

Scholar Times



Scholar Times is written, edited, and produced by the second grade scholars at Legacy Charter School. The second grade class spent 4th quarter studying local and national papers and then created their own.

Scholars Give Back

By Katelyn and Courtney

In December scholars did a read-a-thon. They raised money for Sankofa, a group in North Lawn-dale that gives tutoring and helps families stay together. They read gingerbread books and other books and read for a long time. The second graders came up with the idea of raising money for Sankofa. The whole school participated. Scholars took home pledge sheets and asked their family to sign up and give money. The read-a-thon was fun! The second graders made a big chart and colored it in



so they could know how much money they raised. Scholars raised over \$800. Some of the money was used to help homeless people get houses, clothes, and food. The second grade scholars wanted to help Sankofa because they wanted to help homeless people. The sec-

ond grade scholars did not want to see people outside with no homes. Amarae, who is in second grade, said, "I liked the read-a-thon because I wanted to help other people and other children to get their families back." Second grade scholars loved the read-a-thon.



ACE Classes

By Justin and Jarius

On Fridays scholars go to ACE classes. ACE stands



for All Community Explorations. There are lots of activities. Some classes are jewelry making, music recording, gardening, math games, basketball, the environment, kick-ball, baseball, and dancing. Kyala, a second grader said, "Gardening is fun!" They planted marigolds, lamb ears, lilies and radishes.

Amarae, a second grader, said, "We read books and act them out on stage." Nakaree, a second grade scholar, said, "I like making food with Ms. Jackson."



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Principal's Corner

Legacy Charter School reminds me of a beautiful, unique garden where each of us is a different flower, tree or plant. I imagine every scholar, teacher, and parent growing in different and important ways. We are a garden where it is safe and expected to become our full selves. Here we know that each of us affects others and so we are careful and kind. Each of us grows in different ways and time, and we know that learning and growing is the most important thing that we do each day.

I am delighted with how our garden has grown this year. Sometimes we have had windy and stormy days and sometimes what

feels like a hundred cicadas have flown into a part of our garden! Through these times (and sometimes because of these times), our garden blossoms and develops. Let us remember that the same way that plants need attention, care, space, food, water, time and light so does every "human" flower at Legacy. We have the chance each moment to make this garden and world a better place by doing the right thing, in the right way, for the right reason. Remember that our garden will continue growing for many years and new plants and flowers will join us over time. It is important for us to keep thinking and asking ourselves questions. How do we want our Legacy to grow? How can we share our



Legacy with others?

We need each human flower to bring special strengths and talents to make the garden complete. Thank you for sharing the best of yourselves. I encourage you to continue this and reach even farther. I am eager to see how we grow next year and am confident we will become even more smart, focused and caring!

Legacy Love,
Ms. Kenner

Check-Mate

By Kaalaa and Jakobe

The chess club meets once a week on Wednesdays in afterschool. Six scholars are in the chess club. Ms. Procter, the afterschool coordinator, is learning how to play chess. They have learned many new ways to win. The teachers are Patrick Mora, Jeffrey Davis and Thomas Labuda. Jaruis, a second grade scholar,

learned, "The queen is always on the left side and the king is always on the right side. I like that if you take away the queen and the 3 pawns in front of the king, then you move the queen in front of the king and he can't go anywhere. That is called checkmate."

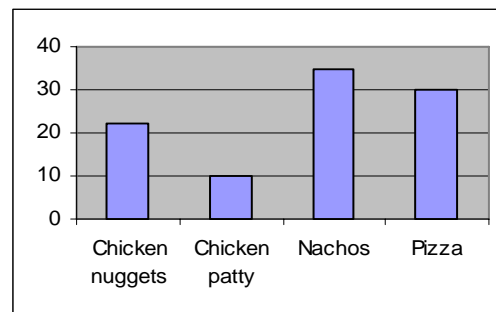


What is Your Favorite Lunch?

By Landis and Charlene

Scholars eat lunch everyday. Ms. Sherry Davis cooks chicken fingers, spaghetti and meatballs, nachos, fruit, milk and juice. They get the food from the CPS food service called Chartwells. Shlexis, a second grader, said, "I like nachos the most. They are cheesy and I like the triangle chips." Another second

grader, Christopher, said, "I wish we could have nachos everyday."



Legacy Circle

By Mikaela and Precious

Every Friday scholars have Legacy Circle. Legacy Circle starts at 9:00. First everyone says the Pledge of Allegiance. Scholars perform on stage. They cheer, sing and dance.

Some scholars write their own poems. The fourth graders play drums at Legacy Circle. Mr. Brickey leads them. Scholars learn about things too, like Black History month. Ms. Kenner invites visitors to come to Legacy Circle to share what

they did to make the community a better place. Ms. Kenner says she likes Legacy Circle because “Scholars have talents to share and they inspire other scholars.”

Computers at Legacy



By Amya and Diamond

Legacy Charter School has a fantastic computer lab. There are 24 computers inside the computer lab. There is also a projector. Lastly, every computer is connected to the internet. Ms. Benson, who helps students in the lab said, “Working on the computer is great. It is very easy to work the computers.” Jasmine, a second grade scholar, loves the computer lab. She said, “I learned how to count money on a computer game.” Martiniece, a third grader, also loves the computer lab. She said, “I like the computer lab because we get to get on the internet.”

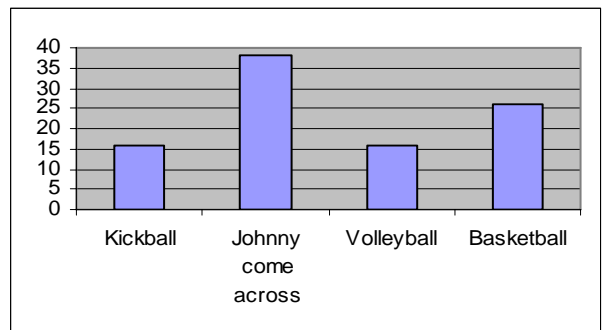


Movement at Legacy

By Michael and Thomas

Once a week scholars go to movement. Ms. Benson teaches movement on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ms. Benson likes to teach movement because it is a good experience to exercise. Scholars chose

their favorite movement activity. Johnny come across was the favorite game with basketball coming in second.



Ask a Scholar

Dear Scholar,

I am having a hard time in math. I don't understand fractions. They confuse me. I don't know what number to put on top and what number to put on bottom.

- Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

I know how you feel. The first time I started fractions I was worried that I was going to get all my work wrong. But don't worry. I asked my teacher for help and now I understand. You should ask for help too. When my teacher checked my math I got it all right. I know you can do it too.

Love,

Scholar Jamaya

Dear Frustrated,

I know you are having a hard time in math. Fractions can be confusing at first. I can help by telling you this: Ask a friend to help or ask your teacher to help you understand fractions. Your teachers know how to do the work. I hope you can get better in math.

Love,

Scholar Darrien

Dear Scholar,

I don't have any friends to play with at recess. I always feel alone. What should I do?

- Lonely

Dear Lonely,

I know just how you feel. When I came to Legacy no one would play with me. Then I made a friend named A.J. Lonely, you just have to be nice to people and then you will make good friends. I know you can do it.

Love,

Scholar Antonio

Dear Lonely,

Don't worry. I know how you feel. You should try to meet someone in a new grade and see what you have in common. Or find a nice person and see if they want to be your friend. If they do, your problem is solved. If not, ask someone else. I hope you find the perfect friend.

Love,

Scholar Lyric

Dear Scholar,

I don't have any books at home. I want to get smarter this summer and know I have to read but I don't know what to do.

- No Books

Dear No Books,

I didn't have a lot of books either but I bought some and I borrowed some from my family and my teachers. I know you feel sad, but you have to try. You can go to the library and borrow books but you have to bring them back. You just have to try.

Love,

Scholar Kayla

Dear No Books,

I know what you mean. I didn't have books either but I asked my mom, "Can we go to the library?" I got lots of books there. Or you can ask your mom to buy you books or you can go to a family member's house and ask them if you can borrow some books from them. I hope this works.

Love,

Puzzles

Word Scramble: RECESS

by Jarius

Use the letters given to make a word.

1. _____
O E C S R C

2. _____
P J M U P O E R

4. _____
N F U

3. _____
E D L I S

5. _____
A G T

Answers: 1. SOCCER; 2. JUMP
ROPE; 3. SLIDE; 4. FUN; 5. TAG

Legacy Word Find

By Jasmine R.

F	O	C	E	T	E	A	C	H	E	R	T
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Focus

Smart

Work

Learn

Safe

Think

Rules

Scholar

Kind

Ideas

Friends

Teacher

Scholars with Cameras

By Jamaya and Alexis

The fourth graders had a special photography project. They each got a digital camera. They worked hard at taking pictures. They took pictures of people, families, and important things. They had to learn what all the buttons did. Mr. Parker, Ms. Bosch and Mr. Brickey worked with the scholars. A famous photographer donated the cameras. His name is Charles Shotwell. Jamerial, a 4th grade scholar, said, "I used to watch my mom take pictures and I was excited to take my own pictures."



Legacy Adds Music

By Javen and Nakaree

What's hot at Legacy is that we have Music classes. Legacy added a new teacher this year and his name is Mr. Brickey. He teaches music to scholars in kindergarten through fourth grade. Every class gets to go to music two times a week. Mr. Brickey said, "I enjoy the smiles of

the scholars as they are learning about music." He also said his favorite instrument is the oboe. 2nd grade scholars are learning to play their recorders. Many grades are learning to read music. The classes are learning different beats on the drums. Music class ROCKS at LEGACY.

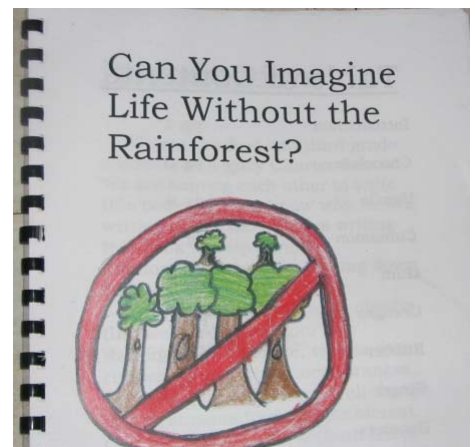


Scholars Are Authors

By Glen and Amanda

Ms. Pilat, a first grade teacher, had 6 scholars make a book about the Rainforest. Three first graders and three 3rd graders worked together on the book. It was about things we get from the Rainforest, like vanilla,

gum, oranges, rubber and ginger. It shows how important the rainforest is. Ms. Pilat entered the book in a contest. She said she made the book "because I want the first graders to feel like authors."



Underground Railroad Play

By T'nyah and Shlexis

The second grade scholars celebrated Black History month by putting on a play. It was on February 29, 2008 in the main auditorium. Ms. Turner and Ms. Goss wrote the play. The play was called "Harriet's Legacy" and told the story of Harriet Tubman's life. The scholars acted out her life. Act 1 was about Harriet as a young girl, act 2 was about Harriet escaping the first time, act 3 was about Harriet working on the Underground Railroad, and act 4 was about Harriet's Legacy. Harriet helped over 300 slaves escape. Ms. Pleasant, a first grade co-teacher, said, "It was EXCELLENT! Everyone remembered their

lines and played their parts well. I really enjoyed the play and learned some things that I did not know." The play ended with the song "What Can One Little Person Do." Many parents came to see the play.

Mrs. Terry, a 2nd grade parent commented, "One of my favorite memories about the play was the excitement and enthusiasm the children displayed preparing, during and after the production. My son was not only excited about participating in this group activity, but was also willing and committed to putting in the work it took to get it done. His participation also motivated him and his sister to participate in another play that was put on by his

family and friends. In addition to enjoying the results of the hard work of the children, I really appreciated the patience, determination and hard work of the teachers, it literally brought tears of joy to my eyes."

Ms. Johnson, a 2nd grade parent, said "I really enjoyed the way the children were so confident in quoting their lines. Not only was it enjoyable to watch, it was also a true learning experience for our children. Its a piece of our history that is very important!"



Hip Hop Yoga

By Jasmine W. and Christopher

Hip hop yoga is an afterschool class that happens on Mondays and Wednesdays. Scholars learn how to relax and how yoga is good for your brain. They are also learning how to do the Superman, not the kind Soulja Boy does, but the one where you have to hold your leg out for what feels like 20 minutes. Scholars



are learning how good yoga is for your body. Tiffany said, "I like the warm ups and when we do free dance." Glen, a second grader said, "I like the Superman because it is hard." Damari, a first grader, said "Yoga is fun. I learned how to be still."

Teacher Appreciation Week

By Monee and Trevell

In April, Legacy celebrated Teacher Appreciation week. Scholars made huge heart cards for their teachers and wrote special notes. The whole school sang a song for the teachers at Legacy Circle. Mr. Brickey took an old song and made new lyrics

and taught all the scholars. Many of the teachers cried when they heard the song. Parents provided food for the teachers' breakfast. The students and teachers had lots of fun during the week. Ms. Kenner said, "It is important for all the teachers to know they are passing along their legacy."



Animals at Legacy

By Tanzania and Tiresias



Scholars have been studying a lot of animals. First graders made terrariums for their animals. First graders are studying pill bugs and bess beetles. The teachers ordered

the animals so the scholars can learn about animals. They learned how animals live and what they need. First graders feed the bess beetles wood and they feed the pill bugs lettuce. The second graders studied insects to learn about their life cycle. Second graders have meal worms that turned into a pupa and then a beetle. The caterpillars changed into a chrysalis and then butterflies. The butterflies laid eggs. When the

eggs hatched, new caterpillars came out. The second graders let the butterflies free outside. Ms. Hove's first grade class studied chicks. When the chicks came, they were still in their eggs. The eggs hatched. The chick's had soft fur. Christine Piolet, a first grade scholar, said, "We fed the chicks seeds. Their fur is really soft, not hard. They have an egg tooth on top of their beaks."

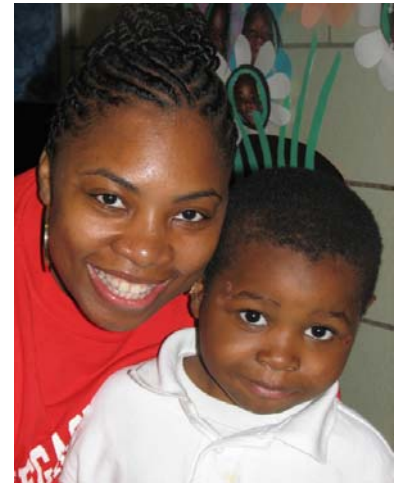


Making Waves in Kindergarten

By Trevion and Ja'Kyia

The kindergarten scholars are learning about the ocean. Ms. Washington said, "Scholars are very interested in studying the ocean." She said they read lots of books about the ocean and are going to have an aquarium in their classroom. They also made their own

wave bottles. She said, "We are teaching the scholars about the ocean so they can learn about life in the ocean." One kindergartener, Admad, said, "My favorite animal is the great white shark."



Scholars Study Greektown

By Erionna and Darrien

Third grade scholars are studying about Greektown. The third graders went to Greektown to study the city of Chicago. Greektown is a part of Chicago. They learned about

Greek gods and goddesses. Ms. Cook, a third grade teacher, said, "We thought that the Greek culture would be a very interesting community for our scholars to learn about." The third graders saw many Greek restaurants and a lot of Greek writ-



ing. They got to taste food in Greektown like Baklava – a type of pie with caramel and nuts and saganaki, which is flaming cheese. Tiara, a third grader, said, "Some of the food was salty; some was spicy." She said they felt like they were in Greece.

Sports

Girls on the Run

By Lyric, Shirlene and Alizandria

The third and fourth grade girls are part of Girls on the Run. They go on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ms. Briskman is a coach. She said, "I love teaching Girls on the Run because the girls love it." Girls on the Run was started last year. She

said, "I love to run and I love teaching them how to be healthy." First they meet in a room to talk and then they run outside. The coaches all go to school and get a big book with all the lessons in it. Ms. Briskman said, "They learn, have fun and exercise at the same time." Ms. Johnson, a parent of

a fourth grade scholar, said, "I think Girls on the Run is great because it gives the girls a chance to express their feelings and problem solve." They will be running a 5K run on June 7, 2008 at Montrose Harbor.



Athletes at Legacy

By Antonio, Jasmine R. and A.J.

2nd grade scholars play lots of sports outside of Legacy. Scholar Trevell is on a football team. His coach is Mr.T. Trevell said, "I love football." He went to the playoffs and they won the championship and then they went to Old Country Buffet. Scholar Amya loves to bowl. Her coach is Coach Jeff and she bowls at Town Hall. Amya said she likes bowling because "We have fun and get trophies." Other 2nd grade scholars play basketball, football, and kickball.



What are you reading this summer?

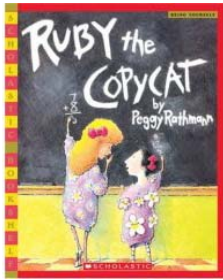
Scholar Book Reviews

RUBY THE COPYCAT

By: *Peggy Rathman*

Review by Erionna

If someone is always copying you then you should read Ruby the Copycat. Ruby was a new student in Ms. Heart's class. She meets a girl names Angela and begins to copy her. But Ruby didn't stop there. You should read this book to find out who else Ruby copied in the book and because it teaches you to be yourself.

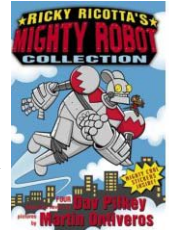


RICKY RICOTTA'S MIGHTY ROBOT

By: *Dav Pilkey*

Review by Davion

In this book Ricky Robot zapped out all the bullies. In this book you will find wild and exciting pictures that will make you never take your eyes off the book. You will read it over and over again because it is so good. You should read this book if you don't like bullies and you like cool pictures.



GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS: AMAZING SCHOOL RECORDS

Review by Amya

If you like amazing school records, you'll love Guinness Book of World Records. In this book you will see amazing records. One record is for the largest sleep over/pajama party EVER. Have you ever thought about having a pajama party at school? You should read this book because you can read about ideas your school could do to break a world record.



A QUIET MORNING FOR MOM

By: *Leonie Shearing*

Review by Chantell

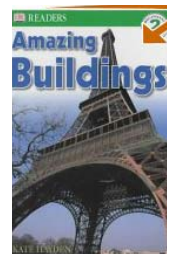
Does your mother want the house quiet every morning and want the house to herself? If she does then you should read A Quiet Morning for Mom. In this story the mother was telling everybody to be quiet so that she can have a quiet morning. But everybody in the family still made noise and they end up waking up someone's mom who they didn't want to wake up. You should read this book to see who they woke up.

AMAZING BUILDINGS

By: *Kate Hayden*

Review by A.J.

If you like to learn about buildings well you should read Amazing Buildings. It gives you new info about buildings. In this book you will learn about the two Petronas Towers in Malaysia. It also tells you how stadiums are built and skyscrapers like the twin towers. You will like this book because you will learn about new and cool buildings.



OZLO'S BEARD

By: *Kingsley Wiggin*

Review by Tiffany

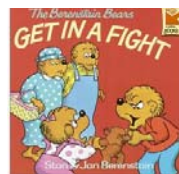
You should read this book because it is funny. What happens in Ozlo's Beard is that Ozlo wished he had a beard. He took a walk and something special happened. You should read this book to find out what happened to him and so you can enjoy the magnificent pictures.

THE BERENSTAIN BEARS GET IN A FIGHT

By: *Stan and Jan Berenstain*

Review by Shlexis

If you have ever got in a fight, then read this book. You will learn how fights begin and end and when it ends you don't even remember what you were fighting about in the first place. I think somebody should read this book because they can learn how to handle fights the right way.



HOW CHOCOLATE IS MADE

By: *Claire Llewellyn*

Review by Jarayah

If you like chocolate then you will want to read this book. It is all about chocolate and how it is made. Did you know chocolate comes from a plant? You can learn about how chocolate is made and how they make it so good. You should read this book so you know how the candy bar you are eating is made.

Opinions:

Should we have a ACE classes everyday?

Yes
No

By Tiona

I think we should have ACE classes everyday for three reasons. First, ACE classes help you learn more things you don't learn in class. We get smarter in a new way. In dancing class you learn new moves. In gardening you learn how to grow vegetables. In crafts you make can make purses.

Secondly, we get to learn with a new teacher. We learn to listen to someone new.

Thirdly, we get to meet different scholars. The older scholars help the kindergartners. These are the reasons we should have ACE everyday.

By Michael

We should not have ACE classes everyday.

We would miss important learning time. The second graders would miss math everyday. We can't miss math everyday.

Second, we would miss ACE classes when we went on field trips. We might not have as many field trips.

Last, ACE is special because it is one day a week. It won't seem special if it is everyday. That is why I don't think we should have

ACE everyday.

*Should scholars
have ACE classes
everyday? Two
scholars debate
the issue.*

Should we eat breakfast in the classroom?

Yes
No

By Landis

I think we should have breakfast in the classroom. First there won't be as many voices talking so it will be more quiet and peaceful. The classroom is a calm place. Second we won't make such a mess so it will be quicker to clean it up. Third, we can come straight to the class, eat quicker so our stomachs won't be growling and then we can begin our work right away.

By Charlene

I think we should continue to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. First we don't want a big mess in our room and in the cafeteria the janitor can help us clean up. Second, when we eat in the cafeteria we meet new people. Every grade is in the cafeteria and we can make new friends. Third it would be hard to get all that food upstairs. That is why I think we should eat breakfast in the cafeteria.

Learning Outside Legacy

By Kyala and Amarae



Legacy scholars go on study trips to learn outside of the school. Third grade went to Wrigely Field, Greektown, a boat tour of Chicago, and Chinatown. Ms. L said, “I like to take scholars on study trips because I want them to explore the world.” Ms. Khetan said the kindergartners went to the pumpkin patch and the library. They are planning to go the IMAX and the Shedd Aquarium. Fourth grade visited the DuSable Museum of African American History. They learned about African Americans’ contributions to our government, important inventions and helping our community, including Harold Washington who was mayor of Chicago. Second graders went to the pumpkin patch, to see a play, to visit Chicago Sinai, Brookfield Zoo, Shedd Aquarium, and the Children’s Museum. First grade went to Brookfield Zoo, Garfield Conservatory, Pumpkin Patch, Lamb’s Farm, Downtown Chicago and the Sears Tower, and Rainforest Café.



Pre Kindergarten scholars went to Museum of Science and Industry. They did a post trip analysis and the comments were: Amaron Nash said, “The exhibit I enjoyed most was the silver streak you could feel the train moving and bouncing around.” Jaylen commented that he enjoyed looking at the airplanes. He wanted to know why the plane was upside down. Lynn commented that we need transportation to get around.

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