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## WINGED WONDERS

Whoosh! Look! Birds are flying everywhere! On January 17, two men from the Fresno Chaffee Zoo brought our winged friends into our school to teach us about birds and give us a show. They showed us many birds including a Eurasian eagle-owl, red-tailed hawk, two different parrots, a black vulture, and a few more. It was very fun. They brought them in the multipurpose



Eurasian eagle-owl

bird. It was a great experience to learn and see these great birds. If you go to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, you can see these amazing birds, too, and you can see the show also! I had a great time watching them all. If you are a bird lover then you should go to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo and check out the exhibits of these awesome creatures!

—Article by Acacia Edeluchel



Red-tailed hawk

room and told us about each of them. They told us their names and had them do a few tricks. The birds flew through the air, too! Gabby, a yellow-naped parrot, talked to us! The men told us where they got each bird, their food or prey, what special things they do to help the environment, and where their habitat is. There was a question and answer time after they brought out each



Golden eagle

## MOVIE REVIEW: *SING*

A movie you don't want to miss . . . *Sing*! Buster Moon hosted a singing contest to save his singing theatre. Moon had animals coming everywhere to sing for the competition. Would it save Moons' singing theatre or not? It's for all ages, especially for people that like American Idol! This is a great movie to get you out of your house and singing! Ye ha, Ye



ha! Garth Jennings did a great job and made a great movie even though it was animation. When you watch the movie it seems like you can live the movie in real life.

You should take my advice and watch the movie because I loved it!

I give this movie five stars!

—Article by Kinsley Fullmer

## ACACIA EDELUCHEL: JOURNALISM TEAM

Acacia Edeluchel is a fifth grade student at Spring Valley Elementary. Acacia is in our 2016-17 Journalism Team. Something you may not know about her is that she moved here to California from Alaska but was born in Nevada. She was born on January 23. You can find her playing many sports, such as volleyball, soccer, and cross

# ACACIA

country! Her favorite book is *The Tail of Emily Windsnap*, and she is a pescatarian which means she does not eat any meat except fish. Her favorite foods are fruits and veggies. Acacia is a very smart and athletic girl on whom you can always count! Go, Spring Valley Journalism Team. Go, Acacia!

—Article by Sierra Walsh

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



Some say that a picture is worth a thousand words, and our students in Photography Club would say that's true. This year, Mrs. Pincus, Spring Valley's very own sec-

ond/third grade teacher, is hosting a club especially for students who are interested in photography. Students will be learning some basics in photography, taking pictures, and also learning the basics of the yearbook. This club is meant for 3rd-8th grade students. If you are interested in joining, your parent/guardian will need to sign a permission slip and be able to pick you

up after it ends. Cameras will be provided. Toward the end of the school year, Photography Club will be combining their photos into the yearbook. So hurry to join our Spring Valley Photography Club of 2017. Meetings are February 1, March 1, March 15, April 5, May 3, and May 17. Each meeting is from 2:45 to 3:45pm.

—Article by Sierra Walsh

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!



## GAME REVIEW: *EXPLODING KITTENS*

*Exploding Kittens* is a card game where the point is to not draw an exploding kitten card. If you do draw an exploding kitten out of the draw pile, you are out of the game, unless you have a Defuse card. This card can be placed down right after you draw an exploding kitten. Each player has 5 cards in his or her hand at a time. Also, every time a card is discarded, another card is drawn by any player who put a card down, even if it's not your turn when you put down the card. Other cards include a See the Future card, which, when discarded, allows you to see 3 cards in the draw pile without drawing them. If you see a card you don't want to get,

you can place an Attack card down. This card makes you skip your turn and makes the next player go twice. There is also a Nope card, which stops any player's latest action, and can be used on any card except a Defuse card. You could also place down a Nope card right after a Nope card is placed, before the first Nope card takes effect, and make it a Yep card. This means you both draw, and nothing happens. Skip cards skip your turn once, Shuffle cards shuffle the deck, and Favor cards make one player of your choice give one card of their choice to you. This is where extra cards come in. These cards, Cattermelon, Beard Cat, Rainbow Ralphing



Cat, Hairy Potato Cat, and Tacocat, can be discarded when you don't want to play any of the other cards or don't have any others, and can be given when someone uses a favor card on you. I loved playing this game, and think anyone who likes games about "kittens and explosions and laser beams and sometimes goats" would love it!

—Article by Catlyn Wetzel

## APP REVIEW: *HAMSTER LIFE*



*Hamster Life* is an adorable game available in the Google Play Store for free. In app purchases are not necessary

for game play. In the game, you feed, pet, and water your very own virtual hamster. The higher level you are on, the more hamsters and hamster items you can “buy.” The hamsters are adorable and are fun to

watch. It’s like having an actual hamster, only without the mess, and it won’t die. The reviews for the game are all positive. *Hamster Life* has over 8 million downloads. There are tons of super cute hamsters to collect and all you need to do is download it today.

—Article by Grace Noonkester

## FIELD TRIP: MINARETS

My class and I went to Minarets High School before Christmas break. We all got on the bus and drove over to Minarets. We were greeted by some of the high school students and brought to a classroom where they helped us work on Christmas art projects. We got to cut out

different shapes and make snowmen. We also got to decorate felt ornaments with glitter and a variety of supplies. I chose a tree and a circle. I got glue all over my hands. It was fun. We also got hot



chocolate and doughnuts. I had a chocolate donut. While we were there, the high school had a fire drill.

—Article contributed to by Addysen Nielsen

## FEATURED WRITERS & CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

### Girl With Wings That Soar

So sad the dream  
of this sweet girl  
With wings wide  
I soar and glide  
End the deep, dark, sad  
Dream etched in my young mind  
Time just stands still  
Dark my soul and the years

—Christine Escamilla

### I AM

I am time and the present  
I wonder what life would be like  
I hear the cry of the past  
I see the future  
I want a way back  
I am time and the present  
I pretend I am in the future  
I feel the breath of time  
I touch the edge of space  
I worry that time is running out  
I cry for the past  
I am time and the present  
I understand what my dreams mean  
I say what I think I know  
I dream of a new time  
I try, yet fail  
I hope to succeed in this time or another  
I am time and the present

—Matthew Sheller