



Pearson Prowl

Winter 2014 Edition



Another new year, brings a brand new edition of the Pearson Prowl! The Staff Members and Field Reporters have been hard at work for weeks putting together a newspaper that they think all will enjoy. If you see something you like, please let that writer know that he or she did a great job. If you think of a story idea and would like to be featured in the next edition of the Pearson Prowl, please let Mrs. Thom know and she will make sure your story gets published. Have a great New Year and a fantastic finish to Quarter 2.

~ The Pearson Prowl Staff

A few reminders as we come back to school:

- Walk (not speed walk) to and from cafeteria
- Say "please" and "thank you"
- Clean up after yourself
- No yelling across the table, speak so that only your table can hear you
- Absolute quiet and no electronics when the whistle blows
- Hands to self
- Be respectful to others
- Listen to direction of supervisors

Important Dates to Remember:

- Homework Zone is open every Monday – Thursday
 - Morning – 7:00-7:45
 - Afternoon – 2:45-3:45
- 1.20.13 – No School – Staff Development Day
- 1.24.14 – Quarter 2 Ends
- 1.27.13 – No School – Teacher Planning Day
- 1.31.14 – Report Cards sent home



Mr.Dahlen

Interviewed by Akshi Arun

How long have you been teaching?

11 years.

Why did you want to be a math teacher?

Math is my favorite subject, and I like giving kids homework.

What is your favorite type of candy?

Snickers or Twix.



What is your favorite movie?

There are so many that I like... "Forrest Gump" is one of my favorites that comes to my mind.

What is your most embarrassing moment as a teacher?

I embarrass myself every day and I enjoy every minute of it!

What is your most memorable moment with a student?

I have so many every year that I can't pick one.

What do you like to do when you are not teaching?

Hunt deer.



Are there any teachers at school that you consider to be friends?

Yes, but they might not think so...

What is your favorite month in the year?

July - that is the warmest time of the year. The warmer the better for me!

What is the scariest thing you've seen?

Mr. Niedfeldt.

Teacher Talk

What is your dream car?

1965 Cadillac with bull horns as a hood ornament.

Have you been anywhere out of the United States, if so where?

Mexico, Turkey, Canada, Jamaica.

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

Vanilla - I know it's boring.

Are you allergic to anything?

Besides being allergic to kids, no.

Do you consider yourself young?

Compared to Mr. Neu, I am very young!!!!

Did you play an instrument when you were a kid, if so which one?

Baritone.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

Time travel.

If you could have any "bff" who would it be?

All deer, because then they would tell me where they hide when I am hunting them.

Have you gotten into a mess when you tell someone you would do something then you don't?

Not often, but I have. It has made me feel terrible.

What is your favorite food?

BBQ pork with coleslaw on top.





Mr. Bade Interviewed by Thea Lauren Pineda and Jac Campbell

What is your full name?

Bruce Robert Bade

What subject do you teach?

Science

How many years have you been teaching?

13 years, not too long for an old guy.

Do you like teaching?

Yes, I like teaching, but not meetings.

Why and when did you decide to become a teacher?

Great Question! I was working as a beverage delivery guy and after wheeling product through snowdrifts all day, I thought there has to be something else. I also like Math and Science.

What is your most embarrassing moment in teaching?

When I was teaching middle school I sat on battery acid and it burned my pants off in class.

Do you like pasta?

Yes, but not all kinds of them. But my favorite is egg noodles with butter and breadcrumbs on top and a side of baked beans. That is the BEST!!!!

Tell me the first word that comes to your mind when I say, "Sushi."

YUCK! EWWWWW! I'm not a raw meat type of person.

What is your dream house and property look like?

I don't mind a small house but I would love to have a huge shop for all my tools and motorcycle. I would want my shop to have a fridge, bathroom, TV, and a pizza oven (you got to have a pizza oven). And I would want it to be heated in the winter.

What is your dream car?

1967 Corvette, I'm more of a classic.



What do you do outside of school?

Ride my motorcycle, invent things, woodwork and watch college sports.

What is your favorite restaurant?

Buffalo Wild wings, the food is always better in Chan than in Savage.

What is your favorite book?

I don't think there is one, but a series I like is the Brian books by Gary Paulsen.

Favorite food?

Sauerkraut, spareribs, and boiled potatoes with plenty of milk to wash it down.



Favorite candy?

Butterfinger, with Snickers as a close second.

Most memorable vacation trip?

When I was unemployed we took a road trip to San Diego. I guess I didn't know how far away it really is.

If you ruled the world, what would be your #1 rule?

I thought I did rule the world or at least a small part of it and my #1 rule would be that I get to make the rules.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

X-ray vision.

Have you gotten yourself into a mess by telling people that you would do something but then you don't?

Not really, my mom did it to me all the time when I was little and I still have not forgotten the time she "promised" I could get a Hot Wheel car next time, so I really try to do what I say I'm going to do.

What piece of advice would you like to give to the students at the 6th Grade Center?

Take responsibility for your own learning, work hard, and laugh often.



Mrs. Thom Interviewed by Madison Brown

What is your full name?

Mary Kathleen Thom

Why did you want to be a language arts teacher?

I had some really bad

experiences with English teachers when I was in Middle/High School. I finally had one teacher, Lee Carlson, who showed me how to fall in love with writing and showed me how to be successful at it. I became a Language Arts teacher to show students how to fall in love with reading and writing and to never have another student experience a teacher who is not passionate about teaching their subject.

What is your favorite thing to do besides teaching?

I love being with my family! Just hanging out at home after a day at work is something I really look forward to.

What city were you born in?

I was born in Saint Cloud, Minnesota and I grew up in Watkins, MN.

How many siblings do you have?

I am the youngest child and have 2 older siblings. My brother, Shawn, is 36 and lives in Saint Cloud, Minnesota. My sister, Deb, is 34 and lives in Elliot, Maine.

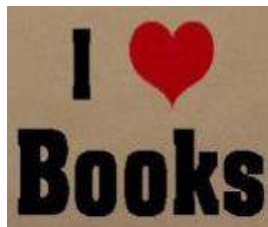
What is your favorite reptile?

Um...yuck. I despise reptiles. They actually really freak me out, especially crocodiles and alligators! I guess, if I had to pick one, I would pick a turtle. (But only because I was forced into it.)

What is your favorite book?

Some of my favorites of 2013 were:

1. Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
2. One For the Murphys by Lynda Hunt
3. Ungifted by Gordon Korman
4. Divergent by Veronica Roth
5. Legend by Marie Lu



What is your favorite moment teaching?

My favorite moment teaching is not one specific time in my teaching career. It is when I am teaching something to students and someone, who is struggling to grasp the concept, finally “gets” it. I love that feeling!

What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened in front of a classroom?

I was wearing a very unfortunate pair of dress pants to work that I had never worn before. I did not know that the buttons on the pants did not stay buttoned. I had been teaching for at least 3 class periods, when a co-worker walked in my room and let me know that my pants were not buttoned. I have no idea how long they were like that, but I was checking my buttons for the rest of the day and never wore those pants again!

What is your favorite kind of meat?

I really love venison. I grew up out in the country and my dad hunted – A LOT! Recently, my dad has retired and has started processing his own venison. He makes the BEST venison jerky around.

Do you like dogs?

I love dogs! My students know that I am a bit of a dog freak. I even have a Wall O’ Pets in my room where my students hang pictures of their pets. The funny thing is that I do not own a dog. I had many dogs as a child and as an adult I have not bought one...yet. I just have to convince my husband that it is a good thing to do first!

What do you do on Fridays after school?

On a typical Friday, I try to leave work earlier than normal and pick up Jackson, my 4 year old, from preschool and get home to hang out with the rest of my family.

What is your favorite song?

- “Two Step” by The Dave Matthews Band
“Talk to Me” by Tim Mahoney
“Banana Pancakes” by Jack Johnson
“Curbside Prophet” by Jason Mraz
“Into the Mystic” Van Morrison





Mr. Neu Interviewed by Hannah Bischoff and Kaitlyn Hicks

You might know Mr. Neu as the “science guy,” but I like to think of him as the “funny guy.” Mr. Neu is so fun to be around! Anyone who knows him loves him, but not in a freaky way. He used to coach cross country, but quit a couple of months ago. He also coaches boys wrestling on Tuesdays. If you don’t already know this, Mr. Neu is almost 50 years old or almost 213 dog years! Now for some questions:



1) What is your favorite color?

My favorite color is red.

2) What got you interested in wrestling?

My brother joined wrestling, so I joined too. I have been wrestling or coaching wrestling for 40 years.

3) How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 27 years. 2 years at 3rd grade, 1 year at 5th grade and the rest at 6th grade.

4) What is on the top of your bucket list?

Catch a bigger fish than Mr. Grim.

5) When is your B-Day?

May 25, 1965. It snowed!

6) How many kids do you have?

I have 2 kids. Isaac, 22 and Anna, 19.

7) Who did you always look up to?

Mr. Niedfeldt, Mr. Grim, Mr. Dahlen, Mr. Bade, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Jasken, Mr. Girdner, and Mr. Lundgren. They are All taller than me.



8) What is your favorite 6th grade memory?

Going to the state capitol.

9) What is your favorite vacation?

Fort Myer’s Beach - Twins preseason Games.



10) Why does your family pronounce your last name as “Ny” and not “New”?

It is a German name. Not sure why they pronounce it Ny.

11) What was your most embarrassing teaching moment?

I was teaching with my zipper down, kind of embarrassing!

12) Do you have any advice for our readers?

Be active at school. Be involved in many activities that not only challenge you, but are fun, too.





Ms. Williams Interviewed by Kaitlyn Hicks

What is your full name?

Kelly Goehl Williams

What subject do you teach?

Health and Social Studies

How many years have you been teaching?

This is my 6th year.

Why and when did you

decide to become a teacher?

I decided in 3rd grade I wanted to be a teacher. The reason was because I had amazing teachers as role models and wanted to be just like them. I also really enjoy being around kids because they are the best!

What is your favorite book?

Anything from the Percy Jackson and the Olympians/Lost Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan

Favorite food?

Anything dessert related - cookies, candy, ice cream, cupcakes, brownies, pie, cake, etc. I have a wicked sweet tooth!



Favorite candy?

This is a very hard question for me because I love lots of chocolate candy. If I *had* to choose, I'd pick M&Ms probably.

Most memorable vacation trip?

I love all of my trips for different reasons, but I'd say my top 3 trips are 1.) South Africa and Lesotho 2.) Egypt and 3.) Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado

Favorite TV series?

Impractical Jokers, How I Met Your Mother, Criminal Minds, Big Bang Theory, New Girl

Favorite music artist?

I enjoy many artists including Josh Groban, Gavin DeGraw, Eric Hutchinson, ZZ Ward, and so many more!

Favorite book character?

Oh, there are so many to pick from! I love Cinna and Peeta from Hunger Games, Grover from Percy Jackson, Dit and Emma from The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had

Least favorite subject?

Math

Least favorite food?

Brussel sprouts

Least favorite genre?

Heavy Metal

If you ruled the world, what would be your #1 rule?

Be nice or leave. And mandatory ice cream parties on Mondays.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

Teleportation. How awesome would that be to get anywhere in the world within seconds!?

If you could have anyone to be your "bff", who would it be?

Josh Groban. He is super funny, sweet, and an amazing singer!

If you could do one bad thing and never get punished what would it be?

Drive whatever speed I want when the weather isn't bad.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I have two super tall, younger brothers- Erik and Ryan. They are the best!

What is your most memorable teaching moment?

There have been too many to name! Some that come to the top of my mind are when one of my students got stuck in the recycling bin, I had to teach one of my classes how to do proper exercise squats, and anytime a student sees their hard work pay off and are so proud.

What piece of advice would you like to give to the students at the 6th Grade Center?

Work hard and be nice to people. If it doesn't make the world a better place- don't do it. Sixth grade is an important year to learn about who you are and how to be a good student/learner. Some days are better than other days- don't get discouraged and keep trying your very best. ☺





Mr. Lundgren Interviewed by Alex Munzke

What is your full name?

Jason Aaron Lundgren

What subject do you teach?

Reading and Language Arts

How many years have you

been teaching?

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Why and when did you decide to become a teacher?

I decided to be a teacher because I love having the opportunity to help students succeed, and hopefully to leave a positive mark that will endure for years to come.

What is your favorite book?

The Hunger Games!!!!

Favorite food?

I love Chik Fil A spicy chicken sandwiches and Caribou Coffee!

Favorite candy?

Butterfingers



Most memorable vacation trip?

I went to Australia in 1998 and made a bunch of lasting memories.

Favorite music genre?

Country Music

Favorite book character?

Katniss Everdeen



Least favorite food?

Tuna Casserole

If you ruled the world, what would be your #1 rule?

Let the choices you make today be the choices you can live with tomorrow.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

I would love to have the ability to be invisible. How cool would that be!!!

Have you gotten yourself into a mess by telling people that you would do something but then you don't?

I have done this on a few occasions (when I was younger) and learned from my mistakes.

If you could have anyone to be your "bff", who would it be?

The President of the United States.

If you could do one bad thing and never get punished what would it be?

I would not do the bad thing. I say this because I would know that it was wrong and would torture myself for doing it. Eventually I would ask for forgiveness so it would be better if I just did not do anything bad.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I have one older brother who tortured me when I was younger, but today he is my best friend.

What is your most memorable teaching moment?

I have many, but the one that springs to mind would be...my first year of teaching I had a student by the name of "Tyronne" it was getting to be holiday time and he really wanted to give me a gift. He (and I) knew that his family did not have a lot of money, but he really wanted to give me something. The day before holiday break I found a package on my desk with Tyronne's handwriting on it. When I opened it, I saw that he had given me a toy knight and horse. After studying it, I saw that there was a small note attached that read, "I did not have any money to buy you anything, sorry, so I am giving you my favorite toy." If you come into my classroom you will always see that knight on my desk as a reminder of the true gift of being a teacher.

What piece of advice would you like to give to the students at the 6th Grade Center?

Do your best and try your hardest because it does not go unnoticed. I would also say, strive to do what you love in life because work will not be a chore but a blessing.



Mrs. Gonyea Interviewed by Eli Gessinger

What subject do you teach?

I teach social studies and health

How many years have you been teaching?

This is my 11th year

Why and when did you decide to become a teacher?

I decided to become a teacher in 5th grade. I didn't actually accomplish that goal until I was in my 30's. I'm a bit of a late bloomer.

What is your favorite book?

That changes depending on what mood I'm in. I really loved Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett.

Favorite food?

Ice Cream!



Favorite candy?

Chewy/fruity/sour. Laffy Taffy's are dangerous for me.

Most memorable vacation trip?

Camping at Jay Cooke State Park. We did so much exploring! It was great.

Favorite TV series?

I don't really watch TV much.

Favorite music genre?

Tough one! Not country, not hip hop other than that, I'm open.

Favorite music artist?

I've been listening to Chet Baker lately.

Favorite book character?

Per Hansa from Giants in the Earth



Favorite school subject?

Social Studies

Least favorite subject?

Probably math



Least favorite food?

I tried sushi with octopus once. I didn't care for it.

Least favorite candy?

Circus Peanuts



Least favorite genre?

Science Fiction

Least favorite music artist?

I don't know, if I don't like it, I don't listen to it.

If you ruled the world, what would be your #1 rule?

Be kind.

If you could have any superpower what would it be? Why?

I think it would be great to be able to fly. A person could just get up and go when they wanted to- think it would be cool.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I have two brothers and 1 sister.

What is your most memorable teaching moment?

While I was student teaching on the first day I was alone in the classroom and a student choked on a lifesaver. I had to do the Heimlich to pop the candy out. It scared me!

What piece of advice would you like to give to the students at the 6th Grade Center?

Put your best effort into whatever you do. It works!



Ms. Reamsnyder Interviewed by Shay Van Eyll



What do you do in your free time between classes?

During passing time?? I'm normally helping kids OR getting ready for the next class. During my prep, I am grading papers, getting things together, or filling

up my coffee mug to stay warm.

Why don't you like tap water?

Well....you all seem to think it's because I am a water snob, which I might be, but I don't know....there is just a weird taste with water sometimes. So I prefer to stick with my Aquafina. I do recycle though!!!

What teachers are your besties?

I think everyone here is fabulous to work with and I love hanging out with them when we have the opportunity. I wish some of us could all hang out more often!!! However, I would probably say that I get to see Mrs. Thom and Mrs. Follen the most.

Why did you choose to teach Language arts and reading?

I have wanted to be a teacher ever since 1st grade when Ms. Hawksmith was my teacher. She made school so much fun and really cared about me. When I was in 2nd grade, she let me come back and read books to her class. I knew then that I wanted to teach Reading because I loved reading so much.

What do you do after school?

I do all sorts of things after school. I used to take ballet growing up and really missed it, so I started taking a class this year. I work out at a place called Balanced Barre, I hang out with my boyfriend Wade and we cook dinner together and always seem to be watching sports, even though what I really want to watch is Friends or the Big Bang Theory. I hang out with my friends and family and sometimes I just fall asleep on the couch because I am so tired from the week.

Do you have grading parties with the teachers on Fridays?

Ohhhhh, all the time!!!! :) Just kidding!! By Fridays, I am ready to go home and relax, watch movies and sleep!

If you ruled the world what would your #1 rule be?

I really don't know.....I wanna say something that involves getting shoes :)

If you could have 1 superpower what would it be?

If I could have one superpower it would be to teleport to wherever I wanted to go.

What is your favorite after school snack?

I have a lot of favorite after school snacks: brie cheese and crackers, carrots and ranch dressing, graham crackers and peanut butter or bagel bites.

What is your most embarrassing moment as a teacher?

When I was student teaching in Le Sueur, we went skiing for our field trip. I had not been skiing in a really, really long time and all of the kids dared me to go down a black diamond. I thought I could and right at the top of the hill when I was going down, I realized I couldn't. I tumbled down the entire hill.....my skis flew off, poles trailed behind me, and my gloves flew through the air. I was bleeding from scraping my hands on the icy snow. The best part was that the kids watched from the chair lifts and laughed the whole time. I had to get up and act like it was no big deal. ☺

What is your favorite type of movie candy?

My favorite movie candy is Raisinets.

What is your favorite type of ice cream?

My favorite ice cream is plain chocolate or Phish Food by Ben and Jerrys.



Fun Questions to Think About by Alex Munzke

- If man evolved from apes why do we still have apes?
- If a cow laughed really hard, would milk come out her nose?
- How can someone "draw a blank"?
- When they ship Styrofoam, what do they pack it in?
- How do you KNOW it's new and improved dog food?
- What do sheep count when they can't get to sleep?
- When cheese gets its picture taken what does it say?
- Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
- Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out"?

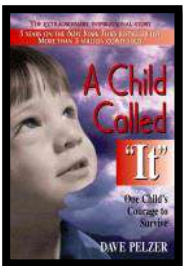


Great Books to Read by Alex Munzke

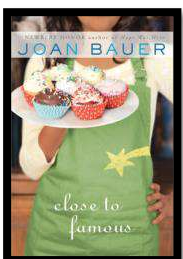
Looking for a good book? Here are some: The Book Thief, A Child called "It", and Close to Famous.



The Book Thief is set in the 1930's and is about World War 2. A girl named Liesel Meminger is brought to a foster home, but not before watching her brother die on the train ride there. Her foster mother Rosa Hubermann is a strict woman who yells and swears a lot. Hans Hubermann is tall, gentle, and smokes a lot. Soon Liesel meets a boy named Rudy and their adventure begins. But that all changes when a Jewish man named Max Vandenburg shows up.



A Child Called, "It" is a true story based on the David Pelzer and his childhood. As a boy his mother was emotionally unstable, he was beaten when he fought back and was never really fed. One night after his mother had changed his brother's diaper; she brought it to him and smeared it on his face shouting at him to eat it. For him it was a matter of playing his mother's game to survive.



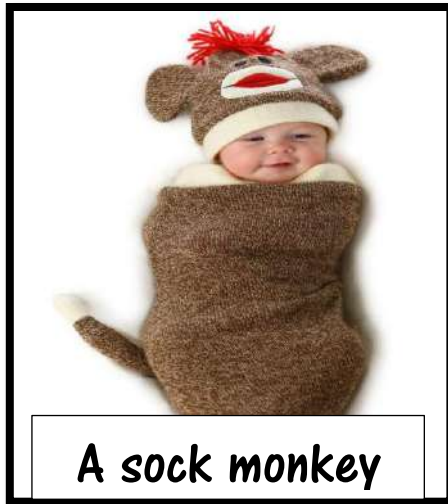
Close to Famous is about a girl named Foster who loves to bake, but the only problem is she can't read. Driven out of town by an Elvis impersonator, Foster and her mama end up in Culpepper where they meet a nice couple who save them from falling over a cliff. Looking for a place to stay they offer to let them have their trailer "the bullet." While unpacking she notices she doesn't have her dad's pillow case filled with his stuff. In this book you'll be taken on an exciting adventure.

Babies Expressions By Izabella Zadra

Babies can be...



A princess



A sock monkey



Silly



Super Adorable



Mad



Awesome



Scary



Cute



Sad

The Best Movies of the 80's by Izabella zadra



The Great Outdoors

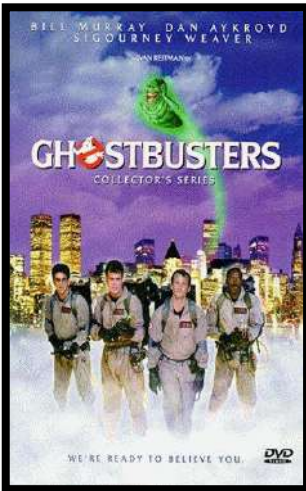
1988

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Starring: John Candy and Dan Aykroyd

Chet Ripley (John Candy) decides to take his family to the woods of Canada for an enjoyable week. But it isn't that enjoyable when Uncle Roman (Dan Aykroyd) and the rest of his crazy family come to spend the week with Chet. Will the Ripleys be able to handle all the mayhem?

From IMBD.com: "Big-hearted Chicago family man Chet has brought his family to a lakeside resort area, and although his wife and kids aren't quite as excited as he is, Chet has high hopes for the vacation. However, his optimism is sabotaged when his obnoxious brother-in-law Roman drops in unexpectedly, along with his snooty, strange family. Chet and his family try to stay open-minded, but they find it difficult to relax and enjoy themselves because of the constant annoyance of Roman's presence."



Ghostbusters

1984

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Starring: Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver

Peter(Bill Murray) and his friend Ray (Dan Aykroyd) find a space to run their business, Ghostbusters, to save the world from the ghosts of the world.

From IMBD.com: "Three odd-ball scientists get kicked out of their cushy positions at a university in New York City where they studied the occult. They decide to set up shop in an old firehouse and become Ghostbusters, trapping pesky ghosts, spirits, haunts, and poltergeists for money. They wise-crack their way through the city, and stumble upon a gateway to another dimension, one which will release untold evil upon the city. The Ghostbusters are called on to save the Big Apple."



Ghostbusters 2

1989

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Starring: Bill Murry, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver

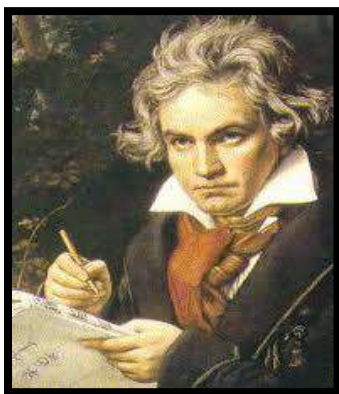
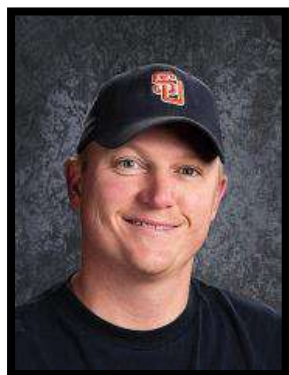
Seven Words: Not as good as the first one!

From IMDB.com: "Five years after the events of the first film, the Ghostbusters have been plagued by lawsuits and court orders, and their once-lucrative business is bankrupt. However, when Dana begins to have ghost problems again, the boys come out of retirement only to be promptly arrested. The Ghostbusters discover that New York is once again headed for supernatural doom, with a river of ectoplasmic slime bubbling beneath the city and an ancient sorcerer attempting to possess Dana's baby and be born anew. Can the Ghostbusters quell the negative emotions feeding the otherworldly threat and stop the world from being slimed?"

Teacher Math Equations by Izabella Zadra



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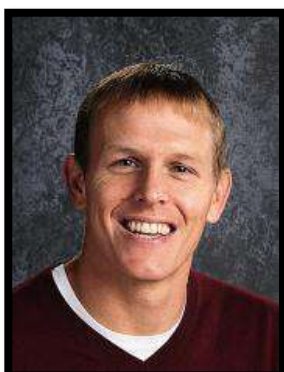
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Catching Fire Review + Extras by Eileen Leivestad and Caitlin Frounfelter

The Hunger Games was a big movie production when the film first came out March 23rd 2012. Now there is a sequel called *Catching Fire* that came out November 22nd, 2013. And some of you might have seen it on November 21st, 2013 with the Shakopee Schools. It took big hits and a lot of people loved it so if you haven't seen it, go see it in theaters now. This is what it would be about, but first we have to tell you about *The Hunger Games*.

The Hunger Games is about a girl named Katniss who lives in a futuristic North American country called Panem. She lives in district twelve. Each district provides something (and there are twelve districts) for the capitol. Every year the Capitol has what they call the *Hunger Games*. Each district must bring forth one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18. *The Hunger Games* is a contest of bravery, courage, and sacrifice. For the Capitol they're just games. But for Katniss Everdeen, they are a death sentence. It's just another reaping for Katniss Everdeen who is 16. Until Katniss' little sister Prim gets drawn, but in fear that her little sister will die and that Prim is the only one Katniss knows she loves, she volunteers as a tribute for her sister. A boy also gets picked and that boy's name is Peeta Mellark who once saved Katniss' and her families' lives. Will Katniss and Peeta win? Or will they die trying to fight for each other? They have to fight to survive and it's a very sad story but at the same time is exhilarating and awesome. So you should check out the book in the library or see the movie.

Catching Fire is the prequel to *The Hunger Games*. Katniss and Peeta start going to different districts on the victory tour. But Katniss is at the breaking point. She still remembers everything as if it happened yesterday. Peeta and Katniss are supposed to be star-crossed lovers. And it's gone too far since she has to get married to Peeta. But she has had enough. And Peeta has made an announcement even Katniss didn't see coming! When the Quarter Quell is around the corner the Capitol has a special surprise for her and rest of the victors. Will Katniss and Peeta survive the wrath of the capitol or die in the act? *(This book is our personal favorite).

Mockingjay is the shocking conclusion to *The Hunger Games* trilogy. Peeta is captured by the Capitol and is televised all over TV as if he was crowned victor. Katniss is now the key to the rebellion. She is the Mockingjay. District thirteen is planning an attack and the Capitol is asking for war. Will Katniss survive and fulfill the job as the one and only Mockingjay? Or will her heart shatter in the process? And the final question everyone is asking... Who will win her heart, Peeta or Gale?

Hope you decide to read all the books which are here at the school library. Get it from Mrs. Weatherman or Ms. Clarke (if you already haven't)! We hope you like the books and movies, we do!

Catching Fire Review and Spoils by Ayden Highet

Have you seen the new movie "Catching Fire?" Well, it must be the most interesting movie I have seen this year. If you haven't, where have you been? Just kidding. Well, for a fact, I love it. It's the best movie ever. Out of ten stars, my rating is 9 out of 10.

There are two parts that I love from it.

1. "The Party"

Katniss and Peeta are having a terrible time in the Capitol, because they have been forced to act like they love each other. President Snow wants them to die if Katniss does not convince Peeta, but sadly she did not. So Snow makes a bad choice of the 75th Hunger Games leading the rebellion, stopping the Hunger Games.

2. "The Games"

They finally enter the arena for the Hunger Games. The cloth is very light this year so it must be the desert or jungle. Katniss is sworn to protect Peeta in battle but she can't find him in the arena so she panics. Katniss needs a team, and bad.



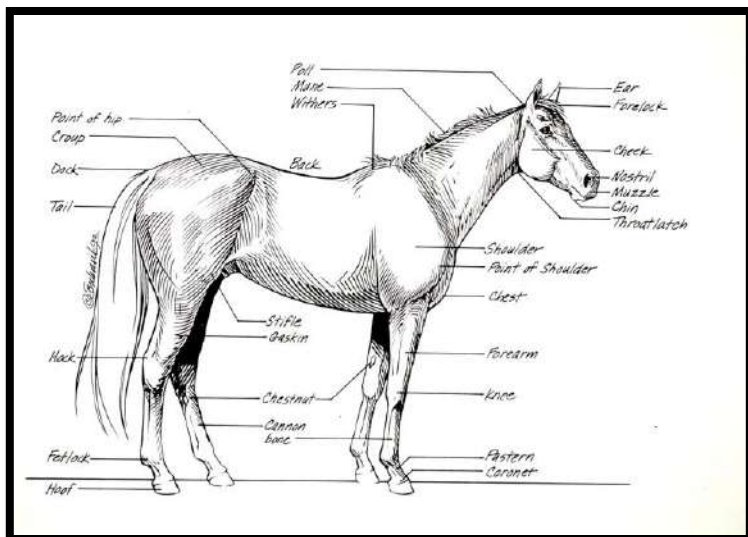
Horseback Riding by Alyssa Jirik

Have you ever ridden on a horse? If you have, maybe you would describe it as “flying”, or perhaps simply “amazing”. Okay, maybe it isn’t your personal favorite topic to read about, but I strongly encourage you to read it! Maybe you’ll even want to get involved in the sport!

Horseback riding is actually a sport. Although others may disagree, horseback riding requires athletic ability. *Posting* (not the kind of post, meaning posting something on Instagram, Facebook, E.T.C.) is a riding term, that will help smoothen out a trot. Posting means to use only your legs, mostly knees, and move up and down on the saddle. I myself horseback ride as a sport, and I feel like I am flying.

There are many kinds of styles for riding. One is dressage. You may or may not have known this, but this is a team sport. If you don’t get along with the horse you ride, it likely won’t go well for you. But once you find a horse you really like and have a great companionship with, you both will be unstoppable!

Thank you for reading, and hopefully you enjoyed this article!



Power Patrol Green Team T.I.P.S. by Marilyn Jostock

Hey there Pearson students, we are coming at you with some awesomely terrific news! The Power Patrol team will be creating a T.I.P.S. board for saving cold hard CASH \$\$\$\$. Every week the team will be posting new T.I.P.S. Once you find them each week, there are multiple ways you can choose to use them. All the different ways should be on each card since there are different ways for each task. We will keep you informed and there may be more to come!

Visit the People Power Planet website at:

<http://peoplepowerplanet.com>



Student talk with Alexis Juarez by Alex Munzke

What's your greatest fear?

Dramatically high heights.

What is the weirdest animal and why?

The fox because it has no specific noise.

What is the worst food you have eaten?

Octopus because of the suction cups.

What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?

In second grade I forgot to bring a belt and some kid pants-ed me in front of everyone.

What is the best world record and have you ever tried to break it?

Longest finger nails and no.

What was the worst experience you ever had?

I was running down the stairs, then tripped and started rolling down the stairs.

Do you and your brother have a psychic connection?

Sometimes, often we do.

What's the worst candy?

Snickers, because I can't stand peanuts in my candy.

If you could stop time what would you do?

Sleep more and spend more alone time.

What is the best game you have ever played?

Minecraft, because you get to build your own world.

What's your worst nightmare?

When my brother was about to be killed and I was frozen.

Who do you admire the most?

My brother because he's the better half of me and I know I can rely on him.

My Interesting Friends (Zada Nguyen, Jemima Yevu, and Shay VanEyll) by Hailey Kukacka

Zada, Jemima, and Shay's answers are all mixed together and are ordered randomly.

Question #1: What is your favorite song?

"Holy Grail" by JayZ ft. Justin Timberlake, "Salve Regina" by Georgian Chant, and "Let Her Go" by Passenger

Question #2: What is that one book you continue to read over and over?

The Fault in Our Stars, Twilight - Breaking Dawn, and Close to Famous

Question #3: What is your favorite movie?

"Catching Fire," "Anne Frank: The Whole Story" and "Pitch Perfect"

Question #4: What is your favorite movie genre?

Action, Historic & Fantasy, and All

Question #5: What is your favorite music artist?

Justin Beiber & Chris Brown, Carter Burwell, and Katy Perry

Question #5: What is your favorite book genre?

Realistic Fiction, Dystopian & Science Fiction, and Realistic Fiction

Question #6: What is your favorite chip flavor?

Cheese, Sour Cream and Onion, and BBQ

Question #7: What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Cookie Dough, Chocolate, and Double Fudge Cookie Dough

Cat Pics + Facts by Eli Gessinger

Cats are very amusing animals. This article is all about their personalities. They make great pets if you can deal with a little shedding of fur. They can be little fluffy angels if you treat them well. Not all cats are as crazy as these felines in the pictures. Cats usually sleep 12 to 16 hours a day and only weigh about 8 to 11 pounds. There are around 70 breeds of cats.

They have a lot of features. In their ears they have 32 muscles. We only have 6 in our ears. Of any mammal, cats have the largest eyes compared to their body. Cats have 5 toes on their foot in the front but only 4 on the back feet. Cats need only 1 sixth of light of what humans need, so they can practically see in the dark. A cat's whiskers can tell them if they can fit through a space or not. Never ever trim their whiskers or they will get stuck and hurt themselves.



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SCRATCHPOST
TOYS
TREATS
TUNA
YARN





Cats by An Anonymous Staff Member



Please read this! It may make your life happier for the next twenty years! Many of us think of cats as crabby, hissing, scratching animals who hate everything. Movies influence that cats are unsuccessful (Tom and Jerry), Naughty (Looney Tunes) and even evil (Cats vs. Dogs). But many of us with a cat of our own know this is not usually the case.

In reality, cats are sweet loving animals who will love you unconditionally. Often times my cat will warm my lap while I'm doing my homework, and he loves to play with his catnip mouse toy. If you are thinking about getting a pet, I really encourage you to consider adopting a cat.

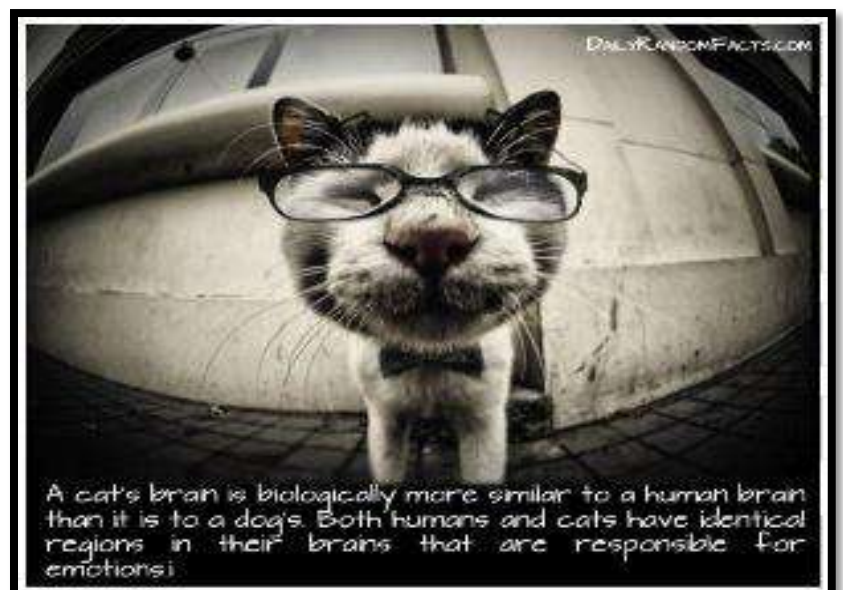
If you are getting a pet, you should not get him/her from stores such as Petland or Petco, but instead from animal shelters, where cats need rescuing and are often times cheaper, too.



You may want to look up times when adoptions are being held. Some of you may only be familiar with the Siamese or Persian, but there are over seventy breeds for you to choose from. Many cats that can't find homes are "euthanized" or "put to sleep". Please, these cats need your help today. If somebody you live with is allergic, there are hypoallergenic breeds of cats. If the place where you live does not allow pets or you can't afford a pet, don't worry. You can still help out.



You can volunteer at any time at your local animal shelter, or make a donation of blankets, food, dishes, toys, beds, or money. These cats need your help today. They are waiting for you. Thank you for reading!



Totally Random Facts You Might Want To Know by Nicole Bazinet

Only half of a dolphins brain sleeps at a time, the other signals the body to go up for air to prevent drowning.

Students who chew gum have better math test scores than those who do not, as a study found.

There is no relationship between the amount of time spent on homework and better grades, a study found.



Candy Crush has more active monthly players than the entire population of Canada.

License plates in the Canadian Northwest Territories are shaped like polar bears.

People with many friends live 3.7 years longer than those who are isolated.

Cats can recognize owners' voices, but seem too cool to care, according to a study.

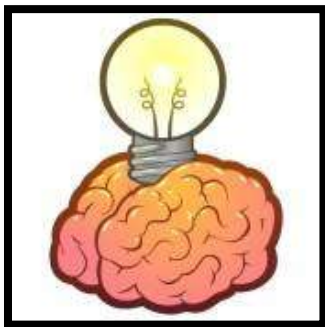
If you type in "askew" in Google search, the screen will tilt slightly to the right.

A canvas painted blue with a white line down the middle sold for almost \$44,000,000.

In 2009, police arrested a goat on suspicion of attempted armed robbery.

Looking at cute pictures of animals while you work can make you more productive, claims a study.

The worlds' oldest known creature, a mollusk, was 507 years old when scientists accidentally killed it. Poor mollusk.



If you made a shoe for the statue of liberty, it would be a size 879.

9 million adults in Britain have never used the internet before.

The left/right brain divide is a myth, they work together.

41 new species are discovered by scientists every day.

Laughing 100 times is equal to 15 minutes on a bike.

Small animals' sense time slower than humans do.

Under polar bears white fur, they have black skin.

Theodore Roosevelt had a pet bear while in office.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

Iran arrested 14 squirrels for spying in 2007.

Cleopatra was actually Greek, not Egyptian.

1 in 594 people in the world is a millionaire.

There are 1,426 billionaires in the world.

Dandelions are edible.

Fish can cough.

Gold is edible.



I took some time to interview some people from the Newspaper Staff to find out their favorite TV shows! Hope you can relate, enjoy! By the way, for people who wanted to be anonymous I put in a fake name. By Hannah Beacraft

MockingJay3139: Once Upon a Time

(my comment: I don't watch that show... no comment)

KC Herring: Doctor Who

(my comment: OMG THIS IS WHY YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND!!!!!!)

SpartanMan5000: PYSCH

(My comment: I LOVE THAT SHOW!!!!)

23000: Doctor Who

(my comment: THAT'S MY FAVORITE SHOW)

Alex: Supernatural

(my comment: Never seen it)

Mrs. Thom: Modern Family

Whovian: Doctor Who

(WOW! I just love how many people are saying Doctor Who.)

CheeseMaster: Ninjago

UnicornMan: Spongebob

(LOL - I love that show)

Martha: Doctor Who

(She is my best friend, even before that comment)

Rose Tyler: Doctor Who

(YES)

The Pearson Test! By Jordan Hughes

1. Who is your favorite teacher?

- A. Mr. Finch
- B. Mrs. Smith
- C. Mrs. Erickson
- D. Fill in your own answer_____

2. What is your favorite lunch?

- A. Pulled Pork
- B. Rib Sandwich
- C. Mac And Cheese
- D. Fill in your own answer_____

3. What is your favorite class?

- A. Gym
- B. Art
- C. Choir
- D. Fill in your own answer_____

4. What is your favorite subject?

- A. Math
- B. Science
- C. Social Studies
- D. Fill in your own answer_____

5. Why do you like school?

- A. Teachers
- B. Friends
- C. Homework
- D. Fill in your own answer_____

7. What's a common name?

- A. Caitlyn
- B. Hannah
- C. Mark
- D. Fill in your own answer_____

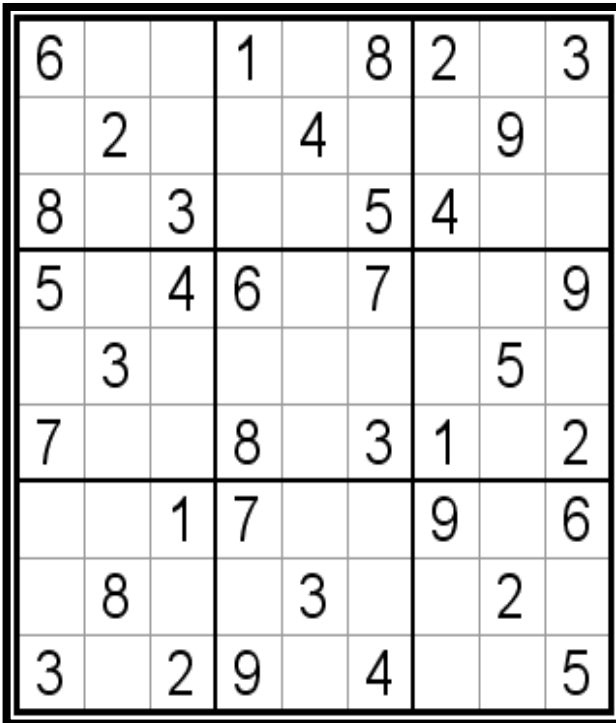
8. What is your favorite after school activity?

- A. Hanging out with friends
- B. Sports
- C. Going home
- D. Fill in your own answer_____

9. Who is the school principal?

- A. Mr. Neu
- B. Mr. Girdner
- C. Ms. Turry
- D. Mrs. Weatherman

Bored? Looking for something fun to do? Well, you've come to the right place!





What's Your ELF name?

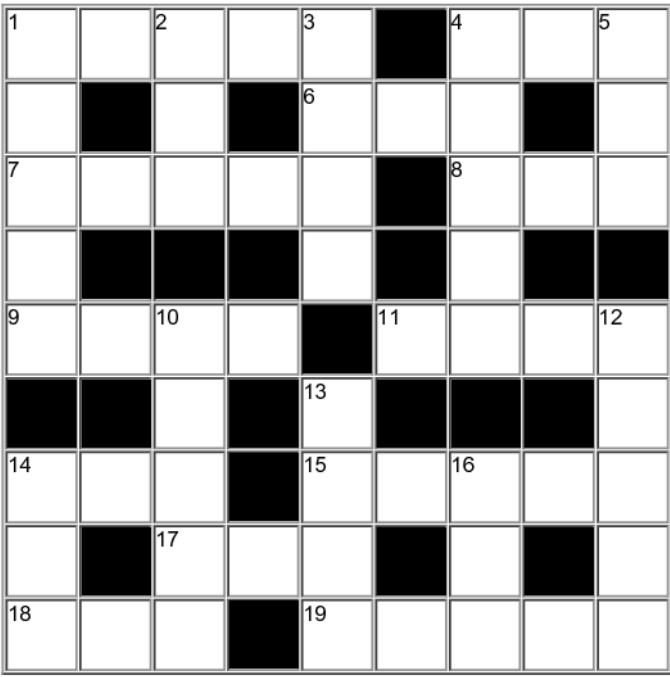
The First Letter Of My First Name Is:

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| A- Perky | I- Kringle | O- Elfie | U- Peaches |
| B- Nipper | J- Puddin | P- Jingle | V- Gingerbread |
| C- Bubbles | K- Cookie | Q- Snowflake | W- Frisbee |
| D- Happy | L- Tinker | R- Jolly | X- Evergreen |
| E- Squeezy | M- Twinkle | S- Elvis | Y- Pinky |
| F- Sunny | N- Buddy | T- Sugarplum | Z- Tinsel |
| G- Merry | | | |
| H- Tootsie | | | |

The Month I Was Born In Is:

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| JAN- Angel-Pants | JULY- Superplum |
| FEB- Floppy-Feet | AUG- Sugar-Socks |
| MAR- Plum-Pants | SEP- Pickle-Pants |
| APR- McJingles | OCT- Sparkley-Toes |
| MAY- Peppermint | NOV- Monkey-Buns |
| JUNE- Toe-Bells | DEC- Pointy-Toes |

9x9 Crossword #269



Across

1. Cook on gridiron
4. Work with shovel
6. Belonging to us
7. Repeated another time
8. Small insect
9. 10 cent coin
11. Frozen precipitation
14. Food tin
15. Grayish green
17. Hooting bird
18. Sticky black substance
19. A lollipop

Down

1. Protect
2. Northern Ireland army
3. Not short
4. Empty liquid from container
5. Acquire
10. Not major
12. Fully of weeds
13. Tootsie _____
14. Feline
16. Sick

Answers to 9x9 Crossword #269:

Across: 1. grill, 4. dig, 6. our, 7. again, 8. ant, 9. dime, 11. snow, 14. can, 15. olive, 17. owl, 18. tar, 19. lolly

Down: 1. guard, 2. IRA, 3. long, 4. drain, 5. get, 10. minor, 12. weedy, 13. roll, 14. cat, 16. ill



Happy New Year

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JOY

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