

### Fourth Grade News

What is the name of the man who created the first modern Olympic games? What is the Olympic creed? Fourth graders discovered the answers to these questions and many more as they researched the history of the Olympic games for Open House.

In Social Studies, we have studied the Southeast Region and will need to know the states and capitals for this region. Lines, angles, polygons, and symmetry are just a few of the topics discussed while studying geometry in math.

Please encourage students to continue to read daily for 20 minutes.

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### Fifth Grade News

5th grade will visit the Oklahoma History Museum on February 2nd. We will hear a special entertainer portray Thomas Jefferson. This particular actor performs on a regular basis at Colonial Williamsburg and it should be a real treat to hear him speak. We will eat lunch at school at 11:00 and board buses at 11:30. We should return to school inspired at approximately 2:00.

We enjoyed seeing the many talented science showcase projects that our wonderful 5th graders presented at open house. Thank you 5th graders for your talent and time in producing such fantastic projects.

The OCCT writing test will be on February 22nd. We are quite busy refining and polishing our writing skills for this upcoming test.

Please make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast that day and a good night's rest the night before. Also, you might check with your child to see if they have plenty of newly sharpened pencils for this test.

Spanish began this semester and we are enjoying learning conversational Spanish from our new teacher. Valentine parties will be on the 14th and most 5th graders will make a Valentine box at home for a special contest at school. Boxes will be due on the 14th and can be any shape or design. We hope you have a fabulous February.

*5th grade teachers*

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### Baim's Book Bag

Returning from the holidays found the Chronicles of Narnia a favorite in the Media Center following the blockbuster theater presentation. I enjoyed the movie and am thrilled that students want to read all of the books in the series by C. S. Lewis. January was also the month that the Sequoyah reading program wound down as we voted for our favorite book the last week of the month. We will celebrate in the Media Center with a Sequoyah Float and Sequoyah Sundae parties the first week of February for all students who have reached their grade level's reading goal.

I always look forward to the Book Fair and it will be here through February 3rd. It is great to see parents and students excited about reading and purchasing new books. Don't forget our school's commitment to reading twenty minutes a night! Happy Winter Reading,

*Mrs. Baim, Your child's librarian*

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## Testing Monitors Needed



It is time to start planning for the Oklahoma State Mandated testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This will take place the week of April 10-13. Although this seems like a long time from now, we must start scheduling this at this time. Each classroom must have a classroom teacher as well as a testing monitor. The testing monitor is a volunteer (parent, grandparent, etc.) to assist in the classroom as needed. Monitors are needed Monday-Thursday mornings in all 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. If you are interested in helping out for 1 morning or several mornings, please call Mrs. Parrott and let her know the days you are available to help. You may call 715-6715 or 340-2975. This is a fun way to get involved in your school. No experience is needed.....we will train you. It is easy and fun. Thanks in advance for your help.

*Paw Prints*

