

## Down By the Sea...

Many 6th graders will be heading to Myrtle Beach this Friday for an exciting adventure. They will have the opportunity to visit the aquarium, see an IMAX movie, visit Medieval Times, and might even get their toes a little sandy. The following are some important reminders.

- Bring students at 4:45 am-buses will leave promptly at 5:00. Students **MUST** be on time!!!! (no refunds will be given for students who miss the bus)
- Drop your child off in the regular car line in front of the school. Do not pull in the bus loop.
- Students will walk down the main 6th grade hall to the bus loop.
- Students may bring IPods, electronic games, and cell phones on the bus. They will leave these items on the bus while they go to the attractions. Students are responsible for keeping up with their belongings.
- Students may bring snacks and drinks. Drinks must have a screw lid. Lunch and dinner will be provided.
- Students may bring money for souvenirs.
- The school dress code applies for this trip. Please check the forecast and dress appropriately.
- You must be here at 11:00 pm to pick your child up.
- Please use both lanes in the car line.
- Please stay in your cars so we can load quickly.
- Do not pull in the bus loop to pick up your child.

## Upcoming Events

- April 13th-22nd-6th Grade Reproductive Health
- April 15th-PE Club
- April 17th-6th Grade Field Trip-Myrtle Beach, 5th Grade Reading Assembly
- April 21st-Student Council Meeting, Environmental Club, March of Dimes Dance 3:15-5:00(must be picked up at 5:00 pm sharp)
- April 24th-Sandy's Shaved Ice
- April 27th-Strength Team Assembly(8:15-5th grade, 9:15-6th grade)
- April 28th-Just Say No Club, Cultural Program(8:15-5th grade, 9:15-6th grade)
- April 29th-5th Grade Field Trip-Charlotte
- April 30th-Interim reports sent home (parents must sign and return to school), Agenda check, Rising 5th Grade Orientation 9:00, School Improvement Council report sent home with all students
- May 1st-Band, Chorus, and Orchestra to Carowinds, Sandy's Shaved Ice



## 5th Grade Field Trip

5th graders will be traveling to Charlotte on Wednesday, April 29th, for a fun-filled day. They will be treated to a performance of *Alice in Concert* at the Children's Theatre of Charlotte and will also visit Sports Connection. The following are important reminders:

- Students must be at school by 7:00 am. Please bring your child to school that day, as buses will not arrive before we leave. Drop your child off in the front car rider line.
- Please pick your child up promptly at 5:00 pm.
- IPods, electronic games, and cell phones will be allowed on the bus, but not permitted in the theatre or sports center. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Please dress appropriately. **NO SANDALS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Socks **MUST** be worn in order to participate at Sports Connection.
- Lunch will be provided by Chick-Fil-A.

### Spring Fever...

The days are growing warmer and longer, but the days at school are very important. Many teachers are busy finishing up their standards and starting to review before the PASS test in May. Please stress to your child how important it is to stay on task, bring all the materials they need to class, and study for their tests. We don't want spring fever to catch up with them at the end of the year on report cards!

### Living History...

5th grade students were treated with a visit from Lee Hanning and Captain Simon Stricklen. Mr. Hanning was in the 101st Airborne Division that landed on Utah Beach in Normandy on D-Day and Captain Stricklen is Recruiting Operations Officer with Wofford ROTC and served as SGT in Iraq. Mr. Hanning explained to students what life was like as a soldier. He explained how the Battle of the Bulge was fought. Both guest speakers talked to students about the differences between the two wars. The students were very excited to actually get to meet and talk with both of these gentlemen. We appreciate both of these veterans for their service to our country and for taking the time to come visit our school and share their experiences with the students.



### Reminders...

- Students should have assignments written in their agendas EVERY day for EVERY class.
- Students are not allowed to bring toys or chew gum at school!

### Renaissance Festival

**May 1st**

Calling all lords, ladies, knights, monks, and peasants...

Your presence is requested at the Boiling Springs Intermediate School 6th Grade Renaissance Festival to be held on Friday, May 1st.

6th graders are encouraged to come to school dressed in medieval clothing, whether it be a mantle, barbette, wimple, or shining armor! Prizes will be awarded for best dressed. The day will be filled with medieval games, dancing, jousting, and food!



### School Store



The school store is now selling lead and pocket folders for \$1.25 each. Remember the school store is open every Tuesday and Wednesday if you need to buy supplies.

### Be Prepared for Class...

Please check with your child and see if you need to restock paper and pencils. Many are coming to class without these very important supplies.

## Way to go....

Cole Mattison came in 3rd place at the North Carolina State Championship Motorcross race.

## 6th Grade Science...



We have just finished our unit on plants and are now preparing for the PASS test in science. Students will be given study guides and tests on previous units of study: weather, energy and simple machines, animals, and plants. These units will be covered in a shorter amount of time and cover less material since this is simply a review of the units we have studied all year. The essential key things that students must know from the "South Carolina Science Standards" will be reviewed throughout April and May so that students are better prepared for testing at the end of the year. Mrs. Johnson's and Mrs. Wood's classes were chosen to have work displayed in the cases beside the library. From Mrs. Johnson's classes: Dennis Kitchko, Tyler McCall, Caroline Gaffney, Tempest Duck, Courtney Gibson, Lauren Sauder, Michael Dale, Ryan McCluney, Houston Garrett, and Josette Montero. From Mrs. Wood's classes: Julia Tubb, Madeline Williams, Alyssa Brown, Olivia Matsuda, Jonah Cantrell, Tristan Nelson, Jorge Granados, Peyton Chandaranna, Zach Thomas, and Amanda Cluney.

## 100 BC Disco Dance Celebration

Many 5th and 6th graders were treated to a disco party for reaching their 3rd nine weeks goal. Students boogied the afternoon away and were treated to Cokes and candy. It was a groovy way to celebrate lots of reading. The end of the year celebration will be a beach blast that you don't want to miss, so soak up some of these sunny afternoons and READ!

## NetSmartz.org

**Have you set the parental controls on your family's game console? Are the games age-appropriate? Do you know who your kids chat with while gaming online?**

**Visit**

**<http://www.netsmartz.org/index.aspx>**

**for some valuable resources to help protect your children from cyberbullies, scammers, and predators while they game.**

The NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational safety resource from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) and Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for children aged 5 to 17, parents, guardians, educators, and law enforcement that uses age-appropriate, 3-D [activities](#) to teach children how to stay safer on the Internet.

## What are our goals?

The goal of the NetSmartz Workshop is to extend the safety awareness of children to prevent victimization and increase self-confidence whenever they go online. These goals include how to:

- enhance the ability of children to recognize dangers on the Internet
- enhance the ability of children to understand that people they first "meet" on the Internet should never be considered their friend
- encourage children to report victimization to a trusted adult
- support and enhance community education efforts
- increase communication between adults and children about online safety

The NetSmartz Workshop teaches children three basic rules for online safety.

- I will tell an adult I trust if anything makes me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
- I will ask my parents or guardian before sharing my personal information.
- I won't meet in person with anyone I have first "met" online.

# Poetry Place

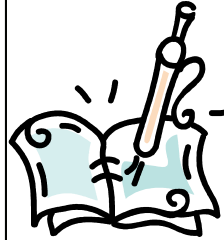
Many 5th and 6th graders have been reading and writing poetry in the past several weeks. We wanted to share some of those poems with you!

## Look Up By: Jason Neet

Sitting back, watching the clouds,  
Their misty bodies, like a shroud.  
Marveling at their glory,  
With muted words and untold stories.

Watching the birds, their freedom soaring high.  
How humans envy and wish they could fly.  
They make contraptions and flying machines,  
But it doesn't compare to those god-made wings.

How the humans gaze at the stars,  
Watching the planets, Jupiter and Mars.  
The rising sun we would die without,  
A magnificent creation there is no doubt.



## Ode to a Grapefruit By: Katherine Wojcik

Sweet yet sour citrus fruit,  
Healthy pink citrus loot.  
Evil citrus, squirt my eye,  
Make it sting and make me cry!  
Now I must eat you-  
Die, Die, DIE!

Pungent taste,  
I won't make waste.  
I take a bite-  
I loose my sight!  
Evil citrus, you squirt my eye!  
You made it sting - I should have had pie.

## Poetry is like a Rebel By: Andey Moroz

Poetry is like a rebel,  
Both are different from society.  
They never follow rules,  
Can change your mind  
And can be nonsense.  
Yet they are still here,  
For good and for bad,  
Polluting and cleaning our minds.

## Pencils By: Madison Bly

Pencils  
Colored, yellow  
Erasing, drawing, writing  
Pencils can't be beat!  
Creators

## There Isn't a Monster Under My Bed By: Meredith Johnson

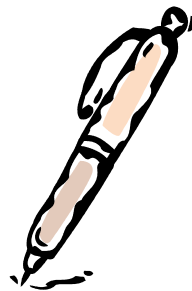
There isn't a monster under my bed.  
At least that's what my mother said.  
What about the back of my closet,  
Or in the bathroom faucet?

I think there is one overhead.  
It has green fur and a bald head.  
It is going to jump off the ceiling I bet.  
Maybe I should get him a safety net.

I think I might call him Fred.  
I think monsters are just misread.  
I will wash him till he's soaking wet.  
I'll love him like a teacher's pet.

## Dave By: Jonathan Sanders

There once was a man  
Named Dave.  
He never was taught to  
Behave.  
One day he went to school  
And learned that wasn't cool.  
Now he lives in a cave.



## Sugar By: Paige Hicks

Sugar  
White, Fluffy  
Jumping, Playing, Running  
Sugar Bear is my dog

## Haiku By: Katie Walter

The sun shines brightly  
Shades of golden happiness

## Treasure By: Christian

Truly amazing  
Riches  
Explore for gold  
A diamond  
Satisfying  
Unlikely to find  
Rich  
Extremely awesome

## Water By: Maddie Betlem

Wet  
At the beach  
Tiring  
Earth is mostly water  
Reviving

