

# The Panther Press

NEWS BY THE STUDENTS FOR THE STUDENTS

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## STAFF SUPER STAR

**Mrs. Lynda Howe**

**By Lilly Allen**

This month's staff superstar is the kindhearted Mrs. Howe. She helps kids of all ages learn new things whether it's numbers or letters. Her teaching is very effective. Although many students are close to Mrs. Howe, they may be surprised to learn some things they didn't know about her.



For instance, Mrs. Howe lived in France! She lived in Avignon, France along with many other places

around the United States, such as Chicago, Denver, New York, and finally here in Reed City, Michigan. As a child, she did chores like most of us do. She helped with laundry, cooking, and cleaning.

One of Mrs. Howe's favorite childhood games was a board game called *Parcheesi*. In order to win, you had to make it to your home space. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* was one of her favorite books. The book is about a girl and her family growing up in the bustling state of New York. Her favorite food is an uncommon type of pizza called pear and gorgonzola cheese pizza.

Mrs. Howe offers these words of advice to the children of today, "Get your education, it's a doorway to a better life. Learn to walk and talk with Jesus." She added, "I don't think I'd be alive if it weren't for Jesus." We are thankful to Jesus for Mrs. Howe's life and for bringing her to Trinity!

## CLASS BY CLASS

**Preschool 3 & 4 year old**

**By Mary Saladin**

The preschool class is off to a good start this year. With 20 four year olds and 6 three year olds, the classroom is always buzzing with excitement. Mrs. Kienitz said they are learning about creation in religion and shapes in math. They enjoy learning language arts the most "because they enjoy learning how to write their names and they love singing the zoo phonics song."

Mrs. Kienitz is looking forward to field trips. It has been hard to plan field trips because of the low staff at

possible field trip locations. The only field trip they have scheduled is to the Anderson and Girls Orchard. Mrs. Kienitz is working on other field trips, like the reindeer farm, which is Rooftop Landing. She wants to go in November, "so it's closer to Christmas," she explained.

Grandparents Day was full of fun for the preschoolers. Mrs. Kienitz said she thinks they were "way excited because it's fun to have somebody come to school with you who doesn't normally." They did activities like painting, playing with playdoh, magnet tiles, and reading with their grandparents. The preschool class is definitely going to have an animated classroom all year long.



**Kindergarten & 1st Grade**

**By Emma Davis**

As the year begins once again, so does the cheerful energy that circulates through the younger grades. Mr. Jacobson has a smaller class than last year. And since he's back to Kindergarten this year many things have changed. One of those things is student portfolios. These portfolios will consist of all the art made by the kids throughout the year. If you are in the upper grades you might remember them.

Another event that is back this year is Grandparents Day! Mr. Jacobson had many activities planned for the day and it seems like he and everyone enjoyed it. He said, "We had four stations set up: letter stamping into Playdoh, a dice game, a hand art project, and we played an egg carton number game." The kids had fun with their grandparents while learning!

On Grandparents Day, Rowan's "Grammy" came to class. "She beat me in a game!" he said. Ila's Grandma and Papa joined her and they helped her on her ABC's. Mr. Jacobson said he enjoyed Grandparents Day very much. "I was glad to see a lot of grandparents in the room this year," and we all know he isn't the only one happy about it.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### By Fiona Rohde

The second grade classroom has a new teacher this year. Ms. Rivard, who sometimes plays piano for Trinity, has taught many Trinity students over the years how to play the piano. She enjoys many activities including art, photography, and watching movies. Teaching has taken up most of her time lately, especially with Grandparents Day recently. Some of the activities they enjoyed that day included the



grandchildren and grandparents painting each other, a nature walk, and the kids showing off what they could do on the playground.

The kids are having a lot of fun

this year. Mikey Dorame says his favorite thing about school is “recess.” He didn’t dislike anything about school but Ellie Meiner and Creighton Koetje both didn’t like people being mean to them. They said they both like science. Ellie mentioned she had two grandparents come for Grandparents Day, while Mikey had three. Ellie’s favorite activity on Grandparents Day was the nature walk, because her grandpa likes going on nature walks.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### By Miriam Hunt

Mr. Rohde’s 3rd/4th grade class is buzzing with energy this first month of school. Josie Wiltshire says her favorite thing they have done in class thus far is the Adjective Jingle in English class. Cassidy DuBreuil on the other hand likes the United States geography they are doing this year which is different from the Michigan history they did last year.

The kids are looking forward to this school year. Paul Visner is excited for the A.R. store so he can “get some two liters.” Cassidy DuBreuil is excited to finish fourth grade and move up to fifth grade because she says, “I want to type more.” Cassidy, Paul and Josie say that their favorite class is Keyboarding Without Tears.

A few weeks ago the school celebrated Grandparents Day by having grandparents come into the school and spend the day with their grandkids in their classrooms. The day began with chapel led by Pastor Tonn. Afterwards, Mr. Rohde’s class made art projects, took a spelling test, played a math game, and did a word search with different names we call our

grandparents. Later, the kids and the grandparents were welcome to stay for a lunch of what Paul described as “yummy, free, cheese pizza.” While the kids enjoyed Grandparents day, they wished that they could have had recess with their grandparents.



Recently, they made name-monsters in art class. Josie described her name-monster as an owl perched in New York City. Cassidy says hers looks like an “eight-eyed centipede.”

## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### By Mary Saladin

The fifth and sixth grade class is learning new things every day. Mr. Keup’s favorite subject to teach is math “because it is concrete and always stays the same.” He also likes that it’s hard for the kids at first, but as they learn, it gets easier. Right now, in math, they are learning square roots and cube roots. In science, they are learning about rocks and minerals and the descendants of Abraham in religion.

The class is pretty excited about this year. When asked to rate their excitement from one to ten, the kids gave a range from five to eight and a half. One thing they are excited about is field trips, like biking to Pizza in Paris and back. Mr. Keup said he would rate his excitement as a nine. He is looking forward to “a normal year because these past few years have definitely not been normal.”

Grandparents Day was a fun experience for everybody. The grandparents filled out sheets with popular things from the time they were growing up. Some sections on the sheet were “song” and “tv show.” That was just one of many fun activities the class did. This year is off to a good start for the fifth and sixth grade class.





## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

By Claire Miller

The 7th/8th grade is bustling with activity this year. Mr. Genthner says the year has been "Wonderful. I learned a lot of things in my first year and I now know how Trinity does things, and I know the families and students."

A few weeks ago in Language Arts, the 7th/8th graders took a trip to Mrs. Strube's house for a Sensory Walk along the river. They jotted down what they heard, saw, smelled, felt and (touched). At lunch on her porch they wrote what they tasted. When asked how she got the idea for the walk, Mrs. Strube said, "I always ask students at the end of the year for suggestions on how I can improve Language Arts. Ashlyn Chatel wrote, 'Take a field trip to somewhere beautiful and write about it.' I loved the idea and immediately thought of the river path." The students all said they liked it. Sam Battle said, "I would do it again, it was fun."

On Friday, September 16, Trinity celebrated Grandparents Day. When I asked what the class would do on



this important day, Mr. Genthner said "We're going to do a 1950s trivia Kahoot and Native American Haida Art. We will make one with our grandparents as well."

The 7th/ 8th graders were very excited about Grandparents Day. Lizzy Calabrese said, "I'm excited because it's my last year doing it." Sam said, "I'm excited because I get to leave early and go eat with my grandma." The day was a great success for all!

## TRINITY TWINS, PAST AND PRESENT

By Emma Davis

Did you know that Trinity has had 11 sets of twins over the years? Mrs. Connie Jonsson recalls when Jim and Tom Martz attended school here in the 1960s, while the 1980's brought us Tami and Pam Giese, Emilee and Josh Knuth, Jeffrey and Jason Nothelfer, and Sarah and Loni Mitchell. Some teachers may recall the 2000s kids, Abby and Warner Myntti, III, while most everyone knows Elijah and Emma Latin, and our most recent graduates, Taylor and MacLean Chatel. Our current twins, Tabitha and Rachel Saladin, Sutton and Lachlan Koetje, Ethan and Gavin

Hardy, Phoenix and Mackenzie Bergman, are amazingly all in Mr. Keup's 5th/6th classroom!

Eleven sets of twins may not seem like many people but combined they'd be a whole other class.



Throughout the school's existence, Trinity has had multiple families come through the school looking for a private Christian education. And it just happens to be that some are twins.

## TRINITY VOLLEYBALL

The Trinity Volleyball season opened Monday, September 11, with an exciting home court win over Mt. Pleasant's Renaissance Rams.

This year the Panther's volleyball team is made up of (12) 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls coached by Mrs. Angela Dickson and Mrs. Nikki Deverman.



Vieve, Lainee, Ashlyn, Lizzy, Ava, Emma, Maddie  
Tabitha, Harper, Addi, Mackenzie, Calah

Lizzy Calabrese, who has been part of the team for the past 3 years, said, "This year is going to be a good year, I think. We have more girls on the team and more experience."

Home games usually take place on Mondays, 5:30, at Norman Elementary. Students get in free so come watch us play!

## TRINITY CROSS COUNTRY

By Maddie Miniear

There are many new Middle School Cross Country kids this year and most are boys from sixth grade. Michael Visner, one of the new runners, commented, "I like it I guess." MSCC runs two miles at meets. Michael's fastest time, so far, was 16:11 (16 minutes, eleven seconds). Whew!

There is also one new girl from Trinity that is in fifth grade, Rachel Saladin. Even though Rachel can't



run at meets, she can still go to practice to see if she will like it or not. Rachel said, "I am excited to start meets

next year, well kind of." The farthest that she has run cross country was a two mile course at Chippewa Hills.

Miriam Hunt, a Trinity eighth grader, loves running and has been part of MSCC since sixth grade. Miriam has beaten Fiona Rohde, another Trinity runner and a seventh grade friend. The MSCC team has started off strong and we are proud of them. The team from Trinity includes, Lilly Allen, Miriam Hunt, Thaddeus Hunt, Savannah London, Fiona Rohde, Mary Saladin, Rachel Saladin, Porter Trucks, and Michael Visner.

## TRINITY ROCKET FOOTBALL

With the cool autumn days comes Rocket Football, a program that is open to 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Representing Trinity are 4<sup>th</sup> graders, Noah Waldman and Lucas Watson, and, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, Brendan Watson and Mikey Dorame.



Noah plays right offensive guard and a little bit of defense. He says Rocket Football is "actually fun!" His favorite thing is making friends on the field."

Happy football season, boys!

## OCTOBER CONTEST

By Maddie Miniear

Are you interested in coloring and candy? If so, the October Pumpkin Coloring Contest is for you! There are three different age categories: preschool through first grade, second grade through fourth grade, and fifth grade through eighth grade. A Panther Press person will come to all of the classrooms to hand out coloring pages along with the September Panther Press. Give your coloring pages back to your teacher by October 19 when the contest ends. Thank you and have fun.



## From Us to You

Mrs. Strube

What a joy it is to work with this year's all-girl Panther Press staff! Maddie Miniear, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, is our only newcomer this year and her enthusiasm and willingness to help in any capacity is inspiring to us. Returning this year are 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Lilly Allen, Fiona Rohde and Mary Saladin. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are Emma Davis (co-editor), Miriam Hunt, and Claire Miller. All of these young ladies are involved in after-school sports, which mean their free time is spent writing articles. Clearly, their parents and teachers have been excellent examples of following through on commitments made.

Thank you, as always, to Mrs. London who faithfully publishes the Panther Press on her computer each month. It's a huge job importing pics from the school camera and my phone. Mrs. London sets and resets the print until it finally fits onto 4 pages, yet is still readable and pleasing to the eye. No easy task.

I'm excited for the year ahead and look forward to the stories and events we will be covering for you our readers!