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APRIL FOOLS

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Happy April Centerville Beavers! As you know, the first day of April is April Fools! Whether putting buckets of slime over your friend's head, or tricking them into believing unbelievable things, pranks are fun.

April Fools' Day started in the 1500s when calendars switched from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. Some forgot about the change and celebrated New Year on April first (yes New Year was celebrated on April first on the old calendar) and that is how April Fools came about. (Or All Fools Day).

Some pranks vary from replacing oreo cookie filling to toothpaste to placing upside down cups full of water on tables. Easy pranks I recommend you should try are:

1. Swap sugar with salt

When making pancakes or cookies, it'll come for a salty surprise for whoever eats these "Treats".

2. Put **tape on the bottom of someone's computer mouse**. This will stop the mouse from working because the sensor on the bottom will be covered.

3. Put "spilled ice cream" on your siblings most prized possession. Buy fake spilled ice cream at some stores but a real cone. This will drive your siblings insane knowing you spilled ice cream on their items, especially if it's an electronic device.



MCAS

BY TEIGAN SANTOS



& SOFIA LUCAS-TOSCANO



April and May is a busy time for third, fourth and fifth graders. This is the time when students take the MCAS test. MCAS stands for Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System. It is a set of different types of tests like math, reading and science.

The reason why we have these tests is to show our teachers and parents what we learned during the school year and if we are ready to move onto the next grade.

Tests are stressful. Sofia and I are nervous because this is the first year we are taking the MCAS tests. We are preparing by practicing on our computers. Teigan and I came up with a few tips to help you if you are also nervous.



Before the test:

1. Practice your keyboarding. Know where all the letters are on your keyboard.
2. Take a practice test.
3. Ask you teacher any questions you may have.
4. Get some rest and a good night sleep before the day of the test.
5. Eat a good breakfast.
6. Listen to the teacher's instructions carefully.

During the test:

1. Read the questions carefully. Read it more than once.
2. If you don't know the answer don't guess or panic. Read it again or come back to the question later.
3. Don't rush to finish the test. Take your time.
4. Make sure you answer all the questions, don't leave any questions out.
5. Get up and stretch if you need to.
6. Don't look at other people's screens to see what they are doing.

You got this 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Keep calm and rock the test.

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NEW BEAVER REPORTERS

This month we are excited to welcome 10 new third grade reporters to the Beaver News team.



Camille Yanofsky



Grace Shannon



Hugh Kelley



Infinity Burns



Kenderlie Desrosiers



Lainey Mathews



Reed Sparks



Sofia Lucas Toscana



Sophia Balducci



Teigan Santos

If you are a third grader and would like to join the Beaver News Team please stop by the Science Room.

Meetings are every Wednesdays from 7:50 to 8:20. We would love to see you.

Book Fair Reminder

Starting Monday April 30th to Friday May 4th.

APRIL VACATION ACTIVITIES

BY GRACE SHANNON



& LAINEY MATHEWS



There are a lot of amazing and fun things to do during April vacation! One of them is going hiking. There are so many things to see during a hike especially in Spring. Do a nature scavenger hunt during a hike or play an "I Spy" game. You will discover so many new things.



Another good activity is starting a garden. You can start a flower or a vegetable garden. Spring is the perfect

time to start growing things because there is a lot of rain in April. Remember April showers bring May flowers. You could also grab some worms start your own compost bin so you have healthy soil for your garden.

The third thing you could do is have a sleepover! It is always fun with friends. My favorite is watching a movie and enjoying ice cream sundaes during a sleepover.

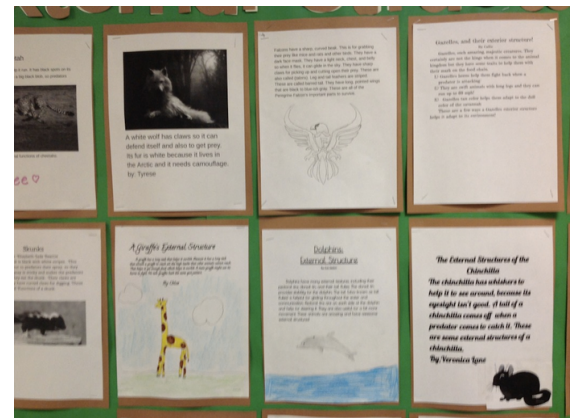
Whatever you're doing during April vacation, have fun.

OPEN HOUSE

BY CAMILLE YANOFSKY



This year Open House was on Wednesday on April, 11th. It is a day set aside towards the end of the schools where parents come to school to see all of the work we have been doing. The halls are beautifully decorated with students work from all



grade levels. Besides artwork, writing pieces, poems and math papers are also on display.

Students are proud of their hard work and look forward to sharing it with their families.

EARTH DAY

BY KENDERLIE DESROSIER



I am sure many of you have heard of Earth Day. It is held on April 22 every year since 1970. Earth Day began when a Senator by the name of Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues like pollution. Now Earth day is celebrated by more than 140 countries.

Our planet is amazing. It gives us so much. We have to do our part to take care of it. Earth Day is a time for us to come together to care for the earth.

There are lots of ways we can protect and care for our planet. Some of the ways we can do that is by reducing, reusing and recycling our waste. We can pick up litter and plant more trees. Some people do things like the “Big Unplug” which is unplugging all electronics and just taking a walk to enjoy the beauty of nature.

Every little bit helps so do your share to make the world a happier and healthier place to live.

PICTURES OF OUR SCHOOL TULIP GARDEN



THE BOSTON MARATHON

BY REED SPARKS



& HUGH KELLEY



WHAT IS THE BOSTON MARATHON?

The Boston Marathon is a 26.2 mile road race that runs through eight towns and cities. Most locals can name them: Hopkinton, Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, Brookline, and of course Boston. Boston is the last city in the marathon, where the finish line is located and is the most popular city in the marathon.

WHEN IS THE BOSTON MARATHON?

The Boston Marathon is always run on Patriots day. On this day the Red Sox always schedule their game early because since the runners in the marathon run by the people watching the game the fans can go outside and enjoy the marathon too.

WHO CAN RUN THE BOSTON MARATHON?

Anyone 18 years and older can register to run the marathon.

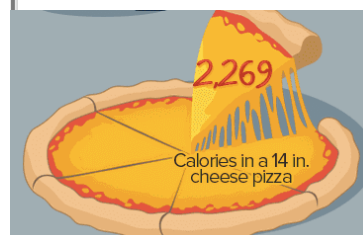
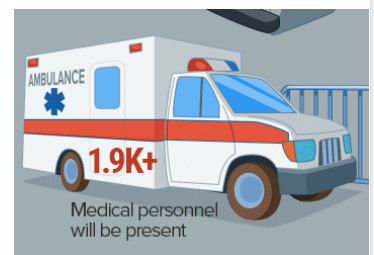
WHY DO PEOPLE RUN THE BOSTON MARATHON?

You were probably thinking everybody runs it to be fit and healthy, only some are doing it for that reason. The second reason people run the Boston Marathon is to raise money for cures such as cancer. However the biggest reason why people run this marathon is because it brings people together. People run it with friends for fun and families come to cheer the runners on. Some people like to run so that they can complete it and feel accomplished and maybe even have a record time! Runners from all over the world come to Boston to run this marathon.

Now that you know about the Boston Marathon, share the information with others and maybe you can get them interested in running the marathon too.

BOSTON MARATHON BY THE NUMBERS

Approximately half a million people show up to watch 30,000 runners every year



BEAUTY & THE BEAST 5TH GRADE PLAY

BY SOPHIA BALDUCCI



On Thursday April 25th we got to watch Beauty and the Beast starring our very own talented group of fifth grade students. The fifth grade students worked hard and put in many hours of practice. I can't tell which was my favorite character because I loved them all - Bell, the Beast, the talking furniture, the townsfolk and even Gaston.

Our teachers also put in a lot of hard work as well. Thank Mr Wasse, Mrs Athanas and Mrs Stewart for putting on a great show for us. Bravo. We loved it.

