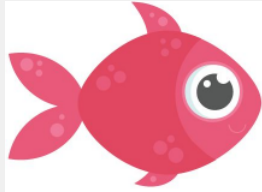


5th Grade Falcon Flyer

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Fish Facts

WANTED

A good home for some baby fish born in room 11. They are sweet, easy to care for and are FREE.

We have two new fish in room 11. Old man Joe, and Digger, two albino red eyed catfish.

5th Grade Update

We are diving into organ systems, mixed with a little bit of chemical equations...how does it all fit together? We are also doing our next project, marine and fresh water organisms mixed with a hybrid. We are learning about their anatomy, their habitats, food sources and defences. We will then combine these two animals into a hybrid! We are really growing as scholars, so this project has half support, and half on our own. Wow!



Upcoming Events

November 23-27

Thanksgiving Break

December 2-11

Book Fair

December 21-January 10

Winter Break

5th Grade Dates

December 2. The first Wordmaster test of the year. Be sure to study!

Five Minutes with...The Ocean Adventure's Wayne and Karen Brown

Wayne and Karen Brown run The Ocean Adventure company. They visited us on Friday, October 30th where they talked to us about the Australian Great Barrier Reef. This was their 14th visit to our school and they visit schools all over!

What educational background do you have?

Mr. Brown: I have a B.S. degree in Ecology and Environmental Science from the University of California, Irvine.

Mrs. Brown: I have a B.A. degree in Sociology from Wells College, Aurora, NY.

What did you initially plan to do with your degree?

Mr. Brown: I was actually a pre-Dental student with the intent of becoming a Dentist. I took a summer break from school and worked as a dive master in the Caribbean on the island of Grand Cayman. By the time I left I had decided that I wanted to learn all I could about the marine environment and changed my major to biology to study marine biology.

Mrs. Brown: I had no idea!

How did you decide to go into education?

Mr. Brown & Mrs. Brown: While we were living in the Caribbean we met a woman who did school assemblies and told us that she thought we should consider doing school assemblies when we returned to the U.S. because she thought we would be great at it.

Have you always done school assemblies or did you do something else first?

Mr. Brown & Mrs. Brown: After living in the Caribbean for many years and running scuba diving and underwater photography centers we returned to the U.S. and started doing school assemblies.

I understand you also lead travel groups. Can you tell us a little more about how that developed?

Mr. Brown & Mrs. Brown: When we are not speaking in schools we also work as onboard marine biologists on small expedition cruise ships. These ships are not the big cruise ships that people normally think of. The ships that we work on are small and only have about 100-200 passengers.



Think About It

A Riddle

What tastes better than it smells?

(A tongue!)

A Quote

Fall seven times, stand up eight. (Japanese proverb)

Something to Ponder

Why does your nose run and your feet smell?



Onboard there are a number of Zodiacs® for our explorations. These are tough, inflatable boats that are used by military Special Forces and powered by a large outboard engine. Each boat holds about 10 passengers plus the driver. We drive these boats to take passengers to go exploring at sea or up rivers or land on beaches.

We started with this through a small expedition cruise ship company that bought some underwater photos from us and then asked us to work as expedition leaders for them in the Caribbean. After that first cruise about 20 years ago we have worked for many different companies around the world from the South Pacific to the Arctic.

What are your favorite things about your job?

Mr. Brown & Mrs. Brown: We LOVE doing school assemblies and getting students excited about the ocean and the animals that live there! We love being able to drive all around the country from the Pacific to the Atlantic and visit many different and exciting places across America!

We LOVE being expedition leaders on small ships to visit and explore places that most people only get see on the Discovery Channel! In fact we have been to some places that the Discovery Channel has not visited!

What surprised you?

Mr. Brown & Mrs. Brown: Everything! In our job as expedition leaders visiting remote parts of the planet we are always seeing things that surprise us...animals, weather, geology, places, people, etc.

What advice would you give to 5th graders with similar interests?

Mr. Brown & Mrs. Brown: READ! Study science and math. Learn how to scuba dive. Get a science degree from college. Take lots of photos with different kinds of cameras, both still and video. Practice making videos and Power Point presentations. Always have an inquisitive mind and explore our beautiful world as much as you can!



The Ocean Adventure at Fuerte

The Rhinoceros! by Jillian

All animals are fascinating. It is always fun to learn more about different animals for pleasure. The rhinoceros has always been something that I was interested in. Everyone else may be interested too, so I figured I would write about it for everyone.

What does Rhinoceros mean?

The greek origin of rhinoceros is amazingly simple. Rhin means nose and ceros means horn. I always thought that the rhino's name was really complex, but it turns out is only two words smashed together to create the word Nosehorn. I can see why they would call it that though, it seriously has a horn on its nose.



Where does the rhinoceros live?

The rhinoceros lives in the grasslands and the floodplains of south and east Africa. There is more than one type of rhino though, one horned rhinos can be found in northern swamps and rainforests of india and southern Nepal. There are two other rhinos that live in small areas of Malaysian and Indonesian swamps and rainforest. I always thought that there was only one kind of rhinoceros, but I guess I was wrong.

What does the rhinoceros eat?

Rhinos are herbivores. This means that they eat only plants, so no meat. Black rhinos eat trees and bushes, while white rhinos graze upon the grass with their heads low to eat the grass. The white rhinos eat the grass because of their square shaped lips, a perfect adaptation for eating grass.

What is a rhinoceros's self defense?

A rhinoceros's main enemy is mankind. They are hunted for their keratin horns worth up to \$30,000 dollars per pound, which is totally crazy. One way it defends itself is with an amazing charge up to 30 miles per hour. It charges with its head down and its horns aimed straight at the target. I feel badly for whoever the poor target is.

The rhinoceros is pretty amazing, but I would be really careful if you were handling one, because I've read that they are very easily annoyed. They sound pretty gentle and sweet, except for the charging part. I think that such a beautiful creature should be left alone and that all the poaching for trade should stop immediate.

The Day of the Dead by Sofia R.

Do you know about The Day of the Dead? In this article I'm going to tell you about it.

The Day of the Dead is a Mexican tradition where they celebrate their loved ones that have passed away, much like Memorial Day in the United States. This tradition has been celebrated for thousands of years. The official Day of the Dead is November 2nd.

The people from Mexico go to the graveyard and decorate their loved ones' grave with candles, food, gifts, and flowers. They decorate the graves with stuff the person loved like their favorite food, desert, drink, sugar skulls, and so on. They also visit, eat, sing, and tell their favorite stories about the person that passed away showing their love, respect, and awaiting the arrival of their love ones soul's visit.

There are several symbolisms that are common and represented by The Day of the Death.

The fancy skeletons are a symbolism of The Day of the Dead. The fancy skeletons and skulls are a mixture of Spanish Catholic and Native Aztec.

Flowers are also a symbolism of The Day of the Dead, Especially the *marigold*. It was believed that the strong scent of the marigold would help guide the spirit back home.

Face-painting with mixes of skulls and colorful flower decorations is also a symbolism of The Day of the Dead. It used to be considered a way to overcome the fear of death.

Another common symbolism is the sugar skull with names on the skull's forehead. These sugar skulls are used as gifts and they can be given to a living person or a dead one as an offering on their tomb. The name on the sugar skull's forehead is the one of the recipient.

Nowadays, The Day of the Dead is celebrated in many Latin America countries and countries with Hispanic heritages, but nowhere to the extent they do in Mexico.



The Day of the Dead is considered a celebration of life, a celebration of *rebirth*! It used to be believed that there was a life after death, and every November 2nd the soul of their loved ones would come back to visit.



NOT ALL PIT BULLS ARE BAD by Randy Raush



I wanted to learn more about Pit Bulls which I think is a breed of dog that is often misunderstood. To learn more about this breed I met and interviewed a man named Frank Kole who created an animal rescue "Pit Bull and friends" that is successful in helping many Pit Bulls and placing them in foster homes until they can be adopted. I learned many things.

A Pit Bull is cross between a Bulldog and a Terrier and is an energetic, athletic, happy, and goofy dog that can be a great family pet.

Unfortunately because of the way they have been bred, they can be aggressive toward other animals. These dogs must be trained and handled with care when around other animals because this often cannot be completely changed through training.

When a Pit Bull has been aggressive toward a person it is usually because it has been neglected, mistreated or not fed enough. Pit Bulls were specifically bred to not be aggressive toward people.

Like all dogs, if you don't know the dog, you must be careful and not approach it until it's owner has said it's OK.

I believe Pit Bulls can be great family pets as long as they are trained and handled carefully. Although not usually mean towards people, it is important to remember how they were bred and that they need to be carefully supervised around other animals.

Finding A Passion That Suits Your Lifestyle by Lily D.

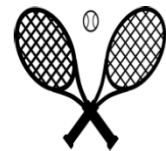
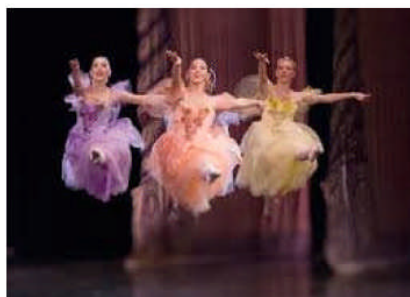
Hi, my name is Lily and I'm in fifth grade. Are you having trouble finding a passion that suits your schedule? Well, think about what you really want to do. If you want to do soccer you have to have a lot of time to play at a big game or go to soccer practice because you have made a big commitment to play on the field with the team and it wouldn't be fair if you didn't go because you didn't feel like it.

Another passion that you might want to do is ballet or dance. That is another big commitment as well because when you start moving up you have to go more than once a week. When you move up you will soon have to go every day of the week including Saturday or Sunday.

If you want to do something that involves a racket and fun tournaments, tennis might be good for you. If you want to do tennis then here is something you might want to know. Some players are really competitive but don't let that distract you from what you are doing. Tell yourself you can win if you try hard.

If you want something that is rush free then try piano. Piano is also good because it is not as loud as the drums or the clarinet. It is just calm and soft.

The passion I found was dance. I have been dancing ever since I can remember. I take lessons at the California Ballet School. I have performed in 5 all school concerts and in 3 Nutcrackers. The Nutcracker Ballet is at the San Diego Civic Theater downtown. It is about a girl named Clara who got a **wooden Nutcracker** from her uncle for Christmas and the adventure she has within her dream. It is quite nerve racking dancing in front of **3,000** people but dancing makes me happy, calm and joyful all at the same time. I hope that when I'm older I get to be Clara in the Nutcracker!



Thanksgiving {MAD LIBS} FOR KIDS

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FROM A KID'S POINT OF VIEW....

Today we are celebrating _____ dinner
at _____ 's house. When we arrived, my
_____ greeted us with a big, _____
kiss. Kisses are so _____! Now we're just
waiting for the _____ to come out of the oven.
My dad is watching _____ on TV. He always
shouts, " _____ " when his team scores
a _____. Yesss!! Only _____ more minutes
until the _____ will be ready to eat. I wonder
if my mom will let me try the _____ first. My
grandma makes the best _____ pie! It smells
like _____. {Much better than my _____,
He/she smells like _____!}
Happy _____!



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