

RAIDER REVIEW

Newsletter of Lamar Elementary School

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A Look Ahead to 2024

BY: ANNA MORGAN MIMS

The fall semester at Lamar Elementary was lots of fun, but there's even more in store for 2024.

Students return to school on January 3rd. In January, we have the fourth grade play and the kindergarten devotional.

On February 2nd, we have Grandparents Day. On February 14, we have the 2nd grade devotional and also the Valentines Day snack party. A lot of people will be excited for this one: On March 11-15, we have Spring Break!

On April 12th, we will have Pre-K Moms and Muffins. The beloved Kindergarten play, "Farm Frenzy" will be on April 17, followed by a favorite for everyone: Olympic Day on April 26!

May 1st our PK students will perform on the stage. On May 3rd, students will get to spend their hard-earned Raider Bucks at the Raider Market, and a few weeks later, we will celebrate the end of the school year with classroom parties on May 16th.

Christmas Giving Project

BY: RHETT WHITEHEAD

Do you ever think about what it would be like if you did not have a Christmas? Some children in our community don't have the opportunity to have a merry Christmas without the help of others. That's why Lamar Elementary is participating in a toy drive with the Salvation Army.

Salvation Army Corps. Officer/Pastor Lt. Roy Fisher said, "It's very important that kids are taken care of at Christmas." He is grateful to Lamar Elementary for choosing the Salvation Army as their Christmas Giving project. "It's so important to give back to the community and it's wonderful that Lamar students are learning this at such a young age," he said.

Toy donations such as puzzles, arts and crafts, and dolls may be dropped off at the front office until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 8. If we all contribute, we can help others have a wonderful, merry Christmas!



Meet the New Teacher: Mrs. Tackett

BY: ADDIE WALKER

Lamar welcomes the new second grade teacher, Mrs. Tackett.

Mrs. Tackett has 31 years of teaching experience, and she previously taught in Quitman before joining Lamar. She said she likes to teach all grades and subjects. She is very delighted with Lamar. One thing that delights her is Lamar has provided peaceful bible verses every morning.

She also has hobbies such as taking a morning walk before going to school. One of her favorite quotes is, "Be strong in the Lord."



Mrs. Tackett, 2nd Grade Teacher

1st Graders Match with Senior Buddies

BY:LOTTIE COWSERT

This year Lamar School started a program where the seniors are paired with a 1st grade student for the year. They have been having a lot of fun and love the program.

Student Anna Beth Aldridge loves it when her first grade buddy Ruth Westbrook runs up to her whenever she sees her. Mrs.Gena Dye likes this program because she enjoyed when the seniors read to the 1st graders, and now she gets to see them do that so much more. Mrs. Dye met with 1st grade teachers and she said, "We matched them on what they might have in common."

The students are learning so much from this program. Hunter Anders said, "I like that my buddy is on the football team." On Tuesday, seniors surprised their buddies with a Christmas ornament. Buddies are looking forward to a fun year getting to know each other better.





Holiday Traditions

BY: ANNE GIANAKOS

Holidays in December are very fun and exciting. These holidays include Kwanza, Hanukkah, Christmas and many more. All of these holidays are different and the same in their own ways. So what are these holidays about? Where are they celebrated? Let's find out!

Hanukkah celebrates the Temple of Jerusalem after it was retaken by the Maccabees, a group of Jewish warriors, from the Greeks in the 2nd century. Jews celebrate Hanukkah by lighting the candles on the menorah, playing dreidel games, and eating certain foods.

Kwanza celebrates history, value, family, and culture. People celebrate by lighting one of the black, red, and green candles on the Kinara each night, spending time with family, and eating delicious treats. These treats include candied yams, buttermilk biscuits, plantains, and rice.

Lastly, Christmas! In this holiday we celebrate family, friends, and the birth of Christ. We celebrate by giving gifts to one other, having parties, singing carols, and enjoying many Christmas dishes. At night on Christmas Eve December 24th, Santa Claus comes and puts presents under the tree. Toys, clothes, and decorations are common Christmas gifts shared with friends and family too!

These are just some of the amazing December holidays around the world. Can you name any more?

MERRY
Christmas

KWANZAA

CHRISTMAS Q & A

BY: SIMMONS DAVIS



Scan to
Watch!

Cooking with Maggie: How to Make Peppermint Bark



Dear Santa,

Did u Love The
Cookies I Left you?
I can Unbucod my
seet blt now?
hav bin spectaculer
theis yeer. I never
get n chrubol.
I hope u Will bring
me a camru That u
Prints picchrs and a
unicorn stfeey. I
am soon x sided
for Crismis!

Dear Santa,

thanks for teling me
and Lydia that roodof is
reel. I love to get ledrs from
you. I hav ben good. My
teechr says ime perfect at
scol. Will you ptes get me
a mermaidcam and a eve
stufee? can i soee hav a cat
stufee to? Ide like you to get
lydia a new Barbee to and
get caleb a new pasee to.
thanek you.



TRENDING NOW!

TRENDS OF 2023

BY: MAGGIE MARTIN

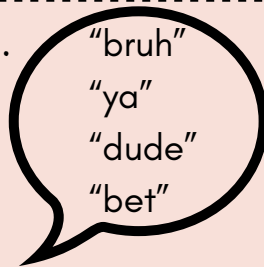
THE YEAR 2023 HAS BEEN AN AWESOME YEAR. AS 2023 COMES TO AN END, WE CAN REMEMBER BACK TO ALL THE FUN AND POPULAR TRENDS WE ENJOYED DURING THE YEAR.

MOST COMMON SLANG...



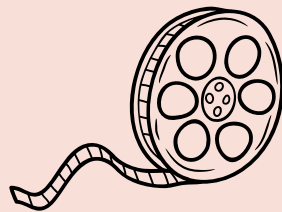
FAVORITE SINGERS

TAYLOR SWIFT
OLIVIA RODRIGO
JELLY ROLL



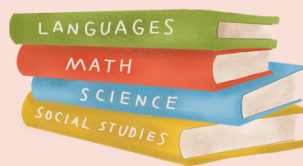
MOVIE PICKS

THE ERAS TOUR
THE LITTLE MERMAID
SING 2
GOOSEBUMPS
BARBIE
ELEMENTAL



FAVORITE SUBJECT

ART
READING
MATH
SPELLING



POPULAR SHOE BRANDS

AIR JORDANS
NIKE
ADIDAS
NEW BALANCE
BROOKS

HAIR STYLES

GIRLS:
BUN WITH A CLAW CLIP
WEAR IT DOWN

BOYS:
SLICK IT TO THE SIDE

WHAT KIDS ARE READING

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID
THE BABYSITTER'S CLUB
IVY AND BEAN
WINGS OF FIRE
LOCKWOOD AND COMPANY
LAND OF STORIES

WATER BOTTLE FAVS

STANLEY
YETI
NALGENE
NORTH FACE

BACKPACK DECOR

BEAD KEYCHAINS
BRAGTAGS
GERM-X
SQUISHMALLOWS
KITTEN KEYCHAINS
POP IT KEYCHAINS

MUST-HAVE BEDROOM DECOR

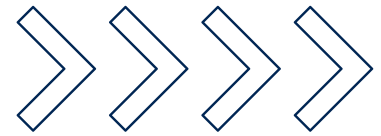
BIG COMFY BED
A LAVA LAMP
FAIRY LIGHTS
LAMPS

FAVORITE RECESS GAMES

SOCCER
KICKBALL
PLAYING ON THE SLIDE
BASKETBALL
GAGA BALL
FAIRIES
TAG

1ST SEMESTER FIELD TRIPS

BY: CHARLOTTE DUES



At Lamar School, all grades go on field trips. This semester's field trips include Pre-K, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and Kindergarten classes.



Pre-K went to Lazy Acres and students played in the pumpkin patch and played games all morning. They got to pick out their own pumpkin. Student Cooper Lott said, "I had fun. I want to do it again!"



The 3rd grade class went on a field trip to Laurel, MS, where they enjoyed "Gogh for All," an interactive hands-on exhibit featuring much of Vincent Van Gogh's work. A highlight of the trip including the ride home aboard the Amtrak train. Ava Matthews said, "I loved it! I did a Starry Night Interactive at the museum. I had a blast!"



2nd graders went to the American Village in Montevallo, AL, on November 16. Students learned about pilgrims and how Thanksgiving started. "We met pilgrims and the Wampanoag people. We learned what they ate, games they played, and some gifts that were traded for the peace treaty," said teacher Mrs. Hines.

No matter what field trip or what grade everyone LOVES field trips.

New Students at Lamar Elementary

BY: LOTTIE COWSERT

LAMAR ELEMENTARY WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS TO THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Remaining new students will be featured in the next issues of Raider Review



"I like my teachers."

Presley Ann H.



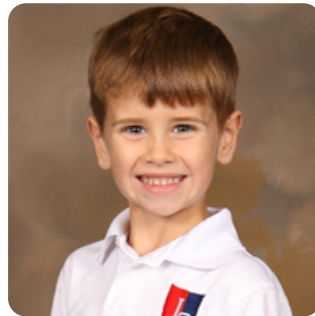
"I like the school events."

Miles K.



"I like going to centers."

Ridge T.



"My favorite thing about school is recess."

Logan W.



"I like my teachers."

Benjamin S.



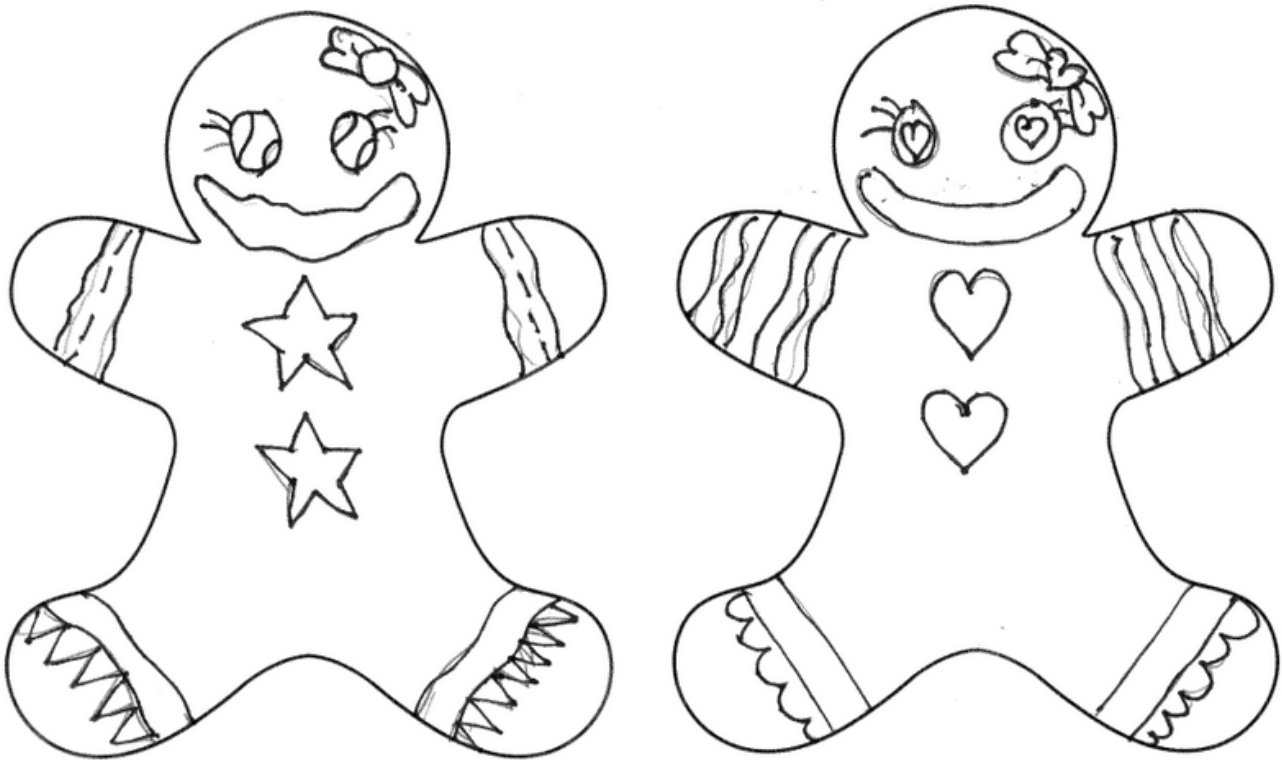
"I love recess!"

Marilyn M.

Welcome
TO LAMAR

Spot the Difference

BY: RIDAH SHAIK



RIDDLES

BY: LUKE CASSELL

- 1.WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE BEST ELF SINGER?
- 2.WHAT DO YOU FIND IN DECEMBER BUT NOT IN ANY OTHER MONTH?
- 3.WHAT DID ADAM SAY THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS?
- 4.WHAT DOES SANTA USE TO CLEAN HIS HANDS?
- 5.HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE AN ELF THAT IS RICH?



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COMPLETE THE CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY: WILLIAM GILMORE

FINISH THE LYRICS BELOW! PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR IPAD FOR HELP.

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR
WITH THE KIDS JINGLE BELLING
AND EVERYONE TELLING YOU BE OF GOOD
IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

YOU WILL GET A SENTIMENTAL FEELING WHEN YOU HEAR
VOICES SINGING, LET'S BE JOLLY
DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY
..... AROUND CHRISTMAS TREE
HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY
EVERYONE DANCIN' MERRILY
IN THE NEW OLD-FASHIONED WAY

JINGLE BELL, JINGLE BELL, JINGLE BELL ROCK
JINGLE BELLS AND JINGLE BELLS
SNOWIN' AND BLOWIN' UP BUSHELS OF FUN
NOW THE JINGLE HOP HAS BEGUN

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS JINGLE ALL THE WAY
OH, WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE IN A SLEIGH,
HEY!

ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME
A
ON THE SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO
ME TWO, AND A
..... ON THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE
LOVE SENT TO ME, TWO
..... AND A



Guess the Teacher

BY: HADLEY BLACKLEDGE

- FAVORITE COLOR IS LIGHT BLUE
- FAVORITE SNACKS ARE SALTY SNACKS
- LOVES ROLLER COASTERS!
- FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG IS "SILENT NIGHT"
- FAVORITE ANIMAL IS COLLIE DOG
- LOVES TO READ

WHO IS IT?!



TEACHER NAME: _____

DECEMBER COMIC

BY: ANNE GIANOKAS

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry
Christmas!



OMG
Santa!



I baked cookies
for you!



Are these
oatmeal
raisin?



Yes, oatmeal raisin
is better for you!



You're
going on the
Naughty
List kid.



UPCOMING PLAY "THREE WEE KINGS" ON DEC. 13

BY: RIDAH SHAIK



The third grade Christmas play for the year, also known as "Three Wee Kings," is coming up in December and it has a very important lesson.

Third grade teacher Mrs. Davison said, "This play is one of my favorites and it's very entertaining."

The third grade play is about three kings going on a search to find the new king. They meet camels, lambs, goats, donkeys, shepherds and angels on their way to find the new king. Will the king be what they were expecting? You will soon find out!

5TH GRADE PLAY

BY: MASON ORDWAY

The 5th grade production of "The Turkeys Go On Strike" occurred on November 15. You might be asking, "Why do a story about Thanksgiving?" Well, most people get caught up in the great food and turkey-themed traditions of this holiday, and sometimes we all need a reminder of the true meaning of Thanksgiving. This play is a fun and entertaining way to better understand November's signature holiday. In the play, the turkeys become suspicious of the fact that they all disappear after Thanksgiving. Because of this, all of the turkeys go on strike. Mrs. Chesney Said, "My favorite thing is seeing all the kids perform."



2ND GRADE PLAY

BY: LILLIAN DEFATTA, GUEST WRITER

The second grade play, Once Upon A Lily Pad, was awesome. It was about Freda and Francie Frog, played by Nessa DeFatta and Ann Hadley Graham, who were trying to find their place in the pond. They visited different animals to find out where they would fit in.

The Egrets taught them that each animal is different. The Turtles encouraged them to come out of their shells. The Fireflies wanted them to let their light shine. The Alligators told them to listen to their parents. The Snakes tried to persuade them to go to the deep waters.

Thankfully, Freda and Francie refused. The two little frogs listened to their parents and didn't go to the deep waters. Hoot and Quackers recognized the frog sisters' potential to jump and everyone lived happily ever after.

Nessa DeFatta said, "I was Freda Frog and I loved learning all my parts as a main character. My favorite part was when I met the Toads. My favorite song was Freda's solo."

Charlie Cowsert said, "I was Toad #1 and I was glad that everything turned out fine. My favorite part was when I met the Alligators. My favorite song was "Way Down by the Lily Pad."

The students and teachers worked hard, and they did a wonderful job!





CONGRATULATIONS

5th Grader Annilee Brown and 4th grader Luke Cassell both came in third place at the MAIS District Spelling Bee. We are proud of you!



4th Grader Stella Kate Lacoste placed 2nd in the St. Jude 5K out of 70 runners in her age division!

She placed 43rd in the female category out of 3,397 runners of all ages.

Overall, she placed 167th in the 5K out of 5,105 runners.

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FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT) CHARLOTTE DUES, MAGGIE MARTIN, ANNA MORGAN MIMS, LUKE CASSELL, ANNE GIANAKOS, LOTTIE COWSERT, ADDIE WALKER

BACK ROW (FROM LEFT) MRS. MARY KATHERINE, MRS. SYNER, WILLIAM GILMORE, MASON ORDWAY, RHETT WHITEHEAD, RIDAH SHAIK, HADLEY BLACKLEDGE, SIMMONS DAVIS, MRS. CASTLE.

Rhett.

Luke
Cassell

Anna
Morgan

Hadley

Maggie

Anne

Simmons

Ridaha

Ruby

William G

Mason

ADDIE.W

Lottie
Cowsert

Charlotte