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Third Grade Gazette

Articles by the St. Aloysius School 3rd Grade

Super Educational Fun!

By: Stephon Owusu

The whole 3rd grade had a Class Olympics on November 4th, 2011. All of the class was separated into countries that they chose to represent. The countries we picked were U.S.A., Italy, and China. The whole point of it was to answer questions about what we so far and also because we read a story teaching us all about the Olympics.

There was an opening ceremony where we carried our flags that we made for each country. This was all done with the help of Ms. Carfora because she set everything up so we could be ready.

Different events were a Spelling Bee, Math, Religion, Reading, and we even had a Relay Race! At the end there was a closing ceremony where we each got a medal. The colors were gold, silver, and bronze. The anthem of the winning country was played at the end too.

I hope we can do it again another time!



The Amazing Nutcracker Ballet!

By: Cheyenne Blankinship

The 3rd grade class, followed by the 4th and 2nd grades with some chaperones went on a field trip to the Winter Garden Theater at the World Financial Center in New York City. We were going to watch a performance of the Nutcracker on December 2nd. It was a very rainy and windy day but we still had to take the subway to get down there.

We got to sit in the first and second rows! The people in the Nutcracker are Clara, the Nutcracker, Mice, and King Mouse. In the play Clara had a Nutcracker that came to life at midnight. The Mouse King and his mice were fighting the Nutcracker. The Nutcracker won the amazing fight against the king!

At the Land of the Sweets, Clara and the Nutcracker Prince were offered a dance performance. Some of the performers in the Land of the Sweets were the Sugar Plum Fairy, Arabian Coffee, Chinese Tea, Shepherdess, and a Baton Girl.

The people who invited us were from State Street. They let us have cookies, bagels, and juice before and after the show!

The class felt excited to see a live ballet performance! This was a great trip!

Fun Gingerbread House Making!

By: Deonna Cook

The day before Christmas break we made gingerbread houses! The people that were at the Gingerbread Party were Ms. Carfora, her sister Jules, her cousin Jamie, and the third grade class. We made these gingerbread houses for Christmas.

The gingerbread houses were made with one milk carton, graham crackers, vanilla and chocolate frosting, licorice, jelly beans, marshmallows, M&Ms, Hershey kisses, and other candies.

We made them by taking an empty carton of milk. Then we put frosting on the graham crackers and put them on the milk carton. Next, we got candy and put frosting on it and put it on the milk carton to decorate it.

It was great and we got to take it home with us and eat it on Christmas Day! Everybody said it was a great time!



Cool Musicians

By: Jazzmine Howard

For Black History Month we studied jazz. My musician was Bessie Smith. When she was 10 years old she sang in her basement so she could have some alone time. Some other musicians that my class chose were Marian Anderson, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, and Duke Ellington.

We wrote about our musicians and collected pictures. We put this work on our posters and created a Jazz Museum in our classroom. On February 18th we presented our jazz projects to the class.





3rd Grade's Trip to the Apollo Theater

By: James Hayes

On February 24th Ms. Carfora, her mom Mrs. Carfora, and the class went to the Apollo Theater on 125th Street. We went because the 3rd grade had a performance for Black History Month and pretended to be at the Apollo.

Mr. Apollo was our guide. We got to see the dressing rooms used by the people like Jay-Z, Beyonce, and the Temptations. The lobby of the theater had pictures of people who had sung there like Marvin Gaye and the Temptations. Where the stage

was we sang our Motown songs. Mr. Apollo said we were great!

The trip to the Apollo was very cool. I'm so glad we went!



Motown Moves

By: Teresa Soriano

On February 25th, 2011 the whole St. Aloysius School had a Black History Celebration and it was great. Teachers, parents, and families were there. The performance was at St. Aloysius Church. During this we had to do a Black History performance to honor African Americans. The theme this year was "Words Through Song."

Our class performed "A Night of Motown Music at the Apollo Theater." The 3rd grade girls performed to "Can't Hurry Love" by the Supremes. The 3rd grade boys performed to "My Girl" by the Temptations. All together we performed to "Ain't No

Mountain High Enough" by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrel.

The whole entire school did awesome in my opinion. Doing this performance was epic and I would love to do it again!

Exciting Animal Projects!

By: Amadou Kouyate

The third grade did an animal research project in March and April. We did the project because in science we learned about animals and so got interested in them.

Each kid in the class picked an animal and researched them in different books and kid magazines. Then we wrote our own books. We had a lot of different pages in our books. Some of the pages were Physical Description, Habitat, Diet, and Fun Facts.

We then took a shoebox and transformed it into our animal's habitat. We painted the shoebox with different colored paints. Then we made the animals with white clay and painted them. At the end we put the animals in their habitats.

This was a very hard project but at the end we were proud of ourselves and our projects!



Museum Fun

By: Davian Boxhill

The whole third grade class, Ms. Carfora, Ms. McCormack, Ms. Owusu, and Ms. Kouyate went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art because we were

doing our animal projects and the museum could inspire us when we needed to draw our animals. We took the M2 bus to get to the museum from school.



When we got there our guide Mrs. Palmer showed us where to go. We saw a lion sculpture made from rock and another lion made from brick that is a mural. All of us saw the knights and armor exhibit. They even had a Japanese samurai! We also saw the Egyptian tombs with mummies in them. Going to the Metropolitan Museum of Art was very educational. It helped us with our animal projects.



The Crazy Animal Spectacular!

By: Isaiah Brown

On April 14th, 2011 it was the best time for 3rd grade! The 3rd grade created animal projects and invited people to see their hard work. They invited 1st grade, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, parents, and staff from the school. We worked really

hard making our habitats and books.

The class set up for the celebration. There was a slideshow to show pictures of how we made the projects. We moved desks to make it look like a real fair. We set up food and treats for the parents. If the parents wanted they could get cookies and they walked around looking at the projects. The other classes walked around looking at the projects and asking questions.

It was the best time of the year for 3rd grade. After we ate treats and listened to music. This celebration was animal spectacular!



Amazing Animals

By: Quinn Dozier

On April 19th we went to the Central Park Zoo. The third grade class, Ms. Carfora, Ms. Swain, Amadou's mom, Teresa's mom, Stephon's mom, and Solana's mom came with us. The group took the M2 bus to get there.

We had to look for animals and poems as a part of our scavenger hunt. The class

also had to take pictures of animals. We looked for them on the zoo map. The class went there because we were



Beating the Score!

By: Solana Munro

First grade, second grade, third grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, Bowman, Gonzaga, and chaperones were at the first annual Field Day for St. Aloysius School. It took place at Pelham Bay Park on May 24th, 2011. We had Field Day because it was hot and we chose to take a break from school. We got there by school bus. The place was beautiful.

At Field Day we played games called kickball, tug-a-war “students vs. teacher,” obstacle course, three legged race, and long jump. They had a court for kickball with pads for bases. When third grade was doing long jump we had to jump in the sand. When all the students were trying to beat the teachers at tug-a-war the students won but we all fell down!

That was the best Field Day ever!



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A Note From the Editor-In-Chief: Lauren Carfora

I have had the great pleasure of being the “editor-in-chief” for this class during the 2010-2011 school year. I have enjoyed every moment of working with this class of fantastic and wonderful reporters!

May you always keep observing and writing about your environment with your twist of creativity and passion!