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FLAT STANLEY - BY LILY B., ROOM B10

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Flat Stanley is a book by Jeff Brown. In the story, Flat Stanley becomes flat when his bulletin board falls on him in the middle of the night. Then his family mails him to another place because he is flat.

All of our kinders at B-W did a Flat Stanley project where they colored in Stanley and then mailed him to a place somewhere in the world.

Shane L.'s (K-2) Flat Stanley was mailed to the White House! Flat Stanley spent the morning in the West Wing of the White House with President Obama! In the afternoon he was out on the South Lawn with Bo, the President's dog. When Flat Stanley was mailed back

to San Diego, Room K-2 got a letter from the President! In the letter he said that Flat Stanley was surprised by the important role of reading, writing, math, and science in his job. After K-2 read the letter, they were really excited! Wow, wouldn't you be? Keep up the good work kindergarteners!

iVIES - by Andre C., Room B10

The iVIES (Innovative Video in Education) is a K-12 student video festival. Students make short films and then submit them into the iVIES. At B-W, two films were nominated for the iVIES. The names of the films are Joshua's Dream and The Land of Opportunity. Joshua's Dream was created by the following students from B-1: Joshua B., Jacob C., Orion H., Ethan L., Laura S., Ryan S., and Ally R-P. Land of Opportunity was created by Fatima M. in B-8 and also supported by Mrs. Filner. Last year Fatima

had a film win an iVIE! They worked very hard on their films. They had to write their script, film, and edit their movie. The films are judged by movie professionals and teachers. Joshua's Dream received a "Special Achievement in Acting" award! They are anxious to see if their film wins! Ms. Kathy says it is amazing and a great honor to just be nominated. Both groups enjoyed making the films. On April 20, the nominated films were shown at the Ultra Star Hazard Center Cinemas. The awards ceremony will be held on May 14 and it is an Oscar style, red carpet event!



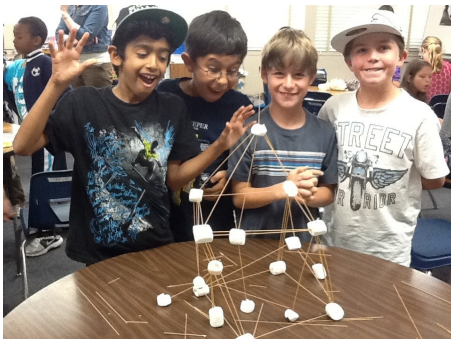
Tile Project - by Tyra L., Room B8

Last year we did a tile project for 5th graders only, but this year everyone at Benchley-Weinberger made a tile. The PTA had us paint a tile using an Earth theme so people painted flowers, animals, and all different things relating to our earth. Each tile will have the student's name and year on it. They will be placed on the auditorium wall facing the parking lot. A parent that helped, Mrs. Jessica Earner, told me a lot about this tile project. Last year Mrs. Paznokas, our wonderful 1st grade teacher, told the PTA that we should do something similar to the library tiles that we did 10 years ago. She came up with this idea from the library tiles which help to make our school beautiful. The tiles came out great and will give our school a nice touch. There were many volunteers that helped with this project. We are thankful for Karen Hughes from Vanilla Bean Ceramics and Mr. Dave who donated materials. Our tiles are in the kiln and we can't wait to see them!

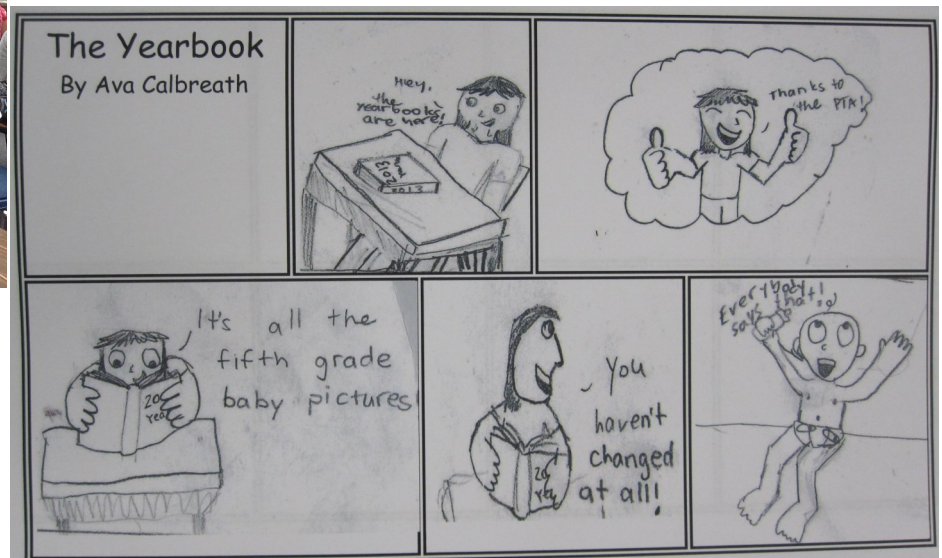


Circle of Friends - by Nalani P., Room B8

Circle of Friends is a fun program during lunch every Tuesday. Circle of Friends is a great program that brings students together to meet new people and make new friendships. Mrs. Anderka and Mrs. Smith are so helpful to everyone and they run the program. Circle of Friends is about expanding relationships while having fun! In Circle of Friends, you can make crafts and play games. Mrs. Anderka and Mrs. Smith are very encouraging and appreciate when everyone is kind to one another. This has been a great way to make new friends and another way to show that Benchley-Weinberger is a school with heart!

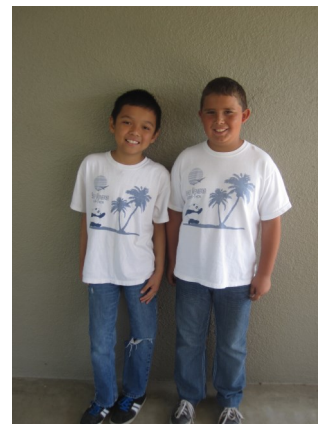


"The Yearbook" by - Ava C., Room B2



'Dress-a-Like Day - BY Kate M., Room B10

On Friday, April 26, we had Dress-a-Like Day at B-W. Students were wearing the same clothes. There were kids who wore matching socks, pants, shoes, dresses, and shirts. Ms. Kathy took pictures of everybody who were dressed alike and posted them on our website for all to see. There were even teachers that were dressed alike! Dress-a-Like Day was sponsored by our ASB. That means our ASB got together, thought of the idea, then made announcements and passed out flyers. Did you dress like someone?



Movie Review – by Jacob M., Room B8

The Croods is about a Stone Age family with modern day ideas. They go on an adventure to “follow the sun” and invent things along the way. They learn that fear is keeping them from the world. They also learn that family is important. I would definitely recommend this movie. Here are some other opinions from students at B-W:

Trevor B., Room B-8 - I thought it was a cool movie because they were the first modern family. Rating - 4.5 Stars

Toria T., Room B-2 - My favorite part was when the family got back together and my favorite character is Belt. Rating - 5 Stars.

Lilly N., Room 7 - I liked it because it was about a family. Rating - 5 Stars

Sienna P., Room B-6 - I liked how the Dad saved other people. Rating - 4 Stars

Tyra L., Room B-8 - It is a touching movie and it is funny. I love the family bond between the Dad and daughter.

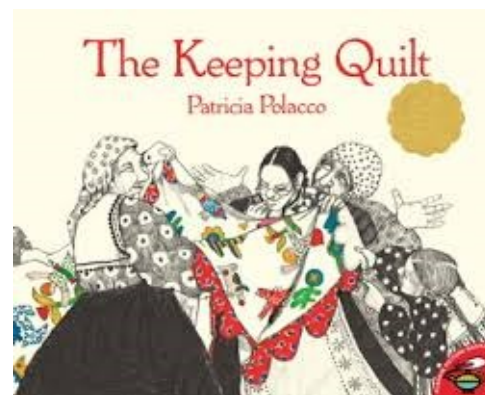


Book Review by - Alexis W., Room B8

The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco

The Keeping Quilt is about a girl that comes to America from Russia. She comes with only a babushka (a headscarf) and a dress. After she outgrows the dress and babushka, her mom and her make a quilt. The quilt is made from her ancestors clothing. The quilt is passed down from generation to generation. Every time someone gets married, they use it as a huppah.

A huppah is like a canopy that a Jewish bride and groom traditionally stand under when they get married. Every time someone passes away, the body lies underneath it. Every time a baby is born, they wrap the quilt around the baby. The Keeping Quilt is a wonderful book; I suggest you read it!



Principal Patton's Post

By Kathryn Z., Room B8

What a great year! We are an official 'No Place for Hate' school/school with heart. ♥ I am so proud of us! On Friday, May 31, during our last Spirit Assembly, we will be presented with a banner from the Anti-Defamation League to celebrate our unity. GO PANDAS!

*Summer Reminder, by - Ms. Kathy,
Media Lab*

Please practice your typing skills over the summer. Remember to keep you fingers on the home row keys! Typing skills are so important, you will be typing for many years to come so the more accurate and faster you are, the better! Here are some good websites (just type in your address bar):

Dance Mat Typing

Learning Games for Kids - Typing

Big Brown Bear Typing

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Panda Testing Tips - by Gabriel M., Room B9

