

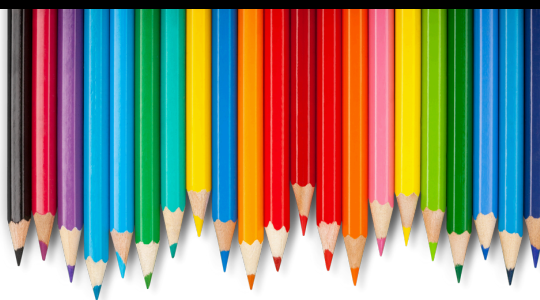
# THE FALCON FORUM

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## WE LOVE BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL!

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

The school year is coming to an end with less than week left! Summer is finally near! Next year we will all be a grade older! We have had a great school year and love Ben Lippen School. Thank you to our teachers who have taught us so much this year and most importantly, for teaching us more about Jesus. Just remember that even while you are at the pool, on vacation, or doing other fun summer activities, to keep the Lord in your heart. Great year, everyone! Hope to see you all next year!

*"But you should continue following the teachings you learned. You know they are true, because you trust those who taught you. Since you were a child you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise. And that wisdom leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus".*

*2 Timothy 3:14-15*

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND UPCOMING DATES

WRITTEN BY VICTORIA MCKAUGHAN (8TH)

Welcome back to the MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR! This is unfortunately the final Calendar of this school year and my final time writing it. I hope everyone is doing better after MAP testing. It's hard to believe school is almost out. May 20th-22nd are half days and the special 8th grade promotion takes place on May 22nd. This is the special ceremony in which current 8th graders get promoted to HIGH SCHOOL! I hope everyone has a great day and stay tuned for next year's edition of the...  
MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR!

LET'S  
CELEBRATE

May 20th  
8th Grade Celebration

1/2

May 20-22  
Half Days



May 21  
LAST DAY of School  
for 5th - 7th Grade

finally  
FINISHED

May 22  
8th Grade  
Promotion

Check Out Our Polls  
for May!!!

CREATED BY:  
JESSICA CATCHINGS (5TH)

Where do you you like to go on vacation?

4 responses

My grandparents' beach house

The beach!

Beach

The beach



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

# UPCOMING SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

✘ June 1st - National Go Barefoot Day!

✘ June 7th - National Chocolate Icecream Day!

✘ June 11th - National Corn on the Cob Day!

✘ June 16th - Father's Day!

✘ June 25th - National Catfish Day!

✘ June 27th - National Sunglasses Day!

✘ July 1st - National Creative Icecream Flavors Day!

✘ July 4th - Independence Day!

✘ July 6th - National Fried Chicken Day!

✘ July 14th - National French Fry Day!

✘ July 15th - National Give Something Away Day!

✘ July 18th - National Sour Candy Day!

✘ July 30th - National Climb a Mountain Day!



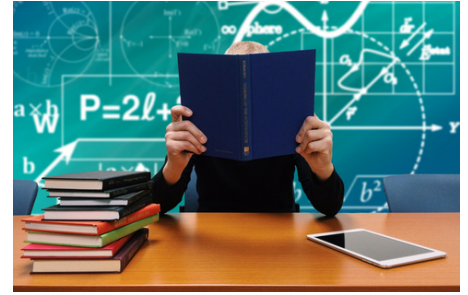
# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

## 5th Grade

**WRITTEN  
BY ANNA KATE MATHER**

The school year is quickly coming to an end and the 5th grade class is finishing the year strong.

In science, we are learning about electricity and the difference between a series and a parallel circuit. In Social Studies, we are making a timeline starting from the 1700s. Also in Social Studies we just had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our victory gardens. They are gardens we planted to honor Veterans. In ELA, we are using ethos, pathos, and logos to design our own cereal box. Lastly, in math, we are learning about decimals. The 5th graders are very excited to move up to the 6th grade!



## Summer Poetry

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

Our last newspaper!  
Here's a poem for the end of school.

"Last Days"  
I'm a little bit excited.  
I'm a little bit sad.  
I'm a little bit nervous.  
I'm a little bit glad.  
I'm a little bit older.  
It's the end of the year.  
I'll miss this class.  
I'm glad I was here.

- Anonymous





# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

## 6th Grade

**WRITTEN BY  
ELISE MOORING**



We are at the end of the school year and everyone has put hard work and perseverance into this school year. We are turning in final projects and tests as we wait for summer to arrive.

In English, we have been working on a few big projects. First, we had the essay. We had to read a book of our choice and then write an essay about it. We also had a project on the same book we wrote the essay about. We had to create a fan box and put 5-8 items representing our character in the box then turn in a video explaining the items as the character. We have a gallery walk for the fan box where we will get to show off all of our hard work to everyone too.

In Science, we have been learning about Earth's solar system. We have many layers in Earth's atmosphere and we also learned about what happens in each atmosphere. We also learned about a man who made the world record of jumping from the highest point. He jumped from the stratosphere into New Mexico.

In History, we just finished a big project. We had to make a comic strip of 15 boxes. You had to make up a fictional story, but add at least 3 pieces of true information. We only had options for what we just learned. We could've chosen the Age of Exploration, slaves, different people, routes to Asia, and many more.

In Math, we took a test on pre-algebra. If we had  $10+x=15$  then we would have to subtract the 10 from the 15 and get the answer, which is five. So we have now solved for  $x$ . We also learned how to do multiplication and division. We also learned about line models and relearned inequalities.

In Bible, we have been really digging into the new heavens and new earth. We have had some really deep conversations about it. We learned that God will destroy the old earth and the new heaven and new earth will basically become one. It used to be like that before Adam and Eve sinned. Earth basically had heaven on it. We learned that people who do not believe in God will go to Hell. We also looked at how our bodies may look in heaven. We watched a video and it said that in heaven, God does talk about physical interactions which we would have to have a body for. We also talked about how our relationships with people will look like in heaven and if animals will go to heaven.

In conclusion, the last 190 days of the school year have been hard but fun. Though the end of the school year may be a little stressful, 6th graders know that summer is closer than it seems and that soon enough we will be jumping into the pool! End-of-the-year goodbyes are sad but not meant to be forever because we know that in 3 months we will be shopping for school supplies again.



# ANIMALS *of the* MONTH

## dogs VS cats

WRITTEN BY ELISE SATCHER (6TH)

### Which is better: Dogs or cats?

57% of people have dogs.

29% of people have cats.



Dogs are very expensive.

Cats are cheap.

Dogs need people to live.

Cats can survive without people.



# TRENDS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

CREATED BY ISAAC GAY (5TH)



Icecream!



Vacation!

HELL-SUN  
Summer

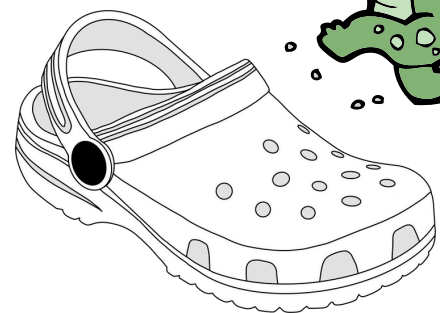
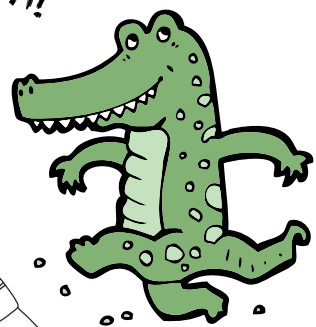
Summer break!



The beach!



Summer Sports workouts!



Crocs!



# ART

Appreciation

## Artist of the Month

WRITTEN BY  
MADDIE POLLOCK (6TH)



Vincent van  
Gogh

**Vincent van Gogh** is an extraordinary painter. He created over 2100 pieces of art in just over a decade! 860 of them were oil paintings. Although his works of art were very impressive, he was not widely appreciated until a little while after his death. He is most known for his work "The Starry Night Sky" The Starry Night Sky was an oil painting that beautifully represents the night sky we see every night.

*"Starry, starry night  
Paint your palette  
blue and gray  
Look out on a summer's day"*



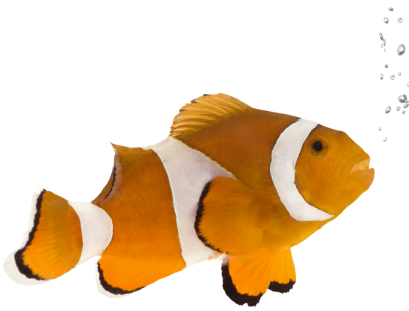


# ARTS

*Fine*

## Ben Lippen Artists

**DISCOVERED BY:  
MADDIE POLLOCK (6TH)**



**Artwork by  
Faith Farris (6th)**



**Artwork by  
Grace Jordan (6th)**



# ARTS

*Fine*



## Ben Lippen Artists





# *Mr. Branney's* ARTISTS

*Congratulations to each of these students!*

*7/8 Grade Printmaking - Maggie Rockey (Superior), Ryan Seybt (Excellent), Gavin Garraux (Good)*

*7/8 Calligraphy - Elijah Lewis (Superior), Gabe Van Alstine (Excellent), Hannah Cromer (Good)*

*7/8 Stipple/Pen & Ink - Rebecca Yu (Superior), Mary Hayes Barnes (Excellent), Lauren Penfield (Good)*

*7/8 Pencil Only - Eliza Boyce (Superior), Eliza Boyce (Excellent)*

*7/8 Colored Pencils - Elijah Lewis (Superior), Maddie Schlicksup (Excellent), Liam McGough (Good)*

*7/8 Portraits - Rebecca Yu (Superior), Rex Reng (Excellent), Abigail Scruggs (Good)*

*7/8 Clay - Hannah Cromer (Superior), Lauren Penfield (Excellent), Kinai Mbu (Good)*

*7/8 Wood Burning - Tinsley Calcutt (Superior), Hannah Cromer (Excellent), Noah Welsford (Good)*

*5th Underwater Fish - Juliette Garraux (Superior), Helen Burkhalter (Excellent),  
Bennett Brownlee (Good)*

*5th The Angel Tree - Hunter Lyle (Superior), Mary Clarke Armstrong (Excellent), Jude Granger (Good)*

*5th Picasso - Zoe Macari (Superior), Helen Burkhalter (Excellent), Juliette Garraux (Good)*

*5th African Masks - Jessica Catching (Superior), Sally Barnes (Excellent), Abby Gray (Good)*

*6th Stipple/Marker - Maddie Pollock (Superior), Carmen Hewett (Excellent), Liam Thompson (Good)*



# Did You Know... about Weird Places People Visit?!



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

**The Stone Forest.** The Stone Forest is located in China in Yunnan province. The Stone Forest has no trees but stones for trees with moss on them!

**Lake Hillier.** Lake Hillier is located in Western Australia. Everything is normal about this lake EXCEPT that it is pink! Would you go swimming in a lake that is pink? It is pink because it has tons of salt, algae, halobacteria, and different microbes.

**Salar de Uyuni.** Salar de Uyuni is located in western Peru. What makes this place so special is that it looks like you are walking on the clouds!



**The Crooked Forest** is located in Poland. It is called the Crooked Forest because all the trees there are shaped like a J and the bottom curves at exactly 90 degrees.

**Hobbiton.** Hobbiton is located close to Hamilton, New Zealand. Have you ever wanted to visit the little city of the hobbits from *The Lord of the Rings*? Well, now you can! Hobbiton is a recreation of where the hobbits lived in *The Lord of the Rings*.

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!

CREATED BY:  
IAN JOHNSON (5TH)



# WELL DONE, FALCONS!

We celebrated our Falcon Forum staff  
with an end-of-the-year party!





# Advice Column

WRITTEN BY: MORAVIA JONES (8TH)

"Trusting in God"

Sometimes in middle school we can get overwhelmed by schoolwork. But as 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." God gives us the opportunity to give Him our worries, and that is absolutely amazing that we can do that! We also may be stressed about this coming year, but know that God knows our emotions and He is always here for us! God knows things that we do not, so He can show us light in our lives that we didn't know was there before! He loves us so much, and we are His sheep; He has our back. He has done so much for us, and why would He stop now? He also does not change! He is the same as He always was and He always will be the same.

If you are feeling overwhelmed with anything, find someone to talk to. I'm sure any of your teachers would be happy to talk to you about your struggles, and Mrs. Peake, our middle school counselor, is too! But also know that you can talk to God anytime and tell Him every single worry you have! Psalm 56:3-5, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Thanks for reading and I hope that you have a  
WONDERFUL summer filled with rest!

HAPPY  
SUMMER

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