

RAIDER REPORT

“He Is Here Come To Him”

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Veteran’s Day Assembly

The Veteran’s Day celebration started off with a 21 day push-up challenge and a Philly Pretzel fundraiser to benefit a nonprofit organization called Tails of Valor. This organization provides service dogs to veterans suffering from PTSD as well as with physical disabilities. On November 9, Grades 5-8 participated in a live bald eagle presentation from the Carbon County Environmental Education Center. During the afternoon, they attended an assembly to honor veterans of our school community. Many relatives of students that were veterans attended including our own STM Volunteer Mr. Powers and custodian Mr. Morales. The veterans and the poetry winners were presented with certificates. They finished it when representatives from the Navy recited a poem and performed taps.



The Zambelli Show

On Tuesday, December 7 the STM Scoop news team had the great opportunity of going to the Service Electric Studio. When we got there, students Maggie, Lienna, Charles, and Alex were interviewed on air on the Mike Zambelli Show. Mr. Peiffer and Mr. Ramella were also interviewed on the show. While the show was being filmed, the team was able to go into the control room or stay and watch the interview. After the show was over, our team had the opportunity to tour the studio including the control rooms, and trucks. The show aired on Tuesday night on the Service Electric channel. It was a great experience for our news team to learn about what goes on in a real studio.

Poetry Winners; 4th Grade: 2nd Place - Natalia Stano, 1st Place - Emma Anderson, 5th Grade: 3rd Place - Declan McGee, 2nd Place - Kamryn Kough, 1st Place - Teresa Haring, 6th Grade: 3rd Place - Hannah D'Ambrosio, 2nd Place - Lindsay Doyle, 1st Place - Lucia DeFrancisco, 8th Grade: 2nd Place - Rebekah Garrett, 1st Place - Emily Garrett, and Overall Winner: Lucianna Stano

Ginger Zee

STM Scoop news broadcast team met with Ginger Zee, Lead Meteorologist on Good Morning America! The opportunity was spearheaded by Maggie, one of our 7th Grade students on the team. Ginger Zee talked with the STM team via Zoom and shared great advice and life lessons. The 14 members of the team are 7th and 8th Graders who applied for a position last spring. The students went through an interview process and even had to audition if they wanted to be on air. The Studio, located in the Library, has been made possible through a generous donation from Service Electric. The purpose of the club is to instruct our students about broadcast journalism, allowing them to learn how to set-up, produce, and broadcast a daily student produced news show. We have a director, broadcasters/script writers, audio technicians, and camera operators. The broadcasts are live-streamed every morning on the STM Scoop YouTube Channel. This new club is a great addition to the opportunities offered to our students at school!



Turkey Trot

This year was the 2nd STM turkey trot. Mrs. Collistra started this tradition in 2019, and ensured the tradition was kept alive this year. Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grades participated in the event on November 17, 2021. Grade 5 contributed by leading activities and keeping everyone moving and motivated. Family members, parents, and grandparents were allowed to cheer them on. The Turkey Trot started with a great warm-up led by Barre3 owner Brittany Morse. Each grade lined up behind their own starting banner. On “GO” the students ran through the banner and continued to run, jog, walk, and skip for 8 minutes. They did a great job! Next, students participated in the activity stations “Stuff the Turkey” and the “Turkey Waddle Relay Race.” Homerooms competed with each other. The winners were awarded trophies.



Christmas Carol

This year 5th and 6th grades put on the show, *A Christmas Carol* in the gym. Directed and made possible by Ms. Hermansen, it was performed on the December 14 and 15. *A Christmas Carol*, originally a book by Charles Dickens is about a mean, greedy man named Scrooge. He spends all his time at work and even though he's very rich, he only thinks about himself and refuses to donate to the poor. At night, he is visited by his deceased partner, Marley, who warns him that if he doesn't change his ways soon, it will have large consequences. Marley sends three spirits; the Ghost of Christmas Past, The Ghost of Christmas Present, and The Ghost of Christmas Future. They show him what has happened to make him a mean person, the things that are happening because of it, and what will happen if he doesn't change his ways. He wakes up only to find it was all a dream. Scrooge changed his ways, gave much of his money to the poor, and became a kind, caring person. Performed in the gym, not only did the entire school get to see the show, but parents did as well. They had something called "Kisses for the Cast" where audience members could buy Hershey kisses to congratulate cast members. With a cast of 105 people, it was put together in six weeks. The show was a huge success.



Advent Lighting

This coming season of Advent is about preparing for Jesus to come. In preparation, every Monday of Advent the whole school gathers in the school gym to see the lighting of the Advent candles. Mr. Pieffer and Sister Pat read about what the word for the week is and how we can carry that out in our lives. This Advent season, we are lucky to have this opportunity to talk about this and pray to God.



Christmas Tree Lighting

Our first ever Christmas Tree Lighting took place on Sunday December 12, 2021. Over 200 people attended for Christmas caroling, hot chocolate, and treats. Placing baby Jesus in a manger was a highlight of the night. Father Esposito played the guitar. It was a fun night for everyone.

Santa's Workshop

On December 10, 2021, students in 8th Grade dressed as soldiers, elves, Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus to perform a Santa's workshop! Kindergarten students played games such as, Pin the Nose on the Reindeer, a Fishing Game, Guess the Snowballs, Magic Rug, Santa Carts, and Corn Hole. Soldiers put on an amazing dance performance, there were also elves that greeted the students, and many teachers helped as well! We bet the 8th Graders had tons of fun and so did the Kindergarten students!



Third Grade Christmas Play

This Christmas play is an exciting play the 3rd Graders performed for their parents. This year was the first year they did two plays! Everything else was the same, but as usual the parents loved it! The 3rd Graders said it was very fun!

First And Second Grade Play

The 2nd and 1st Graders participated in an amazing Christmas play this year. A 2nd Grade class paired up with one of the 1st Grade classes and practiced every day to create the annual play called “The Search for Christmas Spirit” in the Family Center. While the 2nd Grade acted and the 1st Grade sang their little hearts out for baby Jesus, it created a beautiful show for the parents to see. The 2nd Graders practiced every day and night preparing for the show until they were finally ready. It was an amazing performance, and they did a great job!

Barnes And Noble Book Fair

On Sunday, December 5, STM hosted a book fair at Barnes and Noble. During the event, the Girl Scouts were singing Christmas songs, and people from the school band played songs as well. People from STM could go and buy books for their teachers and got a discount on the books they bought. There was also face painting and guest readers. Lastly, if you went to STM you could sign in to give your class credit. It was a big success and STM sold over \$10,000 of merchandise, therefore we were able to receive a \$2,000 gift card for the library.



Band Concert

On December 21, 2021, the students in the STM Advanced Band performed in a Christmas concert in the family center. The students who are part of the Advanced Band are: Lindsay Doyle, Simone Morton, Henry Samer, Charles Samer, Beatrice Robinson, and Evan Borkowski. Mrs. DePietro is the instructor of Advanced Band. During the concert they played multiple solos, duets, and trios and played six group songs. The students did a great job and played wonderfully.

Class Representatives

One student from each class was chosen to represent their classroom in Grades 6-8. For eighth grade, the homeroom representatives are Jaden Velazquez, Thomas Roth, and Katelin Bui. Emma Molchany, Rohan Bhashyam, Carly Eisenhard, and Lana Bui all represent the seventh grade classes. In 6th grade, the representatives are Cecilia Riedy, Olivia DeFrancisco, Ethan Salovay, and Charlotte Hood. They will be working alongside the Student Council President Rafael Bacala and Vice President Evan Borkowski, for the better of the school.



Ms. Hermansen Interview



Ms. Hermansen teaches 6th Grade LA and Reading at STM school. It is her first year being here. She grew up in New York City and after graduating college she decided she wanted to become a teacher. She was inspired to become a teacher because of her amazing teachers growing up. She moved here in April, 2021. She owns a theater company in New York that she opened in 2014, and she visits it every Thursday and Sunday. She's getting married on September 9, 2022. She would like to start a family in the future. Mrs. Hermansen is an amazing teacher that cares about the students and loves teaching.

Albino Kangaroo

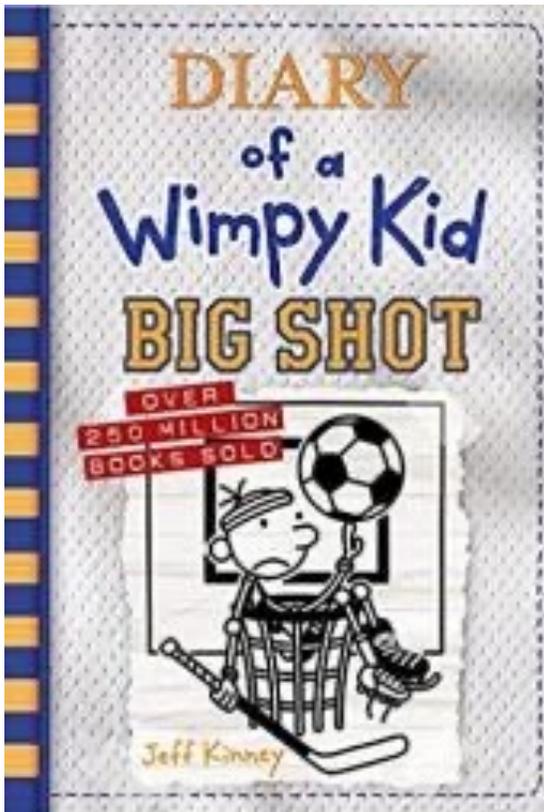
Macropus rufus or kangaroos mostly live in groups called mobs. They have very strong legs that can leap up to 30 feet in a single bounce. As marsupials, the female kangaroo has a pouch on their stomach which they hold their babies called joeys. Their diet mainly consists of grasses, flowers, leaves, ferns, moss, and even insects. Besides wild dogs, called dingoes, kangaroos face few natural predators. Heat, drought, and hunger are the biggest dangers kangaroos face. They can live up to 23 years old.



Book Review

Diary of A Wimpy Kid: Big Shot

I recommend reading the book *Diary of Wimpy Kid: Big Shot*. Greg Heffley dreams of being an athletic superstar, but he just can't find the sport for him. He wishes it was like the old days in Kindergarten when everyone won. But now that the middle school field day is just around the corner, Greg's class wants to win—not that they have a chance against the janitors and lunch ladies. His mom talks him into joining a basketball team. After a rough season, Greg is ready to hang up basketball shoes for good, but his relief is short-lived. His mom has one more surprise in store for him. Read all about it in the super funny book by Jeff Kinney.



Movie Review

Spider-Man: No Way Home

The Spider-Man movie was an amazing production with his identity getting revealed and Spider-Man working with Doctor Strange. It had all three Spider-Man actors and involved the multiverse. It was definitely a movie worth seeing if you like the MCU and had villains from all of the Spider-Man movies. It had great battle scenes and an unexpected ending. It is a movie you would not regret watching.



Recipe

Monkey Bread

Ingredients

- 2 containers of southern style biscuits
- 1 cup of butter
- 1 tablespoon of cinnamon
- 1 1/4 cup of sugar
- A gallon sized zip lock bag
- A Bundt paan



Instructions

- pour the cinnamon and sugar together
- cut the biscuits into 4ths and put them a couple at a time into the mix
- place the biscuits into the Bundt pan
- melt the butter and mix the remaining cinnamon sugar mix in the melted butter
- bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes
- let sit for 10 minutes

2021 Wrap Up

- 32nd Olympics in Tokyo
- Joe Biden is inaugurated 46th president.
- Kamala Harris becomes the first woman to be elected Vice President.
- Elon Musk's Space X company launches first rocket.
- Protesters storm the capitol in an attempt to overturn the results of the election.



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