

The Wildcat Journal

“Once A Wildcat, Always A Wildcat”

SPECIAL EDITION

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A Word From Our Principal

Hello Crawford-Rodriguez Wildcats,

I miss you all so much! I cannot believe that we have been out of school this long and I am not sure when we will return. Your teachers have been keeping me informed about the fantastic job you are all doing with remote learning. I am impressed with how well you are giving your best effort each and every day to complete your assignments on time. Please let your parents and families know that I thank them for making sure that time is set aside each day to complete your school work.

What are some things that you have been doing once you finish your school work? Here are some things that I have been doing to stay busy.

Mrs. Jean-Denis’

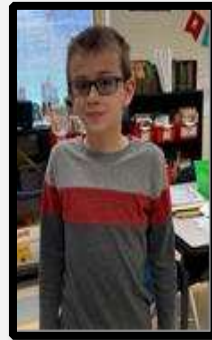
Top 10 List of Activities

1. Taking long walks in my neighborhood
2. Reading - I just finished reading a book that my daughter had to read for school. We read it together, it was fun!
3. Knitting - I think I am going to finish the hat I started months ago.
4. Coloring - I have many coloring books.
5. Puzzles - I forgot how much I loved puzzles.
6. Trying to convince my daughter to do a TikTok with me, so far no success!
7. Watching movies
8. Google Meets with friends
9. Riding my bike
10. Cooking and baking - I have been trying new recipes

I would love for you to share with me some of the activities you are doing during this time. You can always email me a picture or video at aldenis@jacksonsd.org. It would be great to see you!

Take care, stay safe, stay healthy until I see you all soon.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jean-Denis



The Science Behind Corona

by: Jacob Cofinas

While most sicknesses have a cure, the coronavirus doesn't.

Like the flu, the medication only treats the symptoms and will not actually kill the virus.

It is most common for humans to get it, yet a tiger at the Bronx zoo tested positive. Also many people wear masks even when it is not necessary. For example, a mask will not protect you from getting it, it will only stop you from spreading it.

An easy way to spread coronavirus is by not washing your hands. If you touch something in ShopRite that someone else may have touched you can get it. The coronavirus can live on surfaces like metal, plastic, and glass for hours to days.



Even though the coronavirus is causing a lot of change in people's lives, we hope that we are almost to the end of it.

COMICS

Found By: Aliza Rose



Earth Day April 22nd

By: Carley Davies

Earth Day is about raising awareness about the importance of protecting our planet and taking action.



PHOTO DOCUMENTARY WITH KIDS

Taking time to look closely at the details of life is a skill that doesn't come naturally to many of us. When we pay attention to details, we develop a healthy curiosity of the world that surrounds us, make comparisons, and notice nuance. And all of these good things contribute to creative and critical thinking. If you'd like to slow down, pay attention to details, and smell the flowers (literally!), you could try a fun and interactive photo documentary activity about your neighborhood. Share your results we'd love to see them.



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Reviewing Our Resources By: Addison Meringer 8 Ways to During the Coronavirus

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Just breathe Relax and Stay Calm

7. **Breathing techniques to calm down.** Grab some bubbles. Sit down in a nice, comfy chair. Get some bubbles, a pinwheel, or a stuffed animal. Breathe in, and breathe out, at least 5 times. This can help when you feel mad or sad, and it helps you get collected.



National Geographic Kids Kids.nationalgeographic.com

National Geographic kids is a site that gives facts about history, animals, space, and so much more! They also have videos to watch and games to play! National Geographic is the place for you if you want to learn about history, animals, and space!



The Coronavirus is pretty insane, and sometimes, the idea of it spreading around the world can be pretty scary. Sometimes, you need to take your mind off the crazy troubles of the world and focus on calm, happy things. People may think staying home is a crazy, boring time where you binge Netflix and eat chips, but there are many cool fun things to take your mind off things, calm down, and relax!

1. **Think and plan all the fun things you could do in the future!** People with free time can do all sorts of things to prepare for when staying at home is over. You could plan a party, make up a game or holiday to play and celebrate, or even make a list of things you could do once you can see your friends again. It makes you plan ahead, and see how you can make a better future than the past.

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Prodigy Play.prodigy.com

2. **Bake.** Ok, clever, but make and sensations.
3. **Get some** boring, but those are is a great ART and CRAFTS!

Prodigy is an amazing math game that gives you a problem you have to solve. If you answer the problem correctly the monster you're battling loses health, keep on playing until the monster loses all of its health. Fight other monsters to finish your quest.



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crafts done. Ok, this this is the perfect time to do it. You know when you can get all projects that look fun and big, that you never had time for? Now time to get that all done! Paint, draw, do whatever you want with

4. **Laughter** feeling

It's great.

is the best medicine. When down and pretty cranky, or do



you are watch, see

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Epic is a great source for kids. It's a library online! You can read on Epic if you don't have a book at home or just want to read a certain book. You just have to sign in with your class code and pick a book. It's that easy! It's similar to a real life library but instead of a real life library it's a library on a device!



something funny. Happy, silly things in life never let you down, and no matter what, you end up laughing and having a pretty good time, despite the circumstance.

5. **Calm by nature.** Explore to have a picnic on your front cool breeze and the flowing flowers is calm and relaxing, sounds weird, really helps. You just need to take a deep breath and observe the beautiful wildlife and nature people take for granted.



6. **Start a small garden or keep a plant.** Flowers, vegetable plants, shrubs, you name it. Dirty, fun and pretty little plants would be great for people with a ton of free time who like getting their hands dirty!





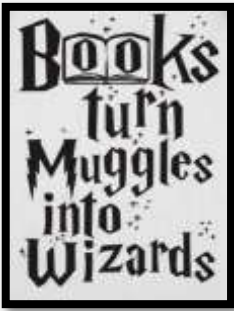
Remote Learning? We Got This!



We hope this note finds everyone healthy and safe. First, we want to thank everyone for their understanding and positivity while we as the PTN board adjust. We know everyone is doing their best to do social distancing and help flatten the curve. We all know it's been a long road and we miss our Crawford family terribly. We hope everyone is maintaining their sanity and getting a better handle on remote learning, as well. The teachers all have been doing a fantastic job, as well as the parents. Kudos to ALL!

Here a few things going on to be aware of:

1. PTN will be hosting our PTN meeting virtually for our May 6th Meeting. We plan to post this information on our FB page when we have it available. We know a lot are not on our FB page so we ask those who are to spread the word to your friends.
2. PTN Board nominations are due Thursday, April 30. The positions we have open are (2) Co-Presidents, (1) Vice President, (1) Treasurer, (1) Recording



What books are you reading? To share a book review send it to meoxx@jacksonsd.org



How to Stay Healthy and Active
By: CJ Hagberg



Coronavirus is a pandemic that is going on in the world right now and it is affecting our health a lot more than before because people think that it is bad to go outside and do things but people need to think about working out and exercising.

Workouts



Some workouts you can do include push-ups, sit-ups running burpees jumping jacks those are just some things that you can do but there's many more. It is very important to work out to stay healthy so you can be more unlikely to get this virus and so you can stay, healthy just in general

also it is good to work out because at this time everyone is eating junk food and packaged food that is very bad for your health.



What foods to eat There are certain types of food that are best for you during this virus, some like fruit vegetables, some meat and other types of food but before you eat fresh produce wash it before you eat it. Also with everyone buying canned food and packaged food there is all the fresh produce you have just been aware of before you eat it.



What to do to stay away from getting it Some things to do from avoiding coronavirus are to no

touch anywhere near your face after you touched something or just don't touch your face at all also don't go to your friends' houses also stay apart from each other because if someone has corona and they go near you will

get it too and it will just keep spreading more and more. This virus is affecting our world. It is making us eat bad not workout and that is affecting our health a lot more than it did before so if we could stop eating bad and working out we would feel a lot better than if we are unhealthy and not working out.

Crawford-Rodriguez Parent Teacher Network

Our Mystery Readers....



Secretary, and (1) Classroom Coordinator Liaison. Please email your nominations to jocmedina77@yahoo.com

3. Plant Sale – We will hopefully get the approval from the district if we can host a delivery/ or pick up curbside for our spring plant sale with Ciccones. Once we get approval, please be on the lookout on our FB page information to direct you to the web site. They will be offering plenty of flowers, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets etc. and part of the proceeds will be given back to our school. Please stay tuned regarding this fundraiser.
4. Yearbook – Deadline to order is 5/1, \$35. You can order online at: <https://tinyurl.com/CRES-Yearbook>
5. 5th Grade announcements:
 - a. We are able to proceed with sales for the McAuliffe Sling Bags. Flyer to be posted on FB page soon. Please be on the lookout for it.
 - b. We are proceeding with Keepsake T-shirts. Please check your child’s google classroom as the 5th grade teachers have posted the flyer. We need scanned or photo of student signature, students full name, teacher name, shirt size emailed by 4/24 to CR5thGradeTee@gmail.com
 - c. Lawn Signs – We are still planning on offering these lawn signs but we wish to wait a bit longer before we proceed.

The remainder of our calendar for May and June are up in the air for now. We will be doing our best to keep you all informed as we find out what can be done or not.

Please join FB pages: PTN
FB Page: Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School PTN 5th Grade FB Page Only: Crawford Rodriguez Fifth Grade 2020 Moments We miss our school and hope to see everyone real soon! Best Wishes from the PTN Board



Teacher Feature





Mrs. Carbo By: Ryan Leirim

Ms. Carbo is an intervention teacher here at Crawford Rodriguez. A good day at school for her is when the children come to school smiling and ready to learn. Ms. Carbo thinks technology makes teaching easier because you can use videos and interactive models. She also thinks it makes teaching difficult at times because it doesn't always work.

To Ms. Carbo the best part of teaching is being around kids all day and seeing their faces light up when they learn something new. She remembers her student's names by giving them nicknames. One year she had two students named Chris and they were best friends. She gave them nicknames ham and cheese because one of their last names started with Ch. Other nicknames Ms. Carbo has used Yoo Hoo, Pocket Sized, Poncho and LaLa. If she could take her students on a field trip to anywhere in the world she would take them to Disney World. Her dream vacation would be to go to Aruba, Maldives.

Some fun facts about Ms. Carbo include her hidden talents. One that she can speak sign language. If she was trapped on a deserted island the movies she would bring are The Wedding Planner, 10 Things I Hate About You, The Cutting Edge, Grease and High School Musical. Her spirit animal would be the chicken from Moana and she knows all the song lyrics from Bon Jovi and New Kids on the Block.

Ms. Carbo thinks the effects of remote learning have taught everyone how important they are to each other. She maintains social distancing by staying home as much as possible she only goes to the food store when it is absolutely necessary.

If there was one quote she could live her life by it would be Have Courage and Be Kind - Cinderella. Some advice she would give her students is to worry about yourself, how you act and behave, always be kind and remember people will always remember how you make them feel.



Mrs. Daniels By: Justin Togans

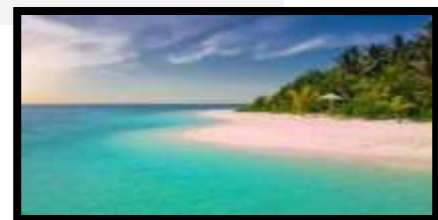
Mrs. Daniels really loves her job and her students! She is inspired by seeing them achieve and putting in effort into their learning. A "good day" at school is seeing them excited about learning. Even though she loves all of her students, after 30 years, Mrs. Daniels sometimes has trouble remembering all of their names.

She said, "They will be the first ones to tell you I just call them Frank." Mrs. Daniels is a paper and pencil fan when it comes to teaching! She feels technology takes her a lot longer and she gets easily frustrated. It is obvious that Mrs. Daniels enjoys the beach. It is one of her favorite places to be during the summer and if she could take her students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, that's where she would take them. Why you may ask? About 70% of the students she has taken to Jenkinson's Aquarium, have never experienced the water, sand and ocean life. "They are so excited and in amazement when they get off the bus and do not want to return to school." Can you guess what her perfect party would look like? A beach party, of course, with lots of music, a bonfire at dusk and s'mores galore!

Outside of school, Mrs. Daniels enjoys catching up on reading, seeing friends she doesn't see regularly and the beach! One of her favorite authors is James Patterson. Did you know Mrs. Daniels wanted to be an Olympic swimmer when she grew up?

Mrs. Daniels feels it is important to stay healthy, safe and active during this time when we are all social distancing. She says, "Get outside and play, play, play." She only leaves the house when she needs to go to the food store and goes early in the morning when not a lot of people are around.

Some final words of advice from Mrs. Daniels, "Never say you can't. Your goals are achievable even though they may take a little longer." Thank you Mrs. Daniels for sharing with us a little glimpse of your life!





Story Time

By: Aliza Rose

It was a warm spring day, almost too hot to be outside. But there was 6 year old Megan Kazoo, out in the garden, playing with her doll, Suzie Sparkles. Megan was completely content, Suzie in one hand and an ice pop in the other. But little did she know that her adventure was about to begin, for her brother Daniel was waiting by the side of the house, waiting for Megan to go get a snack, and leave Suzie outside. When the time came, Megan gave Suzie a hug and went inside. But when she came back out, “Suzie was gone!” Megan wailed to her friends the next day on the playground. “Mom tried to get him to give her back, but he wouldn’t!” Katie, Meg’s friend, seemed about to say something when... “Do I hear someone that has a problem that could be solved by an epic quest?” an eager voice broke in. It was Kaylee Holmes. She was 5 years older than Megan, and obsessed with magic, folklore, and quests. She had helped Katie learn to ride a bike, Meg to swim, and had helped their friend Dillan get a ball out of a tree. They told her about Meg’s problem. “I could totally help.” she glanced around quickly, and lowered her voice. “Go find your friend, and I’ll tell you about L.O.L. and The Sacred Peel.”

“Do you know what L.O.L. stands for?” Kaylee asked the gathered 1st graders. The kids shook their heads. “It stands for League of Ladies. The league is a group of girls who all believe in magic and quests.” At Meg’s excited look, she added “but you have to be 10 to join. You train until you’re 11, helping kids at the elementary school, and then you become a full member when the current Elder sees fit. You then have a sleepover with them, where you learn most of the league’s secrets, like where they hide The Sacred Peel. But you also have to help out with one epic quest, and this could be mine!” Kaylee threw her lunch box in the air at those last words, nearly hitting Dillan in the head. “Sorry.” Kaylee said. “Young questers” She announced seriously. “I send you forth on your journey to find Eldest Ones of L.O.L. and retrieve The Sacred Peel.” She said, handing Dillan a hand drawn map of the park. “Dillan Kingsley. I give you this map and dub thee guide, lookout, and strategist of the Quest for Sparkles.” She turned to Katie, snapping two sticks off a nearby tree and pulling a weed out of the ground. “Katie Thompson.” Kaylee announced, tying the sticks together. “I give you this sword in the hopes that you will use it to protect and look after the members of the Quest for Sparkles.” She continued, handing the stick-sword to Katie. “And Megan Kazoo. I do not have anything for you, but I declare you the leader of the Quest for Sparkles. Lead your friends to victory, and retrieve Suzie Sparkles.”

It rained the next day, but, as Katie loudly put it, “Destiny cannot be stopped!”, so off they went. Dillan, map in one hand, Batman umbrella in the other, in the lead, followed by Meg, and finally by Katie, who was turning in slow circles, pointing the sword outwards. Meg had eventually been able to guilt-trip her mom into chaperoning the kids, and she now sat on one of the park benches, reading a magazine. “Are you sure this is the right way?” Katie asked skeptically. Dillan looked frustrated. “I don’t know! This map doesn’t seem to go anywhere, certainly not the secret base of L.O.L.!”

We’ve seen this rock at least 5-” “Who seeks out the Eldest of L.O.L.!” An older girl,

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FLOWERS
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RAIN

SUNSHINE
TULIPS
PUDDLES
BIRDS
APRIL

BLOSSOM
BUNNY
MUD
EGGS
COLOUR



a few years older than Kaylee, jumped out from behind the rock. “And where’d you get these!” She demanded, snatching the map from Dillan and the

sword from Katie. The 1st graders dropped to the ground immediately. Kaylee had warned them that the Elders demanded respect. “Elder of L.O.L.” Meg stood up. “We got these things from Kaylee Holmes. She sent us on this quest to find you and retrieve The Sacred Peel.” The Elder looked more annoyed than ever. “When I see that girl...” she muttered.

“Fine. Follow me.” And, pushing a button on the edge of the rock, led them into a gaping whole. ~ Story *To Be Continued* ...



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