

BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



"Message from the Principal" - Mrs. Debra Powell

Wow! It is hard to believe that it is already June. It seems just like yesterday that the BES staff was wiping lost student's tears and reassuring moms and dads that their children would be just fine. It has been a great year with many accomplishments achieved by staff and students. It you didn't hear, BES received an "A" grade by the State of Michigan. I was so proud to share this with the BES staff, students and parents because they have been working so hard to meet the standards to receive this rating. And they did it! To continue along the path of providing high quality instruction and creating a literacy rich environment, the staff has completed a K-5 assessment program, put into practice Collins Writing and implemented the new Treasures reading program, as well as many other high quality programs. This has been made possible by setting school improvement goals for continuous improvement. Each staff plays an integral role in reaching these goals. It just can't happen with one teacher, but must be a team of teachers. Besides sharing all the great happenings at BES, I must share two sad events that are occurring too. Two exceptional first grade teachers are retiring, Marsha Malsack and Cindy Pratt. I can't even begin to count the number of lives they have touched and the impact they have made. They will be missed. So, as we finish up the 2006-2007 school year, we look forward to the beginning of our next school year too. It surely will bring many new challenges and many great accomplishments. Have a safe and relaxing summer and see you in the fall!



The Three R's to a Greener Planet

By Jeffrey Bush, Reporter

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle was a lesson taught by Greta Garbage to the fourth grade at BES. Greta (not her real name) used a comedic approach to teach the kids about recycling. Everything Greta Garbage sees she can turn into something else or recycle. She told the students that a stack of newspapers, thirty eight inches high, recycled, can save one tree and that the average person in

the U.S. produces 3.3 pounds of trash in one day. Greta stressed that the landfills are overflowing and just a little recycling can go a long way. The children were captivated by her humor and statistics. Fourth grade teacher Mr. Vern Schutter added that, "the children enjoyed learning about the many ways in which they can help reduce the amount of trash produced each day."



A Peak into the Future

By Jeffrey Bush, Reporter

Burrus Research and Associates brought their "Robot Show" to Brooklyn Elementary School in January. The company gave an introduction to robots and did a slide show. It gave students a glimpse of how robots are used today and what role they will play in our future. Teacher and the assembly coordinator Ms. Sharon Beaghan stated that, "it captivated the children's mind's at all grade levels." Through captivating images and interactive demonstrations, Mr. Burrus reinforced the importance of science, math, and reading in our everyday lives.



Dustin Sturdevant and Kaylie Rickert

Living Museum

Fourth graders at Brooklyn Elementary School concluded their biography reading by presenting a Living Museum in February for fellow students and parents in the cafeteria. This is the 20th time Mrs. Judy Clouse and Mr. Vern Schutter staged this collection of Historical Figures. The people studied covered a wide range from Pocahontas to LeBron James. Martha and George Washington made a return visit. Thomas Edison and Wilbur Wright were represented. Laura Ingalls Wilder and Babe Ruth also appeared! (Mathew Michael as Wilbur Wright, Trevor Powell as Thomas Edison, Cody Shong as Davy Crockett, and Dustin Sturdevant and Kaylie Rickert as George and Martha Washington.)



A Half Pint Experience

By Jeffrey Bush, Reporter

"Little House Comes to BES" continued it's second year exploring three of Laura Ingalls Wilder's books. The Family Reading Night Program, involving third grade students and their parents, met on the last Tuesday of January, February, and March to discuss certain novels. The students were given the books to take home and to read with their families prior to the meetings. At the meetings the novels were discussed in detail. Crafts relating to the novels and "period" snacks were provided to the families. Twenty-three families participated this year that climaxed in a trip to Ella Sharp Museum in May to get a closer look what life was like with one room school houses and pioneer cabin living. Pictured below as Laura Ingalls Wilder is fourth grader Jordan Diefenthaler.

Spelling is Fun

By Jeffrey Bush, Reporter

Scott McCormick was the winner, Caleb Kitchen was first runner up and Erik Gammon took third in the annual BES fifth grade spelling bee. After outlasting twenty-seven other kids, Scott spelled *spasms* correctly to take the championship. He received an E Bond, a chocolate bar, and a trip to Western High School for the Jackson County Spelling Bee finals. Caleb and Erik also received savings bonds for their outstanding efforts. At the Spelling Bee Finals, Scott had a good showing and represented his school district well.



Cody Shong



Mathew Michael



Erik Gammon, Scott McCormick and Caleb Kitchen



Trevor Powell

