

# What's The Buzz???

Lost in Kroll's Farm for 10 Years!!!

By: Jeremy G

Once again, Kroll's Farm has hosted the St. Patrick School Fall Fest. With a corn maze as the main attraction, many St. Pat's families come for family fun. There were hay rides, pumpkin picking, and a petting zoo to enjoy all night long. And if it was too cold for you to stay outside, then come inside and hit the dance floor in the back of the barn. There is a camp fire outside too. With pizza, candy, and refreshments, there will always be something to do at Kroll's Farm.

This year's multi-acre corn maze winds through a birthday cake and the words: AN AMAZING TEN YEARS and then: KROLL'S beneath the cake. The map also contains of the usual turns and paths that can take you the wrong way. There are also punch cards numbered 1-12, and you have to try to get all twelve numbers punched by answering trivia questions. Something new that is very

helpful in the maze for those who like to get all 12 numbers punched, is that there are signs that say something like: LEAVING 1-5 ENTERING 6-8 to help you out. If you missed a number, the sign will tell you that you need to turn around and find the missing number.

Inside the barn are tables, pizza, candy, and couches in the back if you are feeling lazy. The hayride is very slow and relaxing, and is fun for young children. It gives you a tour all the way around the farm. All activities at Kroll's Farm were included in the price of the Fall Fest ticket. Glow sticks, pumpkins, and other autumn decorations were available to purchase separately. If you want to get one or more glow sticks, they are available at the entrance of the corn maze.



*The Kroll's Maze*



*Little Sisters of the Poor*

## A Prayer Service for the Sisters

By: Maddy B.

At St. Patrick's School there has been a food drive going on that is for the Little Sisters of the Poor's food pantry. On November 19 they came and the whole school gathered in prayer. The student council did the service starting with an opening prayer. Then the fifth graders sang and one of the sisters came up and told the school how grateful they were for the food that had been given to them. Once she was done all the classes came up with their assigned food or necessity. The kindergarteners brought tissues, the first graders brought shampoo, second grade brought toothpaste, third grade brought mouthwash, fourth grade brought body lotion, fifth grade brought canned soups, sixth grade brought canned fruit, seventh grade brought cereals, and eighth grade brought puddings/jello. The school ended by blessing the food and singing. The sisters really appreciated our donations. The main thing is that everyone participated in doing a good and thoughtful deed to their community.

## A Holiday Word Search! (by Max)

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## Confirmation

By: Sarah M.

Keep the eighth graders in your prayers. On November 17, 2012 they received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. Pray this prayer to lead our eighth graders to holiness with god forever. Creator Spirit, strengthen the eighth graders with your gifts of Grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

*Amen*



*A dove symbolizes the sacrament of Confirmation.*

## A Year to Remember

By: Sarah M.

Going to the Super Bowl is a dream come true while winning the Super Bowl is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. On Saturday November 10 that dream came true for fourth graders Matthew S. and Keegan M. when their Warren featherweight football team went to the Super Bowl in their division. They played an exciting game against Antioch Gold and ended up winning 46-16! At half-time Warren led 16-8 which led up to their win. This was Matthew's, Keegan's, most of the other kids on the team's, and the coaches' first time ever going to the Super Bowl. Each player received a medal and a trophy and the head coach received the trophy which was around five feet tall. Warren went through the season with a 9-0 record and through the playoffs with a 3-0 record which led to their Super Bowl win. After the season the Warren team went down to Tennessee for a tournament that included 260 teams from 26 different states in which they took third.



*The winning team with the "Super-Bowl" trophy!*

## Trick or Treat with a Twist!

By: Haley

On Halloween, many people go house to house for candy, visit haunted houses, go to parties, and watch scary movies. All of this can be fun and is a tradition for many people, but no one thinks about the people that can't participate in these activities. Some of these people are the ones who have stood up for, and fought for our country: the war veterans.

4H is a club that consists of mostly farm kids, and some of the more adventure seeking children in the United States. Every year, they have to raise an animal, or work on a project for the local county fair where they show and sell their animal or project. On top of their projects, their club also has to complete two or more service activities each year. Many clubs work at food pantries, sell vegetables and donate the money to shelters, and send cards to current military members. But this year, a club came up with a new service activity idea.

The Country Bumpkins 4H club decided to decorate pumpkins, place them around the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, treat the veterans with pretzels, and maybe chat with the veterans for a while. Better yet, they wore their Halloween costumes. The club decorated the entire veteran area of the center with their pumpkins. Many of the veterans were excited to talk to the children, especially about the animals they raise, which was the main lifestyle of many of the veterans before they entered war. Many veterans talked about how they thought the kids wanted candy from them, but it was the other way around... the veterans were the ones getting treated. Both the Country Bumpkins and the Veterans truly enjoyed the visit. The Country Bumpkins plan to go back for Christmas to sing Christmas carols and give presents to the veterans. The club hopes that other people start to think about people who can't do anything fun for the holidays, and hopefully the veterans will get more visits from other clubs and caring people.

## A Magical Recipe: Magic Bars

By: Maddie J.

Do you want a delicious recipe for your holiday get-together? A great thing to have is Magic Bars. Here's what you need:

- 1 1/2 cups of corn flake crumbs
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 1/2 cup of butter (one stick)
- 1 cup (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/3 cup of coconut
- 1 cup of finely ground walnuts
- 1 can of sweetened condensed milk

Measure the corn flake crumbs, butter and sugar and pour into 13x9x2 pan. Mix thoroughly with spoon and spread evenly and firmly around bottom of pan. Scatter the chocolate chips over the crust. Next spread coconut over the chocolate chips. Then sprinkle the nuts over the coconut. Drizzle the condensed milk over the nuts. Bake at 375 degrees for about 25 minutes or until browned around the edges. Let them cool and cut into small bars. (Some tips: Spray your pan before you put the ingredients in.

This is a delicious family recipe that my great grandmother made up! Try it at home to see for yourself.

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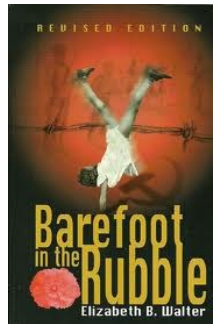
## Barefoot in the Rubble

By: Haley L.

In May of the 2012 school year, St. Pat's Junior High had a visit from a Holocaust survivor. She explained her experience of living through the struggles of the Holocaust in her book, *Barefoot in the Rubble*.

*Barefoot in the Rubble* was written by Elizabeth B. Walker. This book tells a story about a child truly having to physically and mentally survive on little to nothing. The author wrote the book with a mind-set of showing how horrible the Holocaust actually was. She wrote that the Holocaust wasn't just a little ethnic cleansing after World War II, and that it was large enough to wipe out populations of many ethnicities. She wrote about how hard the separation of families was just by writing about her own experiences.

*Barefoot in the Rubble* truly explains and records much historical information. Many readers believe that it is a story that needs to be heard. One that tells how many people had to beat the odds, separation from family, and taking risks just for freedom and humanness. It shows how much even the youngest of people need and want freedom. This story can create a new view of life for many people that take things for granted.



## Teacher of the Month

By: Christian M.

November's teacher of the month is Mrs. Arcaro, a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at St. Patrick School. This is her first time teaching here at our school!

I went up to the elementary unit to visit her, also to ask her a few questions about her job and why she wanted to become a teacher. She said she decided to become a teacher at about the age of ten because she loved being around little kids. She also said she was used to being around a lot of kids because she has a big family. She told me that she went to New Zealand for student teaching, eventually getting a job at our school teaching first grade (her first time professionally teaching!). She loves watching the students change every single day. While she is not with the students at school, she is either running, shopping, or going to the city. On the weekends she goes to Chicago if she can.

I also interviewed two students about their teacher. The two students I questioned were Kaitlyn M. and Leyton M. I asked them if they like Mrs. Arcaro, and they both agreed that they like her a lot, she's very nice, and she is a good teacher!

## I'm Gonna Wreck It!!!

By: Isa A.

Brought to you by Rich Moore, the same man who has directed many episodes of the shows *The Simpsons* and *Futurama*, is a video-game filled comedy that'll make you laugh, cry, and randomly shout out the name of video-game characters that you recognize. This movie, ladies and gentlemen, is the 52<sup>nd</sup> animated film of Disney: *Wreck-It Ralph*.

This interesting film shows you an entirely different perspective of the average arcade, pulling behind all the 8-bit and high definition screens into a new the surreal and wonderful world of gaming, where video game characters freely travel through other games after-hours. The film tells the story of one particular 'bad-guy' or villain of the video game *Fix-It Felix, Jr.* whose name is Wreck-It Ralph (voiced by John C. Reilly). Ralph was constantly rejected and shunned by the rest of the game's inhabitants, even by the game's protagonist/hero: *Fix-It Felix, Jr.* (Jack McBrayer).

On the game's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Ralph is finally fed up with being rejected and he travels between games in the arcade, rebelling against his role of an antagonist to become a hero. Within his journey, he enters the different platforms of gaming, one being the action packed first-person shooter game, *Hero's Duty*, where the no-nonsense lead character, Sergeant Tamora Jean Calhoun (voiced by Jane Lynch), and other characters fight against a virus called Cy-Bugs.

Another game Ralph ends up on would be *Sugar Rush*, a candy-themed kart-racing game, yet its sweet appearance hides the rot beneath. There he meets characters such as the outcast Vanellope von Schweetz (Sarah Silverman), praised ruler King Candy (Alan Tudyk), and many others.

As Ralph nears his goal of becoming hero, a dire threat reveals itself, and Ralph and his new allies must stop it before the entire arcade is affected.

The movie was actually pretty good, getting positive reviews, and causing kids to laugh and older audiences to notice and appreciate the great use of video game cameos and references, some of which being Sonic from *Sonic the Hedgehog* and the well known Pac-Man himself.

Gather your quarters and get ready to play! Have fun!