



The History of Ireland

By: Megan Kelly

If you have heard of a place called Ireland, lepercons may pop-up in your mind. Really it is know for its beauty and riches. Ireland is one of the wealthiest nations. Many could say that Ireland is not important, but here are some fun facts to prove Ireland should be in your memory. First Ireland is a great tourists place if you are looking for adventure. There is a Castle on the north end called Ballygally. That is now used as a hotel for tourists. Another Castle was built in Ireland by Lady Isobel and her husband during 1625. Also Irelands sporting star is Sean Og O' Hailpin. He is one of Ireland's greatest hurling star. Just like in the Winter Olympics. Another sporting champ named Mike Morgan of Denegal was crowned Surfer Champ of the Year. A town Named Dun Beicse won the right to change its name to Fort of the Harlot. Lastly, the most interesting fact is that on your birthday a tradi-tion is to hold you up-side-down and bop your head on the floor a couple of times. Now do you think Ireland is important? 'Cause if you don't then you'll have to go to www.wikipedia.com and look it up.

St Patrick's Day

By: Sara Smiley

The shamrock has good luck if you find the right one. Don't ever pick up a 3 leaf clover or you will have no luck. TRUST ME! If you pick a 4 leaf clover you will have good luck for ever. How Saint Patrick's Day got started is a little crazy but I am glad we have it. Saint Patrick came to Ireland to be a shepherd for six years, he decided to leave. So he went on a ship to Scotland where he did live. The ship got stuck and ran out of food the other people on the ship where not Catholic so they told Patrick to pray to God to bring food and when they when outside they found 5 pigs. And that's how Patrick became Saint Patrick. You know how Ireland color is green and orange but it was blue and orange. But now almost every thing is green on Saint Patrick's Day like they die the Chicago River green and the president dies his pool green, too. Everyone is Irish on March 17th!

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OBL GRADE NEWZ

The First Grade News

Jessica Hewitt

1st

In first grade they are finishing time and measuring in math they are starting Unit 6 which is word problems and combinations. Some classes are starting economics and some are starting geography. In reading they are learning phonics and learning new words on the word wall and also are starting Unit 4 that is about theme and big ideas. Also they are working on long vowels and working with -ings and -eds. Also the first graders are learning word choice and writing persuasive in writing. Also with class publish books. That is it in 1st grader news!

The Second Grade News

Jessica Hewitt

2nd

The DSTP is ending. In math they are learning place value. Also in science they are finishing up balancing and weighing. Plus in writing they are working on adding details and adjectives also they are making a time capsule and writing to them self then they will open it in a few years and they will see what they were like in second grade . In reading they are learning about complete sentences. There is nothing much going on in the second grade in March!

3rd

Third Grade News

By: Brennan Heeney

Third grade is doing ACE format in Reading. In math they are reviewing for the DSTP and also learning area and perimeter. In science, they are learning earth materials like rocks and minerals. In Social Studies, third graders are learning geography. In writing third grade students are learning how to add voice to writing. In Lit Circles, one class is doing Love That Dog.

Franklin Institute 4th grade field trip

By: Makenzie Beshel

4th

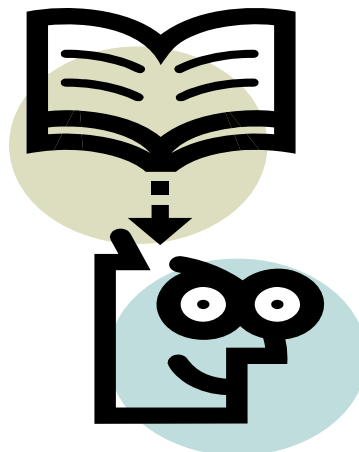
During the month of March, the 4th grade will be doing an in school field trip. They are going to the Franklin Institute. The 4th grade is going on March 30th. They will be learning about electricity, electrical circuits, static electricity and, maybe even electric magnetism. So that's what the 4th graders will do on their field trip to the Franklin Institute this March.

5th

5th Grade News

By: Megan Kelly

There are many things going on in 5th grade. To start with in Math they are practicing with fractions, decimals, and percents. They take a decimal such as 0.5 and change it into a percent like 50%, and a fraction like $\frac{1}{2}$. In Writing they are writing CATCH stories where you add lots of verbs to a story and let others act it out. Also other classes are writing stories about themselves in personal narratives. In reading 5th grade is acting out their own skits written by themselves. Also they are reading stories about Artists and Inventions. In Science they are working with the motion and design of vehicles. Lastly in Social Studies they are learning about pioneers and trailblazers traveling west across the Appalachian Mountains. Also they are learning about the Cumberland Gap found in Kentucky. So that's the 5th grade news for you. All of your information....here.





SPORTS and Olympics



Herb Magee Breaks All-Time

Record for Career Wins in College Basketball

By: Nikhil Mehta

On February 20th, 2010, Herb Magee broke the record of career wins, passing Bobby Knight's previous record of 902 wins at 68 years old. The "Shot doc" has been coaching for 43 years at Philadelphia University has always underpaid his staff; three of them get paid \$7,500 together. Better yet he takes pockets full of bills in games of poker. He won over Goldey-Beacom College and the fans started cheering, "903! 903!" and swarmed onto the court at the end of the game. Later he said that he was more proud of his 14-game winning streak than the #903. "I have a good team because I have good boys," is what later told the media, who were mostly wearing red, Magee sweatshirts.

2010 Gold Medalist..Lindsey Vonn!

By: Gabbie DiDonato

Have you heard of this amazing gold medalist skier, Lindsey Vonn?! Well, she just competed in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada! She won a gold medal in Alpine Skiing, while she was suffering a horrible shin injury just weeks before the Olympics while she was in training! Isn't that incredible?! Vonn was born on October 18, 1984 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her hometown is in Vail, Colorado. Lindsey has been skiing since she was two years old! What a life! As you know, Lindsey Vonn is not the only U.S. athlete in the Winter Olympics but have you heard of Shaun White? Well, he won a gold medal in snowboarding! Or Apolo Ohno, who won silver in speed skating! We have a lot of talented athletes, but I think that Lindsey Vonn is the best of them all!



MLB Pre-season

By: Nikhil Mehta

Are any of you out there Phillies fans? Yankees? Red Sox? Eagles? Wait that's not baseball. Whoops, sorry. Well, on April 5, 2010 the Phillies are starting off the season vs. the Nationals (who sadly finished in last place in the MLB with a losing record of 59-103). And then there's the rivalry game between the Yankees vs. the Red Sox on April 4, 2010. Do you think the Phillies will make it to the World series a third time this year and maybe take it home with them? To get some idea let's take a look at their spring training stats. These all came from <http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/schedule/#date=03/05/2010>

Seminoles	Phillies	PHI 13, FSU 6	Clearwater
Yankees	Phillies	PHI 3, NYY 2	Clearwater
Phillies	Blue Jays	TOR 14, PHI 9	Dunedin
Phillies	Pirates	PIT 3, PHI 3	Bradenton
Rays	Phillies	TB 5, PHI 3	Clearwater
Phillies	Yankees (ss)	PHI 5, NYY 7	Tampa
Phillies	Braves	PHI 7, ATL 4	Lake Buena Vista
Phillies	Blue Jays	TOR 2, PHI 4	Dunedin
Tigers	Phillies	PHI 4, DET 0	Clearwater
Phillies (ss)	Tigers	Cancelled	Lakeland
Phillies (ss)	Rays	Cancelled	Port Charlotte
Twins	Phillies	PHI 5, MIN 4	Clearwater
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Phillies	Pirates	PIT 1, PHI 5	Bradenton

If you want to take a look at some more schedules go to the website.

All about Reading!

I Love To Read Month!

By: Brennan Heaney

February is full of fun reading because it's I Love to Read Month! One of the many fun filled things is the door contest. This year the theme is Reading around the World. Mrs. Hoff's first grade class is doing Open a World of Adventure and Read! In second grade Mrs. Monyak's class is going for the Gold in Reading! Mrs. Wright is doing a Passport to Reading! Mrs. Gayle's and Ms. Watson's class is doing Cinderella Stories around the World! Lastly for fifth grade Ms. Simpson's class is doing Reading Takes U Places! Maybe one of these classes will win! All classes did a great job but only six won! In first grade Mrs. Hoff won! Mrs. Monyak's class in second grade! In third grade Mrs. Baptiste class and Ms. Hamm's class! Mrs. Gayle's class won in fourth grade! Lastly in fifth grade Mrs. Conover! All of those classes won a delicious Popsicle Party!!! But it wasn't all about the contests and prizes. It's about the fun filled reading!

Hats off to Reading!

By: Jasmine Minhas

Can you believe hats off to read is happening now! It is for all the 1st graders. In case you have not heard about it, this is what the 1st graders do. They have to read a certain amount of books. They have to read 26 books. The prizes they would get are bookmarks, Applebee's certificates, books, medals, and they get stickers plus a Friendly's certificate. They can also get pins, they also get a hat. There is no competition going on. Hope you see all the hard work they did.



Interviews!

Mrs. Russell

By Alivia Scott & Paige Ward

Mrs. Russell is one of the many new teachers here at our wonderful OBL. We interviewed her asking her these questions “How do you like your class?” “Do you like OBL?” “Are the kids in your class bad?” “Do you like the teacher here in our school?” “Do you like your talent Development?” And lastly “What’s your favorite thing about OBL?” Mrs. Russell replied “my class is very nice and they behave very well”. “Yes, I love OBL and all the wonderful people in it”. “No my children are very good”. “Yes, I like the teachers here and they are very kind”. “I love my Talent development it’s called Reduse, Reuse, and Recycle where we talk with the children about landfills and renewable and unrenewable items such as oil and fossil fousl”.

Ms. Watson

By: Sehar M.M. and Jasmine Minhas

Do you know Ms.Watson? She is the new 4th grade assistant teacher in Ms.Gayle’s class. She likes Olive B Loss very much because everyone is so friendly. Her favorite subject to teach is Social Studies. The kind of teacher she wants to be is social studies .She has taught at Brookside and Brandywine .She has taught only 4rth grade. The grades she wants to teach are 3rd through 6th.So that is a little bit about the new assistant teacher Ms.Watson.

What’s Happening in Art With the Students?

By: Kishan Patel

If you are wondering about art, then you came to the right place. Miss Fentzlof is teaching tons of art projects to all of the students in this whole school! Could you imagine how much work she and the other Related Arts Teachers are doing? I can’t. Here are the projects each grade level is doing. In fifth grade, the students are working on accordion books that they are going to make. In those books, they’re going to draw in pictures of their future. By doing that, they are actually tracing them from magazines and clip art. In fourth grade, the students are making Paper Mache Puppets! That’s a great project from my opinion. They’re going to rip up paper from newspaper and put them in glue. Then they are going to use them to make a puppet. In third grade, the students are making shadow puppets! I think their having so much fun. In second grade, they’re working on collages. I think they might get a kick out of that in art. Finally, in first grade, they’re getting “jazzy” with lines, shapes, color, and forms. By the words of Miss Fentzlof, she is saying that the students are working very hard to accomplish their goal or project if you say it. She also says that the kids are enjoying working on their projects. By the looks of it, I think she has some fun projects in store for us. Finally, the main thing is . . . she’s having fun teaching art to us!

Kyle Quarles

Spring Jokes!

1. Q. When do monkeys fall from the sky? A. During Ape-ril showers!
2. Q. What flowers grow on faces? A. Tulips (Two-lips)!
3. Q. What's the best day for monkey business? A. The first of Ape-ril!
4. **Knock Knock** who's there! Ice cream! Ice cream who? Ice cream and scream
5. **Teacher: When you yawn, you're supposed to put your hand to your mouth!** Pupil: What? And get bitten!
6. **Teacher: Class, we will have only half a day of school this morning.** Class: Hooray **Teacher: We will have the other half this afternoon!**
7. **Teacher: Did you parents help you with these homework problems?** Pupil: No I got them all wrong by myself!
8. **Teacher: How much is half of 8** Pupil: Up and down or across?
Teacher: What do you mean? Pupil: Well, up and down makes a 3 or across the middle leaves a 0
Teacher: Now class, whatever I ask, I want you to all answer at once. How much is six plus 4? Class: At once!

I got my jokes from this wonderful website called <http://www.kidsjokes.com>

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