

Bulldog Dispatch



An apple a day makes your teacher very happy

Reporting the news for Jefferson Elementary, Charleston, Illinois

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Welcome to our Newspaper

By Mr. Taylor

Watch out Jefferson! We have roving reporters in all of the classrooms, hallway, and special rooms. In this new publication by G.E. (Gifted Education) students and myself, you will find out the latest news and entertainment.

New Computer Lab Opens

Mrs. Castle is making up a schedule for teachers to use the new 2nd computer lab located on the 5th grade wing. It will allow teachers to do more Technology/Internet lessons and to give the Thinklink test easier.

Mr. Roberts is the teacher in the 1st Computer Lab, and is helping students to work successfully on the Dell computers.

Ask Stacy Advice Column

[This column is not necessarily the same opinion as all the students in G.E. at Jefferson]

Have any questions? Need answers? Send a letter to Stacy. Just give it to Mr. Taylor or just drop it off at the new G.E. room. It is where the **science lab** is across from the Media Center door.

Dear Stacy,

I really like the Nacho cheese, but when I tried the school nacho

Movie Reviews

Beverly Hills Chihuahua by Disney

Coming to Showplace, Early October
(from *Moviefone website*)

In the tradition of Babe (2005) and Charlotte's Web (2007) comes the live-action talking animal picture Beverly Hills Chihuahua, directed by Scooby Doo vet Raja Gosnell. Chloe (voice of Drew Barrymore) is a pampered Chihuahua from Beverly Hills who spends most of her time riding around in her owner's (Piper Perabo) purse. When she gets accidentally separated from her "mobile home" on a trip to Mexico, she must rely on the help and kindness of strangers to find her way back.

Check the official Disney website at: <http://disney.go.com/disneypictures/beverlyhillschihuahua/>

6th Grade G.E. at work

6th Grade is busy on learning about intelligence of various animals and humans. Some animals are really smart!

About Our School Nurse

The Jefferson School nurse's name is Bretta Reed. The type of nurse she is an LPN. An LPN is a licensed practical nurse. Her most common cases are rashes and illnesses. Her most busiest times are lunch and recess. What she likes most about her job is helping all the kids.



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Cartoon by Scott

cheese, It did not fit my likings. Why?

Sincerely, Cheese Please

Dear Cheese Please,

I do not know why the cheese does not fit your likings. I will ask some of the G.E. newspaper investigative reporter to get to the bottom of it and you will see the reason why either in this issue or the next issue. I hope to here from you again.

We recently did a poll with 4 6th grade classes about the nacho cheese served with some school lunches. Here are the results:

- I love it/I like it: 7
- It's o.k.: 29
- I might eat it: 16
- I don't like it: 30
- I have never tried it: 11

Keep writing Stacy

4th Grade News

About Mrs. Chojnicki

By Sydney

Our new teacher, Mrs. Chojnicki comes from St. Louis. She moved to Effingham this summer. She was a 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Chojnicki has an older brother who lives at Chicago, and a twin who lives at Effingham, and a younger sister who lives at Peoria.

She loves to read, play tennis and go on walks. She has a dog named Wrigley. She and her husband are Cub fans. She told me she is very excited to be at Jefferson, and her new class is

great! She is very happy to teach reading because she likes to get us excited about books.

No Incident Report Reward

All of the 4th graders who don't have any incident reports will get to go to a first quarter reward party at Fox Ridge.

Mrs. Tegler, Our Teacher

By Josh and Ethan

Mrs. Tegler likes to teach science. She likes to teach and learn about math. She says that teaching is great. Everyone is nice and the kids are great. She told us this is

her first year of teaching. Mrs. Tegler went to college at EIU. We say welcome to her.

G.E. Work Ongoing

By Mr. Taylor

4th and 5th Grade G.E. classes are in the middle of three projects, including Algebra, Library of Congress Famous Person and our new newspaper. We work very hard each week.

5th Grade News

Lincoln Log Cabin Trips & Volunteering

By Jacey

Most 5th graders have already taken their field trip to Lincoln Log Cabin. The girls cooked, sewed and dipped candles and the boys shoveled manure and chopped wood. We had lots of fun and learned a lot, too. But there are a lot of things we didn't have time for on the Lincoln farm.

This summer, I volunteered at Lincoln Log Cabin as a child of

1845. Some of the chores we did were fun, some hard. But, we had lots of fun. Some chores I did included gathered eggs from the henhouse, swept the cabin floor, worked in the garden picking fresh fruits and vegetables like raspberries, strawberries and lettuce, and after every meal did the dishes. The boy volunteers had to feed livestock, clean chicken coops, and clean the barns. We even had to talk in the dialect they had back in the 1840's. For example, for the word arithmetic we

had to say "cipherin" or for the word boy "feller" and girl "gal." We played lots of fun games, too! It was a great summer, and I hope to do it again!

Last weekend, I volunteered at the Lincoln-Douglas Debates celebration at the fair grounds. We played lots of games such as Graces, Skittles, and Cup and Ball. We let other kids play with us. We held signs for Lincoln or Douglas. It was a blast!

Lincoln Log Cabin and the Museum are great places to visit.

Tumbling After School

By: Ally, 5th grade

I would like to tell you about gymnastics because I do gymnastics. Gymnastics is also tumbling. The gym is north of the fairgrounds. My coach's name is Jamie (pronounced Hi-me). The events that I do are floor, trampoline, and double-mini. You are probably wondering what is a double-mini is. It is

like a mini trampoline but it is on a tilt and you run and jump on it. Our gym is named SUN ELITE ATHLETIC CLUB. I have practice two times a week and for two hours.

Girls Basketball Rosters

By Kaden, 6th Grade

Here is the latest lists of girls playing Jefferson basketball this year.

Team 1

Katelyn Fisher
 Haley Cooley
 Kalyn Cunningham
 Carlie Nicholson
 Emily Ingram
 Katie Smith
 Hannah Drum
 Morgan Sherwood
 Faith Ogden
 Lauren Mellott
 Emily Sparks
 Darian Morgan
 Meredith Williamson

Team 2

Brooke Price
 Sydnee Huddlestun
 Kayla McCoy
 Rebecca Turner
 Emily Barber



Are you smarter than a Honey- bee?

By Sami, Grade Six

Who's ever heard of a honeybee society? I mean, honeybees are just ignorant insects, right? Wrong! Bees are complicated insects that have sense enough to dance to show other bees where the best flowers are.

5th Grade: Mrs. Maris's Class

By Katie M.

Recently our G.E. group interviewed our teacher Mrs. Maris. It's her last year here and this is what she has to say. Since it's her last year here she wants to use all her teaching ideas on us. Which is good news for our class! Also our class recently got a Smart Board. Mrs. Maris says it's

Alyssa Brewer
 Keridwen McDaniel
 Michaela Eppers
 Tammy Sasco
 Maegan Flight
 Madison Bayles
 Ashley Millage
 Taylor David
 Mariah Plunkett

Team 3

Mikayla McNeil
 Erin Story
 Kelly Barr
 Peyton Craft
 Valerie Wasinski
 Sheridan Noll
 Bekah Buesher
 Alysa Stephens
 Ally Harrell
 Boston Taylor
 Katherine Kennedy
 Madison Niemerg
 Elizabeth Walters

Long, complicated dances no one, not even skilled entomologists can explain. Entomologists are biologists that study insects.

Honeybees live in societies that rival our own complexity and internal cohesion.

Did you know the average bee hive holds around 50,000 bees! All of them are siblings! The queen births every single one of them.

Now, the honeybee dance: The dance has very low frequency buzzes included. If the flowers are

very colorful but very hard not to bump into it.

Another activity we're doing new is called Master Mind it's an extra activity for extra smart kids. Speaking about extra did you know Mrs. Maris's favorite subject is Science and she's been teaching for about

Haven Bowerstock

Team 4

Rachel Gross
 Katherine Stine
 Jordan Morris
 Megan Kidwell
 Brianna Tichenor
 Courtney Tichenor
 Allison Gobert
 Hannah Poulter
 Kiandra Dunne
 Whitney Craig
 Dakota Crowder
 Olivia Norris
 Kyler Rennels
 Cheyenne Temples
 Mariam Almumin



relatively far away, first the worker bee does a figure eight, and then goes in a straight line. Then the worker turns right back to his starting line. She waggles ahead to the direction of the flowers and circles. If her direction is wrong, the others sting her to death. Now the question is, are you smarter than a fifth grade bee?

19 years? Also did you know Mrs. Maris said the biggest change she's seen in kids is how they use technology.

Mrs. Maris' Tip for Success:

"Do your best and you can do more than you think you can."

Meet Miss Castle

By Kya and Mattison, 5th Grade

Our new teacher is Miss Castle. She was born and raised in Roselle, Illinois. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University. Her favorite color is green. Miss Castle loves her bulletin board, that way we can practice, and make goals.

Her favorite subjects to teach are math, and science. Miss Castle is getting married in April! April fourth 2009 to be exact. Instead of Miss Castle, her name will be Mrs. Myers.

Miss Castle's dog's name is Charlie Brown. She got him from the show with the peanuts. Her absolute favorite thing to do on the weekends is to plan her wedding, and to have barbeques. When she is done teaching or afterschool she plans the rest of the week, and grade papers. Miss Castle's favorite fruit is strawberries. I hope we have told you a lot about our new teacher.

4th Grade Student Council Representatives

Here are the student council representatives and alternates. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Mrs. Niemerg's: Matt Mitchell ; Mrs. Walz's: Jackson Miller ; Mrs. Ramsey's: Allyson O'Dell ; Mrs. Shaffer's: Michael Smith; Mr. Johnson's: Tristen Morris ; Mr. Hoekstra: Wyatt Garrett ; Ms. Tegeler: A.J. Durain ; Ms. Chojnicki: Dawson Armstrong.

5th Grade Student Council Representatives

Congratulations to all who participated in the 5th grade student council elections. Here are the winners. In Mrs. Koltz's: Jake Bays; Mrs. Lauwer's: Brooke Wilson; Mrs. Castle's: Brooke Tozer; and Mrs. Easter's: Tammy Sasco.

6th Grade Student Council Representatives

Representing each 6th grade class are: Vivian Lui for Mrs. Stich; Noah Runyon for Mrs. Smith; Ellie Schuster for Mrs. Nelson; Sami Killough for Mrs. Landsaw; Annie Ethridge for Mrs. Ball; Ketelynn Fisher for Mrs. Harrell; and Carlie Nicholson for Mrs. Evans

Good luck to Richard Whitaker, Rep. in Mrs. Maris, Richard Whitaker; Mrs. Spitz's class, Alyssa Trelz; Mrs. Pals, Andrea Boksa; And last, but not least, Emma Walker is the Rep. for Ms. Goodchild's class.

My Pigs

By Charlotte, 5th Grade (Charlotte and her sister, Mari-allynn show hogs at the Fair each summer for 4-H)

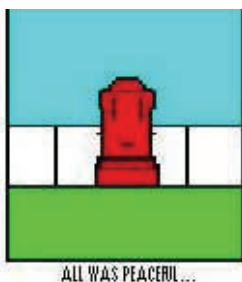
Pigs are cute when they are born they are about 1 foot long including their tail, when they are born. When they are about five months old they are about 3 feet tall and about 4 feet long, and weigh hundreds of pounds. We take them to the Coles County Fair and show them for a week. When you go to Fair to show them, you get dressed in jeans and a belt and a button up shirt and boots. When showing a pig, you use a piece of pipe to probe the pig to where you want it to go. You move it around the ring while staying in a kind-of "sandwich" between you and the judge

Then you will be judged by the amount of the pig's muscle and the how they walk. If it limps, the pig will be counted down in points. They will not be first if they are great then they will be first and grand champion over all and then you half to by ice cream pops for everyone and they are so good.

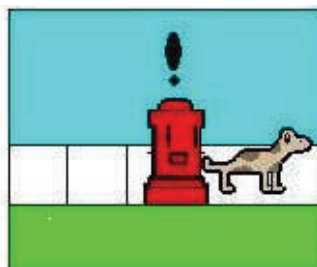
Mrs. Sharp's Chorus/Show Choir

By: Jordan and Stephanie

Jefferson School chorus teacher this year is Mrs. Sharp. Her name is Mrs. Sharp, and we interviewed her to find out about what was new with her classes this year and tis is what she said "This year a lot of things are different in chorus. It looks different. This year we combined fifth graders and sixth graders for one big show choir. This year we had to have auditions for show choir. Chorus and show choir students meet in the mornings from 8:15 am- 8:45 am. Monday and Friday are the days that the fifth grade chorus meets. Tuesday and Thursday are the days that the sixth grade chorus meets. Wednesdays are the times that the fifth and sixth grade combined show choir meets." Mrs. Sharp also said "I am open to help people with their talent show acts for this year."



ALL WAS PEACERUL ...



THEN IT HAPPENED!!!