

## Reading Comes Alive at Peters

by Trinity McMahon, 5th Grade



On November 20, Peters teachers dressed up as book characters to celebrate Books Alive!

"It was so fun. My teacher wore a fake mustache," said third grade student Mackenzie Shelton.

More than twenty teachers participated in the event, reading books such as A Bad Case of the Stripes and Miss Nelson is Missing.

"I think the kids have as much fun as the teachers," said Mrs. Leslie. She said Peters has been doing Books Alive! for at least six years. This year, several teachers dressed up as characters from Wayside School.

A few fifth graders even got to participate, performing a reader's theatre skit that included a rap.

## Policewoman to the Rescue!

by Meghana Venkatesha, 3rd Grade

Mrs. Huff's daughter, a policewoman named Miranda, came to school with her partner Baxy, who is a dog. Miranda showed us how Baxy could sniff cell phones and tobacco. She told us the best dogs at finding hidden criminals are called tracking dogs. Some other kinds of dogs Miranda told us about are bomb dogs and Labrador retrievers. Bomb dogs find bombs that are hidden. Labrador retrievers find dead bodies. Baxy is a Belgian Malinois dog.



Miranda told us that Baxy knows to get to work when Miranda puts her uniform on her. Miranda started training to be a policewoman five years ago in the beginning of 2006. She started training with Baxy a year ago. She showed us that if a criminal tries to get away she can use her katana to hit them or she can use her Taser to give them an electrical shock.

## Peters Gets Out the Vote

by Emma Jackson, 5th Grade

On November 2, Mrs. Beam put on a play called "Get Out The Vote." Students in first through fifth grade participated in the play. The students learned a rap to the Pledge of Allegiance. The play excited the kids about voting and learning what it means to be a citizen.

On election day, there was more fun. Kids got to vote for either Mitt Romney or Barack Obama. When the votes were counted, Romney received 172 votes and Obama got 107 votes.

Mrs. Randall said the election taught kids about the importance of voting. "It is the responsibility of being a good citizen," she said.



## Peters Salutes Veterans

by Nadesh Vaithianathan, 5th Grade

On November 9, kindergarten through fifth grade came to the Veteran's Day assembly. Third through fifth grade students performed a music program arranged by Mrs. Beam. Our school honored the veterans who attended.

I interviewed a veteran whose name is Mr. Joe Gorge. He fought in World War 2 when he was 17 years old. He went on a marine ship to the island of the Philippines in 1945. His job was to be an able seaman and man the guns. One of his sad moments was when their crew lost a person off board when they were fighting against the Japanese.

Veteran's Day was first created as Armistice Day in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson, but on June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veteran's Day. We thank our veterans for their services to our country.

## Run for the Money

by Gabi Ponio, 5th Grade



A few weeks ago, the Tulsa Run was held in downtown Tulsa. There were about 10,000 people there, including 92 kids from Peters. Peters received an award for having the most kids sign up for the Tulsa Run. The school got a check for \$500.00 which will be used to purchase new soccer nets and balls.

# What now, Mrs. Puett?

by Jared Crawford, 5th Grade



As you may know, Mrs. Puett, our former ARC teacher, retired to run for State Representative. Sadly, she lost. But I got a chance to meet up with her the day after the election. I learned that she knocked on around 8,000 houses and handed out about 11,000 fliers. Even though she lost her race, she is glad she ran.

“It was great,” she said. “A fun experience.” She said that some people didn’t want to talk to her when she knocked on their door, but others were interested.

Now that her campaign is over, she plans on having some free time to work in her garden. She’ll also be substituting at Peters, so look for her in the halls.

# Science Night Filled With Fun

by Natasha Fredrick, 5th Grade

The Peters PTA recently put on a Science Night full of demonstrations and experiments. During the show one of the Mad Scientists made a rainbow of colors with just water and vinegar. After some demonstrations, kids went to different stations. There were three activities that kids got to do.

In the first activity, the kids made slime that they got to take home.

The second activity the kids attended was all about dry ice. The Mad Scientist took some dry ice and touched it with a hot spoon. It sizzled like a pan. Then he put hot water and dry ice into a jar, mixed it together, and “smoke” came out.

The third activity was all about electricity. Kids experimented with batteries, balloons, and plasma balls. At the end, everyone got an electricity toy.



# Fourth Grade Visits Woolaroc

by Braxton Tempest, 4th Grade

You may have noticed some fourth graders wearing green class T-shirts on November 8. That was because fourth grade went on a field trip to Woolaroc.

We were so excited when we got to school on Thursday. We were talking about what we wanted to see and what we had in our lunches. We couldn’t wait until the Red Carpet Bus arrived. When my class found out that we were taking a shuttle bus we were so anxious to get on it. When we got onto the shuttle bus, we made our way to our seats and got comfortable while the teachers counted the students in their classes. We even got to watch a movie!

Finally, we were there. It was so amazing to get to see all the wildlife. Woolaroc is a museum and a huge wildlife reserve. There were all kinds of animals such as deer, bison, ostriches and water buffalo.

We got in the museum and there were all kinds of arrowheads, teepees, art, sculptures, guns, and real shrunken heads. It was so cool to actually get to see all those things that were so old.

There was also a lodge where the people who made Woolaroc lived. Behind the lodge there is a gorgeous pathway made entirely out of rock. There are water falls everywhere and at the bottom there is a lake with a dock.

# Parents Learn Math Games

by Brayden Parrish, 5th Grade

On November 8, parents and students attended the Peters Math Night. The turnout was small in third, fourth and fifth grades. The teachers explained the math games to the parents and the students. They said that they have been playing these games in school and that games can improve skills in math. Some of the games included Angle Tangle, Top-It, and Multiplication Baseball. The parents and kids had a fun learning experience.



# December Paw Prints

by Paw Prints Executive Editor

We will be publishing a special “Celebration” edition of *Paw Prints* in December. This issue will exclusively feature student writing based on the theme of celebration. We encourage students from every grade to submit their poetry, personal narratives, essays, and other creative writing for publication in this special issue. The deadline for submissions is December 10.



# A Kindergarten Thanksgiving

by Braxton Tempest, 4th Grade



On November 19, kindergarten classes performed a Thanksgiving program. All three classes performed. There were about 60 kids doing the program altogether. They sang songs like “I’m Glad I’m Not a Turkey,” “Albuquerque He’s My Turkey” and about 8 others. They also had Indian hats, Pilgrim hats, and turkey hats.

“It was really fun,” said Anneston Tempest in Mrs. Salinas’ class. “We had a lot of practices but it was so much fun. I was so nervous but I was super excited.”

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

# Saving Water

by Braxton Tempest, 4th Grade

During the month of October Sara Ivey from the Department of Environmental Quality came to Peters and talked about conserving water with fourth grade students.

She gave students some advice, such as don’t leave the water on when you are brushing your teeth. It is better to take a shower than a bath. If you do take a shower then try to take a short one no longer than 7 minutes. It is better to use a bucket and sponge to wash your car than a hose.

We also played a relay game. In the game there were two buckets of water about 25 to 30 feet apart. One was filled up and the other wasn’t. We filled up a cup and then poured it into the other bucket.

“It actually felt like you are the real person going from the river and back gathering water for your family for the day” said Morris Rentie from Mrs. Dirks’ class.

“It was fun to play the game but it was also slippery because we spilt water so that made it hard to go from one bucket to another” said Anna Hem, also from Mrs. Dirks’ class.

This experience really taught all the fourth grade how to conserve water.

# Got Pride?

by Amelia Kannon, 5th Grade

If you are a fourth or fifth grader you can show your pride every day by wearing your Pride Card. Students who exhibit good behavior, make good choices, and act responsibly earn this card each week. When you have a Pride Card, you get rewards like bringing a drink or an extra recess. Positive behavior pays off!



# The Greening of Peters

by Gabi Ponio, 5th Grade

Have you noticed any crazy fourth graders measuring the playground or any fifth graders coming into your classroom with a weird assortment of tools? Well, that is because fourth and fifth grade ARC students are completing Oklahoma Green Schools Investigations.

Fifth grade has been measuring how much electricity each classroom uses. When they are done with their investigations, they will tally results and calculate how much energy the school uses.

Fourth grade is trying to make the exterior part of the school better by investigating types of land use. They are doing that by counting up all the pervious areas (places where water can soak into) and impervious areas (places where water cannot soak into). They discovered that Peters is 76% pervious and 24% impervious.

If we save energy for our school, or make the exterior part of the school better, we will get an Oklahoma Green Schools flag to put on our Peters flag pole.

# Students Take Fitness Test

by Latresha Johnson, 5th Grade

First through fifth grade students get to participate in the Presidential Physical Fitness Test each year. There are five challenging tests — the mile run, shuttle run, pull-ups, sit-ups, and the sit and reach.



According to Mr. Ritter, students have been doing these physical fitness tests for the past 39 years.

“My favorite is the shuttle run, because it measures quickness,” Mr. Ritter said.

He said the tests are important because they measure everybody’s fitness and encourage them to be fit.

Students who pass all five tests and perform in the top 15% of their age group will receive a signed certificate from President Obama.

## Making Soccer Fun

Editorial by Megan Turner, 5th Grade

Soccer at school is supposed to be fun. Too often, people get physical or stand in the middle of the field and talk. What annoys me the most is when people use their hands and hog the ball. People who hog the ball need to bring their own ball and play against the wall so they can have the ball full-time. People who use their hands should be the goalie ONLY. So let’s follow these suggestions and work on making our soccer field a more fun place to play.

## Mega Grammar

Editorial by Megan Turner, 5th Grade

I don’t want to walk around feeling stupid my whole life. Even though I hate to admit it, my teacher is right: grammar is important. So, here’s a lesson on grammar.

I have learned that you NEVER say “me and Gabi.” Instead, you should say “Gabi and I” or “Gabi and me.” Now, you have to know when to use each one. Here is how I learned to tell which is correct. First, take the other person’s name out of the sentence. For instance, if you were to say “Gabi and I am going shopping”, you would take Gabi out. Now, read the sentence without the other name (“I am going shopping.”) See how that makes sense? If you were to put me instead of I it would be “Me am going shopping” and that doesn’t make sense.

It takes practice, but try to fix this in your writing and speaking. You’ll feel smarter!

## What’s a Real Bully?

Guest Editorial by Amiyah Norwood, Mia Hastings, and Cassie Cussen, 3rd Grade

What’s a real bully? How do you know? If someone pushes you, they’re not exactly a bully, they’re just mean. You have to know what a bully is before you start accusing someone.

If someone hurts you, that’s a bully. No one should be hurting anyone. No one wants to get hurt. We should all feel safe.

If you see a bully, don’t just stand there, get help.

We can stop bullying by treating everyone with respect. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Just treat everyone with respect and you will get their respect back.



## Ask The Panther

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

Dear Panther,  
I accidentally broke my friend’s heart by calling her a bully because she crossed my name out on a poster. I say I am sorry but she ignores me. What do I do?  
--Helpless

Dear Helpless,  
Maybe you should give each other space and time. Then, come back to each other and talk and find out what she was thinking. It was really both of you who were at fault. Crossing out someone’s name is not the same as being a bully. When people bully they try to hurt you with their words or action repeatedly.  
--The Panther



Dear Panther,  
I am not that good at math or grammar. I try to do my best but it’s not good. I don’t want to get held back. What do I do?  
--Scared

Dear Scared,  
Ask your teacher if you can stay after school a little longer for help with math and grammar. Also, ask your parents to help you. Don’t stop trying.  
--The Panther

Dear Panther,  
Whenever I tell my friend a personal secret he pretends to tell someone but he says he won’t. I can’t trust him. What do I do?  
--Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,  
Don’t tell your secrets to him! Only share your personal secrets with people you really trust.  
--The Panther

Dear Panther,  
I have a problem. There’s a new kid in the class and we don’t get along. Now he is calling me names. What should I do?  
--Upset

Dear Upset,  
Try to talk to him. See what you guys have in common. Maybe you like the same TV shows or both like the same sports. You won’t know unless you ask.  
--The Panther

Dear Panther,  
I want less math every day. What do I do to avoid it?  
--Demanding

Dear Demanding,  
I’m so sorry you don’t like math, but you can’t avoid it. How will you know if you get the right amount of change at the store? You also have to use math to tell time and to use checks.  
--The Panther

Need Advice?

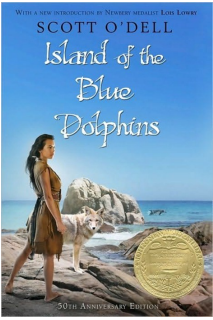
Send your questions to Ask the Panther by using the Paw Prints drop-box outside of Mrs. Harding’s door.



## Island of the Blue Dolphins

Book Review  
by Kayleigh Sweet, 5th Grade

The Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell is a very adventurous book. The story is about a twelve-year-old Native American girl named Karana. She lives with her family in the Ghal'as'at Tribe.



When a tribe called the Aleuts come over to camp to kill otters, a war breaks out. In this war, her father, the chief, is killed by the Aleuts tribe. When the new chief is selected, he decides to move the tribe to another island. Everyone was excited.

As the ship begins to leave, Karana's brother goes back to get his spears. The tide begins to come in and the ships have to leave or they will crash. So before the ships leave, Karana jumps off to get back to her brother.

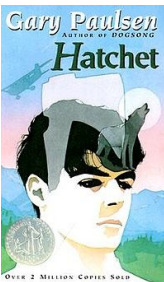
The next day, he is attacked and killed by a pack of wolves.

Karana is so sad after the loss of her family and tribe. She was told by the people on the ship that they would come back. But days turn into months. Will they ever come back for her? And how will she take care of herself? Find out by checking it out at the school library.

## Hatchet

Book Review  
by Nhi Lam, 5th Grade

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen is about a 13-year-old boy named Brian whose parents got divorced. Each summer he gets to see his dad, but on the first summer he gets to see him, his plane pilot has a massive heart attack and dies. As you guessed, Brian does not know how to fly the plane and crashes. He almost drowns, but survives. If you want to know what else happens, read the book today!



## Are You Ready to Play Outside?

Book Review  
by Harish Vaithianathan, 1st Grade

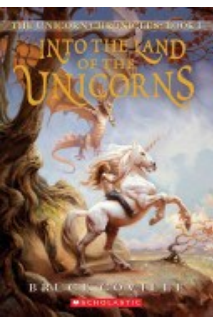
Gerald and Piggie wanted to play outside. They wanted to run, skip and jump. But it started to rain. Then it was pouring. They both screamed that they do not like rain. But Gerald covered Piggie with his ear. But they saw two worms that were playing in the rain. They wanted to try playing in the rain. SPLASH!!! Then it stopped raining. But Piggie wanted it to rain. Gerald sprayed water with his trunk. Elephants make the best friends. Check out Are You Ready to Play Outside? An Elephant and Piggie Book by Mo Williems at the Peters library today!



## Into the Land of Unicorns

Book Review  
by Jayna Pitts, 4th Grade

I think Into the Land of Unicorns by Brace Coville is an amazing book. It's about a girl named Cara with her Grandmother Morris. Cara and her Grandmother are being chased by a hunter. Her Grandmother tells her to jump off a high building. She jumps off and is now in the Land of Unicorns. Check it out at the Peter's library to find out what happened to Cara and her Grandmother.



## Joking Around

Submitted by Alaina Reich, 4th grade, and Kyler Barry, 1st grade

How do you wake up Lady Gaga?  
*Poke her face!*

If you were being chased by zombies, what should you do?  
*Hide in a coffin.*

Knock, knock.  
*Who's there?*  
Flea.  
*Flea who?*  
Flea blind mice.



## Letters to the Editor

### Say No to Stealing

by Kayla Grant, 4th Grade

Stealing in class is very wrong. You might think it's funny. But it is not. If you steal, here is something I'll tell you. Stealing is one of the 10 Commandments. When you steal it is like stealing from God. Stealing from God is not good because it makes him unhappy. So if you steal something, give it back, because it is the right thing to do.

### Inspiration

by Breanna Bailey, 4th Grade

To me, Peters is more than a school. The teachers encourage all the children and treat us all the same no matter what. They push us on and encourage us to work and be our best and they're nice, too. The teachers are my inspiration. I love my school -- it's the best school I've ever been to.

### Why Peters is Great

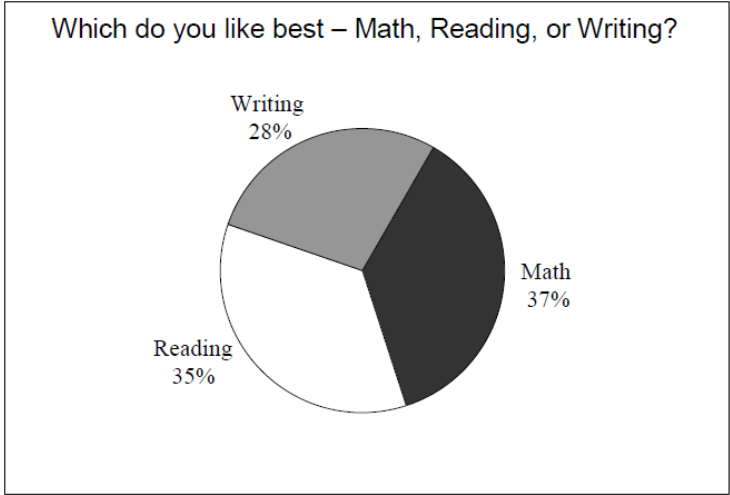
By Celecity Wallen, 4th Grade

I think we are a great school because of the way we act. We zip and lock in the hall. We are not disrespectful to people. We do not use unkind words. We don't talk back to the duty assistants.

# Peters Prefers Math

Survey by Trinity McMahon, 5th Grade

In the month of November, I collected more than 400 votes for a school-wide poll. The poll asked: Which do you like best - math, reading, or writing? I gave each teacher a form with the choices on them. The teacher asked each student which subject they liked best and a tally mark was placed in the column. I counted all the votes and put them in the graph below.



Math won! It had 157 votes. That is 37% of the school. Reading came in second with 152 votes. That is 35% of the school. Writing came in third with 120 votes. That is 28% of the school. Personally, I prefer reading!

Read next month’s Paw Prints to see our newest school-wide survey.

November  
Citizens of the Month

Matthew Gort - 4th Grade (Borgelt)  
Jon Michael Byrd - 4th Grade (Dirks)  
Miguel Davies - 4th Grade (Lewellen)

Megan Turner - 5th Grade (Bowen)  
Annie Green - 5th Grade (Gold)  
Derek Bateman - 5th Grade (Harris)  
Latresha Johnson - 5th Grade (Lira)

Thankful Tree

by Emily Langdon, 5th Grade  
Student Council President

In November, student council gave everyone a leaf and they put what they are thankful for on it. Stop by the wall outside the nurse’s office to see the Thankful Tree we created.

Comic by Hector Ramirez and Evan Mann, 5th Grade

