

Mrs. Cunningham Voted Peters Teacher of the Year!

by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade, Mazie Waters and Lauren Hemm, 4th Grade



Each year Peters Elementary has a teacher of the year. This year the teacher of the year is... Ms. Cunningham! She has been teaching at Peters for 31 years and has taught first through fifth grade at least once during her time at Peters. Ms. Cunningham is known as The Grammar Queen because of her talents in teaching language arts. Ms. Cunningham said she is glad that she is

teaching language arts because it is her favorite subject.

The teachers all had a chance to vote for a teacher to represent Peters. After the first vote, the top three teachers were chosen. A second vote was taken and Ms. Cunningham was selected as the Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Cunningham said, "I am humbled, and honored to be selected

by my peers. I have been teacher of the year twice before, my first time was in 1982, at Braggs Elementary where they had Kindergarten through grade twelve in one building." She also was Peters Teacher of the Year in 1987.

"Every class I've had always has something special about it!" Ms. Cunningham said.

Her former students agreed.

"I was in Ms. Cunningham's class for two years in a row and we had so much fun. Ms. Cunningham would always get mad at her computer and it was so funny! She always gave us candy when we were good and that was a lot!" said fifth grader, Xitlali Moreno.

"Ms. Cunningham makes everything that is boring really fun," fourth grader Mackenzie Thiessen said.

"She deserves it because she knows how to teach to a student's perspective." said former student Lauren Fricke.

Now Ms. Cunningham will compete for Union District Teacher of the Year. Good luck, Ms. Cunningham!

Dr. Hartzler Talks Technology With President Obama

by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade

As Editor of *Paw Prints*, I decided to write a column about why we should get more technology in our school. What a coincidence, that our superintendent, Dr. Kirt Hartzler, recently went to the White House with 99 other superintendents for a meeting with President Obama to try to get more technology in our schools!

The advantage of getting more technology in our schools is that instead of using so much paper, we could type our work and email it to our teacher online. We could save money and trees by downloading textbooks on electronic devices. This would also lighten the load we carry in our backpacks.

Dr. Hartzler and his staff are trying to find out what electronics are the best for us. They want to find technology that will really help us learn, not something that students will only use to listen to music and play games.

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Union Superintendent Dr. Kirt Hartzler discusses technology with Paw Prints Editor in Chief Meghana Venkatesha (right), and staff writers Xitlali Moreno (left) and Mia Hastings (middle).

Teams Compete in Academic Tournament

by Meghana Venkatesha, 5th Grade, and Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade



On November 5 and 6, Peters fourth and fifth grade academic teams competed in an Academic Bowl. Anderson and Jarman also participated in the bowl. This is Peters second year competing in this tournament.

The teams competed in the library, computer lab, and Mrs. Harding's room. A refreshment table was set up in the library for parents for the first time ever. Most students were scared but excited and many were also confident.

One parent from Anderson, Sri-dhar Parmeswaren said, "This is my kid's first time participating in this event. I am so excited!"

All of teams competed against each other. There were questions from the categories of math, humanities, pop culture, language arts, social studies, and science. After a team answered a question correctly, they would get ten points and be given a bonus question.

Peters fourth grade team was the champion of the fourth grade tournament and the Peters fifth grade team won second place in the fifth grade tournament.

"We did great because we worked so hard at the practices!" said Tyler Williams, a member of the fourth grade team.

Tournament Teamwork

by Grayson Tempest, 4th Grade

On November 20 and December 8, members of the fifth grade academic team were joined by sixth graders from last year's academic team to compete in an online academic tournament. Everybody assembled in Mrs. Harding's room after school and gathered around the Smart Board for the competition.

The team had an hour to answer 50 questions in math and an hour to answer 80 questions in social studies. Students had to work together to solve math problems and answer social studies questions. It was very noisy because everybody was shouting out answers.

"We did well because we used teamwork and the process of elimination," said sixth grader, Mason LaPointe. The Peters Elementary team scored 82 percent on the math test and 63.8 percent on the social studies test.

Fourth graders are competing in the primary online academic tournaments. They completed their first two subjects, math and social studies, on the fourth and eleventh of December. They scored 74 percent in math and 69.4 on the social studies test. Fourth grade gives up their lunch and recess each week to practice and to compete in the tournament.

"I liked being the person that had to make decisions, because I like being a leader," said fifth grader, Evan Skeie. Evan entered his team's answers into the computer during the elementary math competition.

Vihaan Prajapati was in charge of the computer during the primary math competition.

"I liked being the person who pressed the buttons because I got to make the final decisions. I like being under pressure," Vihaan said.

"We competed in the online meets because I thought it would be a good way for students to compete while working together. It is a fun way to include our former students who are now in sixth grade along with our current fifth graders," said Mrs. Harding.

Final results will be announced in April after teams complete tests in three more subjects.





Student Council and Choir Spread Christmas Cheer

by Mia Hastings, 5th Grade
and Abigail McMahon, 5th Grade

Student Council and Honor Choir visited Kenosha Landing, a nursing home, on December 11. They brought blankets, 100-piece jigsaw puzzles, and warm socks.

Honor Choir performed several songs. The choir is sponsored by Mrs. Morris, the music teacher. In choir, students sing for all different types of holidays. There are ten fifth graders in choir. Choir gives students the chance to learn more about music. After Christmas, Mrs. Morris is looking forward to inviting fourth graders to join choir.

Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Morris is the Student Council sponsor. "I wanted Student Council and choir

to go on this trip so they could do something caring for the community in the spirit of Christmas," she said.

Moms and dads helped drive the students to the nursing home. The songs they sang included "Oh, Christmas Tree", "Deck the Hall", "Jingle Bells", "Diamonds in the Night", "Rudolph", and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

"I want to go to Kenosha Landing because I like to sing to the elderly and we are giving them gifts!" said Abigail McMahon, vice president of Student Council.

The nursing home residents enjoyed the Christmas carols and said it made them think of their loved ones. They also enjoyed the gifts.

"The residents at Kenosha Landing really enjoyed the singing and they were surprised by the presents," Mrs. Morris said.

Mrs. Morris said she is thinking about making this trip a tradition.

1,000 Cans!!!

by Mia Hastings, 5th Grade

Throughout November and December Student Council sponsored a canned food drive. The cans will be donated to the Neighbor for Neighbor Canned Food Drive. Neighbor for Neighbor is giving the cans to people who need food.

Student Council members at Peters hope to raise 1,000 cans by the end of December. On December 19 the canned food drive will end, and if Peters reaches the goal of 1,000 cans there will be a school-wide pajama party in January.

Fifth graders Meghana Venkatesha, Xitlali Moreno, and Madeline Do have been counting the cans every day at recess.

"The reason why I wanted to have this event is because I wanted everyone we could help to have a good holiday, I think this food will save many lives," Student Council President Meghana Venkatesha said.



Madeline Do and Xitlali Moreno count cans donated to the Neighbor for Neighbor Canned Food Drive.



Solarium Club spent the afternoon on Friday, December 12, decorating the solarium for the holidays. Pictured are fourth graders Sarah Fuller, Haylee Christopher, Mazie Waters, McKinley Kirk, Lauren Hemm, Alex Bateman, Douglas Sawyer, and Garrett Arnold. Happy Holidays from Solarium Club!



American Chillers Michigan Mega Monsters

Book Review
by Mason Kidd, 4th Grade

When Ricky Owens arrives at Camp Willow, he is ready for the week! He meets a girl , Leah Warner and a boy , Sandy Johnston. They become friends. That night Ricky’s camp guide tells a scary story about the Michigan Mega Monster. Ricky’s camp guide says that it is a big monster with glowing eyes, and big feet.

Later, Ricky has a nightmare about a big monster that looks exactly like the Michigan Mega Monster. When Ricky wakes up in the middle of the night and sees an animal, he fears it might be the Michigan Mega Monster. He grabs his flashlight and looks down and sees big feet. Ricky is amazed! It has feet like the Michigan Mega Monster!

The next morning, Ricky tells Leah and Sandy what happened. He said, “It was like the Michigan Mega Monster.”

Ricky asks Leah and Sandy if they want to see what that creature was like. They both said "Yes." When Ricky, Leah and Sandy go looking for the big monster they feel like they are being watched. They see that the bushes are shaking. When they aim the flashlight at the bushes it is just a raccoon.

One day they go looking for the monster in the rain. Do they find the Michigan Mega Monster or just another wild animal? Check out *American Chillers: The Michigan Mega-Monsters* by Johnathan Rand from the Peters library. It could be a chilling experience!

Read a good book lately?
Submit a book review in
the Panther Dropbox out-
side Mrs. Harding’s door.



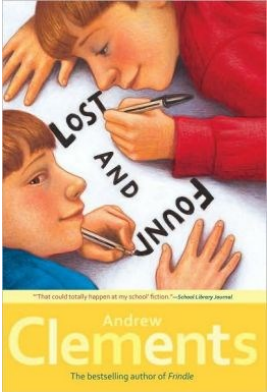
Lost and Found

Book Review
by Mia Hastings, 5th Grade

Lost and Found by Andrew Clements is a good book if you like a little mystery. This book is about two boys named Ray and Jay who are twins, and they might look the same, but they have very different personalities. Ray is really good at hockey and Jay is very good at running.

Ray and Jay just moved to a new town and a new school. Ray gets sick the first day of school so Jay goes to school by himself. Jay does not even tell his friends about Ray on the first day. Then Jay goes home and tells Ray about his crazy plan.

That’s all I can tell you for now. You will have to read the book to find out what happens.



Second Grade Book Reviews

I think you should read the *Kalos Region Handbook*. It tells about Pokémon in the Kalos Region. The *Kalos Region Handbook* has stats and facts on over 450 Pokémon. — Carson Hlusko

I think everybody should read *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* because it is funny and it shows how to have Christmas spirit. But in the end the Grinch might steal Christmas. — Kasin Kirk

Junie B. is not the smartest kid in her class, but she likes her teacher a lot! You will like *Junie B. Jones* books because she is funny and kind. — Benjamin Calder

Dear Panther...

by Xitlali Moreno, 5th Grade
Advice Columnist

Dear Panther,
This person is really hurting my feelings. She is stealing my friend away from me. I’ve talked to the counselor, Mrs. Allen, but she still continues.
Sincerely,
Confused

Dear Confused,
You should talk to the person who is stealing your friend. You could maybe work things out and all of you could become friends.
Your Friend,
The Panther

Dear Panther,
I don’t know how to make the right friends ever since I moved here in second grade. I want this year to be perfect since it is my last year. What should I do?
Sincerely,
Struggling

Dear Struggling,
To make the right friends you have to find people who are nice to you and other people. If a friend is being rude to someone then they are not a good friend.
Your Friend,
The Panther

Dear Panther,
There is this really annoying boy in my class and he won’t quit calling me names and bothering me. I have tried ignoring him and sometimes he gets into trouble, but still he doesn’t stop.
Sincerely,
Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,
You should just not believe what he is saying to you. If he keeps bothering you, report it to your teacher. At recess if he keeps bothering you, run to the teacher right away.
Your Friend,
The Panther

Thanks For Serving!

by Mazie Waters, 4th Grade

On November 11, Peters held a Veterans Day assembly to celebrate those who have served in the, Air Force, Army, Marines, Coast Guard, and Navy.

Jenaya Monroe expressed her feelings about what Veterans Day means to her: "Veterans Day is important to me because when my great grandpa served in World War II he came back blind. I am very glad that he sacrificed for my freedom."

Music teacher Mrs. Morris, art teacher Mrs. Salinas, and fifth grade teacher Mrs. Morris, the Student Council sponsor, organized the program.

The assembly began with a slideshow of pictures of men and women who have served and are currently serving in the military.

Fifth graders then took the stage and sang songs such as: "The Star Spangled Banner," "America," and "America the Beautiful."

Four fifth grade choir members then took the stage and sang "American Tears." Soloists were Emma WhiteCrow, Meghana Venkatesha, Amiyah Norwood, and Mia Hodson.

Emma WhiteCrow said, "I felt pretty nervous and cried just a little bit before the show."

Amiyah Norwood said, "I felt scared, and excited at the same time!"

Music teacher Mrs. Morris said she enjoyed seeing all of the pictures of the veterans. "They reminded me of how much we have to be thankful for, and how many have sacrificed for our freedom!"

Martin LaPointe, a Peters parent and military veteran, commented, "Joining the military has been the best decision I have ever made. It has given me the opportunity to experience many different cultures throughout the world, both in combat zones and not. Also, the military has provided me with the ability to gain skills no other job could provide."

"I always enjoy the Veterans Day assembly at Peters," continued Mr. LaPointe. "The students do an outstanding job every year. I can tell that they all enjoy celebrating our country's veterans, to include the



ones they know and the ones they have never met. Peters Veterans Day assembly always make me feel proud to be a military veteran. Only about 1% of the United States population serve in the military and for Peters students to put so much time and effort into celebrating us, it makes it all worth the sacrifices I have endured."

A Wild and Woolly Field Trip

by Cameron Brashear, 4th Grade

On October 30, fourth graders went to Woolaroc museum for a field trip. It took 45 minutes to get there. As they were driving into Woolaroc they saw animals, such as buffalo, elk, ostrich, zebras and long horned cattle. The reason fourth grade went to Woolaroc is because it is an educational and fun thing to do.

When fourth grade arrived at the museum they met with their partners and received instructions for a scavenger hunt. For the scavenger hunt, fourth graders and their partners looked for things all around Woolaroc. Some of the things they did for the scavenger hunt were feed Buffo, find their favorite pioneer woman statue, and look at different art pieces. Woolaroc has one of the largest collection of Colt firearms in

the world. Fourth graders saw shrunken heads, Indian artifacts, dinosaur eggs and even got to touch various animal furs.

Woolaroc was established in 1925 as the ranch retreat of oilman Frank Phillips. It is owned and operated by the Frank Phillips Foundation.

"My favorite part of the field trip was going to the lodge" said Karlee Meyer.

"I liked the petting zoo because the zebra came up and loved on us. We named him Stripes," said Mazie Waters.



Dr. Hartzler

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He said that in a couple of years, Union will probably have more technology.

Dr. Hartzler said he is very excited about the Union Virtual Learning Academy which is offered by Union to high school students. It lets students do all their assignments and tests online and if they need any help they can just go into class and get help from the teacher. The students can check out laptops if they need them.

"I want students to get exposed to technology," Dr. Hartzler said. He said that when we grow up most of the jobs will be dealing with technology.

I hope in the near future that classrooms get more technology such as MacBooks, iPads, and touch screen laptops. I think more technology in our schools will help prepare us for our future careers.

For Cell Phones at Recess

by Miles Givens, 5th Grade

Should we be able to have cell-phones during indoor recess? Yes, because if you are at the back of the line at the game cabinet then you are left with the boring games instead of the more popular ones, such as Monopoly, Chess, Legos or the computer.

So if you have your cellphone on you, you could play games that you like, and if students try to get on websites like Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, or Kik, the schools Wi-Fi will not let them connect.

If we are able to play on our phones it is a win-win situation. Teachers don't have to deal with bickering students over who plays with what.

It is predicted that in the year 2025, technological careers will be the number one paying job for recent college graduates. In that case, we will be getting a head start in that field and that means more students will have successful careers from Peters.

Against Cell Phones at Recess

by Lauren Hemm, 4th Grade

Should students get to play on their phones at indoor recess? There are so many reasons why we should not have phones at indoor recess.

First of all, this is an elementary school. Some parents don't let their kids have phones when they are so young. If we did have phones at indoor recess the kids that didn't have phones will feel bad.

Fourth grader Mazie Waters explains how she would feel if everyone had a phone except her, "I would feel sad and left out."

Phones are very expensive so why would you waste your money if you are just going to break it or lose it.

If you took your phone to indoor recess there is a really good chance that you could drop, break, or lose it. There is also a good chance that it might get stolen.

Kids also could look up, film or download inappropriate things.

That's why I think we should not have phones at indoor recess.

From Time to Time...

by Peyton Kunkel, 6th Grade

My first year arriving at Peters Elementary was in second grade. At first, I was nervous because it was a new school, and I didn't know anyone...

Mrs. Borgelt was my first teacher at Peters, and I'm pretty sure I was a pain. In third grade, my teacher was Mrs. Harding, and the thing I remember most was the Wizard of Oz play, Australian style. For fourth grade I had Mrs. Borgelt once again, and the thing I remember most about THAT year was the math we learned.

In fifth grade I had Mr. Bowen, and the thing that I remember most and LOVED was the end of the year when we made geodesic domes. Basically they were domes made out of rolled up newspaper and tape. The boys made a tiny little dome, in which about four boys could fit. The girls, however, made a HUGE dome, the size of half of the classroom, and all the girls in the class could fit in it.

I'm in sixth grade now, and things are not AS fun, but still are exciting. For example, we got to go outside and play kickball on the soccer field. It was really fun because sixth graders don't get recess, we get homework. Even though I get a lot of homework, I still manage to keep up with it because I am not the type of person to be irresponsible.

Penny or No Penny

by Caris Fore, 4th Grade

Some people say that the United States should stop making pennies. I think we should keep the penny for several reasons.

First, lots of people like to collect pennies or keep them as lucky charms. Others give them to charities for penny drives. Second, if we do lose the penny, stores would have to round their prices, which could make us pay more money.

It costs more money to make a penny than what it is worth, but if the United States could use a cheaper material that could solve our problem easily. I wonder what Abe Lincoln thinks of this?



Hooray For Mrs. Schoenhals!

by Reilly Logan, 3rd Grade

This November Mrs.Schoenhals is Peters' volunteer of the month.

"I feel honored," Mrs. Schoenhals said.

She has been volunteering at Peters for three years. Mrs. Schoenhals volunteers only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Not only does she help kids find books but helps check books in and out. Mrs. Schoenhals also helps with Chess Club.

Outside of the library, Mrs. Schoenhals is usually reading or working in the public library. She also tutors. Mrs.Schoenhals helps every year at the summer reading program.

Since Mrs. Schoenhals likes books so much, she said it's really hard to pick one favorite. But if she did it would be *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbra Kingsolver.

So if you need help finding a book, go ask Mrs. Schoenhals.

Editors note:
Peyton is a former Peters student and member of the 2013-2014 Paw Prints staff. She writes a monthly column about life in sixth grade.



Volunteer of the Month Mrs. Schoenhals shelves books in the library.



Recycling Fairy Comes to Peters

by Xitlali Moreno 5th Grade

The company that hauls off the recyclables was purchased by a new company. Now Peters can recycle more materials like cardboard, #1 and #2 plastics, markers, steel, and aluminum. Of course we can still recycle paper. Now students can recycle cardboard and aluminum in their classroom recycling bins. Peters has been recycling since 2004.

Fifth grader Mia Hudson is president of Recycling Club. She trains kids in the cafeteria to help clean, dry, and recycle the cans, bottles, and cups each day.

"Our planet and landfill is full of recyclable things and if everybody started to recycle more, then it will take more stuff out of the landfill. If

we all recycle paper then people won't have to cut down so many trees which create oxygen. If we don't litter then the earth will be clean," she said.

Number 1 plastic can be found in soda bottles, water bottles, cooking oil bottles, and medicine containers. Number 2 plastic can be found in milk jugs, butter tubs, detergent bottles, motor oil bottles, shampoo, conditioner, various toys, and grocery bags. They're both easily recycled plastics. The difference between #1 and #2 plastic is that #1 is usually clear or green, glossy, rigid containers that sink in water and #2 is usually milky or solid colors and rigid containers.

The three R's are reduce, reuse, and recycle. Those are ways to save our planet.

Reduce means to use less of things like buying reusable contain-

ers instead of using disposable ones. Buy what you are going to use and don't buy the things you're not going to use. Use less stuff!

Reuse means to use the things you buy or get again and again. For example you finished a bottle of water instead of recycling it you use it again until you think you have used it too much. Another example is when you buy new shoes, you can use the box to make different things like a recycling box.

Recycling is when you take something you have used, and instead of throwing it away, it goes to a factory where they turn it into something that can be used. By recycling paper, cardboard, steel, #1 and #2 plastic, and markers, you are saving the earth.

Mr. Borgelt is president of PTA. PTA has plans to recycle aluminum cans at Peters. They would like to place a recycle can in the front lobby. Parents, students, and staff could drop off cans as they come in the building but PTA would like if the cans were crushed and put in plastic grocery bags. It takes about two dozen 12-ounce aluminum cans to make one pound. At 60 cents per pound, if every student brought at least one can per month PTA could make about \$13.00 each month.

"With one step we can make a difference in what once went to the landfill and help us become more responsible stewards of our world. It is a good idea to recycle because it takes less energy to create new items from recycled materials than it does to create products from raw material," said Mr. Borgelt.

Union Foundation Holds Auction

by Cambell Gniech, 5th Grade

Have you guys ever heard of the Union Foundation Auction? Have you wondered what it's all about? The Union Foundation Auction is a fundraiser that gives money to teachers. They use the money for school grants, items for their classrooms and field trips.

All the art teachers in the district create art pieces with their students to be sold at the auction. Last year, students made paper towel roll art. This year, students made a kids table

and chair set. It sold for \$120 at the auction.

The live auction was held on Sunday, November 1, at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa. There was also a silent auction.

An online auction began prior to the Foundation Banquet. The online auction included many different items such as clothing, art, pet items, books, and games.

The entire auction raised \$70,000 for the Union Foundation.

Bonnie Polack was in charge of organizing this event. Teachers, parents, and other employees of Union Public Schools volunteer at the auction to help raise money.

The Union Foundation Auction



included a banquet and entertainment. Elvis Presley sang. But it was not the real Elvis Presley.

Teachers can apply for Union Foundation grants beginning in January. Last year several Peters teachers were awarded Foundation grants.



Fifth Grade Prepares for Trip to BizTown

by Taylor McDonald, 5th Grade

Elementary students aren’t old enough to drive or go to work or vote, but fifth grade students do get an opportunity to take a field trip to Junior Achievement BizTown, where they work at small businesses, deposit checks and manage their business. BizTown was held at the Junior Achievement Center on Tuesday, December 16.

There are a lot of fun jobs like working at Reasors, Arby’s, Cancer Treatment Center of Oklahoma, and Bank of Oklahoma, but students can’t just pick a job. They have to interview for a job just like their

parents would. Each job has a Chief Executive Officer who is in charge of the business and a Chief Financial Officer who is in charge of the money. Each business had to write advertisements, apply for loans, and calculate business costs to prepare for the field trip.

Junior Achievement is trying to teach that money doesn’t grow on trees and that everybody has to work hard for money. The purpose of BizTown is to teach a lesson in real world economics, and give fifth graders a chance to step into the business world.

“I am really excited to go,” said Riley Black, who will be working as a supply manager at Ricoh. “It kind of feels like I will be having an actual job.”

Five Freedoms

by Caris Fore, 4th Grade

Peters is a First Amendment school. A First Amendment school is a school that practices the First Amendment. The First Amendment gives citizens five freedoms: freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom to peaceably protest, and freedom to petition to the government if a law is not fair.

“As a First Amendment school, we should talk about the five freedoms. We should be tolerant of all religions, and the freedom of speech is being tolerant of other people’s opinions even if we do not like them.” former ARC teacher Mrs. Puett explained.

Several years ago Peters had a mini-election to decide if former principal Mrs. Randall would be our principal, or if Duck would be. Duck is a character from a book called *Duck For President*, by Doreen Cronin. Duck gave a very fun speech about recess all day and ice cream for lunch. Mrs. Randall gave a school-related speech. After the speeches, students voted for their principal. Mrs. Randall won even after Duck’s fun speech!

“We hoped that students would come away from the election with a better understanding of the voting process and a greater appreciation for our democratic rights and responsibilities as citizens,” Mrs. Randall said.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I know we need paper to write on, but when you cut down a tree you destroy an animal’s home. Just put your feet in the animal’s paws, would you like your house cut down?

Sincerely,
Amelia Turley, 4th Grade

Dear Editor,

I think that we shouldn’t have to get up so early to go to school! We should have to get to school at 9:30, not 7:50. Some kids have to stay up late and don’t get enough sleep.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Hough, 5th Grade

Dear Editor,

We need to have a longer recess and have a longer lunch. We should have more choices at lunch, like five choices. We should have more stuff to drink at lunch.

Sincerely,
Annie Moreno, 5th Grade

Dear Editor,

I believe the most common problem today is people raising prices so other people lose their homes. Lately people in our community have been starving and cold. And think, what if they have kids? People have been losing their homes and their jobs a lot in the community. Remember, when you donate to Goodwill, you could be helping a lot of people.

Sincerely,
Cassie Cussen, 5th Grade

Dear Editor,

I would like to change the time we do work, because we have to do one thing and then five minutes later do something else. I think we never have enough time to do math, science, etc. Because we have so much to do, a lot of things get squeezed in. I just need a little bit more time.

Sincerely,
Kylie Silcher, 5th Grade

Dear Editor,

I think that we should have more time for lunch. I mean, I am always hungry after lunch. I am guessing everyone else is too. So thank you for reading my concern.

Sincerely,
Peyton G. Calder, 5th Grade

Fire Safety

by Reilly Logan, 3rd Grade

This year the Broken Arrow Fire Department held a poster contest for all of third grade. The winner from each school got to ride in a fire truck to school.

The fire department wanted students to learn more about fire safety and be creative at the same time. The theme was preventing kitchen fires.

There were winners from each class and then the overall winner was chosen from the four class winners. Class winners were Harish Vaithianathan, Ezaquiel Palos, Aidan Byers, and Caiden Maurer. Caiden was selected as the overall winner for Peters. He drew Mario with time bombs setting off the smoke alarm. Caiden said he got the idea from his friend.



Joking Around

Q: Where do snowmen keep their money?
A: In a snow bank

Q: What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?
A: Chill out

Q: What nationality is Santa Claus?
A: North Polish

Q: Why was Santa's Little Helper depressed?
A: He had low elf esteem.






Q: What's the difference between Santa's reindeer and a knight?
A: One slays the dragon and the other is dragging the sleigh.

Q: What did the reindeer say to the football player?
A: Your Blitzen days are over.

Picture Match

by Harish Vaithianathan, 3rd Grade

Match the picture to the word

	reindeer
	santa
	snowman
	tree
	mittens

Finish the Snowman

by Cameron Brashear, 4th Grade



Learning About Dry Ice

by Caris Fore, 4th Grade

On Friday, November 7, Mr. Bowen taught his classes about dry ice. Dry ice is frozen carbon dioxide has a temperature of -109.3 degrees Fahrenheit. That is so cold that gloves must be worn to handle it!

Dry ice is often used for keeping frozen foods cold when there is no freezer. Do not touch dry ice with bare hands or you can get frost bite in just minutes.

When you dip dry ice in warm water it gets foggy.

"I learned that dry ice goes directly from a solid to a gas," said Nathan Brummett. "When you put it in water, it looks like fog. That was neat."

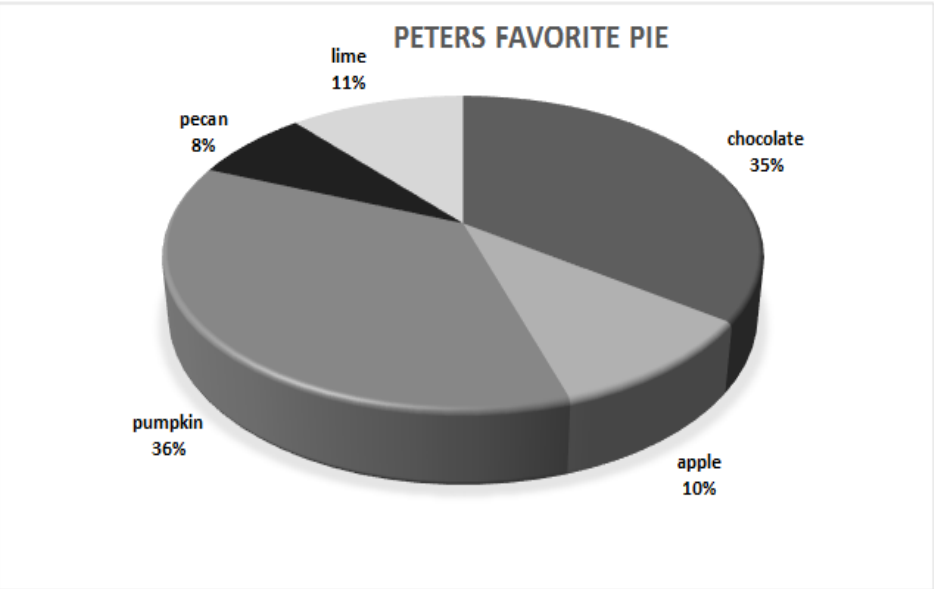
The activities the class did involved dry ice, soap, and water. But kids, it's a trick! Mr. Bowen secretly made the class wash their hands.

You do not have to have a permit to buy dry ice but you must be over 18 and if you are younger, you should always have adult supervision to use it. Your parent or guardian can buy dry ice at Reasors for 99 cents a pound.

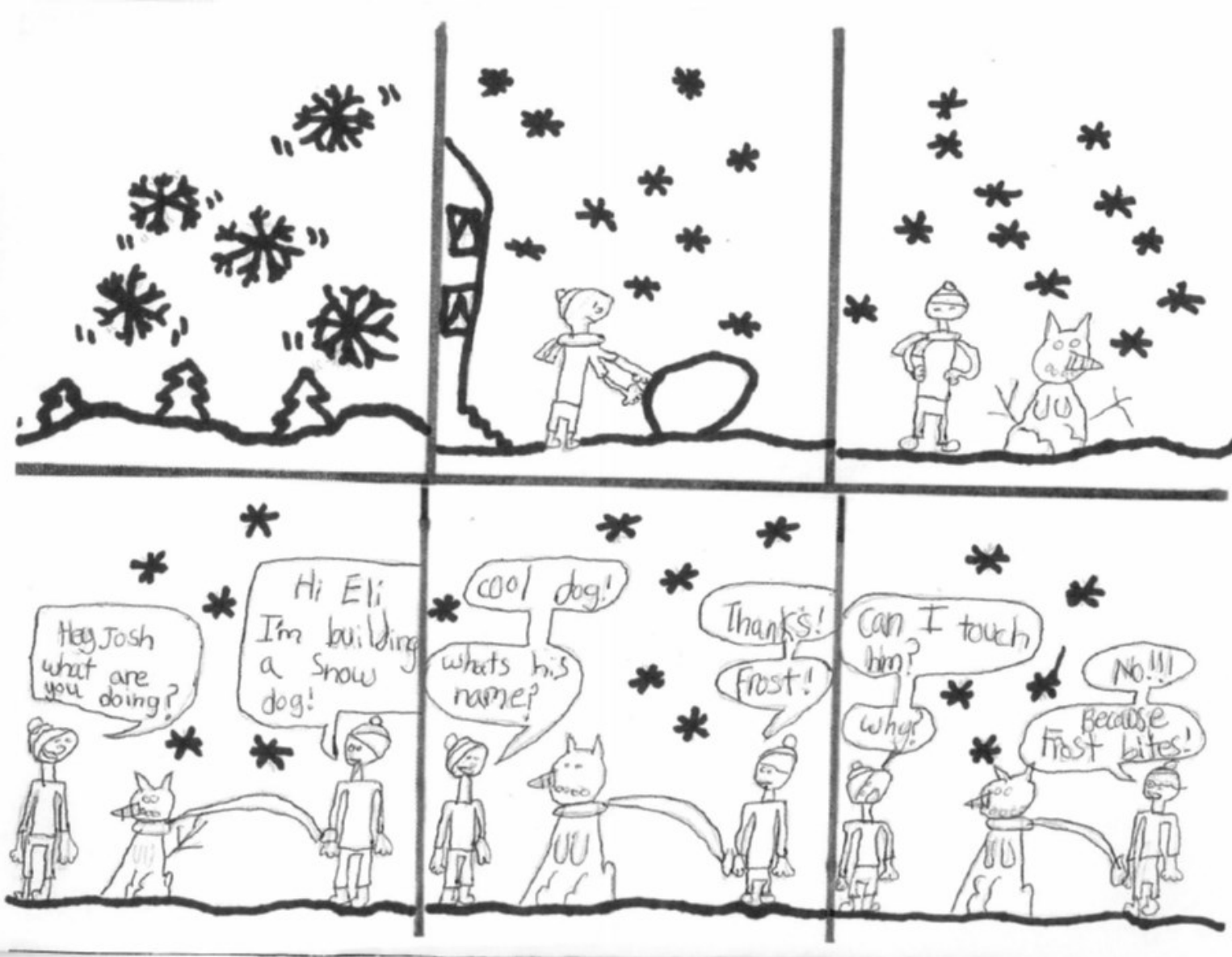
Emma WhiteCrow said, "I liked when Mr. Bowen took the dry ice bubbles and put them in our hands. We touched them and they instantly popped."

Poll and Graph

by Harish Vaithianathan and Reilly Logan, 3rd Grade



Comic by Aidan Byers, 3rd Grade



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Unscramble each Christmas word.

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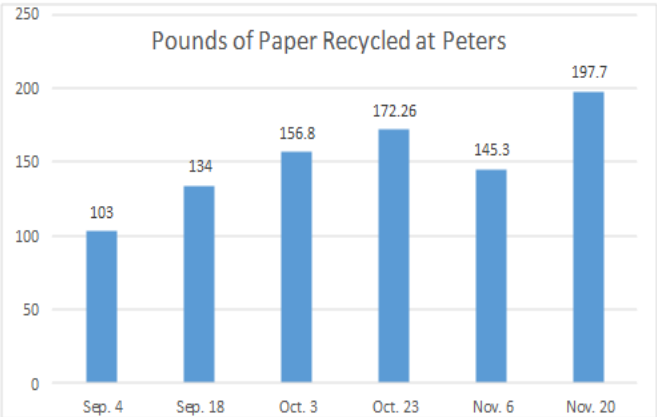
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BELLS

COOKIES

ORNAMENT

SLEIGH

WINTER

CHRISTMAS

MILK

REINDEER

SNOW

COLD

MITTENS

SANTA

TREE

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Across

- 2. a reindeer that has a red nose
- 3. Christmas lights and ornaments are examples of these
- 6. black chunks that Santa gives you if you are bad
- 7. animal that helps Santa fly
- 8. a man that kids build in winter weather
- 10. a meat that comes from a pig and sometimes people eat it at Christmas
- 11. white stuff that falls out of the sky and piles up on the ground
- 12. a sweet treat that kids leave out for Santa

Down

- 1. a drink that keeps you warm in winter
- 4. what Santa rides and carries his toys in
- 5. a big man that is dressed up in red and gives children presents
- 6. a winter holiday that celebrates Jesus's birth
- 9. a drink that cows produce
- 10 a holiday that Jewish people celebrate in December