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Sixth Graders Go to Camp Nesbit—by the Sixth Grade



Above: Copper Country Assoc. of School Board Members Award Winners Becky Lampinen, Jaclynn Ek, and Jeannie Dunstan.

Stanton Township Public Schools is located on Holman School Road in Atlantic Mine (Liminga) Michigan. There are currently 165 students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

Our sixth grade class, from E.B. Holman, enjoyed going to Camp Nesbit.

The schools that went to Camp Nesbit with E.B. Holman were South Range, Chassell, and one boy from Elm River. The counselors of the cabins were from Jeffers High School and Chassell High School. The instructors were teachers from South Range, Chassell, and E.B. Holman.

Camp Nesbit is located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan near the town of Sidnaw by a lake named Lake Nesbit. Stanton sixth grade students went to Camp Nesbit on May 18-20. We left from school at 9:00 A.M. on Monday and got

to camp at 10:55 A.M. We were at camp Monday-Wednesday. We left Camp Nesbit on Wednesday at 12:00 P.M. and got back at about 2:00 P.M.

What did we do at Camp Nesbit? We went fishing, swimming, and canoeing on the waterfront; we worked together at team building; we played games at the recreation field; we made many arts and crafts; we played the game "Wilderness Jeopardy"; Capture the Flag (which was fun!); did a low ropes course; shot bows and guns; and participated in a scavenger hunt.

The reasons we go to Camp Nesbit are to have fun and to

meet people from different schools like South Range, Elm River, and Chassell. We also go to learn new things. We got to Camp Nesbit by selling popcorn every Tuesday and Thursday at school this year. Our parents and the Stanton School board also helped us with the money needed to get to camp and have lots of fun! (So a great big E.B. Holman 'thank you' to them!)



Principal's Corner—Mr. Rautiola

Greetings,
The students and staff at E.B. Holman had an awesome year. As a district, we made many positive strides forward. We secured a Michigan State Police Security Grant, which will allow us to perform security upgrades to our building. For the first time, students in grades 3-8 have successfully completed state mandated testing completely online. Once again, our community has been fantastic in supporting and creating positive extracurricular student activities. Some activities include: 8th Grade Etiquette

Dinner held at the Brownstone Hall, Hunters/Boaters Safety, playground improvements and donations of time, money and materials, to supplement other educational programs, such as music and art. The students at E.B. Holman held two penny wars this year. The winning classes earned the opportunity to throw pies at their principal and teachers. Some of the funds raised were donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Also, we are seeking community input on building needs and updates. Please feel free to stop by, grab a cup of coffee, and

become involved. Congratulations to Copper Country Association of School Board Award recipients Rebecca Lampinen, Jaclynn Ek and Jeannie Dunstan for their contributions and leadership in supporting our community and school. Lastly, I would to thank everyone for being so supportive this year. We have a remarkable community and public school. I am confident that by working together, we can continue to provide an exceptional educational experience for these kids. Have a great summer!

—Mr. Rautiola

Kindergarten in Action!

Kindergarten and first grade celebrated Grandparent's Day on May 14. The children sang songs, read books with their grandparents and had snacks. The kindergartners are anxiously waiting their graduation on June 5. We are finishing projects we have been working hard on all year long. We celebrated with a fantastic end-of-the-year picnic at McLain's State Park on June 2.



Left: Libby, Rafe, and Sierra hard at work!

Right: A page from one of our books—we wrote all about our year in kindergarten! What a blast!



For our science fair project, we observed how many pennies Mr. Kulju's tin foil boats would hold, and then used that information to build our own boats. Ray and Samantha's boat held the most pennies! It had a flat bottom and tall sides.

(photo by Samantha)



At long last, our chicks hatched! We were so excited!

First Grade: Butterflies and Boats!

A butterfly life cycle starts out as an egg. The egg is a size of a period. After it turns into a caterpillar, which is called a larva. Then the larva turns into a pupa. Then the pupa turns into a butterfly. I love butterflies. They are so cool.

By Josie and Diana

A butterfly starts out as an egg. Then it turns into a caterpillar. Then it turns into a chrysalis. After its

wings are wet it sits in the sun and the wings dry. Butterflies drink nectar from flowers. They fly around in circles.

By Elaina

Butterfly

Butterfly, flutter by. Zoom by the fuzzy squirrel. Fly across the green grass. Float beside the green frog. Flutter by, my butterfly. *By Greyden*

Butterfly

Butterfly, flutter by.

Fly between the green frogs. Dance in the warm house. Zoom by the beautiful waterfall. Flutter by, my butterfly. *By Kylie*

Butterfly

Butterfly, flutter by. Float by the blue ocean. Floating through the yellow sand. Floating above the pink flower. Flutter by, my butterfly. *By Tori*

Exciting News From the Second Grade!:

It's happened again! The E.B. Holman second graders are farmers. We started our adventure on April 13th with 12 eggs of different colors: mostly white, and some brown and bluish green. On Sunday, May 3rd, ten little chicks were busy coming into the world, and what a surprise it was for all of us! Mrs. DeKeyser and two other families

were at the school on a Sunday night putting together a home for those tired chicks. Our class learned a lot about caring for animals and how to be responsible caretakers. Mrs. DeKeyser is proud of all of the children and their hard work. Second grade certainly has been something to *peep* about!

Right: Andrew, Karlyn, Lane, Mary, and Kaeley with our chicks.



News From Grade 3

Adjusting to a new teacher in the middle of the year is not an easy thing to do, but this class of third graders has been amazing in their ability to adapt and grow through it all. We have done many new things this semester, and below the students have recorded some of their favorite things, both new and old, that take place in Grade 3 at E.B. -Mrs. Stone

From Tana, Lily, Vera, and Kayla:
Tana enjoyed learning to multiply multi-digit numbers. Lily enjoyed practicing cursive, playing soccer outside with the

class, and playing dodgeball. Vera enjoyed cursive writing and going to the library. Aili enjoyed making a horse pop-up book for her book report. Kayla enjoyed the spelling stations this year.

From Eli, Luis, and Max:
On Thursday we eat Little Caesar's Pizza. If you bring an extra dollar you can have an extra slice. We have stations in class—listening and reading are the best.

From Ben, Bryce, and Brett:
Every Thursday we get pizza for lunch. After 10:00 recess we have gym. Usually we go outside and play

Capture the Flag. Capture the Flag is the best game we play in gym. We play it in the woods where you can hide behind trees and jump over logs. Awesome.

From Kysa, Eve, Kelsi, Ella, and Betsy:
Kysa's favorite thing to do is writing because she can write poems and learn cursive. Eve likes playing gym outside and using the different supplies in art. Kelsi likes stations because she can learn more about writing and D.E.A.R. time to get better at reading. Ella enjoys Social Studies because she learns about Michigan. Betsy's favorite thing to do is math notes because she learns about math. Betsy also likes language arts.

4th Grade: Mysteries & Poetry

The case of the missing flowers:
Solved!

The fourth grade class was learning fast about the genre of mysteries past. When something went missing they were pouting and hissing cause their poor flowers were gone.

Their senses were used
left battered and bruised
all feeling mighty stressed.

As days were passing
there became more harassing
of who the suspect was.

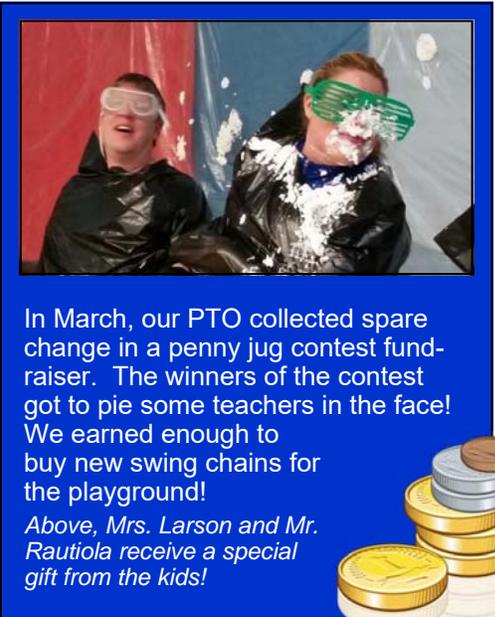
Birthdays were doubled,
everybody was troubled



all in the name of a
mystery.
Herring as our guide,
we had to decide
who the suspect was.

Many were accused
But based on the clues,
It was...
Mr. Kulju!

In addition to learning about mysteries, fourth grade has also been learning about poetry. We have learned different poetry structures, written our own and have read works from many famous poets. This article is based on our new love for poetry!



In March, our PTO collected spare change in a penny jug contest fundraiser. The winners of the contest got to pie some teachers in the face! We earned enough to buy new swing chains for the playground!

Above, Mrs. Larson and Mr. Rautiola receive a special gift from the kids!

Fifth Grade Fun with Mr. LaBonte!

It's hard to believe this year is coming to a close. It seems like only yesterday that I was meeting the amazing 5th graders for the first time, and soon they will happily move onto 6th grade. It has been an absolute pleasure working with these kids all year. I have seen them all grow so much over the past several months. It is because of them and the support of all of you that has made this an incredible year for me out here at E.B. Holman. Thank you.

We are currently writing letters to the incoming 5th graders for next year. We are giving them a heads up as to what to expect next year in my class, and all the interesting things they will learn together. As soon as we are done with these letters, we have one last letter writing task left to do. We are writing letters to ourselves that I will get to them when they graduate from high school. I want them to write about where they are cur-

rently as well as where they think they will be upon graduation. I think this will be a fun experience for them when they can look back and see just how much they've grown and how far they've come.

Hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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7th Grade: U.P. Streams

Have you ever wondered what happens in streams? If you have, read on.

On May 22 and May 26, our E.B. Holman LSSI team completed stream monitoring. The field trips took up most of our school day from about 8:00 A.M. to 2:45 P.M. The students on this year's LSSI team are from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes.

The streams that we monitored were

Schlotz Creek, Garden Brook, Huron Creek, and the Eagle River Outlet. These streams are located in various locations across the U.P. including Oskar, Copper Harbor, Eagle River, and Houghton.

When we went on the field trips, we monitored the streams by testing the water quality. Also, we measured the temperature, used kick nets to catch macro-invertebrates, and took notes about what the riparian zone

(vegetation by the stream's bank) was like.

We determined how healthy the stream was because if the stream is not healthy, macro-invertebrates and plant life will die. Also, if the water is not healthy, it will not be safe to drink.

We concluded that U.P. streams are healthy, and we will continue to monitor them in the future.

A Trip to Remember—by the Eighth Grade

Are we there yet? When do we get to Duluth? Eleven of the twelve 8th graders went on the 8th grade class trip. The four chaperones were Pete Larson who was also our bus driver, Jennell Ek, Roberta Dunstan and Mrs. Dunstan who is our home-room teacher.

At 8:00 am on May 19th, 2015 we hopped on the bus and drove away. The trip lasted until the 21st, when we returned. We spent three days learning new things and exploring new places

During our trip we visited the Great Lakes Visitor Center and Museum in Ashland, Wisconsin, where we discovered some new facts about Lake Superior. Next, we went to the Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth, Minnesota and explored inside the new shipwreck's alive exhibit.

Some of the highlights of the trip were: the observation tower and the Dynamite mine explosion example at the Great Lakes Visitor Center, the otter cove at the Great Lakes Aquarium, a

painting of a girl whose eyes would follow you all the way down the hall at the Glensheen Mansion, eating lunch at the Old Country Buffet and shopping in the Miller Hill Mall. The bonfire at our hotel was also a very fun surprise. It's a tradition for the eighth grade to go on a class trip every year. Would you like to know how we raised all this money? Fundraising! We sold Little Caesar's pizza kits, candy bars, and Easter eggs. Overall, we had a really good time and a trip that we will never forget.