



November is one of the busiest months of the year at Pinon! Many events take place at our school: Book Fair, Harvest Fun Run, A Kids Life (5th and 6th grade music program). Election Day and Veteran Day activities are taking place in classrooms throughout the school. Chess Club is back to Pinon this month. Please read the Panther Press November issue to find out the details about these and other events!

Halloween Parade was a Huge Success!



On October 31 all students marched around Pinon Elementary in our Halloween Parade. We saw monsters, princesses, animals, and plenty more. Principal Gonzales was the Queen of Hearts. The newspaper staff's favorite costumes were Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf (shown above). Before the parade, many classrooms had Halloween parties. After school there was trick-or-treating in the neighborhoods of White Rock.. Everybody was stuffed from all the candy on the Tuesday afterward.

By Rylee Mecham

Principal's Column:

Dear Panthers,
Here are some important reminders:
Please remember to exercise caution through school parking lot.



Also, please obey signs and do not use the road behind the school to drop-off or pick-up students. If you have a family member (present or past) who is serving (or has served) in the armed forces, please write his/her name(s) on the stars that came home last week. We would love to add your stars to our display in the foyer! We need two IA's --one for Pre-K (mornings only, no Wednesdays) and one for upper team (every day, no Wed afternoons). Interested? *Contact Jill Gonzales at 663-2685*

SPARK Academy Exhibit in the Gym:

SPARK academy was very fun and exciting. The exhibit in the gym was a chance for all students in SPARK academy to display talents and show what we learned about quilting, robotics, flyfishing, LEGO storyboard and robotics. *By: Isabel G.*



Students demonstrate their projects.. Shown: Robotics and Quilting Sections

Veterans Day

By Lindsay F.

This year Veterans Day is held Friday, November 11. Take a moment and think about all the US Veterans that sacrificed their lives so we could have warm, cozy homes and freedom. About 35% of today's veterans served in the Vietnam war. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I ended. This holiday is not about presents.... it is about honoring our U.S. veterans.



Pinon Against Bullying and Drugs!

October was Bullying Prevention and Drug/Alcohol Awareness Month. Mrs. Cort, the school counselor, had visited many classrooms and organized lessons about bullying and drug prevention at our school.



5th and 6th Grade Music Program



The 5th and 6th graders performed "A Kid's Life" on Wednesday, November 9th. They did a great job! "A

Kid's Life" is a musical about kids discovering things to do without electronics when all of their electronics stopped working mysteriously. They learned from Grandma and Grandpa about board games, cloud shapes, paper airplanes, ghost stories, jump roping, and a family band. Parents, teachers, and students of all grades really enjoyed the show! We are looking forward to the new performances organized by Mrs. Teague.



Pinon's Book Fair

By Norah Gartz and Solenne Thelliez

Pinon's Book Fair just came to an end! The book fair opened on November 3rd and closed its doors on November 10th.

The organizers' favorite part of the book fair was seeing the families it brings in. The school gets 25% of the money earned, and the rest goes to the Scholastic company. Mrs. Goen's favorite picture book is *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins. The best-selling books at the book fair were *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier and *Took* by Mary Downing Hahn. According to the organizers, the two most difficult parts of the book fair are deciding which books to buy and counting the money.



News from the Classrooms:

Third Grade Field Trip to the Santa Fe Art Museum

by Solenne Thelliez

On October 14th, Mrs. Martinez's 3rd grade class went on a field trip to the Santa Fe Folk Art Museum. While there, students have made beautiful masks. The kids' favorite part of the field trip was making their own masks and looking at the collections of art on display. "My favorite part was seeing my students come up with their own unique designs", said Mrs. Martinez.



Blanket Drive

By Lindsay F., and Becca M.

Mrs. Ferran's kindergarteners explain the purpose of the blanket drive. They said that they were supporting the blanket drive because it helps people who need them. People should bring clean, unused, fuzzy blankets. The people who will use them are the people who need them (such as homeless people). The kindergarteners said that when you give something to people who don't have them, they feel warm inside and they feel happy and you should too! Please donate blankets for those who can't have everything we have.

Pinon's Librarian

by Norah Gartz, Solenne Thelliez, and Rylee Mecham

Our librarian, Mrs. Goen has taught at six different schools. She has taught Home Economics, Social Studies, third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade. Her schools in White Rock and Los Alamos were Chamisa, which she taught at for 12 years, Los Alamos High School for one year, and at Pinon for six years. Our librarian has been teaching for 25 years! She says that reading is her favorite subject. Mrs. Goen's favorite part of teaching is to see kids every year grow up. Mrs. Goen moved to White Rock in 1992. She has two sons, Michael and Christopher. Michael works for the Lab and is a mechanical engineer. He is 27 and just got married to Kari. Chris is 24, is a chemical engineer, and works for Exxon in Louisiana. Both sons went to Pinon. Mrs. Goen says that her favorite book in the library is *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff. Mrs. Goen loves this book so much that she has read it 15 times! She also enjoys reading this book to her students. Pinon loves Mrs. Goen so much!



Chess Club is Back to Pinon!

Checkmate! The Pinon Chess Club will return starting on Monday, November 7. Learn how to play, study new strategies, meet up with friends, and climb the ladder. There's also Blitz and Bughouse.

Chess Club meets on Mondays from 12:20 pm – 1:05 pm and Wednesdays from 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm for grades 4-6 in Room 606.

Students should eat lunch first before coming to Chess. If you have any questions, contact Coach Goettee at jdgoettee@yahoo.com.



Classroom Bees will be Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6, or 7 (teacher choice) with the tiebreaker round held in Mrs. Hayes classroom at lunch recess on **Thursday Dec. 8**

Extras!!!

GET YOUR GOBBLE ON, FOR THANKSGIVING IS ON IT'S WAY!!!

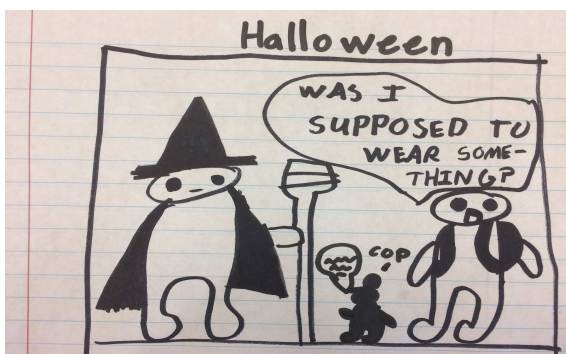
Thanksgiving is a time of feasting and giving

Thanks for everything that you have, and something someone has done for you or given you.

On Thursday November 24 thank someone for something they have done for you. By: Catheryn.H



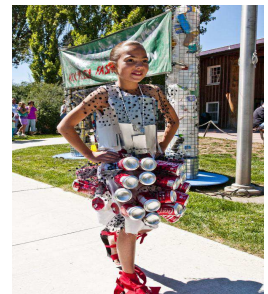
Comics by Carson Hick, 6th grade



Recycle Fashion Show!!

Lights, Camera, Fashion!

Fashion lovers, get ready for the recycle fashion show! It's at Fuller Lodge on November 19th, at 12 pm. There will be light refreshments and fun music. Show your friends how much you rock that paper bag or those aluminum cans you have been saving. Design a recycle outfit. Previous students have made outfits with cut up clothes and books. Everyone has had such a good time, showing off and designing outfits. The costumes will be judged. The judges will be fair and honest. Hope you enjoy!



-Norah Gartz