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The Journalism Class.....

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~The Fantabulous First Grade~

On Friday, February 26, the two reporters, Camille and Renée, got their assignment. The assignment.....go to Mrs. Williams' first grade and learn all about them.

The first question Renée asked was, "What is your favorite thing about first grade?" Christian, Daniel, and James replied, "We like to do calendar, projects, and art."

The next question, asked by Camille, was, "What are you looking forward to in second grade?" Riley and Katie both replied, "Fun with Miss Shields."

Next, the roving reporters

asked, "How is first grade different from kindergarten?" Jahsiah and Anna Marie told the reporters that they have harder math, longer days and now they have spelling.

"What are your favorite things to do during recess?" Camille and Renée wondered. Ryan and Andrew like to play fires up, soccer, squash, kick-ball, and basketball.

Then Katie and Casey were asked the question, "What is your favorite game to play in P.E.?" They listed: dodge ball, free time, George Washington-may we cross over your bridge, and swinging on the ropes.

Finally, our last question was

"What is your favorite thing you've done in first grade?" Sophia said she liked making Christmas calendars and counting by fives, Arianna likes learning about God, and Jahsiah likes making the Lenten Book and counting by tens. Lastly, Rafe likes making crosses, snow people, Advent wreathes, and doing crossword puzzles.

Camille and Renée had a great time learning about the first grade class and couldn't imagine that they could have had a better assignment!

By: Renée and Camille



~Marvelous Math Team Wins It All!~

Upcoming Events:

March 25-26: Conferences no school

March 29-April 2: Spring Break

April 4: Easter Sunday

April 5: Eatser Monday... No School

April 6: Classes resume

April 12- 23 ITBS and CoGat Testing

On March 13 at Edison Elementary the amazing Assumption math team made up of Min Jun Kim, Rachel Adams, Caroline Brooks, Michael Henry, Michael Chavez, John Wostenberg, Elliot Gegen, Irish Clark, Andrew Anderson, and Zach Leahy showed their genius math abilities and how well they work under immense pressure.

To get ready for the contest, they practiced four days a week for six

weeks at 30 minutes each time under the direction of coaches Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Call, Mrs. Leahy, and Mr. Gordon. The contest consisted of four tests: adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing, special perceptions and patterns, and problem solving.

Min Jun Kim won first place on all four tests and overall, Michael Henry won 5th place overall, Irish Clark won 3rd place in special



perception and patterns, and Rachel and Michael Henry both won 2nd place in special perception and patterns. Congratulations team!

By: Elizabeth Garner

~ Dear Darla ~


Dear Darla,
Is it good if you read for twelve hours straight?
Sincerely, ?????? ??????

Dear ?????? ??????,
It is definitely good to read. Reading builds your vocabulary and knowledge and also gives you a great imagination. If you read for twelve hours straight, your brain might hurt so it is not a very good idea, plus you need some sleep. When you read, try to read, at most, at two hour intervals. Then, try to exercise in between and get your blood pumping. So, grab a fun book and READ!!!!

 Darla

Dear Darla,
Why are the gym floors so slippery? Once in my game, I slipped two feet.
Sincerely, Slippery Slip

Dear Slippery Slip,
I am so sorry that you slipped. Sometimes, the floors are slippery because there is dust on the floor. Have you ever watched that at the DeSales game someone sweeps the floor at the beginning, halftime, and between the basketball games? They sweep the floors so players' shoes can get traction.

Dar-  la and Mrs. Duncan

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."
-Proverbs 3:5-6



~ Astonishing Acrobatics at Assumption ~

On February 19th the WWVA Acro Knights came to wow Assumption School with mini tramps and chairs. The coach Scott Schafer said, "I enjoy coaching the Acro Knights, but it's dangerous stuff if you don't take it seriously." They performed basket tosses which is where they throw people up into the air and catch them, elevators, when they just lift you up off the ground holding your feet, and chairs. While the team is made up of high school students, they have two eighth graders on the team, Amy Arnzen and Riley Sutton who both did basket tosses, elevators, and tumbling.

The Acro Knights haven't always been around. When Scott Schafer came, he started

the Acro Knights in 1995-96, where in the first year they took one show to a school for their only performance. Since that time the Acros have grown substantially, where they now do about 20 shows a year. They also perform at the Balloon Stampede. Their biggest performance is at the Home Show which is held every year in the WW University gym. The theme this year is Star Wars – New Hope. The past Home shows have been Broadway, Knights Tale, A Night at the Oscars, and Music through the Decades.

The WWVA Acro Knights usually take a trip every other year. Last year they took a trip to Jamaica to help at an orphanage as well as raise

funds for them during the Home Show. Two years before that they went to Belize and promoted a Christian Radio Station during their shows as well as running a Vacation Bible School for kids based on an Acro theme. This year they are focusing on local trips (as well as Spokane), while next year they're looking forward to going back to Jamaica.

So all the Acro Knights hope you can come to the Home Show on May 16. If you want to attend, you can look Amy Arnzen up for tickets as it get closer to May.

By: Amy Arnzen

~ Spectacular Specials: Spring Break ~

During Spring Break we have many different kids going to a variety of fun places. Some of the most popular are: Seattle: Ryan Chase, Payton Graham, Isabelle Redar, Jake Wylie, Taylor Hamada and Chandler Siedler Visiting family: Lauryn Riney, Rachel and Shawn Adams, Erin Gerola, Carly Hein, John Wostenberg, and

Skylar Olson Beach: Connor Hoeft, Jacqueline Konklin, Keaton and Danyele Sullivan, Natalie Hartford and Ryan Rizzuti Going to family cabin: Shawn Fazzari and Dash Sirmon Cruise to Mexico: Andrew, Amy and Luke Elmenhurst California: Sadie Jones and Max Buckley Hawaii: Claire & Jane Conley

and Austin Maiuri Camping: Jonathan Rasch and Patrick Elmenhurst

The middle school journalism staff wishes all Assumption families a happy Spring Break! We hope you come back refreshed and ready to finish up the school year with a bang!

By: Claire Conley

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 1:6

~ Eighth Grade Expeditions ~

The week of February 22nd was one of the most exciting weeks for the eighth grade class. They went on two field trips to the library and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They had an amazing time and learned a lot.

On Tuesday, February 23rd the 8th grade class departed from Assumption School to go on a tour of the Walla Walla Public Library. We arrived a bit too early and after waiting a few minutes outside, we were let in and introduced to a kind librarian named Liz George. Mrs. George started the tour off by showing us where everything is located in the library, such as magazines, adults and kids' books, tapes, and DVDs. After that she had us sit down and encouraged everyone to get a library card. Then she taught us how to find books using the Dewey Decimal System. Needing information for upcoming projects, we were grateful to be shown computers and ten different information websites including everything from auto repair

to learning different languages! The library field trip was wrapped up with about twenty minutes for us to explore the library and even check out books! This field trip was a fun way to spend our morning and provided resources for us to use in the future.

On Thursday February 25th from 1:00 to 2:30, the entire eighth grade class put on their safety glasses, hard hats, and gloves and embarked on a gross, yet eye opening field trip to the Walla Walla Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Upon arriving at the Treatment Plant, they discovered a large scale and found that the entire class weighed around 3,900 lbs. Next they met their tour guides, Paul and Bud. The girls and boys split up and went their separate ways.

First they saw where the water came in, and how disgusting it was before it is cleaned. Then they went to a variety of places to see the steps the plant must take to

clean the water. These places included a pool of rocks for the bacteria to grow on and a building with UV lights to kill any extra bacteria.

Throughout their tour they saw many stages of water cleaning that they compared to foods, such as brownies, chocolate milk, and chocolate shakes. While comparing it to food made the boys hungry, the girls decided to stay away from brownies for awhile.

At the end of their tour, they thanked Paul and Bud and headed back to school. The pictures of the water waste, though not welcome, were forever embedded in their minds.

Thank you to Mrs. Brinson, Mrs. Sutlick, and all the parents who helped with the field trips!!!

By : Elizabeth R. and Elizabeth G.



Emile Leconte, Braden Kimball, Ben Miedema and Isaac Mata help with recycling every Tuesday morning. Let's go green Assumption!

~ Neighborly Knights ~

One of our newest electives, the Knights Club, is full of many mysteries that have not been discovered. Intrepid reporter Andrew Elmenhurst took on the assignment of uncovering the secrets of what they do for the school.

"Many of the Knights Club activities encourage leadership and responsibility," says Mr. Giusti. "Knights Club cleans up trash on the playground, recy-

cles, and helps teachers with whatever they need. Knights Club also promotes a positive attitude and respecting others." Montana Arceo said, "My favorite part of Knights Club is that I learn about leadership and how I can use it in my life."

Another way that Mr. Giusti teaches leadership is by showing movies that set the tone for examples of great leader-

ship. These movies include *Rudy* and *Hoosiers* which inspire these "neighborly Knights."

In the first semester the Knights were given an assignment of picking an inspirational leader and telling the class how that individual became such a great leader.

The Knights Club is truly a great addition to our school.
By: Andrew Elmenhurst

~ Did you know that Mrs. Smith...? ~

Three reporters ventured down the hall into the depths of the fourth grade to find the hidden secrets of Mrs. Smith. Asking her where she went to school, she replied by saying, "I attended Garrison for middle school, Desales for high school, Walla Walla University for college and Eastern Washington to get my Masters degree.

When asked how long she's been teaching, she said she's been in the classroom for 12 years. She then told us that

she has taught in many classes, including fifth, fourth, second, first, and at Wa-Hi for special needs kids. Zach asked, "What's your favorite part about teaching?" After a little thought, Mrs. Smith answered by saying that seeing the kids connect to what's being taught is exciting.

Mrs. Smith has three children named Isaac, Jarod, and Amy. Isaac is 29 years old, Jarod is 27, and Amy is 25. They all went to Assumption and DeSales. We asked her what her dream job is and she said she would stay at home working in her garden and taking care of

her grandkids.

Mrs. Smith's favorite hobbies are reading, weightlifting, boating, gardening, and camping. Then we asked why she had a sporty red Camaro and she responded by saying, "I HAD to have a convertible and a lot of air."

We thought it would be interesting to find out one thing nobody knows about Mrs. Smith. She surprised us by saying that she is getting married soon and is going to be called Mrs. Hammond. We all are going to have to get used to her new name.



Well, that wraps up some investigative reporting. Hope you know Mrs. Smith a little better now.

By: Zach Crum, Andrew Elmenhurst and Cameron Richman

~It's Just Funny ~

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*An old man was talking to his neighbor. "I just bought a new hearing aid," he says. "Cost me \$4,000, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."
"Really," his neighbor says. "What kind is it?"
"Twelve- Thirty," The old man says. -By Anonymous
*What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?
FLOODLIGHTS! -By Anonymous
*What did the teacher say when the chicken got all its work done?
EGGS-ELLENT! -By Anonymous



~Spring Sports Settle In~

7th and 8th grade girls basketball has come to a successful end. The 7th grade team came away undefeated, while the 8th grade girls ended up 7-3. All and all everyone had a great season.

Now that winter sports are over, spring sports are on the go. The 7th and 8th grade boys have the choice of baseball or track. Baseball started on March 8th coached by Jason Postlewait and Clint Hale. Baseball held a jambo-ree on March 20 and did quite well. Track, which is a choice for girls as well, start-

ed March 15 with coaches Mrs. Wujek, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Sutlick. The first track meet is on April 8 at Dayton.

Sadly, the 6th and 7th grade girls interested in softball don't get the chance to play for our school due to a small number of girls interested, but they do have the chance to play for the city league or for another middle school in town. Molli Lesko is taking the opportunity to play for Garrison Middle School with Coach Pattie Egan. As for the 8th grade girls interested in softball, they have the great opportunity to play up at De-Sales on the high school team.

So far three girls have taken the opportunity: Amy Arnzen, Ashlyn Lyons, and Claire Conley. The girls started practice on March 1st with their first game against Asotin on March 23. They look forward to a long and successful season.

By: Claire Conley

