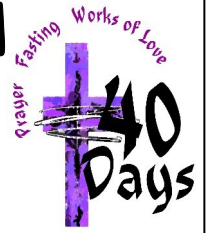


BULLDOG SPIRIT



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Penguins are Plentiful

By Jensen Kordsmeier



First graders in Ms. Kay Lynn Hill's class show their work.

Ms. Kay Lynn Hill's 1st grade class learned about penguins the week of January 22-26. They learned there are many different types of penguins, different sizes, where they live, and much more.

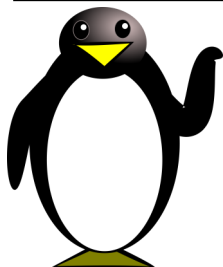
The class read books, colored pictures, and wrote about penguins.

First grader Ayden Skinner said "Penguins are black and white to keep them safe and they play in the snow." Cy Davis added "Penguins are birds but they cannot fly. Some penguins live in cold places and warm places."



These are African penguins, the type found at the Little Rock Zoo. An exhibit of them began in 2011. This picture was taken in October. They were the eighth and ninth baby penguin hatchlings born at the zoo.

There are nearly 20 different species of penguins. All live in the Southern Hemisphere, but many can be found at the South Pole or Antarctica.



Children Count the Days

By Mandy Shum



First grade teachers Hannah Yrle, Kay Lynn Hill, and kindergarten teacher Charlotte Moix observe the first 100 days of school by dressing like senior citizens. (more 100 days pictures on page 8)

All-Girl Choir Lifts Spirits

By Olivia Kiesling, Kate Nabholz, Ava Piraino, and Sarah Beth Sammons



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Bulldogs Motto Demonstrated

By Bridget Porcaro



Sweet Treats Teach Geology

By Caroline Hambuchen



Isabella Denys and Annamarie Rawls

On Friday, February 2, Ms. Morgan Bacon and Ms. Lily Strack led the third grade in a delicious experiment as a way to teach them about different types of rocks. The types of rocks being studied were metamorphic, igneous, and sedimentary.

Metamorphic rocks are made by being changed over time by extreme pressure and heat. Igneous rocks are formed when magma cools and solidifies.

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Third graders Anneke McGhee, Karleigh Kaufman and Annamarie Rawls perform different skits demonstrating The Bulldog Motto. In this scene, they're showing Bulldogs working their hardest and best.



Anneke, Karleigh and Annamarie dramatize how Bulldogs show respect towards self and others.



In this segment, the girls demonstrate how Bulldogs meet school and classroom expectations.

Third grade teachers Lily Strack and Morgan Bacon recently gave their students a project related to our Bulldog Motto. The children were divided into groups to come up with ideas on how to represent the motto. They developed skits for each part, and then they filmed them. The Bulldog Motto is as follows:

Bulldogs at Their Best

- Bulldogs act with Christ-like attitude and behavior
- Bulldogs show respect towards self and others
- Bulldogs work their hardest and best
- Bulldogs meet school and classroom expectations



Boys Compete in Model Car Race

By Katie Grigg



(Left to right) 1st Place winner Caleb Grigg, 2nd Place winner Braxton Thessing, and 3rd Place winner Blake Jackson.

St. Joseph Cub Scout Pack 78 held its annual Pinewood Derby at the Elementary School cafeteria on January 7th.

As one Arkansas Cub Scout leader says, “The Pinewood Derby teaches scouts about teamwork and sportsmanship. It also lets them bond with their families.”

The Boy Scouts of America have been around since the early 1900’s, but the Pinewood Derby did not start until many years later. It began in 1953 at the Manhattan Beach Scout House near Los Angeles, CA, when Cub Master Don Murphy introduced the idea to Pack 280C.

The local pack came up with the idea to help teach the Scouts about science and physics, while being applied to small cars they make themselves. The Pinewood Derby has grown into a national event in which all scout packs can participate. Over the years, Cub Scouts have built close to 100 million cars.

First Place winner Caleb Grigg was interviewed by the Bulldog Spirit about his experience.

Bulldog Spirit: What was your car’s name?

Caleb Grigg: The Olympian Drag Racer

Bulldog Spirit: How long did you work on your car?

Caleb Grigg: One month

Bulldog Spirit: Why do you think your car won?

Caleb Grigg: My car had a slight curve in the front and towards the back it was straight. The weights were placed inside the wood in front of the rear tires. There were weights placed on the side of the car, and I also had weights that portrayed the Olympic rings.

Bulldog Spirit: What was your emotion when you found out that you won?

Caleb Grigg: I was shocked and then I was extremely happy!

Bulldog Spirit: Were you proud of how the other boys did?

Caleb Grigg: Yes. They did very good and worked hard. I’m sad that they didn’t get anything but a certificate.

Bulldog Spirit: Who won 2nd and 3rd place?

Caleb Grigg: Braxton Thessing got 2nd Place. Blake Jackson got 3rd Place.

Bulldog Spirit: What is the maximum weight your car can be?

Caleb Grigg: The maximum weight your car can be is five ounces.

Bulldog Spirit: What theme did you pick for your car?

Caleb Grigg: It portrayed the Olympics and its events which I thought would be cool to support since the Winter Olympics start February 4th.

Bulldog Spirit: How long are scouts allowed to participate in the Derby?

Caleb Grigg: You can enter each year when you are a Cub Scout which is five times total. Cub Scouts are in the 1st through 5th grades.

Bulldog Spirit: How did your family react to you winning?

Caleb Grigg: They were very happy and proud of me.

Edible Rocks (from page 2)

Sedimentary rocks are formed by sediment that is deposited over time, usually as layers at the bottom of lakes and oceans.

As a way for the students to remember the processes these rocks go through, the teachers had them make edible rocks incorporating these processes. They used food items such as marshmallows, M&Ms, chocolate, ice cream, and graham crackers. The children wrote down their thoughts as they went through the experiment.



Anna Nabholz, Karleigh Kaufman, and James Rappold.

Mardi Gras Celebrated



Juliana Ferrer and Izabella Creel were two of the high school band members who performed at the Elementary School on February 13 to celebrate Mardi Gras. They played six songs, handed out beads to the students, and paraded around campus.

Science Students Dive Into Their Work

By Lauren Holbrook



Allison Hoelscher and Serai Flanagin create a gooey mixture in science class.

Choir (from page 1)

The Middle School Choir started in the 2017/2018 school year. It has been a wonderful experience. We hope we can do it next year.

The choir sings at All-School Masses and Wednesday Masses, but we have gotten invited to sing at one Saturday Mass.

5th and 6th grade girls make up the choir. There are two 6th graders and nine 5th graders in it. The 5th graders include Carrie Barnard, Ava Jackson, Olivia Kiesling, Bailey Pope, Lindsey Morrison, Isabelle Garrett, Kiersten Nutt, Aimsley Davis, and Ava Piraino. The 6th graders are Blakely Holland and Abby Brewer.

The choir teacher is Jennifer Fullerton. Ms. Fullerton's experience includes singing at weddings, teaching music class here at our school, and singing at Masses.



Ms. Nicole Gooch's 4th grade class recently had a fun science lab making oobleck, or goo, using cornstarch and water.

In this experiment the students got to learn about the transformations of liquids and solids. They saw that when they applied pressure to the goo it would be hard, like a solid. When they released it, it ran through their fingers like a liquid.

The class completed a lab worksheet afterwards where it was discovered how other objects such as paper clips, pennies, and marshmallows floated or sank in the oobleck. Everyone had a great time with this hands-on learning experiment!

Making Molecules Contributed, in part, by Bailey Pope and Lily Vaughn



Price Harmon and Vincent Pham



Lindsey Morrison and Laiken Keathley

Ms. Jessica Weakley's 5th grade students recently made molecules in a station-centered lab. The students were studying elements and matter, specifically how atoms combine to form molecules and compounds.

"We had a lab about molecules," Lily Vaughn and Bailey Pope said. "We had foam balls and wood ball springs, and toothpicks. We had a picture of a molecule, the name of what it makes, and then made the molecule that was on the card."

The students each had four minutes at each station, and they worked with a partner to create the molecule on a card out of "atoms" made of paper, wooden spheres, or Styrofoam balls and toothpicks. After building each model, the class used markers to draw a picture of the molecule it had just made.

A short video was also screened which asked questions about a carbon atom named Charlie and his chemical reaction adventure when baking soda meets vinegar. The students got a much better understanding of chemical formulas and what molecules are.

5th Grade Girls Excel



Runner-Up At Pee Wee Conference Tournament



Preschool Tours Church

By Shelby Shearer



Ms. Trantina shows the children our priests' colorful vestments in their changing room.



Here the children see a vile of holy oil used for christenings.



Preschoolers visit the baptismal font where many of them were baptized as infants.

St. Joseph Preschool students got a personal tour of our church on January 29th. It was led by Ms. Christy Trantina, St. Joseph's Director of Adult Faith Formation.

Free Throw Contests Held

By Emily Hambuchen and Brent Yrle

English Students Fly High

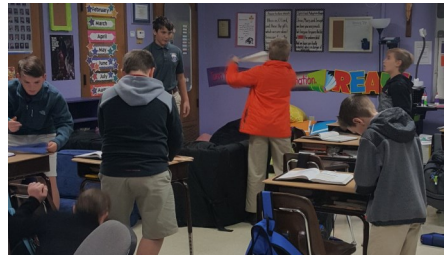
By Marley Spradlin



Andrew Skinner & Catherine Royal



Autumn Skinner & Xavier Stobaugh



Ms. Jennifer Fullerton's 6th grade students recently learned about Prepositions. To help them understand them a little more, they did an experiment.

The students threw airplanes and depending on where they landed, they had to write a prepositional phrase. For example, if a plane flew and landed by the couch, they would write "by the couch" or "next to the couch" or "beside the couch."

The students were given the opportunity to be creative in making the prepositions and if the airplane flew over someone's head, they could write "over John's head." Then, the students took nine of the prepositional phrases and turned them into a poem.

On January 28th, St. Joseph School hosted the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at the Family Activities Center. Autumn Skinner and Xavier Stobaugh won 1st Place in the 9 year-olds Division. Catherine Royal and Andrew Skinner did the same with 11 year-olds. They will all be moving on to the District Level competition on February 11 at Wonderview High School.



Fourth-grader Autumn Skinner was one of three St. Joseph students to win at the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest held at Wonderview on February 11th. She won in the 9 year-old girls' division. Her brother, Christian, won the 14 year-old boys' division, and Olivia Williams won in the 12 year-old girls'. They'll all compete in the State Finals at Morrilton on March 25.



Middle School Profiles

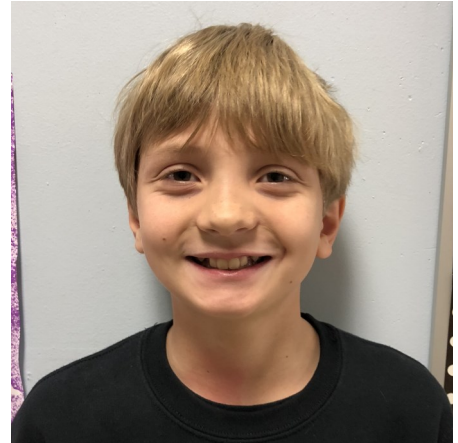
By: Marley Spradlin and Lauren Holbrook



Braxton Thessing

Trevor~

1. My Nintendo Switch
2. Peanut butter pie
3. My Meme's house
4. I rode three wheelers



Trevor Jackson

Braxton~

1. A hover board
2. Turkey
3. My Uncle's house
4. Played laser tag

- 1. What was your favorite Christmas present?**
- 2. What was your favorite food you ate over break?**
- 3. Did you go anywhere exciting over the break?**
- 4. What was a fun activity you did?**

Price~

1. My Nintendo Switch
2. Turkey
3. New York
4. I went ice skating in NY



Chloe Woody

Chloe~

1. Hammock
2. Ham
3. My Grandma's house
4. Hide and go seek



Price Harmon



Elementary School Profiles

By: Marley Spradlin and Lauren Holbrook



Tadeo Martinez

Tadeo~

1. Nerf Nitro
2. Quesadillas
3. Mexico
4. We played tag with my cousins.

Anna~

1. A dragon puppet
2. Cheese pizza
3. To my cousin's house
4. I played with nerf guns.



Anna Doan

Aidan~

1. My stick bot and Disney cruise
2. Chocolate chip cookies
3. My Meme's house
4. We played a fun activity at Meme's.

1. **What was your favorite Christmas present?**
2. **What was your favorite food you ate over break?**
3. **Did you go anywhere exciting over the break?**
4. **What was a fun activity you did?**



Abigail Rehm

Abigail~

1. I got a puppy
2. Sprinkled cookies
3. My Grandma's house
4. I decorated Christmas cookies!



Aidan White

Rally Beats Drum for Catholic Schools

A special pep rally held in honor of Catholic Schools Week took place on February 2nd. Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year's theme was "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Schools typically observe this annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through such events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.



Kindergartners add fingers and thumbs.



Kindergartner Brayden Ferguson makes a necklace from 100 pieces of cereal.



Parents were sent home requests for their children to bring things to school that they could count up to 100 with. Kindergartner Blake McVay bought mini-marshmallows.



Ms. Hill's 1st graders predicted how full a cup would be if you put 100 drops of water in one.



"Great granny" Hill had her 1st graders read several books with the number 100 in their titles.