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OUR NEW ASB - BY SIERRA J., ROOM B2

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Every year we have a student counsel (ASB). After the third through fifth graders hear the candidate's speeches, they vote. This year we have an awesome counsel but something very unusual happened. We had B-W's first ever tie for Presidency. The tie was between Jayden B., Room B2 and Kathryn Z., Room B8. They are now our 2012-2013 Co-Presidents!

I got the chance to interview them and here is what they

said:

I asked how it feels to be President and Jayden said, "Good, because I feel like I have accomplished something." Kathryn also said it felt really good. I also asked them if they liked the idea of B-W having co-Presidents and Jayden said, "Yes, because I like having two minds thinking." Kathryn said,

"Yes, because our decisions affect the school." Lastly, I asked what they would like to add to our school. Jayden said he would like to plan a lot of special ASB days for all the students. Kathryn said she would like to see a school garden.

The other members of our student council are:

Vice President: Toria T.

Secretary: Joshua B.

Sergeant at Arms: Ryan S.

Playground Commissioner: Matthew T.

Fire Marshal: Kaiah A.

In conclusion, I really liked their ideas and I had fun interviewing Jayden and Kathryn. I think our school is lucky this year because we have two great Presidents!



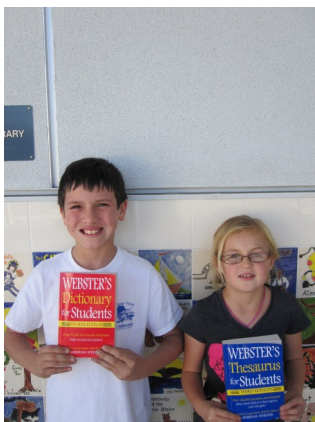
Thesauruses and Dictionaries - by Janelle A., Room B8

The Elk's Lodge located in San Carlos has once again made a donation to the second and third graders at Benchley-Weinberger!

The third graders received dictionaries and the second graders received thesauruses. The third graders

say the dictionaries help them study for tests, improve their language skills, and help them improve the way they write. Some third graders also use their dictionaries for homework and some of the other third graders use the dictionaries while in class.

The thesauruses help the second graders with their spelling, to find "juicier" words, and to study for tests. The Elk's Lodge has donated thesauruses and dictionaries for almost a decade. They have helped lots of students at Benchley-Weinberger!



The 5th Grade Violin Performance - by Lily H., Room B8

Since the beginning of the school year, Benchley-Weinberger's 5th graders have been learning to play the violin. On December 4th, the two 5th grade classes performed for their parents, teachers and their little buddies/Panda Pals.



We had a wonderful violin teacher named Ms. Park. She taught us about the violin, the bow and different strings. Ms. Park is very enthusiastic and encouraged us to continue playing the violin or any other musical instrument. In middle school, we will have the opportunity to play in the orchestra or band. We would like to thank Ms. Park for her patience and all that she has taught us!



Mr. Tucker takes 5th graders to Golf Course - by Kelli P., Room B8

Every school year, Mr. Tucker takes the 5th graders to Mission Trails Golf Course. On December 5th and 6th, Mrs. Hasselbar's and Mrs. Armstrong's classes went golfing. The classes went on separate days. Only 18 students went at a time so it wasn't too crowded.

Everyone got to hit and putt after receiving some valuable instruction from the golf instructor at the course. Alexis from B8 said "I liked putting

better," and Ethan from B2 said "I would like to do it again." Most people liked the golfing experience.

Mr. Tucker has been taking the 5th graders golfing for the last 20 years. During P.E., the students use a big ball and club and hit the ball into a hoola hoop. When they go to the range, Mr. Tucker says the students get a true feel of hitting a real golf ball and they learn just how difficult it can be. The 5th graders really enjoy going and Mr. Tucker loves to be there too!



Panda Ben's Best - by Patrick C., Room B2

Following are some good reminders about B-W lunch procedures:

- ◇ Once the lunch bell rings, line up for lunch with your classroom.
- ◇ Walk to the cafeteria in an orderly fashion.
- ◇ Walk to a table if you have brought your lunch from home, or

line up in the lunch line.

- ◇ Pick your choice of food (entrée)
- ◇ Choose your beverage (chocolate or plain milk).
- ◇ Go to the salad bar and pick out some fruits and/or vegetables.
- ◇ Punch in your lunch number.

- ◇ Get your utensil packet and/or condiments (mustard, ketchup).
- ◇ Sit down and enjoy your meal!
- ◇ When the bell rings, look for any trash on or under your table and stop talking so your table will get dismissed.
- ◇ Throw away your trash and give your tray to the helpers.

Amanda Panda's Advice Column - by Bella H., Room B2

Meeting Someone New

Our school is a communications magnet school, where you meet people and become friends. That is why I am going to tell you ways of getting to know someone new.

Let's say there is a new kid in your class. She/he may be shy, so be nice to them and always - as in *always* - introduce yourself. This could get you a new friend or buddy.

If they seem a bit sad or quiet, do not

think of it like that, they are probably scared or just need to get used to things after the move.

So, make sure they are comfy and welcome, and remember, being kind to others makes you feel better about yourself too!



"Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them."

Francesco Guicciardini, Italian Historian

Movie Review – Fatima M., Room B8

Wreck it Ralph is a movie about a villain and a hero. Wreck it Ralph is the villain and Fix it Felix is the hero in the movie. I interviewed the following people to get their opinion of the movie. I hope you enjoy this!

Salim L., B8: My favorite character is Sergeant Calhoun because she is brave and strict. I liked it when King Candy turned into Turbo. I also liked when Penelope crossed the finish line and became a true racer. The rating I

give this movie is 3 1/2 stars.

Josh B., B1: My favorite character in Wreck it Ralph is Ralph because of the changes throughout the story. I rate this movie 5 stars.

Ethan, B10: My favorite character is Penelope because she is funny and not always serious. I rate this movie 5 stars.

Mateos, B2: My favorite character is Penelope because she sounds like a

cool person. I rate this movie 5 stars.

Trevor, B8: My favorite part in this movie is when all three games come together. The characters I like most in Wreck it Ralph were the cybugs. I rate this movie 5 stars. Take time this season to see Wreck it Ralph!



Teddy Bear Drive - Nalani P., Room B8

Thank you so much B-W Pandas for bringing in all those Teddy bears and other stuffed animals. The Teddy Bear Drive was a success once again for the 22nd year! It was fun and it was incredible seeing all the students supporting the kids that are sick. The Chula Vista Regional Law Enforcement came to help collect all the stuffed animals. Salim from B8 said he

liked how the law enforcement came with Santa and his cool ride. Tryra from B8 said her favorite part was giving the Teddy bears to children in need. Eva from B9 said she likes giving the bears to Children's Hospital because when she was there she got a Teddy bear and it made her feel much better.



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Panda Pride!



Principal Patton's Post

By Veronica S., Room B8

Hi Pandas!! You are all doing great this year. You are all so smart and I am impressed. What a wonderful job you are doing in Books and Beyond! Over the break I would love for you to keep reading and I think all of you will be able to get a gold medal this year. Keep up the good work and I am so proud of every Panda in my school!

Important info regarding Jog-a-thon

Our B-W Jog-a-thon will take place this February 13, 2013. The entire school runs or walks as many laps as they can. Students, please begin to think about the family and friends you will ask to help support this BIG fundraiser for our school. The Jog-a-thon pays for things such as new computers and our music and art programs. There are many awesome prizes including grand prizes such as an iPad, Xbox, netbook computer or \$100.00 cash! All students who raise at least \$35.00 will receive a really cool B-W Jog-a-thon t-shirt! It is a lot of fun and we welcome our families to come on this day to cheer the students on! Please help support our awesome school!

Pando's Bad Dream- by Cole H., Room 4

Oh no! Pando is mistaken for a Teddy Bear and ends up in the hospital!

