

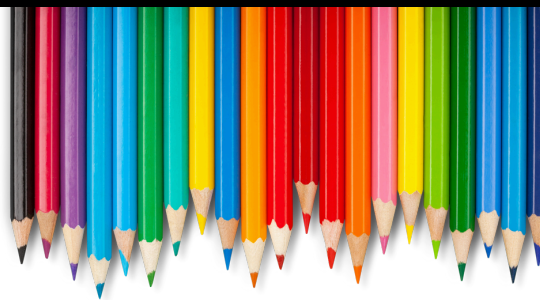
# THE FALCON FORUM

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## FINISH STRONG!

**WRITTEN BY MADDIE POLLOCK (6TH)**

School is almost out and summer is just around the corner. We are all feeling tired, but there are only a few weeks left of school. Spring is bringing beautiful flowers and very hot weather, yet there is still much to learn. It is very exciting thinking about summer vacations, the pool, and hot weather, which is why we need to stay focused on these last few weeks of school. We have all grown so much this past year! Finish STRONG! Be able to say....

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful."*

*2 Timothy 4:7*

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# UNSOLVED mysteries

WRITTEN BY ELI SHUFORD (6TH)

The Abominable Snowman (aka the Yeti) is a legendary beast. He is said to live in the Himalayas. Like Bigfoot, the Yeti is said to be large, hairy, and ape-like. He is believed to be real by some people because they have found large tracks in the Himalayan Mountains. However, most of those tracks were probably made by bears or similar creatures. Sometimes bears put their handprints partially on top of their footprints, making a seemingly bigger paw! Some people have even claimed to have captured pictures or videos of this beast, but most are fake or unclear. Some people think the Yeti could be an old animal that lived during the Stone Age, or even a descendant of Neanderthals! Most scientists believe this theory to be false.

Do you believe in the Abominable Snowman?

Resources:  
*Britannica*



# MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING DATES

WRITTEN BY VICTORIA MCKAUGHAN (8TH)

Welcome back to the MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR! It's hard to believe that there are only 3 ½ weeks of school left! The final MAP Testing days will be May 1st-2nd. Also, the Lower School Musical "The Jungle Book" will be performed from May 2nd to May 4th (Also known as Star Wars Day!) I hope you have a great day and stay tuned for the LAST edition of the...

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER!



May 1 - 2  
MAP Testing



May 6-7  
Music Academy  
Recital

1 ½

May 20-21  
Half Days!



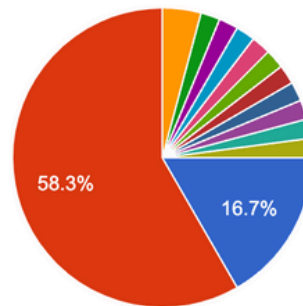
May 22  
8th Grade  
Promotion

Check Out Our Polls  
for April!!

CREATED BY:  
JESSICA CATCHINGS (5TH)

Would you rather have a baby chick or baby bunny for a pet?

48 responses

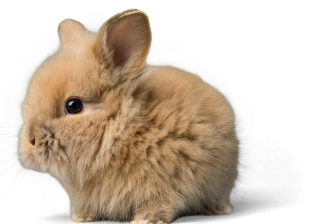


- Baby Chick
- Baby Bunny
- I'll take the bunny if I can
- baby horse
- Both
- snake
- I have 20 baby chicks
- both

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Be sure to click the link in the email  
to fill out our **MAY POLLS!**

**BABY BUNNY  
FOR THE WIN!**

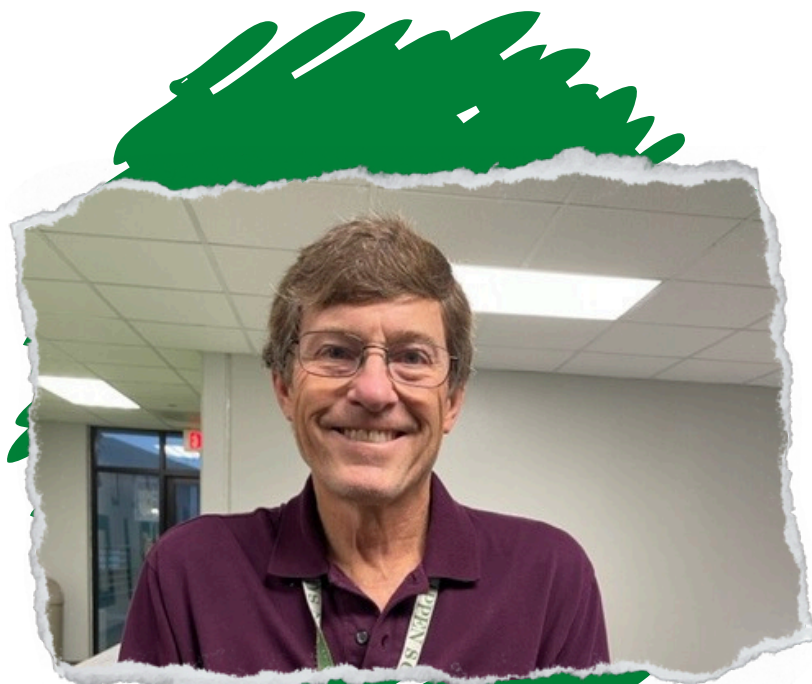


# Teacher OF THE Month

INTERVIEWED AND WRITTEN BY:  
JULIANNA KAY (5TH)

**Mr. Gates** is a 7th-grade teacher. This is year 28 for Mr. Gates; he taught for 7 years at Ben Lippen and then went to China for 6 years to teach high school and be a house parent. When he came back to Ben Lippen, they did not have any high school Science positions for him so he decided to teach middle school. Mr. Gates said he fell in love with middle school and would never go back! In Mr. Gate's room, he has lots of animals! Let me name them for you, Midnight and Milkshake the gerbils, Freckles the leopard gecko, Your mom the snake, Rex the snake, Godzilla the smallest lizard, Beans Jr. the lizard, and more! His Favorite movie is *Braveheart*. His favorite colors are green and orange. He motivates his students by trying to make the subject fun. His favorite animal is a Whitetail Deer. His nick name is Mr. Snakes... I am sure you can figure out why!

We love you, Mr. SNAKES!



Mr. Gates

7th Grade Science  
Teacher

Fun Fact!

Mr. Gates loves to cook....  
and he is a good cook.



# UPCOMING MAY HOLIDAYS!

WRITTEN BY: GENESIS RIVERA (6TH)

HOLIDAYS CHOSEN BY HUNTER LYLE (5TH)

This April we have had some fun things happening at school with the JHS and NHS inductions, middle school and high school spring concerts, The Lower school Jungle Book, and Map testing coming around the corner. It has been a busy month, but we have lots to look forward to in May too! Check out these fun holidays to celebrate!

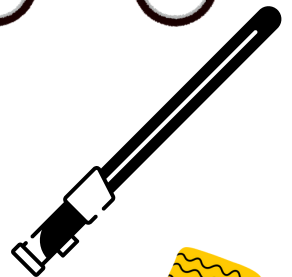
✘ May 1st Ride your bike to school Day!



✘ May 2nd National Day of Prayer!



✘ May 4th Star Wars Day!



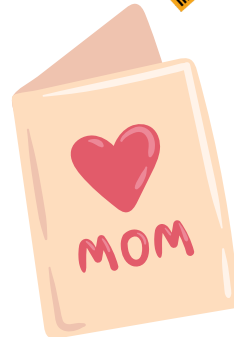
✘ May 5th Cinco De Mayo!



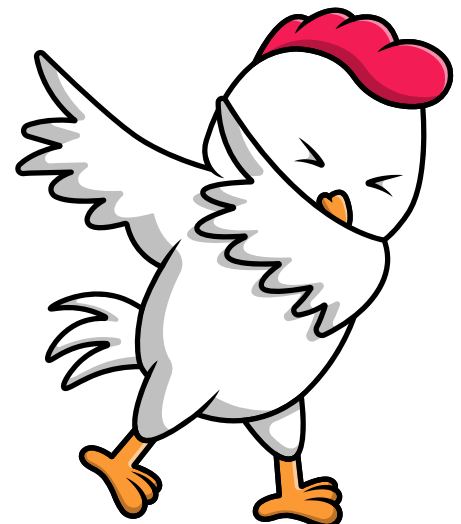
✘ May 6th Nurses' Day!



✘ May 7th Teachers' Day!



✘ May 9th Lost Sock Memorial Day!



✘ May 12th Mother's Day!

✘ May 14 Dance Like a Chicken Day!

May 15 National Chocolate Chip Day!

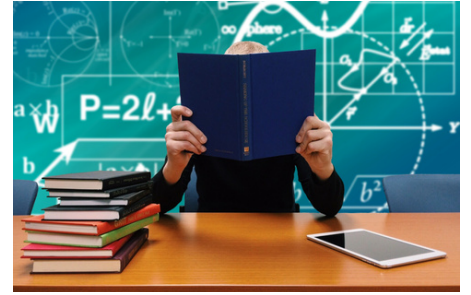


# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

## 5th Grade

**WRITTEN  
BY ANNA KATE MATHER**

The 5th grade class enjoyed spring break and now we are working hard to finish the last few weeks of school. In Math class, we are learning how to multiply and divide fractions. In Social Studies, we just finished learning about the Vietnam and the Korean War. In Science class, we are learning about Primary Succession and Secondary Succession. And in ELA we have been trying to solve a mystery case. The 5th-grade class had a blast on April 25th with a trip to the South Carolina State Museum! But we are excited that summer is close by!



## Summer Poetry

**WRITTEN BY  
VIOLET KEETER (5TH)**

Only one more newspaper before the summer!  
Here is a summer poem for you to enjoy!

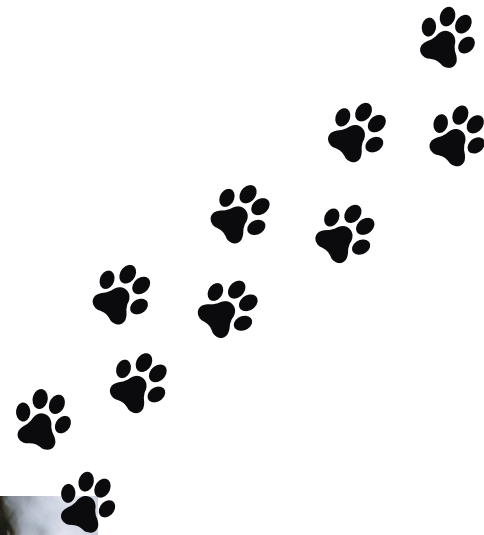
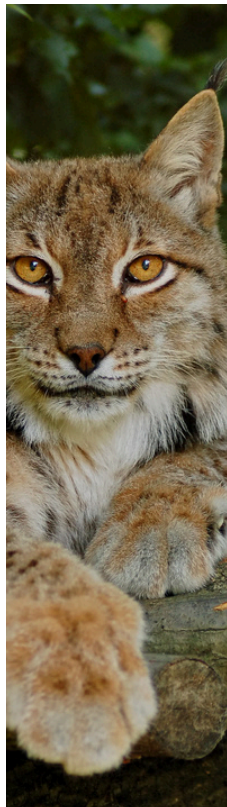
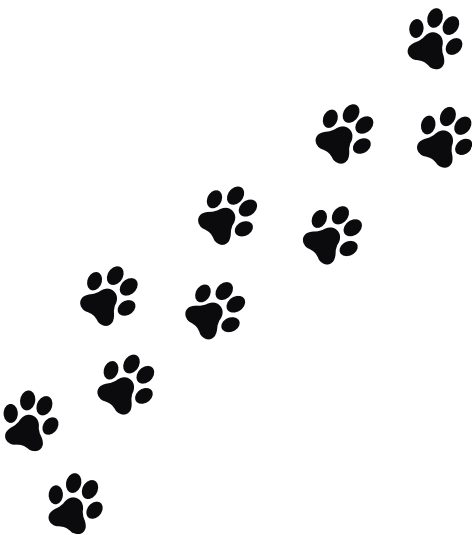
*Summer is near,  
Some wish it was here,  
The beach and the pool,  
Sound really cool,  
Say goodbye to friends,  
And teachers too,  
Say goodbye to homework,  
As the end of school comes into view,  
We knew it would come,  
But not so soon,  
Spend time with friends,  
Before the end.*

# ANIMAL *Of the* MONTH



**WRITTEN BY ELISE SATCHER (6TH)**

Canadian lynx live in dense forests where their main prey item, the snowshoe hare, is found. When the snowshoe hare population drops, so does the Canadian lynx population. Canadian lynx are nocturnal. They are stalk and ambush hunters! Usually, males are bigger than females.



# TRENDS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

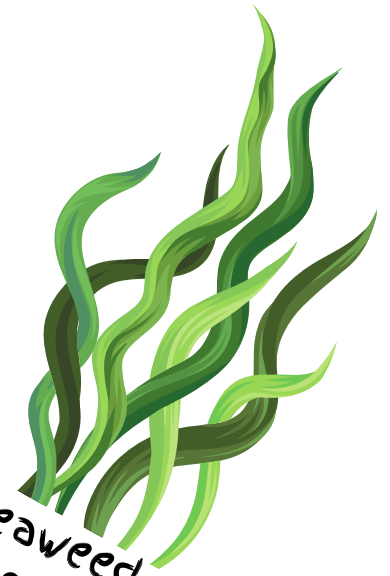
CREATED BY ISAAC GAY (5TH)



New candy at the  
snack cart!!  
(Thanks, Mr. T!)



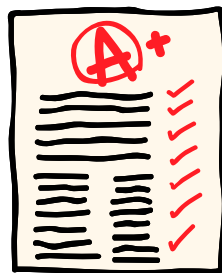
Baseball!!



Seaweed  
for snack!



Spring Sports!



End of the  
Year Tests!



Acorn Frozen  
coffee!



# ARTS

*Fine*

## Artist of the Month

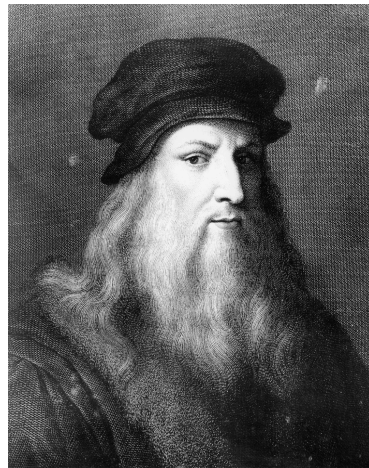
WRITTEN BY  
MADDIE POLLOCK (6TH)



**Michelangelo**



**Donatello**



**Leonardo da Vinci**



**Raphael**

*Artists of  
the Month*

Have you ever heard of “the ninja turtles?” If you have, you'll probably know their names, “Leonardo da Vinci,” “Michelangelo,” “Donatello,” and “Raphael.” But you probably didn't know that they were named after famous artists. There are two things that all these artists have in common, they are all artists and they all lived during the Renaissance. The Renaissance was a time when art and education were encouraged. Artists were actually getting paid! In the past, no one had known how to read and drawings did not look realistic; well now everything was changing. All of these artists painted, sculpted, and drew for a living!

# Did You Know... about Weird Things People Eat?!



**WRITTEN BY:  
JUDE MCLAWHORN (5TH)**

In Izakayas Japan, people eat tuna eyeballs for appetizers for a meal.

In the UK, people used to eat sheep brains but they stopped eating them because they were worried about mad cow disease, but you can still get sheep brains and eat them.

In the US, people actually eat Spam! If you don't know what Spam is then I will tell you. Spam is pork with ham meat, with water and sugar and potato starch and has salt.

In Palau, people eat bat soup! The bat soup has a whole bat in the broth.

In France and Spain, people eat escargot! In case you're wondering what that is, it is cooked snails that only wealthy people buy. I know it sounds very bad, but people actually say it tastes good.

In Mexico, people eat escamoles cooked on tacos! Escamoles is poisonous ant larva that is served on tacos!

In Singapore, they eat cooked crocodile paws cooked with vegetables!

In Sannakji South Korea, people actually eat living octopus arms that move. Disgusting right?

In some Mexican Cuisines, people eat beef tongues! In case you're wondering what that is, it is the tongue of a cow that can be pickled, boiled, or roasted. You can also just put sauce all on it!

In Japan, people actually eat wasp crackers! Wasp crackers are a cracker filled with digger wasp which has a painful sting! Yuck! I am never getting that!



Resources:

Travel Channel and Hostelworld

# "WORD OF GOD SPEAK"

WRITTEN BY CARSON DENNING (7TH)



Jesus was the perfect example for Christians in how they should act. In fact, we are called to imitate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). He was perfect in everything he did, and as Christians, we are called to be more like Christ. One thing that Paul talks about is Jesus' amazing humility. Philippians 2: 8-11 says, " And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (ESV). This verse talks about how Jesus humbled himself by being obedient to death for us. This verse shows how Jesus is the epitome of humility. Jesus ruled over death, as we have seen by him rising from the dead, but he also was willing to die for us. That's real humility! Also, in John 13: 1-5, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. In doing this, Jesus put himself last and did something that no king would ever do. If we want to be more like Christ, shouldn't we be humble? Shouldn't we put others before ourselves? Jesus sets before us the word of God so that we can know what Jesus has done and to imitate him. After knowing and understanding Jesus' humility, I think we should all work this month on being humble and serving those around us. Be humble keeping in mind what Jesus has done for you, and how great our God is.



# COMICS!

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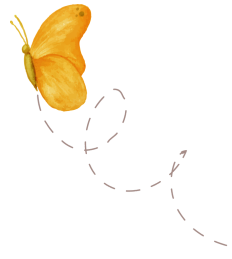


# COMICS!

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# Advice Column



**WRITTEN BY: MORAVIA JONES (8TH)**

## "Trying New Things"

It can be hard to try new things, but it may also be extremely beneficial towards you, and at our age we need to try new things sometimes. According to Trying New Things | Psychology Today, "Trying something new opens up the possibility for you to enjoy something new. Entire careers, entire life paths, are carved out by people dipping their baby toes into small ponds and suddenly discovering a love for something they had no idea would capture their imaginations." As shown by the quote, you have to figure out new hobbies by trying out new things! Here are some tips that may help you as you try new things.

Getting straight into it and not letting fear take over you. Fear may drive you to not want to try new things, but you need to ignore it! It is not good to let fear control your life, and if you let it, it will stop you from doing so many things you may discover you enjoy by doing it!

Take small steps. It may be hard to immediately try something super out of your comfort zone, so try something that you have some experience with. This may lead you to being comfortable doing things that would have been extremely out of your comfort zone before. But find a balance of not doing too much at once while still trying new things!

Set goals! For some people, it may help to write down some goals you want to achieve by trying new things, and this may be motivation for you to keep going. This may also help you take it one step at a time, instead of trying to do too many things at once, causing you to become overwhelmed.

Thanks for reading and make sure to tune into our LAST issue next month!



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