

The Dragon's Journal

Nicole, Morgan, Jimmy, Jack, Hanna, and Nick are 5th graders who wrote these articles as part of a project done during Writer's Workshop.



Teachers Retire!

If you don't know that our teachers are the best, then listen up. The first time we (the staff of this news letter) saw these teachers we loved them! Unfortunately for us, several teachers are retiring. The following interviews were done by our staff.

The first person that Jack and Nick interviewed is the best math teacher in the world. Her name is Mrs. Namiot. When she works her magic with a student, he (or she) gets it!

So, it is no surprise that Mrs. Namiot's favorite part of school is when she works with a student and he or she gets the problem. Her favorite subject in math is algebra and she loves teaching it!

But there is more to Mrs. Namiot than math! We asked her some questions to get to know her more personally. We wanted to know what she plans to do when she retires. She would love to visit Paris, but most likely will be doing indoor and outdoor projects at home. She has recently moved into a new house and it is almost finished! She will also read! One of her favorite books is Charlotte's Web. Her favorite sport is baseball, but we don't like to say which team she likes best! (The Yankees!) As for food, she loves steak, bread, pasta, coffee, and sweet things. Finally, she likes to watch movies that make her cry!

Miss Fitz was the second person interviewed by Jimmy Margraf.

"I interviewed Ms. Fitz because I spent two years with her and I wanted to know why she was retiring. She has been teaching for 34 years and she wants to travel.", explained Jimmy.

Her favorite memory is when one of her friends learned to read.

Her favorite subject is science.

She will play in her garden for fun.

Her favorite lesson is the life cycle.

She loved teaching at this school.

She will not get another job.

She had a lot of fun when she was here.

She thought that being in this school was like being in one big family.

"Ms Fitz, I think everyone will miss you, so this is " good bye and good luck" from all of us ."

Hanna interviewed Mrs. Brittain, who has been our wonderful gym teacher for over 25 years!

Question: what's your favorite part about school?

Answer: Getting excited when kids learn a new skill.

Question: What will you do after your retirement?

Answer: I'll travel, read, baby sit, and golf.

Question: Do you like your job?

Answer: I love my job.

Question: If you had to choose where would you go?

Answer: Italy, to visit my relatives.

Question: What is your favorite sport?

Answer: Baseball

Question: What your favorite lesson to teach?

Answer: Volleyball

Question: What's your favorite book?

Answer: Any book by Nichols Spark.

Question: What's your favorite food?

Answer: Chinese food and seafood.

Question: What do you like to do?

Answer: Play golf.

Happy golfing, Mrs. Brittain!

This next interview is going to be about the fabulous Mrs. Blakeslee. Nicole says, "I took some of her time and asked her some questions. I hope you enjoy it!"

Me: What's your favorite part about school?

Carol Blakeslee: My favorite part about school is challenging kids to do their best.

Me: What will you do after retirement?

Carol Blakeslee: spending time with my grandkids, read LOADS of books, and do all of my unfinished projects.

Me: What's your favorite sport to do?

Carol Blakeslee: Hiking.

Me: What are your favorite subjects to teach?

Carol Blakeslee: Math, because it a big puzzle.

Teachers Retire! Continued

Carol Blakeslee: Colorado.

The final fantastic retiree is Mrs. Dempsey interviewed by Morgan.

Mrs. Dempsey is one of the most interesting people you will ever meet. I got a great opportunity to interview her. I sat down with her in her preschool room and asked semi-hard and easy questions. She answered the questions with a breeze. The questions and answers were:

Q. What was your favorite memory?

A. She said, "It's not about the children, but about the year we moved into the building."

Q. What do you do in your spare time?

A. She reads, goes to the gym, and visits her friends and grand children.

Q. How many kids do you have and what are their names?

A. Three...Liz, Joe, and Sarah.

Q. What is your favorite subject to teach?

A. She likes to teach reading.

Q. What do you want to do after you retire?

A. She wants to take a long trip to the Galapagos Islands, take a bunch of pictures, learn the Irish language, and visit her newest grandchild in California. And maybe go to Scandinavia.

Q. What is your favorite baseball team?

A. The Boston Red Socks!!!

Q. What's your favorite book?

A. *To Kill A Mocking Bird*
We will miss you all!
We will miss all of you!



We've Got Talent! By Jack Cosmus

The talent show was held on May 4, 2010 in the gym at Farmington River School. It was magnificent! I never knew our school had so much talent! There were dancers, singers, gymnasts, comediennes, and magicians. There was even a kid who could

say the alphabet backwards! The most memorable acts were the singers, and gymnasts. This is a picture of Molly, and Melanie creating a "human box" ..



Favorite books of the 5th Grade by Jimmy Margraf

If you are bored this summer these are some amazing books for you to read suggested by the superb 5th graders and Mr. Keller.

The Twilight series, Gregor series, Edge Chronicles, Magic Thief, Deep Dark and Dangerous, Manage, Charle Bone,

Calvin and Hobbes, Halo, Goosebumps, Three Cups of Tea, 1776, Magical Fairy Stuff, A Dog Called Cat, and the Lightning Thief series.

Don't forget to read ! If you do, you can win a prize at the end of the summer.

If you read 20 minutes per day, 5 days a week you will receive a certificate in September. The one with the most minutes wins a grand prize. Mrs. Turo and Mrs.



Meyers will be sending you a form to record your reading time. The forms will also be on the school web site.

Kids On The Honor Roll by Morgan Cooley

Congratulations to all the people on the 3rd quarter
Honor Roll

4th grade Honor Roll

*Allyssa Annechario
Ava Guidette (absent from picture)
Elizabeth Kuzmeck
Richard Stanmeyer*



5th grade Honor Roll

*Zoe Bean
Janey Beardsley
Mario Castro
Jack Cosmus
Jeffrey Crandall
Nick Gray
Charles Kuzmeck
Isabelle Morley
Lyssa Richard
Delanie Rybacki
Lydia Vreeland*



6th grade Honor Roll

*Paige Gray
Anna Snyder
Ryan Weir*



6 grade advice by Hanna O'Brien

I asked the sixth graders for advice for the 5th graders entering sixth grade next year. This is how they responded:

Brittany: "Don't throw erasers."

Veronica: "Make friends with the teachers and don't forget to bond with each other at Nature's Classroom."

Jeffrey: "Math gets harder by the end of the year."

Lily: "Be nice and be good."

Scott: "Forget about yesterday."

Nicole: "Do your homework."

Anna: "Do homework **and hand it in!**"

Anonymous: "Don't have an atti tude... especially in math class!"

Bart: "Read a lot!"

Shelby: Try to make friends with your foes...it's a new year!"

Congratulations to Our 6th graders! Good luck in 7th!



5th grade Colonial Reenactment

by Nick Gray

"The Great Encampment", circa 1776, was down in the backfield at the Farmington River School. On the way down to the encampment you might have heard the sound of fifes and drums. Then you might have heard the military drilling.

When you arrived you saw people in period costumes cooking, weaving, and making tools.

Many community families attended the event. Everyone enjoyed it immensely...even Mr. Keller, who said it was so cold Friday night he could see his breath! The

severe thunderstorms didn't help, either!

Luckily, when it was time for the students to arrive on Saturday, the sun came out! Mr. Keller, our Social Studies teacher and Organizer of the event, came

up to the pavilion and got the 5th grade re-enactors. There were a lot of 5th grade re-enactors including Nick Gray, Morgan Cooley, Janey Beardsley, Jack Cosmos, Skyla Joy, Lyssa Richard, Nicole Orsi, and Charles Kuzmech. They were joined by one of the largest re-enactment groups “Ye Olde Lebanon Town Militia” from Connecticut. The students were taught how to write calligraphy, listen to stories, and become apprentices. They also played games called Shoe ball, Nine Man Moreis, Battle Door, and Grace Hoops. “The Great Encampment” was a great way to study history and a “blast from the past”!



A WORD To The WISE by Nick Gray

A weird word that I found in the dictionary is, Ipecacuanha (Ipi-kak-yoo-ana). Ipecacuanha- is the dried root of a South America plant, used To make you throw up if you swallow a poisonous substance. (call Poison control 1st)

This is how you can use ipecacuanha in a sentence:
My mom gave my little brother ipecacuanha because he swallowed rat poison.

Horse Around This Summer! by Nicole Orsi

Horses are wonderful pets to have. I have several and enjoy riding them. Before you buy a horse, though, you have to know about them and how to take care of them.

An interesting fact about horses include how you measure a horse. Say a horse is 16.2 hands. This stands for 16 hands and two fingers high. They give you this info so you don't have to figure it out.

Lets go back in time and see where horses came from, and what they were used for.

Horses are among the most diverse creatures on the planet. Many of the smaller horses can be used for many things such as barrel racing, show and pleasure. Many of the big-

ger horses plow in the fields.

The American quarter horse traces its roots back to the 1600s. Back then these horses were owned by the Spanish. These fabulous animals were native to Spain. This type of horse is one of my favorite horses. It is a high jumper, but it is not that tall. Then you don't have so far to fall!

Before that, horses were wild. Wild horses run in herds. In the 1800's domestication has spread throughout the world. Domestication has been debated. Should horses be left to roam free? Does this mean that there will be no more horses to have for pets ?

I hope not! My most favorite horse is the Pasifeeno horse. These horses have wonderful gaits.



I feed my horse with oats and make sure it has water. I have to brush the horse every day. You have to spend time with the horse so it will not fear you. Horses may see humans as predators because humans' eyes are in the front instead of the sides. I love being around my horse and plan to “horse around” this summer!

Horrorscopes by Voldemorgan



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19.) You will regret anything you do wrong. You will apologize, but will not be forgiven.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19.) You will accomplish your greatest goal. And be treated with the greatest respect.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20.) Good luck will come to you today and always. Forever will come with much luck to you and your friends.

Aries (March 21-April 19.) Your greatest wish will come true. But in the end you will regret it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20.) You will be very grateful today. But there will be a surprising twist!

Gemini (May 21-June 20.) You will say something that will hurt your friend's feelings. And it will change your life as you know it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22.) Don't waste your time on little things because your time is limited. Spend the greater amount of your time on the big things that mean something to you.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22.) Something will become of you. For the better or for the worst.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22.) You will be forgotten. Your biggest fear will happen to you and only you can change it.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23.) Use your time wisely. Do not regret anything or do anything regrettable. But live life to the fullest. Say something you will never forget or regret.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22.) Lie or not, if you do you will regret it. Speak the truth and only the truth.

Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21.) You will have super times always. In the course of your life you will be fortunately lucky.

