PLAINVIEW INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

December 2019

JULIE ALTOM, PRINCIPAL

As we are finishing out our first semester, teachers and students have been busy with end of the semester tasks. The students need to continue to work hard each and every day as the first semester comes to a close. Whatever their cumulative average is at the end of the semester is what their grade for each subject will be on the report card. A fresh start will begin when students return after the break.

Students are currently taking their winter MAPS, and we are anticipating great growth in the areas of reading and mathematics. Fifth grade will also take the English Language Arts (ELA) test and the science test. This will be their first experience with the science test. We will share results and growth with you during our February conferences.

Our break for the holidays will begin at the end of day on Friday, December 20, 2019, and we will return to school for the second semester on Monday, January 6, 2020. I hope you all have a safe and a merry Christmas.

Gift of Safety

As you drop your students off each morning, please adhere to the speed limit in our parking lots which is 5 mph. If choosing to drop off at the back ramp area, it is extremely important for you to fall in line with the other vehicles and allow your student to get out of the car at the sidewalk. Please do not have your student walk across the parking lot to the ramp area. This is not safe!

Not only can you give your student the gift of safety, but you can provide all of our Plainview students the gift of safety. Thank you in advance for the greatest treasure of all, your students, who we get to work with each and every day. We want them to show up safely, and it starts with you and how you transport and drop them off to us. You can help by following the processes put in place to keep the students safe.

Thank you for your attention and help in this matter.

3RD GRADE DICTIONARIES

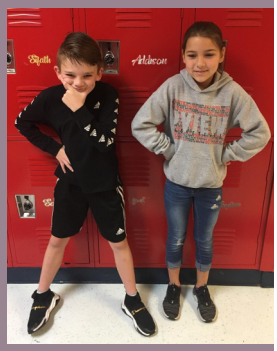
Do you have a friend in 3rd grade or are you a 3rd grader? If so, then you probably heard about the recent gift of dictionaries. The Ardmore Arbuckle Sunrise Rotary Club brought dictionaries to all of the 3rd graders. Maci Caldwell, a 3rd grader, said, "I love the dictionary and I thought it was really helpful for school." Each 3rd grader was presented a dictionary with their name in it. Max Hill, a 3rd grader, said, "What I thought was most interesting about the dictionary was how it showed the sign language alphabet." Mrs. Piatt said she likes that every student has their own personal dictionary to use at school or at home. Thank you to the Rotary Club for their generous donation!

By Jessie Ge

Mrs. Wilson's class

PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

The students who raised the most money for the Jog-a-Thon fundraiser are being given the opportunity to be principal for a day. The winners were 5th graders, Gracie Bryant and Emry Raney-Cavner. They both raised $401! The P.E. students raised about $8,000 total from this primary and intermediate fundraiser! They will use the money for 20 mile club prizes and P.E. equipment. Gracie wants to have a pizza party when she is principal. Emry will have a pizza party too and give the Ms. Altom and Mr. Silver homework.



By Carson Herron

UPCOMING DATES

Nov 25th-29th: Thanksgiving Break

No School

Dec 3rd: PTO Movie Night

PTO is hosting a movie night after school in the cafeteria

Dec 6th: Indian Beat

Join us as Mrs. Burson's class leads Indian Beat

Dec 6th: Spelling Bee

The 4th & 5th grade Spelling Bee will be held in the auditorium

Dec 9th: "The Great Big Holiday Bake-Off"

This 3rd grade music performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium

Dec 9th: Discovery Club

Discovery Club students will meet on this date. The next meeting date is Jan 13th.

Dec 9th-13th: Santa Shop

Students can purchase gifts for their family

Dec 16th: Honor Choir Christmas concert

Honor Choir students will perform in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Dec 20th: Indian Beat

Join us as Mrs. McCann's class leads Indian Beat

Dec 21st-Jan 5th: Christmas Break

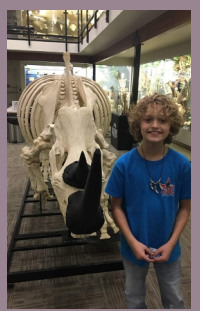
No School

DISCOVERY CLUB

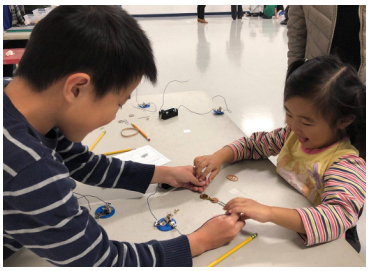
Do you know what osteology means? If you do that's great. For people who don't know, it means the study of bones. If you went on the Discovery Club field trip you learned all about bones. All of the Discovery Club students got on a bus and rode for about an hour and a half to go to the Museum of Osteology in Oklahoma City. When you first step inside the building, you see bones being cleaned by beetles!

Cainan Smith said the beetles were cool, but stinky, right he was. The museum had big and small bones of many different types of animals. The biggest skeleton they had was a humpback whale. "The whale was cool and I was surprised," said 4th grader, Harper Hoffield. Third grader, Allie Wood, said the skulls were creepy but cool. The field trip was a blast.

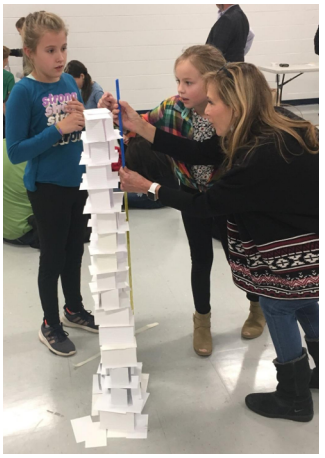
By Ethan Eads



STEM NIGHT



STEM night was a night you couldn't miss! At 5:30 p.m. on November 14th, the school doors opened and you could walk down to the quad. There were eight activities you could try out. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers created the activities based on things they had recently done in the classroom. Both Asa Rudisil (5th grader) and Carlie McKinnie's (4th grader) favorite activity was the lego maze set up by Ms. Smith and Mrs. McCann. Another activity was making a paper airplane and seeing how far you could launch it. Carlie's grandfather was also a pilot so this activity was interesting to their entire family. Addie Mccoy's favorite activity was Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Perkins, and Mrs. Archer's activity which was stacking note cards to make the tallest tower. It was a fun night of hands-on activities for the whole family!



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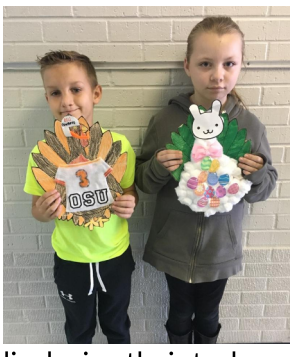
3RD GRADE TURKEYS IN DISGUISE



Kingsley, Arli, Jackson, Addi, Creed, and Emie proudly displaying their turkeys.

CHARACTER WALL OF FAME

Character is important at Plainview. It is true that students and teachers are hard at work learning math skills, enhancing their reading ability, and gaining a plethora of knowledge in other areas. However, it is even more essential that our students are respectful and courteous. This is why we have begun the Life Principle Award. Twice a month, the teachers of each grade level select two students who have exemplified the weekly Life Principles. These students are recognized and celebrated during Indian Beat. They also have their pictures taken and placed on our "Character Wall of Fame". This is an exciting program and we cannot wait to show off the excellent character our students possess!

Life Principles:
Dependability and Courage

Cooper Morton, Jaron Bruce, Holly Wollaston, Weston Wittliff, Jack Wilson, Carson Herron

Life Principles:
Cooperation and Character

Priscilla Keith, Arianna Nowell, Livia Lide, Keeton Hatley, Kamrey Martin, Gemini Dowdy

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

The following 5th grade students wrote the articles for the December newsletter: Ethan Eads, Carson Herron, Sifath Ghuman, Olivia Cavallo, Jessie Ge, and Lydia Duncan.

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MEET THE TEACHER

Fourth grade teacher, Ramona Willis, has two children. Her son is a football and basketball coach and her daughter teaches dance. She attended Marietta High School and Southeastern State College. Mrs. Willis has been teaching for 15 years, 6 of those being at Plainview. Before she became a teacher she worked at Uniroyal (Michelin) Tire Plant.

Who do you look up to as a mentor? *My mom and dad*

What is your favorite thing about this time of year? *The holidays and the cooler weather*

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? *Paris, France*

What is your favorite children's book? *Salt in His Shoes by Deloris Jordan*

Tell us something about you that we probably don't know. *I love to dance and I know how to tap dance*

What are your favorite hobbies? *Baking and shopping*

What is your best piece of advice? *Respect yourself*

By Lydia Duncan

"GIVE THANKS"

Did you see the 4th grade music program? Well, if you didn't the great show was on November 12th. The title of the program was "Give Thanks" with songs that were about being thankful, cherishing your family and friends, and simple things. The 4th graders wore fall-colored clothes. 4th grader Willa Harvey, said that her favorite part was singing one of the solos. There were eight people who did the solos. Braxton Sherfield said his favorite song was "This is the Land of Opportunity." Ms. Hagerman said, "I liked how the students were flexible. If someone wasn't there they said their part for them and if they messed up they would catch up with the beat again." Ms. Hagerman's favorite song from the show was called "Simple Things." The 4th grade music was a great show and big success.

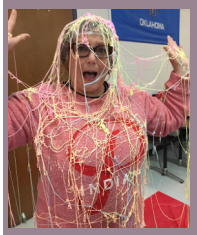
By Sifath Ghuman

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Do you know a veteran? Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Ham, invited four veterans to visit Plainview Elementary on November 13th. They gave a presentation to teach us a few facts about the United States flag and the significance of each fold. Third grader, Jackson Gay, said he learned a lot about the folding of the flag. Fourth grader, Kirrah Miller, said she learned about the history of the Pledge of Allegiance and how the pledge went from having 13 to 31 words. The veterans also taught us the proper way to stand during the playing of the National Anthem. The students enjoyed hearing that one of the veterans was a former Plainview student. The intermediate students really enjoyed the program. This program helped remind us what veterans have done for us and why our flag is so important.

By Lydia Duncan

SILLY STRING SHENANIGANS



Ms. Altom and Mr. Silver were sprayed with silly string by the teachers since intermediate students donated over 1,000 food items during the Red Ribbon Week food drive. Congratulations to intermediate students for reaching your goal and to the principals for being such great sports!

OG&E DEMONSTRATION

A worker from OG&E visits the school each year and discusses electrical safety. Gemini Dowdy said, "I like that I got to learn new things." Some of the things they covered were what to do if you see a power box that is open and a power line hanging that could hurt you or someone else. They use dolls and show the actual electricity that shock the doll. They also show you the clothing and tools that they use to keep themselves safe when fixing an electrical problem. Fourth grader JJ Petree said his favorite part was "seeing the dolls hands melt." The OG&E worker uses a landscape of a neighborhood with some electric objects that shock the dolls when the doll touches it. Bryce Minick and Brynley Burson both said they liked seeing the dolls get shocked. If you are in third grade get ready for OG&E next year. It is a shocking experience!

5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

The hay maze field trip is held each year and the students look forward to it. Typically on a field trip you learn facts, so Larry Brown, the hay maze and ranch owner tells you a lot of facts about cattle and hay. Fifth graders Chloe Phelps and Hap Robertson both said their favorite part was getting lost in the maze. The maze has been upgraded a lot. Now, it is very hard to find your way out. Fifth grader Jett Cockrell said, "I love to do the zip line." The zip line has three heights, one for smaller people, one for taller people, and one if you are in the middle. The Hay Maze has fire pits where you can cook s'mores or a hot dog. When the fifth grade went they were already cooked for them. Fifth grader Asa Rudisill said, "I love to do gaga ball!" There is a huge round tube that is called the tornado. The tornado is where you run holding onto a handle and three ropes twist around a pole then it twists the other way like a tornado. There are also two big round barrels that four or five people can run in that go super fast and is a bunch of fun. Beside the barrels is an obstacle course that two people can race and at the end you have to climb up a tower of tires and ring the bell. The hay maze field trip is always a great time.

By Olivia Cavallo

BOOK FAIR

Did you attend the Book Fair? If you did then you probably saw not only books but pencils, pens, diaries, pointers, posters, and erasers. School librarian, Mrs. Howard said, "I enjoy working with volunteers and seeing kids excitement about new books." Mrs. Howard's goal is to sell $12,000 worth of books, and to do that Scholastic sent 9 big cases of books. Then Plainview gets to keep 25% of profits. 5th grader Hannah Mai said, "The book that I thought was most interesting was The Wrecking Ball from Dairy of a Wimpy Kid." Kaylee Rudd, who is in 4th grade said, "I think the Book Fair was fun, and I just wanted everything in it." This was a very cool event hosted by Mrs. Howard in the library.

By Jessie Ge