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KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION CELEBRATION - BY JACOB M. ROOM B-10

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The Kindergarten Communication Celebration was held on January 30th in the auditorium. This annual celebration is about the kindergarteners singing songs and using sign language movements. The kindergarteners performed songs and rhymes in sign language including the ABC's, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Humpty Dumpty, The World is a Rainbow, God Bless America, and It's a Beautiful Day. All four kindergarten classes took part in the celebration. The performance was amazing! They showed their sign language movements and had great voices which showed their communication skills to families and friends. All the kindergarten kids were very excited to perform everything they have learned. We are very proud of our kindergarteners and all the hard work they have done. This Kindergarten Communication Celebration was one of the best!

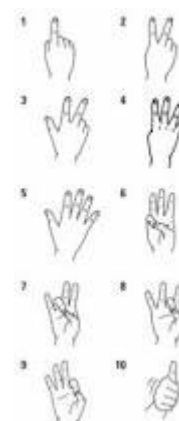
Thank you B-W kindergarten teachers, you are the best!



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4th Grade Trip to USS Midway - by Emily S. Room B9



Hey Pandas, did you know that the fourth graders went on a trip to the USS Midway on January 9th? The tour guides gave us a lot of awesome facts. One fact is that the Midway carried 2000 feet of anchor chain. Each chain link

weighed about 130 pounds, and the anchors were about 20 tons each! Another cool fact is that the Midway sailed in every ocean and remained in service for 47 years. The Midway was considered

the largest ship when it was commissioned in 1945. The Midway was like a city on the sea for the sailors. There was a power plant, jail, hospital, libraries, and restaurants. The students had a fun, learning experience!

Lunchtime Chat with Coach Tran - by Luca F., Room B1

Last Friday at lunch recess, I had the opportunity to interview Coach Tran and got to learn a little bit about him. He has been a P.E. coach for two years. I asked him how he likes Benchley-Weinberger and he said he loves the school and the students. He said the most rewarding part of his job is planning games and having the students participate. He also likes the challenge of getting everyone to participate. I questioned what inspired him to become a P.E. coach and he said he had a lot of cool coaches in high school. Obviously, since Coach Tran is a

P.E. coach, he likes all kinds of sports. His favorite two sports are football and basketball.

The students and staff are so happy Coach Tran is at Benchley-Weinberger!



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. receives Nobel Peace Prize (1964)

Martin Luther King, Jr. by - Cassie P., Room B9

On Monday, January 20, students and staff had a day off to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday! We had an awesome day off from school but we thought it was important to tell you a little about why we celebrate this amazing man.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His original name was Michael but it was changed to Martin soon after his birth. King was a church pastor but after Rosa Parks' arrest for not giving up her seat on a bus, he became an important part in the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

King was also a non-violent man. After Rosa Parks was arrested, King was one of the leaders in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. It went on for a year until the law was lifted. King also gave many speeches. His most famous speech was "I Have a Dream".

Book Review - by Olivia R., Room B10



Paint the Wind

When most of us think horses, we picture fancy saddles, spurs that jingle when you walk, and cowboys clinging to the backs of bucking broncos. After I read Paint the Wind

(by Pam Munoz Ryan), I realized that riding is so much more than getting on

a horse and galloping. It takes courage, determination, and a willing heart.

The story first takes place in a wealthy neighborhood in California, home of twelve year old Maya, who is living with her wrinkled old hag of a grandmother and a series of housekeepers that Maya absolutely despises. Then everything changes when Maya's grandmother dies, and she is shipped

off to live with relatives she barely knows in the rugged wilderness of Wyoming. There she meets a wild horse called Artemisia, who belonged to her mother who died when she was three.

I loved the book, even though I disliked the main character for her selfishness, carelessness, and her foolishness. The ending was beautiful, and it made me cry. Even if you do not like horses, you are sure to enjoy this book.

MATH MATTERS COMPETITION - BY ARIANE C., ROOM B9

Math Matters is a math competition that includes your knowledge about mathematics and logical thinking. It is a competition for 5th graders but this year 4th graders were allowed to participate. The competition took place at Magnolia Science Academy. There were 15 questions that you had to complete in 30 minutes.

Several students in 4th and 5th grade, including myself, participated in the competition. There were some awesome techy prizes for the top winners.

I received a calculator for the brain teasers questions.

Jacob C. is 11 years old and is in Mrs. Armstrong's 5th grade class. He placed 7th in the competition and received a powerful calculator as an award. Jacob was confident and was not nervous when he was taking his test. When I asked him about the difficulty of the test, he said that some of the questions were hard, and others were easy. He also said that he likes math more than any other subject in school.

Math Matters was a fun competition and we are proud of all the B-W students who participated!



Meet our New Counselor - by Eva Z., Room B1



I interviewed Ms. Ramirez, the school counselor. I asked Ms. Ramirez what other roles she has besides being a school counselor. She said she is a daughter, aunt, volunteer, and a 5K runner. She attended SDSU and National University. Her favorite color is royal blue because it puts her in a cheerful mood (I think at one point it can put anyone in a cheerful mood). I asked her what her favorite animal is and why and she said she likes gorillas because in some ways they act a lot like humans. Her favorite subject is social studies (she had to think about this one).

She said she likes social studies because she likes learning about others. The last question I asked her was if she liked her job. She said she loved her job because she gets to work with amazing kids.

I did not know a lot about Ms. Ramirez before I interviewed her but now I know a lot about her. What surprised me the most was that her favorite animal is a gorilla!

Movie Review - by Jasmine B., Room B1

Frozen

Frozen is a warm and delightful movie. People have been telling me all about this movie. This animated movie has been the #1 family movie for about a month. The characters in this movie are a snowman named Olaf, two sisters named Elsa and Anna, a handsome prince name Hans, a moose named Sven, and a rider named Kristoff. Elsa has magic ice powers and she made a path of ice when she was leaving from her home. She ran into the woods because people knew that she had ice powers and she did not want anybody knowing except for her family. Then she made winter instead of letting summer come. Anna, Kristoff, and Sven go out and try to find Elsa to save her. When they find Elsa, she puts icicles on Anna, Kristof, and Sven. The three friends find a snowman name Olaf and he joins the group. They try to find a way to have Elsa come back. Prince Hans joins the four of them. Do you think the prince will help? Does summer return? You will have to see the movie to find out!



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Panda Pride!



IMPORTANT REMINDER:

The B-W Jog-a-Thon will be held on February 19th.
Please be thinking of getting your sponsors so we can
raise a lot of money for our school!

Principal Patton's Post by Ava L. Room B10

Have you ever thought that B-W needed to recycle more? Well, in the past four months, B-W has started a recycling program. Recycling is important because our earth needs to have less trash and be clean. Ms. Patton says the recycling program is going to be continued for as long as possible. Although this program is a 5th grade activity, we need everyone to help. The money from the recycled items is given to the school. Ms. Patton even adds her cans and bottles from home to the recycling bins at school. So Pandas, when you are at the lunch tables, please put your empty plastic bottles and cans in the marked bins. Remember Pandas, recycling is important!



Pando's Adventures - by Cole H., Room B6

