Dear Fuerte 5th Grader,

Welcome to our first edition of the 5th Grade Fuerte Flyer! We plan to have a new edition every month through May. This is your opportunity to see your name in lights and contribute your thoughts and memories of your times at Fuerte. If you’d like to help, contact your teacher... we can use your articles, interviews, jokes, memories, bragging rights, etc.

5th Grade Update

5th graders are reading Owl in the Shower, participating in book clubs, diving deep into math problem solving, learning about fresh and marine water systems, learning how to take action, writing plays and songs to show knowledge on cells, beginning microscope work, organ systems, and soon a Sea Star Dissection! We have all really enjoyed the cultural background projects, and are learning about the motivations, routes and lasting effects of some of the new World Explorers. Our writing has brought us into the world of being a real writer, writing what is real and true to our hearts. We are becoming more confident.

Upcoming Events

October 24
Trick or Treat Night 5-8pm

November 11
Veteran’s Day Holiday

November 9-20
Minimum Day for Parent/Teacher Conference

November 23-27
Thanksgiving Break

5th Grade Dates

October 27. Due date for last Scholastic book order until January 2016.

October 30. Hydrosphere Report and Model due.

December 2. The first Wordmaster test of the year. Be sure to study!
Five Minutes with…Principal Schultz

In the fall of 2014, we had a 4th grade reporter spend a few minutes with Principal Schultz in his first month as Principal of Fuerte Elementary. Our intrepid reporter returned this fall to check in and see how our now seasoned veteran’s first year had gone.

September 11, 2014 – First interview with Reporter Ryan H.

I sat down with Principal Schultz and asked him a few questions about Fuerte. He told me that he wanted to become a Principal because it was the next step in his career progression. He started as a Student Teacher, eventually became an Assistant Principal, a Substitute Principal and now he’s our Principal.

His first priority as Principal of Fuerte is to get to know people around here and to learn the culture of Fuerte and what it means to be a Falcon.

Principal Schultz feels the major role of the Principal is to ensure that students have a safe learning environment for preparing for middle school.

He really enjoys the nice students here and finds the staff, teachers and parents to be very hard working. Best of all, Fuerte has a strong sense of community.

October, 2015 – The Sequel

Last year I interviewed Mr. Schultz just as he was starting his first year as principal of Fuerte Elementary. I checked back in with him to see how last year was for him. He said that this was a pretty amazing school, and he loves his work as Principal. He also like hanging out with students, staff, and parents. He was very surprised last year at how welcoming Fuerte was to him. Go Fuerte! He said that the part he like best was getting to watch the students grow emotionally, mentally, and physically. When I asked him if he has goals or priorities, he said he had none except for to move Fuerte forward. This year, he wants to continue the path to helping students and staff to continue advancing technology.

Think Think Think

Riddle

I’m tall when I’m young and short when I’m old. What am I?

Math Problem

A 5th grader works as a dog walker and charges $4 for each walk. How many dogs will the 5th grader need to walk to save $195 for a tablet?

Quote

“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”

- Albert Einstein

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What I Want to Be When I Grow Up! by Asia M.

Hi my name is Asia and I am in 5th grade. Since second grade I decided that I wanted to be a doctor.

One reason I want to be a doctor is because my grandma had a big surgery, and even my great grandma and I felt helpless seeing them in pain. I wished I could help them.

Another reason is because being a doctor makes you feel good everyday by helping more and more people feel better.

I was also persuaded to be a doctor because when I watch tv, there are some commercials that show kids that are poor and sick from all around the world. And I want to become a doctor and help those people all around the world.

I also want to be a pediatrician because I love babies and I want to make them feel better and feel happy too.

I know it is hard work, but I am going to study and try to achieve my goal of being a doctor. I want to help make the world a healthier and better place.

Asia

Endangered Species by Malina A.

In 2012, the IUCN Red List featured 3079 animal and 2655 plant species as endangered worldwide. The figures for 1998 were, respectively, 1102 and 1197.

Many nations have laws that protect conservation-reliant species: for example, forbidding hunting, restricting land development or creating preserves. Population numbers, trends and species’ conservation status can be found in the lists of organisms by population.

The conservation status of a species indicates the likelihood that it will become extinct. Many factors are considered when assessing the conservation status of a species; e.g., such statistics as the number remaining, the overall increase or decrease in the population over time, breeding success rates, or known threats. The IUCN Red list of threatened species is the best-known worldwide conservation status listing and ranking system.

Over 40% of the world’s species are estimated to be at risk of execution. Internationally, 199 countries have signed an accord to create Biodiversity Action Plans that will protect endangered and other threatened species. In the United States, such as plans are usually called Species Recovery.
So you have decided your family is ready for a dog. There are many to choose from. Which is the right one for your lifestyle, which means how your family lives. I recommend three breeds: the Pug, the Labrador retriever, and the Beagle. The Pug is a terrific dog for any family. It does whatever the owner wants to do. Go for a walk? The Pug is ready. Sit on the couch and watch tv? The Pug is ready for that, too. Its behavior is flexible and will do whatever the family wants. The Lab is very popular. It is bigger than the Pug and is much more athletic. It loves to run. They are great swimmers and love to be taken to the ocean whenever the family has time. The Beagle is friendly and loves everyone! When it wants attention, the Beagle will let you know by howling. And each howl means something different! The best thing to do is to read about each breed and match it with your family’s lifestyle. Don’t choose by CUTENESS!
Recess and its Sports by Caitlin S.

There are many recess sports at Fuerte Elementary. In particular, there are a few special ones that the majority of the kids here at Fuerte love and play. These sports are soccer, spot, and wall ball. Playing these sports encourages kids and other people to be active and have fun.

First up, Spot, the one I can be seen playing most of the time. Spot is a very fun and active game that you can participate in easily, unless there’s a long line or two evenly matched players/teams are never losing or winning. In that event, there’s no end of it, unless they hit it out of the spot or out of the lines, breaking the rules. The first and more important object of spot is hit it in the center of the circle. It is as easy as 1-2-3,, if you don’t know how to play Spot, just watch and you’ll learn it quickly. The next most important thing to know are the lines. The most vital lines are every line, honestly. In the center is a large circle, and then 2 lines going outward from that side on each side of the circle. Next, there are two lines on each side that go from side to side, but not that far from the spot (circle). What you have to do is hit the ball on the spot, make sure it doesn’t get out of the spot, also make sure it doesn’t go out of the two lines going outward, and finally make sure it doesn’t land between the space in between the circle and first line. Also, if it is only 1 person on a team, you can’t hit it between the circle and 1st line, and also the space between the 1st and 2nd line. If you do that, and the opposite team drops the ball… you win!!!

Wall ball is the next game worthy of mention. It is a simple and basic game, a game that I used to play in 2nd and 3rd grade. First, there is a wall you have to hit the ball on. The lines, actually, are easy too, not as complicated as the lines on spot, thankfully. From the sky’s view, the lines are like this —>

....all you have to do is hit the ball with your fist, make sure it’s not a baby (which is below knee level), and get the person out. There are multiple ways to play wall ball, though. There is Three Pea, Multiplayer, Four player, Elimination, and Mush. Three Pea, Multi and Four Player are practically the same, just with a different
amount of people. Mush is where if you get someone out, and you get out, they get back in. Elimination is the opposite, where you get someone out, they stay out until the game is over, and if you get out, they can’t return to the game. That is how to play wall ball.

Finally, soccer, the sport where most 5th grade boys (if not then all) play, is the most popular sport in the whole school. How you play is harder to explain than wall ball, but easier than spot. How should I explain it to you? Well, I’m sure most of you have played this, so I’ll just list and name the basics. First off, there are two goals and two teams, one for each goal. There is one goalie for each team, guarding the goal you’re supposed to shoot in to score a point. There are two other positions, offense and defense, and their names speak for themselves, so I don’t have to explain their position to you. There are multiple tricks in soccer, just like spot. Also, the golden rule in not to touch the ball with your hands. That concludes my soccer analysis.

I hope this article has captured your attention, encouraging you to try something new for yourself during recess. Please feel free to join in anytime and experience the excitement first hand.

The Super Blood Moon by Ryan H.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 27, 2015, I saw a rare and marvelous sight. We were lucky enough to experience a Supermoon. This was a full moon that was orange, brighter, and closer than any other full moon. It made me wonder if we are alone in the giant universe.

The Super Blood Moon

The super blood moon is a full moon during a lunar eclipse.

We got to see a legendary total eclipse of a Supermoon. The eclipse started at 7:11pm. A lunar eclipse happens when the Moon passes within Earth’s shadow. When the whole Moon is in the Earth’s shadow, the reddish cast from the sun makes it a blood moon. The last time we saw this wonder was in 1982.

When We Will See The Supermoon Next?

The time we see the Supermoon is estimated to be in 18 years, in the year 2033. I’ll be about 28. My mom asked me where I might be when the next time it comes around. I think I will be visiting my childhood house with my wife and 2 kids. I might be an engineer like my dad in 18 years.
Reflections on 5th grade from Principal Schultz

When you think you are done you have just begun. You all have heard this phrase over and over again the past two years. It’s a true statement in writing and also in life in general. Remember this phrase because it will be with all of you your entire life. The following is a bit of advice I would like to offer all of you as you train this year for the rest of your life.

As you navigate thru fifth grade this year, keep in the front of your mind that the habits you set now will carry over to middle school. Make sure those habits set you up for success. Learn now that you control your actions. Your choices are just that, your choices, so make good ones. You are extremely fortunate to attend Fuerte. Thank your family daily for giving you the opportunities you have. Don’t forget to do this. Time will fly by and, if you don’t do this now, you will regret it. Trust me on this one.

Have fun learning. Learn as much as you can about everything you can. Listen to opinions that are different from yours. New knowledge comes from understanding that we all see the world through slightly different lenses. Learn multiple ways to do the same thing. Use your time this year to prepare you for next year. Enjoy your time here this year because one day you will look back and wish you could go back. That is called nostalgia. Know that there are more people cheering for you than you realize. We are here to help you set yourself up for success next year.

Most importantly, take time this year to stop and enjoy who you are. To quote Ferris Bueller, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

Enjoy your time this year. Represent your family, yourself, and your school well. You will always be a Falcon.

Bryan Schultz

Fish Facts

Mrs. Miller’s baby fish Mollies are doing well. Looks like we have 4 girls and 1 boy…is this a possibility that this is El Diablo Junior?

Book Recommendations

The Amulet Series is available in Mrs. Miller’s room, there is waiting list so check with Mrs. Miller!

The Power of Books!

“A book is a magical thing that lets you travel to faraway places without ever leaving your chair.”

Katrina Mayer
Halloween Mad Libs

Description of a Horror TV Show

Last week I saw a television show that really gave me _______ [animal] pimples! It starred _________ [name] as a Mad ______________ [occupation] who discovers a way to make bedbugs _______ [number] feet high.

The Scientist has a goofy assistant, played by ______________ [name] who gets mad because the Scientist keeps hitting him on the head with a _________ [noun]. So he lets the bedbugs loose. Right away they start to eat up ____________ [place]. The Army tries to stop them by spraying them with ______________ [liquid] but that doesn’t bother those ___________ [adjective] bedbugs. They go right on and eat up Chicago. Then the Army drops an atom-___________ [noun] on them and this kills all of them except one super bedbug who grabs the ____________ [adjective] Scientist and jumps into a volcano. And then the goofy assistant takes off his disguise and says, “I was only a ____________ [noun] for the FBI.” And he marries the Scientist’s beautiful ______________ [noun] who is played by ________________[person] and they live _________________ [adverb] ever after.

How to Do That New Dance, The Monstrosity

(Two brave volunteers are needed to follow the instructions as they are read)

Here’s how you do the Monstrosity. First, stand with your feet together. Now, move your left foot ___________ [adverb] to the side. Now stamp your right foot _______ [number] times and put your hands on your partner’s ____________ [plural noun]. Next you both ________________ [verb] slowly to the right and bend your ____________ [body part] backward. Now, for the next eight counts, both of you __________ [verb] ______________________ [adverb] to the left. Next, you and your partner stand back to back and wiggle your ________________ [plural noun] and slap your __________ [plural noun] together. Don’t forget to keep stamping your right foot. Now face your partner again, put your _________________ [plural noun] together and shout, “_____________ [nonsense word].” Now ______________ [verb] backward and repeat the whole thing _____ [number] times. If you feel that you can’t learn this dance, you can always ______________ [verb] the next one out.