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NEWS BY THE STUDENTS FOR THE STUDENTS

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Mrs. Karen Kienitz

Photo Credit: Gus Rohde

STAFF SUPERSTAR

Mrs. Karen Kienitz

By Gus Rohde and Paul Saladin

Mrs. Kienitz has the honor of being this month's "Staff Superstar." She has worked at Trinity for a total of 20 years. Her first three years were as a teacher's aide in the preschool classroom, and then she decided to begin teaching 17 years ago. She has the same job today and has never left preschool teaching.

She loves teaching at Trinity for many reasons, one being the "feeling of family." She also loves that "Everyone knows everyone." Her favorite subject to teach to the preschoolers is math. Mrs. Kienitz enjoys it when the kids learn new things, such as $2 + 2 = 4$.

Mrs. Kienitz thought that students would be surprised to know that "I've been to Hawaii." Another important place in her life is Baker College in Cadillac, where she did her studying. When asked about what field trip she would take her students on, she said that her kids would enjoy going to Africa to "see the huge animals."

Mrs. Kienitz loves her job as a preschool teacher, and all the blessings that come with it. She is very happy where she is. Let's do our best to show our appreciation for her.

CLASS BY CLASS

Kindergarten Corner

By Gus Rohde and Paul Saladin

Mr. Jacobson is excited to announce that if all things go as planned the kindergarteners will go on some field trips. The potential field trips are: Hilhoff Farms, and a museum in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Jacobson has introduced a new system in which students take turns being "Student of the Week." They get a whole week to do Show and Tell and other cool things. This system is not based on behavior so all of the kids get a chance to be the ever coveted "Student of the Week."



Mr. Jim Jacobson

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The kids also had a lot to say about being kindergarteners. Titus Hunt informed us that his favorite part of the school day is, "Getting to have fun at recess." Recent "Student of the Month," Amelia Nolf, agreed saying that she loves to play "Mighty Kids and Paw Patrol," during recess.

Recently, the 7th/8th grade class made interactive cardboard games for the kindergarteners at the request of Mrs. Howe. We asked what they thought of them. Connor Rhodes said, "I like the games!" Hopefully more and more kindergarteners will have the privilege of playing them.

1st/2nd Grade

By Taylor Chatel and Caelynn London

There are always super fun things going on in the 1st/2nd grade classroom. Miss Eising has brought the puppets back for the very first time this year! The kids are having so much fun playing with them in their free time.

Cassidy DuBreuil said that her favorite thing that she has learned this year is that God is always watching over us. Layla Deverman says that she loves math and science. They both agree that everyone has the best time at recess.

All of Miss Eising's students think that she is amazing. Lukas Murray said, "She's fabulous!"

During "March is Reading Month" the students are mostly looking forward to Pajama Day. Cassidy is also excited for prizes.

You'll soon see a model art project coming out into the hallway so keep an eye out for that. It's so exciting seeing all of their creativity!

3rd/4th Grade

By Aaron Allen and MacLean Chatel

This month we asked the 3rd and 4th graders some fun questions about school and themselves. One of the questions was: what is your favorite subject? Mackenzie Bergman, Vieve Nicklas, and Benjamin Visner all said "reading" was their favorite. Harper Deverman said, "My favorite subject is math." Our next question was: what are you doing in your favorite subject now? The three students who answered reading said they are reading a book called *Tangerine*. Harper, who answered "math" said, "We are doing long- division with hundreds."

Another question we asked was what is their favorite lunch option? Vieve, Benjamin, and Harper all agree that their favorite is the "chicken drumstick" option. Mackenzie had a different answer. Her favorite option is the "Bosco sticks."

The last question was: where is one place you would like to visit? Mackenzie and Vieve said, "Florida." Benjamin said, "California." Harper said, "Paris."

Well, good luck to those in Mr. Rohde's class and have fun learning!

5th/6th Grade

By Taylor Chatel and Caelynn London

In Mr. Keup's class, there is always something to learn. Cameron Kage is interested in science because he says it's the most fun to learn about. They experimented with the pulley system and learned about chemical changes using root beer floats. Emma Davis says that her favorite thing to learn about is algebra. She thinks that it is the most important. Vocabulary is the most fun for Lilly Allen because she gets to learn new words. They also appreciate how funny Mr. Keup is and how he's not your basic teacher. He plays music while the students work and likes to do experiments.

"March is Reading Month" is upon us. Lilly is looking forward to Pajama Day; Emma can't wait for ice cream sundaes; and Cameron is excited for Hershey bars!

Read more about how each class celebrates "March is Reading Month" in the "Special Events" feature below and in next month's issue of *The Panther Press*.

7th/8th Grade

By Taylor Chatel and Caelynn London

There has been a lot of exciting stuff going on in the 7th/8th grade classroom this month. They started work on their auction projects which you will see soon. Each student was also able to make their own birdhouse. Hopefully more birds will have a warm safe home!

On Wednesday the 3rd they went to the Saladin's cabin and tapped trees for sap. When they get enough, they're going to boil it into maple syrup here at school. While at the cabin, they got to have a campfire with hotdogs and burgers. It was extra special because Mya Cooter, Macey Vallette, and Caelynn London got stuck in the quick-mud. Three people had to help pull them out!



Mr. Gene Saladin, MacLean, Abbey, Caelynn, Taylor, Seth, Aaron, Ruger, Paul, Gus, Trevor, Caleb, Logan, Mya, Mr. Chatel, Macey
Photo Credit: Rich Saladin

There are new science projects hanging in the hallway too. It's so exciting to see all of their projects and hear the stories from their field trips.

PANTHER ALUMNI

By Anna Saladin

After last year's early end to school, the eighth graders of Trinity Lutheran still graduated and continued to their high school careers. Alainna Wallace, who graduated in 2020, is very happy with her spot on the Reed City High School JV volleyball team and enjoys her math class best because Mr. Jerndstat is a great teacher!

Ryan Allen, another 2020 graduate, is also enjoying the school year at Reed City High School. His favorite class is world history and he is involved with trap and cross country. Trap is a shooting sport in which contestants aim for clay targets. Ryan was one of the Reed City Cross Country Team's four state finals qualifiers.

Ryan's friend and fellow graduate, Nikolas Calabrese, is also in trap. Nikolas says, "The biggest difference [about high school] is the amount of people."

All of the 2020 graduates are doing very well and can't wait to welcome the 2021 graduates to high school with them!

SPECIAL EVENTS
“March is Reading Month”

1st/2nd Grade

By Gus Rohde and Paul Saladin

The 1st and 2nd graders started preparing for “March is Reading Month” last month, so it was no surprise on Monday, March 1, that Miss Eising’s class was really RED, WHITE, and BLUE! Noah Waldman said he enjoyed “Red, White, and Blue Day” and that he wore the color blue. Tuesday, “Where on Earth Is My Teacher Day,” Mr. Chatel swapped classrooms and read the book *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. The next day, “Wear a Michigan Shirt Day,” some of the kids wore sports teams, but most wore a shirt from a destination in Michigan. On Thursday, the 1st and 2nd graders took time to read the Bible in class. Lucas Watson says that he read the book of Hebrews. Friday, “Flashlight Friday,” students were allowed to read in the dark with a flashlight. Evelyn Tonn says she enjoyed reading in the dark and that she read the *Holy Bible*.

Overall, the 1st/2nd grade really enjoyed the first week of “March is Reading Month.”

3rd/4th Grade

By Taylor Chatel and Caelynn London

There is lots of excitement in Mr. Rohde’s classroom revolving around “March is Reading Month!” Heidi Pollaski says that a way to show her school spirit is by reading and taking AR tests. Phoenix Bergman and Ellie Davis said that you can be nice to other people. Logan Nicklas claims he’s already taken eight AR tests!

On Friday, March 5, Mr. Keup swapped classes and read *All the Places You’ll Go* to the 3rd/4th grade. When asked if they liked it, Ellie said that she really did. Phoenix, on the other hand only said it was “good enough.”

Heidi said that her favorite book series to read is *Harry Potter*. Logan said his is *North Dakota Night Dragons*. Phoenix said his favorite is *Conspiracy 365*.

During this next month, the students are looking forward to warm weather and being able to wear shorts! Ellie also mentioned that she can’t wait for St. Patrick’s Day. Everyone is excited for all the fun activities ahead and closing the month with Spring Break!

5th/6th Grade

By Mya Cooter and Macey Vallette

All of the 5th/6th graders are really enjoying March’s reading month! They love the fun activities and are looking forward to the AR activities coming up. The theme for March’s reading month is READ, WHITE, AND BLUE!

Out of the colors red, white, or blue, Alex Tower’s preference is red. On the other hand, Mr. Keup, the 5th and 6th grade teacher, prefers blue because he loves the

University of Michigan sports teams, whose colors are maize and blue.

Alex, Ashlyn Chatel, and Sam Battle are all reading books at the moment, which is great because we need AR points to do all of the fun activities coming up this month! Sam says his book is very “juicy.”

So far, as a school, we are earning AR points very quickly. Thank you, 5th/6th for your contributions, and keep up the good work!

7th/8th Grade

By Taylor Chatel and Caelynn London

Macey Vallette and Paul Saladin both agree that one great way to show their school spirit is by wearing theme shirts representing our school.

During “March is Reading Month,” Macey is looking forward to when we reach Orlando, Florida and get to watch a Disney movie here at school. Paul says he’s excited for our camping day when we reach Yellowstone National Park.

This year, Macey’s favorite book has been *Choose Your Own Ever After*. Depending on what you want to happen you skip to different pages. *Hatchet* has been Paul’s favorite. He is even creating a book trailer for it in Language Arts.

So far, Paul has taken ten AR tests and Macey has taken four. They can’t wait to reach our next destination.

When asked if they liked the book, *There Once Was a Lady Who Swallowed a Chick*, read to the class by Preschool teacher, Mrs. Kienitz, Macey said she did and that the chick was cute. Paul said, “Yes, it’s a classic and full of nostalgia!”

Everyone in 7th and 8th grade is looking forward to all of our other milestones and fun activities!

Editor’s note: This month’s issue of the *Panther Press* will cover only the first week of “March is Reading Month.” We will continue coverage of the March reading activities in our next issue, April 15.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Three students from Trinity’s 8th grade have been named local winners in the 52nd America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students who earned the first, second, and third place awards for our school are, **Caleb Kage**, first, **Logan Moser**, second, and **MacLean Chatel**, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement.

As the school’s first place winner, Caleb’s name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school. **Caleb’s** essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will each receive a plaque, a medallion and a cash award of \$1,000.

In addition, each top ten statewide school will receive a \$1,000 check, along with an additional \$500, if the school was sponsored by a Farm Bureau Insurance agent. A big thank you to Farm Bureau Insurance agent, **Dan Lee**, of Reed City, for sponsoring Trinity Lutheran School's participation in the America & Me Essay Contest and congratulations to Caleb, Logan and MacLean!

FROM US TO YOU

A hearty welcome to 2020 graduate, Anna Saladin, who kindly agreed to cover alumni news for *The Panther Press*. It's wonderful to hear what our former TLS students are up to!

We'd like to thank all the teachers for letting us interview you and your students, on a daily basis. There would be no news if it wasn't for your continued support!

Thanks, too, to Mr. Keup who took time after school last month to give us a photography tutorial using the school camera.

Last, but most definitely not least, thank you to Mrs. London for helping us edit and print this issue. We truly couldn't do this without you.



Caleb Kage, Logan Moser and MacLean Chatel
Photo Credit: Jim Chatel

30- MINUTE STAYCATION Recess Activities

By Macey Vallette

When the 1st - 4th graders go outside for recess, which is their "30 Minute Staycation," they love to play in the snow and have a blast on the playground. Some of the 1st/2nd graders prefer sledding and playing in the snow more than the playground. Lucas Watson says, "I like building snow forts and making a ramp that sends us flying in the air!"

Everyone in the 1st/2nd grade classroom has an opinion about winter sports. When asked if they like sledding, everyone yells, "YES!" Cassidy DuBreuil adds, "Sledding is fun, except when you get run over."

The 3rd/4th grade students love to play on all the playground equipment and in the snow. Mackenzie Bergman, Vieve Nicklas, and Ellie Davis all agree that playing on the playground and sledding are very fun activities to do during their 30-minute staycation.

Mr. Saladin, our principal, is going to get our school new snowshoes so that the students can have a fun activity to do with their class or their friends at recess. We are all looking forward to the snowshoes!



Macey, Taylor, Mya, Caelynn, MacLean, Trevor, Paul, Gus, Aaron
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