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St. Joseph PreK-Grade 6

Kindergartners Perform "Way Of The Cross"

By Joseph Murphy



Tucker Burns is Jesus, Josh Massa plays Pontius Pilate, and Dylan Strack is seen as the soldier taking Jesus to be crucified.

The Kindergarten classes at St. Joseph Elementary School presented "Way of the Cross" to St. Joseph's entire student body after morning Mass on April 12.

The children staged Jesus Christ's sorrowful journey from the house of Pilate to Calvary.



Station XII, Jesus Dies on the Cross



Station XV, Jesus Is Risen.

First Communion Held



Second grader Kate Burgess receives her 1st Communion from Deacon Richard Papini on May 7th. She was one of 63 parish children to go through the ceremony 32 of whom are from St. Joseph Elementary School.



Aidan White receives the Precious Blood.

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Civil War Revisited



Mr. Larry Trussell shows the class his collection of Confederate money.



This Civil War memorabilia Mr. Hiegel owns includes firearms, munitions and belt buckles.

Top Musicians Honored



Bryce Mallett

Following a Spring Concert on May 11, Band Director Margaret Teeling presented several end-of-the-year awards to her band members. The highest of these was the Award of Excellence which went to two Middle School students.

Flutist Bryce Mallett was one of the recipients and trombonist Gabriel Washum was another.

Fifth grade students enjoyed a Civil War Day on May 5th. Guest speakers Larry Trussell and Al Hiegel spoke about the War Between The States and showed artifacts from their own personal collections. After watching a movie about the war and listening to music from the time period, the students sampled food soldiers of the day would probably have eaten such as "johnnycakes," beef jerky, dried peas, ginger snaps, and tea. They also passed the time playing card games and dominos like the soldiers might have.



Gabriel Washum



Teacher Jessica Weakley serves up authentic Civil War rations to her 5th grade students.



Civil War



A Hunting We Will Go



First Grader Ella Berger found these colorful eggs.



Morgan Hoelzeman finds a sweet treat inside one of her eggs.



Tadeo Martinez scours the playground for Easter eggs.



These kindergartners are off and running to find eggs.



Caleb McGinty looks high and low for Easter eggs.



Brileigh Choate and Sydney Chambers put eggs in their decorative baskets.

Kindergartners and 1st graders took part in an Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. Before it began, the children learned about resurrection eggs in their religion classes.

This helped them learn about the Easter story through symbols or messages found inside plastic eggs.



Trip Davis finds this egg in an unusual place.

St. Joseph Continues Kids Run Winning Streak



4th grade teacher Nicole Gooch, her preschool-aged son, Cameron, and his classmate Drew Nabholz



Abbie Smith, Avery Cooper, and Jordyn Hoelzeman

The 9th Annual Kids Run Arkansas was held at Laurel Park on April 21. It was sponsored by the Conway Regional Health and Fitness Center to promote physical activity and wellness for children and youth in Central Arkansas.

The event was a 1 and 3-mile fun run/walk for kids of all ages. A cash prize of \$2,000 went to the school or organization having the largest number of participants.

St. Joseph won for the 8th year in a row with 244 entrants. P.E teacher Karen Vandivere organized our participation and says the money will be used by the Elementary and Middle School's Physical Education Department.

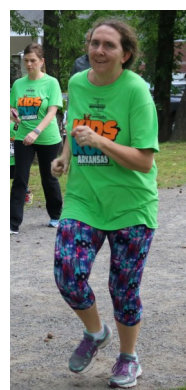
Preschool Goes On Outdoor Adventure



Anna Kate Pasierb



Keirsten Nutt, Lindsay Morrison, and Ava Piraino



Running Club sponsor Jeanne Lehmkuhl



Isiah Stobaugh shoots an arrow with help from Mr. Doug Porcaro at the Good Earth Learning Center.



Trevor Jackson and Carson Tucker



Max Longing and Cooper Berger

Our Preschool children visited the Good Earth Learning Center in Austin, AR near Cabot on April 24.

Following the "seed to table concept", the kids learned about caring for gardens and animals. They fed chickens, lambs, and baby bunnies, went on nature walks, planted and tasted veggies, and found out how worms create compost for gardens.

These activities helped bring the world of agriculture to life for the children.





Nursing Students Teach Kids About Health Care

By Emily Hambuchen and Elizabeth Whitley



Preschooler Isiah Stobaugh brings his dog Clifford in for a wellness checkup.



Kindergartner Caleb McGinty listens to his teddy bear through a stethoscope.



UCA nursing student Luke Steinmetz demonstrates water safety techniques to 1st graders Carson Tucker, Tadeo Martinez, Seth Mathis, and preschooler Sahar Chitturi.



1st grader Allie Burns appears delighted after UCA nursing student Katlynn Randolph gives her animal a clean bill of health.



1st graders Christian O'Dwyer and Travis Jackson seem surprised by what they're hearing from their stuffed duck.



UCA nursing student Lindsay Kate Rochelle listens as kids like Preschooler Jackson Strack prepare to tell her what ails his pet.

Preschool through 1st grade students learned first hand on April 27 how doctors and nurses work when patients visit their offices or see them at a hospital. In this case, the "patients" were a variety of stuffed animals that the kids brought from home to get wellness checks from University of Central Arkansas (UCA) nursing students who conducted a Teddy Bear Clinic.

Using play therapy, the nursing students admitted the kids' fuzzy friends to the "hospital" where mock illnesses were diagnosed. After undergoing a battery of tests, each patient was found to be suffering from "tickleitis." Prescriptions of three hugs and kisses per day were written. Along with the "healing" the patients received, the children also became better prepared and relaxed for real hospital visits.

The Teddy Bear Clinics that come to Faulkner County Schools are part of a Pediatric Nursing course at UCA overseen by Dr. Julie Meaux and Ms. Erin Fifer.





Middle School Profiles

By Natalie Hambuchen, Daniel Emerick & Will Zinno



Carolina Ferrer

~Carolina

1. Chocolate
2. Going to Disney World
3. Eating a lot
4. My Grandparents moving to Conway



Abby Brewer

~Alex

1. Not waking up to my alarm
2. I'm going to work with one of my mom's workers in the garden and sell things
3. That I got to have fried pork tender loins and mashed potatoes
4. Getting to go to Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge and see the tigers and lions.

- 1. What did you give up for Lent?**
- 2. What were your plans for Spring Break?**
- 3. What did you like about Fat Tuesday?**
- 4. What is the luckiest thing that has ever happened to you?**

~Abby

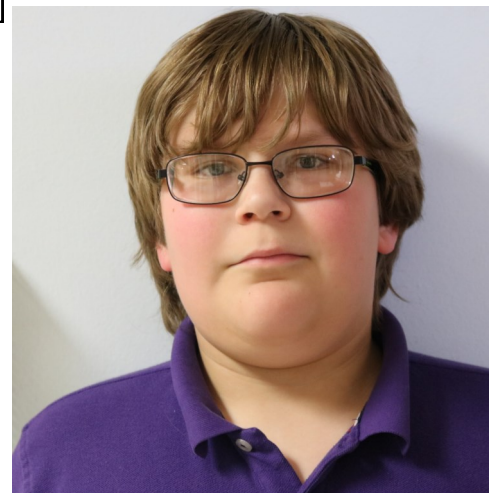
1. T.V
2. Staying home
3. Wearing Mardi Gras beads
4. The fact that God made elephants



Alex Barnard

~Johann

1. Ed's Bakery sweets, Cokes, and Sprites
2. Staying home playing outside
3. The Mardi Gras
4. When I found a \$10 bill on the ground in 1st grade

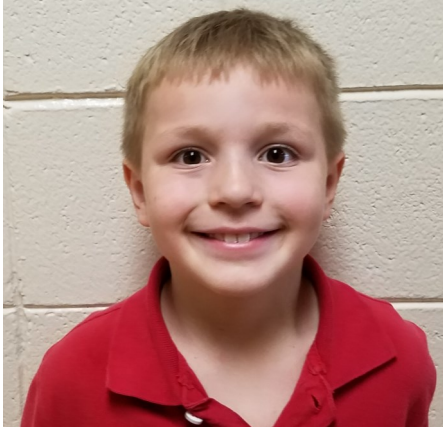


Johann Janowiecki



Elementary School Profiles

By Natalie Hambuchen, Will Zinno & Daniel Emerick



J.B Failla

~J.B

1. T.V
2. Maybe to go to Florida
3. I like that it was Fat Tuesday
4. When I got my own Star Wars Lego set



Aidan Fornash

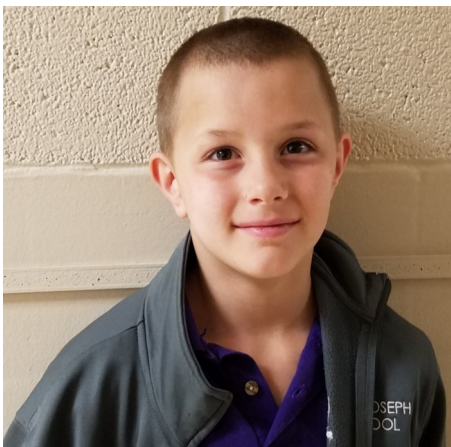
~Isaac

1. Video games
2. To have a vacation to the beach
3. When we were partying with beads
4. Watching TV

1. What did you give up for Lent?
2. What were your plans for Spring Break?
3. What did you like about Fat Tuesday?
4. What is the luckiest thing that has ever happened to you?

~Aidan

1. Video games
2. Stay home
3. The same as J.B
4. Probably the computer that I got from my neighbor



Isaac Williams

~Isabella

1. I will be growing my love for Jesus
2. To plant some fruit
3. The party and decorations
4. Being happy



Isabella Ye



Book Battle Tests Knowledge

By Emily Hambuchen



(Left to right) Jonathan Deen, Chloe Skinner, Kim Quinit, John McWilliams, Emma Dulac, and Hailey Burgess were "Stranded in Books."

The 11th Annual Battle of the Books was held May 9th at the Family Activity Center. Fifteen Catholic schools from across the state participated.

Each school was given 12 books to read over a period of months and were asked dozens of questions about each one. The school with the most correct answers was the winner.

North Little Rock's Immaculate Heart of Mary scored highest with 96% of their answers being correct. Little Rock's Christ the King came in 2nd with 93%, and Fort Smith's Christ the King got 3rd with 92%. The Spirit Award, given to the most enthusiastic team, went to St. Mary's School in Paragould.

St. Joseph's "Stranded in Books" team was not too far behind with a score of 81 %.



Second Graders Make Discoveries at Museum



Karleigh Kaufman sees how her bones work to turn a doorknob.



Isabella Denys tries to balance herself.



Sophia Scholz uses a three-pulley system to pull herself up.



Patrick Royal and Sam Piraino by a tarantula

The 2nd Grade classes toured the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock on April 13. It's described as "the premier science and technology center" in our area which encourages an interest in science, technology, and math. It's the oldest museum in Arkansas, having first opened at another location in 1927 under a different name. In 1942 it relocated to MacArthur Park in Little Rock and remained there for more than half-a-century. It finally settled to its present River Market site in 1998 but closed for a year in 2011 to undergo a complete renovation. It reopened a year later.

"The 2nd Grade enjoyed exploring all the Museum of Discovery has to offer," teacher Katie Hiegel said. "The exhibits and science show on matter was a great extension to what the students were learning in class."