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What's Up With Kids!

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What Am I ? by Jarna, age 12

I am thrown in the air,
And pushed with no care,
I bounce to the ground,
And come up with a huge sound.

I am thrown to a board,
Only to be remind me I have many a time
been soared.
I have missed the objective, I can tell,
For everyone is about to yell.

While I descend, I am caught,
Only by another angry lot.
Then I roughly hit the floor,
Hoping that someday, I can soar.

All this goes on for what seems to never end,
Then suddenly the game is over ,
and I hope to get a long mend.

On one side there are boos and the other applause.
Suddenly there is silence, but only for a pause.
The people start to leave and I sigh,
Do you have any clue of what I am????

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Did You Know ? ? ? ? by Scott, age 8

Australia has the most venomous snakes.

A sea snake has a flat body.

The adult Nile crocodile is the biggest freshwater predator.

Crocodiles make more noise than any other reptile.

A tree snake is shaped like a loaf of bread.

Central America iguanas can run on water for several feet

Desert lizards are known as sand swimmers.



The D.A.R.E. Program by Zachary, age 11



The D.A.R.E. Program is a wonderful thing. Every week A police officer comes into a 5th. Or 6th. Grade room. They teach us about bad things that can harm you or someone that you know. The officer told my class that drugs are a nasty thing. They can make you very sick and you can even die the first time that you use them. For example, cocaine can be inhaled through the nose and can give you cancer. Millions of kids, teens, and adults are caught doing drugs. Cigarettes are very bad, you can get lung and mouth cancer. You would have to eat and drink through a straw. Additionally you learn about alcohol. If you drink it, you can get dizzy, faint , or even get a hangover. It's not cool to drink because you might have you drive home from a party or someone's house, and you could get in a serious accident. When you drink you get more aggressive. Finally, you're talked to about gangs and violence. Lots of gangs are formed each year, but they are wrong. Gangs vandalize Property, break windows, steal/rob, and worst of all, they physically hurt people. Some gangs are caught, but there still are a lot of big cities like Chicago and New York City. They should be stopped! Next time you hear or see a D.A.R.E. Program sign up. Also, listen to your parents when they talk to you about these kind of things.

Mad Hatter's Really Matters ! by Coral, age 9

I went to the Mad Hatters on Saturday, March 23, at the Roselle Public Library. On that day we sang songs like the Meatball Song. We read books like the "Napping House". I enjoyed seeing all the Mad Hatters and their hats, such as the alligator hat or a fish Hat. Some of the kids wore crowns or baseball caps. At the end of they gave us a bookmark and a sticker. I hope you enjoyed my report on the Mad Hatters.



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Character



Counts!

A Class Trip to the Philadelphia Community Farm by Heather, age 10

My third grade class spent time living and working on a farm in Osceola, Wisconsin. It took us eight hours to get to our cabin and we had lots of fun doing whatever we did..

We did a lot of hard work on the farm. We transplanted 1200 tomato plants from the greenhouses to planters. We fed cows, rams, chickens, 3 dogs, 15 cats and 3 litters. When we weeded a vegetable garden, we played games that we were winning points for all we did. Five of us worked together to dig up an enormous rock and roll it out of the garden. When we milked cows, that milk was sent to the store.

One time when the sheep were grazing, we suddenly heard a lot of noise. We saw the sheep climbing over a fence that they knocked over, and they were heading for the forest. We had to act big by sticking our arms out in front of the sheep to scare them back into their pen.

We went on three hikes. On the first hike, we went to a waterfall, and had a blast playing in the water. The second time, we saw prairie that had been burnt and the ruins of something that looked like an old tower. On the third hike, we climbed a hill so steep, that part of the time we had to grab onto trees to keep from falling. We also went to a cave with the words carved on the walls.

We built two fires. One time we tried to make popcorn, but the popcorn popped out of the open pot. On the last night we sang songs around the campfire.

I felt sad when I came home because I missed doing all the chores with Maureen a farm helper, and my classmates.



Building Your Own Fairy House by Chelsey, age 6

I watched the video "*Kristen's Fairy House*", and it was so great, that I decided to try one in my backyard. The Roselle Public Library has the book by *Tracy Kane*, named "Fairy Houses". The book tells about a little girl named Kristen who goes on a vacation on an island off the coast of Maine. She is taken for a walk through the woods near her cottage where she is shown the tiny houses made from "stuff", from the woods such as; stones, grasses, branches and materials from around the ground. There is a surprise at the end of the story.



" This is a photo of me and my backyard fairy

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The Pentathlon

by Tara, age 12

My name is Tara. I 'm in the 5th. Grade at Four Winds Waldorf School, in Warrenville Illinois. We are taught in a way that makes learning fun. We stay with our teacher from first to eighth grade, and we have many specialty teachers for German, Spanish, hand-work, etc. We just finished our Greek learning block. We learned about Greek myths and history and that is where my story begins.

In most Waldorf schools the fifth grade class goes to the Pentathlon in spring, after training throughout the school year. The Pentathlon is a five-event Greek Olympics. This year, 158 fifth graders, from many states, came together for this event in Viroqua Wisconsin.

All the schools had campsites next to one another. We explored the forest nearby and saw a huge beaver dam. We spent time getting to know our competitors.

The games started with an Opening Ceremony and the Olympic Torch was lit. A lady dressed as Athena cried out, " Let the games begin"!

There were six groups that were named after the city-states of Greece. I was a member of the Athens group.

The events included: the 220 run, the 40 yard dash, the discus, the javelin, the long jump and the Greek wrestling. In each event you are judged by beauty, (form) and truth, (the competitive winner). Beauty and truth were equally important, just as they were in the original Olympics.

The winners of the first rounds make it to the semi-finals. There were 36 semi-finalists for each event.

Getting into the finals was an even greater honor. There were 6 finalists for each event. I made the finals for the long jump, the 40 yard dash, the 220 run, and wrestling.

Only first place winners earn laurels (leaf crowns) and this is the highest honor. I didn't win a laurel, but I did my best. Two years ago, Ann, from Roselle won the laurels in wrestling, for truth and beauty.

A Greek feast and Closing Ceremony were held, and the Olympic Torch was extinguished. I had tons of fun and I can't wait till my sister Heather, goes in two years...



25 Things that Everyone Likes

by Jeremy , age 12

1. Big colorful explosions in the sky.
2. Something smaller than it is supposed to be.
3. Something larger than it is supposed to be.
4. Something a different color than it is supposed to be.
5. Something that tastes different than it is supposed to
6. Something edible that usually isn't edible.
7. Bumper stickers
8. Bumper Cars
9. Go carts
10. Large fries
11. Water guns
12. Ride through car washes
13. Hay rides
14. Cars with sun roofs
15. Monster trucks
16. Gold
17. Water Slides
18. Chair Lifts
19. Odd shaped furniture
20. Miniature fruits
21. Gelatin
22. Mc Donald's fries
23. Dancing monkeys
24. Short pants
25. Juice boxes



The Next Issue of "What's Up With Kids" is Scheduled for August.

The staff of this newsletter has decided to try to publish this newsletter every other month. Look for the next issue during the month of August.

We will be having a staff meeting in July.



Did you know?

The VCR was introduced on June 7th, 1975.



Donald Duck was "born" June 8th, 1934.

June 21st. is Summer Solstice. It is the first day of summer, and the longest day of the year.

The first recorded reports of flying saucers was made on June 24, 1947.



The table fork was introduced to America on June 15, 1630 by John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts.

July is National Hot Dog Month !



Bananas first arrived in the United States on July 28, 1871.

Susan Montgomery Williams blew a bubble gum bubble with a 23 inch diameter on July 19, 1994..

(Source of information— *June and July Monthly Books* by Carson Delbosa Publishing)

Happy Fourth of July !



Answer from page 1 - A Basketball.

Don't Forget !

The Roselle Public Library's Reading Program, **Reading Rocks** is now taking place. The last day to register is June 30, 2002.

Register now !

* Featured Reporter *

Jarna,, age 12

School— Saint Isodore

Years on the newspaper—since it started

Name one of your best friends - I have a lot of friends and I like them all.

Favorite teacher - "I like all my teachers".

Favorite subject in school - Math

Favorite book— Circle of Magic (series)

Favorite TV-program

"*Kim Possible*"
A new Disney show.

Hobby - Karate
& Coin Collecting



What's Up With Kids!, is a Youth Services Publication. This Newsletter is for kids, and written by kids. It is our hope that this publication will provide children in the community a way to express their opinions. We also hope to provide encouragement to those who enjoy reading, writing and drawing.

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