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Sherman Elementary School News

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Fifth Graders Return From Camp Seymour

by Benjamin Bartoy and Devi Ross

On October 11, 2017, Sherman Elementary fifth graders got on a bus and went to Camp Seymour in Gig Harbor, WA, for three days and two nights. They went to learn, bond, and have fun.

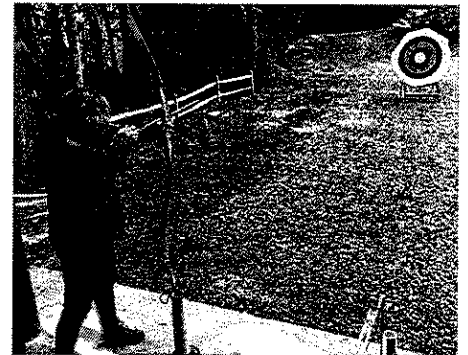
They unloaded the luggage from the bus, then had to haul it down to the covered cabins. The cabins were divided between boys and girls. Boys' cabins were Huckleberry, Heron, and Fir. Girls' cabins were Eagle, Nisqually, and Chinook. Sherman was not the only school at camp. Students shared the camp with Mullenix Ridge Elementary School from Port Orchard, WA.

Camp Seymour naturalists performed a small skit about camp safety, then Sherman fifth graders were split up into learning groups by the name of Slugs, Marmots, Bears, and Owls. They learned about sustainable systems, reptiles, and tide pools. Activities included canoeing, squid dissection, archery, and night hikes.

On the last night, each cabin had to write and perform a skit which made everyone laugh.

Overall, Camp Seymour was a really good experience for the fifth graders. "My favorite part was playing in cabins," said Nariman Afsoun. For Grady Kean, it was the food. "What stuck with me the most was the gaga ball court," said Jack Zamira about an outdoor game they played. Beau Geppert loved trying archery.

Fifth graders brought something back from Camp Seymour: Sherman Elementary now practices the ort report at lunch to reduce food waste.



Ms. Boyd trying out archery (Photo by Kevin Bartoy)



From left to right: Members of the Heron cabin pose for a picture; Fifth graders listen to a naturalist presentation; Sherman students enjoy recreation time in canoes (Photos by Kevin Bartoy)

Say Hello To The Tiger Times!

by Benjamin Bartoy

Sherman Elementary's fourth and fifth graders are excited to present the Tiger Times, the new school newspaper. They hope to publish it monthly.

The newspaper will include school news, staff and student interviews, mindfulness and anti-bullying tips, comics, and more. Suggestions and submissions are welcome in the Tiger Times mailbox in the office.

The Tiger Times team meets in the library at lunch recess every Thursday, with additional Tuesday meetings for reporters and artists who need assistance or extra work time. All fourth and fifth graders are welcome.

Fifth graders Benjamin Bartoy, Adison Blaisdell, and Devi Ross created this newspaper hoping it would become a hit with the Sherman community.

Staff Interview: Ms. Britté Taylor

by Benjamin Bartoy

Ms. Taylor is our new librarian at Sherman Elementary. She agreed to answer a few questions for the Tiger Times.

Tiger Times: How do you like Sherman Elementary?

Ms. Taylor: I love being at Sherman every day. I wake up excited to go to work. It's been a real joy getting to know everyone — the kids, the parents, the teachers — and being able to work here.



Ms. Taylor (Photo by Britté Taylor)

Where did you grow up?

I was raised here in Tacoma. I went to Browns Point Elementary and went through school in Tacoma all the way through graduating from Stadium High School.

What was your job before you came to Sherman?

I was a teacher librarian at McCarver Elementary School. Before that, I taught kindergarten overseas in Africa.

Why did you become a librarian?

The library is a place where I can get to know every student. The best part about being a librarian at a school is that you get to have a relationship not just with one child but their brothers and sisters, moms and dads, grandpas and grandmas, and not just for one year, it could be up to six years (kindergarten through fifth grade) which is pretty amazing. I get to see every kid, every week, and watch you guys grow up.

Do you have kids?

No. Maybe one day. Right now, my focus is Sherman and you guys here.

Upcoming Events

December 6-8: School Conferences/Early Dismissal

December 9: Parents' Morning Out
Grand Cinema 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

December 11-15: Holiday Gift Shop

December 12: PTSA Meeting 6:30 p.m.

December 13: PBL Night

December 15: School Sing-a-long

**December 18-
January 1:** Winter Break – No School

Do you have any pets?

No pets. I love dogs. I wish I had a dog. Maybe now that I work closer to home, I might be able to get a dog again. But they need your attention and I want to make sure I'm going to give the constant care they need so they're not just laying around all day. I want to take good care of them.

Since you are a librarian, what is your favorite kid book?

One of my favorites is *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. It's excellent. I know fifth grade is reading *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by this author right now. He is one of my favorite authors, so pretty much anything he writes, I will read and always like.

What are your hobbies?

Definitely reading. I love reading new books that come out and I like to keep up on the award winners. I keep kids and their personalities in mind so sometimes, when I read a book, I'll think about a certain student and get excited to recommend something new that child would enjoy reading.

I like to hang out with my family and friends. I come from a pretty big family so I enjoy spending time with them. I like going to new restaurants and being outside in the sun. And I love gardening.

What is something people may not know about you?

When I was in high school, I was in a movie. The film crew came to my high school and picked students to be in the movie. I think it was PG-13, so maybe I'll share the title when you're a little older.

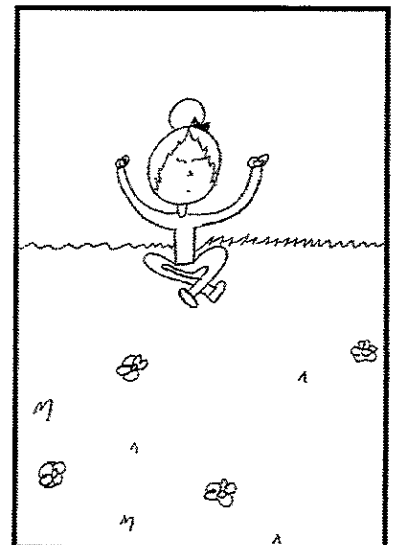
Mindfulness News

by Lily Hren, Sofia Rukeyser-Silva, and Makena Sherman

Mindfulness is very helpful at Sherman Elementary because it helps students calm down after recess or if they are stressed or if they just need to calm down.

Mindfulness is the moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, emotions, sensations and our surroundings.

Check the next Tiger Times for mindfulness tips.



Art by Lily Hren and Makena Sherman

Masquerade Ball

by Sofia Rukeyser-Silva

The Masquerade Ball took place in the Sherman Elementary gymnasium on the evening of Friday, October 27. It was so much fun!

Everyone had a good time, whether they were singing, dancing, or playing tag. The DJ was Jessie Green, fourth grader Cameron Green's father.

There was a photo booth, dancing, drinks, pizza, desserts, music and more.

"I saw some really great costumes. But I have to say, the best one was a cowboy riding a dinosaur," said fourth grader McKenna Batjer.



Ms. Edmond and her daughter Tate (Photo by Karen Jaskar)

Anti-Bullying Tips

by Addison Smith

- If you see bullying, tell an adult.
- Bullying is physical, relational, or verbal.
- Bullying on an electronic device or online is called cyberbullying.
- Without being mean, you can say, "Bullying is a pain in the brain!"

Student of the Month: Leo Korff

by Adison Blaisdell

Leo Korff is in Ms. Reed's fourth grade class. He won the Open-Hearted award at the October assembly for standing up for a classmate who was getting bullied.

Tiger Times: Tell us the backstory of how you helped this person.

Leo: I don't like people getting bullied because it's mean and could really hurt the person who's getting bullied, mentally or physically. I stood up for him even if he was different. I called him unique.

What advice would you give to someone who witnesses bullying?

Try to get involved and stop the bullying. If that does not work, then quickly go get an adult so no one gets hurt.

Ask Tiger: Making Friends

by Dean Gideon and Maeve O'Gara

Dear Tiger, I'm having trouble making friends here at Sherman, what should I do?

To start off, ask yourself: "Am I being a good friend?" You could also practice R.O.A.R. (Respectful. Open-Hearted. Achieving. Responsible) and mindfulness more.

You could try to be really open-hearted to people and say hello. You could use the buddy bench to make friends, after it's presented.

Now if you have tried all of these, then maybe try to talk to more people so they can get to know you. Do mindfulness before you talk to someone new to avoid stressing yourself out.

Intramural Championship

by Benjamin Bartoy and Addison Smith

The flag football intramural championship was held on October 12. The Chargers won.

Fourth and fifth graders have been playing sports at lunch recess on the field or inside the gym when it's raining.

Mr. Christiansen, Sherman Elementary's P.E. teacher, started the intramural program because "fourth and fifth graders needed to put their P.E. skills in action." This meant doing team sports. "The program has been very successful," Mr. C said.

Students are currently playing speedball. The speedball championship will take place on January 8, 2018. The following sport will be hockey.



Leo Korff (Photo by LEO's Photography)

Have you ever helped a person that used to be a bully but now is getting bullied?

Yes, because even if you're a bully, you still have to have someone stand up for you.

Have you ever done something to become friends with a bully?

Yes. I used to have a friend who was a bully, but I helped him become a friend to all.

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by Lucie Meers

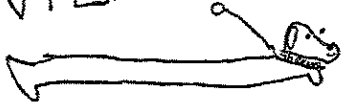
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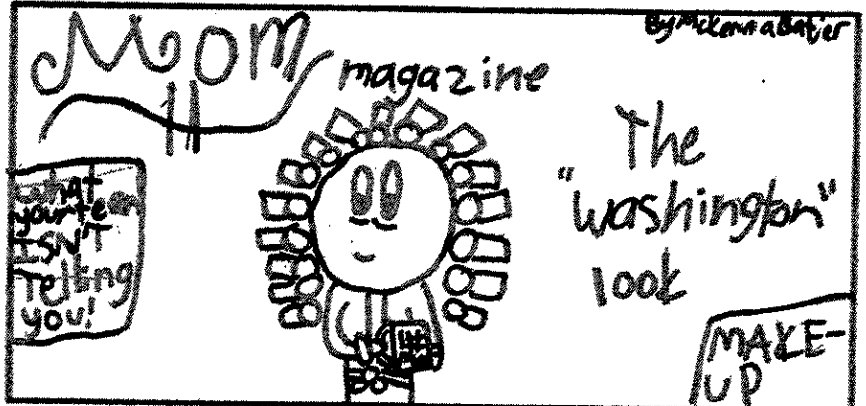
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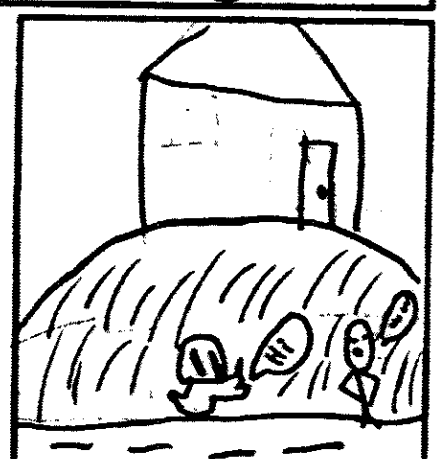
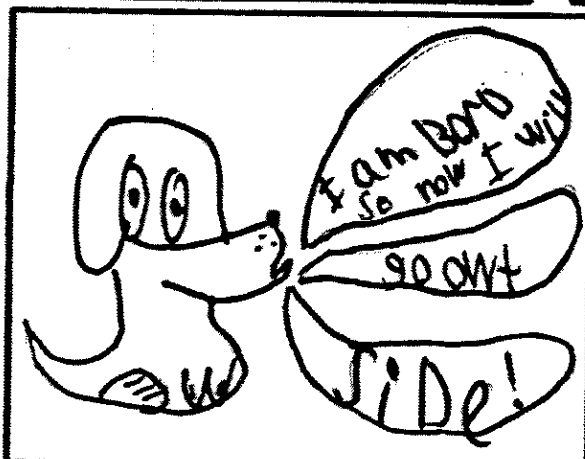
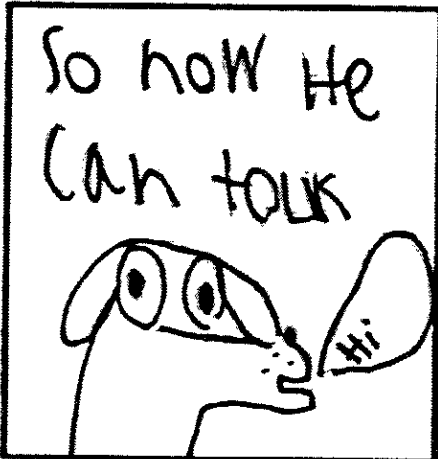
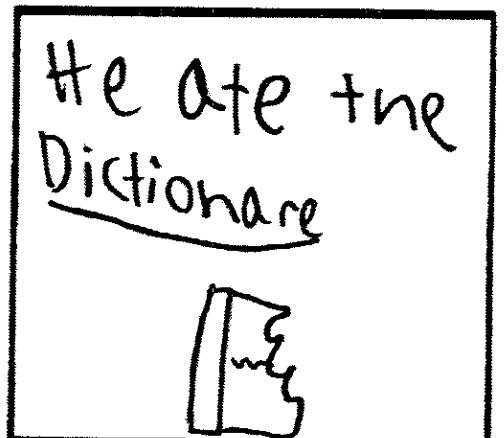
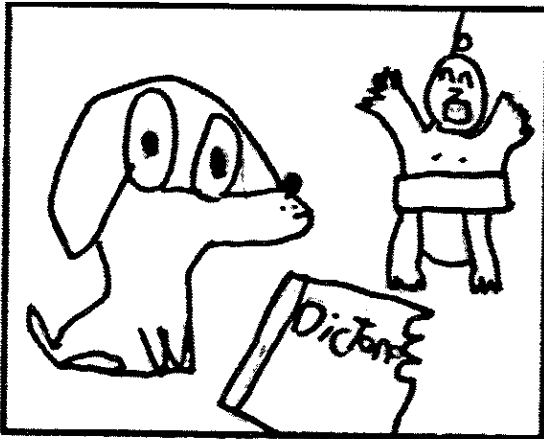
Fact: they're long



by McKenna Batjer



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