

SUNNYSIDE SLATE

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SBAC Testing

By Molly H.

What is SBAC? Well, I don't know everything about it, but what I do know is that it stands for Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium. Students all over America take this test from 3rd grade to 8th grade. The tests usually taken are math and reading. This year the 4th and 5th graders (I know for sure) took this test during a two week time period. But that's the hard part!

The fun part, I think, is getting to dress up and have snacks. The snacks are provided by PTO. The snacks include Rice Krispies, granola bars, water, and more. We also have dress up days. The dress up days this year are as follows: sports, dream job, Hawaiian, super hero, hippie, twins, famous person, Mardi Gras, and Blue Pony Friday. How fun! Testing is always stressful but when it's over you can take your sigh of relief. Thank you PTO and Sunnyside staff!

Open House

By Eden L.

Come and tour all of the amazing work that Sunnyside students are putting their effort and time into! The fourth grade students are presenting a U.S. state, a Montana project, and a science project. The fifth grade students are showing a country project complete with clothes and even food.

Remember, this special event is a one-time only night. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28th. Come and explore all of the fantastic things Sunnyside students have been working on, and maybe you will learn a few things while you're here!

Earth Day

By Rayna J

Earth Day is a day when people help out the Earth by giving back to it, and showing how much we can help the future of our planet. Some examples of Earth Day are to plant trees and pick up garbage in your community. Spread the word, persuade people to help, and have groups that talk to other citizens about our Earth and why we should take care of it. Earth Day this year is on Friday, April 22, 2016. The first Earth Day was in 1970 which makes it now the 46th year of celebrating our amazing and beautiful planet. In the past people would dump harmful chemicals into the ocean which few people do today, but it is very harmful to the water and animals living in it. Other things that people did polluted the Earth. Many people wanted to put a stop to this so Earth Day was announced as a holiday. Some of these terrible things still happen today and Earth Day helps stop these actions. Earth Day is an amazing holiday to help celebrate our planet and take care of it.

April Fools

By Aubrie R

In Europe in 1562, Pope Gregory, the leader of the Catholic Church, constructed a new calendar. Before the new calendar was made, the New Year was held on April first, then changed to January first. Some of the Catholics did not know the change of the date so the other Catholics called them 'April Fools.' Today in America we play tricks on each other. Some of the tricks we play on each other are switching seats, pretending to be injured, or pretending to be a different person. This year April Fools Day was on a Friday.



Question of the Month.

Do you like to trick or be tricked on April Fools Day?

CLASS	BE TRICKED	TRICK
Ward	10	13
Hedges	1	21
Staples	8	12
Petty	15	6
Dean	12	24
Hagen	10	8
TOTAL	56	74
Gauer	3	12
Gillen	5	14
Salinas	6	15
Hagen	3	21
Zentmire	2	17
Gardner	10	10
TOTAL	30	89

4th Grade Musical

By Rayna J

This awesome musical is about how Rock and Roll came to be. The flowing musicals will be approximately 35-45 minutes long. Those musicals will be on May 18th at 9:00 a.m. for Hagen/Dean, May 18th at 10:30 a.m. for Petty/Staples, and May 19th at 9:00 a.m. for Ward/Hedges, in the Sunnyside Gymnasium. Some of the characters in the musical include Elvis Presley, The Beach Boys, Little Richard, and The Beatles. The 4th graders will be singing songs from the 50s' and 60s', because that is when Rock and Roll began. Mrs. Alisch (Sunnyside Music teacher) and the 4th grade students are having fun putting together this exciting show and reminding you how Rock and Roll started. Students and teachers hope that you can attend and enjoy the show.



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May Day

By: Alivia R.

Have you ever celebrated May Day? Here is a brief history about it. May Day has been around for many centuries. May Day is on May 1, and is sometimes called International Workers Day. In the 1600's this holiday was banned for about twenty years in the colonies. There are many ways to celebrate this festive holiday, like Maypoles. Maypoles are in the center of a village. People tie ribbons to the top of the pole and then they dance, weaving patterns on the top of the Maypole. These designs are so tightly woven that they even stay up in the wind. Next, we will learn about Morris Dancing. Morris Dancing is an English country, or a folk dance. It also can be called a good luck dance. This dance often uses sticks, handkerchiefs, pipes, and in the past, swords. The last way to celebrate is a May Day basket, or "Ring and Run." The tradition of the basket is to place a basket filled with flowers or treats on a doorstep, ring the doorbell and run to hide. If you are quick enough, you will get to see the look on that person's face. I think May Day is fun, don't you?

Question of the month.

Have you ever played "ring and run" on May Day?

CLASS	YES	NO
Ward	16	8
Hedges	11	10
Staples	10	2
Petty	4	13
Dean	1	26
Hagen	9	10
TOTAL	51	69
Gauer	6	17
Gillen	9	12
Salinas	12	8
Hagen	1	17
Zentmire	3	19
Gardner	11	6
TOTAL	42	79

Fort Benton

By Molly H.

Once every year fourth grade students go on a field trip to Fort Benton. This year, it is on May 25th and 26th. When the students go to Fort Benton, they participate in activities such as going to the Fort Benton Museum, going to the fort, and more. Students go to Fort Benton to expand their knowledge about Fort Benton and to possibly gain knowledge for upcoming tests. Also, students will either bring their own lunch or will be provided with a sack lunch from the school's lunch staff. The classes going to Fort Benton on May 25th are Mr. Dean, Miss Staples, and Mrs. Ward. The classes going on May 26th are Mrs. Hagen, Miss Hedges, and Mrs. Petty.

Burdock Dig

By Emme L.

The Burdock dig is a fun activity that the fifth graders do from the 17th through the 19th of May. Two classes each day go out to the Bear Paw Mountains to dig for burdock. Burdock is a large plant which grows *very* plentifully in the Bear Paws. The class that digs the most burdock wins a free t-shirt. The burdock will be weighed to determine which class has the most. The fifth graders are supplied with a tick remover (there *are* ticks in the Bear Paws). The buses leave for the mountains at 8:30-8:45 a.m. They come back to school at 2:00 .pm. or so. The class with more parents usually wins, so parents, please come! We hope to see you there!



Memorial Day

By Adrianna R.

Memorial Day was officially declared a national holiday in 1971. On Memorial Day people visit memorials and cemeteries, march in parades and attend family gatherings. In the late 1860s people began decorating graves with flowers or saying prayers and called the day Decoration Day. On the first Memorial/Decoration Day, approximately 5,000 people went out and decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate Soldiers. Memorial Day was created to honor the military personnel who served the country. This year Memorial Day is on Monday, May 30, 2016.



The School Flag

By Allie M. interviewing Lizzi H.

Me: So, who is doing the school flag?

Lizzi: Student Council.

Me: So, what is the school flag contest?

Lizzi: Whoever wants to, can enter a design. The classrooms vote on the top three and those go to Student Council. The Student Council representatives and officers vote on which one is going to be the school flag.

Me: Where did the idea of a school flag come from?

Lizzi: Mrs. Petty and Mrs. Cornelius came up with it.

Me: Why do you think we need a school flag?

Lizzi: So it can represent our school and we need a new one.

Me: Thanks Lizzi!

Walleye Field Trip

On May 13, 2016, the fifth grade will go to a lake, Fresno, to learn about fishing. In this trip there will be five stations. The first one we get to ride in some boats. The second one we learn about boat safety and how to use a boat. The third station we will be learning and seeing fish biology. The last two stations are about fishing techniques and fishing electronics. The Walleye Field Trip will be very fun and educational to everyone who goes. We all hope to have fun and we will see you there!!!

FEATURES

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh: by Robert O'Brien

Allie M

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four children, has to face a terrible problem. Her son, Timothy, is sick with pneumonia and moving day is quickly coming. She must seek the Rats of Nimh for help. Will she be able to save her son in time?

The Owl Keeper by Christine Brodien-Jones

By Rayna J

The Owl Keeper is a very exciting and interesting book. It is about a boy named Maxwell (Max) Unger who has always loved owls. After the new government takes over, they have destroyed all of the silver owls and other animals which upsets him. He has also been a little down after his Gran dies. She had told him so much about the owls which he now enjoys. He meets a girl and they both have the same passion for owls, so they become friends and adventure together. This very fun-filled book is an amazing story. You can believe in whatever you want, no matter what anyone else says, get confidence back, and things are not always as they seem. This book can be found in the Sunnyside library.

Snow

By Allie M.

Snow, snow
If winter is here
Snowflakes fall, everywhere
Each one is different.
If you look close,
You will see,
That each one is special and unique.

Mrs. Cornelius

Alivia: Tell me a little about yourself: do you have any favorite books, hobbies, or sports?

Mrs. Cornelius: I have been teaching special education for 20 years, I like softball, basketball, volleyball, and golf. My favorite books are popular kids' books, crime-books, and Who Done It.

Alivia: What 5 words best describe you?

Mrs. Cornelius: Goofy, funny, frogs, glitter, and sparkles.

Alivia: How do you like to spend your spare time?

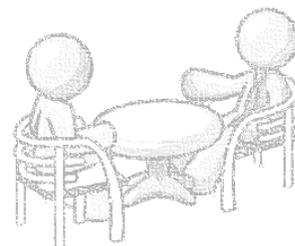
Mrs. Cornelius: I like to paint landscapes and playing board games with my son.

Alivia: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Mrs. Cornelius: I would not like to live anywhere but Havre because I love it.

Alivia: What age do you look forward to and why?

Mrs. Cornelius: My goal is to live past 100 because I want to annoy people.



Emilee

By Lizzi

Lizzi: Tell me about yourself.

Emilee: I'm ten years old, I'm in the fourth grade, I have three pets, and my favorite subject in school is reading.

Lizzi: What is your major goal in life?

Emilee: To finish school, go to college, become a nurse, and have a family.

Lizzi: What is something that you wish for?

Emilee: To have a happy life.

Lizzi: If you were president of the United States what law would you make?

Emilee: No school on Friday!

Lizzi: What five words describe you?

Emilee: Creative, funny, awesome, intelligent, and competitive.

Lizzi: If you could be invisible for a day what would you do?

Emilee: I would mess prank people and I would tell them the next day to surprise them.

Lizzi: If you could have a superpower what would it be?

Emilee: I would want to be able to fly so I could explore the earth, or I would have the ability to freeze things.

Lizzi: What is your favorite sport and why?

Emilee: I'd probably pick soccer because I like to have fun and run.

Lizzi: What makes you happy?

Emilee: Hanging out with my friends, family, and going places.

Lizzi: Do you have a funny joke to share?

Emilee: If a rooster lays an egg on top of a hill which way will the egg roll?

Neither, roosters don't lay eggs.

Lizzi: If you could invent something that would help people, what would it be?

Emilee: A machine to clean a room.

Cali P.

By Eden L.

Eden: Well, Cali, would you like to tell me a little about yourself?

Cali: Sure! I'd love to!

Eden: Then let's get started! First off, do you like sports?

Cali: Yes.

Eden: What kind of sports do you like?

Cali: Well, let me think. I like softball and basketball.

Eden: I'm not so fond of sports, myself, but then again, we're all different. Anyway, what is your hobby?

Cali: My favorite hobby is horseback riding. I go to California every summer and ride horses there!

Eden: Cool! When you're not riding horses, what do you like to do?

Cali: I like to play with my siblings, watch TV, sleep, and play outside.

Eden: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Cali: Anywhere? Hmm... if I could live anywhere in the world, I'd live in Paris, France.

Eden: What is something you're proud of?

Cali: I am proud to have you as a friend!

Eden: Awww, thanks! I'm proud to have you, too! Anyway, we're going to jump way ahead in the future... what are you planning to do when you retire?

Cali: I think it would be fun to hang out with my grandkids (if I have any) at a ranch!

Eden: Sounds like fun! Do you have anything that you would like to tell our readers before we finish?

Cali: Sure! My nickname is Cali. Can you guess my real name?

Eden: I know I can, but it's time we say good bye! I'll leave that question to our readers to figure out!

MOLLY

This is Molly H. This has been the best experience of my fifth grade year. Writing this was exceptionally hard for me because I loved working for the Sunnyside Slate. The part I especially liked was being able to be part of a team. It was really fun to be with so many people who shared the excitement of being on the "team". When I was asked to report for the Sunnyside Slate, it didn't sound very fun in the beginning. When I started writing stories and reporting on my index cards, I enjoyed it so much I can't even put it into words. I am scared for the middle school, and what I'm most scared of is not being able to write for a newspaper anymore. Ask if you can join the newspaper squad next year, please. I promise it will be the best decision you ever make in your whole life. Thank you Mrs. Don.

RAYNA

I love being a reporter for the school newspaper. I have so many great memories with Mrs. Don and the other 5th grade reporters. I liked writing about certain activities that are going on in our school and around the world. One example that I enjoyed writing about in our school were the 4th and 5th grade programs. I also enjoyed writing other things like book reviews. I wrote many things about holidays like Christmas, Easter, Earth Day, and more. I liked learning about journalism words. In the beginning of newspaper we learned how to write an article, the 5 Ws' and 1 H, Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How. All these things help a writer write a good article. Newspaper has taught me so much. Thank You Mrs. Don, for everything.

EMME

I, Emme L, just want to say how much I loved being a reporter for Sunnyside Slate. It is so much fun just enjoying myself and having fun putting a newspaper together. Mrs. Don has taught the "crew" many things. One thing I learned was to be responsible, which pertains to almost anything. Whether it's bringing an assignment to meetings or doing what's right. Mrs. Don does a great job and she won't get mad if you forget something. I've loved to come up with a topic to write about, writing it on an index card, typing it up, and reading it all printed out. Mrs. Don plays music and makes her library feel comfortable and relaxing. When I was told to write a "goodbye" letter, I was heartbroken. Eden L. and I wanted to cry. Some goals for middle school that I want to set are to get good grades, stand up for what I believe in, treat others with respect, and I hope there will be a newspaper there. If not, I'll ask Mrs. Murphy to start one. I had a hard time typing this article, knowing it is my last. If you are asked if you want to join, please, gladly accept. Thank you and goodbye Sunnyside Slate.

ALIVIA

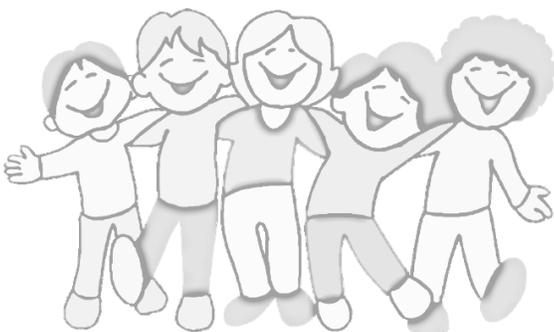
I have enjoyed the Sunnyside Slate very much. My favorite part of doing this newspaper was researching and interviewing people to write my article. I also liked working with Mrs. Don. She was an excellent learning reference on how to work and be a reporter in a newspaper this year. I am so lucky that I was chosen to be in this wonderful newspaper, the Sunnyside Slate, thank you Mrs. Don!!!

ALLIE

One of the things that helped me get used to living here was the school newspaper. I always liked coming to newspaper class to write articles and report while still having fun. It was a great experience because before this, I had never written in a school newspaper. My suggestion, when you are a reporter for the newspaper is to always work hard. Working hard will help you not just as a reporter, but also in life. I also liked that in newspaper I got to write with my friends. I'll miss writing for the Sunnyside Slate, but maybe there will be opportunities to write later on in my life. Farewell, Sunnyside.

ADRIANNA

I'm so sad that I have to go to another school. I wish that I could stay here forever. It is so fun being here. I enjoy writing, so it was easier for me. I felt like I was a part of the school. Writing an article was so fun and interesting. Getting the information for an article or two was fun and educational because I was always learning something without even noticing it. I will definitely miss the school and everyone in it. One suggestion I have for the newspaper next year is to have it two days a week instead of just one. I hope that next year a lot of people join because it is such a good experience. I am wishing all of the fifth graders, including myself, good luck next year at the middle school.



EDEN

I was a part of the Sunnyside Slate. Let me just say that being included in something like this was very exciting for me, seeing that I am very involved in writing for magazines and such. The Sunnyside Slate was a fine newspaper, and I enjoyed it very much. Being a reporter is one of the many things wrapped in this package of joy, and I believe that this experience has really expanded my love for writing, if possible. Being able to work alongside with some of my best friends was also very enjoyable. Mrs. Don is an amazing advisor, and she makes sure that every one of us staff has something to report, write, or inform about, whether it be birthdays or jokes, she's got us covered. We couldn't have done this without her! I have been asked to include some tips for next year's paper, and I think that including fourth graders into the staff would be a good idea, because they could give news on the fourth grade wing that might be in advance of what we know. Even though I will neither be going to the middle school, nor staying here, in this school, I will never forget the happiness that comes with being a part of the Sunnyside Slate. May all of our future staff have good luck and great news to spread throughout this school of success. Goodbye, and may you all remember the 2016 newspaper staff. Already missing the library.

LIZZI

Being a reporter for the school newspaper was very fun. It was very interesting to meet people and to learn more about writing. I, Lizzi, was able to do many things in the newspaper. I worked with other students or even completed an article by myself. Either way, I loved working on the newspaper. The name that we decided for the paper was Sunnyside Slate. It was genius. Some of the articles that I wrote about were

holidays, Student Council, book reviews, and also some interviews. At the beginning of the year when I was asked to be in the school newspaper, I was very excited. I told my family and they were very impressed as well. The skills that I learned working for the newspaper helped me in class too. I improved over the year in writing. I would like to thank Mrs. Don for teaching me all of the writing skills and for being a great librarian and teacher. Hopefully I can write for a school newspaper again someday!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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