

# What's The Buzz?!?

## Saint Valentine's Parties

By: Sarah M.

On Thursday February 14, Valentine's Day, grades preschool to fifth grade celebrates Saint Valentine's Day with their own parties. In preschool there was a lot going on including a Valentine's day bingo, coloring sheets, painting, and ice cream sundaes! Before they ate their sundaes the preschoolers prayed a prayer that went something like this: "ABCDEFGH, thank you God for the snacks we eat. Yeah, God!" When Lukas was asked what his favorite part of Valentine's Day was he answered, "When someone gives me presents!" Next, in Mrs. Fallos' kindergarten again there was a lot going on including pin the heart on the bee, making door hangers, doing sticker pictures, and making noodle necklaces with red and pink noodles. Haley E. said her favorite Valentine candy were peeps. Across the hall in Mrs. Scotts' kindergarten class some activities included word searches, Valentine's Day ornaments, Heart shaped puzzles, and bingo with candy hearts. In Mrs. Arcaro's first grade class the kids were kept on their toes doing things like a heart beanbag toss, a pin the heart in between the giraffes game, making cool things out of play dough, and making necklaces out of beads and noodles. First graders, Kaitlyn M. and Isabella agreed that if they had to wear either pink or red for the rest of their lives they would wear pink.



Preschoolers jumping for joy on Saint Valentine's Day!

Down the hall in Mrs. Sulla's second grade class some of the many things going on included making heart shaped cards, a Valentine version of heads-up-seven up in which the kids passed a pillow behind their backs and one person had to guess who had the pillow, and another game that included the kids putting a spoon in their mouths with a candy on it and walking it over to a bucket and placing the candy in the bucket without using their hands. Clare R. and Bridget M. agreed that if they got to buy her parents anything in the world for Valentine's Day they would get them a puppy. In Mrs. Eriksen's second grade class a lot was going on including a beanbag toss, making heart shaped pictures, a bingo game, and pin the heart in between the giraffes. In Mrs. Miklautsch's third grade class one of the many things going on was wrapping the kids' classmates in red and pink tissue paper. Hannah said that if she could go anywhere in the world for Valentine's Day she would go back in time to Saint Valentine's time to see Saint Valentine. In Mrs. Johnson's fourth grade class they made Valentine bags for their Valentines. Alex C. said that if he could go anywhere in the universe for Valentine's Day he would go to Mars. Sydney R. disagreed with Alex and said that if she could go anywhere she would go to Neptune.

## A Pep Rally for Mrs. B!!!!

By: Maddy B.

On February 1, 2013, St. Patrick's school came together to recognize their sports teams in a pep rally. But this pep rally was different than others because it was dedicated to their principal, Mrs. Bosnak. They started out with the cheerleaders doing one of their cheers. Then they had a slideshow that had pictures of Mrs. Bosnak during all her years as St. Patrick's principal. Mr. Hoch, the computer teacher, produced this slideshow. Some of the eighth grade girls decided to sing Mrs. Bosnak a song with Mrs. Trygar, the music teacher, leading them through it. Mrs. Trygar also led the kindergarten through fifth grade students in singing one of Mrs. Bosnak's favorite songs, *You Are My Sunshine*. After the two songs were finished Mr. Sobacki, the band teacher, led the band in playing the school song. Then the student council members announced the sports teams, boys and girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, track, and cheerleading. After student council announced the cheerleaders and Buzz, the school mascot, back out. One of the events involving the theme of Mrs. Bosnak's last year was throwing out t-shirts that had a picture of Mrs. Bosnak, the words saying best principal, and St. Patrick's School. The last thing that the students did was hold up all the posters made for Mrs. Bosnak. Lastly Mrs. Bosnak Announced the dismissal and everyone went back to their classes.

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## Ring, Christmas Bells

By: Isa A.

Thanks to weeks of hard work, practice, and Christmas Spirit, the Saint Patrick School's band gave a wonderful performance at their 2012 Winter Concert.

The performance started off with the Beginning Band playing the song *Warm Christmas Biscuits* (also known as *Hot Cross Buns*). This was followed by the well-known tunes such as *Au Claire de la Lune*, *Good King Wenceslas*, *Donkey Round* and *Dreydl, Dreydl*. A great solo for the song *Jolly Old St. Nicholas* was performed by Harrison S. and was then followed by the whole band playing the popular song, *Jingle Bells*.

Following the Beginning Band was the intermediate band, which played some lesser-known songs such as *Arctic Encounter*, *We Three Kings*, but also more familiar songs such as *Joy to the World* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

For the first time, the Jazz Band made an appearance during the concert, playing the song *Jolly Alto Saxophones*. At the evening concert, Stephanie S. and Allison M. read the introduction for the song written by the arranger of the piece, Timothy Loest.

After the movement of some percussion equipment, the final part of the concert was the experienced Advanced Band, where most of the Jazz Band players resided. They started off with the *Holly Wreath Medley*, a medley that continued parts of the songs from *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *The First Noel*, *Up on the Housetop*, and *O Come All Ye Faithful*. Once the song was over, the musicians continued the show with *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* and *Here Comes Santa Claus*. The concert ended with *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## A Trip to the Wolves' Den!

By: Jeremy G.

For the junior high's first trimester trip, the students went to see a Chicago Wolves hockey game at the Allstate Arena. The Wolves played against the Abbotsford Heat. It was a fun, well-thought-out trip, but did not meet all of my expectations.

First of all, we got goldfish instead of chips, and we did not get a cookie, like it said on the sheet telling about the trip. Second of all, we did not get to see the whole game. That was aggravating, but we had to get back to school on time for dismissal. Other than those few things, the field trip was quite fun for me. The beginning of the game was very exciting because the entryway for the hockey players and referees was a giant wolf, just like the Wolves' mascot. Fire came out of the wolf's paws and there were tiny fireworks and flashing lights from the jumbotron, which was all very interesting to see. We also got to see the players practice taking shots on the ice before the game.

This field trip was not the best, but was still fun overall. I think some of the less-sporty students would have had more fun with something else, but they should have still somewhat enjoyed it because of the excitement at the beginning of the game. Overall, the first trimester field trip was quite fun for many junior high students!



The Intermediate Band performing at the afternoon recital.

The Wolves' Logo!



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## Welcome To Hotel Transylvania!

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## Want To Be Really Scared?!?

By: Maddie B.

If you want a scare (or two!) on a spooky October night, Six Flags is the place to be during this time of year! During this year Fright Fest at Six Flags, their beloved giant spider named Tiny died, and in his honor they had a funeral for him. The very famous ride at Great America, the American Eagle, is now called the Black Widow, in honor of Tiny, who used to hang on the side of the ride. That is also where Tiny's R.I.P tombstone is hanging along with her babies, who are also spiders, but much smaller.

My friend Riley has told me that the scariest things there are the monsters. There are vampires, mummies, ghosts, goblins, and even pirates lurking everywhere just waiting to scare someone. There are decorations in all the window displays throughout the park. On top of the tall spinning ride called Sky Trek, King Kong, Six Flags's mighty gorilla, hangs above where the people in the ride travel.

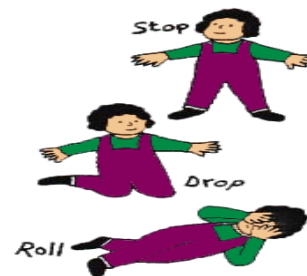
A fun touch at Fright Fest is that many rides have new scary names like Ricoslay for Ricochet, and Dying Trapeze for King Kaos. There are different types of haunted houses and walk-throughs, but be warned, some you have to pay for. Fright Fest is a great place for roller-coaster lovers, so if you enjoy doing all kinds of loops, spins, and scary drops, Fright Fest is definitely for you.

## Stop, Drop, and Roll Your Way to Safety

By: Christian M.

If you were unaware, October is Fire Prevention Month, and although there are many different programs, one of the most well-known is Stop, Drop, and Roll. This program has been used by many fire departments for many years. The reason it has been used for so long is that it is easy to teach and even easier to learn. To explain how it works, first you need to remember the three sides of the fire triangle, which are: Air, Heat, and Fuel. Stop, Drop and Roll takes away two sides of the fire triangle: air, and fuel.

After interviewing Lt. Steve M. of the Lincolnshire River woods fire department, a fire safety. Although all programs having to do with fire safety are important, none have been proven to work as well as stop, drop, and roll. Not only is it used to teach children, but it is still used by adults and even fire fighters to this day. Lt. Steve also said not playing with matches or fire is the best way to stay safe. It's nice to know that if things go wrong, and your clothes on fire, Stop, drop, and roll is there to help. The Lt. said, "If your clothes do catch on fire do not panic. Keep your face covered, your elbows close to your chest, and also to keep your legs tight together, to smother the fire. You will be eliminating the amount of fuel added to the fire."



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