



# DAVES CREEK CHRONICLE

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## Dramatic Dolphins

By: Kristine Yin, Nitika Kumaresan, Komal Nambiar



Have you ever been to a play? When you sit down and enjoy the performance do you ever think about all the time that is required to memorize the lines, design costumes, and build props? The Daves Creek Drama club works hard all year under the direction of Mrs. Lyons and Ms. Ingrassi, preparing for their end of the year shows. This year they will perform *Peter Pan*, *Hamlet*, and *Alice in Wonderland*.

Memorizing your lines for an entire play and knowing

when to speak takes a lot of dedication. Keaton Costello, who is Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*, has some good tips for learning your lines. "You should spend some time alone reading your lines. Then ask a family member to read the line right before your line. This will help you know when it is your time to speak.

The students who are performing in *Hamlet* have an even bigger challenge when learning their lines. *Hamlet* is a famous play written by Shakespeare. The language is hard to understand. Avery Svehla, who plays Polonius in *Hamlet* was up for the challenge. Last year Avery was in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* so this year she wanted to try Shakespeare. "At first the language was hard to get used to but we play fun games to help us

learn our lines, said Avery. "My favorite game that we play with Ms. Ingrassi is when we have to say our lines as fast as we can without looking at our scripts. If someone makes a mistake then we have to start all over again. It is a lot of fun and we have to make it to the end without any mistakes a few times," explained Avery.

Not only do actors have to learn their lines but they also have to memorize where to stand and move when on stage. RJ Gay, who plays a Lost Boy in *Peter Pan*, has a sword fighting scene with the pirates. "This is my favorite part," said RJ, Ms. Ingrassi helps us practice so that it will look realistic."

Another important part of a play is the costumes. They help bring the characters of a play to life. The

Daves Creek theater club members make their own costumes. Mrs. Lyons explained, "The students make their own costume but they have a costume scheme." Emma O'Connor, who is a caterpillar in *Alice in Wonderland*, was so excited to receive her costume scheme. Mrs. Lyons gave her a general idea of what it had to look like but there were no limits on how creative she could be. "I am using tubes for my arms and gloves for my hands," said Emma. Yonnie Daniel, who is a Queen of Hearts soldier, made a huge Queen of Hearts card out of paper and cardboard. The Daves Creek Drama Club has been had at work since September working on their performances. They are very excited for you to enjoy the show!

## NAC Club Taste Tasters

By: Tejas Sudhakar, Pranav Manivannan, Patrick Soo

Have you ever wondered what kids do in the NAC club? Do you even know what the Nutrition Advisory Council is? It is a club that test the food in the cafeteria. Pretty powerful, right! The food in the cafeteria is there because of the taste test results of the NAC Club.

Any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders can join the club. It is a lot of fun but make sure you go to club meetings with an empty stomach! The NAC Club's main agenda item is to taste food during their club meetings. If the food is approved by the club they serve it in the cafeteria.

NAC Club meets during lunch. Club members eat on the stage or in the Bulldog room and taste new potential items for the cafeteria menu. Chris Efobi, club member explained, "One time we tested the sparkling lemonade. We loved it! It was added to the cafeteria menu as an extra based on our club feedback. The first day it was on the menu it sold out quickly. It is still a very popular item."

Not everything passes with an A. The club also gives valuable feedback about how to improve menu selections too. For example, the club loved the taste of the frozen slushy but the package was very

hard to open.

The package was improved and the slushy was added to the menu. It also became a very popular item very quickly.

If you join the NAC club you may not want to stop. Chris Efobi says, "I never want to quit!" The club is very fun and it is very satisfying to see your changes implemented.



## Penguins, Presidents, and Weather Oh My!

By: Jewel Clark, Valeria Peez, and Sadie Rawlings

"I love everything about first grade!" exclaimed Amedyn and Peyton. First graders learned about amazing things this year like; presidents, weather,

penguins, and much more!

They made a project about penguins and how they live their lives. First graders cut out a penguin and made a flip poster. When you lifted up

the penguin you learned about penguin's diets, habitats, and other cool facts.

Everyday more cool information is being taught to the first grade nation of DCES. If you want to check out more

interesting projects just take a stroll down the first grade hall. First grade is as cool as the North Pole!

## Robotics Club

By: Siddharth, Daniel Oh, Jae Han, Nandha Thiru, Andrew Huang

Do you like to create things with LEGOS? Then the Robotics Club is for you! Members of the Robotics Club use LEGOS to make robots. Then they use computers to program the robots to follow certain paths and do specific tasks.

Some robots are designed to stop or move when they are touched. They have sensors to light, touch, and sound.

Club members design the robots to follow different colored paths and when the robot hears a certain sound it will stop or move. You have to be careful because if the robot sees something in its path it will stop. You can even program your robot to avoid obstacles.

Newbie's, members who are new to the club, receive a kit and they have to follow the instructions in the kit. Members who have been in the club before

can go on the robotics website to find designs or they can create their own robot.

Ishika Saluja, 5th graders, created a rattle-snake with motion sensors that would extend its neck and bite you if you got too close to it. Ishika's favorite part of Robotics Club was seeing her design at the end. Students filmed videos of their robots because at the end they had to take their robots apart for next year's club.

If you think this sounds like fun then make sure you join the Robotics Club next year. It meets once a week in Mrs. Avera's class.

## Music Is Her Passion

By: Avery Suhla, Yonnie Daniel, Iti Jain, and Chase Daniel

Mrs. Priddy loved music from the start. In high school she was inspired by her music teacher. She always thought education was her passion but once she took band and chorus she knew she had to combine both of her passions.

She loves to teach music to all that can learn. Mrs. Priddy tries to get everyone interested in

music even if it is just a little bit. One way she gets students interested in music is by teaching the students how to play instruments. "My favorite instrument to play in class is the recorder," said Pranati Madala.

One of her favorite things to teach is the recorder to fourth and fifth grade. Fourth grade learns the basic of the recorder such as the mouth position and the three main notes. In

5<sup>th</sup> grade the students learn the C note and songs.

I hope we all get to discover our passions like Mrs. Priddy.



## 5th Grade Rocks

By: Swetha Pendela, Ishna Kammineni, Sakshi Gi-andikola, Rakshita Gorrepati



Have you ever wondered what happens in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade hall? We have the answer for you! Fifth grade classes made cells out of recyclables while others made edible cells. They also learned about volume in math and World War II in social studies.

Some fifth graders say there are more projects in fifth grade than in fourth grade. Jackson Walton, a fifth grader in Mrs. Woodman's class says, "The projects are hard but fun at the same time." Mrs. Behan's math class designed their dream room this year. They had to calculate the cost for labor and materials while staying within their budget. Students used a combination of all the math standards they learned this year to complete the project. They also used their persuasive writing skills at the end of the

project. They had to turn in a five paragraph essay persuading their parents to let them re-design their bedrooms. "We loved re-creating our dream room out of shoeboxes." explained Reagan Craven. Mrs. Pelletier and Mrs. DeLallo simulated the space race between Russia and the United States. Students created origami weapons which were worth points. "I loved the competitive feeling of the project," said Anna Toms from Mrs. DeLallo's class. Fifth grader is not only about projects. Mrs. Pineda's class loves to

do yoga after recess. Every Friday Mrs. Kumble has a good behavior raffle. Mrs. Bombard's class even has a pet gecko.

One of the best things about fifth grade is the fifth grade activities. Students have a 5<sup>th</sup> grade dance, fun day on the last day of school, graduation, and they even go Tennessee for a class trip. As you can see 5<sup>th</sup> grade is a lot of hard work but a lot of fun too!

## Teacher Feature: Ms. Ingrassi

By: Hannah Bratton, Catie Thompson, Ashna Kasireddy

**How long have you loved writing?** 14 years

**What do you like to do in your free time?** Writing, working out, and spending time with my daughters.

**What is your favorite sport?** Track

**What are your favorite hobbies?** I enjoy writing and small home improvement projects

**What is your favorite food?** Thai Food

**What is your favorite memory?** When my daughters were born.

**What is your favorite book?** The Hobbit and The Outlanders



## Riley Durbin Wins County Oratorical Contest



By: Gatlin Hermann, Gary Leahy, and Brian Kim

Each year

the Optimistic Club sponsors an oratorical competition for students in Forsyth County. This year Daves Creek 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Riley

Durbin won first place at the county competition. This year's theme was how your passion would change the world. Riley gave a few suggestions for students when they are writing a speech. He said, "I would definitely make sure you add figurative language and that you check it more than once." Mrs. Pelletier, who coordinated the

competition at Daves Creek, explained that to be fair the judges come from other schools and the community. She said, "The judges look for pose from the contestants. This means your appearance, how relaxed you are, and your personality." They also judge you on the content of your speech. Judges are looking for things like

does your speech match the theme of the contest. Does your speech flow logically? Students' are also judged on the delivery of their speech such as: voice, volume, and eye contact.

If you are going to be in fourth grade next year remember these tips because they might help you win!

## Student Feature:

By: Anish Kanchanadally, Kartik Prathapagiri, Gabriel Davis, Zachary Van-Skyhawk

Fourth Graders: Morgan Hooek and Tom Kunampuram

### 1. How did you get ready for the CRCT?

Morgan: I made sure I did not miss school.

Tom: I studied at home

### 2. Is there someone you look up to?

Morgan: My aunt.

Tom: Josh

### 3. What is your favorite subject?

Morgan: Science

Tom: Math

### 4. What was your favorite event this year?

Morgan: Father Daughter Dance

Tom: Mother-Son Bowling

### 5. What are you looking forward to in 5<sup>th</sup> grade?

Morgan: Going to middle school

Tom: Learning about the constellations



### Father Daughter Dance

By: Elle Leahy, Bradley Hicks, Lizzy Barker, Braydon Wilson

Loud music boomed out of the speakers as girls had fun and danced.

This year the Father Daughter Dance was held at Lanier Technical College. Many girls liked having it there because there was much more room. There was plenty of room for girls to dance and have fun.

There were many different types of snacks at the dance. They had chocolate covered pretzels, brownies, cookies, and punch. Tables were set up around the auditorium where you could eat. All of the decorations were beautiful. On the tables were red and pink tablecloths with balloons in the middle. There were different colored lights that shined brightly over the room.

The music at the Father Daughter Dance was phenomenal. There was a large variety of songs to listen to. Everyone loved the music and danced to all their favorite songs. The corsages at the dance were gorgeous. They had pretty bright colors.

We recently interviewed Sara Pawlik, a fourth grader in Mrs. Prisco's class, about her experience at the Father Daughter Dance. Sara liked the pink theme of the dance, the table decorations and balloons, and the colorful rainbow lights. She said, "It was fun to dance with the lights flashing and that the decorations made her feel pretty." Sara danced a lot that night with her dad and friends. One of her favorite parts of the night is when they played "Timber". She was glad they held the dance at Lanier Tech because it had an actual dance floor and a fuzzy carpet.

The event was a success. All of the girls had a great time and so did the dads.

### Garner Makes Gym Great



By: Kevin Choi, Anay Vaishnav, Jacob Rogers, and Paul Adams

"This is the BEST job in the world!" This explains why Mr. Joey Garner has been teaching physical education for 18 years! He

decided to become a P.E. teacher because he loves working with children and being active. He hopes that his students learn activities that will keep them healthy as they grow older. Mr. Garner loves his job at Daves Creek Elementary but he is not just a P.E. teacher.

Mr. Garner is also an assistant football coach for Vickery Creek Middle School. "Go Vipers!" His jobs do not end there; he is also an assistant wrestling coach for West Forsyth High School. He really enjoys coaching wrestling because it is his favorite sport. I bet he could beat a

7 foot tall bear in wrestling!

Besides teaching and coaching Mr. Garner has a lot of manly hobbies. Mr. Garner said, "I love to go fishing, hunting, riding 4 wheelers, water skiing, wakeboarding, and snowboarding." You have to admit those are some fun and manly hobbies alright!

In addition to his hobbies another thing that makes Mr. Garner smile is his mom's chicken and dumplings and the Georgia Bulldogs of course!

As you can see, the students of Daves Creek are lucky to have Mr. Garner as their coach.

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The newspaper staff would like to thank everyone for their support. We wish you all a fun, restful, and safe summer break!

**Iti Jain**

**Duk Joon Kim**

**Avery Vvehia**

**Brooke Whitley**

**Chris Efobi**

**Jaden Scheib**

**William Davies**

**Jewel Clark**

**Eriyon Daniel**

**Patrick Soo**

**Grey Leahy**

**Sadie Rawlings**

**Valeria Perez**

**Nitika Kumaresan**

**Kristine Yin**

**Gatlin Hermann**

**Tejas Sudhakar**

**Komal Nambiar**

**Ashna Kasireddy**

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**Bradley Hicks**

**Brayden Wilson**

**Lizzy Barker**

**Elle Leahy**

**Jake Rogers**

**Kevin Choi**

**Sakashi Gandikota**

**Swetha Peudela**

**Rakshita Gorrepati**

**Chase Daniel**

**Ishna Kommineni**

**Ay Vaish**

**Andrew Huang**

### **A Little Summer Fun**

Q: What do you call a dog on a beach?

A: A hot dog!

Q: Why do bananas use sunscreen?

A: Because they peel!

