



# Falco Tales

News from the eyes of students

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## 5th Grade Low-Down

By: Grace Slater, 6th Grade

What up, what up? Grace back with the 5th grade low-down. I have interviewed some kids from Mrs. Simonson's class. Up first is Harper. She said her favorite thing about Falcon Heights was her friends and she will miss recess most. Wesley said his favorite thing about Falcon Heights was recess and math. He isn't quite sure what he will miss the most. Our final interview is with Isaiah. He said his favorite thing is all the people and he will miss all his friends when he leaves. Hope you enjoyed the 5th grade low-down! Keep reading, falcons!

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## Minutes Read:

679,584 Minutes

## Money Raised:

\$ 8,465

# READ - A - THON STATS

## Women's History

By: Edith Gardner & Theo Eyre,  
4th Grade

In 4th Grade we are researching Women's history. Did you know March is Women's history month? Edith and

Theo are writing about Eleanor Roosevelt and Shirley Chisholm. Some facts about Eleanor Roosevelt are that she moved to the White House and became first lady. She also married her fifth cousin. Some facts about Shirley Chisholm are that at first, she worked as a nursery school teacher. She also divorced Conrad Chisholm in 1977.

## No Smoking

By Desi Fisher, 4th Grade

I'll be teaching you about smoking. Smoking is a bad thing that hurts your body, and some people do it just to be cool. A cigarette has an addictive ingredient called nicotine. It also has tar in it. Some people have been addicted and can't stop even if they try. Just because people say vaping is better, it is not. Vapes also include nicotine and they make them in different flavors so kids will vape. Just because there are different flavors, doesn't make it better at all! Never vape or smoke! It is so bad for your mind and lungs. Never ever smoke.



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## Class Pets

By: Paige Ellis, 4th Grade

There are so many class pets to choose from! But....what are the best class pets? Well, read this article and you will find out! The first option is a fish. They eat flakes. They should live in a tank that is 2 feet long. Another option is a bearded dragon. No, they are NOT dragons with beards. They are lizards! They usually eat mealworms, crickets, vegetables, and occasional fruits. They should live in a (not water filled) tank with the temperature being 90-100 fahrenheit for basking and 77-86 fahrenheit for cool spots. The next option is a guinea pig. They eat herbs, dandelions, and groundsels, which look like large dandelions. They must have grass or hay, however. They should live in C & C cages. C & C stands for Cubes and Coroplast. Do **not** put them in plastic tubes, glass aquariums, and cages with wire floors to live in. The last animal I am going to talk about are hamsters. They eat carrots, broccoli, bananas, cauliflower, blueberries, cabbage, and lots more! They should live in cages that have a solid floor with bedding and nesting material. It should have plenty of space inside for the hamster to explore. So, whether this helped you or not, I really hope you enjoyed it! Make sure to read more articles! Until next time!

## Minnesota Thursday

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

Hi Falcon friends, today we are talking about everyone's favorite lunch, Minnesota Thursday. Minnesota Thursday is when lunch for the students is made in Minnesota. Minnesota Thursday usually happens twice per month, on a Thursday of course. Upcoming Minnesota Thursdays include meatballs, cheese steak, and chicken jerky. Uff da that sounds good! Days to mark on your calendar are March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, May 2, and May 16. These days are important because we want to spread love and support to Minnesota businesses. What's your favorite Minnesota Thursday meal? Before you leave and read the next article, we want to give a special thanks to Terry and the lunch staff. Thanks for all you do.

## The Super Bowl

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

Hello Falcon Heights students, this is Oren, Lachlan and Mason. In this article we are writing about the Super Bowl game of the Kansas City Chiefs vs the San Francisco 49ers. When we wrote this article, the Super Bowl had not happened yet, but when you read this, the Super Bowl will have happened already. We are not psychics, so we do not know what will happen, but here is what we can tell you about this year's Super Bowl. Super Bowl 58 will be played in Las Vegas on February 11 at 5:30 PM. Usher will be performing at halftime. The 49ers are favored to win. They have a 56.5 percent chance to win and the Chiefs have a 43.5 percent chance. A cool fact is the last time they played against each other in the Super Bowl was 4 years ago in 2020 and the Chiefs won. It was a presidential election year, just like this year. Will history repeat itself? Some facts about the 49ers current roster are they had 9 players that got invited to go to the Pro Bowl (the NFL all star game). Which is a lot for a team. The Chiefs had 5 people get invited to the pro bowl. But remember, the Chiefs have Taylor Swift on their side. No matter who wins or loses I hope that the game will be fun to watch and if it isn't at least we have the commercials.



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## Book Classics

By: Seth Monaghan, 4th Grade

Today I will be talking about two classic books that are very popular.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain was written in 1876. It's about Tom Sawyer and his friend Huckleberry Finn. One of the most famous parts of the book is when Tom Sawyer tricks the kids in his neighborhood to paint the fence for him. In the book they find treasure. It's really funny and really good.

The second book is To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee. It was written in 1960. It is about a girl named Scout and her brother Jem. It's about a black man who got accused of something that he did not do. Scout's father is a lawyer and he tries to help the man. This is an important book in history because it shows how hard it would be to get accused of a crime if you were . This is my favorite book in the world.

## Book Reviews

By: Victor Ingvaldstad, 4th Grade

I wrote a report on book recommendations today. My rating scale is 0% to 100% (100% is the best, 0% is the worst.)

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows** (book 7): Age rating (9+) Too much talking. Score of 70%

**Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian** (book 5, series 1): A lot of action, but also a lot of talking. Age rating (8+) 90%

**Garfield Fully Caffeinated** (book 75): For all ages. 100% 2 words to describe this book: too good. Here is an excerpt of one comic strip. Jon: "This cereal says new and improved. I wonder what's so new about it?... now fortified with caffeine!?" Garfield: "Gimme!"

**Calvin and Hobbes, Attack of the Killer Mutant Snow Goons**: For all ages. 90%. a lot of funny comic strips but also some political humor.

So this has been 4 book reviews. I hope you read these books because these are some of the best books ever! (speaking of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows)

## **The 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert**

**By: Tristan Boyle, 5th Grade**

The 5th and 6th grade orchestra concert is happening on March 6. We will be playing 5 songs. They are, (this is not in the order we're playing them in) Harry's Wondrous World, Sailors Song, Soaring, Tallis Canon, and Frere Jacques. The 6th graders are doing all that and 1 more piece. I hope that you will like the concert and ENJOY the concert on May 6.

## **The 6th Grade Ski Trip**

**By: Audrey Drake, 6th Grade**

Hi, this is Audrey Drake, and this week I am going to talk about the 6th grade ski trip that we took in late January. Most of the 6th graders went on the ski trip, and if you didn't want to go, you got to stay here with the 5th graders. When we got to Highland Hills, we went upstairs and we were given instructions about how to put our ski boots on safely. Then we went through rentals and got helmets, ski boots and skis. Next we went outside and started going through ski school. The first station was learning how to put on your skis, the next station was learning how to do pizza with your skis (pizza is where you put the front of your skis together so you can stop). The next 3 stations were learning how to go down the hill safely and learning how to turn and stop. The last two stations were going down the bunny hill if we went down good we got a smiley face on our lift ticket, then we could go up the lifts to ski down big hills, but we were not allowed to go on any black diamond hills because they were too big for a school trip, but we were allowed to go on the green and blue runs (green were the easiest and blue were harder). All of the runs were fun and even if you stayed on the bunny hill the whole time, I hope you also had fun.

So, in conclusion the ski trip was very fun for me and my friends. I hope you had fun too!



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## **Ramayana Divine Loophole**

**By: Ellie Monaghan, 6th Grade**

Ramayana Divine Loophole is the book we are reading in 6th grade literacy. It's by Sanjay Patel and it is a retelling of a Hindu myth. Our focusing question is "How does Ramayana Divine Loophole exhibit the genre expectations of the monomyth?" That basically means "How does our book show the normal qualities of a hero's journey"? In the story, Ravana (an evil demon) wishes to have no god defeat him. But the loophole is that he never says anything about humans. When Vishnu realized that, he decided to transform into a human to defeat Ravana. This book also has really cool illustrations. It is really fun to read!

## **Orchestra**

**By: Hunter Ellis, 5th Grade**

Falcon Heights Elementary has fun music classes. Orchestra is one of the music classes you can do. Ms. Jacobson is the orchestra teacher. Don't confuse her with Ms. Jacobson, the librarian. You can join orchestra in fourth grade. If you continue on, you become an advanced orchestra player. You can pick from three instruments to play in orchestra. The instruments are the violin, the viola, and the cello. The violin is the smallest. The viola looks like the violin but is bigger. The cello is bigger than the violin and viola. Orchestra has lessons Mondays and Wednesdays. The full orchestra meets Wednesdays. Students should practice at home many times a week. After everyone has practiced a bunch they have a concert. My sister is in orchestra and says it is a lot of fun!

## Cut, Paste, Create: The Art Of Collages

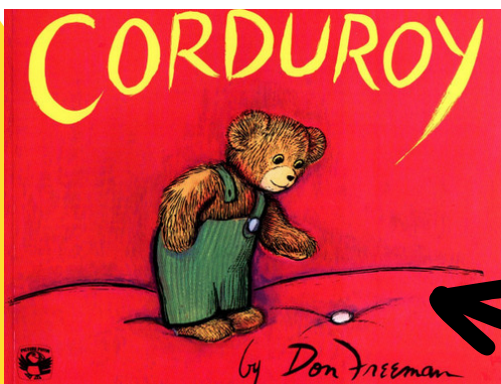
By: Mary Raverty, 5th Grade

One of the forms of art that I really like is collage art. Collages are a form of art in which you cut images or pictures and glue them together on a surface, creating a new piece of art. Collages can be dated back to around 200 BC, around the time that paper was invented in China. It became more well known in the 1900s as a form of modern art. Pablo Picasso used collages in his art.

I learned about collaging from my mom who was going to use a bunch of my old comics to create collages but when I asked about it, she said I could try! So, I did. When I tried it, I had a lot of fun making stuff. I collaged books my mom made ( she's really good! ) and I'm working on a box for my dad (possibly it will be finished by the time this newspaper is published).

All you need to make a collage is Mod Podge, old magazines or comics, a foam brush, something to make your collage on, and scissors. First, cut out pictures that you like from an old comic/magazine ( set aside ) and take out your collage surface. Then spread on a layer of mod podge on with the foam brush so you can place the pictures you cut out on the collage surface. Finally, when the first layer of modge podge dries, add a second layer on top, wait for this to dry and then you're finished!

If you follow these steps, you should be able to make a collage in less than a day! This is an art style for all levels of artists, from beginner to advanced.



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### Mrs. Wilson

By: Tuulia Peterson, 4th Grade  
& Grace Channing, 5th Grade

Hello, and today we will interview Mrs. Wilson, the speech teacher at Falcon Heights Elementary.

Q: Why did you become a speech teacher?

A: I knew I wanted to work directly with people, especially kids. I got to shadow some speech pathologists when I was in college, and I thought it was so cool that I could work with kids and have fun learning. I also think languages are very interesting.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: This is my 15th year.

Q: Which schools do you work at?

A: I work at Falcon Heights Elementary and see a couple of students at Hand in Hand Montessori.

Q: What's your favorite hobby?

A: I have been enjoying trying new baking and cooking recipes recently.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Yes, I have a dog named Pepper.

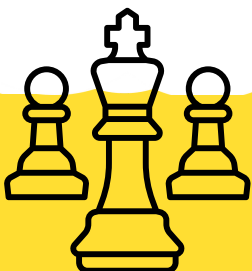
Q: What's your favorite book?

A: It is hard to choose just one! "Corduroy" has been a favorite since I was a kid, and now I like to read mysteries.

## Chess Club

**By: Grant Penrod, 4th Grade**

Hello! Today I will be telling you about the Falcon Heights Elementary chess club. The chess club meets every Wednesday from 7:55-8:45am. You get to do a matchup ever time depending on if you lost your last game or won your last game. For example if you win your matchup you will go against people who won their last matchup and if you lost your last matchup you will go against people who lost theirs. Each person only does one matchup each time. Sometimes there are chess tournaments. The main teacher is Mr. Henry. He decides the matchups. In chess there are six different pieces. The king is the most important piece. If the other team captures the king they win. The king can move anywhere but only one space in each direction. The piece to the king's right (if you're on the black team) is the queen. The queen can move in any direction in any number of spaces. The next piece is the bishop. The bishop can move only diagonally in any number of spaces. The only piece that can jump over other pieces is the knight. The knight has the power to move two directions in one move. But it has to go two spaces up (sideways in either direction or down) and then one over. The knight can only move three spaces on its turn. The pawn can only move forward one space but it can move two spaces on its first turn. To take a piece you have to land on it (if possible) when it's your turn. The pawn is the only piece that captures other pieces a different way than it moves. The pawn takes pieces diagonally. There are eight pawns, two rooks, two bishops, two knights, one king and one queen. A checkmate is where the opponent traps the king. It doesn't matter which piece takes the king as long as the king (or any other piece) cannot attack or dodge that piece.



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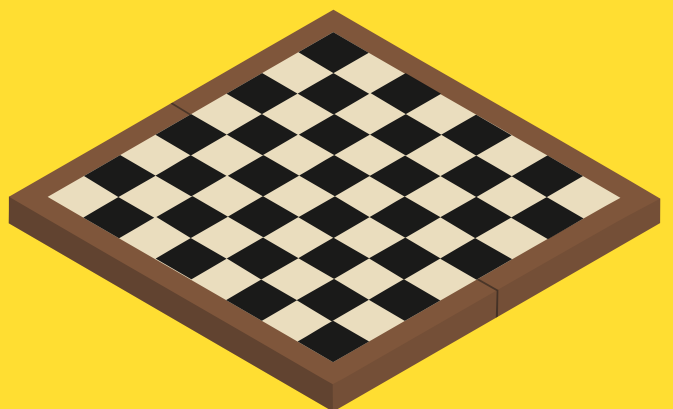
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## Why We Need Better Vegetarian Lunches

**By: Anja Amundenson, Bobbie Thomas & Siham Abshir, 4th Grade**

We need better vegetarian lunches because all we get is bread and cheese EVERY. SINGLE. DAY. (In B Lunch) Some kids are lactose intolerant / or vegetarian, and all they get is bread and cheese. Also bread and cheese isn't even good for you! Bread and cheese makes you very tired, so it will be harder to pay attention in class. The other lunch ( A lunch ) gets different lunches everyday! There are other vegetarian options like mac and cheese, salad, pasta without meatballs, plant based burgers, tacos without meat, etc. Cheese and bread everyday is very bad for physical and mental health. You can still serve some bread and cheese just not everyday. Please for all the vegetarian kids in the school, make different school lunches. Thank you for reading this article.



## 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!

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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## The Kindergarten Experience 3.0

By: Tahlia Nouis and Ella Walrath,  
6th Grade

Welcome back the kindergarten experience! This month we are interviewing the kindergarteners from Ms. Jones class! Also we interviewed Ms. Jones. By the way, this will be the last issue with the kindergarten experience. We asked all the kindergarteners what their favorite thing to do in kindergarten is. This is what they said:

Irving said, "playing outside." And his favorite thing to do outside is to play on the playground and slides. Eddie said, "I like to do playtime, and play on the playground!" Dagny says, "resting time and iPads, my favorite thing on the iPad is epic!" Sonja said, "Playing outside on the playground, I like to do the monkey bars!" Cora says, "Play time!" She likes to do the writing center. Finally, Ms. Jones said her favorite thing is the way all the kids love you! we loved all the things the kids and Ms. Jones said. We are very thankful to Ms. Jones and her class for taking time out of there day to let us interview them! We will miss writing about kindergarten. Thanks for reading Falco Tales!

