

The Eagle's Nest



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THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

By Lauren O'Neil, gr. 5

On April 26th the Nerstrand Elementary School had a concert about elders. Every year two new honorees are chosen and then we invite them to our school to be interviewed by Woodland students. Ellen's class got to interview Paul Quie. Maggie's class interviewed Helen Bauernfeind. Melodi, our music teacher, and Lauren, our principal, wrote the songs about each of them. When we all sang Paul and Helen's songs I could see them smiling and crying with happiness. I could tell that Paul and Helen were surprised. I had a very fun time with this Community Celebration; we all had a blast. I also know that everyone in the audience was proud of all of us at Nerstrand Elementary School.

TARA'S BABY

By Madelyn Bauer, gr. 2

Tara had her baby in February. She left on Friday and had him on Sunday. His name is Anthony James. She came back to school to visit and brought yummy cookies. We also got to see Anthony. He is cute!

MY POEM

By Hannah Ray, gr. 3

Sister
Annoying, fast
Screaming, bossy, crying
Always following me around
Claire Bear

ALL ABOUT MICHAEL JORDAN

By Jordan Cook, gr. 5

This year we had to write a research paper so I wrote mine about Michael Jordan. One thing I learned is that he made so many records while in the NBA and he's a great athlete. One of his records was that he scored 63 points in one basketball game. That is amazing!

BIG WOODS BACK HANDERS

By Mitchell Ades Gr. 5



Here at Nerstrand Elementary School we have many fun activities, but one of the newest and I think one of the most fun is Ultimate Frisbee.

The Ultimate players practice every Monday after school until 4:30. Our name is Big Woods Back Handers and our coaches are Amelia Wykes, Mari Hougen-Eitzman and Liz Swansen. They show us how to throw a frisbee all sorts of different ways. They have us doing all sorts of drills to make us better at maneuvering and passing. I like ultimate frisbee because it is challenging yet still very fun. I'm glad we have an Ultimate Frisbee team.

A HAIKU

By Leah Ray, gr. 5

I'm leaving this year
I don't want to ring the bell
I will miss Nerstrand!

NADIA ELENA COMANECI

By Zoe Ingersoll, gr. 5

In the Woodlands we did a research paper. We got to choose who we wanted to study and I chose Nadia Elena Comaneci. I chose her because I can relate to her in ways because we are both gymnasts. Nadia was only a fourteen year old on the Romanian team but in less than five minutes the whole world knew who she was. Nadia is famous for being the first Olympic gymnast to score a perfect score of 10.0; the highest score you can get! Nadia was perfect on the Uneven Bars along with other apparatuses. She got seven perfect 10's in the 1976 Olympics. She also won the all around Olympic title. She was the best gymnast in the world! Nadia is still alive and is 50 years old. She lives in Oklahoma and has her own gymnastics academy she and her husband Bart Connor run. More than 1,000 attend their academy. Nadia has one son named Dylan. He is five years old.

MY FAVORITE SPORT IS.....

(Kindergarten students were asked what their favorite sport is. Here is what they said...)

Gabriella said, "My favorite sport is volleyball."

Julia said, "My favorite sport is soccer."

Logan said, "My favorite sport is baseball."

Isabella said, "My favorite sport is dance."

Malachi said, "My favorite sport is baseball."

Dexter said, "My favorite sport is football."

Meredith said, "My favorite sport is dance."

Emma Snedrud said, "My favorite sport is dance."

Willie said, "My favorite sport is basketball."

Joey said, "My favorite sport is soccer."

Evelynn said, "My favorite sport is dance."

Ethan said, "My favorite sport is baseball."

Emma Scholes said, "My favorite sport is ice skating."

Tanner said, "My favorite sport is baseball."

Amelia said, "My favorite sport is dance."

Reuben said, "My favorite sport is soccer."

Austen said, "My favorite sport is baseball."

Mathew said, "My favorite sport is football."

Hayley said, "My favorite sport is horseback riding."

Dylan said, "My favorite sport is basketball."

Olivia said, "My favorite sport is dance."

Riley said, "My favorite sport is monster trucks."

Hope said, "My favorite sport is cheerleading."

Grady said, "My favorite sport is ice hockey."

THE MILE

By Sam Reid, gr. 5

On Wednesday, May 2nd, and Thursday, May 3rd, the 1st through 5th graders ran the mile at school. It's eight laps around the school track and the last fitness test we do for the year. Some people like running the mile, but some don't because it's a lot of work. Everyone has to do it.

A POEM

By Payton Ross, gr. 3

I am a dolphin
blue as a cloud.
I swim like a diver
I spin like a ballerina.
I can soar through the air,
I can glide in the water.
I am a dolphin.

ART

By Noah Miller, gr. 2

Art is fun! We get to paint. It is lots of fun to be creative. That's my story.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

By Joe Palan, gr. 5

Every year Nerstrand has a Community Celebration to learn about elders who grew up in the area and to honor them. This year it was on April 26th. The Woodlands interviewed Paul Quie and Helen Bauernfeind. I learned that Paul grew up on a farm by Nerstrand and he did research on white blood cells. After the interview the Woodland students help Melodi and Lauren write a song about our elders. This year Ellen's class played the music on the instruments for Helen's song, "The Big Woods Life for Me," and Maggie's class played the music for "Peacemaker Paul."



MY BIG BUBBLE

By Thomas Drenth, gr. 1

Once I blew the biggest bubble. It was 10 feet to the left, 5 feet to the right and it was as blue as the entire sea. I was at the park.

A DOG

By Jackson Soy, gr. 3

I came across a dog
on the way to school.
His mouth was very dirty
and his teeth were very big.
I hid him in my pocket
so the teacher would not see.
He stayed there very quietly
until frightened by a bee.

THE SCHOOL CARNIVAL

By Treyton Schlaak, gr. 2

The school carnival is really, really fun. It has games, food and a silent auction. It's super fun! There is a new thing every year. It's awesome, that's why you should come.

HARRY POTTER

By Josh Bauernfeind, gr. 3

Snape
Awesome
Radicale
He is the best
Severus

A YEAR WITH FROG & TOAD

By Samuel Temple, gr. 5

This spring the Paradise Center for the Arts is putting on the Broadway musical: "A Year With Frog and Toad." This fun musical includes seven Nerstrand students in its cast such as Hannah Ray, Luke Bauer, Katelyn Fette, Travis Eitel, Clayton Eitel, and Samuel Temple. It also includes Nerstrand alumni Alexis Gernandt. Practices have been a lot of fun and we hope to see you at the performances. They will be June 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 7:30 PM and on June 10 at 2:00. For more information you can go to the Paradise Center's website. Hope to see you there.

MY BUBBLE STORY

By Kendal Severson, gr. 1

One day I blew the biggest bubble in the world. My brother came and popped it and then it did not pop, but it got bigger, and then it popped. It got all over my hair and my face. I was not happy.

MY BUBBLE STORY

By Madeline McDowell, gr. 1

One day I blew the biggest bubble in the world. Then I got it stuck in my hair! My bangs were gone.

THE FUN MILE

By Connor Berndt, gr. 2

Every school year around fall and spring the 1st through 5th graders run a mile. We go outside to the track. We run a mile to get good exercise and for physical fitness testing.

A POEM

By Zach Siegert, gr. 3

I am Zachary Siegert.
I run Siegert's Ice Cream Store.
There are flavors in my freezer,
you have never seen before.
Five divine creations,
too delicious to resist,
Why not do yourself a favor,
try the flavors on my list:

Frog Spit
Chocolate Worms
Marshmallow Maties
Chocolate gophers
Faribault Falcons

I am Zachary Siegert,
I run Siegert's Ice Cream Store.
Taste a flavor from my freezer,
you will surely ask for more!

THE DINOSAUR

By Mia Potter, gr. 2

The students in the Savannah studied dinosaurs in science. We picked a dinosaur to study in our classroom to learn more about dinosaurs and just have fun. I learned about the Diplodocus.

THE NERSTRAND CARNIVAL

By Aiden Klett, gr. 2

At the carnival you get to play all different kinds of games. Some games are bingo, football toss, ring toss, and bumper cars. You get prizes too! It's a fundraiser for the PTO and new playground equipment.

TALENT SHOW

By Caydon Budde, gr. 2

The talent show has lots of talents. You could do it too! Lots of children do it. You can watch it if you want. It is at Nerstrand School in the gym on May 24th. Kids will play instruments, sing, and maybe do some tricks. I am going to do Tae-Kwan-do.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

By Jadyn Cook, gr. 2

At the Community Celebration you sing your best and the audience claps when every song is over. We have to sing the best we can and have a good time. We have to sit down, then stand up, and it keeps going like that until the concert is over. Your legs get tired and you want to sit down. When your legs get sore you will want to stand but you might not be able to stand up so be careful. It might hurt. But when you stand up for only one song it won't feel so good.

OUR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

By Caroline Drenth, gr. 2

On May 31st this year it will be the last day of school. All Nerstrand students and some relatives will walk from Nerstrand School to the Big Woods. Then we eat lunch at the picnic table area. After that, we ride the bus back to school and have ice cream and have an entertainer come. Whoo-whoo, summer break!

TARA HAD A BABY

By Paige Koch, gr. 2

Tara, our teacher, came and surprised us on April 13. She is on maternity leave. She brought cookies and her new baby. He was so cute! His name is Anthony.

MAY DAY

By Matt Palan, Gr. 2

Every May Day, all the classes at Nerstrand School make May Day Baskets. Then we put the May Day Baskets on people's doors. We all love to do it.

AWARDS AND GRADUATION

By Paige Ross, gr. 2

At our end of the year awards program everyone in the school sits down in the gym. The 5th graders sit on the stage with their class. Ellen and Maggie say a speech. It takes place on the last day of school. We do this event because the 5th graders are graduating.

MEMORIAL DAY

By Devin Lockerby, gr. 2

Memorial Day is a very, very, extremely special day. We celebrate all of the veterans who have served our country. We have parades, festivals and fun, and no school. A veteran is someone who served in the Army, Navy, Air Force or the Marines.

BEACH DAY

By Isabelle Huizel, gr. 2

On May 9 we had Beach Day at school. We brought fun towels to school and got to dress in beach clothes. We also had sunglasses and shorts. We had lunch on the gym floor.

MY POEM

By Jonah Umbreit, gr. 3

Broken
Arm, hospital
Pain, hurt, sad, sleepy, ouch
Painful, scary, no fun at all
destroy

A FUN DAY

By Johnathan Jandro, gr. 2

Field Day is a very important day at Nerstrand School. Everyone in school cooperates. Some Field Day events are, the half-mile and tug-of-war. It is a fun day. We have an all school Field Day every Spring.

A POEM

By Phillip Dettling, gr. 3

Yes, that's me
look and you'll see.
My hair brown,
my eyes blue.
My arms are long,
my hands, big.
I'm Phillip,
I'm never shy.

My friends are fun to play with
I live in the country.
I hope I live to 100.
I dream to have hope.
It's all clear as can be.
That's positively, absolutely, me.

MY BUBBLE STORY

By Jaimi Triplett, gr. 1

One day I blew the biggest bubble in the world and guess what, it didn't pop! It got bigger, and bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger and bigger and it kept getting bigger until, it was as big as me!

HOW TO BLOW A BUBBLE

By Molly Roethler, gr. 1

This is how you blow a bubble. First, make it flat. Second, put your tongue in the bubble. Finally, blow it. You have a bubble!

Nerstrand Neighbors and Friends,

Happy spring to everyone! We received some nice rains and now the sun is out with some wonderful weather!

We have been very busy at Nerstrand School. We had a great Community Celebration on April 26th honoring Helen Bauernfeind and Paul Quie. The gymnasium was packed with Nerstrand Families and friends. May 4th was the annual PTO Carnival and Silent Auction and we had a great turnout for the circus themed evening!

Our fifth graders have been very busy also as they played their band instruments at Kenyon School and then at Three Links Nursing Home in Northfield on May 10th. The very next day, they played again at the Nerstrand City Park for all of the students and some community members. On May 15th, they participated in the annual 5th grade field day at Bruce Smith Field. It was wonderful weather and a great day!

Students in grades K-3 visited the Minnesota School for the Blind on Friday, May 4th. They learned about the students at that school and also attended a performance.

These activities have been mixed in with state testing, trips to Riverbend Nature Center and of course, the everyday learning that takes place at Nerstrand School.

Stay tuned, we have many upcoming events as we wind the school year down. We hope you can join us for our last day awards program, graduation, ringing of the bell and the picnic in the park. This will be held on Thursday, May 31 starting at 9:00.

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