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StuCo News

By Kaitlyn Campbell and Clint Hailey

This year’s Student Council Head boy is Joseph Trujillo, Head girl is Kaley Pieper, Vice President is Gabriel Proctor, Secretary is Niquole Knapp, Treasure is Lexi Hackworth, third grade representatives are Wyatt Bates and Brooklyn Corsentino, fourth grade are Olivia Romero and Ty Pieper, fifth grade are Clint Hailey and Kaitlyn Campbell, and sixth grade are Laiken Griffy and Braxton Bates.

Student Council helps and provides for the school. We have discussed many requests. Some we have done, and others we have not done. If you have an idea of something you would like to see done, talk to your class rep. The treasure keeps track of the money. The head boy and head girl run student council alongside Mr. Grasmick. The vice president helps the head boy or head girl if they are sick. The secretary is in charge of keeping a record of what happens. They have done many activities this year including movies, a snowman building contest, popcorn sale, and much more. They are planning to buy new things for the school.
**Mrs. Harriman**

By Ashton Cash & Jeremiah DeVore

This year, Mrs. Harriman has decided to retire from teaching. She has been teaching at Fowler Elementary for 33 years. That is a long time!

Mrs. Harriman loves teaching. The only thing she doesn’t like is keeping records and having to give kids bad grades even when they are trying their hardest. The thing she will miss the most is the kids and having different kids each year. She likes to get to know different families because it is a small town. We will miss you, Mrs. Harriman!

**Mrs. Flanscha**

By Dyllan Damgaard & Robert Roe

We just got the news! Mrs. Flanscha is retiring! We are super sad. She says her least favorite thing about retiring is not seeing the smiles on students faces everyday. Her favorite part will be that she will get to spend more time with her husband, children, and grand children. Many people are upset that she will not have her. We will all miss her, but it’s okay. She will be having fun! We can’t believe she has been teaching for 23 years.

**Mrs. Webber**

By Alexis Armijo & Cash Anderson

Hello, Fowler Elementary. We have some devastating news! Mrs. Webber is retiring after many great years of teaching! She said, “I’ll miss working with the kids and just working here.”

Mrs. Webber started teaching in 1975. She said that she has learned from her students every day and there is so much to learn from them.

Her favorite part about teaching is seeing the kids when they light up and understand what you’re teaching. Her least favorite part is when students give up and don’t try.

We are going to miss her very much!

**Ms. Norton**

By Jared Jackson, Tyson Freeland, & Khylar Coen

Ms. Norton is not new to our school, but she moved from Team Builders to Kindergarten this year. She said she enjoyed Team Builders, but she is glad to be back in a classroom, again. She loves working with the kids and doing fun activities in the classroom.

Ms. Norton said she has always loved being a teacher, and she loves being at Fowler Elementary.

**Mrs. Foster**

By Kailee Mobbley & Leyla Carnes

Mrs. Foster joined us as a Special Education aide in January. She had volunteered in our classrooms for 3 years before joining the Special Education teachers. Mrs. Foster helps kids with Math and Reading. She loves working with kids and enjoys working with the different age groups.

**Mrs. Enriquez**

By Chloe Briggs & Tyler Sipnfski

Mrs. Enriquez joined Fowler Elementary this year as a Team Builder teacher. Her specialty is helping students with Math.

Mrs. Enriquez said her favorite part about being here is the students and how the staff always gets along.

Mrs. Enriquez is a great person and teacher!
Ms. Karney

By Kaitlyn Campbell & Leyla Carnes

This year Fowler Elementary had a student teacher, Ms. Aislyn Karney, in the 1st grade helping Mrs. Webber. In her spare time, Ms. Karney is a volleyball coach. She is graduating from college in May. Her favorite subject is science. She says her favorite part of the job is seeing students understand what she is teaching them. She loves to help out and teach. After she graduates from college, she is going to be a Team Builder Math teacher at Fowler elementary.

Accelerated Reader Rocks

By Tannice Wetzel and Chloe Briggs

We have an A.R. (Accelerated Reader) program to help students practice their reading skills. After we read a book, we can take a short quiz and earn points. Each book is worth a different number of points. The teachers also keep track of our scores for each test. We work hard to reach our A.R. goals.

The A.R. program also makes reading more fun and kids really enjoy it. Reading helps kids learn more about the past and present. Some books give you an imagination, and if you have an imagination it helps you get more knowledge into your brain. Some books don’t use imagination. They help you learn. The teachers want you to read more and more and learn more and more so keep on reading.

A.R. is put together Mrs. Brockett and Mrs. Enriquez. These two teachers work really hard to think of ways to make reading fun. They also think of super fun trips to go on or plan good pizza parties. They are doing a great job at planning the A.R. trips.

Ag in the Classroom

By Tannice Wetzel & Bradley Roe

The High School FFA students invited us to “Ag in the Classroom” to see demonstrations about the parts of a tractor, animals, and how to give animals shots. In another area, they talked about how to stay healthy. The high school boys and girls talked about how to brand a cow and give an ear tag. The hopping corn class was where you got to see the corn in two jars. When you put vinegar in the jar and put baking soda with it you will see the corn hopping around.

At the end, they gave us each a packet to color. Ag in the Classroom is a fun way to learn about animals and how to stay safe on a farm.

Book Fairs

By Adrianna Sliter and Rebecca Baldwin

Every year at Fowler Elementary, our librarian, Mrs. Smith, hosts two book fairs. The first one, in November, is just a normal one. The second one, in April, is the “Buy one get one free.” Thanks to Mrs. Smith, we raise enough money every year at the book fair to buy some new books for our library!
Dr. Seuss Day

By Robert Roe & Rebecca Baldwin

Dr. Seuss Day is the last day of one of the most fun weeks of the year! This year the week started on March 2 with activities including PJ Day, Hat Day, and Jersey Day. Mrs. Brockett, Mrs. Enriquez, and Mrs. Thomas planned this week for us. On the last day, they brought us a celebrity reader to read his favorite Dr. Seuss book. This year’s reader was Mr. Lundy!

Career Day

By Chloe Briggs, Tannice Wetzel, Kaitlyn Campbell, and Jaycee Palomino

Career Day is a fun day at the end of the year for 3rd - 6th graders. People with important careers come in to our classrooms and talk about their careers.

During Career Day they ask you questions and they will answer some of your questions. For instance, if you wanted to be a vet you could ask questions like what animals come in the most and what’s the most difficult tool to work with. Career Day is a fun day for kids and adults. This day can also help you learn and understand jobs better than you probably already did.

This year the presenters included Meagan Hillman a physician’s assistant, Carla Hendrickson from the Pueblo Chemical DEPOT, Sarah Voigls from Southeast Health Group, Aaron Cannon a Aerospace Engineer, Sue Hardy a Domestic Poultry Farmer, Travis True a Pipeline Technician, and Yolanda Jaramillo the STEM Grant Activity Director from Otero Junior College. Our keynote speaker was retired U.S. Air Force Major General Roy D. Bridges, Jr., a former astronaut who leads the Mission Solutions Business Unit at Northrop Grumman Technical Services.

Career day will surely bring a smile to your face.

The Snowman Contest

By Crowley McCuistion & Ryan Robertson

It was bitter cold on Nov. 17th with 2 inches of snow on the ground, and the student council decided to have a snowman building contest during 2nd recess. Almost everyone was building a snowman. The kids built a lot of different snowmen. They all did a really good job. The children were very inventive. The teachers watched and took pictures of all the snowmen. The K-3rd grade winners were team “The Incredibles.” Team members were Leasha Hackworth, Juleesa Rodriguez, Madison Bates, Alyssa Maestas, and Brooklyn Corsentino. The 4-6th grade winners were “Team Awesome.” That team included Bailey McCoy-Lange, Emma and Reese Rickley, and Nic Landcaster. Thank you for being in the contest and “good job” to the winners!
Red Ribbon Week
By Tannice Wetzel & Alexis Armijo

Red Ribbon week is a very exciting week because we learn about how drugs are bad for your health. Each day we have a different theme. Monday was “Commit to your job, not drugs!” We dressed up as our dream job. For Tuesday’s “Get high up on your horse, not drugs!” we dressed as cowgirls or cowboys. We wore p.j.s for Wednesday’s “Dream about a healthy life, not drugs!” To celebrate “Grizzlies don’t do drugs!” we wore purple and gold on Thursday. During an assembly, the student council put on a little skit to talk about not doing drugs. We also received stickers that say encouraging phrases to not try drugs. If you see someone doing drugs, you can tell them they can die from lung cancer and other diseases. So don’t smoke and tell other people not to do drugs.

Destination Imagination News
By Hailey Smith, Emily Flanscha, Brooke Bell, Kaitlyn Campbell, & Ashton Cash

This year’s elementary team, Dlnamic 6+1, led by Mrs. Kim Wallace, placed 2nd at regional competition in Pueblo on March 21st and moved on to the state competition in Denver on April 25th. Team members Brooke Bell, Kaitlyn Campbell, Ashton Cash, Emily Flanscha, Olivia Romero, Taylor Osborne, and Hailey Smith placed 11th at State.


The High School team, Almost Angels, led by Mrs. Brenda Enriquez, placed 1st at regionals AND at state! They will be traveling to National competition in Tennessee. Thank you to everyone who helped in the fundraiser!

Good job everyone, and good luck to the Almost Angels!

Super Kids’ Day
By Clint Hailey, Bradley Roe, & Ryan Robertson

Every year we end with one fun day called “Super Kids’ Day.” On this day, there are lots of games set up by the teachers, 6th graders, and parents. The K-5th grade students get a little checklist of each game they can compete in. They travel to each game with a partner. There is rock wall climbing, barrel racing, mini golf, wrestling, and many others. Some years we have water activities in the afternoon at the high school football field. We begin with foot races in each grade until we find the fastest boy and the fastest girl in elementary school. Then we have water races, tug of war, and slip ‘n slide to name a few. Sometimes the firemen will be there to shoot water at us. It is sure to be a “Super Day!”
BUS SAFETY
By Kaitlyn Campbell, Leyla Carnes, and Ashton Cash

On October 22, the kindergartens went on their Bus Safety trip. For part of their lesson, they traveled by bus on a trip across the train tracks. Jackson Whitney said his favorite part was going across the train tracks. Some of the other kindergarteners said their favorite part was learning to be absolutely quiet when they got to the train track. They also liked riding the bus. The bus driver, Mr. Hartless, told the kindergarteners to never stand in front of the bus. Wade Clemmenson said, “The bus doesn’t have seat belts because if the bus crashes or something else happens to the bus the people in the bus can’t get out as fast.”

Health & Hygiene
By Brooke Bell and Kaitlyn Campbell

On March 12th, the Fowler Elementary’s 4th-6th grade students participated in the Health & Hygiene class. Mrs. Diodosio met in the library with the girls, and Mr. Hagerman with the boys in his classroom. They do this to prepare for the appearing changes in their bodies.

Operation Christmas Child
By Dyllan Damgaard and Vanessa Martinez

Every year, Mrs. Bell invites us to have some fun and give to others through Operation Christmas Child. Some people around the world don’t have as many things as we do. So we share and give to them things that we don’t use or things we buy in stores such as toothbrushes, toys, clothes, hats, crayons, coloring books, shoes, jewelry, and blankets. Kids have a choice of picking what age group, and if they want to help a boy or a girl. We give these children around the world what they need so they can feel like they have a Christmas every year like us. Our yearly goal is 25 boxes, and this year we met our goal with over 25 boxes. Our collection week is the third week of November. We send the boxes to Samaritan’s Purse Organization. The reason the teachers love this so much is because kids get excited about helping other kids around the world.

Pennies for Patients
By Chloe Briggs & Adrianna Sliter

Pennies for Patients is a program our elementary school participates in to earn money for kids with leukemia. Every class sets a goal and then tries to raise that amount of money. Our school wide goal this year was $2,000. This year we raised $1707.66! Fowler is one of the few schools statewide who has participated in this program yearly. All together, we have raised over $15,000.

At a Pennies for Patients assembly, the presenters explained that in 1960 the survival rate of children with leukemia was 3%. Today the survival rate is 90%! Our donations help!

One teacher, Mr. Sharp, said, “It’s enjoyable to watch the children count the money when they have big smiles on their faces.” Student Kiley Bouldin said, “I love counting the money especially when it’s for a good cause.”

As you can see Pennies for Patients is a good reason to raise money.
Pumpkin Patch
By Cash Anderson and Alexis Armijo

Halloween was three days away when Fowler Elementary received an invitation from Mr. Tomky to come and get their own pumpkins at his pumpkin patch in Ordway. We joined Crowley County students at the patch. All of the kids were excited to get their own pumpkins. With their pumpkins, the kids were ready for Halloween. The kids “spooked” the night away with their pumpkins!

Elementary Idol
By Alexis Armijo, Robert Roe, Ryan Robertson, & Crowley McCuistion

Hello, boys and girls! Are you ready for Elementary Idol? It’s coming up soon. There will be lots of singing, dancing, and other cool performances.

A variety of students have auditioned and been chosen to compete in this year’s Elementary Idol. Not everyone has to do it. The teachers get to be the judges. 1st place wins $25, 2nd place wins $10, and 3rd place wins $5.

One of last year’s contestants, Chloe Briggs, said, “I was a little nervous for my audition last year. Performing in front of the whole school was exciting. It was a lot of fun.”

We hope all of you enjoy Elementary Idol!

5th Grade at Ag Fest

Kindergarten Field Trip
By Jaycee Palomino & Abrielle Boone

In November, the Kindergarten had a very busy schedule preparing for their field trip to the Space Center in Colorado Springs. They studied the four seasons, and they read books talking about the seasons and how they change. While they were at the Space Center, they did activities such as making bracelets, doing a scavenger hunt, and eating under an “alien UFO.” They took a tour of part of the Space Center. Some of the students told me that they hope when they get in 1st grade that they will go on super fun field trips like the Space Center! The Kindergarten had an amazing time. They are prepared to go on to the next year as 1st graders.

Mrs. Tunink’s and Ms. Norton’s Kindergarten students have been busy with several activities this year. They made science journals, made art, and even made time capsules. They decorated their science journals to put different science activities in them. In their time capsules, they put different things and art in them, and they are now hoping to open them in 2027. They made hats for the 100th day of school and used an app to make themselves look 100 years old. For every holiday, they make an art project to display out in the hall. For example, they made pots of gold for St. Patrick’s Day.
1st Grade Field Trip
By Adrianna Sliter & Vanessa Martinez

Mrs. Webber’s and Ms. Bates’s first graders are going on a fieldtrip to the Pueblo Zoo and bowling. Madison Porto, in Mrs. Webber’s 1st grade class, said, “I can’t wait to go to the zoo and see the animals and bugs!” The 1st grade trip will be in May. Mrs. Webber said, “To prepare for the fieldtrip the 1st grade class will be talking about animals.” Madison also said, “My favorite part about the fieldtrip is going to be walking around the zoo. And my least favorite part is the bus ride.” Lastly Mrs. Webber said, “There is nothing more fun than going to the zoo with a group of first graders!”

First Grade Activities
By Kaitlyn Campbell, Leyla Carnes, and Ashton Cash

The first grade class enjoyed many activities including a trip to the insect museum. To prepare for the insect museum trip they did a science unit. Later in the year, they hatched caterpillars from eggs. Then they watched them grow through all the stages. Ms. Karney, their student teacher, set up an exciting game called Dojo. Every time the first graders did what they were told, they got a point. Every time they forgot, they lost a point. At the end of each week, the person who had the most points got a prize. In Ms. Bates class, she had a 100th Day activity. They got candy and did different centers where they played games.

Second Grade Field Trips
By Khylar Coen and Ryan Robertson

The Second Graders planned two field trips this year. They went to the zoo and the museum. They went to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs in April and the museum in October. Most of them really like these trips. At the zoo, the teachers’ least favorite part was when it started to rain, but some of the students liked the rain. The teachers’ favorite part was that the people there knew a lot and could tell them more to help them understand the animals. They prepared for it by studying animals for two weeks. They learned that animals have different calls and that giraffes have long tongues. The teachers have good field trips, and thank you for helping second graders go on these trips. The first graders are going to be happy next year!

Second Grade Activities
By Jaycee Palomino and Khylar Coen

Mrs. Bell’s and Mr. Lundy’s 2nd graders told us that they have had one of the best years. They learned a lot about mammals, weather, solar system, maps, Social Studies, and Martin Luther King Jr. Mrs. Bell said that if the kids in her class meet their goal they can have a party. At the party, they play games and just have fun. Some of the kids said their favorite part was art. Some of the art they have done so far is Christmas art, Valentine’s Day art, Leprechaun art, Pot of gold, Chick and Bunny, and lots more. The second graders said that they are prepared to go to 3rd grade! They are very sad though because they will be leaving their teachers!
3rd Grade Field Trips
By Brooke Bell and Kailee Mobbley

This year, in either the end of April or the beginning of May, the 3rd graders are going on two field trips. One is to the Cliff Dwellings and the other one is to the Cave of the Winds. Before going, they had to start studying about a Native American tribe named the "Anasazi," how they lived, and what type of houses they lived in. Their teachers are Mrs. Valliant and Mrs. Montez.

3rd Grade Activities
By Dyllan Damgaard & Tyler Sipnelfski

Third graders have lots of fun every year. One of the many things they do is plan, prepare, and serve a feast after learning about the first thanksgiving. The teachers say that it is a good way to learn about Native American culture. Another thing they do is receive dictionaries from the Rocky Ford Rotary and Jonathan Fox. The people who brought the dictionaries had the students browse through them and look up "flag" and "president." The students say they love their new dictionaries.

4th Grade Field Trip
By Hailey Smith, Emily Flanscha, Leyla Carnes, Kailee Mobbley, & Ariel Vasquez

The 4th graders, along with Mrs. Flanscha, Mr. Sharp, and several parents, travel to Camp Jackson near Rye, Colorado, for their 3 day field trip. They go on hikes and learn how to make shelters. They will also get to use GPSs to find locations. To pay for this field trip, the 4th grade parents perform a melodrama!

This year's melodrama, about a little town called Prairie Dog, was "Pecos Bill and Slue-Foot Sue Meet the Dirty Dan Gang." In the play, Granny lives in Prairie Dog, and she has a granddaughter named Sue. The Dirty Dan Gang is trying to get Granny's property because they think there is gold under Granny's cottage. Then Pecos Bill comes to town, and he helps keep the deed for the property from them. Dirty Dan makes a deal, and Pecos Bill gives him the property deed. The Dirty Dan Gang Gets all excited that they now own Granny's property. Then Ms. Goodnews comes and says that the deed won't do them any good because the gold isn't under the cottage. It is under the ground that Granny owns outside of town a couple miles on her farm. The Dirty Dan Gang gets a choice to go to jail or to school, and they choose school. The School Marm tells them that if they are going to go to school they will have to wash up. They go down to the river and wash up with soap and water and get an education.
### 4th Grade Activities

By Hailey Smith and Emily Flanscha

In fourth grade, students do a special project in Social Studies. They make a diorama to model a river, a mountain, a desert, or the plains. They are due the Monday after spring break. The fourth grade students have a lot of fun doing these projects. The winners were Kiley Bouldin - Rivers, Landyn Mason - Deserts, Baylee Stowers - Mountains, and Austin Stealy - Plains. Kiley designed hers with kinetic sand, diaper gel, plastic animals, and branches off trees. Landyn made his with dead cactus, rocks, q-tips, and plastic animals. Baylee used a box, plaster, paint, glitter, plastic horse, cotton, fake green grass, rocks, and newspaper. Austin made his with a shoe box, paint, dirt, cactus, grass, styrofoam, paper, wood, and cardboard.

On April 24th, two ladies came and talked to the 4th graders for Arbor Day. They talked about all kinds of trees. They gave the students packets with fun things to do. During the presentation, they made a rubbing of a leaf and drew a picture of a tree. Then they split into groups and went outside to figure out what kind of tree they had.

### Fifth Grade Field Trips

By Jaycee Palomino and Jeremiah DeVore

The 5th grade had one of the best years this year. To pay for their two field trips, the 5th graders, along with Mr. Hagerman and Mrs. Kincannon, had a Yard & Bake Sale in September. They had some good items for sale, and the parents brought in lots of tasty baked goods and canned garden food!

Their first field trip was to Mt. Capulin in New Mexico. They rode the bus to La Junta and then rode the Amtrak to Raton, New Mexico. The bus met them there and took them to the mountain. They split into groups and walked on a path around the rim and down to the crater of the volcano. The volcano is extinct! Before they went to the top of the mountain, they did experiments with the park rangers to experience “eruptions.” After they were done exploring the volcano, they went back down to the tourist center and went to the gift shop. Some people bought things and some didn’t. On their way home, they stopped at Carl’s Jr. in Walsenburg for supper. Their second field trip was to Monarch Ski Resort near Salida, Colorado. A lot of the fifth graders thought this was the best field trip. At first they had to stay on the bunny slope. Then the parents let them go on the ski lift with a partner. Afterwards they went to a pizza place called “Pizza Madness” in Canon City. They got a lot of pizza!

### 5th Grade Activities

By Leyla Carnes & Kaitlyn Campbell

In the 5th grade there are many activities other than field trips. One activity is they adopt Highway 167. The students picked up trash along both sides of 2 miles of the highway. Another activity, in Science, is a paper airplane contest. The 2 winners were Adrianna Sliter and Abrielle Boone. Later the 5th graders will compete in an egg drop contest. The students design and build a vehicle to hold their egg. Then they drop it from a stairway outside the West Assembly of God Church. Earlier this spring, the students read a book about something they had learned or were about to learn in Social Studies. They wrote a report and built a display representing their book.
6th Grade Field Trip
By Leyla Carnes and Khylar Coen

On May 8th the 6th Graders are going on an amazing field trip to the art museum in Pueblo with Mrs. Harriman and Mrs. Martin. They are really excited to see all the awesome art. To prepare for their field trip, they have learned about a lot of different types of art. They also voted on which art project they're going to do when they get there. The 6th graders are happy that they get to see all the amazing art. People work really hard on art and a lot of people, such as Vincent Van Gogh, become famous. He was really famous back then, and he probably still is. The 6th graders will enjoy the trip.

6th Grade Activities
By Dyllan Damgaard & Vanessa Martinez

In March, the 6th grade girls went to OJC for Girls in the Middle. They learned about science, technology, engineering, and math careers. The teachers say it’s really fun and educational. They also say that when the girls come back they are happy and educated. Mrs. Harriman said it was a great experience.

P.E. is Busy, Busy, Busy
By Adrianna Sliter, Vanessa Martinez, Ashton Cash, & Jeremiah DeVore

Mrs. Larson’s P.E. classes were busy with many activities including the annual Jingle Bell Run, dancing, Jump Rope for Heart, and cup stacking.

Every year Mrs. Larson sets up a physical thing called the Jingle Bell Run to encourage students and parents to get involved in a fun physical activity they can do together. We run 1 mile down the highway and back. In the middle you can high five 2 “grizzly” bears. The people in the bears are classified. We usually start with Kindergarten, but this year the 6th graders went first to lead the smaller kids and show them the way. It is not a race but in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd were Taylor Osborne, Ryanna Pruett, and Crowley McCuistion. It was a good day, and everyone had fun!

A couple of years ago, Mrs. Larson started a dancing unit for 4th-6th graders. She teaches them slow dancing, line dancing, and swing dancing. Sometimes the girls ask the boys to dance, and sometimes the boys ask the girls. Sometimes the 5th and 6th graders dance together. It was fun!

This year we participated in Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for kids or adults who have heart disease. As we collected money, we earned rubber duckies and other prizes.

Also new this year was cup stacking. Mrs. Unruh came and showed us how this worked. Her daughter, Sharaiah, is a cup stacking champion in her bracket. She came to demonstrate her skills. She is fast! We had our own cup stacking contest. It was 25 cents to enter, and if you won you got all the money to put in your class’s Pennies for Patients jar. The winners were Shyananna Reeves and Jedadiah Ballard.
Let’s Go to the Movies
By Kaitlyn Campbell, Kailee Mobbley, & Abrielle Boone

This year Mrs. Grasmick presented a spring concert with music from a variety of musicals. Grades K through 6th participated in it. Some students had solos. Mrs. Grasmick enjoyed this concert. Her favorite part was seeing kids learn new things. To prepare for it, kids learned dances and the different songs. She has learned that if the kids enjoy what they’re doing, they can do it. The kids loved taking part in this concert.


Mrs. Grasmick would like to thank the students for putting hard work into this musical.

Spring Band Concert
By Alexis Armijo, Dyllan Damgaard

Our 5th and 6th grade bands performed at the Spring Band Concert that Mrs. Grasmick, our Music/Band teacher, put together. Both bands have worked really hard this year to learn and improve on their instruments. Mrs. Grasmick says her favorite part of teaching band is seeing all of the excitement the students have when they play their instruments. She said she started band herself in the 4th grade. Her teacher moved her to several different instruments from 6th grade through 12th grade. She said if you want to become a music teacher, you have to learn how to play all of the instruments or you don’t graduate. Mrs. Grasmick says anyone can play an instrument if they commit to it. To her band students, she says, “My students have worked very hard and I am proud of what they have accomplished.” Both bands did an amazing job at the concert!

Science Fair
By Ryan Robertson & Crowley McCuistion

Each winter, Fowler Schools has a Science Fair for students in grades K-12. There are always some interesting projects like the potato clock, a volcano, and our solar system. Along with their experiment, each student completes a board with their hypothesis, purpose, experiment, results, and conclusion. The judges examine each project and choose students to interview. Those students explain their project to the judges. The judges then choose the best projects. The students at the science fair were very successful. This year’s winners were:

Grand Champions
K-3 Nick Gates  4-6 Ty Pieper

Reserve Champions
K-3 Jedadiah Ballard  4-6 Kaley Pieper / Jayden Osborne

Runners-Up
K-3 Izzy Pharr  4-6 Joe Cash Autry

Geography Bee  Spelling Bee
3rd Place—Kailee Mobbley  1st Place—Liam Griffy
2nd Place—Val Leone
3rd Place—Ty Pieper
Principal’s Writing Challenge
By Jared Jackson & Tyson Freeland

Every month Mr. Grasmick visits a grade and gives the students a writing prompt. They then write their best stories and turn them into the principal. He reads them then picks the best story and a few honorable mentions from each classroom. The best two stories are read to the entire school. We have some great writers at Fowler Elementary!

Quiz Bowl
By Cash Anderson and Clint Hailey

Each year in computers, Mrs. Smith signs up a team of 5th graders and a team of 6th graders to compete with other schools in a Quiz Bowl. 5th grade placed 15th and 6th grade placed 8th. The 5th grade team had 6 members: Brooke Bell, Jaycee Palomino, Alexis Armijo, Emily Flanscha, Clint Hailey, Hailey Smith, and Ashton Cash. Competing for the 6th grade team was 7 members: Liam Griffy, Val Leone, Jayden Osborne, Gabriel Proctor, Kai Alarid, Nic Lancaster, Braxton Bates, and Kaley Pieper. “Maybe next year we will do better,” Clint said from 5th grade.

Punt, Pass, and Kick
By Crowley McCuistion & Ryan Robertson

Every year, Mrs. Larson allows students to compete in Punt, Pass, and Kick. Each student punts, passes, and kicks the football as far as they can. The winners advance to the next levels of competition in Manzanola and Pueblo. From there, they can eventually compete in Denver. In the end, Mrs. Larson picks the winners from the age divisions with a boy and girl from each age. The 6-7 year old winners were Madi Porto and Daniel Adams. The 8-9 year old winners were Gage Gottbehuet and Leasha Hackworth. For 10-11 year olds, the winners were Bradley Roe and Adrianna Sliter. Christian Sliter and Ashlynn Alvey were the 12-13 year old winners. We would like to thank the high schoolers for measuring the distances for us and the 5th and 6th grade football team for returning the balls and donating some of the balls. Students, thank you for being in the Punt, Pass, and Kick and good job to our winners. This year’s competition was good, and we hope it will be even better next year.
2014 Elks Hoop Shoot Winners

8-9 year olds—1. Aiden Smith
2. Alyssa Maestas

12-13 year olds—1. Val Leone
2. Cheyenne Lange

10-11 year olds—1. Bradley Roe
2. Ashlyn Alvey

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Chinese Acrobats

By Kaitlyn Campbell, Abrielle Boone, and Ariel Vasquez

On October 16, 2014, Chinese acrobats came from Beijing, China, all the way to Fowler, Colorado, to perform at our school. They have gone through many years of training. The performers’ names were Mr. Xiad Limeng (performer), Mr. Bai Eryong (performer), and 2 ladies by the names of Ms. Isiv Xad Yu, and Ms. Wu Guo Juan. The leader told us about the performers is Duan Zhzyong.

The first performance was with the 2 men, and they did flips and handstands on poles that are on a table. The women rode on a unicycle and balanced plates on wooden poles. One man juggled bowling pins and hats. After the performance, every one of the performers bowed to the audience. The students loved this performance!