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The Read-a-thon!!! Joust &

Read!

By Sophie Santiago and Dan Dougherty

This year's read-a-thon theme was Medieval! We are all very grateful to Mrs. Siti and Mrs. McNally who work together to coordinate a fantastic read-a-thon and field day. During the read-a-thon, Hurffville students read to earn field day stations for field day in June.

The planning for each year's read-a-thon begins the year before since there are a lot of fun ideas and preparation. All of the "special

area" teachers participate in planning the theme. They have a conversation and then an idea will pop in their heads and it ends up being the year's theme! Their favorite read-a-thon so far in the past five years were Hollywood and cowboys.

The read-a-thon kicks off with a short play. Mrs. Leong asks the special area teachers what role they would like in the play and helps to write the script. Following the play this year, everyone enjoyed "reading around Hurffville". We listened to medieval music while walking to an assigned spot in the hallways and everyone had a great time reading.

Everyone has been talking about the set that is in front of the library. The set was created with help from Mrs. Stewart and also Mrs. Jones, a Hurffville parent (make sure to read the article about Mrs. Jones in this edition of the Husky News).

The read-a-thon was a great success! The Hurffville students read enough minutes to earn twelve stations at field day! Congratulations!

Thanks to Mrs. Siti, Mrs. McNally and all of the special area teachers who helped to create a "royally" fantastic and fun read-a-thon!

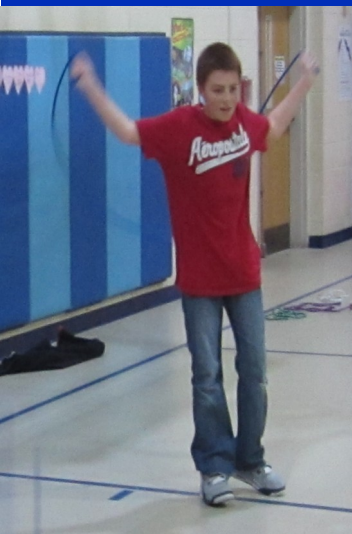




Jump Rope for Heart

By: Lauren Stephens and Emma Laliberte

When we interviewed Mrs. McNally we sat down with her and asked her a couple of questions about Jump Rope for Heart. Lauren and I asked her, “What do you look for when you judge the poster contest?” She told us the amount of time the students spend, on the poster contest. The categories are creativity, most informational, most colorful, and overall best. Then we asked her where does the money go that we collect? American heart Association they use the money in different areas they use almost half on public health education 20% on research and 20% on professional education on training and the rest of the money goes to the gifts to give the kids. What do you think kids like the kids enjoy most about Jump Rope for Heart, we asked? Jump roping in the gym and jumping with their friends. What are things you would like students remember about keeping their heart healthy? If students exercise and eat healthy they have controlled two risks of heart disease the warning signs of a heart attack. Why do you do Jump Rope for Heart? Its National Heart awareness month. What’s the fit station? The helicopter station because you’re active. What was the most money you ever collected? A little over 10,000 dollars in 2007. When was your first year teaching jump rope for heart, we asked her? 2000 in Cherry Hill and later in the year at Hurffville School. Do teachers participate? Some raise money and some jump also teachers do something called go red day. Which is the grown up version of Jump Rope of Heart.





March Madness

By: Zach Andrews and Lauren Stephens

March Madness is when college basketball teams who have done well all season play in a tournament. It's pretty much college basketball playoffs. The tournament is set up in brackets so for example there are two games going on and the winners then play each other.



The tournament starts out with an initial 64 teams. Eliminations lead to the sweet 16 and on to the elite 8. All the action ultimately leads to the Final Four games and the annual championship. The championship will be played this year at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on April 8, 2013. We spoke to the sports reporters Ronnie Bush and Tobey Brown who both think that Duke University is going to win this year's tournament.

March Madness' first four games are on March 19th and 20th. Before the year started, preseason No. 1 North Carolina seemed like the favorite for a title. North Carolina has lost a key player, Dexter Strickland for the season and will likely need to beat the odds and win at Duke if they want to win the ACC, let alone the national championship.



Hurffville Struts their Stuff at the Board of Education Meeting



A handful of teachers and students from our school participated in a presentation that was made to the Washington Township Board of Education on February 26, 2013. The presentation highlighted technology skills and 21st century web tools that are currently being used in our classrooms here at Hurffville. Kudos to all involved!

Pictured: Mrs. York, Piotr Bochenski, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Pollock, Olivia Brett, Mrs. Gerber, Alyssa Baron, Board Member Bob Abbott, Mrs. Babilino, Ryan Hans, Mrs. Gorz, Miss Keller, Christopher Duym, Mrs. Sitzes, Mr. Maxwell

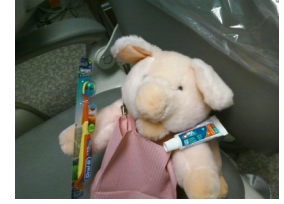
Who Stole the Royal Pig?



The Royal Pig

As the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the Royal Pig came to a close on Friday, March 15th, students throughout the school got the chance to vote for who they thought the mastermind was behind the crime. After all of the votes were tallied, it turns out that "Frick" was wrongly accused. The culprit behind the dastardly plot was none other than the Royal Princess!

As surprised as we all were, the Princess was jealous of all of the attention that the little pig was getting from the King and felt that she had to do something about it. In the end, the Princess saw the error of her ways and returned the Royal Pig to the King. Everyone lived happily ever after!



At the Dentist



At Wedgwood School



King Pollock



The Royal Princess



The Royal Keeper of the Books



The Knight



The Jesters

Frack

Frick

MEET MRS. JONES!

By: Kayla Jones and Zoe Brooks



We interviewed Mrs. Jones, the read-a-thon mural artist. Mrs. Jones paints the pictures for our annual read-a-thon. She said it takes about two to three weeks to paint the murals. We asked how long she has been painting our pictures. Mrs. Jones said she has been painting them for eight years! WOW! Mrs. Jones said that she uses the same materials every year. She uses, paint, newspaper, paint brushes and sharpies. We asked what Mrs. Jones' favorite read-a-thon theme in the past eight years was. She said it was the Olympics because she loves to watch the Olympics. Have you wondered where Mrs. Jones gets her ideas? Well, she gets them from our school librarian, Mrs. Siti. Mrs. Siti tells Mrs. Jones the theme and then Mrs. Jones paints our beautiful murals that surround our library. Her usual process is to measure, sketch the art work, outline, paint, and then outline again. Mrs. Jones has always drawn. Her mom has inspired her to draw. She also wanted to say that she enjoys painting the murals and she has a lot of appreciation for Hurffville School.



Thank you Mrs. Jones!



Introducing Hurffy

By: Zach Andrews and Kayla Jones

When the students of Hurffville School first noticed the cool looking dragon outside the library, they were curious. They wanted to know if he had a name. So we sat down with Mrs. Siti and asked her what she would name the dragon. Her reply, "I would name it Fred." We asked her if she was planning to have a contest to name the dragon. Her answer was no but after many kids inquired about the dragons name Mr. Pollock decided we should have a contest. We wanted to know who decided the winning name and Mrs. Siti told us, "I looked at all the names and eliminated some, then Mrs. Stewart eliminated a few more, and finally Mr. Pollock chose the winning name."



So here he is, Hurffy the cool-looking dragon!



Read Around Hurffville



Mrs. Fanning's Community Service Projects



Noteworthy:

John Skevofilax, a first grader in Mrs. Byrnes' room, contributed over \$360 by himself, by not only giving from his own piggy bank, but also asking family members, family friends, and neighbors if they would like to help. John, you are AMAZING! Thank you!

An Update from Mrs. Fanning

February's Community project was called Pennies for Patients, which is founded by the Leukemia Foundation, and it is a way of raising money for medicine, treatments, research, and also to help doctors find cures. Every class contribution made a difference and helped us to donate a total of \$2,469.68 to help children with cancer.

Special recognition goes to Mrs. Byrnes' first grade class who earned a gold pennant for their classroom and an ice cream party because they collected the most money. Mrs. Stratton's third grade class earned a silver pennant for their classroom for collecting the second highest amount. Mrs. Gallagher's & Miss McGowan's third grade class, Mr. Maxwell's fourth grade class, Mrs. Saber's third grade class, Mrs. DiPietro's fifth grade class, Mrs. Curtis & Mrs. Redwanowski's first grade class, Mrs. Finucane's first grade class, and Mrs. DePaul's second grade class all earned bronze pennants for their classrooms for raising over \$100 for this worthy cause.

Mrs. Fanning is very proud of all of the students and staff for making this contribution possible and doing what they can to help others in need. Way to go, Hurffville!

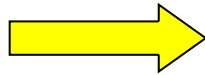


History of St. Patrick's Day!

By: Kate Cochran and Annalisa Conti

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th. St. Patrick's Day is the saint's religious feast day and the anniversary of Saint Patrick's death. The Irish observed this as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. It is a national holiday in the Republic of Ireland. Saint Patrick is a Romano-British Christian and bishop in Ireland. He was known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he was a primary patron saint of island, along with Saint Brigid and Columba. He was born on 390 AD in Britannia and died 460 AD in County Down. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in Ireland with a really big party and parade. It is almost a larger version of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade but for St. Patrick's Day. More than 8,000 people march in this parade! It goes through many historic sites in Ireland! We wish everyone a happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Color Me!



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Here are Some St. Patrick's Day Jokes!



- Q: What is out on the lawn all summer and is Irish?
- A: Paddy O' Furniture!
- Q: What do you call a fake stone in Ireland?
- A: A Sham Rock!
- Q: Why Do Frogs like St. Patrick's Day?
- A: Because they're always wearing green!!
- Q: When is an Irish Potato not an Irish Potato?

By: Candasia Hyslop

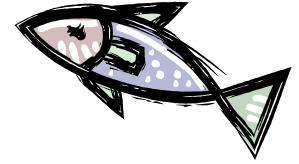




5TH Grade Science Project

By: Madison Canino and Hailey Bercute

At Hurffville School, the 5th graders are doing a really big project. It is about sea creatures! Mrs. Collingan, our 5th grade science teacher, will be helping us throughout this project. There are some other teachers involved in this project as well as:



Computers- Miss Keller, Library-Mrs. Siti, Music- Mrs. Leong



This is a dolphin! Did you know dolphins have a blowhole? If you have ever been to the beach, sometimes you can see the dolphins jumping! It is really cool! They also live close to shore!



This is a Shark! They normally live out in sea. They are carnivores which means that they eat meat. Sharks are very fierce!



This is a Sea Horse! It is really cool that they have black bones! There are all different types. The male sea horse has a pouch to carry the baby.

