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Field Trips

By: Kerry Ervin

In May and June, grades Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade are going on their field trips. Pre-K is going to the Salisbury Zoo to learn and see the animals. Kindergarten went to the dairy farm in Mardela Springs. First grade traveled to Assateague Island and played some fun games. Second grade went to the Baltimore Science Center. Third grade visited Chincoteague Island.



Fourth grade journeyed to Annapolis and took in the historic sites and went shopping. Fifth traveled to the Washington Zoo, which in my opinion is a really cool zoo! Sixth grade visited the National Aquarium to learn more about sea life. Seventh and eighth grade went to the "Newseum", a news and journalism museum in Washington D.C. Fun and interesting experiences were had by all!

Shorebirds

By: Wyatt Palenchar

On Friday, May 23, at the Shorebirds vs. Intimidators baseball game at Perdue Stadium, students who participated in *Hit the Books* enjoyed a night at the park. Students had to read four books and in return, received two free tickets to the baseball game.

Included in the free tickets were prizes for designing bookmarks, sponsored by James M. Crouse Family Dentistry. There was a big crowd enjoying the rides, games, and the food. The win by a score of 4-1 only made the evening more enjoyable.



8th Grade Play

By: Kerry Ervin



This year's eighth grade play was a huge production of Broadway and film musicals. It included *Les Miserables*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Mulan*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Annie*, *South Pacific* and so much more.

The actors/actresses worked on lights, sound, stage work, and other fun behind-the-scenes things, as well as performing as the actors and actresses. The performances were Thursday, May 1st and Friday, May 2nd.

I found it to be a very good show. This is also the last show that Mrs. Mullins and Ms. Whittaker will work on, so congratulations on a great production!

Mother's Day

By: Faith Lafferty

On May 11th, we took time to show our appreciation for all that our mothers have done to help us, comfort us, and even laugh with us because it was Mother's Day! On this day,

SFdS students did some type of project to please (or surprise) our mothers. We also celebrated the first mother of our faith, Mary, for sending Jesus to die for our sins.



Spring Concert

By: Wyatt Palenchar & Tyler Passarell



The school's spring concert included both the band and the choir. There event provided a mixture of vocal instrumental songs. The concert is held as a way to showcase the members' talent. It is very fun for the performers and the audience.

This year's concert was held on May 9th. The entire school attended an afternoon performance with an evening performance held for family and friends the next night. Well done-band and choir, especially the new members.

Stations of the Cross

By: Camper Marsh & Casey Mull

The Live Stations was a skit about 15 scenes from the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The 7th graders acted out all that Jesus endured as He suffered to save us from sins.

Connor Mull played the part of Jesus Christ. Mrs. Hastings was in charge so let's not forget about her. They did a phenomenal job.



Mary Crowning

By: Faith Lafferty

On May 1, the sixth grade class led the school in the May crowning of Mary at St. Francis de Sales Church. Everyone in the sixth grade brought in flowers, and they were placed on a table in the Church. Prayers of the Faithful were read.

Stephanie Brilliant crowned Mary as the congregation sang "Hail Holy Queen." After the ceremony, the statue of Mary and the flowers were carried back to the school and they were placed at the top of the main stairs and have remained there for all of May.

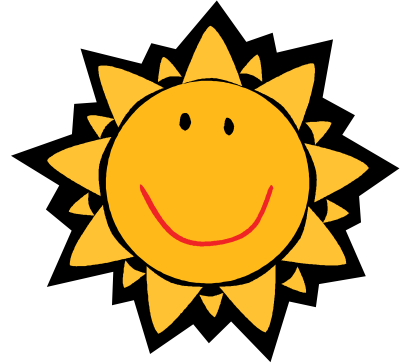


Spring Break

By: Rence Davis

Our spring break or Easter break began on Thursday afternoon, April 17, and ended on Sunday, April 27. I went around the school asking some third and fourth graders what they did over spring break. Luke MacDonald in third grade said he went to his lake house in North Carolina with his family.

Sara S.iegmund, a fourth grader, went to her cousin's house in Connecticut. Breana Alcantara, a third grader, said she relaxed and watched T.V. over spring break. And Hailey McBride, also a third grader, said she played with friends. I hope all the students had great fun!



The Big “?”

By: Kerry Ervin & Claire Bowler

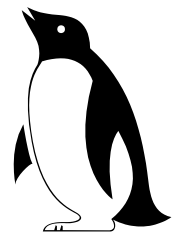
We asked 5th-8th grade students **The Big Question:**

If you could meet anyone, who would it be and why?

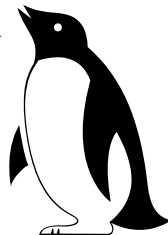
Emily Alessandrini,
7th Grade: *“I would like to meet Theo James because he is adorable.”*



Camper Marsh, 5th
Grade: *“Edward Norton - so I could turn into the Hulk.”*



Liza Ervin, 8th Grade:
“Justin Bieber - because I have always wanted to meet him.”



Faith Lafferty, 6th Grade:
“Daniel Radcliffe - because then I could have a ‘magic wand’.”





Summer Fun

Word Search



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SUMMER
BEACH
POOL
GARDEN
HOT
SUN
BASEBALL
PICNIC
VACATION
WATERMELON
CAMPING

The Elemental Adventures of Maddie Mercury

Into the Darkness
part 3

By: Jayden
Overton-
O'Hara

As it turns out, Nathan was really good at navigating. It had been an hour since they started walking. Nathan was about two yards ahead of the rest of them when he told them to stop.

"What is it? What's wrong?" Callem asked.

"It's quicksand," Nathan replied. Maddie could see Nathan sinking faster and faster. They tried to pull him out using sticks and vines, but it didn't work. By then Nathan was starting to say his goodbyes. "Thanks mom for always making me pancakes, thanks sis for always telling the truth no matter how much it—."

"Nathan, I promise we're going to get you out!" Maddie said. Nathan, who was now up to his chest in quicksand, looked up at Maddie

"But how?" he said. The idea came to Maddie in a blink of an eye.

"That's it!" she shouted. "Callem can use his powers to make something we can use!" The four of them turned to Callem as he worked. When he was done, a large copper rod with an open circle on each end lay in front of him. Nathan grabbed one end while the other four grabbed the opposite end. They finally managed to get Nathan out and continue on their journey.

By the end of the day they reached the fort. They had snuck past the guards and found a map on where Hailey's squad was. Maddie's plan was brilliant. Nathan was to create a distraction by liquefying the nitrogen in the air, creating a smoke screen.

Once they got to the room, Callem and Callie held off the guards. Maddie couldn't believe her eyes. Four kids were shackled to the wall covered in mud. A kid with shaggy black hair lay in the corner. Two boys, one with dirty blonde hair one with long brown hair, were slumped against the wall. A girl with black hair sat with her arms crossed. The girl looked at Maddie

"I'm here to help," Maddie said. Zulfy used the keys she found to unlock the shackles.

"I'm Nicki Neon," the girl said as she walked over to the boy with black hair. The blonde haired one was Zach Zirconium, and the one with brown hair was Brandon Bismuth.

Maddie asked, "Is he okay?" as she pointed to the boy with black hair. Zulfy walked over to him and flipped him on his back.

"That's Kyle, but we call him Ky," Nicki said.

Zulfy said it was probably a concussion. Zach was carrying Ky on his back while they all ran down the hall. They were almost out when three guards showed up.

"The Prisoners have escaped! Get them!" one guard shouted. Maddie stopped in her tracks. Then Nicki, Brandon, and Zach stepped in front of the group.

"We'll handle this one, Maddie," Nicki said. The guards ran towards them and Nicki made her move. A soft glow came from her hands as she created a Neon rope. As she whipped it forward, a luminescent glow filled the room.

Zach said he could take the two guards on the left. As soon as he finished his sentence, a thick metal rod appeared in his hand. The guards walked toward Zach just as he swung his rod around.

Continued...

With Nicki busy with one guard, and Zach finishing up the other two, Brandon took on the next. He closed his eyes and concentrated. When he opened his eyes, shards of multi-colored crystals rose from the ground. At first, Maddie didn't realize how that was useful. But as soon as she saw the guard's foot come down on the shards, she knew it was a brilliant plan. The guard screamed as he fell over. Brandon then shattered the crystals, creating what looked like rainbow snowflakes.

"Retreat! We need more men! Get Dr. Tetricon!" the guards yelled as they ran down the hall.

"We better get going," said Zach. Zach threw Ky over his shoulders and the group ran out of the fort, through the jungle, and to the meeting spot where Principle Marco would pick them up.

"So, if you guys are so strong, how come they could capture you so easily?" Callem asked.

Nicki turned around and said, "They shot us with a tranquilizer that suppresses our powers. That's why we were sent to check out their fort."

Once they got to the meeting spot, the jet came to pick them up. Ky was starting to look worse and worse. The nurses came in, put Ky on the stretcher, and took out the first aid kit. The nurses told the group that Ky had a concussion. He would have to remain at the school hospital for a few days. Maddie noticed Zach seemed pretty worried about Ky.

"I'm sure he'll be fine," Maddie said as she sat down next to him.

Zach turned to look at her and said, "I know. It's just...he's my best friend." Then the jet jolted.

"Um, guys I think you need to see this," Nathan said as he looked out the jet window. Maddie got up and went to look out the window. Maddie couldn't believe her eyes, she was beyond words.

What's going to happen next on Maddie Mercury? Want to find out? Then read Maddie's all new adventure *Maddie Mercury: The New Kid!?!? Stay tuned!*

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You will certainly be missed!



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