

Goodbye, Farewell, and See You at the Senior Reunion



*by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade
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You know that feeling you get when you are going on a big family vacation and you are so pumped? You've been packing for a week and you have your whole trip planned out. Then a week later your parents say it's time to go and you drive home. You get home and the whole world seems so dull because you just had the time of your life. That is what many fifth graders, including me, will be feeling like after they leave Peters this year. It's like I said, we are having the time of our lives and the next day it feels like the last seven years of our lives went by in a flash.

I have been a Peters student for about seven years now, along with several of my classmates. This truly has been the ride of a lifetime. We learned how to make friends and how to cooperate with others. Many of us have been best friends since we were in Pre-K with Mrs. Hillhouse and Mrs. Barton. It really is amazing how easy it is to relate to

people you have known for such a long time. This was the first year of the greatest seven years I have ever had.

Through my years as a young student I realized that school was going to be good. As the responsibilities grew the opportunities increased. Third grade was the grade that took the most getting used to. The dreaded state tests are at the end of the year and this is the first year for students to take them. Things that are harder come with things that reward you, and this is when many of us started to get involved.

In third grade there was talk about filling in the solarium pond. My classmates and I did not support this idea at all. We felt like we had to do something. We started a club so we could keep the solarium looking nice so the pond wouldn't get filled in. It worked, too! We found a sponsor, Mrs. Harding, and a couple weeks later we had a club. Students had to fill out an application to be accepted into the club. Only ten students were selected. Third grade was also the first year that students could

be a student council representative. The representatives had to go to every meeting and report back to their class.

A new opportunity opened up when a school newspaper was started at Peters during my fourth grade year. I learned a lot and made new friends that I hope to see through my upcoming years at Union.

Peters is very special to me. Both of my parents went to Peters, and that was why I ran for student council president in fifth grade. I also ran because I wanted to help make student council an organization that focused on service to our school. I was honored when I was actually elected.

I could not have had a better seven years of my life. None of this could have happened without the teachers and friends who have helped me along the way. Leaving Peters is bittersweet because I get to see what other grades are like but no grades will be better than my years at Peters. Don't worry, I'll see you again when I visit for my senior reunion.

Peters Hosts School Carnival

by Mia Hastings, 4th Grade



On April 26, Peters PTA hosted the annual school carnival on the school grounds. The carnival had rides, games, food, and gifts. Everybody was welcome, but students had to have a wristband or tickets to play a game or buy food.

At the carnival, there was a cake walk and bidding for gifts. There were a lot of rides at the carnival. The rides were the Tea Cups, the Meltdown, the Big Baller, the Rock Climbing Wall, and the Pirate Ship.

Some students volunteered to

work at Dunk-a-Dunk and Dunk-o-War and to take care of Arnold, the goose. Third grade won the extra recess from Dunk-a-Dunk.

Annie Moreno said her favorite ride at the carnival was the Big Baller. Her favorite part of the carnival was “the goose Arnold.”

Skyllar Oxford said her favorite ride was The Meltdown. Her favorite part of the carnival was the food.

The carnival is just a fun day for everyone.

Animal Kingdom

by Reilly Logan, 2nd Grade

For the second grade field trip we went to the zoo. I liked seeing the elephants, giraffes, and even the grizzly bear, who had a shaved line on his back. There were little ponds for geese and caves for bats.

There were different kinds of buildings, like Life in the Cold, Life in the Desert, and Life in the Water. It was kind of smelly in Life in the Desert. I got to go in a tornado simulator.

There was a park where there were a lot of people. There also was a rolling globe that people tried to stop.

There was a snowy owl and an Indian python. There were huts and you could see how Native American women lived and you got to

hear Native American music. I saw an eagle swoop down and a spider monkey jump from wall to rope.

I think a bunch of people in the class liked going on the train. We took pictures by the picture booth, but it started to pour when we got on the train. On the train ride, I saw a white peacock. We went to the front of the zoo, then we rode a bus back to the school and went on like it was a regular day.



Seuss!!!

by Tanvi Kiran, 3rd Grade

Second grade performed *The Seussical! The Seussical!* is a play about Dr. Seuss's stories. It teaches fluency, literacy, and it teaches students to perform in front of a crowd. This is the third year *The Seussical!* was performed. The play was presented in the Peters media center and on the stage in the gym.

Mrs. Keller, a second grade teacher and producer of the play said, “I like the music of *The Seussical!*”

Second grade student Ethan McGuire when asked what he liked about *The Seussical!* said, “We got to have fun and do our own things.”

Mckenzie Farwell, another second grade student said, “I liked *The Seussical!* because it will give us memories.”

Some second graders performed the songs from *The Seussical!* at the PTA Council meeting at the high school.

Science Time!

by James Huffman, 4th Grade



On May 8, fourth grade held a science fair. The science fair is an event where students presented their projects on tri-folds and demonstrated the scientific method.

At the science fair, students presented their projects to parents and other students. Students did research using books or on websites to find projects. Students came in with a variety of different experiments. Some projects were titled *How A Tornado Forms*, *Lego Bridge Challenge*, *The Soda Explosion*, *Fireworks In A Jar*, and *How Greasy Are Potato Chips?*

Fourth grader Nathan Brummett said his favorite thing about the science fair was all the projects and experiments.

Chloe Johnson said, “My favorite part was making the project.”



Peters Competes in Special Olympics

by Peyton Kunkel, 5th Grade

The Special Olympics are back! This year our Special Olympians played Bocce ball, which is basically long bowling. Karen, Jay, and Elvis have done this before, but Isaiah is new to the Special Olympics.

They put a lot of hard work into preparing for this event. They practiced for three months! Karen, Jay, Elvis, and Isaiah went on a field trip to the high school and practiced on their football field.

They left for the Olympics on May 14 and came back on May 16. Our Olympians played Bocce ball in Stillwater on the OSU football field. Our Special Olympians won two gold, one silver and one bronze medal.

We have the Special Olympics every year to showcase the kids with special needs, and let them participate in something very fun.

When you see them walking in the hall, be sure to say, “Good Job!” or give them a high five. That will really make them feel good. Great job to our four Special Olympic representatives!

Isaiah Oliver

by Hannah Main, 4th Grade

Isaiah is one of our Special Olympians. Isaiah was not scared to go play Bocce ball at the Special Olympics. Isaiah thinks he is very good at Bocce ball. Isaiah works really well with his teammates and he cares about them very much.

Isaiah is 11 years old and is in fifth grade. He loves all of the teachers in the school and he thinks that Peters is the best school ever!

Isaiah’s favorite candy is Skittles. His mouth waters when he thinks of them. His closest friend is Jay. He will always be there for him when he needs him. Isaiah has a lot of family members. He loves every single one of them!

Karen Gallegos

by Cassie Cussen, 4th Grade
and Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

Karen was one of Peters’ Special Olympians. She was very excited about going to the Special Olympics. She was very confident that our school would win and she wasn’t nervous at all because she was with her friends. She felt special about getting all of this attention. She planned to play with her friends instead of just playing Bocce ball. She says Bocce ball is very fun to play and that it is her favorite sport. She thinks she was well prepared. She practiced twice a day with her teachers who acted as coaches.

“I’d like to thank [you all] for helping out with the Special Olympics,” said Karen.

Jay Wilson

by Xitlali Moreno, 4th Grade

Jay is 12 years old and he is in fifth grade. He was one of the Olympians who went to the Special Olympics in Stillwater. Jay played Bocce ball there. He has been practicing a lot. Jay’s favorite colors are blue and gold. Karen, Elvis, and Isaiah accompanied him. They are also his best friends.

“Bocce ball is not hard; it is easy!” said Jay. He has been playing Bocce ball for about two years. Jay was neither nervous nor scared, but excited. Jay is a super star because of his confidence.

Elvis Cruz

by Jasai Brunson, 4th Grade

Elvis played Bocce ball at the Special Olympics. This is his second year to attend the Special Olympics as an athlete. He is in Mrs. McDonald’s class and his best friend is Jay, who is also in Mrs. McDonald’s class. Elvis is 11 years old and he is in fifth grade. Elvis has five people in his family and he loves pizza. His favorite color is blue. He practiced Bocce ball twice a day in preparation for the Special Olympics. Elvis says that Bocce ball is super hard but fun.



Fifth Grade Explores Ecosystems

by Anna Hemm, 5th Grade



On May fifth, sixth, and seventh, fifth grade traveled to Rogers County Conservation Center, located on the Campus of Rogers State University. Fifth graders got to go to Rogers County one class at a time due to a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality.

When the fifth graders first arrived at the reserve, the instructor, Mr. Gibbs, taught them about chemical symbols and facts about ecosystems. Mr. Gibbs took fifth graders on a guided walk through the forest and taught them about the history of the trees that grow there.

The purpose of the trip was to learn more about ecosystems.

“This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about ecosystems in a real life scenario,” said fifth grade teacher Mr. Bowen. “The field trip made their studies come alive.”

Students made observations about aquatic ecosystems and determined if they were healthy. Fifth graders also got to retrieve living organisms out of an aquatic ecosystem and attempt to identify them using a dichotomous key.

“We learn about ecosystems, diversity, vertebrates, and invertebrates. Everything you learn in science you can learn here,” says Mr. Gibbs.



YouthArts!

by Warisha Choudhary

and Marisol Sandoval, 5th Grade

On April 14–18 and April 28, Union held a district art show called YouthArts!. YouthArts! is divided into two parts. The first part is a visual arts show and the second part is the music festival.

The visual art show is a display of student artwork from all Union schools. Mrs. Salinas picked the best art works from each grade for display at YouthArts! She was only able to select twelve from each grade.

The music festival is a celebration of music. Selected fifth grade students went to the UMAC and practiced singing pirate songs for a concert they performed that evening. Students practiced for three hours and the concert lasted twenty minutes. About 300 students from 13 different elementary schools participated in the concert.

Volunteer Luncheon

by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade

On April 29, Peters staff held a volunteer luncheon for any person who helped in a classroom or at an event. Around 15 volunteers attended. Quik Trip donated food for the meal.

Mrs. McDonald, who organized the luncheon, said "The teachers want to give back to parents who have volunteered and taken time off to help. We have many parents who help out here at Peters so we want to do something nice for them."

Thank you volunteers for helping
out at Peters.

Pre-K Shares Favorite Tunes

by Warisha Choudhary, 5th Grade

On April 30, Pre-K presented a performance about what they have learned this year. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Barton thought of things Pre K students had done all year and came up with a play. Pre-K sang *Oklahoma OK*, *ABC*, *Five Little Monkeys*, *Counting up to 20*, *R-E-D*, *Humpty Dumpty*, *Itsy Bitsy Spider*, and *If*

You're Happy and you Know It.

“The parents enjoy coming to see their kids perform, and it’s really good for the kids to perform,” said Mrs. Barton.

Parents were not the only ones to attend the play. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers, and sisters also watched the performance. Half the gym was full of people.

Pre-K practiced their play in their classrooms and on stage.

"I liked it, it was fun. I liked it when we sang Little Miss Muffet," said Pre-K student Marilyn Wu.



Peters Sweeps Academic Meet

by Braxton Tempest, 5th Grade

On May 16, Peters hosted an academic team competition. Two other schools, Jarman and Andersen, competed in the competition. There were two teams from every school. There were between 6 and 12 people per team. Each team played five games, one game against each team. Each game consisted of four rounds. There were substitutions after each round. The winner was determined after all four rounds were completed. The team with the most points won the game. The questions consisted of many different subjects including mathematics, language arts, fine arts, science, social studies and pop-culture.

At the end of the competition there were awards given to the two top teams in the tournament. The winner was determined by who won the most games. The runner-up of the fifth grade spring competition was Andersen 1 and the champions were Peters 1. The runner-up of the fourth grade spring competition was Jarman 1 and the champions were Peters 1. This was a big accomplish-



ment for the Peters academic teams.

“Academic team members develop strong motivation to acquire knowledge, skills beyond the classroom, and the ability to work cooperatively. They learn time management, critical thinking, concentration and discipline. Participation at the elementary level will help encourage and prepare students for the many opportunities to participate in academic teams both at the second-

ary and collegiate levels,” says coach, Mr. Bowen,

Both fourth and fifth grade academic teams regularly gave up lunch recess to practice with their teammates. Thirty five students participated from Peters.

Be on the lookout next year for academic team tryouts. You have to try out, so get your buzzer finger ready.

Lights, Camera, Action!

by Caris Fore and Tanvi Kiran, 3rd Grade

Programs and plays have been a tradition at Peters for so long. *Territory Tales* is the play that Mrs. Morris has written and directed.

Mrs. Morris chose to do an Oklahoma play because third grade gets to study Oklahoma history. All the research third grade finds is put into the play. This is only the second year Mrs. Morris has held the play. The Oklahoma play is based on *The Wizard Of Oz* but they have famous Oklahomans instead of lions, scarecrows, and tin-men.

This production was held on May 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the library.

“It was very fun because everybody was bonding with each other, and we got to show everybody how expressive we really are,” explained Tanner Sistrunk from third grade. Tanner was Woody Guthrie, one of the main characters in the Oklahoma play which also included Doro-



thy, played by Isabella Sepulveda, Will Rogers, played by Keenan Vedros, Frank Phillips, played by Caiden Morales, and Wilma Man-killer, played by Jenaya Monroe.

“It worked out really well in the end because nobody got sick or had

stage fright. It was really nice for the parents to congratulate us and it really warmed all of our hearts,” Tanner added.

Now that the play is over, we can all say, “You ARE doing fine, Oklahoma!”

Go Fish!!

by Sara Castle, 5th Grade

This April, first grade went on a field trip to the Oklahoma Aquarium. According to Mrs. Brashear, students went to the aquarium because they have been studying underwater life in their science unit. “The class got to look around and touch the animals,” she said.

First graders Anneston Tempest, Leah Grace Hemm, and Zachary Porter said that they really enjoyed their time at the aquarium. “It was very fun touching the animals and the shark egg,” Anneston said. Leah Grace said that they all enjoyed the shark tank.

After the field trip, students went to Country Aire Park and had a picnic. After the picnic they walked back to Peters.

If you want to hear more about their trip to the aquarium, a first grader would probably be happy to tell you all about it.

Renaissance Faire

by Aubrey Stanley, 5th Grade

On May 9, Chess Club and fifth grade ARC went to the student day at the Renaissance Faire with fourth grade ARC students from Anderson Elementary.

“The Renaissance Faire was amazing, colorful, and hot.” said Mrs. Harding. “Fifth grade ARC studied the Renaissance in preparation for this field trip. Chess Club was disappointed that the living chess board was not performing, but they made the most of it by creating their own game on the life-sized board.”

There were all sorts of magical

things to see like gypsies, a satyr, a mermaid, and a fairy.

“I would describe my experience at the Renaissance Faire as exciting. My group saw Peter Pan and he sent us on a quest to learn a specific dance and teach it to him,” said third grader Jenaya Monroe.



The 19th Annual Renaissance Faire is at the Castle of Muskogee from May 3 through June 1.



Arnold the Goose 2014-2014

by Cameron Brashear, 3rd Grade

Mrs. Harding has a friend that lives on a farm. Her friend gave her two goose eggs and two duck eggs. Only one of the eggs hatched. It was a goose and second grade named him Arnold. Mrs. Harding thought that he was lonely so she went to Atwoods and bought Annabelle. When Annabelle hatched, Arnold did not like her so he pecked at her.

After a while, though, he got used to her so he stopped pecking.

One night, Mrs. Harding put them into the solarium and a hawk flew down and caught Arnold. Mr. Toby, the custodian, saw it happen, so he saved Annabelle from the hawk.

A couple of days passed and Mrs. Harding brought Annabelle to a farm to save her from the hawk.

“They were very cute,” said Madeline Brashear.

There’s No Place Like Home

by Grayson Tempest, 3rd Grade

On May 8, Mrs. Griffin’s third grade class performed their *Wizard of Oz* play in the media center. This was Mrs. Griffin’s fourth year to direct the play. Mrs. Keller started the tradition 15 years ago.

“My favorite part of *The Wizard of Oz* was throwing apples at Dorothy,” said Ruby Palos. Classmate Cameron Brashear said that his favorite part of *The Wizard of Oz* was



wearing his costume.

Mrs. Griffin said the reason she does *The Wizard of Oz* play is because it gives everybody a chance to shine.

On May 20, Ms. Nelson’s class

performed their *Wizard of Oz* play. This is Ms. Nelson’s first year directing *The Wizard of Oz*. Ms. Nelson said her favorite part was watching the kids make their characters come alive. “It is a gift that comes naturally to the kids,” said Ms. Nelson.

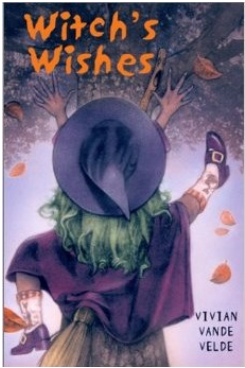
Ms. Nelson decided who would be each character by letting each student try out for the part they wanted and whoever performed the best got that part.

“My favorite part was being in front of an audience,” said Brennan Stout.

Witch's Wishes

Book Review
by Tanvi Kiran, 3rd Grade

One All Hallow's Eve (also known as Halloween), an old witch was preparing for a gala. She thought it was late enough to fly on her broom, but a news helicopter was coming her way! Before the witch collided, she dove under the helicopter, heading straight for the supermarket's dumpster. While struggling to get out, the old witch noticed a girl dressed as a fairy princess with a magic wand and a boy dressed as a vampire. The girl noticed the old witch. The girl's name was Sarah. Sarah thought the witch was hurt. So she gave the witch a Band-Aid. The witch thought Sarah was sweet, so she made Sarah's plastic wand into a real wand.



If you want to find out the wishes Sarah made, come check out *Witch's Wishes* by Vivian Vande Velde. And remember, be careful what you wish for!

Are You Afraid Yet?

Book Review
by Caris Fore, 3rd grade

Do you enjoy the freakiest books in the library? If you do, this book will really make you scream! Do you know the real story behind Big Foot? How about the discovery of UFO'S? *Are You Afraid Yet?* by Stephen James O'Meara will answer these questions and more. So, if you have been drawn in to the world of scary, check out *Are You Afraid Yet?*... if you dare!



April Citizens of the Month



Pictured from left to right: Ashlyn Ressler, Kaitlyn Hough, Hannah Main, Angelina Nguyen, Pragathi Gowda, Salam Alchammat, Alaina Reich

May Citizens of the Month



Pictured from left to right: Kali Christopher, Miguel Davies, Byron Pacheco, Simon Eddins, Mia Hastings, Miles Givens, Nha Duong, Noah Duncan

Let's Go To the Zoo

by Daphne Crawford, 4th grade

On Wednesday, April 23, kindergarten went on a field trip to the Tulsa Zoo. Parents, teachers, and kindergarten students attended. In the time they spent at the zoo, kin-

dergarteners rode the carousel, the animal train, and saw all of the animals.

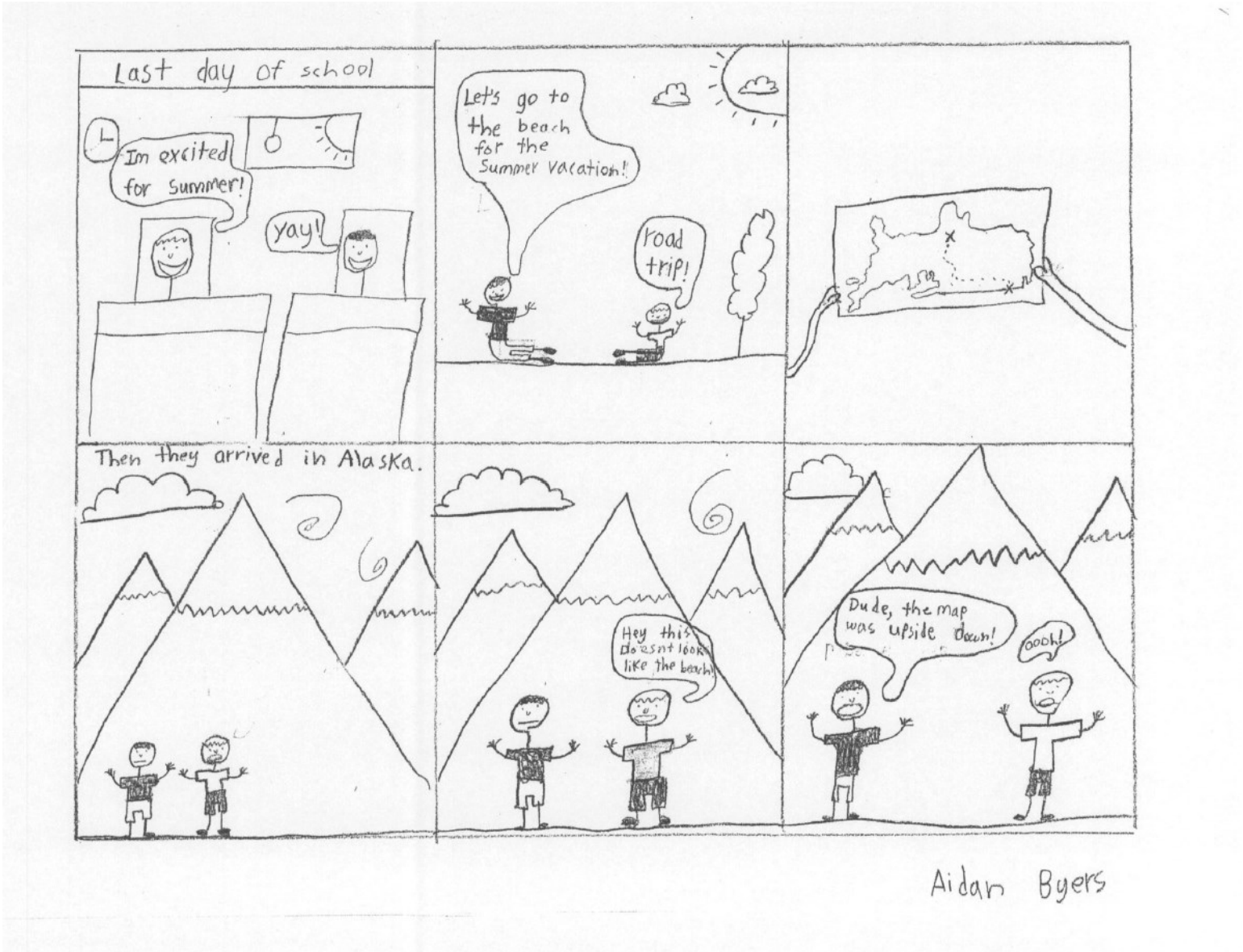
"The reason we chose to go to the zoo for our field trip is because we are doing an animal unit of study," Mrs. Hillhouse said.

Students had a good time.

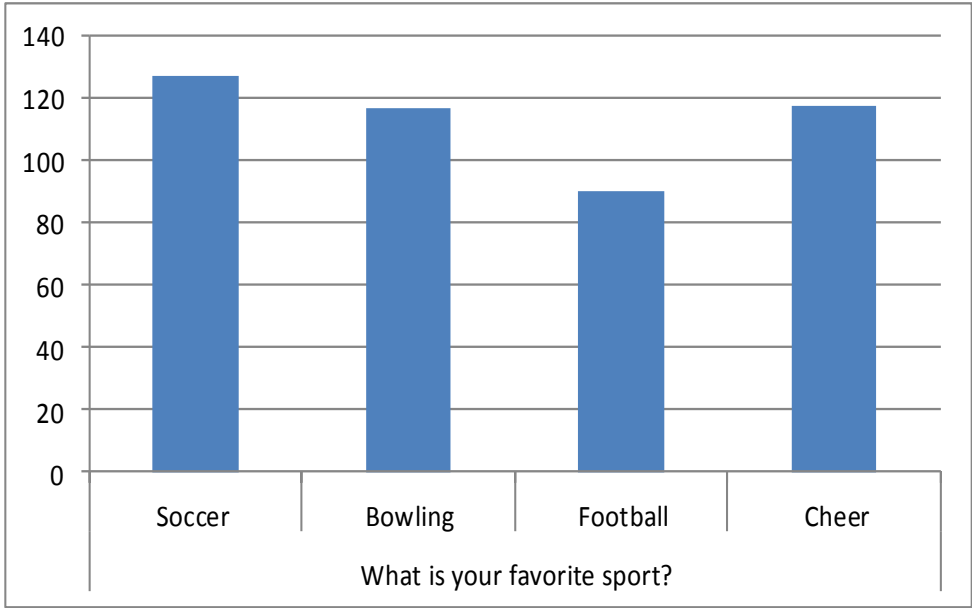




Comic by Aiden Byers, 2nd Grade

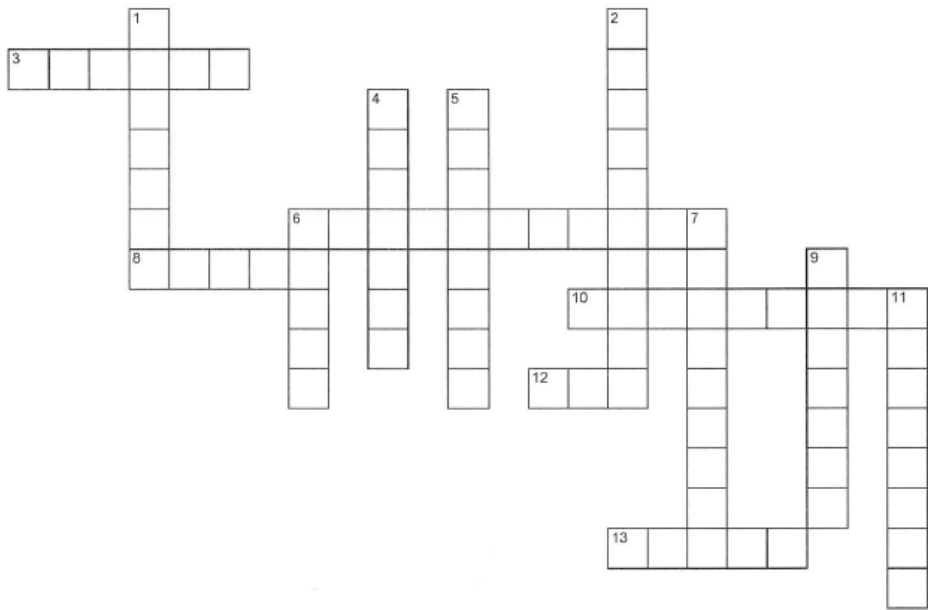


Poll by Meghana Venkatesha, 4th Grade



Crossword Puzzle by Pragathi Gowda, 5th Grade

School's Out
by:Pragathi Gowda



- Across
- 3. Relatives
 - 6. Beautiful winged insects
 - 8. Arnold was one
 - 10. You shoot these off on the 4th of July
 - 12. The closest star to earth
 - 13. A group of friends getting together to celebrate is called a _____

- Down
- 1. A hobby where people catch things to eat using a line and poles
 - 2. Your favorite programs are viewed on one of these
 - 4. Travel for fun
 - 5. A sport played on a diamond
 - 7. Spending the night with a friend
 - 9. A buddy
 - 11. Propelling yourself through the water



Science, Science,
Science!
by Peyton Kunkel, 5th Grade

On May 23, fifth grade went on a science field trip to the Union High School. High school teachers and students decided it would be a good idea to let fifth graders see what school would be like in six years.

We got to see and do so many things such as race solar powered cars (that we made), extract DNA from a strawberry, put flies to sleep, see and touch cat organs, and watch chemistry in action. We also got to eat lunch on the football field. IT WAS AWESOME.

Many people saw friends from Rosa Parks and stayed with them. Our teachers said it would be a good idea bring a blanket to sit on because football players often spit on the field. EW!!

Sara Castle said, “My favorite part was watching people mix the chemicals and see the reactions.”

Changing of the
Guard
by Sara Castle, 5th Grade

Beginning on May 22, fifth grade safety patrol began training fourth graders to take over their posts for next school year. To qualify for safety patrol, fourth graders had to study safety procedures and take a test over them.

Fourth grader Nathan Brummet said that he is excited about being a safety patrol. “I want to be a safety patrol to help kids be safe.”

Graph by Hannah Fuller, 5th Grade, and Meghana Venkatesha, 4th Grade



Peters recycled a total of 2244.3 pounds of paper this school year!

