown was the winner of the student council Pi contest. He memorized 143 digits of pi.

"I was exhausted but I felt accomplished," said Evan.

Here are all 143 digits of pi that Evan memorized:

3.141592653589793238462643383  
27950288419716939937510582097  
49445923078164062862089986280  
34825342117067982148086513282  
30664709384460955058223172535

These classroom winners earned a mini apple pie:

5th Grade - Espen Wathen, Connor Thornburgh, Mason Lapointe

4th Grade - Meghana Venkatesha, Madison LaPointe, Abigail McMahon, Ian Dollins

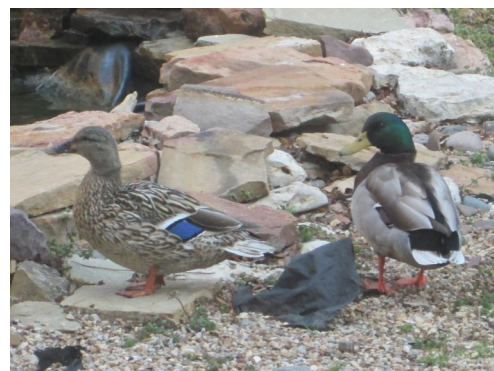
3rd Grade - Grayson Tempest, Tanvi Kirian

## They're Back!

by Rayan Choudhary  
and Lamita Mouchantaf, 2nd Grade

On March 24, three ducks appeared in the solarium. There are two male ducks and one female duck. Students named the ducks Olaf, Billy Bob, and Pearl. Pearl is

already laying eggs. It takes 28 days for the eggs to hatch. The ducks come in the morning and leave in the afternoon. If you find the nest of these ducks or their eggs please do not bother them or touch the eggs. It is against the law to disturb or steal eggs of migratory birds. The ducks have been coming here for many years and we do not want to lose them.



## Newcomb!

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

On March 26, students in third through fifth grades began their annual Newcomb tournament.

Newcomb consists of three horizontal rows of players who throw a volleyball over a net. One team catches the ball and throws it back. The first team to throw the ball over and cause the other team to drop it gets a point. The first team to twenty one points, with a lead of two, wins that round. Teams have to win two

out of three rounds to win the game.

Before the tournament starts, Mr. Ritter draws six names from each class out of a hat. He draws three boys and three girls. The people in that class then vote. The two people who receive the most votes are chosen as captains. The captains choose between the people in their class to determine who is on their team. In the games, captains choose where to put teammates and how to play them most effectively.

According to Mr. Ritter, Newcomb teaches students how to be competitive and how to work as a

team. If one person messes up, then everybody messes up.

“It is so very important to work as a team. One time I threw it out of bounds and we almost lost the game,” said third grader Justin Crutchmer.

Teammates have to encourage other teammates. Sometimes Mr. Ritter makes students do push-ups if they do not encourage each other.

Newcomb has been a tradition at Peters for many years and will continue its legacy for many more years.

## St. Patrick’s Day

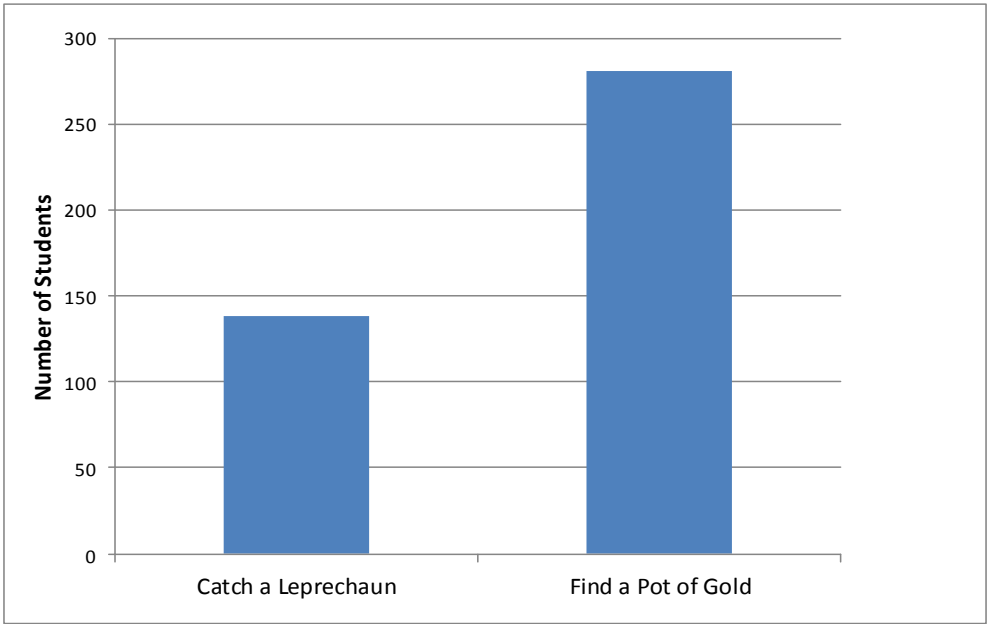
by James Huffman, 4th Grade

On March 17, people around the world celebrated a holiday called St. Patrick’s Day. We celebrate St. Patrick’s Day to honor a man named Maewyn Succat, who later became known as Saint Patrick.

Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest at a Christian church. When Patrick was sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken to Gaelic Ireland as a slave. He spent six years there working as a shepherd. During his time in Ireland, he found God. God told him that a boat would be at the coast to take him back home. When Patrick got home he became a priest. Later on, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christianity. Saint Patrick died on March 17 and became Ireland’s patron saint.



Would you rather catch a leprechaun or find a pot of gold?



Poll by Pragathi Gowda, 5th Grade and Daphne Crawford, 4th Grade

Shamrock - A plant of folk legend with leaves composed of three leaflets that is associated with St. Patrick and Ireland.

Leprechaun - In Irish folklore , an elf resembling a little old man, who knows of hidden treasure

## Cat in the Hat Play

by Lauren Hemm, 3rd Grade

On Friday, March 7, some students from Union High School performed a play for second graders. The play was in the media center. The high school students taught second graders how to act and how not to act for *The Seussical*. They performed two plays. One of the performances was based on the book *The Cat in the Hat*. The other play was a comedy about people making a movie of *The Cat in the Hat*.



Xavier Duncan, in Mrs. Keller’s class said, “I liked when they did slow motion in the comedy play.” All of the kids appeared to have had a great time watching the funny actors.

## Word Scramble

by Cameron Brashear, 3rd Grade

Try to unscramble these spring words.

ogdl  
hcnlinpuera  
mkhrsaho  
lorcev  
psnigr  
lserfwo  
nira  
rsgsa





# College and Career Week at Peters

*by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade*

Peters celebrated College and Career Week the week of March 23. During this week, many people came to Peters to talk about their careers. These people included college basketball players, college soccer players, a pastor, a journalist, a

military veteran, a principal, a lawyer, directors and managers. Some of the visitors were the parents of current or former Peters students. The visitors talked to students about how to succeed in school and pursue a great career. They taught them that it all starts in elementary school, and that should enjoy their elementary school experience. On March 27, Peters students were encouraged to dress in clothing with the logo of their favorite college.

# 3rd Grade Career Day

*by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade*

On March 24, three speakers came to talk to third grade about their careers.

Mrs. Givens

Mrs. Givens is a political science teacher at Tulsa Community College. She came and talked to third grade about college and how to prepare for a career. Her favorite part of the job is the opportunity to meet new students each semester. She says the most difficult part of the job is when students do not like her class.

Mr. Tempest

Mr. Tempest is a head principal at the Union High School. To be a principal he had to get a master's degree in administration. At work he meets with students and teachers to make sure school is successful. He said that there are about 3,300 students at the Union High School. His favorite thing about his job is seeing the students every day.

Pastor Ernest

Pastor Ernest is a minister at Bethany Church. He travels around the world and helps kids. To be a pastor he had to go to college for four years. He decided he was going to be a pastor in his freshman year at college. He said there are about 500 people who attend Bethany Church.

# Athletes Visit Peters

*by Meghana Venkatesha, 4th Grade*

On March 26, Mr. and Mrs. Cussen brought the University of Tulsa women's soccer team and the Oral Roberts University women's basketball team to Peters to talk to students as part of College and Career Week. Student Council members escorted athletes to each class. The athletes arrived at 7:20 and left at 8:30. Every classroom had at least one visitor. The athletes talked about their education and their sports career.

The basketball players were tall compared to students. “I thought I was tall but compared to them I feel small,” said fourth grader Eric Thompson.

Many of the athletes said they enjoyed coming to Peters and some said that it reminded them of their childhood. Not all the athletes are going to be sports professionals when they graduate from college. One athlete wanted to enter the medical field.

“It was really fun having the athletes come and talk to us about how they got to be where they are now,” said fourth grader Evan Skeie.

A lot of the students wanted to meet real soccer or basketball players and they were happy when the athletes came.



*Safety Patrol Caleb Ney gets some assistance from a TU athlete.*



*Mrs. Hillhouse's class enjoys a visit from an ORU athlete.*



## 4th Grade Career Day

by Meghana Venkatesha, 4th Grade

Christine Mescher came to Peters to talk to fourth grade during Career Week. She is a lawyer and works at Mescher’s Law. She attended John Brown University and the University of Tulsa.

She said the easiest part of her job is when the same person comes again because she knows more about them.

“The hardest part about my job is being a good representative for my clients,” she said.

Ms. Mescher likes learning about laws she never knew about. One of her current cases involves a couple fighting for custody of two cats.

Josh Harding, Mrs. Harding’s son, also talked to fourth grade about his job. He grew up in Broken Arrow. His sister went to Peters, but he did not. He is a landman manager and works at Red Fork Energy. Mr. Harding’s company pays people for permission to drill for oil on their land. He went to college at the University of Oklahoma. The part Mr. Harding does not like about his job is dealing with fractions.



Rose Washington is an executive director of the Tulsa Economic Development Corporation. She grew up in Mississippi and went to college at Mississippi State University. Her job is to give people loans for their businesses.



“They have to pay the loan or I’ll make their life miserable!” she said.

Mrs. Washington loves her job and says it is a lot of fun. The easiest part of her job is working with her staff. The hardest part of her job is saying no to business owners who don’t get approved for a loan.

Mrs. Washington has a son named Morris Rentie in fifth grade at Peters.

## 1st Grade Visitor

by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade

Officer Hurst visited first grade during Career Week. He is Peters’ school resource officer. Officer Hurst has been at Peters for three years. His office is in the third grade hallway.

Officer Hurst goes to schools and talks to kids. He works here to keep kids safe and to educate them about police officers. He said that he likes to educate kids, council them, and enforce the law.

## 5th Grade Career Day

by Hannah Fuller  
and Marisol Sandoval, 5th Grade

On Thursday, March 27, three guest speakers talked to fifth grade about their careers. These included a journalist, a Cox network engineer, and a knowledge operator in the Air Force. This was a part of College and Career Week at Peters.

John Hoover writes a sports column four days a week for the Tulsa World newspaper. He interviews athletes and other people at sport events and writes opinion columns.

Mr. Hoover grew up in Alaska and moved to Oklahoma as a teenager. He graduated from East Central University.

“Being a sports writer is like the coolest job ever,” he said. “I’d love to cover the Olympics someday.”

Jeana Kelley also spoke about her job as a network engineer at Cox. She adds channels to TVs and updates their software. Mrs. Kelley attended college at Northeastern A&M, Tulsa Community College, and Oklahoma State University.

“I thought it was neat to key in



someone’s television and add channels to someone’s TV,” she said. She wanted to work at Cox “because working with TVs would be exciting.”

Another speaker was Amber LaPointe. She is a knowledge operator in the Air Force. That means she organizes deployments and makes sure everyone has what they need.

Mrs. LaPointe has worked for the Air Force for about eight years. She has been to Iraq once as well as Hawaii and several other parts of the United States.

“We have every job you can possibly think of in the Air Force, so not everyone has to be a pilot” she said. “I love America and I love protecting it.”



# Meet the PTA

by Caris Fore, 3rd Grade  
and Sara Castle, 5th Grade

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. The overall purpose of PTA is to help children reach their potential by providing ways for parents to be more involved with the school. Listed below are the PTA officers who have worked so hard to sponsor fun events and raise money to support our school. So, the next time PTA sponsors a fun event, support the PTA by attending.



Mrs. Jones is president of PTA. Mrs. Jones says to be a member of PTA, you have to be elected to your position by teachers and parents. She works with teachers and Mrs. Gray to put on fun events, fundraisers, and activities. She said her favorite part of her job is getting to do fun things with students and teachers.

Mrs. Oliver is secretary of PTA. She takes notes at the PTA meetings and then at the next meeting she reads them out loud. She said her favorite part of her job is being able to interact with the kids. Mrs. Oliver said that we have PTA because it helps the teachers and students. We also have PTA to raise money for the school.



Mrs. Brunson is treasurer of PTA. This means she writes the checks, goes to the bank, and takes care of the PTA money. Her favorite part of her job is being part of PTA events and spending time at the school. Mrs. Brunson said that we have PTA so the parents can have an active role in the school and school activities.

Mrs. Monroe is council delegate of PTA. That means she attends dis-

trict meetings for the PTA, and at the meetings she finds out what is going on in Union. She said her favorite part of her job is being able to see all the kids' smiles when they are having fun.



## Test Taking Tips

State testing is just around the corner. Here are some tips to help you do your best on the test.

- Read all the answer choices before choosing the best one.
- Underline or circle clues that may help you find an answer.
- Eliminate answer choices that do not make sense.
- Carefully examine any graphs, tables, diagrams, or charts.
- Take your time.

# Flu Begone!

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade  
Paw Prints Editor

Spring is approaching and the weather is getting warmer. You know what that means — flu season. Flu season generally starts in October and ends in May. Right now we are right in the middle of it.

The flu is a sickness that anybody can catch at any time. It is no fun! Two ways you can prevent the flu is to wash your hands often and drink lots of water.

Do you ever get muddy playing outside in the rain then have to take a shower because you are dirty? Washing your hands is practically the same thing. Throughout the day your hands collect germs and bacteria that can cause you to get the flu.

When you wash your hands it is like a shower for your hands. You should wash your hands with warm water and soap while you sing the ABC's twice.

When you drink water it cleans the inside of your body. You should drink lots of water during flu season because it cleans all of the flu bugs out of you. In addition to cleansing your body it is also very good for you. It helps keep your muscles strong because water hydrates them. This also prevents the flu.

The flu is not a fun thing to have, but there are many ways to prevent it. It has been around for hundreds of years and people have been coming up with ways to prevent it. As long as you stay active and cover your sneezes you will be doing your part to help avoid the flu.

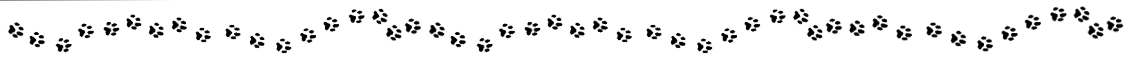
## “Tornado”

Poem by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

Coming Through the Lives  
Of Innocent, Scared People  
Causing Them to Run  
Invading Lives like Still Thieves







# Spotlight on Character

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade



Do you ever ask yourself the question “Would I do the right thing even when no one’s watching?” Well one student asked himself that question and then made a great choice. Kindergartener Ashton Lisowski is a superstar when it comes to character.

One day in March, Ashton found a significant amount of money outside by the Peters crosswalk. Ashton found the nearest teacher and asked what he should do with the money. Ashton did the right thing and returned the money.

“I didn’t keep the money because I knew it was the wrong thing to do,” said Ashton.

Ashton was a hero when he picked up the money and returned it safely to the office. We congratulate Ashton for demonstrating such great character.

# March Citizens of the Month



Pictured from left to right: Matt Gort, Mason Lapointe, Jacob Hieber, Eric Thompson, Ty Henderson, McKinley Jarnagin, Kaylie Metsch, Ethan Boze

# It Pays to be a Good Citizen

by Anna Hemm, 5th Grade

Each month, fourth and fifth grade classes select a student to represent their class as Citizen of the Month. To be considered for Citizen of the Month, students must be prompt, act responsibly, work hard, and show respect.

Being prompt means that you turn in your work on time and arrive at school on time. Acting responsibly means that you clean up after yourself and follow the school rules. Working hard means that you try your best and turn in your best

work. Showing respect means that you listen to your teacher and follow the classroom rules.

“A Citizen of the Month is a model student who demonstrates good character and is well respected by their peers,” said fifth grade teacher Mr. Bowen.

If a fourth or fifth grader does all of these things, they may be chosen as Citizen of the Month. If chosen, they get to eat pizza with the teachers in their grade and with Mrs. Gray. They also receive a bag with a certificate and other goodies.

So, if you be prompt, act responsibly, work hard, and show respect, you could be the next Citizen of the Month!

# Who Makes the Menu Choices?

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

Did you know that the students are not the only ones who make choices at lunch time? The students may pick what entrée or side they want, but who picks what entrée to have in the first place? It turns out the students make the choices. On March 26, a group of chefs and nutrition specialists came to Peters to set up a taste-testing table for students to try new foods.

“We take this survey at elementary schools, sixth grade, seventh grade and other Union schools,” said Lisa Griffin, head manager of the Union Student Nutrition Depart-



ment.

Only selected fourth grade students participated in the survey.

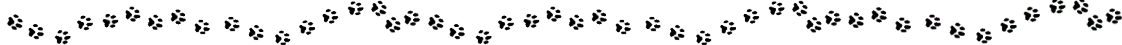
Each student got a sheet that showed the names of various food dishes. The advisors brought out samples of food for the students to try. After the students tasted the samples, they marked on their paper if it was great, OK, or not so good.

“We want to get the real input on what the students like. We want to get the real deal,” said Michael Fusco, head chef at the Union High School cafeteria.

This is Chef Fusco’s first year with Peters, but he has been a chef for thirty years. His favorite dish that the students tried was the potato crusted fish.

“I like to cook things that are in season. Right now I like cooking strawberries,” said Chef Fusco.



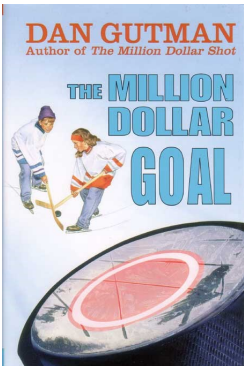


The Million Dollar Goal

Book Review

by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade

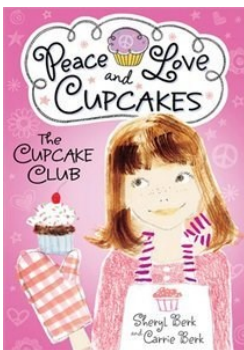
Dusk and Dawn love hockey but their dad does not. He never takes Dusk and Dawn to hockey games. But one day the dad gets hockey tickets to a game from a work friend who had tickets and could not go to the game. Dusk and Dawn have a grandma named Oma and she hates hockey but she goes to the hockey game anyway. When they got to the hockey game they realize that something is going on at halftime called the million dollar goal. Somebody will be chosen to shoot a goal from half court, and if they make it, they would get a million dollars. Guess who gets picked? You'll have to check out *The Million Dollar Goal* by Dan Gutman from the Peters' library to find out.



Peace, Love, and Cupcakes

Book Review by Anna Hemm

Kylie Carson has a problem. Will she ever make friends at her new school? Just when she thinks things can't get any worse, Kylie comes up with an idea. What if she starts a cupcake club? Kylie starts a cupcake club with her friends Jenna, Sadie, and Lexi. They call it Peace, Love, and Cupcakes. But when Kylie's enemy, Meredith, sabotages the club's winter dance cupcakes, Kylie has to get even. What will Kylie do? Will her revenge be as sweet as she imagined? Find out in *Peace, Love, and Cupcakes* by Sheryl Berk.



Chrysanthemum

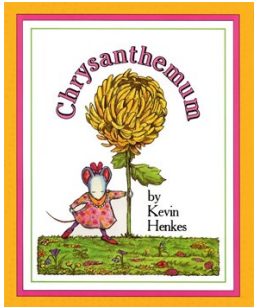
Literary Analysis

by Peyton Kunkel, 5th Grade

*Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes is literally about a girl named Chrysanthemum who begins to learn the meaning of her name. She believes it is absolute perfect until she goes to school, where all the kids start making fun of her.

*Chrysanthemum* is about self discovery and self esteem. At school, the ordinary, short-named children make fun of her for her unusually long name. They make her "wilt." I think the author uses the word wilt specifically because chrysanthemums are flowers and flowers wilt. The author means that Chrysanthemum's feelings were hurt badly.

When the children make fun of Chrysanthemum, she loses self esteem and no longer wants to return to school. Chrysanthemum



struggles to regain her confidence throughout the book. When she comes home from school, her parents try their best to cheer her up, but Chrysanthemum now thinks of her name as absolutely dreadful.

After the kids meet the new music teacher, whose name is Delphinium, Chrysanthemum begins to "bloom." I think that the author uses the word bloom specifically because when flowers bloom they are being healed, beginning to live again. Chrysanthemum is now happy.

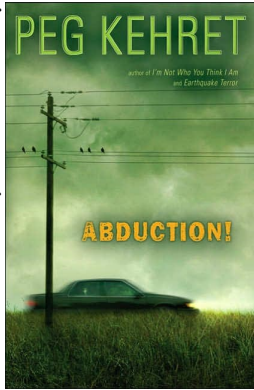
Abduction

Book Review

by Marison Sandoval, 5th Grade

Do you like mystery books? If so, you should read *Abduction* by Peg Kehret. *Abduction* is about a boy named Matt who is kidnapped by his father, Denny, who left before Matt was born.. When he gets kidnapped, he doesn't know Denny is his father. Denny abducted Matt with the hope of convincing his relatives to give money to his so called

new son. Of course Denny will just keep the money for himself. Matt has to get out of this mess, before it's too late! Meanwhile, Matt's sister, Bonnie, is desperately searching for any clues to Matt's disappearance. Will Bonnie ever see Matt again? Read *Abduction* to find out.



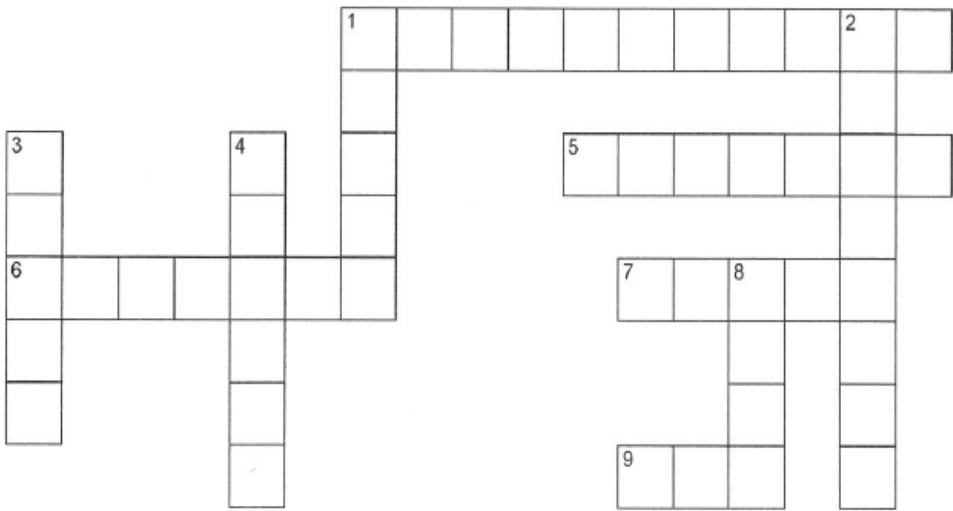
Thank You, Bethany Volunteers!



Volunteers from Bethany Church work in the Peters solarium during the Big Serve.

Crossword Puzzle by Tanvi Kiran, 3rd Grade

Spring



ACROSS

- 1 flying insects with beautiful wings
- 5 they can be put in a bouquet
- 6 living creatures that can't talk in words
- 7 the month spring starts
- 9 the star that we see at daytime

DOWN

- 1 flying animals that lay eggs
- 2 a day to celebrate our planet
- 3 a green plant that is very common on land
- 4 things that are put in the ground to grow
- 8 a liquid that falls from the sky

Ask The Panther

by Daphne Crawford, 4th Grade

Dear Panther,  
My friend is angry at me! I don't know why. She won't talk to me at all. When I asked her what was wrong, she ignored me. What should I do? HELP!  
— Hurt

Dear Hurt,  
Since your friend won't talk to you, maybe you should make a new friend for the moment. After not talking to your old friend for a while, she might forget why she was mad at you in the first place. Then you could be friends again. And if she was your real friend she would not ignore you.  
— The Panther

Submit your problems to Ask the Panther. Use the dropbox outside Mrs. Harding's room.

Comic by Charlie Casas, 4th Grade

