



Smoke Signals

St. Johns Middle School Newsletter



February 2015

Points of Interest:

- Feb 6th Early Release
- Feb 14th Valentine's Day and AZ Day
- Feb 16th No School for Presidents' Day
- Feb 18th County Spelling Bee
- Feb 20th Early Release
- Watch for midterm grades to come home the week of February 9th

Sports Events

Games usually start at 3:30.

Snowflake Girls, Home, Boys away	Feb 5
Blue Ridge Boys home, Girls away	Feb 10
Mogollon Boys home, Girls away	Feb 12
Jo City Girls home, Boys away	Feb 17
Winslow Girls home, Boys away	Feb 19
Holbrook Boys home, Girls away	Feb 24
TBA 8th grade Tournament, Boys and Girls	Feb 26, 28

Westley's Revenge by Mrs. Jarvis' 5th Grade class

There once was a smelly man named Chase, a hideous wolf named Westley, and an ignorant herd of sheep (the only one anybody liked was Richard). They lived on a popcorn ranch in Oklahoma during medieval times. One excruciatingly cold spring morning on April 30, the sheep grazed delightfully. The sleepy man was just getting himself a delicious breakfast of mutton before he went to watch over his rapid sheep. The evil wolf was making wicked plans to eat some yummy breakfast as well.

Obese Westley went out looking for a fuzzy sheep to eat for breakfast, but every time he tried to take a sheep,

Chase shot an arrow at him! He had to come up with a good idea. The wolf wandered to Chase's house, where he noticed a black sheepskin lying on a bloody butcher table. He thought, "Maybe I can put this sheepskin on my back and I will look like a sheep! Then I can join the herd and nobody will notice!" So, he took the skin and carried out his plan.

For a long time, gross Chase wondered where his huge sheep were going! He started out with 26 sheep, and after three weeks, he only had 19. Then one sunny day, he was looking out his hairy bathroom window and he saw one of his innocent sheep attacking another one! He sprinted

outside and checked it out. Westley in sheep's skin said, "Mooooooooo!" Finally, the man realized that the "sheep" was not a sheep! Chase thought, "Hamburgers from this foxy cow would be delicious right now!" The man grabbed his wiggly machete and anxiously lopped off the head of the imposter sheep. Chase prepared his juicy hamburger from the meat of the wolf and ate it ravenously.

In the middle of the night, Chase started feeling ill. He wandered sickly to bed and after he fell asleep, he never woke up. He had died from the rabies Westley carried. The sheep later turned into cows and were never seen again. Richard stayed a sheep and was their fearless leader.

The End

Spelling Bee Winners

Our school spelling bee winners did a fantastic job! Ryan Oppen, a 6th grader in Mrs. Udall's class, took first place. Kameron Greer, another one of Mrs. Udall's students, took 2nd place. Case Heap, a 5th grader in Miss Shreeve's class, was runner up. Good luck at the county spelling bee on February 18!



Case, Kameron and Ryan

Mrs. Jarvis, 5th Grade Teacher—an Interview by her Class

Do you like teaching, and is it fun?

Yes, I like teaching and my 5th graders very much! It's more fun for me when the students are having fun, and when they learn something they didn't know before (have an "a-ha" moment).

Do you like cheese?

I like milder cheeses, like mozzarella and Colby jack, but I don't like gouda or bleu or strong cheeses like that.

What kinds of diplomas do you have?

I have a high school diploma from St. Johns High School, an AA degree from Eastern Arizona College, a BA degree from the University of Arizona, and a M.Ed from Grand Canyon University.

Do you stress out at work?

When I feel like I am not teaching so that everyone understands, that is stressful. It's hard to adapt to so many learning styles!

What do you do in your leisure time besides grade papers?

Grading papers is NOT "leisure time"! I like to play mad libs with my kids at home (we're nerds) or watch movies and play board or card games with my family or read. When it's warm, I like fixing up my yard and planting flowers.

Did you always want to be a teacher?

I always thought I'd be a nurse if I had a career. When it was time that I got a job, I started substitute teaching, and I really liked it! I decided that I would do what I needed to do to get certified to be a full-time teacher.

What other jobs have you had?

I've done everything from being a janitor at a gas station to being a secretary to being a babysitter to being a home health aide. But teaching is my favorite!

What did you do when

you were a kid?

I played My Little Pony and Barbies and read a lot. I liked to pretend I was a teacher or a nurse or a princess, and I made up scenarios to "act out". I also played He-man with my brothers, or went camping and fishing.

Would you rather do math or reading?

If I'm on my own, I prefer reading, but I feel like teaching math is easier, because there is a definite answer and several ways to find it.

Do you like fashion, and what is your favorite car?

I'm not that fashionable, if you haven't noticed, so I guess not! I like having my own style, though, and don't really care whether people like it or not! I always thought it would be fun to own a convertible Miata.

Support our school! Buy a Little Cesar's Pizza Kit from a Student Council Representative. Or, contact the school office. Sale starts February 9th.

Mrs. Raykovitz organized our school spelling bee on January 21st. Spelling whizzes from each class competed for the honor of representing our school in the county spelling bee. The contestants from fourth-grade were Evelyn Brown, Tuff Brown, Draet'n Howey, Isabella Jaramillo, Erik Lillie, Audrey Patterson, JT Richardson, and Rose Wagoner.

SJMS Spelling Bee

Fifth-grade was represented by Gwendalyn Bowman, Case Heap, Stephanie Lillie, Danica Machuse, Westley Scarbrough, and Brooke Smith.

The sixth-grade top spellers were Kameron Greer, Cassidy Johnson, Kyle Lavine, Ryan Oppen, Bella Otto, Brady Overson, Matthew Pearson, Aracely Telles, and Joann Wahl.

Seventh-grade super spellers were Trevor Harris, Hailey Leyba, Canon Medure, Daniel Mora, Shaylyn Sorensen, Sue Thomas, Erica Wagoner, and Justin Zawacky.

The eighth-grade contestants were Nikki Baxter, Xavier Galindo, Kolter Hubbell, Alex Jaramillo, Gracye Otto, Kori Tillman, and Aneron Winters.

Ms. Carleen Shreeve, Super Teacher

Ms. Shreeve has been a teacher in our district for 32 years. She has taught in different areas but has spent most of her time teaching in the fourth and fifth grades here at the middle school. She loves teaching all of the subjects and is especially good with, well, all of them. She loves teaching because she loves her students.

Ms. Shreeve was the valedictorian of her class at St. Johns High School and was active in student government. She went to college at ASU.

When she is not at school, she enjoys spending time with her 4 year old, pure-bred shih tzu dog named Annie Johannie. She loves the outdoors and likes to hike, shop and garden.

Ms. Shreeve is also very artistic. If you have

been in her class, you know how good she is with crafts. But, did you know that she carves gourds and sells them at craft fairs? She is also an excellent photographer. We are lucky to have this talented woman at our school.-- Lacoiya Gregg, Reporter

Make busy-time meals a snap with Little Cesar's Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough!

Fifth-Grade Poets

The Eagle Flies

The eagle flies so gracefully
On the blue, blue sky
It flies in the rushing wind
As it passes by
It rests when the day is done
On a cliff so high
And the next day
When it wakes the eagle flies

By: Melody Holden, Ms. Shreeve's 5th grade

SCHOOL!

The school is good
The food is great
The food is served on a plate.
The library is good
The library is great
In math we have to use a slate.
At recess we get to play
We wish we could play all day.
The desks at school are sturdy
Now I have to go
Its 2:30!

By: Eliana Morales, , Ms. Shreeve's 5th grade

School, school, school,
School is the rule, on
Monday you're really tired,
On Tuesday you're feeling good
On Wednesday you're really pumped,
On Thursday you're really cool
On Friday you have a pop, pop, pop quiz
School, school, school, SCHOOL IS THE RULE!

By Judzia Nunez, , Ms. Shreeve's 5th grade



What is student council? Well... We:

Provide gifts for students at Christmas time

Run concessions to help with classroom projects and field trips

Organize and fund pep assemblies and special activities

Give Gift Pins to our veterans at the Veterans' Day Assembly

Fund class competition prizes

Provide leadership training activities

Provide special activities—for Field Day, look for a jumping castle and super slide this year!

We appreciate all of the help and support given to us during our chocolate sales and the concessions at the games.

3rd Quarter AR points

This quarter our school has earned 2,670 AR points making a total of 16,305 for the year. The 7th grade has the most points so far with 809 points, the fourth grade has the highest average number of points per student, and Mrs. Harris' 4th grade class has the highest points for a class. Yet again, the student with the highest AR points this quarter is Caleb Sansevero! GO CALEB!



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