



Falco Tales

News from the eyes of students February 2023 Issue

Letter From The Editor

By: Cora Sisco, 5th Grade

Hi everyone!

I'm going to talk about how our school is a community. I brainstormed hard, searching for a topic to write for this edition of Falco Tales. I thought about what I've been learning in my Content Club class, and remembered how we've been learning about systems and subsystems. Technically, Falcon Heights is a very small subsystem inside of one huge system: our Earth. Our school includes 600 - 700 people out of the billions on Earth, and in a way, we all help each other.

Our school is a system and we make up its community, but our school is also part of the larger community around us.

Here are the ways we are a community:

- we share our space
- we work together
- we help each other, even when it is hard
- we have each others' backs
- we stand up for one another

Of course, I could go on, but there are too many to list .

We all work together for one purpose: to learn and to teach. In other words, to grow.

Thank you for reading this article. Please enjoy the rest of this paper!

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Riddles

By: Adeline Bowman, 5th Grade

Riddle #1:

A man lives on the 12th floor of an apartment building. Every morning he wakes up, gets dressed, eats breakfast, and goes down the elevator to work. In the evening, he goes through the lobby to the elevator, and if there is someone in the elevator (or if it was raining that day) he goes back to his floor directly (all the way up on the elevator). However, if there is nobody in the elevator and it hasn't rained that day, he goes to the tenth floor and walks up 2 flights of stairs. Why?

Riddle #2:

There were a couple of people cruising on a boat, but at the same time there wasn't a single person on the boat. How?

Student Leaders

By: Gabi Skoogman, 4th Grade

The student leaders have been collecting crayons, coloring books and games for preschoolers. The student leaders are in 5th and 6th grade. They have made posters that are being hung all over the school. Show what you could donate to the preschoolers. I want to know what they're doing next.



Kindergarten In Ms. Leseman's Class

By: Tindra Olson & Tristan Boyle, 4th Grade

To get more information about kindergarten, we interviewed Ms. Leseman and some of her class (The Golden Cheetahs). While we were there, we noticed that the kindergartners had done a lot of interesting artwork. Ms. Leseman's favorite part of teaching kindergarten is "using glitter on every project." Fun fact: Ms. Leseman has previously taught kindergarten, first grade, and second grade at Parkview Elementary School. Outside of school, Ms. Leseman likes to ice skate and make crafts - using glitter of course! One of Ms. Leseman's favorite projects is when the class did a project about pollinators, including the life cycle, habitats, and crafts based on the pollinators. One of their current projects is that they are working on activism and how to be an activist. They are learning about people like Martin Luther King, Jr and Amanda Gorman.

The next thing that we did was to interview some of the kindergartners. One kindergartener said: "Ms. Leseman is a great teacher and I love doing crafts with her."

We also interviewed a boy named Ezekiel and a girl named Rumer. Ezekiel likes kindergarten because "we get to go outside." His favorite thing about kindergarten is "gym." He also said lunch is his favorite subject. Rumer likes kindergarten "because we get to make snowmen." Her favorite part of kindergarten is 'Choice' (Choice is when they play, read, etc). Fun fact: Rumer's favorite part of the day is when they make art projects. When we asked Rumer what her favorite project was, she didn't hesitate in saying when they make paper snow people.

We think a lot of other kindergartners would also say their favorite part of the day is lunch, recess, and 'Choice'.

One thing that Rumer wanted the whole school to hear was: "Be nice to everyone no matter who it is!"



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Kindergarten Performance

Photo by: Jake Burth, 5th Grade

First Grade Memories

By: Maddie Dorff, 5th Grade

I remember when I was in first grade, I had Mrs. Splett, or now Mrs. Sacquitne. I remember my first day of school. I was so nervous, but after I got to meet everyone, I was ok. I also remember in the winter me and my friends would make huge snowballs out at recess, but when it started to become spring again, they would all melt away. Another thing that I will always remember is at the end of the year we cleaned out everything. We even cleaned and washed our desks with a hose. Then we laid down towels under the trees and read books. First grade was one of my favorite years and I hope it will be for others too.



Second Grade

By: Rose Ott, 5th Grade

Hi, this month I am writing about 2nd grade. I asked Iris Strand, who is a student in Mrs. Plathe's Screaming Goats class some questions, and this is what she said:

1. What is your favorite read aloud book? - The Wild Robot 2.
2. What do you do during recess? - I play with my friends on the field.
3. What is your favorite lunch food or snack? - Pizza.
4. What is your favorite thing you are learning about? - Art is my favorite.
5. And finally, what is your favorite time of the day? - Lunch is my favorite time of day.



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3rd Grade

By: Mattias Paitich, 4th Grade

I had a 1/3 chance of getting Mrs. Lovick for a third grade teacher last year. I had a 2/3 chance of being in the other hallway. That's all I wanted was to stay in the East hallway. I got the 1/3 chance. What I thought was going to be the worst year at this school turned out to be the very best. The person that made that possible is... Mrs. Lovick. I asked her some questions and here are the answers she shared.

Question 1: What is your favorite memory teaching third grade?

Answer: Doing plays with Mrs. Klein. She did Wizard Of Oz, Annie, Sound Of Music, and Oklahoma.

Question 2: What is your favorite read aloud book?

Answer: Charlie And Chocolate Factory.

Question 3: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Answer: Math, because I like to see the kids get it.

Question 4: What is your favorite field trip?

Answer: Dayton's 8th floor.

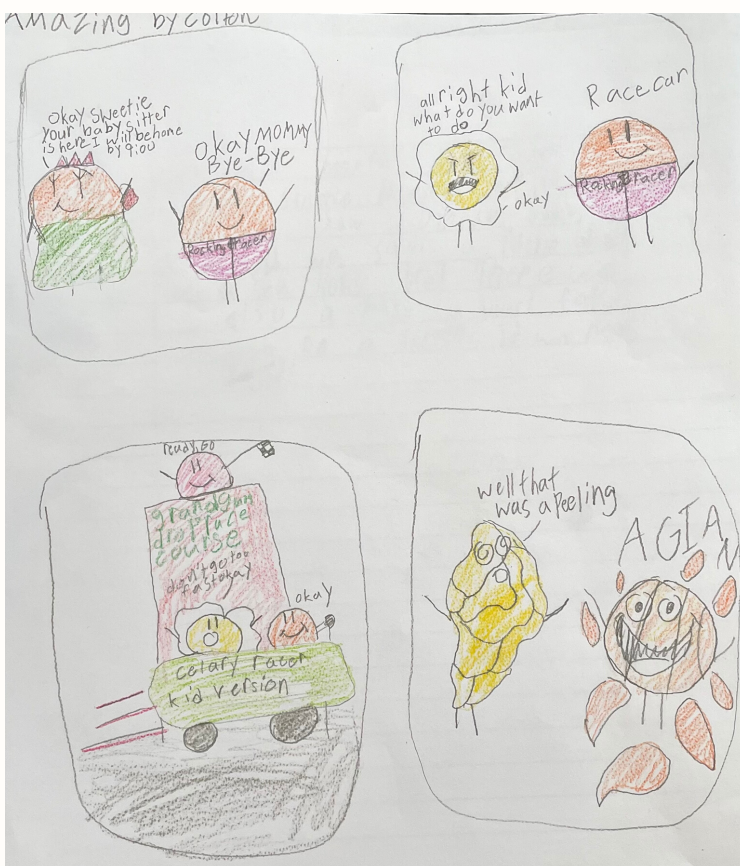
Question 5: Is this the only school you've taught at?

Answer: No. I have taught at Brimhall and Falcon Heights Elementary

Question 6: How many years have you been teaching?

Answers: 28 years.

Amazing



Artist: Colton Wertsch, 5th Grade

5th Grade

By: Brennan Todd, 5th Grade

Hi! My name is Brennan, and I am a 5th grader at Falcon Heights. I'm going to talk about 5th grade here. I think 5th grade is awesome because the teachers are very nice, each in their own way, and we get to go on an awesome field trip to Osprey Wilds for 2 nights and 3 days where we do fun nature activities. Let's talk to one of our teachers here. Her name is Mrs. Kakalouris. "I like the kinds of conversations we can have, and their personalities, and 5th grade is just fun overall. I am excited for the Osprey Wild trip, and we do so much learning about kindness and activism and I love that. Also later this year we will be doing an engineering lesson and I am really looking forward to it too! - Mrs. Kakaliouras



Student Teacher Timeout - 1st Grade

By: Grace Slater, 5th Grade

Hello friends! Grace Slater here, writing again! I'm interviewing Mrs. Lundy's new student teacher, Miss Brown. She loves it here so far.

She picked first grade because of the creativity. Sort of like Mrs. Lundy's reason! Anyways, she'll hopefully stay at Falcon and teach elementary preferably. Did you know? Her favorite food is pasta because there are so many types of pasta, so you never get bored of it! Her favorite color is blue for the same reason, there are so many shades of it!

That is all I have for this month's article. Thanks for reading. See you next month!

**1st Grade
Student
Teacher:
Miss
Brown**

**Photo by:
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Carabual &
Cora
Greenman,
5th Grade**



Different Cultures

By: Mark Paquette, 6th Grade

In the modern era, our world is becoming more and more diverse. Which is why I think it's important to learn about other cultures. Eventually you will learn how to be around other people and to get along with them. Even in your everyday life you will run into people of many different cultures. Whether it's at a store, or at work, and maybe even at school. You'll probably see someone that doesn't look like you, or doesn't act like you.

Every human being has a natural instinct in their brain that gets scared when they see somebody that looks different. But this is no excuse to treat them differently, because not many people actually stop to think that maybe they feel the same way. You also will learn that people of different races have similarities and differences.

When every human is born they have no idea what hatred is, hatred against other cultures isn't something you're born with. It's something you acquire when you grow up, probably got it from someone you see everyday. Like most kids when they're young they think their parents know everything, so if someone that is close to you tells you something you're most certainly gonna believe it.

Which is why I think it's important to learn about other cultures, because there will probably be things that you think you know, but you heard it from a different perspective. Because you won't know the true facts about many different people and their cultures unless you learn it.



What's Popping With Pablo?

By: Ada Larson, 4th Grade

Here's what's popping! Pablo is a painted turtle, he lives in the classroom of Pablo's Posses (Mr Hanson's classroom). Mr. Hanson told me a hilarious but somewhat gross story: It was winter break one year, and Mr. Hanson was leaving for the winter. So he had the fantastic idea to leave a ton of minos in Pablo's tank because he didn't want to have to come back over break. When he got back from break, Pablo had killed all the minos and it was very gross and smelly!

Mr. Hanson now feeds Pablo turtle food which is brown and round and it kind of looks like dog food. In the daytime Brennan (a 6th grader) feeds Pablo. Mr. Hanson said that at the start of the year kids normally get distracted easily by the sound of the tank so he either moves them closer or farther away from the tank.

Pablo is about 20 years old according to Mr. Hanson, he's had him for about 15 years.

Mr. Hanson told me that he named Pablo after Pablo Picasso because Pablo is a painted turtle and Pablo Picasso is a famous painter, he also told me that he thinks that Pablo is surprisingly cute. Mr. Hanson also said that he often finds that Pablo sheds about 1 piece of his shell every so often!

Anyway that's all that's Popping with Pablo for now! Thanks for reading!



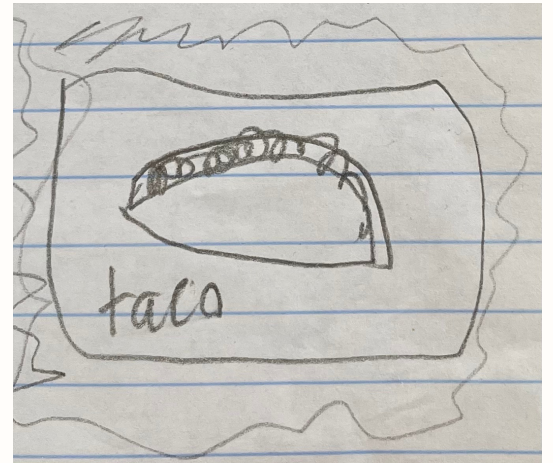
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Photo by: Ilsa Levitz, 4th Grade
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Artist:
Hanan
Handuleh,
4th Grade

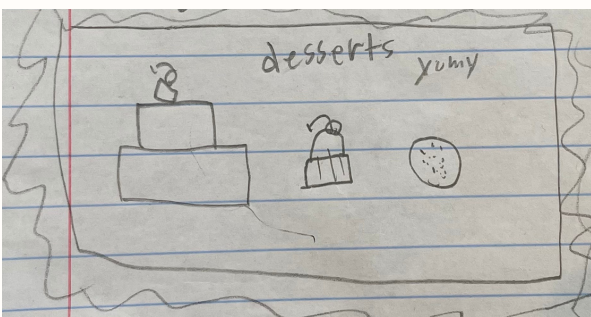


After School Cooking Clubs

By: Hanan Handuleh, 4th Grade

In after school cooking clubs, you can learn how to cook. you can learn how to bake cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and more.

In after school cooking clubs, you could make pizza, a burger, and fries.



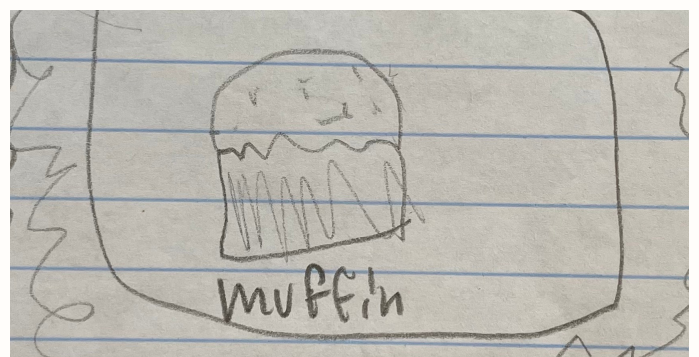
Question

If you were in a cooking club, what would you cook?

After School Clubs

By: Aria Warner, 4th Grade

After school clubs are so much fun! Here are a couple ones: theater, coding club, art club. Art club has one open spot - we hope to have the one open spot filled by February 1st. Have fun and help your community. Don't forget to make everyone feel like they belong!



Artist: Hanan Handuleh, 4th Grade

Friendship Connection Sit-Down

By: Tahlia Nouis, 5th Grade

This month on Friendship Connection Sit-Down, I interviewed students from K-6. I asked one question, "What's your favorite thing about Friendship Connection?" Here's what I got from some of the morning Friendship kids. Lydia Maher who is in 3rd grade said this, "I like the choice gym." Logan Ficcadenti who is in kindergarten expressed, "I like the calm space." A 2nd grader by the name of Miles Thompson said this, "I like playing with the legos!" Here are some responses from the afternoon kids. Megan Scalf, who is in the 6th grade, revealed, "Hang out with friends, it's nice because we don't need to schedule it." Weston Larson, a 1st grader expressed, "Playing in the gym." Cora Sisco, a 5th grader says, "Hanging out with friends." Lastly, Willow Marron-Alvarez who is in 4th grade said this, "I like the fun activities." That's all for this month on Friendship Connection Sit-Down, see you next month!



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Sports

By: Henry Boyle, 6th Grade

So what if you don't like playing in the snow, you'll have sports!! You have basketball, soccer, etc. Even if you don't like basketball or soccer, you still have football in the spring. But for Pete's sake, please, no tackling. We can't afford any more injuries to the nurse's office. You also have gaga ball, but we usually only play in the summer/spring. It doesn't work in the Winter because of the ice, and we don't need a basketball to someone's head right now.

Physical Education

By: Isaiah Davis, and Lachlan Murray, 5th Grade

Hi! It's Isaiah and Lachlan. We are teaming up to talk about P.E. or gym. Different people call it different things.

A fun fact about Mr. Newman is he started playing hockey at only 5 years old, and played up until 4 to 5 years ago. He stopped playing so he could spend more time with his kids. He was a forward and played high school varsity at Bloomington Kennedy.

He enjoys teaching students and showing us all he's learned in the many years of sports he's played. He wants to help us learn and overcome those dark times we might find ourselves in. His favorite units are the ones not as common as others, like volleyball and lacrosse, so we get more of a chance to play sports we might not have played before. Since we are all still young he encourages us to start sports to build up our stamina. Mr. Newman's favorite games are capture the football and kingpin because it is more active and he really enjoys watching us play games that he enjoys. He wants us to be successful and to try our hardest. We think it is probably really amazing for him to see our reactions like making our first basket in basketball and succeeding in the sports he's teaching us.

This month - after the basketball unit - we will be doing volleyball. 5th graders will watch the teachers play versus the 6th graders while the other kids are at an assembly.

The reason why Mr. Newman has taught physical education so long is because he loves how we get to do something that we normally don't get to do during the school day. One of his favorite things about being a physical education teacher is that he loves watching the students gaining skill and being successful. Another thing he likes about this class is how physical education will be a lifelong experience for all the students. He encourages all of the students to play sports while they are young even if it is not their future.

Thank you guys for reading this newspaper article about physical education. Maybe you will see the Lachlan - Isaiah team up again.

Full Band

By: Eleanor Bowman, and
Vivian Hedlund, 5th Grade

Full band is really fun, and if you are a 4th grader you can do it next year! For 5th graders, the winter concert is in March. When the 5th grade have band, it's on Thursdays and Fridays, Friday is when full band is. The lessons are taught by Mr. Gaisford (Mr. G), the songs that the 5th graders are working on are:

- Hot Cross Buns
- Samba La Bamba
- Hard Rock Blues
- 12 The Clock Strikes
- Rolling Along
- Skip To My Lou
- Frere Jacques
- Lightly Row
- Mozart Medley
- #40 warm up

We hope you enjoyed our article. Goodbye!



Artist: Elliott Keenan, 5th Grade

A Field Trip for 3rd Graders

By: Jason Sisco, 3rd Grade

In 3rd grade, last month, we went to the Science Museum of Minnesota. We saw dinosaur bones and saw a movie about a sea lion's life!

There was also a race for kids to race against fake people on a screen.

It was really fun!



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An Interview With Ms. Eiswald

By: Mary Raverty, 4th Grade

As we all know, Ms. Eiswald is our fantastic art teacher at Falcon Heights! For this month's Falco's Tales, I thought it would be good for our school to get to know her a little more. One day after lunch, she was nice enough to let me interview her in her spare time!

Mary Raverty: What made you want to become an art teacher?

Ms. Eiswald: I loved art in elementary school and knew from the moment I started college that I wanted to be an art teacher.

Mary Raverty: How long have you been an art teacher at this school?

Ms. Eiswald: For 18 years!

Mary Raverty: What's your favorite art project that you have done or are going to do this year?

Ms. Eiswald: A gumball machine with the second and third graders that includes color blending and Model Magic.

That's all for this month's Art-icle!

Art

By: Annabelle Penrod, 4th Grade

For this article, I am going to talk about art. Currently, 4/5 is doing a special project with cardboard! It is a project where they can do anything they want, but it has to be made from cardboard. Some popular projects that students are making: structures, animals, looms, and collages. Students were asked to bring in cardboard, but because not all students can bring their own, Ms. Eiswald has some that students can use. This concludes this article. Thank you for reading and have a nice day!

School Concerts

By: Sam Ruud, 4th Grade

In February and March, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are doing class concerts. 4th and 5th grade are having their concert on Thursday, March 2nd. Mr. Hausman's class and Mrs. Kakaliouras' class will be from 6pm - 6:30pm. Mrs. Schroeder's class, Mrs. Hughes' class, and Mrs. Simonson's class will be having their concert from 7pm - 7:30pm.

Here are some of the songs that 4th and 5th grade are doing:

- Come to Play
- When I Grow Up
- Mr. Postman

6th grade is having their concert on Thursday, February 23rd. There is a morning concert at 9:15am and an evening concert at 6:30pm.

6th graders are singing:

- Lost Boy
- Bring Me A Little Water, Sylvie
- Yesterday
- Count on Me
- Don't Stop Believing

Music teacher, Mr. Schnieder, said it's important for kids to do concerts in elementary school because they build confidence and team work. And because it's fun.

All concerts will be in the Blue Gym.



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Photo by: Charli Carabual,
& Cora Greenman, 5th Grade



Artist: Harper Henriksen, 5th Grade

Getting To know Mr. Schnieder

By: Leo Braus, 4th Grade

I had the opportunity to interview the new Falcon Heights music teacher, Mr. Schneider. I learned a lot about this cool teacher. I learned that Mr. Schneider has been teaching music as a job for 16 YEARS! I also learned a cool fact that his favorite band is Sons Of Kemet. Sons Of Kemet is a British jazz band. I listened to a few songs and I definitely recommend it!!! When I saw him, he said he plays a lot of instruments, but his main instruments are the saxophone and guitar. I love to play instruments too. When I asked him what his favorite thing about teaching at Falcon he said "I always love when the students are so excited to learn music". I really liked interviewing Mr. Schneider, and he says he can't wait till the music concert in March.



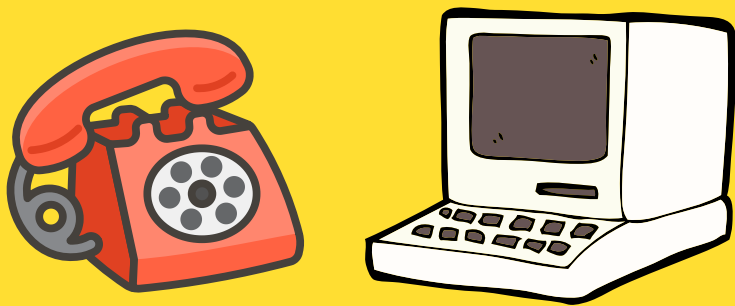
The Office

By: Audrey Drake, 5th Grade

There are lots of important people that work in the office here at Falcon Heights. But I interviewed Ms. Portuese for this month. When I was in my interview, I asked what it is like to work in the office and she said "It can be very busy at times with the phone ringing and people coming to get late slips or picking stuff they forgot, but other times it is very quiet."

Something the office is doing this month is kindergarten enrollment. It should be fun to have new students in the building. Along with setting up for kindergarten enrollment Ms. Portuese has other jobs too. At dismissal time she helps set up and helps run bus patrol. If there are substituted teachers that need help, she goes to help them figure it out. She also sometimes helps out during recess.

You never want to have a job that you do not like, that's why I'm happy that Ms. Portuese likes her job because she is a real ally to this school.



Riddle Answers (from page 1)

Riddle #1 Answer:

The man is too short to reach the button for the 12th floor. If it was raining, he can use his umbrella to tap the button, and if there was another person in the elevator, he could ask for them to tap on the button.

Riddle #2 Answer:

All of the people were married. If you are married, you are a couple. You could not be single.



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Falco Tales Info

Falco Tales is a collection of news articles started and organized by the students of Falcon Heights Elementary School.

It will be published once a month with articles, riddles, drawings, comics, and photos submitted by the students of Falcon Heights!

A few printed copies will be posted around school. The newspaper will also be posted online so you can share it with your family and friends. Check with your teacher to find the link to read it online.

If you are in grades 4th - 6th and would like to help on a future issue, please talk with Cora Sisco, Mrs. Schroeder, or ask your teacher when the next Falco Tales meeting will take place. Meetings are usually the first Thursday of the month, right after school. Be sure to confirm with a teacher and talk to your parents first - you will need your parent to sign a permission slip.

We hope to include grades K - 3rd in writing for Falco Tales in the spring, once we have published a few newspapers and know more about what we are doing.

THANK YOU to the students that submitted their articles and everyone who helped them along the way. Thank you to the teachers and staff who took the time to be interviewed.

And a Special Thanks to:

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Thanks for reading!
Cora Sisco, Editor in Chief