

The Blochman Inquirer

"I think it would be fun to run a newspaper..." C.F. Kane

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Current Events



Column by Fernanda Gonzalez

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This year is a new Blochman school year! We have a few current events and field trips.

This month we are doing the Christmas Program! The theme is "Winter Wonderland." Kinder through eighth classes chose separately to do a skit, a song, or a dance. The dances included a Christmas themed song. During this program, eighth grade sold cookies

and cocoa, to help raise money for their Catalina trip. Also, the Santa Store was open for business and was a huge success! At the Santa Store, they had a lot of great gifts for family, friends, pets, and even teachers. We are happy to have the Santa Store at our school. We are glad because other stores can be expensive, but we have great things that are priced anywhere between

\$1 to \$10. Also we are going to be doing a lot of projects and school fundraisers. We are even going to be painting the black top and doing spirit week. We are really glad to be doing this for our school.

The Christmas Program was a huge hit, and all the classes had a fun time with their skits, songs, and dances!

Leadership & ASB News

Column by Madilynn Moffett and Dalli Oliver

This trimester in leadership, the Bobcats are looking forward to many new projects! One of the first will be painting our black-top. We are going to repaint the four-square courts on the black-top, paint the six-square court on the octagon, paint the hopscotch, and paint student numbers for the PE classes. We will be painting the student numbers for our PE teacher, and for the students, which will help the PE teacher to have the students in number order and organized. We will also be adding a new four-square court.

We are also wanting to add some new equipment for recess and PE. We are wanting to get two tetherball courts and a gaga ball pit. A gaga ball pit is a game

similar to dodgeball played in a hexagon shaped pit.

Leadership is also wanting to have a middle-school Spring Dance. It would most likely be in March right after school, from 3-5pm. It would be for grades 6th-8th. We are wanting to do this because we have not done this for our middle-school classes in a long time, and we would like to do this for them.

Finally we are wanting to to a Spirit Week. We would have the ASB hide paws around the campus which would have a number written on the back of the paw. They would take it to the ASB teacher and then at the end of the week, whoever has the most points at the end of the week would have a party. We would also have a Pep Rally at the end of the week.



Photo by McKenzie O'Nan

Featured Teachers

Column by Fernanda Gonzalez and Makayla Courtright



Ms. Myers became a teacher because she likes to work with kids and it is fun and rewarding teachin. Some of her hobbies include music, dancing, and reading. She loves reading aloud to the little kids. She became a kindergarten teacher because she has worked with them before. She has worked at four other schools beside this one. The reason she picked Blochman school is because it is a nice school and she liked the country and the area. She had become a librarian because she had volunteered and then she got the job here. Then the job for the kindergarten teacher opened up when Mrs. Fergus left, and Ms. Myers was able to start right away!

We also interviewed Mrs. Hays! We wanted to learn more about her that is why we chose to interview her. We asked her what her favorite food was and she said fish tacos. Her favorite color is blue green. She likes to learn about landscape designs. When she teaches her students, her favorite thing to teach is math. Her favorite thing about school is that she is able to teach social studies. Her favorite animal that she has ever had was a fish. She likes to draw and do art.

Photos by Annie Harris and Serenity Brazell



Sports

Column by Gavin Gordillo and Tanner Anderson

Blochman school has one sport, and it is basketball. It is a boys' and girls' sport, and they can both play on their own teams. The girls are trying to make money because they need new jerseys, and they might get jackets. The boys' team would also like to get jackets, so they need money for that, too. We are also hoping to get more sports involved, like soccer, track, etc. The coach for the girls' basketball team is named Coach Beal, and the coach for the boys' basketball team is named Coach Gordillo.

In boys' basketball, you have to be in 6th through 8th grade to play on the boys team, but the girl's basketball team is for 5th through 8th grade. The girls' basketball practices are on Tuesday and Thursday. The boys have basketball practices Tuesday and Thursday, too. Neither team has had an official game yet, but overall, the Blochman Bobcats are hoping to have a great year in basketball!

Star of the Month

Interviews by
Fernanda Gonzalez
and
Makayla Courtright

Alexis Gonzalez

For the K-3 grade Star of the Month, we chose Alexis Gonzalez from the first grade. She was born on November 9, 2011. She is 7 years old, and this is her second year here at Blochman. Her favorite food is pasta. Her top two favorite colors are turquoise and red. Her favorite place to go after school is the park. How fun is that! She also really likes to be athletic and play soccer. Her favorite drink is lemonade, and also really likes any chocolate candy. Her favorite restaurant is Hometown Buffet. She does prefer long hair rather than short.



Photos by Fernanda Gonzalez, Bailie Simas, and Makayla Courtright

Gavin Gordillo

For the 3-5 grade star of the month is Gavin Gordillo. He is 10 years old, and born on April 14, 2008. This is his sixth year at Blochman. His favorite food is cheeburgers, and favorite color is green. His favorite book series is the Harry Potter book series. His favorite candy is Milky Way. His favorite subject in school is language arts, and

loves to be serious, and mess around at the same time while playing basketball. His favorite ice cream flavor is mint and chip.

Trinity Fuller

For the 6-8 grade star of the month is Trinity Fuller. She is 13 years old, and was born on March 18, 2005. This is her 4th year here at Blochman. Her favorite food is chicken alfredo, and her favorite drink is Sprite. Her two favorite colors are tur-

quoise and light pink. She enjoys doing soccer the most. At school, she loves to learn about history. Her favorite candy is 100 Grand Bar, and she loves to watch the movie *The Greatest Showman*, and she also likes to listen to the music. She also loves to go to RoadHouse with her family because she loves the steak there. Also with her family, she likes to go to Disneyland. Her favorite book to read is *Calder Game*, and she loves to wear any type of Vans shoes.

Teacher's Assistant Interviews

Meet some of the Teacher's Assistants who help our teachers and staff in the classroom!
Interviews by Fernanda Gonzalez and Makayla Courtright, Pictures by Fernanda Gonzalez, Makayla Courtright, and Bailie Simas



Madilynn Moffett

One of the teacher's assistants we have during electives is Madilynn Moffett.

She is 11 years and was born on December 16 2006, and is in the 6th grade. She TAs for the journalism elective. She has one brother named Zack who is in the 5th grade, and another brother named Mason who is in the 1st grade.

She likes to TA because she likes to help teachers. Her two favorite

colors are purple and blue, and her favorite food is a Taco Ring, which is a taco casserole made with dough.

Her favorite candy is Twix. Also her favorite drink is Sprite. Finally, her favorite movie is *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and her favorite subject in school is math. After school, she loves to read and enjoys spending time outside being athletic while playing soccer.



Karen Olvera

Another TA we have is Karen Olvera in the 8th Grade. She is 13 years old, and she TAs for first Grade. She was born on May 18, 2005.

She likes to TA for 1st grade because they are cute and likes to be a role model for them. Her two favorite colors are yellow and white and she has a little sister named Ruby who is in the kindergarten. Her favorite movie is the last of

the Fast of the Furious 8, and her favorite song is Miss Independent. Her favorite place to go to is Starbucks and likes to get the Mango Dragon Fruit.

Her favorite drink is water, and she also likes to be on her phone after school. Her favorite sport is basketball, and she even plays for the Blochman girl's basketball team!



Anelsie Gonzalez

Another TA we would like to tell you about is Anelsie Gonzalez. She is 11 years old, and was born on April 22, 2007. She is in the 6th grade, and TAs for Art. Art is in the 1st period of electives, and is taught by Mrs. Kraus. She enjoys doing this because she likes to help others. She has 2 sisters and 3 cousins that go here too. She has a sister named Alexis in 1st grade, and Fernanda, who is in 5th grade. She also has a cousin named Yaretzie in the 1st grade, and a cousin

named Kruz in the 3rd Grade, and Mya in the 7th grade. Her favorite movie is *A Dog's Purpose*, and her two favorite colors are teal and blue. Her favorite songs is *I was Jack (You were Diane)* by Jake Owen, and her favorite celebrity is Sofia Wylie because of her dancing.



Levi Ybarra

For the fourth TA, we chose to tell you about is Levi Ybarra. He is 13 years old, and is in the 8th grade. He was born on May 23, 2005. He is a Teacher's Assistant for Kindergarten. He likes to TA because he likes little kids. This is his first year here. He enjoys football, and his favorite football team is the Raiders. His favorite song is Bad by XXXTentacion, and his favorite movie is Moana. He loves to drink strawberry lemonade. His favorite subject in school

is science, and his favorite food is pizza. His favorite holiday is Christmas. He likes to play Fortnite after school. He enjoys Skittles and likes to wear Vans.

Travel

An Awesome Adventure!

Column by
Baillie Simas

I would want to go to SeaWorld because I love animals. If I go there one day, I want to see the dolphins. Even though I would want to see a dolphin, I would like to see the other animals, too. Another reason you should go to SeaWorld is because it has a new water park. It was founded March 15, 1959. It is located in San Diego. There are 25,000+ animals there. A group named PETA that thinks we're abusing animals have let out 3,017 animals at SeaWorld. Some of the animals at SeaWorld include beluga whales, killer whales, dolphins, walruses,



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penguins, sea lions, sharks, otters, turtles, and a lot more. George Millay, Ken Norris, Milt Shedd, and David DeMott made SeaWorld. They made it because they wanted to make somewhere that family can hangout and have family time together. They built it because they wanted people to learn to protect animals and explore the wonders of animals without having to go to the wild.

Questions of the Month

Column by Baillie Simas and Fernanda Gonzalez

What's your favorite color?

Jaycee Chavez (2nd): Purple
Cassidy Colli (5th): Black
Isaiah Sanchez (7th): Red

What's your favorite sport?

Jaycee Chavez (2nd): Soccer
Cassidy Colli (5th): Soccer
Isaiah Sanchez (7th): Basketball

What's your favorite ice cream?

Jaycee Chavez (2nd): Cookies and Cream
Cassidy Colli (5th): Chocolate
Isaiah Sanchez (7th): Chocolate

Tech Corner

Article by Guest Columnist Odin Nichols

For this installment of Tech Corner, we will be discussing the new installation of the network server, which, with no problems, will go live over Christmas break. The server should give us faster internet, access to more local files, and will just be a cool addition!

Along with the installment of the new server, we have new surveillance cameras on our campus. So, remember, if you're goofing off in the hallway, don't be surprised when the PA says "Please report to the office!" The surveillance cameras were installed by Advanced Wireless, a local security camera provider.

Also, there is something new in Mr. Wells' classroom. We talked about it in the last issue... That's right! Mr. Wells purchased a 3D printer of his own, and is now up and running in the classroom! It is a Mod-T New Matter printer, which is made, as in the name, by New Matter, which sadly closed in February. The Mod-T is different from most conventional printers

because the platform moves instead of the extruder! It rolls on a gear set, which means that you can "roll" out prints really easy!

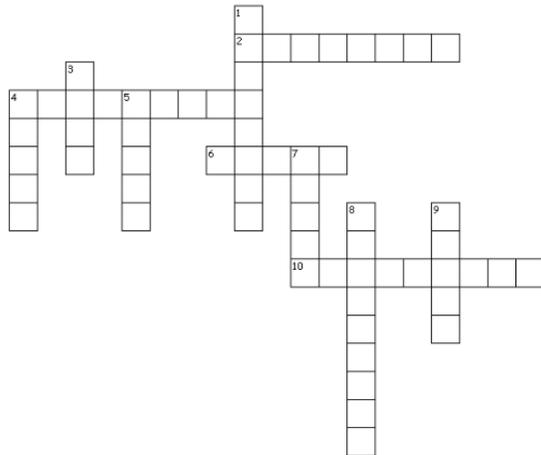
Well, that's all the technology news we have for this month. Can't wait to see you in the next edition of Tech Corner!!!!



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Crossword

Crossword by Bailie Simas and Makayla Courtright



Across

- 4. These festive decorations hang from your house
- 8. You have to wrap these before handing them out
- 9. He gives you plenty of presents
- 11. They are the "jingle" of Santa's sleigh
- 12. They help Santa make and wrap all of the presents

Down

- 1. Hung over the fireplace
- 2. Red and white, and tastes delicious!
- 3. They pull Santa's sleigh
- 5. You can drink it with marshmallows
- 6. Decoration for the top of a Christmas tree
- 7. Winter "rain"
- 10. Presents go under it

Word Search

Makayla Courtright and Bailie Simas

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CHRISTMAS
 CHRISTMAS MIRACLE
 CHRISTMAS TREE
 FIREPLACE
 HOTCOCOA
 MARSHMALLOWS
 MISTLETOE

NORTHPOLE
 SANTA'S ELVES
 SNOWFLAKE
 SNOWMAN
 STARRY NIGHT
 STOCKINGS
 WINTER WONDERLAND

Word Jumble

Jumble created by:
 Bailie Simas and Makayla Courtright

RAISMHCETS
 LEF
 NATSA
 REET
 NOTRH LEOP
 RPSESNET
 SSCIGKOTN
 GAELN

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Jokes

Jokes by Lisa Casares and Tanner Anderson

What does Jack Frost like best about school?
 What?
 Snow and tell!

What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?
 What?
 Chill out!

Sudoku

Sudoku is played on a grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within the rows and columns are 9 "squares" (made up of 3 x 3 spaces). Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers.

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	3							
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	2				5			
	8	4						
6			1				8	5
							2	4

(Answers on p. 7)

Riddles

Gavin Gordillo, Makayla Courtright, and Bailie Simas

What eight letter word can have a letter taken away and still make a word? Take another letter away, still making a word. Keep on removing one letter at a time until one letter is left. What is the word?

David's father had three sons : Snap, Crackle, and _____. What is the last kid's name?

What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs?

What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

Can you name the three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

What room do ghosts avoid?

Answers:

The living room

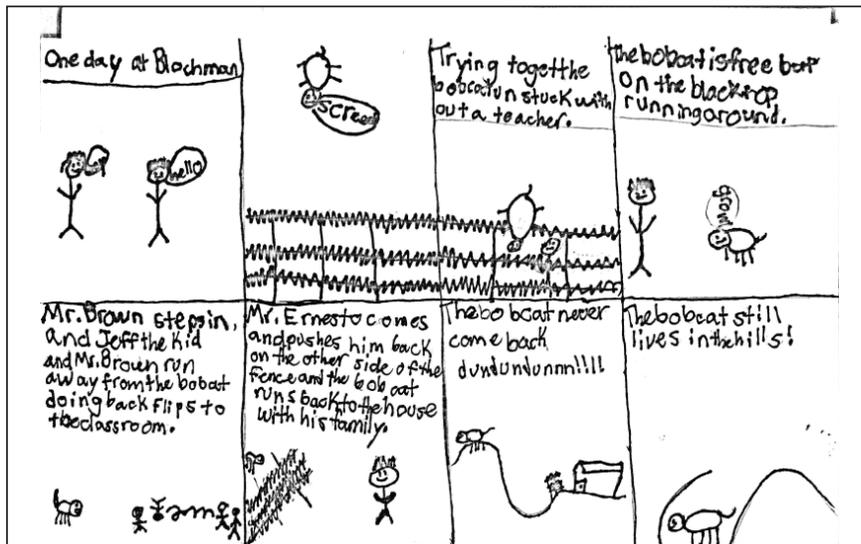
David

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow

The letter M

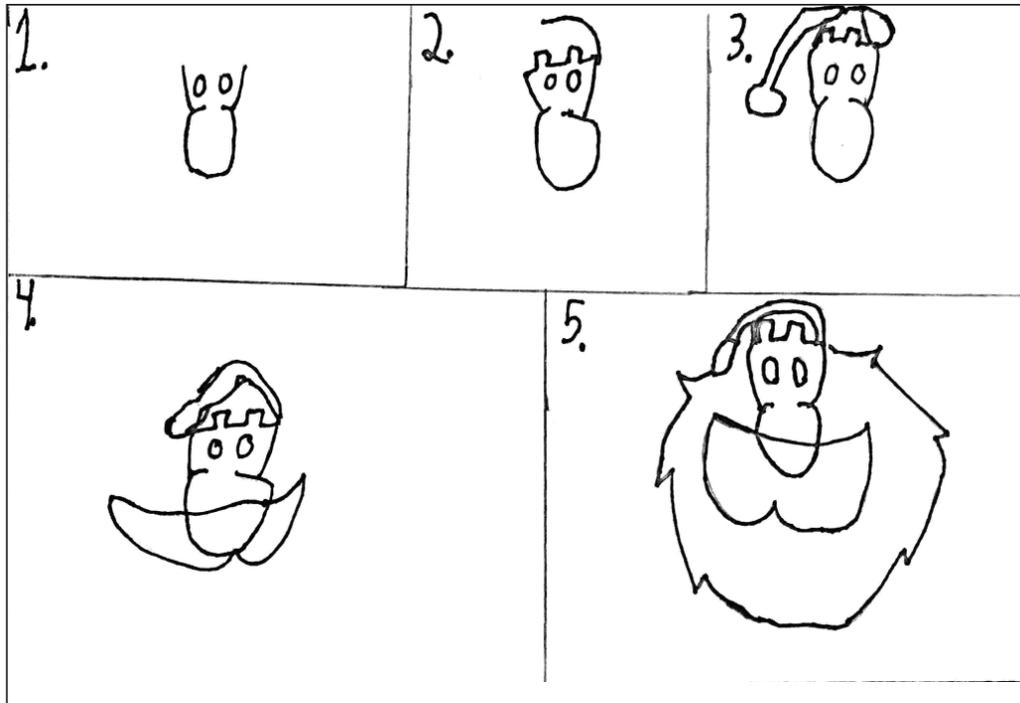
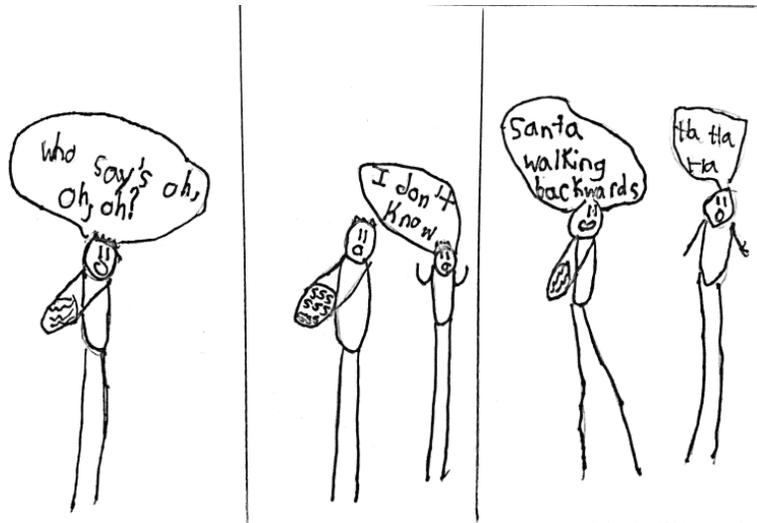
A penny

The word is starting! Starting, starting, string, sting, sing, in, I



Comic Drawn by
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Drawing Instructions by Tanner Anderson and Gavin Gordillo

The History of St. Nicholas

Article by Alexis Guzman

You may see Santa as a person who just drops off gifts through your chimney in the night when your asleep, but really its a whole different story. Santa Claus wasn't always seen as your big friend in a jolly red suit. His real name is Saint Nicholas. He was born hundreds of years ago. Some say he could have been born around 280 A.D. in Patara, Turkey. Many admire him since he was a very kind man. Saint Nicholas was a man some people believed to be a legend or myth.

Many said that Saint Nicholas would give his wealth or money to the poor or to the sick. One of Saint Nicholas' great stories was that he had saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery, by giving their father the money for a dowry so they could be married. Over time Santa Claus became very popular and was known to be the protector of children and sailors. His feast is celebrated on December 6, which is considered the anniversary of his death. December 6 would be considered a lucky day to make large purchases or to get married. By the Renaissance, Saint Nicholas was known as the greatest saint in all of Europe.

So everyone knows that Santa has reindeer and elves. Why? Well, of course he needs helpers too! How else do you think he gets to everyone's



The Historical St. Nicholas
chimney on time with presents already wrapped? Santa Claus has 9 reindeer in total. The ninth reindeer is the most known reindeer - Rudolph! Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer! Santa Claus has about 85,851 elves. That is a lot of elves, but there are a lot of people in the world, so it makes sense. Something really cool is that Santa Claus gets to travel all around the world. He visits about 75,000,000 houses in one night! Those reindeer must be really energetic and fast if the can travel all around the world in one night!

Many wonder where Santa Claus lives right at this moment. Many say that Santa Claus lives at the North Pole. The North Pole is located in the Northern Hemisphere. Its a possibility that he can live there. He might, but he might not. All we know is that Santa Claus travels around the world to make other people happy, which is amazing! Some have their opinions about Santa Claus, but to me, he is a miracle!

Well, this is Santa Claus, ladies and gentlemen - a big man in a jolly red suit, but also so much more!

Featured High School and College

Famous High School and Colleges from Around the United States!

Article by Fernanda Gonzalez

Featured High School - Righetti

Righetti High School is a really good school. Can you believe that the entire campus is 37 acres, and has almost 65 classrooms! Also through the south central side of the campus, the three classroom blocks are arranged in a line from west to east, and rooms that surround grassy courtyards. The Warrior Gym, which is the amphitheater-style Greek theater, the quad, the Center and the Cafeteria all lie in a north - south arrangement roughly shaped to the three main classroom blocks. Staff and student parking surround the west and south sides of the campus. At Righetti High School, for sports they have Girls Basketball, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Boys soccer, Boys Basketball, and Girls soccer, and many more! Righetti High School is a blast!! It even has great events like when they go to the library and read to the people there and help provide for the school with field trips and help with fundraisers.

Righetti is an amazing high school!

Featured College - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Our best college is Cal Poly!!!! Cal Poly has the best ranked students in their public university. Cal Poly is located in San Luis Obispo, California. It is on the sunny central coast of California. Cal Poly is the best school because the students that attend each year learn a lot. Cal Poly is also known for the best academic experience, and has the best athletes. At Cal Poly, most classes are taught in small classrooms (portables) by professors. The Cal Poly team names are the Mustangs. The sports for women at Cal Poly are basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track and field, and lastly volleyball. The sports at Cal Poly for men is baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming/diving, tennis, track and field, and finally wrestling. Some famous people who have been to Cal Poly are Celina Oseguera, John Madden, "Weird Al" Yankovic, Burt Rutan, Aaron Peckham, Jeff Denham. These people experienced this fun journey!

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What's Up in Cinco Campanas 4-H

Column by Dalli Oliver

Last month, Cinco Campanas picked a winner for the costume contest. Congratulations to Layne Thomas who dressed up as a little deer! The officers are Owen Hammell, Emma Cosma, Chad Arkinson, Athen Maldonado, Sarah Childers, Bella Cosma, Bella, Mia, Joseph, Austin and Adrian Jimenez. Owen is Treasurer, and he says the treasurer keeps track of the money and figures out how much the club makes and how much we spend, and he keeps track of the balance. Adrian is Mall Officer and says that he tells the price of the new "Cinco Swag," and sells to people who are interested in buying shirts, hats, jackets and Greens for the Fair. So if you need a good salesman, you can talk to Adrian!

Cole Ramirez says that raising a heifer is hard, but you learn a lot of responsibilities, like keeping track of your money, as well as brushing and feeding them. Our final meeting for 2018 was on December 12, 2018, and we had a potluck, with dessert and cornbread. Each plate was \$5 dollars and 25 cents for dessert, if you bought extra. Glad to see all the people who showed up to the fun event - have a great rest of 2018!



Redactions

- p. 1 - "which will be" should have simply been, "will be"
- p. 2 - missed quotation marks on "How do you like teaching so far?"; also - "What is your favorite thing about teaching Kindergarten?"
- p. 3 - "A Lot" should have been "A lot"
- p. 6 - "teachers" should have been "teaches"
- p. 6 - in the photography section - "are" should have been "is"
- p. 6 - missed comma in the "Teacher's Assistants" column

Student of the Month and Trimester Assembly Award Recipients

Article by Fernanda Gonzalez, and notes taken by Makayla Courtright

Merry Christmas, Blochman Bobcats! Every year here we do about 9 assemblies. We do approximately 6 different categories of awards for each class. One of the award is the Triple A award. Triple A is an award K - 3rd grades have to earn. They have to get at least 4 or more 4s on their report card. Another award we can earn at this school is the Merit Roll award for the grades 4-8. To get the Merit Roll award you have to get a 3.0 as your GPA. Also, there is an award called the Honor Roll award for the grades 4-8. To get this award you have to get a 3.5-3.9 on your report card. Another award we do that involves grades is the Principal's Honor Roll, again for the grades 4 - 8. To get this highest ranked award, you have to a 4.0, or straight A's on your report card. Those were all of the awards that involve grades, but we do other awards too.

We do a Student of the Month award. So basically, what that award is, is that the teachers pick one student in their class to receive the award. That student has to be one of a kind. They have to follow rules, do their best, listen or pay attention during class, and lastly they have to be respectful to not only the teacher, but to anyone in the school.

For the last award we do the Character Trait award. To get this award, you have to act correctly around others. Also ,you have to be like the trait. This month's character trait was integrity.

The word integrity means being truthful to others, being fair, and trustworthy.

In Kindergarten, the student who got the integrity award was Cassidy Childers.

The student who got the integrity award in the first grade was Braden Allen.

The student who got the integrity award in the second grade was Andrew Apple.

The student who got the integrity award in the third grade was Jacob Castillo.

The student who got the integrity award in the fourth grade was Cole Ramirez.

The student who got the integrity award in the fifth grade was Jade Oliver.

Also, every month, we do a school wide character trait award, and the person who got that award this month was in the fourth grade and it was Kreece Smith.

At right: Students take part in the yearly Christmas Program.

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(Sudoku Solution from p. 4)



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