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# The Flying Eagle



## Daughters Drag Dads Off to Dance

By Rae Benedict and Sophie Gettinger

Romer's Catering held another Father Daughter Dance on Sun. February 19, from 6:00 – 8:00 for kindergarten through fourth grade girls and their fathers.

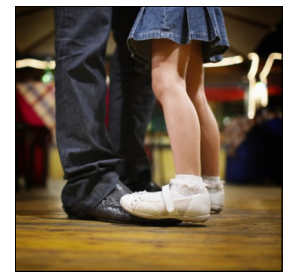
Some people may ask, "Why do we have a Father Daughter Dance?" The answer to that question is, the

people from Romers Catering thought that we should have the Father Daughter Dance to promote the importance of fathers and having a strong relationship with their daughters.

People danced to appropriate fast music, but also some slow music.

While they were at the dance, guests could munch on veggies, fruits, or cheese and crackers. You could also get your picture with your dad.

Dancing on Dad's toes was fun for some!



## Spring Time Singing, East Echoes!

By Abby Swensen and Sophie Gettinger

Mrs. Shumaker has picked new 4th graders to be in spring East Echoes at East School. "The reason why we did try-outs again was because we wanted to give the students a second chance." Mrs. Shumaker said. In the spring they will be singing patriotic songs. (photo, p. 3)

The patriotic songs are; America Of Thee I Sing, This Land Is Your Land, What's More American, Build Me A World, Peace Song, and This Is A Great Country.

Some of the Echoes' shirts are red, some white, and some blue. Mrs. Shumaker hasn't yet decided about the rest of the outfits.

Their first performance will be at Waves Of Pride, in Greenville High School on March 22nd. But don't worry, if you miss the first performance, you can see them perform at East School!

The new group of East Echoes are: Sarah Abell, Courtney Bucklew, Amanda Chui, Nicho-

las Colby, Zack Coppess, Ashton Crowell, Riely Davis, Taylor Denniston, Christopher Elliott, Sophie Gettinger, Mackenzie Hess, Makayla Hess, Riley Hunt, Micheal Huston, Emma Klosterman, Mikayla Miller, Jessica Mortensen, Samantha Newberry, Sarah Pohl, Isabel Shaw, Lucy Stiefel, Abby Swensen, Asia Sykes, Brianna Wolf, Josi Worden, and Rachel Wright.

So students, don't be afraid to sing out, and boogie down!!!

**Snow Hearts! By Abby Swensen**

They're red, they're pink  
and white, I think  
They beat, they flow  
I know! I know!  
It's Valentines Day!  
Covered in snow!

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**

Do you know  
which  
presidents were  
born in  
February?

**Valentines**

By Taylor Denniston

smiling and laughing  
hoping for candy  
inside  
open up your cards

**Honest Abe's Honest Biography**

by Hope Schaaf

Abraham Lincoln was born in February 1809 and lived until April 15, 1864. He loved to read, write, and learn as a young boy. Abraham was a great founding father and a great president.

In 1834 Abe was elected into the Illinois state government. 12 years later Abraham married Mary Todd. 1850 was a very hard time for the Lincolns



because their youngest son died. 10 years later Abraham was elected president of the United States of America. Some people didn't like Abe because they thought that he would end slavery and yes, later on he did.

After the southern states broke away from the Union, Abe declared that he did not

want a civil war. This was also the the First Battle of Bull Run. Abe Lincoln issued the Anticipation Proclamation in 1862. One year later the southern states surrendered because they realized they couldn't win.

On April 14, Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. The next day Abraham died in his bed.

**The Scoop on Mrs. Shumaker**

by Taylor Denniston

Has Mrs.Shumaker always been a secretary? No! She started working as a secretary in 1990. Before that she worked in a doctor's office. "I just didn't like it there," she stated.

Mrs.Shumaker has many duties that include taking attendance (for the whole school!), mak-

ing records, and working directly with Mrs. Kitty. "I also answer the phone a lot," says Mrs.Shumaker blushing.

Why does Mrs. Shumaker bother with all this work? Why does she like kids for that matter? "Well", Mrs.Shumaker says, "I love kids' eagerness to learn and and also their joy." So that's the Shumaker scoop!

**Love Letters: The Origin of Valentine's Day**

by Lucy Stiefel and Amanda Chui

Valentines Day started in Rome when a minister named St. Valentine gave a love letter to the girl he loved.

During the time of the feast of Lupuruca, (which is a feast in Feb.), girls would put their names in jars then boys would pick their names from the jars and they would be partners for the festival. They would play games with their partners. While the festival was going on partners would sometimes fall in love and later, get married.

Around that time, Claudius II, ruler of Rome, was trying to recruit men to join the army but nobody wanted to join. Claudius thought it was because they didn't want to leave their loved ones and families. So Claudius made a law that no one was allowed to get married.

St. Valentine and many other people thought his law was strange but they obeyed it...sort of. St. Valentine didn't like the law so he helped people secretly get married.

One day Claudius caught St. Valentine secretly helping people get married. So he arrested him. On Feb. 14, St. Valentine was sentenced to be killed. Right before he got killed he gave a love letter to the girl he fell in love with while he was in jail. The letter was signed: Your Valentine.

Today we celebrate Valentine's Day to honor St. Valentine and to show that true love can't be stopped.

## Letter to the Editor by Caleb Coppess

You may think that video games are good, and they are in some ways. But I'm here to talk about why video games are *bad*. First, let's talk about educational video games. Even though they might teach you something, you could have seizures, and if you play them long enough, you could get obese. Now let's talk about video games that *exercise* you. They do not give you much exercise. For example: baseball. You don't throw an actual baseball, and you don't have a heavy bat in your hand. The American Academy of Pediatrics researchers found that more than 2 hours of video games caused kids 1 ½ - 2 times more likely to have attention problems.

Some other reasons why video games are bad:

1. You could have aggressive behavior brought on by violence in video games.
2. You could have fear of being harmed and nightmares as a result.
3. Some video games are expensive.
4. You get addicted to them and you don't exercise your imaginative thinking.
5. Some teach wrong values.



The new group of East Echoes will perform at Waves of Pride on March 22nd at Greenville High School. The group is excited about the patriotic songs they will sing this spring.

## Moshi Monsters

by Madison Hollipeter



From Main Street to Ooh La Lane, Moshi Monsters is one of the

most popular kids' websites around. In this free website, you can adopt an online pet monster. You buy clothes, food, and play games with your monster. When adopting, you choose from getting a Poppet, a Zommer, a Luvli, a Diavlo, a Katsuma, or a Furi. Then, you pick out the colors you want your monster to

be and create an online identity for yourself. Then you will receive an email. Click activate, and start! You log in, then you go straight to your house and fill out information such as your age, your birthday, what country you live in, and your monster's name. Once you have filled it out, you can play!

Yes, it may be fun, but it's more fun when you're a member. But memberships extra and costs money.

Parents, if you would like to know more, you can go to [moshimonsters.com](http://moshimonsters.com) and scroll down to the bottom. There, you can learn more about the website. You'll want to click "for parents".

## Hines Health Handbook

by Taylor Hines

Did you know that February is Dental Health Month? Dental health is how healthy your teeth, gums, and other parts of your mouth are.



**February is Dental Health Month. Have you seen your dentist lately?**

To take good care of your teeth brush, floss, and go to the dentist regularly. If you don't do these three things your dental health will become poor. Symptoms of bad dental health are bleeding gums, tooth aches, and pain in your mouth. You should brush your teeth after every meal and before you go to bed. You should see the dentist every 6 months or when your having problems with your teeth.

Cavities are caused by plaque and tartar build up. If you get a cavity you should go to the dentist. If you chip a tooth you should go to the dentist. If your having bleeding gums you should go to your dentist. Finally if you have a crooked tooth you should go to your orthodontist.

## Teacher Feature: Mrs. Baker

By Rachel Wright

Mrs. Baker is a third and fourth grade language arts teacher at East School. She has been teaching since 1978.

One of Mrs. Baker's reasons for becoming a teacher was that when she was little she wanted to be a pirate, but when she got older she found out that there were no good pirate schools. Another reason is that she wanted to talk whenever she wanted with out raising her hand or getting in trouble. The last reason (the real one) was when Mrs. Baker's boyfriend (who is now her husband), asked her what she wanted to do, Mrs. Baker told him that she didn't know. Mr. Baker said "You seem to really like kids. I think you should be a teacher."

Actually, it was one of Mrs. Baker's teachers, Mrs. Rataiczak who motivated her to be a teacher by being kind, fair, understanding, and encouraging.

Mrs. Baker tries to avoid disciplining by giving several warnings, but if those don't work then kids will lose recess. All summer long, Mrs. Baker "spits" into a bottle. Why? Because later she will spray you with it if you misbehave. (Don't tell! It's just water!)

Mrs. Baker says that when she retires she would like to travel, take art lessons, tap dance, and substitute teach.

We think she should follow her dream of becoming a pirate.

## It's Going, It's Going... Goal!

By Andrew Knick and Blaine Smith

East School's gym teacher, Mr. Stickel, played hockey in gym when he was a kid, so he thought it would be fun for his students when he started teaching gym 30 years ago.

Mr. Stickel sorted the students in each class and then the teams got to make up their own team names.

Mr. Stickel looked through a magazine that sold hockey equipment for gym and that is how he got the equipment for hockey in gym.

Next year nobody knows what will happen to hockey in gym because of the retiring of Mr. Stickel. We will miss him.

