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THE PAW PRINT CUB EDITION

THANK YOU FROM THE NEWSPAPER CLUB

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THANK YOU...

The members of the Elementary Newspaper would like to end this school year with some thoughts and reflections about their experiences.

Abigail De Los Angeles – Thank you Miss Duffy and Mrs. Wilson for teaching us how to create a newspaper. I hope we get to do this again next year.

Alianna Mora – Thank you Mrs. Wilson, Miss Duffy and Mr. Tabbitas for creating the newspaper club! Thank you Mrs. Wilson for being the nicest teacher ever! Thank you Miss Duffy for always helping me. Thank you all for reading the newspaper and for being so supportive!

Yasmin Buschmann – Thank you Mr. Tabbitas, Miss Duffy and Mrs. Wilson. I enjoyed being in the elementary newspaper and I hope other children in 3rd and 4th grade can enjoy this activity next year. Thank you for supporting this activity Mr. Tabbitas! Thank you Mrs. Wilson and Miss Duffy for assisting me and the other students in this wonderful club!

Seth Destajo – The newspaper club will be ending soon and I would like to say that this program helped me experience how a newspaper is created and I now know how much work goes into it. I also liked newspaper because I had fun and got to work with my friends. Because of newspaper, I also made a new friend – Mazen! I would like to thank our principal, Mr. Tabbitas for making this program possible for 3rd and 4th graders.

Lithuli Wijenayakage – I really loved going to Newspaper Club because I got to meet new people and make new friends. In my opinion, this was a really good experience for me and my friends. I hope we can continue this next year! I want to thank Mrs. Wilson and Miss Duffy and of course, Mr. Tabbitas for creating this club. Claws out and have a great summer!

Leonardo Mezzacappa – Hi! In case you don't know me, my name is Leonardo Charles Mezzacappa. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Duffy are in charge and I am very thankful for being in a club with all of my friends and classmates. Not only do I get to work with people I know, but I get to put my creativity onto the page. You would think putting things on paper is useless, but the reason is quite simple why it's not...writing is for all to enjoy. Now that I am in the newspaper club, I get to see Mrs. Wilson twice a day! It's pretty impressive to see a librarian twice a day right? I also like to see the process of my ideas be transformed and presented in the school newspaper that everyone is reading. Without newspaper, I wouldn't be as happy as I am now. I especially loved writing the article about being a big brother and seeing my little brother become famous in the newspaper. Thank you for this great opportunity.

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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By: Haven Weah and Elsa Wang

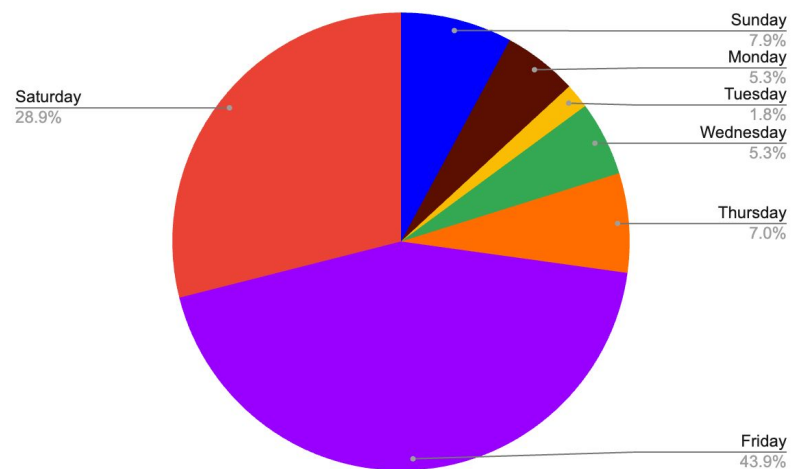
Hi! This is the elementary school newspaper here! For teacher spotlight this month... Mr. Tabbitas!!! He said that his favorite thing about Petrides is all of the after school activities and seeing the students smile. His favorite food is steak. His favorite color is blue. His favorite drink is coffee. He became a teacher in September 2000. He taught high school social studies. He wanted to become an assistant principal because he wanted to help more teachers help more students. He used to work at Tottenville High School. He came to Petrides in 2013. His favorite thing about being an Petrides principal is being able to talk to all of the students. He wanted to become a principal here because he wanted to help even more teachers help even more students. If he wasn't an educator he would work in finance.



WE ASKED, YOU ANSWERED

By: Yasmin Buschmann and Lithuli Wijenayakage

We asked 114 people what their favorite day of the week was, and this is what we got.



Nine people said they liked Sunday the best. Believe it or not, 6 people said they liked Monday! Only 2 people liked Tuesday best and 6 people said they liked Wednesday. Eight people liked Thursday. Not surprising, 50 people liked Friday the best. And last but definitely not least, 33 people said that Saturday was their favorite! What is your favorite day of the week and why?

THIS OR THAT

A Friendly Debate about...

Cats vs Dogs

By: E'Laysia Mendez (cats) and Haven Weah (dogs)

I strongly believe cats are better than dogs. I think this because cats are very independent. They clean their own fur and use the bathroom on their own without needing much help from their owners. Cats are also very quiet. When you are doing homework or trying to focus, they usually stay calm and do not make a lot of noise. Most people would not want to hear barking all day while trying to work or study.

Cats are also great for small living spaces because they do not need a backyard. They adapt to new spaces quickly and comfortably. Some dogs can take months to fully adjust to a new home, while cats usually adapt much faster.

Another reason cats are better is that they do not have strong odors. For example, dogs often smell bad after being outside in the rain, while cats stay much cleaner. Cats can also improve people's health. Studies show that cat owners may have a lower risk of heart attacks, and a cat's purring can help reduce stress levels.

Some people may think cats are not as affectionate as dogs, but cats show affection in their own special way. They stay close to their owners, remain calm and content, and provide quiet companionship instead of always demanding attention. This makes cats ideal for people who enjoy quiet spaces, have busy schedules, or are feeling stressed or overwhelmed.

I think dogs are better than cats because dogs show more love and affection to their owners. Dogs bark when they sense danger, while cats are usually quieter and more independent. Dogs are also often used for service work, helping people in many important ways, while cats are not used as often for those jobs.

Dogs are very loyal animals. They enjoy running, walking, and doing outdoor activities with their owners. Cats, on the other hand, are usually more relaxed and do not enjoy going on walks or runs. Dogs love staying active and having fun with people.

Some people may think cats show more care than dogs, but I disagree. Cats may show love in their own way, but dogs make their love very clear. Dogs cuddle, give kisses and licks, and stay close to their owners. They enjoy spending time with people wherever they go, whether it is to the park, a friend's house, or just relaxing at home.

Dogs are more playful, cuddly, and fun to hug. They show a lot of love and care for their owners, which is why I believe dogs are better than cats.



THE LEGEND OF THE RING TAIL

A Short Story Series by Leo Mezzacappa

Chapter 3: The Summit of Rooftop Mountain

“10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, We made it!” Grandpa Henry yelled with excitement. The portal was also at the summit with them. Max kicked some snow at Elijah and said “Hahahahaha.” “Get back here!” Elijah said and chased Max around the summit. Elijah threw a snowball at Max which pushed him into the portal. “I heard only 4 people ever can enter Candyland so let’s hope for the best.” Grandpa Henry said. Elijah and Grandpa Henry sat on the cliff of the summit and said their goodbyes. Then they walked into the portal. Max was jumping around eating cotton candy trees, licking chocolate stones and eating the donut floor. “Max cut it out!” Grandpa Henry said. “Fine elderly nitwit” They walked around the place doing things like karaoke and eating things. Then purple watches came down from the sky with parachutes into Max, Elijah and Uncle Henry’s hands. “I heard you have to go east and jump over a chocolate lake or cross the chocolate lake. “A CHOCOLATE LAKE!” Max and Elijah both screamed.

Stay tuned for the September Cub Edition to read more!



ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Vaquitas

By Ashlynn Olah



This month's endangered animal is... VAQUITAS. If you didn't know, Vaquitas are actually very similar to dolphins. The only things that are different are that they don't hunt in groups, they are smaller, and they don't have beak like noses. Vaquitas have been critically endangered for over 35 YEARS. I know it's crazy. Also the biggest vaquita is only 94 inches long. They swim either alone or in small groups and they are very shy. They eat all sorts of stuff like schooling fish, squid, and shrimp. It is also very hard for them to keep warm. And lastly I am going to tell you how they became critically endangered. Because of illegal fishing and the use of gillnets, Vaquitas often get caught in the nets. Sadly there are only somewhere between 7-10 left in the world. In conclusion, I hope you enjoyed learning about vaquitas!

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E'Laysia Mendez – I wanted to thank Ms.Duffy, Ms.Wilson, and all the people with me in the newspaper. This club wouldn't be a thing without you guys! I loved all the things we wrote and learned. I am also so proud I was able to participate in this club. I also made friends along the way. I wouldn't even had met them without newspaper club. Thank you guys for reading this newspaper and thank you for the people who helped make this happen.

Julianna Buckheit – Hi! My name is Julianna Buckheit and I have had a great time at Newspaper Club! I appreciate everyone who made this happen, especially Mr. Tabbitas! My favorite part about Newspaper Club is that it gives you a chance to shine and show off your talent! I could never have had Newspaper Club without the help of Miss Duffy and Mrs. Wilson! They are the best teachers in the whole wide world! I am very thankful for everything. See you next time!

Tiwa Kuju – I'd like to say this newspaper was GREAT. It was cool, and I'd like to say thank you to our advisors, Miss Duffy and Mrs. Wilson for helping us! I hope I can do it next year!!

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CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

June

By Alianna Mora

Have you ever wondered when a celebrity's birthday was? Well, if you have, I am here to help! Today, I will be telling you about celebrities with birthdays in June!

The first category is singers! There are a lot of singers in the world, but not many famous singers have birthdays in June—at least from the research I did! One singer with a June birthday is Ariana Grande. And that's actually it!

The next category is actresses! There are definitely a lot of actresses with birthdays in June. Some actresses and actors with June birthdays are Marilyn Monroe, Morgan Freeman, and Angelina Jolie.

Now it is time for actors! There is actually an actor that I LOVEEEEE, and his name is... JOHNNY DEPP!

There are also famous and wealthy people with birthdays in June. Some of those people are Elon Musk and Messi.

But there are also some very special people in my life who make me happy and joyful, and their birthdays are in June too. Their names are Camila, Giana, and Johnny. Giana and Johnny are twins, and they are going to be 1 year old. My other sister, Camila, is going to be 2 years old!

I know this isn't part of the sibling section, but I also wanted to mention a teacher we all love—Ms. Wilson! Her birthday is also in June.

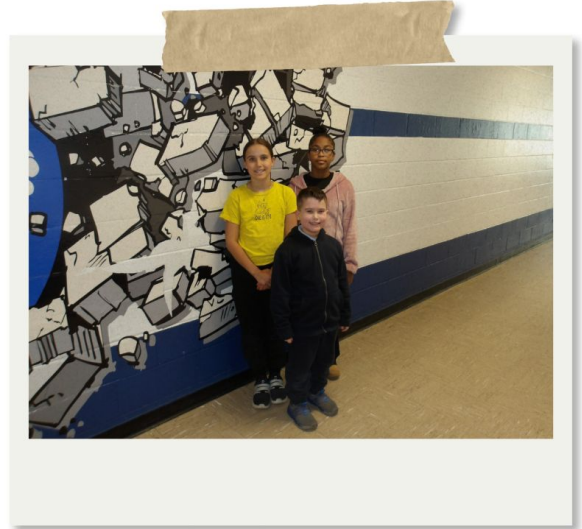
I wish them all a very happy and wonderful birthday!



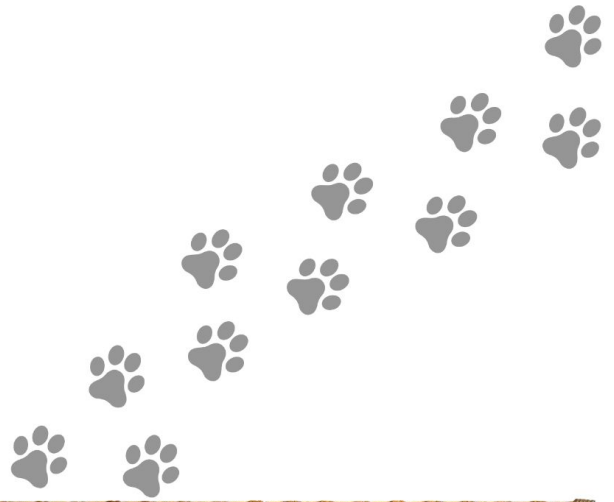
Scenes FROM



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NEWSPAPER CLUB



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Mazen Sallam – I would like to thank Mr. Tabbitas for making this program possible for 3rd and 4th graders. I would also like to thank Mrs. Wilson and Miss Duffy for being our teachers for the newspaper. The program also helped me experience how to write and make a newspaper. It was also fun to work with people from different classes and make new friends.

Elsa Wang – Hi! This is Elsa! I can't believe this year is already over! I enjoyed newspaper club because I met new people, and had lots of fun! One of my favorite things about newspaper club is that there's lots of things you can do. I hope we can do this again next year! I also enjoyed being part of the first elementary newspaper! Also, thanks to our principal Mr. Tabbitas for letting this happen!!

Haven Weah – Hello again, it's me Haven and I just want to say thank you to Mr. Tabbitas for making this program possible. I like this program because you can make new friends and you can have so much fun! I also want to thank Miss Duffy and Mrs. Wilson for asking Mr. Tabbitas to make this newspaper happen. I would love to be here when I go to 5th grade. Thank you again and goodbye for now.

Ava Abu Laban – My name is Ava. My favorite thing about the newspaper is that you have so much fun!!! I had so much fun here and thanks to Mr. Tabbitas, Mrs. Wilson, Miss, Duffy and everyone that participated in this amazing newspaper club!!! I had the best time. I hope this continues next year. I hope to see you then and have an amazing summer.

Winona Christensen – Hey! I'm Winona, and I am here to say how much I appreciated this Newspaper Club that I got to be in, and I really hope it goes on next year too. I also want to thank Mr. Tabbitas for making this happen, and Ms. Wilson and Miss Duffy for helping me. Thank you for your time and help. It was a great experience being in this club and I had always thought of this to succeed: "Teamwork makes the dream work" (My mom always says that, so thank you mom)

Tire Kuju – I am Tire and my favorite thing about newspaper is when I was doing the comic strip and when I was doing the favorite subject opinion piece. I like that my parents let me do this and that Mr. Tabbitas allowed the program. I am thankful that Miss. Duffy and Mrs. Wilson were able to do the program too.

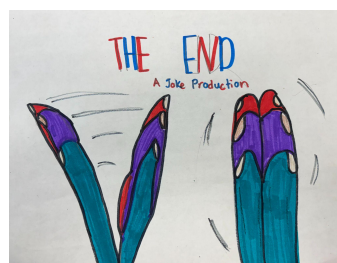
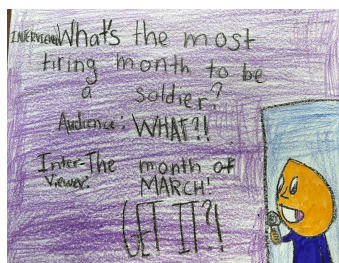
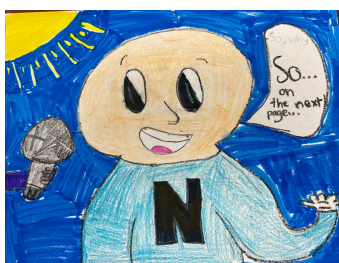
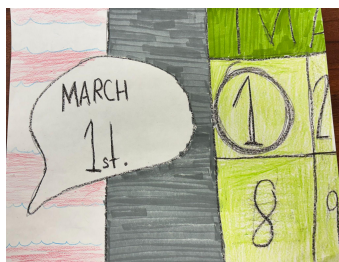
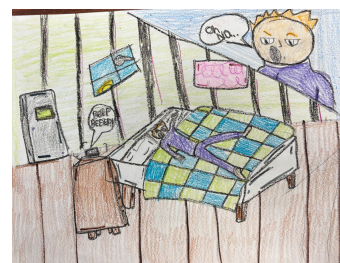
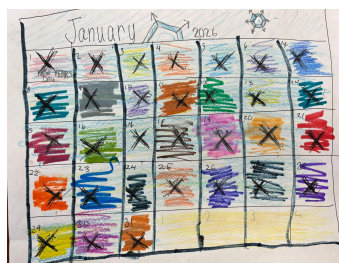
Daniel Selby – Hello, it is me Daniel again and today I will tell you about the newspaper program. I loved having the experience of making a newspaper. I also like how you can make new friends. I'd also like to thank Mr. Tabbitas for paying for the program and Ms. Duffy and Mrs. Wilson for running the program. Goodbye Cubs!

Ashlynn Olah – Hi. This is Ashlynn from the newspaper club. I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who made this club happen. I really enjoyed writing the newspapers. I want to say thank you to Miss Duffy and Mrs. Wilson for making this club happen. I also want to thank Mr. Tabbitas for letting us do this club. Thank you!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

Joke of the Month

What is the most tiring month to be a soldier?



June WORD SEARCH

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Word Bank

Beach	Cloudless	Humid	Love	Summer
Blooming	Father's day	Ice Cream	Peace	Sunny
Boardwalk	Flag day	June	Popsicles	Umbrella
Breezy	Gemini	Juneteenth	Pool	Warm