

A Trip To BizTown

by Lauren Hemm, 5th Grade

On January 28, all of fifth grade went to JA BizTown. Fifth grade took two busses. One with Mrs. Morris' and Mr. Harris's classes and Mrs. Lira's and Mr. Bowen's classes took the other bus. Fifth grade was very excited to experience what their parents do every day.

"BizTown is a simulation of a real work environment. It helps you learn what it's like to work at a job," explained Mr. Bowen.

Volunteers were at each business to help out and answer all the students' questions. All the volunteers had to get to BizTown at 8:30 to learn about their business that they were going to be helping.

Each fifth grader got a button that said there job. It was either green, yellow, or red. Only one color of button got to go on break at a time. Fifth graders got twenty minutes each break. Fifth grade students got

two breaks. While a person was on break others filled in for them.

Fifth grade had to prepare lots before they went to BizTown. They studied what the bank does and why it's important. Then fifth grade got into their business group and learned how to work together and prepare ads for their business. Teachers taught students how to write checks and learn about BizTown in their citizen's guide. Students got their own check books and debit cards.

After the big field trip most everyone was tired.

"My favorite part was getting to do the health assessment on people and take the blood pressure," said Mazie Waters, a nurse at the Cancer Treatment Center. "The hardest part of BizTown was learning how to use the weight and height machine."

Mrs. Lira wanted to thank all the volunteers who helped out at BizTown. All her students wrote thank you notes to their business volunteers.

Donors Send 5th Grade to Rogers County

by Caris Fore, 5th Grade

For the last three years, fifth grade students have gone to the aquatic reserve on the campus of Rogers State University. This year fifth grade was able to fund the trip through a Donors Choose grant.

Donors Choose is a place where teachers can post requests for materials or funding for field trips and special visitors. Donors select which projects they would like to support.

Peters did not receive the funding to transport fifth graders one class at a time to the reserve. So, Mrs. Harding wrote a Donors Choose grant request.

"We were astounded when our project was funded in two days. Peters families, who knew about our request, were very generous. Donors Choose gives people a chance to support their school or projects they find worthwhile from any school," explained Mrs. Harding.

Many teachers here at Peters have used Donors Choose for different projects. The weather station, chess boards for chess club, K'Nex, reading materials and more have been funded with Donors Choose.

Fifth grade will travel to the reserve to learn about aquatic ecosystems the week of May 16. Each class will go on a different day.



Checkmate!

by Caiden Morales, 5th Grade

Fifth grader Nikolas Wood took first place in the third annual Peters Winter Chess Tournament. Nik said he felt awesome after his big win against fifth grader Matthew Hitch. Matthew took second place. He felt pretty good about it. Nik started playing chess in third grade and Matthew started playing chess when he was six years old.

Chess is a very strategic game. You have to plan ahead and come up with skillful moves to capture the king. A chess tournament is a fun way to practice the skills learned in

chess club and to play chess during the school day. It helped chess players prepare for the Darnaby Chess Tournament on January 21 and the all district tournament on March 26.

Peters has participated in chess tournaments for three years now. Currently there are about 60 kids in chess club and 32 kids who played in the chess tournament.

Lauren Hemm said, “I wanted to play chess because I thought it would improve my thinking skills and patience.”

Mrs. Harding said, “Chess helps students develop higher thinking skills, learn to think ahead, and improve concentration skills.”



Matthew Hitch congratulates Nikolas Woods on his victory in the third annual Peters Winter Chess Tournament.

Chess at Darnaby

by Caiden Morales, 5th Grade

This year, Darnaby invited Peters to a friendly chess tournament. On January 21, twenty one students from the Peters Chess Club participated. Darnaby had about 33 participants. Students competed in the cafeteria at Darnaby from 6:00 until 7:45 p.m. Nikolas Wood was the top performer from Peters at the tournament. He won all three games.

“I feel amazing,” said Nik.

Most kids at the tournament had lots of fun because it was not a single elimination tournament. Everyone was able to keep playing, even when they lost a game.

Another chess player from Peters, fourth grader Richard Dalessandro, remarked, “I had lots of fun. I won once. This was my second chess tournament and it was my favorite.”

The district chess tournament is coming up on March 26, so all of you chess players, get ready.



Richard Dalessandro and Xavier Duncan compete at the Darnaby Chess tournament on January 21.



Trees Receive Care

by Reilly Logan, 4th Grade

Have you seen Peters students running around the building with white buckets? That probably means they’re taking great care of their tree. Fourth grade G/T is very proud of what a great job classes are doing to take care of their trees. Peters students have worked hard to keep their trees healthy by making sure they have plenty of water. Students water their trees on the same day they bring their recycle bucket to the cafeteria.

“It was a lot of work putting the trees in the hole,” said fourth grader Zoey Marrs.

Fourth grader Jacob Bradshaw said, “I like that we are creating shade for people later on.”

Teacher	Tree Name
Hallum	SpongeBob
Brown	Chopsticks
Hillhouse	Sparkle
Brunson	Maple
Jones	Ms. Jones
Cole	Mr. Tree
Paschall	Blaze
Shurtleff	Diamond
McCoy	Razorback
Tate	Bob
Averill	Snoopy
Gelnar	Redbuddy
McDonald	Mrs./Mr. Krab
Stone	Oreo
Hall	Little Red
Borgelt	King James
Alvarez	Krabby Patty
Cunningham	Buddy
Bowen	Semi
Harris	Woody
Lira	King Bob
Morris	Tom



Sing Your Heart Out

by Carly Borgelt
and Alyssa Viets, 3rd Grade

Fourth and fifth graders who like to sing joined honor choir. There were no auditions. Students just had to sign up. The Peters school choir started last year. Choir starts at 3:00 and ends at 4:00 on Tuesdays. They practice in the music room. Choir performed at the Kenosha Landing nursing home and at the January PTA meeting. Thank you, Mrs. Morris for being the sponsor!

“I am glad you don’t have to audition,” remarked Mrs. Harding. “I was rejected by the choir in fifth grade and it scarred me for life.”

Choir sings songs from musicals, such as “Tomorrow” from *Annie*, “Over the Rainbow” from *The Wizard of Oz*.

“The thing I like about choir is that you get to sing and learn more about music,” said fifth grader Ruby Palos.

Mrs. Morris said, “The reason we have choir is because it is fun and you learn songs and you get a chance to sing with your friends!”

Spreading Holiday Cheer

by Jenaya Monroe, 5th Grade

On December 15, after school, Peters Student Council and Honor Choir went to sing at the Kenosha Landing nursing home in Broken Arrow.

“Student council had parents that were nice enough to car pool kids for us,” said fifth grade teacher Mrs. Morris.

The reason that choir and student council sang to the elderly is because they wanted to spread Christmas cheer. At the nursing home the students sang, gave out homemade Christmas cards, and ate snacks with the people who live there.

“I felt kind of nervous because I do not have the best voice but I think I did OK,” said fifth grader Mazie Waters.



Student Council Helps Needy

by Jenaya Monroe, 5th Grade

Student council started the canned food drive on November 11 and ended on November 30. Our goal was to collect 1,000 cans for a special surprise, but unfortunately only about 500 cans were collected school wide. Since we didn’t hit our goal we tallied cans to see which grade had collected the most cans. Second grade won with about 300 cans donated to the canned food drive. All of the cans the school collected went to Neighbor for Neighbor in Broken Arrow.

Student council members made signs, collected boxes for the cans, and informed the whole school about the canned food drive.

Student council also hosted a socks and underwear drive. It started on November 9 and ended on January 8. The reason for this drive was because we have kids in our district who do not have clothes, like socks and underwear which are important to have. To support this drive students brought socks and underwear in all sizes and put them in the Captain Underpants Box. They will be distributed by the Union Clothes Closet.



Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1-9 — Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 4 — Parent conferences
- Feb. 5 — PTA Box Tops Store
- Feb. 5 — Solarium Club
- Feb. 9 — Parent Conferences
- Feb. 9 — Union Bond Election
- Feb. 12 — Valentine’s Parties
- Feb. 15 — No School
- Feb. 17 — Chess Club
- Feb. 18 — Student Council
- Feb. 19 — Talent Show @ 7 p.m.
- Feb. 22 — Talent Show @ 1 p.m.
- Feb. 23 — Choir
- Feb. 23 — Newspaper
- Feb. 23 — 5th Grade Writing Test

New Recyclable Items

by Roselyn Benitez, 5th Grade

Peters won the America Recycles Award and wanted to recycle even more items. Mrs. Harding’s fourth grade G/T class has discovered that batteries can be recycled. Most people think you can’t recycle batteries because of all the toxic chemicals in them. If you think about it, all that toxic material will go into the ground when you throw batteries into the trash. They will get in the environment.

Students can bring their batteries to Mrs. Harding or Mrs. Salinas. Both teachers have a battery recycle bucket inside their rooms.

Students can also bring aluminum cans to school, but they must be washed. Mr. Borgelt sells them and gives the money to PTA.

“We earn 60 cents a pound, but every little bit counts,” said Mrs. Harding.

Students can turn in their cans at the front office. There is a big silver trash can just inside the door.

Many students have already brought both cans and batteries to be recycled. Great job, Peters!



New Plastic Cups

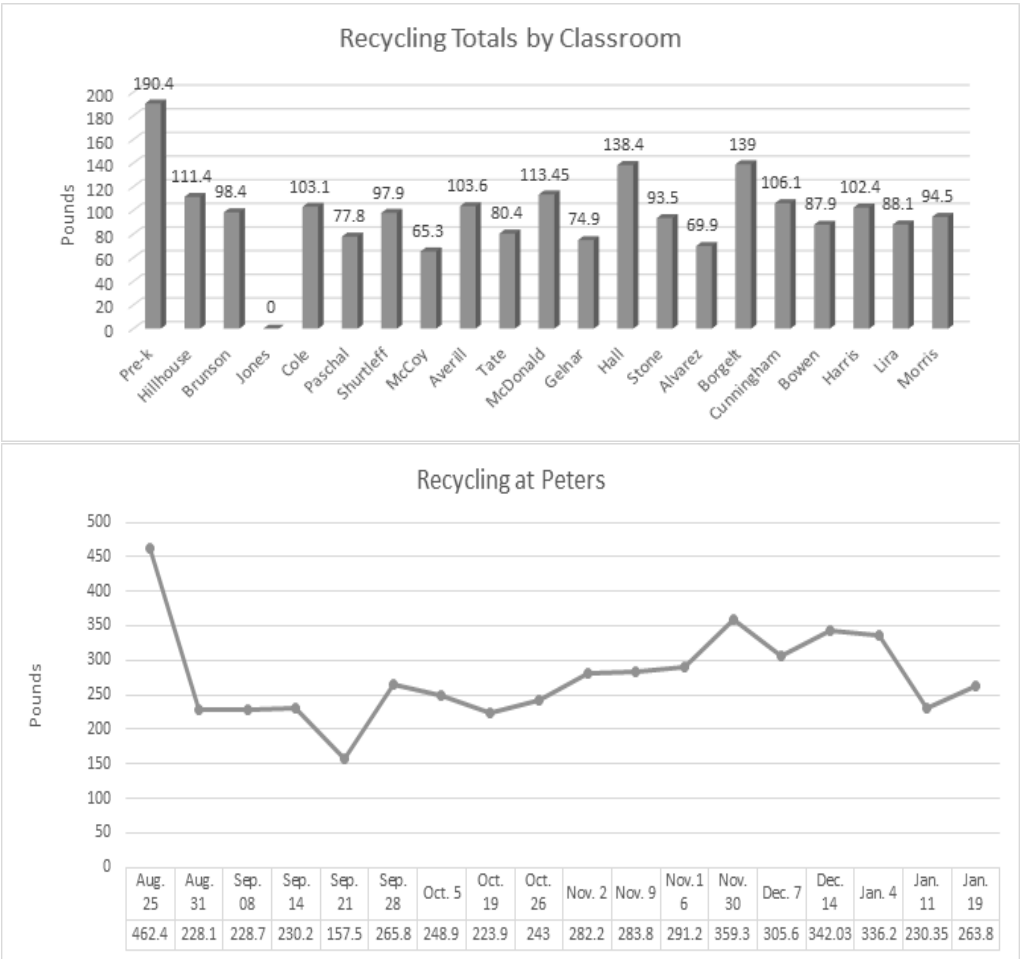
by Roselyn Benitez, 5th Grade

In the cafeteria Mrs. Marla has placed new cups for water. The number on the bottom of the cups is 5 which means they are recyclable. Since our recycling company doesn’t take number 5 plastics, Mrs. Marla takes all the plastic cups home to recycle.

Mrs. Harding’s third grade stu-

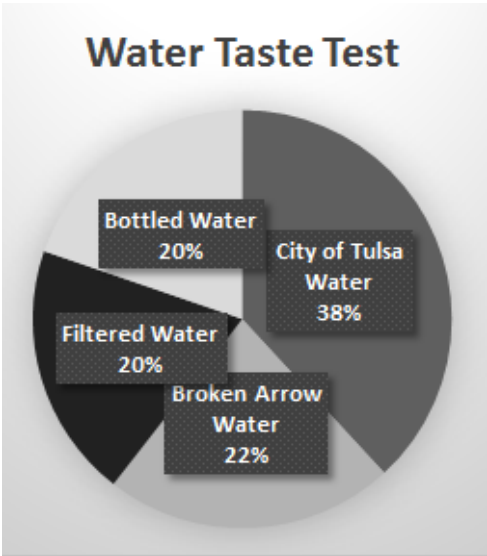
dents wrote to Lisa Griffin, food service supervisor, about the styrene cups, and how bad they were for the environment. She suggested three options. One was for students to bring their own water bottles, two was drink from the water fountain and three was to use the 5 ounce recyclable plastic cups. Third grade G/T students selected the plastic cup option. Peters students have filled up the black bin every week.

Recycling Data Compiled by Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade



Congratulations to our cafeteria for recycling more than 1,000 pounds so far this year! Thank you to the fifth grade recycling team for their hard work in transporting all recyclables from the building to the recycle bins.

Poll by Lauren Hemm, 5th Grade



In January, fourth and fifth graders took a blind taste test of water from different sources. Students selected their favorite of the four samples:

Sample A - City of Tulsa tap water
Sample B - City of Broken Arrow tap water
Sample C - Filtered water
Sample D - Bottled water

Fifth grader Lauren Hemm compiled the data for the graph above.

And the Volunteer of the Month Is...

by Avery Fore, 3rd Grade
and Zoey Marrs, 4th Grade

All four officers of the PTA were selected as volunteers of the month in January. PTA officers serve and volunteer all year.

Marci Mason is council delegate and representative of the PTA. The council delegate represents the Peters PTA at the monthly district-level PTA Council meetings. This is her first year. She likes going to meetings because, "I am learning what is going on school-wide and I get to collect clothes for the Clothes Closet."



Kristin Bresciano is the secretary in the PTA. She takes notes during meetings, keeps track of what they do, writes the minutes, and makes the agenda for the meetings. This is her first year. She likes her job because, "It helps me to know what is going on and what we can do to help the school."



Julie Liniger is the treasurer. Her job is handling the money, reporting on it, and writing checks for the PTA. She first started her job two years ago. What she likes about her job is, "Being able to help the kids."



Michelle Abrams is PTA president. Her job as president is leading the PTA and doing things for teachers and students. One of her favorite things to do for the PTA is, "helping to raise money."



PTA sponsors many activities including the Holiday Shoppe, Ice Cream Day, PTA Movie Night, Sonic Night, and the Carnival. They provide treats for the class parties and help teachers purchase classroom supplies.

Thank you, Peters PTA!



The Dream Lives On

by Zoey Marrs, 4th Grade

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta Georgia. He was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement, and encouraged nonviolence.

Dr. King spearheaded the March on Washington on August 27, 1963. The March on Washington brought more than 200,000 people together to march for equal rights. Blacks and whites together walked for civil and economic rights for African Americans. On August 28, he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Some states resisted celebrating the holiday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It is known as Civil Rights Day in some states. Some people said that Dr. King did not deserve his own holiday. In 1992, Arizona approved Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, but called it Civil Rights Day. New

Hampshire changed Civil Rights Day to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in 1999. This year we celebrated the holiday on Monday, January 18.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is often celebrated with parades. The theme of this year's parade in Tulsa was One Race: The Human Race. Most public schools give students a day off for this holiday. Students learn in school about Dr. King and the work he did.



I have a dream, that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character,"said Martin Luther King, Jr. in his famous "I have a dream" speech.

Word Scramble

by Cameron Brashear, 5th Grade

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Q-What did the boy owl say to the girl owl on Valentine's Day?
A-Owl be yours!

Q-What did the boy bird say to the girl bird on Valentine's Day?
A-You are a sweetheart!

Recess And Lunch We Deserve More!

*Editorial by Caris Fore, 5th Grade
Paw Prints Co-Editor*

I think that Peters Elementary should have 25 minutes of recess and 30 minutes of lunch.

Many kids do not have a lot of time to eat because there is traffic in the lunch line or they have not had breakfast. Anything can happen any morning, day or night. This can cause changes in your daily diet which might require more food at one meal. Lunch is a great time to get in any food you cannot get from a different meal.

Recess is almost required for elementary students. Recess is a perfect time for kids to meet, greet, talk and play with your friends. Kids also get to let out all the energy and wiggles they have gained throughout the day.

Recess and lunch are very important times in an elementary school kid's day. Don't you think we need more time for it?

It's Not Fair!

Editorial by Rayan Choudhary, 4th Grade

Have you noticed how much time we have for recess and lunch?

We come to school for about 8 hours per day. That's 40 hours for the whole week. Students deserve at least 30 minutes for recess and lunch.

Teachers get 30 minutes for lunch, so why don't we? That's not fair. Most of the time, students do respect their teachers and adults. Most students finish all their work given to them by teachers.

We really should deserve the extra time for lunch and recess. Sometimes, we can't even finish our lunch. I've noticed that if you are the last person in the tray lunch line, it takes about 10 minutes for everyone to get their lunch and then you only have about 5 minutes to eat. So students really need and deserve that precious extra time.

Message from Mrs. Gray: State regulations limit lunch and recess to a combined 30 minutes per day.

Stop Littering!

*Editorial by Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade
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Do you ever see trash on the ground while you are in a car? Well I do, and it is not very pretty. US taxpayers spent about 11.5 billion dollars last year on cleaning up litter. That is a ridiculous amount of money! On average, one mile of highway contains about 16,000 pieces of trash. Soon we won't see grass, we will see trash!

Littering is really bad for our environment. Trash is harmful to animals. For example, if an animal sees a piece of trash and plays with it, the animal could swallow it and choke. You don't want that to happen, do you? Trash could harm animals in many different ways. One example is Gatorade bottle holders. They have small holes in them that could wrap around birds' heads.

Another reason littering is bad it because it is ugly. There is a song called "America the Beautiful." When people litter they are throwing trash on the ground. That doesn't sound very beautiful to me.

When people litter they are also breaking the law. So not only are people making the Earth look trashy, they are committing a crime. Tell me, do you like money? Well you are going to lose it if you litter. In Oklahoma the fine for littering can range from \$200 to \$5,000. That is quite a bit of money that you probably wouldn't want to lose.

Clearly, littering is not good for our community. Let's solve this problem. You could pick up trash on the ground. Also if you see someone litter, tell them to stop. If everybody picks up one piece of trash a day it would help a lot. Put littering down the trash can!

Ask the Panther

by Jenaya Monroe, 5th Grade

Dear Panther,

There is this person who annoys me when I let him have my candy and let him cut in line. He also hits when he says tag. What can I do?

—Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

You should talk to him and tell him that you don't like what he has been doing to you. Plus you should stop giving him your candy and stop letting him cut in line.

—The Panther

Dear Panther,

I have a problem with a person stealing my stuff. What should I do?

—Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

You should tell the teacher, and if you know who it is try to stay away from him/her. Maybe you could ask the teacher to move you away from them in the class. Another thing you can do is don't bring the valuable stuff to school or keep it in your locker.

—The Panther

Dear Panther,

Lately at school, my best friend is always talking with another popular girl who tells my friend that she can't hang out with me anymore because I'm not as popular as her. Then goes and changes everything about my friend like her hair, clothes, accent, says she has to be sassy. EVERYTHING! What should I do?

—Sadness

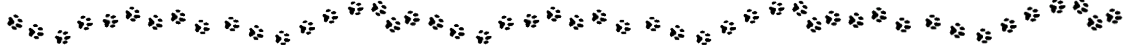
Dear Sadness,

You might have to stop being friends with her or deal with the changes the other person is making. Another thing you can do is choose friends who do have anything to do with those people.

—The Panther

Submit your problems to Ask the Panther. Use the drop-box outside Mrs. Harding's room.





6th Grade Fine Arts Galore

by Lauren Hemm, 5th Grade

On December 15, Peters’ fifth grade students took a field trip to the Union High School. The fifth graders went to the high school because the sixth graders had a special performance just for the fifth grade students. Sixth grade played instruments and sang songs so that all of fifth grade could hear all the sounds of the instruments and see what band, orchestra, and choir are like.

Before the fifth graders went to the high school their teachers spoke about what to expect in sixth grade and what different electives would be offered. Teachers tried to encourage their students be in many different electives in sixth grade. Two busses came to Peters that day to pick up fifth grade.

When the fifth graders got to the high school they took their seats and waited until fifth graders from other schools arrived. When everyone got there, one of the fine arts teachers went on stage and introduced all of the different instruments and their sounds. After the instruments played lots of songs, the choir sang a different song from the Disney movie, *Princess and the Frog*.

“I was excited to go to the high school because I wanted to see all the instruments and hear there sounds,” said Sarah Fuller. “I was inspired to play the violin because I really liked how it sounds.”

5th Learns About 6th

by Mazie Waters, 5th Grade

On Thursday, January 14, the principal of the sixth and seventh grade center along with one of the vice principals and counselors came to Peters to talk to fifth graders about lunch, pride, electives, core classes and dismissal at the sixth and seventh grade center.

Students learned that during lunch you can get food from the regular lunch line or the fast food line. The fast food line has hot dogs, ice cream, chips, burgers and much more. The regular line serves a hot lunch similar to the lunches served in elementary schools.

When you have no office referrals and you don’t have any detentions, you get a pride card. When you get a pride card, you get to sit wherever you want at lunch.

Electives begin in sixth grade. Sixth graders can choose two electives. There are two types of elec-

tives. You can choose one yearlong elective such as, orchestra, band and competitive choir. Vocal music is an 18-week elective. There are several nine-week electives such as, key-boarding, drama, STEM, and art. Students may choose one of these each quarter.

Core classes include math, reading, writing, social studies, language arts, geography and science. Students can choose to take advanced math or advanced language arts.

“I liked it because it gets the kids thinking about next year and what they can look forward to,” said fifth grade teacher Mrs. Lira.

“I liked it because they came and let us know what will happen, and now I feel prepared,” said fifth grader Abby Anderson.

The reason the sixth grade staff came to Peters was to share the opportunities that sixth grade has to offer.

Next year, fifth grade, make it a great year or not, the choice is yours!



Teacher Pranksters Run Amuck

by Caiden Maurer, 4th Grade

This school year there has been a series of pranks around the school, but students haven’t been the ones causing them. This year teachers have been getting their share of the fun.

Mr. Bowen was shocked when he walked into his classroom and found toilet paper everywhere! The pranksters were fourth grade teachers Mrs. Alvarez and her accomplice Mrs. Cunningham. They were getting back at Mr. Bowen for getting two of Mrs. Cunningham’s students to bring him the cart of computers Mrs. Alvarez was using for a science project.

“It was Mrs. Cunningham’s idea,” Mrs. Alvarez giggled. “Mr. Bowen, gotcha!”

“It was good therapy,” said Mrs.

Cunningham.

“They made a mess out of my room!” complained Mr. Bowen. “It was annoying but it wasn’t hard to clean up. Mrs. Alvarez can’t be trusted! I will have my revenge!”

While we were all waiting for this so called “revenge” to happen Mrs. Salinas and Mrs. Hillhouse were “busted” for a so-called “holiday cheer” prank. They say they were both at Target when they came up with the idea. They saw giant sticky notes and thought it would be funny to put them up on people’s doors.

Luckily Mrs. Melanie rewound the camera footage to catch these pranksters. She immediately put the pictures on the school walls.

“People will really have to try harder to sneak past our cameras,” said Mrs. Melanie.

There may be more pranks in the future, but for now that’s it.



Flap Your Wings

by Anneston Tempest, 3rd Grade

In third grade, students are doing PLTW science. PLTW stands for Project Lead The Way. All Peters classes study different units in PLTW science, at least one time in the year.

Third grade is learning about stability and motion. For instance, they are learning how airplanes and gliders fly. They are also going to make a glider or an air plane.

On the first day they made a teeter totter. The supplies were a ruler, binder clips, and paper clips. They learned about unbalanced forces and balanced forces.

“I liked making a teeter totter because we got to work in groups,” said third grader Rachel Motes.

When third grade was ready to design a glider, the iPads were not working.

“I would have liked doing it on the iPads so you do not have to erase,” said third grader Leah Grace Hemm.

Instead students got out a piece of graph paper and a pencil and did it the old school way. After the iPads were fixed, third graders used the app 123D Design to create a model of a glider.

Students made paper gliders, which they tested outdoors. Their next step is to create gliders from cardboard and cardstock.

Fun at Winter Parties

by Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade

On December 17, Peters held their annual winter parties. Winter parties are a celebration before everyone leaves for winter break. PTA sponsors the winter parties. Fifth grade’s party was in the cafeteria because it is their last year at Peters.

“Parents make their celebrations a bigger deal because there is a lot of last things fifth graders will have as they move up,” said Michelle Abrams, PTA President.

“I liked the hot chocolate because you could put a lot of whipped cream and sprinkles on it,” said fifth grader Riley Trickett.

“I liked the food because you could get a lot and I liked talking to friends,” said fifth grader Brennan Stout.

Students in second grade played games like pin the nose on the snowman, musical chairs, and winter bingo. In fourth grade students played a game where they all got in two lines and the first person in line put on gloves. The first person would run to a chair pick up a Hershey’s kiss and unwrap it. Afterwards they would run back and give the gloves to the person behind them. The first line to finish won.

“I liked seeing all the kids smiling and having fun with their friends,” said Donna Sawyer, parent of fifth grader Douglas Sawyer.



Word Search by Carly Borgelt, 3rd Grade

New Year

M F N R G U T X H A M Q S K R
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Angel
New
Snowflake
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Snowman
January
Snowball
Winter



5th Grade GATE Students Compete at SeaPerch

by Caris Fore
and Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade

Fifth grade gifted and talented classes have been building remotely operated vehicles called SeaPerch. A SeaPerch is a remote control submarine that is tethered to a control box. Students try to pick up rings, maneuver through obstacles, and complete difficult tasks.

“We made SeaPerch because it is a good way to learn engineering and construction skills. Students had to work together as a team to solve problems that came up throughout this process. I can tell they learned a lot. None of this would have been possible without dedicated parent volunteers and the generosity of the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance and the United States Navy,” said Mrs. Harding.

Students in the fifth grade G/T classes worked in teams to build the SeaPerch during class. Students had to solder, cut PVC pipes, drill, and more. Fortunately many parents were able to assist.

On January 22, students traveled to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Cub in Broken Arrow to test their SeaPerch. They worked! Mostly. Students had to do a little trou-



bles shooting to be ready for the competition the following week.

“The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club was generous to let Union kids test the robots at their pool,” said Mrs. Harding.

Students were rewarded when they were able to compete at the SeaPerch regional tournament at the Jenks Aquatic Center, on January 30. Four events took place at the tournament including retrieval, interview, obstacle course, and speed. According to fifth grader Jenaya

Monroe, retrieval was the hardest.

One of the Peters teams won second place. Members of the second place team were Jenaya Monroe, Monica Franklin, Wiley Scales, Lauren Hemm, and Vihaan Pranjapati.

“I liked that we worked together as a team,” said Lauren Hemm.

“It felt that all my hard work paid off,” said Monica Franklin.

“Jenaya has a future as a submarine driver,” said Peters parent and volunteer Greg Scales.

Citizens of the Month

by Harish Vaithianathan
and Rayan Choudhary, 4th Grade

At Peters Elementary, every month a student is chosen from each class in fourth and fifth grade to be citizen of the month.

Students are chosen based on being prompt, responsible, respectful, showing effort, and participation. The student is chosen because of his or her behavior from the previous month. The citizen of the month must be an excellent leader and should cooperate with classmates. Students who demonstrate honesty, trustworthiness, optimism, and loyalty are good role models.

Mrs. Alvarez described her citizen of the month, Madelyn Blacet: “She is responsible and is always

turning in her work and is always well-behaved.”

On the first Friday of each month the students being honored will be rewarded with a delicious pizza lunch with the principal and the teachers from their grade.

“I like that teachers trust me because they give you more responsibility,” said fourth grader Bailey Dickerson.

Mrs. Gray explained about citizen of the month: “It’s an opportunity to showcase students who work hard to show responsibility, respect others, and always being safe.”

Chosen students will be class leaders. They will get a flag and a certificate. So try to be good, and maybe you will be the next citizen of the month for fourth or fifth grade.



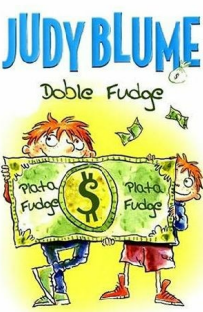
January Citizens of the Month

Fifth Grade: Matthew Hitch, Creed Gneich, Riley Trickett, Kennedy Salinas

Fourth Grade: Madelyn Blacet, Bailey Dickerson and Bella Dahlman

Double Fudge

Book Review
by Kayla Alexander, 4th Grade



Double Fudge by Judy Blume is about two brothers, Farley Drexel Hatcher and Peter. Farley, also known as Fudge, is going through a stage where he is ob-

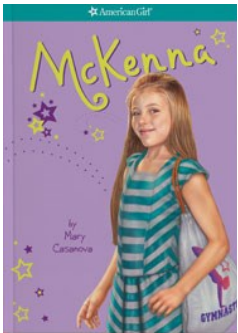
essed with money. Their grandma suggested they take Fudge to see the green stuff. When they got there, their dad meets his long lost cousin. It is a strange coincidence that Fudge’s cousin has the same name as he does.

To find out what happens next, read *Double Fudge*. This book is good for people who like to predict and always have their nose in a book. The reason I liked this book is because it is really funny and I never wanted to stop reading it. I really recommend this book. Students can find this book in the Peters library.

McKenna

Book Review
by Anneston Tempest, 3rd Grade

McKenna, loves doing gymnastics but it takes up so much of her time that she is falling behind in school. McKenna did not want to skip gymnastics but that was the only way McKenna could keep up in school. So Mr. Wu got McKenna a tutor named Josie. On a gymnastics day McKenna had to stay home and do school work. If you want to see if Josie can help McKenna check this book by Mary Casanova out of the library.

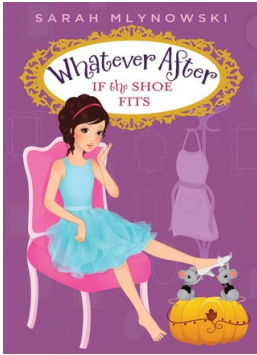


Whatever After: If the Shoe Fits

by Roselyn Benitez, 5th Grade

Remember when your mom or grandma read you a fairy tale and you loved it? Well then this book is right for you. Abby lives in Smithville with her younger brother Jonah. They travel through time and meet a fairy tale Princess and other friends. In this book Abby and Jonah travel to Cinderella’s time. Abby and Jonah try not to mess with the story or

it will change the whole story that we all know. But when things get a little crazy everything goes bad. Will Cinderella have her happily ever after or will she not? To find out what happens to Cinderella and what Abby and her brother do to change the story, check out *Whatever After: If the Shoe Fits*, by Sarah Mlynowski at the Peters library.



Wonder

Book review
by Mazie Waters, 5th Grade

August Pullman has a face only a mother could love. Poor August has had over twenty surgeries since he was three years old, all because of a disease called, “Craniofacial Differences.” That means that his face doesn’t look like everyone else’s.

August Pullman has been home-schooled since he was little, and now, in fifth grade, he is figuring out what it’s like to go to a private

school. Beecher Prep is a tough place, especially with the biggest bully in school, Julian. Along the way he meets his two best friends Jack Will and Summer.

Will August make it through fifth grade or go down trying? To find out what happens to Auggie, check out *Wonder* by R.J Palacio, at your local or school library.



Ready, Set, Read-a-Thon

by Cameron Brashear, 5th Grade

Right now, there is an opportunity for Peters students to win a Kindle Fire! To get the Kindle Fire, students have to advance their reading level. When students advance a level, their teacher will then give them a panther paw. When they receive the panther paw from their teacher, they will be required to put the paw in the big black panther in the cafeteria.

In May, Mrs. Gray will draw two

paws from the panther. The paws will be different colors. Gold is for grades pre-k through second grade, and red color is for third through fifth grades. PTA, along with an anonymous donor, donated the Kindle Fires.

Our teachers wanted to encourage students to read for fun. Every student will participate in the Read-a-thon. On March 3, we will have a family literacy night and book exchange. If a student attends, they get one free paw to put in the panther.

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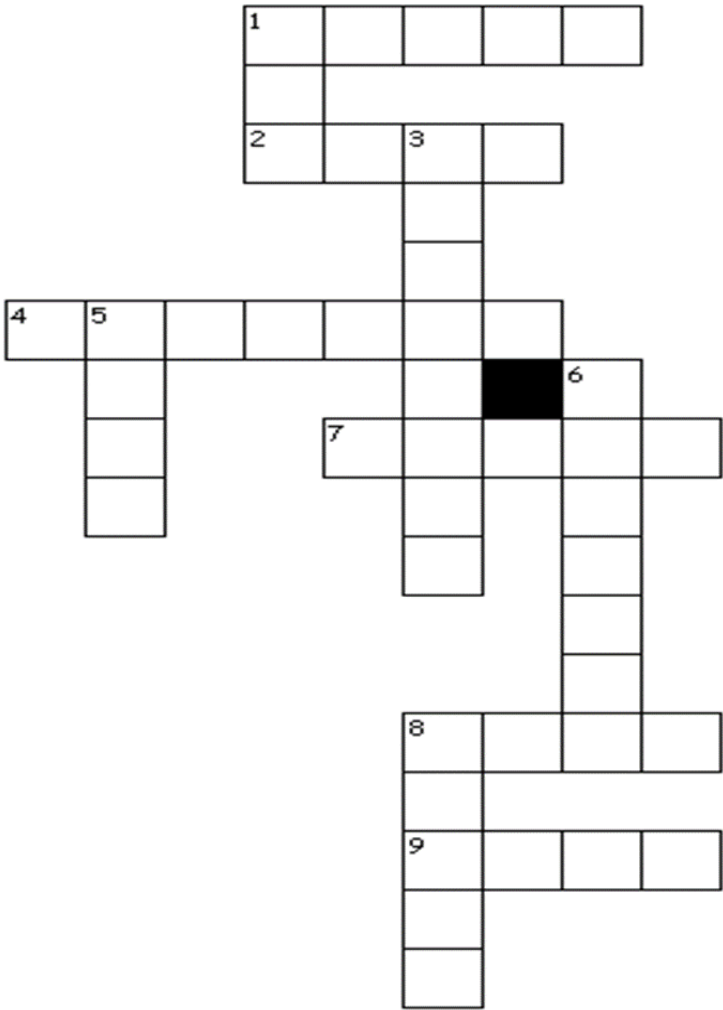
BOOK FAIR

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A BOOK PURCHASE

Crossword Puzzle by Harish Vaithianathan, 4th Grade

- Across
- 1. An important organ in your body
 - 2. A thing someone gives
 - 4. plants that smells good
 - 7. Something sweet that makes a good Valentine
 - 8. Special notes people send on holidays
 - 9. A color that appears when you mix white and red

- Down
- 1. When you wrap your arms around someone
 - 3. The month of Valentines Day
 - 5. It is a feeling of affection
 - 6. Someone who has a particular regard for someone
 - 8. Roman god of love

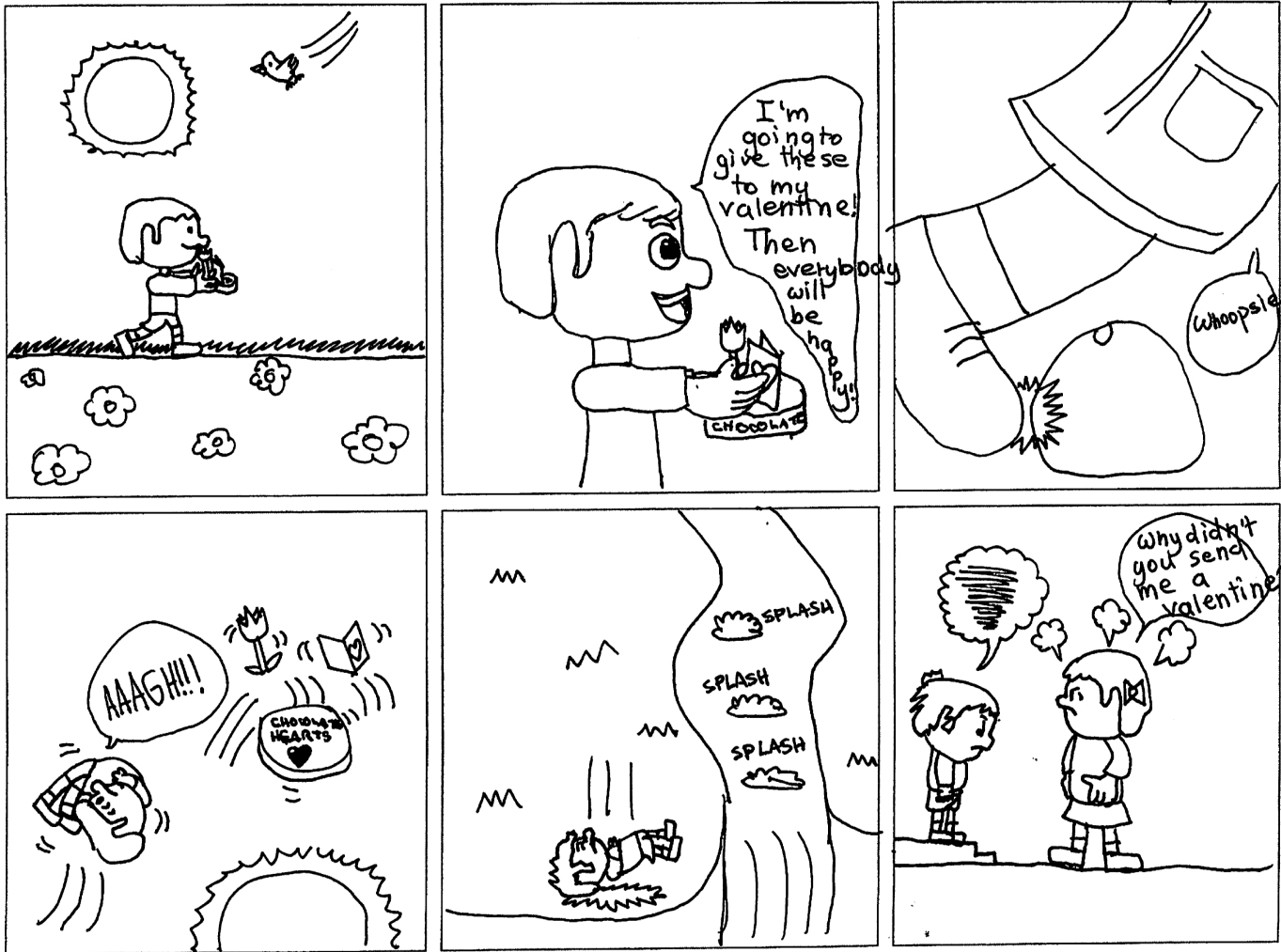


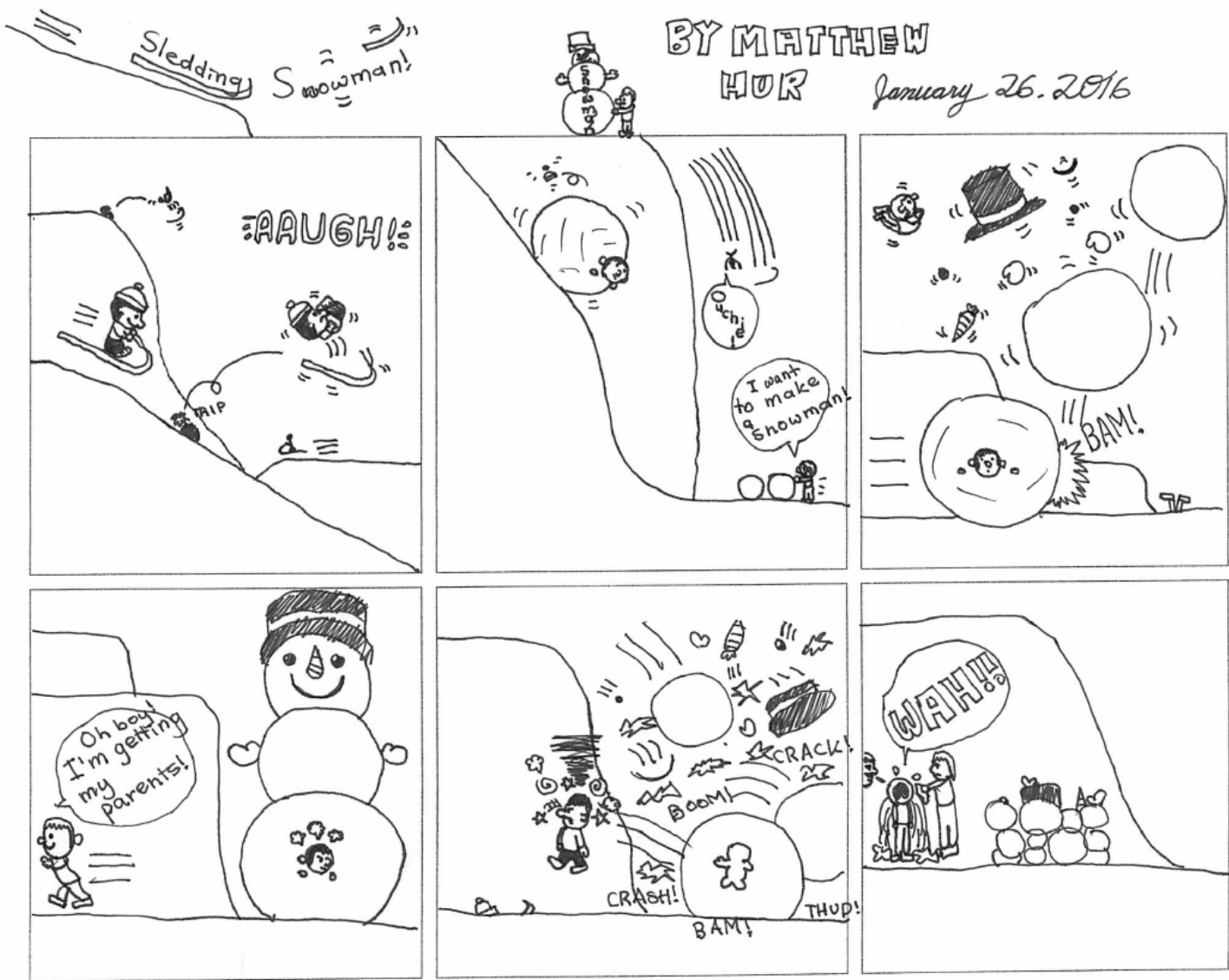
TIMOTHY’S JOKE

What do planets like to sing?
Neptunes.



What a "Happy" Valentine 1-28-16
By Matthew Hur





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Time for some excitement and fun!!! The Union PTA Trading Card Tournament will take place February 13th at the 9th Grade Center from 10 AM to 4 PM. There will be tournament and door prizes, concessions and a free class from 12 PM to 1 PM for anyone interested in learning how to play! This event is sponsored by Wizards Asylum and is a fundraiser for the PTA.

Tournament entry fee is \$5.

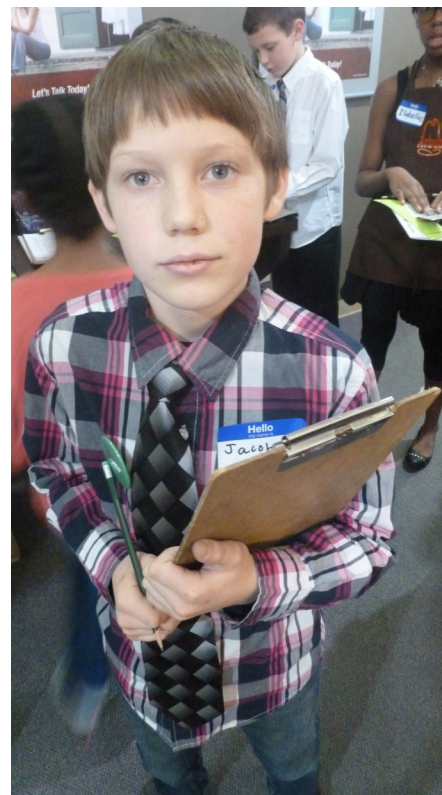
online sign up and registration: <http://j.mp/UnionCardGame16>

By Alyssa Viets 3rd grade

circle the number of hearts.



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