

# The Panther Press

NEWS BY THE STUDENTS FOR THE STUDENTS

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## STAFF SUPER STAR

### Miss Cooter

By Caelynn London and Macey Vallette

Everyone knows Miss Cooter as the “Trinity Lunch Lady,” but did you know she also delivers lunch to three preschool programs next to Norman?

When asked if she has a favorite class to serve, she admits she does. It’s our kindergarten, because they always cheer her up when she is down, and they use their best manners. Speaking of manners, she remarks that for the most part, the Trinity students are “always nice to me and smile.”



Robin Cooter

Photo Credit: Caelynn London

From kindergarten through eighth grade, all students agree on these favorite lunch options: pizza, mac and cheese with chicken tenders, and breakfast for lunch. Miss Cooter thinks the mac and cheese is the worst, because it’s messy to clean up.

Can you guess which class orders the most hot-lunches? It’s Mr. Rohde’s!

Miss Cooter willingly gave us a secret to share with you: If the hot dogs aren’t Ballpark brand, you are eating turkey dogs.

If you are wondering if Miss Cooter ever eats the food she serves, she sometimes does!

On summer break, Miss Cooter enjoys hanging with her kids, sending them to camp, doing crafts and mowing the lawn. Her dream vacation would be to a warm, beachy area with a hammock next to the ocean.

Earlier this year, Miss Cooter felt very accomplished when she and her family moved into their new house.

When asked what she’d do if she won the lottery and stopped working, she said she would make costumes for our community theater.

Luckily for us, Miss Cooter isn’t in a hurry to leave her job. She loves getting to see her kids at lunch every day and spending time with them after school.

A good day on the job for her includes, “Smiles, thank-you’s, and when nothing gets dropped.” Let’s do our best to give Miss Cooter a good day, every day!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### National Lutheran Schools Weeks

#### Kindergarten

By Caelynn London and Macey Vallette

The kindergarten classroom celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week at the end of January. Monday was dress in your class color day. The kindergarteners’ class color was green. Millie and Gabriel both agree that green is not their favorite color. Millie said, “Blue and purple because they’re pretty,” and Gabriel said, with certainty, his favorite color is, “red.” The kindergarteners also have great ideas on how to serve other people. Millie said, “I can help them if they fall and I can put a Band-Aid on them.” Gabriel added, “I can help them get back up.”

Tuesday was dress like your teacher /profession day. Kelsey and Carolena did a great job of showing what they wanted to be when they grew up. Kelsey dressed up as a teacher and Carolena dressed up as a baker. Kelsey said being a teacher was her favorite. Being a baker was a natural choice for Carolena because as she said, “I love cooking stuff.”

Wednesday was Sports Day. Ellie and Ryker said that their favorite sport was soccer. Ryker said that he likes watching basketball. They not only enjoy watching sports, they also like playing them as well.

Thursday was Zoom Attire Day. Both Kelsey and Ryker have been in Zoom meetings before, but they prefer in-person learning instead. Kelsey said that when in a Zoom meeting she likes talking to her friends.

## NLSW continued: Kindergarten



Kelsey Snider and Ryker Mortensen Photo Credit: Caelynn London

Friday was PJ Day, the students' favorite day of all! Chloe loves her soft cupcake-covered PJs while Millie likes her fuzzy unicorn pajamas. "They are so fuzzy and have a lot of fluff on them. "Millie also brought her beloved L.O.L Doll blanket to school and her favorite giant teddy bear. Chloe hugged her Pillow Pet tight as she got ready for the afternoon movie.

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

#### By Taylor Chatel

Everyone loves National Lutheran Schools Week but nobody has a better time than the First and Second Graders! They had such creative and original ideas. One of the kids' favorite days was "Dress-As-Your-Teacher Day." Miss Eising had a lot of mini-mes on Tuesday. Evelyn Tonn and Cassidy DuBreuil both dressed up as her and were proud to show her their outfits. On Monday, their class color was yellow and everyone looked like a great big sunshine glow! The turnout was awesome on "Sports Day," too. With everyone dressed as their favorite sports team it was a great chance to wear athletic clothes as we aren't usually allowed. Thursday was "Zoom Day." Everyone got to dress up all fancy on the top and really comfy on the bottom. "Pajama Day" was another big hit. They got to wear their PJs to school and were treated to a pizza party. They watched a movie, *Robin Hood*, while snuggling up in their blankets with their stuffies. The school provided popcorn and cookies so they had plenty of treats to last the afternoon. Clearly, National Lutheran Schools Week was a real highlight for Trinity's First and Second Grade!

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

#### By Gus Rohde and Paul Saladin

Mr. Rohde's Third and Fourth graders were ready when National Lutheran Schools Week came around the corner. On Monday, their classroom color was red, and boy, were they red! Tuesday, "Profession and Dress-Like-Your-Teacher Day," Fourth grader, Thaddeus Hunt, went all out shaving his entire head. Kudos to Thaddeus!



Mr. Rohde and Thaddeus Hunt Photo Credit: Paul Saladin

On Wednesday, the kids showed their support for their favorite sports teams. Teams ranged from Reed City teams to the NFL. Thursday, "Zoom Attire Day," the majority of the classroom wore nice sweaters or shirts with pajama pants or sweatpants. Friday was "Pajama Day," in which stuffies were also invited to attend school. The biggest stuffed animal was a giant hamster belonging to Maddy Kage. As always, "Pajama Day" was a favorite among us students.

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

#### By Trevor Burgess and Mya Cooter

Monday: Dr. Craig Oldenburg, from Camp Concordia, opened National Lutheran School Week by leading our chapel service. Different classes wore different colors giving the church a colorful look. The Fifth and Sixth Grade wore blue that day. The students especially liked a song that Dr. Craig sang. Mary Saladin and Alex Tower both thought it was a good song. Mr. Keup agreed and said, "It was a great visual image."

Tuesday: Our school not only celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week but also our teachers. While many fifth and sixth graders dressed like Mr. Keup, he dressed like one of his former teachers, Mr. Zill. He explained that Mr. Zill and a long history of teachers in his family had made a tremendous impact on his life and was his inspiration to become a teacher. Speaking of inspirational teachers, Sam Battle said Mr. Keup has made an impact on him because he taught him things he didn't know last year. Elizabeth Calabrese agreed and added, "He also taught us how to deal with situations."



Sam Battle, Mr. Keup, Elizabeth Calabrese Photo Credit: Trevor Burgess

## NLSW Continued: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday: Because of Covid, there wasn't a National Geography Bee this year, but TLS held their own GeoBee for the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Ben Morneau, a sixth grader, took first place. Going in, he felt positive but a little nervous, too. Afterwards he said, "I feel good and kind of relieved." Congratulations, Ben!



Ben Morneau & Aaron Allen

Photo Credit: Rich Saladin

Thursday: A throwback to virtual learning days last year, students dressed-up on top and went super casual on the bottom for "Zoom Attire Day."

Friday: Students enjoyed pizza, cookies and popcorn while they watched the movie that got the highest vote in their classroom, *Aladdin*, the new live action version.

## CLASS BY CLASS Classroom Happenings

### **Marilyn Strube**

Because of Covid restrictions, we weren't able to visit the Preschool wing for this article, but we enjoy seeing the preschoolers outside our windows each day, clamoring up the snow hills in their snowsuits and boots. We marvel at their energy as they slide down on their bellies, trudge back up, only to do it again and again until their teacher says it's time to go in. Thanks for the picture, Mrs. Kienitz!



Landon Choponis and Anna Dvoracek

Photo Credit: Karen Kienitz

## **Kindergarten Corner**

### **By Caelynn London and Macey Vallette**

Kindergarten teacher, Mr. Jacobson, proudly reports that his students are "doing their best every day." Recently, his class did a cool project including snow! They read the book *What Do Snowmen Do at Night?* Then, they went outside to make snowmen and snowwomen. Now, Mr. Jacobson's class is working on short readings, sounds, AR tests, counting up to 100, adding and subtracting up to 5, geometry, and spelling tests. The kindergarteners are also enjoying Journal writings.

The kindergarteners seem to have an opinion on most every topic. Regarding Mr. Jacobson, Onnabelle says, "He's nice and I love him." Chloe loves to have the nacho fun lunch and says, "I had it today!"

Titus loves to play games on the iPad during his free time. Trinity says that a good day involves being a better person.

Regarding field trips, Titus wants to go to the zoo. Trinity wants to go to the museum. Onnabelle wants to go to Disneyland and Chloe wants to go to the apple orchard.

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

#### **By Aaron Allen and Maclean Chatel**

In the 5th and 6th grade classroom, the annual research Papers have begun. This year's topic is "not-as-well-known Presidents."

Fifth-grader Fiona said, "I have Chester A. Arthur. My confidence level is 5 right now." Maddie, from the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade said, "I have Dwight D. Eisenhower." She thinks it will not be hard to write because they have done one before. "My confidence level is 6," she said.

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

#### **By Aaron Allen and MacLean Chatel**

The staff of the newspaper recently reviewed its first issue. Paul Saladin said, "I feel like a lot of people will like it." He enjoys being on the staff saying, "I report on sports and hunting, and 1st-4th with Gus." Taylor Chatel agrees with Paul, "It's good! I have recess activities with Mya, and the longest-working-teacher at Trinity, with her also." It seems to be a big hit with them, and hopefully for all the readers as well.

## 30-MINUTE STAYCATION

### **Recess Fun**

#### **By Taylor Chatel and Mya Cooter**

Have you ever wondered what First through Fourth Graders do for recess? If so, you are in the right place! Snow fort building and sledding are the main highlights. The kids enjoy working together to make snowballs and gather snow chunks to build their fort.

### 30-Minute Staycation Continued:



Briggs Pruitt and Thaddeus Hunt Photo Credit: Mya Cooter

Austin Miller even mentioned that he preferred the cold weather to the warm. "I was born in the cold," he said. Many kids also love building snowmen. The snowmen are creatively built out of different things and come in all sizes. Snowman building and sledding are not the only high points. Harper Deverman claims that she likes to "Sing while I swing."

The teachers also have fun during recess. Mr. Rohde said, "It makes me remember what we did when we were younger." It makes him feel old! Miss Eising wishes she could sled and play with the kids, too. There's no rule against it! They enjoy watching the kids have fun and burn all their energy outside instead of during class.

### SPORTS CORNER

By Trevor Burgess and Paul Saladin



The Super Bowl, where the two best teams in the nation go head to head, happened this past Sunday, February 7. We asked the third through eighth graders who they thought would win: The Kansas City Chiefs, representing the American Football Conference (AFC), or the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, representing the National Football Conference (NFC). As for the poll, 69% voted for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. According to NBC, the Chiefs are favored to win the big game. The quarterbacks for the Super Bowl are Tom Brady for Tampa Bay and Patrick Mahomes for Kansas City. Brady will be appearing in his tenth Super Bowl, and has won six times (2002, 2004, 2005, 2015, 2017, and 2019); while this will be Mahomes second Super Bowl. He won his first Super Bowl just last year (2020). This game will certainly not disappoint.

**Update:** Tampa Bay Buccaneers won over the Kansas City Chiefs, 31-9. Tom Brady was voted the 2021 Super Bowl MVP.

### FROM US TO YOU

Thank you for letting us interview you, report on your classrooms, and take pictures. Special thanks, too, to Mr. Keup for resolving our technical issues, to Mrs. London for all her help printing this issue, and to Mr. Saladin for ordering and delivering our staff hoodies!

If you have any comments or news items to share, we'd love to hear them! Just leave a note in Mrs. Strube's mailbox or catch us in the hallway. We hope you enjoy this first-ever issue of *The Panther Press*!

#### **Staff and Features:**

Taylor Chatel/Mya Cooter: 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> "30-Minute Staycation"

Trevor Burgess/Paul Saladin: "Sports Corner"

All staff: "Staff Super Star," "Special Events"

Caelynn London/Macey Vallette: Kindergarten Corner, "Class by Class"

Gus Rohde and Paul Saladin: 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> "Class by Class"

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Mrs. Strube: Editor



Front row, Left to Right: Mrs. Strube, Caelynn London, Macey Vallette, MacLean Chatel, and Aaron Allen.

Back row: Mya Cooter, Taylor Chatel, Gus Rohde, and Paul Saladin.

Missing: Trevor Burgess.

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