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STAFF SUPERSTAR

By Aaron Allen, Emma Davis, and Fiona Rohde

Mr. Jacobson is the staff superstar for the month of January. He is Trinity's first grade teacher, but sometimes helps in second grade too. He has been here eleven years, since 2011. "I've come full circle!" he quipped. "I began as a kindergarten teacher, teaching this year's 8th grade students." He added, "I like the atmosphere of our school; it is a good family." He would not want to teach anywhere else. He said he'd like to see other places in the United States, but he is content being a teacher right here at Trinity.



One reason that Mr. Jacobson's impact on students has been so positive is that he emphasizes the Golden Rule. I remind them often, "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

Some things you may not know about Mr. Jacobson are: he has three pets, a golden retriever named Lucas, and two cats named Owen and Clover. His hobbies are woodworking, such as making chairs, tables and cabinets. "Of course, I did more of that before coming to Trinity!" he laughed. He also enjoys gardening in the summer. His ideal meal? "Lasagna, lasagna, and lasagna. And for dessert... lasagna."

When asked "What would your students be surprised to find out about you?", he responded, "That I like to mow my own grass and I like to drive my own tractor." It is fun to learn about our amazing Trinity teachers, isn't it?

CLASS BY CLASS

Preschool

By Miriam Hunt

The preschool room has been very busy since returning from Christmas break. They all enjoyed

the presents they got. Ila Johnson said her favorite present was a Barbie Dream House. Philip Pemberton said he liked his Batman toy. Evangeline Erler liked the magnets she received. Harry Johnston liked all the toys he got.

The preschoolers have a lot of energy and love to play outside in the snow. Most said they like to play on the big hill. Evangeline said her favorite activity is to "play outside with all the good stuff." Mrs. Kienitz exclaimed that her favorite part about winter is "Knowing that spring comes next!"

In the classroom, the kids enjoy playing and doing activities the most. Abigail Rhodes said she likes doing foam snow painting. Alma Dorame likes it when they recite their ABCs. Mrs. Kienitz has fun teaching math, while Mrs. Schlicker likes when they do centers.

When asked their favorite thing about their teachers, Ila Johnson happily exclaimed "Hugging them!"

1st Grade

By Emma Davis

Imagine Trinity's picturesque landscape covered in a thick blanket of snow. Sledding, snowball fights, snowmen, and women; these are the things that the first grade class spend their recesses doing. Even though Mr. Jacobson prefers that the snow would disappear after the holidays, the first graders jump with joy at the mention of it.



Many first graders are excited for the month of January. When asked what they look forward to most, Anniston Harrison said, "Snow!" "Eating snow!" Onnabelle Garvon chimed in. Amelia Nolf and Mikey Dorame said "Sledding!" And Carolena Erler added, "Building snowmen and rolling in the snow!"

As the temperatures drop, the children gear up for indoor recess. Titus doesn't mind. He says he enjoys staying inside and playing on the iPad.



Clearly, the first graders are ecstatic about the new year. Whether outdoors or indoors, the activity level of the first graders, and their joy, is always high!

2nd Grade

By Caelynn London

The kids in the second grade enjoyed their Christmas break. Paul Visner said his favorite gift was a stuffed pig, while Josie Wiltshire likes the new hair scrunchies she got for Christmas. Likewise, Layla Deverman is pleased with the tongue drum she received, which she says, "makes really pretty noises." A tongue drum is an instrument that has only notes that are perfectly in tune with one another so that the notes always make a beautiful sound when played together.

As for Christmas break activities, Layla loved being pulled on her sled behind their side-by-side.

Most of the second graders think it's "good" to be back in school, but Josie took the sentiment up a



notch and said it was "awesome" being back in school. One reason that the second graders are happy to be back is that they got to welcome two new students to their classroom, Josie

Wiltshire and Bailey Hershberger. The rest of Trinity heartily welcomes Josie and Bailey, too!

3rd/4th Grade

By Mary and Paul Saladin

Mr. Rohde reports that the third and fourth graders have recently been enjoying making winter scenes. Lucas Watson explained, "We have been

making structures, winter scenes, and all types of scenes!" The scenes are drawn on pieces of paper with 3D paper animals attached. The animals were not part of the assignment; rather, the kids came up with the idea and made them on their own time.

Winter has settled in and the kids are enjoying the snow and cold. Sydney Kage says she prefers winter for many reasons. "For one, you can do a lot of activities that you can't do in the summer." During recess you will find most of the kids sledding. Karlie Grasman says recess is her favorite part of the day because she likes to sled. Benjamin Visner says he likes "Flinging snow all over and sledding!" Truman Williams just enjoys being able to run around.

In the classroom, Mr. Rohde says that the fourth grade recently

completed graph tables, while the third grade was doing multiplication. He states that his favorite part of the day is religion class because "we get to talk about important stuff." He says his class is doing well in working together.



"They like to group up and make stuff; they like being together." However, he added, "They need to work on not interrupting adults and listening instead of speaking."

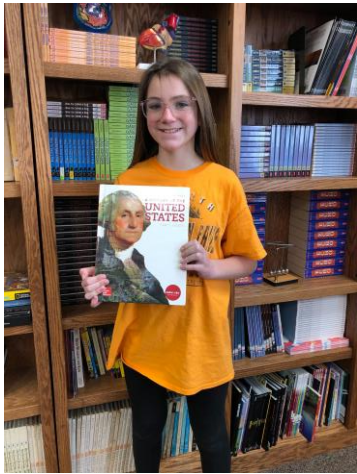
The third and fourth graders really like Mr. Rohde. Lucas Watson said, "He is the best teacher in the world, and it means a lot that he is our teacher." All in all, it seems the kids are having a great time, at recess and in the classroom.

5th/6th Grade

By Lilly Allen

Even though it seems like Christmas break is far in the past, the 5th and 6th grade class still have fresh memories of their favorite activities over break. Ethan Hardy enjoyed "opening presents," while Mary Saladin liked "sledding at her cousin's house."

Walking into the 5th and 6th classroom, you may see students enjoying their favorite subject or



learning something new. Mary said social studies is her favorite, while Ethan prefers math. The 5th graders recently learned about geometry and how to find the area of triangles.

Mr. Keup sees a variety of attitudes in his students toward learning. He admits, “Some are eager to

learn, while others are not as interested.” Like with most teachers, some subjects can be stressful while others are not as stressful. Mr. Keup says that science and reading are most stressful because they “take a lot of prep.”

The students all have different opinions as to why they like Mr. Keup as a teacher. Savannah London said she likes him because he is funny. Vieve Nicklas likes how energetic he is, and Ethan likes Mr. Keup’s puns. Sometimes his puns can be punny!

7th/8th Grade

By Claire Miller

The 7th and 8th grade class is busy with school and activities. Above the doorway and around the classroom, you will see posters of all the countries they have learned about. So far, they have studied France, Germany, Native Americans, Israel, Sweden, and England. This month the country is Jamaica.

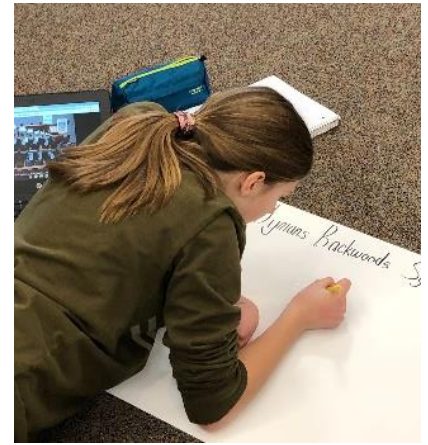
The weather has turned cold and the Trinity hills are covered with snow. When asked what her favorite part of snow is, Lizzy Calabrese unexpectedly said, “None of it.” Maddie Miniear disagreed. She absolutely loves the snow. Why? “I like it because it makes the land beautiful.”

What does Mr. Genthner think of the snow? “I love the snow. I hate wet and cold, so if it’s cold, I want it to snow. The snow is beautiful and there are a lot of people even in the U.S. who have never even seen snow.” Good point! So it looks like we have a tie. Which do you prefer?

When asked which season students preferred, winter or summer, Alaine Harrison answered,

“Summer!”

Why? “I like to go to the beach and spend time with my family.” Ashlyn Chatel prefers summer, too. Macey Vallette says she prefers the winter because “you can wear cuter clothing.”



In language arts, the students have been busy preparing to write persuasive and argument essays. Preparing was fun because they got to play a lot of games out in the narthex. In one game they stood in a line and then moved to a certain side to answer a question. For example, “Would you rather live in the city or country?” The left side was city, and the right side was country. Most everyone went to the right side! What side would you pick?



They also created posters for brands and companies of their choice. The object was to make their brand appealing and to convince people to buy their product. When asked which activity she liked best, Alaine said, “The posters were fun!”

A SPECIAL SOMEONE

By Miriam Hunt and Claire Miller

Every day the students who order hot lunch are served by the same lunch lady, yet no one knows much about her.

Ashley Washburn, or “Mrs. Ashley” as she is better known, turned thirty-three last month. She received birthday cards from many students. She is married and has three children. She says that she enjoys reading and doing art in her free time. Her most recent hobby is wood burning. In high school, she played the clarinet, though she laughingly

admitted, “I don’t know how well I would play now!”

We all seem to forget that lunch ladies enjoy their summers too. When asked how she spends her summers, Mrs.

Ashley says that she usually works, but this year she gets to choose whether she will work or not. Aside from working, she enjoys spending time with her children and taking family vacations.

Mrs. Ashley’s favorite thing about being a lunch lady is that she gets to be around kids. She most enjoys days when she doesn’t forget anything. While she doesn’t have a favorite class to serve, she says that the older kids are easier because almost all of them get the same thing. We are very grateful that Mrs. Ashley is part of our daily life here at Trinity.



SNOWMAN ART CONTEST

Last issue we asked students to draw or color a scene that included a snowman. It was tough to pick just three but here are this month’s top three winners: First Place, Rachel Saladin. Second Place, Abby Rhodes. Third Place, Sydney Kage. Congratulations, girls! You can see their original art work hanging in the library window. Thank you to all who participated!



1st Place: Rachel Saladin



2nd Place: Abby Rhodes



3rd Place: Sydney Kage



FROM US TO YOU

I am so very proud of our Panther Press staff. Even with basketball games and practices, and a school shutdown, the students managed to create a quality paper. We hope you enjoy it!

Mrs. Marilyn Strube

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