



THE MIGHTY OX

Have you *herd* the news?

The History Of Family Partnership

By: Sara Goodwin

Family Partnership was started because parents didn't want to choose the Brick and Mortar school option for their kids, so one day teachers and parents got together for a meeting. They hoped they could get funding for their kids' education at home. They wanted the best possible education for their kids and that can be extremely expensive. Not everyone can afford it. By creating Family Partnership they could acquire that funding! The school opened in the fall of 1997. It was one of the first charter schools in Alaska and the first in the Anchorage School District! In the beginning there were about 200 students. FPCS had two classrooms in Huffman Elementary to use as offices, so they didn't have their own building like they do now. At first, any teacher from any school could be a sponsor teacher. All you had to do was ask, that made it so there were over 100 teachers! That didn't work, these teachers didn't have any relationship with Family Partnership nor did they truly understand the mission the school had planned and they didn't get paid not to mention they had jobs at other schools. So, instead the teachers decided to hire teachers who had been trained and contributed to the school well while having the school's mission in mind.

FPCS has changed over the years, it has developed amazingly. For two years they didn't even have a principal! Nowadays it has a better relationship with ASD and a Principal! At first they saw FPCS as competition. The OLS was developed to keep track of students and create a plan for each of them. The mascot was chosen, The Musk Ox. A past principal named Reed Whitmore chose it. It was thought to be quite strange because it wasn't very sporty, but was picked because the Musk Ox is protective of their kids and that's what they thought FPCS stood for. They have the highest allotments, great teachers, a facility with a



The sunrise at FPCS by Dylan Friedline

library and, of course, the Enrichment Program! We used to have classes that met 2 days a week with a teacher to learn different subjects if students at home had trouble learning. When those classes ended the Enrichment Program started. They also have other schools that are offshoots of FPCS. Frontier Charter School and P.A.I.D.E.I.A. Cooperative School.

Some of FPCS goals for the future are creating support systems for students that struggle with certain subjects. A goal FPSC definitely met was letting parents have the freedom to choose how their students learn and what they are taught. Fun Fact: Recently their charter was renewed and The State Board of Education said they are a model for our nation!



Stand Tall, Sunflower

By Madilynn Dwyer



Musk Ox Drawing by Autumn Condell

Yellow and blue
Flags waving in the breeze.
Bouquets of colorful hue
Where everyone sees.
Stand tall, sunflower, stand tall.

Winds will beat at you,
Rain will spatter you,
Snow will cover you,
You will bend, but you will not break.
Stand tall, sunflower, stand tall.

A hard winter is near,
With it, mountains of snow.
But do not fear!
Winters must end, summers must glow.
Stand tall, sunflower, stand tall.

Yes, winds will beat at you,
Rain will spatter you,
But the sun will drive away
The snow covering you.
Stand tall, sunflower, stand tall.

Fight the cold,
The sun will come,
But still be bold!
Do not succumb!
Stand tall, sunflower, stand tall.

Sun will come to you,
Warmth will be brought to you,
But you will melt faster,
The less snow there is on you.
Stand tall, sunflower, stand tall.

You will once again
Wave your petals in the air.
You will once again
Stand free without a care.
Stand tall, sunflower, stand tall.

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Inspired by the 2022 Russian-Ukrainian crisis in Europe.

Alaska Coral and Fish Review By: Eden Bradley



Alaska Coral and Fish is the place to go to learn about, buy, and see fish. It is truly extraordinary there! When you buy a fish from another store such as PetSmart or Petco, the fish at those stores are often sick, too aggressive, or injured. The way Alaska Coral and Fish give away their fish leads to healthy, active, and beautiful fish. While you are visiting the store you can ask about any of the species of fish. As you first walk in you will be surprised to see a normal fish store, but go in a bit farther and it is like you're in a fish aquarium. They have salt water and fresh water fish, both big and small. If they don't have what you're looking for, no worries, they'll try their best to get it up here to Alaska and contact you when they do. If you want your fish to live a long and healthy life, then get it from Alaska Coral and Fish!



My Adventure at Boy Scout Camp

By Will Dunker

I arrived at camp Gorsuch, my "home" for three days. I met up with my patrol which is my group that I do Scout stuff with. We went to find our "cabin". It is not what you are thinking, guaranteed! Its size is like one of the big shipping containers on cargo ships wide, then cut in half with 20 bunk beds. There is almost no room to walk. Once there, we set up our stuff and went to the mess hall for dinner. After dinner we went back to our cabins when the fun began. Right after the door closed and the adults walked away, one of the scouts started yelling "**NO SLEEP UNTIL MIDNIGHT**" twice. We tried to sleep for 35 minutes, and one of us got lucky and fell asleep and never woke up until 7:15 am, but yeah, the rest of us were up until **4:07** am! The next day we worked on merit badges, and I did the fire safety badge. (I almost have it done) Nothing else epic really happened that day, except a fun bonfire that night. On the last day of the camp, we separated into two groups. I worked on the coin collecting merit badge and finished it. We then cleaned up our cabin and got picked up by our parents. That was the end of that adventure, but another begins tonight. We will be spending the weekend camping and biking by Bird Creek. Maybe we'll get more sleep this time!



There is nothing like finding the perfect book and not being able to put it down because you are so captured by the story and what is going to happen. When a book can express exactly what you are feeling in words you never would have thought of. Lousia May Alcott once said, "Some books are so familiar that reading them is like being home again." I have yet to find a truer quote for a favorite book, one you cannot put down. Trying my hand at writing, I attempted to express what it is like to read a truly terrific book.

Books

By Brylee Aafedt

You sigh while pulling the book from the shelf
And continue until you get to the first page
It takes a while to stop thinking about what you might be missing
But once you have, you can't stop reading

You devour the words and crave for more
You wonder what will happen to the girl
Will true love prevail or not?

It's time for bed and you can't let go
Your way to reluctant
All night long you wonder what will happen
When light streams in waking you up,
You're surprised you slept at all

Jumping out of bed and reaching for the book
Flipping open to where you left off
Picking right back up
Reading faster and faster

Never seeing that twist or the next
Getting anxious as the book gets smaller and smaller
Until finally it's over

You just sit there and stare
Not knowing where you're at
Blinking a few times to get ack to reality

The feeling of emptiness surprises you
But that's only until you look up and
a shelf full of books waiting for you

You jump up and grab the first one
Flipping it open while sitting down
Sighing in anticipation and happiness

THIS IS THE NEWS CREW



Will Dumas

Hi! I am Will. I am 10 years old. I joined the newspaper because I thought it would be fun and it is! What I like about homeschooling is that you can take as long as you want on an assignment. My favorite subject is History. I think it is interesting to be able to see what the past has to offer so it can help us in the future. My interests are history research, drawing, and aquarium stuff.
Fun fact: I stayed up until 4am at Boy Scout camp. (read on page 2)



Sara Goodwin

Hi! This is my second semester writing for the newspaper. I'm excited to be writing more articles for others to read and enjoy. My last experience writing was very enjoyable and I look forward to this semester. I'm Sara Goodwin. I'm an 8th grader and an avid reader. I take rock climbing lessons at the Rock Gym in Anchorage, which I really enjoy! I'm the middle child out of 3 siblings and I own a small hyper dog named Xany (She's a labrador, husky, and pomeranian mix).



Naomi Kaufeld

Hello, friends and fellow students, my name is Naomi Kaufeld, and this is my second semester here on Newspaper Club. I joined the club last fall because I looked forward to working on a school paper with other students, and because I find it extremely exciting to write articles about other people; I enjoy getting to know individuals as I interview them. I hope that after FPCS students read my and others' autobiographies, they will want to join us and contribute their own thoughts, skills, and ideas for our student paper. As for me, this semester I am realizing that I enjoy reading and creative writing more than before, and I think being involved in this club is part of the reason. As far as other free time interests and activities, I love making up "worlds" with my five close cul-de-sac friends (Ryker, Caleb, Matthew, Rebekah, and Delia). For instance, while jumping on my friend's trampoline, we pretend each one of us is in a different "world," and we can teleport to each other's "worlds," or planets. However, what makes me the happiest is spending time with my Heavenly Father -- i.e., time in my devotional book (Louie Giglio's *Indescribable: 100 Devotions About God and Science*), my Bible, and time in prayer -- and with my mom, dad, and my little brother, Ezra. That's me this semester in a nutshell! (Fun fact: I have two guinea pigs named Minnie and Ginny.)



*It has been a pleasure to work with this group of students on the spring edition of **THE MIGHTY OX**. We are so thankful to all the students who sent us their work to include in the paper. You have helped to make this a fun and interesting read. **Thank you!***

I look forward to seeing what next school year will bring and hope to see many more students get involved in this endeavor. After all, this newspaper is for you!

Ms. Bethany

A Delicious Treat

By: Naomi Kaufield

Imagine this: you are sipping a mug of steaming hot tea or cocoa on a frosty morning, and you want something to eat with your toasty beverage. Why not try a scone! You may be wondering, “What is a “scone”?” A scone is a type of bread that is baked on a griddle or a baking sheet. It is very small and in the same group as a crumpet (a small round unsweetened bread) or a muffin. It is often made with wheat, barley, oatmeal, and baking powder (to rise). Scones may contain raisins, currents, cheese, and dates. They are often found in great varieties and assortments in coffee shops in the British Isles. They are typically eaten hot and freshly baked with warm melted butter.

Scones are traditionally connected with the countries of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Some people believe scones were named after The Stone of Destiny where Scottish kings were crowned. There are several different kinds of scones, such as soda, whole meal, rich white, treacle (i.e., molasses) and potato scones. They come in various shapes as well; they may be formed into triangles, circles, squares, or diamonds. I first learned about scones in my *Disney Princess Cookbook* and have enjoyed making them for my dad for Father’s Day. If you would like to make scones for loved ones or for special occasions (e.g., Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, your parents’ anniversary, or Christmas), below is the recipe from my

Scrumptious Scottish Scones

Makes 6

<u>Dough</u>	½ cup raisins
1 cup of flour	1 large egg
¼ cup rolled oats	¼ cup milk
2 tsp baking powder	
½ tsp salt	<u>Topping</u>
¼ tsp cinnamon	1 tsp milk
¼ nutmeg	1Tbsp brown sugar
3 Tbsp packed brown sugar	Pinch of rolled oats
4 Tbsp cold butter	

- Ingredients**
- Heat oven to 400 degrees F
 - In a large bowl, stir together the flour, rolled oats, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and brown sugar. With a table knife, cut the butter into small pieces. Use your fingers to pinch the butter into the flour until the lumps of butter are about the same size as peas. Mix in the raisins.
 - In a small bowl, whisk the egg and milk together. Stir the egg mixture into the flour mixture until they are evenly combined. Be careful not to stir too long, or the scones will come out dense and heavy instead of fluffy.
 - Turn the dough onto a floured surface. Rub a little flour on your hands and pat the dough into ¾ -inch-thick circle.
 - Now make the topping. Use a pastry brush to spread a teaspoon of milk on the top of the dough; sprinkle on the tablespoon of brown sugar and the pinch of rolled oats.
 - Cut the circle into six triangular pieces, just like you would cut a pie. Place the pieces slightly apart on an ungreased baking sheet.
 - Ask an adult to help you with your oven. Place the tray in the oven and bake the scones until they start to turn golden brown (about 8 to 10 minutes).
 - Remove the tray from the oven. Let the scones cool for 5 minutes before eating.

TIP: For an extra-sweet treat, substitute a ½ cup of chocolate chips for the raisins.cookbook. I hope you enjoy these as much as my family and I have!



Photo courtesy of The Disney Princess Cookbook ©2013

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Math	

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Eggs in Toast

By Dylan Friedline

My great grandmother made it for my mom each Saturday and my great grandma taught my mom how to make it. She taught me how to make it and now I've taught you all the recipe. It tastes great. You can cook it many ways and you can easily make more. Eat it at anytime whether it be breakfast, lunch, or dinner. The first time I had it it was dinner. My dad, my little brother and I were sitting at the table waiting for mom to finish cooking. I thought she was making pancakes because she was using the griddle but when I saw what was on my plate it was eggs in toast. There was only one of them. I ate it and asked for another one. My mom asked me if I wanted to help (side note: I love cooking so of course I said yes.) I ate another one and I've eaten many more.

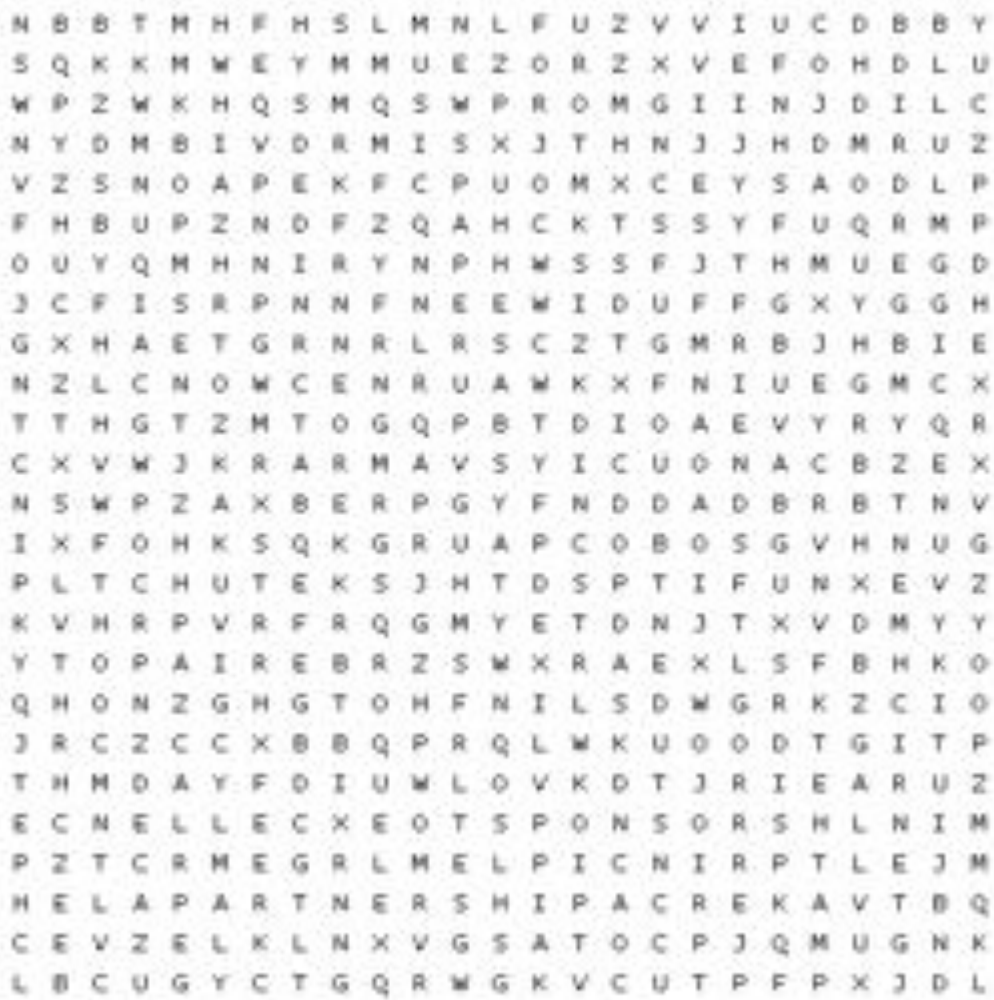
Ingredients & Supplies:

One egg	Stove top pan
One piece of bread	Circle cutter
One tablespoon of butter	Basting brush
Microwave safe cup	Spatula
Paper towel	Plate



- Place pan on stove top. Turn heat on medium low.
 - Slice butter into small squares. Set aside one of the small squares.
 - Place the butter in a microwave safe cup and cover with a paper towel. Microwave until butter is melted. This takes approximately 10-20 seconds.
 - Use circle cutter to cut a hole in the middle of the bread.
 - Use basting brush to brush one side of the bread with the melted butter. Use about half of the melted butter.
 - Remove the circle from the center of the bread. Place circle and bread butter side down in the stove top pan.
 - Place the remaining small square of butter in the empty circle of the bread.
 - Crack one egg into the empty circle of the bread. Use the entire egg or just the egg white.
 - Use basting brush and remaining melted butter to brush butter onto the bread that is facing up.
 - Cook until the side down is golden brown.
 - Flip the bread and the circle. Cook until this side is golden brown.
 - Put it on your plate, turn off stove, and enjoy.
- This recipe is easily doubled to make two eggs in toast.

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Jill's Day

By Naomi Kauffield



Tres Leches Cake Recipe

By Eva Petersen

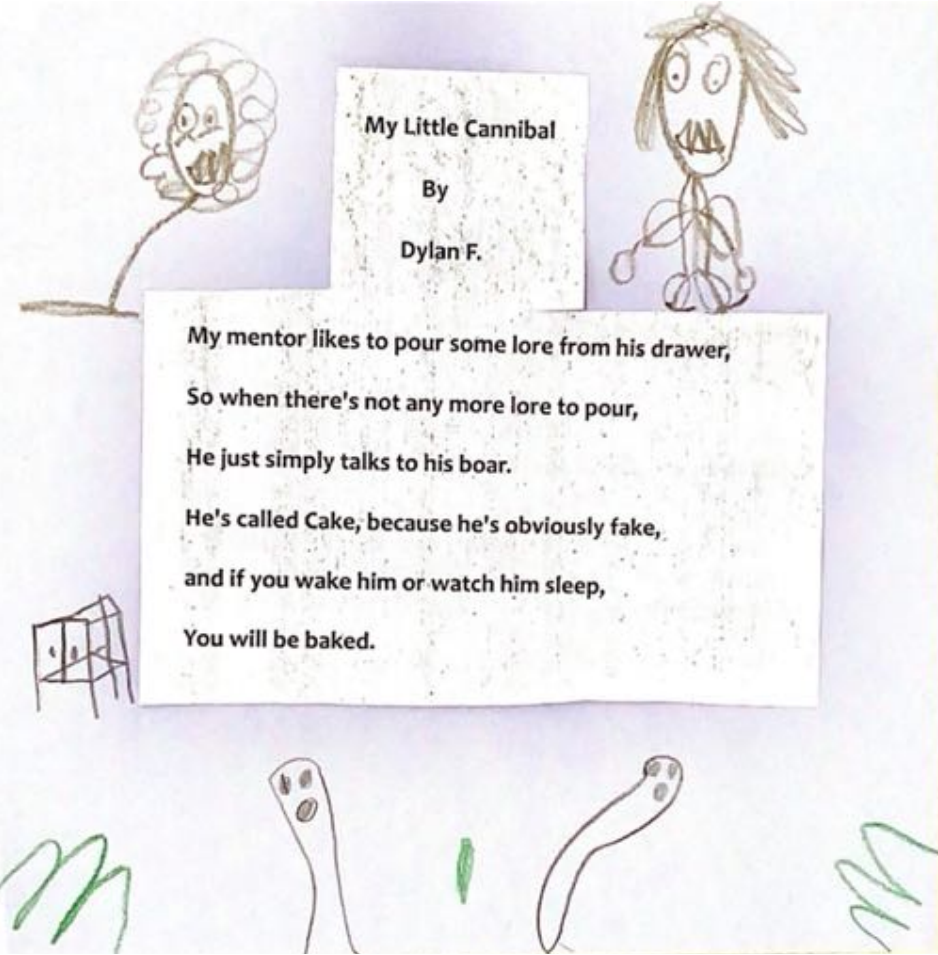


The first time I had tres leches cake was after I gave my neighbors a box of cookies for Christmas. A few hours later they came over to our house with a piece of cake, and told us it was called Tres Leches. I had never had it. We had it for dessert that night. It was delicious so we looked up a recipe for it and now its our favorite kind of cake.

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| (Cake) | (Milk Mix) |
| 1 cup all purpose flour | 12 ounce can evaporated milk |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder | 14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1/4 cup whole milk |
| 5 eggs separated | (Frosting) |
| 1 cup granulated sugar | Heavy whipping cream (1 |
| 1/3 cup whole milk | tablespoon Powdered sugar) |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla extract | 1 tablespoon powdered sugar |
| | 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl mix flour, baking powder, and salt. Separate eggs into 2 separate bowls. Add 3/4 cup sugar to the bowl with the egg yolks beat with electric beaters until yolks are pale yellow. Add 1/3 cup milk and vanilla extract to the egg yolks and stir to combine. Then add egg yolk mixture to flour mix and stir to combine (don't over mix.)

Now use electric beaters to beat egg whites until they begin to whip into stiff peaks. Then mix in remaining 1/4 cup of sugar into the egg whites fold the stiffly beaten egg whites into the batter until combined. grease a 9x13 pan and pour the batter into the pan, bake 25-35 min or until a toothpick comes out clean. Once cake has cooled completely poke holes in it with a fork then in a bowl combine sweetened condensed, evoperated, and whole milk and pour over cake let soak at least 1 hour before serving, make whipped cream and spread over cake, and enjoy!



The year is 2022



Meet Your Principal

By Sara Goodwin

Ever wonder all that your principal does for the school? What's their schedule like? Do they have a say in everything that happens around the school? Those are pretty common questions that I'll be answering in the article below!

What is your day typically like?

I mostly answer phone calls, emails, and etc. I also do a lot of preparation based on time relevant things. It's mostly rewarding, but can definitely get stressful when people aren't happy with something. But, it is definitely mostly positive!

How Often Do You Work Outside Of A Set Schedule? Or is everyday different?

Everyday is different, for sure! I get to school around 8:30 and I work until 4 in the afternoon. Of course, that schedule can always change.

Do you enjoy your job?

Yes! Absolutely, I love my job. Our school is on the forefront of education and it's very rewarding to lead a school like this.

What's something you wish you could change about your job/for the school?

Getting a backup principal and adding more staff and support for the school, adding more classes would also be great!

Long term goals/ambitious?

I want to continue to have the highest allotment in the state, give families money and support to be able to teach their students. We want to increase student achievement.

Opinion On The School?

It's a great school! It's a school built for today's world and no other school is quite like it. We give homeschooling students more opportunities.

What do you think of School Boards/Etc?

I can't wait to see the enrichment program grow! It's a great opportunity for kids. The APC Board has a great group of people who care a lot about the school and are very open minded to suggestions and respect each other along with keeping the schools mission in mind.

What parts of the school do you have a say in?

Day to day operations I have control over, though anything money related has to be approved by the board, I submit requests to the board.

How Long Have You Work At FP?

This is my 4th year at the school, I have taught for over 25 years, I've taught american sign language. I wasn't sure if I wanted to be a principal! I was a vendor for Family Partnership, there was an opportunity to be a principal and I applied. I very quickly became the principal!

Chicken Wars
By Will Dunker

Sam Higgins, an eighth grader at Family Partnership, wrote and presented the following essay for the School Choice Convention essay contest.

He won **1st place**. Congratulations Sam!

School Choice Essay

By Sam Higgins

I told my dad that I wanted to write an essay for National School Choice Week. He smiled and retrieved the family annual tax bill from the file cabinet. "You should start with this," he said. As I studied the tax bill and how much money we had to pay I noticed that a huge amount of our taxes went to our local school district. I'm a math guy so I wanted to calculate what percentage of the bill went to the school district. I almost didn't believe my eyes. 47% of our taxes went to the schools! That's more than police, fire departments, roads, and parks receive. I immediately knew I needed to find out more about this.

Did you know you do not get to choose which school your child attends in the public school system? Doesn't this seem a bit wrong? Shouldn't we have the choice of which neighborhood school our children go to? Someone I knew wanted to move schools because her experience at her neighborhood school had become very bad. Her principal said she couldn't change to another school. Her address forced her to stay in a bad situation. Why wouldn't the system let her transfer over to another school and have her funding follow her? Would that not solve her problem and have little effect on the school itself? The public school system does not allow exceptions, even for special cases like this. I was outraged! Why wouldn't they let her change schools?

Interview with Dylan,

the "Candy-Fueled Kid"

By Will Dunker

Dylan is a student at Family Partnership but in his free time, he and his mom run a YouTube channel called "Candy-Fueled Kid". We decided to interview him for the newspaper.

What influenced you to make your YouTube channel?

"To have a project and to be like hey I'm here."

What do you plan for your next videos?

"I plan to do a video on Brickey, a marble tower, and an animation once I hit 10 subs.

Are you going to continue doing YouTube after the pandemic?

"Yes, I will continue to make videos".

Where do you get so much candy?

"Halloween and Easter"

What is your Leopard Gecko's name?

"Daisy"

In your Winter Pursuits video where did you film?

"By my little brother's school, there is a neighborhood. There is a small path that if you go down it, it will lead to a small playground."

Who helps to create videos?

"My Mom does most of the editing."

Do you come up with all the ideas for the videos?

"Yes"

Do you have a script, or do you memorize any words?

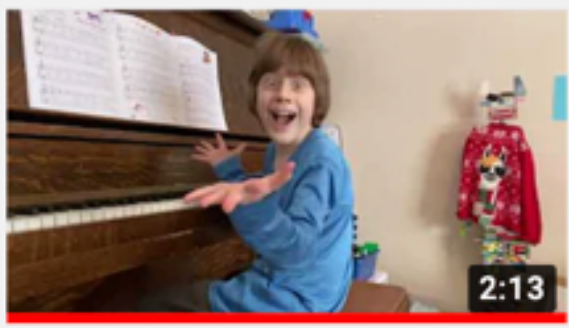
"It's a combination of a tiny bit of a script and playing it out."

What is your favorite part of being a youtuber?

"Seeing how many subscribers I can get, and making videos is fun."

Is it hard to have a YouTube channel?

"No not really, unless you have an upload schedule."



I discovered why. The public schools have a captive audience and they want to keep it that way. Every kid they lose is thousands of dollars they don't get to spend. No wonder schools are against school choice; it erodes their financing. Also, public schools wield a huge influence over your children. The more children that leave, the less power the public schools have to teach your children their way.

Because public schools have a captive audience, there is no motivation for them to better educate your children. They have a monopoly. You see the exact same thing in every company that has most of the market share, the price goes up and the quality goes down. This has been going on for decades, and this will keep happening if we don't get school choice. If schools needed to compete to earn the attendance of your children, the quality of teaching would increase because competition between schools creates better education.

Parents should have the choice to educate their children where and how they want. There should be plenty of schools so that whatever philosophy the parents believe can be reinforced instead of undermined at school. The government wants you to have to rely on them for education. When you send your child to public school they can teach them whatever they want and you have no control of what they are being taught. With all the propaganda that the government is teaching kids these days, being able to choose where you send your child is more important than ever. We need to insert competition into the educational market because competition produces better quality education at a cheaper price.

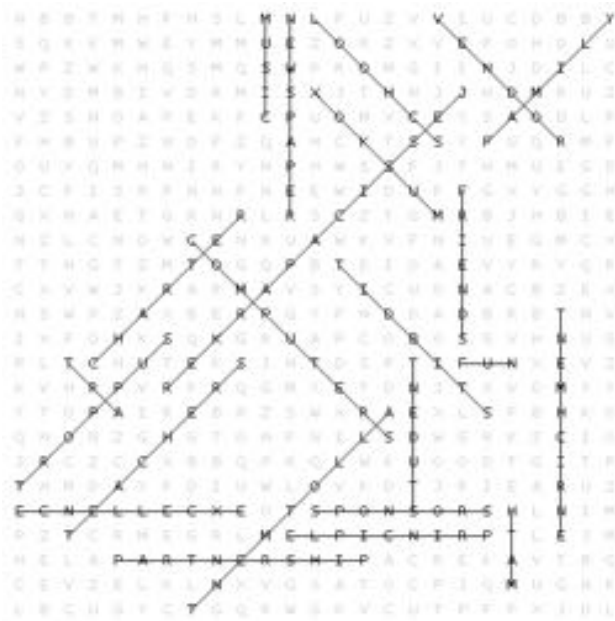
It is time for parents to stand up and demand more choice and more say in their child's education. School Choice is the future!



FPCS Students with their Pizza Box solar ovens cookin' up some S'mores. Yum!

Word Search (pg.4) created by Eden Bradley

Answers:





By Melina Thoerner

Time adumbrates vision. It can bring the tallest mountains to their knees, obliterate entire species, and it will expunge the beauty from the world around you if you let it. Age has a reputation for gradually hardening the tender eyes of children. We often fail to remember what it's like to truly see; to see through the fresh eyes of our youth. You have to take the time to slow down and remember, this world is much bigger than you. Our very existence is a miracle. Everything around us is a gift that insists on being seen, appreciated to our fullest capabilities, and never forgotten.



Photo by Bethany Peters

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 Then we made a plan while we played the games. The next day we got to business right away. The queen wanted to shoot it. I said "no way! That is one of a kind species, we can't just shoot it. We should capture it." "Exactly," agreed the maid "that is what we will do." We all went to the under ground bunker that was attached to the under ground mansion to get the large net, next we went outside, but the dragon was not even there. We waited 9 days until the  showed up again. On the 9th day when he showed up we captured him in the net. He just laid in the net, we were all SO scared that we had killed the dragon. All of a sudden the green dragon started to talk and said, "I just wanted revenge for my ancestors that got killed by king Billy the 9,000 therefor I think you should not be able to kill me." All the dragons are tamed in the basement they should all be eating there food right now. If you need you can join us in the industry of SDTNH\SAVE DRAGONS THAT NEED HELP.

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