

Tiger Beat

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Students Help Animal Rescue League

by Carly Mitchell

On a bright and sunny morning in November, Fleetwood Area Middle School students were greeted by barks, meows, and pleas from the many homeless animals awaiting adoption at the Berks Animal Rescue League. Seventh and eighth grade students and their advisor, Mrs. N. Castiglioni, devoted their time and energy to helping animals at the shelter.

The day began with students arriving at the shelter at 10 AM and splitting into three groups. The groups worked on making and hanging decorations, raking leaves, and making signs for the Christmas Open House event that took place on December 10th and 11th. In addition, students helped out by walking dogs along the beautiful pet path, lined with trees and shrubs leading to a gazebo surrounded by seasonal flowers. They also spent time with cats and other critters. The students viewed this part of the activity as fun, not work! The day

ended at 1:00 PM. Good feelings about the experience were verbalized and felt by all!

Located on ten acres in Cumru Township, the Berks ARL is the biggest animal shelter in Berks County. Needless to say, there were many leaves to be raked! The size of the shelter also has its benefits, which include a barn used for housing farm animals. Currently there are two horses at the shelter awaiting adoption.

The open house was a day of fun and an excellent way to help earn money for shelter expenses. Pictures with Santa Claus, a hayride, and a Chinese Auction were activities held that day. Many much needed supplies were collected. Volunteering to help at the shelter can be rewarding and is greatly needed. There are many ways to help. Further information can be found at the shelter website at www.berksarl.org.



Special Dates of Interest:

- **December 13: 2nd quarter mid-marking period**
- **December 22nd: 5th grade talent show**
- **December 22nd: Early dismissal**
- **December 23rd through January 2nd: Holiday Break!**



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A Tasty Night to Remember

By Mackenzie Hart and Kacie Hafer

A traditional night of authentic German food and activities for schools throughout Berks County took place on November 15, 2011, at the Liederkrantz Hotel located on Spook Lane in Reading. Sixty-five middle and high school students, German teachers, and adult chaperones were in attendance. The cost for the event was \$12 per person. The event included a dinner of authentic German foods such as Spaetzel, Goulash, Schnitzel, Wurst, and Apfelkuchen. German chocolates and other sweets were also served. German dancing and music filled the air while guests dined. Students were also encouraged to participate in traditional German dances dating back to 1052 known as Fliegerlied and Schuplattler. It was truly a tasty night to remember!



Students Decorate Local Banks

By Edgar Cruz & Erum Khurshid



Fleetwood Area Middle School students once again decorated local banks to help with holiday celebrations. This activity has been a tradition with our school and banks located in Fleetwood and Blandon. *The Fleetwood Bank* holiday decorating activity is a bridge between community and school.

Each year a different theme is represented with the decorations. This year's theme was snowmen for the Fleetwood Bank and Candy at the Blandon Bank location. The student council, along with their advisors Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Bernet, took several hundred pre-made ornaments made by student council and the Helping Hands Homeroom to the banks. Decorating the banks took over four hours to complete. For their efforts, the students were rewarded with a delicious lunch!



Helping Others is Rewarding

By Grace Savino & Tori Bertsch



Each year FAMS students, teachers, and staff gather together in their efforts to fill food boxes that are then donated to Friends, Inc. Community Services located in Kutztown. This year was no exception. Thanks to the many caring and giving community members here at the middle school, 40 boxes were filled and delivered to the agency on December 12, 2011. By giving, students learn a valuable lesson about extending a helping hand to those in need. Mr. Cammauf's homeroom turned in the first completed box, so they won a pizza party for their efforts. They actually turned in a total of two boxes! Many thanks to their generosity, and special thanks to the Fleetwood Area Middle School Student Council who organize the food drive!

In addition to the food boxes, FAMS students and teachers took part in a gift drive. Volunteers "adopted" a child in need from the ages of newborn to 17 years old. Adoptees then purchased four gifts for their child. Two gifts were a clothing item and two were fun items. The gifts were then delivered to Friends, Inc. for their distribution. This program helped 27 children in our area.

Friends, Inc. is a multi-service social agency that supports the well-being of those in need and is committed to strengthening the lives of families in Northeastern Berks County. In 2010, 1066 clients were served. A total of 381,000 pounds of food were distributed to clients.

Meet the Students at FAMS

by Mackenzie Hart and Kacie Hafer

In 6th Grade

Sasha Boehm

Homeroom: Mrs. Rentschler

Favorite thing about school: changing classes more often

Favorite song: *Pumped Up Kicks* by Foster the People

Favorite movie: Grease

Sports she plays: soccer and field hockey

One thing about school she would change if she could: add recess!

In 5th Grade

Emma Eggleston

Favorite animal: dolphin

Favorite song: Firework by Katy Perry

Favorite color: yellow

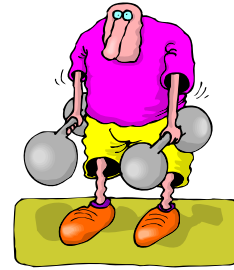
Favorite store: Claire's Boutique

Favorite food: ice cream

Favorite TV show: *Jessie*

Favorite book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney

One thing she would change if she could: add more choices to the lunch menu



In 7th Grade

Daniel Bennis

Homeroom: Mr. Zech

Favorite thing about school: Phys Ed

Favorite music: rap

Favorite movie: Billy Madison

Sports he plays: baseball and football

Favorite color: blue

Favorite store: Walmart

Favorite food: ribs

Favorite TV show: *Family Guy*

Favorite book: *Twilight*, by Stephanie Myer

One thing he would change if he could: make longer gym classes!

Haley Miller

Homeroom: Mrs. Matteo

Favorite thing about school: language arts

Favorite music: hip hop and rock

Favorite movie: *The Breakfast Club*

Sports she plays: softball

Favorite color: pink

Favorite store: Aeropostale

Favorite food: tacos

Favorite TV show: *Keeping Up With the Kardashians*

Favorite book: *Breaking Dawn*, by Stepahnie Myer

One thing she would change if she could: get rid of all of the drama!

Meet the Students at FAMS

In 8th Grade

Kelly Kleinhenz

Homeroom: Mrs. Roerig

Favorite thing about school: seeing her friends

Favorite music: pop

Sport she likes: soccer

Favorite color: blue

Favorite food: ice cream

Favorite TV show: *Flash Forward*

Student Swims His Way to Olympics!

Eighth grade student, Shuyang Wen, recently received a certificate from the National YMCA Swimming and Diving Associations for having the 6th fastest time in the United States in the 50 yard freestyle in his age group! Shuyang swims for the Fleetwood Area Swim Team and the Reading YMCA. He also received a letter from the Mercersburg Academy, a prep school known for training swimmers for the Olympics! Congratulations on an awesome accomplishment!

Welcome New Students!



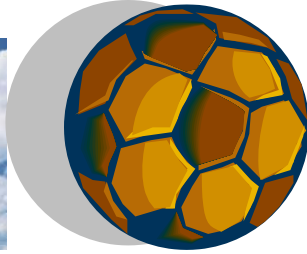
by Gabriella Muscarella & Brianna Zettlemoyer

The following students are new to our school district this year. We hope that they are settling in and enjoying their experiences in our middle school. Here are some things about them you might like to know:

Kathryn Jones is a seventh grader from the Brandywine School District joining us this year. She is in Mrs. Langston's homeroom. She likes Math class. In her spare time she likes to watch television. Her favorite thing about FAMS is the after school activities.

Joshua Wrubleski is a fifth grade student from the Boyertown School District. In his spare time, Joshua likes to be involved in sports activities. His favorite subject is Science. Joshua likes FAMS and says that it has been a lot of fun so far!

Austin Miller is new to FAMS from the Schuylkill Haven School District. In sixth grade, Austin enjoys playing video games in his spare time. His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teacher is Mr. Joseph.



EIGHTH GRADE SOCCER STARS RISE TO THE TOP!

By Mackenzie Hart & Kacie Hafer

Eighth grade students Katelyn Quillman and Bella Abrams, along with their soccer team the Reading Rage, took part in a North American tournament held in Tampa, Florida in December. The *Super Y North American Finals* was attended by teams from the US and Canada. After playing six games against the top soccer teams in the North American Summer League, Reading Rage won 2nd place! Coach Dale Witmer was very proud of his team of 14 girls. Katie, who plays defense, said the experience was unforgettable. Offensive player, Bella, said they had many people supporting them. The team often travels to other states for tournaments but this was their first time in Florida, the farthest they had to travel for a tournament. The team practices all summer to build their skills in soccer. Practicing, a good coach, and dedicated players helped the girls succeed in achieving this notable award. The team hopes they can do even better next year!

SWOOP

By Branden Etner & Andrew Kipp

The mascot **Swoop** is used to represent various sports organizations in the United States. One of the most notable mascots named Swoop is used by the NFL Football team, the Philadelphia Eagles. The "Swoop" character is sometimes depicted as an American Bald Eagle or some type of bird wearing a sports jersey of the team that "Swoop" represents.

During the NFL regular season, Swoop regularly appears as an animated character in the weekly Eagles Kids Club television show. Since the show's debut in 2005, the animated version of Swoop has been serving as a host of this show.

Swoop made a cameo appearance in an NFL Shop commercial where a thief disguised as a kangaroo mascot tried to steal Philadelphia Eagles jerseys from the locker room after a game. Swoop walks into the locker room and the kangaroo tries to escape, but the security guards catch it.

Mr. Bitting

SPOTLIGHT ON!



By Natasha Torres & Tirza Argott

Having grown up in Blandon, Mr. Bitting graduated from Fleetwood Area High School in 1993. He was inspired to become a teacher because of his high school teacher, Mr. Miller, who taught drafting. After graduation, Mr. Bitting attended Temple University where he studied architecture. He then transferred to Millersville University where he received a Master's Degree in Technology Education. While working on his degree, Mr. Bitting worked for a painting company and worked at multiple stores in retail. Mr. Bitting has been teaching technology education and computer graphics to students at FAMS for the past 13 years.

Mr. Bitting lives in Macungie with his wife, Rebecca, and son, Logan. They have three pets, two cats and one fish. His favorite holiday is Halloween because it is fun and silly, and he doesn't have to buy gifts. Mr. Bitting's favorite part of teaching is working with students. He enjoys seeing them laugh and he loves their creativity. If he had to choose another job, Mr. Bitting would be interested in architecture. In his spare time, Mr. Bitting enjoys playing with his son, hiking, biking, and an occasional game of paintball.



Students Who Helped With Bank Decorating

From top left to right: Madison Wojciechowski, Alexis Creyer, Faith Scanlon, Anna Hracho, Pooja Patel, Hannah Solivan

Lexi Roach, Bobby Cressman, Maya Evans, Taylor Reed, Adelle Mitchell, Sarah Crissman



Horoscopes

Capricorn December 22 – January 19:

You've started off the month on the right foot with determination and also great charm in your manner. Your work seems to be getting done on time, and others have been helpful. A love interest is paying attention. In fact, for Capricorns, December is one of the best months of 2011 for romance. While life can be a little chaotic, you can handle yourself well. You are bound to enjoy yourself this holiday season!

Aquarius January 20 – February 18

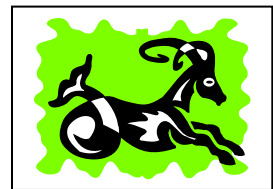
Friendships can be fairly wacky at the first half of this month, and this includes both platonic and romantic ones. Heightened emotions surrounding love and creative matters are especially likely soon. Signals from others can be misread – don't jump to conclusions impulsively. You will have more energy in the second half of the month. You will begin to feel more confident about making important decisions and will convey your ideas with greater certainty. Good news will arrive from someone close!

Pisces February 19 – March 20:

Partnerships continue to keep you on your toes this month. Confusing signals from a partner tend to require some level of sacrifice. The balance between friends and academics can be tricky to manage. Changes are in store, and there can be pressure to make important decisions. However, acting in haste as you are inclined to do is not advisable. A friendship can bring a surprise! You will end the month with a feeling of confidence!

Aries March 21 – April 19:

Be wary of misleading information, and prepare for the need to redo projects you thought were complete. You could be dealing with delays and a general feeling of being held back. Around the middle of the month things get hectic and possibly chaotic. It can be hard to know who or what to believe. Things straighten out around the holidays. Ironically, your money picture looks quite bright. Strong love and money, especially from a foreign source will come around the 22nd – 23rd.





Taurus April 20 – May 20

Watch for a clash with a friend over money matters early this month. When someone requires more space, let them have it! Challenges with finances can occur, but they are ultimately pushing you towards better management of your resources. Romance and travel are favored this month. Your romantic life continues to sparkle and challenge you, and it's never dull! This month finds you especially adventurous. You're breaking routines and building new ones.

Gemini May 21 – June 20:

Close relationships can be very complicated in the first half of the month. Emotions bubble to the surface with great force. Personal revelations serve to push you towards growth and experience. Watch for impatience and general confusion and delays. Family life is exceptionally busy for you this month. While challenges can present themselves, it's a good time to address long-standing problems and to take action to fix them.

Cancer June 21 – July 22:

An especially busy December is in your forecast. Prioritize tasks well so that you can minimize problems. Past or previously hidden matters are illuminated early in the month. Don't jump to speak about a personal subject unless you are certain it's not premature to do so. You might continue to meet with delays and assorted little problems at school, but these will smooth out. Watch for hastiness and impatience in speech and actions this month.

Leo July 23 – August 22:

Be extra cautious with your spending this month, Leo, as there is a bit of a risk-taker in you right now! There may be some drama or heightened emotions in a friend's life mid-month. Relationships become clearer by the New Year. Good news or rewards at school can arrive before the holiday break! You may want to make school related New Year's resolutions a little early. You're coming across with increased charm and energy.

Virgo August 23 – September 22:

Love matters are strong in December. While you may be on the fence about many things until mid-month, you're certainly not lacking when it comes to admirers. You are exuding much charm and positive energy that won't go unnoticed. Willingness to take emotional risks in the second half of the month can bring interesting experiences into your world. School can be demanding, with a part of you wrestling with a decision or some uncomfortable gossip. Try not to react impulsively at this time. Family is supportive and comforting in the last week of the month, when efforts to recognize the home can also pay off.



Libra September 23 – October 22:

You've been going through a maturing process recently, and sometimes you may feel that it was forced upon you. Impulsiveness in relationships may come at a price. This month you're likely to feel more in your element on a romantic level. Delays and transportation matters can be very tricky. News can arrive that has you acting on impulse, but it's best to wait things out. Prepare yourself for changes to your itinerary.

Scorpio October 23 – November 21:

Money matters can get very tricky this month. Sticking to a budget may be difficult, but necessary. Avoid borrowing and lending, as both can bring heavy complications at this time. Changes in your financial arrangements may be in store by the end of the year. Impulsive decisions should be avoided. School work can change at a moment's notice, but ultimately it is for the best. The last week of the month brings a growing feeling of strength in a partnership. You'll be in fine shape to celebrate the holidays, and will probably want to stick close to home.

Sagittarius November 22 – December 21:

Avoid an overly independent stance this month, as relationships can be tricky enough to handle. Alienating someone special will not help. Impulsive decisions can be a downfall, so try to keep your cool. Relationships heat up around the holidays. This can also be a time when something personal comes to the attention of others. The last week of the month finds you considerably more balanced and naturally confident (not brashly so). A project begins to regain momentum and money-making ideas are plentiful.

Horoscopes research by Alyssa Brandt and Tori Bertsch



Dear Annie,

Dear Annie,

I'm about to explode! I've really been trying to focus in school lately, but there are just too many things that get in the way. The major problem is that my friends are constantly bugging me to help them with their problems. If they would stop bugging me, I know I could do better. I don't want my friends to be mad. What should I do?

Bugged

Dear Bugged,

You should tell your friends that you can't help them all the time. Let them know that you care about them, but you just can't help them when you have other things that need to be done. Try scheduling some time to yourself with the phone and computer off and do your homework. Once they realize you are not their therapist, you'll have more time for school work. I hope everything works out for you.

Annie

Dear Annie,

My life is messed up! I got into a verbal fight with my best friend at

school. It was a stupid fight and I know I shouldn't have said some of the things I said. My parents grounded me and my best friend won't talk to me. I feel like I wish I could go back and change it all so it wouldn't have happened. The worst part is that my other friends are mad at me too. I feel lonely and sad about the whole thing. How can I fix it?

Foolish Fighter

Dear Foolish,

It sounds like you have remorse for your behavior and that's the first step in the right direction. Sometimes when we're angry we say things without thinking. That's why it's important to learn to have control of your emotions so that you don't act on impulse and then regret what you say and do. When you feel angry, instead of yelling (or worse) try counting to ten and consider walking away until you cool down. That way you will have time to think about how you will respond. Most likely it will be much more calmly than it would have been if you reacted immediately.

Chances are your friend feels just as miserable as you do. Try talking to her and telling her how you feel. If she is a true friend, she'll want to work it out. Good luck.

Annie

Dear Annie,

My mom and I don't seem to get along anymore. It seems like whenever we talk, we end up yelling at each other. It wasn't always like this and I don't know how to get it back to the way it was. Any suggestions?

Yeller

Dear Yeller,

My mom and I used to fight all the time too. It was affecting my school life and grades a lot. I realized it was ridiculous that we fought over such small things that were usually misunderstandings. One day I decided that when I got angry, instead of yelling I would talk calmly to my mom so that she would understand my point of view. Because I did that my mom understood me and was also less angry. Now that we know how to talk to each other, even when we're mad, we get along.

Annie

Fashion Sense



By Erum Khurshid & Grace Savino

This year's latest winter fashions include boots and moccasins. More popular than ever, boots can be worn with just about anything and come in many varieties and styles. Not only do they keep you warm, moccasins are a comfy addition to any casual outfit. Dress jackets are also very popular this winter and come in a variety of bright colors. Scarves help to add style to the look, and keep the chill away!

A good gauge for looking stylish is to keep it low key, but cute. A shoulder bag tucked under the arm adds sophistication. Remember—a great fit can make an outfit, a poor fit can break it! Happy holidays and happy shopping!

Tunes

By Brandon Etner & Ben Hinkle

Nickelback's *Rock Star* is the fifth US single released by the Canadian band. The band was formed in 1995 by Chad Kroeger, Ryan Peake, Mike Kroeger, and Brandon Kroeger. Its name originates from the nickel in change that band member Mike Kroeger gave customers at his job at Starbucks; he would frequently say, "Here's your nickel back." *Rock Star's* lyrics are about the perks the band members received from their fame.

Niki Minaj (real name Onika Tanya Maraj) was born on December 8, 1982 in Trinidad. She moved to the Queens borough of New York City at age five. Her debut album *Pink Friday* was released in November 2010. She was recently named the 2011 *Rising Star* by *Billboard*. She has also appeared on *Saturday Night Live* as an entertainer.

3 Doors Down's most popular song, Kryptonite, brought national fame to the band in 1996. Band members consist of Brad Arnold (vocals), Matt Roberts (guitar/vocals), Todd Harrell (bass), Chris Henderson (guitar), and Greg Upchurch (drums/percussion). The band often performs 300 concerts a year and has performed with artists such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Megadeth, Staind, Nickelback, Alter Bridge, and Daughtry.

Bruno Mars (real name Peter Gene Hernandez) was born on October 8, 1985. Mars is an American singer-songwriter and record producer. Raised in Honolulu, Hawaii by a family of musicians, Mars began making music at a young age. After performing in various musical venues in his hometown, he decided to pursue a musical career and moved to Los Angeles after graduating from high school. In October 2010, he released his debut album, *Doo-Wops & Hooligans*.

Behind the Scenes - Staff Speaks Out!

ANDREW KIPP is a seventh grade student on the *Tiger Beat* staff at FAMS. Andrew's nickname is "Kipper." Andrew is most proud of the fact that he is often on the honor roll and knows the importance of academics. Andrew doesn't have a favorite subject, he enjoys all of his classes! If he could meet a fictional character, Kipper would like to meet Patrick from *Spongebob Squarepants* because he's silly and funny. Andrew's favorite excuses for not turning in his homework is that he forgot it at home, or that he doesn't remember getting that assignment. Hanging out with friends or playing games are favorite past-times for Andrew. The biggest regret that Andrew has about middle school is the day in 5th grade when he wore his jeans "backwards" to school. Andrew feels that most adults don't understand that kids love to have fun and to go places. Three words that best describe Andrew are crazy, funny, and laid back. When he was younger, Andrew used to pretend that he was the Incredible Hulk. Andrew would like to focus more on studying this year. Kipper has been an awesome addition to the *Tiger Beat* Staff!

BEN HINKLE is a seventh grade student, also on staff at *Tiger Beat*. Ben will graduate from high school in the year 2017. Ben is most proud of working with his dad who runs his own landscape company. He also thinks that his teachers would be surprised to know that he really enjoys working with his dad. Ben enjoys being outside and finds the hard work of landscaping rewarding. Ben also enjoys playing soccer and riding his bike. If Ben could meet a fictional character, he would like to meet Santa Claus because he would like to get more gifts from him! Ben's favorite excuse for not turning in his homework is that his dog ate it. Ben thinks that many adults don't understand that students have an extreme amount of energy. Three words that best describe Ben are hard-working, funny, and strong. When he was younger, Ben imagined being Spongebob Squarepants and living in a pineapple in the sea. Ben has been an ambitious and helpful member of *Tiger Beat* so far this year! We welcome him to our staff!



(See *Staff Speaks Out* next page)

Staff Speaks Out!

GABRIELLA MUSCARELLA is a seventh grade student who is on the *Tiger Beat* staff this year. Gabriella's nickname is "Gabby." She is proud of the work she has done in art class because she really enjoys drawing. Gabby's teachers might be surprised to know that in addition to drawing, she loves to write. If she could meet a fictional character, Gabby would like to meet Tinkerbell because even though she messes up a lot, she always finds a way to fix it. Gabby's favorite excuse for not doing her homework is that she forgot it at home. Listening to music and talking to people are activities that Gabby enjoys daily. Gabby would like to improve on her grades this year and has made academics her primary focus. Three words that best describe Gabby are nice, trustworthy, and outgoing. When she was younger, Gabby imagined herself as a star singing on a stage! Gabby wouldn't want to change anything about herself because she is happy with who she is! We are thrilled to have Gabby on the *Tiger Beat* staff this year!

KACIE HAFER is a seventh grade student and reporter for *Tiger Beat*. Kacie is most proud of her accomplishments with her grades in middle school. Kacie's teacher might be surprised to learn that she has a guinea pig, a leopard gecko, four dogs, and three cats! If Kacie could meet a fictional character, she would like to meet Percy Jackson from Rick Riordan's fantasy books because he's brave, never gives up, and is a good influence on people. Kacie's favorite excuse for not doing her homework is that she forgot to do it. Spending time with her friends is her favorite thing to do. Her biggest regret in middle school is not taking 5th grade as seriously as she should have, but she is making up for it! Kacie feels that most adults don't understand that kids don't like to be rushed. Three words that best describe Kacie are outgoing, hard-working, and entertaining. When Kacie was younger, she used to imagine herself as a popular singer. The biggest change that Kacie would like to make in herself is to be more organized. We are pleased to have Kacie join the *Tiger Beat* staff and look forward to her great ideas and interesting articles!

Recipe Corner

Date Balls

*From the kitchen of Kimball Veasey -
A rich and chewy holiday treat.
Makes 36 balls.*

Ingredients:

1 cup dates, pitted and chopped
1 teaspoon water
1 cup chopped walnuts
2 egg whites
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup shredded coconut

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Grease 2 cookie sheets.
3. In a small saucepan over low heat combine butter, water, and dates. Bring to a boil and remove from heat. Let stand for 10 minutes.
4. Pour date mixture into a medium bowl. Stir in the brown sugar and chopped nuts.
5. Whip the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold egg whites into the date mixture. Roll dough into 2 inch balls and roll in the shredded coconut. Place on cookie sheets about 2 inches apart.
6. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes in preheated oven. Let cool on wire racks.

DID YOU KNOW?

*By Gabby Muscarella &
Tori Bertsch*

- Months that start on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th.
- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.
- An ostrich's eyes are bigger than its brain.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- All US presidents have worn glasses.
- Monopoly is the most played game in the world.
- You can burn more calories eating celery than it contains.
- The first Burger King opened in 1954.
- Eleven percent of all people are left-handed.
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds.



Tiger Beat Staff

In seventh grade:

Tori Bertsch
Erin Bogacki
Alyssa Brandt
Edgar Cruz
Kacie Hafer
Mackenzie Hart
Benjamin Hinkle
Elizabeth Horinka
Erum Khurshid
Andrew Kipp
Hayley Martin
Carly Mitchell
Gabriella Muscarella
Grace Savino
Brianna Zettlemyer

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Tirza Argott
Branden Etner
Mikaela Major-Cruz
Ian Swasing
Natasha Torres
Kimble Veasey
Luke Voyer

Advisor:

Mrs. Wuscher

Fun Sports Facts

By Branden Etner & Andrew Kipp

- The first baseball caps were made of straw.
- It takes 3,000 cows to supply a year's worth of football leather for the NFL.
- The state sport of Maryland is jousting.
- Pittsburgh is the only city where all major sports teams are the same color – black and gold.
- In the 1900's prize fighters could last 100 rounds.
- The average lifespan for a baseball in the MLB is about five to seven pitches.
- Babe Ruth wore number 3 because he batted third.
- A face-off in hockey used to be called a puck-off.
- Left-handed people are better at sports than right-handed people.
- Every year 30,000 people are injured by exercise equipment.
- The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache on the playing cards.
- When pitched, the average MLB baseball rotates 15 times before it is hit.
- Tug of War was an Olympic event from 1900 to 1920.

