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Supply Situation

By: Lillyanna Ragland

Attention all Birney Bobcats, we have a serious supply situation! Many teachers are complaining about school supplies going missing. The art teacher Ms. Nearingarth says, "it makes me feel sad when the art supplies go missing because I spend a lot of money to make sure you [students] have good supplies." Music teacher Ms. Hall also has trouble with missing items, such as maracas, ukeleles, and anything tiny enough to fit in a hoody pocket. The well-known Dr. Mills also had trouble with missing items, but she solved it by locking her stuff up. So, is that how we are going to solve our problems? By locking them up? And it's not just the specials teacher that are having trouble with missing supplies. Ms. Miller also had issues with her huggers going missing and says now she doesn't let her eyes off them. In conclusion, we should respect our teachers by not taking stuff that is not ours.

Weather Watch: Stay Safe Out There, People!

By Kailan Chilel

Keep your eyes peeled for the weather, people! You know, sometimes the weather outside can go from sunny to super stormy in a



flash. That is called severe weather, and it can be risky if you're not prepared. Just think about strong thunderstorms with booming thunder and bright lightning. Even hail that looks like frozen marbles falling from the sky! Sometimes, the wind can get so strong it can knock things over, and heavy rain can cause flooding. It's important to pay attention to weather reports and know what to do to stay safe when things get wild outside.

So, how do you know when severe weather might be on it's way? Pay attention to the weather forecasts on TV, radio, or even your phone. Words like "watch" and "warning" are key. A "watch" means severe weather is possible, so it's time to get ready for it. A "warning" means it's happening now or will very soon, and you need to take action immediately! During

severe weather, the safest place to be is indoors, away from windows. If school officials or your family tell you to take shelter, do it quickly and calmly.

Being prepared doesn't have to be complicated. Talk with your family about a safe place to go during severe weather, like a basement or a room without windows. Make sure you know how to get in touch with your family if you're not together. It's also a good idea to have a basic emergency kit with things like a flashlight, some water, and snacks in case the power goes out.

Remember, knowing what to expect and having a plan can make a big difference in staying safe and sound when severe weather hits. Stay weather aware, everyone!

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Bobcat Beliefs – Student Opinions & Editorials

Opinion: Kids Should Have Extra Recess for Sports

By: Isabella Walters

Do you want extra recess for sports? Well, I do. A few reasons why are because kids can get exercise, they can waste energy, and they can get better at that sport. These reasons can be good for both the students and teachers in many ways.

My first reason why kids should have more recess for sports is because they can get in shape. Like our health teachers have said, it's good to be in shape. That way kids can do many things like run faster, be healthier, and build up their strength. It is also good for their sleep.

My second reason why kids should have extra recess for sports is because kids can waste their energy. If kids waste their energy, it can help them to focus on schoolwork. It is also good for the guardians of the kids because the kids can go to sleep faster. It will also be good for the teachers of the kids, so the teachers won't have to repeat themselves.

My last reason is that kids can get better at the sport if they play for a team. For example, some kids play soccer outside of my school and get better each day with practice. It's

good for kids to get better so they can help their team win to win their games and get to championships and world cups if they play as they grow up.

In conclusion, it is good for kids to have extra recess for sports because kids can get exercise to get in shape, they can waste their energy to focus in school, and they can get better at their sport if they play on a team.

Opinion: Schools Should Support Students with Disabilities

By: Ivy Wallace

Schools all over the world have done a great job making sure able-bodied students feel welcomed, supported, and encouraged to succeed. But, on the other hand, a lot of schools do not have the resources or education to help students who have disabilities. So today I will be talking about how schools can be better at helping kids with disabilities when it comes to learning.

Firstly, every school should have more accessibility accommodations. This could include having screen readers and audio books for students who have a hard time reading. They should also have physical accommodations for

students who have a hard time walking, such as providing ramps, wheelchairs, and elevators. Lastly, schools should make sure that students with disabilities can access all learning materials, including textbooks, handouts, and videos.

Schools can also support students with disabilities by giving them training and professional development programs. This could include workshops, training on assistive technology, and even sessions on working with other students who have specific disabilities. By helping their students gain knowledge and skills, schools can make more supportive environments for all students.

Students with disabilities can also learn how to communicate their needs and ideas with confidence. This will help them gain self-esteem and independence as they learn how to do things on their own. Schools can also help by teaching all students skills such as self-awareness, communication, and goal-setting.

Supporting our students is very important, and we can do it, we just have to put in the work.

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Bobcat Bookshelf - Book reviews by students for students

Real Pigeons: Splash Back & 5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!) 3

By: Ricardo Bermudez

Two awesome books I think you should really (and I am saying *really*) read are '*Real Pigeons: Splash Back*' and '*5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!) 3*.'

'*Real Pigeons: Splash Back*' is about pigeons. But not any ordinary pigeons, combat fighting pigeons. These pigeons have bravery, justice, and kindness. They solve mysteries and become heroes. *Real Pigeons* is a fantastic book to read if you are bored.

In the book '*5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!) 3*' you can find facts you never thought existed. It

can tell you about cool stuff, yucky stuff, delicious stuff, and even animal stuff. It can also take you from smart to super smart. *5,000 Facts* can also tell you when things were made, where things are, how old things are, and why they are there in the first place.

So, the next time you get bored and want to read something new, these books got you covered!

Life & Style – Food

El Paradiso Ice Cream Shop

By: Alison Macedo

Do you ever crave something that you've never even tried before? Yeah, it might seem good, but does it *taste* good? Well, I have the perfect place where you can find things just like that!

There's an ice cream shop on Austell Road that I recommend going to called *El Paradiso: Antojitos y Nieves*. They don't just sell ice cream; they sell all kinds of cool foods and desserts as well. One thing they sell is a box that has corn in a bowl topped with mayonnaise and red Cheetos powder on top. On the side there's more un-crushed Cheetos, but this time with hot, jalapeno cheese!

The shop's name means "The Paradise: Ice Cream and Cravings" translated to English. It's located at 3565 Austell Rd SW, Suite 1015, Marietta, GA 30008. If you decide to check it out, I recommend going on Mondays. Mondays are the least busy days. And if you're looking for an activity to do after, the ice cream shop also has other stores next to it. There's a clothing shop, a grocery store, a restaurant, and more.

Anyways, this ice cream shop sells lots of cool stuff, so check it out and see what you crave!

Life & Style – Travel

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

By: J'Meiyah Starkes

Traveling to Myrtle Beach was the most fun of my life. When I went to Myrtle Beach, I stayed (in a hotel?) and there was a pool on the other side of the beach. There was also a hot tub, and it was so, so, so hot outside.

The food in Myrtle Beach is also good. The best place to go is Captain Benjamin's Calabash Seafood Buffet. It has any seafood you can think of and lots of desserts, like key lime pie, chocolate cake, and a dessert bar with cupcakes, ice cream, and fruit.

The jumping indoor park is another fun place to go in Myrtle Beach when you are doing nothing. It's really big when you first walk in, but you get used to it. If you're looking for a fun place to go relax, you should try Myrtle Beach.

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Classroom News — Summarized by Alexa Rodriguez

Ms. Campbell's class would like to share... Ms. Campbell regularly borrows books from the Cobb County Public Library for her class. Inadvertently, one of the books she borrowed recently was a Wonder Book, a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. So far, the students in her class love the books, no matter what their reading level is. Ms. Campbell is so glad she started returning to her public library and says the Wonder Books are a nice addition to her ELA centers.

Mrs. Dunn's class would like to share... Her class has been enjoying mentor texts throughout this year to engage with the weekly reading standards. The fun and pleasure of discussing character traits, making predictions, finding personal connections, and even learning vocabulary is priceless! This year they have been delighted by *Charlotte's Web*, *Because of Winn-Dixie*, *My Father's Dragon*, and *Flat Stanley*. After reading each book, they watch the movie to compare and contrast the events in both. Mrs. Dunn says it's a wonderful honor to introduce kids to the joy of reading and sharing books.

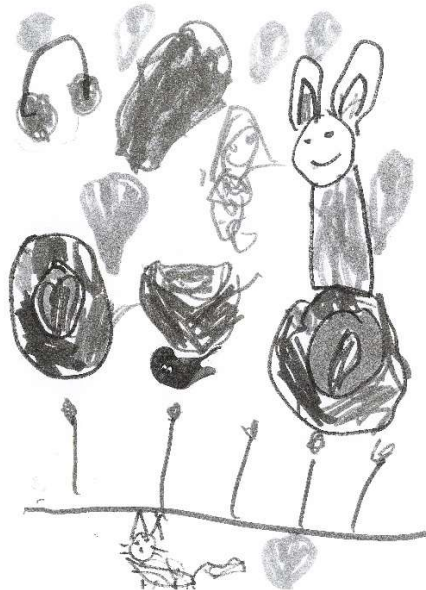
Ms. Luz's class (and Sophie!) would like to share... Her class has a pet larva! They start out as an egg, then they hatch and turn into a larva and eats their egg. Then they grow big and build a cocoon and sleep and sleep and sleep. Then the cocoon turns into a pupa and then into a butterfly! The 2nd grade class is very happy to have a larva.

Creativity Corner — Artwork by students for students



Kuromi

By: Alessa Garcia Contreras



By: Lucia Calderon



Dog Man

By: Myles Tita

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Purr-fect Picks – What do our students enjoy?

Video Game Recommendation: Battle Bricks

By: Khang Vy

Battle Bricks is a tower defense game where you spawn your units to kill the enemies and destroy the enemy base. You can get units by progressing through stages or using the gacha system. You can upgrade your units and base to give you a bigger chance of victory in a certain stage.

The units can be divided into these categories: Meatshields, Tanks, Crowd Control, Supports, and Backliners. The Meatshields are the spamable ones, so they stall most bosses. They are also cheap and protect the Backliners. For a unit to be a tank they need either high health or armor. They deal big damage, but they take longer to attack. Crowd Control units kill crowds of enemies. Some of these can also be Tanks or Backliners. The Supports give your battlers an effect that helps in battle, like speed, damage boost, and more. Last but not least are the Backliners. They have high range and can attack far away. Some bosses can even kill your Backliners!

Underrated games like Battle Bricks need to be noticed more, because people put a lot of effort into the game. This game is honestly so fun, so you should try it.

Video Game Recommendation: Roblox Dead Rail

By: Dashawn Grigley

Roblox is an adventure and sandbox game with lots of other game modes in it. It also has a chat system so you can talk to your friends to make the game you're playing more fun.

One of my favorite game modes in Roblox is Dead Rails. It's a fun game to play with other people if you don't want to get scared while you play. Dead Rails is a game where you have to kill zombies while you ride a train and try to make it to Mexico. There are checkpoints where you stop to buy weapons, armor, and upgrades for your train.

Classes are important in Dead Rails because it changes how the game goes, and some are better than others. The classes are Conductor, Cowboy, Werewolf, Packmaster, Vampire, Priest, Miner, Musician, Survivalist, Doctor, High Roller, and Alamo.

Dead Rails is a fun game to play and I think you should play it too.

Ximena's How-To: How to Bake Chocolate Cupcakes Step-By-Step

By: Ximena Aliyah Mondragón Saldaña

Have you ever wanted to bake chocolate cupcakes? Maybe for a friend or relative? If you want to know how, then this article is perfect for you!

- The first step is to gather your ingredients. You'll need, water, vegetable oil, unsalted butter, flour, unsweetened cocoa powder, baking soda, kosher salt, one size large egg, buttermilk, and lastly, vanilla extract.
- Now it's time for the cooking. In a saucepan, melt 4 tablespoons of unsalted butter on low heat and add ¼ cup of vegetable oil and ½ cup of water.

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- Next, get a large bowl. Add 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of sugar, 2 tablespoons of $\frac{1}{4}$ cocoa powder, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a teaspoon of baking soda, and $\frac{1}{8}$ of a teaspoon of kosher salt.
- Now you can add the melted butter to the large bowl and mix until smooth. Add the egg into the bowl and add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of buttermilk and 1 teaspoon of vanilla. Now you can mix it until it becomes a smooth base.
- After that, add cupcake liners to a cupcake pan and pour the batter into them. Make sure that the tins have 12 muffin spaces to fill.
- Now, bake the cupcakes at 350°F for 20-25 minutes.
- Finally, ice the cupcakes. You can add sprinkles if you want to make the cupcakes look more decorative.

And that is how you make chocolate cupcakes!

Claw-Some Creative Writing – Stories from the minds of students

To Space and Back: A Short Story

By: Phoenix Albert

Kit-Cat

Hey Snowball, what are you doing?

Where would you like to go for our next adventure?

No silly, how about school?

Well, I think we should go back to school to be young again.

Can we go to school this time and go to outer space next time?

Please Snowball? Please please please!?

Even with some rabbit hay on top?

Ahhh! Oh Lord. Wait, don't tell me, are we in outer space?

Oh... Snowball, why would you take us to space when I said no?

Oh

Whatever.

I wouldn't be rude if someone didn't take us to the moon.

Snowball the Magic Bunny

Oh, hey Kit-Cat. Just sleeping, why?

Ummm.... Outer space!

Well, you asked me where I thought we should go

You always say that, why can't we do what I want? Besides, it's my magic Kit-Cat.

I said no-

I... said... NO!

BOOM!

Ding ding ding! You're correct!

I didn't, it was a teleporting hole

Follow me, and please don't jump Kit-Cat. We're on the moon.

No need to be rude, Kit-Cat.

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For the last time, it was a teleporting hole!

Yeah right.

Kit-Cat, I am sorry. But we always do what you want, and when we got mad at each other the teleporting hole showed up.

Oh! Well then Snowball I am sorry for being bossy and rude.

How about from this day forward we take turns choosing where our next adventures will be, ok?

Ok. But we need to find a way out of here.

Wait, what's that?

BOOM!

Ahhhh!

Ahhhh!

Bobcat Brainteasers — Student-submitted riddles, jokes & crossword

Assembled By: Mckenzie Collard

~Riddles~

- I'm creamy and thick, rubbed on the skin,
protecting you from the rays that win.
Without me, sunburn may begin.
What am I?

Answer:

Sunscreen

- I rise in the sky, big and bright,
warming your skin with golden light.
I shine all day, from morning to night.
What am I?

Answer:

The Sun

- I'm cold and sweet, a summer treat,
in many flavors, oh so neat!
You lick me quickly, in the heat.
What am I?

Answer:

Ice Cream

- Green and red, juicy delight,
perfect for a summer bite.
With seeds to spit and flavors bright.
What am I?

Answer:

Watermelon

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- I block the light and help you see,
on a sunny day by the sea.
Over your eyes, I need to be.
What am I?

Answer:

Sunglasses

- I'm cool and blue, deep or shallow,
splash in me when the sun is yellow.
You swim and dive, feeling mellow.
What am I?

Answer:

Pool

~Jokes~

- What did the pig say when he went in the sun?

Answer:

I'm Bacon!

- Where do the sheep go when it's summer break?

Answer:

The Baaa-hamas

- Why do cows wear bells?

Answer:

Because their horns don't work

- What road do horses live on?

Answer:

Mane Street

- Why did the tomato blush?

Answer:

Because it saw the salad dressing

- What's a frog's favorite summertime snack?

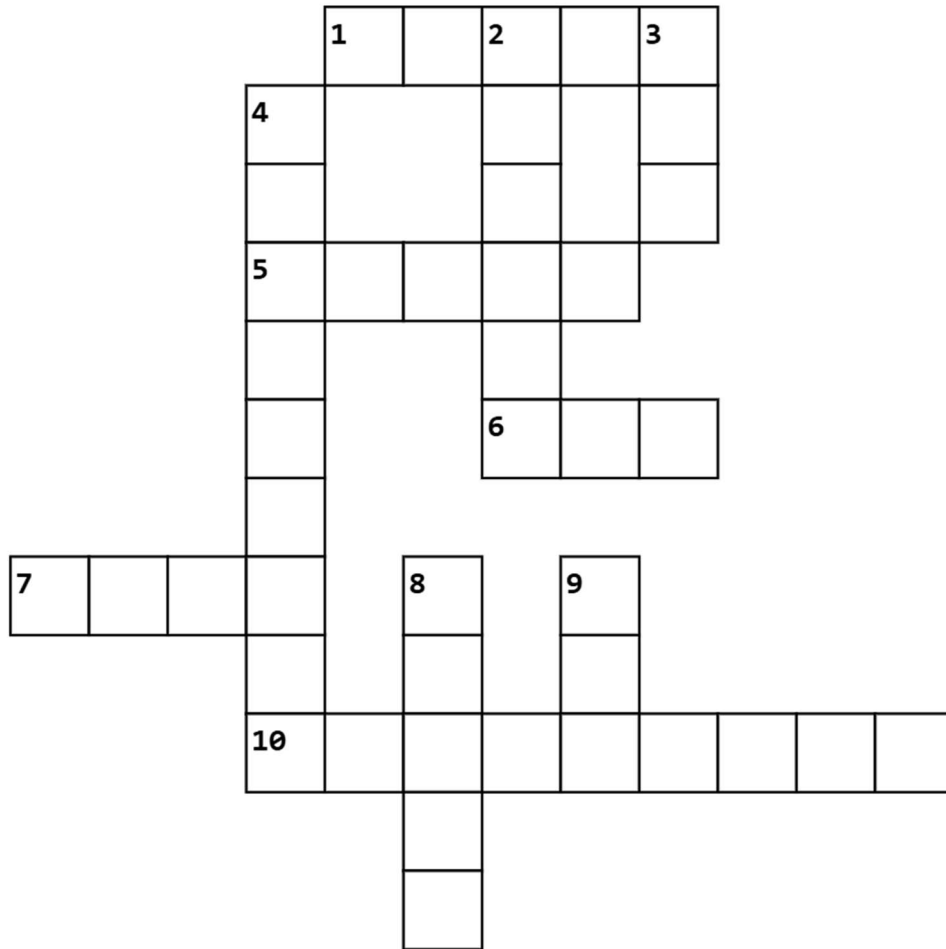
Answer:

Hopsicles!

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Across

1. We are going to the _____ for vacation.
5. I am a _____ Birney Bobcat.
6. ___ you're it!
7. Let's get the ___ and play catch.
10. It's fun to jump in the _____.

Down

2. School will start back in _____.
3. It is so ___ out here! I want to go back inside with the AC!
4. I love _____. They're my favorite dessert on hot days!
8. I am so _____. I want to do something fun!
9. The _____ shines bright in the summer.