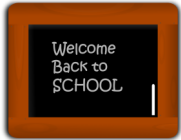
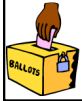


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Student Council Members Pinned



The Middle School Student Council held a pinning ceremony on September 19th in Spiritan Hall. Parents came to do the honors. Seen here, with teacher sponsors Lindsey Thompson and Shannon Chamoun, are (front row– left to right) Aimsley Davis, 4th Grade Representative; Ava Piraino, Secretary; Ruby Jones, 6th Grade Representative; Scott Massa, 6th Grade Representative; Carrie Barnard, 4th Grade Representative; and Vincent Pham, 4th Grade Representative. (back row) Carolina Ferrer, 5th Grade Representative; Bethany Woodson, 5th Grade Representative; Katie Morgan, 6th Grade Representative; Logan Bruich, President; Bryce Mallett, Vice-President; and Max Longing, 5th Grade Representative.



Student Council President Logan Bruich is pinned by his older brother, Luke.



Vice-President Bryce Mallett gets pinned by his dad, Matt Mallett.



Secretary Ava Piraino is pinned by her mom, Kristen Piraino.

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Exploring Our Outdoor World

By Caleb Strack and Joseph Murphy



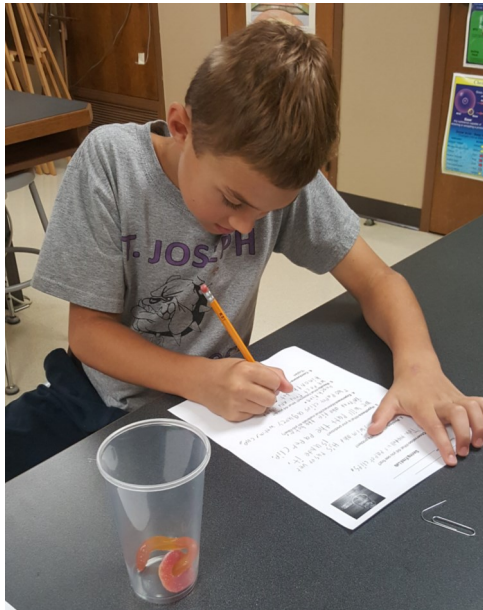
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Science Saves Worm

By: Joseph Murphy



Fourth grader Richard Rappold writes down his observations.

Fourth grade students in Ms. Nicole Gooch's science class recently had the opportunity to explore the world of plants with hand held microscopes.

The class had been learning about the parts of a flower, how each part works with pollination, and what happens after pollination. Students also learned about the cross section of a leaf and where the chloroplast is.

With what they have been learning in the classroom, the students took their learning outside and were able to have a up-close experience.

The class received 14 hand-held microscopes through the Paul and Mary Ann Tipton St. Joseph Endowment Fund during the 2013-14 school year.

process to save Fred with two paper clips.

Ms. Gooch's science students started off the school year as heroes by saving Fred, the worm.

Fred couldn't swim and his boat capsized with his life vest under it. The student used the scientific method, which included observation, problem hypothesis, experiment, results, and conclusions. They worked though this



State Symbols Studied



Ms. Watson talks about the State Flag.

Second graders have been learning about Arkansas' state symbols with assistance from the Secretary of State's office.

Lisa Watson, a Visitor Services Specialist, came to Ms. Hiegel's class on September 9. She showed a Prezi on state symbols. It mentioned the State Bird is the mockingbird and the tomato is both the State Fruit and State Vegetable. The State Gem is the diamond, and the kids learned Arkansas diamonds can be yellow or brown.

Different items native to our state were displayed for the class which included quartz crystals, pecans, rice, and apple blossoms. Arkansas' State Folk Dance is the square dance, and a number of kids tried out steps during their recess time.

Alex Lehmkuhl & Lily Vaughn save Fred.

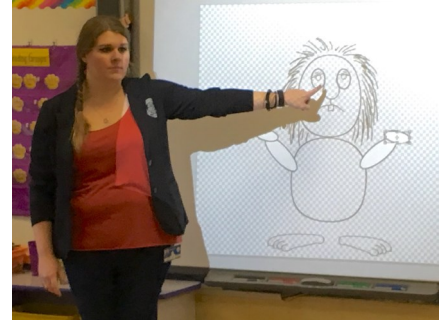
Third Graders Flying High

By Daniel Emerick



Third grade students in Ms. Amy Evans' class recently took part in an activity to understand how computers work. They created instructions (or algorithms) on making paper airplanes. The students passed on those instructions to a friend for them to follow, much like how a computer reads instructions to operate. Some were followed more efficiently than others since a number of planes flew further and performed better. The students are learning more about computers each week, and they stay excited about them.

Visitor Teaches Arkansas History



Ms. Katie Bass shows how to draw a critter

Second graders at St. Joseph Elementary have been learning about Arkansas History with help from the Arkansas Secretary of State's Office. Visitor Services Specialist Katie Bass came to the school on September 16 to visit Tamara McMillan's and Katie Hiegel's classes. She wanted the children to know about Arkansas-born illustrator and children's book writer Mercer Mayer. Mayer has published over 300 books including "There's A Nightmare In My Closet," "If I Had A Gorilla," and a series of "Little Monster" and "Little Critter" stories for the publishers of the Little Golden Books.

Ms. Bass showed some of Mayer's illustrations and taught them how to draw one of his "critters."

Kindergartners Bubbles



Ellie Hiegel



Ben Decker

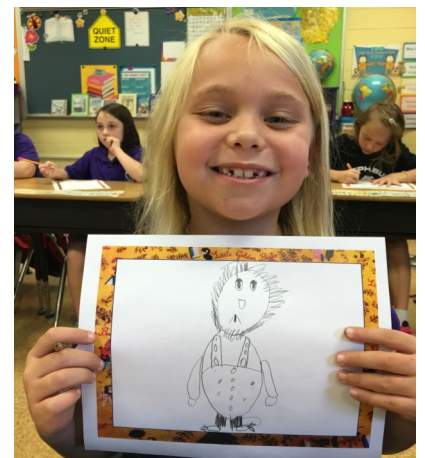


Andy Pham

Kindergarteners at St. Joseph Elementary have completed a science unit on the properties of bubbles. It was capped off by allowing the children to create their own bubbles of various sizes and shapes.

The children were taught how bubbles were formed from soap and water, why they're usually round, and why they have so many colors. They used a homemade solution of dishwashing detergent, sugar, and water.

The bubbles were blown through their fingers and bubble pipes made from Styrofoam cups and straws. The highlight of their activity was being covered from head to toe from one giant bubble.



Chasey Singleton displays her "critter."



Council Candidates Run Creative Campaigns

By Caleb Strack and Joseph Murphy



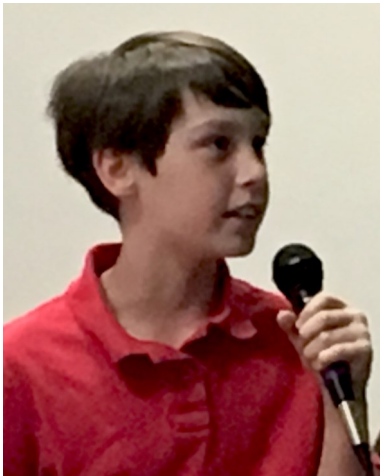
Scott Massa~ Presidential candidate



Logan Bruich~ Presidential candidate



Katie Morgan~ Presidential candidate



Bryce Mallett~ V.P. candidate



Carolina Ferrer~ V.P candidate



Bethany Woodson~ V.P. candidate



Vincent Pham-Secretarial Candidate



Ava Piraino-Secretarial Candidate



Carrie Bannard-Secretarial Candidate

Middle Schoolers Flock to Drama Club

by Caleb Strack



Ms. Williams talks to the club.



Club members Karly Rae Lieblong and Josie Gamble pretend to be a machine with junior high assistants Eva Palmer and Michael Emerick.



Bailey Pope does a dramatic exercise for Ms. Williams.

Thirty-three Middle School students have joined the Art Ragin' Cajun Drama Club. They turned out for the first meeting on September 19 in Spiritan Hall. The Club meets each Monday thereafter through mid-November.

Ms. Rosalyn Williams, a 2011 graduate of St. Joseph, is directing the Club and a production of "Alice in Wonderland" that will be presented for the Elementary School on November 18th.

At the club's first meeting, Ms. Williams had the students try improvisational skits to challenge their creativity.

Running Club Expands To Middle School

By: Joseph Murphy



Joshua Trantina and Lucas Covington



Ella Crowder

Science Comes To Life



First graders Christian O' Dwyer (left) and Travis Jackson get instructions from high school science teacher Jim Belote during a visit to the high school on Sept. 22nd.



Ella Berger (left) and Lola Jackson try on goggles used during lab experiments. (More details on page 8)

The Running Club began as an Elementary School activity a few years ago. Sponsor Jeanne Lehmkuhl has now decided to offer it to Middle School students. They run on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

"I just want to keep these kids fit and running," Ms. Lehmkuhl said. "Hopefully most them will transfer into Cross Country when they hit high school."

There are 27 students in the Club. "Not bad for the first year," Ms Lehmkuhl noted. "Most of them are boys, but we have six girls." Many of them are in Drama Club on Mondays.



Middle School Profiles

By Natalie Hambuchen



Emma Jane Robertson

~Emma Jane

1. Going to Summer Clark's birthday party.
2. I like to play on my phone and board games.
3. Doing art projects and other stuff.
4. Math



Cherokee Jones

~Cherokee

1. Reuniting with my dog. His name is "Whiskey," but I'm afraid to say that.
2. I get to play on the bars.
3. Being able to play the trumpet in band. I already got my t-shirt so I'm good!
4. Writing and math

~John

1. Going to Branson with my family.
2. Just playing basketball.
3. Learning social studies.
4. Math

1. **What was the most exciting event of your summer?**
2. **What is your most favorite thing about recess?**
3. **What are you looking forward to this school year?**
4. **What is your most favorite subject in school?**



John McWilliams

~Ethan

1. Playing Soccer.
2. Playing Soccer.
3. Projects.
4. Math



Ethan Hambuchen



Elementary School Profiles

By Natalie Hambuchen



Thomas Ferrer

~Thomas

1. Because of the books in the library.
2. Summer
3. My friend is Caleb Grigg.
4. Yes, I was because I got to play my favorite game, Lego Dimensions.



Bevin Sterka

~ Hailey

1. Because it's a Catholic School and we get to pray.
2. I like Winter.
3. Ava Martin and Autumn Skinner
4. Yes, because we like to go camping.

- 1. Why do you like to go to St. Joseph School?**
- 2. What is your favorite season?**
- 3. Who is your best friend?**
- 4. Were you excited about Labor Day?**

~ Bevin

1. Because I get to be here with my friends
2. Winter
3. Emily Nabholz
4. Kind of since it was close to my party so yay!



Hailey Snyder

~ William

1. Yeah, I like recess and I like lunch. I love everything about it!
2. Christmas and Winter
3. Dylan Simmons
4. Yeah, I liked it.



William Washum

Science Lab (from page 5)

First graders in Ms. Hill’s and Ms. Pope’s classes recently visited the high school to see what typically goes on in Mr. Jim Belote’s classes. He teaches biology, anatomy and chemistry. “They’d learned about microscopes but had never seen or used one before,” Belote said. “My 10th graders had grown cultures of Protozoa in pond water, and we used the opportunity to show the youngsters how to use microscopes. They were excited to see so many tiny creatures in a drop of water.”

Ms. Pope thought the best part of her students’ visit was seeing everything in their science books come to life. “They got to see what was alive and moving in the pond samples,” she said. “They saw how it was put on a slide. They also got to draw parts of a Paramecium.” Ms. Pope was complimentary of Mr. Belote’s students as well. “They showed much kindness, patience and knowledge of their subject matter,” she said.

School Float In Fair Parade



Our school was represented in the Faulkner County Fair Parade, which took place September 20th. The parade’s theme was “Carnival Lights and Country Nights.” Our float was judged 4th Place in the Secondary Schools category which earned a \$50 prize.

Fourth Grade Tours State Park

By: Joseph Murphy and Caleb Strack

Briley Flynn and Price Harmon hold up a bear claw at the Toltec Mounds Archaeological State Park.



Father Tony Robbins poses on a tractor in front of the Plantation Agriculture Museum.



Mr. Randy Noah, the Plantation Agricultural Museum Curator, shows students the different parts of a cotton plant.

The 4th Grade went to the Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park in Lonoke County on Sept 22nd. The trip wrapped up the students’ study of Arkansas history. “We went though the mounds and learned about the Plum Bayou people,” teacher Melanie Kordsmeier said. These Native Americans built up a series of mounds that had different purposes. Only one of the mounds at Toltec State Park has been identified as a burial mound. Others were used as platforms for ceremonies or residences of religious leaders. Besides examining the mounds, the students also had a scavenger hunt to identify artifacts from the period. “After lunch, we went to the Planation Agricultural Museum to learn how cotton was picked and ginned in Arkansas,” Ms. Kordsmeier said. “We also learned about cotton’s importance to the economy”.