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NEWS BY THE STUDENTS FOR THE STUDENTS

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STAFF SUPERSTAR

By Miriam Hunt

This month's Staff Superstar is Trinity's newest staff member, 7th and 8th grade teacher, Mr. Genthner. Mr. G, as he is called by students, came to Trinity from a school downstate. He has been a teacher for 31 years and has taught at public and private schools in and around Detroit.



Mr. G. has not always wanted to be a teacher. Rather, he wanted to be a conservation officer, game warden, or marine biologist. He wasn't even an excellent student in grade school.

However, he enjoyed teaching his six younger siblings things, especially how to read. He enjoyed doing hands-on activities in science, which was his favorite subject.

Growing up Mr. G. lived in many places before coming to Michigan. He has lived in Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida, and even Jamaica. However, he said, "Michigan is my favorite. I always wanted to live here." His favorite place to visit, the Upper Peninsula, is in Michigan. He has fond memories of when his family lived in Wisconsin and would drive to the U.P. and would go camping.

Mr. G. enjoys many outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, canoeing, hiking, and woodworking. He also enjoys "sampling new foods". In his downtime, he likes reading and being with his dog Nutmeg. He has three other dogs that live in the house. "But," he adds, "Nutmeg's not a dog, she's a baby." Obviously, she is his favorite.

Mr. G. has really loved teaching at our school this past year. He will never forget walking in at the beginning of teachers' appreciation week and seeing the figures of all the teachers that were displayed in the narthex. He remembers thinking, "This is amazing!" If he could change one thing, he would have scheduled more field trips earlier in the year, but overall he "loved this year!"

CLASS BY CLASS

Preschool

By Fiona Rohde and Mary Saladin

The preschool classroom is always full of joy. Mrs. Kienitz's favorite part about the preschoolers is that "they are happy to be here every day." Their favorite part of the day varies from student to student. Alma Dorame likes to learn math. Isabelle Button's favorite is singing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Evangeline Erler also likes math "because it's so awesome." Although their opinions may differ, everything in the classroom is fun.

In science, the preschoolers are learning about weather, which goes along with our March Is Reading Month theme, "Whether the Weather, Read!" They are having fun with clouds, rain, snow, and all things that have to do with the weather. They are also learning other things, such as The Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Kienitz says that they are doing very well with that. As the four-year-olds prepare for kindergarten, they are working hard on letters and sounds.

1st Grade

By Paul Saladin

The 1st graders have had a great time participating in all of "March Is Reading Month" activities. Brendan Watson said that his favorite day was "Pajama Day." Kelsey Snider said her favorite was "Saint Patrick's Day." Ryker Mortensen told us that his favorite day was "Flashlight Friday". Mr. Jacobson said he enjoyed "Joke Day" the best.

When asked to be creative and make their own special March Is Reading Month day,



the 1st graders were up for the challenge. Kelsey Snider said "Candy Day!" All the others quickly agreed. Another popular answer was Chloe Tonn's, "Marshmallow Day." Mikey Dorame said that he'd enjoy "Arts and Crafts Day."

In the classroom, Mr. Jacobson says the kids are "doing a lot of measurements and they've done a great job at that." He says that they have to improve on writing complete sentences with capitalization and

punctuation. During recess, the 1st graders are playing “Freeze Tag” and “Cops and Robbers.” In P.E., they have been playing “What Time Is It, Mr. Fox?” Sounds like lots of fun!

Looking ahead to Spring Break, Titus Hunt says that he's going to Yellowstone, but his older sister Miriam Hunt says, “We're just staying home.” Millie Gamble-Brown says she's going to a hotel with a pool. She is very excited because they can bring their dog! Jameson Mizell can't wait for Spring Break; he says, “We're going to a hotel in Little River.” Mr. Jacobson says he's going to make some maple syrup over break.

The 1st grade kiddos have started their operetta. This year they're doing “Bunny Sue.” The last time it was performed, this year's 8th graders performed it! Mr. Jacobson says that soon they will start their auction project, a “hand tree.” Also, they will soon take a field trip to Sandcastles Museum in Ludington. At Sandcastles, there is a play place, a pretend kitchen, and even a pretend cow milking station!

2nd Grade

By Fiona Rohde and Mary Saladin

The second graders have had a great start to their March Is Reading Month. William says his favorite day was “March 11th because it was sports, and I like sports.” Emma Guiles, on the other hand, likes March because we got to read more. Josie's favorite day was “Flashlight Friday because I got to finish *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.” Although March Is Reading Month is usually a fun experience for all, a couple kids did not like a couple days. William said his least favorite day was “Wow Wednesday”, while Emma is not looking forward to “Blizzard Day” because she doesn't want to stay home from school.

Right now, the second grade class is learning how to write stories, and what makes a good story. The students are also beginning to count money, as well as learn how



to estimate in math. Miss Eising says her favorite subject to teach is Religion because “we get to talk about Jesus and kids get to ask questions.” The students also have favorite subjects. Emma's favorite is Social Studies. William likes math “because we get smart.” Josie also likes math, but for her, “it's because it's easy.”

The second graders are happy and sad that the snow is melting. William says his favorite part about the snow is that it is fluffy, but dislikes the cold. Josie likes building snowmen, but does not like “when snowballs get stuck.” Although many people like winter, spring is a great transition in the weather.

3rd/4th Grade

By Emma Davis

The 3rd and 4th grade classroom is filled to the brim with excitement for the events of this month. As some might know, this month is reading month and each and every day, even over the weekends, there are activities that include reading somehow. Flashlight Friday was a class favorite. All of the activities are special as they happen only once a year.

Three students in this class are particularly ready for spring break, Lachlan Koetje, Ellie Davis, and Cassidy DuBreuil. Noah Waldman, on the other hand, is particularly ready for “Blizzard Day” at the end of the month when the entire school receives ice cream.

March is also popular for St. Patrick's Day! Some students were asked why they thought we have St. Patrick's Day. The replies varied: “I don't know,”

“Because we get to celebrate the rainbow,” and “Because it's fun.” While their feedback may have been false, it showed the ingenuity and imagination of this class.



Last month, for all those who remember, the 3rd and 4th graders had hearts made out of hands on their class bulletin board, but now there is a black cross made out of hands on top of it. When asked why the change, Mr. Rohde responded, “I thought it would be a good idea to connect Valentine's Day to the season of Lent.”

Like all teachers, Mr. Rohde notices the little actions and habits of his students. “I like how some are insightful of things,” he said. Teachers also enjoy the hilarious quotes or stories they hear from their students. Mr. Rohde shared his latest: “The class was listening to the soundtrack of this year's play when I overheard a student say: ‘Hey this is the story of Meshach and them guys.’”

5th/6th Grade

By Lilly Allen

The “March Is Reading Month” event was full of activities ranging from “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs Day,” with spaghetti and meatballs for lunch, to “Blizzard Day” with ice cream. It may be hard to choose what day was her favorite, but Fiona Rohde says, “Probably Pi Day.” Briggs Pruitt said “Athletic Day” was his favorite. He also enjoyed St. Patrick’s Day. With only one day left before spring break, everyone is looking forward to “Blizzard Day”!

With Spring Break on the way, everyone is going to be having fun, even if they’re at home. Briggs said that he is going to a condo in Florida with his family. Fiona shrugged and said, “I don’t know, but I hope we are going to Wisconsin,” which would be her dream Spring Break. Briggs’s dream Spring Break would be “turkey hunting.”



Students are finishing up their Research Papers. There are various confidence levels on a scale of one to ten. When asked his confidence level, fifth-grader, Briggs, thought for a moment then replied, “Probably

nine.” Fiona Rohde, a sixth-grader quickly replied, “Nine.” Overall, the entire class feels very confident about their Research Papers.

7th/8th Grade

By Claire Miller

As school comes to a brief close, the class is glad for a little taste of summer break. As usual, they are doing



“Country of the Month,” which is coincidentally, Ireland. At the time of this writing, “March Is Reading Month” was still in full swing and Austin Burgess said he was looking

forward to St. Patrick’s Day. Alaine Harrison was looking forward to “Joke Day” saying, “It’s going to be a ‘punny’ day!”

During Spring Break, Alaine says that she is looking forward to going to Florida. Why? “It’s really warm and there are a lot of activities that we are going to do.”

Sounds like fun! Austin is also looking forward to break because “I get to see my family, and it gets warmer.”

Mr. Genthner is also excited about the break. “Three years ago, my wife and I were going to go to Italy, but couldn’t because of Covid. We saved up enough money and are going to other countries as well, including France, Belgium, Austria, Netherlands, and Switzerland.”

When asked when Mr. G got his little dog, Nutmeg, he said “Two years and 3 days ago.” “She was five weeks old and just about the size of a hotdog bun. She was so tiny and cute.” Nutmeg is a brown dachshund.

When asked if he could pick a country to do next year, Austin replied, “USA, so we can learn about Hawaii.” When Emma was asked what her favorite country was, she replied, “Germany.”

FUTURE CAREERS

On Wednesday, March 9th, our four 8th grade students went on a field trip to the Career



Center at the MOISD located in Big Rapids. This was a huge opportunity for them to see what they have to offer these students as they

progress in their education coming to their Junior and Senior year in high school. Our students were able to go to each of the areas to learn more about



and even try their hand at some of the tasks. Areas included Culinary Arts, Allied Health, Construction, Welding & Fabrication, Firefighter, EMT, Public Safety, Graphic



Security, Diesel Tech, and Nurse Aid, and even Cosmetology, where Macey had tinsel put in her hair! Paul & Aaron got to try out the back seat of a police cruiser and Aaron was in his glory at being able to get in the firetruck!

SPRING BREAK PLANS

By Aaron Allen

The following are some of the places some of the students and teachers in the 7th and 8th grade classroom are going:

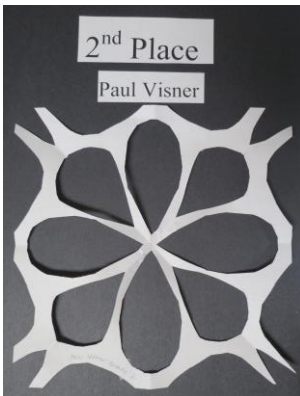
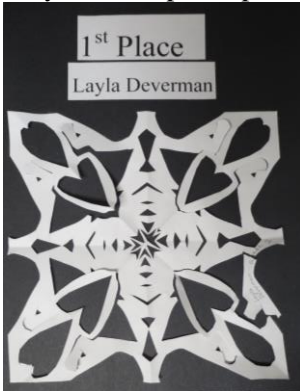
- Lizzy: Florida with her family.
- Sam: Florida with his family.
- Austin: Kentucky with his family.
- Mr. G: Italy with his wife
- Ashlyn: U.P. and Wisconsin

We hope that they, and all the Trinity students, have fun wherever they are going and have safe travels to and from. Happy Spring Break!

SNOWFLAKE CONTEST

The winners of this month's snowflake contest are: 1st place, Layla Deverman. 2nd place, Paul Visner. 3rd place, Benjamin Visner.

Thank you to everyone who participated!



FROM US TO YOU

With April and May full to the brim with sports, class trips, and activities, article deadlines are even more challenging than usual for the Panther Press staff to fit into their busy schedules. Therefore, this will be the last issue for this year. It has been a true pleasure working with this year's dedicated staff. I wish our 8th graders, Aaron, Caelynn and Paul, all the best in their high school careers, and I hope our talented 7th and 6th graders will join me again in the fall for another fun year of bringing news to you!

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