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## Spelling

### Superstars!

The Paw Print Press staff would like to congratulate Aaron Mojica from Ms. Head's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and Reagan Huynh from Ms. Watkins' 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Birney Elementary's 2025 Spelling Bee.



Aaron Mojica, 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Reagan Huynh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

## Healthy Habits Week

By: Crystal Pina, 5<sup>th</sup>

Healthy Habits Week was the last week of October, and students celebrated by dressing up.

At Birney Elementary, we wore something different every day to show support. On Monday, we wore the color red for 'drug free day.' On Tuesday 'rest to be your best,' we wore our favorite pajamas to show how important sleep is. On Wednesday, we wore our favorite hats to promote healthy eating. On Thursday, we

dressed up in our best exercise clothes or team logo. Finally, on Friday we 'dressed for success' with a career dress up day.

Everyone wore what you'd have to wear for the job you want when you grow up.

And that's how we celebrated! Every day, our outfits helped show our support for building healthy habits.

## Halloween

By: Romina Godoy, 4<sup>th</sup>

Do you guys like Halloween? I do, because you can give other kids candy and that's fun. Also, you can knock on people's doors and say, "trick or treat!" But the best part is making your costume. You can do it *your way*, so it's creative!

And that's why I like Halloween, what about you?



## Surprise Visitor

This month, we had a special visit from Chuck E. Cheese himself! The mascot made a surprise visit during afternoon to promote the restaurant's fundraiser night with Birney Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association.

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## Bobcat Beliefs – Student Opinions & Editorials

### **Opinion: School Lunch Periods Should Be Longer**

**By: Zaria Jackson, 4<sup>th</sup>**

Have you ever wanted lunch to be longer? I always wanted lunch to be longer, and I'm going to tell you why I think so.

First, if you have a longer lunch, you have more time to eat. Also, with a longer lunch you can talk to your friends more. Lastly, on the first day of school we'd all have more time to make new friends, which would make the whole school year better.

That is why I think school lunch should be longer.

### **Opinion: Swings Are the Best Part of a Playground**

**By: Kailan Chitel, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Imagine a playground without swings. It would be super boring! Swings are the coolest part of recess, and every single school playground should have them. They aren't just a place to sit, they are like little mini rockets that let you feel like you're flying over the whole school. Without swings, recess is way less fun.

First off, swings are exciting because you can go really, really

high in the air. When you pump your legs and look up at the clouds, you feel like you are zooming over the monkey bars and slide. It's the closest thing to flying without needing an airplane. Swinging high also makes you feel brave. You can challenge your friends to see who can touch the highest leaves on the tree, and it makes you forget about boring stuff like science homework for a few minutes.

Secondly, swings are secretly good for you! Sometimes when we have to sit still in class all morning, we have a ton of extra energy. Swings are perfect for getting that energy out. You are pumping your legs, using your muscles, and getting great exercise, but it doesn't feel like exercise because it's fun. It's way better than just running around in circles. When we go back inside after swinging, we are calmer and ready to learn again.

Finally, swings are great for making friends. You always need a friend to push you higher, or maybe you want to take turns with someone on the last empty swing. You can also learn to share so everyone gets a fair turn. When

someone is sad, sometimes a gentle push on the swing can cheer them up and make them feel better.

Swings are important because they bring excitement, exercise, and friendship that every kid needs to recess. School playgrounds are just totally incomplete without them. So, please, let's make sure every school has swings!

### **Opinion: School Subject Blocks Should Be Shorter**

**By: Jaqueline Rivera Mota, 5<sup>th</sup>**

Here's why school subjects shouldn't be two hours long. In fifth grade, math is two hours long, same with reading, science, social studies, and writing. Fun fact, fifth grade only gets forty-five minutes of no work. But it only feels like twenty minutes, because the other subjects are so long! If subjects were shorter, it wouldn't feel so long.

The second reason school subjects shouldn't be so long is if teachers say you have no recess, then that takes time off your recess. That is bad because kids need exercise! Do you want to be sitting down in a chair for five

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hours? In my opinion, I do not. And after exercising, we can focus better.

you, do you like doing work for five hours?

subject periods, we'd be less bored which would make us better in class.

In conclusion, school subjects

Another reason is we have like five hours of work. Let me ask

should not be two hours long. If we had more recess and shorter

## This Month's Classroom News with Ms. Campbell & Ms. Dunn

### Ms. Campbell would like to share...

This month, Dr. White, our school's TTIS, visited our classroom and instructed our students on how to use Book Creator. Prior to the lesson, she set up the teachers' Book Creator accounts and had us share a book with the students in their own accounts. During the lesson, after introducing and getting the students excited about Book Creator, she showed them step-by-step how to create a book. They learned how to take a selfie, add voice, text, images, backgrounds, shapes, and drawings. The students really enjoyed the lesson, and Ms. Campbell and Ms. Dun also learned how to use Book Creator! Dr. White is an amazing teacher!



## Purr-fect Picks — What do our students enjoy?

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## Movie Review: Leo (2023)

By: Jackson Wruck, 5<sup>th</sup>

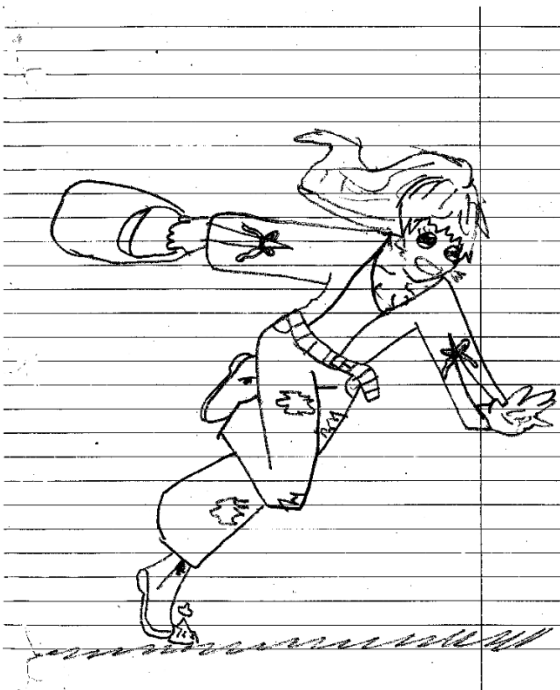
Leo is a kid friendly movie; this is my review on Leo. You can find the movie on Netflix.

Leo is about 5th graders being happy about their last year in elementary school, but their main teacher has to leave so they have a sub for the rest of the year. The sub is a mean sub, she does not like kids. The class pets are a lizard and turtle that can talk. The class pets help the class by making them confident in themselves. Having confidence allows the class to adapt to the sub's teaching style.

I give this movie a 10/10 because it is really funny. My favorite part is "chicken stars" and "um is this a fire drill" because they are great jokes. I would recommend this movie to people of all ages.



## Creativity Corner – Artwork by students for students



By: Miracle Green, 3<sup>rd</sup>



Winning Turkey Disguise, 'Bluey'  
By: Alessandra Luna, KK

## Claw-some Creative Writing

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## ME!

By: Mckenzie Collard, 5<sup>th</sup>

I'm happy, I'm mad  
I'm sad, I'm glad  
There is nothing you can  
change about me  
Because I'm me

I'm crazy, I'm bored  
I'm so much more  
There is nothing you can  
say about me  
Because I'm ME

## My Dog – A Haiku

By: Tyler Goodwin, 4<sup>th</sup>

My amazing dog  
Loves to run and play a lot  
And likes dog food too

## My Family – A Haiku

By: Tyler Goodwin, 4<sup>th</sup>

When the sun rises  
I think of my family  
Even when it sets

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## Life & Style: Sparkles Family Fun Center

by Alexis Watt, 4<sup>th</sup>

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Last Friday, I went to Sparkles. Sparkles is a skating rink with fun games and laser tag. It was the first time I EVER went to Sparkles! The first thing I did was get skates. Next, I got on the rink and fell flat on my bottom. After a while, I got the hang of it. Then I got tired of skating, so I decided to play laser tag.

Laser tag is a game where you wear a vest with a laser gun attached to it, and you shoot the members of the other team. Then we were really hungry, so we feasted on pizza, soda, and chicken wings! After my belly was full, I got right back on the rink, and I was so good! I guess a full belly helps you skate better.

The last thing I did before I went home was play on the play place. Then I put my skates away and we went home. But before we left, we got goodie bags. As we were driving home, I fell asleep in the car. When it was time to get out of the car, I couldn't walk! I had to ask my cousin to carry me inside. Then I took a shower and went to sleep, because I was tired from a wonderful day at Sparkles.

## Bobcat Brainteasers

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## Across

- The holiday associated with thankfulness.
- The day after Thanksgiving is called...
- Another word for gathering crops
- I am full of \_\_\_\_\_ on Thanksgiving.
- The main dish usually served on Thanksgiving.

## Down

- Popular thanksgiving dessert made from a gourd.
- These turn colors and fall from trees in Autumn.
- This sauce is made from berries.
- This event is often watched by families on Thanksgiving morning.

