

# Dragon Gazette

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**Third Edition**

## **Trip to the Voice Headquarters**

By: Aleeya Morrow

The Dragon Gazette got the opportunity to visit The Adair Progress. This is where they print many newspapers around the state. *The Voice* and *Wayne Weekly* are just a couple that they print. It was a long drive, it was a one and a half hour drive to the newspaper office. When we got there, we got to meet some of the workers. The publisher, Jessica Thomas, gave us a tour of the building and the process of printing the paper. The workers were all very nice and welcoming. We got to see how they printed the newspaper with printing presses. It is like a train of newspapers going through the presses. They have to make plates of the newspaper to put on the presses before the printing begins. We also got to see how they edited the newspaper. We even got to see some old newspapers from the 1900s and even one from the 1800s. As we were leaving we even got to take a photo. The newspaper workers are very nice and work hard to bring many places the news.



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## **Positive Vibes**

By: *Kenzlee Stephens*

Let's keep those positive vibes rolling. The month of November brought us Thanksgiving dinner with our parents. It was nice seeing everyone eating at school with their family. We got to go on a field trip to Adair Progress, where we watched the voice newspapers being printed. KONA Ice came back for another round. Let's give a hand to our amazing teachers and principal. They make sure our school has positive vibes. Let's give a shout-out to all of our cooks for making sure we always have great lunches. You all are the best cooks! Don't forget about the Christmas fun that we had! Don't forget to share those positive vibes!

## **Which Gift Does Each Teacher Want?**

By: Brylee Spradlin and Olivia Ellis

1. Vacation
2. Gift Cards
3. Western Hats
4. UK to win NCAA
5. Chocolate/Coffee
6. Colored Pens
7. Texas Roadhouse
8. Snow
9. Farm
10. Family Time
11. Bar Stools
12. Nintendo Games
13. V Bucks
14. Nike Shoes
15. Olivia to Sing
16. Hippopotamus
17. Family to be together
18. New Car
19. An Alone Vacation
20. Clothes and Coffee
21. German Swish Chocolate
22. A housemaid
23. Wool Socks and Coffee
24. Nothing

Answers: 1) Miss Coffey 2) Mrs. Karen 3) Mr. Gus 4) Mr. Sims 5) Mrs. Megan 6) Mrs. Tarter 7) Mrs. R. Kidd 8) Mrs. Grundy 9) Mrs. Carri 10) Mrs. Rhonda Coffey 11) Mrs. Bryant 12) Mrs. Tonya Lay 13) Mr. Noah 14) Mrs. Slaven 15) Mrs. Tonya Maxey 16) Mr. Owens 17) Mrs. Simpsons 18) Mr. Austin 19) Mrs. Morrow 20) Mrs. Tammica 21) Mrs. Jill 22) Mrs. Trammell 23) Mrs. Jennifer 24) Mrs. Spradlin



## Getting to know our Counselor



By: Karl James Neal

1. Do you like your Job? *I love my Job.*
2. What's your favorite part about your job? *I like helping kids and solving their problems and helping Kids with their future.*
3. Do you like the students here? *Yes, I love the students here and helping them.*
4. How do you do your Job? *Just try to stay going and have fun. I love helping kids.*
5. What do you do for your Job? *I do a lot. I am a 504 coordinator and arc chairperson. I respond to crisis situations and educate on social-emotional Learning.*
6. Do you like your Co-Workers? *"Oh, yes they're a blast"*
7. Do you like riding dirtbikes? *Yes, I like riding dirtbikes, I also do Jiu Jitsu.*



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## Book of the Month



By: Bella Cooper

I will tell you about the book "How The GRINCH Stole Christmas!". First, this book is by Dr. Seuss, who makes a lot of books, but this one is my favorite. It's so good you will find yourself reading it so many times. I just love this book so much, and you should, too. It's in the school and local libraries; get it or look it up on YouTube. Trust me, you will love it as much as I do. It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. I love how the book teaches us to be kind to one another. If my teacher told me to choose a book, I would choose this one, because it's such a good book. I hope you like the book. Have a good day!



## Snow Leopard:



By: Jonah Ball

*The snow leopard is a large cat from Asia, mainly Russia, Mongolia, and China. The snow leopard even lives at the base of Mt. Everest. The snow leopard preys on blue sheep, Ibex, and Himalayan Tahr. These majestic animals are endangered, and there are only 4,000 to 6,000 left in the world. The coolest thing about snow leopards is they aren't as aggressive as other cats like actual leopards, or lions.*



*The Snow Leopard is an amazing creature that many people love. These magnificent creatures live in multiple different countries like Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, and more. With a special permit and maybe even a college degree in zoology, you can have a snow leopard as an exotic pet. The snow leopard isn't even aggressive towards humans, and they love to cuddle. Snow leopards are one of the best animals.*



*Snow leopards mainly eat Ibex, Himalayan Tahr, Marmot, Pika, Hares, Small Rodents, and Game Birds. Snow Leopards mainly have blue, green, or gray eyes. Snow Leopard.*



## Art Club

By: Isabell Sims

The club of the month is the art club. Kids can competitively present their art talents. They get to learn more about art by experiencing how art works, by doing it by themselves. For example, they learned about how the detailing works and what materials you need to do that. Mrs. Morrow tells them how to progress and how to fix mistakes on their art pieces. Kids that are in this club love it because it gives them an opportunity to learn about art, and independently figure out how to make it better. If they can't Mrs. Morrow will help them and show them what they did wrong. Those are the reasons why the art club is a great club!



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## Football



Dragon Football brought home third place in the Super Bowl Tournament.

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Dragons Football Cheerleaders

Photo Credit: Kayden Ross



## Christmas Traditions



By: Marley Ridener

Christmas Traditions are things that you do every year for Christmas. These are the things that we look forward to each year. Here are a few things that staff and students do for their Christmas traditions:

1. Mrs. Karen: Making cookies, going to grandparents' house, having Christmas dinner, and making ornaments.
2. Mrs. Morrow: Milk and Cookies for Santa, Carrots and celery for the reindeers, baking cookies, going to church, and having dinner
3. Mrs Rhonda: 125 students went in the Christmas Program this year, Food baskets, and shoesboxes
4. Mr. Stone: On Christmas Eve, his family gets ready and goes to church. They open one gift on Christmas Eve then have hot chocolate and cookies before bed. They wait on Santa.
5. Mr. Sims: Visits his mom.
6. Mrs. Stephens: Have a family dinner.
7. Abby: Goes to grandparents' house and eats dinner. She opens presents.
8. Addy: She bakes cookies and has hot chocolate before opening presents.
9. Corbyn: She goes to grandma for dinner, does secret Santa, and they have a countdown to midnight for Christmas.
10. Jonah: Opens gifts and goes to Grandma's house.



## FRC and Christmas



By: Lillian Newman

Ms. Tasha Cox and Mrs. Rhonda Coffey hand out toys for tots for every kid in the building. They also do 20 Christmas food baskets. Programs reach out to them and give them gifts. They give kids gifts that don't get gifts on Christmas.



# Dear Paisley,

**“How do I not be nervous to ask questions in class?”**

Well, first off, don't be worried about what people may think of you. Don't be nervous to ask questions. If you don't ask questions you're not going to fully understand, don't be scared to ask for help if you need it. There might be kids in the class with the same question but they were scared to ask.

**“When should I start decorating for Christmas?”**

Everyone has a different opinion on when you should decorate for Christmas or put up your Christmas tree. Some people think it should be the day after Thanksgiving or on Thanksgiving. However, many other people believe that it should go up before Thanksgiving or on December 1st. I think it should go up before Thanksgiving because it's officially Christmas after Halloween. I believe that you should start decorating for Christmas whenever you have time or feel like it and to not let others form your own opinions.

**Until next time,  
Paisley**

**Photos from last month.**



## **! Important Dates !**

**December 14 - Christmas Activities**

**December 15 - January 2 - Christmas Break**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**December 25 - Christmas**

**January 2- First Day Back to School**

**January 15 - No School**

**January 30 - Fourth Edition of Newspaper**



### **The History of Santa**



By: Kayden Ross

Have you ever wondered how Santa came to be? Well, I'll tell you. There was a monk named Saint Nicholas and this monk gave his inheritance to the needy and the unfortunate. The reason why we celebrate Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This is the whole reason we celebrate Christmas so you guys should remember the monk and Jesus.





## What Happened to Mrs. Casey?



By: Olivia Ellis and Brylee Spradlin

Have you been asking yourself what happened to Mrs. Casey? She was here, and then one day, she just disappeared. Well, we have the details for you. Grab a seat and get ready to solve the mystery with us!

The simple answer is that Mrs. Blakley persuaded her into a new job. The McCreary Schools got a new grant called the Augment Grant. Mrs. Blakley wrote and got this grant for our schools to help with mental health. She saw that Mrs. Casey was a good fit to help with this. Now let's get into the interview with Mrs. Casey:

1. **What do you do at your new job?** *I help provide increased mental health services to students at PKI and across the district. As well as provide parent education and engagement and staff. I am assigned to help with mental services and guidance lessons at PKI.*
2. **Why did you get another job?** *I felt it would provide me the opportunity to be able to support and help more students and families. It was a hard choice for me to make because I knew I would miss seeing my babies everyday.*
3. **What's your favorite part of your new job?** *Feeling as though I am learning new ways to help support our students and families through the wonderful trainings I am receiving.*
4. **What was your favorite part of the PKE position?** *Getting to see the smiling faces of all the kiddos daily. Getting lots of hugs and high-fives daily and being able to be available whenever a student needs me.*
5. **Which job was easier?** *Both jobs have their own challenges; however, my previous was more difficult due to the demanding nature of the job.*
6. **What do you like to do when you are not at work?** *Attend church, spend time with my family, ride horses, and camping.*
7. **Are you still working at PKE part-time?** *I am assigned to cover PKI through the Augment Grant. I try to be in the building 3 to 4 days per week.*

There, you have it: Mrs. Casey is still helping kids in our school, just under a different job. At least we still get to see her. Now, let's meet the person who took over Mrs. Casey's old job.



## Who Is Mrs. Jennifer?



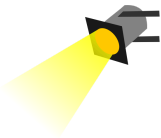
1. **Did you have a job before this one? If so, what was it?** *I worked with children at the hospital, which was a mental health hospital. I was also able to work with adults and elderly patients. I enjoyed every day of my work in mental health. I was the assistant for an amazing team of psychologists of the Trillium Center.*
2. **Why did you decide to take over Mrs. Casey's Job?** *After working with adults and elderly patients since 2007. I thought working with kids would be fun and enjoyable. I was right. I have enjoyed every day I have been here even the busy ones.*
3. **What is your favorite part about working here?** *I feel like I have always been here. Every person gives so much and the school is like family. I enjoy being in an atmosphere that is fun and kid friendly.*
4. **Did you know Mrs. Casey before taking this job?** *I did not know Ms. Casey before this job. I will say that she was amazingly kind, welcoming and made me feel like PKI family from day one.*
5. **What do you do for fun?** *I really enjoy cooking italian food with homemade sauces. I also enjoy making soups. My family loves to eat and it gives me a lot of enjoyment. On occassion, I go and paint pottery with my mom and daughter.*
6. **Is there anything you would like us kids to know about you...** *I feel like a grown-up kid myself! It is much better that way!*



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## Former Dragons



## Spotlight!!!

Name: Logan Perry

Grade: 6th grade

Sports: Basketball and Baseball

Who Influenced you the most as a Dragon:  
*My dad and Mr. Sims were my biggest influences as a dragon. Mr. Sims always motivated me to get good grades, do good in sports, and stay healthy.*

Does being a former Dragon help you in your sport: *Being a former Dragon is special. It's helped me in sports because playing basketball for Pine Knot Elementary helped prepare me for Middle School.*

If you could tell a Dragon one thing right now, what would it be: *Do good in school! Always get good grades, try hard, respect your teachers, cherish your friends, and never give up!*



Basketball



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# Happy Holidays!!!

From the *Dragon Gazette Team*