



The Lion's Roar

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OUT WITH A BANG!

by Katie Nichols

Everyone at St. Leo the Great School plans activities to make sure YOU are enjoying every second of the school year. This bright and sunny school year has been coming to a close and many activities were planned to end this school year with a *BANG!* (Metaphorically speaking, of course!) The Talent Show, the Spring Concert & Art Show, and Field Day were great successes in May! An upcoming event, the Awards Assembly, will surely follow in the footsteps of success.

The Talent Show had a great turnout. Talents of many were displayed for all people to enjoy. It was a great source for socialization and fun. The success of the Talent Show spread throughout the whole school.

The Spring Concert & Art Show was another great source of entertainment for you and your ears. Beautiful, classic singing was performed, while students' art awaited the praise of parents.

Field Day has always been a blast in previous years. This year was just as nice. Students enjoyed outdoor fun with friends and teachers. The activities that were planned were very innovative.

Now, with the Awards Assembly over, students realize how fast the year has really been going. The seventh graders look forward to filling the shoes of the eighth graders as leaders of the school next year.

As for the eighth graders, we wish them much success in high school.

Our Lady of Fatima

by Emily LeBreton

On May 13, the Armata Bianca Prayer Group, led by Mrs. Lynch, put on a wonderful re-enactment of the story of Fatima. The event happened back in 1917. The play shows that six visits from Our Blessed Mother changed the lives of three shepherd children: Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. The message behind the story is if you pray to Our Mother Mary, she will answer your prayers in time of need.

It took a lot of effort to get this re-enactment to come alive. The children worked very hard and everyone enjoyed their presentation. Christopher Lynch, a fifth grade student, had the role of the narrator. He said, "We worked hard and I thought we did well and succeeded." Christopher is right; the reenactment was a success.



Erin Mary Lynch, T.J. Panyik and Sheridan Riva sang in the Fatima performance.

Poetry Alive!

by Emily Hollister

In late February, professional performers from *Poetry Alive!* visited our school. They presented three assembly shows for all students. The two actors recited poems and acted them out at the same time. They were very energetic throughout the three entire performances. Some of the

poems they performed were "Casey at the Bat", "I'm Nobody", and "The Little Turtle". They even took audience members out of the crowd to help them perform onstage. Students commented that they were very grateful to have a presentation that was so interesting.

Going Green

by Emily Hollister

As you have probably heard from television, radio, and even the internet, the whole world is going “green”. But what exactly is going green? Going green doesn’t mean wearing green clothes or dyeing your hair green; it means helping the planet. Helping the planet might seem like a really hard job, but by using these three words, it can be easy. The three words are: reduce, reuse, and recycle.

By reducing, reusing, and recycling, you can help the planet. Here are some easy ways to put those words into action.



You can use both sides of a piece of paper instead of one. By doing that, you will save double the amount of paper. One of the easiest things you can recycle is glass. (Throwing away a piece of glass into a landfill, takes a million years to disintegrate.) Another thing you could do is buy reusable bags at the grocery store. Reusable bags are usually inexpensive and they can be used for many shopping trips.

I hope you learned a lot about going green by reading this article. Remember, you can help the planet by doing these simple, easy things.

Health Watch

by Kate Carosella, Amy Albright and Hailey Kresge

All over the world people are starting to watch what they eat. Research has shown that childhood obesity is on the rise and children are becoming less active.

Eating fruits and vegetables are delicious and good for you. Berries for example, are a good food to snack on because they fight cancer, heart disease, and improve brain function. Eating a variety of naturally colored foods is a good way to help your body function properly. Although sugar may supply you with energy for a minute or so, it won’t help you stay energized throughout the day. Don’t skip meals, especially not breakfast. A healthy breakfast allows you to be attentive and focused all through the day. However, if

your favorite food is ice cream, that’s okay! Eating healthy does not mean that you have to remove all sweets from your diet; it just means to take reasonable proportions and eat in moderation.

Children as well as adults should always try to eat healthy foods. This is why Saint Leo’s is proud to present healthy lunch alternatives. The school cafeteria will be serving fresh fruits and vegetables to make sure you feel your best. Mrs. Eshleman, head of the school cafeteria, and the school Health and Wellness Committee are responsible for the idea of healthier lunches. “We are adding more fresh fruits and vegetables next year, ” she explained.

Outta Here

by Emily Yanchuck

“Line drive to deep left center field, this ball is outta here!” The mighty Harry Kalas’ home run battle cry will be heard no longer. Harry Kalas, the Philadelphia Phillies’ broadcaster died April 13, 2009 at age seventy-three and will be forever remembered as the voice of the Phillies. For thirty-nine years, he faithfully served as the Phillies broadcaster, announcing two World Series and “Michael Jack Schmidt’s” five-hundredth home run (and all other 499 of them.)

Harry Kalas was born on March 26, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois, where Harry kindled his love for baseball at the White Sox games. A sportscaster since 1961, he was the voice for a minor league team in Hawaii, the Houston Astros broadcaster, the voiceover for CHUNKY brand soup commercials and the NFL movies. He is most remembered as the Phillies broadcaster.

Harry had surgery in the off-season for reasons which weren’t released to the media. On April 13th, he went to the broadcasting box at National’s Park in Washington D.C. and suddenly collapsed with what was suspected to be heart failure or a heart attack. He was rushed to the hospital and died at 1:20 p.m.

Phillies president David Montgomery summed up the situation up the best, saying, “We have lost our voice.”



St Leo's Got Talent

by Kate Carosella

On Saturday, May 9th, the St. Leo the Great School talent show took place in the gym. Many performers of all ages and grades came out to show their stuff. Every performance was amazing and special in its own way. The skits were funny, the dancing was creative, and the music was beautiful.

Some of the performers were nervous about their performance, but that didn't show on their faces. Everyone looked like they were really enjoying themselves while on the stage. Each year the show keeps getting better and better with fresh and unexpected acts!

The person who must have had the hardest time stepping up her game was Brianna Fritsch. Every year she continues to wow us with her amazing hoola-hoop tricks.

Other spectacular performances included the fifth grade girls who sang "We Will Rock You" and Alex and Matt Abel's medley of rock songs. The eighth grade girls dedicated their song, "Mamma Mia" to the eighth grade boys. The eighth grade boys did a great job with their version of "Evolution of Dance" which was very funny. All in all, the talent show was a great way to come together as a school family and celebrate each other's individuality.

Field Day

by Emily LeBreton

All of the St. Leo students gathered on Wednesday, May 20th for an active day of fun in the sun. Competitive events included the 50-meter dash, the softball throw and the standing broad jump. Children also played many games such as germball, parachute, and kickball.

To add to the already fun-filled day, Leo the Lion (our school mascot) paid us a visit as happy children hugged and joked with him.

In addition, Mr. Bottoms and Mr. Panyik cooked delicious hamburgers and hot dogs for the hungry children.

At the end of the wonderful day, the students had a water relay and a few rounds of tug-of-war. Mrs. Atkinson and her team of parents put together a fun, memorable day for everyone! All of the students can't wait for next year.



First grade girls enjoy Field Day.



Seventh grade girls "pal around" with Leo.

The Third Grade's Writing Inspiration

by Stephanie Leader

Most people have seen the artwork, stories and poems written by the third graders hanging in the hallway, but where do the great ideas come from? I interviewed Mrs. DeSolis recently and asked her about her inspiration, her ideas, and the current third grade.

Mrs. DeSolis loves poetry, and she believes that when you love something, you should teach it. Her favorite poem is *Trees* by Joyce Kilmer. She thinks that the poem has good rhythm. Around Mother's Day, the third graders worked on Mother's Day poems to get into the spirit of the special day devoted to celebrating moms.

Not only does the third grade write poems, they also write some really impressive stories. When writing a story, an important quality to Mrs. DeSolis is having the story come from the heart. When the third graders write a story, they should express themselves.

Along with arts and crafts, the third graders also enjoy listening to the stories that Mrs. Seibert reads to them. Currently, she is reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume to them. Mrs. DeSolis has seen a lot of the third graders reading Judy Blume books lately. She told me that Judy Blume is one of her favorite authors for children.

Whenever you have time, be sure to take a look at the third grade board outside their classroom. You will find lots of creativity. Until then, encourage friends, family and anyone you know to write stories and poems. Anyone can take visions from their mind and turn it into the greatest things ever produced.

Poetry Corner

A Poem Is a River

A poem is a river
Flowing by and by.
You create new ideas
And let your imagination fly.

by Victoria Carroll

Summer Haiku

The river is dry
Trickle of water in dust
A heat wave has come

by Emily Yanchuck

Winter Haiku

Quietly falling
Small beautiful diamonds lay
Trees have a white coat.

by Katie Nichols

Things to Do If You Are a Flower

Dance with the wind.
Soak up the sun when you are hungry.
Feel the cool drops of water on your petals.
Straighten your stem and touch the sky.
Laugh as the worms tickle your roots.
Say hello to the insects.
Make people smile!

by Rose Kirchner



By Myself

When I'm by myself
And I close my eyes
I'm a person of compromise
I'm a person of my own design
I'm a person who is nine
I'm a person who is creative
I'm a person who is imaginative
I'm a person who is smart
I'm a person who is art
I'm whatever I want to be
And anything I care to be
And when I open my eyes
What I care to be
Is me

by Stephen Baak



Religious Events

By Marian Bechtel

This spring, St. Leo's has been busy with a string of religious events and activities that have taken place within the school and the parish. On Saturday, April 25th, over fifty eighth graders in white robes, both from the school and from the parish, filed in to St. Leo's Church to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Kevin Rhoads came to this church celebration to anoint the foreheads of all the Confirmation candidates, and to seal each one of them with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The following weekend,



St. Leo's second graders received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. After much dedicated preparation, the children showed that they were excited as ever to take part in this sacrament through their reverence and joy.

As a school, St. Leo's students have said a decade of the rosary every day during the month of May to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As the school year comes to a close, St. Leo's students will surely turn to their faith to help them face the challenges ahead and to give thanks for all their blessings.



Ryan Keagy, Christian Sweigert, Ryan Shoesmith, Owen Davies and Matthew Sahd, all fourth graders, are shown prepared to pray with their rosaries.

Bible Club

by Katie Nichols

Many students know the well-liked Mrs. McLean. Not only does she teach fourth grade, she is also the moderator of Bible Club. Mrs. McLean does a phenomenal job of creating a spiritual learning environment. Bible Club meets in the Weber Center every other Thursday before school.

A fourth grader, Quinn Harvey, commented on the benefits of Bible Club. He stated, "Students learn the potentials and secrets of the Bible."

Matt Sahd explained, "I like that Mrs. McLean breaks the Bible down into fun exercises." Kyle Postlethwait agreed.

This semester, Bible Club was about Jesus' friends. At each meeting, the Bible was read and the eager students were quizzed on it. If a question was answered correctly, prizes were awarded.

The number of participants in Bible Club has grown over the years, and everyone is encouraged to join.



Name the Teacher

by Mark Gales

1. Which teacher has naturally curly red hair?
2. Which teacher's ancestors are Hungarian gypsies?
3. Which teacher used to own a restaurant before starting to teach?
4. Which male teacher used to wear an earring?
5. Which teacher is a life-long Girl Scout?
6. Which teacher disliked science as a child?
7. Which teacher broke her knee and wrist in the same summer?
8. Which teacher climbed Mt. Fuji on the Fourth of July twenty years ago?

The Jolly Jokes

submitted by: Mark Gales

1. What happened to the class after the teacher tied the students shoes together?
2. What month has 28 days?
3. What building has the most stories?
4. There were two ducks in front of a duck and two ducks behind a duck, and one duck in the middle. How many ducks were there in total?
5. What do moths study in school?
(See answers on the back page.)

Leo's Top Summer Picks

by Hailey Kresge

Books

This summer if you find yourself with time to spare, why not cool down and relax with some of these wonderful books:

Do Not Open This Book, by Michaela Muntean, (Picture Book for all ages)

A Light in the Attic, by Shel Silverstein, (Poetry for 2nd +)

The Alex Rider Series, by Anthony Horowitz, (Fiction for 5th +)

Lock and Key, by Sarah Dessen, (Fiction for 7th +)

The Bible (For all ages!)

Lights, Camera, Action!

Here are some great movies to watch over the summer that you can watch on DVD:

Quints: A movie about a girl with 5 new baby siblings, G

Finding Nemo: An animated movie about a fish searching the ocean for his son, G

National Treasure: A movie about a man following many

clues to an amazing treasure, PG

Summer Experiments

Here are some great summer science experiments (kindly recommended by Mrs. Keagy, the 6th grade/science teacher) that you can do over the summer to keep your brain working:

Mentos and Coke – Drop a Mento in a bottle of Coke for an “exploding” surprise. This is messy so ask your parents first, and perform outside in a bathing suit or old clothes.

Cricket Temperature – Use crickets to calculate the temperature! No, you don't need to capture them, just listen to their chirps for 15 seconds. Then add 40 to that number. Do this 10 times to see how accurate the ‘ancient scientists’ were.

Transpiration of Tree Leaves – Place a Ziploc bag gently around a leaf over night and the next morning you can observe that leaves really do breathe!



Inspiring Quotes

Submitted by Emily Hollister

“Life is not measured by how many breaths you take, but it is measured by how many moments take your breath away.”-Unknown Author

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore. Dream. Discover.”-Mark Twain

St. Leo the Great School Says Farewell

by Mark Gales and Emily LeBreton

St. Leo the Great School is saying good bye to many wonderful teachers and staff. One of the teachers is Mrs. Susan Lutter. She was the music teacher in our school for the past twenty-one years. Mrs. Lutter loved each student and loved playing the piano. She was a great teacher and we will surely miss her.

Another teacher who is leaving is Mr. Ronald Gross. He started here as the seventh grade teacher in 2005. Last year he was the Instructional Support teacher for grades four through

eight. Mr. Gross, an avid chess player and moderator of St. Leo's chess team, recently won the Lancaster County Best Chess Player Award. We will miss his kindness and sense of humor.

The third teacher departing is the eighth grade teacher, Miss Micaela Fleming. She taught us to be organized and to be prepared for class. Miss Fleming loves to garden, walk Finn (her dog), and read in her spare time.

Mrs. Bourgoin, an aide in the pre-k and library, will be moving to Florida in June. She worked at St. Leo's for three and a half years, and likes to travel and exercise in her spare time.

All of these teachers will be dearly missed! Thank you so much for teaching and helping us with our school work. Good bye and God bless!

Summer Recipes

submitted by Brianna Fritsch

Strawberry Bread

3 cups of flour
1 tsp of salt
1 tsp of baking soda
2 tsp. of cinnamon
2 cups of sugar
3 eggs beaten
1 cup of vegetable oil
2 pints of strawberries

Combine dry ingredients. Make a hole in the mixture. Put strawberries, oil, and eggs in the mixture. Beat the mixture on low speed until moistened. Lightly grease and flour 2 pans. Bake 350 degrees for 45 – 60 minutes. It makes 2 loaves.

Orange Fluff

1 Box (1g) orange Jell-O
2 sm. cans mandarin oranges
1 lg can crusted pineapples
2 packets of softened cream cheese

Dissolve Jell-o in 1 cup of hot water. Mix juices from fruit with water to make 3 cups (Drain juice from can – squeezing the fruit) Add the 2 packets of the softened cream cheese. Allow to partially gel in refrigerator for several hours. Fold in a medium size container of cool whip. Add drained fruit to mixture. Decorate top with oranges AFTER refrigeration.



Sixth grade girls pose with Mrs. Lutter at Field Day.

Answers

Answers to **Name the Teacher**

1. Miss Wood
2. Mr. Gross
3. Mr. Festa
4. Mr. Titus
5. Miss Moore
6. Mrs. Keagy
7. Mrs. Tucker
8. Mr. Panyik

Answers to **Jolly Jokes**

1. They took a class trip.
2. Every month!
3. The library.
4. Three ducks.
5. Moth-emetics.



Sixth grade boys celebrate summer with colorful piñatas made in Spanish class with Miss Wood.

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Marian Bechtel-Special Feature



Thank you for reading our newspaper! The newspaper staff wishes you a happy summer. Catch our next issue in the fall!



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