

SUNNYSIDE SLATE

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April Fools

By Violet S

This year April Fools will be on a Saturday. In the 1700s, English pranksters began popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day, planning practical jokes on each other. Although the day called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery. Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the New Year had moved to January 1, continued to celebrate it from the last week of March through April 1. It became the day that has ever had the most jokes. These included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poison fish" April fish, said to symbolize a young easily caught fish and a gullible person.

My family and I love April Fools' Day because we love tricking each other. One year my dad put face paint on himself and pretended to be a zombie. My mom also said there was a U.F.O outside trying to invade Earth; my sister started crying. So I am just going to say it again. My family and I love April Fools' Day.



Easter

By Sophie D

Easter this year is on Sunday, April 16. Many people celebrate Easter by finding hidden painted eggs (usually with candy in them), and by finding Easter baskets. According to folklore the Easter Bunny is a tall bunny who delivers eggs and baskets all around the world, lives on Easter Island, and has the world's largest chocolate factory. At Sunnyside we have a chocolate sale, and once the chocolate sales are done, we get the chocolate just in time for Easter. Also the town of Havre holds an event where children find eggs, and if someone finds the golden egg, he or she gets a prize. In 2011 my birthday was on Easter, so I searched for eggs, baskets, and I also had cake!



Chocolate Sales

By Sophie D and Chloe B

World's Finest Chocolate has been going on since 1939. Their first customer was Zion High School, whose marching band was the first ever to do commercialized product fundraising. World's Finest Chocolate only uses the finest raw ingredients and a unique family recipe. Since 1949 five million dollars have been raised! Sunnyside students sold approximately \$15,000.00. The chocolate was delivered and sorted April 4, 2017. So enjoy your chocolate and thank you for supporting Havre Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (HEPTO.) The money is used to purchase classroom supplies, like wall maps, indoor recess games, prizes for AR and so much more.

Bottle Biographies

By Chloe

A bottle biography is a one liter bottle and a Styrofoam ball. Students decorate it to look like a famous person, for example Joan of Arc, a famous person who became a Saint living in medieval France. You can decorate them for school projects or just for fun. A bottle biography person should be recognized in an orderly fashion. In Sunnyside some of the fifth grade classes are making bottle biographies. Each student writes a biography according to his or her selected person. The classes started their biographies in February.



Cleopatra

Guess Who??

By Carolyn T

About a month ago, the teachers began “Guess Who?” posters. What are “Guess Who?” posters? “Guess Who?” posters are when a teacher finds a picture from when he or she was a kid and posts it on a wall. Then a poster with a pencil taped next to it is placed on the wall and kids that are walking around the halls can guess who they think is in the picture. So far there have been three “Guess Who?” posters. The first one was of the fifth grade teacher Mrs. Gauer. The second one was of our music specialist Mrs. Alisch. Right now there is one in the foyer and in my opinion, it looks like either Miss Gregoire or Mrs. Don. To guess, go to the foyer and write a name!



Burdock Dig

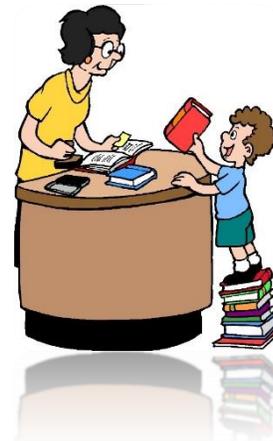
By Alyssa W. and Emilee C.

On April 24, 25, and 27 the fifth grade students at Sunnyside Elementary school are going on a field trip to the Bear Paws. There, they are going to dig up burdock to help save livestock. Burdock is a poisonous weed that can harm animals. Burdock can give cattle pink eye by eating it. There is also a competition to see which fifth grade class can dig up the most burdock plants. Did you know that burdock roots are edible to humans? Burdock can be used for medical reasons. Burdock roots can also be made into tea. So pack your sunscreen and put on hiking shoes and dig!!

National Library Week

By Megan B.

Have you visited your community library recently? Have you seen a notice on their calendar? National Library Week is April 9th through April 15th, 2017. The theme this year is “Libraries Transform”. It is celebrated throughout the United States. It is recognized by those who care about libraries. Now, you might be wondering how, or why we participate in this activity. It’s celebrated by participating in reading, saying thank you to a librarian, and enjoying the benefits of a library. April 12th is “Oh D.E.A.R.” **D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead, in honor of Beverly Cleary’s birthday, since she first wrote about D.E.A.R. in *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* (pages 40-41).



Pizza, Pizza!

By Carter S.

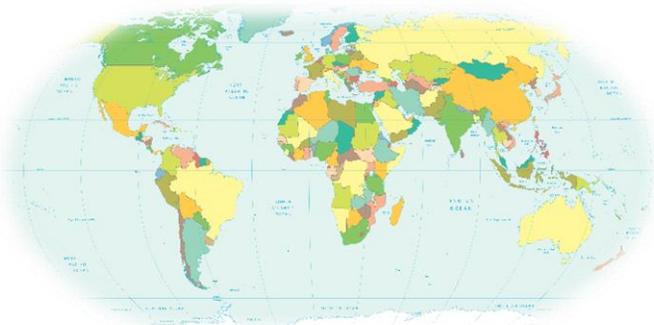
I asked a student of the month, Andrew Padgett, what they did at the pizza party. He said they just ate pizza, but did they? He said there were around 23 kids and 24 people counting Mrs. Lunak, and that was only the fifth grade! Besides eating pizza, Andrew said that Mrs. Lunak congratulated them on being here and said, "It's an honor to have you here."



"All the World's A Stage"

By Alyssa W.

This year on Thursday, April 7, at 5:30pm the fifth grade students at Sunnyside Elementary School are putting on an open house for their country projects. This open house will be held in the school gym at Sunnyside. The community is invited to come and attend. Each student has a different country that he or she has researched and learned about to display for this special event. Some students will be dressed up, while some may have food samples or displays from their country. It is a great opportunity for people to come and learn about different countries. As a fifth grader, I have enjoyed the opportunity I have had to learn about my assigned country, and I am excited to share it with each of you! A lot of hard work and time has been put into these projects. Hope to see each of you there!



Book Reports

The Hypnotists by Gordon Korman

By Corman C

In this novel you meet the main protagonist Jax Opus. He is a boy who has hypnotically suggestive powers, but has no idea he possesses them. He may have accidentally cheated in a basketball game unknowingly, but that was all he really found out. Until one day his class goes to a hypnotist's show, and Jax stands up to him because he seemed to be harassing his friend. The next day Jax finds a letter in the mail about an Institute called Sentia. He discovers that it specializes in hypnotists and their powers. However, something seems wrong. Jax finds out that he has two of the strongest hypnotic bloodlines in history. Jax's father makes things worse when he finds out that his son has the same powers that his parents had growing up. Now Jax has to deal with his father being paranoid about him, and not knowing what the Sentia institute wants with his powers. Will Jax be able to find out before an evil mastermind has the opportunity to take control of the nation and the world?

Limerick contest:

By Megan B

Hello, said the little green elf,
You know I don't sit on a shelf.
He jumped on the frog
And ran through the bog.
You'll have to catch me for wealth.



Congrats Megan

Fitness Testing

By Emilee C.

Are you ready for Fitness Testing? Well, I hope you are because the Sunnyside students have to test for fitness. The students will be tested for sit-ups, pushups, mile run, sit reach, shuttle run, and pull-ups. Sit-ups are when students have one minute to do as many sit-ups as possible. The mile run is when students try to get the best time. For pushups students do as many as they can, until their form drops. The shuttle run is when there are two competitors with two erasers and each is trying to get his or her erasers, one at a time, back to the starting line first. Good luck!!



MARCH MADNESS

By Carolyn, Corman, Chloe

A math competition was held for fourth and fifth grade students at Sunnyside. Students formed teams of two or three and answered three word problems. The first team to solve the problems correctly and turn them in, moved on to the next level. Our final team placements are as follows: 3rd- Chloe Bricker, Aiden McNally, Sophie Drew, 2nd- Carolyn Thomas, Duncan and Patrick Stickel, and the number one team: Devin Kovacich, Greyson Brady and Mason Wilting. Hats off to you!



Final Four Reading

The I Love to Read month closed out its competition in March. After seven weeks of reading competition, the final four are as follows: Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gauer, Miss Staples and Miss Paulsen.

The winner is.....

Staples-1,761,416 vs. **Paulsen 1,784,376**

Congratulations to Sunnyside Students!

Fifth Sister

All five sisters are busy. Ann is reading a book, Rose is cooking, Katy is playing chess, and Mary is doing the laundry. What is the fifth sister doing?

An Easter egg to color



POETRY

By Carolyn T

I am odd. A child that wants to make a difference.
 I wonder if the world will ever change.
 I hear that people just don't care, it's just not fair.
 I feel like I am the only one who can see.
 I see people littering and polluting the environment.
 I pretend it's all just a dream
 I want people to try to make a difference in the world.
 I cry because they don't understand.
 I worry the world will never be the same again.
 I hope I will one day make a change.
 I understand we need to make a change.
 I tell everyone that the world is coming to an end.
 I wish the world were a better place.
 I am odd. A child that wants to make a difference.

Birthday List

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 Lucy
 Gauge
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