



Falco Tales

News from the eyes of students

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Winter: The Major Delay

By: Eleanor Bowman, 6th Grade

Today, I will be talking a little about the MAJOR winter delay. Like seriously, we should have a foot by now, but no, of course not. But for the rest of the whole month it is going to be below zero degrees so make sure you bundle up and enjoy the snow ❄️. Normally, in fall it would be really snowy, but for the past, I don't know, like 6 months it's been unusually warm. There has been a winter snow storm in southern MN and there school has been cancelled but it is moving closer to Roseville and on Sunday expected to be wind chills as cold as -25 to -40! Slay the day away!

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Welcome Mrs. Jones

By: Samantha Ruud, 5th grade

Falcon Heights is proud to welcome Mrs. Jones as our newest kindergarten teacher! Mrs. Jones is filling in for Mrs. Klein, who we will all miss. Mrs. Jones has been a teacher for 4 years! She became a teacher because she loves to work with kids and school is her happy place.

She has taught at many places, but her favorite grade to teach is kindergarten. She teaches kindergarten more than any other grade. Mrs. Jones loves it when the kindergarteners arrive because they are excited to learn.

Did you know that Mrs. Jones went to Falcon when she was a kid from 2002 to 2008! Mrs. Jones even had Mrs. Klein in 3rd grade!

Mrs. Jones is ecstatic to join Falcon Heights. We wish the Cool Cats and Mrs. Jones best of luck for 2024!

Instruments

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

Have you ever wanted to play an instrument? Or play in an orchestra? Well, if you have to keep reading. Violin: The violin is the smallest but highest in pitch. Fun fact: did you know that the violin is the only instrument with the E string? Viola: The viola is bigger than the violin but smaller than the cello. It can play happy songs and sad songs. Fun fact: instead of an E string we have the C. Cello: The cello is a very big instrument with a deep sound. The cello is good for playing sad songs. Fun fact: The cello has all the same strings as the viola.

Honor Choir

By: Audrey Drake, Ellie Monaghan & Adeline Bowman, 6th Grade

This week we are going to talk about 6th grade Honor Choir. The 8 songs that the choir is singing are Seasons of Love, Kanon, Bring me little water Silvy, Tongo, Why we Sing, Kusimama, I Will Dream Of Doraji, and Al Shlosha D'varim. These pieces consist of 5 different languages. Mr. Schneider also prepares the music by listening to it, singing it and studying the score. 7 schools have an honor choir program and they all learn the songs and on February 1st they all come together and perform it to all the students family's. This year they got Phillip Shultz to conduct one of the pieces. They meet once a week for 8 weeks. All the people in honor choir are: Adeline Bowman, Audrey Drake, Caitlyn Hayek, Cai Park, Eliza Fleming, Hind Suilman, Imarian Hearst, Lily Cross, Maddie Dorff, Niya Rode, Oriana Thonet, Taylor Deacy, Zander Albrecht. Thank you for letting us talk about Honor Choir we appreciate your time. Until next time!



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Marvelous Music

By: Leona Murray, 4th Grade

Hi family and friends of orchestra and band students! I want to tell you something before it is too late: there's an orchestra and band concert on March 6th at 2:30. At Falcon Heights School, you can join the orchestra starting in the 4th grade. The instruments you can play are cello, viola, and violin. Our orchestra is led by the marvelous Ms. Jacobson, no, not our librarian. Ms. Jacobson has been a teacher for 32 years and she's been in Roseville schools for 3 years. She chose this job because her 4th grade music teacher called her and said she should play the violin, and that is when her love for instruments started. She also teaches at EDW, Edgerton, and MacPhail.

You may have heard other symphonies coming from the small gym, and this is our band students. Our band is led by the musical master Mr. Gaisford. His favorite instrument is the trumpet. He has been teaching for 9 years, but he has been playing for 25 years. He first started playing in high school when he found out the band was going on a field trip to New York, and he thought music was something he could get into. Falcon Heights is not the only lucky school to have him, he also teaches at Little Canada. At Falcon Heights Elementary, you can join the band in the 5th grade. Some of our musicians play in both orchestra and band. Make sure to mark your calendars for March 6 at 2:30 and come enjoy marvelous music played by our orchestra and band students.

Read - A - Thon Activities

By: Victor Ingvaldstad, 4th Grade

I interviewed my mom, Carolyn who is the Light up with a Book readathon chairperson.

The activities for the readathon are:

1. Light up the front hallway/ read with a flashlight

You (and your class) decorate a lightbulb worksheet with stuff about your favorite book and then the staff will decorate the front hallway with them. Then on the night (of February 6th) you

will go back to school at 6:30 p.m. (with a book and a flashlight) and go to a gym (blue for kids who can read by themselves, gold for kids who can't) and (In the gyms) the lights will turn out so you have to read by flashlight! Plus kids who don't want to be in the dark can go to the kindergarten coat hooks for a read-aloud!

PS: it's on pajama day!

PPS: there will be popcorn

2: Spirit Days

On Friday February 2nd it will be Read My Shirt Day! You have to have words on your shirt! Then it'll be Cozy up with a Book Day! You can wear pajamas to school! Also there can be stuffies! Much more interesting (it's on February 6th) and on February 16th it's Blue and Yellow Day! You have to wear blue and yellow! Aw man it's gonna be interesting!

3: Prizes

If you participate in the readathon - you get a bookmark!

If you are one of the three top readers in your class - get money for the book fair!

If you are the top reader in your grade - get more money for the book fair!

If all together we read 600,000+ minutes - Mrs. Behnke and Mr. Kruger get a pie in the face!

If 70% of students turn in there calender (*without faking minutes) Ms. Behnke and Mr. Kruger will wear inflatable costumes!

\$ 10,000+ raised - Mrs. Behnke and Mr. Kruger will dress like they have been struck by lightning!

This has been stuff about the readathon. We hope to get ALL the prizes so Read Read Read!



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Popular Books In

The Library

By: Betty Miller & Seth Monaghan, 4th Grade

Hello, today we are going to be talking about popular books in the library. We talked to Ms. Larson and we asked her which books are the most popular.

These are some of the books that Ms. Larson said. Spy school, Keeper of the Lost Cities, 13 Story Treehouse, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dork Diaries.

Betty wrote this about Dork Diaries:

If you want a good book to read you should try Dork Diaries. It's good for boys and girls. It's good if you like drama, friends and family. It is mainly set in a middle school about a girl named Kiki. Kiki gets bullied by another girl named Makenzie and her friends. Kiki's locker is right by Mackenzie's locker. Kiki does not like school and wants to leave school.

One of the popular books is called Spy School, this book is by Stuart Gibbs. This summary was written by Seth: Ben Ripley is only in middle school when he gets pulled out of his public middle school and sent to a Spy School. The spy school is a secret school for kids who want to become agents for the C.I.A. Ben had to tell his parents he was going to a science school, when really he is training to be a spy. He makes friends with kids named Murray, Zoe, and Erica whom he has a secret crush on. The mysterious organization SPYDER is trying to recruit Ben to switch sides. There is a double agent working in the C.I.A. Ben and Erica have to solve the mystery before it's too late. This book is a really good one. I would recommend it. If you like mystery, you would like this book.

6TH GRADE LOW-DOWN

By: Grace Slater, 6th Grade

Hello friends! Grace here with the 6th grade low-down. The 6th graders favorites about Falcon Heights! Siri Nelson said her favorite things about FH are all the teachers and the fun activities. She said she will miss all the people and the fun classrooms and the library. Aiden Smith said his favorite thing about FH was all the teachers. He will miss being with all the little kids everyday. Ava Winston said her favorite thing about FH was making all her friends along the way and her least favorite thing were the cold recess days. She misses being a kid at Falcon Heights and Ava is a junior at Roseville Area High School and she will be a teacher when she's finished in college. Huge thanks to Ava for visiting Falcon Heights and answering the questions! That's all for the 6th grade low-down. See you next month!



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6th Grade Literacy

By: Isaiah Davis & Oren Babcock,
6th Grade

Literacy... 6th grade literacy. Where do I even start? Let's go with class books we've read/are reading and start in order with Bud Not Buddy a story about a 10 year old boy who lives in a foster home after his mother dies and father is missing then is sent to an abusive family willing to take him in. But Bud decides he is being mistreated and is going on the lam to find who he thinks is Herman E. Calloway and this all takes place during the Great Depression (1929-1939). Next is Out of the dust a book about a girl also living in the Great Depression but not in Flint, Michigan like Bud but she lives in the Joyce City, Oklahoma which is in the Dust Bowl a series of states in the southwest suffering from many dust storms caused by a lack of rain and farmers constantly kicking dust back into the air then dust kicking even more dust up. This book is just about experiencing tremendous hardships and how that contributes to personal transformation. Finally the book we're reading now is Ramayana: Divine Loophole, an epic (a long poem, typically one derived from ancient oral tradition, narrating the deeds and adventures of heroic or legendary figures or the history of a nation) about Hindu Mythology. We personally don't know as much because we are only around 30 pages in. But we thank you for taking the time to read this 271 word article but if you are disappointed in the topics that we covered in this paper, maybe someone else will pick up where we left off.



By: Colton Wertsch, 6th Grade

Mr. Simmer

By: Desi Fisher & Grant Penrod,
4th Grade

Today we will be telling you about Mr. Simmer. His favorite sport is basketball. He loves dogs a lot. He lives in Mahtomedi. He has 2 favorite colors. They are blue and green. His favorite food is pizza. He just became a TA at Falcon Heights elementary. He works a part time job as a construction worker. His favorite book is The Count Of Monte Cristo. He went to the U of M for college. His favorite thing to do is read books and travel. He has traveled to the top of the mountain before. His favorite vacation is in Europe. He had 6 different dogs at 6 different times. One time he took care of his friend's lizard. Then it escaped and it took a week to find it. His friend was kinda mad when he figured out but not that mad. He has a lifetime fishing license (which you can't get any more). He really likes fishing. His favorite TV show is The Office. Thank you!



Mr. Simmer



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Mr. Newman's Interview

By: Lachlan Murray & Mason
Fraser, 6th Grade

Hello Falcon Heights! This is Lachlan and Mason. This article we are writing about Mr. Newman. There are many cool facts about Mr. Newman like he came to teach at Falcon Heights about right after winter break of 2017. Did you know that Mr Newman went to 4 Collages. He went to: Iowa State, North Dakota State, Mankato State, and Gustavus. When he was younger his favorite sport was hockey. When Mr. Newman was in school his favorite class was of course gym. He loved it so much that when he got older he wanted to be a gym teacher to show young people how much fun gym class can really be and we personally think he is living up to that goal. When he was younger he wanted to be a police man or pro athlete. Have you ever wondered what Mr Newman's favorite game to teach is? His favorite game to teach is any full group game but especially king pin. But his favorite unit to teach is floor hockey or soccer. Thank you for reading our article. We hope you have learned some cool facts about Mr. Newman.





Interview With Ms. Simonson

By: Jaden Lindgren, 5th Grade

Ms. Simonson is one of three 5th grade teachers. I interviewed her during my lunch break. This is what we talked about.

Q. What was it like teaching 4th grade, 5th grade and 4th and 5th grade together?

Every day is different.

2. Q. What made you want to teach?

I liked every subject.

3. Q. Do you like teaching?

Yes, I like to see kids learn.

4. Q. Do you like seeing kids every day?

Yes, they make me laugh.

5. Q. How early do you have to wake up?

5:30 AM to get a lot of stuff done.

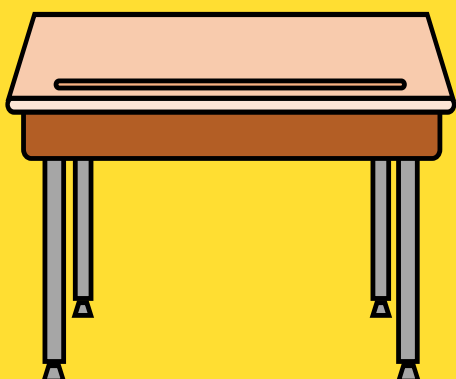
6. Q. What do you do over the weekend?

Spend time with friends and family. Watch Gopher sports - hockey is my favorite.

7. Q. Do you have any pets? If not, why?

No, because we are not home enough.

Thank you to Ms. Simonson for talking with me.



Interview With Dayna of Friendship Connection

By: Lydia Maher, Bobbie Thomas
& Anja Amundenson, 4th Grade

Today we are interviewing Dayna. She works at Friendship Connection.

Friendship is a after and before school program! Today we'll be asking her a few questions.

(Q): Why did you want to teach at this school?

(A): "I grew up in Roseville so I wanted to stay, and Falcon Heights was close"

(Q): Why did you want to work at Friendship?

(A): "I just thought that Friendship was really fun, and you get to meet kids and you get to form friendships with kids."

(Q): What was the worst thing a kid in Friendship did?

(A): "When kids jumped off the rock wall and broke their foot. Dayna wants to remind everyone not to jump off the playground equipment."

(Q): What is your favorite part of your job?

(A): "Just having fun, and being goofy with the kids."

(Q): What was your favorite project of 2023?

(A): "The news station for dramatic play."

(Q): Do you have any ideas for future projects?

(A): "They are all secrets but we might be planning some field trips."

(Q): What made you want to do the fifty acts of kindness chart?

(A): "I just thought we needed to focus more on kindness."

(Q): Why did you bring your dog, Dunkin, to school?

(A): "Because Dunkin is an emotional support dog, so I thought it would be fun to bring him."

Minnesota Women's Hockey

By: Lillie Krey, 4th Grade & Grace Channing, 5th Grade

Minnesota has a new women's hockey team. They play at the Xcel Energy center in St. Paul and play over 20 games. They are one of six teams in the professional women's hockey league (PWHL). Their jerseys are black and purple. There are 27 players on the team and 13 of the players are from MN. This includes #2, Lee Stecklein, who is from Roseville. GO MINNESOTA!



More thoughts about PWHL

By: Mattias Paitich, 5th Grade

Hello, this is Mattias. Remember me from last month? Last month me and my friend Isaiah wrote about student leaders. We didn't mention this but we are student leaders, but that's not the point. This month I will talk about the PWHL which stands for the Professional Women's Hockey League. I don't know if you're interested in hockey and if not this article isn't for you. But if you are interested in hockey this article is for you. You probably haven't heard of the PWHL, and if you have, good for you. The reason you probably haven't heard of it is because this is the first year of the PWHL. The PWHL is a hockey league for girls that are pros at hockey. Ella Shelton for New York scored the first goal. Minnesota's finest Grace Zummwinkle had the first hat trick.



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Roseville Girls Hockey

By: Lillian Krey, 4th Grade

First I want to give a huge thanks to all the girls I interviewed for this awesome newspaper!

I asked all the girls who their closest teammate was Kylie said that she can't pick and that she loves them all. Olivia said Taylor Elm, her defensive partner.

Sophie said Kylie Jones.

Taylor said Chloe Oscerson.

Then I asked them what their favorite summer memory was:

Kylie said Zach Bryan concert.

Olivia said playing summer hockey in Pittsburgh.

Sophie said hanging out at the lake with friends.

Taylor said boating with friends.

Then I asked them how old they were when they started hockey:

Olivia: 4 years old

Sophie: 4 years old

Taylor: 6 years old

The girls have their next game on Saturday January 20 and it just happens to be the teddy bear toss night. I hope you can make it to their next game to support not just Olivia, Kylie, Sophie, or Taylor but the whole team. it's a really good team. And remember the girls numbers are:

Kylie #10

Olivia #14

Sophie #21



MINNESOTA



Recess

**By: Lauren Pettinelli, 4th Grade
& Grace Channing, 5th Grade**

Recess on the 4-6 playground is always very active. Some of the things that kids like to do include: the playground, basketball, football, 4 square, or sliding on the ice. 5th grader Michael says his favorite part of recess is "Making ice sculptures". Another 5th grader says their favorite part is "Just playing with friends!"

No matter what you do, recess is always fun!



VEILED LADY BY RAFFAELLO MONTI

By: Mary Raverty, 5th Grade

My dad and I were visiting the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA) when we saw a cool sculpture called "Veiled Lady". The "Veiled Lady" is a sculpture of a bust (the top part of the body, including the head) of a woman with a veil over her face and flowers on top of her head. We thought it was very pretty and we wanted to learn more about it. I especially wanted to learn about how he made the veil look see through. This is what we learned.

The sculpture was made by Raffaello Monti. Some things that we learned are that, Raffaello Monti was an Italian sculptor from Milan. He was born in 1818 and he died in 1881 (he lived for 63 years). His father taught him how to sculpt. One of his sculptures is located in the MIA. The sculpture is called "Veiled Lady".

Raffaello Monti created "Veiled Lady" in 1860. The Veiled Lady is carved out of marble. Raffaello Monti used a special technique to make the veil look see through. He would polish the top of the head and shoulders to reflect more light. While the veil is less polished to reflect less light and create a texture difference. This gives the illusion that you can see through the veil even though you can't.

Raffaello Monti started to sculpt in his 20s. Besides the Veiled Lady Raffaello Monti sculpted the Veiled Vestal Virgin, this statue was featured in the 2005 film *Pride and Prejudice*.

Ms. Ford

**By: Roland Gardner &
Tristan Boyle, 5th Grade**

Q: What's your favorite type of sandwich?

A: "Cuban."

Q: Do you like student services?

A: "Yes, I love working in student services."

Q: What's your favorite thing about working in student services?

A: "Every day is different and getting to know students from every grade."

Q: What's your favorite time to wake up and why?

A: "10:00 AM because I'm a night owl."

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: "Tacos."

Q: What's your favorite hobby?

A: "cycling or video gaming."

Q: What's your favorite sport to play/watch?

A: "to do is cycling, to watch is football."

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 02

By: Tahlia Nouis & Ella Walrath,
6th Grade

Hello! Welcome back to the kindergarten experience. This month we interviewed Mrs Schlossmacher's class. We were excited to see all the kindergarteners were really happy that they were getting interviewed! Here's what the kindergarteners and what Mrs. Schlossmacher said!

London says here favorite thing to do is have lunch, she likes to eat "My gummy bears and my sandwich!" Liam says his favorite thing to do is "color" and his favorite color to color with is "blue!" Kirby's favorite thing is "doing gym" and he likes to do bowling. Myla said, her favorite thing is "doing art." And she likes to color. Lastly we have Mrs. Schlossmacher. She said, "I love the kids and they always love their teacher." She also says all of the kids love to learn. All the kindergarteners and Mrs. Schlossmacher had amazing thing to say! We are very grateful for Mrs. Schlossmacher and the kids who took time out of thier day to let us interview them! See you next month!

