

Peters Green Team Presents at Local Recycling Conference

by Jenaya Monroe, 5th Grade

On Tuesday, October 20, the Green Team from Peters presented at the Oklahoma Recycling Association (OKRA) Conference, at the OU Schusterman Center in Tulsa. Last year students presented at the Oklahoma Green Schools Conference. Sara Ivey from the Department of Environmental Quality was so impressed with their performance that Peters students were invited to present at OKRA.

Green Team members who presented at the conference were Grayson Tempest, Lauren Hemm, Beth Meyer, Kennedy Salinas, and Jenaya Monroe. They talked about how we have changed the way we recycle at Peters. One thing we changed was that we used to recycle monthly, and now we recycle daily. Students also



shared that we have been recycling since before the year 2000. The Green Team spoke about how we have tried to promote recycling at other schools by telling them how it will affect their school and community.

"I picked the students based on their involvement in the recycling program and because of their public

speaking ability," said Mrs. Harding.

"One of my favorite parts of the presentation was when students shared the creative ideas that more than doubled our recycling intake," said Mrs. Harding. "It was exciting to share the data the students had collected over the last two years that shows our recycling progress."

Ready, Set, Jump!

*by Zoey Marrs, 4th Grade
and Anneston Tempest, 3rd Grade*

The Jump-a-Thon jumped back at Peters and kids were ready to jump back at it! On Thursday, October 29, all classes from each grade went to the gym during their specials time to jump rope at the Jump-a-Thon. The kids were put into groups and took turns jumping for about a minute each time. A lot of kids got some small prizes. They did a drawing out of a hat, and some lucky students got door prizes. Prizes included lanyards, pirate packs, key chains, gift certificates, and more.

The Jump-a-Thon raises money for the school. Not only does it raise money for the school, but it encourages kids to live a healthy lifestyle. Students collected donations for the school in the weeks leading up to the Jump-a-Thon.

Do you know what else got the kids ready for the Jump-a-Thon? The Healthy Snack Shack was set up

in the cafeteria! It helped kids get healthy and strong for the Jump-a-Thon, but also raised money for tutoring. Students could get snacks like granola bars, yogurt, and cheese sticks. Most snacks cost from fifty cents to a dollar, but Greek yogurt cost two dollars.

"I liked getting to see all the teachers jump," said third grader Bear Jones.

"I liked the Jump-a Thon because you get to jump and get your body moving," said third grader Jaelyn Adams.

The Jump-a-Thon raised \$4866.31 for Peters.

"We deposit the money in our activity funds. A large portion of the money will probably pay for fourth grade and fifth grade tutoring after school. We also use the money for things we need in the classrooms, and to celebrate our students," remarked Mrs. Gray.

The top boy money raiser was second grader Levi Schon, and the top girl was third grader Madison Kidd. Levi raised \$240, and Madi-



son raised \$239. Each received a \$75 Wal-Mart gift card.

"I was thinking about buying a video game or something to keep me busy," said Levi.

"I went to Wal-Mart and bought some Shopkins and some clothes," explained Madison.



Checking In

by Harish Vaithianathan, 4th Grade

On October 1 and 6 Peters held parent teacher conferences after school. Teachers and parents discussed how their students were progressing in school.

Conferences can help parents learn how to help their children with their academics and personal growth skills. Parent teacher conferences are the best time for parents to learn about their child's growth. Parents were able to discuss their concerns about their children and what's really happening in the classroom. They got to see some of their children's work.

"It is a scheduled meeting between the teacher and parent. We host parent teacher conferences twice a year but they can happen more often if needed," explained Mrs. Gray. "It's an opportunity for teachers to share with parents the progress of their child. It also gives parents a chance to ask questions to the teacher."

Many students felt nervous but at the same time they were excited because their parents were going to see the work they had done throughout the first quarter.

"I feel good because my mom and dad gave me a good report from the conference," stated Dariuz Black, fourth grader.

"I like parent teacher conferences because I can know my grades before report cards come," remarked Grant Calder, fourth grader.

"Parents are very supportive, and they are trying to help their children do better in school," said Ms. Cunningham, fourth grade teacher.

Making the best possible citizens is the school's goal. This is possible when students, teachers, and parents work together!

Peters Students Excel at Football

by Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade

Union Youth Football Association begins in first grade. Kids don't have to start that early but they can. There are 920 students from first through twelfth grade in the football program. Most kids start tackle football in third or fourth grade. The coaches are teachers at Union that have some experience in the sport.

"The coaches are always aware of how the teams are doing. We do get to watch some games and see the players that we are going to be coaching in the future," said Kirk Fridrich, the Union High School head football coach. "The skills that are taught to the kids are the same in each grade. The players are just able to learn more details of the skills as they get older."

"We want the players to learn the fundamentals of the game—rules, stance, where to line up, tackling, blocking, and safety," said Coach Fridrich.

Tyler Adkins, a former Peters student and the Union High School football running back, has been playing for about 12 years in the Union district. Patrick Fields, another former Peters student is the safety for the varsity team and has been playing for about 6 years in the Union district. They both agree it is important to respect your teammates, be the best person you could be, chase your dreams, and set goals.

"The hardest thing about football is not really having any extra free time. You have to be 100% committed to the game and your school work and rest as much as you can between time. Anytime I wasn't asleep I would come home right after practice, do my work, maybe take a little break and continue to work," Tyler said.

"My position does all kinds of great drills and skill work. We have a great time at practice every day. My favorite part of practice is when we go team against the defense, said Tyler. "The coaches are very positive and push us hard throughout each week to become the best men and group of players that we can possibly be. They motivate us to play for a great school district that we are blessed to attend."



Sophomore Patrick Fields excels at safety for the Union Redskins varsity football team.

"Tyler was a hard worker. He always tried hard. Even in first grade it was obvious he had great athletic ability," said Mrs. Harding.

According to Patrick Fields, "The hardest thing about football is waiting for your opportunity. I found time for football and school work by going to class before school and during lunch. The coaches push me very hard in practice."

"During the offseason, I work out every day besides Sunday. I usually work on my footwork, run hills, and lift weights" said Patrick.

"I remember Patrick from the fifth grade," said Mr. Bowen. "He was very responsible, always came to class prepared, and put great effort into his schoolwork."

In the future Patrick plans to play football and attending SMU. He plans to major in business or engineering. Tyler plans to attend college, play football, and study sports and medicine.



Senior Tyler Adkins plays running back for the varsity team. He has scored 22 touchdowns and rushed for 1,666 yards so far this year.

“Say No to Drugs!”

by Lauren Hemm, 5th Grade

Red Ribbon Week was October 26 through 29. This was Mrs. Allen’s second year to sponsor Red Ribbon Week at Peters. She was very excited to be in charge of Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Allen went to each class and talked about living a healthy life.

She explained that “Red Ribbon Week is when I go to different classrooms and speak to the kids about how your lives will be if you don’t do drugs.”

Red Ribbon Week needed to be fun. There were signs in the hallways so that students would be prepared for each day’s activities. Monday was Sock It to Drugs Day, which means that students could wear crazy socks. On Tuesday it was Okies Give the Boot to Drugs, which means students wore their favorite kind of boots. Wednesday

was Put a Cap on Drugs, and students wore silly hats. On Thursday it was Team up against Drugs. Students were encouraged to wear their favorite sports clothes. Mrs. Allen gave out red ribbons that said Don’t do Drugs and stickers that said Smarty’s Don’t do Drugs.

Mrs. Allen said “We have Red Ribbon Week because students need to learn how healthy their lives need to be. Keeping students safe is very big.”



Thank You, Trinity Lutheran Church

by Lauren Hemm, 5th Grade

Peters students benefitted from a Thrivent Action Team formed by Janine Krause at the Trinity Lutheran Church. She wanted to help gather needed supplies for students at Peters.

The Thrivent team purchased 16 kindergarten nap mats, 20 composition notebooks, and 13 packs of Crayola washable markers. Trinity Lutheran church members donated 12 kindergarten nap mats, 6 composition notebooks, 9 boxes of Crayola washable markers, 18 boxes of Crayola crayons, 11 zipper pencil bags, 2 rulers, 11 spiral notebooks,

and 1 teacher gift pack. That is 111 supplies in all. The church members thought of bringing school supplies before school started.

Ms. Story came up with the idea of helping the students at Peters. Make sure to say thank you to Ms. Story if you see her in the hallways. The school supplies helped a lot of students.

Marilyn Shults a member of Trinity Lutheran church said, “I’m glad that I am helping kids because I grew up in a big family and it was always hard to get school supplies. I’m very proud that my church is giving supplies to kids.”

Peters is lucky to have school supplies donated to the students that don’t have enough.

After School Fun

by Reilly Logan, 4th Grade
and Carly Borgelt, 3rd Grade

Union Public Schools has a program called EDP which stands for Extended Day Program. This program is for children who need a safe place to stay after school. Many working parents enroll their kids in EDP

EDP began at Peters in 1999. This year at Peters, there are 73 stu-

dents in EDP. To enroll in EDP, parents should either ask Ms. Mary for a form or go onto the Union website.

Students in EDP go into the gym and put their backpack in their basket. Then students sit in rows by grade level for roll call and snack. Afterwards, if it’s an outside day students go to the big playground. On inside days students split up into groups. They either go to the computer lab, cafeteria, or gym. Students must not arrive earlier than

Volunteer of the Month: Jessi Cook

by Matthew Hur, 4th Grade
and Alyssa Viets, 3rd Grade



Jessi Cook is the Peters Volunteer of the Month for September. She is the mother of second grader Lily Ketner. It’s her first year helping at Peters. She helps students check out and find books in the library.

Mrs. Cook likes her job because it helps out Mrs. Lampi. In her free time, she cooks and cleans her house like all mothers. She also loves to read.

Although Mrs. Cook doesn’t get any money for doing her job, her true reward is the feeling of satisfaction.

Mrs. Cook helps students on Tuesday from around 9:00 a.m. until around 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Lampi says, “Volunteers help the library in so many ways. Jessi Cook is one of the best because she is always here during her shift and is so nice to the students. She even goes above and beyond her tasks and helps with other classes.”

Thank you, Mrs. Cook for helping out Peters!

7:00 am and be picked up no later than 6:00 pm.

Ms. Mary Smith is in charge of EDP. This will be her 17th year working for EDP. The teachers are Ms. Mary, Ms. Rachel, Mr. Marcos, Ms. Amy, Ms. Laura, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Whitney, Ms. Jennifer, and Ms. Bailey.

“Drawing is my favorite thing to do,” said third grader Avery Payne.

“My favorite thing to do in EDP is to go to the gym,” said fourth grader Jackson Summar.

Good Citizens Honored

by Roselyn Benitez, 5th Grade

Do you think students who show respect and are kind to others should be recognized? To be the citizen of the month you have to show good character, be an example to other class mates, and win over the teacher’s trust. Usually citizens of the month are chosen around the first Tuesday of the month.

“You can still be the citizen of the month even if you are not a straight A student,” says fifth grade teacher Mr. Harris.

“Good citizens are very respectful to others, show effort in their daily work, and are great leaders,” said Mrs. Lira.

“I look for somebody who thinks about more than just themselves,” said Mr. Bowen.

”It came as a surprise when my teacher announced who the citizen of the month was. I’m enjoying being the citizen of the month,” says fourth grader Matthew Hur.

“I was happy to know that my teacher noticed I was being a good student,” said fifth grader Haylee Christopher.

Being the citizen of the month is an honor. When you do your at school, study hard and work hard you will have a better chance of being chosen as Citizen of the Month.

Fourth grade citizens of the month for September were Matthew Hur, Dariuz Black, and Autumn Carter. Fifth grade citizens were Serena Chavez, Haylee Christopher, Karlee Meyer, and Grayson Tempest.



Recycling Update

by Caiden Morales, 5th Grade

In the last few years recycling at Peters has changed quite a bit. For example, last year we started recycling during lunch. We also began recycling plastic, metal, and cardboard. Recycling club members began weighing each recycle bin that was brought down to Mrs. Harding’s room. All the bins were brought down after school twice a month.

This year’s recycling has changed again. New members of recycling club are assigned a day of the week to weigh the recycle bins. If some of the classes forget to bring their recycle bins to the cafeteria, recycling club members will come and collect them.

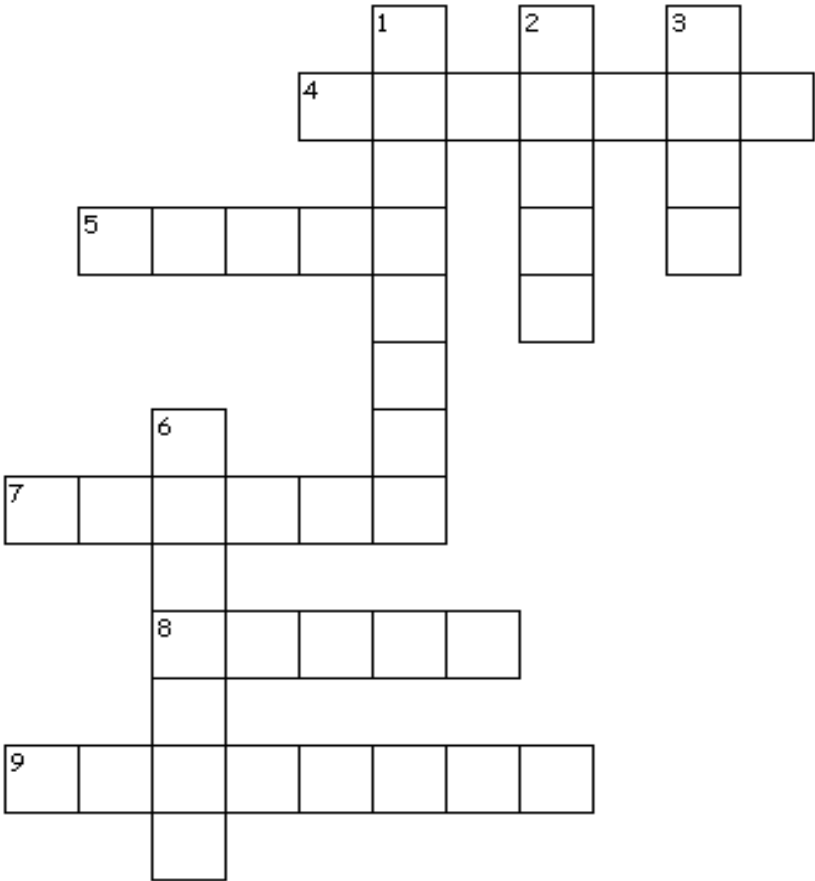
Mrs. Harding said, “We changed the way we recycle because we wanted to involve more students, recycle more often and integrate recycling into the school day.”

Peters is recycling twice as much this year as we did last year. We know this because we keep track of how much we recycle each week.

Peters is an Oklahoma Green School, so do your best to recycle and help the environment.



Crossword Puzzle by Rayan Choudhary, 4th Grade



- Across
- 4. Halloween is a _____
 - 5. Trick or _____
 - 7. Monster or evil spirit
 - 8. A red liquid that comes out of you when you get hurt
 - 9. The bones that keep your body together
- Down
- 1. What you wear on Halloween
 - 2. A wicked lady on a broom
 - 3. Halloween is in the season of _____
 - 6. People who wake from the dead

Peters Students Fall Into the Book Fair

by Rayan Choudhary, 4th Grade and Avery Fore, 3rd Grade

Peters Fall Book Fair was held from September 28 to October 6 during conferences. Mrs. Lampi was in charge of the book fair. Many parents volunteered to work at the book fair.

At the book fair, there were books, posters, science kits, toys and writing tools. Scholastic sends a big truck with all the products to the book fair at Peters.

The book fair is for the library to raise money and gives the students an opportunity to buy books and other items on their own. Mrs. Lam-

pi uses scholastic dollars to buy materials for the library. The book fair raised \$4,300.

“I think the book fair was awesome because there were interesting books and cool bookmarks. I got a Jurassic World book and a Star Wars book,” said third grader Ethan Ward.

“I like the book fair because I like raising money for the school and love reading,” said second grader Lily Kettner.

Be ready for the Peters Spring Book Fair coming January 29 to



February 9. Coming in May is the BOGO (buy one get one free) from May 16 to May 20.

Wishes “Grant”ed

by Cameron Brashear, 5th Grade

At the beginning of the school year, Peters received a grant for our new Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum. PLTW is a program that includes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) The grant allowed the school to purchase Apple iPads for kindergarten through fifth grades. Peters has two iPad carts that each contain 30 iPads. The iPads will provide access to apps which are required by the lessons in PLTW. There are also apps on the iPads that include many lessons over other curriculum.

Fifth grader Ethan Jackson said, “On the iPads we did Poplets and pictures for math in Mr. Bowen’s class.”

Another student who used the iPads was first grader Bella Baezinger, she said, “I did the moon search and we tried to find different things on the moon in Mrs. Paschall’s class.”

“I like the iPads because they are a wonderful tool to enhance our learning,” stated third grade teacher Mrs. Hall.

Thank you to the Schusterman Foundation for providing the funds for this exciting new program!

Working in the Dark

by Caris Fore, 5th Grade

On Tuesday October 20, there was a 30-minute power outage after school. At the time, newspaper, tutoring, and Honor Choir meetings were taking place.

“I am having students work on homework or read. We might go outside for a bit. We used flashlights to use the bathroom.” Mrs. Morris explained. She was meeting with Honor Choir at the time.

“Whenever the lights were flickering, we were all screaming, including me, and now we are out in the hall. We are talking and doing homework,” said fourth grader Lexi Hirsch, a member of the Honor Choir.

“Our newspaper crew managed to survive the Great Power Outage of ‘15. We used pencils and paper and sat by the window,” Mrs. Harding explained. The power outage claimed one victim—Mrs. Harding’s printer. Sadly, it no longer functions.

“I told the kids to stay calm and then I opened the gym doors so that we had light then I went and got flashlights and we proceeded the day so we took the kids outside and the power came back on.” said EDP teacher Ms. Rachel.

Ask The Panther

by Jenaya Monroe, 5th Grade

Dear Panther
The boys and girls in my grade are blaming me for stuff I did not do and it hurts my feelings. What should I do?
-Sadness

Dear Sadness,
First, defend yourself and speak up and say you didn’t do it. Secondly, let them know the things they accuse you of are not true and really hurt your feelings. True friends will listen to what you have to say.
-The Panther



PTA Movie Night

by Mazie Waters, 5th Grade

PTA movie night was recently held on Friday, September 25, and Thursday, October 29. The movies shown were *Home* and *Casper*.

“The best thing at Movie Night was when I got to eat popcorn. That was my favorite part because I like to eat,” said fifth grader Cooper Blount. “I also think that PTA should add ice cream.”

The reason we have movie night is so people can have quality family time.

“I liked movie night because my family was there with me,” said second grader Jadyn Austin.

The next PTA movie night will be January 22.



Just a Dog

Book Review

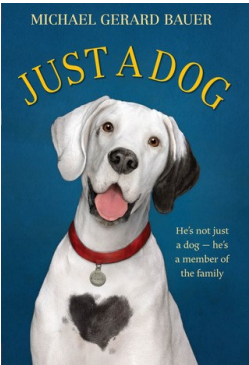
by Cameron Brashear, 5th Grade

In this book Corey’s family goes to a pet shop to buy him a dog. As Corey watches the man who owns the pet shop open up the cage door, he sees a gigantic group of little Dalmatian puppies. The puppies run over to Corey and his parents.

Corey spots another puppy that is still in the shiny cage with its mother. He shouts, “I want that one the most!”

Corey’s parents do not want that dog so his father says, “Why do you want that pup when you’ve got all of the others that are playful?” Corey does not like that idea; he wants the other pup.

Will he keep begging for the pup and get it or will he let it go and get another dog? Check out *Just a Dog* by Michael Gerard Bauer from the Peters Library to see what happens next.



Smile

Book Review

by Alyssa Viets, 3rd Grade

The book *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier is a graphic novel. There is a girl named Raina who thinks she has to get braces. One day she falls. She thinks she knocked both her two front teeth out. She is able to find one tooth but not the other tooth. The dentist thinks that the other tooth was pushed up into her gum. To find out how Raina gets her mouth back to normal you’ll have to check this book out of the Peters Elementary library.



The Adventures of a South Pole Pig

Book Review

by Mazie Waters, 5th Grade

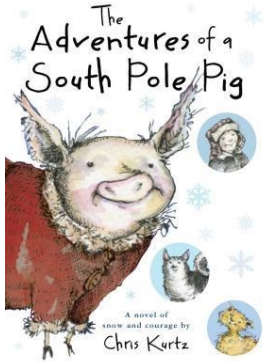
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a sled pig? Well, Flora has! In this epic adventure, Flora realizes that she wants to be a sled pig!

One day Flora escapes from her pig pen and sees a crowd of dogs racing, with a man on a sled. She asks her friend Luna the cat, “What are they doing?” Luna tells her that the sled dogs are practicing their running skills for the race against other sled dogs in Antarctica. Flora wishes she could be the first ever sled pig! She runs with the dogs un-

til the man notices her and takes her back to her pig pen.

Weeks later that man and two others come and take Flora. They take her on the ship to Antarctica. Flora sees the ship and says, “This is my chance to show them I can be a great sled pig!” But the problem is they aren’t taking Flora to race, but for a far more sinister purpose.

In order to find out what happens next check out *Adventures of a South Pole Pig* by Chris Kurtz from your local library.

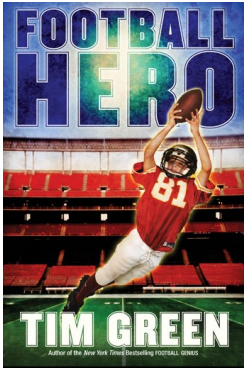


Football Hero

Book Review

by Alex Bateman, 5th Grade

Ty is finding out what life is like living with his uncle. Meanwhile, his brother is about to get drafted into the NFL. A harmless Fantasy Football league his uncle is in gets Ty, his brother, and uncle in trouble with the F.B.I. He’ll have to act fast before they all pay big time. If you want to find out how things work out for Ty check out the book *Football Hero* by Tim Greene.



- Q: Why are an apple and an orange different?
- A: If they were the same, they would be a pear!
- Q: What do you call a sleeping cow?
- A: A bull-dozer!

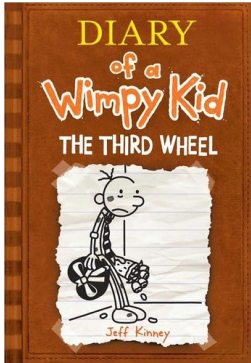
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Third Wheel

Book Review

by Roselyn Benitez, 5th Grade

Have you ever wondered what it would be like in middle school? Gregory Heffley is in middle school. In his school they are picking students for student council. He really wants to be a part of student council, but there is a big problem. To make it into student council you can’t get more than three detentions, and Greg gets four detentions a week. Good thing he has a friend named Rowley who has never gotten a detention and is able to get on student council.

Student council has to plan the school Valentine dance. To find out what happens at the dance and to Greg, check out *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Third Wheel* by Jeff Kinney, at your school library.



Submit your book reviews

Use the dropbox outside Mrs. Harding’s room.

Bring Back the Spelling Bee!

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

I think that Peters Elementary should bring back the school wide spelling bee. There are amazing spellers in the school who can put their skills to the test against other students. The purpose for a spelling bee according to Scripps Spelling Bee website, is “to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.”

A spelling bee could motivate students to study their words. Students need to study their word study words so that they know them for future classes, but many kids fail to study their words and get a bad grade on their test. By having a spelling bee, kids can get better grades by practicing for the bee. Good spellers should be able to use their skills after their tests.

I asked Mrs. Harding’s daughter, Erika, about how the spelling bee was done in the past. “The teacher would read words and go around the room until there was one student left. Then there was a grade level spelling bee and whoever won that and the runner up would go to the school spelling bee.” said Erika Harding, former Peters spelling champion.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I think we should we should have a longer time during lunch. When you are the last class you do not get a lot of time to eat your lunch. Even if you are the second to last class to go to lunch you still do not have a lot of time to eat your lunch. The only time you get a long time to eat is if you are the first class. That is what I think we should do.
—Anneston Tempest

Dear Editor,

I think there should be a cover over the bike rack. When it rains the bikes get wet and they rust.
—Anonymous

You Should Know Your Phone Number

*by Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade
Paw Prints Co-Editor*

Do you know your parents’ phone number? You should have answered yes to that question. All kids should know either their home phone or their parents’ phone number.

For instance, if you have to stay after school and your parents don’t know, you would need to call them. If you don’t know their number, what are you going to do, guess random digits?

Another reason would be if you’re lost. If you were at the fair and got separated from your parents, hopefully you would know their number so you could call them. If you don’t know their number, you will be looking for a long time .

Another reason would be if you are at a friend’s house. If you are at a friend’s house and you don’t feel comfortable you might want to go home. For instance, if you were over

at your friend’s house and his or her parents are yelling at each other you would more than likely feel pretty awkward. You might suddenly feel like going home. It would be nice to know your parents’ phone number so you could call them. It would be kind of embarrassing asking the your friend’s mom, “Can I have my mom’s number?”

Another reason would be in case of a medical issue. Suppose you were taking a walk and had some kind of medical issue. You would want to call your parents so they could pick you up. If you don’t know their number you would have to trust strangers, who do not know your phone number, to help you.

There are many reasons why you should know your guardians’ phone number. You could be lost, hurt, in an uncomfortable situation, or just need to call them. If you know your parents’ number that is great. If you don’t, you should make a point to learn it. You could learn it by singing a song, a poem, or just by memorization. Start practicing!

Halloween

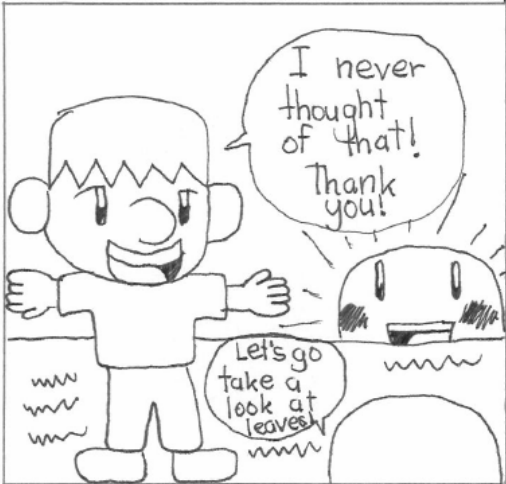
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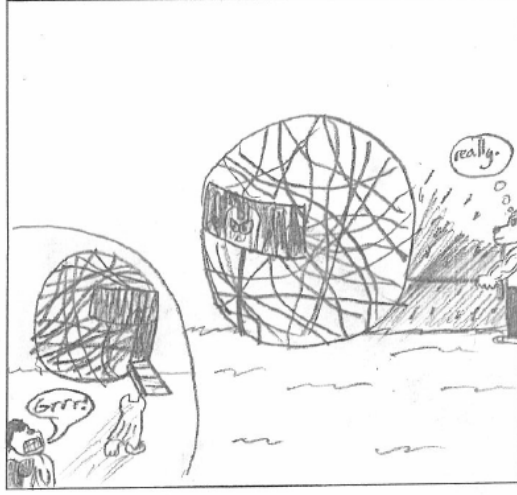
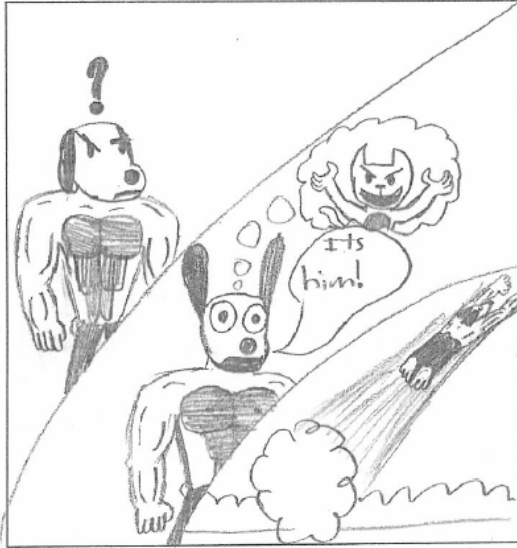
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By Caiden Morales

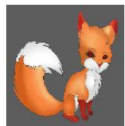
Captain Puppy Pants Halloween



Pre-K Corner

by Alyssa Viets, 3rd Grade

Match the picture to the word



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fox



turtle



cat

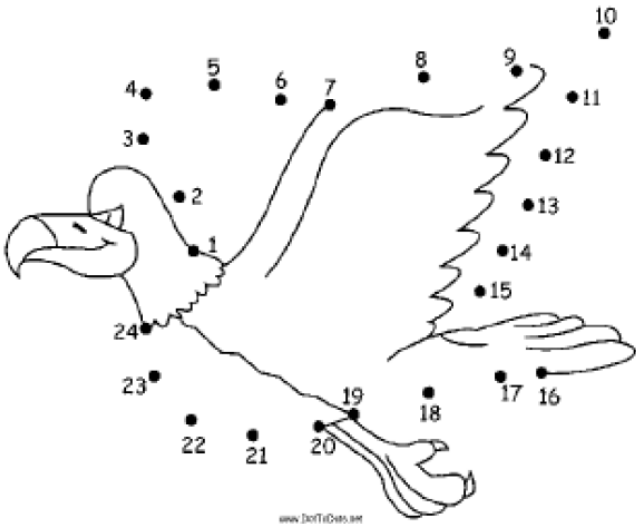


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Color the pumpkin



Dot to dot



Match the UPERCASE letter to the lowercase letter.

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C	e
E	c
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G	f
H	i
I	h
J	k
K	j

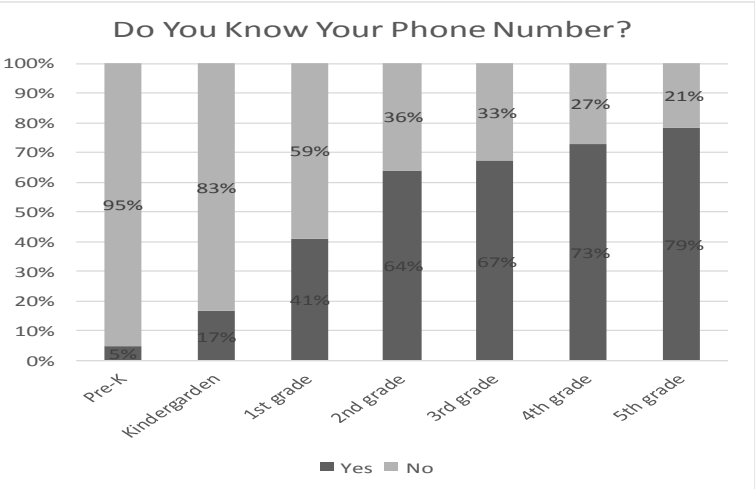
Thank You, Wal-Mart!

by Caris Fore, 5th Grade

This school year the Wal-Mart at 2301 West Kenosha Street donated money to Peters Elementary. They donated money for the Jump-a-Thon by giving us two \$75 gift cards as prizes. They donated a \$360 gift card to Wal-Mart at the beginning of the year. Our school was able to purchase remaining science materials that were not included in our Project Lead the Way and Discovery Science kits.

“We chose to donate to Peters because a parent just wanted a donation for their class and it warmed my heart,” said Laurie McDonald, an accountant at Wal-Mart.

It is a priority for all Wal-Marts to donate to community churches and schools. In all, Wal-Mart has donated \$510 in supplies and gift cards to Peters.



Percentage of students in each grade who know the phone number of a parent or responsible adult.

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