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Earth Day, Friday, April 22, 2011

By: Three of our 5th Graders

As Earth Day, 2011 approaches, St. Rene School tries very hard to be an environmentally conscious school. There are many different activities in which they are involved to help the environment.

For example, since 2003, St. Rene has participated with Funding Factory to recycle used inkjet and laser jet cartridges along with cell phones. Since that time, our school, with the help of the parents and parishioners has earned \$10,116. St. Rene is 10th in the state out of 1168 participating organizations.



"In 2004, St. Rene began participating in the Paper Retriever Recycling pro-

gram. The school, parish offices, parishioners and families all participate in this program in an effort to reduce landfill space while making money for the school.

On a daily basis, the student recycling team empties the paper waste from the school into the green and yellow Paper Retriever bins located in the school parking lot." The school earns about \$1500 per year from recycling paper.

St. Rene School is also one of the few solar schools in our area. In July, 2008, solar panels were installed atop our school as another way of going green. Since that time, the solar panels have collected enough energy to power 41 homes for one day and to operate a television for 17556 hours. You can visit the website for up to date info at www.illinoisolarschools.org.

St. Rene's 4th Grade will once again become very eco-friendly for Earth Day. Utilizing recyclable items, the students will be creating boats, rockets, cars and many other items, which they will then display for all of the classes. They'll also be taking a survey of their own homes to see how their families are doing with trying to become more environmentally friendly.

Environmental Do's and Don'ts

Don't leave your garbage at camp sites. Do try to leave it cleaner than when you got there.

Don't buy plastic water bottles.

Do keep your doors closed in winter to lower your heating costs and reduce energy use.

Do keep separate bins for recycling papers and other paper waste.

Don't leave lights on when you leave a room.

Don't leave appliances plugged in, especially when going away on a vacation.

Do use energy efficient light bulbs.

Do take short showers!

Section relating to Paper Retriever Recycling Program is an excerpt from a newspaper article written

School Activities

By: Three of our 6th Graders

Due to the Blizzard of 2011, many of the activities planned for Catholic Schools Week had to be rescheduled. St. Rene did hold Buddy Day and Student Appreciation Day, but the storm hit the next day, so the remainder of Catholic Schools Week was canceled.

One activity postponed was a Dress for Success Day. On Friday, February 11th, the students dressed as what they wanted to be in the future. There were amazing career choices, such as doctors, veterinarians, ultrasound technicians, and scientists to name a few.



The school talent show, also postponed, was held on Thursday, February 24th. It was a huge success!



From singing to dancing to playing instruments, along with the 8th Grade class' dance, St. Rene is full of talented performers.

March 2nd was the birthday of Theodore Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. The school participated in a number of activities honoring this children's author. The 8th graders performed a short skit from Green Eggs and Ham, for all grades. A variety of DVD's made from his books were watched and of course each class read a Dr. Seuss book. All of this was done at the direction of school librarian, Cindy Bianchi.

The first graders and Mrs. Toomey are ready for St. Patrick's Day. They are growing leprechaun hair and writing down what they would wish for if they met a leprechaun. During the month of February the first graders learned about dental health and wrote about what they would do if they were the Tooth Fairy. The first graders also have prayer books that contain different prayers such as the Our Father and the Hail Mary. Mrs. Toomey taught her class about human rights and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In May, the 2nd graders will receive the Sacrament of Communion. First, they are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which they will receive on April 2nd. They are also learning the parts of the mass. Ms. Shadley is also teaching her class how to re-group in math and how to write in cursive. This year they have a new reading program which includes a journal that the students, after they read a story, write responses and summaries about the story they read.



Principal Calvert and some 1st Graders visit with the Cat in the Hat

The Big Blizzard of 2011

By: One of our 6th Graders

So how did you spend your time during the blizzard of 2011? Were you out in the cold shoveling snow, inside drinking your hot chocolate or just watching the snow come swirling down?

The Blizzard of 2011 started on Tuesday, February 1, and ended on Thursday, February 3rd. While the city was prepared and had been reporting for days for everyone to take precautions, there was still many difficulties. The blowing and drifting snow caused power outages, school and business closings and much more. The Chicago Public Schools closed for the first time in over a decade. Lake Shore



Drive saw several hundred vehicles stranded in the drifts

with the drivers still in their cars. Emergency crews were rescuing people for over 12 hours. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries.

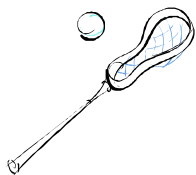


There was an official snowfall total of 20.9 inches of snow, plac-

ing that 3rd on the list for most snowfall ever. The blizzard of 1967 still ranks first with 23 inches of snow, but if you talk to people who remember those times, they tell you that it seemed much worse this time because of the winds.

The good news was that the Groundhog saw his shadow, which means that winter is almost over.

SPORTS



Lacrosse

By: Two of our 6th Graders



Lacrosse is a very popular sport in many countries and in the Eastern United States. It is now starting to spread throughout the Midwest and all around. Local high schools such as St. Laurence, St. Rita and Brother Rice now have lacrosse teams. The IHSA has created a Catholic league for lacrosse and towns in the suburbs have started teams, too.

Here's a quick lesson about the sport of Lacrosse: It is an aggressive sport, played with 20 players on the field at once, 10 on each team. There are 3 defensive players, who have longer sticks, 3 mid-fielders, who control the middle of the field, 3 attackers, who rush the opposing team's goal, and finally, 1 goalie who defends the opposing team's shots from going into the net. Players use lacrosse sticks to catch, throw, and shoot the ball. These are the basics of lacrosse.

Now to learn about the equipment. The lacrosse stick, also known as the "Crosse", is a mix between a hockey stick and a net. It is the main way to advance the ball. Players wear thin shoulder pads, mouth guards, gloves, elbow pads, and a helmet. For goalies, neck guards, chest protectors, and thigh pads are required. The goaltenders also have a larger Crosse that has a larger net than the other sticks.

Next, the rules. The game is started with a face-off, like hockey, in the middle of the field. The mid-fielders start the game. The players can then advance the ball with the Crosse and any other body part, except the hands. Players are allowed to check if the ball is in the opposing player's net or if they are within five yards or fifteen feet. If you are charged with a penalty, you are sent to the penalty box. Penalties include unsportsmanlike conduct, tripping, illegal body checking and illegal sticking. Penalty box time is up to 3 minutes depending on the referee's discretion.

Check out a lacrosse game at one of our local high schools or parks. The spring season is beginning soon.

Book Review

Virals by: One of our 6th Graders

Kathy Reichs writes a series of books about Temperance Brennan, upon whom the TV series *Bones* is based. She is now writing a series of books for teens.

Temperance Brennan's teenage niece, Tory, lives near Charleston, South Carolina, on Morris Island. One day, she along with three friends were exploring nearby islands. They stumbled on a deserted lab where they find a wolf pup who it turns out had a virus, which does not affect humans. Or does it? Read this book to find out what strange things happen to Tory and her friends.

Chicago Bulls

By: One of our 6th Graders



In flashes of red and white, the Chicago Bulls take to the court ready to fight for a win.

As of early March, they have 43 wins and 18 losses to lead the NBA Central Division. Players like Carlos Boozer and Derrick Rose along with most of the bench make a playoff berth a real possi-

Boy Scouts by: One of our 5th Graders

678 Club by: One of our 6th Graders

On January 14th, our Boy Scout troop competed in the Iroquois District Klondike Derby, which is an outdoor winter skills competition. Their efforts gave them the first place victory. February activities included a First Aid Meet at St. Rene. Pioneering skills will be taught in April and May to be followed by a trip to Camp Owasippe's 100th anniversary celebration in Twin Lakes, Michigan.

On the weekend of February 25th, the 678 Club took a ski trip to Alpine Valley Resorts, hitting the slopes early and staying on them till closing at 11:00p.m.

Upon arriving at the resort, we had to get special boots for skiing, skis, and poles. After that you either hit the slopes or went to have some lessons. The beginners go to the bunny slopes. The more challenging slopes are for people good at turns, stops and getting out of the way. The Black Diamond Hill is the steepest, most challenging slope. Feeling the wind and snow whipping at your face, and the laughter of your friends adds up to a great experience.

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Chef's Corner

Nana's Apple Pie

By: One of our 5th Graders



My nana taught my mom how to make this pie from scratch and my mom taught me. (It took me a little practice to get the dough just right.

(Cooking time: 1 hr. At 350°)

Ingredients:

3 cups of self rising flour

1 stick of softened margarine

½ cup of water

1 cup of sugar

6 medium Granny Smith apples



Directions

Peel apples and set aside

In a large mixing bowl, add flour and margarine

Crumble the margarine into the flour mixture

Add water and stir with a wooden spoon

Sprinkle a little flour on your work surface and knead the flour mixture to a dough consistency

Super Spring Word Search

By: Two of our 6th Graders



baskets

bunny

clover

egg hunt

eggs

flowers

golden coins

happy easter

ireland

irish

leprechaun

shamrocks

showers

spring

st. pat



Divide the dough into 2 even balls

Set aside one ball of dough

With the other ball of dough, use a rolling pin until you have a flat piece of dough that will be the bottom crust of your pie dish.

Place this piece of dough into an ungreased pie dish (glass or metal is fine.)

Now, cut your peeled apples into thin pieces and put on top of dough that is in the pie dish

Pour sugar onto the top of the cut apples.

Once again, sprinkle your work surface and your rolling pin and roll out the second piece of dough until flat. Place on top of apples (this is now the top crust of your pie.)

Once complete, I like to use a fork to seal the crust of the pie all the way around the dish and it makes it look nice too.

Joke Corner

By: One of our 6th Graders

Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?

A. It might crack up!

Q. How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?

A. Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?

Q. What's the Easter Bunny's favorite type of music?

A. Hip Hop

