

Energy Hogs

by Jared Crawford, 5th Grade



I hope you all remember the play last week, because it took a lot of work and a lot of preparation.

Fifth grade ARC took two months to write and do everything else, but the tricky part was they only had one hour a week to work on it together. Fifth graders faced multiple problems such as

most students had to make their costumes, they had to memorize their lines and songs, and there were multiple props to make.

The reason fifth grade ARC wrote the play was to persuade you, and not for a bad reason. Energy wasting really is a problem. Last year in March we spent \$3,015.63 on electricity and \$381.64 on gas. This year we're going to compare the energy bills from last year to this year. So let's team up and stop wasting energy!

Marshall Tom Brings Magic to Peters

by Hannah Fuller, 4th Grade



On February 12, Marshall Tom from the Tulsa Fire Department talked to Peters students about safety. He did magic tricks while teaching us.

He explained why you need a fire plan if there is a fire in your house. So now we know what to do if a fire happens in our house. We also learned how to be safe in

the water and to use a seat belt when traveling in the car.

Marshall Tom has been doing this for 28 years! Sometimes he is Huffy the Clown. He is on a television show called "Marshall Tom's Safety Station." "We try to prevent death and injury through education," he said. He is also the national spokesperson for preventing gas fires. A website you can visit for more information is www.ffdcloons.com.

Thank You Voters!

by Braxton Tempest, 4th Grade

If you were at school on the 11th or 12th of February, then you might have seen Safety Patrols passing out flyers for the Union bond issue. They were passing out flyers to remind your parents to vote in the bond issue election on February 12. The bond issue is a vote for your parents to keep paying their property taxes to support the Union district.

This year's bond issue was worth \$20 million. They are building a new band room at the 6th and 7th grade center. At the 9th grade center they are making a new tennis facility. They are even putting in a new parking lot and some new fencing at Peters. Encourage your parents to vote in the bond issue every year to help us build "a more perfect Union."

Yummy Yogurt Bar

by Tyler "Brick" Wall, 5th Grade



A few weeks ago Peters kids were excited when they heard that on Friday for breakfast we would be having a yogurt bar. It was such a success, they ran out of yogurt!

Ms. Marla says, "I wanted to get more people eating breakfast, but I didn't think it would be this popular." I asked how this was healthier and she said, "We have lots of fruits that are healthy like blueberries and strawberries, which are high in antioxidants, and bananas which are very high in potassium. We also have home-made granola which has no preservatives. The yogurt is nonfat." Another thing she said is that it is healthier psychologically because you are eating something that you made.

So try the yogurt bar. It's healthier, and I think it tastes better than the regular breakfast.

Talent Tryouts

by Gabi Ponio, 5th Grade

Do you have a talent? Did you try out for the talent show? I did! This year a whole bunch of eager performers tried out to be in our 2013 talent show.

In one act a couple of girls were dancing. They moved around really well and did a great job. Another act was a boy saying funny jokes. Nearly 50 kids showcased their talents. 35 out of 50 kids made the talent show. All of the performers who tried out did very well.

If you didn't make it, practice your act, and try again next year. I hope all of you come to this year's talent show.

Fun With Seeds!

by Meghana Venkatesha and Xitali Moreno, 3rd Grade

Master Gardeners, Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Lawson, taught third grade students about seeds. They showed us different kinds of seeds. Some seeds were big, small, medium and they were all different colors. We sorted the seeds into different groups. We found a seed that had a baby plant inside. The baby plant was not the same color it was going to be when it grew into a plant. Now we know about seeds thanks to the Master Gardeners.

Our Earth Is Important

by Braxton Tempest, 4th Grade



On February 7, the Master Gardeners from OSU came to Peters. In fourth grade they talked to us about how important soil is to the world. There is only a small portion of the world that is available for planting. There is only a thin layer of soil that we can plant things in. We got to do an experiment where the teachers gave us some soil and we got to find worms, snails and pill bugs. I hope they can come back and teach us more about the earth. Thank you Master Gardeners!

We Met Our Goal!

by Meghana Venkatesha and Xitali Moreno, 3rd Grade



The Scholastic Book Fair was held from Monday February 4 through Friday, February 8. The most popular books in the Book Fair were Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Third Wheel, Stranded, and Dude Diary. The least popular books were the adult books. We raised about \$7,044.52.

Peters had a contest to see which grade bought the most from the Book Fair. Third grade won and their teachers each received \$15.00 to spend on anything they wanted from the Book Fair.

There was also a contest to slime a teacher (Mr. Ritter or Mrs. Randall) by raising \$6500 or more at the Book Fair. Peters raised more than \$6500, so the mad scientist got to slime Mr. Ritter.

Cub Scouts Race to the Finish

by Jake Kelley, 4th Grade



Did you know there is a Cub Scout Pack that meets at Peters? Pack 965 does and I am a Webelo Scout. This Pack has been meeting at Peters for over 30 years. A Pack has Tiger Scouts, Wolf Scouts, Bear Scouts and Webelos. We do lots of fun things like a Blue and Gold Banquet, Camping and the Pinewood Derby.

In the Pinewood Derby, four cars at a time go down a pinewood track. The cars are also made of pinewood. All of the pack members create their own car. Rules apply. We had more than 25 cars entered this year.

This year it was at the Union Eighth Grade Center on Friday, February 8. Everyone got to race for first, second and third place. They also had a contest for best design. Some people didn't win a trophy, but we all had fun.

Webelo Winners

1st Place—Riley Tyrl
2nd Place—Tyler Bradshaw
3rd Place—Jake Kelley

Grand Finale Winners

1st Place—Riley Tyrl
2nd Place—Tyler Bradshaw
3rd Place—Mycroft LaGrone

Moving Up In Math

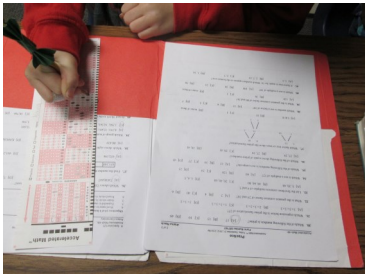
by Braxton Tempest, 4th Grade

Have you ever seen those baskets outside of Mrs. Harding's classroom? Well those baskets are for Accelerated Math.

Students in second through fifth grade can do Accelerated Math. Accelerated Math is an extracurricular activity that you can do during your spare time at school or at home. If you love math and need an extra challenge Accelerated Math might be for you.

Some fifth grade students who meet enough objectives in Accelerated Math will be advanced two years in math when they go to the sixth grade. This year every single one of the National Merit Scholars did Accelerated Math in elementary school.

I think it helps me improve my math grade and I think it is really fun too.



MEOW!

by Sara Castle, 4th Grade



(Editor’s Note: Sara Castle participated in the Union High School production of the musical CATS.)

I really liked being in CATS, it was really fun! I was also in the production, The Wizard of Oz, last year. There were a lot of people that were in the Wizard of Oz production last year and the CATS production this year. This year I made a lot of new friends. I hung out with them while I waited back stage for my part.

In these productions I learned patience because I had to wait back stage and work hard. If I did not work hard then I wouldn’t be in the production because Mr. Powell expects you to work hard.

This Spring Break I am going to go to Mrs. Branston’s theater camp. It only lasts one week but it’s still really fun. You do a certain play and practice for it all week. At the end you do a show for your family. This year they’re doing CATS. It won’t be as great as the high school one but, it is still cool. This will help me act, sing and dance better so I will be prepared for the next production.

Anyway, a lot of people were crying at the end of the show this year because it is hard to put a lot of hard work into something and then not do it anymore. Well, it has been a great experience to be in these productions. Each year there are usually parts for elementary students in the high school production. Anyone can try out! If you like acting and singing and dancing you might want to try out next year. It is really fun and cool.

Eeeew! Worms!

by Caris Fore, 2nd Grade



On February 5, the Oklahoma State University Extension Program came to my class. Remember when all the grades went to the gym and planted their own plant? The people that came to my class were the same people. They brought Canadian Night Crawlers. We got to put a flashlight under their bodies and see their intestines. It was a long squiggly line. We learned lots of things like how earthworm dung helps the environment. It was interesting and fun!

Time for Sixth Grade

by Nadesh Vaithianathan, 5th Grade

At the end of January, Mr. Pittman, the sixth and seventh grade principal, came to Peters to talk with fifth graders about next year.

In the beginning he introduced the school. We learned that the sixth grade center is under construction. They are building rooms for P.E, band, orchestra and choir. Then we watched a movie about sixth grade and how it looks, and learned about swimming, P.E., lunch, and classes.

A college and career teacher talked to fifth graders about the Union Collegiate Academy. By participating in the opportunities there, you can earn more scholarships.

They gave us a pink enrollment form and a five-page booklet about courses and classes. At last the fear of sixth grade was gone! Fifth graders are now ready for sixth grade!

“Friends”

Acrostic Poem by Kali Christopher, 4th Grade

Faithful
Respectful
I have many
Eternity
Never bossy
Doesn’t call me names
Silly, and always a friend.

Letters to the Editor

Need. More. Bacon.

by Bacon Man, 5th Grade

I am Bacon Man and I think we should add bacon to the yogurt bar. Sure they have granola and assorted fruit, but everyone likes bacon. Well, almost everyone. And the bacon would be good with yogurt!

More Time for Lunch and Recess

by Anonymous

We have only twenty minutes to eat lunch and twenty minutes to have recess. My friends and I think we should get more time for lunch and recess. Because... by the time we get outside we only have a short amount of time to play. When we get inside, we don’t have a lot of time to eat. I think we should get more time for lunch and recess.

Love Those Lunch Ladies

by Miles Givens, 3rd Grade

Something I have noticed is that the lunch ladies work hard to serve us food. When my friends order food they never say, “Please,” or “Thank you.” I think that is very rude. I want our lunch ladies to be respected. If you see one of your friends disrespecting the lunch ladies, stop them. We want our students to treat teachers and lunch ladies with a great attitude.

Have A Nice Day

Editorial by Brayden Parrish, 5th Grade

I am wanting to know why some of the parents in the car line won't say "Have a nice day." to the Safety Patrol. We have to stand out there in the rain and cold, helping kids in and out of their cars. It makes me sad when I try to be friendly and adults won't even say, "You too." I just want to know why? I understand that many of you may be in a hurry, but when someone is trying to be friendly, it would be nice if you would be friendly back.

Gab's Grammar Patrol

Editorial by Gabi Ponio, 5th Grade

In my classroom, a large amount of people still don't capitalize their names, the names of various stores, etc. In this column, I will teach you when to capitalize nouns.

The reason we capitalize certain things like "Wal-Mart" or "Russell Stover" is because those things are proper nouns. If you were to say something like, "the store," it would be a common noun. The place, person or thing that is used as a specific name would be capitalized. Anything else would NOT be capitalized because you would use it commonly. For example, (proper noun) "Can we go to JC Penney's and get some clothes?" That would be an example of a proper noun. Another example would be, (common noun) "I need to go to the store and buy some milk." I replaced the proper noun with a common noun by saying, "the store."

Your name, well, first of all your name should always be capitalized and NEVER not capitalized. Secondly, it looks cooler with the first letter capitalized. Remember, always capitalize your name and proper nouns.

Check out next month's paper for another exciting and informative grammar column.

Submit Your Writing!



Ask The Panther

by Camden Barker, Skylar Davis, and Emma Jackson, 5th Grade

My friends are mad and are not being respectful. I don't like the disrespect. What can I do?
--Disrespected

Dear Disrespected,
If they are not doing what they are told, tell their teacher. Then try to be nice and tell them to stop acting up.
--The Panther

Dear Panther,
I have two friends. We are friends, but I don't feel they want me as a friend. I feel like they are using me because they always hide secrets from me. I don't feel like their friend at all. What should I do?
--Sad and Lost

Dear Sad and Lost,
You should stay strong and tell them how you feel. Play with other people who don't behave that way. Talk to a parent or teacher.
--The Panther

Dear Panther,
My brother and I have some problems. When I come home I watch T.V. and then he comes in 15 minutes later and turns it off to play his X-Box. I say, "Hey I was watching something!" He says, "Go play on the laptop!" Fifteen minutes later he comes and says, "I want the laptop." I have to keep moving back and forth.
--Mad

Dear Mad,
Your brother is bullying you. Big brothers can be a pain. You should probably talk to your parents about this. Maybe they can help you figure out a fair way to share. You don't need to spend so much time in front of a screen anyway. Go out and play!!!
--The Panther

Dear Panther,
My friend has been mean to me and I talked to my mom about it. She says to, "Stay away from her" but she is my only friend in EDP.
--Sadness

Dear Sadness,
If your friend keeps being mean to you, tell her that she's being mean, and tell the EDP teachers. They will help you.
--The Panther

Dear Panther,
I have a friend who is bullying me. She always is yelling at me, she's always kicking me and spitting in my hair. I try to be nice to her, but she always ignores me. What should I do?
--Mistreated

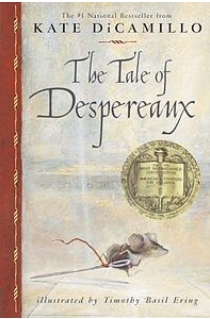
Dear Mistreated,
This person is not your friend. Friends don't treat each other like that. There are lots of nice kids at Peters and there is no reason to play with someone who acts like that. You should immediately report this behavior to an adult who can help you.
--The Panther

Need Advice?

Send your questions to Ask the Panther by using the Paw Prints drop-box outside of Mrs. Harding's door.

The Tale of Despereaux

Book Review by Amelia Kannon, 5th Grade



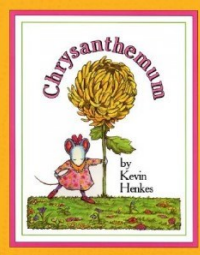
In the book The Tale of Despereaux there is a mouse who goes by the name of Despereaux. He was born with very large ears. His family didn't think much of him. Despereaux was a different kind of mouse who loved sunshine, and he could read.

One day Despereaux heard the most wonderful sound. It was the sound of music. From a crack in the wall Despereaux heard King Phillip playing his guitar and singing to his daughter, the princess. Despereaux moved closer and closer until the princess spotted him.

Want to find out what happens next? Then read The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo.

Chrysanthemum

Literary Essay by Emma Jackson, 5th Grade



The book Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes is about a little girl who likes her name, Chrysanthemum. But then she goes to school, and some of the kids make fun of her name because it is so different.

Chrysanthemum loses her confidence and struggles to regain it.

Chrysanthemum thinks her name is perfect. At first, that is. For example, Chrysanthemum loves her name when her dad calls her in for dinner, when her mom wakes her up in the morning, and when she writes in in her favorite fat orange crayon. Chrysanthemum is very proud of her name.

Chrysanthemum goes to school and things go downhill. For example, the kids who have teased her act like they are picking and smelling her. They did this because she looks and smells like a flower. This is the reason why Chrysanthemum's confidence is lowered.

Chrysanthemum sadly has lost her confidence and is trying to get it back. For example, she tries to ignore the kids that bully her. Also, she asks her parents what she could do. She wants things to be perfect.

Finally, Chrysanthemum gains her confidence back. The idea is to not let people change the way you are. Make sure you're fine with yourself before you care what other people say. A name does not define a person; the person defines the name.

“How Snow Came to Be”

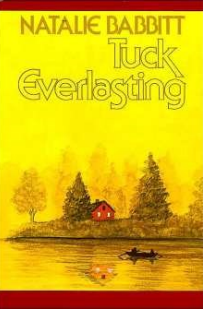
Myth by Alex Bateman, 2nd Grade

Once there was a penguin who lived in Tulsa. He lived in an igloo by a hockey rink. He was very hot. His friend, Skippy Jon Jones, lived by Penguin in a cat cage. Skippy was warm and Penguin wanted it to be cold. So, Penguin decided to make snow. Skippy Jon took some of the stuffing from his insides and Penguin mixed it with the ice from the cold waters of the ocean in a blender. They got a very tall ladder and wood, then put the snow on the wood and put it on a cloud. The wind blew it off the wood and made it snow. Snow would come some winters and make it cold but Penguin had to move to Antarctica because of his parents' job. It was cold and snowy in Antarctica and it still snows in Tulsa. The snow reminds them of each other.

An Analysis of Tuck Everlasting

Literary Essay by Gabi Ponio, 5th Grade

WARNING: Contains spoilers!



In the novel Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt, Winnie gets kidnapped by a family who lives far out in the woods. They tell her this crazy story about a magical spring that makes you live forever, that's how the Tucks became immortal. Winnie now realizes there are many decisions to make. How will she solve them?

One of Winnie's first dilemmas is if she should trust the Tucks or not. When Winnie went away with the Tuck family, she was sad and missed her OWN family. Winnie felt that she was wasn't ever going to see her family again. The Tucks took her away from home for two days! While they have her, they tell her about a magical spring. Winnie does not know whether to trust them or not. When the Tucks start caring for her, she starts to trust them. Her heart clings to them, as to her parents.

Another one of Winnie's dilemmas was if she should help Mae Tuck or not. Jessie told her to meet them at the jailhouse at midnight to help set Mae Tuck free. Winnie has already been brought home from the constable once, if she gets brought home again, her parents really won't trust her. Winnie has clung to the Tucks while she has been with them so she feels like she has to help the Tucks. Winnie goes to the jailhouse, and is put in the cell, replacing Mae Tuck. Inside she feels guilty about committing a crime by breaking someone out of jail. Now she thinks her parents won't ever trust her again.

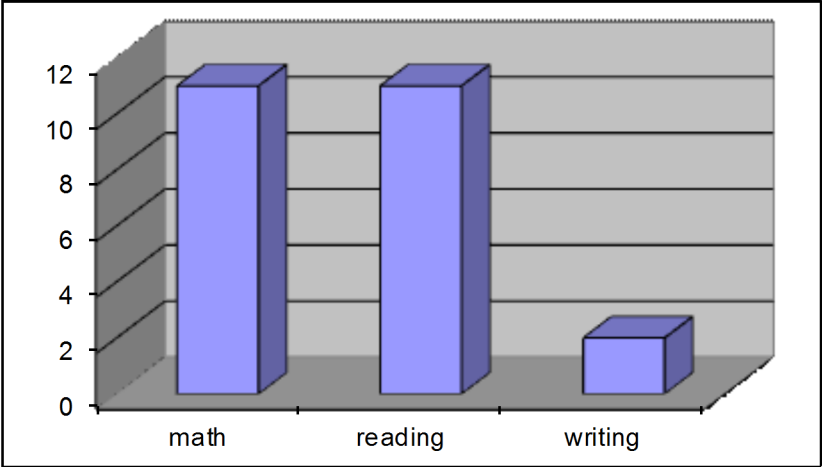
The toughest of all dilemmas is if she should drink from the spring. Jessie wants Winnie to drink the water when she is his age and live together forever. LITERALLY! Winnie doesn't know whether to drink it and live forever, or not drink it and die. When Winnie was brought home from the constable the second time, Winnie was lost. Her parents didn't believe her, she was guilty of letting the Tucks go, and she didn't know whether or not to drink the water from the small bottle. But one day Winnie was outside on a hot day sitting by her "pet" toad, when a dog was trying to eat the toad. Winnie ran in the house and got the small bottle of everlasting water, and poured it on the toad. Winnie's last words to the toad were, "Now you're safe, forever."

In Tuck Everlasting, Winnie ends up dying, not drinking the water. Mae Tuck and Angus Tuck were walking on the street one day, and they saw the toad. A truck was coming and was going to run over the toad, but if the truck did, the toad would still live, because that was the toad that Winnie poured the everlasting water on. Over the course of Winnie's life, she had hard decisions to make, and all the choices she chose, changed her life forever. Winnie will always be in the Tucks hearts, but not in their lives. Even though Mr. Tuck doesn't want to live forever, he will still think about her—forever.

Teachers' Favorite Subjects

Survey by Trinity McMahon, 5th Grade

Over the past week I have been collecting data from all the teachers to find out what their favorite subject in school is. Some teachers had more than one favorite. I put all the data in the bar graph below.



Math and reading tied for 1st with 11 votes each. Writing came in 2nd with 2 votes. WOW! Math was also the favorite subject when the poll was taken on the students a few months back.

February Citizens of the Month



Peyton Kunkel - 4th Grade (Borgelt)
Holli Meyer - 4th Grade (Dirks)
Alaina Reich - 4th Grade (Lewellen)

Emma Jackson - 5th Grade (Bowen)
Zach Logan - 5th Grade (Gold)
Ashley Fisher - 5th Grade (Harris)
Ashlynn Cunningham - 5th Grade (Lira)

Comic by Hector Ramirez and Evan Mann, 5th Grade

