

The Hawk



Vernfield Elementary Has Spirit!



Spirit Day By Sam Drobnick

Spirit Day is a great opportunity to have fun and build our Vernfield Elementary School community. This school is so huge that it's important to find ways to bring us all together. Every Friday is Spirit Day at Vernfield. Students are encouraged to wear navy blue and gold,

our school colors. Once a month there is a themed Spirit Day. We've had Pajama Day, Holiday Colors Day and 1980's Day. Once a trimester there is a Spirit Day Assembly which is held to reward the students for their hard work. The assembly is a fun event where teachers and students play games against each other. There is a lot of cheering and a lot of laughter. On Spirit Day we show our support of Vernfield Elementary School. We strengthen our Vernfield community by celebrating our school together. It's fun for the students and teachers, too.

Lip Sync By Emily Ryschlak Hailey Riexinger

Do you like to dance and make your own moves? Do you like to work in groups? Vernfield's 13th Annual Lip Sync is for you! This event takes place at Indian Crest Middle School on Friday, March 11th, 2016 at 7pm.

The songs must be appropriate for school, and not have any *bleeps* either. The fun part is that you get to perform by yourself, (solo) with one other person, (duo) or with a

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The songs will not be duplicated, so return your slips FAST to get the song you want! The slips are due January 19th.

Also, the limit of time to your song is 1 minute and 30 seconds, or 90 seconds long.

So now you know a little about Vernfield's Annual Lip Sync! I hope you're ready and turned in an application form to get started on your journey with music and fun!

On Friday, January 15, Vernfield held their Annual Family Night. This year it was a Carnival with many games and activities!



Dot and Dash!



Wonder Workshop Robots By Ava Mills

Have you heard about the robots here at Vernfield in technology? Well, if you haven't, I am here to tell you about them! The robots are from Wonder Workshop.

At Vernfield, we have three of them, Shae Shae, Brady, and Lauren. Kids here at Vernfield named them. Did you know that they were

\$260.00 in all? That's a lot of money! The robots are both entertaining, and educational. They teach kids basic computer coding.

At Vernfield Mrs. Kling, our Technology teacher, gives us the chance to play with her little robot "Kids" so we can learn basic computer coding. They also have accessories that you can clip onto them such as a xylophone, outfits and much more! You can program them to play their xylophone, to say things, and even

make silly noises like a dog, or a siren. The sky's the limit! They sure are a real treat!

I hope you liked learning about the robots! If you want to learn more, go to:

www.make.wonder.com.

Shae Shae, Brady and Lauren can't wait to meet you!

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What is Fasnacht Day? By Abraham Bleazard

2016!

It's The New Year.

As everyone starts rolling into the new year, I start to think about the future and what I want from the new year. Some people want to lose weight, eat healthy, do better in school or sports, or be more helpful around the house.

I want:

Not as much world violence

Eat less junk food

Wars will end

Yell at my sister way less

Everyone to be happy

A tennis trophy

Read as many books as possible

By Natalie Rankin

Fasnacht is a carnival in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland when people march into town with costumes and beat drums to scare the winter away. Many people bring confetti and throw it when they watch the parade. Lots of weird costumes can be seen. People are completely covered in their costume so they cannot be identified. After the carnival there is lots of confetti on the ground and people have tea and pretzels and take their costumes off and hope that they did scare away the winter. The carnival is always held around Ash Wednesday. Some people in the United States celebrate Fasnacht

Day with eating fried donuts on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.



Costumed people marching in the parade.

How to be a Vernfield Safety By Cheyenne Tressler

Many of you might want to become a safety in 5th grade but there are some things you have to do to get a roll on the safety patrol. When you are in the end of 4th grade you will need to answer questions such as your bus number and what you think makes a good safety. A few weeks later, you find out if you are a safety. Not everyone gets to be a safety. If you are chosen to become a member of the

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safety patrol, you will find out your assignment on the first few days of 5th grade. You will also get a safety belt and badge.

Another important thing is that you have to set a good example for the younger kids. If you don't, they will follow the bad examples and they won't become a safety. You also have to say the safety pledge every trimester. The pledge is about keeping everyone safe. That is what it is to be a safety!

RECESS= Friends, Games, Tag, Sports, Fun, Friends

Fourth Grade Recess Sports

By James McCoy

There are a lot of things to do during fourth grade recess. Students play tag, read, and swing but a lot of kids play sports. Some sports that kids play are soccer, basketball, football and kickball, but students mostly play kickball in the summer. My favorite sport is football.

In football we let as many kids join in the game as possible. If you do not know how to play football, just ask us. We will teach you!
Recess is fun!



Grade Level News and More.....

Physical Education

I talked to Mr. Gross about what is happening in physical education classes. Kindergarten is working on body control skills. First and second grades are working on eye-hand coordination skills, and third, fourth and fifth grades are finishing fitness tests and foot coordination skills.

Vernfield's gym is located right next to the cafeteria. In the gym we have assemblies and that is where the stage is. Physical education is very good for you. When your teacher says it's time for phys ed you should be happy!

Physical education classes are at any time of the school day 9:15-3:15 on days 1,2,3 and 4. In my opinion phys ed class is the best! What do you think?

Thank you to Mrs. Edgar for giving me this opportunity and to Mr. Gross for letting me interview him.

By Nathaniel Miller

Reading Is Fun with Mrs. Moore!

By: Molly Goodman

I spent a little time with Mrs. Moore to find out what she is reading in her 1st grade class!

Are you reading any read aloud books?

"Yes I am!

What are they?

"Picture books that go along with mental image lessons."

What kind of books do the students like to read?

"Fiction and books on animals."

Do you do any reading activities?

"Yes, we do a lot during the holidays.

How long do you read for?

"I do 15 minute mini lessons and then 30 minute stations such as, guided reading, listening, iPad/computers/osmo, buddy reading and read alone."

Do you like to teach reading?

"Yes, I love it!"

What kind of books do you like to read?

Realistic fiction

Mrs. Moore's reading class loves reading!

2nd Grade Scoop.

By Naomi Thompson and Anna Stratton

For our article we interviewed Mrs. Raisner to see what was going on in 2nd Grade.

Question: What read aloud are you reading right now?

Answer: Water Wishes ,The Magic Elements series.

Question:What are you doing in other subjects?

Answer:Studying continents, Flat Stanley, counting money,and writing letters

Question:Any fun things that you're doing in class?

Answer:Flat Stanley,Gingerbread houses and people,and Santa Shells.

Question:Favorite part of the year?

Answer:Christmas and December.

Question:What did you enjoy most this year in second grade?

Answer:Jingle contest for KYW.

That what's going on in 2nd grade!

Mrs. Halteman-4th Grade

- Do you like teaching?
- I love teaching and following my students as they progress through the grades.
- What is your favorite subject?
- Read aloud is the part of day when everyone comes together to enjoy a good book.
- What special do you like the most?
- I think they are all great especially those with movement involved in that time.
- Do you like the new math program?
- I like parts of it .It makes the kids think in different ways but the students miss the old one.
- What subject does the class like most?
- Most kids enjoy science because of the experiments they get to do.

- What is your favorite part of teaching?
- Helping students finally understand something that is hard for them.
- By Mandy Pierson

Mrs. Ditlow is a 4th grade teacher at

Vernfield Elementary, I interviewed her and got some answers to my questions:

Q: What is the class learning about?

A: In science, we are learning about decomposition and water.

In math, the class is learning fractions. During writing workshop,the students are working on opinion writing and paragraphs. In social studies we are reading

cave and panning for minerals. Mrs. Feighan thought it was a long drive. They will be going on one more field trip in May to Green Lane Park.

In math, they are both learning fractions and multiplication and in language arts they are learning genres, and story elements.

One big project that they are working to accomplish this year is to publish a book. Two big projects they already did this year were Poetry Alive and the community project (Poetry Alive is a performance where the children get to perform holiday poems and songs to their fami-

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an Early Settlers Booklet. In spelling, the class is on unit 16. Lastly, for reading workshop, we are reading nonfiction.

Q: What does your class do that the other fourth grades might not do?

A: Well, we do more poetry than the other classes, we write about our heritage and family names.

Q: Do you think you have had a good year so far?

A: Yes I do.

Q: How long did it take you to become an official teacher?

A: It took me 4 years for my teaching degree and 1 more year to get my Masters Degree.

By Jackie McCoy

The Third Grade Scoop

By Clare Bagley & Peyton Krebs

Do you want to learn more about Vernfield's third grade and what they have been doing? Well, we interviewed two third grade teachers, Mrs. Feighan and Mrs. Tarsitano, and got the scoop about them...

Mrs. Tarsitano's class and the rest of the third grade went to Crystal Cave as their first field trip of the school year. They thought it was a lot of fun and their favorite part was panning for minerals and getting to go inside the cave. Mrs. Feighan's class also liked the

ly. The community project is where they design a replica of an important building in the community}.

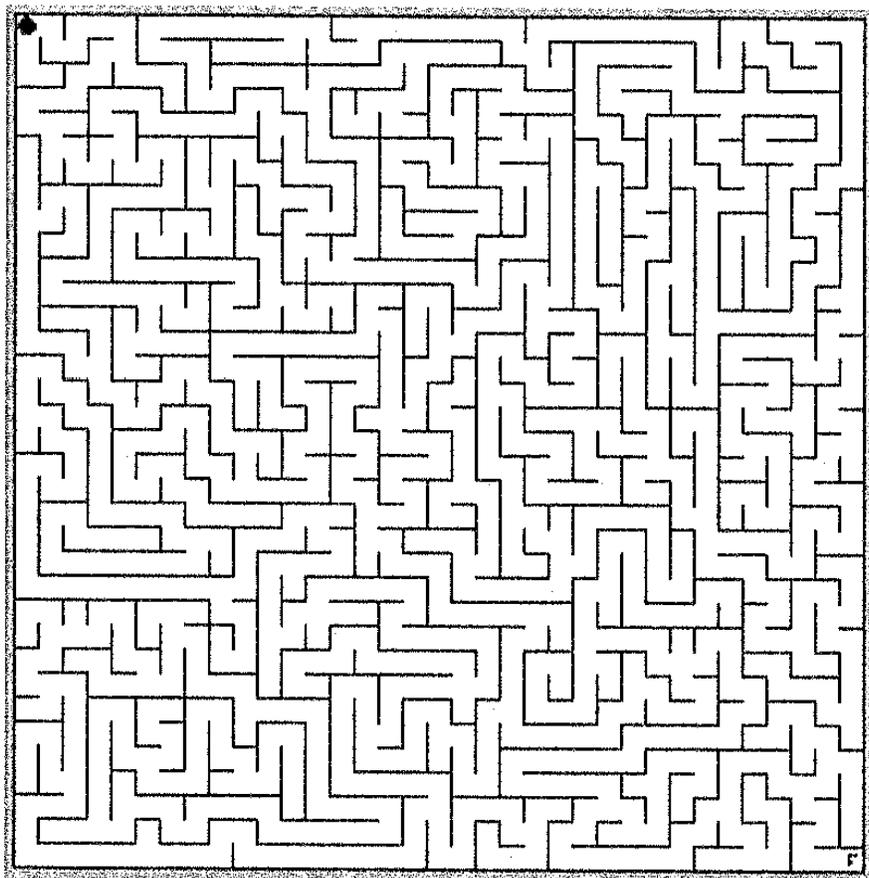
The third grade Poetry Alive was very successful according to Mrs. Tarsitano and Mrs. Feighan. It went very well and everyone enjoyed it. The students were good at memorizing their poems and songs.

All of the students in third grade are learning landforms and where a community starts in Social Studies.

So there you have it, Mrs. Feighan and Mrs. Tarsitano just revealed the inside scoop of the whole third grade!

Puzzle
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HOLIDAY WRITING



Valentine's Day!

By Kathryn Hoover

Roses here and there
Cards are everywhere
Hearts and decorations
are present in all nations
Loved ones always near
Candy there and here
Chocolates bring temptations,
And flowers admirations
Soon it will be over
And blooming with the clover
Comes pretty purple flowers
That bring the April showers

Valentine's Day

By Morgan McCormack

Valentines are sent to show that you care.
Some are sent near.
Some are sent far.
This one I'm making extra special,
To show how nice you are.

Groundhog Day

By Adam Turano

Phil, Phil, Punxsutawney Phil
Lives in a stump on the hill.
When he wakes up on Groundhog Day
His shadow means winter will stay.
But if his shadow isn't near
Spring is almost here.



Snow Poem

By Gabi Linberger

Falling from the sky
Shining on the ground
Light
And
Fluffy
Crunching under your feet



Thank you Mr. Reitz and Mr. Maine for "Mustache Wars!"

