Rogers Middle School

What's Up Rogers?

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Meet Gunnar

By:Anni, Jamil, & Ryan

Meet Gunnar, Rogers' new therapy dog. He started at Rogers in December and belongs to the Vay Family. Gunnar is a cute dog because he is part poodle and part Bernese Mountain dog. How does a dog become a therapy dog? Gunnar trained for 8 weeks, where he learned how to sit and walk on a leash without pulling. Gunnar LOVES to dig holes in the backyard. This makes Mr. Vay mad. Gunnar loves treats; his favorites are freeze dried salmon and rotisserie chicken. When not at Rogers, Gunnar loves to snuggle and watch tv. When you see Gunnar in the hallway, be sure to stop by for some pets (with teacher permission, of course!)

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4th Grade Spotlight

By: Cece, Payton & Ruby

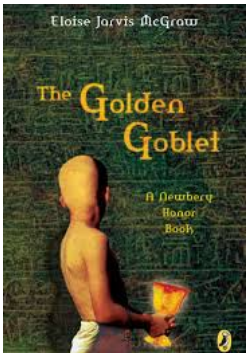
On December 6 it was Fourth Grade Fun Night. There was pizza, hot cocoa, gaga ball and crafts. It was really fun, you could put marshmallows in your hot cocoa, and whipped cream. You could make necklaces and bracelets in the crafts. You could hang out with your friends. The pizza was good, so was the hot cocoa. Fourth Grade Fun Night was really fun for all.



6th Grade Spotlight

By: Wynne, Thomas, & Andrew

In 6th grade we are starting to read a book called “The Golden Goblet,” which is about an orphan in ancient Egypt who desires nothing more than to follow in his father's footsteps as a goldsmith, but is forced into a life that he despises. A story of suspense and action in which Egyptian life, from impoverished hovel to magnificent palace, is dramatically portrayed.



5th Grade Spotlight

By: Owen

Math Olympiad meets on December 10th, December 17th, January 7th, January 14th, February 25th, March 4th, March 11th. The meetings are from 3:15-3:45 PM in Room 319 for 5th grade and Room 302 for 6th grade. Mr. Brickler and Mrs. Brooker run the club. You are invited by a teacher to join. What do you do in Math Olympiad you may ask? You answer 5 HARD math equations each contest. Even though it is challenging, it is a great way to practice having a growth mindset.



Mrs. Wambach

By: Charlotte & Giulia

Ms Wambach is one of our amazing 6th grade STEM teachers. She has been teaching for more than 25 years and taught 4 years in Japan. Her favorite food is Japanese food. Her favorite thing to do outside of teaching is play the guitar. She has 7 siblings. One of her youngest sisters is Abby (the soccer player). Her favorite color is calming blue. She lived in Japan for 4 and a half years.



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History of Donuts

By:Jimmy, JD & Charlie

Did you know that about 10 billion doughnuts are sold in the US each year. The first doughnut shop was opened in 1673 by a Dutch woman, Mrs. Anna Joralemon. Doughnuts are called doughnuts due to the raw center creating a rather doughy texture, and the hole in the middle is so the donut can cook all the way through evenly. The doughnuts originate from a recipe where hazelnuts or walnuts were placed in the center of a cake so it could cook all the way through. Doughnuts were invented by a young 16-year-old Hanson Gregory aboard a lime trading ship. He invented the doughnut due to a dissatisfaction with the greasiness of the twisted doughnuts. Fun fact- the most doughnuts sold in a day is set by Tom's Doughnuts with an unbeatable record of 5,558 doughnuts sold in an 8-hour day. This Guiness world record was set on Memorial Day weekend of 2022. Did you know that the French used to call their doughnuts "Nun's Farts".



Character Theme: Friendship & Kindness

By: Madigan, Emmy, Daphne & Isla

Scenario: You see a new student at school sitting alone at recess. What could you do?

Step 1: Introduce yourself. For example you can talk about your interests, or your culture, or even holidays you celebrate. Then, ask them if they want to play with you.

Step 2: Listen to their response. If they say yes, then find something to play, if they say no then maybe you should walk away and play something either alone, or with another friend or person.



The History of Hot Chocolate

By Peter, Brandon, and Levi

Hot chocolate (also known as hot cocoa) is a drink made specifically by mixing chocolate (in powder form or melted) with water or milk. The first known record of a chocolate drink being present is believed to have been created at least 5,300 years ago. It began with the Mayo-Chinchipe culture in what is now present-day Ecuador and later was consumed by the Maya around 2,500 to 3,000 years ago. A cocoa drink was an essential part of Aztec culture by 1400 AD. In the United States and Canada the drink is popular in instant form. This is made with hot water or milk from a packet. It has mostly cocoa powder, sugar, and dry milk. This is the thinner of the two main variations. It is very sweet and may be topped with marshmallows, whipped cream, or a piece of solid chocolate. In conclusion, over thousands of years, hot chocolate is a drink that has continued to grow and develop just as we humans have.

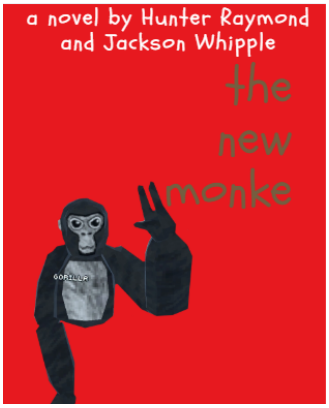


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Book Review

By: Carter, Jackson & Hunter

"The New Monke" is about a kid who plays a game called gorilla tag, where he encounters a toxic person. He is struggling how to learn to play and he meets the biggest gorilla tag YouTuber. Find out how he learns to play in "The New Monke!" This book will be available in the Rogers' library. P.S the sequel will come out later this school year.



Mrs. Wamsley

By: Briston, Mackenzie & Dur-e

Mrs. Wamsley is a teaching assistant at Rogers because she loves to work with kids and loves seeing them grow. Her favorite subjects are art or history. Her favorite part of teaching is when kids have aha moments. Outside of school she loves hiking and photography. Some teachers that inspire her are her hard of hearing teacher, 5th grade teacher and her high school English teacher. Her favorite book is "Caged Animals at Night."





Mrs. Borchers

By: Opal, Ellison, Linden, & Adrian

For our staff spotlight, we did Mrs. Borchers! Our first question was, what school did you go to? She answered, Buckman Heights, in Greece, (look it up)! Next, we asked what some of her favorite activities are. She replied, "I like to build things," I remodel my house, and enjoy singing and reading! Mrs. Borchers loves steak and pasta. For her favorite dessert she responded, "But of course, I love cake!" When asked about something unusual about her, her answer was, "I used to have a pet snake named Pierre." Her favorite subject is American History. One word to describe her is unique. Almost done, her favorite jungle animal is a monkey. The final question people! What is your favorite movie? I love Titanic and Wicked! Thanks for reading our exclusive interview! Stay tuned in, Rogers!

Mindful Moment

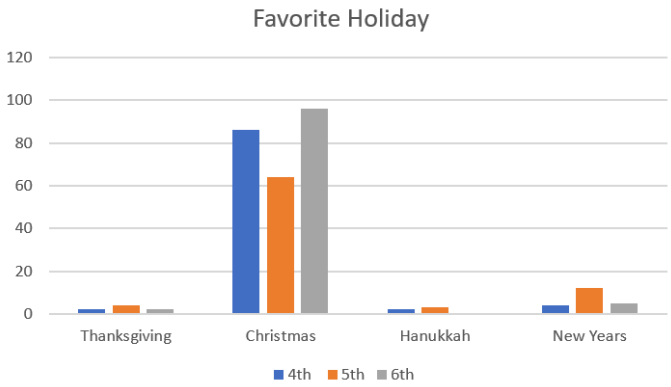
By: Jessie, Isabelle, Lara, & Audrey

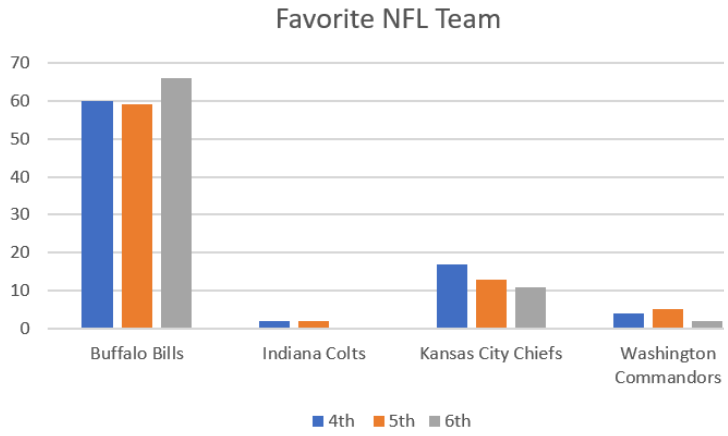


Directions: follow the arrows to the dots while reading the in and outs for a relaxing deep breathing moment. Repeat five times. Make sure to pause for three seconds on each dot.

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Student Polls





Math Challenge

Directions: Use your math skills to find the value of each icon and the '?' in the puzzle below.



My Answer: ? = _____

A Nougat From Mr. DiMartino

Dear Rogers Students,

I wanted to share your feedback from our last grade level meeting.

If you choose to use social media, responsibility is important, and our CARE values can help guide us.
Cooperate: Help each other online. Share useful tips and work together on projects that spread a positive message.
Appreciate: Say nice things and thank your friends. Leave positive comments.
Respect: Be kind and careful with what you post. Ask before sharing pictures of others and don't post mean comments. Treat others online like you would in person.
Excel: Share your achievements and be a good example. Post about your successes to inspire others.

If someone is rude or mean, stay calm and don't respond with anger. Sometimes it's best to ignore mean comments. Use the platform's tools to report bullying and block the person if needed. Tell a trusted adult if someone is bullying you, and support others who are being bullied by being an upstander.

By following these norms, we can make social media a positive and fun place for everyone. Let's all do our part to be kind and responsible online! Better yet, I challenge each of you to put down your devices, delete your apps, and invest in reading more each night.

Mr. DiMartino

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Rogers' Riddles

By: Charlotte & Madison

1. As I was going to Saint Ives, I met a man with 7 wives. Each wife had 7 sacks each sack had 7 cats, and each cat had 7 kittens. How many people were going to Saint Ives?

2. There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

3. A man was outside in the rain without an umbrella or a hat and didn't get a single hair wet. Why?

4. I shave every day, but my beard stays the same. What am I?

5. A man dies of old age on his 25th birthday. How is this possible?