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Basketball Boys Predictions

By Wills Lane, Benny Moss, Cade Weaver, and Robert Riles

The boys basketball team of 2023 had preseason predictions of the season. The basketball record was 4/6. Basketball point-guard Walker McAnally had some words.

“What are you excited about this season?” said Benny Moss.

“I’m excited to win some games,” McAnally said.

We went on talking about how successful the team would be. The team had a 4/6 record, which is not a bad score.

We then went to corner Nick Newman and asked him some questions.

“What is your basic defense and offense?” Moss said.

“Our offense is pass and cut. Our defense is either man defense or half court trap.” Newman said.

We then came to the conclusion, Wills, Robert, and me - as members of the team - that the FPDS basketball team had a successful season.

Look for a Girls’ Basketball Recap in the next issue!!





4th Grade Play

By Marie Young, Remi Cash, and Malli Wray

The 4th grade play is a story of comedy, romance, and a history lesson of how our nation became what it is today. The play includes famous historical figures such as Ben Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Robert E. Lee.

This play also honors all of the people who are in the armed forces. The students sing a national song about each branch of the military and allow all of the active military workers in that branch to stand so they are recognized.

The Amerikids play is not just about history, it recognizes that this country could've been made without the help of God. As the wise Yacky Doodle once said, "America started from one seed and has grown into this great Nation!"



Holiday Potpourri Q&A
with Mrs. Pleasant (Chair of Holiday Potpourri)

By Rachael Quarshie and Remi Cash

● **Tell me a little bit about Holiday Potpourri.**

“Holiday Potpourri is our school's only fundraiser, and this was the 49th year. All the funds raised this year will go to our school smart board and Apple Technology.”

● **How much money did the school raise this year?**

“Last year we raised \$255,000 and I’m a pretty competitive person, so I hope we beat that and raise close to \$300,000.”

● **Was there a silent auction this year?**

“Yes, there was a silent auction about art, different vacation giveaways, baseball tickets, jewelry, and stuff for the men like hunting items, different food gift cards, etc.”

● **How many auctions were there this year?**

2 auctions

● **What was the catering this year?**

This year's catering included 10 food vendors in our Tasting Tea: Tuk Tuk Boom, Politos, Elvies’, Brent’s, Tom’s Fries Pie, Just Vanilla Bake Shop, Spectrum Sips, PJ’s COffee, and Small Bakes.

● **What is your favorite thing about Holiday Potpourri?**

Since it's our only school fundraiser it takes everybody to be involved from grandparents, parents, teachers, and students. It takes the entire school to raise money.



FPDS Annual Spelling Bee

By Marie Young and Remi Cash

The school would like to say a big congratulations to all of the 2023 Spelling Bee winners. These winners include 4th grader Crysler Wadsworth, 5th grader Ric Rutledge, and 6th grader Katherine Lewis. The runner ups are 4th grader Griffin Paine, 5th grader Parks Thiel, and 6th grader Evelyn Lockett. We are so proud of all your hard work and studying. We can not wait to see who will be crowned the champion in the school wide district Spelling Bee. This event took place on Thursday, November 30 located at our school's campus.



School's Best P.E. Games

Huggy dodge and **steal the bacon** were tied for last with 1 vote each

Frisbee dodge, **4 goal soccer**, and **volleyball** were tied from 5th with 3 votes

Soccer battle ball gets 4th place with 5 votes

Bonus football gets 3rd place with 27 votes

Top gun gets 2nd place with 28 votes

And in first place with 31 votes is**Platoon!!**

*Aidan Dunbar, Pate Aldridge,
Henry McPhillips*



The funnies

The card board
Box Story
by Patc Aldridge

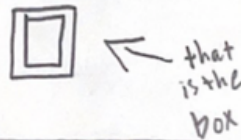
There was once
a card board box



Someone opened
up the box...



There was
another card board
box inside



He had to find
out. what was
in the box?



He opened it
inside was
a book



what was in
the book of
stuff?

To be contin
ued...



Journalism Class Verses

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Submitted by Annie Lum and Jane Marie Johnston

He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiders in blue, purple, and scarlet yarn and fine linens, and weavers - all of them skilled workers and designers.

Exodus 35:35

Submitted by Rachael Quarshie and Marie Young

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Submitted by Owen Green

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

Submitted by Cade Weaver

⚡ Newsletter ⚡

⚡ Article ⚡

Hello 🌟 FPDS 🌟! We are excited to tell you about the amazing things we do in Journalism class at FPDS. We will be telling you about what 🌸 Annie Lum 🌸 and 🌸 Kate Bryant 🌸 did a few weeks ago. It is called.... The Case of the Missing Scrunchie. We did this activity with Mrs. Waters 3rd grade class. Me and Kate hid clues around the school for them to find! ⚡ After, we interviewed 6 students from her class to tell us what their favorite part was. This is what they said...

We asked these students
♥️WHAT THEIR FAVORITE CLUE WAS♥️!

1. ⚡ Marshall ⚡ said... my favorite clue was the one that said, Go to where the band aids and thermometer are.
2. ✨Holly ✨ said...My favorite clue was the one that said, Go to where you think of ideas down stairs and look under a comfy spot to lay your head.
3. 🍦 Brooks 🍦 said... My favorite clue was the one that said, Go to where you play and scream inside the building. If you can't find it, go to the stage where you do your school plays.

🦄 We asked these students if they thought it was exciting! 🦄
🦄 And what was exciting about it? 🦄

1. 🦄Lucy 🦄 said... Yes, it thought it was exciting because finding clues and finding the missing scrunchie was so much fun
2. 🦄Watson 🦄 said... Yes, I thought it was very exciting because it was interesting because it was a mystery, and I love solving mysteries and finding clues
3. 🌹 Millie Ruth 🌹 said... I thought it was very exciting about the scavenger hunt because they got us out of the room and then put it in the room and I liked finding and solving the mystery.



Preschool Pumpkin Patch Reviews
by *Sophia Torres and Jane Marie Johnston*

Hosting the pumpkin patch: Kim Duhs

Students' ratings:

Olivia Torres: "The pumpkin patch was so fun! We picked out pumpkins. I got to put my pumpkin on my head!"

Logan Vance: "We picked pumpkins out. We went on a hayride. We got candy. And it was so much fun!"

Andi Rowan: "The pumpkin patch was fun. We picked pumpkins out. We got candy, and we went on a hayride."

Mac Cote: "We did a pumpkin patch! We picked pumpkins! We got candy! We GOT A HAYRIDE!! IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!"

Ella June Adkins: "We picked big pumpkins. We got candy. We get french fries and chicken nuggets. I liked it! Haden and Maddie and Neely and Porter shared their french fries with me!"

Grayson Thompson: "We got pumpkins off the floor. And we went to the door, and we got pumpkins at the door. And we saw Mickey at the door! We went on a hayride."

Charlie McGinnis: "C H A R L I E that is my name. We got some candy. We went on a tractor ride. We picked out pumpkins. My mom took a picture of me by the scarecrow."



Twin Lakes Retreat Review

By Benny Moss, Wills Lane, Robert Riles, and Cade Weaver

Wills Lane interviewed Hudson Herring, Walker McAnally, and Grayson Merchant about the Twin Lakes Retreat: What did you like, and what would you change?

“What was your favorite part?” said Wills Lane.

“I loved the slide. It goes so fast and it’s so fast,” said Hudson.

“What would you change about it?” said Lane.

“I wish we had more time,” said Grayson.

“I wish we did it closer to summer so we could swim in the lake and pool,” said Herring.

“I wish we did it on a Friday so we didn’t have to go to school the next day exhausted,” said McAnally laughing.

So, Lane came to the conclusion that the retreat was a great success.



Recipes from the FPDS Library

Pioneer Woman’s Restaurant-Style Salsa

From Karen McBride

This restaurant-style salsa couldn't be easier. Just pile all the ingredients into a food processor and pulse until smooth. Scoop it up with tortilla chips!



- 1/2 cup Cilantro
- 1 clove Garlic
- 1 Jalapeno, whole thing
- 1/4 cup Onion
- 1 can Tomatoes, whole with juice
- 1/2 Lime juice, whole
- 1/4 tsp Salt
- 1/4 tsp Sugar
- 1/4 tsp Cumin, ground
- 2 cans (10 ounce) rotel (diced tomatoes and green chilies)

Chicken Bacon Gnocchi Soup

From Jana Heimer

6 strips bacon
1/2 medium onion chopped
2 cloves garlic minced
4 cups chicken broth
1 cup heavy/whipping cream
1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1 pound uncooked potato gnocchi
2 cups cooked/rotisserie chicken
2 cups (packed) fresh baby spinach
salt & pepper to taste

Cut the bacon into small pieces (I use my kitchen shears to make this job easy) and add it to a soup pot over medium-high heat.

Cook until crispy (about 10 minutes).

Meanwhile, prep the other ingredients.

Transfer the bacon to a paper towel lined plate and leave about 2 tablespoons of the bacon fat in the pot.

Add the onion to the pot and sauté for 4-5 minutes or until softened and lightly browned.

Stir in the garlic and cook for 30 seconds.

Add the chicken broth, cream, Italian seasoning, gnocchi, and most of the cooked bacon to the pot (I reserve some bacon for garnishing). Give it a good stir and scrape up any brown bits from the bottom of the pot.

Increase the heat to high and bring it to a boil.

Once boiling, reduce the heat so it's gently simmering and cover the pot with the lid slightly ajar. Cook for 15 minutes (I stir it every so often just to ensure the gnocchi isn't sticking to the bottom).

Once the soup is as thick as you want it to be (it continues to thicken up the longer it's cooked), add in the cooked chicken and the spinach.

Let it warm through for a few minutes.

Season with salt & pepper as needed and serve immediately.



**Look for our next issue of First Press this spring
with news from more 6th grade students!**