

RAIDER REVIEW

Newsletter of Lamar Elementary School

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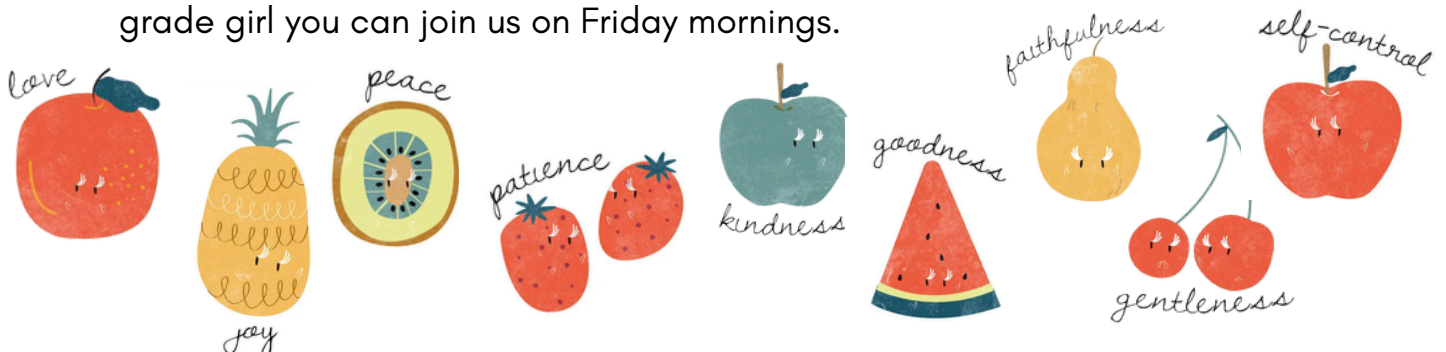
Kite Day



Fruit of the Spirit Bible Study

BY: ANNA MORGAN MIMS

Lamar Elementary has a Fruit of the Spirit Bible Study with 3rd-5th grade girls. It covers all of the Fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. The three people who lead this study are Georgia Collins, Mrs. Mary Katherine, and Mrs. Castle. The girls meet on Friday mornings from 7:15 to 7:45 in Mrs. Castle's room. Third grader Maggie Newlin said, "I like our packets and the memory verses." The bible study helps girls to apply biblical lessons to their own lives. Fourth grader Lillian DeFatta said, "I enjoy learning more about the fruits of the spirit." Girls are also learning how to look up scripture in the Bible. There are still a couple of meetings left, so if you are a 3rd-5th grade girl you can join us on Friday mornings.



History of Lamar Devotionals

BY: CHARLOTTE DUES

Lamar School proudly holds monthly devotionals led by every grade in the elementary school. This year the focus is Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. Mrs. Chesney said, "Devotionals at Lamar provide an opportunity for students to lead in worship. We are a Christian school and we hope to share our faith with others." Lamar is an amazing place to have devotionals.



FIRST GRADE DEVOTIONAL ON MARCH 28.

Lamar Chess Club

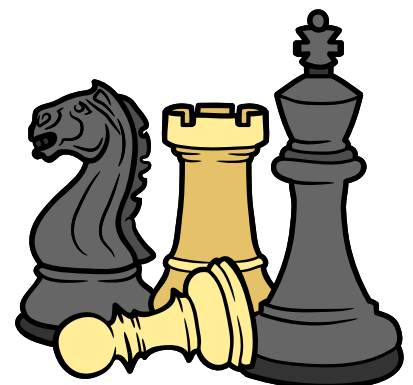
BY: ANNE GIANAKOS

Chess Club is an amazing club at Lamar School that enhances our students' learning and activity awareness. Chess club is taught by Señora Dearman, who also teaches Spanish for pre-k through fifth grade. A lot of the students think it is a very important, meaningful, and fun activity. Andy DeBardeleben says, "It's fun, and I have learned a lot of moves you can make. Also, there are different moves for different pieces." Luke Cassell, with a similar approach, says, "I learned moves like castling, and a king can't kill another king. Chess also helps you think faster and it makes you smarter, and that's what makes Lamar students different from other schools' students."

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AND MAKES YOU SMARTER...”

LUKE CASSELL



Lamar Celebrated Read Across America Day on March 1

BY: RIDAH SHAIK

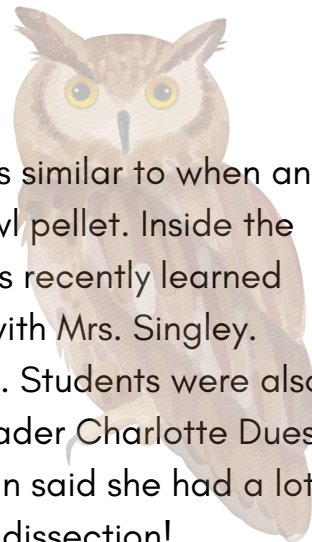
Read Across America is a day where children get to show their love of reading across America. Lamar Elementary celebrated in several ways. On campus, different grades joined together to partner read, such as Pre-K and fifth grade. The Raider Review staff and Elementary Student Council went off campus and read their favorite picture books to the residents at Aldersgate Retirement Community. Simmons Davis, a student on the Raider Review staff, said, "I think it was really fun because I got to make old people happy." Read Across America is also on Dr. Seuss's birthday. Dr. Seuss was an amazing author who wrote books you know and love. He wrote books such as *The Cat in The Hat*, *There's a Wocket in my Pocket*, and many more books.



4th Graders Dissect Owl Pellets

BY: LOTTIE COWSERT

Have you ever seen a cat cough up a hair ball? If so it is similar to when an owl regurgitates food it cannot eat which causes an owl pellet. Inside the pellet you can find bones, fur, and feathers. 4th graders recently learned about the digestive system, and dissected owl pellets with Mrs. Singley. Students compared birds digestive system with humans. Students were also able to compare animal bones to human bones. 4th grader Charlotte Dues said, "I found two skulls." Another student Maggie Martin said she had a lot of fun. 4th graders had a great experience with their first dissection!



SCAN THE CODE TO WATCH & LEARN MORE!



Mrs. Chesney Spotlight

BY: LUKE CASSELL

When you think of Mrs. Chesney, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Is it her classroom? Plays? Devotionals? Whatever comes to mind, you probably don't give her the credit she deserves. Do you know how many years she has been teaching? 36 years! Mrs. Chesney's reason for being a teacher is she wants to have a positive, inspiring impact on students' lives as they study music. The most rewarding part of her job is having the opportunity to invest in the lives of the students she teaches by sharing her love of music with them. She hopes they will continue music for the rest of their lifetimes. Lamar is so special because of Mrs. Chesney.



Fun Facts about Mrs. Chesney

- Mrs. Chesney has ten grandchildren.
- Both of Mrs. Chesney's parents and her four siblings were teachers.
- She is an organist at First Baptist Church of Meridian.
- Both of her children are Lamar graduates.

Outdoor Fun

BY: WILLIAM GILMORE

Do you ever complain to your parents that you are bored? The good news is that there are many fun things to do just outside your back door. You can go to Clarkco State Park and spend the night in cabins along the lake or spend the day there and do some fun activities like bike ride through the piney woods trails. When the weather is nice, you can take a dip in the lake or go on the paddle boats or kayaks. There's also an 18 hole disc golf course. Another fun outdoor experience is floating down the Chunky River in kayaks. You can go to Dunn's Falls and hike through the trails, play in the waterfalls or fish for just about anything.



STUDENT HOBBIES

ORGANIZED BY: HADLEY BLACKLEDGE



Laykin Dew's hobbies are gymnastics and ballet. "They are both fun for me. I get to work on learning new skills to compete or perform in a show. I also make new friends from other schools," she says. She began gymnastics when she was two years old and ballet when she was four. Her hobbies take up a lot of her time outside of school, 12- 14 hours a week, four days a week. Favorite moments so far have been earning the title of State Champion in gymnastics, traveling to Disney and Pigeon Forge to compete in a gymnastics meet, and performing in classic ballets including Cinderella and Nutcracker.



Mia Harrison has enjoyed her dancing hobby since she was three years old. She loves to dance and tumble. "It keeps me strong and healthy," she says. Her hobby highlights are being invited to join the Mini Performance Company at five years old. "I also won the Overall Photogenic Award at the NYLA Dance Competition."



Carolyn Kyle loves to go upside down in the air! She began gymnastics at two years old. "I just love it!" she says. She puts in nine hours each week practicing and she is currently learning how to do a back tuck. Her hard work has paid off and she recently placed 1st place All-Around at the State Championships!



Layton Glover likes to dance and play soccer because it's fun and gives her extra time with her friends. Some of her hobby highlights are dance competitions, recitals, and participating in soccer tournaments.



Ivey Creel enjoys yoga because "I get to stretch, balance, listen to good music, and have fun!" she says. She became interested in yoga by watching her mommy. "I got to be my mommy's assistant when she taught yoga classes to other kids, and I passed out stickers at the end. We wore face glitter and disco ball headbands to remind everyone to shine!"



Edie Davis loves to learn new dance moves! She was inspired to take dance after she went to her cousins dance recital. She enjoys going to dance competitions, recitals, and Company parties.



Owen Harman loves running and scoring goals in soccer. He started for fun when he was three years old, and now he spends at least seven hours a week either practicing or playing in games. “I like to play soccer with my friends, and I’ve won five medals,” he says.



Margaret Anne Harman’s favorite thing about gymnastics is doing cartwheels. She began gymnastics so she could have fun with her friends. She’s earned three medals so far, and she’s looking forward to the recital coming up.



Wes Harman enjoys being the catcher in baseball. He began playing baseball for fun when he was four years old, and now he spends six to eight hours a week playing the game. Favorite moments of playing baseball include winning several championship rings and meeting new friends.



Catherine Miller enjoys teeing it up on the greens. She likes playing golf because it's a sport she can play with her twin brother Jon at any time, and there's no team required! She began golf because she lives near a golf course and it seemed like a fun sport to learn to play. Coach Kyle also makes it fun to learn. She likes when Coach Kyle lets her aim for the ball pickup cart at practice!



Annalexa Moore's hobby is horse riding. "I love the adrenaline rush that happens, and the smile it gives me," she says. She was born into a big horse family that owns many horses that she can show or ride. "I usually try to ride every weekend and sometimes I try to ride at least one afternoon during the school week."

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR HOBBY!
HOBBIES THAT DID NOT MAKE IT INTO THIS ISSUE
WILL BE IN THE MAY ISSUE.

New Students at Lamar Elementary

BY: ADDIE WALKER

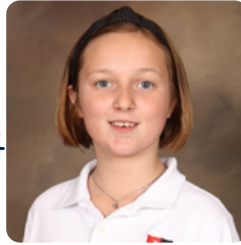
LAMAR ELEMENTARY WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS TO THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

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



Mallory H.

"I like all the friends I've made at Lamar."



Anne G.

"Lamar has helped me progress in knowlege."



Max T.

"I like everything about Lamar."



Misha P.

"I like recess and nice students."



Reese W.

"Lamar is fun and there are a lot of nice people."



Izzah S.

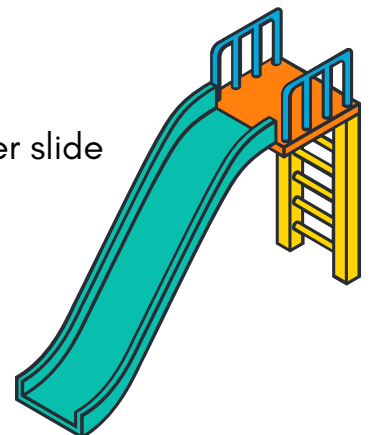
"I like recess and lunch."

Playground Plans

BY: SIMMONS DAVIS AND ELEANOR JOINER

During the school day the playground is occupied for about two hundred and fifty minutes. That equals a lot of wear and tear, which is why Mrs. Honeycutt is making plans to renovate the playground. We created a survey to hear what students would like changed on their beloved play space, and here's what we learned that they would like to see:

- New seating place
- Turf instead of grass for kickball
- A bigger soccer goal, monkey bars, seesaw, and a spider slide
- More shade
- Two-thirds of the students prefer a place to sit and talk
- 50 percent of students want the game four square
- 100 % would like more basketball space



Baseball

Lamar High School Baseball

BY: GUEST WRITER ANDY DEBARDELEBEN

Despite a slow start the Lamar baseball team is starting to win. "I feel very positive about our team, even with the injuries we've had," said Coach Robert Westbrook.

Some of the most important games are the district games which began on Tuesday, March 19. This Friday is one of the biggest games of the season against Simpson Academy on Lamar's home turf. The regular season will end in mid-April and playoffs will begin. "Each year I've been here we've made it to the playoffs," said Coach Westbrook.

Coach Westbrook offers the following advice to elementary students, "I think if you're a young kid you should try to play as many sports as possible to see what you like. Each sport teaches kids different aspects of life like football teaches toughness and baseball teaches mental toughness." Coach Westbrook invites all students to the game against Simpson this Friday. "Come out and support our guys," he said. "They need all the support they can get."

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TOUGHNESS.”

COACH WESTBROOK

Youth Baseball

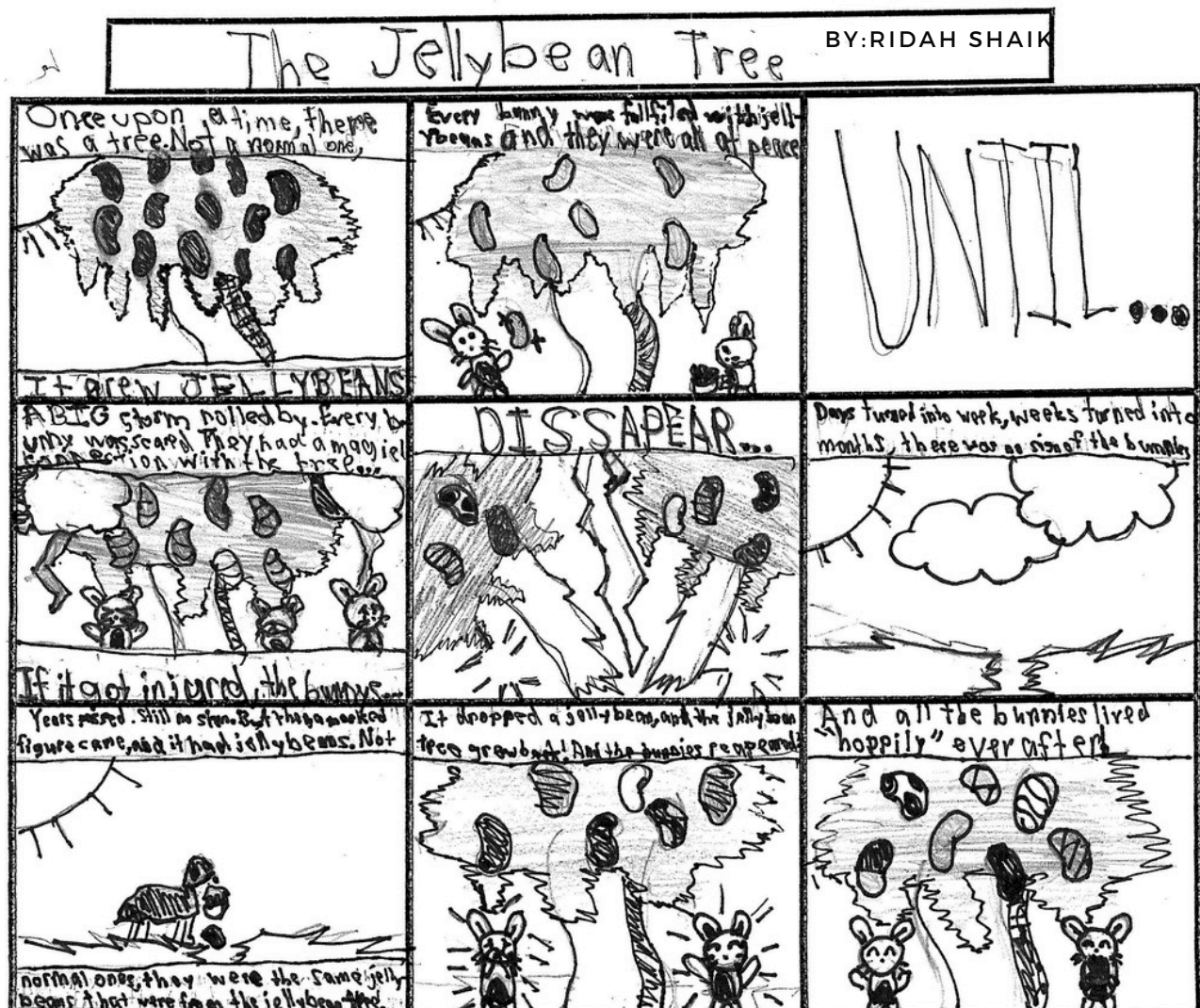
BY: RHETT WHITEHEAD

Youth travel ball is a fun activity for young athletes. Travel baseball gives young children the opportunity to learn life lessons and stay healthy. Lamar's Colt Anderson, Andy DeBardeleben, Max Turner, Wes Harman, Bo Moffett, and Chael McDonald are just a few of the many students who play the wonderful game of baseball. Chael McDonald says, "The game is 10 out of 10, and I love it." He plays for a team from Birmingham called the SBG Sox. They are a triple A team that wins lot of games. Other travel teams are the Bombers, Slammers, and many more. This sport lets players make memories and have lots of fun.

Kindergarten Kite Day

BY: MAGGIE MARTIN

March 22 was Kindergarten Kite Day. Kindergarten Kite day is the day that kindergartners get to fly kites with family, friends and teachers. Parents and family members meet their kids on the Lamar soccer field to eat lunch and fly kites that they bring from home. Mrs. Long said, "The purpose of kindergarten kite day is to have some fun with our family, flying kites and having a picnic lunch. She also said the saddest part of it is when the kids go home and they have to go back to school and they come back to no kids." The perfect kindergarten kite day is when it is not cold. JP Mosley's favorite part was eating pizza. Sarah Channing Griffin's favorite part was flying kites. Halleigh Whitehead's favorite part was seeing her mom. Ellie Topping's favorite part was the candy she got. I guess we can all agree that kindergarten had a successful day!



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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
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Morgan

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Anne

Simmons

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Ruby

ADDIE.W

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Charlotte