



PANTHER BEAT

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Jal Elementary

Have a Heart and do some ART!!

By the Panther Beat Staff

Hey, Jal Elementary!! We have an exciting event coming up. We are having a school wide art contest. There will be three divisions:

- **PK-1st grade**——Decorate a Valentine’s Day coloring page (Kids can color, glitter, add ribbons, buttons or do whatever they would like to their picture.)
- **2nd-3rd grade**——Create/design a Valentine’s Day card (Again, let your imaginations go nuts!)
- **4th-6th grade**——Design a Valentine Themed cover page for the Panther Beat (This is going to be awesome, but if you need help come see a Panther Beat staff member in room 21.)

The Panther Beat staff will provide the necessary materials for the art contest. All entries must be submitted with a name, teacher’s name, and grade to Room 21. The art contest deadline is **January 21st**. Winners of the contest will be announced on Thursday, January 31st. Here are the prizes:

FIRST PLACE WINNERS

- PK-1st——candy bar
- 2nd-3rd——candy bar
- 4th-6th——cover of the Panther Beat

SECOND and THIRD PLACE WINNERS

- PK-1st——popcorn or pickle
- 2nd-3rd——popcorn or pickle
- 4th-6th——popcorn or pickle

We hope to see lots of entries and creativity from all of you. Good luck, have fun, and eat your veggies!! (Just kidding) No, seriously, good luck, have fun, and let your imaginations flow.



EAT YOUR VEGGIES NOT YOUR VEGGIE-TALES!!!

Woo hoo!! We can’t wait to see all the art!!



Resolutions!

By Jocelyn Hernandez

Hey, it's Jocelyn. I recently interviewed both 4th grade classes to see if they had made any New Year's Resolutions. Here are some interesting answers from the 4th graders. Hope you like them!

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR



Erik Martinez- "My New Year Resolution is to be better at sports."



Chelsea Fulfer- "My New Years Resolution is to make more friends and be more helpful!"



Emmy Watson- "My New Year Resolution is to be a better person and help others."



Adrianna Garcia- "My New Year Resolution is to memorize all my multiplication facts and be better at math."



Nathan Galindo- "My New Year Resolution is to be better in school and have better grades."



CHINESE NEW YEAR!

By Nick Verschueren

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. Let's take a look at what the Chinese New Year is all about. The Chinese New Year starts January 23, 2013. This event lasts for fifteen days. Unlike the American culture, the Chinese people have different activities. People wear red silk clothes, decorate poems on red paper, and even give children "lucky money". Red symbolizes fire, and according to legend, red (the color of fire) drives away bad luck. The fireworks that shower the festivities are rooted in a similar ancient custom. Long ago, people in China set fire to bamboo stalks, believing the crackling flames scared away evil spirits. The Chinese New Year is a time to reunite with your family. Also included in the new year is the Lantern Festival. The Lantern Festival is held on the first lunar month. Most lanterns are works of art. These lanterns are set everywhere and lay for the night. Another custom is the dragon and lion dance. Young men are the drivers of the dragon and lion. They are held up by wooden sticks and carried along the streets. The dragon is almost 100 feet long! The lion is almost 16 feet long. These puppets are mainly made of silk, paper, and bamboo. Cool, huh?



Spelling Bee

By; Nayeli Chavez



Hi, Jal elementary!! So you might know that we had the spelling bee on 12/5/12...but do you really know the history of the spelling bee?? Well, I dug and found some good information that I wanted to share with you. I also interviewed the spelling bee winners. My congratulations goes to Riley Ross (winner) and Cecilia Bajarano (runner-up) and all the other kids that participated on the spelling bee! I also wanted to thank Mrs. Savoie, Mrs. Patterson and Ms. Granado who were the spelling bee judges, and Mrs. Ford who was the pronouncer!! Well, Jal elementary, this is Nayeli Chavez signing out!!!! *The following information was found on-line.*

The National Spelling Bee was formed in 1925 as a consolidation of numerous local spelling bees, organized by The Courier-Journal in Louisville, KY. Later, the E.W. Scripps Company acquired the rights to the program. The bee is held in late May and/or early June of each year. It is open to students who have not yet completed the eighth grade, reached their 15th birthday, or won a previous National Spelling Bee. Its goal is educational: not only to encourage children to perfect the art of spelling, but also to help enlarge their vocabularies and widen their knowledge of the English language.



Riley Ross-6th Grade, Winner of the Spelling Bee

Cecilia Bajarano-4th Grade, Runner Up



1st Row L TO R: Julian Heredia, Adrian Franco, Kolby Taylor, Marlin Lujan, Cecilia Bejarano, Emmy Watson, Daniel Micham

2nd Row L TO R: Hayden Glass, Gabriela Zavala, Colton Butts, Alonso Rodriguez, Austyn Kelton

3rd Row L TO R: Miriam Hernandez, Rylee Crawford, Chelsea Fulfer, Riley Ross, Jocelyn Hernandez



Riley Ross

- Q. How did you feel when you knew there were two kids left and one of them was you??
- A. I was very nervous, but excited! It was kind of scary because I thought the word might be harder than all of the other ones. Even though I was nervous, I was confident in myself!
- Q. How did you feel when you won the spelling bee??
- A. When I won I was very excited! I was extremely proud because my mom and step-dad were in the crowd watching me and I could see smiles on their faces!
- Q. How did you feel when you saw all of those kids staring at you??
- A. It was pretty easy for me, because I am used to being around lots of people! My first time on stage was when I was 7 and I sang a song in church, so by now I am pretty used to it!
- Q. What was the word that they give you at last to decide the winner??
- A. My last, winning word was pineapple.

- Q. How did you feel when you knew there were two kids left and one of them was you?
- A. I felt really nervous.
- Q. How did you feel when you lost the spelling bee??
- A. I felt sad, but I was happy because I thought I never would have made it that far.
- Q. Were you proud of your self??
- A. Yes, a lot, because I never have gotten close to winning anything before.
- Q. Did you feel sad when they decided that the winner was Riley Ross and not you???
- A. No, I didn't feel sad at all because I thought that Riley and I did good as well as all the other students that participated .



Cecilia Bajarano

ART NIGHT

By Petra Boen



As you know, Mrs. Ramos is teaching Pre-K but she also teaches art to all the grades. She has an art night for each grade level on a regular basis. I was wondering what Mrs. Ramos teaches at art night, so I asked her some questions. Here is her response:



- Q. What are you teaching in art right now?
 A. Kids are learning how to draw illustrations.
 Q. Why do you have art night?
 A. I want to encourage creativity with kids and their families.
 Q. Why do you teach art?
 A. She said it's a lot of fun.
 Q. What do you like about art?
 A. I enjoy teaching the kids how to let go and let their minds be free.



SPORTS CENTER

By Johan Juarez



JHS Boys' Basketball:

- Jan. 8 Loving home 4pm
- Jan. 10 Dexter away 4pm
- Jan 17-19 Dexter Tourney away 4pm
- Jan. 24 Eunice home 4pm
- Jan. 25 Hagerman away 4pm
- Jan. 29 Loving away 4pm

JHS Girls' Basketball:

- Jan. 8 Loving home 4pm
- Jan. 10 Dexter away 4pm
- Jan. 17 Kermit away 4pm
- Jan. 24 Eunice home 4pm
- Jan. 25 Hagerman away 4pm
- Jan. 29 Loving away 4pm

Craft Corner

By: Riley Ross

Hey,

It's your new journalist, Riley Ross, here. I'm writing to you from the **CRAFT CORNER**, specialized just for New Year's crafts! I hope you have fun trying out these New Year's crafts!

PreK-1st Grade—Chinese New Year Lantern

Supplies:

- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Glue, tape, or stapler



Instructions:

- 1) Fold your rectangular piece of construction paper in half, making a long thin rectangle.
- 2) Starting at about 1 ½ inches from each of the short edges, make about a dozen or more cuts along the fold line. Do not cut all the way to the edge.
- 3) Unfold the paper and glue, tape, or staple the short edges together.
- 4) Cut a piece of paper about 6 in long and ½ in wide. Glue, tape, or staple the strip across one end of the lantern - this will be the handle.

Optional-

Make several lanterns and string along some yarn. Decorate a room!

2nd-4th Grade—Recycled Bottle Noisemaker

Materials:

- Scissors
- Empty plastic water bottle
- Beans, coins, rocks, or other noise makers to put inside the bottle
- Glitter, buttons, sequene, ribbon, or other decorations (optional)

- 1) Place some rocks, beans, or whatever noisemaker you chose, inside the bottle. Put a thin line of glue around the mouth of the bottle, and then replace the lid.
- 2) Squirt some paint on your paint brush and paint the bottle the color of your choice.
- 3) Put little dots of glue on your bottle and place glitter, buttons, etc. on your bottle and allow it to dry.
- 4) Cut 3 or 4 strips of ribbon, about 4"-6" long.
- 5) Cover your lid in glue, and place your strips of ribbon over the glue.
- 6) Have a parent take your scissors and pull them down the ribbon quickly, to make your ribbon curly.



Craft Corner

By: Riley Ross

5-6th Grade—New Year Time Capsule Jar

Materials:

- Coffee can or large jar
- Many misc. items to put in jar – pictures, quotes, sayings, movie ticket stubs, notes from friends, lucky rocks/coins, memorable items
- Decorations – paint, ribbon, construction paper, pictures, stickers, etc.

Instructions:

- 1) Decorate the outside of the box or jar with a picture or the items that you chose.
- 2) Either on the lid or the bottom write the year with a sharpie / permanent marker.
- 3) Place all of your items; pictures, quotes, sayings, notes, etc. inside and seal your box or jar.
- 4) Put your jar in a safe place until you want to look back at your memories!



We're on the Web!
www.jalnm.org

Happy
New
Year!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **January, 9, 2013- Report Cards**
- **January, 18, 2013- 100 Day of School**
- **January, 23, 2013- In service Dismiss at 11:30/Grandparents Day 10:45-11:30**