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FIRST GRADE FARM STUDY

By Perry Coneybeer



For the next three weeks, the Presentation School first grade is studying farms and animals, including pigs, sheep, and chickens. Last week was chickens, and new student Heather in 1st grade brought in two hens, a rooster, and two baby chicks to share with her class. The students really seemed to enjoy getting up close and personal with the chickens! Have fun studying farms, First Grade!

HIGH SCHOOL COMES TO PRESENTATION

By Gannon Van Sickle

So far this fall, three schools have come to our school to present to the 7th and 8th graders: St. Vincent's, Ursuline/Cardinal Newman and Justin Sienna. Frequently they bring Presentation grads to help make the presentation.

All three schools that have come seem like really good schools. Newman is an all boy school which has a great sports program and they have a big variety of unique and different sports like water polo, football, soccer, swimming, and rugby etc. Ursuline is an all girls school which is connected to Cardinal Newman. They have good sports teams also. Ursuline/Cardinal Newman is located in Santa Rosa. St. Vincent's seems to have really encouraging teachers and students. It is based in Petaluma. Justin Sienna is based in Napa and many Sonoma students choose it for high school.

All of the schools outside Sonoma but all the students from Sonoma say that the ride isn't that bad. All the boys saw Newman's presentation and they all thought it was great. I asked the girls about Ursuline they said it seemed like a great school too. Both genders saw St. Vincent's they all said it was really fun too.

Only 7th and 8th grade see the presentations but only 8th grade can shadow. I am excited for the three other schools to come and parents are welcome to attend as well.

PLAY REVIEW: "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

By Kiki Couchman



As you all know, two weeks ago the 7th graders went on a field trip to Ashland. While we were there we saw four plays: "Pride and Prejudice," "She Loves Me," "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night." Though all these plays were fun to see, I enjoyed "Pride and Prejudice" the most. It was a great play because all of the characters had different traits. It was also fun to hear all the different opinions of the characters. The storyline was really good and many enjoyed it.

The set was really beautiful and definitely portrayed where it should have been set and the time period. It was played in a big indoor theater in Ashland. The acting was also really good. All the characters were really into who they were playing and knew their lines well. It was their 99th performance of "Pride and Prejudice" that season!!! Kaylin said "I thought it was long, but it was also interesting especially because I was sitting in the front row!" I also thought it was long, but it was definitely worth seeing!

INSIDE THE ELECTIVES:

RUBE GOLDBERG

By Janae Lewis



I recently sat in on the Rube Goldberg Elective. It looked very fun. You make machines out of everyday objects like marbles, string, paper, rulers, sticks, cardboard, tape, and lots of other stuff. This is our first year offering this elective and it looks really fun. The people that are doing this elective are Jack G. from 7th grade, Gracie from 7th grade, Ryan from 6th grade, Jack N. from 7th grade, Fabian from 7th grade, Austin from 8th grade, Henry from 7th grade, Maria from 7th grade, and Devin from 7th grade.

This elective is taught by our new science teacher, Mrs. Faircloth. I also asked some people if they like this elective and what you do. Ryan said its fun because you make complex machines out of everyday objects. Maria said it is fun because you make machines from random stuff. Gracie likes this elective because you build things that you would have never thought of at home.

CROP REVIEW

By Kiki Couchman



I recently interviewed my dad, Mark Couchman. His job is oversee vineyards that grow grapes to sell to wineries. I was wondering about how the crops of grapes are doing this year. Overall he said that it is not a good year for the grapes.

He said there are three major reasons for what seems like what will be an unsuccessful year. The first problem was the cold weather all year. As everyone knows, this summer has been very cool. The cool weather is not good for growing grapes because, like most other plants, they need warm weather.

Another cause of this poor season was the extremely hot weather right before school started. Although warm weather is good for the grapes, that was just too hot. The heat and sun burned and dried the grapes. This shriveled them like raisins, which is not good for the wine.

The last reason is the risk of rain. Hopefully, it will be a warm Indian summer which will be great for the grapes. But if they wait too long to pick the grapes then there is a risk of rain. The rain will rot the grapes, which makes bad wine. So all the grape growers have their fingers crossed for nice weather and no rain till the end of harvest.

TUTORING AVAILABLE

By Janae Lewis



If you are having any trouble in school, help is on the way. There are students from the Sonoma Valley High School who are willing to tutor students from any area elementary or middle school. There are around 35 students willing to tutor and they specialize in Pre-Algebra, Spanish, Science, Math, Geometry, Algebra 1 and Algebra 2.

Tutors from SVHS charge \$15 dollars an hour and could help if you are having trouble in a particular subject. The list of tutors is available at the office or in the PA Resource Guide in the office or by asking your teacher.

ASHLAND REPORT: THE PLAZA INN & SUITES HOTEL

By Gannon Van Sickle

The 7th grade recently returned from a fantastic field trip to Ashland for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Our hotel, the Plaza Inn & Suites, was awesome. I didn't expect our hotel to be as nice as it was. The beds were very comfortable and the maids cleaned the room while we were at plays. We had a TV and the showers stayed warm even after 7 people took showers. They also gave us free soap and shampoo. The view was cool but only some students had balconies. The hot tub was really hot and a lot of people went in anyway. There was a vending machine that had really good food like chips or candy.

The workout room was great because you can get a workout before the day starts. There were six different exercise machines which were all really fun. The lobby was really nice as well as the staff who deserve a big thanks. There was an underground garage and it was free for the parents which saved them a lot of money. I really loved the location of the hotel because we could walk anywhere in the town including to the plays. The school's younger grades should start getting excited now because this is a truly great field trip.

BBK PRESENTS: GREASE!

By Kaylin Riebl



Grease lightning, go grease lightning!

This is a fantastic play put on by the Broadway Bound Kids. B.B.K is a performing arts company here in Sonoma. Three times a year they have a new group of kids come in and take on a new challenge. In the past years they have done shows such as "Seussical The Musical", "Annie", and "High School Musical."

The company offers classes for all ages, teaching them respect, team work, memorization, critical thinking and self-expression. The skills that BBK teaches children will help them through out life and school.

Some of the Presentation students who are in "Grease" include Quinn and Graci in 7th grade, Annie and Nell in 4th grade, and Layla in 5th grade.

"Grease" first started out as a play, but now it is both a movie and a play performed all over the world. It was created in 1978 and is about two high school sweethearts in 1950. It was one of the best-selling pop movies in the history of movies!

Now back to the play. The B.B.K production of "Grease" will be performed November 4th - 7th in the Ventrans Hall. It starts at 7pm with a running time of 2 hours. Please come and see our students and the rest of the cast perform "Grease"!

GUESS WHO!

By, but not, Gannon Van Sickle

- He has short black hair
- He has a sister in 3rd grade.
- He likes to draw.

CALENDAR

By Mary Minigan

- Oct. 21 - 8th grade trip to Monterey
- Oct. 21 - 1st grade field trip to Toly
- Oct. 22 - Adele Middle School Dance
- Oct. 26 - Sonoma Academy presents to 7th/8th grade
- Oct. 27 - Photo make-up day
- Oct. 29 - Middle School Dance at Presentation
- Oct. 31 - Halloween
- Nov. 4 - San Domenico presents to 7th/8th grade girls

ASHLAND: TOWN REVIEW

By Skyler Trygstad

Ashland is a tourist town which is very similar to Sonoma. It has a long main street with lots and lots of shops. There is also a 16 acre park where we saw a herd of deer. There is a duck pond and a play structure. In town there were many places to eat and shop. There is a three level store called Paddington Station which sells everything as well as a huge costume store with two levels. There are also Mexican, Thai, Chinese, Japanese, and American places to eat and I thought they were all good and cheap. There was also a candy shop with caramel apples and various candies. It is a nice place to visit and looks like a fun place to live.

8th grader Nick S. says that his class really enjoyed the stores and restaurants as well as the plays on their trip last year. "It is worth the long drive," says Nick.

COOL PARENT JOB: RYAN PARLETT

By Mary Minigan



In early October, Ryan Parlett, father of 4th grader Austin, 1st grader Caden, and kindergarten Ashlen, visited the 4th grade classroom. Mr. Parlett used to compete in rodeos before he had kids. He hasn't competed lately because his wife, Jeanine, asked him to stop once they had children because it is so dangerous. The Parletts are new to Sonoma. They moved here recently and Austin says, "I love it here." Now Mr. Parlett works in construction.

When Mr. Parlett came to our school, he showed the 4th graders his rodeo gear and then gathered them all, plus their teacher Mrs. Coffey into a group and lassoed them. The students said they really enjoyed his visit and learning more about the rodeo.

ABOUT MYGRADEBOOK.COM

By Skyler Trygstad

Mygradebook.com is a web site where students and their parents can look at their grades at any time. This website was used by the 6th grade last year but now is used by grades 4th-8th. All you have to do is log in with a username and password and once you are logged in it shows you all your classes. It also shows your missing assignments and every single graded piece of work. Kiki in 7th grade says "It is very helpful to see your grades at any time".

The teachers only need to put in the grades and it averages the grades for them so it is much easier to write their report cards and produce progress reports. Students link every class and grades for every teacher.

ASHLAND PLAY REVIEW: "SHE LOVES ME"

By Brianna Lehane



If you like music, dancing and funny acting then this is the play for you! Two bickering co-workers, Amelia and Mr. George, are pen pals, but they don't know that they are writing to each other! They end up falling in love and forget their fighting at the end of the play. There are also other people who end up falling in love in this play.

Everyone in my group loved the set design of "She Loves Me". The play is set in a musical jewelry box, which is one of the things they sell at the perfume store. In the play, different set designs come out of the walls, making the play all the more interesting. In my opinion, it had the best setting of all the plays we saw in Ashland.

This play was also very easy to understand and a great play to kick off our trip to Ashland. When they end the show singing "Please come again", you will definitely want to do so! I recommend this play to ages 10-100. If you're in Ashland during the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, make sure to see "She Loves Me"!

DID YOU KNOW? If we get parents to volunteer to help serve lunch we can offer pizza on Thursdays!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FAIRY TALE?

By Kaylin Riebl



Nell Sheridan, 4th grade, Cinderella



Caden, 1st grade, Sword in the Stone



Dominic Spingola, 8th grade, Jack in the Beanstalk

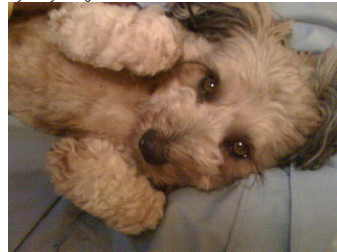
8TH GRADE SWEATSHIRT UPDATE

By Nick Sperry

Every fall at Presentation, the 8th grade class has designed a custom sweatshirt that is produced only for their grade. This year the font color will be teal, and the sweatshirt color will be black. Every student's name and/or nickname will be displayed on his or her sweatshirt and the entire class is listed on the back. Mrs. Dusak ordered the sweatshirts and parents each paid for as many as their child wanted. We recently placed our order so keep your eyes out for them. They will arrive just in time for the cold weather. The 8th grade students are really looking forward to their sweatshirts!

PET OF THE WEEK

By Mary Minigan



Name: Jelly
Owners: Summer, Nick and Gage
Breed: Light brown Caren Terrier/Poodle mix
Traits: Jelly hates it when our other dog Smokey steals her food!

KINDER KORNER

By Brianna Lehane

Q: What do you get when you cross a bottle of shampoo with a dog?
A: A shampooedle!

Q: Why did the math book look so frustrated and sad?
A: Because he was full of problems!

Q: What color is a burp?
A: Purple!

POLL: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT ?

By Perry Coneybeer

K, Scott: Math
K, Olivia: Math
1st, Caroline: Writing
1st, Caden: Science
2nd, Lily: Math
2nd, Ryan: Science
3rd, Gage: Math
3rd, Kiley: Math
4th, Colton: Math
4th, Katie: Language Arts
5th, Connor: Language Arts
6th, Mary: Creative Writing
6th, Corbin: Math
7th, Anna: Language Arts
7th, Taylor: Math
7th, Quinn: Science
8th, Nick: Social Studies
8th, Kelsey: Language Arts

MONDAY ASSEMBLY

By Mary Minigan

For the first time this year, our school has started a student-run assembly every Monday morning in the courtyard at 8:30am. As a school, we say the pledge and a prayer, then the Student Council makes announcements. At our first Assembly, we had a mini Pep Rally for our volleyball teams.

At a recent Monday Assembly, the Student Council announced that the Upper School will be having an organized sports league during recess on Thursdays where students play and compete in different sports like volleyball, flag football and kickball. 6th graders Ryan and Corbin said, "We are really excited and can't wait."

INTERVIEW WITH A NEW STUDENT: 7TH GRADER BRIANNA

By Perry Coneybeer



There is a new student here at Presentation who came to us from St. Francis. Her name is Brianna and she is in the 7th grade. I interviewed Brianna and she says she is really happy here. She likes the block schedule system and she says that the other students in all the grades are really warm and welcoming. The switch from St. Francis has been smooth and easy for her, she already has wonderful new friends and she is really enjoying being on the volleyball team. Yahl!

Brianna's favorite class so far is Humanities (Social Studies) because it is the longest period in the day, "and really fun and interactive," she says. Brianna also plays basketball, water polo and she swims. She lives with her mom and dad and her younger brother Gavin and their border collie, Paddy. She says she enjoys summer, swimming, volleyball, reading and pesto grilled cheese sandwiches on sourdough bread. This past summer, Brianna went on vacation to Sun River, Oregon and she visited Water World in Concord many times because she really loves water parks. Welcome Brianna!!

BOOK REVIEW: "A MANGO SHAPED SPACE"

By Brianna Lehane

Mia didn't name her cat Mango because of his light brown fur; she named him from the color of his purrs and wheezes that are different shades of orange and yellow.

A creative girl has kept a secret since 3rd grade that she will finally reveal: she can see three dimensional colors in words, sounds and smells. So when she finds out that another person in her town has the same gift, she decides to finally tell her parents. They take her to the doctor to be "fixed" but she really likes her colors and no one can take her gift away.

This novel of self-discovery and funny times was written by Wendy Mass and it is a must-read for girls 10-14. It is 255 pages long and is available in paperback at Reader's or at Copperfield in Napa.

