



# Falco Tales

News from the eyes of students

March 2023 Issue

## Letter from The Editor- Concerts

By: Cora Sisco, 5th Grade

This month, we have a lot of concerts. We have the singing music class concerts, band concerts, and orchestra concerts. On February 23rd, the 6th graders had their concert. The daytime one started at 9:15am, and the evening one started at 6:30pm. On March 1st, the 4th and 5th grade classes had their daytime concerts. Kakaliouras and Hausman had theirs from 1:35-2:05, and Hughes, Schroeder, and Simonson had theirs from 2:20-2:50. On March 2nd, they had their evening concert. Kakaliouras and Hausman had theirs starting at 6pm, and Hughes, Schroeder, and Simonson had theirs starting at 7pm. The band and orchestra concerts were on March 6th, and the order the groups played in was beginning orchestra, beginning band, continuing orchestra, and continuing band. If some students were in both orchestra and band, they would play for both groups that they were in. I just want to say that if someone nearby you messed up, don't make it a big deal. The audience will think less of you if you start yelling at someone in the middle of a song. Valentines Day was a few weeks ago. even though it is only celebrated one day a year, it sends out a message that everyone should keep reminding themselves of all year round - Take this day (and every other day) to demonstrate respect, and kindness to loved ones, friends, and others. Love doesn't have any meaning in specific, love is just respecting others, showing kindness, and hating no one. Quoting M.L.K. Jr. -I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.



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Comic  
Strip by:  
Colton  
Wertch,  
5th  
Grade

## Riddles

By: Eleanor Bowman, 5th Grade

1. What has a ring but no fingers?
2. What has to be broken before you can use it?
3. What month of the year has 28 days?
4. What question can you never answer yes to?
5. A man was outside in the rain without
6. What's black when it's clean and white when it's an umbrella or a hat and didn't get a single dirty?  
hair on his head wet. Why?
7. What can't be in a saucepan?

## Mrs. Welke's Class

By: Tristan Boyle, 4th Grade

To get even more information on kindergarten, I interviewed Mrs. Welke's class. When I walked in, I observed a LOT of nicely done artwork.

Mrs. Welke's class is learning about penguins. As a result, they are taking a LOT of notes. They plan on making one big research folder when they're done. In math, Mrs. Welke's class is learning about writing number sentences, as a result, there is a LOT of number writing. They are also working on putting numbers in order.

Mrs. Welke's favorite part of teaching is "the kids." Mrs. Welke previously taught kindergarten-second grade at Little Canada Elementary School. Her favorite project is learning about famous black Americans. She loves to run and be outside with her family. To get a kindergartener's perspective on kindergarten, I interviewed a couple. Trayvon's favorite part about kindergarten is "going to friendship." Teddie's favorite part about kindergarten is "partner play." Trayvon's favorite part of the day is "reading in small groups." Teddie's favorite part of the day is "math." Trayvon likes to watercolor paint as his favorite project. Teddie's favorite project is "making silly headbands." Kellen's favorite part about kindergarten is "being with my teacher." His favorite subject is "science." His favorite project is "making paper mittens."

One thing Eliana would say to the whole school is "do not bully others."

I hope you liked this article.



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## Mrs. Schlossmacher's Class

By: Adeline Bowman, 5th Grade

They are going to the Minnesota Institute of Art soon for a field trip. Right now they are learning about penguins, and learning how to add. They are awesome!

## First Grade

By: Madeline Dorff, 5th Grade

Hi! It's Maddie talking about first grade. For first grade, they are going on a field trip to the Children's Theater in April to watch a play. Mrs. Sacquitne's favorite subject to teach is math, she loves watching the kids figuring out a problem. Her favorite school lunch is french toast sticks, and isn't that all of ours! On spring break she is planning to read lots of books for the read-a-thon. Mrs. Sacquitne's favorite thing about first grade is that she gets to see all the kids having fun and learning a lot! I hope to write about first grade again!

## Second Grade

By: Rose Ott & Vivian Hedlund, 5th Grade

Hi. This is Rose Ott and Vivian Hedlund, and we are very excited to report on second grade. We interviewed Ms. Plathe. We asked her what it has been like teaching without Ms. Lundy. She said, "I miss her very much. The fun thing is I am friends with her outside of school. We also never got to see each other at school because we taught at different times during the school week. We would talk over the phone for a long time. Now we can see each other in the halls and say hi." Fun fact: Mrs. Plathe has been teaching for 30 years! The reason she chose to be a teacher is because all ever wanted to be was a teacher even when was a small child. She always played school and was the teacher.





## Mrs. Jacobson - 2nd Grade

By: Leo Braus, 4th Grade

I had a great time chatting with Mrs. Jacobson a 2nd grade teacher at Falcon Heights. I learned that she has been teaching for 20 years ( that's pretty cool ). I also learned that she had a really nice second grade teacher named Mrs. Avery. Mrs. Avery did this reading challenge that if you read a certain number of books you got a prize that was a bookworm bookmark. Such a fun memory! Mrs. Jacobson has a love for teaching science because it lets the students get their hands on materials and have a great time. Another fun thing I learned is that Mrs. Jacobson loves a lot of books but if she could be in any book she would go into the book, Bob because it takes place in Australia and in this book the main character meets a creature named Bob. Mrs. Jacobson LOVES teaching at Falcon Heights because she loves hanging out with her coworkers and her students! It was fun to talk to Mrs. Jacobson because she was my 2nd grade teacher.



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### Third Grade

By: Mattias Paitich, 4th Grade

Hi, it's me. I'm back. Last month I interviewed my 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Lovick. This month I'm going to tell you about my 3rd grade memories. See if your 3rd grade memories are any different then mine.

First, let's talk about field trips. I only went on one field trip. We walked there. Can you guess where we went? We went to the Roseville library. They even showed us how they sort the books. We got to check out books too. It was my sister's Field Day, and my mom volunteered for the field trip so she watched my sister's Field Day.

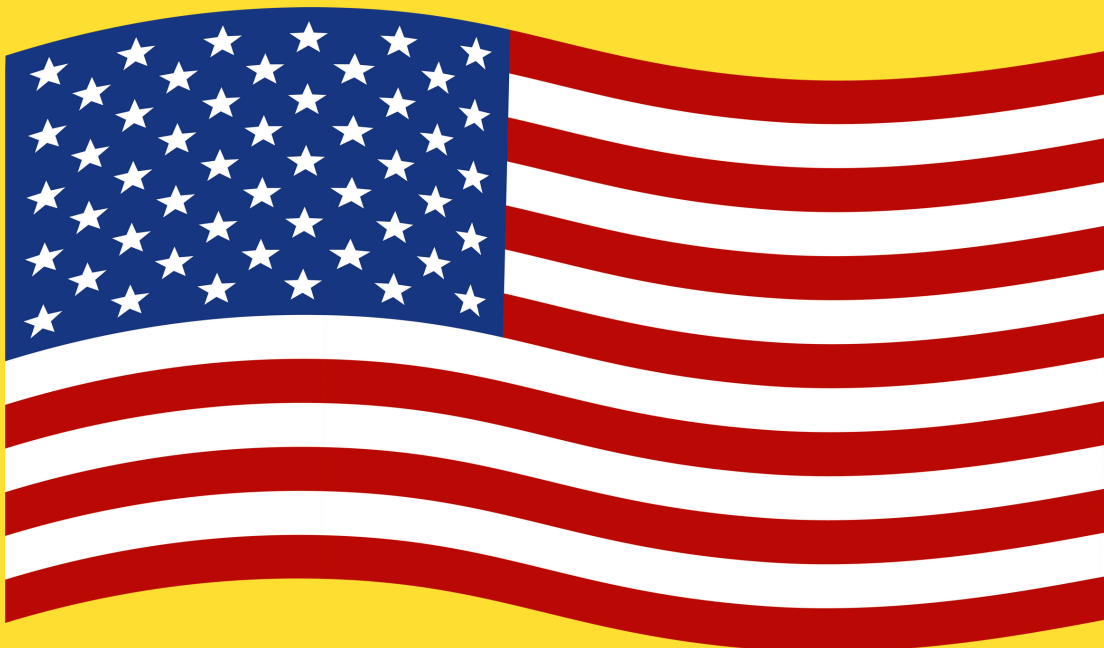
My favorite subject in third grade and all my years in school was math. I don't know why I like math so much. I just had fun doing math. Especially last year when I learned multiplication and division. My favorite specialist was P.E. because we started floor ball hockey. I say that because I play hockey.

For field day I was no team red. I almost won the tennis ball throw but Sigg who is in Mr. Hausman's class beat me by like 1 centimeter. Overall, Field Day was super fun.

### The State Test

By: Jason Sisco, 3rd Grade

In third grade, we are taking a state test. The test is about the U.S.A. We have to know Minnesota and the surrounding states, some rivers, some lakes, mountains, Mexico and Canada, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and 10 more states of their choosing. We don't have to know all 50 states. We get to practice for about a week or so. On February 9th, all third graders took the test.







## Sixth Grade

By: Gabi Skoogman & Freya Googing,  
4th Grade

Freya and I interviewed Mr. Hanson and asked him some questions. Mr. Hanson said the ski trip was really fun. There was ski school for kids who don't know how to ski.

The rotation has two different parts. He has never taught the same lesson three times.

He said that he likes the excitement 3rd graders bring, but he likes talking to 6th graders because they're older but the 6th graders don't bring as much excitement.

Mr. Hanson has been teaching for twenty years at Falcon Heights. He has taught 3rd, 6th and summer school, so basically every grade but during school years he has only taught 3rd and 6th grade. The 6th graders keep a lot of stuff in their case-its like their ipad, scissors, planner and usually a book. Freya and I found out about the lesson plans. Would you like to know? They make their lesson plans by using the state standards, the curriculum, and the needs of students and it is very important that it is engaging. Mr. Hanson has 2 class pets- Pablo (turtle) and Willow (snake). We were wondering where they go during summer. Mr. Hanson said that they usually go to friendship or sometimes they go to his house. They sometimes even go to students' houses.

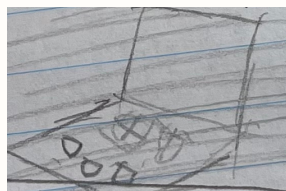
## After School Coding

By: Hanan Handvleh

In after school coding, you could make amazing games! You could learn how to make games and make apps like YouTube, Facebook and more. Coding helps develop kids' brains with problem solving skills. coding makes you smart.

## Question/ Brainstorm

If you are/were in coding club, what app or game would you make?



## Drawings by: Hanan Handvleh

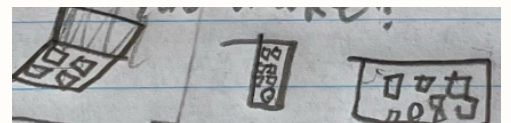
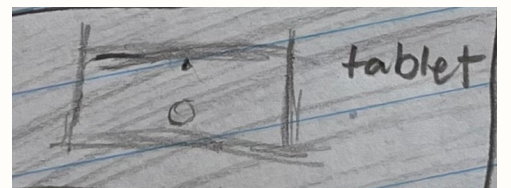


Photo of: 4th Grade Orchestra  
Photo by: Annabelle Penrod

## Field Trips

By: Samantha Ruud, & Aria Warner,  
4th Grade

Mrs. Jacobson's class - the Diamond Puppies - are going on a lot of field trips. They are going to the Bell Museum and the Minnesota Institute of Art. They are also going to the Minnesota Zoo. They will go to the Bell Museum on March 30th. They don't know when they'll go to the MIA or the Minnesota Zoo, but they do know that it will be towards the end of the year. This is the first year in a long time. They will take two buses. We all hope the Diamond Puppies have a great time.



## Bowser The Tortoise

By: Tindra Olson

I interviewed Mrs. Schroeder to get a closer look at her class pet, Bowser. Bowser is a red-footed tortoise. Mrs. Schroeder's favorite part of having a class pet (Bowser) is that she likes watching the kids take care of her. She also likes Bowser because she likes having something special or different that most classrooms wouldn't have. In Bowser's habitat, Bowser has coconut shavings for bedding on the ground, a pool to drink out of and soak in, a heating lamp, food, and water. Bowser eats every day and her favorite food is raspberries, but she will also eat cucumbers, lettuce, and fruits. Fun Fact: Bowser got her name from Mrs. Schroeder's son, Ben, whose favorite player in Mario Kart is Bowser (also a turtle/tortoise). In the summer, Bowser usually goes to Mrs. Schroeder's house with all of her stuff. Mrs. Schroeder thinks that her students like Bowser because she is different from other class pets and they like holding her and watching her crawl around the classroom. When it is warm enough, the class can take her outside. Fun Fact: Mrs. Schroeder has had Bowser for 12 years. When Bowser first got delivered to the school, the office staff members were scared because it said "Live Animal" on the box. When Bowser first got to Falcon Heights Elementary, she was the size of a quarter, and when fully grown, she could be the size of a very large football. Mrs. Schroeder has had an African millipede and a hamster as class pets, but her favorite class pet today is Bowser. Mrs. Schroeder also said that Bowser may outlive her and she hopes that she can keep Bowser forever.



Drawing  
by:  
Elliott  
Keenan



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### What's Up With Willow?

By: Ada Larson, 4th Grade

What is up with Willow? Well if you are asking that then I'll tell you! After all I am a reporter! One of the most important things about Willow is that she is a corn snake in Mr. Hanson's classroom. She eats frozen mice every 2-3 weeks. She sheds every 3-6 weeks. I know from my experience (I was in Mr. Hanson's class last year) that any class pet can be distracting within the first few weeks of school but at some point in time you just adapt to it. Also, Willow has a friend in her classroom whom I did my last article on, Pablo!!! Willow and Pablo are in the same classroom.

Willow drinks water and lives in a glass cage with holes up on the top so she can still breathe! That's all for this month's article. I hope you enjoyed it!



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



On The field

By: Lachlan Murray & Isaiah Davis, 5th Grade

Hello guys, it's your favorite duo, Lachlan and Isaiah. This time sadly we will not talk about phy ed, but we are going to talk about what's happening on the field.

First let's talk about the pro bowl. Something cool is that instead of a real football game they played flag football, which is super smart in my opinion so the NFL stars don't get hurt. Some of you are probably wondering what the pro bowl is and where it is. The pro bowl is the all star game for the NFL ( the NFL stands for the National Football League). The NFC won the games 35-33 with another phenomenal job by Kirk Cousins. In the 3rd game, Kirk Cousins threw only 4 incomplete passes going 15 for 19 for 150 yards, that's crazy 10 yards (or 30 feet) per pass. And 3 touchdown passes. The game winning touchdown was to the 49ers TE (TE stands for Tight End) George Kittle which made the game 34 to 33 then Kirk Cousins passed the ball to Justin Jefferson for the 1 point to make the score 35-33. I bet he hit the gritty. Second, we are going to talk about Super Bowl LVII ( LVII is 57). - The reason they use Roman Numerals is because Roman Numerals were widely used throughout Europe as the standard writing system until the late middle ages. It is thought that the Romans started using them due to the fact that once a number reaches 10 it becomes very hard to count with your fingers, so Roman Numerals were created. Roman Numerals use seven letters to represent different numbers. - The Super Bowl will be in Arizona, which sounds very hot. Just like me, Isaiah. The Kansas City Chiefs are going to be battling the Philadelphia Eagles, out of ESPNs workers 45 say the Eagles are going to win and 26 say the Chiefs are going to win. That means ESPN says the Eagles have a 63.3802817 present chance of winning the Super Bowl and the Chiefs have a 36.6197813l. I don't know about you all, but I (Lachlan) really dislike the Eagles so I want the Chiefs to win the Lombardi trophy. Fun fact the reason the trophy is called the Lombardi trophy is, the Packers won the 1st Super Bowl and their head coaches name was Lombardi and the NFL decided to name the trophy the name of the first annual Super Bowl winning team the head coaches name.

Thank you all for reading! I hope you all had a ball. You get the joke?



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The Kitchen Kooks

By: Grace Slater, 5th Grade  
& Tahlia Nouis, 5th Grade

Hello friends! This is Grace Slater and Tahlia Nouis writing about the kitchen!

The cooks in the kitchen cook our breakfasts and lunches everyday, and we don't really say thank you. Let's take the next few weeks to appreciate all the staff in the kitchen.

We've interviewed the manager, Raquel, and got some great answers! Here are some of the questions; What's your favorite thing to cook? Raquel answered; "The homemade stuff, or stuff from other cultures." Another question is; "How long have you been cooking at Falcon?" Raquel expressed; "2 years". Next we asked; "What's your favorite food to eat that you cook here?" Raquel said this; "Taco day."Next we asked; "What's your favorite thing about this job?" Raquel revealed; "Feeding people." We asked; "How long do you stay here?" Raquel said; " About 7:30 am- 3:30 pm. Our last question we asked was; "Which do you prefer to make? Lunch or breakfast?" Raquel answered; "Lunch."

That is all we have for this month! Next month we will interview the other kitchen staff. Thank you for reading our article, see you next month!



## Roseville Roses

By: Mary Raverty, 4th Grade

Hi. It's Mary again and I will be talking about all the Rose statues around Roseville. These statues are a great way to see art around Roseville for free!

20 Roses

20 Creators

20 Stories

All in 2020

Each Rose was designed by a regional artist. Each one is on display in a public location. For example there is a Rose by the Ramsey County Library that is by Kimberly McCracken. She works by the name Mimiku and she works as a library assistant. The Rose she painted has a lot of stuff from Alice in Wonderland and is called Painting the Roses Red. I took a picture of it for you.

My favorite Rose is Aurora Borealis because I like the color of it and that it looks like the Northern Lights. It is by Aimee Fierke. In her free time, she likes to play with her children Rose and Nicholas. She likes cooking, painting, traveling, and listening to music (and playing it too!)

That's all for this Art-icle and I hope you can see one of these beautiful Roses! You can find a map of all the Roses online.



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## Black History Month

By: Mark Paquette, 6th Grade

Every year we celebrate Black History Month during the month of February. On February 7, 1926, Carter G. Woodson initiated the first celebration of black history week. Which led to Black History Month, to extend and deepen the study and scholarship on African American history, all year long. Black history month didn't become a complete holiday until 1976 when president Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month.

Black History Month has been celebrated throughout the U.S. But not many people know the true importance behind it. Historically African American contributions to the world have been diminished by systemic racism and white culture. Black History Month honors and celebrates the contributions of African American people from all periods of U.S. history, from enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century, to African Americans today. By celebrating Black History Month we also can celebrate our differences and work to create a more equal world.

The celebration of Black History Month is important to me because it's a time to acknowledge all of the accomplishments of past African Americans that had their credit taken away by white people. It's also important because it's a time where people can learn history about people who aren't the most recognized.



Picture of: Mary Raverty





# Black History Month

By: Freya Googing, 4th Grade

## Introduction

Black History Month is in February. This is the month where we learn about African Americans.

We should be learning about black people and their culture anyway. Unfortunately the USA struggles with having the most racism. So, I decided to write about Black History Month.

## Famous Black People

In this section you will learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Maya Angelou, and Bessie Coleman.

### Martin Luther King Jr:

M.L.K. Jr. was a civil rights activist. He led many famous marches including the Selma to Montgomery March, and the March on Washington. His most famous speech was I Have A Dream. He made the speech in front of 200,000 people. M.L.K. married Coretta Scott King. M.L.K. Jr. had 4 kids with Coretta Scott who are named Martin Luther King the 3rd who is 65 years old and born Oct 23, 1957, Dexter King who is 62 years old and born Jan 30, 1961, Yolanda King who was 51 when she died of a heart attack in 2007, and Bernice King who is 59 and born in 1963. M.L.K. Jr. was assassinated by James Earl Ray. He was found in the U.K. He shot and killed him on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.

### Maya Angelou:

Maya Angelou was an American memoirist, famous poet and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. She received dozens of awards and more than 50 honorary degrees. Angelou is best known for her series of seven autobiographies, which focus on her childhood and early adult experiences. The first, *I Know Why The Caged Birds Sing* (1969), tells of her life up to the age of 17 and brought her international recognition and acclaim. Maya Angelou died on May 28, 2014.

### Bessie Coleman:

Bessie Coleman soared across the sky as the first woman of African American and Native American descent to earn her pilot's license in the U.S. Known for performing flying tricks. Coleman's nicknames were: "Brave Bessie," "Queen Bess," and "The Only Race Aviatrix in the World." Her goal was to encourage women and African Americans to reach their dreams and this became her legacy. Though her life and career were cut short in a tragic plane crash, her life and legacy continue to inspire people around the world.

## Black history

African Americans are mostly the descendants of enslaved people who were brought from their African homelands by force to work in the New World. Their rights were severely limited and they were long denied a rightful share in the economic, social, and political progress of the United States. Nevertheless, African Americans have made basic and lasting contributions to American history and culture. fun fact: African american is one of the largest ethnic groups in america.

Note: I hope this helped you learn more about black history. As a short reminder even though the US has made progress there is still racism all around us. Especially throughout the last 3 years we've seen more news stories about racism. I got all my information from google. Also I hope this inspired you to learn more about black history and black people. Thank you for reading this newspaper article!!!



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BLACK IS  
BEAUTIFUL!



## The Office

By: Audrey Drake, 5th Grade

Again there are a lot of important people that work in the office. But we decided to do Mr. Kruger this month. Mr. Kruger is the lead teacher and behavior specialist at are school. He also worked here as a 3rd grade teacher for 4 years along with a 6th grade teacher for 2 years, and now he is the lead teacher/behavior specialist for our great school.

Mr. Kruger said that his favorite part of the job is doing parent drop off because of being able to say good morning to everybody he sees. We enjoy seeing him in the morning and he always makes us feel happy.

Mr. Kruger has other important things that he does outside of school like ice fishing and his daughter's play that is being performed by the Minnesota Opera.

Mr. Kruger is busy and a very important part of our Family and we are very grateful for taking time out of his day so we could interview him. We are also grateful for all the stuff he does for our school. Thank you Mr. Kruger!



Photo of: Ms. Keenan & Ms. Portuese

Photo by: Jake Burth and Brennan Todd

## Riddle Answers (from page 1)

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. A telephone | 2. An egg          |
| 3. All of them | 4. Are you asleep? |
| 5. He was bald | 6. A chalkboard    |
| 7. It's lid    |                    |



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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:

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

Thanks for reading!  
Cora Sisco, Editor in Chief