

PJ DAY FOR THE KIDS

SUPPORT KIDS WITH CANCER



Last week we had PJ Day for the Kids. This is becoming a tradition in our school system, and we're hoping to raise more money each year! Last year we raised a grand total of over 800\$. If anyone was not informed about PJ day for the Kids it is run by the student council and we happen to also be a part of StuCo, so we would love to fill you in. To start, the student council registered us to be a part of this because it is not an event created by us. This is actually a fundraiser made by an older brother who's sister is struggling with cancer. He realized first hand how hard it can be to have such a terrible disease at a young age. He also realized that his sister isn't the only kid struggling and he wanted to help all of those poor kids. This teen boy showed everyone how to make a difference. The next step to the process is you guys! All we ask is for 1 dollar or more from each of you!



Paying a dollar or more will let you wear pajamas on December 13th, but it does so much more than that. By paying 1\$ that adds money to the total number where 100% of the funds are donated to Connecticut Childrens. The money goes to Connecticut childrens to support kids with cancer. The reason it is pajama day is because the kids with cancer have to undergo treatments every day and this is the best way to show support as a school.

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"You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated."

This week had some really positive things happening and some great new beginnings. On Friday, December 13 the whole school donated money to wear their pjs to support kids in the hospital fighting cancer. This was all thanks to the student council. This was a wonderful event. Guess what! This week we had two half days in a row, one on Tuesday December 10. Also one unexpected on Wednesday December 11. This was thanks to the weather. 6-8 grade got released at 11:10 and the 4 and 5 grade got released at 12:10. That's crazy! This Friday the girls and boys basketball teams had their first games; it was a double header. Also it was the cheerleaders' first game. They cheered and shouted out to Lillian Bristol for signing the national anthem. It was so good! Get ready next week is spirit week. Get ready to show off some of your school spirit. This week on Friday in the colliery room is the December



world cafe. They are making buche de noel. Sounds pretty good if I say so myself. Shout out to the 7th grade this week the 7th grade completed a great activity. The 7th grade students wrought down some things about themselves on an index card and turned it in. Next the 7th grade teachers swapped their classes index card with another 7th grade classes index card. Then the 7th grade teachers printed out gingerbread coloring papers and passed them out and the index card to the class. Next the 7th grade students colored and drew on the gingerbread coloring paper making sure to add what their person liked. It turned out to be a great activity and on Friday, December, 13 the 7th teachers handed them back to the original student. This was a great idea to help the students get to no other students that they might not know that well. Over all this week has gone by so fast and our middle school has done such a good job at making it a positiv

ARTS & LEISURE

This week our arts and leisure is going to be focused on Health and PE. As we know we have two different physical ed teachers Ms. Tuohey and Mr.Pernal. We're going to be taking a look at each one of their days. To start we can talk about Mr.Pernal, in 4th and 5th grade PE there playing Pillow Hockey and also working on their fitness levels. Next up in 7th grade PE they started a goal unit which also features Pillow Hockey, soccer, handball, and speedball. His last PE class is 8th grade, and they just completed a fitness day/game unit. They will begin their state fitness testing soon. Currently in 7th grade health they just completed a mental health unit and will be moving to substance abuse. Going to Ms. Tuohey, she has some jam packed classes (which is great)! In the sixth grade gym they have been doing a combination of fitness activities and cooperative activity where students have worked in groups. They have been working hard on curl-ups, push-ups, and running in preparation for fitness testing. They have been doing this in a variety of different games and activities. A couple things they have recently played include Pacer test relays, tag games, and invasion games. Lastly they have had a couple group challenges and team games during separate days called "game days". In 8th grade they have been doing similar activities both fitness and game days. All of these classes are amazing and some of the students favorites. We love having both of these teachers help us out!

GRADE BY GRADE UPDATES

4TH GRADE

In 4th grade we have some similar stuff going on as last week because they finally get to finish it up! Let's switch it up and talk about some exciting things first though. As you know they are doing a countdown until holiday break, this week we have examples of each day and what they're doing. On the first day they watched a Pixar movie, which don't get me wrong is pretty cool but the second day they got to do a blookit! The next day they got to make snowflakes which are all unique, but gorgeous in their own ways. As of right now December 11 they have only done 3 days but by the time you are reading this 5 days will be checked off! Now let's talk about the core classes. In Language Arts they're reading a new book which is about a tree, that's pretty spectacular! In Social Studies though they are finally beginning to wrap up their projects on a state they chose from the Northeast. We haven't been down to check these projects out yet but we do know that the Social Studies teachers are pretty open and let students do their projects in a variety of different ways, which makes it fun to see. Lastly in math class they're adding, subtracting, AND multiplying fractions. These are some pretty talented fourth graders if we do say so ourselves. Stay tuned to see what they cook up next week!

5TH GRADE

Let's talk about one of the most amazing grades there is! They're doing all sorts of fun things. In math students are having a blast starting a new unit. This new unit is all about division. The unit that they just finished up was about area models for multiplication. Isn't that so fun? Unfortunately Mrs. Fulton is on maternity leave but we are so excited to see baby pictures! With Mrs. Fulton's absence there is a long-term substitute Ms. Perry. I think everyone can agree that we are so glad to have her! In science class they are working on presentations about photosynthesis. Make sure to grab next week's paper to learn more about what's going on in all of their classes.



GRADE BY GRADE UPDATES

6TH GRADE

This week sixth grade is doing great! In ELA, they've finished up their one pagers and after break they are going to start a new unit. That unit is going to be all about Malala and reading the book *I am Malala*. They finished *A Long Walk to Water* and wrote about the water crisis and next week Ms. Michaud is going to read *Proudest Blue* to all sixth graders! In Ms Akehurst's they are focusing on unit prices along with deal or no deal unit price. Moving on, in Ms. In Braza's Social Studies class, they are beginning to learn about the economy of West Africa. In addition, They are learning about the salt and gold trade. Last but definitely not least, in Mr. Millers, they are learning about cells and how cells work in the body! They are also making observations and if you write down the learning class in science along with the rest of the class, your class will earn a prize. Once you also finish your notes, however many notes you have, will be how many seconds you get of sand poured into your bucket and once it is full to a certain point, your class will earn a free day! Sounds like a lot of fun! Sixth grade is AMAZING. Keep up the good work!

7TH GRADE

This week in 7th grade kids have been finishing up projects before winter break. In Science class they have been working on qualitative and quantitative observations while also learning about inferences and differences between them. This week in Math class the 7th graders have started a new unit! With this new unit the 7th graders got new work books. In Language Arts they are getting ready to start a new project on their book that they have been reading, *Touching Spirit Bear*. In Social Studies they just started working on current events, which is a topic that the 8th graders have been working on too. With their topic they have to make a poster and research any current topic of their choice. On tuesday they did a ginger bread men activity. On an index card the 7th graders wrote 25 things or more about themselves. Then the teachers switched them with another class and handed them out to other 7th grade students. Then they got a gingerbread man coloring sheet and drew the thing the other person liked. On Friday the 7th grade got them back. They thought it was a great way to get to know each other more. On that same Friday the 7th graders donated money to wear their pjs. Which they did a great job at! This was to donate money to the children in the hospital who are fighting cancer. We wore pjs because when they are at the hospital they stay in their pjs all day and we want to help them out by donating money. In conclusion the 7th graders have had a wonderful week and are ready for the next one to come.

GRADE BY GRADE UPDATES

8TH GRADE

This week, 8th-grade students are learning a lot of cool stuff in different subjects. In science, they are still working on a unit about electromagnetics, where they're learning about electromagnetic and gravitational fields by playing around with electromagnets. They're testing out different ways to make the magnetic forces stronger and building models to show how different things affect magnetic fields. They're also using electromagnets to model how gravity works between the Earth and the Moon, and between the Earth and the Sun. In Language Arts, 8th graders are continuing to work on writing their short story called The Spine Chiller, which is supposed to be between 100 and 250 words. The goal is to make the story exciting and creepy by focusing on things like plot, setting, conflict, and mood. They're working on creating a plot that keeps readers hooked, a setting that feels spooky, and a conflict that adds drama and suspense. The mood is supposed to make the whole story feel eerie. I can't wait to see how everyone's stories turn out and how creepy they can make them. In math, students are still working on slopes and lines, while in Math 2, they're solving problems with proportional relationships. In 8th Grade History class it prepares us for the Constitutional Convention. The 8th grade history class is getting ready for a fun and exciting reenactment of the Constitutional Convention! At the end of this week, they are pretending to create the U.S. Constitution. Each of them have been assigned a founding father to represent, like George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Ben Franklin, along with some lesser-known figures like George Mason and Oliver Ellsworth. They will have debates, discussions, and make compromises, just like the real convention. The event will end with an official signing of the Constitution, and we can't wait to see how they bring history to life!



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We asked the president of Student Council why she wanted to continue this fundraiser with our school and she told us she wants to inform students that there are kids in our universe that have cancer, and have to wear pajamas every day. Circling back to how this all started it was just a teen boy who felt bad for his sister and now we can all recognize him as a hero. Thank you all for showing your support for PJ Day for the Kids.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HALE-RAY?

Last week we had PJ day on Friday and we raised so much money. Great job Hale-Ray! We loved seeing all the comfy PJ's. But there was much more than just PJ's, we had one planned half day on Tuesday, but then on Wednesday we had an unplanned early dismissal due to emergency weather. 6th, 7th, and 8th graders got out at 11:10 and 4th and 5th grade got out at 12:10, the earliest anyone has ever got out of school due to weather. Next week is our last week before winter break and we know everyone is excited. This week we have spirit days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I don't know about you, but last week sounds awesome. Let's make this last week until Winter Break the best!



STUDENT COUNCIL

This week's student council meeting went well. We started with the same thing we always do, attendance and then approving the minutes from the week before. After this we proceeded to recap the committees from last week. We decided to join in on teacher week and students wrote encouraging notes to teachers, that will make them feel good inside. Enough about our meeting let's talk about some of the events we have been and continue to do. To start on December 11th a couple of our officers went to the board of ed meeting. The officers that attended were Neilly Erlandson, and Paige DeLisa. We made a slideshow presentation just updating the town on some goals and things that have been going on. A couple of things that were in are upcoming events: a Pep rally, two 6th-8th grade dances, and our annual 8th grade celebration dance. We are bringing a pep rally into our school this year because we felt as a school community we could use some more spirit, and this is the best way we could think to do so. At the Board of Ed we also talked about events in the past and present events. In the past we had hot cocoa which was a huge success, Socktober which was also an amazing accomplishment, and our "fall ball" 6th-8th grade dance, which happened to be surprisingly fun. The last thing we ended up talking about was present events or in other words events that are going right now. We talked about how right now we planned a spirit week but ended up changing it to spirit days because that's what would benefit everyone best. The first day is going to be Wednesday the 18th and it will be themed "Winter Wonderland". The second spirit day is going to be Thursday the 19th with the theme of "Thermal Thursday". The last Spirit day will be on Friday the 20th going along with a wintry theme and being called "Festive Friday" This is pretty much everything we discussed at our meeting, and it is also pretty much everything going on. StuCo is doing great, keep up the good work!

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Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

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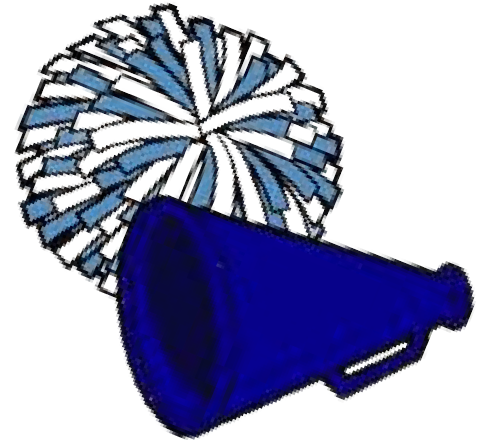
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SPORTS

Last week we talked about the girls and boys basketball's first game with it being on the 13th of December. Well that was this friday! The game is a double header with the boys playing first followed by the girls team. There will be referments for sale. This is proved by MPAC. There will be an entrance fee. One dollar for students and three dollars for adults. As said before the cheer leaders will be at both of these games with a halftime show in between. All of these teams have been working so hard on improving their skills. We can not wait to see them dominate! We hope to see filled stands. Make sure to get next week's paper to find out the scores of the games and much more.



COMICS

Ruby Parady
Grade 7



ABOUT THE AUTHORS

We are 7th grade students. Our names are Neilly Erlandson, Emma Brisson, Paige DeLisa, Peyton Tremblay, Lillian Bristol, and Ruby Parady. We are bringing back the school newspaper for our Enrichment class led by our teacher of the year Mrs. Lauren Masterson.

I am Paige DeLisa and I am in 7th grade. I play on the travel softball team Bearcats along with a couple of my friends. I love playing shortstop! I also play for the school team. I love being on the student council. I am the secretary/treasurer and I'm excited to see where we go with this year's as we have a really good group of students. Some of my hobbies include boating, traveling, skiing, Leos, babysitting, and hanging out with my family. In my family that lives with me I have 2 older brothers Benjamin (17) and Chris (16). My mom and dad also live with us along with my dog Luci.

I am Neilly Erlandson and in the 7th grade. I play about 7 sports. I have played on a travel softball team for 2 years called the Bearcats, but have played softball for 8 years. I really love the sport of softball and am happy to continue. My favorite position to play is catcher. I am also currently doing Irish Step dancing, and have danced for 11 years. I play volleyball, I cheerlead, golf, ski, waterski, and hunt. I am currently out for an injury of my ankle, but will be back soon. I am also President of the student council and am the Middle School Liaison for the State of Connecticut. The goal I am trying to accomplish is to be a successful student athlete and eventually attend Harvard University. I have 21 animals, 6 oxen, 3 cats, 12 chickens, and a dog. I have two sisters and one brother: Lexi, Bridey, and Wyatt.

I am Emma Brisson. I am a 7th grade student. My favorite sport to play has to be softball. I play pitcher and outfield. I have been playing this amazing game for 6 years. I love animals! My favorite is bears. This love for the animals gave me the nickname Panda. Back to animals, I have an animal, I do have a dog of my own named Rocky. Rocky is a mix of a beagle and Australian cattle dog. I have one other sibling who is Lincoln. One thing I like to do in my free time is practice for softball and play with my dog.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

I am Ruby Parady I am a 7th grade student. My favorite sports are softball and I love to ski. I ski in Vermont with my friends and family. I play shortstop on my travel team called the Bearcats. I have been playing ever since I could. I also am a part of the student council and leos. I also love to go camping with my friends and family in the summer. I have 3 pets at home: my English cream golden retriever and I have two orange tabby cats that are named Mickey and Duke. I am a HUGE Swifty and I love going to Disney every year. I have been ten times and I am going back for April vacation next year. This is something that I look forward to this year. I have two brothers Reese and Reign and they are twins! They are both in third grade. My favorite color is pink and my favorite subject is Language Arts.

I am Peyton Tremblay. I play soccer, softball, and cheer, and I enjoy each one for different reasons. Soccer is all about strategy and working with teammates to move the ball and score. Softball keeps me focused, whether I'm hitting or playing defense. Cheerleading gives me a chance to stay active and support my school. I like the challenge and energy that come with each of these sports. My favorite subject is math or enrichment. When I'm not playing, I spend time with my sister, Quinn, who's in 4th grade. I also have 3 pets. My dog Murphy is a Boston terrier and is 10 years old. I have 2 cats, one cat named Myles who is 3 years old and my other cat named Mason is 5 years old.

I am Lillian Bristol. I am a 7th grade student. My favorite sport is soccer. I play forward (wings, mid, striker). I've played soccer most of my life and I love to be part of a team. I also love to play piano and sing. I write my own songs and perform in front of people whenever I get the chance to. My favorite color is blue and my favorite subject in school is ELA. I love going to the beach with my family along with my friends. I go to a beach house every summer with my family and my dogs. I have two dogs named Lucy and Poppy. Lucy is a hound/mutt mix and Poppy is a schnauzer mutt mix. I have two other siblings Ruby and James. Something I look forward to every year is going to New York to my family's lake house. I don't get to see them a lot so I really enjoy having a vacation to spend time with them.

That's it for our first ever issue of the Noisy News! We hope you all enjoyed it and we are excited to publish more in the future.

