



Falco Tales

News from the eyes of students

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New State Flag & Seal

By: Grace Slater, 6th Grade

Did you know that our state is getting a new flag and seal? It's pretty awesome. The reason for this is because our flag/seal has a dark and sad backstory. The new seal has a loon on it for the state bird. It has what we think is wild rice but we can't be too sure. Did you know that our previous flag had the seal on it? And that it's breaking almost every single flag making rule? The old flag shows a man plowing his farmland while a Native American person is fleeing. This is to represent how the French people came and invaded the Native tribes that were here first. This is why we are getting a new flag. Our new flag will be flying around May. Our government has narrowed it down to three flags! They made some adjustments to the seal they chose and I'll let you find out the details later. This is all for now! Keep reading!

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Roseville Basketball

By: Lachlan Murray, Mason Fraser, & Oren Babcock, 6th Grade

Hello Falcon Heights Elementary. This is Lachlan, Oren and Mason. There are many sports that students play at our school. This week, we are going to highlight our 6th grade Roseville travel basketball teams, who played in a tournament in St. Michael-Albertville.

Here's how 6 grade black team did: they won their first game 39 to 30 against Elk River. They lost their second game 43 to 41 against Blaine. It was a frustrating loss for the team. The team was able to recover from the loss to come up with a big win against STMA, 46 to 36. The team came home with a 3rd place medal.

This is how the 6 grade silver team did: they won the first game against Spring Lake Park 26 to 20. The second game they played against STMA and the score was 30 to 28, Roseville won. And for the championship game they lost to Blaine 38 to 25. The team came home with a 2nd place finish!

Thank you for reading. We hope to hear some sports stories from you, maybe we can write about you!



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The Kindergarten Experience

By Ella Walrath & Tahlia Nouis, 6th Grade

For this month's issue, we interviewed the kindergartners. We got some of their favorite things to do in kindergarten! We also interviewed Mrs. Leseman. (All the kids we interviewed are in Mrs. Leseman's class).

Here are some of the kids we interviewed. Annie said, "My favorite thing to do is have choice time!" Louie said, "My favorite thing to do is learn!" Lydia said, "I like to go out to recess, and draw BIG!" Lastly, Mrs. Leseman said her favorite thing about teaching kindergarten is hearing all of the random stories, and things they have to say! For example, when they were learning about farms in class, a kid raised their hand and said "Hey Mrs. Leseman, did you know my favorite color is red?" All the kindergartners had amazing things to share! We hope to interview more next month!

Second Grade Amazingness

By: Eleanor Bowman, 6th Grade

2nd graders love light bulb lab 💡 and here's why. 2nd graders get to make lots art projects, they call it light bulb lab because, their brains get "light bulbs" over their heads, like in a cartoon when they get an idea. I interviewed The Golden Retriever Puppies and they had lots of reasons why 2nd grade is amazing! Tessa (second grade student) loved 2nd grade because they got to read a LOT and got to do light bulb lab! All the 2nd graders love light bulb lab so much because they get to expand their minds and create original art work. Storm (second grade student) loves recess because, "you get to hang out with friends and play with them". All the teachers are SUPER nice there, like super hero's saving the day from the 2nd graders being really bored.

1st Grade Community

By: Lillian Krey, Leona Murray, & Betty Miller, 4th Grade

First I want to give a special thanks to the teachers and kids we interviewed:)

You might think, why 1st grade? Well, 1st grade is having a lot of fun doing reading, coding, and fun field trips like Gibbs farm. Also there's a new teacher. We would like to welcome you Mrs. Skogstad. She has been teaching for 12 years now! We are very lucky to have her. Mrs. Skogstad is teaching with Mrs. Green. Mrs Lundy has been teaching for 23 years!

For a long time she was teaching with Mrs. Plathe. Mrs. Lundy is fun, kind, and awesome. Mrs. Green has been teaching for 19 years. She doubles as a 1st grade teacher and a reading teacher! Last but not least Mrs. Sacquitne. She has been teaching for 17 years and she loves to see kids learning and improving! Why she is teaching 1st grade is because of her fun 2nd grade teacher!

Now we have a couple 1st grade students we interviewed! First graders like to code and play fun games. They like to start the day off playing a game called froggy and four corners. They love to code games like Angry Birds and Dance Party. One of their favorite things is specialists where they can get their giggles out. In math they are learning things like adding and subtracting. Other things they are learning and working on are foundations. They love to go to the library and pick out their favorite books like the creepy series, Berenstain Bears, and fun president books. One of their favorite things is playing with friends, outside, in the classroom, and anywhere they can. One memory of past first graders favorite things was to play with playdough. In January the first graders get to make their fun memories and get to play with play dough too.

Alarm Circuits In 5th Grade

By: Tristan Boyle, 5th Grade

In 5th grade science, we are working on building and designing makeshift alarm circuits. The basic design we got from a book called "A Reminder For Emily". It is about an Australian girl named Emily who lives on a ranch and one of her chores is to water the sheep. But sometimes, Emily doesn't remember to do it when she out is riding her horse. She decides to make an alarm system with a light and a buzzer. That is what we're doing except with a paper cup and a washer attached to a piece of cardboard with a cylinder on the bottom. Kind of like a seesaw. How it works is when the water is full, nothing happens. But when it's empty, the washer attached to the other side touches the wires and makes the light and buzzer go off. We worked on the design today, but tomorrow we're actually building it.



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5th Grade Math

By: Lauren Pettinelli & Grace Channing, 5th Grade

In 5th grade classes we are learning about mean, median, mode & range. Data analysis is important because you can use it in real life situations. There are different types of graphs that you can use. Some examples are: Bar Graph, Dot Plot and many more. We're also learning about Stem and Leaf plots. It's a type of graph that spreads the numbers out. It looks like a T. In conclusion we are learning a lot here in fifth grade.

School Psychologist

By: Audrey Drake, 6th Grade

Do you know what a school psychologist is? Well, it is someone who helps students learn and sometimes solves conflicts. Ms. Larsen is our school psychologist, who also works at Brimhall. Besides talking to students she also does special education evaluations, which is kind of like an I.Q. Test. Her favorite part of her job is working with kids, and seeing how their brains work when she tests them. She was always interested in psychology, but when she first went to college she studied business and economics. Then she moved on to teaching, but she didn't like it. What she did like was working with kids, and other school psychologists, so she decided she wanted to study psychology at the University of Wisconsin. In conclusion Ms. Larsen is a great school psychologist and we are so lucky to have her at Falcon Heights!

Mrs. Larkin Interview

By: Roland Gardener, 5th Grade

Q: What do you have for lunch?

A: "I have nachos (Q: With cheese? A: "Yes.")"

Q: When do you wake up?

A: "5:30 AM so I can drink my coffee and watch the news."

Q: What do you do in your freetime (At work?)

A: "Fix broken ipads and chromebooks (like screen freezes and upside down screens (How does that even happen?!))."

Q: What is it like being a check out librarian?

A: "Fun. I get to talk with the kids who check out books."

**Falcon Heights Elementary
Welcomes Mrs. Penrod
By: Desi Fisher & Grant Penrod,
4th Grade**

We are writing about Mrs. Penrod. Her favorite color is pink! Her favorite things are pizza, Harry Potter, her family and walking her dog Rusty. This is her first year teaching third grade. Her class is called the Fire Kittens. They are studying multiplication and division, reading about the sea, and reading the Maud Hart Lovelace "The Great Pet Heist". Her birthday is May 11th. The Fire Kittens went on their first field trip to see the Minnesota Orchestra. She has 22 students. She likes to spend time with her family. She has had seven dogs and one cat. Her favorite sport is soccer. She has lived in five states. We are so happy that Mrs. Penrod is at Falcon Heights Elementary!

Bowser

**By: Jason Sisco & Elijah Solomon,
4th Grade**

Hi Falcon! Jason and Elijah here, and we are talking about all of the class pets. Our first one is Bowser. Bowser stayed at Mrs. Wendlandt's house this summer. Now we are lucky to have her in Mrs. Schroeder's room. Some fun things about Bowser are that she is 12 years old and used to be Mrs. Schroeder's son's pet. Bowser loves to munch on raspberries. Another interesting fact is that she was born in Nevada and was mailed here.



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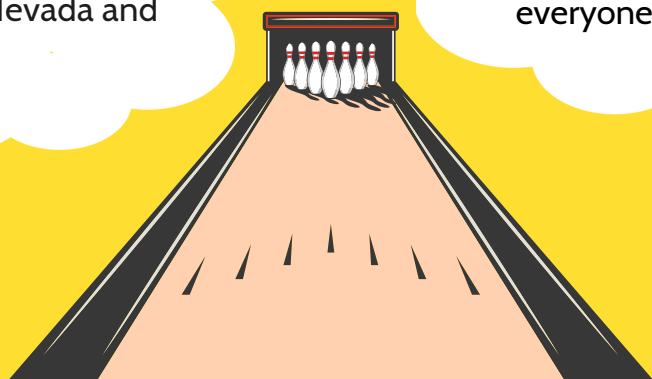
Bowling In Phy Ed

By: Jaden Lindgren, 5th Grade

Currently, in Phy Ed or as we call it, gym class, we are learning how to bowl. Right now Mr. Newman is teaching us the correct way to hold the ball. There are two ways, one, wrap your arm around the ball, two put your middle finger, pointer finger and thumb into the holes in the ball. We also learned three different bowling games, Ladder bowling, Bingo bowling and Midnight bowling. All those games are fun but I have a favorite, Midnight Bowling.

We are also learning the rules. You can't step on or over the foul line or you will get a foul and lose your turn. You can't be a human bowling ball and roll down the lane and knock down the rest of the pins. When you are returning the ball to the bowler, you can't throw the ball to them. You have to walk it to the bowler or you are disqualified from the game.

Now I'm going to talk about scoring. There are 10 pins. One pin = 1 point. You have a sheet to keep score and you have someone to keep track of the score. Whoever has the most points at the end of the game wins! I like bowling a lot! I went to Pinz for my 10th birthday party. We bowled two games. I did not win either game but it was very fun. I think everyone should try it!!





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Student Leaders

By: Isaiah Davis, 6th Grade & Mattias Paitich, 5th Grade

Guess who's back! This month we will be talking about Student Leaders. This year's Student Leaders are Mattias (5th grade), Willow (5th grade), Ada (5th grade), Cameron (5th grade), Ivy (5th grade), Molly (5th grade), Isaiah (6th grade), Rose (6th grade), Niya (6th grade), Cai (6th grade), Vivian (6th grade), and Lily (6th grade). Right now the Student Leaders are working on a service drive where you can give bedtime stories, night lights, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, or pillows. No need to worry, we will be collecting them at the end of the coming weeks. And if you can't donate that's fine but we encourage you to. But we don't just ask for donations, we make videos and by the end of winter break, we'll be shooting and hopefully posting it to show to the school. Don't worry, you won't have to go to an assembly. Your teacher will show you the video during a class period that is free so you might have seen before your friend, but don't worry, this video is basically spoiler proof and no that is not a challenge. But thanks for reading the best newspaper, I mean Isaiah and Mattias's paper on student leaders.



Friendship Connection

By: Lydia Maher & Siham Abshir, 4th Grade

Today we are interviewing Mari. Her job is the site - coordinator. Mari joined Friendship because she wanted to do fun activities. What Mari likes best about Friendship is that the kids are all different ages. Mari has worked at Friendship for four years. Before Mari joined Friendship, she worked for two non-profit organizations. Fifteen staff work at Friendship! Mari's favorite hobby is eating. That's all for today folks. See you next month.

How You Can Help The Janitor

By: Zander Albrecht

I asked the janitor four questions: "What is the most common thing you clean up?" He said "paper". The second one is, "What is a thing a student can clean up that would help you?" He said "pencils and other 'big' objects besides tables and furniture." The third question is, "what was the hardest/most annoying thing to clean up?" He said, "snow and mud and other things people track in from recess and other outdoor activities." So, at the end of the day, ways we can help him is pick up paper and pencils (and who doesn't need more pencils?) and other small things. The last thing is wipe your shoes on the rug when you come in, and that's all.

Our DAPE Teacher

By: Victor Ingvaldstad, 4th Grade

I interviewed the DAPE teacher and I asked him a couple of questions. Here are the questions and answers.

Q: What did you do before Falcon Heights?

A: I have been in Roseville, but at other schools.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Wisconsin and I am a Wisconsin Badgers fan!

Q: Do you like cats or dogs?

A: I like dogs more than cats.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: My hobbies are running, video games, and fantasy football.

Q: What inspired you to be a dape teacher?

A: I was in high school knowing I wanted to be a teacher and I took a class where I could help with dape and I loved it.

Q: What is a fun fact about you?

A: I have taught P.E. for a long time but I have also taught a bunch of other subjects!

A huge thanks to the DAPE Teacher for letting this interview happen!



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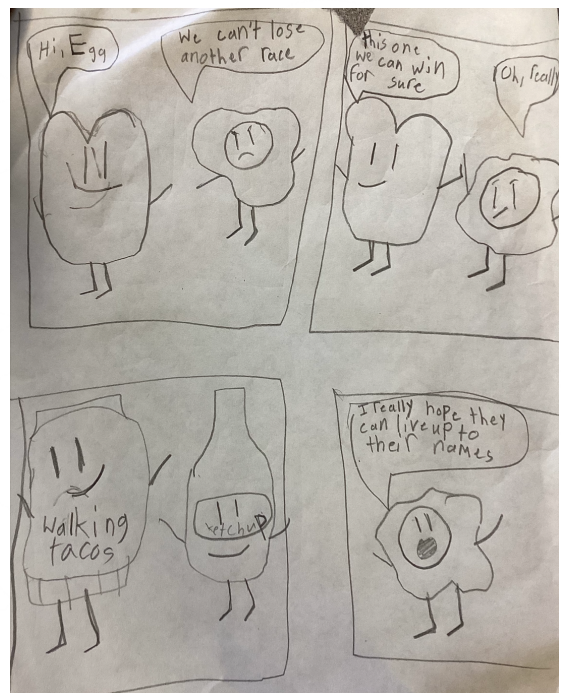
Band

By: Hunter Ellis, 5th Grade

Mr G. is the teacher of the one and only band! There are about 55 kids in band. The most popular instruments are the trumpet, trombone, saxophone, and clarinet. There will be two band concerts this year, one in January and the other in May. If you are in band, you have to practice 20 to 30 minutes per day. I will talk about one of the instruments, the trumpet. I am learning to play the trumpet in band. The trumpet is like a small trombone. It has three finger buttons, two water keys to get the saliva out, and a small mouthpiece. The mouthpiece is like a small trombone mouthpiece, and it is where the sound starts by blowing air through it. The trumpet also has a bell piece. The bell piece is where the sound comes out of the trumpet and makes the music. Band has a lot of instruments and students, so it is one of the best classes in school!

Comic Strip By:

Colton Wertsch, 6th Grade



Mrs. Jacobson

By: Edith Gardener, Paige Ellis & Tuulia Peterson, 4th Grade

Today in Falco Tales, we will be talking about our interview with Mrs. Jacobson in the library. Mrs. Jacobson said she wanted to be a librarian because she wanted kids to like reading. Mrs. Jacobson likes all the grades for different reasons. For example, she likes the “little kids” because they’re cute. She likes the “big kids” because they can read bigger books and they listen better. She likes being a librarian because she gets the opportunity to be with all the kids and grades. Mrs. Jacobson said what it takes to be a librarian is you need to have a lot of energy, a love of books, and to be organized. Mrs. Jacobson’s favorite book is “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.” She started doing Maud Hart Lovelace because she wanted kids to be excited about reading.

We asked some Falcon students what some of their favorite books and series are. Lydia M. likes “Harry Potter”. Cecelia likes “Linked.” Auggie and Bennett like “Diary of a Wimpy Kid.” We also asked what types of books kids like. 39 kids liked fiction, 15 kids liked nonfiction, and 19 kids liked realistic fiction. Last some favorite authors are Roald Dahl, Shel Silverstein, and J.K. Rowling.

Mrs. Jacobson is a great librarian at Falcon Heights!



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Christopher Marley: A Nature And Science Artist.

By: Mary Raverty, 5th Grade

Christopher Marley is an artist who uses preserved natural specimens to create his art works. I first discovered Christopher Marley at a special exhibit at the Minnesota science museum. Christopher Marley is an artist from Rural Oregon. As a child Christopher Marley had ADHD, so he had a hard time making friends. So instead, he liked to go outside and explore nature; he especially liked reptiles. As he got older, Christopher Marley figured out how to combine his love of nature and his love of art. Through his work he showed the relationship between art, nature and science.

At the exhibit I saw art that was very pretty and interesting at the same time. My favorite piece is called Cerulean Genesis. It is made of blue, purple, and white metallic butterflies. Another piece that I like is called Pulchra Prism, which used metallic beetles of different sizes to create a kaleidoscope image. Other pieces of his work are made of sharks, beetles, snakes, birds, feathers, flowers, shells, and so much more.

Christopher Marley works with institutions and individuals to find things to make his art with. (He does not kill any animals). Although his art is no longer at the museum you can still find his art online or in one of his books. (One book is Exquisite Creatures.)

Christopher Marley
Pulchra Prism



Christopher Marley
Cerulean Genesis



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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.

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Thanks for reading!

Cora Sisco, Editor in Chief

