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## Snow Creates 2 Hour Delays and Closings by Dalton Swank and Brandon Henninger

On December 6th, snow hit Greenville, forcing 2 snow days and multiple delays for students of Greenville City Schools. Parents got the message about the delays and closings from the superintendent's office. In addition to school closings and delays, some local stores were closed. Many snow plows scraped roads and put salt on them to melt the snow and ice. Most kids have enjoyed their time off. Some have spent time playing video games, watching TV and doing homework, while others slept in and played in the snow.

## Character Carnival

(from the Flying Eagle archives)

The Character Carnival is a fun party for East School students. The Carnival rocks out on Dec. 20, right here at East School. It is hosted by your very own friends in Student Council.

Student Council members get to think of the games, activities, prizes, and where everything will be. They also get to decide what game or activity they run and who they run it with.

You can only attend the super fun Character Carnival if you don't get Saturday school, detention, or a suspension.

The party is loads of fun. You can play as many fun games as you can, and if you win, you get to keep your prize. You get to eat pizza. Everyone's favorite part is this rule: **no parents allowed!**



East Spelling Bee Winners, (left to right), Hunter Class, Jake Barr, and Mallorie Anthony

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## Spelling Bee

By Emma DeLong and Jenna Hughes

This year's 4th grade school spelling bee was held at East Intermediate on November 22nd. The bee was held to let students show off their spelling skill and get experience speaking on stage in a competition.

You can compete in the school spelling bee by studying the words you are given by your teacher, and being one

of the people who miss the fewest words on the class test.

If you qualify for the school bee, this is how it works. You wait your turn to spell a word. If you spell it right, you won't hear a bell, and you go back to your seat. If you spell a word wrong, you will hear the bell, and you go to an

empty space on the gym floor. That means you are out of the competition.

Jake Barr came in first place this year. Hunter Class came in 2nd, and Mallorie Anthony came in 3rd. All three said they were nervous. Jake and Hunter will compete at the district bee on January 9th at 9:30.

by Bryce Hott

Have you ever heard of Veteran's Day? If not, and you want to learn more, here are some facts. We celebrate Veteran's Day to honor soldiers who risk their lives in wars for our country. We celebrate this holiday on Nov. 11th at 11:00 a.m. because that is when a cease fire was declared for WWI. That day was called Armistice Day. Later the holiday was changed to Veteran's Day to so we could honor soldiers from other wars — not just WWI. During Veteran's Day, we salute the flag, listen to the national anthem, watch parades and honor deceased soldiers with wreaths on their graves. If you are wondering, usually veterans, government officials and citizens celebrate this holiday.



## SANTA

By Jordan Gump

**S**ees to it kids get gifts

**A**lways loves kids

**N**ever gets seen by kids

**T**akes cookies & milk

**A**lways jolly!



## Grandparent Night

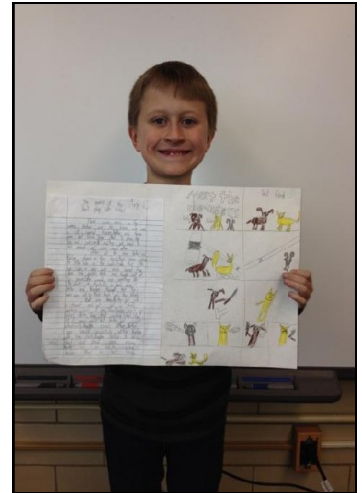
by Parker Bailey

At East Intermediate, students and faculty invite grandparents to school on a night called Grandparent Night.

During that particular night, students and their grandparents go to the Book Fair in the gym. They also enjoy activities set up by teachers and their students in the classrooms.

The grandparents of third graders have a chance to explore their grandchild's new school.

Grandparent night is held so students have a chance to bond and spend time with their grandparents. From their laughter and smiles, grandparents and the kids seem to enjoy this special evening.



Parker Bailey with his Grandparent essay (above).

## Playground Expectations

By Evan Laughead and Bri Fellers

The playground rules are important at East School in order to keep students safe and happy. Rules are made by Mrs. Kitty and teachers.

When kids don't follow the rules, there are consequences that depend on the severity of the rule broken. Duty teachers supervise students playing on the playground to help keep them safe. They come to the playground first thing in the morning and right after lunch — around 11:40.

According to Mrs. Kitty, she plans to keep

the rules in place that she and teachers have made so far. When asked, she reported that most of the rules get broken when football and tag are played.

Students should try not to break rules. An office referral means you cannot participate in the character carnival in December.

## School Bus Safety

by Maxwell Jordan and Seth Shaffer

Kids need to follow school bus safety rules or they might cause safety problems. Here are some ways to prevent problems on the school bus:

- Don't talk at railroad crossings
- Be quiet when the bus driver is talking
- Stay seated and don't yell and shout. Just because you think the bus

driver can't see you doesn't mean you can get too loud when you're not supposed to.

Even if kids follow the rules on the bus, accidents can still happen. If you are involved in an accident, listen to your bus driver and you can stay safer.

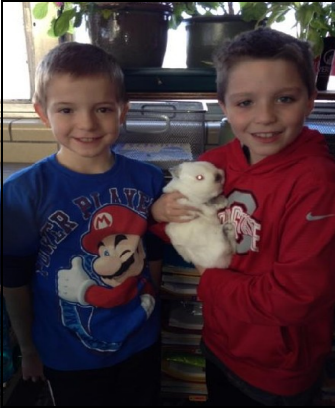
Beth Cain is the transportation supervisor for Greenville City Schools.

Make sure you thank her for keeping you safe on the bus, and for helping keep the buses in safe condition.





Trevor Coppess and Ricky Heidrich care for class pets.



## Class Pets

by Alexander Baumgardner and Hayden Bush

At East Intermediate, two teachers, Mr. Coblentz and Mrs. Flora, have class pets in rooms 4 and G1.

When asked why he has a class pet, Mr. Coblentz replied, "Because my father had the fish tank for 27 years and he gave it to me. So I thought if he had it in his class, I can have it in mine." He further stated, "The kids like having the fish in the classroom."

According to Mrs. Flora, the reason she has the pets is because it helps kids have responsibilities and it goes along with what they study. She also said she just likes animals.

When asked how they take care of the pets, Mr. Coblentz explained that he lets kids feed them and he cleans the filter once a month. Mrs. Flora has her students feed the pets and clean the cage and tank.

Mr. Coblentz and Mrs. Flora commented that they will not have other pets at this time, but they will in the up-coming years. Even though they won't have other pets now, when asked what they would like in the future, Mr. Coblentz said he would get a frog and name it Hopper. Mrs. Flora replied that she would get a bird and let her students name it.

## Gym Jog Off

Winnie Stiefel and Seth Delk

During gym, Mrs. Duncan's class and Mrs. Fischer's class (pictured right) had a gym jog off. The class that jogged for the longest duration won a lunch treat. Mrs. Fischer's class won with a time of 11 minutes and 23 seconds. Mrs. Duncan's class came in second place with the time of 11 minutes and 8 seconds. All students in the class jog at the same time. When the first person in the class stops jogging, the class time stops and that is the time the class competes with. If your time is the longest out of the classes competing against you, your class wins!



## Emergency Drills

by Andrew Abell and Owen Snyder

At East Intermediate, students work on emergency drills. These include fire drills, tornado drills, lock downs and evacuations.

When there is a fire drill, the principal rings a bell and students go outside to a safe area. Then the teachers take attendance and if everybody is there, the teachers hold up a green sign. If someone is missing, the teachers hold up a red sign and adults locate the missing student.

When there is a tornado drill, the principal sounds a horn, and then students get away from windows and duck. They cover their heads. Some teachers evacu-

ate their classrooms and take their students to safer rooms.

When there is a lockdown due to an intruder, the principal says, "We are having a lockdown." Then we all follow lockdown procedures. While students do that, teachers lock the doors and close the windows and blinds. When the lockdown is done, the principal says, "We are finished with our lockdown."

When there is an evacuation drill due to a bomb threat, the principal tells us to evacuate the building. Students and teachers walk to a nearby location. When the threat is over, everyone returns to school.

It is important to practice these drills to keep everyone safe.



## Student Council

By Xavier Maitlen and Jake Barr

Student Council does a lot of things for third and fourth graders. They help plan and run the character carnival, participate in the homecoming parade, help with build-a-book activities, and assist with the bus shuttle. If members of student council have good behavior, they also do a few other projects.

For the past two years, student council hasn't done anything more than character carnival, homecoming, bus shuttle and build a book because of poor student behavior. You can get kicked out of student council if you get lunch detention, a Saturday school, a write up on the bus, or if you get a suspension.

Mrs. Wise, the title 1 coordinator and librarian, is the East staff member in charge of student council.

We interviewed student council member Jake Barr and he said his favorite thing about being on student council is eating pizza. Student council members eat pizza at every meeting.

## Homework Help!

Homework help is offered at East Monday through Friday right after school until 5:00. Children need written permission from parents to attend. East welcomes Mrs. Sidell back from retirement as the helper.

## Teacher Feature #1

by Hunter Class Kaijsa Maxwell

There is a new teacher named Mrs. Inman at East. She just recently started teaching 4th grade in Greenville. When asked why she wanted the new job she has, Mrs. Inman told us, "I chose fourth grade because I think students at this age are more passionate about their work and don't need as much supervision when working as younger students do."

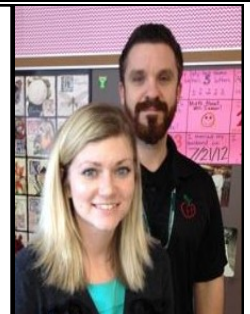
When asked who inspired her to teach, Mrs. Inman replied, "My grandmother used to teach kindergarten, so that made me want to teach." Mrs. Inman also told The Flying Eagle that she will "...definitely stay in the teaching field." Mrs. Inman teaches math, science and social studies. "I took college courses for all subjects, but I chose those three because I like doing cool experiments, fun history, and I like seeing and being able to teach the different kids of number forms."

Mrs. Inman is married and lives in Sidney. Her husband also teaches math. (Mrs. Inman and Mr. Woehl are pictured below, right.)

## Teacher Feature #2

by Kie Roosa and

Mr. Woehl is a new art teacher at East Intermediate. He became the new art teacher because he likes to paint and teach kids. In addition to teaching art, he teaches cursive handwriting. He likes to get kids interested in art and cursive. In Mr. Woehl's opinion, he thinks cursive is challenging. He likes to paint people and landscapes. Mr. Woehl went to Wright State university in Dayton for college. He had to go to college to get an education degree to teach art.



## The Weather Corner (from the Flying Eagle archives)

### BLIZZARDS & SNOWSTORMS

It's cold here in the Weather Corner today. I'll be giving you some useful tips about blizzards and snowstorms. I'll also be telling you how to prepare for winter weather. Have fun reading, and have a safe winter!

#### Who do you call if you get caught in a snowstorm?

If you get caught in a snowstorm, you call 911.

#### What are level 1, 2, and 3 snow emergencies?

Level one: Roads are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads also have ice. Drive *cautiously*!

Level two: Roads are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads are *very icy*. Drive *cautiously*!

Level three: All roadways are closed except for emergency vehicles. Others driving may be *arrested*.

#### What kinds of supplies should you always have in your car in winter?

You need a winter survival kit:

- Blankets/sleeping bags
- First-aid kit
- Knife
- High-calorie non-perishable food
- Extra clothing to keep dry
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper brush
- Toolkit
- Container of water
- Compass and road maps

#### What conditions are necessary to cause meteorologists to declare that the weather qualifies as a blizzard?

- Winds above 35 miles per hour
- Temperature under minus 7 degrees Celsius
- Your ability to see beyond 400 meters ahead of yourself is impossible for at least 3 hours.