

CRUSADER NEWS: ST. PATRICK'S DAY ISSUE

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Mrs. Thomas Interview

Q. How is Harper doing? (her baby)

A. She is doing great she is 8 months old and has her 7th tooth.



Q. What do you teach?

A. Reading and Language

Q. What is your favorite thing about teaching?

A. Getting to spend time with middle schoolers and that they laugh at my jokes even if they aren't funny.

Q. What is your favorite unit to do with your class?

A. Shakespeare

Q. What is your favorite candy?

A. Blue Airheads

Q. What do you like to do in your free time?

A. Dream about school (just kidding) Run, read and go out to dinner with my family.

High Expectations for the Milwaukee Brewers

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By Tyler Kloss

As we look with high optimism to the upcoming 2011 Brewers Season, the Brewers are one of the top teams in their division. The pitchers and catchers reported to training camp on Monday, February 16th. A lot of reporters are claiming that because of our great pitching, we are the team to watch out for this year.

This may be the last year for Prince Fielder because the Brewers and Fielder can't agree on a new contract. There is a new manager, Ron Roenicke, for the Brewers. Roenicke will probably bring a more aggressive approach to base running. We look forward to the season. Go Brewers!

A few of the teachers commented on their thoughts for the 2011 Season:

"It is early, but I do think they are a playoff team. Besides that, we will see." Aaron Gaskell

"They are going to go all the way and win with World Series." Mrs. Veldboom

"I'm looking forward to watching Bernie slide down the slide over 1,000 times this season" © Ms. Stoecker



March is Madness with Basketball Tournaments

By Mikaela Janes and Tyler Kloss

College basketball teams are anxiously awaiting the March Madness Tournament. There are at least 64 teams that play and compete in the 4 week long tournament. To qualify for the tournament they have to win their conference tournament, and they have to be in the top 25 of the associated press or coaches poll (ESPN/USA Today's Coaches Poll). This could be anyone's game but many are favoring the University of Duke. The other way to qualify is by having a large bid. This year the games will be held in Houston, Texas. Badgers are in the Top 10 and are 12th overall. Duke won last year.



Chinese/Japanese New Year

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In mid-February the Glaser House 6th graders teamed up with the MacArthur kindergarteners and did fun activities. Here is the follow-up from the Glaser house teachers.....

“The sixth graders did an amazing job preparing activities for the Kindergarteners. They had a wonderful time while learning many new things about China and Japan.”-- Mrs. Glaser

“I wish everyone at Kennedy could have seen Tangram Corner. It was filled with sixth graders reading their very own stories to the adorable kindergarteners. The morning was filled with friendship and fun.”--Ms. Hake

“The restaurant was bursting with delicious smelling food. The dragon cake was amazing both in looks and taste.” --Ms. Van Zummeren

“The dragons and games that the students created really showed the great work showed the great work that was done for the celebration.” --Mrs. Rohde

All of the teachers were extremely proud of all of the 6th graders hard work and it all paid off to see the kindergartener’s faces.



Movie and Book Reviews

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Gnomeo and Juliet by Sydney and Alex Slater

Gnomeo and Juliet, the latest animated film, is a movie that will knock your socks off. *Gnomeo and Juliet* is based off the amazing play, *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare. It's a love story between the two main characters who are garden gnomes. Gnomeo is from the blue hatted gnomes and Juliet is from the red hatted gnomes. The red and blue hatted gnomes don't get along. The two fall in love even though their families are feuding. Gnomeo even gets some love advice from another statue, William Shakespeare. Will there be a happy ending for these two "love gnomes" or a tragic one? You don't want to miss this hilarious, family fun motion picture, *Gnomeo and Juliet*.

Witch and Wizard

Review by Samantha Watts

Witch and Wizard is the first out of a series written by James Patterson. One night when everyone was asleep, soldiers of the new order (The New Order is an order that bans books, movies, singers, some words, and anything fun imaginable) come knocking on the door of Wisteria (also known as Wisty) and Whitford (Whit) Allgood. They are accused of being a wizard and a witch. But are they? They were never told they were. Were their parents lying? SO they are taken to a New Order jail where they are tortured and tested to see if they do have magic. Will they ever make it out alive?

I give this book a 4.5 out of 5 stars for great descriptions. James Patterson writes it from teenagers' Wisty and Whit's point of view. He makes it sound like it's a bedtime story with great action and awesome description.

Many People on the James Patterson website say that:

"This is the astonishing testimonial of Wisty and Whit Allgood, a sister and brother who were torn from their family in the middle of the night, slammed into prison, and accused of being a witch and a wizard."



History of Leprechauns

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By: Jade Wahlgren and Amanda Grober

We have all seen him, Lucky the Leprechaun, on every box of Lucky Charms. From as far and anyone can remember. There is so much more to the legend of the Leprechaun, and the truth sheds a little light on the myth surrounding the three foot wee-man. His manner of dress changes a bit, but more often than not, he is dressed in a little jacket and red britches, bucked at the knees, grey or black stockings and a hat perched above a little, face. They are known as pranksters who will drink all the milk in the house, or empty food all over the floor. A leprechaun will eat food set aside for him, by the family. He may be angered, though if he is offered food that was not originally intended for him. This anger may bring about more evil behavior from the leprechaun, and may even cause him to abandon the family he has tied himself to. The history of the Leprechaun is filled with mystery, ancient tales and surreal incidents, but reports are conflicting. According to the local Irish Folklore, the history of leprechauns has it's beginning in magic. The general belief is that leprechauns are descendants of the Tuatha De Dannan, who were a group of magical beings led by Lugh the Long Armed Warrior, who used a rainbow as a sling weapon. If a leprechaun is caught, he can be forced to reveal where his pot of gold is hidden. Leprechauns are not easy to catch though because they are so fast. And once caught, the captor must keep an eye on the leprechaun at all times or else the leprechaun would vanish and hopes of finding the pot of gold would be gone. So remember, Lucky the Leprechaun isn't the only one on Earth.



Shakespeare

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By 8th Grade Newspaper Staff

"I enjoyed learning about stage fighting".

-Lizzie G.

"I thought it was fun and a great way to introduce Macbeth".

-Nate Mach

"The Shakespeare workshop was a great educational experience".

-David Christiansen

On February 28th, the eight grade higher level reading class got to experience stage fighting! The kids were able to pretend to hit, slap, choke, punch, elbow, shove, pull peoples hair and pull peoples ears. The classes were in the IMC and acted out scenes from the MacBeth. They learned Shakespeareian language and how to insult someone using this language. For example gleeking, base-court and giglet.



KMS Volleyball

Eighth Grade Team

Blaubach, Jenna
 Buetow, Rachel
 Brummer, Morgan
 Cemke, Jenna
 Chausow, Cheyenne
 Foss, Makenzie
 Gilchrist, Lizzie
 Grogan, Kali
 Hubrich, Monica
 Huettel, Ellie
 Kalts, Lauren
 Koeneke, Haley
 Kusch, Paulina
 Manysch, Kristina
 Meyer, Holly
 Stemmeler, Abbie
 Wegner, Madelyn
 Wood, Jordan
 Zarling, Savannah



Coached by Ms. Geurts

"I am looking forward to winning and watching my team improve."

--Ms. Geurts



Seventh Grade Team

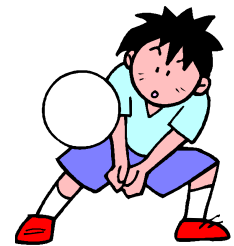
Bell, Crystal
 Cull, Megan
 Erikson, Kayla
 Ferguson, Haley
 Fischer, Arianna
 Goetz, Allison
 Hamm, Taylor

Johnson, Taylor
 Knodl, Sydney
 Kochevar, Bailey
 Laabs, Ashley
 Marks, Megan
 Moore, Michelle
 Pearlman, Mikayla
 Proegler, Lindsey
 Saladin, Karlee
 Siegesmund, Lauren
 Ulickey, Amber

Coached by Mrs. Rhode

"I am looking forward to seeing my girls improve."

--Mrs. Rhode



2/21	Lake Shore Mequon	Away
2/22	North Middle Falls	Away
2/28	Long John Grafton	Home
3/01	Steffen Mequon	Home
3/02	TJ Port Washington	Away
3/07	Templeton Sussex	Away
3/15	Lake Shore Mequon	Home
3/17	North Middle Falls	Home
3/21	Steffen Mequon	Away
3/24	TJ Port Washington	Home
3/26	Conference Tourn.	Away
3/29	Templeton Sussex	Home
3/31	Webster Cedarburg	Away

Going Green

Emily Anderson and Samantha Watts

Do you ever wonder how in the world you can save the planet? Well, now you don't have to think (at least about this)! Here are some extremely simple goals that you can achieve to save the Earth!

1. Recycle used papers.
2. Use both sides of the paper before you recycle it!
3. Reuse recyclables and make something new!
4. Car pool when travelling to and from school.
5. Ride your bike instead of driving.
6. Clean up around your neighborhood.
7. Volunteer to help clean your town or city.

(A great resource would be: <http://www.volunteernow.net/>. Choose your activity here!)

There are plenty more, but I'll leave you to find out the rest!

St. Patrick's History

By Marissa Dreger

Many people make up their own stories about how St. Patrick got his own holiday, but there is one big core history of St. Patrick's Day. Here it is.

At the age of sixteen, St. Patrick was kidnapped from his native land of the Roman British Isles by a band of pirates, and sold into slavery in Ireland. Saint Patrick worked as a shepherd and turned to religion. After six years of slavery, he escaped to the Irish coast and went home to Britain.

While back in his homeland, Patrick decided to become a priest and then decided to return to Ireland after dreaming that the voices of the Irish people were calling him to convert them to Christianity.

After studying and preparing for several years, Patrick traveled back to Ireland as a Christian missionary. Although there were already some Christians living in Ireland, St. Patrick was able to bring upon a massive religious shift to Christianity by converting people of power. Patrick's desire to spread Christianity was not met without disagreements.

Saint Patrick is credited with bringing written word to Ireland through the promotion of the bible. Patrick's mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. He died in the 5th century on, March 17, which is the day St. Patrick's Day is celebrated each year. The first year St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in America was in 1737 in Boston, Massachusetts. The first official St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1766. As the saying goes, on this day "everybody is Irish!" Over 100 U.S. cities now held Saint Patrick's Day parades.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Article By Luke Esperes

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People all around the world celebrate St Patrick's Day in many different ways. Ireland has the highest percentage of people that celebrate this holiday because it is where it originated. People in Ireland always do the most they can to be as festive as possible for this holiday. How they do that is by wearing green, performing Irish dances, wearing costumes and having tons of delicious food and beer. The interesting thing about this is that this is no longer a one day event in Ireland. It goes for several days, sometimes a week! They usually set up a carnival for the community. There is a parade in honor of Saint Patrick, who this entire holiday revolves around. But as you know, some people around the world do not celebrate St. Patrick's Day. For example, Scottish people do not. They celebrate a holiday called St. Joseph's Day which is two days after St. Patrick's Day. There is a much smaller percentage of people that celebrate St. Joseph's Day because it's mainly Scottish people and because it is not as popular as St. Patrick's Day. St. Joseph's Day isn't as well known because it is so close to St. Patrick's Day and St. Patrick's Day somewhat overpowers St. Joseph's Day because St. Patrick's Day is celebrated worldwide.





Jokes and Riddles

By Emily Li

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Q: What is green and smells like orange paint?

A: Green Paint!

Q: What do you call a fake Irish rock?

A: A Shamrock!

Q: When is an Irish Potato not an Irish Potato?

A: When it's a French Fry!

Q: Why was the river rich?

A: It had two banks!

Q: What does a leprechaun call a happy man wearing green?

A: A Jolly Green Giant!

Q: Why do leprechauns hide behind four leaved clovers and not three leaved ones?

A: They need all the luck they can get!

Wearing O' the Green

Today is the day for the wearing o' the green.

Today is the day when the leprechauns are seen

Today is St. Patrick's Day, so if yer Irish me lad,
Join the celebratin' for the grandests time to be had.

Ya' put yer hand up in the air, the other on yer hip,

Ya' tap your toe, ya' tap yer heel, ya' bounce yer knee a wee bit.

Ya' prance 'n dance around the room, 'n circle one, two, three.

The saints be praised, I must admit, ya' all look Irish to me!

Germantown Sports

By: Jordan Fierst

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Lately, there have been many exciting sporting events in Germantown. The more 2011 seems to soar by, the more accomplishments Germantown seems to have in sports.

This past February 26th-27th, the Germantown Warhawks 6th Grade Girls Basketball team went on to compete in the 2011 State Invitational Tournament. Over 86 teams competed in this tournament, separated into five different divisions- Germantown competed in the 1st. After being placed last in their bracket, Germantown went 3-3. The team lost their first game to De Pere (33-26), won their second to Appleton East (37-32), and won their third to Oshkosh North (38-13). From here, the girls were third place in their bracket, and they were placed in the Top (Sweet) 16 teams. Their next game was against Brookfield Central, and that game determined whether the girls would compete in the Top (Elite) Eight bracket or have to fight for 9-12th place. After losing to Brookfield Central by only five points (22-17), the girls were headed to compete for 9th place. The girls were set to compete against Waukesha West, and after an astonishing game, they managed to take home the victory (33-23). The girls were set to compete for 9th place against Bay Port Pirates next. Although the girls lost (25-23), they had placed 10th in the division 1 bracket out of approximately 24 teams. These girls were the first Germantown Girls' Basketball team to ever compete in the state tournament, and they made Germantown proud. ☺ Great job ladies!

Another exciting event around Germantown is volleyball! Kennedy Middle School is proud of how both the 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams have been doing! Keep up the great work girls; you are making Kennedy very proud.

Don't forget to stay active, and continue to enjoy the activities you engage in!





Complete the
Shamrock Crossword Puzzle
below for Good LUCK!