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“Summer”

By
Ashley Strosnider

**Summer is a blaze of fire,
 Blinding, Scorching,
 Bringing joy**

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The *Flying* *Eagle*

The Wait is OVER!

By Gabe Taylor and Jacob Watson

Surprisingly, it's almost the end of the school year! Do you know what that means? Field day is almost here! During the last week of school, East School kids will be participating in Field Day.

During field day, kids play and do activities ALL DAY LONG! Last year, everyone went to Cattie Shack Golf where kids drove golf balls and played “putt-putt.” Afterwards, they went to Harmon Field and played tug-of-war and had track races. But that was last year. This year, Miss Cindy Rose, P.E. teacher at East, will be in charge of field day, so she may have activities planned that are new and exciting! We can't wait to see what's in store for us!

One more thing you need to know... You cannot participate in Field Day if you lose all your letters or get in huge trouble. Losing your letters means having to take away a letter from a card that spells out “FIELD DAY.” You have to take away letters for poor behavior choices. Once you've lost all of your letters, you are not going to get to go have fun. Remember, be good and don't do anything to cause yourself to lose letters.

Character Dance it Up!

By Chloe Freeman and Reed Hanes

Have you heard of the East School character dance? It is one of the many events that celebrates students who have good character or good behavior all school year. You can either dance to songs and win cool prizes, (like stuffed animals and whistles), or you can play on the playground. Miss Kitty and Mrs. Wise came up with the idea for the character dance, but Mr. Stickel, substitute teacher, plays the music for the dancers.

The character dance is on Tuesday, May 21st. Fourth grade hangs out on the playground and dances from 10:30 through 11:30, and third grade does the

same from 12:45 through 1:45. If you want to win prizes, you have to dance, not just play on the playground.

To be able to go to the dance, you have to have all fees paid, have had no lunch detentions, no discipline write-up's and no Saturday schools. So make sure you do those things and you will possibly be able to go to the character dance and have fun! If you are a third grader, and you can't go this year, remember, if you follow the rules next year, you have another chance to go. Good luck!



**East School
 4th Grade
 News Crew**

(pictured left)

Editorial: Year-Round Schools

by Chloe Freeman

Have you heard that President Obama has called for school administrations to lengthen school years in order to compete with students worldwide? That’s basically saying we should switch to year-round school calendars (YRS). Some people think that’s a good idea, but I don’t.

People on the “pro” side of this issue say that YRS is a good idea because it provides more opportunities for family vacations. A year-round schedule can save families money because they are able to take vacations during off-peak times. Also, students who attend year-round schools typically do as well as, or a little better in school than their peers who attend schools on a regular school schedule. Teachers have more flexible contracts in YRS. They are able to increase their income by substitute teaching on days that are their “off times.”

Some people, like me, don’t like year-round school calendars because high school students would not be able to afford college because they would not be able to get summer jobs. Additionally, students may miss out on typical summer experiences like summer camps. Also, school districts might experience budgeting issues with extending the school calendar.

So what do you think? People have different opinions. Some think YRS is a good idea, and some say it’s a bad idea (like me). I am in 4th grade now, so hopefully I will graduate before we start seeing this in my school district.

Summer Fun in Greenville

by Felicity Lance



Are you looking forward to summer? I think everyone is. Well, it’s almost here and Greenville has a great community where we have some good, fun places for residents and others to enjoy.

One thing a lot of kids enjoy is the Greenville City Pool. It is open to the public which is nice because kids can come and swim, and they don’t have to be in a club.

Parks are another good place to go. They have play sets, benches and places for many age groups. Greenville City Park has a section just for little kids. Behind Kroger is another park that has a play area and it also has a circle that you can run, jog, or bike on.

By the High School, there are some tennis courts that are open to the public. But don’t go on if there is a team practicing! You can enjoy the courts even if you’re not a great tennis player — just hit the ball around and have fun!



Hope you can do some of these things this summer to get active and not just stay in the house all the time watching TV, playing video games, or spending time on the computer.

Harmon Field Fun!

By Faith Mansfield and Cristian Warner



The Special Olympics Track and Field event has been going on for 35 years. WOW! It all happened this year at Harmon Field in Greenville on Monday, May 13th. The event was run by Miss Cindy Rose, P.E. teacher at East School. This event is a series of sports competitions.

Students who participate are cheered on by their classmates who are called “unified partners.” The unified partner is usually in-

involved in at least one race. Races, like the relay, begin when a guy blows a whistle. Racers run a part of the race, and then pass a baton to their teammate. Finally, the last racer on the team crosses the finish line. The racers get ribbons — first through fourth place. This is a fun day for everyone involved!

(Pictured at left: Special Olympians from East Intermediate.)

“Flowers”

By
Ashley Strosnider

Flower
Delicate, Scented,
Swaying,
Sweet smelling,
Tulip



**Special Olympians from East Intermediate (above)
Are Proud of Their Special Olympic Ribbons**

“How To”: Sweet Treat Sunflower

by Ryan Dull



Ingredients

- (for 1 flower)
- 4 smashed marshmallows
- 1 pretzel stick
- 5 chocolate chips
- Peanut butter

Hello again! This month you are going to make a simple sweet treat sunflower — just in time for summer! This recipe has the same ingredients as the past recipes. You will need a pretzel stick for the flower stem. Put a big glob of peanut butter on the top of the stem (pretzel stick). Then get five chocolate chips and stick

them on top of the peanut butter. Last, smash four marshmallows and stick them to the peanut butter to make petals. If you want more flowers, you can add MORE peanut butter to the bottom of the pretzel stick and add additional pretzel sticks to make more stems. Then, smash more marshmallows and stick them on for extra blooms. You will have a bouquet of sunflower snacks. Enjoy!



Students from Mrs. McCool's Class Practice for Readers' Theater

Teacher Feature by Tyler Milton and Aaron Suter

Mrs. Koontz is a teacher at East School that has been teaching for 30 years and is retiring on May 28, 2013. “Although there are many challenges in teaching, I love to teach and watch my students learn new things,” Mrs. Koontz stated during an interview.

To prepare her students for 5th grade, she will teach them economics

and long division before school is out on May 24th.

After retiring, Mrs. Koontz will miss the staff, students and other people she works with. She plans to travel with her husband to Maine, Puerto Rico, and Florida. She also looks forward to taking a cruise some day.

Greenville students will miss you, Mrs. Koontz!



Happy Retirement to Mrs. Koontz, featured at left, and to Mrs. Sidell, Mrs. Payne, and Mrs. Sloat.

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So, thank you very much for your donations.

Yours truly,
Chloe Freeman
4th grader

Ryleigh's Remedies By Ryleigh Barber

Have you ever been around plants and gotten really itchy? Have you ever played in the woods and gotten red bumps on your skin? Well, if so, then you have probably had poison ivy.

When you get poison ivy, what you really have is an allergic reaction to the poison ivy plant. Most people only break out into hives that itch. But some people are highly allergic, and have more severe reactions. They break out, too, but also can have trouble breathing. Sometimes their lips and eyes swell if they have gotten oil from the poison ivy plant on their face.

If you think you might have touched a poison ivy plant, immediately tell an adult and wash your hands, or other body parts that touched the plant, with soap.

To avoid poison ivy, do the following:

- Avoid 3-leaved plants with woody red-orange stems. Even though some "safe" plants have 3 leaves, don't touch them just in case.
- Don't go tramping around in the woods unless you have to, or know what to avoid
- If you see a plant with small black berries, do NOT eat them. Poison ivy plants have berries like this, and they make your throat swell shut so you can't breathe.

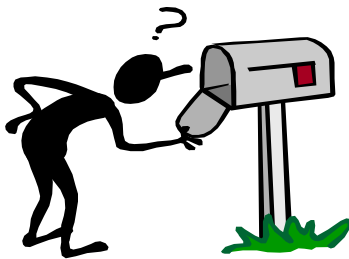
If you get poison ivy, let an adult help you apply an ointment that will help stop the itch.

Remember: "Leaves of three, let it be." (Poison ivy plant pictured above.)



"Ask Jaden"

by Jaden Sensano and Jordan Warner



Dear Alex,

First, you have to be in the 4th grade. Secondly, have your parents fill out a permission slip given to you by your teacher next year.

You will get your permission slip sometime during the first 9 weeks of next year. Third, you may need to write a speech and make posters to campaign for the position on the

council. Finally, you must be a good student. For instance, you must behave on the bus, in class, and on the playground. Most importantly, you must set a good example for other students and care about your school. If you are all of these things, you might get on student council.

Once you're on student council, you will go to meetings and discuss events like the Character Carnival and Field Day. You get to help prepare for those events. Good luck getting on student council!

~Jaden

Advice columnist, Jaden Sensano, and guest columnist, Jordan Warner answered today's question.

Dear Jaden,

I will be in 4th grade next year, and would like to know how to get on the Student Council.

Alex Kolb

Grade 3, Mrs. Evers' class

