

# Tiger Talk



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*By: Andrew Hall*

On April 17, FPS teams from North Bend Central headed off to Kearney to compete in the state FPS tournament. I should explain further now, shouldn't I? I bet you are all asking what FPS actually is and what it stands for. Let me take a few steps back...

Back at the beginning of school, kids from Mrs. Streff's reading class in 5th grade were allowed to take part in FPS, or Future Problem Solvers. This organization reads research on the subject they're studying, takes a future scene, analyzes it, and develops ways to help this future problem.

Now that you know more about what FPS is, I should get into what the State Bowl was like. Eight FPS teams from North Bend were taken on a three-hour bus drive to the city of Kearney, NE. Once they got off the bus, they took their items to the rooms in the hotel they were sleeping in, and then went swimming. At about 9:30 p.m., teams were gathered in the lobby of the hotel, and discussed what future scenes they might find in the actual State Bowl. Teams were sent to bed at 10:00 p.m., and were awoken at 6:00 to eat breakfast. The teams then left at 7:00 to go to the State Bowl.

## Future Problem Solvers Bring Home State Awards



FPS team members: Andrew Hall, Natalie Knapp, Madelyn Gaughen, Aleya Bourek, and Travis Byrd are all smiles as they pose for with their state trophy.

The FPS teams arrived at the state bowl and were taken into one of the main rooms. There they discussed the winners of the scholarships and the T-Shirt winner. Then they started assigning teams. Once all the regular teams were called out, all extra alternates were taken to a room where they were assigned to teams with alternates from different teams.

Once all teams had used their two-hours worth of time, they were then ready to work on their skits to present their best solution. After a 30-minute lunch break, teams went back to their stations and started working on their skits again. After two hours, the teams were ready to

present their skits. After the skits were over, some teams went over to the mall for a little bit to hang out and then went to Valentino's to eat.

At about 7:00 p.m., teams headed back to the State Bowl to find out the winners of the FPS competition. One North Bend Elementary team placed 5th in skits. The other one placed 6th in skits. Team Two also placed fifth in booklet competition.

By the time the award ceremony was completed, everyone was ready to go home. We loaded up the bus and went home. Teams arrived back in North Bend at about 10:00 p.m.

# Science Safari Comes to NBE

By: Owen Simanek

In mid-April, the Science Safari came to NBE from Texas. The science presenter said that he does it to see kids have fun learning. There were eleven stations for students to enjoy.

The stations included Circuit Open-Close, Plasma Ball, Microscope TV, Light Wave Fans, Bernoulli's Rule, Build a Trail, Gravity Defier, Giant Geo Board, Stand-in-a-Bubble, Digging Bones and Vessels, and finally Body parts.

The top three favorites were:

- 1) The Plasma Ball. When you put your fingers on it, static energy would touch your fingers.
- 2) Stand-in-the-Bubble. A large bubble surrounds you.
- 3) Bernoulli's Rule. When you stick a ball in a tube on one side and it would come out the other side.

Burkett Peter's favorite was the Stand in the Bubble while my favorite station was the Plasma Ball.

Classes took turns going to the presentation and everyone looked like they enjoyed themselves.



Fourth graders Taneeko Cooper, Hailey Shriner, and McKenna Pavel spend time digging for fossils.

## Second Grade Takes Trip To The Past

By: Amy Murray

Do you every think of second grade kids going back to the past?

I talked to Mrs. Yount (one second grade teacher) about what the students are going to do. She told me that they will make six things: cornbread, butter, close pin dolls, juice, and a feather pen to write with. They would also square dance and play games.

I asked some students what events they liked best, which one was the hardest and what is one thing they learned.

Mia Hernandez liked square dancing and thought it was the hardest. She learned that they didn't have cars.

Olivia Buresh liked cornbread and clothes pin dolls and learned that they made dolls with clothes pins. Alexa Brodd liked making cornbread and thought square dancing was hard. She learned that pioneers didn't have a store to buy their butter and had to make it.

Have you ever done anything like that?

**Have a safe and fun  
summer vacation!**

# Class News

## Pre-School

The Preschoolers went on a field trip to Lincoln in March to the Children's Museum. We also celebrated Week of the Young Child in April by coming to school in the evening and making stepping-stones, decorated cookies and painted bugs. We will also have Preschool graduation in May.

## Kindergarten

Last Friday, we went to the Rose Theatre in Omaha and saw the play "Charlotte's Web." The kindergarteners voted that Charlotte was their favorite character. After the play, we went to a park in Fremont and had a picnic with our parents. After lunch, we went to the Fremont fire station. We learned a lot about what its like to walk a day in a fire fighters shoes. We saw their bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, and of course the fire trucks and equipment. It was a great day!

## First Grade

At the end of March the first graders celebrated the end of their Japan unit with Japan Day. They wore slippers all day, used chopsticks to eat tofu, edamame, and rice, ate lunch in the classroom and cleaned the classrooms, halls, and bathrooms, just as they do in Japan. They also practiced their calligraphy and origami, and some of the Japanese words they had learned.

In math we are busy measuring with centimeters and inches, and will also be measuring weight and capacity.

We enjoyed our field trip to the Rose Theater to see "Charlotte's Web" and back to Fremont to tour the fire station.

## Second Grade

The 2nd Graders have learned lots about animals and their homes. They know the difference between insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. They even know about animals that live in the rain forest, a woodland forest, the desert, the arctic, and the ocean. That's why their trip to Henry Doorly Zoo was so great. They got to see so many of the animals and habitats they have studied about the last number of weeks.

## Third Grade

The 3rd graders have been learning how to add, subtract, and multiply fractions. We are learning about the three branches of government in social studies. In the last two weeks we went on two field trips. We loved going to the Ag Literacy Festival and seeing Morrill Hall and the Governor's Mansion.

In math we have been working with fractions. We continue to practice cursive.

## 5th Grade Band

The 5th Grade Band has been busy rehearsing to prepare for their performance at the May 12 at the Elementary Spring Concert.

## Fourth Grade

Fourth grade students enjoyed an afternoon with 'Rudy' the fistulaed steer from the UNL Beef Lab. The extensions agents shared so much with the class about bovine digestion and connections to our own systems. Field trips to the May Museum and State Capitol were excellent learning opportunities. MAPS testing and NeSa testing are complete! Tulips that were planted last fall were used for a water color art project. Working wind turbines were created in our Super Science magazine!

Fourth grade has worked with decimal numbers and measuring with the customary system. We enjoyed a trip to Lincoln to visit the Capital and the Nebraska State Historical Society. We are learning the state symbols and what early life was like in Nebraska.

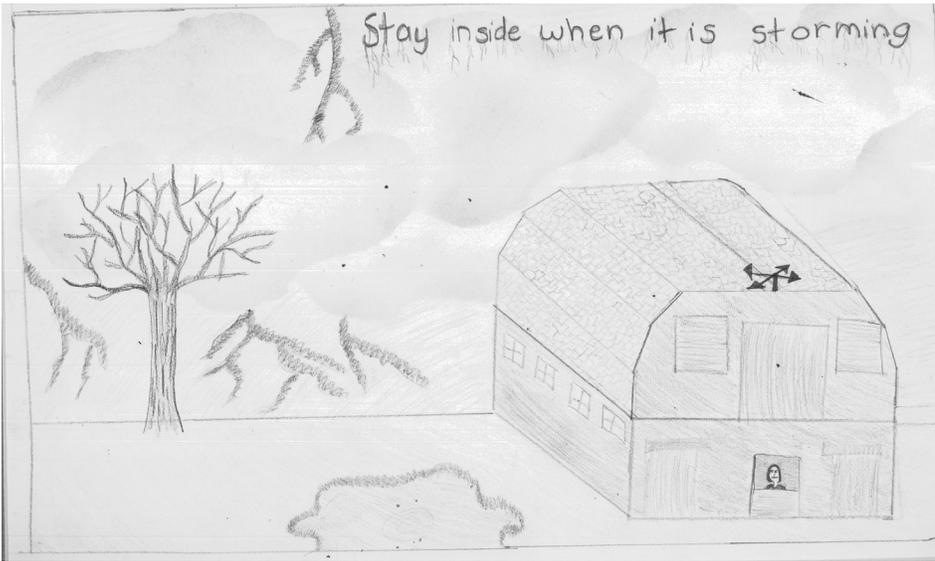
## Fifth Grade

In Math, we finished our year with patterns, ratios, and proportions. We also took the Math NeSA test.

We also finished up our research with research projects in English. We then moved on to learning and writing Poetry. We are working on finalizing our Poetry Portfolios.

In science the students were busy studying about volcanoes. We were able to conclude the study by making individual volcanoes and exploding them!!! We are now doing a study in oceanography.

In social studies we talked about the "Roaring 20's" and what led to the "Great Depression." We are now going to learn about "World War II."



Kaitlyn Emanuel won fourth place in National Weather Service poster contest. The winning poster is shown above.

## Fourth Graders Go To Lincoln

By: Paige Bunn

The fourth graders at NBE went to Lincoln on April 10th for their field trip.

The first stop was the State Capitol. They met Senator David Schnoor. The fourth graders also visited the state Supreme Court and saw the legislative branch at work. As we toured the capitol, we saw many beautiful details that the building has.

After we toured the capitol, we enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the Beef Council. They also gave each student a deck of cards to take home.

Our next stop on the field trip was to the headquarters of the Nebraska Historical Society. The museum was under construction so they brought things for us to see and touch.

Burkett Peters, Brooklyn Shaw, and Rebekah Voss tried on pioneer clothes for all of us. The fourth graders also got to lay on bison hide.

After a busy day in Lincoln, we returned home full of Nebraska knowledge.

## NBE Student Selected as Winner in Weather Contest

By: Rebekah Voss

How many tornadoes hit Nebraska in 2014? If you guessed 63, then you are correct. The National Weather Service wants kids to be prepared for severe weather, including tornadoes. They have a poster contest each year to help kids learn how to stay safe during severe storms.

Fourth grader, Kaitlyn Emanuel, earned fourth place in the 2015 National Weather contest. She drew a lightning storm with a person inside a barn. The caption advises people to stay inside when it is storming.

A surprised Kaitlyn received \$50, a weather alert radio, a bag, a water bottle and a card. Our state governor, Pete Ricketts, presented her with the prizes. She said that it was "interesting and neat" to meet Governor Ricketts.

Living in Nebraska, the weather can change by the hour. An example of that would be our wacky weather on April 9-10. It was snowing and sleeting heavily on Thursday, but then it was a warm, beautiful spring day less than 24 hours later. With artists like Kaitlyn, we can learn how to stay safe in severe weather. Way to go, Kaitlyn!

## Studying For The Zoo

By: Paige Dunker

The second graders were at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. They worked on their animal unit and at the end, they went to the zoo.

Their animal unit included mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, and insects--the six animal groups

They made animal books and

did fun activities for each animal group. In both classrooms, students made habitat pictures on the walls--big pictures. Each student made an animal for each of the habitats: rainforest, desert, arctic, ocean, and woodland forest. For example, they made butterflies in the rainforest.

Each animal group took a week to finish.







