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# OBL TIMES!



## Valentines Day!

By Paige ward

Valentines Day is about celebrating peace and love with family. It's also a time to give and receive valentine cards which are a way for people to express spreading peace and love. Now a day people celebrate with candy hearts and heart shaped lollypops. Some students bring in cards for there best friends or maybe there whole class. Some people give flowers or buy gift baskets or boxes of chocolates to people. On Valentines Day love birds like to kiss. One of the best symbols is a heart. Another is a heart with two doves in it. Valentines Day is the best day to love and say thank you and say I love you.



## Groundhog's Day by Sara Smiley

Half of us would want to have an early spring and the other half

Would you want more winter! I hope we have an early spring and the groundhog would see his shadow. But he didn't see his shadow so then there will be another 6 more weeks of winter! And if there is more winter the day would usually be a cloudy dark day. Which it was. When it is sunny and warm out he will see his shadow, which is good I think.

There are many stories about the groundhog and his shadow.

But that's all I am going to say about groundhog on groundhogs day.

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# 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade News!

1st

## The First Grade News

Jessica Hewitt

The first graders are ending their solids and liquids science unit and starting their geo. unit. In math they are doing measurements. Also it is the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school the 17 of Feb. In reading they have started hats off to reading. At the end of the month the first graders are going to get pins according to how many books they read. Also in reading they are doing story maps. In writing they are learning about plots and cause and effect. Plus in math the first graders are starting time unit.

## Second Grader News

By Jessica Hewitt

The second graders are starting the chapter books in AR. In science they are continuing with balance and weighing. Also they are doing data collecting. In writing they are adding details. Also the second graders are organizing in writing. Something other than school work is their Valentine Celebration. They say that they are having a great time.

2nd

## Third Grade News

By Kishan Patel

Many third grade classes are working hard this month and were last month in January too. For reading, the third grade took their Unit 2 test. Some are starting new stories like "The Gardener" and "William's House". Some are even starting and doing cause and effect. For writing, many classes are not doing anything fun. They're doing writing prompts! Some are doing "My Day with the Snowman", "Special People in their Lives" and some are doing persuasive letters to their parents to go to their favorite restaurant! Also one class is writing valentine cards to soldiers. One class also is finishing their research project on animals in different regions. Let's just skip this part and go to science. Almost every class is doing Earth Materials or Rocks and Minerals. If we just move onto math, we'll get a little more information. Some classes are finishing up Unit 3 and some are still on Unit 2. Most of the classes are working on subtracting numbers with more digits or in the hundreds like 752. In social studies, third graders are working on Economics. Some may have even finished Geography with regions and countries. Every third grade class is also doing Lit. Circles with different books. Here are some of the books: Gooney Bird Green; Love My Dog; Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire; The Girl with 500 Middle Names and Because of Winn-Dixie. I would say they're doing more things than probably fifth and fourth graders. I hope that they don't get bothered doing their tough work. So I would also say that third graders were also doing a lot of work in February and were doing in January.

3rd

# 4th, & 5th Grade News

4th

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

By: Morgan Mayer

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade we are doing lots of stuff but my favorite thing that we our doing is magnetism. Right now we began with what magnets stick to and what they don't stick to and what Thomas Edison had to do with it. My class and I had to read a book on Thomas Edison and what went on when he grew up. Well that's what our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is doing.

## Fifth Grade News

By, Brennan Heeney

Math – They are learning prisms and pyramids, also how to use multiplication to do division. Writing – Some classes are researching cultures around the world. Reading – Learning about Jane Goodall a women who cares for endangered animals. Science – Fifth grade is learning motion and design in Science. Lit Circles – Savvy, Deep Dark and dangerous, Double Identity, and Found. All of these books can be a mystery or very scary.

5th



# Vancouver Winter Olympics Page!!!

Winter Olympics!

By: Nikhil Mehta

If you think you're good at winter sports, then you should start training-you could become the next gold medalist in the Winter Olympics. This year the Olympics are held in Vancouver, Canada. These games happen every two years, alternating the Summer Olympics and Winter Olympics. There are three medals that you can win, the gold, silver, and the bronze medals. The person/team that gets the gold medal has their country's national anthem played. Lots of ages have been in the Olympics starting at age twelve going up. If you're looking for a game to play, wow, there's a lot to pick from! You can do any type of skiing, luge, sledding, and even hockey is on hold for now because the best players are in Canada, competing. The Winter Olympics only happen every four years, so enjoy them while you can!



# Presidents Page

## **George Washington's Birthday!**

By: Krishna Suresh

George Washington was the first president of the United States of America. George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. His birthday falls on February 15<sup>th</sup> this year in 2010. George Washington was a very important man in history! George Washington was a hero. The current name of this day is Washington's Day or President's Day. It is the first federal holiday and we celebrate it on the same day George Washington's birthday is, on February 22. It signed into the law on June 28, 1968 that we can celebrate George Washington's Day. We celebrate Abraham Lincoln's day too. The first attempt to make President's Day was in 1951. The "President's Day National Committee", they're goal was not to honor one single president but the one in presidency or has the role of president. But after some stalling by some places President's Day was made. By the 1980's President's Day was working out and everybody started celebrating it. It's a day where we remember our memories of George Washington and what he did, and you're doing this on his birthday. President's Day is not always celebrated but we still

## **Abraham Lincoln**

By: Jourdan Lobban

There are many amazing presidents in our country's history. One of them is Abraham Lincoln. He was a an intelligent and smart man. That is what lead the north winning the Civil War. But let's check out on his early life. Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1805 in a one room log cabin in Kentucky. His parents were Thomas and Nancy Lincoln (but they didn't give him a middle name). His father owned a lot of land though he was not rich. The Lincoln family then moved to Perry County, Indiana because of slavery. When Abraham was nine years old his mother died at the age of 34 because of milk sickness. Thomas Lincoln remarried to Sarah Bush Johnston, afterwards. Abraham and Sarah became very close but Abe then grew a farther distance with his father. He thought his father wasn't a very successful and he thought he could lead some money to him. Abraham Lincoln only had 18 months of education at school. But that didn't stop him. He read many books and contained more knowledge as he taught himself over the years of his early life. When Abraham Lincoln was 22 years old he moved ton New Salem, Sangamon County and became a tradesman. He sailed down the Mississippi River selling goods in New Orleans's few years later Abraham Lincoln married a lady name Mary Todd on November 4, 1842. He lived in a mansion and two sons name Robert and Edward. Though one survived adulthood since his son Edward died on February 1,1850. Later the Lincoln family had a son called William Wallace Lincoln, but then died of a fever on February 20,1862. Later he then had a boy called Thomas "Tad" Lincoln on the day of April 4, 1853. He died on the day of July 16, 1871. Abraham Lincoln did not like slavery because he thought all people was equal. He tried to convince the country to get rid of it. But the south disagreed, which lead into the Civil War. After a time the north won and there was no more slavery. Abraham Lincoln was shot at Ford's theater on April 15, 1865. He was a great president and helped our country through a difficult time. To celebrate in his honor there is a Lincoln memorial in Washington, D.C. and we celebrate his birthday in February.

# Incredible Interviews!

## Olive!

Olive, Our Mascot

By: Alayna R.

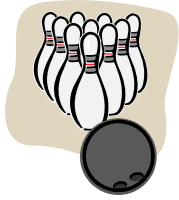
Have you heard that O.B.L. got a mascot? Her name is olive she is an owl. She says she will stay at our school forever. She also says that she loves being our mascot and she's never been another schools mascot. Olive thinks being a mascot is lots of fun plus it's not that hard. On special occasions you might see olive walking around in the halls. You also might see her on morning announcements. She even might say hello to you outside! She will be at most of our ensembles. She loves crowds. If you need someone to cheer you on pick Olive.

## Mrs. Okonieoski!

Mrs. Okonieoski

By: Sehar Macan-Markar and Haylee McMullen

Mrs. Okonieoski is one of the new teachers. She is an assistant teacher in Mr. Trotto's 4th grade class. She likes OBL very much. She likes teaching very much. In fact she has been teaching for 13 years! She taught at Silver Lake, Robert Morton Elementary, and A.B. DuPont. She taught many grades such as 1<sup>st</sup>, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7<sup>th</sup>. She likes teaching elementary grade levels mostly. Her favorite school is Olive B. Loss and Silver Lake Elementary. She says that it is lots of fun to work with Mr. Trotto. So that is a few things about Mrs. Okonieoski.



## Wii Bowling

Have you ever heard that there is a wii bowling contest and the teachers are competing? The team that is getting the most points is I CAN'T BELEVE IT'S NOT A GUTTER. The team that is getting the least points is LIVIN ON A SPARE. The team names are I CAN'T BELIVE IT'S NOT A GUTTER, LIVIN ON A SPARE, KORTKING'S PITS, PINK THUNDER, STRIKES ARE US. The team that is a good thrower is I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT A GUTTER AND WII ROCK AND ROLL. The people that are playing are Mrs. Cale, Mrs. Okoniewski , Mrs. Fenzloft, Mr. Trotto, Mrs. Gayle, Ms. Watson, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. day, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Pragg, Mr. Godowsky, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hoff, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Lybarger, and more.

## The Fourth Grade Concert

By, Brennan Heeney



The fourth grade concert is the wonderful 'The Lion King'. This thriller concert has all of you're favorite characters like Simba, Nala, Timon, Pumba, Zazu, Scar and Mufasa. 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight' is only one of the brilliant songs. Others are 'Circle of Life', 'Be Prepared', 'I Just Can't Wait to be King', 'Hakuna Matata' and 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'!

The Lion King is about King Mufasa and Sarabi have a cub named Simba. From the very begging Simba was a best friend with Nala who was in the pack too. One day Scar, the king's brother talked Simba into going to an elephant graveyard. But he didn't go alone Nala and Zazu went with him. There the evil hyenas chased them until Mufasa comes and saves the day! Meanwhile in the alley Scar tells the hyenas a plan to be king and to kill Mufasa and his son. After the king's death Simba meets Timon and Pumba!

They teach him the saying Hakuna Matata! It means no worries. One day when Nala travels far from home to search for food she sees Simba and the old friends reconnect! Simba says good-bye to Timon and Pumba and he and Nala walk home to stop Scar. When they reach home Scar is starving everyone. Simba tells Scar to run away and never return!

Thanks to Mrs. Martinenza and the fourth grade. The concert was a huge success! Also thanks to all the parents who came!



# February Fun Search

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