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RED RIBBON WEEK

Every year at Spring Valley there is a special week named Red Ribbon Week. It has been celebrated each year for over 10 years.

Red Ribbon Week is all about being drug and bully free. The week consists of different days to dress up and focus on positive goals.

This year, Monday was the day we said, "Sock it to Drugs," and everyone wore crazy socks. Students were very creative, and there were so many different socks!

Tuesday we were "CRAZY about being drug and bully free" and showed it with crazy hair styles. There



were a variety of colors and some very crazy styles. Wednesday we refused to let "bullies keep us from a good night's sleep" and wore our pajamas to school. Thursday we were "proud to be drug and bully FREE" and wore red to show it.

Friday was the last day, and we showed we could be anything we want to be by wearing costumes to school to celebrate the week. It was a fun week!
—Article contributed to by Zoe Stacy and Violet Kelly

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival was very fun. If you weren't there, then you probably need to keep reading. First, the Minion golf. The Minion golf was where you had to hit six golfballs into a hole. The game was 4 tickets to play. The adopt-a-dog booth was where you paid 10 tickets to pick a dog with a puppy in its mouth to keep and care for. There were also 2 bounce houses. One was where you just

bounce around, and the other one was a slide. It was either 4 tickets or an unlimited wristband. The haunted path was spooky and as Catlyn Wetzel said, "It was scary, awesome, and amazing all in one. Though it could have had some more jump scares." It cost 10 tickets. If you did not go this year, I hope this convinces you to go next year.

—Article by Grace Noonkester

Our Book Fair was also very fun. They had books, sets, and pointers. There was a lot. They had an endless supply of books, toys, and FUN! There was fun in every corner. I loved the Apocalypse Survival Kit. It was my favorite because there were things with zombies.

—Article by Delilah Whitener

DELILAH WHITENER: JOURNALISM TEAM

My friend, Delilah Whitener, is the Journalist of the Month. She is in 4th grade in Mrs. Naumcheff's class, room 8. She was born in the Clovis Hospital in Clovis, CA, on November 3, 2005. At home, she can be found in her room playing on her iPod or computer. She has 2 fish, 1 rabbit, and 2 dogs. Her fish are named Nacho and Griffon, her rabbit is named Fatneck, and her dogs' names are Bullseye and Bodie. She has 7 people in her family—her stepmom, Melissa; her dad, Isaiah; her sister, Nakiah; her



brother, Harvest; her stepdad, Russell; and her mom, Vashti, and of course

Delilah. Her favorite animal is a giraffe. Her favorite book is *Daring Do and the Eternal Flower* by G. M. Berrow. Her favorite color is gold. Her favorite song is "I Love It" by Icona Pop. Her favorite food is pizza, and she wants to be a pop star or a YouTuber when she grows up. Her hobbies are magic, singing, and humor. Delilah Whitener is an awesome friend, and I think you should meet her if you haven't already.

—Article by Catlyn Wetzel

SKY WHALE: APP OF THE WEEK



Sky Whale is a very addicting game. In Sky Whale, your character is a narwhal. You can apply wigs and huge teeth on your narwhal. You can buy things with sand dollars from the treasure chest, which is the shop. In the shop things can cost over 100 sand dollars. This

app has lots of 5-star ratings. I went through reviews and most of them were about glitches, but I found one that said the only reason it glitches is that you don't have enough room on your device. So, if you get this app, make sure you have lots of room. —App Review by Quinn Bush

If you have books in good condition that your kids are not reading any more, please consider donating them to our library. We love getting new books to share!



BOOK REVIEW: *THE FAMILIARS*

The book *The Familiars* by Adam Jay Epstein & Andrew Jacobson is about three animals—Aldwyn the alley cat, Skylar the blue jay, and Gilbert the tree frog—who find out they have special powers. Aldwyn has telekinesis, Skylar has spells and knowledge of everything, and Gilbert can see the future (though not very clearly) in puddles. They meet each other at a wizard named Kalstaff's house, with three human wizards-in-training.—

Jack, Marianne, and Dalton. Each human is assigned an animal to train. There is also a fourth animal, Paksahara the grey hare, who serves the queen, Loranelle. After one of Paksahara's experiments goes too far, Paksahara turns against the queen, and the familiars have to stop her from raising a Dead Army. I would give this book five stars because of the suspense.

—Book Review by Hannah Wetzel



FEATURED WRITER: ADDYSEN NIELSEN



Life Cycle of a Pumpkin

One day I woke up and I saw a seed in my garden. It was a big seed. I never saw a seed that big before. First, I planted it. Then, in June, it sprouted. It was so excit-

ing. In July, a big plant grew. The next day I went outside. And I saw a green plant. In August, I went outside and I saw vines on the ground. It was covered with flowers. Then in September, I went outside. I saw a little green pumpkin. It was getting close to October. One day after school it was the 10th day of October. Finally I saw an orange pumpkin. And that was the life cycle of a pumpkin.

—By Addysen Nielsen, Mrs. Pincus' class

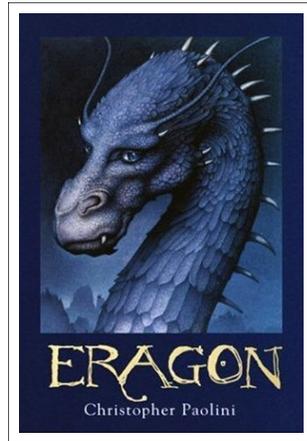
BOOK REVIEW: ERAGON

Eragon is often compared to *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. It is about a teenage boy in the Middle Ages under the rule of the tyrant king, Galbatorix. The boy lives a peaceful life until he was hunting in the woods and found a blue rock. This triggers a chain of events that leads him on an unforgettable quest. The reasons it is compared to *The Lord of the Rings* is the orcs from *The*

Lord of the Rings are like the Urgals from *Eragon*, and the wraiths are like the Ra'zac. Sauron is like Galbatorix. They are alike in a lot of ways.

I give *Eragon* 8 out of 10 stars because the grammar is terrible and it's a little bit too gory, so not good for young readers. It does have a great story, so I do recommend it for older readers.

—Book review by Conor Kelly



SPORTS: VOLLEYBALL AND FOOTBALL



Volleyball went well this season. The A team ran undefeated until the tournament, when they placed third. Rivergold took first place, and Wasuma took second. The B team lost every game except for one against Wasuma, but they improved immensely with their teamwork and serving. All in all, volleyball ran smoothly and the coaches

can't wait for another season.
—Article by Hannah Wetzel



Drawings by Abby Boatman

The first game of flag football was Wasuma vs. Spring Valley. It was a good game with Spring Valley's A team winning 24-18, while the B team lost 0-36. The next game was North Fork, but it was can-

celed due to rain. The next game was against Coarsegold. The A team won again 30-18 and the B team lost 12-28. The game against OCI was so close with the A team losing 20-24. The B team unfortunately lost again 12-32. Raymond won the next week, 6-24. Rivergold also won 6-36, the week after that. The tournament was next, and we played four games, first Rivergold, then Raymond, North Fork, and last ,but not least, Coarsegold. Rivergold got first, and Spring Valley got 6th.

—Article by Zack Martin