

WORD OF LIFE ROAR

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Class of the Month: 7th Grade

By: Peighton G. and Esther H.

The Class of the Month for April is Mrs. Schlesselman's seventh grade. One of the questions we asked Mrs. Schlesselman was why she decided to teach Science? She responded with, "I have always loved science.

I remember enjoying my first frog dissection when I was in 8th grade. I loved my high school anatomy teacher and the way she made science fun. My dad always said I would make a good teacher. These events led me to decide to eventually teach science. I am still amazed how God created us and all our systems inside to work together." Mrs. Schlesselman values time with her family and she has gone skydiving before! She likes to play games and go on walks.



Mrs. Schlesselman looks up to her step mother in law who has a big heart and stays faithful to God in the hard times. Her first teaching job was in Wisconsin where she taught biology, chemistry and advanced biology (anatomy class). Special shoutout to seventh grade!

Trust

By: Austin H.

Hello Cougars! I hope you had a great month! This month's faith word is trust. A Bible verse that means trust is Proverbs 29: 25. This verse says, "Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe." This verse is pretty much saying that if you trust in the Lord and believe He died for you, you will be safe and will have eternal life in heaven. Summer break is coming up and we only have 4 weeks left of school. So have a great month of April!



SPORTS

Boys' Volleyball

By: Jonny T.

After a strong season with a winning record, the boys volleyball season has sadly come to a close. They made it into the gold bracket of the city tournament, which is awesome. Our 8th graders Kidus C., Austin H., Zach S., and Jonny T. had a great season in their final year at WOL. Thanks to everybody for supporting them through this season.

Middle school track

By: Vivian K. and Lilly W.

This track season we are combined with Salem Affton. We have had one meet so far at Lutheran South. Everyone did awesome. Some athletes qualified for state. We have another meet coming up on April 30 at Lutheran North. We have Gavin H. in 5th. In 6th grade, we have Jonny B., Noah M., and Henry H. In 7th and 8th grade, we have Jonathon T., Vivian K., Lilly W., Jeanine D., and Grant M. Stay tuned next month for the rest of the track season.

Sports Pep rally

By: Lilly W.

On April 22nd, we had a volleyball pep rally. The Boys' A team played against the Girls' A team. This game was very intense, but the boys ended up winning all 3 games. Both sides played amazing. This was a great way to end the volleyball season. I would like to recognize the 8th graders that played volleyball: Jeanine D., Vivian K., Tina N., Anna C., and Nabi F. from the girls' volleyball team. From the boys' team, we have: Jonathan T., Zach S., Austin H., and Kidus C. You all are amazing volleyball players.

Cougar Contest

By: Esther H. and Lilly W.

Great job on the Easter Egg Hunt, Cougars! There is still one egg remaining for the 3rd, 4th, and 7th grade hallway. Only students in these grades' may find the egg and claim it! The Cougar Contest for this month will be the last Contest of the school year. We will be creating a mural with contributions from each class. It will all fit together to make a collage/mural. Your class will use a sheet of copy paper to draw, color, and create a piece of art based on what your class is in charge of. Have fun and please turn your work in to Mrs. Schlesselman, seventh grade homeroom and science teacher!

Pre K= clouds

Kindergarten= make butterflies

1st grade= animals

2nd grade=bees

3rd grade=houses

4th grade =ladybugs

5th grade=trees

6th grade= people

7th grade= flowers

8th grade=rainbow

Spring Poem

This month we have a special poem entry from our very own 8th grade poet and writer, Jeanine D.

Springtime

As I stand outside

In the evening breeze

I soak in the season we're in

I glance at the flowers waiting to grow

And think of how us humans

Are changing and blooming

I see the sun setting, drifting west

And it reminds me how we all

eventually have to rest

So Cougars, please

Take a look around yourself

Take a look at the blooming flowers

Take a look at the setting sun

And see

What it really means

To be free.

Elementary Book Review

By: Tina N.

The Book With No Pictures

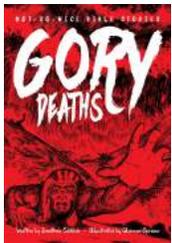
B.J. Novak

Happy April, Cougars! This month's book is *The Book With No Pictures* by B.J. Novak. You might be thinking that a book with no pictures will be the most boring book to ever exist. Maybe... but this book will prove you wrong! This book is the perfect book to read aloud with your class! This

humorous book will leave you and whoever is reading it with you rolling on the ceiling. Heeheeawhaw. What a knee slapper. *slaps knee* Have fun reading friends!

Middle School Book Review

By: Grant M.



Hello, Cougars! This month's book is *Not so Nice Bible Stories: Gory Deaths* by Jonathan Schkade. This book talks about many true gruesome deaths in the bible other than Jesus'. It ranges from not too complicated ones such as how Judas hung himself to how Jezebel was thrown out of a window and trampled by dogs.

Read this book to learn new things about the bible and find it in Mrs. Maxfield's library. See you next month, Cougars!

Movie Review

By: Zach S.



Rescued by Ruby is a story about Daniel O'Neal, a Rhode Island police officer, who wants to be a K-9 police officer. It's his last year to

try for the position. He goes to an animal shelter to get a dog to train and there are no German shepherds. However, Daniel picks Ruby, a border collie, with a bad reputation. When Daniel takes her in, he has to work through the pain and sleepless nights to get acquainted with Ruby. Will Ruby and Daniel become part of the K-9 police or will Daniel lose his last chance? Find out in *Rescued by Ruby* only on Netflix.

TV Show Review

By: Anna C. and Tina N.



Greetings, Cougars. This month's TV show review is *Dragons: Riders of Berk*. If you liked the *How To Train Your Dragon* movies then this show is for you! The main characters include Hiccup, Astrid, Fishlegs, Snotlout, Ruffnut, and Tuffnut. These six friends have various adventures

together with their dragons. They are trying to stop people from hunting dragons. This noble cause is filled with fun adventures and zany antics. You can watch this show on Peacock and Prime Video. This show is awesome and we think you will enjoy it. Happy watching! *Dragon noises*

Restaurant Review

By: John H. and Zach S.

Olive Garden is a very good and classy restaurant. It is very popular in St. Louis, so I guess a lot of you have been there. For those who haven't, this is a restaurant you go to mostly for celebrations. However, you can go there for any occasion. They serve Italian food, and they have Coke products. (John) My favorite thing to get is the spaghetti and meatballs with a Coke and a whole lot of bread sticks. (Zach) I agree with John, the breadsticks are amazing, the chicken alfredo is also really good.



Preschool News

By: Grant M.

Hello Cougars! This month, we will mainly be featuring Mrs. Bolling's class. Mrs. Bolling's class started out the month by learning about the signs of spring, including weather changes, baby animals, and more! They then celebrated Easter. They studied the story of Holy Week and the events throughout the week. They used jelly beans to practice measuring, counting, and sorting. After Easter break, they learned about animals and watched live feeds of the San Diego Zoo.



Myles painting a bunny different colors.

In Mrs. Pierce's class, they also learned about the Easter story along with learning about plants. They planted their own marigolds.



Will preparing to plant his marigold.

In Mrs. Maxfield's class, they learned about different planets, the Easter Story and Easter traditions.



Mrs. Maxfield's class posing with bunny ears.

Game of the Month

By: Lilly W.



Cards Against Humanity Family Edition is a SUPER fun game for your family. In this game, one person draws a black card with a statement on it. The rest of the people take one of their white cards that best describes the black card. This game is so much fun and is sure to make you laugh.

Video Game Review

By: Zach S.



Lego Star Wars is a game of fun and fantasy. You can take on villains and fight droids. You can play as the resistance or the dark side, the Sith. Either side

has its advantages and disadvantages, so it's pretty fair. Will you join the rebels to fight the dark side taking over or will you be on the dark side to take full control of the Galactic Republic? You can play this game on Nintendo switch or the Nintendo Wii.

Guess the Celebrity

By: Peighton G. and Vivian K.

Last month's celebrity was the Genie from *Aladdin*!



Hints:

- He plays in the new movie Adam Project.
- He is 45 years old.
- He has 3 daughters.

Animal of the Month

By: Anna C. and Lily F.



Hey, Cougars! This month we will be focusing on raccoons AKA *Procyon lotors* AKA trash pandas. These bandit-faced beasts are omnivores. According to LiveScience.com, they eat “cherries, apples, acorns, persimmons, berries, peaches, citrus fruits, plums, wild grapes, figs, watermelons, beech nuts, corn and walnuts.” They also eat roadkill. It’s hard to find something a raccoon *won’t* eat. Raccoons lose 50% of their weight in the Winter. Though they are super cute, they are also super dangerous. They also carry diseases like; rabies, roundworms, and leptospirosis. So if you see a raccoon, please don’t approach it. Instead, admire it from a distance. These cool creatures are mammals like humans, dogs, and whales. They are nocturnal, which means they sleep during the day and are awake at night. These little guys are found in North America, Central America, Europe, and Japan. Raccoons live in forests, marshes, prairies, and cities. They make their dens, or homes, in caves, trees, barns, abandoned cars, and other man made structures. They live 2-3 years in the wild and can weigh 4-23 pounds. They can grow to 23.7-37.5 inches. Raccoons aren’t endangered, which is very cool beans. Thanks for reading about and admiring another of God’s amazing creations.

St. Louis Attractions

By: Lilly W.

Do you like soccer? Well, St. Louis has an indoor minor league soccer team! They are called the St. Louis Ambush. They have their own arena in the downtown area. The general admission tickets are \$20. They are not professionals, but are still very fun to watch. The arena is not only used for the Ambush team. Practices and other soccer games take place there also. Until next time Cougars!



Endangered Animal of the Month

By: Lily F.



The snow leopards, or *Panthera uncia*, current population status is vulnerable. This carnivorous animal has many threats including: “hunting, habitat loss, declines in natural prey species, and retaliatory killings” (WWF). However, it doesn’t actually have any natural predators other than humans, but humans don’t eat the leopards. The 4,080-6,590 (approximate estimate) snow leopards left in the wild are currently facing a climate crisis due to global warming. Their snowy habitat in the mountains of China, Northern and Central Asia, and the Himalayas, is melting and turning into a warmer climate than they are used to. Currently, biologists worldwide are convincing governments to establish National Snow Leopard Action Plans to protect the snow leopard population and take them off the vulnerable species list.

Celebrity Look Alike

By: Vivian K. and Tina N.



Austin Butler



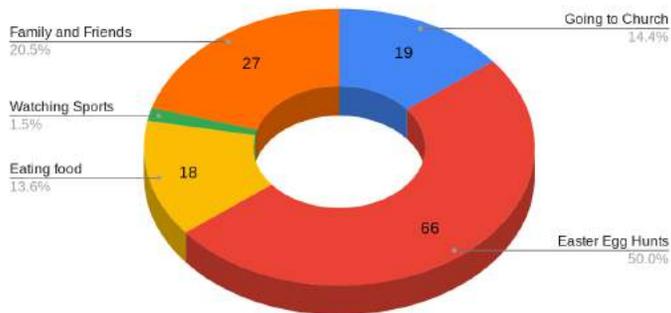
Louie W.

Hey Cougars! Welcome to the return of the Roar’s Celebrity Look Alike! This month’s Celebrity Look Alike is actor Austin Butler and third grader Louie W. Some similarities that they both have is blond hair, a similar nose, blue eyes, and similar lips.

Cougar Survey

By: Grant M. and Jonny T.

Hello Cougars! This month we asked you the question, "What is your favorite thing to do on Easter?" You guys voted for Easter Egg Hunts the most, with it having 66 votes. That is exactly half of the total votes. Family and Friends came in a not-so-close second with 27 votes. Going to Church came in third with 19 votes, beating eating food by just one point. And finally, Watching Sports came in last with a measly two points. Stay tuned and see you next month!



Fun Facts

By: John H. and Jonny T.

The largest convenience store in the world is a Buc-ees in Texas.



Out of the 6000 worldwide languages, 600 are spoken in Papua New Guinea.



In a process known as "cold welding", metals in space bond. They do this as soon as they touch.



World Culture Day

By Tina N.



A gentleman playing Seek Ye First for us.



Some of the 8th graders who participated

Xin chào, Cougars! This month we're celebrating World Culture day! A few weeks ago, Mrs. Woods came in and taught us about Yeh-Hsien, or the Chinese Cinderella. She made boba tea for all of us and taught us about its origin. On Friday, April 22, we had an assembly for World Culture day. Some students dressed up in their cultural clothing. Some parents came in to sing songs and read their favorite Bible verses in their home language. The 8th graders helped out during the assembly by holding flags, speaking in their home languages, and dressing up in their cultural clothes. Thank you to Mrs. Woods for organizing World Culture day and thank you to Mrs. Menner for helping out!

Kids activities

By: Anna C.



Find which words are not in the word search!

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 YROLOPCKEHSRGRV
 SOLUOULJLIYNPSS
 FIHPUIUWIRJESTER
 SXPRCBRPFIYKPCD
 RRPAPUPRMHTNZXUX
 PBUNAUADZJIFXPY
 PBGKSXIFVBOFUZS
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 WUBTMISCHIEFKNB
 WIRECJCVITAOZLD
 XNPRJFTPLAJHGDD
 SFYDTUBJOHAJCJE
 GYTNVJFCINWBEBI
 OAUVANNOYNCSTIF

Annoy Jester Riddle
 Fool Laugh Surprise
 Humour Prank Trick

Birthdays

Adelina F.	4/6	Myles S.	4/19
Harold L.	4/6	Owen S.	4/19
Lilly W.	4/8	Kinsley H.	4/20
James H.	4/8	Camdyn H.	4/20
Malidaya	4/9	Tina N.	4/22
Kidus C.	4/12	Naibishina F.	4/27
Elyse G.	4/12	Gwendolyn F.	4/27
Alaya G.	4/14	Edward P.	4/29
Ivan A.	4/16	Olivia P.	4/29
Finley B.	4/16	Mathilda B.	4/29

Baptism birthdays

Annette C.	4/5	Noah M.	4/11
James M.	4/7	Jimmy R.	4/21
Liam L.	4/8		



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