

# The TIGER TIMES

Sherman Elementary School News

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## Sherman Elementary Cares About the Environment!

### Cafeteria Changes

by Nina DeWine

The lunch room at Sherman Elementary has made some successful changes. Last year, first graders launched a recycling project and had the idea to use real silverware instead of plastic spoons, forks, and knives. This has helped reduce the amount of waste created by the cafeteria every day. This year, the Ort Team has been sorting out food waste and trash.

We are doing these things at our Sherman Elementary cafeteria because we want to help the environment and help save our earth!

### First Grade Helps the Orcas

by Benjamin Bartoy

Sherman Elementary first graders are helping the environment and the Orcas in the Puget Sound by extending their rain garden project. They are joining forces with the organization Defenders of Wildlife. This organization came to talk to the first graders about a project called Orcas Love Rain Gardens. They're giving Sherman funds to buy new plants for the rain garden to filter polluted water from the rooftop before it goes to the Puget Sound.

"Sherman students can all be a part of this project by helping care for the rain garden," said Ms. Chester, first grade teacher. It's important that kids stay on the rock path and not walk or run in the ponding area or garden beds. Please don't throw rocks in the pond.

"Our animal friends need help," said Ms. Chester. The Orca population is the lowest it has ever been in the Puget Sound due to polluted water and unhealthy salmon. "If we all work together, we can make a difference."



Sherman Elementary rain garden (photo by J. Bartoy)

### Ort Team

by Devi Ross

Fifth graders started the Ort Team because they wanted to reduce food waste at Sherman Elementary. They were inspired by Camp Seymour's ort program and wanted to bring it to Sherman. The Ort Team weigh the uneaten and leftover food at the cafeteria and chart it. They have provided "Share Bins" where you can help yourself to food unwanted by other students.

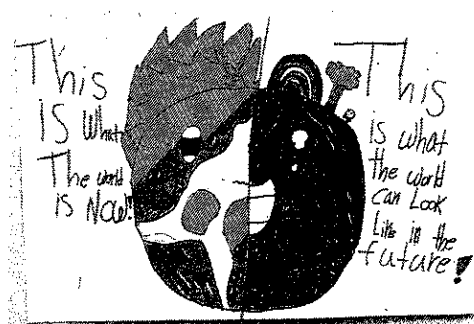
The Ort Team wants to get all grades involved. They encourage all students to try really hard to finish their food, throw away their trash, and help save our planet! Don't forget to listen to their Monday announcements.

### Fourth Grade PSA on Climate Change

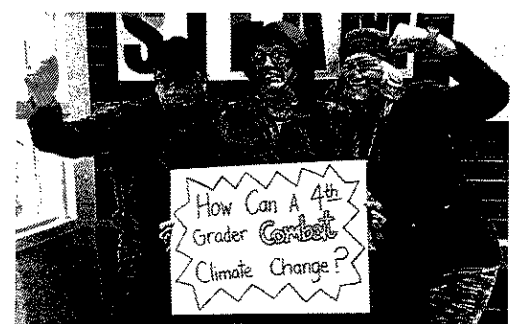
by Lucie Meers

In February, fourth graders filmed videos to share the best way a kid can combat climate change. The videos were filmed in the library and teachers edited them for their classes. Fourth grade teacher Ms. Reed said, "We want to share knowledge with each other. We hope [the videos] will be shown to parents and at ROAR assemblies."

To create the videos, teachers split up students into groups of 4-5 people. Each group came up with three ideas on how a fourth grader can combat climate change. They also came up with a setting, characters, and a few props to use. "The PSA provided information that people may or may not know," student McKenna Batjer said. Her group's setting was on a farm. They had the three ideas of: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, eat less meat, and rely less on vehicles. This project was fun for students, but they also learned at the same time.



Fourth grade poster about climate change (photo by J. Bartoy)



Ms. Zachmeier, Ms. Reed, and Ms. Watson (photo by A. Tsuneishi)

# Tiger Scavenger Hunt

by Nina DeWine

Are you ready for a scavenger hunt? You could be featured in the next Tiger Times! The goal of the Tiger Scavenger Hunt is to advertise the Tiger Times newspaper and get more Sherman Elementary students involved.

The Tiger Times staff will hide five tigers around the school grounds. Pick up a Tiger Scavenger Hunt Card from the Tiger Times mailbox in the office. Every time you find a tiger during

your hunt, write down its location on your card. When you have all five, drop off your card in the bowl in the office by Friday, March 9. Make sure to write your name, grade, and teacher on your card.

The Tiger Times staff will draw out a card from the bowl. The winner will have a chance to be Student of the Month in the next issue of the Tiger Times. We hope you enjoy!



# Bully Busters

by Lindsay Guerrero and Olivia Jordan

Students in first through fifth grade can participate in Bully Busters to help stop bullying at Sherman.

Fourth and fifth graders meet during recess from 12:45 to 1:15 on Wednesdays. They are working on ways to teach all students how to recognize, refuse, and report bullying, including by writing announcements to be read in the morning. Second and third graders meet during recess on Mondays. They are making a video about aliens to help teach kids how to help stop bullying. First graders meet during recess on Thursdays. They have made signs and a book about how to stop bullying.

If you see someone getting bullied, you should tell an adult.

# Mindfulness News

by McKenna Batjer and Lucie Meers

At Sherman Elementary we take mindfulness very seriously. It's proven to calm down the people who try it. Mindfulness is a great way to calm down when you have a lot of homework or you are having friend problems.

Have you ever had trouble sleeping at night? Mindfulness can help with that, like a superhero! Mindfulness clears your mind of unpleasant thoughts. Mindfulness is and always will be your friend!

Sometimes when your teacher keeps talking about a math subject that is not your favorite, try mindfulness. It will help you focus and you can learn the math subject with ease! Go from 😊 to 😊 with mindfulness!

# Staff Focus: Ms. Nancy William

by Maya Breedlove

Ms. Williams is the family liaison at Sherman Elementary. She agreed to answer a few questions for the Tiger times. Thanks, Ms. Williams!



Ms. Williams (Photo by Karen Jaskar)

## Tiger Times:

**What is your favorite thing to do at Sherman?**

**Ms. Williams:**

I love working with kids. I like to go into their classroom. I have been doing Zones of Regulation. I love doing that.

**Where did you grow up?**

In Tacoma.

**Do you have any pets?**

I have a cat named Daisy.

**How long have you been at Sherman Elementary?**

This is my second year.

**Why did you become a teacher?**

I like to help kids and to see where their strengths are. And I have learned a lot from kids.

**Do you have kids?**

Yes, I do. I have a 17-year-old and a 14-year-old, both girls.

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

I wish I was famous from a movie. I love gardening and I grow my own plants and vegetables.

# Smoothie Recipe: Mango Munch

by Treya Ross

½ cup apple juice

1 cup mango juice

½ cup carrots

½ banana

1 cup strawberries

1 cup apples

Blend everything together. Yum, so good! Ms. Williams' third-grade class tried this recipe. Everyone liked it.

# Upcoming Events

- February 22 STEAM Fair 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- March 1-2 Talent Show tryouts 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- March 2 PTSA Movie Night: Boss Baby 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- March 2-16 Read-a-Thon
- March 10 PTSA auction
- March 13 PTSA meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- March 14 Late start and Pi Day
- March 19 Data day – NO SCHOOL
- March 20 5th grade visit to Mason Middle School
- March 21-23 Book Fair
- March 23 Talent Show 6:30 p.m.
- March 27 Middle school counselor visit to 5th graders

# STEAM Fair

by Aleah Brown, Olivia Toohey, and Emory Trent

This year's STEAM Fair takes place in the gym on **Thursday, February 22** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The STEAM Fair is optional but it is lots of fun! Students can choose to do a project that shows science, like a controlled experiment; technology, like coding a robot; engineering, improving a design; art, by drawing, painting or creating; or math, doing an investigation or a math concept.

Students can work alone or in a group. Projects should be created at home. Everyone who does a project receives a ribbon. Sherman is doing the STEAM Fair because it is fun, it's a challenge, and it's a way to show off our skills and bright ideas. Bring your finished project to the gym on the morning of February 22 or check with your teacher.

"There will be lots of hands-on activities," said Ms. Edmond who is organizing the STEAM Fair, "so you and your family can participate even if you don't have a project to share." If you have any questions about the STEAM Fair, please contact Ms. Edmond.

Let's get creating, designing, investigating, and coding. We look forward to seeing your projects. Thank you for participating!



## Bullying Is a Big Deal For All

by Damani Hale and Lilly Tobola

Bullying is a big problem. It can make kids feel hurt, scared, sick, lonely, embarrassed, and sad. Bullying bothers everyone, not just the kids who get picked on. Bullying can make school a place of fear and can lead to violence and more stress for everyone. In movies and on TV, sometimes people physically fight the bully. Most of the time, you don't have to do that. You can stand up to a bully without having an actual fight where people can get hurt.

## Student of the Month:

### Maeve O'Gara

by Patrick Gow

For this issue, the Tiger Times staff nominated one of our own, fifth grader Maeve O'Gara, for her always-kind attitude.

**Tiger Times:** Have you gotten a lot of friends by being this kind to everyone?

**Maeve:** Kind of, I got some friends that way but mostly by just being myself.

**Have you always been this nice?**

I'd like to think so but not always. Sometimes I can get grumpy and might be a little rude.

**What would you do if you saw a kid getting bullied?**

I would try to see what the problem is and then try to resolve it.

**Do your friends ever make you feel sad and do you show it?**

They never make me sad. Sometimes I feel sad for them, but they don't make me feel sad.

**If you notice people by themselves at recess, do you play with them?**

I haven't seen that but if I did I would play with them



Maeve O'Gara (photo by Karen Jaskar)

## Ask Tiger: I want a hobby

by Dean Gideon and Maeve O'Gara

**Dear Tiger, I want a hobby but I can't seem to find one. How do I get one?**

Well, you can't just force a hobby on yourself if you don't like it. So start with finding something you like. Maybe you can go online and search for a topic you like. You can also go to after-school clubs or in-school clubs (like the Tiger Times newspaper club! We meet on Tuesday and Thursdays at lunch recess.).

Another idea is that you can talk with your friends, because they might have some hobbies that you like. Once you find a hobby, try to stick with it. A good way to do this is to find a hobby you like. If you don't like your hobby, then it's no fun to do it. A way to keep a hobby is to practice it for 21 days. Good luck!

## Sasquatch Book Contest

by Aleah Brown and Patrick Gow

The Sasquatch Book Contest is a kids' choice award for all fourth, fifth, and sixth graders in the state of Washington. It's kind of like the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards but for books instead of movies and TV. It's been going on since 1998. Books are nominated by the public and then narrowed down to twelve top books by a committee of teacher librarians belonging to the Washington Library Association.

These books have won in the past: *Kinda Like Brothers* by Coe Booth (2017), *Star Wars Jedi Academy* by Jeffrey Brown (2016), *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio (2015), *Dead Boys* by Royce Buckingham (2014), and *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper (2013).

To vote, students have to read or listen to at least two of the twelve nominated books. The voting takes place in March. Ms. Taylor will gather votes during library the week before Spring Break, tally them up, and send in the final results for Sherman. The winner for the state will be announced sometime in April.

Younger grades get to vote for their favorite picture book. It is called The Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award.

# Book Recommendation

by McKenna Batjer and Taylor Heilesen

## The War That Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

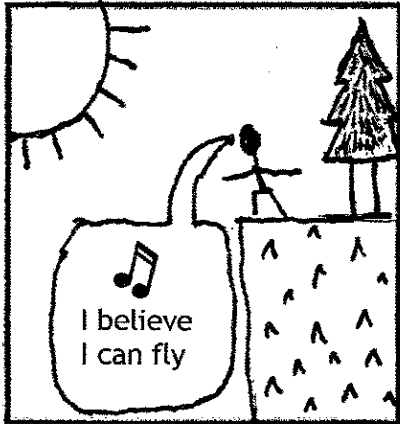
Ada is living during WWI and it's torture! Her mom hates her because she is a cripple. One day her mom decides to send Ada's little brother Jamie away from the war. Ada runs away with Jamie. They go live with a lady named Susan who is different from their mom: she bathes them, she gets Ada crutches, she's nice. Ada and Jamie want to stay but when Susan's town gets bombed, they have to go back to their mother. An amazing book!



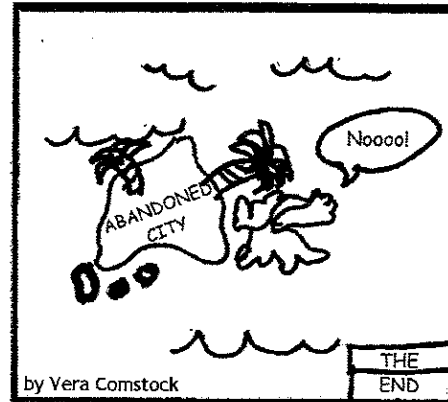
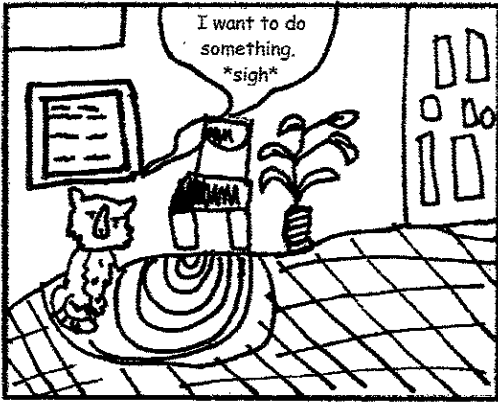
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by McKenna Batjer

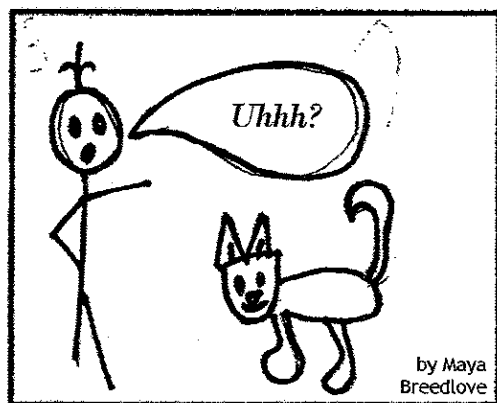
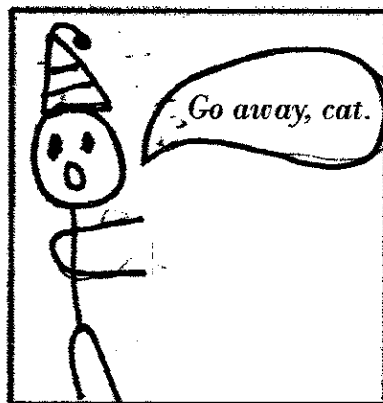
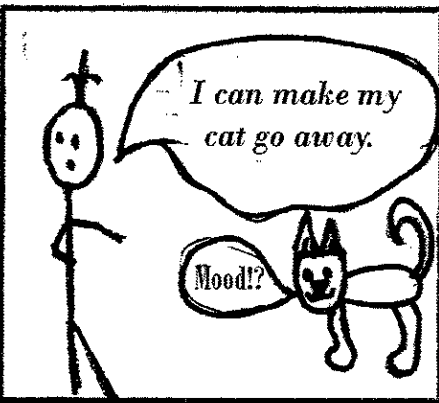


by Benjamin Bartoy



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by Patrick Gow

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Pop Culture of the Month:  
**CAT MEMES!**

by McKenna Batjer

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