



Falco Tales

News from the eyes of students

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Letter from The Editor- Our Changing Seasons

By: Cora Sisco, 5th Grade

Winter was long. I heard it was the third snowiest winter in Twin Cities history. Spring is finally on it's way, and most of us probably couldn't be gladder. The majority of April is going to be in between 35 degrees fahrenheit and 80 degrees fahrenheit. I know that last year we kind of skipped Spring because we went from winter weather straight to summer weather, but it seems like maybe this year we may have more of a Spring. You won't have to wear as much outside, and soon you won't have to wear any extra clothes. In the near future, it will be very wet because of the melting snow, so you'll need boots, but that's probably the only piece of winter clothing that you'll need. Before we know it, the school year will have ended, and it will be Summer, and we might get some similar weather even before then.

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By Elliott Keenan, 5th Grade



Riddles

By: Eleanor Bowman, 5th Grade

1. I can be cracked, made, told, and played. What am I?
2. I wiggle and cannot see, sometimes underground and sometimes on a tree. What am I?
3. Although I may have eyes, I cannot see. I have a round brown face with lots of acne. What am I?
4. I am lighter than air, but a hundred people cannot lift me. Careful, I'm fragile. What am I?
5. What five-letter word can you take away from two letters and have one remaining?
6. What can travel around the world, but at the same time stay in one corner?

The School Nurse

By: Grace Slater & Tahlia Nouis, 5th Grade

Ms. McCoy works in the health office. She works to help people with sickness, broken bones and medication. Today we asked her some questions, and got some great answers!

~~~~~ We asked how long she has been a nurse and she said, "39 years." That's a long time! The next question we asked was: How long have you been working at Falcon Heights? Here's what she answered, "13 years."

~~~~~ Our next question was: "What things have you dealt with?" She responded, "Broken bones, COVID-19, stomach flu, colds, medications, and many, many, bloody noses. The next question we asked was: "Do you get kids who come in with injuries often?" She expressed, "No, kids who don't feel well."

~~~~~ Our next question was; "Have you worked in a doctor's office before?" Ms. McCoy revealed, "I have worked at the University of Minnesota (U of M) for 20 years." For our final question we asked: "Do you like being a nurse?" Ms. McCoy loves being a nurse here at Falcon Heights.

~~~~~ In conclusion we should care about our nurses and say thank you every time we leave her office doors. Bye, from Tahlia and Grace!



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Suni Lee

By: Maddie Dorff, 5th Grade

Suni Lee is an Olympic medalist in the 2020 Summer Olympics. Suni won two medals, one in uneven bars, and one in the all-around. In uneven bars, she won bronze, and in the all-around, she won gold. Something cool about Suni Lee is that she was born right here in Saint Paul, Minnesota. She started gymnastics at six years old, at Midwest Gymnastics Center in Little Canada, Minnesota. She made history as the first Hmong-American to win an Olympic medal.

Woman's History Month

By: Ellie Whitcomb, 6th Grade

Women's History Month is a month to celebrate women all around the nation. It's a time we can celebrate the many women who've fought hard for equal justice. Women's History Month is celebrated every March. While some countries like Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and the UK celebrate one day (March 8th) for women, the U.S. is the only country that spends a whole month recognizing them.

Slowly but surely, women have gained their rights. In 1920, women earned the right to vote. In 1948, they acquired the ability to be in the military. In 1963, the government agreed to equal pay for women. In 1982, Women's History Week began on March 7th. Finally, in 1987, President Ronald Reagan agreed to a petition started by the National Women's History Project for Women's History Month in March. Because of women's efforts in the past and present, the world is a better place.



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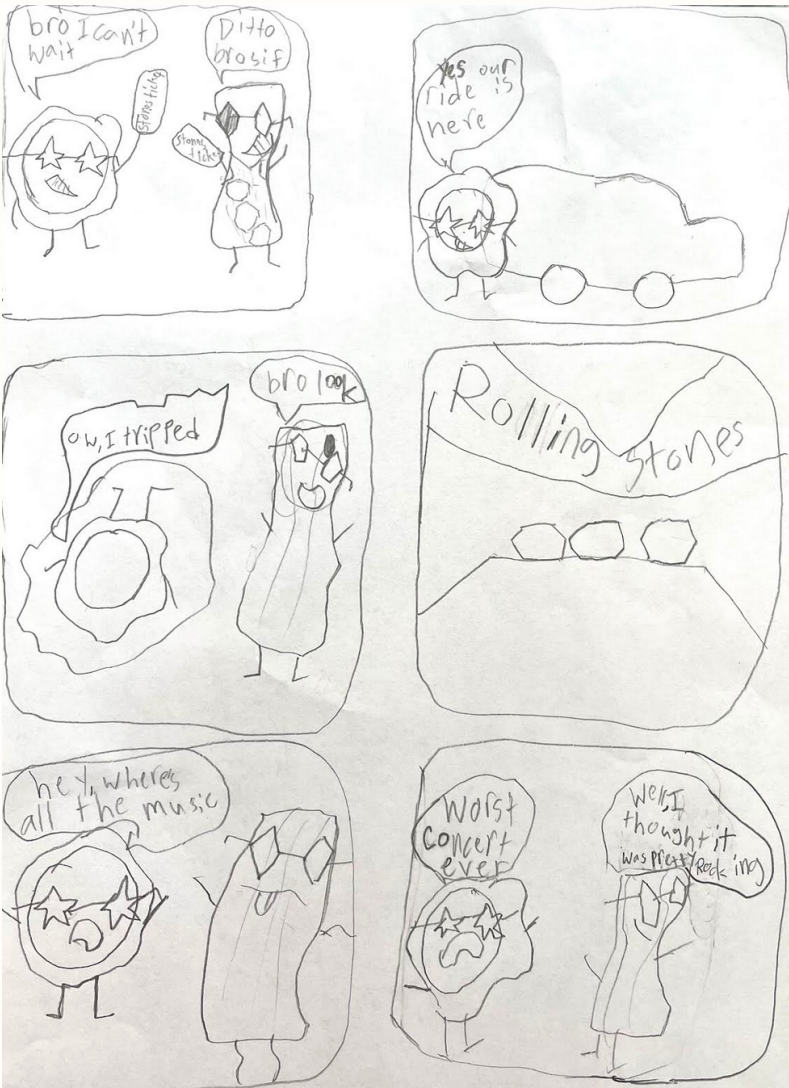
After School Spanish

By: Leo Braus, 4th Grade

Hola! Did you know that grandma in Spanish is abuela? I am going to talk to you about after school Spanish! I am in the class and it is fun learning Spanish. In class, we play games and learn the months and days of the week. We also do flash cards and are learning different colors. We also learn about different cultures and Spanish speaking countries. There are about 10 kids in the class. We meet on Tuesdays in the art room.

Spanish is super fun because you get to learn a lot and have a good time with friends. Adios!

See you soon.



Comic Strip By: Colton Wertch, 5th Grade

Girls on the Run

By: Ilsa Letvitz, 4th Grade

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is an after school activity at Falcon Heights Elementary for girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. This year, Falcon Heights Elementary has 2 teams! GOTR meets twice a week, and the season started on March 27th.

Each session starts with a snack with the coaches. After snack is a lesson. The lessons can be about lots of things like friendships and taking care of our bodies. After the lesson is warm ups and running,

The season ends with a 5K race on June 5th at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds. Each girl runs with a running buddy and gets a medal. It is a really fun time with crazy outfits, loud music and lots of cheering. And of course there are treats at the end of the race! Slay!



School Pets By: Ada Larson, 4th Grade

This article will be based on just school pets in general. School pets are great in so many ways but also have some cons. First of all, school pets can be very distracting. But they can also be very fun! When I was in 3rd grade, I had the amazing teacher Mr. Hanson! Mr. Hanson is so cool and awesome that he let us pet Willow (the snake) and Pablo (the painted turtle)! All pets can be amazing but you have to make sure to treat them with respect and kindness! A pro about class pets is that they are so cool and interesting to look at, hold, and pet! We have class pets in Mr. Hanson's room, Mrs. Schroeder's room and Mr. Hausman's room. All of these animals have things in common, but are all different at the same time! Thank you for reading this article on class pets!



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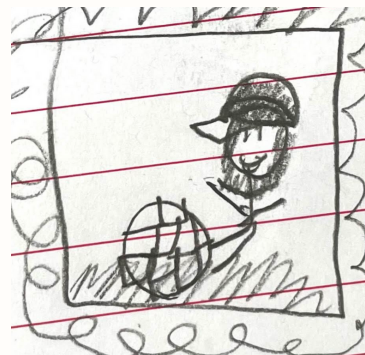
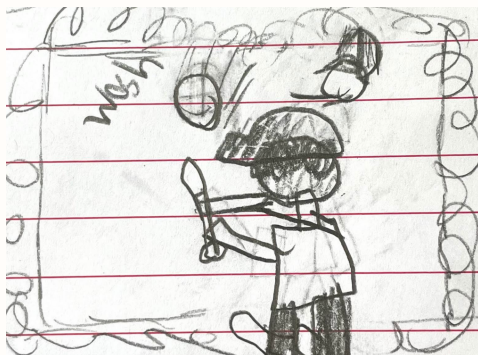
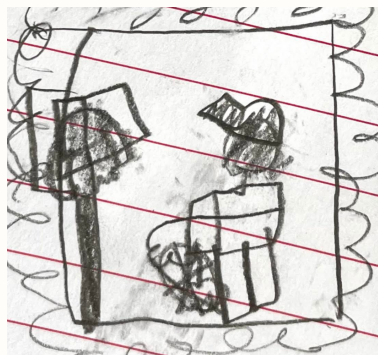


Photo by: Ilsa Levitz, 4th Grade & Cora Greenman, 5th Grade

After School Sports

By: Hanan Handvleh, 4th Grade

Some after school clubs have sports. You can play volleyball, basketball, or even softball. You come after school and play your sport if you go to an after school club.



Art Adventures

Photos & Article By: Brennan Todd & Jake Burth, 5th Grade

In Art Adventures, we learned about old sculptures. Each one was unique in its own way, between all the different colors & styles! Our favorite sculpture was the pufferfish. After learning about the sculptures we made our own sculptures out of modeling clay!



Before and After Osprey Wilds

By: Lachlan Murray & Isaiah Davis, 5th Grade

Yet again, it's Isaiah and Lachlan, with the topic of the Osprey wilds.



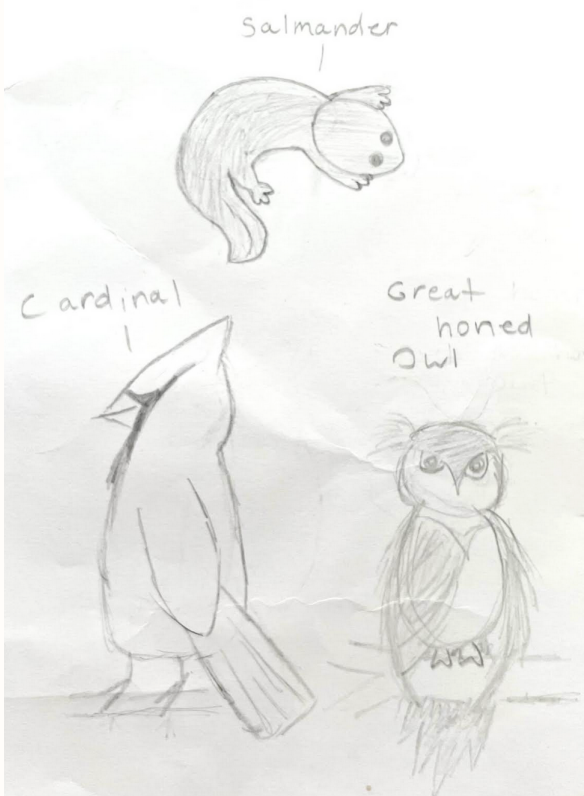
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In this edition of Falco Tales, we will be starting our own topic of before and after Osprey. So in the beginning we will talk about what we think will happen and what happened. I (Isaiah) think that my feet are gonna hurt because of a supposed hike we will go on. Lachlan, what about you? I have heard about a rock climbing wall and how much active time there is which, in my opinion, sounds like a lot of fun. I know we all have different opinions about being so active. Isaiah, what is your opinion about doing a whole bunch of running? My asthma (you say asthma like as- muh) is gonna go crazy. Also Lachlan, it turns out that there will be a rock wall but our school did not sign us up for that experience. That makes me feel a little sad. It sounds like so much fun to race my friends on the climbing wall. I'm just as disappointed as you are, but my mom said that she went to the meeting and she said that there's gonna be a heck of a lot of things to do. She also said that she and everyone else there shouldn't tell the students going on the trip what we're gonna do. I just know there's a hike because some 6th graders told me. I know I sound gullible, but the people I ask I hold a lot of trust with so it's less likely for them to lie.

(Isaiah) It was so much fun and I could eat the food forever. (Lachlan) I know right? They had desserts for every meal! (Isaiah) And they had seconds so if you wanted more you could have more, but you couldn't have seconds for desserts. (Lachlan) If you don't have everyone on your dorm room list (which you won't) don't be all sad because I didn't have everyone on my list in my dorm room and I still had so much fun! My best friend Isaiah wasn't in my dorm room and I was a little sad at the start, then when I got there I had a blast and made some not so strong connections way stronger. Another thing that was super cool is that you could sit with anyone you wanted to. I sat by people who I can't sit by at lunch on a normal daily basis. (Isaiah) Hey Lach I heard that Evann's dorm had a football game with vortex football in their underwear, which I thought was just crazy. (Isaiah) High ropes were so much fun I can't even get over it. (Lachlan) Me neither. It wasn't my favorite, but I will remember it the longest time. (Isaiah) I got to do KP and I found it so fun serving everyone, but the dishes weren't very fun. I hope that most of you can agree dishes aren't very fun no matter the circumstance. Also I got to eat early which was pretty fun if you ask me. (Lachlan) Sadly I didn't do KP. (Isaiah and Lachlan) Overall, Osprey was awesome, and even if you didn't go I bet you had fun wherever you were :). In short words, Osprey was a heck of a ride.

Drawings By: Harper Henriksen,
5th Grade



Falcon Heights Elementary Construction

By: Tindra Olson, 4th Grade

Have you been wondering what's been happening with the construction at school and why it's happening? Well, I've been wondering that too, which is why I interviewed Mrs. Behnke. What's happening is: "long term deferred maintenance" which means that we are getting new heating, cooling, plumbing, electrical, tiles/flooring, paint, LED lights, chalkboards, and new boilers because the old ones are from 1952 which was when the school was built. This is happening because of the "bond referendum" which means that taxpayers agreed to spend money to upgrade the district school buildings. The tiles were taken out because they may have asbestos. Asbestos can give you cancer, but the tiles that are in our school can NOT give you cancer. Asbestos is a really strong chemical and it's also really durable. Over time we've learned that it can be harmful to humans when we inhale it. Our school gets air quality checks every year before anyone is allowed back into the school. You may have also noticed that only some teachers are packing their stuff up. Their rooms were chosen to be worked on. We will be getting new tiles that are school colors with grayish pebble, blue, and maybe a yellowish color. I also learned that the upgrades will impact the whole school over time. The construction will be happening in phases. Phase one is the classroom hallways except the kindergarten room area. Phase two is everything else including the kindergarten area. Phase one should be done by next year and phase two will be done the year after. That's all I know for the time being. Thanks for reading this article!



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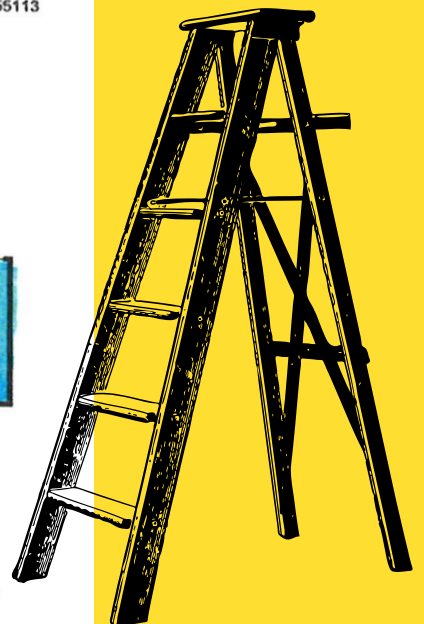
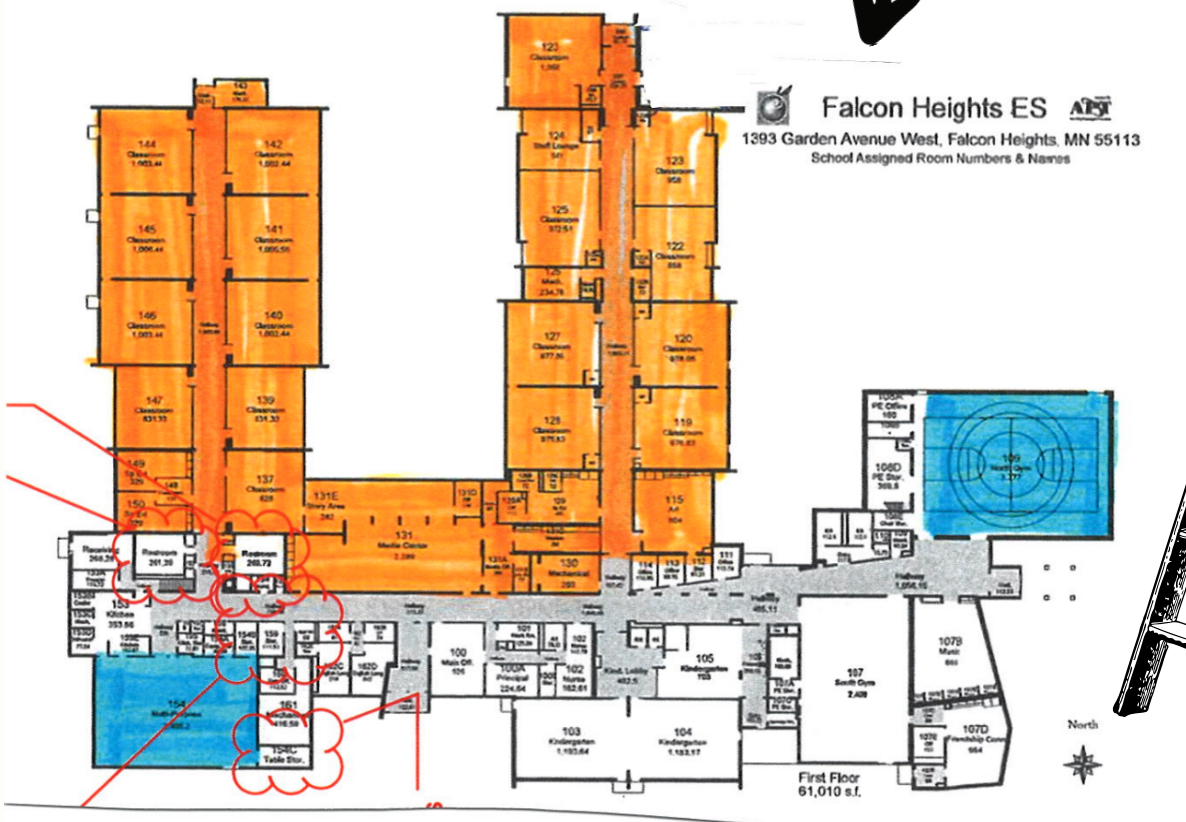
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Teacher Feature

Ms. Larkin's Awesome Library

By: Vivian Hedlund & Rose Ott, 5th Grade

One fun fact about Ms. Larkin is that she used to be a 3rd grade teacher. She said that her favorite book is the Harry Potter series. It has been her favorite series for years. Her favorite thing that kids do is come in and be excited to tell her what they are reading. One tedious job of hers is organizing the book shelves. She says it is very hard to not get distracted by wanting to read the books. Something that is very helpful is when kids push in their chairs. And please clean your area at the library. We hoped you learned something new about Ms. Larkin.



The Office

By: Audrey Drake & Ella Walrath, 5th Grade

For this month's office staff we decided to do Mrs. Keenan because she is always doing so much for the school.

The first question we asked was, "What do you do?" She said she answers the phone, she is in charge of all the student records, and she helps at recess.

The second question was, "What is your favorite part about your job?" She said "Getting to know all the kids."

The last question we asked was, "How long have you been doing this job?" She said "About 4 years."

Once again, we would like to say thank you to Mrs. Keenan for taking time out of her day to let us interview her and for all the things she does for our school.



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Falco Tales Info

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

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

To the left is a group photo of most of our reporters. It is missing a few who weren't there at the moment, but hopefully we will get a complete photo another time.

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.

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:

Mrs. Schroeder and
Connie Sisco (Cora's mom)!

Thanks for reading!
Cora Sisco, Editor in Chief

Riddle Answers (from page 1)

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| 1. A joke | 4. A cloud |
| 2. A worm | 5. Alone |
| 3. A potato | 6. A stamp |

