

THE FALCON FORUM

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“AND THE GREATEST IS LOVE”

WRITTEN BY JACKSON HORNE (8TH)

As you know, we just celebrated Valentine's Day, and with that, love. It is important to remember that God would want us to treat others with love. Romans 12:9 says, “Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Hate can be an evil thing which is why we need to love what is good.” Even if someone does not treat you the way you want to be treated, you have to show them love and compassion. Respect is another important thing we must remember to do. Even if someone is not treating you fairly, you still have to respect them. Besides, you never know, they could end up being your best friend. 1 Peter 2:17 says, “Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”

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UNSOLVED MYSTERIES



WRITTEN BY ELI SHUFORD (6TH)

Sasquatch, a.k.a. Bigfoot, is a supposedly make-believe creature believed to reside in the woods of North America and western Canada. It is said to be tall, hairy, and walk on two big feet (hence the name). It is also said to stink, move quietly, and emit a loud screeching sound. Most see it as North America's equivalent of the Yeti. Some believe that the explorer named David Thompson found the first footprint of Bigfoot. Many claimed to have seen Bigfoot since then, and many people have 'taken photos' of the creature, none of them having enough evidence to be proven real. Some scientists think that Bigfoot might be a descendant of the Neanderthals, but most think it is make-believe. After all of this, no one really knows. Do you believe in Bigfoot?

Resources:
Britannica



MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING DATES

WRITTEN BY VICTORIA MCKAUGHAN (8TH)

Welcome back to the MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR! I hope 7th and 8th graders are excited for the Middle School Social: Luau Addition coming up! I also hope everyone had a great four-day weekend. We have a special 3 ½ day weekend from March 8th-11th- which also means the END OF THE 3RD QUARTER!!! I hope everyone has a great day and stay tuned for the next edition!



March 2
7th & 8th Grade Luau
Social!

1 ½

March 8
Half Day!



March 11
NO SCHOOL



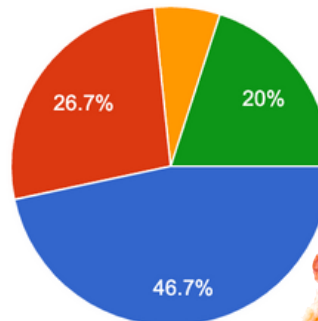
March 29 - April 7
Spring Break!

Check Out Our Poll
for February!

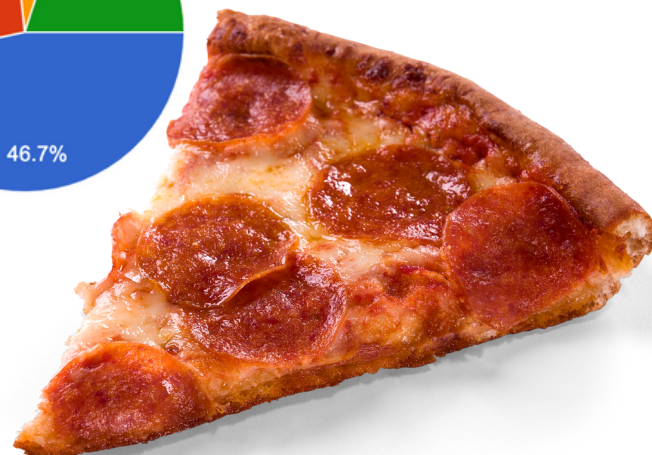
CREATED BY:
JESSICA CATCHINGS (5TH)

What food do you love the most?

30 responses



- Pizza
- Chicken fingers
- Hamburgers
- French fries



Be sure to click the link in the email
to fill out our **March Polls!!**

Teacher OF THE Month

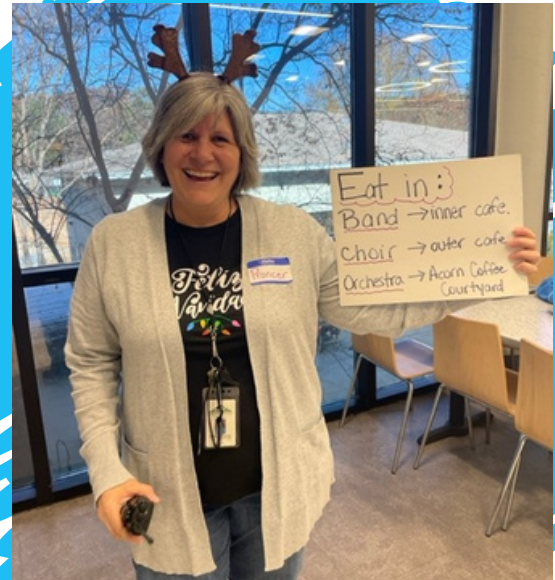
INTERVIEWED BY: JULIANNA KAY AND
PHOEBE ALYESTOCK (5TH)



Mrs. Young has been teaching for 21 years and loves the color blue. Her favorite snack is regular Cheez-Its and a nice cold Coca-Cola. Her favorite restaurant is Long Horns. Mrs. Young's favorite thing to do with her free time is play with her grandchildren. She has taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade and her favorite class is all the 5th grade! She was inspired to teach 5th grade because of her 5th grade teacher, Mr. Babson! We love you, Mrs. Young!

Fun Fact!

Mrs. Young hates the dentist,
but she loves dogs!



Mrs. Young
5th Grade Social
Studies Teacher

MARCH HOLIDAYS!

WRITTEN BY GENESIS RIVERA (6TH)

February is almost done and don't we all just want it to be summer?! Coming up in March we have a teacher work day, and the end of the third quarter. We should always be thankful for what we have at the moment, whether that be the weather or school. We need to remember that there is someone out there who would trade places with you in an instant to go to Ben Lippen. So as we head into March, let's practice gratitude which is why below we left some fun holidays since there is always a reason to thank God and celebrate. Don't forget the Easter break starts March 29th!

HOLIDAYS CHOSEN BY HUNTER LYLE (5TH)

✘ -March 1 : National Salesperson Day!

✘ -March 3: If Pets Had Thumbs Day!

✘ -March 6: National Oreo Cookie Day!

✘ -March 7: National Cereal Day!

✘ -March 8: National Proofreading Day!

✘ -March 11: Johnny Appleseed Day!

✘ -March 14: National Potato Chip Day!

✘ -March 17: St. Patrick's Day!

✘ -March 19: National Laugh Day!



GRADE LEVEL NEWS



5th Grade

WRITTEN BY ANNA-KATE MATHER (5TH)

There are a lot of exciting new things happening in the 5th grade. In math class we are learning about triangles and parallelograms. Also in math we are working on mastering our multiplication facts to earn an alien T-shirt. In social studies we are studying about World War I and II. In ELA we are learning how to write different kinds of stories and we are reading a book called The Bronze Bow. Lastly, in science we are doing aquaponics with a fish tank. Aquaponics puts together aquaculture which is growing aquatic species and hydroponics which is growing plants in soil-less media. They benefit each other and you don't have to clean the tank! The busy 3rd quarter is quickly coming to an end and soon we will be in our final quarter of the 5th grade.



Poetry

DISCOVERED BY VIOLET KEETER (5TH)

We're almost done with February, y'all!
Here's a poem for March for you all to enjoy!

"Awaiting Spring"

In the heart of winter's frost and chill, nature lies silent, calm, and still. Middle schoolers gaze out as winds twirl, dreaming of green replacing the cold swirl.

Lessons taught with each fresh flake, patience, pause, a tranquil break. Yet eager hearts can't help but sing, for the coming joy that spring will bring.

Bundle up and cherish the winter days, for soon we'll feel the sun's soft rays. In due course, the cold will part, and spring will bloom within the heart.

- Anonymous



GRADE LEVEL

NEWS

ALL GRADES

Ben Lippen has been praying very hard for Briana and her family! Our flight groups made cards and wrote Bible verses down for her to have in her hospital room. Our Fine Arts Department got "Pray for Bri" bracelets for every grade level and every staff member to wear! When we got good news about Briana, we celebrated with a PINK OUT to praise God for helping Briana get better! Thank you, Jesus!



*Pink
OUT for Bri!*



TRENDS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

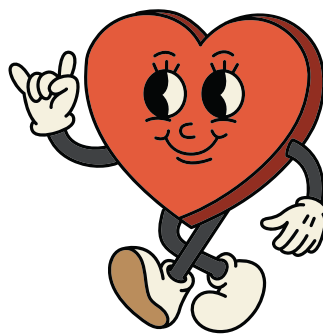
CREATED BY ISAAC GAY (5TH)



International week!!



Skittles!



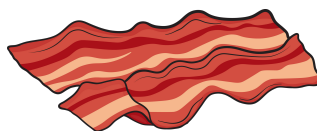
Valentine's
Day Dress Up!



BRUNCH for Lunch in the
cafeteria!



Manicures!



ARTS

Fine



Spring Concerts

We are looking forward to performing in the spring concerts and festivals in March! Some important dates are:

- **March 7th - SCISA Music Festival**

5th Grade Band

5th & 6th Grade Choir

6th Grade Band

- **March 26 - SCMEA CPA**

7th and 8th Grade Band

- **April 15 - SCMEA CPA**

7th and 8th Grade Choir

7th and 8th Grade Orchestra

- **April 16 - Middle School Spring Concert**

5th Grade Band

5th Grade Orchestra

5th & 6th Grade Choir

6th Grade Band

6th Grade Orchestra

7th Grade Band

7th & 8th Grade Choirs

7th & 8th Grade Orchestra

8th Grade Band



"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and

his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues

through all generations.

Psalm 100



Did You Know... about our Middle School Businesses?!



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



World's Best Fashion:

World Best Fashion is a business that sells glue on nails and other jewelry. The nails cost \$1-\$1.15 to get all your nails done. The jewelry only costs \$0.50-0.75 cents. This business is open on Tuesdays, sometimes Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This business is open at break. This business is run by Madison Clark, Katie, Julianna, and Phoebe. They are not hiring anyone. Madison Clark is a messenger for the company and also makes some jewelry. Katie makes the nails herself. Phoebe makes the boxes and jewelry, and Julianna does the same.

Ava's Slime Business:

Ava's Slime is a business made by Ava. This business is open before or after school. You can ask Ava what kind of slime you want and she will make it for you, and it has a fruity scent. You can buy this slime for only 1 dollar! This slime is put in small cups for you to buy and play with. Ava Bowman is in sixth grade and she is not hiring for her slime business!

We Struggle:

We struggle is a business founded by Jude Granger. This business is open at the beginning of school and at the end of school. This business is an art business where you tell Jude what you want and he will draw it. The smaller drawings cost 2 dollars and the bigger drawings cost 3 dollars. If he is out of stock, you can go ahead and place the order and he will give it to you once he is back in stock. You can go pick up the drawing. Jude is hiring sales representatives that will get people to come to his business.

"WORD OF GOD SPEAK"

WRITTEN BY CARSON DENNING (7TH)



We are already 2 months into 2024! Each new year, I look back on what has happened during the past year. Every time I can see God working in my life. My relationship with him has grown, and he has helped me grow in my faith. I can see how my struggles and other things in my life have strengthened me, and it reminds me about God's sovereignty. He is above everything, and he is in control of everything. It is clear that he has a plan. Jeremiah 29: 11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (ESV) This verse always reminds me that even in a time in my life where I am struggling and nervous, I can trust that God will work in my life and give me a future and a hope. Always know that he is in control and that he has a plan. If you ever think your life is meaningless or out of control, or if you are nervous about the future, remember this truth: God has a plan for you and will not forsake you. He loves you and you can have hope for the future.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

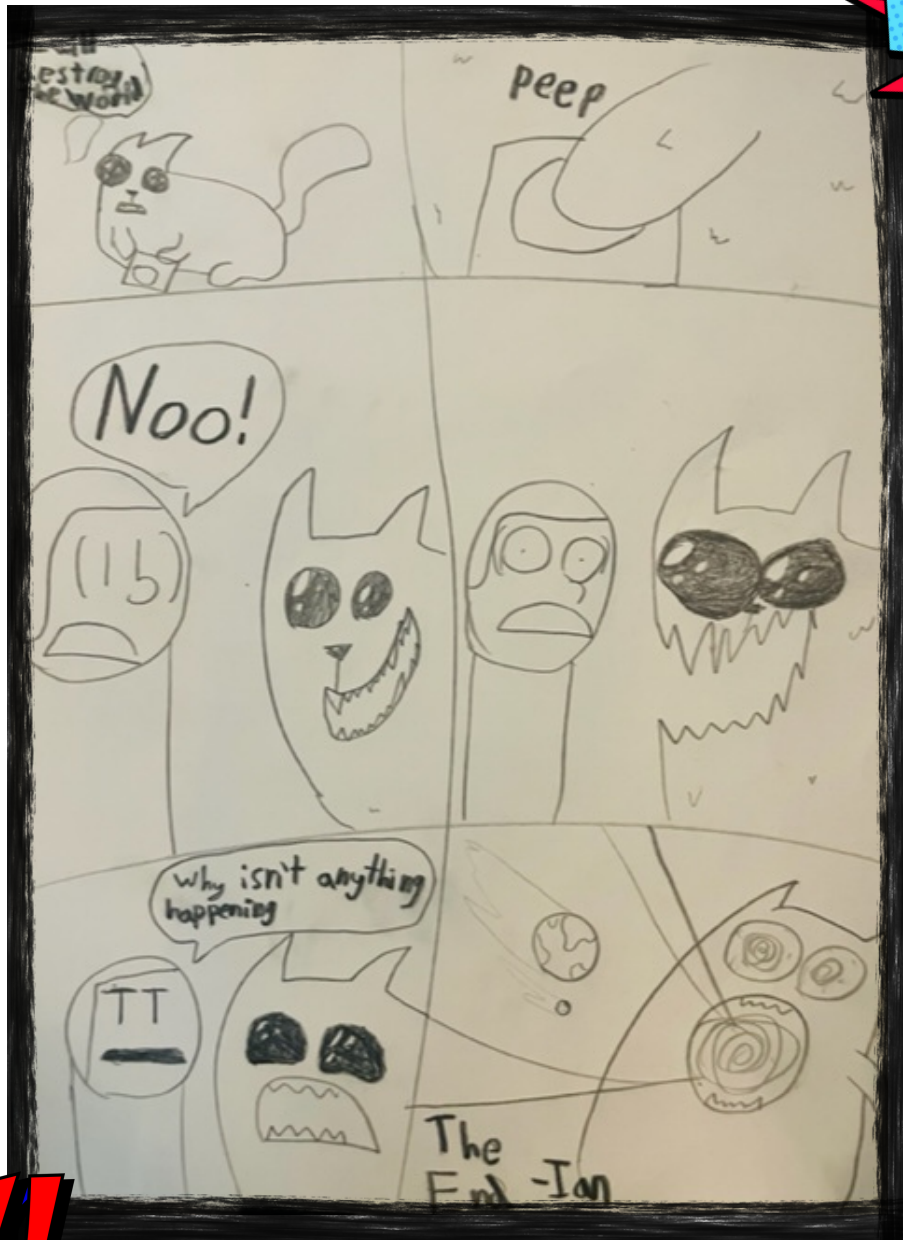
Joshua 1:9



INTERNATIONAL WEEK!



COMICS!



CREATED BY:
IAN JOHNSON (5TH)

Advice Column

WRITTEN BY: MORAVIA JONES (8TH)

Sometimes it can be hard to pay attention in Chapel, especially since it is early in the morning and you can be really tired. I know I struggle with this sometimes! So I want to offer a few tips that may help you with your ability to pay attention! Bring a journal. Writing in a journal personally helps me pay attention, as I am constantly trying to find things to write down. Also, research shows that writing stuff down can help you remember it way better than if you had not written it down. Even a few notes over the course of a Chapel session can help! Sitting next to someone that won't distract you. I know this one can be especially hard, as we want to sit next to our friends, but the person next to you may be the thing preventing you from paying attention!

Before you go to Chapel, pray that you are able to pay attention. You can come to God with all of your problems, and He knows we struggle with paying attention all the time! Ask Him to give you guidance in being able to pay attention. Thanks for reading and make sure to read next month's issue of the Falcon Forum!



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