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Koessler Wins School Spelling Bee

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On Tuesday, February 23, the fifth through eighth graders participated in the school spelling bee. Chloe Koessler, sixth grader, outlasted fifth grader Nicole Williams to earn top speller.

Chloe, Nicole, Madison Sibley, Jeff Yoss, and Trafton Mayhew will be advancing to the county spelling bee held in Frazer on Tuesday, March 9th.

The bee was single elimination and in the first round, seventh grader Ryan Padden, fifth grader Hayley Nybakken, and sixth grader Joe Dunning misspelled a word.

In the second round, seventh grader Sandy Viste, sixth graders Shae Fisher, Natasha Chamberlain, and Kira Rosencrans lost their seats along with fifth graders Taylor Padden, Nolan Viste, and Dalton Kautz. Third round brought the end of the competition for eighth grader Airien Ackerman and seventh grader Ryan Scanlan.

Seventh grader ChyAnn Clappitt lost her seat in the fourth round. Seventh grader Jeff Yoss and eighth grader Trafton Mayhew lost their seats in the fifth round.

In the sixth round, eighth grader Madison Sibley misspelled a word to take third place leaving sixth grader Chloe Koessler and fifth grader Nicole Williams competing for first place.

The judges were fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Pete and sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Bengochea. The spelling bee was coordinated by Mrs. Fisher, and the pronouncer was the assistant volleyball coach, Mrs. Fast.

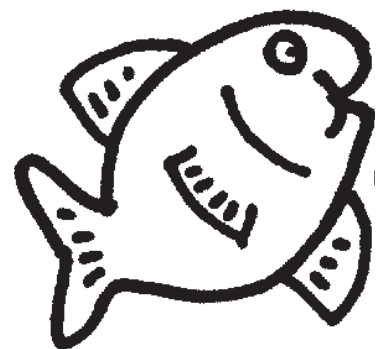
Nashua 7th graders put on Mini Pre-school

On Wednesday, February 24th, Nashua 7th graders were ready to take on child day care. In other words, the mini pre-school they have every year. The preschool is a mini teaching experience to teach various skills to a group of pre-schoolers. The attending pre-schoolers were Sam Kelm, Zevin Kummerfeldt, Tia Dees, and Alyson Melius.

The 7th graders split up into four groups and each group had a focus for their station. ChyAnn Clappitt and Sandy Viste did a story and a puppet show called, "The Three Little Pigs". Ryan Padden and Ryan Scanlan did a testing game that focused on math skills.

Jeff Yoss, Jordan Keys, and Trenton Stahl did a play dough station to teach hard manipulatives. Ilah Carpenter and MyKayla Lauckner had a coloring station that helped the kids learn how to color.

The attendees had some healthy snacks, put together by 7th grade. "Every year the 7th graders work really hard to put together this experience and every year we all have a lot of them," said Mrs. Hanson, who organizes this project with 7th grade every year.



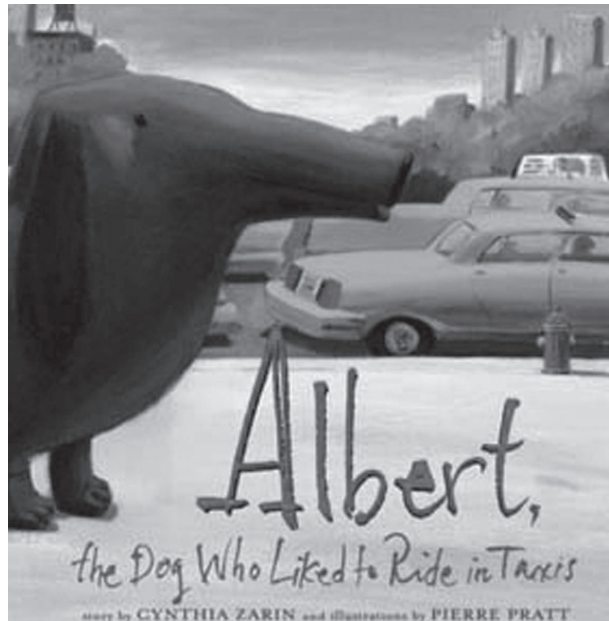
Third Grade Supports Boys' Tournament

The mothers of the boys' basketball team asked the 3rd grade class to decorate sacks. The sacks were to be filled with goodies that the team members could enjoy on their way to the divisional tournament in Malta on February 18. We spent part of Friday, February 12, decorating 23 sacks for the players, cheerleaders, and coaches. We hope the team enjoyed our sacks as much as we enjoyed decorating the sacks for them!



Third Grade Happenings

We celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday by listening to Dr. Seuss books and sharing cake in the library. We had root beer floats for participating in the change war. This Friday we will have ice-cream sundaes for our February reading reward. We're reading about different cultures and the special things people eat. We will take a tour of the school kitchen and have yet another treat!



**Mr. Ortman,
NHS Band
Instructor,
with dog
Albert read
to grades K-
6 on March
5th, 2010.
They read
*Albert the
Dog who
liked to ride
in taxis.***

Mardi Gras

The 5th grade created masks for Mardi Gras. They discovered that Mardi Gras is French and means "Fat Tuesday". It is always 46 days before Easter. They wore beads with their masks.

These are thrown out at Mardi Gras and represents faith, and gold represents power. Another bit of information they learned was about the King Cake. Mrs. Peterson baked a baby in a cake. The person who gets the baby is supposed to bake the next cake or plan the next party. Ali and Ryleigh both found a baby in their piece of cake. Other facts they learned about Mardi Gras were that New Orleans is where Mardi Gras is celebrated the most and Mardi Gras started in the 1300s.

Nashua Lego Team

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Name: Wilbert Theodore Ackerman III

Age: 17

FAVS

Color: Blue

Subject in School: JMG

Hobby: Playing Guitar

Song: *Undead*

Band: Hollywood Undead

Movie: *Twilight*

Drink: Dr. Pepper

Food: Pizza

School lunch item: Turkey Sandwiches

Animal: Dog

Season: Summer

Holiday: Halloween

Quote/Motto: "Just do it"- Nike

Spirit day (twin day etc.): Decade Day

Teacher: Mrs. Hanson

Person: Wilbert Ackerman (cousin)

TV show: *ABDC, (America's Best Dance Crew)*

Sport to watch: Football

Sport to play: Basketball, Football

Classmate: They all make me laugh.

Celebrity Crush: Miley Cyrus

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WWE or UFC: UFC

Pranked or Jack@\$\$: *Jack@\$\$*

Ice Road Truckers or Deadliest Catch: *Deadliest Catch*

Team Edward or Team Jacob: Jacob. I like wolves, and I'm native.

Cat or Griz: Griz

Football or Basketball: Football

X-box or Wii: X-box 360

Myspace or Facebook: Myspace

Hunting or Fishing: Both

Capris or shorts: Shorts

Straightener or Curling Iron: None

Flip-Flops or Sandals: Depends on the day

Tennis shoes or High Heels: Tennis shoes

Sponge Bob or Patrick: Sponge Bob

Shark Tale or Cars: *Cars*

'Mator or Luigi: 'Mator

We Are Marshall or Remember the Titans: *Remember the Titans*

That 70s Show or Two and Half Men: *That 70s Show*

Renting movies or going to movies: Both

Lake or Pool: Pool- no lake monsters

Advice to Faculty? Less homework

Advice to Students? Do your homework

Life Philosophy? If you hit a wall, do whatever it takes to get through it.

Glass ½ full or ½ empty? Either will do

If you were on a deserted island who wouldn't you want to be stuck with? A lot of people

If you were on a deserted island, who would you want to be stuck with? Stylles, Darby, and my brother Gauge

Who is your Idol? Anderson Siliva

When you were little what did you want to be? A doctor

What do you want to be now? Same kind of thing, either family nurse practitioner or physicians assistant

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Pizza

Lady Porcupines End Season at Districts

On February 19th the girls headed to the 3-C district tournament in Malta. The Nashua Porcupines were matched up with the Hinsdale Raiders in the opening round. The Nashua Porcupines were defeated by the Hinsdale Raiders 32-31. The Lady Porcupines ended with first half with 11 while the Raiders had 9. The second half the Porcupines had 20 and the Raiders had 23. Leading scorers for the Nashua Porcupines were Rachel McMurry with 11, followed by Kassidi Sibley with 7, Cami Rosencrans with 6, Jana Tihista with 4, and Hannah McMurry added 3.

In loser-out action, the Lady Porcupines defeated the Lustre Lions 37-12. The Porcupines ended the first half with 21 points and the Lions had 7. In the second half, the Porcupines had 16 and the Lions had 5. Leading scorers for the Nashua Porcupines were Jennifer Ramsbacher and Rachel McMurry both with 9, Darbi Borgen with 7, followed by McKenzie Clampitt, Tihista, Sibley, Freia Henz, Alexa Barnes and Mary Damon with 2 a piece.

With the winning moving on to divisionals, Nashua played Scobey. The Lady Porcupines were defeated by the Lady Spartans, 43-35. The Porcupines were outscored in the first half, 22-17, but the second half the Porcupines had 20 points and the Spartans had 21. Leading scorers for the Nashua Porcupines were Rachel McMurry with 12, Borgen with 7, Tihista with 6, Sibley with 4, Hannah McMurry with 3, Barnes with 2, and Ramsbacher added one.



Nashua Out in Two at Divisionals

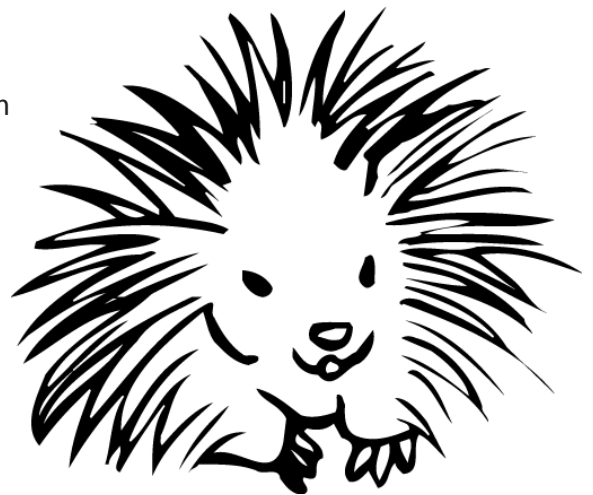
Nashua boys opened up the Divisional tournament in Malta against the Culbertson Cowboys. At the end of the first quarter the game was all tied up at 10 points. In the second quarter Nashua couldn't hit a shot and only scored 4 points, and Culbertson took advantage and scored 13 points at the end of the second quarter to take a 23 to 14 half-time lead. Nashua comes out of the locker room with some fire scoring 15 points in the third quarter to close up the gap, 31 to 29 in favor of Culbertson.

The Porcupines got a quick lead on the Cowboys in the fourth and forced Culbertson to foul. Nashua knocked down the free throws and seemed to be in control of the game, but sparked by a 5-point play, Culbertson made a furious comeback taking the win 57 to 53 sending Nashua to the consolation bracket.

High scorer was Brandon Hansard with 18 points. Sean Bengochea had 12 points. Anthony Bengochea scored 11 points, Shae Stein and Dustin Kelm both with 5, and Wilbert Ackerman with 2.

With the tough lose to Culbertson, Nashua had a tough time getting going against Scobey in loser-out action and were defeated 50-29. The end of the first quarter came and Nashua was up 7 to 6. After the first quarter Scobey started to hit their shots and took the lead, 18 to 14, going into the locker rooms. The Nashua were outscored 15-7 in the third quarter putting them even farther behind, 21-33.

Scobey held the ball the rest of the game for the trip to divisional. This was the seniors last game in their high school careers. Hansard and Ackerman were the leading scorer with 13 and 10 points respectively. Dustin Kelm add 3 points with Shae Stein with 1 and Dustin Kelm with 3 to round out the scoring.





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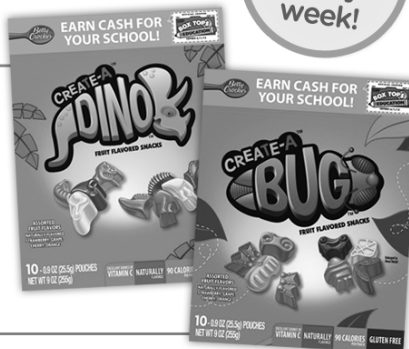
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