



Grattan Growls

Newsletter

April 2009



The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet

On Monday, March 23, Mrs. Nordhof's 5th/6th Grade class traveled to the Montcalm Community College Barn Theatre to watch the play, *The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet*.

"they had many good ideas, like using Easter eggs as walnuts."

Tyler Anderson

"my favorite part was when Romeo was choking on a fake Evil Cracker and then spit the cracker all over Juliet."

Rally Bennett

"I loved the part where the Monk choked Romeo."

Josh Blackgrove

"My favorite part was when they were dancing to a funny song."

Nicole Conover

"Juliet ate nuts that made her look like she was dead. There was a funeral, then someone yelled "snacks in the lobby, and they all ran to get snacks. Romeo's hair was in an afro and it was his real hair!"

Paige Clouse

"The people's hair and wigs were cool and funny. I couldn't believe Romeos' hair was real because of how poofy it was."

Caleb Dassinger

"The Actors and Actresses of the play put a little bit of Dr. Seuss's style into the book of Romeo & Juliet and made it more interesting and funnier."

Makayla Dentis

"They had a balcony and the King was up there making peace signs at us. At the end, they went into a machine and changed really fast into purple."

Erin Dohm

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"I liked their costumes because they were very creative and colorful."

Brennan Hoag

"Juliet's parents tried to make her marry a man named Paris. The Monk gave her 'fake dead' peanuts and told her he would tell Romeo through e-mail, but Romeos' computer was not working."

Andrew Kleck

"My favorite part was when Juliet was playing dead and Romeo choked and spit the cracker on her."

Elise Kreiner

"I saw a Prince playing a fake guitar from Guitar Hero. The cast painted on fake eyebrows that made theirs bigger."

Austin Kuiper

"Juliet fakes her own death. Romeo, failing to get the e-mail, eats the Death Cracker, but the narrator replaced it with a saltine cracker, so he doesn't die. I had the best time ever"

Caitlin Packard

"The play was hilarious! At the end, they danced to a song from 'Slum Dog Millionaire'. Juliet and some other girls had a cup on their head and covered it up with their hair."

Gina Ricards

"Romeo had a blue and green outfit and a necklace with a green circle attached to it. Juliet had a purple and another color outfit and a necklace with a purple X attached to it."

Sarah Rittersdorf

"My favorite characters were the Gangster Monk and Romeo. I saw a lot of funny things, wacky hair and funny costumes."

Gabby Sheppard

"The thing I liked about the play was the Monk, because he acted weird. Everybody had a very fun time."

Valerie Tyler

"Juliet's mother wants her to marry a guy she doesn't want to. Romeo is a guy who does nothing. I'm very happy I went on the field trip."

Aaliyah Wease

"The MCL Drama Class put together a play about a young man falling deep in love with a Princess."

Donovan Wheaton

Missing!

Help Grizzly Bear Ben find his lost claw and receive a Green-back from your teacher.



American Red Cross

On Wednesday, April 1, the Grattan Middle/High School hosted an American Red Cross blood drive. They collected 32 pints!

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"I liked the outfit of Juliet's mother. She took different fabrics and put them together to make her outfit. It's sometimes hard to make people laugh in our class, those people laughed the hardest"

Leanna Willingham

Parenting Grandparents

A support group for Grandparents who are parenting is being offered, through the Ionia ISD, the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

(Look for a note to be sent home.)



Campbell's Labels & Box Tops

Please send in all the Campbell's Labels and Box Tops you can get! This is a great way to get new items for our school! The class that collects the most will get an ice cream party at the end of the year.

March Birthdays

Grace Vanderwiel	April 5
Mrs. Antles	April 13
Mrs. Campbell	April 13
Sarah Rittersdorf	April 13
Madison Cox	April 16
Hunter Hewitt	April 16
Jordan Krause	April 16
Cassandra Kleck	April 17
Brennan Hoag	April 30

Reminders

Ric's Food Center - Certificates

When you use Ric's Certificates, Grattan Academy earns 4% of your purchase. Ric's Certificates are worth face value (\$20 = \$20) and can be purchased from Mrs. Schoff in the office.

POWER OF ONE Cooperation

POWER OF ONE recipients for February's character trait, COOPERATION, were Tyler Anderson, Matthew Summerfield, Hunter Hewitt, and Brady Burns.

POWER OF ONE Integrity

POWER OF ONE recipients for March's character trait, INTEGRITY, were Gina Ricards, Alexandria Vaughn, Jordan Krause, and Hallie Greenop.



RELAY FOR LIFE HELP NEEDED!

Could you organize Grattan's sponsorship of Relay For Life, to be held at the Greenville High School track June 12-13? If so, please contact Mrs. Schoff in the school office at 691-8999.



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* Internet Safety Field Trip *

Thursday, May 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

The Attorney General has invited all public school students, grades K - 8 to participate in the Michigan CSI (Cyber Safety Initiative), an Internet safety education program. This field trip is for parents and kids. For more information, google:

*Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative
(look for note from office to come home)*



Ms. Nancy

Ms. Nancy Jankowski has contributed her Paraprofessional skills to Grattan Academy Elementary for 11 years. She loves her job.

She lives in Rockford with a dog named Kesha and two cats, named Pumpkin and Misty.

Her middle name is Ann. She was born on July 31st.

She has five children; Michelle, Kimberly, Jennifer, Joey and Timmy. Her seven grandchildren are Lauren, Nicholas, Alison, Drew, Dawson, Zoey, and Delaney.

She does not like to cook and prefers to go out to eat. Her favorite restaurant is Olive Garden, favorite season spring, favorite music Country, favorite animal horse, favorite movie 'Twilight', favorite TV 'Dancing with the Stars', the news & 911. Her favorite shoes were a pair of black boots that were stolen.

When she was a little girl, she took her dad's ties and cut them in half. She had a white house and painted it black. Her best friend is Larry.

*Interviewed by Makayla Dentis
& Austin Kuiper*



WOOD TV 8

On Wednesday, April 1, Mrs. Campbell's 1st/2nd Grade and Mrs. Antle's 2nd/3rd Grade classes took a field trip to the WOOD TV, Storm Team 8 Weather Station. They learned how different conditions can produce violent weather from Meteorologist, Terri DeBoer.

\$2 Hot Lunch Menu \$2

Fri Apr 17 Pizza

Fri Apr 24 Chicken
Nuggets

Calendar Dates

Apr 1 Wed Amer Red Cross Blood Drive at High School, 2-8 p.m.
Apr 3 Fri NO SCHOOL, Professional Development Day
Apr 6-10 SPRING BREAK!
Apr 13 Mon Parent Group Meeting @ Elementary, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Apr 14 Tue Grattan Board of Directors meeting, Elem @ 6:30 p.m.
Apr 16 Tue Parent Group Meeting @ Elementary, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Apr 15 Wed Bake Sale - Mrs. Hilzey's Kindergarten Class, 25¢/item
Apr 17 Fri Mrs. Nordhof's last day.
Apr 18 Sat OM COMPETITION, East Kentwood High School
Apr 20 Mon Mrs. Johnson begins teaching Mrs. Nordhof's class.
Apr 21 - 24 Book Fair
Apr 21 Tue Mom's Club @ 9:00 a.m. contact: mari@zooksonline.net
Apr 22 Wed Bake Sale - Mrs. Campbell's 1st/2nd Grade, 25¢/item
Apr 23 Thur Belding Showcase, 5 - 8 p.m. - Come visit our booth!