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WELCOME BACK TO OUR PAPER!

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Russellonian, our school paper. We have a ton of new reporters and a lot of the old ones.

We know that you'll

find sports, important events, new features, and a lot of other things.

Now, I'm going to stop writing so you can start reading.

This is Aisa G. re-



porting for the 2nd edition of the Russellonian.

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Meet Mr. Norman

Hey guys! Want a little interview about Mr. Norman? Well, here is one for free!

Mr. Norman is our new principal this year. He is nice and very friendly. He can be funny and serious at times.

Mr. Norman wanted to be a principal because he wanted to help more students other than the ones in his class! He's been a

teacher or principal since 1993. He started out as a teacher, then taught high school P.E. and health, and then became a principal.

Guess what his favorite thing to do as a principal is? His favorite thing to do is to hang out with kids and watch us learn in class.

His hobbies are reading fiction books, rid-

ing his motorcycle, and doing yard work. He likes science.

He's married and has two kids, a boy and a girl. Their names are Zac and Annie.

And that's my interview of Mr. Norman.

By Tristin H. (5th)

Super Sleuth Search

Find the missing author of a feature in this paper. The first person to let Mrs. Swank know will receive a prize.

Festival of Dance !

On an autumn day in October, the fifth graders got the opportunity to go to the Beasley Coliseum of dance in Pullman and watch some professional dancers.

We interviewed a specific fifth grader and she told us that the first dance was a romantic love story, and the second dance was a hip-hop glow in the dark dance. In that dance, to

make it glow in the dark, there was a black light, screen, and a projector. "It was AMAZING!" she told us. She told us that the suits they were wearing were half black, half white. They were also wearing special glasses and hoods. Others say the black lights made the last performance mysterious and frightening.

This is an awesome

experience for fifth graders because it exposes us to ballet and encourages us to consider dancing. We now realize that dancers need to be able to trust the people they dance with. It also exposes us to types of dances that a lot of people haven't seen.

By Katelyn G.,
Hallie P.,
and Tamara C.
(5th graders)

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BARN DANCE

Each fall something exciting happens at Russell Elementary – the Barn Dance. Every year since kindergarten, students have practiced barn dances, so they can impress their families who come to see the dance.

Here are some of the songs we danced to this year: Achy Breaky Heart, Slap and Leather, Chicken Dance, Square Dance, Alabama Gal, Long Tall Texan, Western Swing, and the Hoe Down Throw Down.

The adults who helped the kids learn the dances are Mrs. Assefi, Mr. Markley, Mrs. Steckel.

By Bryttni R. and Claire S. (4th)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Didn't go to the Ice Cream Social? I'll tell you about it.

The date of the ice cream social was 9-24-09 from 6 pm to 7 pm. It was sponsored by the Russell P.A.T (Parent Action Team).

Here are some comments on it. Mrs. Amell's comment was that it was fun. She said about a dozen people communicated with her. She also said Mr. Markley was very funny. And on a scale from 1 to 10 she said it scored a 9.

Cascy said her favorite thing to do was to play with her brother outside. On a scale from 1 to 10, Casey voted 5. And that just about wraps it up.

Written by Tristin H. (5th)

RAMBUCKS TEACH BUSINESS "CENTS"

This year 6th graders earn Rambucks for doing classroom jobs and for personal employment. Students can also earn Rambucks for exceptional work on assignments or they can offer services to teachers and friends. Students have designed posters to advertise their personal businesses.

Samantha E. teaches how to draw Bob car-

Teacher Feature: Mrs. Amell

Have you ever wondered what Mrs. Amell favorite things are? Here's the answer you've been waiting for.

Mrs. Amell loves horseback riding on trails on Moscow Mountain. She likes the color green. Her favorite number is "4." Her favorite letter is "e." Her favorite animal is every animal. She loves to go on the American

Horse Association website. Her favorite school book is the Phantom Tollbooth. She plays the piano. Her favorite movie is "The Sand Lot".

Now you know Mrs. Amell a little better. Watch this column for next month's Teacher Feature!

Written by Moira H. (4th)

Colonial Times

On November 12, the 5th graders went on a field trip to learn about colonial days. We had to do colonial school, and the teachers were very strict. If the children spoke out of turn, they would be sent to a corner and were forced to wear a dunce hat. We got to write with quills. We also made

candles which was interesting. We also made pot-holders (weaving) with our own hands. We made butter to put on our corn bread muffins. It was very tiring. The last activity was playing games!!!!!! That was awesome. Tamara C.'s favorite part was to play the games.

By Tamara C. and Noelle M. (5th)

toons. Luisa G. tutors in many different languages. There is an advertisement on the back page of this newspaper for sign language, if you want to check it out!

Rambucks teach us how to control our money and we have to use our math skills to spend it. We have a Russell Bazar at the end of every month for people who keep up their homework and have lots of Ram dollars. Kids bring stuff to sell. Products could be anything from edi-

ble treats to collectable knickknacks. This reporter wins the award for most bucks spent at a Bizarre.

By Sarah D. (6th)



by Hayley F

4th Graders Visit the Prichard Art Gallery

Do you know Patrick Robichaud's mom? Well, I do. If you go to the Prichard Art Gallery, then you will meet her. She works there and sometimes gives tours of the art gallery. When she does, you will be amazed at the beautiful art.

All of the fourth graders went to the gallery to learn about art. We saw paintings and a piece of art that was made from crayons and wax. It was baked. My favorite piece was called *My Legacy*. It was a beach scene, with a scroll like a map and fruit on it.

My favorite part of the trip was the activity. Everyone got a small piece of the art. We painted our section on a different paper as well as we could. They put all of our pieces together and made the picture. We will see it in a couple of weeks.

Well, that is all I have to say. Bye. Check my column next month!

By Emma H. (4th)

The Story behind Ram's Football

It seems like football is the most played sport at the school in the 5th grade. A lot of people like football. There are about 15 people who play football practically every day. They love the sport so much they do not care when they get smashed into the pavement. Of course, they are not allowed to play tackle, but sometimes they knock into each other. Here are their comments on the sport.

Luke has been playing since last year.
Cooper plays football because it is fun.
Cy says that the sport is pretty fun.

I think that football is a good sport because you can meet new people, make friends, and get exercise.

By Jenis R. (5th)

5th Graders Test the Water

On September 20-23 the fifth graders got the chance to go to two different sites along the same river. At the two different sites they tested for water quality, macro-invertebrates, pH, temperature, velocity, and turbidity. The two different sites were Robinson Park and Garden Works. They found a lot of water striders at Robinson Park. At Garden Works they found a water boatman and some fish. Aiyden found a shoe in the river

and Emma R. found a Frisbee. Kendra P. found frog eggs and a frog. Noelle, Yo Yo, Joey, Maggie, and Aiyden fell in the river.

The students got to look at the bugs they found under a telescope! Katelyn's favorite part was when she got to catch the bugs. Tamara's favorite part was playing the "get to know you" games.

By: Tamara C. and Katelyn G. (5th)

6th Graders Enjoy M.O.S.S.

On October 5th, the sixth graders of Russell School went to McCall Outdoor Science School (M.O.S.S.). We left Monday morning and had a 5 hour bus drive to McCall.

Each student was assigned an activity group with a leader. The leader of each activity group took us out hiking on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. During the days, we were out in the field and packed our own lunches. We learned a lot about trees and the wilderness. When we came back from the field we had free

time. We could even go down to the lake for free time! Some nights we would have speakers come to talk to us. After that we would have dinner, which was usually really good. Then we'd have cabin time and lights out at 9:30. After all the work we were pretty tired!

The saddest thing to do was leave! We boarded the bus and took a five hour drive home. Even though we were sad to leave MOSS, we were happy to come home. It had been a week of fun!

By Natalie M. (6th)



Haley F.

ENTERTAINMENT

Emma's horoscope:

AQUARIUS (1/20-2/18)

Hey, mumble kid! This month you will learn to stand up for yourself.

PISCES (2/19-3/20)

A family vacation will show you that friendships last forever, as long they're true. 😊

ARIES (3/21-4/19)

If you don't try new things, you miss out on life.

TAURUS (4/20-5/20)

A new fear will come to you, but an old one will leave. 😊

GEMINI (5/21-6/21)

Don't leave things for tomorrow, for what is today but yesterday's tomorrow? 😊

CANCER (6/22-7/22)

People will look for you when they need help. Do what you can.

And Noelle M's!:

LEO (7/23-8/22):

THAT THING YOU ARE DREADING WILL HAPPEN THIS MONTH.

VIRGO (8/23-9/22)

In a decade, you will do one small thing to help another, and it will go on to change the world.

LIBRA (9/23-10/22)

A LONG DISTANCE FRIEND WILL WRITE YOU A LETTER.

SCORPIO (10/23-11/21)

Luck is coming. 😊

SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21)

KEEP HUFFN' AND PUFFIN' SAGITTARIUS! THAT GOAL IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

CAPRICORN (12/22-1/19)

Power is not all, dear Capricorn. Wisdom is.

Emma R. and Noelle M. (5th)

MOVIE REVIEW...

Blair Witch Project

Rated R 87 minutes * * * * stars

Three students go missing while taping in the Blair woods. A year later, the footage is found and the audience watches the drama unfold. The film is beautifully presented, truly a horror masterpiece. My only complaint is that in maintaining a hand shot look, most of the night scenes are portrayed as solid black. This gives an amateur look to an otherwise great film.

Reviewed by Emmali K. (6th)

MAKING FRIENDS

Hi, my name is Sandy.

Hi, my name is Claire.

Sandy: Do you want to hear a joke?

Claire: Sure.

Sandy: Why did the lollipop cross the road?

Claire: Why?

Sandy: It was stuck to the chicken.

Claire: Ha ha! Do you want to be my friend?

Sandy: Sure BFF.

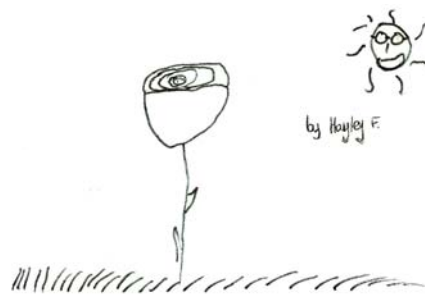
Thirty years later...

Sandy: Hey, how are you?

Claire: Good.

Sandy: Do you want to hear a joke?

By Emma H. (4th)



WRITERS' CORNER

Poems, stories, and quick writes from the people you know best. Please read, please write. Please submit to Sarah D.—6th

Song of the River By Jordan N. (6th grade)

In the summer, my family and I visit my grandfather's house on the South Fork River. When the sun starts to set, I gather my things and walk through forest to the little beach on the riverside. I sit on a mossy rock and feel at peace in my favorite place.

I relax and let my eyes wander over my surroundings. If I glance toward the river, the sparkle of the setting sun on its ripples reflects in my mind. It sings, "Come play, come play."

I am tempted, but I don't go. When I look farther up, I see the

forests, rolling waves of fir and pine, an inland island of ocean green. Surmounting them all is the mountains, the royalty of the wilderness, glowing a soft amethyst in the pale light of the evening. I close my eyes and listen.

If I sit on my rock and listen, I can hear the quiet, rhythmic washing of the river. The river's accompaniment comes from the muted chirping of crickets, blended softly into the background. Then the birds begin their evening song, adding a trill of a flute to nature's perfect orchestra. Then, tearing my mind away from the lovely music, I feel the rock with my hands.

As I run my hands over the cool stone, I feel furry patches of moss. I touch both smooth and rough spots and wonder how this rock got here. The breeze rushes by me on its merry way, ruffling my hair with its small hands. I giggle and then whisper a greeting for it to take along to other places, places I will probably never see. I think about those places.

I think about those faraway lands, but I decide that here, on my grandfather's beach by the riverside side, is where I most like to be.

Meek By Tabbitha S. (6th grade)

Meek is the girl who hides in the shadows. She's the girl who runs screaming and crying home from bullies. Meek is the girl who gets bad grades. But never talks, Meek is the girl who gets beat at home but still loves her parents.

She would never tell anyone. She doesn't know confidence or happiness. She wants to meet Courage or Bravery. But she's scared; she's alone in the world hiding in the shadows.

QUESTIONS:

Tabbitha are you feeling anything like this?

-No not really
Are you Meek?

-Nope

If not, who is Meek?

-I can't really tell you.

Where did you get the emotion Meek?

-I thought about kids in situations and that made me feel bad for them.



DEAR SHIRLY

Dear Shirly,

What is sushi? Is it good?

-Hungry Reader

Dear Hungry Reader,

Sushi is a food that usually contains raw fish or meat and veggies surrounded by very sticky rice and wrapped in seaweed. So I think that should also answer the second question.

-Shirly

Dear Shirly,

Who is giving out the teddy bears in Mrs. Charles class?

-Confused

Dear Confused,

The answer is Thomas Moore.

-Shirly

WANTED:

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COLUMNISTS
ARTISTS**

We would like to feature
YOU
as a contributor
to our next issue
of the Russellonian.

Join the newspaper staff
in Room 7
on Wednesdays
during the lunch recess
OR
place your
contribution in the
newspaper envelope.

LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE!

Do you want to learn sign language? Well you can! You can learn ALL the every day phrasing you can remember for only \$5 per 15 minute session. You can just learn the basics for the low price of \$2.00 but don't let those pesky prices hold you back! Price changes can be made to fit your budget!

We also have what's called "self taught classes". You see, for one dollar a night you can rent a signing page from the book. For those self taught classes we will quiz you at the end of the week to find your weak spots and make suggestions.

If you really are interested contact Ivonne J., Sarah O., Cameo A., or Rylee O. to schedule an appointment. (6th)

JOKES

A man wanted the best for his father. When the father died, the man forgot his funeral. He wasn't there, but he got billed because it cost a lot of money. He paid the bill right up, but the next month he got another bill, so he paid it right up.

But then he got another bill and called the man that billed him and said, "Why do I keep getting billed?"

And the guy said, "Well, you wanted the best for your father, so I rented him a tux."

**This space could be yours!
What would you like to see in
our next issue?**

THE RICS:

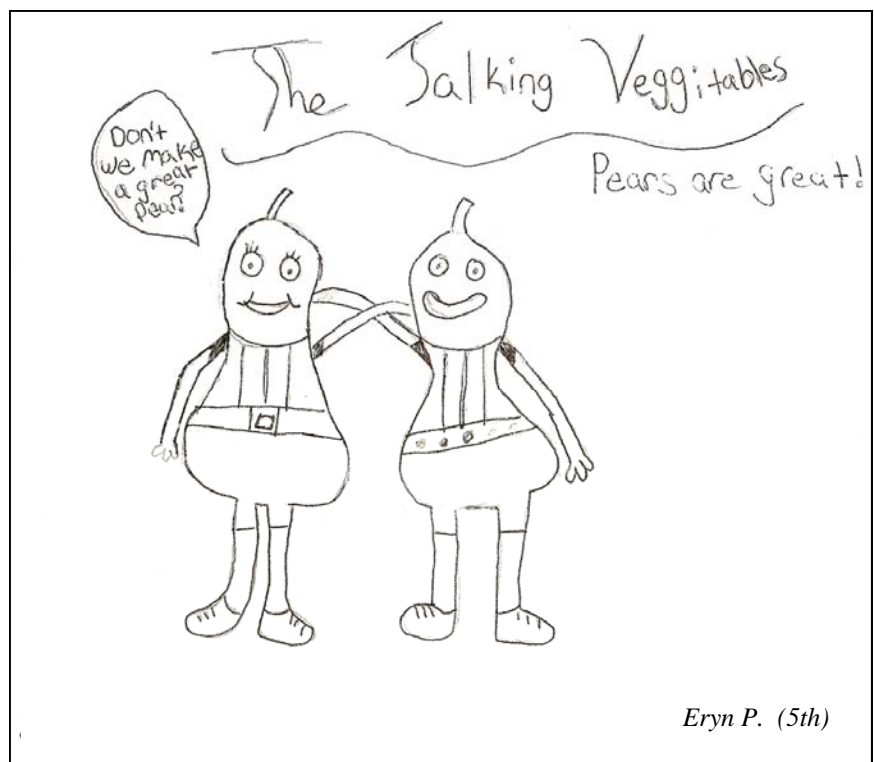
**Learn to create everyday
signs for only 5 Rambucks
per session.**

**Talk to Sarah O. for more
information.**

**Dear Readers
of the Russellonian,**

**Have a question?
Need an answer?
Write to Dear Shirly!**

**Leave questions
in the Shirly folder
outside Room 7.**



Eryn P. (5th)