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The Man Behind the Wig:

Interview with Mr. Birney

By Aiden Gregory



Here's an interview with the WACKY science teacher.... Mr Birney!

1: What gave you the idea to be the man behind the wig? : "I like to entertain the kids."

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2: How did you feel about disguising yourself? "Like I was a new human."

3: Are you surprised that you got pranked? "Not really, it was obvious."

4: Have you wanted to try something new this year? "Yes, I have some new characters in mind."

5: Are you happy you made people laugh? "Yes I like to entertain."

6: How old are you? "I don't know."

7: When did you start teaching? "5 years ago."

8: What was your job before teaching? "I was an ironworker."

9: Did you like being in the haunted house? "I LOVED IT."

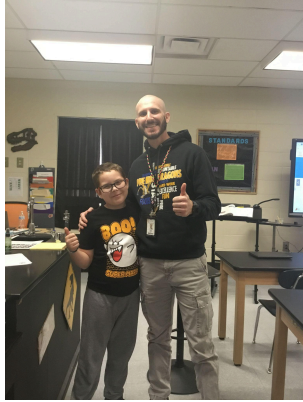
10: If you didn't teach science, what subject would you teach? "P.E."

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⚠️ Important Dates ⚠️

December 17 Parent Night & Christmas Extravaganza

December 17 Ice Cream Truck & Bible Release

December 20-January 6 Christmas Break (No School)

December 25 - Christmas

January 1 - New Year Day

January 13-17 2nd 9wks Testing

January 20 Martin Luther King's Day (No School)

January 21 2nd 9wks ends

🌟 *Dear Reagan* 🌟

By: Reagan Owens

"Dear Reagan, What are some fun Christmas decoration ideas?"

There are a lot of fun Christmas decorations ideas like making cookies, a blow up Santa that Mr. Owens has to pay \$200 for, and a snow machine.



Laying Down the Law with

Asher



Shop with a Cop



Interview with Officer Taylor



By: Asher Greene

1. **What was your favorite part of Shop with a Cop?** "To help kids that don't have a Christmas to be able to have something for Christmas."
2. **How does Shop with a Cop works?** You are given a kid and they give you a certain amount that the kid can spend. They can pick anything that they want like clothes, toys, or food. Some kids will pick food items."
3. **What are the benefits of Shop with a Cop?** "Benefit of the program is that it helps those that if not for Shop with a Cop may not get anything. Benefit for the Police officer is seeing the smiles on the kids face that may not have gotten anything if not for Shop with a Cop."
4. **How does Shop with a Cop make connections with kids?** "Yes, many times parents tell their kids if they are bad the cop is going to get them. This is a way for kids to see that cops are there to help them. Kids get to

*see the good things cops do.
They build a relationship with
the cop that they will
remember."*

5. **How many years have you
being doing Shop with a Cop?**
"2 years"

Animal of the Month

By: Halyn Perkins & Hadlee Meadows

The alligator snapping turtle is the largest freshwater turtle in North America. Genetic analyses revealed that there are three genetically distinct subpopulations of alligator snapping turtles.



The population is around 360,000 turtles left. Alligator snapping turtles live in Iowa, west into Texas, and east into Georgia and northern Florida.



Positive Vibes!



By: Kylee Silcox!

If you're reading this, I bet you're having a great day!
Christmas break is coming very soon and Nine weeks testing is already done! The **5th graders** are fighting for the Tiki trophy from the **4th graders**, if the **5th graders**

get a better test score they get it back! I hope you all have a great day, and happy **Christmas** and **Christmas** break!!



Christmas Gift Ideas



By: Layla Ball, Hannah Perry, Taelynn Goins, and Reagan Yancey

1. Blankets
2. Stanley Cup
3. Candy
4. Movie tickets
5. Makeup
6. Vanity
7. Shoes
8. Hair stuff
9. Skin Care Stuff
10. Candles
11. Hats
12. Sport stuff
13. Sunglasses
14. Phone case
15. Tools
16. Lotion
17. Hair brush
18. Perfume
19. Money
20. Hair tools
21. Homemade Gift
22. Jelly cat
23. Lululemon
24. Books
25. Polar Express Tickets
26. Dog
27. Slippers
28. Ipad/Phone
29. Face Mask
30. Lip Mask

- 31. Hand Sanitizer
- 32. Plant
- 33. Purses
- 34. Toys
- 35. Dolls
- 36. Earbuds
- 37. Crocs/Croc Charms



Book Of The Month
By: Emmie Baird

Book Title: The Arabian Horse

Author: Sara Green

Summary: This book is about Arabian horses and all their different coats and blood lines and gives you history about them.

Why should you read this book: You should read this book because it gives you information about all the different coats of the Arabian horses and it is very useful if want to know all the different coats of Arabian horses



Why you Should Join and

Play Basketball?



By: Liam Corder, Liam Kidd, Brody Summers,
and Nate Everman

You should join basketball because it is a very fun sport but it can be physical. I think basketball is a very fun sport. And if you play any other sport it can keep you in shape. If you like it a lot and get good at it

you can go to college and then probably the NBA draft.



Things that happened in
November :



Real Man's Read



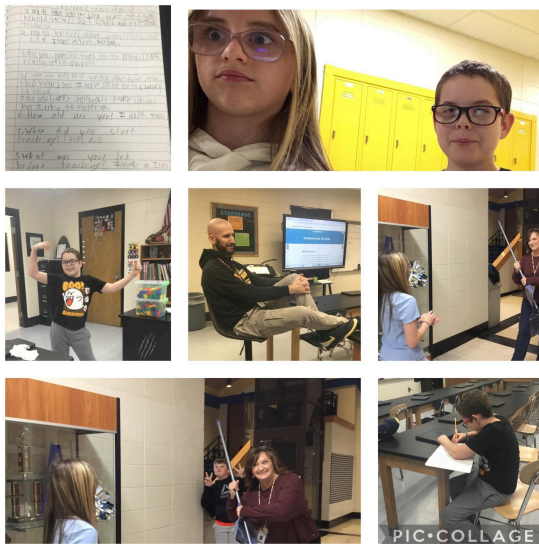
Veteran's Day



Thanksgiving Dinner



Dragons supports Raiders



Behind the scenes of making the newspaper



**Happy
Holidays!!!**

*From the Dragon Gazette
Team*