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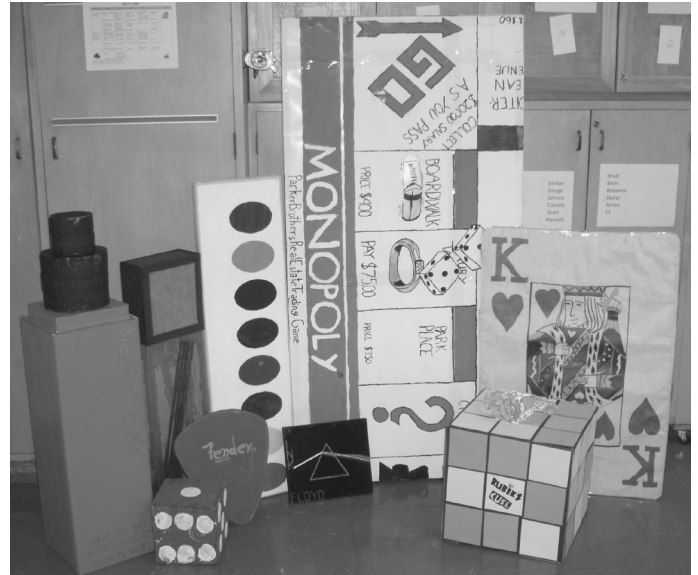
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Geometry Class is Supersized

The NHS sophomore geometry class was assigned something other than just homework recently. Mrs. Fast, Nashua math teacher, informed the class that they would be supersizing an object for geometry class.

The class had been working with shrinking and enlarging shapes on paper and then got to do it with real life objects. "It is a good hands-on activity dealing with scale factor and proportion," explained Mrs. Fast.

Each member of the class picked out a normal sized object that they wanted to "blow up". Some of the objects selected were a Monopoly box, a perfume bottle, guitar pick, a playing card, and even a ring.



Pictured above are several of the supersized projects.

Mrs. Fast stated, "Ricky Kelm's project stood out in my mind." Ricky supersized a lead holder and some lead to put in the holder.

Each student had to take the measurements of their real object, roll a pair of dice which would determine their scale factor. If you rolled a five, for example, than your object would be five times the size of the original.

The geometry class had a couple weeks to work on their supersized projects. Each member brought in something very original. Along with turning in the projects, Mrs. Fast assigned a paragraph on why the object was chosen and if the student was satisfied with their work.

Taylor Trang, NHS sophomore, stated, "I enjoyed working on the project and can't wait to see what future classes come up with."

Second Grade News

We read a story about a boy and a bakery. We visited the kitchen and took a tour. We also got to eat bagels for a treat. Mrs. Riggin made "Chango" bars from a recipe in the story also. Now we are reading about Thunder cake.

"Carmel" our class bear continues to visit class member and spend a few days with them. Carmel has done all kinds of fun and interesting things.

NHS Players and Coaches Honored with Star Quilts

Following tradition, the Frazer basketball teams gave away star quilts to those they admire and respect during the district tournaments. Many Nashua students, players, and coaches received quilts this year.

Receiving quilts at Girls' District Tournament were four Nashua girls basketball players. Lizzy Jackson, a freshman basketball player from Frazer, gave her star quilt to NHS senior, Teal Hansard. Frazer girls' head coach Dean Blount presented his star quilt to Waynetta Hill, senior. Sydney Thompson, a freshman from Frazer, gave her quilt to NHS freshman Lacey Fortin. Linnea Clark, also a freshman formerly from Frazer, presented Kassidi Sibley with a star quilt.

There were many coaches and players who got quilts at Boys' District Tournament as well, including Ryan Dahl, Steven TalksDifferent, Kassidi Sibley, head boys' coach Gary Fisher, assistant boys' coach Kirk Sibley, head girls' coach Darrin McMurry and Wes and Julie Sibley. Ryan, a NHS sophomore, received his star quilt from Aaron Horsman, a freshman from Frazer.

Marcus DeCouteau, a sophomore from Frazer, presented Steven with a star quilt. . Sydney Thompson presented her second star quilt, this time to Nashua Superintendent Gary Fisher. Kirk Sibley was given his quilt by Frazer Boy's Assistant Coach Marlin Jackson. Jaimie Beston, a senior, gave his star quilt to Darrin McMurry.

Steven TalksDifferent and his mother Dori gave a star quilt to Wes Sibley and his mother Julie as well. Wes said, "It was really nice. I appreciated it very much."

Final Buzzer Sounds on Basketball Season

The Nashua boy's basketball team competed at the Eastern C Divisional basketball tournament on March 5th -7th in Glasgow. The Porcupines beat Fairview, 71-69, lost to Scobey, 50-67, and lost to Lambert, 40-70. Nashua ended their season with an overall record of 15-9.

On Thursday, March 5, the Porcupines matched up against the Fairview Warriors for their first game of the tournament. The score was close through the entire game. Fairview held the lead at the end of the 1st, but Nashua came back at the half leading 35-27. The Porcupines kept the lead through the 3rd but only by a mere 4 points.

The score was tied at 69 in the fourth, but Nashua got possession with just seconds left. Willy Lauckner got the ball and put up a buzzer beater that went in and gave the Porcupines the victory, 71-69. Brandon Hansard was the high scorer with 20 points followed by Lauckner with 12.

Once again in a semi-final game, the Porcupines faced the Scobey Spartans on Friday night.

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Fifth Grade Goes Mean and Green

The “Mean and Green Party” in the fifth grade was not just a bunch of blarney. We did green work, watched a green movie, and played Irish games.

We ate lots of green food including green apples, green grapes, greens Oreos, green apple suckers, green Rice Krispies, green Kool-Aid, Mountain Dew, and green pickles.

We even did a little green art. We made blarney stones and painted them green. Head Leprechaun Peterson hid pots of gold for the wee children to find.

The fifth grade, pictured on the right, would like to say “may the leprechauns be near you, to spread luck along your way, and may all the Irish angels smile upon you on St. Patrick’s Day.”

Third Graders Sound Off

The third grade spent a few weeks learning about sound in science class. We learned that in order for a sound to be made, something has to vibrate.

The class learned that musical instruments have to be plucked, struck, or have air pass through them in order for a sound to be made. Everyone got a chance to play a xylophone which is a musical instrument that has to be struck.

Then the class got to play with a tuning fork. The students could see the tuning fork vibrate. If they put it close to their ears, they could hear it. When they touched it to their skin, they could feel it vibrate. The tuning fork “struck” a happy note with the whole class!

McMurry Wins School Spelling Bee

Hannah McMurry, Nashua eighth grader, won the Nashua School Spelling Bee and placed 5th in the Valley County Spelling Bee.

On March 3rd, sixteen students from grades 5-8 competed in the gym for the school spelling champion. Each grade was represented from 4 people out of that grade.

The second placer finisher was Amanda Buckles followed by Sean Bengochea, Natasha Chamberlain, and Chloe Koessl. The sixth place finisher and alternate for the Valley County Spelling Bee was Austin Strong.

There were 10 rounds of words as the competition was tough. McMurry outlasted Buckles by spelling correctly the words, portfolio and fiesta.

The top 5 winners and the alternate completed in the Valley County Spelling Bee in Frazer. The top three placements were Emma Fewer of Glasgow in first, second was Bethany Lacock of Hinsdale, and third was Abby Meidenger of Glasgow.

The first place and second winner received a cash prize and a dictionary and the third place winner received a cash prize. Cash donations were given by First Community Bank and the dictionaries were given by KLTZ/KLAN and the Glasgow Courier.

Happy Birthday Dr. Suess

On Monday March 1st, the elementary celebrated Dr. Suess' birthday. Ms. Mehl held a birthday party in the library.

At this party, Ms. Mehl read Dr. Suess books and gave the kids cake and water. The children also took time and read books to each other.

As a special surprise, Mr. Fisher also came in and read a Dr. Suess book to the elementary. Many kids said it was really fun.

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Nashua gave them a good run at Districts and were looking for a victory this time around. The Porcupines fought hard, but could never take the lead. The Spartans won 67-50. Pick Ackerman had high point honors with 15, followed closely by Anthony Bengochea with 14.

In a loser-out game Saturday morning, Nashua matched up with the Lambert Lions. After the first quarter the porcupines were only down by 4, but Lambert took and lead and never looked back. The Porcupines lost 40-70, ending their 08-09 season.

With a minute or so left, senior Stylles Fisher was subbed out and got a standing ovation from the Nashua crowd. Fisher was also the high scorer for his last game with 10 points.

Sophomore Anthony Bengochea stated, "The season was fun, and I am excited for the years to come" as the Porcupines will miss Fisher next year, but will return four starters and a number of bench players.

