

# Fireweed Gryphon Gazette

*News from the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade*

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This is the first issue of our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> by-monthly newsletter that is written by students. Katlyn Vogl is the author of this first newsletter. We expect another to be out in 2-4 weeks. In this newsletter we will be alerting you of upcoming events as well as what we are doing in class.

## Recent Happenings – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Homeroom



Thanks to Bay Realty for their donation of pumpkins and to Gina Pelaia for getting this organized. We had a fabulous time carving the pumpkins!

Sixth graders leading 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in the ‘improv’ workshop last Friday.



**5<sup>th</sup> grade math:** They are exploring place values by working in different bases, including 4,5, and 10. They have just learned lattice multiplication. They are reading the book “The Phantom Tollbooth.” For subtraction they are using “mad-minutes” to help them with fluency with their fraction facts.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade math:** We are learning about surface area, volume and dimensions. We are also learning proper techniques to find those. We are reading the book ‘Diamond Willow’. In the previous weeks we have learned techniques for fractions.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade L.A:** We are learning about improvisation. We had kids from Flex High School come over and teach us games and techniques for “improve”. “Improv” is short for improvisation. They led us in games that taught us acceptance and dealing with what you have. We taught these types of games to the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday afternoon. We taught these types of games to the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday afternoon.

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**Our theme:** As you might know our theme is transportation. We are learning about all sorts of transportation. There are a million different means of transportation such as: trains, ladders, cars, and even us. We are just learning about a few. To learn about this we are doing such things as building dioramas and exploring with putt-putt boats.

**Homework:** The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders are assigned homework: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights and are due the next day. If your kids are having trouble with their homework we do have tutors available to help your kids with homework only AHEAD of time. And they also might be able to help them grasp basic math concepts. These tutors are available from 12:05-12:35. If your kids need help tell them to contact Austin Cline, Katlyn Vogl, or Serena John.

**Recorders:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning notes as well as songs on the recorder. The kids are not permitted to bring their recorders home unless they have special permission.



**6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip:** As most parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders know the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class has a self-funded field trip aside from the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. We have some faint outlines of where we are going to go but that is not important. What is important is our fundraisers. We have some ideas of fundraisers to raise money with. The thing that we need to get us off the ground is parent support. We need parents to assist in the

planning as well as the actual events. When we have decided on a fundraiser we will alert you and ask for your assistance.

*Sincerely*

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