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Promethean Planet

Rachel Lilley 5th

"You know what are those things in the new classrooms?" You may wonder when you see them. They're called Promethean boards and I got to talk to the person who orders them and helps to install them. Her name is Kelly Baker she told me that if you go to www.prometheanplanet.com the website tells you all about the Promethean board. It tells you that the screen is touch sensitive, and it is very expensive and is hard to hook up. Mrs. Baker said that estimation of 38 interactive boards in the Comanche school district and of those 30 are promethean boards. Mrs. Baker told me that we maybe purchasing more in the years to come. She said that it made learning more interactive, engaging for the student and the video field trips are much more interesting than looking at a picture in a book. Then she told me that for the most part the teachers enjoy it more than a regular whiteboard. I then decided to interview a student.

I interviewed Jacey Biggs. Well Jacey said that she likes them better than the messy whiteboard because when she uses it is nice. You can use your finger, and the teachers don't have to waste their money on Expo markers, cleaner, and erasers. And she told me that they give a better picture than a book. It's more modern and has a clearer picture than a white board. It is a lot easier to use because

it doesn't get all over your shirt and get it dirty.

Also while I was interviewing Mrs. Baker she told me that ever one of the Promethean boards is different and that the smartboard is made for businesses. I myself think they are the most extraordinary things and they are very interesting.

Comanche Junior Livestock Show

Jacey Biggs 5th

The Comanche Junior Livestock show was held January 10-12. There were heifers, steers, horses, miniature horses, lambs, sheep and goats at the show. Kids from a lot of different towns that are in 4-H or F.F.A. showed an animal. There were a lot of people from Comanche placed good with all the animals. It's hard work showing. You have to teach the animal to lead, and run it to get it muscled. They also have to be clean, but its fun to be with your friends and show. All the kids there worked hard for this show and look forward to showing at other livestock shows.

Writing Thailand

Jacey Biggs 5th

Mrs. Jones is sponsoring a boy in Thailand named Surakit Saipan. Her fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are writing to him. She and her students want to learn about his school, his family, how he spends his day, what he eats, and what kind of sports he plays. They also want to learn about the elephants, how they pick up logs and other stuff. She wanted to put this in the newspaper because she wants to encourage other people to sponsor a child. She thinks her kids would get a good experience about a different culture Surakit has. It will take about two to three months to write to him, because Thailand is a long way away and someone in his village has to translate English to his language. She has written her first letter; and after she hears back from him, her classes will be writing to him.

4-H Drill Team

Kayden Frazier 4th

Have you ever seen Comanche County's 4-H mounted drill team practicing in the Comanche arena? Do you have a horse? If you do, you can join the drill team, too. We practice at 2:00 p. m. on Sunday in the Comanche arena. You can ride if you are in third grade and up. The instructors are Heather Tomlinson, Rachel Hillard, and Heidi Warren. The team leaders are Hannah Tomlinson and Keely Kasberg.

In drill team we practice riding in a pattern. We ride in rodeos and parades. We compete in the summer at Abilene. My favorite part is riding with my friends. Ya'll come on down.

Miss Comanche County

Caroline Wilkerson 5th

The Comanche County Pageant is very close! All girls can enter! Show all of your talent. Contestants must live in Comanche County and be enrolled in school as of September 1, 2008 or currently being home schooled. Each contestant will pay an entry fee of \$15.00 to Comanche County PowWow Council, P.O. Box 65, Comanche, TX 76442. Entry blanks are available at the Comanche Chamber of Commerce office. Judging will be held Saturday morning, Feb. 7 at the Comanche High School Commons. Interviews Begin 9:00 A.M. – Modeling and other sessions will be immediately following interviews. The pageant is slated for Saturday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Comanche High School Commons. ADMISSION TO THE PAGEANT: \$2.50 – ADULT \$1.00 students all Contestants are required to sell a minimum of \$30.00 in admission tickets. for more info: Comanche chamber of commerce – 356-3233 or: pageant coordinator- Charla Davis- 356-5340.



First "Official" Basket Contest!!!

Jazy Matlock 5th

On Thursday, January 14, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades had a shooting contest (not with guns, with basketballs!) to see who could make the first basket in the new GYM! The contestants were: for fourth grade John Daniel Garcia and Sage Cupps, for fifth grade Bailee Hopper and Camilo Cervantes, and for sixth grade Kailee Hansmire and Frankie Medina. "Students in fourth and fifth grade played Rock, Paper, Scissors to determine who would get to shoot," said Ms. Ferrell.

At the contest everyone was exited to learn who would win. No one knew that a boy would win (HINT: the winner

is a boy). When Mrs. Carruth started to speak, a hush fell over the crowd like a fog of silence. When Ms. Ferrell announced the contestants in the order of fourth then fifth and finally sixth, that grade cheered extremely loud. When it was time for the contestants to shoot, everyone held their breath. When the contestants let go of the balls, the crowd went nuts!! When Frankie made it, sixth grade yelled and screamed!!!!

The new GYM is...HUGE!!!! If you look up you feel like an ant inside a house! The GYM has a fabulous sound system, a nice A/C and heating system, bleachers on both sides, dressing rooms for boys and girls, a coaches' office, and a storage rooms. Have a good second semester and enjoy the new GYM!!!!

Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Kendyl Estrada 5th

The Daddy Daughter Dance will be on February 7 in the Comanche middle school cafeteria from 6 pm. to 9 pm.. If you haven't already purchased a ticket they are \$25 for a couple and \$10 for each additional daughter. It is for girls age 3-18. It is the second annual Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance. So come to this special occasion and dance with your dad.

VOLCANOES

Carly Mazurek 4th

This six weeks the students in the fourth grade will be studying the earths ground. One of the projects this year will be the volcano! The fourth graders always look forward to building a volcano with their family and bringing their volcano to see it erupt. You can make it out of any materials and be creative! The ingredients will be a secret! They will erupt in the front of the fourth grade hall outside.