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Class of the Month: 5th grade

By: Esther H.

Hello Cougars! This month, the special class is 5th grade! Mrs. Maxfield, the ELA and 5th grade teacher, was interviewed and we got many thoughtful responses. When she was asked who she looked up to the most, she responded, "I have admired my mom since I can remember. She is my safe place, a woman filled with wisdom who follows after Christ with an amazing servant heart." Her



mother is someone who has raised her in Christ and guides her to this day. Mrs. Maxfield didn't actually know what she wanted to do for her career. As soon as she had her first teaching experience though, she had no doubt that teaching was what she was meant to do. She had a calling and knew that God wanted her to teach. Mrs. Maxfield has a contagious love for books and really enjoys dystopian novels. However, her favorite book is the *Bible*. Mrs. Maxfield said, "As I began teaching, I learned more and more of the ways a book can touch your inner being and change you for the good, if you let it. I wanted that for my students." Thank

you Mrs. Maxfield and a special shout out to the 5th grade class!

Caring

By: Austin H.

Hello Cougars! I hope you had a great month of February with a ton of snow days and relaxing time with your family. Our word of the month is caring. The Bible verse, Thessalonians 5:11, says "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up just as in fact you are doing." The verse is saying that you should help each other in any way you are able too, just as God does with us. He cares for us very much. Now going into the month of March, care for each other and help one another.



Lutheran Schools Week Highlights

Theme Days and Dress Down Days

By Tina N. and Anna C.

Hey, Cougars! Last month we celebrated National Lutheran's School Week and had a lot of fun doing so! Each day we dressed up differently and did different activities. On Monday, we played board games with our classes and dressed comfy and cozy. Tuesday, we had the Spelling Bee and dressed in animal print. On Wednesday, we had the Bible Bee and dressed colorfully. On Thursday, we wore our favorite sports team swag and had the Geography Bee. Last but not least, we wore our school theme shirts and watched movies in class on Friday. We all enjoyed seeing what everyone was wearing each day of the week and would like to share some of our favorite looks!



The 7th Grade- Favorite Teams



8th Grade Class -Animal Prints

His Kids

By: Esther H.

For National Lutheran Schools Week, the week of the 24th-28th, our school raised money for the organization His Kids. His Kids is a cancer support foundation that helps families who have a child with cancer. They also have camps for children with cancer and siblings of those with cancer. This organization raises money and provides non-perishable foods and cleaning supplies. Our school raised \$629.50 and this money went to purchasing gift cards to help these families. We also raised 228 food products! Thank you WOL students and families for supporting this amazing organization!

Spelling Bee

By: Peighton G. and Lilly W.



Spelling bee participants



Ezra R. and Noah M.

The Spelling Bee participants included Maggie Grace A. and Abby H. from 4th grade, Ezra R. and Reed S. from 5th grade, Noah M. and Ivan A. from 6th grade, Esther H. and Esther I. from 7th grade, and Kidus C. and Tina N. from 8th grade. The runner up was Ezra R. in 5th grade. Noah M. in 6th grade won the Spelling Bee. Congratulations Noah!

Geography Bee

By: Austin H.



Geography Bee participants



Jonny T. and Avery L.

The Geography Bee participants were Lisa V., Elyse G. in 5th grade, Chloe J. and Ivan A. in 6th grade, Liam T. and Avery L. in 7th grade, and Sara D. and Jonny T. in 8th grade. Everyone who participated did great! The final two were Jonny T. and Avery L. The winner was Avery L. in 7th grade!

Bible Bee

By: Vivian K.



Anna C. and Amelia W.

The Bible Bee participants were: Amira D. and Amelia W. in 4th grade, Caylin S. and Gavin H. in 5th grade, Sammy P. and Edward P. in 6th grade, Liam T. and Esther H. in 7th grade, and Anna C. and Zach S. in 8th grade. This year's Bible Bee was won by Amelia W. in 4th grade, with the runner up being Anna C. in 8th grade. It was a challenging bee, but Amelia stepped up and knew almost every question she answered!

SPORTS

A- team Boys' Basketball

By: Jonny T.

The A-team basketball season came to an end this month after a saddening pair of losses in the city playoffs against Immanuel Wentzville and Grace Chapel. The Cougars had a strong run, but in the end, they didn't come out on top. We congratulate our 8th graders Kidus C., Grant M., Zach S. Jonny T., who we will dearly miss. Thanks for a great season.

A-team Girls' Basketball

By: Peighton G.

Hey Cougars! Sadly, the girls A-Team basketball season has ended. They left off on a good note though. They were the Consolation Champions in the City playoffs. They played against Grace Chapel and won 24-18. We would like to recognize the 8th graders Jeanine D. and Vivian K. from WOL. We will miss playing with them. It was great to be able to play basketball with the Salem girls also. We had a great season. Thanks, Cougars!

B- team Girls Basketball

By: Peighton G.



B- team Girls Basketball

The Girls B-team is coached by Mr. Campbell. The 5th graders on the team are Caylin S., Bellamy L., Lisa V., and Carleigh C. The 6th graders on the team are Ava M., Saylor L., and Kaydee T. The girls won their first game against Our Savior by a score of 20-18. Kaydee T. had an amazing last second shot to win the game. They won their second game against Grace Chapel 18-6. Their third game they lost 17-20 against St. John Arnold. Their season will continue into next month.

B-team Boys Basketball

By: Grant M.



Sammy P. shooting a free throw

The boys B-team basketball season started last month in January. The team is composed of fifth and sixth graders. The boys played their first game on February 10th against Our Savior and won 20-14. In their second game on February 18th, they lost against Grace Chapel 49-10. The boys' season has been going great so far and we can't wait to see what's in store for the rest of the season!

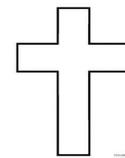
Boys Volleyball

By: Zach S.

After years, yes years of waiting, boys volleyball is here. The roster includes Zach S., Kidus C., Jonny T., Austin H., Matthew H., Avery L., Noah M., Sammy P., and Edward P. They have had five practices so far. Everyone is learning the basics like how to pass, set and spike. So far practices have been fun and I see a great team arising.

Cougar Contest

By: Esther H. and Lilly W.



For this month, we will have crosses to decorate and will hang them around your class's door. It is on the last page of the ROAR. When you are done decorating, give them to Mrs. Schlesselman, Esther H., or Lilly W. Please show your creativity to represent your class! It would be great if you could participate and show your school spirit. Have fun, Cougars!

Elementary Book Review

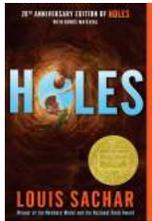
By: Tina N.



Hey Cougars! This month's book review is on *The Little Things* by Emma Dodd. This book demonstrates the importance of the little things and how the biggest amount or the best doesn't matter. This book also has cute illustrations to go along with the message. I hope you enjoy reading this book! Bye bye friends!

Middle School Book Review

By: Grant M.



This month's book of the month is *Holes*. *Holes* by Louis Sachar is about the adventures of the main character, Stanley Yelnats. Stanley was accused of stealing a pair of sneakers from a professional baseball player, a crime he didn't commit.

Stanley is then sent to Camp Green Lake, which isn't what it seems. He and many other "juvenile delinquents" are forced to dig 5 foot holes every day. Why? The counselors say to "build character" but something doesn't seem right about that. Stanley and his new friend, Zero, must discover the truth and end the wrongs going on.

Movie Review

By: Zach S.



Sing 2 is the story of Buster Moon and his friends going to Redshore City to try to get into the big league. They end up having to make a show for Jimmy Crystal, the toughest movie creator. Buster Moon has to bring Clay Callaway, a long gone song writer, to Jimmy

Crystal. Will he get the movie done in time or will Moon get thrown off a building? Find out in *Sing 2*.

TV Show Review

By: Anna C. and Tina N.



HEY JESSIE ohwowowoooo!! This month's TV show review is on *Jessie*! Jessie Prescott is working as a nanny for the wealthy Ross kids. The TV show focuses on Emma, Luke, Zuri, Jessie, Ravi Ross, and the butler Bertram. Oh, and don't forget Ravi's lizard, Mrs. Kipling. The Ross' parents are always out, so they hire Jessie to take care of their kids. This show highlights the crazy adventures of Jessie and the Ross kids. Watch *Jessie* on Disney+ and happy bingeing!

Restaurant Review

By: John H.

Joe's Pizza and Pasta is exactly what it sounds like. Pizza and Pasta. Though it may sound boring, it's actually pretty good. It is located in Columbia, Illinois, a few miles away from the Jefferson Barracks bridge, if you take that bridge to cross the Mighty Mississippi. They serve a variety of pastas, salads, and pizza. I just like to get the plain cheese pizza with garlic bread and a Coke.

This article was brought to you by John. H from the Restaurant Review Corporation.



Video Game Review

By: Zach S.



Nintendo Switch Sports, the game all Nintendo lovers hoped for, is coming out on April 29, 2022. The controls are mostly motion

controls with the Joy Cons. The sports include Volleyball, Badminton, Soccer, Bowling, Tennis, and Sword Fighting. I highly suggest getting this game when it comes out if you have a Nintendo Switch. That is all for this month 'Gamers'!

Preschool News

By: Grant M.

Hello, Cougars! This month we will mainly be featuring Mrs. Pierce's class. Mrs. Pierce's class learned about space and learned about Valentine's Day and the celebration of it. They worked more on counting with candy hearts, they painted hearts with sponges, and learned about showing love to others. They started learning about dental health and how to take care of your teeth.



Gus and Charli painting hearts with sponges.

In Mrs. Maxfield's class, they learned about the Olympic traditions and also about Valentine's Day.



Auggie, Taelyn, Finley, Timmy, and Holden holding the hearts they made.

In Mrs. Bolling's class, they also learned about Valentine's day, along with dinosaurs and pets.



Jimmy decorating the bones of a dinosaur.

Game of the Month

By: Lilly W.



Have you ever played Ants in the Pants? Well, if you have not played this super fun game, I would very much recommend it. In this game, you have little ants that jump when you push the back of them. Your goal is to get all of your ants into the pants. This game is for all ages and a great game to play with your friends and family.

Animal of the Month

By: Anna C. and Lily F.



Hey, Cougars! This month's animal is the sparrow. (No relation to Jack.) Sparrows are 5.5 -7.1 inches and have a wingspan of 7.5-9.8 inches. They are actually great swimmers and can swim to escape predators. They prefer to live in close association with humans in rural and urban areas and have very loud bird calls. They eat insects, berries, and nuts. They live from 4-5 years. Fun fact: they have an extra bone in their tongue. Anyway, that's it for this month. Bye!

Endangered Animal of the Month

By: Lily F.



This month's endangered animal is the Black Rhino. As of 1996, the Black Rhino, or *Diceros Bicornis*, has been critically endangered with a decreasing population of about 5,366 to 5,627 individual Black Rhinos left in the world. These animals are usually 4'3" to 5'9" feet tall with a lifespan of 35-50 years and can weigh as much as 3,100 pounds on a herbivorous diet. The reason for this species' endangerment is because they are being hunted for their horns. They are mainly hunted in Asia for their usage as traditional Chinese medicine but also for jewelry and decorative pieces. Hunting isn't their only threat. Since there is an increasing population of humans, there is more construction and expansion being done. This is leaving a smaller habitat for the rhinos. Currently, the CITES organization is working to stop the illegal hunting and killing of Black Rhinos and helping them relocate to find a bigger habitat.

St. Louis Attractions

By: Lilly W.



Hello everyone! This month's attraction is the Magic House. In the Magic House, there are several different exhibits you can visit in this HUGE place. This is a place for everyone to come and have fun. The Magic House also has another continuation called Magic House MADE. This place is very fun and you can do lots of fun games and crafts. Both locations are super fun and in the St. Louis area.

Aladdin Jr. Musical Preview

By: Esther H. and Tina N.

Hola, Cougars! The musical *Aladdin Jr.* is getting closer! The month of March holds this special occasion that students and teachers have been working hard to prepare for. The musical will take place on March 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The 3rd and 4th performances will be at 6:30pm and the 5th at 3:00 pm. We will have a tech rehearsal on February 26th for the cast and the 27th of February will be a dress rehearsal. Come see the whole new world of *Aladdin Jr.* !

Fun Facts

By: John H. and Jonny T.

The country Sudan has the most pyramids of any country in the world, even more than Egypt!



In Florida, stealing a horse is a crime. It is even punishable by death!

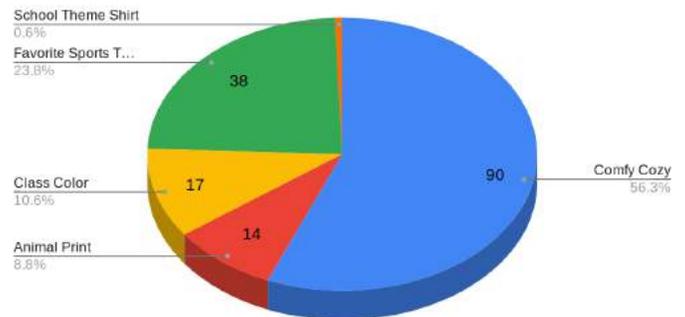
In Missouri, it is illegal to eat clam chowder on a Sunday between 11:50 am and 12:48 pm.

In Lee County, Alabama, it's illegal to sell peanuts after sundown on Wednesdays.

Cougar Survey

By: Grant M. and Jonny T.

Hello Cougars! This month we asked you the question, "What was your favorite NLSW dress down?" Your choices were all of the different dress downs we all had during that fun week. Comfy Cozy won with an impressive 90 votes, Favorite Sports team was in a close second with... 38 votes. Class Color had 17 and Animal Print had 14. Theme Shirt day had an impressively low score of 1. See you next month and stay caring, Cougars!



Black History Month Assembly

By: Peighton G. and Vivian K.



8th graders Vivian K. and Grant M.



Mr. Davis leading "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

This month's big celebration was the Black History Month Assembly held Feb. 18th. with special guests Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Davis. It was so much fun to learn about amazing people who did extraordinary things in the past when things were not very equal. It was a great way to celebrate the wonderful diversity WOL has. We were able to try a new food called the Po' Boy sandwich, and it was so good! Newspaper students said that they enjoyed the 5th grade skit and 8th grade poems.

Guess the Celebrity

By: Peighton G. and Vivian K.

Last month's celebrity was Nicki Manaj.



This month's celebrity is a young cartoon character that many of us older kids watched when we were younger. She is an explorer.

Kids activities

By: Anna C.



Birthdays

August S.	2/1	Eleanor W.	2/22
James R.	2/2	Lila H.	2/22
Carter W.	2/3	Bellamy L.	2/25
Rosalind S.	2/5	Eleanor B.	2/26
Johnny B.	2/10	Augustus D.	2/27
Noah M.	2/17	Titus S.	2/27
Ashlynn M.	2/21		

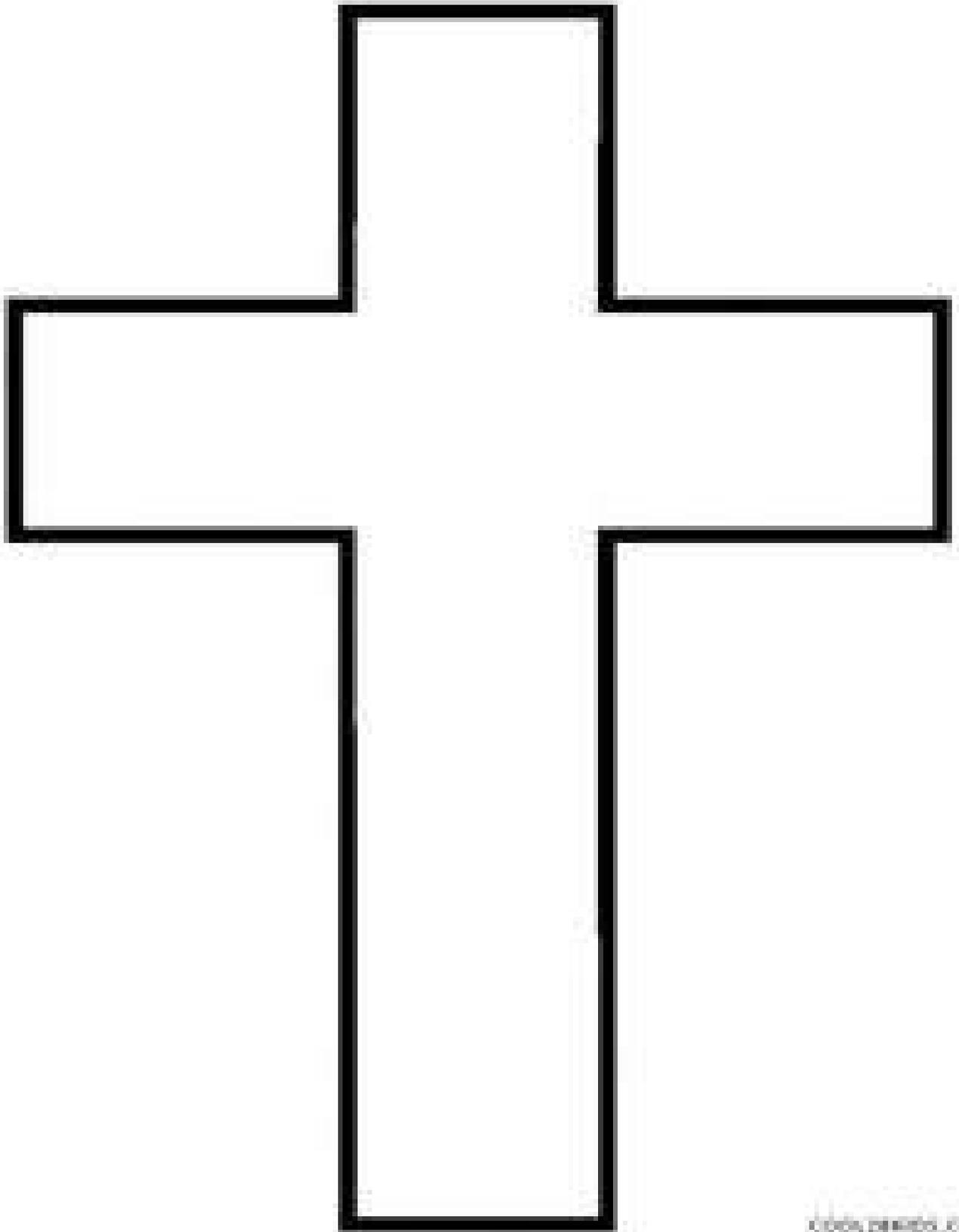
Baptism birthdays

Brenden B.	2/6	Lily F.	2/14
Madelynn B.	2/9	Charlotte N.	2/17
Grant M.	2/10	Holden F.	2/26
Samuel G.	2/11	Titus S.	2/28

Name: _____

Grade: _____

March Coloring Contest



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