

Elementary News

AR Field Trips

By Austin Lancesnese

The Accelerated Reader field trips are divided into two different age groups. The Tiger Reading Clubs are pre-k through 2nd grade and 3rd grade through 6th grades. I interviewed three different people about the two AR groups to ask about how they plan them.

The first teacher I interviewed was Miss Cochran about the older AR kids. I asked her when they decide to go on the field trip, and she stated they decide close to the end of the marking period. When planning a field trip they have to plan how many kids are going, how they get transportation and what they will eat. The money needed for the fieldtrip often comes from school funds. Some things they have done on a field trip are going skating, bowling, ice skating, movies, and a Centertown picnic. Miss Cochran stated that her favorite thing to do on a field trip is to go roller skating.

Next, I interviewed Mrs. Ostoski and Mrs. Evans about the younger Tiger Reading Club. They decide how to go on their field trips by all teachers meeting as a group at the beginning of the year to discuss and plan for all the year's field trips. To plan a field trip they need to give out permission slips, figure out how much it will cost, schedule transportation and plan where they will eat. To pay for field trips they do fundraisers including a steak bake and Krispy Kreme doughnut sales. Some of the places they have taken field trips are Hamilton farms, Lyman Run, Clemons Center, Spring Farm, and on Train rides. Both teachers stated their favorite place to go is Lyman Run.

In order for the younger kids to make the Tiger Reading trip they must read 60 books each marking period. The older kids each have different AR goals they need to meet, but reading books and taking tests on the computer are needed to go on the trip. If students don't make the goal stay back and read the books they didn't finish.



Family Reading Night

By Tressa Succowich

Family Reading Night is hosted by Ms. Lewis and happens two times a year, on a Thursday. It is for elementary students and their families, but many high school students volunteer to help at this event for community service hours or because they enjoy the children. During the event a book is presented to the whole group by a volunteer, then usually they have a book swap and quiet reading time. There are also fun games to play which are run by volunteer high schoolers and elementary teachers.

I talked with some parents, teachers, and students about what should be improved. One student volunteer said, "... the time was off, some stations got finished before others, so kids just sat there with nothing to do." A parent said, "I think having older kids help with the reading in the classrooms, and music in the background when people are coming in to be seated," as possible ideas to improve the evening. Therefore, talking to the host and others that run it is vital.

Even though some improvements could be made I think Family Reading Night is a very positive, and fun experience for the kids and in our community. We should all appreciate how much teachers, volunteers and staff do to make this program successful.



Photo by Mrs. Seibert

Around the School

Galeton Clubs

By: Tiffany Lowe and Vinny Carbo

At our school, we have clubs every Friday. We have many different clubs, such as, Minecraft, reading, coloring, board games, etc. We interviewed the advisor and a participant from the Sporcle club and the Exercise and Relaxation club.

Many students participate in the Sporcle club. Mrs. Graber is the advisor for this club. Mrs. Graber projects Sporcle up onto the smartboard. The students shout out the answers while Mrs. Graber types them up onto the board. There are many different topics you can play on such as, music, geography, movies, and other trivia.

Student Lauren Sauley is in the Sporcle club. She said she picked the club because she had it last year and wanted to participate in it again. The club started when a student had shown Mrs. Graber the game. She thought it was fun and so did many other students. She said that she enjoys it because it is fun and educational at the same time.

Exercise and Relaxation is also a popular club. It is held with Mrs. Rohrbaugh in her room. In the club they either have a day of some type of exercising or a day that they just relax. On the exercise days they can go to the fitness center or they can do exercising videos off of the smart board. On the days of relaxation they can do coloring pages, trashketball or watch movies.

Cassidy Burrous, a student that is in the exercise and relaxation club, picked it because she said it seemed like lots of fun. She enjoys the club because they do activities that she feels are fun. Mrs. Rohrbaugh likes teaching the club because she also enjoys the activities. Kids enjoyed it, requested it as a club, and feel she is best to go to when they are stressed and need someone to talk to.

National Honor Society

By Aubree Burrous-Mann's

Mr. Heyler and Mrs. Rohrbaugh run the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society is a service organization that recognizes outstanding students. To be in National Honor Society a student needs to have a ninety-two percent grade point average and maintain that grade point average.

Students that qualify with a ninety-two grade point average can apply starting in tenth grade. If these students qualify then a panel looks at the four criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Also since they are a service organization they expect members to do volunteer hours at school or the community. Some of the things our members do is tutoring, blood drives, food drives (Humans v. Zombies), litter pick-up, and Read-Across-America.

Currently the National Honors Society has 10 members. They welcome any members that fit our qualifications, but remind them they also need to keep the qualifications in order to stay in the National Honors Society.

The application process for this year has begun. The induction ceremony will be in the spring when current members welcome new inductees and remind them of the purpose of the organization.

The Student Council

By Daron Hanes & Staff

A student council gives students a voice in their school and an opportunity to show support and pride. Galeton High School's student council is advised by Mr. Huck and Mrs. Lewis.

I asked Mr. Huck how someone can sign up to participate in Student Council. He said it is announced during the morning announcements and put on the daily calendar that anyone interested in joining must fill out an application, and it must be approved by advisors.

When I asked Mr. Huck what they do in student council he said they do the dances, and school events like the homecoming dance, talent show, Thanksgiving event, Easter event, and high school field day. For fundraising he said they sell things or do services like painting faces at homecoming or having newspaper ads.

I asked Mr. Huck what he likes about advising the student council. He said Ms. Lewis and him like seeing the students go above and beyond to make the school better and the school committee fun. They really enjoy it. Mr. Huck told me that they hold the student council to build the students leadership and increase respect for their school.

Student Poetry and Photography

“Siblings”

My siblings can be annoying
They bug me far too much
My life they are destroying
Though they always come in clutch
Younger brothers of mine
For they take up all my time
They are going to make me late
For my very important date
Although they drive me nuts
And both are big time klutz
I love them with all my heart
And nothing can tear us apart
- Poem and photo submitted
by Alexis Johnson



The Weatherman

The man stood in the blizzarding cold
Not many knew what made him so bold
He had on a royal blue suit
He looked like he could solve any lawsuit
The man, with microphone in hand, announced
the day's forecast
Even though it was freezing, he did not seem
one bit downcast

He announces the truth through snow thick
and thin
He always has the brightest grin.
Be thankful for the weatherman
He will always complete his missions
No matter the conditions
- Picture and poem by Thomas Walbridge



Odds and Ends

Nightmare Volleyball Club

By Alexis Johnson

Volleyball is a very popular sport around our area. Many girls enjoy playing the sport for their school teams. Some schools have better players than others; some make it to districts and even states. The reasoning for the more advanced players may be just talent, but some girls love the sport enough to play club ball. This lets the girls further their skills in the sport and help them be more social. Playing on a club team doesn't always mean you will be playing with someone you know well. You often have to make new friends and meet new people, from other schools.

The club teams are usually split up by school districts to make it easier on the players for travel distance. Practices are normally only once or twice a week. Club ball costs about \$350 per season not including travel expenses. If someone is interested in playing they must be committed. Some people even get recruited to play on Elite teams which are for players that are on a higher skill level than most girls.

Club ball can also get you noticed by scouts for college. If you have a passion for volleyball and would like to further your skills, I would recommend looking into Nightmare volleyball. There are many other travel teams other than Nightmare as well, but I am very grateful and pleased with the coaches and other players on the Nightmare league.



The Talent Show

Photo and Article By Liberty Bunker

This year's talent show was put on by Aidan Locke and Regan Fuller. They have done a great job organizing this for us all. Their effort and hard work definitely paid off. Thank you Aidan Locke and Regan Fuller for putting on a great show this year.

This year's talent show we had many great performances. Amazing performances from Autumn Bliss singing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" to Lincoln Bunker playing his cajon. Also some spectacular performances from Emily Quinn to Eva Olofson. And who could forget the performance from our teachers? Thank you again Aidan and Regan for putting on this years talent show for us and amazing job to all the participants!

Editors Note: First Place Winners of the talent show included a tie between Liberty Bunker and Anakin Nolan in High School and Lincoln Bunker for Elementary. Second place in elementary was Jasper Fedele-Fetchko. Third place high school winner was Eva Olofson, and elementary third place winner was Autumn Bliss.