



The BLUE DEVILS' DAILY

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CSES welcomes new water fountains

By: Sheyann DeMoss

The Cambridge Springs Elementary PTO ran a fundraiser called the Loot Battle. This event happened in spring of 2018-2019 school year. We got these fountains because it is important for students to stay hydrated throughout the day. There are exactly two water fountains in the whole school. The water fountains are special because they fill reusable water bottles, such as the popular Hydro Flask, very quickly and record how many plastic bottles do not go to a landfill or recycling plant so far there are over four-hundred water bottles that didn't go to a landfill. Last year's second and fourth grade classes were the ones that raised the most money while all the other classes contributed. There will be plaques recognizing each class that donated. The total was a bit short to order two, but PTO paid the rest. "We will probably do another Loot Battle this year to try to get two more," explained Mrs. Deane. If you are at CSES and in need of a drink, you can use our school water fountains in the fifth and third grade hallway.



February 8th. "My goal personally is to teach the game of basketball, but for everybody to come together and have a good time. Like at the end of a game, to play around and get to know everyone better," explains coach Toney Wofford. "This year has been decent so far," explains sixth grader Joseph Duda. Christian Muckinhaupt agrees: "It's going good. Everybody is trying their best."

Dungeon ball rewards efforts

By Rayne Yanc

Last month, sixth graders at CSES were involved in an unplanned activity to reward some amazing efforts in gym class. A Dungeon Ball tournament included sixth graders on November 14th in the afternoon. It took place in the Elementary School's gym with Physical Education teacher Mrs. Bullock. She explained they played "because of the classes attitude and effort, because of that I thought they deserved a reward."

The sixth grade was split so it would be a fair game. During the game, even sixth grade teacher Mrs. Henry and student teacher Ms. Kent decided to join the fun! The game was a blast and everyone said that they had fun. Rory Greenwalt (6) responded, "I think we did pretty good. In the end, we just didn't have the points to win." Our teacher added, "I was glad that we could have an incentive and have some fun together." Maybe next time that Dungeon Ball tournament will be for your grade! Just listen and keep trying! Good Luck!

Junior Devil basketball season begins

By Noah Holland

If you're a parent with kid(s) that play basketball and don't know much about this season, this is something for you! The fifth and sixth grade basketball season started Thursday, December 5th. "Practices are helping. Everybody is better than they were at the beginning of the season," explains Latavion Fitzpatrick, grade 6. Practices are held from 6:00-7:30 Mondays and Thursdays. The first game we rival Maplewood at Saegertown Elementary School at 11:00 A.M. on January 4th. The games will be every Saturday at different times, until



Meet the staff

By Dolan Feltenberger

We are starting our very first elementary school newspaper Blue Devil's Daily! Our staff of eight students came up with the title by brainstorming a list of catchy names that goes with our mascot, the Blue Devil. Writing teacher and Newspaper Advisor Mrs.



Henry wanted to extend our learning opportunities in the subject, and inform parents and students on what's happening around our school. See Paper Page 2

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The staff volunteers to meet two days a week during recess to work on the paper. Our goal is to publish at least three more this school year. If you have an idea or event that you would like to have published, please contact the staff! Our "office" is located in the sixth grade hallway, under the blue tent in our teacher's classroom.

PTO holds Extravaganza

By Maddy Lehner and Quinn Eaglen

The PTO held a successful fundraiser. Around 500 people attended. There was a cookie sale, concessions, raffle basket, pictures with Santa, paint and sip cocoa, and festive hallways. They also planned the door decorating competition throughout the whole school. On Friday, December 20, there's going to be the holiday celebration, and the elementary students are going over to the high school for an all-school-sing-along at the high school.



The winners of the door decorating contest were Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Martinez! The prize for winning was \$25 for the teacher and a \$50 Amazon card to spend on their classroom. Mrs. Martinez reports that she always wanted an upside-down tree. "My students all made sea creatures and coral. They got to pick from several different animals. They did a wonderful job!"

READING REVIEW BY KENDA

Have you ever been searching for a book, but you just can't find anything that seems interesting to you? Maybe, just maybe, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney will catch your eye. If you love to read hilarious books that include funny comic-like pictures, and love reading books about ridiculous kids, you'd love this series! "Don't expect me to be all dear diary this and dear diary that," writes Greg, the narrator and main character of the whole entertaining series. Greg Heffley and his best friend Rowley Jefferson are two of the main characters. They share silly adventures with siblings Manny and Rodrick, and Greg's parents. With 20 books to choose from, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is a great series for third through sixth grade readers that will not disappoint!

Kenda Boozer is a sixth grader at CSES who loves to share her passion for books.



Culture: holiday traditions

By Abigail Harrison

As the holiday season is approaching and is just around the corner, different cultures are preparing for the joyful season!

In Japanese culture, they call Thanksgiving "Kinrokansha" or "Thanksgiving Labor Day". In Japan the average hours of workers is around 2,150 hours, while in America the average is 1,800 hours. Usually, they let Japanese workers off on Kinrokansha so they can relax and have a nice day with their family. The children in Japan often draw pictures to show their appreciation for the hard work. In Japan, they do not eat turkey! They usually eat portions of fish, rice and some tea for their beverage right before they go to a park or a relaxing place to spend time with family.

But Christmas in Japan is a very important holiday! In fact, Christmas Eve is more celebrated than Christmas Day in Japan! Christmas Eve is considered a romantic holiday. Couples usually go on small dates to celebrate. In Japan, Christmas is a holiday more for spreading happiness than it is religious based. A lot of Americans have ham or feast on other things on Christmas. But in Japan they usually have cream stew, pizza, Christmas cake, or strangely, KFC!

On the other hand, France also considers Christmas a large and important holiday! For their dinners they usually eat roast turkey or roasted goose with chestnuts. They also enjoy oysters, venison, lobster and several different cheeses.

A French tradition is burning cherry logs with red wine poured over them. When the red wine soaked cherry logs are burned, the scent of the cherry and red wine fills the air. Ah, smells like Christmas! Another French tradition is to display nativity scenes. In France, they do not eat turkey or celebrate Thanksgiving.

In Korea, they call Thanksgiving "Chuseok" or "Korean Thanksgiving Day". But this very important holiday takes place in September and lasts about three days. Koreans celebrate Chuseok by making special foods! Yum! Songpyeon is made with finely ground new rice and the dough is kneaded into small round-ish shapes and filled with sesame seeds, red beans, chestnuts, or other kinds of ingredients. Songpyeon is usually layered with pine needles to give it the scent of Autumn.

For Christmas in Korea or "Sung Tan Jul", 25-30% of the population participates in decorating and celebrating. Most times in Korea, Korean families will go to church or mass to celebrate. Hooray! The food they eat in Korea for a Christmas feast is different than what we feast on. Their special Christmas dinner usually contains Kimchi, Bean Paste, Hot Peppers, and Korean BBQ. They also like to have Christmas cake, too!