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5/24/17- School's Out.. It's Finally Summer



Checked Flag

by-Riley Hunter

The 10-80 boys left the school on their trip to New York on April 26 and returned the following Tuesday. During their trip, they did several extra things. They went to see Niagara Falls, attended a professional league baseball game, and got to see parts of Canada. Some of their favorite parts were the ride and staying in the motel. During the races however, they did not come home empty handed. They won 1st place in driving, 1st place in design, 1st in enterprise, and 3rd place overall in middle school. An enterprise is a pitch(which is like a presentation), and a team presentation.

The purpose of this was to gather sponsors. Some of their sponsors include; Brown's Shoe Co., Hyvee, Pella, Bank Iowa, McCunn Construction, and Shenandoah PTO, among others. In total, the 10-80 team has 4 racing cars. However, they only used one car in their races. They have other cars that they only use for show and for spare parts. Not everything at the race met expectations though. Some of the teammates thought that there were MANY more teams than they had originally thought would be there

SPORTS ROUND-UP



By: Maddie Silvestre

The 7th and 8th grade track girls have had 6 track meets, and completed their season May 15th. Their first meet was in Red Oak, 2nd- Clarinda, Shenandoah, one in Creston and the Hawkeye 10 being in Creston as well. Their last ending here at home. The last meet was a Co-ed meet. The 7th grade girls placed 4th in all and 8th grade girls placed 5th in all. Relays and hurdles were a huge success for the 7th and 8th grade girls this year. The 4x8 team for 7th grade placed first in all their track meets, except for at Hawkeye 10. There they placed 3rd. For the 8th grade shuddle hurdlers, they were on a role! They placed all good places at each of their track meets. Both coaches Kettwick and Comstock were so pleased to have had the opportunity on coaching the team of girls they had this year. Every one of the girls, 7th or 8th, improved since the beginning of track season, and that is amazing! Times improved, attitudes, running, you name it. Seventh and eighth grade girls' track this year was one for the books!



Life as a Writer

by- Emma Sickman

Digital Stream is a journalists type of class. I personally like it because we sometimes get to write about what we want, or we have assigned tasks. When you are starting to write your article, you always start writing in blue. We do this, because we call it pre-writing, and it isn't a final copy yet. When you are interviewing, ask questions with reasoning and not just yes or no questions. My recurring article, or "beat" was of Student Council and I had to interview Mrs. Perry and members of Student Council. I wrote a brief paragraph each time that talked about what they discussed in their meetings. I learned from writing my article that you have to be able go and talk to who you are interviewing. Reporting and writing is different than what I thought it was. I thought that you just wrote an article, but you have to make a draft and interview.

Mystery Person

by-Jillian Buzzard



Last Week's Mystery People were Ms. Mulder and Mr. Daoust



Our first mystery person is looking forward to meeting new students to our school next year. Her favorite memory of the year was seeing how well our school did on the Iowa Assessments results. She is planning to spend time with her children, watching softball and baseball, boating, camping, and swimming this summer.

Our second mystery person is looking forward to being able to choose her classes. This mystery person wants to be a future Pony Express writer and also hope she gets in the coding class. One memory she will never forget is the BMX Show. The school year is coming to an end and she is excited for summer because this summer she is going to church camp.

Iowa Assessments

by- Reed Finnegan

In Iowa, every student in 5-8 grade tests over science, math, and language arts on a standardized test called the Iowa Assessments. They are big tests that cover a variety of topics from each subject. They only come around once a year, and there is a lot of emphasis on doing well individually and as a class.

The Iowa Assessments help decide what classes you should take in the future. So you do want to try, plus if you do bad you won't get your choice of your electives. Students who are not proficient in a subject take a class to improve their skills in that class, the next year. Also, depending on how well you do, will determine if you can go to the Ymca in Red Oak or the Lied center in Clarinda. The contest is between the 7th and 8th grade to go to the YMCA. The 5th and 6 grade go to the lead center in Clarinda. If you improve in a subject you will get a ticket and every ticket you get, goes into a drawing and if you get pulled you get a paper bag with prizes inside for you.

WHO SAID IT

by- Baylee Richardson



Hunter Kellogg

1. I like drawing dragons.



Beau Gardner

2. I eat grass sometimes.



Eli Schuster

3. I have messed up teeth.



Ashton Perrin

4. I have had a calick my whole life.

Yearbook Slips

Last week we went to the home rooms to hand out yearbooks and show the students yearbooks and what pages they are on. One cool thing that I saw was they pointed out older brothers and sisters, and they thought that was really cool. Don't miss out on the fun. Buy a yearbook today!



Drawn by Niamh Palmer

Survey

-by Emma Sickman

Working on creating the survey each time made me think about the 6 pillars. Here are some examples of them. The six pillars are Caring, Responsibility, Respect, Citizenship, Fairness, and Trustworthiness. An example of Caring is being kind to other people and have concern for others.

Responsibility is an act of having to deal with someone, take the blame, to have leadership. Respect is a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievement. Citizenship involves obeying the rules and working to make your community better. Fairness is the act of being impartial and just in treatment or behavior without favoritism. Trustworthiness is the the ability to be relied on as honest or truthful. I also got to know some of the people that took the survey, and what they like to do. Thanks for everyone who participated in taking the survey.

Meet the High School

by- Jillian Buzzard

The end of the 2016-2017 school year is Wednesday, May 24th. As the eighth graders a going to be at the high school next year they have many questions going through their mind. Some are, How will high school be different than Middle school? and Will the Finals be hard? I asked some questions to our local high schoolers. Some of the answers are Finals, Freedoms, and your grades will follow you forever, all three of those seem intimidating so did middle school but you made it.

Upcoming Events:

brought to you by Baylee Richardson

5/29/17- Memorial Day Marching Band

Get your GOTH on!

by- Niamh Palmer

Hello everybody, I just want to acknowledge before we get to the holiday segment, that I know certain people may not like the holiday article. Even with that, I have enjoyed writing it and I am pleased to have joined Digital Stream to push my limit. People have the choice to read what they want in this publication, so thank you to all that are reading this. Now for the holiday... May 22nd, National Goth Day.

I thought that goths were just dark and lacking in humor but they aren't. They apparently find beauty in things that others find as dark items. They love all that is dark and mysterious, but it doesn't make them evil. They just have a different perspective. They are average people that like dark things. Goth is not a phase, it is what you are or aren't. In movies goths tend to lean toward the characters that seem powerful, with deep booming voices. The website gave two examples; Darth Vader and Ra in Stargate. They love dark music that they find. I sometimes find myself to be part goth. I love certain dark music and I love Fall Out Boy, which is an emo band. Who knows, you may turn out to be a goth.

Being a journalist is a lot of work, for all you 7th graders choosing your electives, here are some facts for Digital Stream elective. You have to go out and find stuff that matches your assigned journal project. I obviously have holiday and comic strip. I always look up a holiday on a website and then I make up a few paragraphs and show them to Mr. Daoust. To sum up all of this info, for every edition of the Pony Express, you need to consider what you are looking up or writing about and what information that you are going to use without plagiarizing. The specifics you are learning is to create fresh articles. Hopefully you will take this advice and join Digital Stream next year.

Digital Steam Reflections

by- Dryden Thompson

In Digital Stream, I learned how to make a page on the yearbook and I learned how to put pictures on the yearbook and it was fun to work on the yearbook. I also learned how to make an article and the best thing we did as a group we went on a field trip and we talk to a reporter and he was very into his work. It was fun to go and see him. This was a very fun class and I learned a lot.



Sara Morales and Riley Backus both broke records May 15th. Sara Morales in 7th grade broke the Discus record with a throw of 97 and 2 inches. The last record was 83 and 2 inches made in 1998 by Tuggle. Riley Backus in 8th grade broke the High Jump record jumping 5 feet and 10 inches. Stanley M had a high jump of 5 feet and 8 ¼ inches in 1979. Make sure to congratulate Sara and Riley!



Specials and Electives:

by-Dryden Thompson

Throughout this semester I wrote about electives like Science Exploration and many other classes. I learned about cooking pancakes from FCS. It was cool. I think that writing and making the yearbook is a great experience and it's fun to do. My favorite part was putting the pictures in the pages of the yearbook. The first class I featured in my section was about Digital Stream/Pony Express. The Teacher is Mr. Daoust, but next year, it is going to be Mrs. Perry. Do you want to be a reporter? My favorites thing to write about are electives and specials. If you like to talk in front of the camera then you should try out for broadcasting. I hope you pick the right one for you like have a good year.