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Important Dates

- April 11 No School/Staff Dev.
- April 30 Chess Tournament
- May 2-4 Deadline-Digital P. Fair

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Camp Olympia

By: Quinn Farah

5th graders went to camp Olympia the last week of March. Due to this 4th grade students were patrols that week. Camp Olympia, on the outer part of northwest Houston, is not far from here. University of Texas All-American football players, Chris Gilbert and Corby Robertson, Jr., established Camp Olympia in 1968.

It isn't all boring class work at the camp, actually there is none; it had lots of fun things to do. These things include propelling, canoeing camping, and many more things to do there.

Capture the Flag at night and canoeing were the best activities according to Bennett Dodson and Noah Brace.



Lori Levitt: Teacher of the Year

By Quinn Farah

This year the teacher of the year is Laurie Levitt. Mrs. Levitt is a kindergarten teacher. She has done many things to get this great achievement for her. Last year Ms. Taghavi was teacher of the year and the cool thing is that was in her class!! I interviewed her and here is what she said...

Q: Why do you think you made teacher of the year this year?

A: I have many teacher friends who voted for me and enjoyed my first grade class.

Q: When did you find out that you became teacher of the year

A: After the voting was done I was told that I was teacher of the year by an email.

Q: How long have you been teaching at West University Elementary?

A: I have been teaching at West Ufor 16 years all of kindergarten.

Digital Publishing Fair

set for May 11

By Wallace Greene

Hi this is Wallace Greene former 1st place movie winner in the Digital Book Fair. We need some people to enter in the contest. If you are one of the top 3 winners you will win a prize. You could make a movie, a book, or even a slideshow. New this year, you may enter a photograph taken with a digital camera. You, your class, or you and a group of kids can enter. The deadline for entries is May 2-4. This is Wallace Greene Saying, be there, or be square.



Women's History Month

By Brett VerVoort

March was Women's History Month. For a long time women were thought to be inferior or not as powerful as men. They fought against the men until they were allowed to vote, get the same jobs as men, and earn the same amount of pay that the men do. I will tell of one woman's struggle to let women vote.

Susan B. Anthony was an activist for women's rights. She helped pave the way for the 19th amendment in 1920. She died 4 years before it became part of the constitution. She worked 50 years trying to allow women to vote. She died in 1906 but we know that her hard work wasn't for nothing. We thank Susan B. Anthony and many others who fought to earn the right for women to vote. Women now have equal rights as men in the home and at work.



Alex Frisbee and Luke LaPadula participated in the robotics competition sponsored by HISD Impact II. Martin Nikoltchev also competed Thursday March 31.

Teachers and Students



Marsha Zhang, CML Expert

By: Isabella Olivas, Carolyn Brooks, and Sarah Linesch

Marsha Zhang is a 4th grader in Ms. McIntyre's class. She has gotten straight 6's, the highest score, on every Continental Math League test given out this year. She is one test away from becoming national champion.

Q. How do you feel about being this close to National Championship?

A. I'm really excited!

Q. Who taught you so much about math?

A. My mom and dad.

Q. Do you think you will do well on the next CML test?

A. I hope I will.

Q. Do you like CML? A. Yes.

Q. What will you do as National Champ?

A. I will celebrate.

* Editor's note: Marsha Zhang made a perfect score on the last of the 5 tests she took for CML. She will get a national merit award.



Get to Know Miss Moore

by Emily Diaz

Q. Who is your hero?

A. Emily Diaz.

Q. What is your favorite color?

A. Purple.

Q. When is your birthday?

A. August 22.

Q. Who would you most like to meet in the world?

A. Louis Payne.

Q. When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A. A teacher.

Q. What is your favorite hobby?

A. Basketball.

Q. What is your favorite sport?

A. Basketball.

Q. Do you have any best friends at this school?

A. Emily Diaz.

Q. Do you have a favorite show?

A. The Bill Cosby show.



Rami Shaibani

By Senan Shaibani

S: What's your favorite color?

R: Red.

S: What grade are you in?

R: 1st grade.

S: How old are you? Six years old.

S: What's your favorite subject?

R: Science.

S: What do you want to be when you grow up?

R: Doctor.

S: If you had one wish what would it be?

R: No more war.

S: If you went on a stranded island and only had two things to bring what would it be

R: Motor boat and a cell phone

S: What is your favorite food?

R: Chicken noodle soup

S: What is your favorite sport?

R: Swimming.

S: Do you like school?

R: Not really.

S: If you and your family would be able to visit one country what would it be and why?

R: Iraq, because I want to see my family there before they die.

S: If you can stop one thing what would it be?

R: War.

S: What is your most favorite thing in the world? R: Family.

S: What is favorite music or song?

R: I don't have one.

S: What is your main hobby?

R: Swimming.



Riding Along with Miss Ford

By Natalie Cohen
& Hannah Azhang

Hi, it's us again but this time we are interviewing

Katie Ford. Now we will get to the action!

Q. What college did you go to? *UT*

Q. What is your favorite color? *Blue*

Q. What is your favorite animal? *Dogs*

Q. Do you have any pets? *No*

Q. Do you have a boyfriend? *Yes, his name is Mr. Styles. Oh he is stylish.*

Q. What is your favorite subject to teach? *Math*

Q. What time do you have the most decorations? *Christmas*

Q. What is your favorite type a food? *Pizza*

Q. Where is your favorite place to get pizza? *Colinas*

Q. What is your favorite sport? *Track*

Q. Who is your most remembered student? *Jacob Haze because he had an adorable Scotland accent.*

Q. When was your scariest moment in teaching? *The first day.*

Q. Who was your favorite teacher? *My 6th Grade teacher, Miss Cooney.*

DEAR SUZY



By Rebecca Vanas,
Dear Suzy,

I have this big test in science coming up but I don't know how to study for it. Studying is boring to me and I keep falling asleep. What should I do?
-Lost in Study

Dear Lost in Study,
Write note cards in class on important info then when you get home you can ask a parent to help you study so you won't be able to fall asleep and you won't be either weighed down with books or tons of papers. To make it fun try inventing a game.
- S u z y

Dear Suzy,
My parents never think that I should go to parties because they think that my grades aren't good enough and that I am not responsible. But I am very responsible because I always have to look after my 5 year old sister and try to do my best in school. When will they ever trust me?
-Confused

Dear Confused,
Try to take a babysitting job so you have chance of them noticing that you have become responsible over the years. Also, try to study with them so that they will find out how smart you really are!
-Suzy

The History of April Fools Day

By Emily Diaz

There really was no "first April Fool's day". Some people think that it evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring. Probably the closest point in time that could be identified as the beginning of this tradition is 1582, in France. Prior to that year, the New Year was celebrated for eight days, beginning on March 25.

Sailing with Ms. Bailey

By Natalie Cohen and Hannah Azhang

- Q. What is your most remembered incident with a student?
A. I'm not going to say who but it was a week after the first day of school, he (a student) tried to kick a bee and his shoe flew on the building.
- Q. What is your favorite animal?
A. A beluga whale.
- Q. What is your favorite food?
A. Sushi
- Q. What college did you go to? A. UT
- Q. Are you married or have a boyfriend?
A. No. I am single.
- Q. Who was your favorite teacher and why?
A. Mr. Leblanc. He was a literature teacher. He made Shakespeare fun.
- Q. What is your favorite subject to teach?
A. Science.
- Q. What is your favorite color? Red.
- Q. What is your favorite restaurant?
A. Castle Hill in Austin.
- Q. What is your favorite book?
A. 100 Years of Solitude.
- Q. What was your scariest moment as a teacher?
A. When you (Natalie Cohen) fainted while I was reading a book about polio.
- Q. When do you have the most decorations around the classroom?
A. During Christmas time.



Spring Training

By: Andy Marymont and Charles Grubb

Spring training is over. The Astros are hoping to go all the way this time. Without Carlos Beltran it should be really HARD. If you are an Astros fan keep your fingers crossed. We are lucky that Clemens stayed with us. Almost all of us want the Astros to go all the way. We will have to wait to see. Some people do not like the Astros. If you are one of those people then just root for your favorite team. The first game is April 4. Munro was released from the team. Lucky for us Biggio and Bagwell are staying. Biggio is back on second base.



Ferrets!!

By Elyse Lopez

Ferrets are VERY intelligent animals even smarter than cats and dogs! Contrary to what most people think, ferrets are NOT rodents. Ferrets are intelligent, curious, playful, persistent, inventive, fun to be around!!!

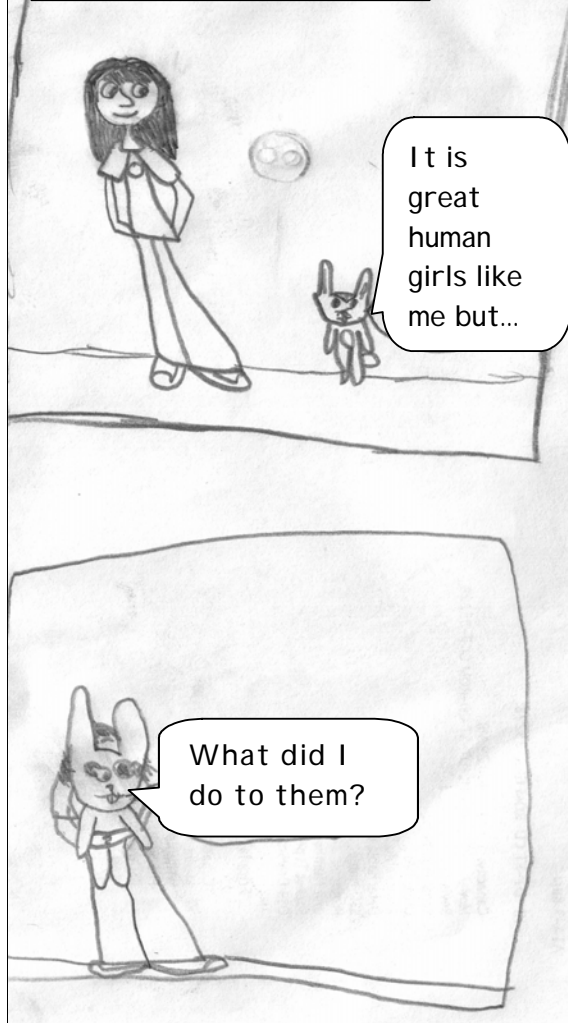
Ferrets are very easy to take care of. At most times not at all necessary to bathe ferrets. They actually smell less and get more beautiful fur without it. You can liter-train ferrets, just like cats! Ferrets can easily get along with dogs and cats, and they usually can become playmates. Ferrets are very



small. Males weigh 2.5 pounds and females weigh half as much. You can teach ferrets many things. They know their names, and you can teach them to come when they are called. You can teach them

tricks, too. You can take ferrets on walks, too. They rarely make noise, unless stepped on or very frightened. They may make a chuckling or giggling noise when they are very excited. When ferrets are young they like to bounce and play. In this process they may nip, as a puppy does. They must be taught gently but firmly that nipping is not allowed. Some ferrets never nip at all, but those that do eventually out grow it. If a ferret has been kept in a cage for along time, when you take them out for a walk, they do something known as the *war dance*. They put their feet together. Hunch their back, and hop up and down.

Bunny by Mexi



Comics and Riddles and More



-Riddles-

Teacher: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Student: At the bottom

Teacher: How can you be such a perfect idiot?

Student: I practice a lot.

Teacher: What did they do at the Boston Tea Party?

Student: I don't know. I wasn't invited.

Student: I don't deserve a zero on this test!

Teacher: I know, but it was the lowest grade I could give.

Teacher: Joe, this is your 19th mistake today. How can you manage it?

Student: I got up early.

Teacher: How do you spell "wrong"?

Student: R-O-N-G

Teacher: That's wrong!

Student: Good, I got it right.

Teacher: I hope I didn't see you looking at Brian's paper.

Student: I hope you didn't either.

Teacher: Will, do you know the 18th President?

Student: No, we've never met.



The New PSP®

By
Jack Berquist

Sony's new video game, came out in March, the one the only the PSP! (Playstation portable) It cost \$200 for a PSP. My brother bought one already! He got a free Spiderman 2 to play on his PSP and he bought a game called "Twisted Metal 2." And that's not all, the PSP can also download music, pictures, and, next year you will be able to get on the Internet and check your e-mail, play Internet games, and instant message!

Spring Break

