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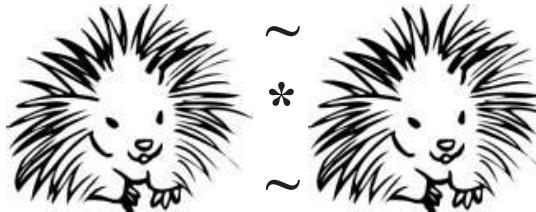
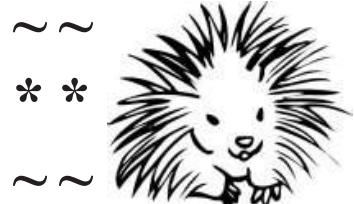
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Por-Q-Bots Head To Bozeman

Nashua School sent two FIRST Lego Teams to Bozeman for the Montana Championship Tournament at MSU on January 24, 2009. Both teams had many successes for their missions and project presentation and each received a medal that shows that every team member is a winner. The teams put in a lot of work and commitment to achieve good team spirit and a feeling of pride in them.

This year many more Nashua students were interested in FIRST Lego League so Nashua School sponsored two teams. There was an older team, the Por-Q-Bots, comprised of fifth, sixth and seventh graders, and a younger team, the Quills-N-Thrills, that had mostly fourth graders and one fifth grader.

The Por-Q-Bots were Madison Sibley, assistant coach, Jeff Yoss, Trenten Stahl, ChyAnn Clampitt, Sandy Viste, Natasha Chamberlain, and Faith Keys. Another Por-Q-Bot member, Ryan Scanlan, was not able to go to Bozeman.

The Quills-N-Thrills were Jordan Ramsbacher, Chase and Nicole Williams, Ryleigh Delich, Nolan Viste, Aaron Ackerman, Shaylin Barnett, and Brooke MacDonald. The adult coaches were Janet Williams, Patti Scanlan, and Laura Wagner.

Saturday's event, held in the Shroyer Gym at MSU, was exciting, noisy, and fun. At the end of the day, every team member of both teams could claim that the missions they worked on were successful at least once during the day. The other event, the research project, was also very well done by both of the teams. The day-long event consists of two mission practice rounds, three mission competition rounds, and judging for the Project, Teamwork, Technical, and other awards.

The Por-Q-Bots chose to do their project on the problem of changing habitats due to climate, especially changes that affect the sage grouse. The Quills-N-Thrills chose to do their project on how lower lake levels at Fort Peck Reservoir affect our area, and they also formulated a solution to this problem.



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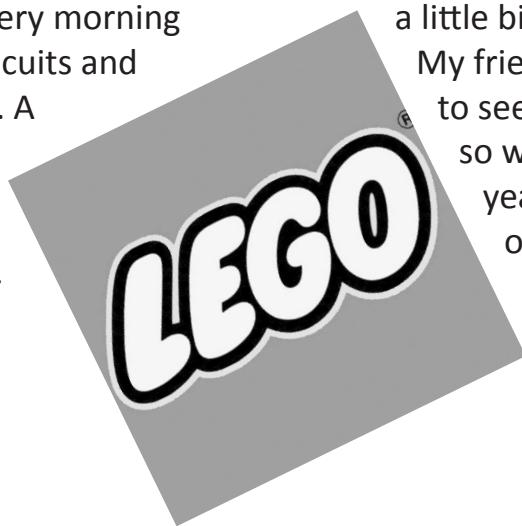


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Fun at the Motel

by Jordan Ramsbacher

The hotel was called the C' mon Inn. There were three floors. Many of the other Lego teams also were there. The pool was big, and was up to 5' deep. There were 4 hot tubs. Two were out side the pool area, and two inside the pool area. There was also a waterfall. There was a big breakfast every morning like cereal, waffles, biscuits and gravy, fruit and bagels. A fast elevator went up and down. We had fun swimming in the pool with all the other kids.



The Missions

by Ryleigh Delich

We learned a lot with our missions. We learned how to program and do missions such as the flood gate and the storm. We didn't get much accomplished the first round. But the second round we got a lot done. And the third round we didn't get much that time either. We had two tables that were connected and it was a little bit different than our table at home.

My friend and I walked around the pit area to see what other teams' robots looked like so we could get ideas for next year. Next year, I think we will have better ideas for our robot.

Museum of the Rockies

by Shaylin Barnett

After a long day of being on the bus, we went to the Museum of the Rockies. We saw how bugs helped see how people died. It was a CSI kind of thing, where the bugs were used to tell things like the time of death, the place of death, and sometimes even whether they were using drugs at the time of death. And it was fun when we got to the part that had the dinosaurs. We learned a lot about how big they got, and what they ate, and about the time period they lived. They showed different shells and the fossils that had dinosaur bones in them. They showed how the bones of the dinosaurs were kind of like birds.

The Tournament

by Shaylin Barnett

On Saturday, we went to MSU where we had our Montana Championship Tournament. They had a big gym they used as a "pit" area. The pit area was a place where we practiced, ate, kept our stuff, and made repairs or changes. Everything was noisy there. There were a lot of people in both the pit and the tournament area. The tournament area had bleachers where people could watch, and there were divided rooms with curtains where the judging for different things took place. We had to do the competition on the tables with our missions, and also we presented a skit about how our water levels affect us. We had fun doing the skit. There was also judging for our robot and our teamwork. After the tournament, we went to a restaurant and ate.

Project

By Nicole Williams

The Quills-N-Thrills Lego team decided to invent a cloud that could bring water to places that don't have enough water. The clouds' name is Cloudzilla. We also thought of a Momzilla, Daddyzilla, and a Cloudzilla Jr.

Cloudzilla has mirrors and magnifying glasses that evaporate the salt out of the ocean water. Then, when the water was evaporated, it was stored in the cloud. The cloud was sent to dry areas that needed water, using motors that were run by hydrogen taken from the water.

The cloud rode the Jet Stream to save fuel. Then, when the cloud was over a dry area, vents were opened and the moisture went out in the air.

The team had a skit that they did in Bozeman. Everyone had a character that had a problem with low water levels in our area. Fort Peck's mayor (Nicole Williams) talked about how low lake levels at Fort Peck caused less tourism. Irrigated hay farmer (Ryleigh Delich) complained of no water for the hay crop at times. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Jordan Ramsbacher and Brooke MacDonald) talked about how low levels at Fort Peck caused lower production of electricity.

The weatherman (Chase Williams) explained the reason why our area is drier than other places is geography. Fishermen (Nolan Viste and Aaron Ackerman) complained about how low water levels made fish sick and their boat had trouble with sand bars. A deer (Shaylin Barnett) complained of how low water levels affected the wildlife around Fort Peck.

First Grade Wigs Out

The first grade, at the left, is modeling their George Washington wigs that they made in library class to celebrate President's Day.

Pictured standing are: Brennan Peters, Fletcher Clampitt, Lauren Padden, Sawyer Sibley, Jace Nickels, and kneeling is Anika Peters, Ethan Viste, and Eli Zeluff.

This was also crazy hair and make up day for Spirit Week. The hair was certainly CRAZY and the make-up was crazy, too.

Elementary Attends Music Festival

The elementary band traveled to Malta on the 9th to showcase the skills they have been learning throughout the year with Mr. Ortman, band instructor.

The band consists of Amanda Buckles, Natasha Chamberlain, ChyAnn Clampitt, Joe Dunning, Shae Fisher, Chris Kelm, Faith Keys, Jordan Keys, Chloe Koessl, MyKayla Lauckner, Lane Nickels, Ryan Padden, Jordan Ramsbacher, Ryan Scanlan, Emily Skyberg, Trenton Stahl, Sandy Viste, and Jeff Yoss. The band played "Rattle Snakes" and "Sunset on the Sahara."

Several of the musicians displayed their talents. Natasha played a Baritone solo. ChyAnn (trumpet), MyKayla (trumpet), and Sandy (clarinet) performed a trio as well as Shae (sax), Faith (trumpet), and Emily (flute). There was no scoring at the festival.

JV Girls Finish Season

The Porcupines traveled to Opheim on January 30th. The JV team has struggled all season with only 3 players who have played for Nashua before and 1 who has never played basketball at all. Nashua had 6 players, finally allowing for a sub, while Opheim had 5. The girls worked hard on defense and took a lot of good shots throughout the night.

High scorers for the night were Waynetta Hill with 5 points, Alexa Barnes and Lacey Fortin both with 4, and Jennifer Ramsbacher and Tabetha Boushey adding 2 points a piece for the final score of 15. Coach Fisher rotated all of the players in and out until Jennifer fouled out in the 4th quarter. Tatum Redfield of the Vikings also fouled out in the 4th quarter, leaving the teams 4 on 5. The Vikings still pulled ahead with a final score of 15-31.

On February 3rd Scobey came to Nashua to play the rescheduled games. The girls focused and worked hard at defense. Leading scorers were Lacey Fortin and Waynetta Hill both with 2 points. The Porcupines got in a little bit of foul trouble but managed to keep their players from fouling out. They worked hard but didn't quite make it with a final score of 4-20.

The Porcupines, despite everyone being worn out from the weeks games, traveled to Frazer to play the rescheduled games. The JV girls almost beat Frazer playing them at home and tried to win this one. Leading scorers were Waynetta Hill with 5, Alexa Barnes and Jennifer Ramsbacher added 4 points a piece as well. The Bearcubs got in foul trouble but we were a little off on free throws. Frazer had also gotten 2 new seniors that transferred from Scobey and were not allowed to play on varsity yet. The final score was 15-50.

Albertson's Community Partners Program with PTO

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You must re-link your Albertson's Preferred Card to Nashua PTO by February 28 in order for us to continue to earn funds. Link (or re-link) your Preferred Card at www.albertsonscp.com. All you need is your Preferred Card Number (on the back of the card, under the barcode) and our Organization ID. If you do not know your Preferred Card Number, please call (877) 932-7948. The Organization ID for PTO is 49000119604. ***Remember, you must re-link by February 28*** in order for PTO to continue to earn up to 4% of your shopping dollars. If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Linda Parpart in the school office. Thank you for your support!!

2nd Grade Builds Valentine Train

We just finished reading The Boxcar Children. Mrs. Cole read it to us. We decided to make our valentine boxes into a train. We had fun painting and decorating them. We are looking forward to Valentine's Day.

We also did "Sweet Treat" math. We counted and sorted candy hearts. We estimated, added sums, sorted by color, found greater and less than sets, and made a bar graph. Oh yes, we got to eat some too.

Nashua Boys Sit Fourth at End of Regular Season

The Nashua boys finished the season as the fourth seed going 3-2 the last two weeks. Nashua beat Opheim 65-59, were victorious over Lustre 48-39, lost to Scobey 64-34 and defeated Frazer 83-52. Whitewater defeated Nashua 65-61, but the Porcupines rebounded with a win over Dodson 45-41 to end regular season play.

On Friday the 30th, the Porcupines traveled to Opheim. The Vikings gave them a run for their money, matching almost every basket. In the end, however, Nashua was victorious, 65-59. Brandon Hansard was the leading scorer with 19 points followed by Stylles Fisher with 17.

The Lustre Lions traveled to Nashua on Saturday the 31st. The Porcupines were determined not to be defeated again by the Lions. Their determination pulled through as they got the victory, 48-39. The high scorer was Hansard with 15 points.

Next, on Tuesday February 3rd, Scobey came to town for a rescheduled game cancelled earlier in the season due to bad weather. Nashua was looking to ruin Scobey's perfect record at the top of the conference. The Porcupines played with heart all the way through but couldn't pull out the win. The Spartans got the victory, 64-34. Pick Ackerman held high point honors with 9 points followed closely by Fisher with 8.

Looking to redeem themselves after a tough loss to Scobey, Nashua traveled to Frazer on the 5th. The Porcupines took the lead from the very beginning and never looked back. Nashua won 83-52. Ackerman and Anthony Bengochea shared the leading scorer title with 19 points each.

On Friday, February 6th, the Porcupines loaded the bus for the long trip to Whitewater. Nashua fought hard, but the Penguins got the best of them this time, beating them 65-61. Fisher was high scorer with 18 points followed by Bengochea with 17 and Hansard with 16.

The final game of the regular season finally arrived on Saturday the 7th. Nashua matched up against the Dodson Coyotes. The Coyotes kept it close but weren't able to take the lead. The Porcupines added a final win to the season, 45-41. Hansard was high scorer with 14 points.

Nashua finished the regular season with a record of 12-6 overall. They will play Lustre in the opening round of the District 3C Tournament, Thursday the 19th at 7:30 in Glasgow.

Lady Porcupines Head to District Tourney

The Nashua Lady Porcupines ended the regular season with three straight wins beating Lustre and Dodson and winning by forfeit over Whitewater. Nashua (11-7, 10-7) opened the district tournament with Whitewater on February 12th in Scobey. Results will be in next issue.

On January 30th the Lady Porcupines traveled to Opheim to take on the Vikings. The two teams were a good match for each other with quarter scoring 12-8, 7-6, 7-7, and 10-11. Nashua outscored the Vikings in three of the four quarters to come out with the win, 36-32. High scorer for the Porcupines was Teal Hansard with 12 points followed closely by Kassidi Sibley with 11, Jana Tihista and Rachel McMurry with 5 and Darbi Borgen adding another 3.

The following day Nashua suited up for a home game against the Lustre Lady Lions. The Porcupines kept the Lions scoreless in the first quarter and came out with a victory 40-32. Hansard was again high scorer with 11 points followed by Sibley and McMurry each with 8.

Tuesday, February 3rd the Porcupines took on the Scobey Spartans for the first and only time during the regular season. Nashua, who just couldn't match up with the Spartan's height, got outscored in the first three quarters losing 35-18. Tihista was high scorer with 6 points, Hansard and

Joseph Leroy Sibley

Age: 17

FAVS

Color: Red

Subject in School: JMG

Hobby: Hanging out with friends

Song: Mr. Brightside – The Killers

Movie: I have too many to name

Drink: Dr. Pepper

Food: Potato Salad

School lunch item: Chicken Nuggets

Animal: Zebra

Season: Fall

Holiday: Halloween

Quote/Motto: "Live Life to Its Fullest"

Memory from elementary school: Playing kickball at recess

Spirit day (twin day etc.): Crazy Hair Day

Sport: Baseball

Teacher: All of them

Person: My parents

TV show: Friends

Classmate: All of them!

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ER or MASH: Mash

Scrubs or Friends: Friends

Grey's Anatomy or House: House

Cat or Griz: Griz

Football or Basketball: Football

Video games or Internet: Internet

Myspace of Facebook: Myspace

College or NBA: College

Harley or Dirt bike: Pedal Bike

Capris or shorts: Shorts

Glass or Mirrors: Mirrors

Straightener or Curling Iron: Neither

Flip-Flops or Sandals: Sandals

Tennis shoes or High Heels: Tennis Shoes

Timone or Pumba: Timone

Marlin or Dori: Dori

Little Rascals or Sandlot: Little Rascals

Matlock or Andy Griffith: Andy Griffith

Swimming or going to Movies: Going to Movies

Lake or Pool: Lake

Advice to Faculty? Keep up the good work!

Advice to Students? Have Fun!

Life Philosophy? Try to do all I can while I'm young.

Glass $\frac{1}{2}$ full or $\frac{1}{2}$ empty? $\frac{1}{2}$ full

If you were on a deserted island who wouldn't you want to be stuck with? Someone who never stops talking

If you were on a deserted island who would you want to be stuck with? Someone with good jokes

Plans for future? Go to college and then find a job I enjoy.

Who is your Idol? My parents

When you were little what did you want to be?

A teacher

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life what would it be? McDonald's Chicken Nuggets

What would you do if you couldn't do whatever you loved? Do something else and find something about it to love.

Lady Porcupines

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McMurry added 4 each, Sibley had 3 and Borgen had 1.

Two days later Nashua had yet another game; this one against the Lady Bearcubs on the Bearcub's home turf. It was a close battle between the two teams. Nashua suffered foul trouble and an ankle injury, but managed to pull it off winning 51-49. Sibley led the way for the Porcupines with 17 points.

After picking up a win over Whitewater

Penguins by forfeit, the Lady Porcupines took on the Dodson Coyotes in the last home game of the season. Nashua's defense held Dodson to 5 points in the first half. They continued to dominate the rest of the game winning 49-15. In a game in which nearly the whole team scored, Tihista led the team with 16 points, Waynetta Hill added 8, McMurry with 7, Jayde Clampitt with 5, Barnes and Bacon each with 4, Sibley with 3, and Boushey with 2.