

# The RamPages

## Spring Carnival

By: Kennedy Jones, 2nd Grade

The Spring Carnival will be held on May 15th from 5:30-8:00 PM. The theme is space. There will be blow up toys to

play on, games and martian moola you can earn to purchase prizes.

There will be pizza and hot dogs for you to buy.

There will be a prize drawing. Tickets are 5 for \$1.00. The prizes are out of this world!

Each classroom is doing a basket

based on the theme "Spring into a good book."

All the baskets are available for sale in a silent auction.

The Spring Carnival will be out of this world, so bring your family! Hope to see you there!

## Friday the Thirteenth

By: Tyler Thorson, 5th Grade

It's Friday the 13th and I have been wondering why people are superstitious of this day.

I researched this on the internet, but there is no written evidence for a "Friday the 13th" superstition before the 19th century.

I did find out that there are 2 older superstitions where 13 is an unlucky number in some cultures and that Friday is an unlucky day.

There is another superstition that is derived from the Last Supper or a Norse myth that says having 13 people seated at a table will result in death for one of the diners.

Also, in earlier centuries, Fridays were execution day for Rome or Hangman's Day in England.

I feel that "Friday the 13th" is no different than any other day, but there will always be people who fear this day and people who don't.

## Calendar

**March 27th** - Student of the month assembly 2:00 p.m.

**April 3rd**- Maturation program for upper grades

**April 17th** - Maturation program for 6th grade

**April 6th**- Make up day

**April 7th-10th** - Spring Break

**April 23rd** - Health & Safety Fair 5:00-7:30

**April 24th** - Student of the month assembly at 2 p.m.

**April 21st & 22nd** - IOWA Testing for 3rd grade

**CRT Testing**- May 1-15

**May 15th** - Spring Carnival

# News

## Health and Safety Fair

By: Mrs. Bown, 3rd Grade

Quest Academy will be hosting a Health and Safety Fair on April 23rd from 5:00-7:30 PM, here at the school.

There are approximately 12-15 booths that will be set

up for students and parents to visit.

There is no admission charge and healthy snacks will be available.

Some of the booths that will be set up include Weber State University PE Department, Weber State Dental Assisting Department, Rock Run Physical Therapy, Dr. Riggs, and Weber Health Department.

## March Community Council Meeting

By: Mrs. Bown

School Trust Land Grant monies was discussed at the March Community Council meeting. The funds will be spent on math, reading, writing and technology improvements.

Our school SNAP (school, neighborhood access plan) was also discussed. We are working very hard to get things in order so we can get approval to have UDOT come out and install school zone lights and paint crosswalks.

If your child currently walks or rides a bike to school, or would if we had crosswalks and/or lights, please email Mrs. Montgomery at:

[cmontgomery@questacademycharter.org](mailto:cmontgomery@questacademycharter.org)

This information would be very useful in completing our application.

## Grade Level News

By: Mrs. Bown

There have been many great activities going on at Quest. Here are just a few:

For Dr. Suess' birthday, 2nd grade read Dr. Seuss books & did activities with rhyming words.

Also in 2nd grade, they are studying the color wheel and learning about rocks.

In 3rd grade, they are reading Treasure Island and

have created their own pirate names.

Third grade is studying rocks and explosions, star constellations, and the Aztecs.

Miss Red Thunder's first grade class received an award for being the quietest class in the hallways.

Mrs. Berry's class has been doing skits.

Mrs. Wright has started teaching a keyboarding class to all of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes.

Mr. Justin Clarke was recently

hired as a part time Special Education teacher.

Mrs. Marianne Islas was hired as a long term substitute for Mr. Canlas.

Mr. Canlas is doing well. He is still recovering from his surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The faculty had an earthquake drill training on Wednesday, March 18th.

We will be doing earthquake and lockdown drills in the near future.

## March Board Meeting

By: Mrs. Montgomery, Principal

We welcome Heidi Jex as a new Board of Directors member and look forward to working with her. She was chosen to take the place vacated by Gabriel Clark.

Thank you, Gabe, for all the work you did to get Quest Academy up and going.

# Features

## Teacher Feature

By: Kyla Wray,  
2nd Grade

This teacher lives in Roy and has 4 children.

This teacher has no pets and doesn't like animals.

His/her favorite food is pizza.

His/her favorite place to

visit is Las Vegas, Nevada.

S/he has 18 students in his/her homeroom class.

His/her favorite color is purple.

Look for the answer to this week's Teacher Feature on the last page!

## Mr. Popper's Penguins Book

### Review

By: Miss Leverton, 3rd Grade

The story is simple. Mr. Popper is a common house painter who secretly longs to travel to Antarctica with Admiral Drake (and what bored house painter doesn't?).

So, he sends his hero a long adoring letter. The Admiral is so impressed, he not only responds, he sends Mr. Popper a gift: one adult penguin (named Captain Cook).

Soon, Mr. Popper receives a second gift, a mate for the Captain, and, by the end of the chapter, baby makes twelve.

The Poppers turn their gaggle of penguins into a traveling stage act and become rich and famous.

The story has charming illustrations by Robert Lawson and is told with a subtle wit reminiscent of E. B. White.

Far more disturbing, though, is the scene toward the end of the story where Mr. Popper is approached by a big Hollywood producer.

By this time, Mr. Popper's Penguins have become quite famous, so the producer, hoping to make a buck, offers the Poppers a lucrative film contract.

After careful deliberation, Mr. Popper decides that the well-being of his Penguins is more important than money -- or Hollywood! -- and turns him down.

In the end, Mr. Popper decides to go to Antarctica with his penguins.

Mr. Popper's Penguins is an established classic that will delight readers of all stripes.

## LEGOS Website Review

By: Caleb Cunningham, 4th Grade

Lego.com is a great site to visit. There is much fun and games for LEGO lovers.

You can look at LEGO products. I think everyone should visit Lego.com.

The website has updates about LEGOS and news. Legoclub.com is created by the same creators as Lego.com.

On Lego.com you can take quizzes and do polls.

Polls are questions that have you compare with people around the world.

You can look at LEGO comics and look at contests that you can enter.

You can become a LEGO club member and access everything on the site.

You can also sign up to get a magazine about LEGOS every month.

Lego.com is an awesome site!

# Features

## Penny Wars

By: Nathan Veillon, 6th Grade

Have you ever played penny wars? If you haven't, I'll explain it to you.

You'll need some boxes for people to put money in, preferably pennies.

The class that raises the most money, gets a pizza party. I know that you're thinking that sounds just like a regular fundraising contest. But, here is a twist.

If you put money in another class's box, that money gets subtracted from the class's total amount; it can even go negative!

For example, let's say you put \$20 in Ms. Blok's (if you're not in her class). If they had \$10 in

their box, they have to subtract the \$20 you put in, so now their total is -\$10.

But, if they had \$40 in their box, then they would have \$20 left.

Get it? This is fun because it makes you think when you should put money in. So, do you want to attack?!

## What's in a name?

By Tanah Hislop, 5th Grade

Last winter Quest Academy held a contest to name the school newspaper. Several hundred name suggestions were submitted.

The submissions were narrowed to about 15 finalists. Students voted on which name they liked best. They chose The RamPages to be the name of the newspaper.

The person who suggested the name "The RamPages," was Journey Bly.

She said that her dad gave her the idea. "He is a

big fan of the St. Louis Rams and that is what their newspaper is called," she said.

A lot of the school's students entered the contest and the odds were small that Journey would win.

She said, "I didn't really think about it much. I highly doubted that I would win."

When the winner was called, people were listening closely. "When they announced it, I was so happy. I couldn't stop smiling," she said.

She won a \$25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. She used the money to buy a new case for her ipod.

Congratulations Journey!

## Excited about the Environmental Center

By Kira Naegle, 3rd Grade

Fifth grade students are looking forward to an upcoming field trip that will take place on March 31 at the Environmental Center in Ogden Valley.

For the field trip, students will be traveling through Ogden Canyon, have a chance to cross country ski, and be able to participate in science experiments.

Cory Walker, who is in the fifth grade, is really excited to go on the field trip.

"It's cool because we get to learn about plants and snow shoeing," Walker said.

Walker went to the Environmental Center last year and said it's a lot of fun.

In addition to fun activities, lunch will be served and several parents will be helping out.

# Opinion

## Longer Lunches

By: Cody Chidester,  
2nd Grade

I think we should have longer lunches and shorter lunch recesses.

After talking to students at Quest Academy, there are 6 students who want longer lunches also.

Seven people want a shorter lunch and longer lunch recesses.

One person thinks that we have enough time to eat and play.

It turns out more people want longer lunches.

My opinion is that we should have longer lunches and shorter lunch recesses.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

*I need to know why we have to wear uniforms and the teachers don't. It's kind of unfair.*

*-Logan Pedersen*

Dear Editor,

*Why do we have to wear certain colors? I think that we should get to wear whatever colors we want to, but still tuck in our shirts.*

*-Ashlea Tanner*

Dear Editor,

*I think that we shouldn't have to tuck in our shirts. I think it would be fair if we don't have to tuck them in. If this is too much to ask, please consider the tuck in-thing. Please let us dress as we please.*

*-Austin Hunter*

## Dear Reporter Letters

Dear Reporter,

*My baby sister is in the hospital and everyone is worried about her. She has a breathing problem. What should I do to make her feel better?*

*Sincerely,*

*Tinkerbell*

Dear Tinkerbell,

We think you could make her feel better by visiting her and playing games with her.

Sincerely,

The RamPages Reporters

Dear Reporter,

*I get distracted when I'm working. Do you have any idea on what to do?*

*Sincerely,*

*Princess Flapadoodle*

Dear Pricess Flapadoodle,

See if you can figure out what is distracting you and eliminate that problem. Maybe you could take a short break after working for a little while.

Sincerely,

The RamPages Reporters

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# Opinion

## Joke Box

By: Oaklen Weyland, 3rd Grade

I would like to see a joke box at Quest. At my old school we had one.

A joke box is a box that is full of jokes. Every morning at my old school we picked a joke from the joke box.

If you got your joke pulled from the joke box, you got to go to the office and get a treat. Then, your joke was read during the morning announcements.

But, there's more to this story. I think a joke box would improve Quest's sense of humor. I also think it will keep you laughing all day long.

## More competitions

By: BreAnn Neil, 4th Grade

I think that we should have more competitions. What kind of competitions? School wide challenges, like art challenges.

If we only do school wide competitions, it would make it easier to win.

If we had more competitions, there would be more winners, so you would have a better chance of winning.

Also, if you had a bad grade in a subject, this would give you a chance to practice and get better.

## Dear Reporter Letters

*Dear Reporter,*

*Lets say this guy is crushing on me and wants to be around me but lets say I'm not into that stuff right now. But, I still want to be friends. What would I say? What would I do? When would I tell him?*

*Sincerely,*

*Boy Problems*

Dear Boy Problems,

We suggest you just tell the boy that you are not interested in having a boyfriend, but you do want to be friends. Just be honest with him.

Sincerely,

The RamPages Reporters

*Dear Reporter,*

*Why do we get homework on the weekends? It is our time to relax and not worry about homework. For me, it's time to spend with my family and friends. So, should we have homework on the weekends? I say no!*

*Sincerely,*

*Twinkle Toes*

Dear Twinkle Toes,

Many teachers don't give homework over the weekend. Many times you have homework over the weekend only if you aren't responsible during the week and don't get your work done. Talk to your teacher if you want them to change their homework policy.

Sincerely,

The RamPages Reporters

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