

# PAW PRINTS

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## Students Elect Council Officers

by Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade

Student Council officers for the 2015-16 school year were elected by the Peters third through fifth grade students on September 18. The new officers are:

Kennedi Salinas, President  
Caris Fore, Vice President  
Monica Franklin, Secretary  
Jenaya Monroe, Historian

All of the students running for Student Council recited their speeches in the gym at 9:30 on September 18 in front of third through fifth grade classes. Six students ran for president, three ran for vice-president, four ran for secretary, and four ran for historian. A total of 17 fifth graders ran for student council.

"I was very nervous and very proud of my speech" said Vihann Prajapati.

"I wasn't very nervous because I liked getting attention," said Shelby Morton.

"I liked giving my speech and persuading them to vote for me," said Chase McClellan.

"My favorite part was when I talked about my whole name. I'm glad it's over because I was nervous," said Kennedi Salinas.

After the students gave their speeches the audience went back and voted for who they thought would do the best job.

Every class in third through fifth grade will have two representatives. Student Council will meet after school on the first Thursday of every month.

This is Mrs. Morris's second year to sponsor student council. Student Council is a group of students that work together to promote community, awareness, and school spirit.

"We do Student Council because it helps us to learn about school community and neighborhood community and for school spirit," said Mrs. Morris.



## Hip, Hip Hooray, Go Mrs. Coday!

by Anneston Tempest, Avery Fore, Alyssa Viets, and Carly Borgelt, 3rd Grade

Mrs. Coday was selected as the Support Employee of the Year for all of the Union Public School District. She won a big crystal trophy with her name on it. She received the trophy at the support staff luncheon at the sixth and seventh grade center.

A support employee is anyone in the district who helps our schools and is not in a certified position. Examples include bus drivers, secretaries, custodians, teacher's aides, cafeteria employees and groundskeepers. Mrs. Coday is the receptionist for Peters Elementary. She answers the phone, checks in visitors, gives tar-



dy slips, makes the school calendar, checks attendance and helps out where needed.

Mrs. Gray nominated Mrs. Coday for the Support Employee of the

Year because she was so deserving of recognition.

"She is always positive, helpful and people feel safe with Mrs. Coday at the front desk. She is the type of person we want in our children's lives."

Mrs. Gray was very proud of Mrs. Coday when she won the award. She was about to cry tears of joy.

Mrs. Coday began working as the school receptionist three years ago. She has been a Peters parent since 2006. She has been PTA president and secretary. Mrs. Coday has also worked at the Education Service Center.

"She deserves it. She works very hard. It's exciting having someone from the best school get such a great award," said Mary Smith, EDP supervisor.



# Peters Hosts Curriculum Night

by Roselyn Benitez, 5th Grade

On Thursday, September 10, Peters Elementary held Curriculum Night. Every elementary school in the Union district has Curriculum Night. Some schools call it Open House.

Pre-K through second grade parents met at 6:00 p.m., and third through fifth grades at 7:00 p.m. Third grade parents had their meetings in the media center. All the other grades met in their classrooms.

According to Peters’ principal Chasity Gray, “Union has Curriculum Night because it’s a time for teachers to share with parents what their children will be learning this year.”

Childcare was provided in the gym. PTA sold food in the cafeteria and information about school activities was available in the gym. The whole school was filled with parents, kids, and other relatives. About 250 parents and students attended Curriculum Night.

“I enjoyed coming to Curriculum Night. Now I know what my children do at school because they don’t always tell me,” said Laura Bateman, parent of second grader Collette Bateman and fifth grader Alex Bateman.



## New Solarium Club

by Lauren Hemm, 5th Grade

New fourth graders have been selected for the Solarium Club. Wesley Fisher, Harish Vaithianathan, Dariuz Black, Reilly Logan, Kendall Johnson, Bella Rich, Jennifer Bissett, Karen Maldonado, Kayla Alexander and Bailey Dickerson are the new fourth grade Solarium Club.

The club meets after school every first Friday of the month. They do all kinds of work in the solarium such as pulling the weeds, filling the bird feeders with food, feeding the fish, cleaning the pond, planting and watering the flowers, trimming the bushes, and putting out different decorations.

To get into Solarium Club, students had to fill out an application and explain why they should be in Solarium Club.

“My favorite part of Solarium Club is feeding the fish and planting the flowers,” Jennifer Bissett said. “I am excited to be in Solarium Club.”

According to Solarium Club sponsor Mrs. Harding, “Solarium Club is for fourth graders because they do not have as many opportunities for extracurricular activities as fifth graders. They have proven to be very capable and responsible in maintaining the solarium. I only wish we had room for more students to participate.”



## What is Labor Day?

by Cameron Brashear, 5th Grade

A New York woodworker named Peter McGuire is still known today for all his hard work to make Labor Day a holiday.

In 1872, Peter was getting frustrated because of his job, where he worked in terrible conditions. He thought that it had to be put to an end. He got 100,000 people together in a group and convinced them to go on strike. So 100,000 people went

across the streets of New York City, demanding better conditions and pay.

McGuire and others spent ten years fighting for the rights of workers. In 1882, he came up with the idea to put a special holiday in place for workers. On Tuesday, September 5, 1884, this holiday celebration was transferred to the first Monday of September. It was then that the government finally made Labor Day a national holiday. Because of this, people call McGuire the father of Labor Day.







## Snow Cones

by Mazie Waters, 5th Grade

On Tuesday, August 11, teachers, students, and parents gathered on the Peters playground for snow cones. The PTA provided the snow cones for this event. At Snow Cones on the Playground, students ate snow cones, then played on the playground, and saw their old friends.

“The reason we have Snow Cones on the Playground is to welcome families to a new school year. It’s a fun way to say hello to familiar faces, as well as new faces!” exclaimed Mrs. Gray.

“I’m looking forward to having a great, and fun year!” said Ruby Palos, fifth grader. Dozens of families came to the event and everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves.

“I think that it will be an exciting new year for the kids! But, I’m sad that summer break is over, because I will miss my kids being at home,” said parent Jenna Tanner.

“I enjoyed seeing all of my former students, and hearing about their summer and meeting my new students!” exclaimed fourth grade teacher Mrs. Alvarez.



## Thank You, Bethany

by Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade

Bethany Church has again been chosen as Peters Volunteer of the Month. To get the school year started, Bethany collected school supplies for kids at Peters who needed them. They also treated the teachers to a luncheon from Ted’s Mexican Restaurant. They told the teachers that if they, their students or families needed anything, just give them a call.

“It shows how much they are involved and invested in our students here at Peters,” said Mrs. Gray.

Bethany Church members also cleaned out the solarium. It was very overgrown after all the summer rain.

They don’t just help out at Peters, they also help at Moore and Anderson.

“Bethany Church is incredibly supportive of Peters students, families, and faculty,” said Mrs. Harding. “I can’t thank them enough for all the help they provide to our school.”

## Fire! Fire! Leave Immediately!

by Reilly Logan, 4th Grade

There are four different emergency drills that we practice at Peters. These are fire, intruder on campus, perimeter lockdown and tornado drills.

In case of a fire, or during a fire drill, students will hear a high pitched sound and a voice saying, “Fire, fire, leave immediately!”

Pre-K through second grade goes to the playground. Third through fifth grade goes to the east side of the building. Each Union School has at least ten fire drills per year. If a real fire starts and spreads and we have to leave the grounds, we will be transported to the 9th Grade Center.



In case of a tornado students should get away from all windows, duck, and put their hands over their heads. Each Union School has two tornado drills every year. The principal will announce, “Teachers, your attention, please. We are now activating the tornado procedures. Immediately commence to your designated tornado shelter.” Each class has an assigned room for a tornado drill.

In case of an intruder on campus teachers lock the classroom doors. There is a procedure that all the teachers follow for the drill called the card system. Teachers slide cards under the door. The green card means that everything is OK in the classroom. The red card means a medical emergency in the class-

room.

In case of a perimeter lockdown, students and teachers evacuate the hallways, lock all doors and continue regular class work as usual. Each Union school has two perimeter lockdown drills every year. The principal will announce “Teachers, your attention please. We are now activating the school’s perimeter lockdown procedures. Please clear all halls and follow our planned procedure.

The reason Union has these drills is so students and teachers will be ready in case of a real emergency. Students will know where to go, what to do and how to act. Listen to your teachers so you will know what to do in case of an emergency.





# New, Safer Dismissal

by Harish Vaithianathan, 4th Grade

The safety of students is the most important goal during drop-off and pick-up times. This year students are staying inside during dismissal.

Peters has four categories during dismissal: car riders, bus riders, walkers and Extended Day Program (EDP). Each family has been given a car number for their cars, so teachers can call students easily. The walkers are dismissed through the gym door by grade. They are escorted outside by their grade level teacher. The teachers will be watching their students to make sure they are safe and dismissed to the right people. The walkers have to cross the road only through the pedestrian line with the help of our crossing guard, Mr. Robert.

Mrs. Gray, Peters principal said, “Bus riders sit in the fourth grade hallway according to their bus number. Once their bus pulls up to the loop, they all will be called to walk outside to the bus.”

In the past years, car riders had to wait outside of the building for their



cars to arrive. But this year it has been changed. They wait in the kindergarten hallway and come out when their number is called. It is more safe and convenient for everyone.

Mrs. Salinas stated, “As far as being a car rider, it is more safe, better for kids in the heat during summer time, cold in the winter time, also there are no changes anymore.”

Alex Bateman, Peters safety patrol captain said, “I have to make

sure people are doing what they are supposed to be doing.”

Mrs. Gray said, “We changed so it’s a safer way to dismiss our students. We dismiss all the students from inside the building if they are car riders”.

Fourth grader Daniel Chino said, “I like the new dismissal because we get out of the building faster.”

Don’t forget where you have to be for your dismissal. BE SAFE!

# Students Buzz in to Academic Tryouts

by Matthew Hur, 4th Grade

Academic team tryouts are for students who want to represent Peters Elementary in Academic Bowl competitions against other schools. On August 28, the academic team tryouts were held in Mrs. Harding’s room. Mr. Bowen was there to help Mrs. Harding with the tryouts.

There was a table with eight buzzers. Only eight students at one time could participate. Some of the question topics Mrs. Harding asked were math, science, social studies, pop culture, language arts, history, and humanities. If a student knew

the answer, he or she would buzz in. If a student buzzed in and got the incorrect answer, Mrs. Harding would deduct a point from the student.

One of the students who tried out, fifth grader Mason Kidd, said that he was nervous last year because he wondered what would happen. This year, however, he was excited.

According to fifth grade teacher Mr. Bowen, “Academic team allows students to excel at academics and have fun at the same time.”

Academic team tryouts are fun! For more information and questions, please visit Mrs. Harding or Mr. Bowen. Give it a shot next year!

Q: What is a bananas favorite gymnastic move?

A: The splits!

Q: What did the math book say to the pencil?

A: ‘Dude, I have so many problems.’

Q: Why can’t you give Elsa a balloon?

A: Because she will let it go.

Q: What did the stove say to the meat?

A: ‘Quit getting all up in my grill!’

Q: What did the butter say to the pancake?

A: ‘I’m melting! I’m melting!’

Q: Why couldn’t the skeleton go to the movies?

A: He had no-body to go with!

‘Hey how old are you Timmy?’ John says.

‘Umm..... I’m 7.’ Says Timmy. ‘You know what, when I was your age I was 7 too.’



Submit your problems to Ask the Panther.

Use the dropbox outside Mrs. Harding’s room.



# The Big Switcharoo

by Caiden Morales, Jenaya Monroe, 5th Grade  
and Zoey Marrs, 4th Grade

Mrs. Gelnar has had to move around a lot lately. First she moved from second to fourth grade to replace Miss Cure. Mrs. Gelnar barely had time to get used to teaching fourth grade before she found out she was moving to third grade. It took Mrs. Gelnar a few days to pack up and switch to third grade. According to Mrs. Gray, the reason this change was made was because there were too many kids in third grade and we must protect our early childhood classrooms.

“It’s getting a little more crowded,” said fourth grader Travis Breitzke. “But we managed to adjust to new amount of kids.”

“Mrs. Gelnar is such a sweet teacher,” said fourth grader Kayla Alexander.

Mrs. McCoy also moved grades from last year. She switched from Pre-K to second grade because she filled the position as a second grade teacher for Mrs. Gelnar.



“It was a little bit hard to switch between classes. I have to learn a new curriculum and move all my stuff between each class,” said Mrs. McCoy.

Teachers switch grades sometimes based on teacher interests, grade level needs, or areas where teachers are certified to teach.

# Project Lead the Way Begins!

by Grayson Tempest, 5th Grade

Project Lead the Way is Union’s new way to incorporate STEM. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This is the first year of Project Lead the Way for Peters. Not all the Union schools have this curriculum yet, but soon the whole district will participate in Project Lead the Way.

“I can’t wait to watch the boys and girls soak up all the hands-on inquiry based learning,” said Mrs. Gray.

Kindergarten through fifth grade each will complete four units of study in Project Lead the Way this year. Each grade will have three activities, a project, and a problem to solve in each unit. Peters has received lots of new supplies, including iPads, robotics kits, and new science materials.

“I like to do different experiments in the science lab,” said fifth grader Tristin White. “I am looking forward to robotics.”



# Welcome to Peters, Mrs. Hallum

by Cameron Brashear, 5th Grade

Mrs. Hallum, our new Pre-K teacher, loves to teach because she enjoys helping others and teaching. The reason she chose to teach Pre-K is because she likes that the kids love to learn what she’s teaching.

Mrs. Hallum came to Peters from Grove Elementary because she knew Mrs. Gray when she taught there. When she heard that Mrs. Gray was transferring to Peters, she moved here too, because she loved to work for Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Hallum has been teaching for nine years.

“My goal is to make a positive impact on the world,” Mrs. Hallum said.





## Kiki: My Stylish Life

Book Review  
by Avery Fore, 3rd Grade

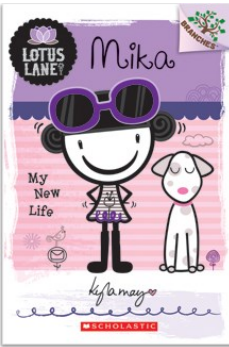


In the book, *Kiki: My Stylish Life*, there is a girl named Kiki Louise Keegan. Kiki has two friends named Coco and Lulu. Kiki and her friends live on Lotus Lane. They are in a little club called Lotus Lane Girls Club, LLGC for short. All of the LLGC members have pets. Kiki and Coco have dogs and Lulu has a cat who thinks he is a dog. The LLGC members go to school together.

One day Kiki had to do an assignment for school about her life. She thinks another girl is copying her work and she gets really mad. To see what happens check out *Kiki: My Stylish Life* from the library.

## Mika: My New Life

Book Review  
by Anneston Tempest, 3rd Grade



*Mika: My New Life*, is about a girl who moved from Japan. She moved in right by Kiki, Coco, and Lulu. She quickly became friends with them.

They are called the LLGC. That stands for Lotus Lane Girls Club. This book tells you a little bit about Japan. There are even pictures in this chapter book. They all live on Lotus Lane Street together. All of the people in the class have to write something for the newspaper. The best ones will be chosen to be in the newspaper. If you want to find out whose work makes it into the newspaper, check this level Q book out of the Peters library. I think you will like it. Enjoy!

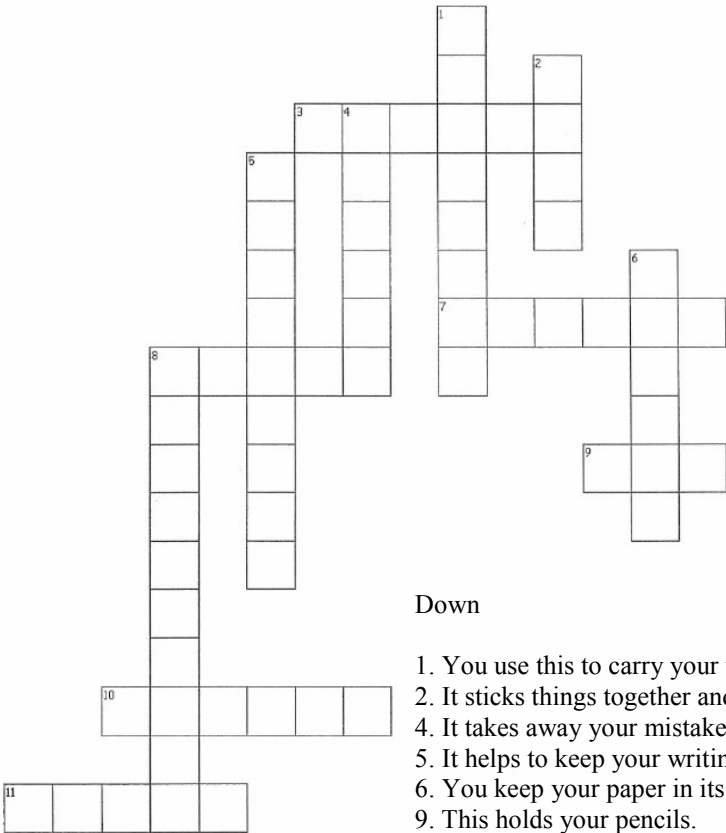
Word Search by Anneston Tempest, 3rd Grade

### School Supplies

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Crossword Puzzle by Alyssa Viets, 3rd Grade

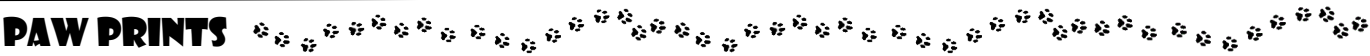


Down

1. You use this to carry your things to and from school.
2. It sticks things together and it is in a stick or bottle.
4. It takes away your mistakes.
5. It helps to keep your writing utensils sharp.
6. You keep your paper in its pockets.
9. This holds your pencils.

Across

3. yellow, pointy, and you use it to do your homework
7. It is made of wax and it adds color to your pictures.
8. rock, \_\_\_\_\_, scissors
9. A writing utensil that uses ink.
10. To make art with these you use a brush.
11. You use it to measure things.



# Making Decisions

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

On August 20, kids came into the school for the first day. These are some helpful tips on how to have a successful year:

- ◆ Listen to your teacher. If you sit by someone in your class who distracts you, ask your teacher if you can move to a different seat.
- ◆ Take notes and study for tests, homework, and pop quizzes.
- ◆ Do not be afraid to ask questions because it could save you from a bad grade.
- ◆ Be on time to turn in your work. Turning papers in late could really mess up your grade.
- ◆ Work hard on your papers. Do not skip questions you may not know. Try your best.
- ◆ Be responsible for any type of project or work. If you spill juice on a paper for instance, rewrite it. Do not turn it in like that.
- ◆ Be respectful to your teachers and other students. Do not distract other people from learning in class.

# The Choice is Yours

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

Choices, what are choices? In the English dictionary, choices are defined as “An act of selecting or making a decision when faced with two or more possibilities.” Choices have a big impact on our life. Small decisions like what you eat for breakfast don’t really matter unless you really care about what you eat for breakfast. Other decisions like what friends you choose to hang out with are really big.

Say you choose to hang out with a group of friends who don’t make the greatest choices. They could influence you to get bad grades, make bad decisions, disobey teachers or your parents, and ultimately drop out of school. With no education you will probably not get a good job. How will you get money if you don’t have a good paying job? There could be a lot of bad outcomes when hanging out with the wrong group of friends. The reverse of hanging out with bad friends is choosing friends who make good choices, respect authority, and who try hard to get good grades. Choosing good friends who do the right thing puts you on the right track to success in school. Success in education can help you get a good job and more money. Choosing good friends is better than

choosing bad friends.

Another major decision is what kind of person you want to be. Will you choose to be respectful, honest, prompt, and responsible? If you are a responsible person when you’re young, people will respect you as you grow up. You will have the reputation of being a trustworthy, honest, very good person. People don’t always choose to make good decisions. Some people come along that choose the total opposite. They are untrustworthy, irresponsible, dishonest, not prompt, and disrespectful. When kids are disrespectful others probably don’t have a very good image of them. If you’re talking with your friends, not listening, not learning and being disrespectful while your teacher is teaching then you’re disrupting your classmates. If you want to have a good reputation you need to make the right decisions.

All of these decisions are entirely up to you. Think: do you want to have a good reputation or do you want people to think of you as the person that does dumb things and never turns in work. If you chose the first one then that’s great. If you always try to make the best decisions you will be on the path to a successful life.

# Chess, Anyone?

by Rayan Choudhary, 4th Grade

Do you like to play chess? If so, sign up for Chess Club. Chess Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month. It begins right after school and ends at 3:30. This year’s sponsors are Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Yates, Mr. Chris, and Mr. Bowen.

During Chess Club, boys and girls get together to play chess. Chess is a game of strategy. It requires lots of thinking and mental planning. In Chess Club, students are divided into different groups based on their level of play. Students play in Mrs. Harding’s room, Mr. Chris’ room, and in the media center.

Third through fifth grade students can sign up for Chess Club anytime. Kindergarten through sec-



ond grade students must bring a parent to participate in Chess Club. Al-

most 60 students are signed up for Chess Club.

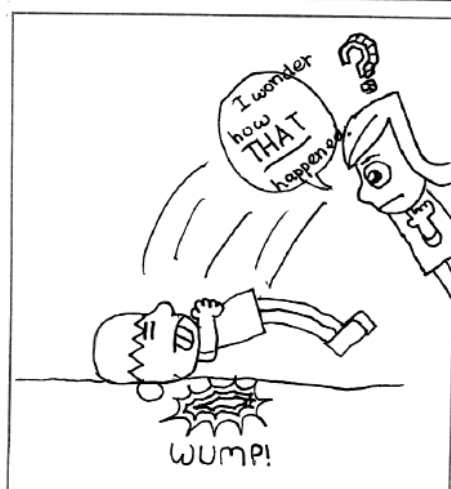
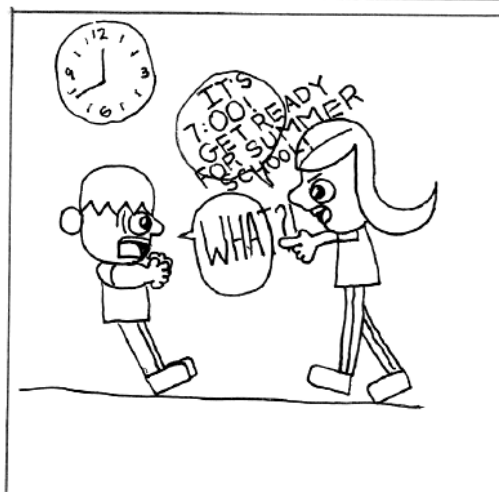
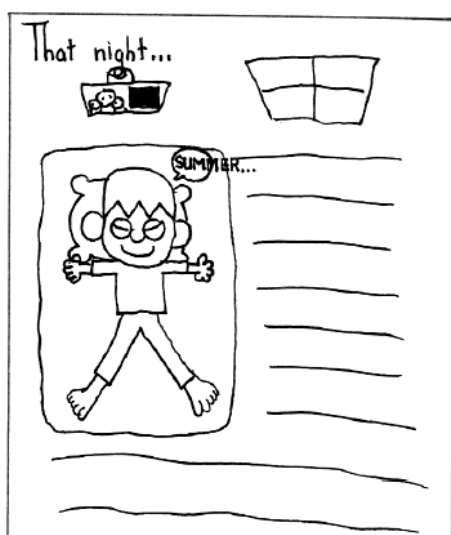
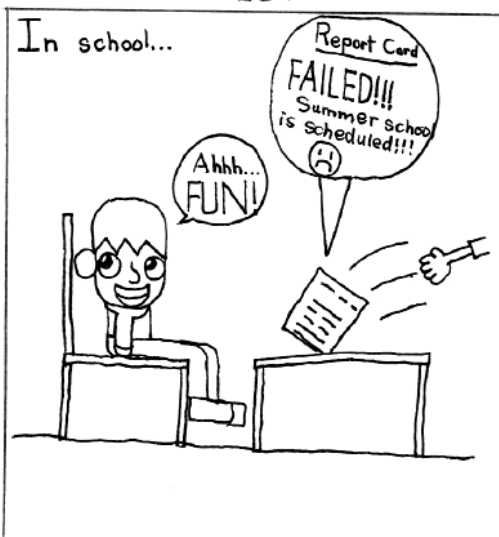


*Comic by Matthew Hur, 4th Grade*

Matthew Hur

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"Some Summer  
Vacation"



*Comic by Caiden Morales, 5th Grade*





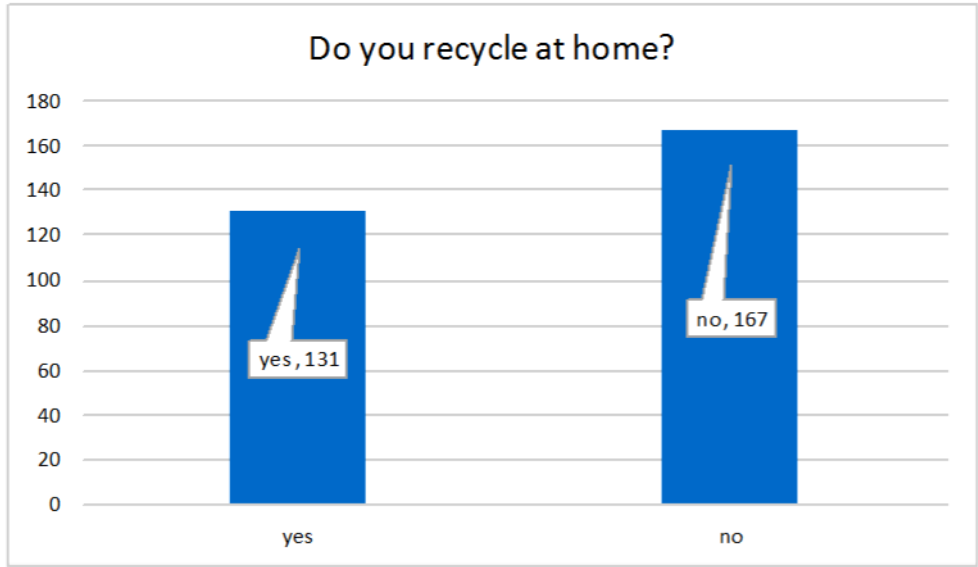
“Behave or Burn”

Poem by Matthew Hur, 4th Grade

I bet you know when manners  
got you grounded.  
I think you thought you just got  
yourself surrounded.  
I bet you hate it too!  
I did not get grounded for one  
day or two.  
Guess how long I was grounded  
for?  
A good ol’ five days and not one  
more!  
Have you ever been jumping  
around the Wal-Mart store?  
I did – and mom grounded me  
once more!  
Now I teach a lesson for you to  
learn when you go to the store.  
Behave or burn!



Poll by Mason Kidd, 5th Grade



Word Scramble by Grayson Tempest

Unscramble these school words:

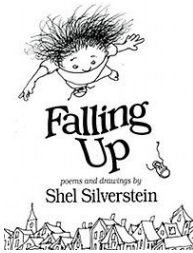
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Falling Up

Book Review

by Alyssa Viets, 3rd Grade

Falling Up is a book of poems. It has lots of funny poems. One of the poems, “Falling Up”, is about a boy with untied shoelaces who falls up instead of down. The poem Mirror Mirror is my favorite poem because it’s really funny. It stars the queen and the magic mirror. The book Falling Up has 171 pages. Each poem is one page long and has a funny sketch to go along with it. Falling Up is a good book. It is great for children but it is still good for adults. You can find this book at the Peters Library.



Ask The Panther

by Jenaya Monroe, 5th Grade

Dear Panther,

I have to study for math, read, and learn for academic team. But then I have to go to Taekwondo. Please tell me (what to do), Panther. I am stressed out. I have no time for video games.

-Stressed

Dear Stressed,

If you feel you have to relieve stresses during the week, take half an hour and play video games. Try to spread out the way you study for things. One day you should study for one thing, and another day study for the next thing.

-The Panther

Dear Panther,

There is someone in my class who is being mean to someone else and I want to help. What should I do?

-Helpful

Dear Helpful,

Sometimes people need someone to speak up for them when they can’t. Don’t be mean to the person who is being mean to your classmate. But, when you see someone being mean to someone else, speak up and tell them to stop treating your classmate that way. It is possible they may not realize they were being mean.

-The Panther

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







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