Welcome to the second edition of the 5th grade newspaper. With March on the horizon we have many exciting things happening. Thank you to all the 5th graders, teachers and staff who make this possible.

**WHO WILL WIN PENNY WARS?**

**WHAT IS PENNY WARS? READ ON TO FIND OUT...**

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About The Montclair Art Museum

At the Montclair Art Museum a new exhibit came out on February 9, 2024 - July 7, 2024. It will feature the celebration of Montclair Art Museum's collection of black artists’ art from all over the country!
**Riddles**

Q: If you drop a yellow hat in the Red Sea, what does it become?
   A: Wet.

Q: I’m always on the dinner table, but you don’t get to eat me. What am I?
   A: Plates and silverware.

Q: What goes in a birdbath but never gets wet?
   A: The bird's shadow.

Q: What two things can you never eat for breakfast?
   A: Lunch and dinner.

Q: If you drop me, I’m sure to crack, but smile at me and I’ll smile back. What am I?
   A: A mirror.

**Bring a Reusable Water Bottle to School...Here’s Why**

Did you ever think about bringing a reusable water bottle? Here's reasons why you should! First, plastic bottles that aren’t recycled properly could end up in the ocean and harm its ecosystem and plastic bottles or non-reusable water bottles have dangerous chemicals in them that you inhale when you use them. At least 14 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year. Second, reusable water bottles can save you money from just buying a new plastic water bottle when you finish drinking it. Third, water bottles make stylish accessories. This is why you should bring a reusable water bottle to school.

**Teacher Interview - Ms. von Wiegen**

Q: Have you always wanted to be a teacher?
   A: No, I wanted to be a lawyer.

Q: Who is your teacher bestie?
   A: Ms. Ali and Ms. McCann

Q: Have you ever wanted to do something different with science or social studies?
   A: Yes, I wanted to make them both as interactive as possible.

Q: Do you like IXL?
   A: Yes and No

Q: What college did you go to?
   A: 2 colleges St. John Fisher and Buffalo State

Q: Have you ever had a favorite class in the past?
   A: Yes, I miss teaching my highschool students.

Q: If you could go back to one year of school, what would it be and why?
   A: Senior year of high school. My team won the soccer state championship.

Q: How long have you been teaching at NE?
   A: It is my 5th year at NE.

Q: For future 5th Graders, what is one thing you want them to know about you, so they can get an idea of who you are?
   A: Her classes will be fun but you’ll also learn a lot.

Q: Would you rather have Lionel Richie say “Hello” to you or Adele?
   A: Adele

**Penny Wars**

Penny Wars are coming up, and fifth-graders are getting excited! Penny Wars is a fundraiser for the PTA that pays for field trips, and activities, like the 5th grade yearbook and end of year trips and film on the field. It’s where the fifth-graders are bringing in pennies, silver coins and dollars. They try to get points in their class jar, and take points out of other classes’ jars. Pennies increase the points in their class jar. Silver coins decrease points in other class jars. One dollar bills decrease 100 points in other classes’ jars. If you put a twenty dollar bill in another class jar, it decreases two thousand points! Wow, that is a lot if you ask me. A quarter decreases twenty five points. And a dime decreases ten, and you know a nickel decreases five! You want the most points in your own class jar. Mrs. Ali’s class has won for about five years now in a row! Hopefully not a sixth! So fifth-graders, I suppose you gather your pennies and dollars bills, because you want to win a prize!
March Mammal Madness is another fun activity for fifth-graders. It’s basically basketball, but with no ball, with animals, and they kind of fight. Whoever guesses the right winner, gets a point. Whoever gets the most points gets a prize! There are a bunch of rounds. The first round is a wildcard. And it’s the start of each round. They pick two random animals and they battle. Some animals might forfeit and get scared. There are four categories of animals. The first category is.... Epic Animals! So every rare/epic animal is in that category. The next category is.... Rainbow Collection! So every rainbow/multiple colored animals are in that category. The next category is..... Connoisseur Critters! So every small animal/critter is in that category. The last and final category is...... Take A Bow! I really don’t know what animals are in that category, but I think they are big animals. Check the 5th grade hallway for updates on March Mammal Madness!

Hello my name is Abe and I am going to tell you about the hockey team the New Jersey Devils (who a lot of kids including me and my brother LOVE). Some of the best players include:

Jack Hughes, captain
Nico Hischier, a Swiss national player and was named rookie of the year his rookie season.
Vitek Vanecek, goalie

Their next game is tomorrow, Saturday 2/24 at 2pm against the Montreal Canadiens

Leagues Around the World

First, Liverpool is on top of the Premier League. You know what I have to say about that. Also, Inter Milan is in the top of the table in the Serie A. Next, Real Madrid is currently on top of Laliga by 6 points. Some big teams are out of the champions league are Manchester United, Sevilla, Benfica, and AC Milan. Shahan reminded me that Jurgen Klopp, Liverpool's manager, is leaving at the end of the season. Right now Bayern Leverkusen are on track to win the Bunglesleugia so Harry Kane never wins a trophy. I think he’s cursed. The MLS season just started with Inter Miami winning 2-0 over Real Salt Lake with goals from Robert Tayloro and Diego Gomes, being assisted by Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez. Legendary. Next, in League One (the French one, not the 3rd english division.) PSG are on track to win it again.

Transfer News

With Mbappe basically already a Real Madrid Player because of pre-contract negotiations. So this is probably his last season at PSG. A pre-contract negotiation is when a player has 6 or less months on their contract and they agree with another team to go to that team and they don’t cost anything besides for their normally huge wages.

International Competition

This summer we have both the Euros, and the Copa America. The Euros is what it sounds like, a competition of the qualifying teams from Europe. The Copa America is a competition of the qualifying North, South, and Central American countries. The groups for the Euros are, Group A: Germany, Scotland, Hungary, and Switzerland. Group B: Spain, Croatia, Italy, and Albania. Group C: Slovenia, Denmark, Serbia, and England. Group D: Netherlands, Austria, and France. Group E: Belgium, Slovakia, and Romania. Group F: Turkey, Portugal, and Czechia. The Copa America Groups are, Group A: Argentina, Peru, and Chile. Group B: Mexico, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Jamaica. Group C: USA, Uruguay, Panama, and Bolivia. Group D: Brazil, Colombia, and Paraguay.

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