



November 19, 2009
Issue 1

We're Back

by Riley Springer



We're back and ready to type!

The Paw Print reporters are ready to get stories for our school newspaper. There are 10 reporters this year: Matthew Arens, Wil Hezlep, Kathryn Burquest, Sarah Koep, Katie Koegel, Karley Colberg, Sam Koegel, Abigail Koep, and Saren Smith.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. We will create a newspaper every month. This year we have a video recorder called the flip mino, to video some interviews. The newspaper will be on the school website (www.isd547.com), too. And, The Independent will be printing some of our articles this year.

So, if you have any good article ideas please put them in the idea bucket in your classrooms!

Thanks and I hope we get good article ideas!

Contents

We're Back	1
Panther Pride	1
New Students	1
Ask A 6 th Grader	2
Bon Appétit	2
Accelerated Reader	2
Teacher Feature	3
The Magic of Recycling	3
The Cleanest Classroom	3
Student Council News	3
Meet the Staff	4
Sports & Activities	4

Panther Pride

by Saren Smith

Let's show some panther pride! In this week's edition of the Paw Print, we talked about a lot of cool stuff. This article is about Panther Pride and bullying.

I interviewed Mrs. Gordy and she gave me the inside scoop on how panther pride works. Panther pride is all about trying to get everyone on the same page. In other words Mrs. Gordy is trying to get everyone to understand what she means when she says things about bullying and a lot of other stuff.

Mrs. Gordy also answered a few questions about the bullying that's going on on the buses. She thinks that kids have so much energy from sitting in a desk all day that when they get on the bus they think that they're away from school so they can do whatever they want but that's not the case.

So, let's keep the bullying down and the spirits up!

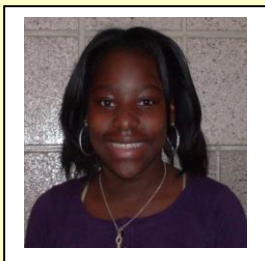
New Students

by Kathryn Burquest

I interviewed Naija Woods, a new student in 6th grade.

Naija went to Scout Highlands middle school and Diamond Path and lived in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Naija turned 12 on November 9, 2009 and has 6 siblings: 4 sisters and 2 brothers. In her spare time Naija likes dancing, playing soccer and listening to her favorite music. Naija said she really likes Parkers Prairie because there are a lot of nice people here. I asked Naija what she liked about being in a new school and she said she likes to get to know new friends. The sports that Naija likes to participate in are soccer, dance, and cheerleading.

If you see Naija in the halls say hi!



Naija Woods
6th Grader



*Megan Arens
3rd Grader*

Ask a 6th Grader

by Abigail Koep

Third grader, Megan Arens from Miss Buvarp's class wants to know what 6th grade math like?

I asked Megan what 3rd grade is working on in math right now. She said they were working on ballpark estimates.

Sixth grade is working on graphing now but last month we were working on estimates. In 6th grade you get to use a template, ruler, and a special calculator.

Starting in 5th grade, if you're good at math, Math Masters start. If you're in Math Masters, you go to competition and can win awards. There are three categories for awards: Fact drill, Individual, and Team.

So, work hard in math and you may be a Math Master!

Bon Appétit

by Sam Koegel

Hey all you nugget eaters, did you know that we eat about 22,050 chicken nuggets a school year?! Have you ever wondered where your tacos or maybe even your spaghetti comes from?

Well here's your chance to find out. I had a chance to ask Sharon Kingston all these questions and more! Sharon's most memorable not-so-funny moment was when she was taking a hot pan out of the oven, but forgetting to put gloves on and dropping the pan with the food flying all over. Sharon has worked hard to serve the students of Parkers Prairie Elementary nutritious meals for 33 years. All that yummy food comes from the Food Services of America. Sharon agreed that the most popular food is spaghetti; the least popular lunch is corndogs.

Last of all remember to thank all of the cooks when they serve you your food.

Bon Appétit!

Accelerated Reader

by Matthew Arens

Did you know that our school has been using AR since the mid 1990s? For that long, AR, a program used across the world, has been helping us track how well we comprehend what we read.

AR has been proven to enhance, or improve, reading skills. It does this by getting children to challenge themselves by getting a certain amount of points. AR also pinpoints certain reading problems. "The reports track a student's successful reading practices, qualities, quantities, and the difficulty." Mrs. Cronk tells the Paw print.

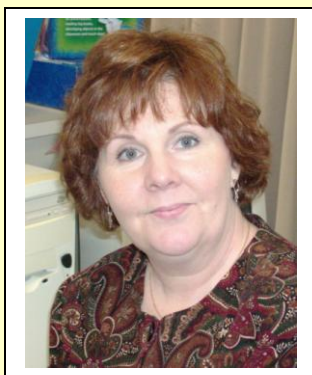
The school library has hundreds of books to choose from. Remember that all AR tests taken after July 1st count for the next school year.

Happy reading!

Need A Laugh?

How do you make
Time fly?

Throw a clock out
the window.



*Lee Anne Cronk
School Librarian*

Teacher Feature

by Katie Koegel

I had the chance to talk with Mrs. McDaniel to get to know her better. Mrs. McDaniel likes math. In fact, she likes to teach it and she liked it as a little girl. Her favorite book was Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing by Judy Blume.

Mrs. McDaniel has taught 1st grade, 4th grade, 5th grade and 2nd grade. Mrs. McDaniel has four family members: her husband Mike, and her kids Jessica, Andrew and Hunter. Her favorite holiday is Christmas. She likes Christmas because her family gets together and her dad likes any gift they give him. She likes to spend her time at the beach with her kids.

I had a lot of fun learning new stuff about Mrs. McDaniel. I hope you did too!



*Mrs. McDaniel
2nd Grade Teacher*

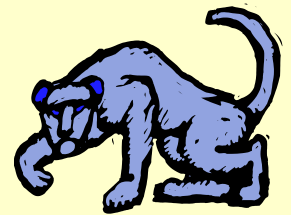
The Magic of Recycling

contributed by 2nd Grade

On October 21, 2009 we went to the multipurpose room and watched the show called The Magic of Recycling. We learned about recycling. Recycle a piece of paper instead of throwing it away. We get paper from trees. Recycled paper can be used to make other things like posters, newspapers or hats. We save energy and trees by recycling. We should recycle glass jars and cans too. We can reuse glass bottles. Some pencils and playground equipment can be made out of recycled plastic. Our landfills are getting too full. So please recycle.

The recycling magician made a garbage monster pop out of a garbage can. He made a handkerchief come out of Kolby's sleeve. He even changed an old phonebook into a new phonebook. We liked his story about his friend Tim who reminded us to recycle. The magician even turned a newspaper roll into a tall, shaggy paper tree.

The end. Read it again.



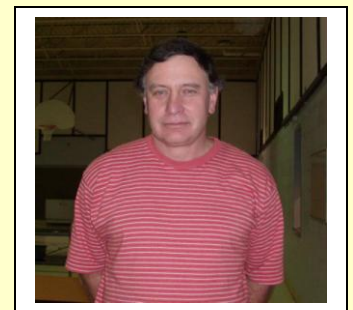
The Cleanest Classroom

by Sarah Koep

I interviewed Roger Rewitzer. He's a custodian for the school. I asked him which classroom he thought was the cleanest. He thinks that Mrs. Christopherson's room is the cleanest. I asked him what students could do in their classrooms to make his job easier. He said students could pick up any large pieces of paper, because the vacuum cleaner won't pick it up.

I asked Roger what he liked most about being a custodian. He said, "The kids". He said that the worst part of being a custodian is cleaning the bathrooms.

Kathryn Burquest and I went into each classroom to see which one we thought was the cleanest. We decided that the cleanest classroom is... Mrs. Christopherson's room! Mrs. Christopherson's room was clean and organized.



*Roger Rewitzer
Custodian*

Student Council News

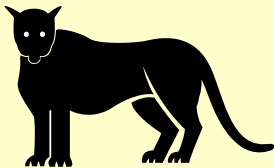
by Karley Colberg

**** H E L P **** We need an adult volunteer to run Student Council. The time commitment is flexible. You can meet every other week, or once a month, whatever works for you. Please contact the elementary school at 338-6011 if you can help with Student Council.

Thank you!



*Mrs. Grabow
Special Ed & Math teacher.*



Need Another Laugh??

What's the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu?

For the bird flu, you need "Tweetment", and for the swine flu, you need "Oinkment".

Parkers Prairie
Elementary School
518 S. McCornell Ave.
Parkers Prairie, MN
56361

Phone:
(218) 338-4079

We're on the Web!
<http://www.isd547.com>

Meet the Staff

by Wil Hezlep

For this edition's meet the staff, I interviewed Mrs. Grabow. She teaches special education as well as 4th and 6th grade math. Some of her hobbies are reading, volleyball, and scrapbooking. She has two kids named Isaac and Adam.

Did you know if she could go anywhere it would be Italy? Did you know when she was in high school she was in band and played the trumpet? She told me her favorite sport is volleyball.

High School Girls Volleyball

by Karley Colberg

Say hip hip hurray to our volleyball team!!

We were section 6A champions. And, came in 6th place in the state tournament.

I interviewed Sari Noga and Jazmyn Dorn from the volleyball team and they said "Thanks for all the support! It was a goal to get to state this year, and if you have a goal and you work hard enough it can be achieved!"

I agree with their theme, for 4th grade volleyball players Blue comes True!



Paw Print Reporters

Back Row: Riley Springer, Saren Smith, Abigail Koep, Sam Koegel, Matthew Arens

Front Row: Karley Colberg, Sarah Koep, Katie Koegel, Kathryn Burquest, Wil Hezlep