

October Birthdays

Sierra Wermuth	6 th	10-02	Tyler Morris	1 st	10-18
Cameron Landin	6 th	10-04	Daisy Robertson	K	10-21
Harrison Herb	7 th	10-05	Kaylyn Green	6 th	10-23
Abigail Quick	1 st	10-11	Ellis Herb	4 th	10-26
Natalie Barker	6 th	10-11	Sam Daily	7 th	10-26
Davis Nelson	K4	10-12	Keith Harris	6 th	10-30
Jenna Henderson	6 th	10-16			



Meghan Mainor's Geography Bee

What language is spoken in New Zealand?

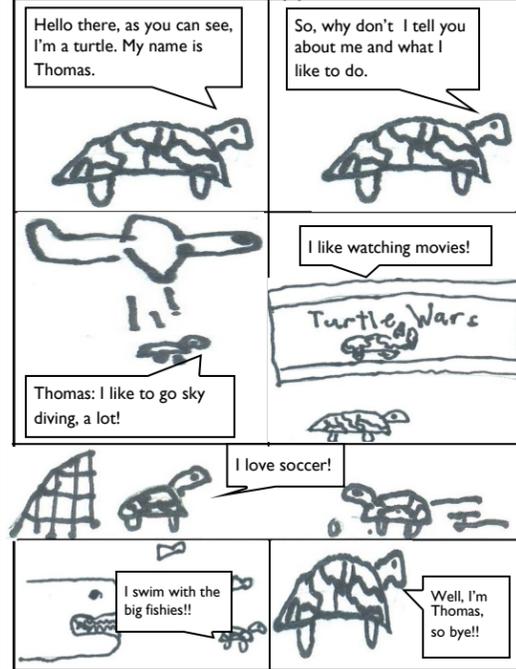
If you had some "yen" to spend, you would be in what country?

On which continent would you find the South Pole?

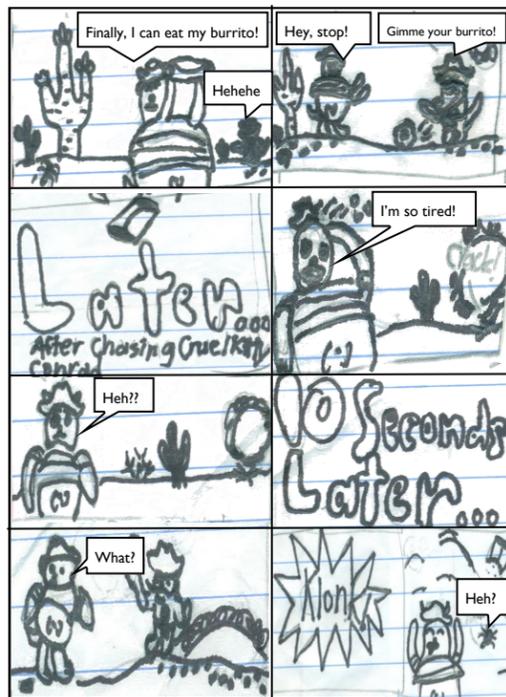


Answers: 1. English
2. Japan
3. Antarctica

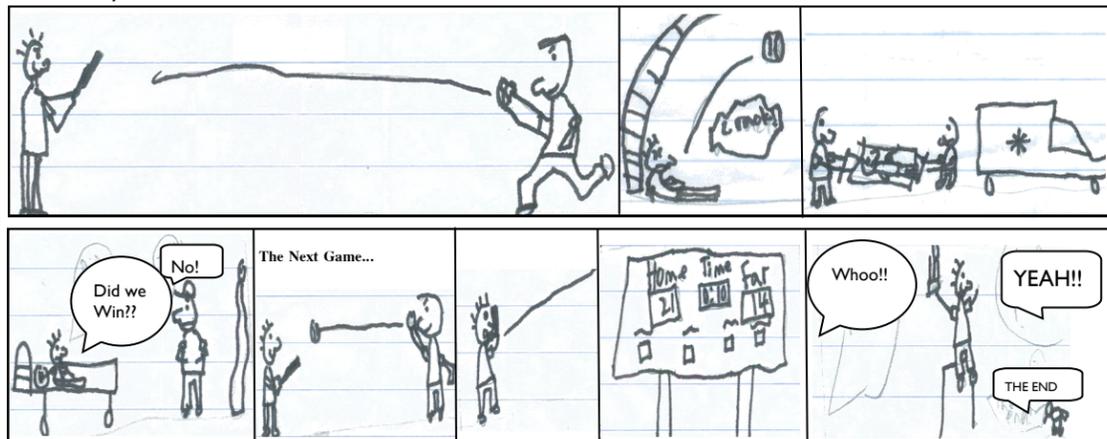
Thomas The Turtle by John Best



The Burrito by Harris Whiddon



BOLLEY by Davis Whiddon



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Mercy Day Mass

by Ben Wood

St. Peter the Apostle celebrated Mercy Day with a Mass and reception on Wednesday, September 24th. Mercy Day is the anniversary of the opening of the first "House of Mercy" in 1827 in Dublin, Ireland by a woman named Catherine McAuley. McAuley devoted her life to the poor, sick and uneducated. She spent all of the money she had inherited from her parents to open the first House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland on September 24, 1827. McAuley took in girls from the street and gave them shelter. She also taught them different skills that would make them able to earn money like sewing. After seeing all of her accomplishments and recognizing her devotion to God, the Arch-

bishop of Dublin encouraged McAuley to start a religious congregation. She and two other companions founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831. Over the course of the last ten years in her life, Catherine McAuley established fourteen different independent Houses of Mercy in Ireland and England. Today we continue her legacy of caring and compassion in the name of Mercy.

Mercy Day is celebrated today in many places, including at our school every year to honor the Sisters of Mercy. St. Peter's welcomed six Sisters of Mercy, including our own Sister Susan, for Mass and a celebration afterwards. Sister Jude has been a Sister of Mercy the longest in this group at an amazing 72 years. Sister Susan has been a Sister the shortest amount of time in this group at 54 years. Sister France Ann commented, "I wanted to be a Sister of Mercy because the Sisters were our teachers, and were

very good to us. They were very smart people."

To carry on the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, Friday September 26th is an out of uniform day at our school. As with all out of uniform days, students are asked to donate at least \$1.00 to a particular charity. The money raised on September 26th will benefit a Mercy organization selected: by Sister Susan: St. John Bosco - A Home for Boys. St. John Bosco is a residential child-care institution in Jamaica, owned and operated by the Sisters of Mercy. The center was originally built in 1958 to house and educate 70 boys, but today is home to more than 150 boys between the ages of 3 and 16. The government pays some money towards the operation of St. John Bosco, but other money must be raised to allow the Sisters to continue the mission. The website to find out more about the organization is <http://boscohome.tripod.com>.



Church Re-beautification by Sam Clark

Wow! The clock has been ticking, and time has been passing. As we all know, the Church became a little outdated, and it was time for a change. On August 11th, the Church closed for a long and enduring process of its re-beautification. Massive changes have been undertaken from new lighting to new paint to new marble floors. The walls have been painted beige. There have been colorful and intricate designs painted behind the statues. There

will also be some stencil designs around the Stations of the Cross. "Beautiful", says Mrs. Linda Wilharm. It was a race against time to get the Church cleaned and finished in time for the wedding on September 20th. The next day, Sunday September 21st, was the first official day back in the re-beautified Church. Everyone really seems to like the new changes. The Church's re-beautification is great!



St. Peter the Apostle School exists to provide a quality Catholic education based on Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Following the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy, the school educates through a strong academic program, and instills in its students a spirit of mercy, justice and loving concern.

Film on the Field

by Cici Name

On September 21st, St. Peter the Apostle Youth programs EDGE and LIFE TEEN had their kick-off for the year.

The EDGE program is designed for 6th - 8th grade students and they meet every Sunday from 5:00 to 6:15. LIFE TEEN is for high school students; they meet on Wednesdays and Sundays from 6:30 to 8:00. Two of the program leaders are Lisa Fogerty and Christy Thorstad.

At the "kick-off" a projector was used to show Heaven Is For Real on the SPA football field. Those who came out to watch the film brought blankets and lawn chairs. The film lasted from 6-9pm. The kick off was a great success!

This event also served as a fundraiser for the Orta Family who wants to adopt a baby from Africa. The baby has Down Syndrome. In most villages in Africa, they give away the mentally challenged.



Plant & Animal Cells by 3rd grade

Animal Cell

Icing = cytoplasm
Twizzlers = cell membrane
Fruit Roll Up = vacuole
Life Saver = nucleus

Plant Cell

Icing = cytoplasm
Orange Slice = chloroplast
Noodle = cell membrane
Fruit Roll Up = vacuole
Life Saver = nucleus
Twizzler = cell wall

Fourth Grade "Matter" Lab

Mrs. Tvrdy's 4th grade class did a science lab on matter and density. The materials used for their lab were a plastic bottle, water, vegetable oil, an Alka seltzer tablet, and food coloring. To begin the lab, measure 3/4 cup of water and pour it into the bottle. Next add oil. The water and the oil will separate because oil is less dense than water. Next drop 5 drops of food coloring in the bottle and wait for the dye to break through to the water layer. Finally, drop your Alka Seltzer into the bottle. The air bubbles from the tablet will bring the colored water to the top of the mixture and back down.

Matter is anything that takes up space. Density is the amount of mass in volume. This is a fun and exiting lab if your learning about matter, mass, and density. It is also is just a fun experiment to try at home. It kind of looks like a home-made "Lava Lamp." The 4th grade had a great time. It is an awesome, exiting lab. Go matter and density!



Rams Cross Country

The first meet for the Rams Cross Country team was September 11, 2014, at Savannah Country Day School. Twenty-one Rams raced around the two mile course alongside more than 160 runners from seven other teams from Chatham County, Effingham County, and St. Simons Island. It was a hot afternoon, but every one of the runners gave it their all and crossed the finish line. The runners were not disappointing, but there was room for improvement. The boys' squad finished

Robotics by Chris Nave

Hi, my name is Chris. I participate in Robotics at St. Peters. SPA has both a Robotics Team and a Robotics Club. There are more than 20,000 Lego Robotic teams worldwide. Teams compete locally, regionally, in the state, nationally and internationally. In the Robotics Program we build and program robots that we design, and construct out of Legos. Then we program the robots to perform missions.

This year's "Competition Theme" is "World Class," it's all about learning. In a skit, the team members have to name a world problem and solve it with our own invention. Last year's SPA's team won **first place**.

The Robotics Club is open to students in 4th - 8th grade and we meet every Friday from 3:00-4:15. The Head Coach is Mrs. Wood. This is her 4th years coaching the Robo Rams. The assistant coaches are Mr. Hrabie and Mrs. Ferandez. Volunteers are always welcome.

by Bridget Mainor

Mrs. Morris Likes Labs!

by Reese Whelan

Mrs. Morris' fifth grade class has done some amazing experiments in science lab this year, like testing reflexes to see how fast they are.

Mrs. Morris said she started thinking about new science labs over the summer. She looked up some of the experiments up on Pinterest and "Googled" others. She said she was so excited to test them out, that she tried the experiments at home with her own children. Her children, Ty and Hayden, were very excited to try the labs and learn from them, too.

The fifth grade class also tested eggs in different kinds of liquids. Four eggs were placed in a cup of water, orange juice, Coke, or vinegar. They wanted to see what would happen to the eggs if

they were left in the liquids for three days. The class also swabbed and grew cultures from several different surfaces to see where bacteria grew. Their most recent lab was vertebrate/invertebrate lab. They used wagon wheel pasta to model an invertebrate. Then, they used wagon wheel pasta, gummy savers, and pipe cleaners to model a backbone. Students learned that the pipe cleaner represented the spinal cord, the gummy savers represented the soft discs or our backbone, and the pasta measured the vertebrae. They found that they were able to bend and twist the model of the backbone more easily than the invertebrate. The fifth grade has really enjoyed participating in the weekly experiments, just like Mrs. Morris' children.



Sensational Scouting at SPA

by Bridget Mainor

Scouting is sensational at SPA! The Junior girl scouts, led by Mrs. McCurry had their first meeting September 9th, and they're off to a great start. But this year is different from last year. Mrs. McCurry says, "We will not sell cookies this year, to better focus on learning about our community and

how to be better helpers in our community, together with your help." The Girl Scout's meetings take place in the art room and focus on fun, friendship, games, and earning badges. The Girls started off the year by tackling the healthy relationships badge. So come on down and join SPA girl scouts.



Check out the Porcupine Fish!

by Meghan Mainor

- The porcupine fish can enlarge itself up to twice its size; almost up to the size of a basketball.
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Barn Hill Animal Preserve

by Olivia Clanton

On Monday, September 14, Barn Hill Preserve visited Saint Peter the Apostle School. The program at SPA featured a Bearded Dragon, a Joey Kangaroo, a Hedge Hog, a Python, and an Amazon bird name Layla. After the educational program, about 100 students had their picture made with one of the animals. The animal the students liked the most was the baby kangaroo!

Barn Hill Preserve is a mobile animal education program. This is a free program that visits schools and communities to educate children about a variety of animals. Located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, they have traveled to 12 states and educated over 300,000 people with their unique animal education program.