

# The TIGER TIMES

Sherman Elementary School News

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## Sherman Elementary's First STEAM Fair

### The Best Fair Yet

by Benjamin Bartoy

Sherman Elementary's first STEAM fair took place on February 22. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Up until this year, the fair had only included science. This year's fair was a success. The event was fun. It was exciting to see the projects kids came up with.

Students could voluntarily make a project and receive a ribbon for participating. Lots of projects filled the gym and the hallways of the school. There were also stations related to STEAM, for example: a robot round-up, tangrams, a balloon parachute contest, programming robots, Keva planks, and more. Superintendent Santorno came to give a speech as well.



From left to right: Pinball machine, tangram pattern blocks, technology and engineering projects, Keva blocks (photos by Jenny Bartoy)

### Art

by Lucie Meers

Art was not a very popular topic, but all of the projects were very impressive. Fifth grade student Sophia Tate made a 3D model of the ocean out of recycled materials. "This is important to me because I love art and want to prove my point: the ocean is full of living things and we should respect it and not put garbage in it," Sophia said. Kindergartner Cora Meers colored a mandala for her art project. Fourth grader Max Anderson made small houses and buildings out of cardboard and fabric. Also in fourth grade, Olivia Buban exhibited her nature photography.

### Technology and Math

by Vera Comstock and Olivia Toohey

Technology was often combined with other STEAM topics. For example, art and technology were mixed in fourth grader Luca Bolognesi's stop-motion animation project and in kindergartner Samuel Olsen's "Technology and Photography" poster. Emery Trent coded a math game. There weren't many math projects but fourth grader Harper Zarling (our student of the month) did her STEAM project on math.

### Science

by Olivia Toohey

Science was the most popular subject at the STEAM Fair. There were a lot of students who did science projects and presented their results on tri-fold posters. Fourth grader Lucie Meers from Ms. Reed's class did a project about comparing telescopes. Second grader Asha Jaskar in Ms. Nye's class tested which food her fish liked most.

Ellie Showalter in fourth grade did her project on dolphins. Ellie really liked her project because dolphins are one of her favorite things. Ellie chose her project because she recently went to Mexico and she learned a lot about them. "There are 40 different types of dolphins," Ellie said.



### Engineering

by Lucie Meers

At the STEAM Fair, there were lots of very cool engineering projects. Fifth grader Ben Bartoy made a pinball machine, fourth grader Olivia Toohey built a hydraulic claw, and second grader Will Meers made a Rube Goldberg machine with two of his friends, Caleb Belcher and Cameron Duke.

Will, Cameron, and Caleb used a marble maze, car tracks, and a pivot. Engineering projects take a lot of perseverance. Will's team had to try and try and try again. When they built the project, it looked very different from the ideas in their heads. This project was fun but took a lot of hard work.

# We Need Reporters

by the Tiger Times team

If you are curious about how a newspaper is made, consider joining the Tiger Times team. You might be a great fit if you enjoy writing, drawing, or simply being part of a fun and meaningful project. The bigger the team, the less work for each reporter. You can just commit to one article, interview, or comic per issue.

When the Tiger Times launched last fall, it was an immediate success. Students, staff, and parents alike love the newspaper, the stories, and the focus on our Sherman community.

At first, many students volunteered to work on the newspaper. But with every issue, the newspaper team has shrunk. Soon we will no longer be able to produce the newspaper.

Please consider joining the Tiger Times team. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library during fourth and fifth grade lunch recess. All fourth and fifth graders are welcome, as well as parent volunteers.

# Bully Busters

by Lindsay Guerrero

The Bully Busters are trying to stop bullying at Sherman. The Bully Busters attended the March Associated Student Body (ASB) meeting and Lindsay Guerrero presented the three Rs of Bullying: Recognize, Refuse, and Report. She also told the ASB representatives how bullying affects other people and how they can help take charge of stopping bullying.

Bullies try to make others feel scared and bad about themselves because it makes them feel good about themselves. Bullies try to bully kids who they think are weak and don't have any friends. Never protect a bully. If your friend is bullying, tell someone. Bullies want to get attention.

"I helped a girl who used to bully a lot of kids in my class stop bullying. I told her she would get in trouble and get a bad reputation if she kept bullying," Lindsay shared.

# Young Authors Club

by Lucie Meers

Young Authors Club (YAC) is a club for students who wish to become authors. We write all different types of stories: nonfiction, fiction, short stories, any type you can think of. We meet on Fridays during fourth and fifth grade recess in the library. Mrs. Jaskar supervises.

Your deadline is after three months. The judges, Lucie Meers and McKenna Batjer, will determine the winner. We will judge the books by their content, beginning, middle, end, plot, and characters. The reward is revealed when you join the club.

Fourth grader Olivia Toohey comments on YAC, "My favorite part is that you are free to write your own story." Feel free to join!

# Staff Focus: Michelle Paschich

by Vera Comstock

Ms. Paschich is the Office Secretary at Sherman Elementary. You can find her bright smile behind the first desk in the office. She agreed to answer a few questions for the Tiger Times. Thanks, Ms. Paschich!

**Tiger Times: How many years have you worked at Sherman?**

**Ms. Paschich:** Since 2003, so that's 15 years.

**Tell us about your children.**

I have four children. My oldest is Travis and he is 30. Tyler is 27. Tanner is 23. And I finally got a girl, Morgan, she is 21.

**What is your favorite color?**

Some people might not think it's a color, but black. If not black, then blue.

**What is something that people may not know about you?**

I am one of 10 siblings. And I am the middle child.

**What is your favorite thing about your job?**

My favorite thing about my job would be the students. I love to have the students come in to the office. Sometimes they come in and read to us or share what they have learned in class. And I get to meet the parents too, that's always fun.

**Where did you grow up?**

I grew up right here in North Tacoma.

**What are your hobbies?**

I love to do crafts. I love to do wood crafts especially. I like to redo things like refurbishing furniture and painting. I just did a hutch, that was fun.



Ms. Michelle Paschich  
(photo by Jenny Bartoy)

# Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 11

Late Start Wednesday 11:55 am

Thursday, April 12

Parent Orientation Night at Mason for parents of fifth grade students attending Mason next year. 6:00 pm at Mason Middle School

Friday, April 13

Bingo Night 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17

PTSA Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 26

Field trip to Truman Middle School for fifth grade students attending Truman next year

Friday, April 27

Theater Performance  
*Seussical*

Thursday, May 17

Fifth Grade PBL Night at the Foss Waterway Seaport

Thursday, May 24

First and Fourth Grade PBL Night

# Ask Tiger: How Do I Stop Teasing?

by Lindsay Guerrero

**Dear Tiger, I see a kid being teased by another kid in my class. What should I do?**

You can tell the kid to stop teasing and tell them that it hurts people's feelings and it is not okay. You can also invite the kid who is being teased to sit by you at lunch or play with you at recess.

Another thing you can do is to tell the kid who is being teased to stand up for themselves. You can tell them to say, "This isn't cool, and you have to back off. You don't scare me." You could also tell the kid to ignore the teasing or make a joke. If none of this works, you can ask a teacher or another adult for help.

# Student of the Month: Harper Zarling

by Sophia Tate

In the last issue of the Tiger Times, we introduced a scavenger hunt. Harper Zarling, in Mrs Watson's fourth grade class, found all the tigers hidden around Sherman. Her name was picked from the bowl of entries. She is our Student of the Month!



Harper Zarling (photo by Karen Jaskar)

**Tiger Times: Why did you do the Tiger Times scavenger hunt?**

Harper: My friend was doing it and I did it with her.

**What do you want to be when you grow up and why?**

An art teacher. I've always been inspired by art and I'm good at it.

**What is something interesting about you?**

I have two dogs and live in a small house. I have a Basset Hound and a Dachshund-Beagle mix.

**What is your favorite part of school?**

I like science and tech stuff. I did my STEAM Fair project on math.

**What is your favorite hobby?**

I like helping Ms. Taylor set out computers in the morning with my friend Patrick.

**What school activities are you involved in?**

I am in flag football and art on Tuesdays.

**What is your favorite specialist?**

P.E. because Mr. C pushes us to do things.

**What was the hardest tiger to find in the scavenger hunt?**

The one in the library because it was in the wedges.

**Have you done a scavenger hunt before?**

I've done Easter egg hunts in gardens.

# Talent Show

by McKenna Batjer

The first Sherman talent show rocked! Everything was extraordinary. It was held in the cafetorium with grades K-5 performing.



Ms. Ginger and Ms. Michelle emceeing the talent show (photo by Jenny Boyle)

Performances included singing, comedy, dancing, and more. The awesome thing is that they had only two rehearsals (one dress rehearsal). People also seemed to enjoy the food trucks that sold burgers, hot dogs, and ice cream.

Fourth grader Lindsay Guerrero in Ms. Zachmeier's class thought the talent show went really well and that many acts were funny and creative. "The best act I saw had to be Ezra who played the piano, because I didn't know a 9- or 10-year-old could play the piano like an adult."

# Read-a-thon

by Vera Comstock

The Read Across America Read-a-thon is an event to encourage kids to read and to monitor kids' reading. March 2 was the official Read Across America day on which kids dressed up as their favorite book characters at school. Some cool things people dressed up as were: an owl, Harry Potter, Cat in the Hat, and Froggy to name a few!

The rest of the Read-a-thon was mainly focused on reading. People read more books than usual. This reading was shown on paper. The day that the Read-a-thon started, everyone needed to read in class. On March 2, Ms. Reed read a story to her class and their STEAM Buddies. The book was called *The Sneetches* by Dr. Seuss. Adults could sponsor students for reading.

According to the Sherman PTSA, the Read-a-thon raised \$6,515.15 with 413 readers and 221 sponsors participating. The Read-a-thon was a fantastic event!

# Young Ambassadors Perform

by Aleah Brown

Young Ambassadors have just started performing at elementary schools. On March 21, they performed at Washington Elementary and our school, Sherman Elementary! They did several acts including the skills of unicycling, tumbling, jump rope, and more.

If you are interested in becoming a Young Ambassador, you can. They practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At practice, they work on the pieces of the performance that need to be finished or need to be reviewed.

The hardest skill to learn is unicycling. On Friday mornings, Mr. C lets people come in and practice unicycling. Also, on Wednesdays, there is a beginning level tumbling class. If you think that might be too easy, there is an intermediate level tumbling class on Tuesday mornings.

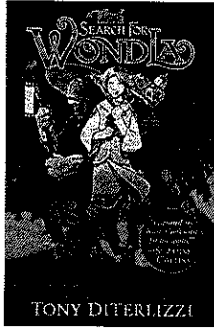
# Book Recommendations

by McKenna Batjer and Taylor Heilesen

## The Search for WondLa

by Tony DiTerlizzi

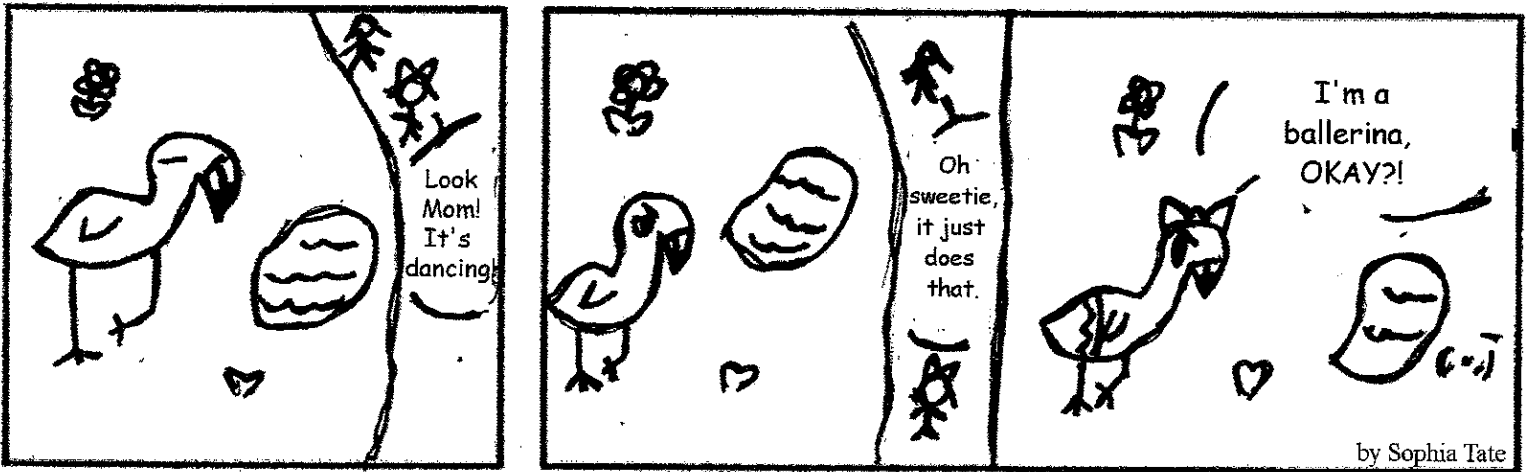
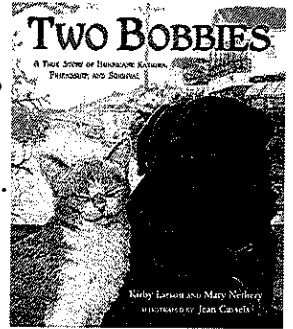
On planet Orbona, Eva Nine has never left her underground sanctuary. Her multi-utility task-help-robot, Muthr, is training her to survive in the wild. When Eva was little, she found a small tile with 6 letters on it that read WondLa and a picture of a man, a robot, and a girl. One day, an intruder tries to break into Eva and Muthr's sanctuary and Eva is forced to go outside, and she takes the WondLa tile with her. Trying to find help, Eva meets a creature named Rovender. Muthr, Eva, and Rovender go on an incredible journey. A must read! The journey doesn't stop! Read the other two WondLa books, A hero for WondLa and The battle for WondLa.



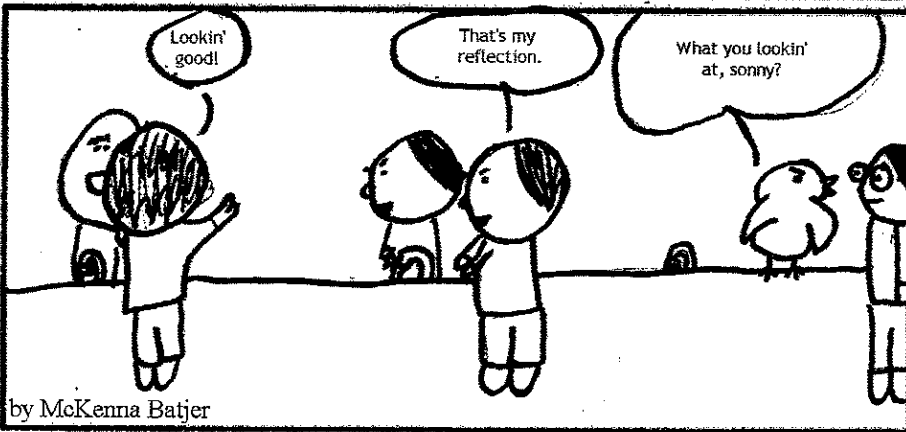
## Two Bobbies

by Kirby Larson and Marie Nethery

The two Bobbies are a cat and a dog who get left behind in hurricane Katrina. When people come looking for animals to rescue, they don't see the two Bobbies. Finally, Bobbie the dog breaks free from her chain. All their food is gone so, the two Bobbies leave. They wander until they come to a construction site where a man feeds them. All is well until the boss gets mad at the nice man and makes them go to an animal shelter where they are separated. Bobbie the dog howls all night so they are put together so they are quiet. They go on television and very soon they get adopted by a very nice lady. A must-read nonfiction book.



by Sophia Tate



by McKenna Batjer

## HA HA HA!

Excuse me, waiter. Is there spaghetti on the menu? No, but I believe we have some in the kitchen.

What is a whale's favorite game? Swallow the leader.

What language do pig speak? Swine language.

Jokes selected by Benjamin Bartoy in *Laugh Out Loud Jokes for Kids* by Rob Elliott



## DOG WORD FIND

BULLDOG  
CORGI  
DACHSHUND  
GREYHOUND  
PUG  
RETRIEVER  
SHIH TZU  
SPANIEL

by McKenna Batjer

Pop Culture of the Month:

**Bernie Sanders**

Fact: He's pretty old.

SHERMAN STUDENTS  
FEEL THE BERN!!!!

