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The End of a Great Year – The May Edition

The Greco-Roman Festival

In May Classroom 7 presented a Greco-Roman festival for the students of Providence. The festival included Greek games (the javelin throw, shot put, relay races), chariot races (big wheels) at the Circus Maximus, and the runner from the battle of Marathon. Even Julius Caesar attended. Visitors to the festival could stop at the Roman armory and try on armor, visit the Oracle at Delphi and have a question answered, learn how the Greeks and Romans made mosaics, and have a scribe write your name in Greek or your age in Roman numerals. You could also visit the Roman bath where you could get a hand and shoulder massage, play Roman games, and taste Roman food. Groups of kids were led through the festival by the gods Poseidon, Demeter, Athena, Persephone, Aphrodite, and Artemis.

We spent weeks researching and studying Greek and Roman history and culture in preparation for the festival. When the day came, rainy weather caused us to move the activities inside. Later, however, we were able to go outdoors for the Olympic games. The festival was really fun to set up and perform. I hope the next time Classroom 7 presents a Greco-Roman festival I will be able to come and see it.

Henry Hesseldenz

The Chaos Tower

In science we studied simple machines, so everyone got to do the Chaos Tower. The Chaos Tower is a giant frame with track pieces that attach to it. Two teams with two students each designed a track and built it in the Chaos Tower. Each group got the same number and type of track pieces. When the tracks were complete, the teams raced with a little yellow ball to see which track was faster. The Chaos Tower was a lot of fun.

Willow Dickey

Art

In art class this year we have painted, worked with clay to make bowls and pottery, and created designs with photo shop. Recently, all the elementary students painted a leaf on a square. Mr. and Mrs. Martin put them all together and constructed a huge wall hanging with all the leaf paintings. It hangs in Haley Hall now, and it is beautiful. It will hang there forever. We had lots of fun doing that project. Art is an awesome class.

Julia Dunavant

Spanish

Spanish is one of the three major languages in the world. In most schools students learn "Mexican" Spanish and not "Spain" Spanish. Many people don't know there is a difference. "Mexican" Spanish is fine for Central and South America, but for Spain and Europe, "Spain" Spanish is a thousand times better.

In Spanish class we've been learning fruits and vegetables. Instead of a test we made posters. Some had las frutas on one side and las verduras on the other. Many were grocery stores, and one was a fruit and veggie stand.

We are sad to say our beloved Spanish teacher, Senora Santa Pau, is moving back to Spain, to Barcelona. We will miss her, her daughter Laura, and her son Victor. I'm certain we will have a great new Spanish teacher, but we are sad to see Senora Santa Pau go. We all hope she will write and come back to Kentucky to visit.

Emma Pederson

Our class had been practicing for months, and then it was time for our concert. Our performance was Monday, May 18th. When we came back after the weekend, some of us had forgotten that we were performing first thing. It was pretty scary, but then Mrs. Snider came in and got us ready.

The whole school was watching as we sang our songs. One of our songs was a canon, which is a round. We also played drums and did an a capella (without music) chant. Classroom VIII also performed, and the two classrooms sang and danced "Our Meeting is Over" together. At the end, Classroom VII sang "What a Wonderful World" with voice and sign language. Thank you, Mrs. Franzini, for teaching us this year.

Doug

P.E.

In P.E. we have been practicing soccer. A friend of Mrs. Bryant and guest soccer player named Katie came to our class. She taught us soccer skills such as the rainbow kick, scissors, pendulum, and how to fake kick.

We had P.E. on another day with Mr. Regan. He is very nice. That day we played a game of soccer. We also played Sharks and Minnows and Capture the Flag. We have had a great time this spring in the nice weather. I love P.E.

Geni Willoughby

Choral Performance

Guest Teachers...

Chemistry Lesson

Jim Mrvos, the father of one of Classroom 7's former students came to Providence and gave a lesson. He taught us about superconductors. Mr. Mrvos explained how superconductors could be an important part of technology that could be used in developing cars and trains that could hover above a track. He brought liquid nitrogen which is used to cool the superconductor material. When he cooled the material, it floated above a magnet. When the liquid nitrogen was poured out, it looked smoky and quickly evaporated. The lesson was very cool to watch.

Emma Pederson

Learning Chinese

Mr. Pemble, a parent at Providence, came to school and gave us a lesson in Chinese. He is fluent in the language and goes to China frequently for his job.

In the Chinese language, different tones of voice mean different things. We learned our names in Chinese. Mine is Fan Ai Lin. Some names mean funny things. Blevin Slone means smart, happy dragon. It was fun to learn some of this very different language.

Erin Fannin

We went out to learn, too.....

Steve Powell – glass artist

Our class went to see Steve Powell, a teacher and artist glass blower at Centre

College in Danville. He showed us how he did his artwork in his studio. The studio is really hot when he is working because of the huge furnaces used to melt the glass.

We watched the making of a glass piece from beginning to end. First, the glass was heated until it was soft. Then, it was rolled, heated again with more glass applied. Pieces of colored glass were put on its surface, and the piece began to take shape. Finally, the blowing began. The cylinder of glass expanded into a beautiful shape. When it was finally finished, it went into a large cooling oven to keep the glass from cracking as it cooled. It wouldn't be ready for three more days.

After Mr. Powell finished that work, he took us into his office which was full of his favorite pieces. He showed us how he made the colored beads and explained more about his work. It was a really neat experience to watch Steve Powell create his glass art.

Shelby Hammonds

Headley Whitney Museum

Classroom 7 visited the Headley Whitney Museum to see the Istanbul exhibit. We also saw the library,

garden, shell room, and many other things. I loved the dollhouses that were models of the Whitney house. There was also a room with antiques like a chess game with horse riders instead of pawns. I also liked the shell grotto. It smelled like the ocean in there. It had swans in the mosaic on the ceiling. There were also sculptures of Poseidon and Aphrodite made out of shells. The floor we walked on was made of coral.

Mr. Headley had many more things in his library such as narwhal horns, sea turtles, elephant tusks, and rhino horns. We also visited the gift shop. Cuyler bought a beautiful blue necklace. I love that place, and I want to see it again.

Anna Ison

Book Fair

This year's book fair was really fun. There were new books like Cyberia and new books to teach you games like Cheat Code Explosion 2009. There was also new software and other things to buy. It was fun to go walking around the book fair with money jingling in your pocket. This year's book fair was the best yet.

Noah Mullins

Earth Day

On Earth Day the lower elementary students display projects they have been working on. Each student chooses a

different topic, researches it, and plans a display. The students from Classroom 7 escort the students from Classroom 1 through the exhibits.

After viewing the projects, all of the students and their families went to Masterson Station Park for a picnic. At the picnic the lower elementary students performed the song, "Tomorrow Needs Us," directed by their music teacher, Mrs. Pabin. Everyone played games, ran around, ate lunch, and had a good time. The picnic was a lot of fun.

Shelby Hammonds

Third Graders Visit

Each year the third grade students who will be moving to Classroom 7 in the fourth grade come to visit. They spend the morning with us just to see what it is like in our class. We will have eight new students: Victor Allison, George Shashy, Maya Anjur, Julia Radhakrishnan, Charlie Weiss, Sophie Campbell, and Kassie Cook. I have always had a good time in Classroom 7, and I hope they will, too.

Alston Croley

Great Works

Every year the students in Classroom 7 do a project they call Great Works. A Great Work is a project chosen by the student and done independently at home. The project takes about six weeks to complete. At the end of that time students bring their

Great Works to school to share. They are on display at the Parents' Meeting in May.

This year there were many different projects. Willow Dickey created a model of a velociraptor out of clay. She designed it so that we could see the inside of the extinct animal as well as the outside structure. Brennan Clarkson made a timeline of the history of the Kentucky Derby, and Anna Ison made models of mythical creatures. Geni and Henry made books. Geni's was about big cats, and Henry's was biographies of baseball players.

There were many projects, and they were all interesting to see.

Ethan Newton

Classmate Biographies

This year the students in Classroom 7 wrote biographies of one another. We interviewed each other, took notes, then wrote a short biography. The finished biographies were mounted on colored paper and put in an album in our room. We learned a lot about each other through this project, and it was fun to read the final stories.

Blevin Slone

Anthology

The students of Classroom 7 published an anthology, which is a collection of stories and poems. Each student had one page to fill with writings of his own choosing. You could select the pieces you liked best, type them, arrange

them, and then decorate the page. Our anthology is titled, "Potpourri" because it is a mix of all our thoughts. Be sure to read it.

Brennan Clarkson

The Midnight Fox

The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars is an exciting, amazing experience. The writer takes action, drama, and adventure and makes such a wonderful story. It takes the reader on a ride of a lifetime. If I could rate it, I would give it five stars. The love and passion Tom has for the midnight fox is just breath-taking. You just have to read it. It is a great story to enjoy with a friend or your family.

Cuyler Lipscomb

The Lightning Thief

Classroom 7 is reading an amazing book, The Lightning Thief, Book One in a series called Percy Jackson and the Olympians. As you have probably guessed, this book has Greek gods in it. The author, Rick Riordan, takes Greek stories and puts them in a modern book. I recommend reading this entire series. The book is full of action and suspense.

Wils Quinn

The last week.....

Bowling

On Wednesday, May 19, Classrooms 7 & 8 went bowling at Collins Bowling Lanes. It was field day for both classes. The students enjoyed themselves while bowling,

talking, and eating snacks. Cooper Collins' dad took groups of us behind the scenes at the end of the lanes. It was very loud as the machines picked up pins, reset them, and returned balls.

We bowled all morning and then returned to school for lunch. It was a great trip. I can't wait to go again next year.

Daniel Brenzel

Sixth Year Students

Finish the Year

And Say Good-bye.....

Research Papers

This was the big assignment for 6th year students. Each year 6th year students write a research paper on a topic of their own choosing. We learn how to gather information from a variety of sources, make an outline, organize note cards, and write the final paper. The finished paper must be 1000 to 1500 words in length.

We went to the University of Kentucky library where Henry's dad, Mr. Hesseldenz, gave us lessons on how to use the resources at the library for research. We continued our work independently.

We shared our papers with one another and then displayed them with the Great Works projects on the evening of the Parents' Meeting.

Leland Allen

Back to the Library.....

On May 12th the sixth year students went back to the UK library for a field trip. We met with Henry's dad, the reference librarian, who gave us a tour of the entire building. Each room we entered was huge, and each one was different. My favorite room had many shelves filled with books. Each shelf had two buttons on it, one pointing to the left and one pointing to the right. If you pressed the button, the shelves would move. The rest of our tour involved lots of bridges, computers, and stairs. When we were finished with the tour, we thanked Mr. Hesseldenz and headed back to school.

Sixth Grade Trip to Atlanta

On Wednesday the 13th of May the sixth graders set out for Atlanta, Georgia on their sixth grade trip. We visited Atlanta from Wednesday to Friday. On Wednesday we stopped at Stone Mountain to view the giant carving on the granite mountain. The likenesses of

Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Jefferson Davis are carved there.

Thursday was the busiest day. We went to the Coke factory and had our picture made with the Coke polar bear. We also toured the CNN building and learned about that news organization. Then we went to the Georgia Aquarium. At the aquarium we pet rays and small sharks. We saw beluga whales and huge tanks full of exotic fish.

Thursday evening we went to dinner at the Medieval Times restaurant. We saw a show there where we cheered for our favorite knight as he competed in a tournament of jousting and horsemanship.

We enjoyed our trip very much as a last time to all be together as part of Classroom 7 at Providence.

Betsy Schein

to miss her very much because of all the things she does at Providence. I'll bet you that if the school hadn't had Mrs. Regan as principal, it wouldn't be the great school it is today. The students here should be very thankful for her because she's a one-of-a-kind person.

Mrs. Regan has been at Providence for 30 years – 20 as a teacher and 10 as principal. We were lucky to have her. We are all going to miss her very much, and I wish her the best of luck.

Emily Cook

Finally.....

Good-bye to Mrs. Regan

I know we have all come to love our principal, Mrs. Regan, especially my family and me. We are all going