

# Verbatim

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: being in or following the exact words : WORD-FOR-WORD  
// a *verbatim* report of life at Cardigan

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Place Based Learning

Reporter: Mateo Escalante

In the past few weeks, the sixth graders of our community have been working on an ecosystems unit in which they learn through the application of observation and recording skills. The sixth graders have been exploring the point and the natural ecosystems that surround our campus. While exploring the campus surroundings, the sixth-grade class found many signs of wildlife leading to the idea of setting up trail cameras. Two locations on The Point and two locations along the cross country trails were put under the surveillance of trail cameras. Over several weeks, pictures and videos of various animals, including a pair of migrating wood ducks were



captured. Deer, rodents, rabbits, and the occasional early morning squirrel were also seen. Along with the trail camera project, the sixth graders also worked on an interdisciplinary Humanities/science Monarch Butterfly Project. The suitability of multiple locations as a monarch butterfly waystation was assessed. They recorded observations on their location's qualities: such as soil, sun exposure and size. They also made a map of the site, which was a skill they had been working on in Humanities. Finally, they presented their results to the various members of the community, such as Mr. Muszynski and Mr. LeRoy.



### Cole Brown:

**What was one of the most important things that you learned in the Monarch Butterfly Habitat Project?**

I learned that the monarch butterfly population was dropping so habitats are essential to their survival. So, what we did will help them.

**How did you choose where to put the wildlife cameras?**

Well, we had seen a lot of scats around Clancy hill and that gave us a clue that there was a lot of wildlife so we put it near the scat and added some bait to catch some wonderful animals.

**What kinds of animals have you seen on the cameras? Did they come out during the day or night? What were they doing?**

We have seen a lot of squirrels, some deer and a rabbit. We typically caught them late at night or early in the morning. As I said, we put bait so they examined the bait before taking a tasty bite. Though for the squirrels, we left no bait and they came in search of nearby acorns.

**What do you like about learning outdoors?**

I really like how many different animals there are and the potential in the camera of catching so many different animals. This makes me so excited. Also, seeing so many different animal scats tell us there is so much possibility.



### Tigger Tangersunphum

**What was one of the most important things that you learned in the Monarch Butterfly Habitat Project?**

I learned that it is important to raise awareness for endangered species such as the monarch butterfly.

**How did you choose where to put the wildlife cameras?**

Ms. Kidder's dogs were able to sniff around for locations that were previously inhabited by animals. If the dogs stayed to smell longer in a particular spot, then we would aim the camera at that spot. Then we attach the camera to a nearby tree and we aimed the cameras low so that we could capture the animal. We used wooden stakes to hold the cameras steady as they filmed the animals.

**What kinds of animals have you seen on the cameras? Did**

**they come out during the day or night? What were they doing?**

Once, we put down very sour apples and then pumpkins. We found that deer like to eat the pumpkins and the rabbits mostly liked the sour apples. Most of the animals came during the night, but we did see some squirrels and wood ducks come in the early morning.

**What do you like about learning outdoors?**

I liked being able to see how the animals behaved in their natural habitat. Being able to see what they do on a normal day was really cool.



# News

## The World According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner | Ph.D. in Knowledge

- 1) Becoming a vet is technically more challenging than becoming a medical doctor.
- 2) The Mozilla Firefox isn't a fox.
- 3) There is a correct way to eat a burrito.
- 4) Colorado doesn't have water.
- 5) Green is the opposite of red.
- 6) Sound is louder in the morning.
- 7) "Whose line is it anyway?" is Drew Carey's greatest work.
- 8) Wild animals don't cross state lines.
- 9) Dogs can pick up a scent up to 12 days later.
- 10) Garage sales are a lie because no one ever sells their garage, just the stuff inside it.

## Sports Central!

Reporter: Fountain Whitaker



You may or may not have heard, but on December 2nd the Grizzlies and the Thunder played basketball. The Thunder's record is 6-16, meaning they have won only 6 games this year and lost 16. The Grizzlies, on the other hand, are 12-10. The Grizzlies are barely above average allowing them to slip into the playoffs. This game ended in the biggest disparity in NBA history. The Grizzlies won by 73 points with a final score of 152-79. Both of these numbers are shocking. The most points scored in a game ever was 184, and they had to go to overtime. To only get 79 points in a single game, that is only 70% of the average points scored in a normal NBA game. The Grizzlies scored 152 though, which is 135% of the average points scored. If you mash these two anomalies together you get the biggest loss/win in NBA history. The projected score pre-game was 107-104. There are reasons for this atrocious loss though. The Thunder is trying to completely rebuild their team. The way the lottery system works for draft picks in the NBA is that the worse the team is, the higher their odds are of securing an earlier draft pick. The Thunder also didn't have one of their star players, guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, due to a concussion. The 2023 draft holds real promise for the Thunder. Analysts are saying there could be the new Kevin Durant or James Harden next year. Overall, the Grizzlies set a franchise record for shooting, making 62.5% of their shots and had a great game. In contrast, the Thunder had a subpar game. Adding to the perfect circumstances needed to cause the biggest blowout in NBA history.

## Omicron, the Latest Coronavirus Variant

Reporter: John Murphy

It started in early November in Pretoria, South Africa. Scientists at Lancet Laboratories noticed a gene was not in the normal genome of the virus. With the rise of covid cases in South Africa and many tests not registering positive because of the missing gene, scientists realized there was a mutation in the virus. When a high number of people get infected the more of a chance for a virus to mutate. Sometimes, when a virus mutates it is now better positioned to survive, so it flourishes. The main concern is that vaccines meant for the original virus are now possibly not as effective for new variants. Now with confirmed Omicron cases in the Northeast, New Hampshire is under threat. The Granite State is already in an unseen Covid-19 case soar. On Wednesday, 403 hospitalizations due to the virus were the most since the beginning of the pandemic. There were 1,134 positive test results that same day. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New Hampshire has the highest seven-day new case rate in the country, with a case rate of 505.4 cases per 100,000 people. Some positive news with the Omicron variant however is that it is possibly not as deadly. Will Humble, the executive director of the Arizona Public Health Association spoke on how Omicron could be more contagious, but not as deadly as previous coronavirus variants. He also stated, "you could have omicron take over from delta, outcompete delta out in the world and in the United States, and have it result in less deaths." Even though there are still many unknowns about the novel variant, it is encouraged if you are eligible for a booster shot, take it. The new antibodies will help fight off the virus. Omicron has resulted in many countries that recently loosened restrictions having to tighten travel again, and it will impact the upcoming holiday season.



## Cougar Vote! Xbox vs PS5

