

Make Your Own Luck!

By Sarah R., Taylor F. and Gwen C.

Have you been having bad luck lately? Well we have the solution! Here's an easy way to make a good luck pin. This is a list of what you will need:



- Green felt
- Gold or green buttons
- Pin backs (which you can find at any craft store)
- Craft glue or glue gun
- Thread

How to make it:

First, cut 2 inch squares from the green felt. Next, use a pen or pencil to draw a little shamrock on each square. Then, cut the shamrocks out. You may find it easier to make a paper pattern to trace by drawing three hearts and then adding a stem. Sew a gold or green button in the middle. It should only take you a few stitches to make the button stay in place. Use the glue to attach the pin backing... **THEN YOU'RE DONE!** 😊

If you need any help with this project, go to www.amazingmoms.com/html/holiday_pat_pin.htm



Do You See Your Name?

By Katie L. & Libby Z.

This month if you are in third grade you have the chance to win a fabulous prize! In February we will pick a random third grader's name. It will be hidden in one of the articles in the February issue of The Fly News. If you see your name in **bold** letters and in **(Parentheses)** you have won the prize! Come down to the office and pick up your prize. Good luck and remember, "Do you see your name?"

Totally Tasty Treats for a Perpetual St. Patrick's Day

By Marie K. and Kate T.

Everyone loves St Patrick's Day. Here's a tasty treat for everyone to enjoy! Have fun! Key Lime Pie:

Ingredients

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- Thin chocolate cookie wafers
- 1 kiwi, peeled and sliced



Directions

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the graham cracker crumbs and butter in a bowl. Firmly press the crumbs against the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie pan. Bake for 5 minutes. In another bowl, stir the sweetened condensed milk, egg yolks and lime juice until well mixed. Pour the mixture into the crust and bake for 15 minutes or until an inserted knife comes out clean. Once the pie cools, push cookie wafers into the filling along the edge. Top with kiwi slices arranged to resemble a shamrock. Serves 8 people.

Another great recipe is the SHAMROCK SHAKE. It's really simple all you need to do is blend one banana, two cups of lime sherbet and two cups of milk. Bon Appetite!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE MONTH OF 3 AND 2?

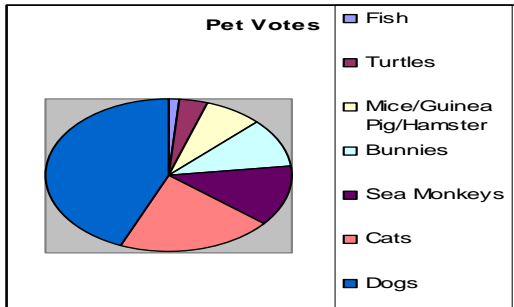
By Abby W. and Decora T.

In the month of 3 and 2 (March and February), there are three special events that are happening. These events are President's Day, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. President's Day is right in between Abraham Lincoln and George Washington's birthdays. Abraham's birthday is on Feb. 12th 1809, and this year he is 200 years old! Washington's Birthday is on February 22nd 1732. He is 277 years old! Next is Valentines Day, it's always on February 14th. Valentine's Day is to honor two saints both named Valentine. St. Patrick's is a day to honor the patron Saint of Ireland, **(Hailey Cronen)** St. Patrick. A cool thing about this day is that every St. Patrick's Day in Chicago they make the Chicago River turn green! These special holidays are all celebrated in March and February. Thank you for reading this informative article.

PET POLL PARADE!



Alex T., Isaiah S., Ryan K.
 We asked the third graders:
 What's your favorite pet?



Thank you for voting 3rd graders. The results are in. There were 78 voters.
 In 7th place is fish with 1 vote.
 In 6th place we have turtles with 3 votes.
 In 5th place we have Mice/Guinea Pig/Hamster with 6 votes.
 In 4th place brings us Bunnies with 8 votes.
 Special awards go to....
 Sea Monkeys in 3rd. with 10 votes.
 Cats are in 2nd with 16 votes. 🐱
 Dogs are in 1st with 34 votes 🐕
 Congratulations to the people who voted for dogs!

Sam and Carson's Awesome De-Dawesome Candy Poll

By Sam C. and Carson T.

This is a poll about the candy favorites of the newspaper. We asked 20 people for their opinions on candy. Their choices were Skittles, Starburst, Twix, Snickers, Reese's and Sour Patch Kids. Sour Patch Kids won in a landslide!

Skittles: |||

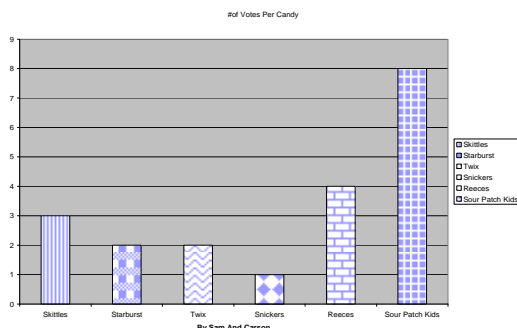
Starburst: ||

Twix: ||

Snickers: |

Recess: ||||

Sour Patch Kids: |||||



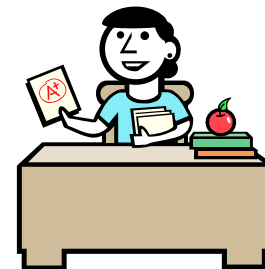
Third Grade Events Inquirer

By Nigel H. and Dan K.

We asked the third grade teachers what events and other stuff has happened recently and is going to happen soon. This is the information we got, according to Mrs..Muehlbauer:

"In third grade we recently finished our science unit on electricity by going on a trip to the Bakken Museum in Minneapolis. We also have a field trip planned to go to the Minnesota Zoo in May. In third grade, we celebrate Valentine's Day by having individual classroom celebrations. We also celebrate FB5 "above the line" behavior every Friday by rewarding the third graders who have had above the line behavior by playing games, making a special project or going to the computer lab. The reward changes every week."

Tune in next month to find out about the fourth graders!



Teacher Feature!

By Beatrice O.

This month we are featuring Mrs. Muehlbauer in the Fly News!

Let's hear what she has to say!

- **What is your most embarrassing moment?** At one of my son's Taekwondo tournaments, I got so excited that I threw the pillow that I was holding into the air and it hit my son's opponent's mother. (Oops!)
- **What is your favorite junk food?** Anything chocolate!
- **When did you start teaching third grade?** In 2007- Two years ago.
- **What is your favorite color?** Blue.
- **Did you always live in Minnesota?** Yes.
- **Have you ever taught at other schools?** Yes, at Oakview, Parkbrook and Crestview.
- **What's your favorite television show?** CSI.
- **What's your favorite food?** Crème Brulee and seafood.
- **Where were you born?** Owatonna, Minnesota.
- **Do you have any children at Fernbrook?** Not right now, but both of my children went to Fernbrook not too long ago.

Support Staff Interview

By Grace K. and Taryn O.

We interviewed Mrs. Fouquette to learn more about her, here is what she had to tell us!

Mrs. Fouquette went to college at Winona State University and St. Cloud State University. She has been working as a counselor for thirteen years, ten years in the Osseo district! She has two dogs, both are Pembroke Welsh Corgis. Their names are Daizy and Tucker. She has two children; Dalton who is 6 and in first grade, and Jayden who is 4 and will be going into kindergarten in the fall! Mrs. Fouquette's favorite color is purple, and if she could visit a place anywhere in the world it would be Alaska or Hawaii. She spends most of her free time with her family. To her, it doesn't really matter what they do as long as they have time to be together. She also enjoys going to the movies, photography and fishing. Wow! The one thing she likes most about her job is helping kids. On Super Bowl Sunday Mrs. Fouquette watched the game with her dad, her husband, and both of her kids. They enjoyed pizza and had a lot of fun cheering for their favorite team!



Thanks so much for the great and interesting answers Mrs. Fouquette! ☺



Comics, comics and more comics!

By Zach P. and Alex P.

Hi! We are going to tell you about the endless world of comics! Right now at Fernbrook Elementary School it is comic month. Now here is some interesting information on comics. A comic strip is a series of drawings that tells a story. The American comic strip began in the early 20th century. It introduced the word balloon and the hat flying off to indicate surprise. Most of the comic characters do not age, but in some strips such as "For better, for worse," the characters will get older as the years pass. The first comic strip to have aging characters was Gasoline Alley. Some popular comics today are Garfield, Calvin and Hobbs, Peanuts, Beetle Bailey, Family Circus, Dilbert, and Dennis the Menace. If you want to make your own comic on the computer, you can go to the homepage of the Fernbrook website and scroll down and click on media center page. Then scroll down to the link <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/>. Have fun!



Experiencing Nature

By Taylor C. & Maedelin A.



We asked Mrs. Hazen our school naturalist, some questions and here is what she said:

What is your favorite thing to teach Fernbrook kids?

All of my nature lessons are important to me. My favorite one is the Mississippi River Study at the Coon Rapids Dam. Students get to do a chemical and biological study of the river. They also get to see the dam and write poetry as they are inspired by the river. I also enjoy teaching a Boundary Waters Canoe area class as an after school program.

What kinds of things are you teaching kids at Fernbrook?

Forestry, soil science, animal tracks, animal senses, wild edibles, orienteering, geo-caching, water cycle, pond study and wild life management.

How many years have you been teaching nature lessons?

I have been a school naturalist for 11 years.

Tell us one thing that you love the most about teaching nature lessons to kids?

I enjoy sharing my love for nature with students. My goal is for students to feel comfortable in nature areas, to respect the natural environment and to find fun ways to enjoy and explore the outdoors.

Tell us something interesting that you learned as a teacher about nature.

A highlight for me as a teacher was when I worked with junior naturalists to build an osprey platform. The power company helped me install it on top of a pole. We had a pair of ospreys the first spring after we put it up. My daughter and I got to help band the osprey, take a blood sample and smell and touch the baby osprey. All of my naturalist friends told me ospreys smell neat and they were right! I learned a lot about osprey – they are fascinating birds. Once I sat in a tree and observed two adult ospreys and the baby for three hours! Whenever I travel the U.S. or abroad, I always seek out nature areas where I can hike and photograph the plants and animals I see.

Thank you for letting us interview you, Mrs. Hazen. We love having you as our "nature lady" here at Fernbrook. You have experienced a lot and we really appreciate it! ☺

Hilarious Jokes and Riddles

By Jared M.

These jokes will make you laugh your head off!!!!

Q: What do sea monsters eat?

Fish and ships!

Q: Why was the baby ant confused?

All his uncles were ants!

Q: What's the difference between a jeweler and a jailer?

A jeweler sells watches and a jailer watches cells!

Q: What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?

The letter M.

Q: Why don't African animals play games?

Because there were too many cheaters! (cheaters)

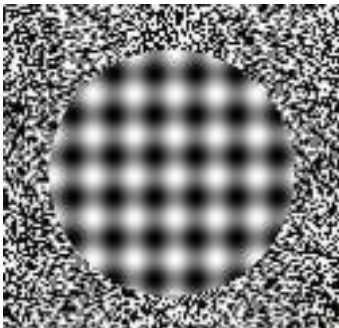
Those jokes are hilarious! Thanks for checking them out!

Optillusions

By Sam K. and Mitch M.

Stare closely at the objects and don't look away. An optical illusion is art that plays tricks on your eyes. It looks as if it might be moving, or it shows different things than they were meant to be.

Is this picture moving?



Do you see two faces or a glass?



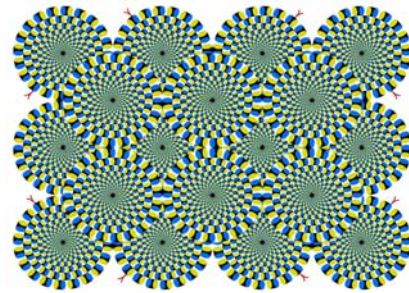
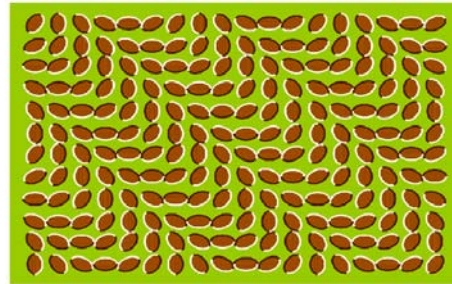
Is the bottle sticking out of the truck?



PUZZLER

By Reed N.

You can do a lot of stuff with technology today. The pictures below just appear to be moving but it's really an optical illusion. That's right, these pictures are not really moving. Somehow someone figured it out. If you give them a try I guarantee you'll enjoy it. For more fun with optical illusions, go to <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/illusion/illusions.htm>.



Freaky, Frightening, Fabulous, Fun, Funny, Funky, Fresh Facts

By Eric K. and Matt C.

Some worms eat themselves when they cannot find enough food!

Rhythm is the longest English word without a vowel!

In 1386, a pig in France was hanged for murdering a child!

Your thighs are as strong as concrete!

The oldest piece of gum is 9,000 years old!

Women blink nearly twice as much as men!

Dolphins sleep with one eye open!

Camels have three eyelids to protect them from blowing sand!

A giraffe can clean its ear with its 21-inch-long tongue!

Slugs have four noses!

An elephant is the only animal that can't jump!

Coca-Cola would be green without coloring!

In the zero-gravity of space, a pea will explode if it touches Pepsi!

Some gerbils are born pregnant!

Scuba divers cannot pass gas 33 feet below sea level!

Until 1998, Camel cigarettes contained real particles of camels!

World Wide Wonderful Words

By Sara S. and Sarah E.

We went around asking the fifth grade newspaper crew what they thought Snickersnee meant. Here are the results...

- Taryn said a: a funny laugh
- Alex said: a secret
- Katie and Decora said: a laundry room
- Natalie said: someone who snickers a lot
- Nickolas said: lots of Snickers bars

And drum roll please...



None of them were right! The real answer is, a large knife! Scary, we know. Don't be frightened!

The Fun, Factual Fernbrook Word Find!

By Noah K.

F S Y D H Y K D A G G Z M B N
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 A D G H B N I Q T E D D S D O
 B T X P H G R Y S A S O E K Z
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| 1. Clover | 7. Donnybrook |
| 2. Hat | 8. Scones |
| 3. Saintpatrick | 9. Stew |
| 4. Shimmer | 10. Green |
| 5. Sweepstakes | 11. Lucky |
| 6. Donnybrook | 12. Shamrock |
| | 13. Scout |

Funniest Super Bowl Commercials

By Nikolaus R., Luke S. and David E.

Our five favorite funny Super Bowl commercials:

1. Doritos Snow Globe
2. E*Trade babies
3. Pixar Up
4. Heroes football game
5. Dreamworks Monsters vs. Aliens



Visions of Ventura?

By Megan L. and Devyn S.



Maedelin A. is a sixth grade student at Fernbrook Elementary School. Maedelin's grandpa, who was a security guard for the governor, is now a good friend of his. One day last month he suggested the ex-governor come take her out for lunch. Here were some questions we asked Maedelin A. about her lunch with the governor.

FF: What certain subjects or things did you and the governor talk about?

Maedelin: We talked about school and other activity that I do.

FF: What could you say to express the governor's personality?

Maedelin: Mr. Ventura is a really nice guy and really tall.

FF: Did the governor talk about anything to do with the United States or government?

Maedelin: No, not really, it was more talk about school.

FF: Did you and the governor talk about his way of government? And if so, what is your opinion?

Maedelin: No, we didn't but we did talk about Senator Barrack Obama and how he is making history being the first African American President!

Thanks, Maedelin, for answering our questions!

Two, Four, Six, Eight!

By Sophie S. and Whitney D.

Nadya Suleman is the new mother of octuplets, when she already had six other children! Nadya is 33 and a single mother who lives in California. Her first six children range in ages from 2-7. She is the second person in the United States to have octuplets. The octuplets range in weight from 1 pound, 8 ounces to 3 pounds, 4 ounces. The octuplets' names all come from the bible; their names are Isaish, Jeremiah, Jonah, Maliah, McCai, Nariah, Noah, and Josiah. Nadya was an only child and her parents were divorced so when she was little she was very lonely. Nadya then decided she wanted a big family. Some people compare Nadya to Angelina Jolie, because they both have a lot of kids and look very similar. Nadya has a nanny to watch her older children Monday-Friday, and pays her \$500 a week. Even though she faces many challenges, Nadya is thankful for her children.



Super Bowl-a-Rama XLIII

Maddie D. & Amara A.

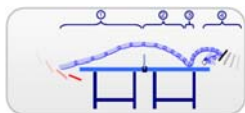
The Super Bowl is a professional football championship game conducted by the National Football League (NFL). This Super Bowl was a close one! The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23. The MVP for the winning team was the amazing Santonio Holmes. He scored a touchdown by catching the ball in the end zone with 35 seconds left to give the Steelers the win. The Cardinals almost scored a touchdown, but at the last second Willie Parker caught the ball and ran all the way down the field and scored another amazing touchdown. He ran all the way from one end zone to the other end zone without stopping, and he scored right before the quarter ended. It was a heartbreaking moment for the Cardinals. Willie Parker did get injured, but he didn't stop playing.



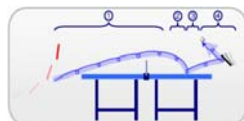
Totally Terrific, Tremendous Table-with-a-T Tennis [a.k.a. Table Tennis]

By Alec B., Ben C. and Max L.

We did some research on table tennis, and we hope you enjoy reading about it! Table tennis, also known as ping pong, requires skill and great hand-eye coordination. Table tennis is also based on spin. Spin helps your opponent miss or mess up their stroke. The types of spin are backspin and topspin. The diagrams below show how the spin works. We also looked up the defensive strokes of table tennis. Push (or slice), chop, block, push-block, side drive, lob, and drop shot are some of the defensive strokes. An overhead smash, forehand and backhand drives and a good serve are the offensive shots of the ; Table tennis can be played on water, at the Olympics, but mostly just for fun in homes across the world!



Topspin



Backspin

iPod touch

By Kelsey F. and Sammi H.



Who knew that one little machine could do so much, but it can! The Apple creators recently made their newest creation, the amazing iPod touch. It has an easily accessible touch screen that people of all ages can use. It not only has a new sleek design, but you can also access email, the internet, games, music, videos, games and more.

This little machine is like a pocket -sized lap top. Among the Fly News, 12 out of 13 reporters personally think that they are pretty cool. You can explore so much on this device, so check out this new apple ipod creation, the iPod touch. You can take this little ipod anywhere you please. You can find this product at your local Best Buy, Target, Wal-Mart, Circuit City, and other stores that sell electronics. Also, make sure to look at other Apple creations! It's like a small computer. The iPod touch also has built-in speaker. This new iPod has changed through out the years and we hope you like it.

Top Music Hits of 2008

By Samantha W., Maddie C. and Angela K.



Here is some of the top music of 2008. Hope you enjoy it!

Miley Cyrus "7 Things"

Metro Station "Shake It"

Jordin Sparks "No Air"

Jessie McCartney "Leavin'"

Rihanna "Disturbia"

Nickleback "Gotta be Somebody"

Leona Lewis "Bleeding Love"

Coldplay "Viva La Vida"

Chris Brown "With You"

David Archuleta "Crush"

Beyonce "If I Were a Boy"

Taylor Swift "Love Story"

Our source was AOL Music

A Day at MOA

By Kate T. and Marie K.

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... Mall of America? A fun and entertaining place for people of all ages! The Mall is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., with the exception of Underwater World, which closes at 8:00 p.m. There are many attractions and stores at MOA, including: Nickelodeon Universe, Moose Mountain Adventure Mini Golf, Lego World, Theatres, and more than 500 stores and restaurants four floors, and there are 12,550 parking spots. Here are some details of the attractions:

Nickelodeon Universe

You can get different packages that range from one point to 85 points and costing from \$1-\$63. You may also get an unlimited ride wristband which costs \$30 and allows all day play. Featured rides include: The Spongebob Squarepants Rock Bottom Plunge, which is a **very large** roller coaster. The Avatar Airbender, which gives the feeling of free falling; and the Splat-O-Sphere, which is a catapult ride.

Lego World

This attraction has 90 larger than life Lego models. It is also a site to hold your birthday party.

Moose Mountain Adventure Mini Golf

This 18 hole mini golf course has a very lifelike moose sculpture. For adult admission the price is \$9 per round, for kids the price is \$7 per round and for seniors \$8 per round. Kids under age four are free.

Theatres

There are 14 movie screens in MOA. There's a free family movie every Saturday. Otherwise, admission is \$7 per person per movie.

Underwater World

See other article in this issue for more information.

We hope you get a chance to visit this spectacular mall, which is shaped like a donut. Please remember, parental escort (over 21 years old) **is required** if you are under the age of 16.



Awesome Fantastic Movie Review

By Saghar F. and Rikita D.

STRAY DOGS HERE!!!!
STARY DOGS HERE!!!!!! Have
you found any stray dogs???

Well we know a place for you to put them. WE will put them in the movie Hotel for Dogs. This movie is about a 16 year old girl named Andi and her brother Bruce. Their parents have died and they are moving from one foster home to another. They have a dog named Friday that they really love, but they have been hiding it from their foster parents because their parents won't allow it. One day they had gotten in trouble when their dog ran away and the pound found him. They thought that they had to give their dog away to another caring and protective family.... But than one day they were running away when the police thought they had stole the dog. But than they hid in a hotel, and they created the hotel and they brought all the strays they could find there. If you want to know more about the movie, you should watch it theatres! It's really funny and cute!

The Penderwicks

By Thalia M. and Stephanie J.

The *Penderwicks* is a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits and a very interesting boy. This book is adventurous and is fun to read out loud. It is also a New York Times best seller and won the Newberry Award. When we read this book we thought it was heartwarming and very funny. It will make you cry of laughter. You will enjoy this book as much as we did! The author is Jeanne Birdsall. Jeanne Birdsall has a dog and three cats.

Stephanie J. and Thali M.'s parents said the *Penderwicks* is a good book. Well, if this book sounds really good, you can check it out at the Fernbrook Media Center or your local library.

