Rogers Middle School

What's Up Rogers?

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Rogers Celebrates The Great Kindness Challenge

By: Anthony, Emma, Giulia, & Charlotte B.

The Great Kindness Challenge is an awesome opportunity to show your compassion to the world. At Rogers, you can partake in various activities to support kindness! There was a hula hoop competition, kind note writing, yoga, and even an opportunity to read to the kids at Southlawn. For Gunnar's birthday, we hosted a drive for the Verona Street Animal Shelter. We collected dog and cat toys, food, treats, equipment, and more! Over 600 items were collected! There was a raffle for a Gunnar's Birthday Party and Miss Lennertz's class won for Rogers, and Miss Bottiglier's class won for Southlawn. The Great Kindness Challenge helps schools all over be kind!

4th Grade Spotlight: Poetry

By: Daphne, Emmy & Madigan

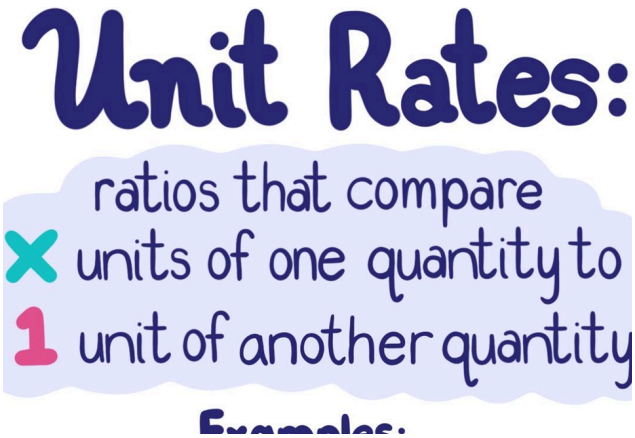
In fourth grade, we recently finished our poetry unit. We read poems such as “She Had Some Horses,” written by Joy Harjo, and “Words as Free as Confetti” by Pat Mora. Both were amazing poems! After reading these poems, we created our own poems inspired by these authors and added some of our own tweaks. After, we read our poems in front of the class and had a party to celebrate the end of our poetry unit. In conclusion, our poetry unit was interesting and so much fun.



6th Grade Spotlight

By: Wynne, Hunter, Jackson & Carter

Welcome to the new unit in math called unit rates. In 6th grade we are learning all about ratios. Unit rates are when you take ratios/rates and simplify it to 1. Unit rates are like ratios, but simpler in a way. Rates are good when you are buying food. Ratios are also helpful when you are borrowing money from a bank. It can also be helpful with temperatures. Ratios are a helpful tool to use in the real world.



Lunar New Year

By: Anthony, Charlotte, Emma, & Giulia

Lunar New Year is an Asian holiday celebrating the arrival of spring and ringing in the start of a new year, according to the lunisolar calendar. It is celebrated in Vietnam, South Korea, and many other Chinese influenced countries. Commonly known as the Spring Festival, it lasts 15 days. Decorations are often red, and they include paper cuttings. On Lunar New Year’s Eve, families and friends celebrate with a feast of traditional dishes including whole fish, representing abundance. This year, the Chinese Zodiac is the Year of The Snake. Every region and family celebrates the holiday differently, while some don’t celebrate it at all, but it is important to respect everyone’s traditions.



Steam Power

By: Jimmy, JD & Charlie

Steam power was first used around 400BC. Did you know steam was called “high tech” back then in the 19th century? Steam power became the energy source of many machines and vehicles. This made commodities cheaper and easier to develop in large amounts. Throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, steam turbines are used to generate electricity. British engineer Sir Charles Algernon Parsons invented the first modern version of the steam turbine in 1884. Steam power is generated when a device called a steam engine uses heat to turn liquid into water vapor.



Character Theme: Courage

By: Linden, Opal, & Ellison

Courage is February’s character theme of the month. It is a theme often found in fairytales and can be a little tricky to have ourselves sometimes. Courage can refer to many things, whether you’re hesitating to try a new food or faced with a giant rock wall. Courage is often related to being **brave** but can be confused with the absence of fear. Courage is not the absence of fear, but is instead facing your fear. Courage is not about being fearless, but if you face your fear and do it, that is all that matters. Remember, if you are afraid, that’s ok! This isn’t to make you nervous. It's just to make you brave!



The History of Cake

By: Brandon, Peter, & Levi

Cake is made from flour, sugar and other ingredients. Cake can be colorful, but sometimes it’s not. Cake is often served as a celebratory dish for parties, birthdays, etc. The Ancient Greek cake (plakous) was derived from the word “flat” (plakoeis). It was baked using flour, milk, nuts, and honey. In Ancient Rome, the basic bread dough was sometimes enriched with butter, eggs, nuts, and honey. The word cake is actually of Viking origin. Cakes are broadly separated into multiple categories, based primarily on products and ingredients and mixing techniques. Cake comes in all different flavors, too. Some examples are vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, red velvet, etc. Another is butter cakes. Butter cakes consist of creamed butter, sugar, eggs, and flour. One of the most popular cakes is birthday cakes, usually at celebrations and birthdays. In the 13th century, German children started celebrating their birthdays (called Kinderfest) with cakes that were also lit with candles. Candles stood for the light of living, adding an additional candle every year to show one more year of life.

While cakes are delicious, different cakes should be used for proper reasons. Wedding cakes should usually only be used for the celebration of marriage, unless you just want to eat a big cake. Also, Christmas cakes, Halloween cakes, and birthday cakes. Cake is a baked good. Let’s find out the comparison to bread. Cake is obviously more popular. Cake 1 Bread 0. Bread is more healthy. Cake 1 Bread 1. Cake comes in a lot of flavors. Cake 2 Bread 1. I guess cake wins!

Overall, the history of cake is a long but delicious history that should be known.



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Book Review: Kane Chronicles

By: Bennett & Tommy

"Kane Chronicles" is a three book series by the author Rick Riorden. It is filled to the brim with action, humor and mythology, but this time it is not Greek but Egyptian mythology. The characters are Carter Kane,, Sadie Kane, and Amos Kane. Try it and you will be addicted right away.



Mrs. Kane

By: Isabelle, Minerva, Jessie & Cece

Mrs. Kane joined Rogers this year as the school secretary. One of her favorite hobbies is running. After school, she drives her kids to their after-school programs. She has a dog named Clyde. When she was younger she enjoyed playing soccer. Her favorite food is dill pickle soup, yum. She chose to work at Rogers because she wanted to help kids do their best. Fun fact, two of her kids attend Rogers!



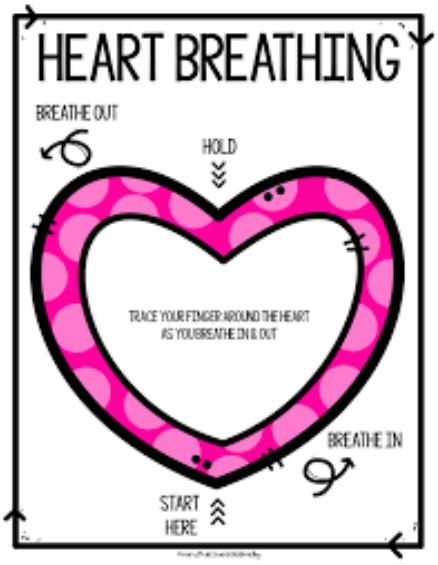


Ms. Aldous

By: Payton, Cece & Ruby

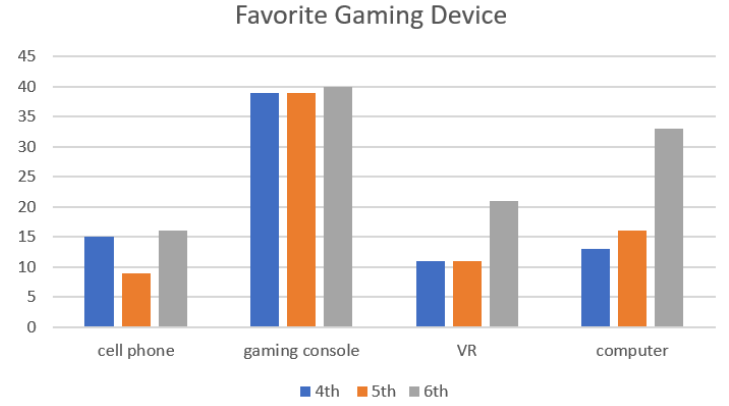
Ms. Aldous started at Rogers in September 2024. Ms. Aldous can't choose a favorite orchestra instrument, but she started on the viola in 4th grade. Her favorite singer has been Ariana Grande since she was 13. She really loves pizza and mac and cheese. When she is teaching, she loves making music with everyone every day. She loves Rogers because she loves how supportive everyone is to each other. Look for Ms. Aldous at the next orchestra concert.

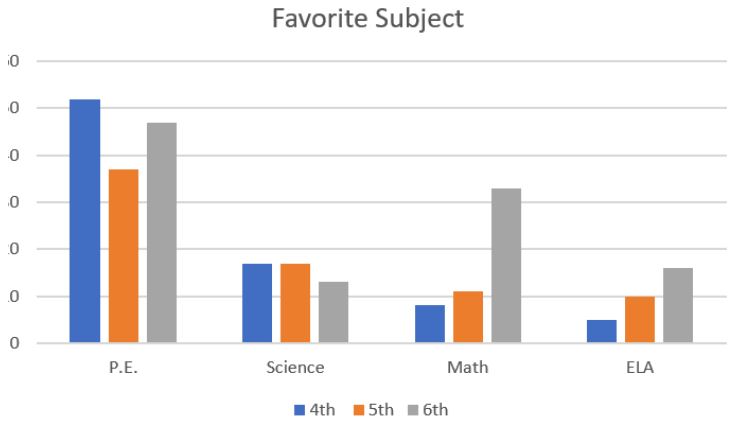
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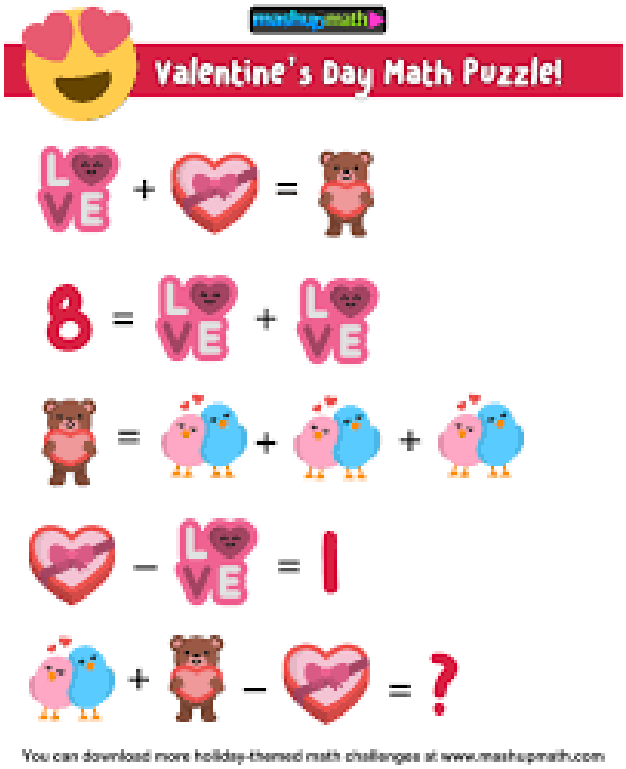
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Student Polls





Math Challenge



A Nougat From Mr. DiMartino

Dear Rogers Students,

As we approach February Recess, I want to take a moment to wish you all a safe and healthy break. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with your loved ones.

Here are a few suggestions to make the most of your recess:

1. **Enjoy a Good Book:** Take some time to dive into a book you've been wanting to read. Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, or a graphic novel, reading is a great way to expand your mind and imagination.
2. **Go Outside:** Fresh air and physical activity are essential for your well-being. Whether it's a walk in the park, a game of tag, or simply enjoying nature, make sure to spend some time outdoors.
3. **Enjoy Time with Family:** Use this time to connect with your family. Play games, cook meals together, or just have meaningful conversations. These moments are precious and can create lasting memories.

Remember to stay safe and take care of yourselves. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to learn after the break.

Mr. DiMartino

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By: Jamil & Ryan

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

SHIVERING
SNOW ANGEL
FEBRUARY
FREEZING
SNOW COAT
DECEMBER
MITTENS
JANUARY
ICICLES
SCARF
BOOTS
SNOW
COLD
ICE

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