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Panther Tales Gets a New Staff!

Our own students from KLR!



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On October 18, 2011 dozens of animals, including bears, lions, tigers, cheetahs and wolves escaped from a preserve in Ohio. Residents were being told to stay in their homes and schools were closed temporarily. On the 19th, 49 of the 56 animals were killed. The owner was found dead in the preserve. The police have concluded the owner Terry Thompson, let all the animals out and committed suicide.

K.L.R.'s own David Schneider and Ashley Gettel take sides on the issue: Should the animals have been killed when found?

Animal Escape By: Ashley Gettel



In Our Opinion

Ashley's point of view :

She says, no! No because there are different types of tigers in the group and it is against the law to kill tigers.

My reaction to a picture I saw of the animals dead made me think that it was wrong to kill them.

David's point of view:

Some people might say yes because the animals are running wild and could kill somebody. They also might not care about the animals they are killing. They might say "they're running wild, kill them so nothing happens."

IB Happenin'

Kindergarten- They learned about their family in September and now they are learning about fairytales.

1st Grade- They learned about our school and now they are learning about healthy habits.

2nd Grade- They learned about friends and now they are learning about types of communities.

3rd Grade- They learned about map skills and now they are learning about telling & writing stories.

4th Grade- They learned about Indigenous people and they are now learning about simple machines.

5th Grade- They learned about fostering good relationships and now they are learning about the human body. [Grades 3,4 and 5 are all learning Spanish.]



Thank You Mighty Soldiers! By: James Hiciano

Do you know what Mrs. Selkirk's class has been doing the past few weeks? They've been writing to soldiers/ troops and gathering goodies to send out to them. Mrs. Selkirk's class has been doing this because in Afghanistan there are not a lot of supplies like we

have here in New York. They also received a letter from Thomas Conklin saying they are going to get more responses from other soldiers, shortly. He enjoyed the goodies. That's what Mrs. Selkirk's class has been doing for the past few

weeks. Read ahead to see directly what our brave soldiers are doing for the U.S.A.

Letters from Our Soldiers:

Good morning,

I wanted to thank you for the recent care package you sent. The stuff you sent was awesome. Those wooden puzzles were great. They went like hot cakes. All the goodies in there were amazing. The books were used by one of the Marines to call this little daughter on Skype and read to her. Thank you for giving him that experience. I like how you are trying to bring global situational awareness to the kids. I've handed out the letters and will ensure that all of your kids get something back. The experience of receiving a caring gift helps us all to remember what we are here for. I looked up Monticello on the map to see where it was. It's actually not that far from where I grew up in Sussex northern NJ.

Thank you again for everything.

GySgt T. Conklin HAZMAT Chief

Dear Student,

Thank you for the care packages! We appreciate all the things you sent us. It was nice of you to think of us. I enclosed a copy of your letter just in case you couldn't remember all the questions you asked me and to make sure I don't forget to answer each one.

It has been very hot here; we are in a desert just south of some mountains. The dirt here is like baking flour, it is really fine. I imagine that when I walk on it, it's like walking in moon dust on the moon. Just a couple of days ago it started to rain. There was a fantastic lightning storm that lit up the sky and the thunder was really loud. It cooled everything off so it is not hot.

Fifth grade is an exciting grade! I have four kids, and my oldest is in fifth grade, too. I have three boys and a 6 year old daughter. She likes music and playing on the computer. She also likes playing outside with her brothers who are always getting dirty searching for bugs, lizards and frogs.

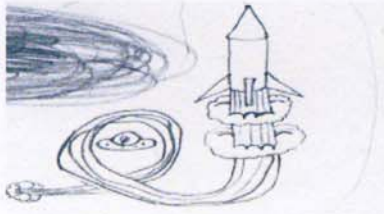
I hope you get to visit your sister. I haven't seen my family in almost 8 months and I miss them. I am excited though because I get to go home and visit them for two weeks in November.

I have a fun job here working with marine and navy engineers to build roads and camps and other things troops need to be safe, eat, sleep, and stay healthy.

Stay safe and work hard at school so that when you grow up you can be what you want to be.

Your Friend, LCDR Cort Stringham

Authors/Artists, Ink



By Nicholas Moreno grade 4



By Adriana Stith grade 3



By Gina Nigro grade 4



World's Best Fighter By Brayan Morales

Once there was a good cat named Mr. Fluffy. He wanted to defeat the mean evil ninja dog . His name is, Who let The Dogs out Woof Woof. To be the world best fighter , Mr. Fluffy went to get some great warriors from the junk yard. Their names were Santiago, Garbage Man, Super Cat Man, and, last but not least , Alien Dummy.

They got ready. They battled at the castle so no one can hear them scream . When the war started, they realized something . They forgot their weapons. But they didn't give up because there was a drop of purple bubbly water that dropped from the castle's roof. When it drops on the cats, it turned into weapons. Then the war started. The dogs had more strength. The cats thought that they were going to lose but Mr. Fluffy waited two seconds and remembered what his grandpa had given him. He had more power because he was a black belt. His grandpa was the best black dragon warrior. In the end when Mr. Fluffy defeated the dog he felt so strong to be the world's greatest Ninja warrior! The cats had a parade in the castle. Hooray!!

LEARN ABOUT SWAMPS

BY KEVIN SIKORSKI AND AIDEN JOHNSON

Swamps are found in low lying areas near rivers or cold areas, examples include the everglades in Florida. Wetlands are known by many names, such as swamps, bogs, and wet meadows. They are an area of land whose soil is saturated with water. The water of the wetlands could be saltwater, fresh water, or brackish. Wetlands are found on every continent except Antarctica. The world's largest wetland is in Pantanal, Brazil which covers 200,000 square kilometers.

Wetlands have many important functions that benefit people and wildlife. Many wetlands only have visible waters during certain seasons of the years. They provide a lush habitat for a wide variety and

number of wildlife and plants. The animals that can be found in a wetland region are: reptiles, amphibians, deer, water fowl, snakes, insects, birds, fish, mink, and mammals.

If you are in search of an area with a wealth of life, go visit a wetland.





Who Says Fitness Isn't Fun?!

By David Schneider

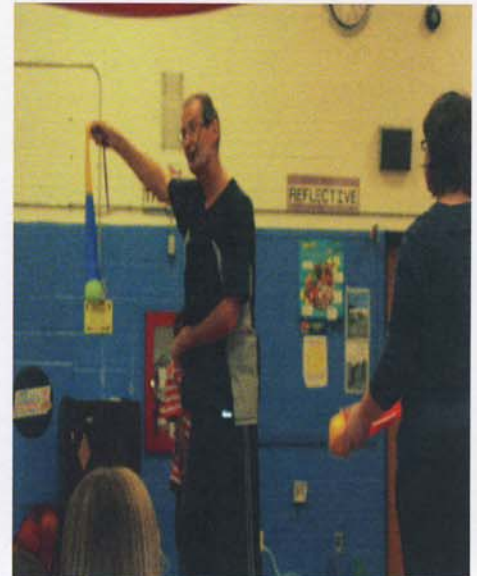
On September 21, 2011 the PTO sponsored a show that taught the kids the right ways to be healthy while having fun. Greg Kaler, also known as, "Mr. Fit", performed seven acts. Some of them were called Juggle Sticks, Diablo, and Fling It. Both kids and teachers were invited to play some of his games.

Then toward the end of the show Mr. Fit created an optical illusion. He had a white and black spiral on a board that spun and we stared at it for thirty seconds. As we looked at his head it appeared to grow rapidly. We asked Greg how the optical illusion worked and he said it was a

secret.

We interviewed some kids to get their opinion of the show. Carlos Lopez said it was fun and amazing. Allan Holland said it was cool and motivational. Kimberly Torres said her favorite act was Fling It. Joseph Schneider said it was great and his favorite act was Human Juggling.

The show wasn't just fun it had a great message: to stay active, stay healthy, and be kind to others. That is a good motto for children because it influences the Rutherford Way. "If you're a bully you're a loser."



Mr. Fit demonstrates "Fling It"

Burstin' With Books

by Dakota Alarie

The book fair was at KLR until October 6th. The Cooke- KLR P.T.O sponsored it. The parent helpers were Mrs. Leaney-Levenson and Dr. Silverstein.

The books we viewed were chapter books, picture books, easy readers, adventure, fantasy and mystery books. They also sold pointers, pencils and erasers. The book fair

was on the cafeteria stage.

The funds earned will be used for great school things like, agendas, text books, fun activities and more. When this reporter asked third grader, Tyquawae his feelings about the book fair his response was, "I'm excited!"

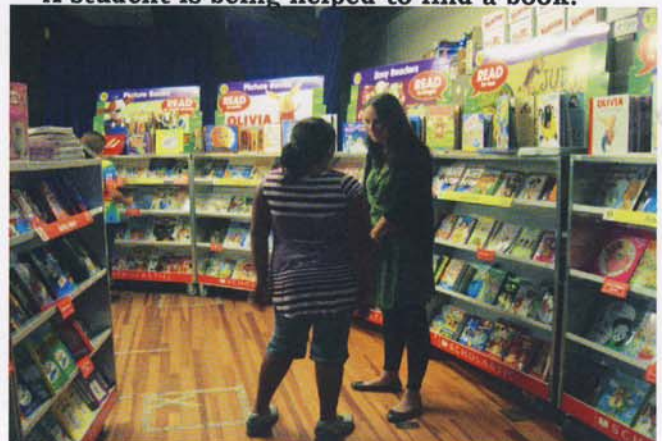
I then asked Hunter if he's excited his response

was, "Yes, I am".

After asking the teacher if she thinks her kids were excited she nodded, yes.

Her students seemed to be happy to be taking home new books. Thank you P.T.O. for helping us practice reading at home!

A student is being helped to find a book.



by Stiven Morales

MOVIE REVIEWS

Winter's Tale by Dakota Alarie and Claudia Seward

This is a true story about a dolphin named, Winter, who lost her tail by getting tangled in a fisherman's net. Later that same day, Winter was found beached on shore with her tail infected from the tightly wrapped net. A boy saw her and took his pocket knife out and set her free. He called marine rescue who came to take Winter back to their aquarium for more care. They decide they can't save her tail. A doctor decides to try something new and make a tail but it didn't work. The next attempt was to take off the "glove" to make it feel more comfortable.

To see how Winter's tale ends watch this tragic adventure with a happy ending with your family. You can go on www.seewinter.com for more information. This movie is rated, "PG", and is 113 minutes long.



Monticello Community at its Best!

By Nasaj Bolden

My parents taught me not to play with lighters, not to hit other people, to read at night, and they always let me get the mail.

In mid-October, the Monticello community helpers came to KLR to teach kindergarten and first grade what to do and what not to do, to be safe and be smarter. Just like my parents!

Community workers help us if we are in danger, like the firemen, policemen, and paramedics. The fireman taught us not to play with

lighters or matches so we can be safe. Detective Velasco told the students not to be scared of policemen; they are there to protect us. Mr. Bockman from Mobile Medic is a paramedic. He let us know that he would help us if we get injured.

There are other places we can go to help us read and write, like at the library or post office. Mrs. Olson from The Crawford Library enjoyed sharing books with the children. She let them know if they visit her at the library she could help them read better or help them with words they don't know, like big words. If you want to write a

Why do we have Halloween? What are the costumes all about? Maybe we might find out by seeing, "Spooky Buddies". The movie is about five puppies going out to trick or treat.

Buddha, BDawg, Butterball, Mudbud, and Rosebud are a family. B-Dawg looks in the mirror and says, "Halloween Hound" three times to prove he is not a scaredy cat.

The Halloween Hound is an evil wizard known as Warlock the Magician that wants to take over the world. He and his dog suck spirits to make an evil spell, but, no one knows what spell it is. In order for him to finish his spell he has to have five puppies that have the same kind of blood to have his spell complete. *Spooky Buddies* is rated, "G", which means it is good for families. The movie is 88 minutes. That's all I can tell you. You will have to watch the movie to see what happens next...



Merlin gets in the act!

note, Postmaster, Mrs. Mack, will help you send your note.

It was great to learn that even our community workers are there to help us, just like our parents. I feel very lucky to live in Monticello!

Get Published !

Send us your Artwork + Stories or Poetry to Panther Tales mail. Remember to have it approved by your teacher first, then submit it with your name, teacher's name, and grade to Mrs. Cordisco's mailbox.

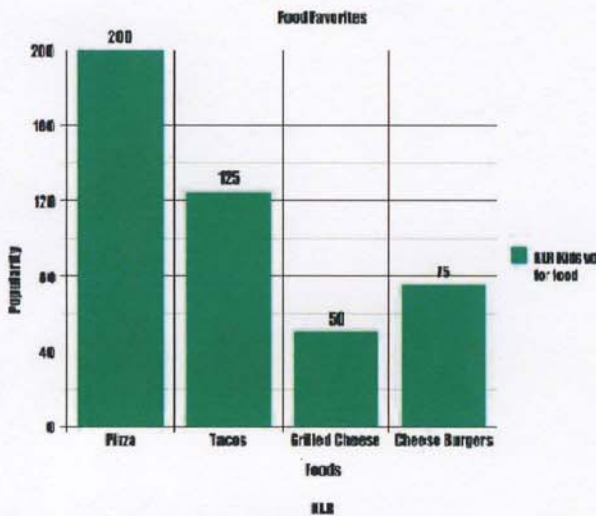


KLR's School Store sells all educational items for everyone to enjoy! Kindergarten and 1st grade students go on Mondays, 2nd and 3rd grade students go on Wednesdays, and 4th and 5th grade students go on Fridays. Be sure to get a pass from your teacher to come to the school store.

Name our Panther Mascot



Favorite Foods Survey Results



Contest: *Name our Panther Mascot.* Send your entry to Mrs. Cordisco's mailbox by Dec. 2nd.

On a piece of paper write your name, grade, and teacher's name and your new name for the Mascot.

Winner will be announced in next issue.



Smencils Are Back!
 You can purchase them in Mr. Prestianni's room for \$1.00. There are also colored smencils. Smencils are made of recycled newspaper and biodegradable plastic. **Buy them while supplies last!!!**

