

Spencer County Students



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Academic Bowl

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Academic Bowl is a competition made of different divisions of topics. There are several topics that teachers

pick students to do. There is writing (which is what I am doing), baking cookies, writing speeches, poetry, prose, 3d art and 2d art, poems, and spelling.

Academic Bowl helps to encourage students achieve their goals and helps to teach good sportsmanship in com-

petitions. Our 6th graders will compete in the middle school Academic Bowl to be held at Heritage Hills Middle School on April 28. We've learned a lot about sticking with a task, studying on our own and putting forth effort. Win or lose, we know we are ready!

How Spencer County Was Named

BY KAYLA SEITZ

ROCKPORT ELEMENTARY

GRADE 5

Spencer County was named after Capt. Spier

Spencer his wife was Elizabeth Spencer. She married Willaim Boone before she married Spencer. They moved to Vincennes Indiana in January 18, 1793. He went to war in the battle of Tippecanoe in November 7, 1811.

He was shot in the head,

and both thighs and when they where carrying him off the field he was shot with a cannon ball in the stomach put an end to his existence. Soo commander Harrison declared that Spencer County is to be named after Capt. Spier Spencer.

Why E-Learning Doesn't Work

BY TAYLOR WRIGHT

SOUTH SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL

When that early morning phone call comes, announcing that there is no school, students used to plan their day around the fun they were going to have. That has changed. This year, our school corporation started E-Learning, which is a way to do work at home whenever there are snow days to be made up. Our schools have had two e-learning days so far. After experiencing them, I do not believe they work very well. E-learning is not really a good substitute for learning in the classroom,

not all kids have the same access to the work, and it causes a lot of confusion when trying to get the e-learning done along with normal homework when school is back in session.

I believe that it is important for our learning, except for our usual homework, is in our class. Doing work on a Saturday, at home, on a computer or by writing out answers, just is not the same. Even though the teachers can be called a couple of different times, it isn't the same as being able to ask a question in class, go to homework help in the morning or see Mrs. Owens if there is a problem. Learning using a computer is good, but not always

the best way. Crookston, Minnesota Public Schools Superintendent Chris Bates gave a good example of what I mean when he said, "If you were going in for an appendix surgery tomorrow, do you want a doctor that has operated on people or one that's done it on a computer?"

Another way that e-learning isn't as good is that not all kids have the same ways of doing the work. Not every house has a computer, and some families don't have Internet in their houses. Even though our school lets kids use the computer lab at school, that doesn't make much sense if the work is supposed to be done at home on a Saturday. It is

really not fair to make the kids without Internet have to wait until they are back at school to be able to do their e-learning work.

Combining e-learning with the regular work that has to be done during the week can be very confusing, too. Even though assignments are supposed to be done on the Saturday they are given, the due dates are not actually until the following Tuesday or Wednesday. If a student can't get the work done over the weekend, and still has some left to do when they get back to school, they have to try and figure out how they will do the e-learning work plus do all of the work each day

in school. That can be very difficult and hard to do for some kids.

Some people think e-learning can be a good thing, though. A student from Crown Point High School, Emma Beckman, thinks it is OK. She said, "I think that CPHS should start using e-learning days because if we had to miss a day of school for weather or other circumstances, it would be easier for students and teachers to still be on track with the coursework. Both students and teachers would not have to rush through anything to try and make up for lost time." This isn't really all that true, though. It seems like that, once students

returned to school, teachers would have to go back, make sure everyone was able to do the work and understood it, which might take as much time as it would have to teach the work in the classroom.

I just don't think the good is better than the bad when it comes to e-learning. The way we do it in our school just does not work. It does not take the place of the classroom, not every kid can get the work done the same way, and it can be very confusing. I think our school needs to either work on making e-learning better for every student or just go back to adding time to the end of the school year for make-up days.

The House Next Door

BY GRACIE SCHRAEDER

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GRADE 6

Alex was really happy because he got to see his dad and he has not seen his dad in forever. His parents had got in a big fight and got in a divorce.

He had drove to his dads and it took 5 hours. He had finally arrived in Florida (where his dad lives) He

was so happy.

He went inside and he started to freak out because his dad wasn't inside the house. So he went outside he wasn't there, he also went up stairs he was not there. His dad was gone.

He called the police but the police did not answer. He turned around and his grandma and grandpa was not there. He looked everywhere but no one was there.

He started to think. He said to himself, "My grandma and grandpa drove me here, where would they be,

where would they go."

He went outside and looked at the address and he looked next door and saw his grandma and grandpa next door talking to dad. He thought to himself who let me in if nobody is home?

"Okay," he said "Dad, I am so exited to see you."

"Where were you at," dad said. Alex said "next door." Oh No," Said dad" that place is haunted, now you will be haunted forever." "NNNNOOOOO!!!!" Screamed Alex.

Recycle Today For a Better Tomorrow!

BY TRINITY HAGAN

SOUTH SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Keeping our environment clean means a lot. Not just to you, but to the whole world. According to the SOCRRA, we should start recycling more because we do not like using landfills. Landfills produce air and water pollution, just like when you drive your car!

Instead of throwing away things that can be recycled, recycle them! The NW&RA states that recycling helps the economy in many different ways. They stated that "recycling and recycling technology have come a long way in the past decade." However, it is still important to avoid contaminating streams, oceans, and other waterways with things that don't belong there,

stated the EPA. "If you don't recycle then it could lead to enormous amounts of landfills and no one wants to live next to a landfill." Said Jennifer Jhen, president of KAB.

Research shows that landfills are taking over and that if we do not start to recycle, then they could start to cause a lot more harm to the environment. Why would someone want to live near a smelly and literally trashy place? Why aren't landfills a healthy thing for the environment? Well, because when food scraps are put into the landfills, they pack it down. Research states that this "leads to the loss of oxygen and causes it to break down in a process, and this usually releases methane. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide." Landfills are very harmful to the environment.

Do you ever think what harm your car can cause to the environment? When you drive your car, the exhaust gets into the air and can cause air pollution. Research shows that the exhaust causes too much harm to our environment. Exhaust is a gas or air expelled from the engine that causes A LOT of damage to the world around you. Car pollution is also one of the major reasons of global warming. "Cars and trucks emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that get trapped in the atmosphere, which causes temperatures to rise," states the PAH.

Recycling is a good idea because it keeps the environment clean, reduces the number of landfills, and produces new items. You should start to recycle because it can cause too much harm to you and everyone around you.

They eat fish bodies that are dead, so the body doesn't hurt the ocean. We need to save sharks because some are in endangered species and if we didn't have sharks our ocean would be full with dead fish. I don't know the correct answer of how many sharks alive today,

but I know about 100 million sharks get killed every year. If a specific fish grows over the population, sharks will bring the population back down where it's it suppose to be. In conclusion, sharks are an aspect for our ocean which is why we should preserve them.



How to Help Animal Shelters

BY ADDISON AULL

LUCE ELEMENTARY

GRADE 3

There are many ways to

help animal shelters. If you want to help shelters, here are some things you can do:

1. Donate money to shelters.
2. Adopt an animal from a shelter.
3. Volunteer at an animal

shelter.

4. Foster Animals

5. Spay or neuter your pets.

Those are a few ways to help animal shelters. You could do these for any animal shelter.

Cool New Animal

BY LANDON DAY

LUCE ELEMENTARY

GRADE 3

Have you heard of the cool new animal? It's called

Macrobiotus shonaicus. Even it's name is cool. This cool animal has super temperature powers! It can live up to 300 degrees Fahrenheit and down to -328 F! Scientist say that it is a water bear, but it doesn't look like a

water bear. It doesn't have a little tale and it's pink. The other water bears are gray. Do you think this animal is cool? To read more go to New Species 2018 - Newly Discovered Plants, Animals and Microbes.

Kids Need Longer Recess

BY MOLLY SCHERZER

LINCOLN TRAIL ELEMENTARY

GRADE 5

Do you think sometimes kids don't get to run around a lot, or they just don't sit still? Well if you do agree, you feel the same way I do. I think many kids should have longer recess. It does not have to be a big difference just like 45 minutes at first recess and at least one hour for second recess. For the kids that get three recess they get at least 25 minutes for that recess only.

Some kids might have a problem with sitting in a seat for a long period of time. Longer recess can help those kids by letting them get their energy out. 15 minutes and 30 minutes is not enough

time to get your energy out. It also makes kids mad when they get outside and barley get to play. In my experience I don't even get to do two different activities, because recess is over before you know it.

Sometimes it is hard to sit still in a chair a long time. That does not just go for little kids it could also be kids that are older. If it is indoor recess the schools should let the kids go in the gym, or let them run around in the halls. That way kids can get there energy out.

It's not just because they can't sit still, I believe that kids should be kids as long as they can. Most middle schools and high schools don't get recess, so why not let the kids have a good amount of time at recess while they can. It might mess up school work, but that's what homework is for.

Again, I believe that kids should get 45 minutes at first recess, 1 hour at second recess, and for the kids that have three recesses I say about 25 minutes only at thred recess. I think that is not too much, but not too little like what it is now to this day. I think that kids deserve longer recess.

Pizza

BY NOLAN PRICE

ROCKPORT ELEMENTARY

GRADE 5

Heavenly, Delicious, Amazing, Astounding, Energizing, Eat it every day, Delectable

Save Sharks

BY KADEN ADCOCK

LUCE ELEMENTARY

GRADE 3

There are many reasons why you should save sharks. Sharks have a big role in the ocean.