

RAIDER REVIEW

Newsletter of Lamar Elementary School

FEATURED THIS MONTH:

Olympic Day

Summer Bucket List

Student Hobbies

5th Grade Promotion

Remarkable Raiders

5th Grade Podcast

Raider Review



Lamar Elementary Year in Review

BY: LUKE CASSELL AND ANNE GIANAKOS

2023-2024 have been great years for Lamar! We have blown away our AR with 78,569,089 words read! Here are some other amazing achievements:

19,725

AR POINTS EARNED

11,270

BOOKS READ

78.5 MILLION

WORDS READ



35 STUDENTS IN BRONZE CLUB

45 STUDENTS IN SILVER CLUB

41 STUDENTS IN GOLD CLUB

36 STUDENTS IN DIAMOND CLUB

23 STUDENTS IN PLATINUM CLUB

Congratulations to Audrey
Vonderheide in Triple Crown Club!



**168 DAYS OF
SCHOOL**

2.5

**WEATHER
DAYS**



24,857

MILES

WALKED IN

WALKING

CLUB



Lazy Acres Farm

MCM-Meridian

The MAX

Amtrak Train

American Village

MS Capitol

Majestic Caverns

Interactive Van Gogh art exhibit

MS Capitol

Natural Science Museum

MS Ag Museum

USS Alabama Battleship

Science Exploreum Center



Olympic Day

BY: ANNA MORGAN MIMS



Homeroom Challenge Winners:

- Long's Lambs from Kindergarten
- Honeycutt's Hornets from first grade
- Temple's Titans from second grade
- Litchfield's Lightning Bolts from third grade
- Smith's Smashers from fourth grade
- Warden's Warriors from fifth grade

Sportsmanship Award Winners:

The Sportsmanship Award on Olympic Day is presented to those who cheer their friends on in every situation. This year's winners are:

- Luke Miller, Halleigh Whitehead, and Ella Matthews from Kindergarten
- Vera Kate Grainger, Tatum Kaurez, and Ricki Kate Hatcher from 1st grade
- Wesley Eason, Bo McCormick, and Annabel Jones from 2nd grade
- John Davis and Carter Kuch from 3rd grade
- Jeanne Claire Calvert, Merridy Davis, and Charlotte Dues from 4th grade
- Gracie Quigley, Anderson Honeycutt, and Isaac DeFatta from 5th grade



SUMMERTIME

Summer Bucket List

BY: SIMMONS DAVIS

Make your own summer bucket list today! Check each activity off as you go. Try to fulfill all of the activities during the summer. Here are some suggestions.

- ☐ JUMP IN THE POOL WITH YOUR CLOTHES ON
- ☐ HAVE A MOVIE NIGHT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
- ☐ RUN THROUGH THE SPRINKLERS
- ☐ WATCH THE SUNRISE
- ☐ CATCH FIREFLIES
- ☐ MAKE A SUMMER PLAYLIST
- ☐ LEARN A NEW SKILL
- ☐ DO AN OLYMPIC DAY AT YOUR HOUSE!
- ☐ MEET A NEW PERSON
- ☐ HAVE A DISNEY SLEEPOVER
- ☐ HAVE A POOL DAY
- ☐ MAKE A CANDY SALAD
- ☐ PLAY SPOTLIGHT
- ☐ MAKE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM

HAVE
FUN

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| ANDERSON, LAYKEN | 05/19 | CUSIMANO, VINCENT | 06/16 | FIEBER, MICAH | 07/06 |
| FOSTER, ANNA | 05/19 | CANNON, AUGUST | 06/16 | BLACKWELL, MICAH | 07/06 |
| TEMPLE, RIDGE | 05/21 | TURNER, MAX | 06/17 | GARDNER, WESTON | 07/08 |
| COVINGTON, MYLES | 05/23 | VONDERHEIDE, AUDREY | 06/18 | HARMAN, OWEN | 07/09 |
| SKELTON, ELAINA | 05/24 | SAUL, ELLIE HEART | 06/19 | SUMRALL, WALKER | 07/10 |
| COWSERT, LOTTIE | 05/26 | NORRIS, CHELSEY | 06/20 | MYATT, JOHN | 07/11 |
| ZELLER, LYRA | 05/27 | BOOKER, BRODY | 06/21 | KOMAR, CHARLIE | 07/11 |
| KOMAR, NORA | 05/28 | MOFFETT, MOLLY | 06/21 | SPENCER, LEGEND | 07/12 |
| SIMMONS, MAURIE | 05/30 | MATTHEWS, JUDE | 06/23 | NELSON, LILLIAN | 07/14 |
| WARDEN, MARY | 05/30 | KOMAR, ELLIS | 06/24 | BENNETT, COLLINS | 07/16 |
| BISHOP, LOGAN | 05/31 | SCHARMEN, RHETT | 06/25 | SHAH, NOAH | 07/17 |
| MORGAN, CHARLES | 05/31 | ANDERS, HAGAN | 06/26 | WILDER, LILA | 07/17 |
| MORGAN, PARKER | 05/31 | WASHBURN, LOGAN | 06/27 | COUNTISS, SCARLETT | 07/18 |
| | | BOONE, CAL | 06/28 | KAY, DANIEL | 07/19 |
| SMITH, MELODIE | 06/02 | MOSLEY, J.P. | 06/28 | HANNAH, GEORGE | 07/19 |
| DULANEY, LORALAI | 06/04 | SHAIK, SAEED | 06/30 | OATES, LUCY | 07/22 |
| MCNEIL, CADE | 06/05 | LE, AMY | 06/30 | DAVIS, FRANKLIN | 07/24 |
| MOORE, ANNALEXA | 06/07 | | | WHITEHEAD, RHETT | 07/30 |
| NEWLIN, JANE | 06/08 | HALL, HARRISON | 07/01 | | |
| DEFATTA, BRIELLE | 06/10 | MIMS, ANNA MORGAN | 07/01 | | |
| SIDDIQUI, IZZAH | 06/11 | NORTHAM, FRANCES | 07/02 | | |
| LEBLANC, ZOE | 06/11 | PRITCHARD, ANNA KATE | 07/03 | | |
| SMITH, NOAH | 06/11 | QUIGLEY, GRACIE | 07/04 | | |
| ORDWAY, MASON | 06/13 | TOPPING, ELEANOR | 07/04 | | |
| | | HOLLOMAN, PRESLEY ANN | 07/05 | | |

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

STUDENT HOBBIES

ORGANIZED BY: HADLEY BLACKLEDGE



Dakota Coleman likes to shop 'til she drops! She enjoys buying new things, and spending time with her mom is the icing on the cake. They try to go shopping every weekend.



Jeanne Claire Calvert loves to play soccer, and especially loves that she gets to play with her friends. She began playing recreational soccer and later joined the AFC team. Her team has won many tournaments. "My favorite moments are assisting or scoring!" she says. "It never gets old!"



Legend Spencer enjoys his hobby as a gamer, which began when he received a PlayStation 5 for Christmas. He likes to compete against friends online! He's won many Piston Cups playing the Cars 3 game.



Sutton Rogers loves learning all different styles of dance, but her favorite is hip hop. She started dance when she was three years old and currently spends about five to six hours per week practicing. A few of her hobby highlights include earning the following titles: Kids Artistic Review, Miss Mini Dance 2023, DMA Little Miss Dance of Dixie First Runner Up 2023 and 2024.



Kirk Rogers lives for baseball and soccer and he has been playing both for about six years. He enjoys competing and spending time outdoors and a win is always fun! His soccer team recently won the Coastal Academy Cup and was also named Rankin Super Cup Champions.

2023-24 REMARKABLE RAIDERS

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

RESOURCEFUL

BY: WILLIAM GILMORE & GUEST WRITER RIVER GRIFFITH



Max Turner

"I didn't know what the award was, because this is my first year at Lamar. It felt good to receive it!"



Macy Aull

"I was very surprised!"



Zoe LeBlanc

"My friends and my mom were so excited for me."



Cal Boone

"I felt happy, and I've used all my free dress codes!"



Journey Johnson

"It feels good to receive the award. It made me happy."



Kate DeBardeleben

"I was very surprised and excited! My mom and friends were happy for me."



Abigail Quigley

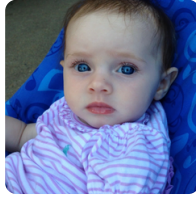
"I didn't think I would win. My sister was so happy for me."



Colt Anderson



William Autry



Macy Aull



Annilee Brown



Jackson Confait



Simmons Davis



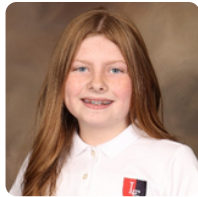
Hadley Blackledge



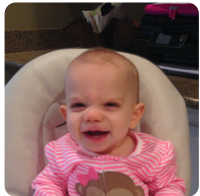
Landry Castle



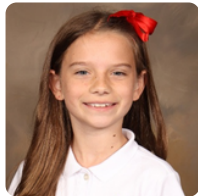
Chancellor Crowe



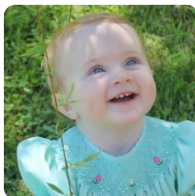
Isaac DeFatta



Timothy Duong



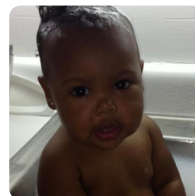
Tinsley Duong



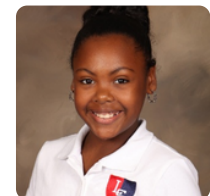
Loralai Dulaney



William Gilmore



River Griffith



Hudson Haarala



Anderson Honeycutt



Elle Dunn



5th Grade Class

*Oh the Places
You'll Go!*



Eleanor Joiner



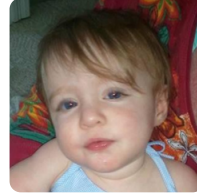
Carson Kay



Sam Komar



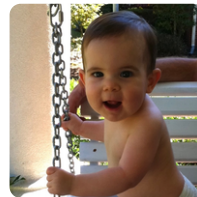
Chael McDonald



Annalexa Moore



William Myatt



Clarke Newlin



Caroline Nicholson



5th Grade Class

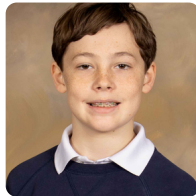
Oh, the Places
You'll Go!



Lucy Oates



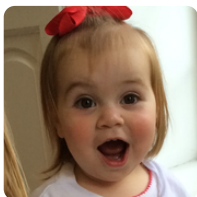
Mason Ordway



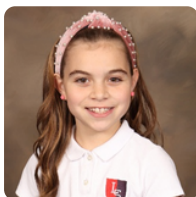
Emily Pollard



Anna Kate Pritchard



Gracie Quigley



Ashlyn Rainey



Noah Shah



Ridah Shaik



Jase Shedd



Arshdeep Singh





Elaina Skelton



Kinley Tew



John Houston Waller



Payton Weir



Rhett Whitehead



Kathryn Wilson



Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

5:30 P.M.

MITCHELL CAFETORIUM



MUFFINS with MOM



BY: MAGGIE MARTIN

Muffins with Mom is an event where pre-k kids get to spend special time with their mom or special friend on campus. This year, the celebration was held in the Mitchell Cafetorium on April 12 at 8:30 A.M. Students made their mom a colorful beaded necklace and gave them a pink carnation while they enjoyed muffins together.

"My favorite part was seeing the kids' faces light up when they saw their mom," Mrs. Clodfelter said. The moms got to see the classroom too. While they were in the cafetorium, they watched a heartwarming video of pictures of all of the fun memories they've had over the year.



FAREWELL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parting Words from the 5th Grade Class



Host Hadley
Blackledge



Guest Simmons
Davis



Guest Clarke
Newlin

PODCAST

Interview

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Raider Market 2024

BY: RIDAH SHAIK

Raider Market is a joyful, fun event held at the end of the year where students get to show their creativity with fun games, treats, and prizes.

This year, Raider Market was held on May 3rd, 2024. Third, fourth, and fifth graders all came together to make fun markets for elementary students to enjoy. Students shopped with Raider Bucks they earned throughout the school year. Raider Bucks are earned from having good behavior and demonstrating one of Lamar's three Rs: Responsible, Respectful, and Resourceful.

Mrs. Honeycutt, Lamar Elementary School's principal said, "My favorite part about Raider Market is that everyone learns about economics and how to be an entrepreneur."

Raider Market 2024 (continued)

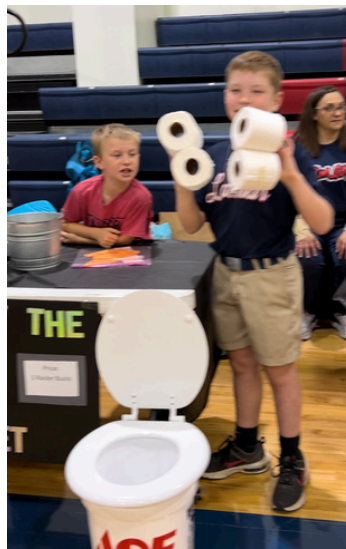
BY: RIDAH SHAIK

Congratulations to the following businesses for being the most successful at the 2024 Raider Market:

1. **Indian Armory**, by Samuel and Anderson Honeycutt. They earned more than 300 Raider Bucks.
2. **W+J's Tropical Paradise** by Jax Confait and William Myatt
3. **Flavored Clouds** by Sawyer Bennett Joiner and Parker Lee Myers.

Honorable Mentions:

- **Happy Hooves Ranch** by Kathryn Wilson and Caroline Nicholson
- **Toilet Toss** by Ridge Bennett and Warren Hill
- **Picture Portraits** by Armandeep Singh and John Myatt.







Great job to all students on a fabulous Raider Market!

Lamar Summer Camps

BY: RHETT WHITEHEAD

There is something for everyone this summer on campus at Lamar. From sports camps such as baseball, tennis, and basketball to STEM camps, math boot camp, art camp and more! The best part is that camps will be offered in the morning and afternoon with a lunch break in-between.



SIGN UP!



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

BY: LOTTIE COWSERT

PRE-K

pre-k learned ALL the
letters and numbers!

KINDERGARTEN

kindergarten learned to read and
each read 100 books or more!

1ST GRADE

first graders learned to sound
out words by themselves!

2ND GRADE

second grade learned basic
multiplication!

3RD GRADE

third grade learned
long division!

4TH GRADE

fourth grade learned to
divide fractions

5TH GRADE

Last but certainly not least, fifth grade got ready to go to Middle School!

INTERESTED IN JOINING NEWSPAPER NEXT YEAR?

BY: ADDIE WALKER

Lamar students, if you are a rising 4th or 5th grader I hope you will consider applying for the Raider Review staff next school year, and here's why:

- Raider Review staff informs students about what is happening around the school. This means the staff gets the inside scoop about all elementary events!
- There are fun assignments like making the comic, coming up with riddles, and writing stories.
- Staff gets to experience interesting interviews with many different teachers, students, and school staff.
- You also get to go on a few fun field trips!

I hope you will consider applying to be on the Raider Review Staff next school year!





SCAN to watch piano
students sign "Every Praise"
at the spring piano recital



**35 students are
in piano lessons**

**8 students are
taking guitar
lessons**

**9 students are
taking uke
lessons**



SCAN to watch guitar in action!



Solar Eclipse

April 8, 2024

BY: CHARLOTTE DUES

On April 8, 2024 parts of America, Mexico, and Canada experienced a total solar eclipse. A solar eclipse is when the moon's shadow covers the Sun. There are different types of eclipses. They include a partial eclipse (when the moon's shadow covers part of the Sun), a total solar eclipse (when the moon's shadow covers all of the Sun), and a lunar eclipse (when the moon moves into the Earth's shadow, causing the Moon to be darkened).

Solar eclipses happen often but don't usually happen in the same place every time. Total solar eclipses are more rare than other eclipses. Meridian experienced a partial eclipse. Student Lyra Zeller went to the total eclipse in Arkansas. "I thought it was very cool," she said. "I also met some friends." During the solar eclipse, you have to wear special glasses. Solar eclipse glasses are paper glasses that have a tinted piece of plastic that you put over your eyes. While Meridian experienced a partial eclipse, other places like Dallas, Texas, experienced a total eclipse. The Ordway family traveled to Hot Springs, Arkansas to view the eclipse. "It was amazing!" said Mrs. Nikki. "We had the glasses on and you could see the Sun getting smaller and smaller. Finally, we took off our glasses and there was a burst of light behind the moon!"

The 2024 Solar Eclipse was an historical event that many of us will never forget. The next total solar eclipse will take place on **August 23, 2044**.



Lyra Zeller



Mia & Mason Ordway



5th graders

Raider Review Newsletter Staff



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
Cassell

Anna
Morgan

Hadley

Maggie

Anne

Simmons

Ridaha

Ruby

William G

Mason

ADDIE.W

Lottie
Cowsert

Charlotte