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It's Carnival Time!!!

By Lexi Matthews, Student Editor

Do you enjoy fun games, cool prizes, delicious treats, and great raffles? Then the Olney Elementary School carnival is right for you. Join other students and their families right here at Olney on Saturday, March 20th, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. You can buy tickets in the main entrances.

Penny Plop, Duck Pond, Mini-golf, Plinko, Frog Flip, Wheel of Fortune! So many games to choose from! No matter which games you choose to play, you can get cool prizes. For each game you play, you spend an average of 2-4 tickets. What's your favorite carnival game? I like the moon bounce.

Mmm... do you smell cake baking? It must be the cake walk, where you test your luck in musical chairs and try to win a yummy treat. You can also get some buttery popcorn at the popcorn booth or sweet ice cream at the ice cream table. Or you could visit the cafeteria and get some lunch like hot dogs, chips, pizza, and more.

Want to play a part in making the school carnival? It's easy! There are many ways to help out, and here are just a few. You can donate some new or lightly used books for the book sale, bake a cake for the cake walk, or have a parent/guardian help out at one of the booths! My mom is doing the food booth in the cafeteria.

Now that you've read about the Olney Elementary School carnival, I hope you choose to help out with one of the above or just join us at the carnival to have fun! I hope to see you there!

The Olympics

By Maggie Weigand, 4th grade, Mrs. Wilpon

Have you heard about the Olympics? The winter Olympics were held this year in Vancouver, British Columbia. The athletes that compete in the Olympics are from all over the world and each country picks the very best athletes in each sport. More than 80 countries competed this year. Some sports athletes compete in are: Snow boarding, Figure skating, Speed skating, Freestyle Skiing, Curling, Luge, and Ice Hockey.

As of Friday, February 19, 2010, the United States led with 20 medals, and had 6 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 8 bronze medals. My favorite sports to watch are women's figure skating and couples figure skating.

If you ever want to find out about the Olympics then you can read about it in the newspaper or on the internet. The 2010 Olympics ended on February 28.



Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

A movie review by Derek Westman,
4th grade, Mrs. Wilpon



This is about the movie *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. In this movie, the Greek gods and goddesses are real! They have kids, (which are called demigods) and Percy Jackson happens to be a son of one of them. He is taken to Camp Half Blood, the only place where demigods are safe. His mom is taken by a monster; they are real as well! To rescue her, Percy Jackson must journey with his fellow demigod Annabeth Chase and a satyr named Grover, which is another fantasy creature, on a quest to the underworld (where dead people went).

I liked the movie because it was very intense. Percy, Annabeth, and Grover spend lots of time in battle which was fun for me because I like scary movies. I would not recommend this for kids under seven because my brother was six and he got a little freaked out. I hope you like the movie !

Winter

A thick blanket of snow
Stretched across the yard.

Icicles on the house
There to guard.

Snow on the trees
Glistens from the sun.

Kids play in the snow
Just for fun.

Sipping hot cocoa
From a mug.

Getting warm winter
family hugs.

Winter is nice
Winter is fun.

But for now I'd rather
Play in the sun!



A poem by Kali Dang, 4th grade, Mrs. Wilpon

During the Super Snowstorm of February 2010:

I helped my parents shovel too much snow!
Kyler Brinkley, Kindergarten, Mrs. Preller

I went to Disney in Florida and went on the Safari Adventure at Animal Kingdom!
Joseph Pustis, 2nd grade, Ms. Jackson

I played with my friends outside; we had a snowball fight. After that we had hot cocoa inside our house. Other days me and my brother would read or watch TV.
Paulina Lopez, 3rd grade, Mr. Hyder.

We sled on our snow pants without a sled down big hills. Joshua Ginsburg, 1st grade, Mrs. Crane, and Rebecca Ginsburg, 3rd grade, Ms. Pack.

I made \$21 helping my neighbors shovel driveways.
Logan Lamb, 4th grade, Mrs. Perlman

I went sledding and had a snowball fight. I fell in the snow. I jumped in the snow.
Tori Newby, Kindergarten, Ms. McConaghy

I played outside and sledded.
William Dacey, 3rd grade, Mrs. Kang

I played football on my wii.
Donnell Whitmore 4th grade, Mrs. Wilpon

Hey, Olney Dragons, complete this sentence for the April issue: *During Spring Break, my family and I...*

Submit your answers, along with stories, articles, poems, and drawings (no jokes, please) to dragontaleskids@gmail.com by March 23rd. (You can do this on the Olney Elementary website as well!) **Be sure to include your name and teacher.**

A Game about the Winter Olympics

By D.J. Lee, 3rd grade, Mr. Hyder

Do you know about the Winter Olympic games on NBC? Do you know about Mario and Sonic at the Winter Olympic games? Join Mario, Sonic, Yoshi, Tails and the rest of 16 characters to play. You can play with a team, 2 vs. 2, or head to head. The four categories are: speed type, power type, skill type, and all-around type. This game is for Ds or Wii.



The Hour of Power

A true story, by Gabrielle Bartolini, 5th grade, Mrs. Gangloff and Sara Graham, 5th grade, Mr. Martin

Although we may like winter storms and snow days for playing outside, the hot chocolate and marshmallows, and other awesome things, storms can have a side that is not fun at all.

On February 9, when the third winter storm hit Olney, Maryland, the neighbors across our street called 911 for medical assistance. An ambulance responded immediately and arrived to pick him up. They put him in, but when it was time to leave the driver couldn't get out...the tires were stuck in the snow.

Our neighbors started to come out to help; twelve of them tried to get ambulance out on its way. They used a Hummer and chains to pull it from behind and then a Chevrolet from the front. The Hummer, a very heavy and powerful truck, helped more, but still couldn't get the ambulance out of the snow.

Then we told my dad (Frank Bartolini), so he put on his boots, jacket, gloves and hat, and went out, since they needed all the help they could get. They all tried for at least one hour, using a snow blower, shovels and their own hands to remove the snow from around the tires, but had no luck. The snow kept on coming down, heavier at times and covering the ground. In the meantime, we were inside our homes worried about the condition of our neighbor inside the ambulance and hoping they would get out and go to the hospital soon!

Then the miracle we were all waiting for happened: after an *hour of power*, everybody pushed with all their strength and the ambulance moved. In a matter of minutes, the chains were removed and the ambulance was free, and we all cheered, "Yes! Thank goodness it is finally going to take our neighbor to the hospital!"

But wait a minute, what we didn't know all this time, is that earlier when the ambulance got stuck, the paramedics had called another ambulance to pick up our sick neighbor, since they were not sure how long it would take them to get out of the snow. So, a second ambulance arrived quickly and our neighbor was rolled down to the street corner, placed inside and taken to Montgomery Hospital right away!

This winter storm is definitely going to be unforgettable, not only because of the amount of snow we had, one of the biggest of the century, but also because it kept us out of school for so many days, and mostly because of this incident, when we got to see all our neighbors get together to help someone in need!

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