



## Field Day in May!

By Heidi Eberle and Abby Dexter, Grade 6



**On Thursday May 18th, Sand Lake is having a field day** that will be run by Mrs. Brown and Mr Redhead. It would be cool to have a field day after not having one for a few years. A field day is a sports event where the different grades compete in sports

events and have fun outside. Grades K-2 will be doing water balloon toss and sack races. Grades 3-6 will be doing track and field, tug of war and some wheelbarrow races. Join the fun and remember- have good sportsmanship! In the morning, K-2 will be inside doing activities inside,

then they will go outside in the front and do fun activities. In the morning, grades 3-6 will be doing activities, and in the afternoon doing track and field events. If it rains we will plan on doing everything inside.

## Upcoming Spirit Day: May

**May 11th is Japanese Culture day!** On this day you can wear Japanese themed clothing. Whether it be a Kimono or Yukata, to anime inspired cosplay, if it's school appropriate and is Japanese themed, you are welcome to wear it! If you do not own Japanese themed clothing, wear a white (K-3) or red shirt (4-6) and for those who do, we will take a picture of the people participating and from a birds eye view, it will look like a Japanese flag!





*Matsushita Sensei, the awesome 5th grade teacher!*

## **A Profile and Interview with 5th Grade Teacher, Matsushita Sensei!**

Matsushita Sensei is one of the Sand Lake immersion program's wonderful teachers. She teaches 5th grade with Mrs. Pock, another wonderful 5th grade teacher. Matsushita Sensei comes from Ibaraki, Japan, and loves to travel.

"She's a great teacher!" says Delaney Seeman, a 6th grader in Mrs. Ram's class. Another student, 4th grader Emma Brady says "She seems fun! I can't wait to have her as a teacher next year! My sister Zoey says she is one of her favorite teachers."

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### ***Matsushita Sensei Interview, continued***

#### **EXCLUSIVE! ALL ABOUT MATSUSHITA SENSEI!**

Filly Fagnani, a 5th grader, says "She is very supportive and encouraging." Mr. Redhead, a 5th grade teacher at Sand Lake, says she is "Very kind to all the staff and is very organized." 6th grader Heidi Eberle says "She always listened to our questions and struggles." Obviously, there is a lot of love for Matsushita at Sand Lake!

6th graders Abby Dexter, Heidi Eberle, and Elena Marshall met with Matsushita Sensei, and asked her a bunch of questions. Here is the scoop!

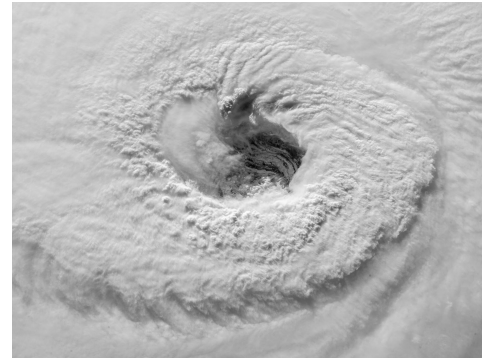
Matsushita Sensei has been working at Sand Lake for 10 years. She has also worked at Mears for a year. Her favorite food is sushi. Her favorite drink is any tea that isn't sweet, such as green tea, and Rooibos Tea.

Matsushita Sensei loves hiking and going on vacation. She is planning to go to western Italy and Istanbul in the summer. Her favorite video game is the original Super Mario Bros. Her favorite thing about Alaska is how the nature is so pretty. She has 1 sister and her favorite color is green. Her favorite thing about teaching is when she sees students grow and be interested in education.

# Tornados

By Audra Huntley (3rd)

A Tornado is a big piece of hot air and cold air coming together. Most Tornadoes are in Texas and Kansas. The eye of a tornado is the calmest part, because the eye is the starting point of the Tornado. Tornadoes are dangerous, but cool. I wonder what it would be like to spin like a Tornado? I think it would be cool! Do you think it would be cool? I think it would be a little scary too. Tornadoes have destroyed homes, farms, lives and even families. In the Magic Tree House book, *Twister on Tuesday*, by Mary Pope Osborne, the characters Annie and Jack went to a school in Kansas for a day. Annie found a hiding cellar when a Tornado came. You can go into cellars or a basement to get away from the Tornado. When a Tornado comes over water it can die off. There was a big Tornado in Texas recently on March 25, 2023, cars were thrashed and buildings destroyed. Another name for a Tornado is Twister. Tornadoes are always spinning violently. They can even cause an avalanche of rocks. Luckily there are no tornadoes near Alaska or Anchorage.



# Arabian Horses

By Cailyn Pock, 6th Grade

Arabian horses are known for their “speed, stamina, beauty, intelligence and gentleness.” Arabian horses love their owner and some would rather be around people than other horses. Arabians can run for longer than other horses at 2.5 miles when most others can only run for 2 miles. That is fantastic! “The Arabian breed is a compact, relatively small horse with a small head, protruding eyes, 4, marked withers, and a short back. It usually has only 23 vertebrae, while 24 is the usual number for other breeds.”

Source: Britannica: Arabian Horse, “Arabian Horses.”



## A Fun 4th Grade Science Project

By Emma Brady, Grade 4

In Shrestha-sensei's class we did a fun science project. It was about when you have to crumple up paper and make a mountain. Then you have to tape it to a plastic pan then make a river, then add grass, and outline the mountain with the color brown. Then, you can add detail. Finally, you have to spray water and see what happens, then write about what happened. I learned that when water goes on color all the color goes away. We were learning how water moves on earth.

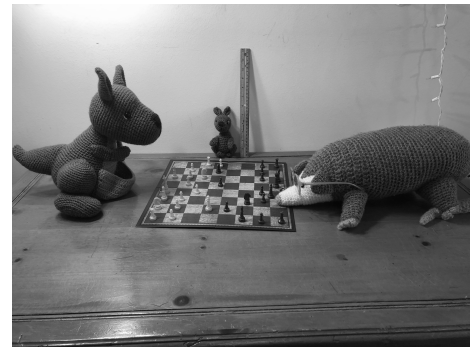


*Science is Fun!*

## Wallaby and Possum News

By Sage and Heidi (6th, 6th)

**Willamina “Willie” the Welcoming Wallaby is now at Mrs. Ram’s class, thanks to Mrs. Burke!** She is the newest mascot of the 6th grade and is Possi T. Possum's best friend. Her son, Wally “Chicken Nugget” Wallaby is an energetic kid. But like his mom, he is very welcoming. Sometimes, Possi even babysits him! In their free time, Possi and Willie love to play a round of chess. Wally is always volunteering to be their “timer”. He does get bored sometimes, so he reads books from Willie’s library.



*Willie, Wally and Possi playing chess.*

## April Birthdays: John Cena

Featuring John Cena

By Brance Robinson and Adam Edais (6th)

John Cena born (1977-) is a famous American bodybuilder and was born on April 23, 1988 in Newbury, Massachusetts. He is one of the most famous bodybuilders in the world. Also he is arguably one of the best professional wrestlers in the world. He is also a great actor and appeared in the movie Fast Furious 9. That single movie made a lot of money. He has premiered in 28 movies. Cena is a 16-time world champion, Cena is a record 13-time WWE Champion and three-time World Heavyweight Champion. He is also a five-time WWE United States Champion, a two-time WWE Tag Team Champion, a two-time World Tag Team Champion, a two-time Royal Rumble winner, and a one-time Money in the Bank winner.





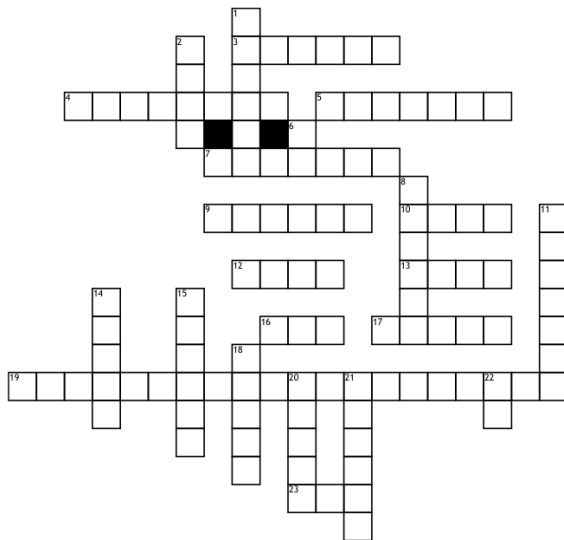
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## Easter Crossword



### Across

3. This color is the color of royalty and also considered an Easter color.  
 4. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.  
 5. These white, trumpet-shaped flowers are popular at Easter.  
 7. The name of the Easter Egg that broke in two (song).  
 9. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!  
 10. You bake Easter cookies in this.

### Down

1. The season in which Easter is celebrated.  
 2. Lop eared rabbits have ears that do what?  
 12. All the directions that the Easter Bunny goes  
 13. Bright, glowy colors or paint.  
 16. A type of Bunny dance.  
 17. Traditionally this material is what baskets are made of.  
 19. A big piece of candy that is put into every Easter basket.  
 23. What you dip your eggs in to color them.

### Across

6. Easter Bunny's monogram.  
 8. What a woman wears in the Easter Parade?  
 11. The Energizer Bunny runs on this.  
 14. A big pile of eggs made by the Easter Bunny.  
 15. Irving Berlin wrote a song called "Easter \_\_\_\_\_."  
 18. Mr. Cottontail's first name.  
 20. What you send to your friends and family on Easter either via the US Mail or on-line.  
 21. "A-Tisket, A- \_\_\_\_\_" (Song)  
 22. The 1948 movie "Easter Parade" took place in this state.

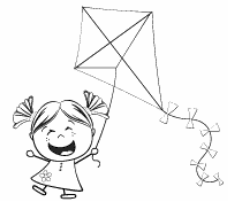


Spring



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MAY	PICNIC	PUDDLES
RAINBOW	RAINCOAT	SEASON
SHOWERS	SPRING	SUNSHINE
THAW	UMBRELLA	WINDY



Tree Valley Academy

# Sand Lake Snippets

## APS

APS (Short for Animal Protection Services), is a group that helps animals by selling candy and Grams. We just donated \$329 to Alaska SPCA! Thank you for helping the animals!



## IMMERSION COMPLETION CEREMONY

On May 15th, all of the 6th grade immersion students will get together at Mears to celebrate the completion of 7 years of Japanese education! Everyone is giving speeches about their long, wonderful journey and their hopes for Mears. There will be some crying, but there will also be a lot of laughing and good memories will be made. "The 6th graders are an amazing group! They have worked so hard to get to this point. I am so proud of them!" -from our amazing 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Ram.



## RIDDLE ME THIS!

What has hands, but cannot clap?

The answer will be in the May edition of the newspaper!

## LOST AND FOUND: FEATURED ITEM

Are you missing these items? They are currently in the Lost and Found! They miss their owner, so please come and pick them up.



## PJ PANTS

By Cailyn Pock, 6th grade  
Mr. Thompson says that Pajama Pants are not allowed at Sand Lake for the rest of the year. So make sure you finish the year in style but not get in trouble!



## 6TH GRADE COMPLETION CEREMONY

On May 23rd, that last day of school, the 6th graders will head to the MPR to say farewell to their wonderful teachers and staff of Sand Lake. Special shout out to Mr. Thompson who will give us a speech to tell us that even if we leave Sand Lake, we will always be a part of it! Thank you Mr. Thompson for helping us for a wonderful 7 years here, good luck everyone!



## CHAINS OF CARING RAFFLE

By Emma Brady  
Chains of Caring is doing a raffle and we are going to pull tickets every Friday! If you spend 1 dollar you can get a ticket. All money goes to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness. Buy more chains so they can stretch out across the school!



## LUNCH COUNT WARNING

By Cailyn Pock

Mr. Thompson said that between 5th and 6th grade lunches, people that did not tell their teachers they were having hot lunch have been taking 25 not-called for hot lunch packs and making it so that 3rd and 4th graders do not have enough lunches. This means some people only get milk and preserved food. So please, make sure that you sign in for hot lunch before you take someone else's lunch!

## ASK A SIXTH GRADER

Dear 6th grader,  
My friend has been ignoring me lately and she's now hanging out with the mean girls. She's my best friend, what do I do?

Hi,  
First of all, it's important to know if she or her new friends are being mean to you. If they are, it's not worth joining them. If you still want to hang out with her, arrange a time together, like a sleepover! If she's mean to you, keep a distance from her. She might turn up in the future! Just hang in there.

## POETRY

### Golden Moon

by D.S. (Grade 6)

The night is shadows  
And soft gray light  
The trees and dark and tall  
But through the branches  
Golden light  
I know it's the fall moon  
tonight  
The moon is rising  
Into the night  
Bringing everywhere  
Gold-silver light

## POETRY

### The Airplane

by D.S. (Grade 6)

Thousands of glittering  
city lights  
Glowing in the darkness  
Floating in the air  
A single, lonely star  
Shining in the sky  
My airplane flying in the  
night

If I were a bird  
I'd fly in the night  
And watch the sun rising  
From the edge of the sky.

## FUN FACTS

WITH MAESON (Grade 6)

-The largest island in Japan is Honshu  
-Japan is the 7th largest island country.  
-Tokyo is the most populated city in the world.  
-Japan has the 6th largest coastline.  
-Japan has 12, 955 mountains.  
-There are over 90,000 species of wildlife in Japan.

## UPCOMING DATES

5/3 Bike to School Day  
5/3 Choir Concert @ 6:30  
5/6 Super Sweeper Cleanup  
5/12 Taiko Concert  
5/15 Immersion Completion Ceremony @ Mears 6:00PM  
5/17 B/O Concert at 2:40  
5/18 Field Day

## Comedy+Jokes section

written by

*Ezekiel* and *Ethan*

1. Q: Hey want to hear my construction joke?

A: I'm still working on it!



2. Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May!



3. Q: What is a private investigator's favorite shoe?

A: A sneaker!



4. Q: What is the best thing about Switzerland?

A: I don't know but the flag is a big plus!

5. Q: What do you say to a rabbit on its birthday?

A: Hoppy Birthday!

6. Q: What is a pirate's favorite letter?

A: It be the *sea* they love!

7. Q: Where do polar bears keep their money?

A: In snow banks!

8. Q: Why can't Elsa from Frozen have a balloon?

A: Because she will "Let It Go Let It Go!"

## Editor's Note

It's hard to believe that we are on our 3rd edition of this newspaper. Since it is monthly, we put in lots of hard work to get a good amount of info for the month. It felt like not that long ago, we just started up the first newspaper which took almost 2 whole months to make. Now that we have a good format, it will go much more smoothly. Also if you have ideas or articles for the newspaper, feel free to send them to me.














-Copy Editor E.M.

I love the way everybody works together to make Sand Lake Times possible, and that is probably the best part of every job for this newspaper.

-Editor in Chief, H.E.



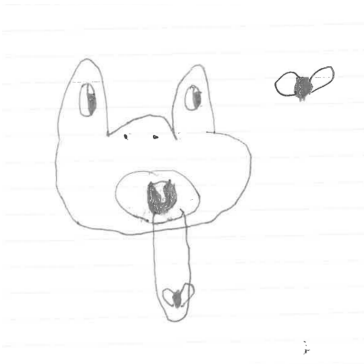
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\*Kudos to all who have worked on the Newspaper. There are a handful of people who have tried hard yet have not made it on this page.\*

# ART

These submissions come from APS's animal drawing contest. We got so many wonderful submissions! Thank you to all that participated.



Clyde Balldwin (3rd grade)



McKenna Burke (3rd grade)



Sushi cat

Victoria Schin (4th grade)




Kennedy Huntsman(4th grade)



# Book Reviews

Submitted by the students of the fabulous Mrs. Branson! Many were turned in, but we could only publish 5. Please see the Migrant Ed. Bulletin board for the rest!

**Mini Book Review** 

Title Pete the cat super pete  
Author Kimberly & James Dean

Rate the book by stars (the more you fill in, the better the book).  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★


Circle words that describe this book:  
 Exciting Surprising Scary  
 Boring Inspiring Confusing  
 Funny Interesting Entertaining  
 Sad Heartwarming Educational

One sentence summary:  
Pete is going to save the city.

What was your favorite part of this book? when he becomes a super hero.

Reviewer's Name Blake Date 3/31/23

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**Mini Book Review** 

Title Pete the cat & super Pete  
Author Kimberly and James Dean


Rate the book by stars (the more you fill in, the better the book).  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Circle words that describe this book:  
 Exciting Surprising Scary  
 Boring Inspiring Confusing  
 Funny Interesting Entertaining  
 Sad Heartwarming Educational

One sentence summary:  
The book "Pete the cat" saved the day.

What was your favorite part of this book? The whole thing.

Reviewer's Name Kennedy Date 3/31/23

**Mini Book Review** 

Title TUFF FLUFF  
Author SCOTT NASH


Rate the book by stars (the more you fill in, the better the book).  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Circle words that describe this book:  
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 Sad Heartwarming Educational

One sentence summary:  
That tuff fluff won a score for duckie brain.

What was your favorite part of this book? My favor He part of this book is duckie brain that ter lean tail.

Reviewer's Name Zone Date \_\_\_\_\_

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One sentence summary:  
It was fun to read or listen to.

What was your favorite part of this book? when catches bat guys

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One sentence summary:  
puts on his awesome cat suit.

What was your favorite part of this book? Pete climbs into the bat guys' boat.

Reviewer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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