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NEW YEAR'S By Melanie Gasmen

New Year's Eve is always an awesome time to celebrate because of course, it's the New Year! You could stay up until midnight to see the fireworks blast up in the air, and because there's no school. When the clock goes midnight, you could hear people blowing horns, screaming, cheering, and laughing. I remember having the New Year back at The Philippines, which was my first trip out of the country. The only way how to celebrate New Year's Eve, or Day, is to enjoy it.

One thing I know about New Year is that they have parades. Through the streets of the West End of London is a spectacle of 10,000 performers (a lot, right?)! The first parade took place in 1987 as the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Big Parade. In 1994 the display got renamed and for 2000 only it was renamed the Millennium Parade. According to organizers, the London parade is the biggest New Year's Day street event of its kind. Parades are a very entertaining way to celebrate a holiday.

Whenever there's a New Year, there are always fireworks. Almost everywhere you could see sparks popping and bolt up in the air. In Sydney, Australia, leads the world in one of the first major New Year celebrations each year. In other words, during 2009, Sydney launched 80,000 fireworks! They also held the most-watched event on TV! In my opinion, their firecracker show is astoundingly beautiful. At my home country (The Philippines) they make as much noise as they can because of the belief that the racket will scare evil spirits away, preventing them from bringing bad luck to the upcoming New Year.

One well-known fact about the New Year is making resolutions. One of the most popular goals (for adults) is improving health. For example, they would exercise everyday from now on, or eat better. Sometimes they want to quit smoking. For kids, I'd say that we could pay attention more in school, to get to a high-quality middle school. I want to go to a different middle school because my mom told me about a school that's mostly about art (which is my favorite hobby). In a recent research tells that 52% of members in a resolution study were certain of success with their goals. Only 12% actually finished their resolution. In 2007, a separate study was made in a university, and 78% of those who made New Year's resolutions sadly failed. Resolutions are truly a famous fact in America.



A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

First Grade News

By: Lexie Brown

Do you know what the kiddies are doing in first grade? Well get ready to find out!

In reading, they are working on Unit 2. In unit 2, they are learning about compare and contrast, communities, and Jeopardy. Also, one class is a little ahead so they are on Unit 3. In Unit 3, they're working on changes, re-telling, and plot.

In writing, the kids are working on sequence words, friendly letters, good beginnings, long vowels, and organization. The stories that they are working on are Polar Animals, Heart Dog Adventure, and Cold Weather/Snowman.

In math, the little ones are working on number since number chart, addition and subtraction story problems, subtraction, number combinations, and measuring.

In science they are working just on solids and liquids.

Now I bet your wondering what they are doing in Social Studies, but they finished with the unit they were working on but there is one class still working on it and that is colonial times.

That is every thing that the little first graders are working on! Come back next time to see what there working on next!

The Second Grade News

By: Jacob Grant

Ms. Vukich's class and the rest of second grade in math are learning are surveying and making graphs. The graphs are picture bar pie sometimes and that's it. In writing Ms. Vukich's class is writing about the snowman at night. The class read it and really enjoyed it. So now they are doing a writing prompt on it. In science, they are balancing different objects. An example is they'd put cubes in a bucket and weigh it and see how many cubes they need with the bouncy ball in the other. They'd put in as many cubes as they can until the ball and the cubes are both balanced.

Ms. Vukich's class loves PE 1. PE stands for Physical Education. The class made some body pictures with people and Mrs. Bobik hung them out in the hallway near the gymnasium and cafeteria. In PE, you get to exercise a lot! They also did push-ups and the pacer which is where you run from line to line before the buzzer beeps.

There other favorite related art is computers with Mr. Ciccone. They do fast math and Typing Pal. They also do Neighborhood Map Machine which is a program on the computer. You get to make your own map or follow directions to get somewhere on a map. Some map's for kids are very challenging and some are just really easy and simple.

For AR, they have to 3 books a month. AR is where you read a book and take a test on it. The books you read are nonfiction, fictional, and chapter books. A new program in the school is IXL. IXL is a math program on the internet. And that's it for second grade.

Third Grade News

By Angel Chaudhary

Third grade... the magical year full of learning new things and meeting new friends! I have to say third grade is very very busy. From reading to science, third graders are always on their toes! In reading third grade is drawing conclusions. "From what I read about the wolf in the three little pigs I conclude...." In writing Miss. Wright's class is changing their words up. They are working on word choice. Third grade is getting a different "angle" at fun and learning in math while working on area and perimeter! Next up science, science is a favorite for a majority of the third graders. In science the third grade is in their rocks and minerals unit. They have just finished their quest for looking for the mineral calcite in different rocks. Third graders have lit circles too. Lit circles is where part of a certain book is read and then on a assigned lit circles day the class splits up into groups and discusses the book. Mrs. Jones class is reading the tiger rising, a heroic story full of double meanings and symbols. Third grade is also having a lot of fun in talent development. A favorite talent development is inventions by Mrs. Baptiste. Whether its math, reading, writing, science, lit circles, or talent development third grade always haves fun!

4th grade news

What's happening in 4th grade? Let's go find out!

In math they are just finishing up division and starting long division. In reading class they are reading por quire tales. It is to explain something in the world. They are using them to write summaries. What about writing? They are researching the founding fathers. Let's see in science what they are up to. 4th graders are comparing parallel circuits and cires circuits to find out which one is better. Lastly what are they doing for field trips? Delmarva power came in and told all the 4th graders about power and electricity. And that's all the news about 4th grade.

Snowboarding

By Chris Caceras

If you like snow you must have heard of snowboarding. It is a well known winter sport. The sport was created in 1929. A guy named Jack Burchett was the one who invented the first snowboarding board. Snowboarding is a sport similar to all the other winter sports. It has to deal with balance.

Snowboarding to this day is known as a board connected to the bottom of your feet and you go down a hill with ice or snow on the hill. But some times there are competitions some times you have to do tricks in a track called the half pipe. For the half pipe you go side to side and as you go up you do tricks such as a flip.

Even know snowboarding was created in 1929 it was first played in 1960. You had to wear boots, snowboard deck and something called bindings. There is another competition called big air its when you snowboard fast and then you JUMP and do tricks on your snowboard.

Well this sport is very skilled you have to be really good to go to these competitions. Snowboarding is a fascinating sport that mostly everyone likes!

But snowboarding is a dangerous sport. A lot of people get hurt because of they fall or they just bump into someone. If you go snowboarding from a ski cliff it can be very dangerous too because you can break your arm or leg.

People still go snowboarding anyway but probably because they have gear on.

5th Grade News

By: Adam Bonar

Fifth grade does Geometry in math. Geometry is something that involves angles. When I was in 3rd grade, we learned some geometry. The geometry I learned in 3rd grade was easy geometry. If you are in 3rd grade, you should be learning easy geometry. If you are in 5th grade, you should be learning harder geometry.

Fifth grade is going on a field trip. 5th grade is going to JA Biz Town. 5th grade was going to Biz Town on January 11, 2011. But now on February 4th 2011. When my sister Maia was in 5th grade and when she went, she loved JA Biz Town. When I go to 5th grade, I hope that I like JA Biz Town too. JA Biz Town is a place where people are customers, employees, bosses, managers and lots of others. If you are in 5th grade, you should be going to JA Biz Town on February 4, 2011.

I asked Mrs. Conover what she does in Talent Development and she does Games. In Games, she teaches 4th and 5th graders games kids or students don't usually play. One game is Chess. Chess has lots of pieces. There are two rooks, two knights, two bishops, one king, one queen, and eight pawns. The King is the most important piece in Chess. Since I know a lot about Chess, I'm pretty good at chess. Those are some of the basics of Chess.

Fifth grade is reading Japanese Folk Tales. Japanese Folk Tales are sometimes called Mukashi Bana-shi. The characters in a Japanese Folk Tale usually have an old man and an old woman. Japanese Folk Tales give some parts of Japanese morals, values, and lifestyle of Japan. If you are in 5th grade, you should be reading a story about Japanese Folk Tales.

Fifth grade is learning economics in Social Studies. Economics is something that involves goods and services. When I was in 3rd Grade, I learned economics but easy economics. When I'm in 5th grade, I will be learning harder economics. Since I am in 4th grade, so far, we haven't learned any economics at all this year. If you are in 5th grade, you should be learning economics in Social Studies.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Alexa Kifer

On January 15, 1929 in Atlanta Georgia, a baby was born that would change the world forever. This baby's name is Martin Luther King Jr. I'd like to tell you a little about some of his lifetime achievements.

In 1955 he led the Montgomery Bus Boycott. African Americans decided to boycott riding buses that were segregated. They were sick of feeling like second class citizens, and being made to sit in the back of the bus.

He also founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was named its first president in 1957. In 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. gave one of his most important speeches in American history. The speech became known as the "I have a dream speech".

To commemorate MLK day at OBL, students were given assignments to write a speech about a dream that inspires them to help make our country a better place. My dream is to help find a cure for breast cancer. What would be your dream?

In 1964 Martin Luther King became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize for his work as a leader in the movement to end racial segregation and discrimination by non violent means.

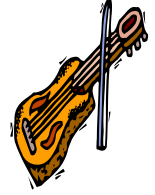
Martin Luther King Day was established as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986. To this day we still continue to honor Martin Luther King. He went on to be awarded the presidential medal of freedom in 1977. Even as recent as 2004 he was awarded the gold Congressional medal.

Unfortunately Martin Luther was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. He will forever live on as one of the greatest civil rights leaders in American history, and though he is gone he will never be forgotten.



Strings and Band Concert

By: Kennedy Blancher and Jourdan Lobban



Bum, bum, bum! Bum, bum, bum! The sound of filled the air. On January 20th the band and strings were splendiferous with their wonderful music. In the OBL auditorium we heard the String students play “Lightly Row, Caribbean Island, Old MacDonald had a Farm, and A strand of D’N’A. The fifth grade played delightful melodies of “Ode to joy “and “For Pete’s sake. For the grand finale the violins, violas, bass, cello from all grades joined together for “Fiddler’s Hoedown”.

Next went the Band students with the flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpet, the trombone and drums showed their stuff. Beginners played tunes of different culture: Hot cross Buns, Au Claire de la Lune, Easy Street and the classic merrily we go along were folk songs from different countries. Last though not least the advance takes the cake. Memorable songs of “Go tell Bill,” “Jim along Josie”, the French tune “Frère Jacques” and the freedom song ...”Bingo!”

All in all their hard work and practice had really paid off that night. Before we leave, we’ve got something to say: Strings and Band students have magnificent talent.



Ice Skating

By: Lexie Brown



Do you know what ice skating is? Well, Have you ever been ice skating? Ice skating is a hobby that girls and boys both like. Ice skating is for all ages, but not recommend for kids under the age of four. In this article, we are mostly going to talk about figure skating and some what about ice skating.

When figure skating, kids learn how to fall protecting their head, wrists, knees, and tail bone. It’s part of the process of learning how to skate. Most people who skate have their own skates, and should have them fitted if they if they go skating a lot and use a helmet and knee pads for extra protection. Most people who just ice skate usually rent skates because normally don’t go as much as figure skaters. Ice skating is a recreational activity that can take place indoors and outdoors, and can take place all year round. If you are skating outdoors, it’s usually on a pond or lake. Which is also dangerous. Figure skating is normally indoors for the safe ice for tricks. Also for no risks of falling. Most people who are really good at ice skating and tricks become figure skaters, which have lots of competitions.

Do you know where ice skating came from? Or when figure skating became popular? Ice skating was brought to North America in the 1740’s from Europe. Figure skating became popular in the 1860’s when Jackson Haines revolutionized it. (He was an American ballet dancer.) Well, I hope you enjoyed learning about some facts about ice skating and figure skating. If you never tried ice skating, you should really try because in my opinion, it is fun!

The University of Delaware Fightin' Blue Hens Football

By: Brandon Hoffman

The University of Delaware Fightin' Blue Hens are on their way to another national title. The game is in Frisco, Texas at Pizza Hut Park on January 7th. The Blue Hens are facing the Eastern Washington Eagles. In the semifinals, Delaware beat the Georgia Southern Eagles 27-10. Eastern Washington defeated the Villanova Wildcats 41-31. The Wildcats were favorite in the game.

Pat Devlin, the quarterback of the Hens is having a very strong year. He is in his senior year and is going to eventually go into the NFL draft. The Eagles quarterback is #9 a Junior, Bo Levi Mitchell. Delaware's defense is coming off of a very strong year. Some defensive players are Matt Marcorelle, Tyrone Grant, Anthony Bratton, and Siddiq Haynes. Pat Devlin this year is 225-330. He has completed 225 passes out of 330. Andrew Pierce, UD's Freshman Running Back is having a very big year. Vs. Georgia Southern, Pierce had a little less than 200 yards rushing. This year, Andrew has rushed for over 1,000 yards.

The Hens are leaving for Frisco on Tuesday. It is a five and a half hour flight. When UD arrived they got a huge crowd to greet them when they were entering the hotel that they are staying in. Delaware is playing for their first title since Joe Flacco was on the team. The Blue Hens are scheduled to practice their normal game routines on Wednesday and Thursday and then the big game is on Friday.

The Blue Hens Seniors this year are as follows: Tyrone Grant, Darryl Jones, Anthony Bratton, Mark Mackey, Anthony Walters, Matt Marcorelle, Ed Wagner, Pat Devlin, Philip Thaxton, Benard Makumbi, Zack Reed, Kevin Uhl, Tommy Crosby, Carl Batson, Siddiq Haynes, and Justin Johnson. That is a total of 16 seniors for UD!

Unfortunately, the Blue Hens lost to the Eastern Washington Eagles in the 2011 FCS National Title game. The Eagles won the game 20-19. Pat Devlin threw one interception and threw for 220 yards. On 28 carries, Andrew Pierce rushed for 148 yards. The Blue Hens started off winning 12-0 at half time. The Blue Hens will have to play harder next year and hopefully come out with a national title. Congratulations to the Eastern Washington Eagles on their big championship win!

Now that the Hens season is over, there is now a rumor now that Head Coach K.C. Keeler will be going to be a coach of Connecticut football team. Keeler announced that going to Uconn is unlikely. More than likely he is not going to go anywhere. Now instead of worrying about going to Connecticut he has to recruit some players to play for the team now that Delaware is letting go of a lot of very good seniors like Pat Devlin, Siddiq Haynes, Matt Marcorelle, and Tyrone Grant.



Mr. Ciccone

By Angel Chaudhary

Mr. Ciccone is a favorite teacher among many students. Mr. Ciccone is Olive B Loss's computer teacher. Kids come to computers about once every two weeks, for 45 minutes per class. Kids in all grades are enjoying his class. They are having a very busy time!

First grade is starting Fastt Math and Typing Pal. They have just finished Kidspiration. Second grade is having a blast! They are finishing up Neighborhood Map Machine, a great program that allows kids to create maps, play games with maps and solve mysteries with maps! Third grade is learning loads and they just like the second graders are working on Neighborhood Map Machine. Let's not forget how much fun fourth grade is having! Fourth grade is just finishing up going on Brain Pop. They checked out the videos and took quizzes on them! Fifth grade is ready to start something new after finishing going on Brain Pop, a cool and educational site. Mr. Ciccone also has an RTI group they are having an enjoyable time while working on games and sites that make their brains think.

I interviewed Mr. Ciccone about his favorite colors, hobbies and if he could have a different job what would it be. Mr. Ciccone's favorite color is blue. I love that color! In his free time Mr. Ciccone likes to garden, watch sports and play with his daughter Bella. Last but not least if Mr. Ciccone could have a different job it would be a storm chaser or a weather man. Isn't Mr. Ciccone interesting?

Didn't I tell you Mr. Ciccone is a favorite teacher in Olive B Loss, well now you saw for yourself how nice Mr. Ciccone really is!



Mrs. Manelski

By: Brandon Hoffman and Jourdan Lobban

Attention all students. We have a new teacher in 5th grade name Mrs. Heather Manelski. Now you may say Mrs. Manelwhat? Well if you don't know her, you really got to.

Mrs. Manelski was born on April 23, 1980, in Wilmington, Delaware. She later studied at the University of Delaware and graduated with a Bachelor's degree. Then in 2009 she graduated with a Master's degree. Before she came to OBL she was a teacher at Lombardy and Harlan in 4th, 5th and 6th grade.

This is her seventh year of teaching and has a husband and a son name Mason who is twenty two months old, but more importantly her inspiration for teaching is kids. In her opinion, being with children is way better than working in an office, because she gets to spend time helping and learning then graphing and charting.

Well, that's the news. We'll see you next time with our next review.

Basketball

By: Adam Bonar

There are 30 NBA teams. Some of them are the Chicago Bulls, the LA Lakers, the Miami Heat, and the Cleveland Cavaliers. There are also the Wizards, the Magic, the Warriors, the Jazz, and the Denver Nuggets. The Philadelphia 76ers is a favorite team from the cities Philadelphia, and Delaware mostly. My favorite teams are the Bulls, the 76ers, the Lakers, and the Heat.

You could also be in a Fantasy Basketball League. You start out with a draft. You would get NBA players on your team. You would be in a number pick. For example, if I had the first pick in the first round, I would like to get LeBron James. He is on the Miami Heat. If you had the 16th pick (which is the last pick of a round) I would predict you wouldn't get a good player. If you had the 1st or 2nd pick, I would predict you would get a really good player. After the draft, you would start the season.

The best player of all time is Michael Jordan. He has three children. Michael Jordan made 145,236 shots in his career. Michael Jordan had 24,753 rebounds. Michael Jordan had 38,541 career points total. Michael Jordan made 581 3 pointers in his entire career. Michael Jordan had 71 career wins. Michael Jordan had 11 MVP awards in his entire career.

The best team I think would be would be is the Miami Heat so far. The reason why I think the Miami Heat is the best basketball team so far is because they have two of the best players in the league. They are Dwayne Wade, and LeBron James. Kobe Bryant is another awesome player. Kobe Bryant is on the LA Lakers. In the 1988-1989 season was the Miami Heat's inaugural season.

The NBA started at first in 1946 for four years as the BAA. (Basketball Association of America) Then the NBA started in 1950. The very first NBA or BAA game was the New York Knickerbokers versus the Toronto Huskies. The New York Knickerbokers beat the Toronto Huskies 68 – 66. In the first NBA championship, was the Philadelphia Warriors vs. the Chicago Stags. The Philadelphia Warriors defeated the Chicago Stags 4 wins and 1 loss.

