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6th Grade UIL Ali Cotten 5th

On Thursday, December 3, the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade went to Coleman junior high to participate in UIL. The Ready Writing and Editorial was held at our school on Wednesday, November 18.

Congratulations to the sixth, seventh, eighth grade we are so proud of you all, ya'll were awesome! These are the sixth grade winners:

Playoffs

Jacey Biggs 6th

This year, the Indians made it to the playoffs. They had an excellent year, winning eight games, and losing only two. Their first playoff game was against Colorado City Bulls, November 13, at Shotwell stadium in Abilene. The Indians beat the Bulls, 23 to 52. They were then titled Bi-district champions. Their second playoff game was in Mineral Wells on Saturday, November 21, playing Henrietta Bearcats. The Indians had a close game, losing 36 to 37. They had a great football season.

G.R.E.A.T.

Angie Evans 5th

There will be a great program in the cafeteria. It will be on December the 14 at 8:30 through 10:30 a.m. I

Number Sense -1st Ryan Senger
Dictionary Skills -1st Ryan Senger
Calculator Applications -5th Ryan Senger
Oral Reading -3rd Peyton Allen
Ready Writing -1st Rebecca Crosson, 2nd Hayden Taylor, 4th Rachel Lilley
Spelling -1st Ian Stark, 2nd Jacey Biggs, 3rd Haley Banda
Maps, Graphs, and Charts -6th Amy Yeziarski
Social Studies -2nd Kimberly Licea

don't mean it will be great, but it probably will be. The program is called GREAT and it stands for Gang Resistance Education And Training. There will be five main characters, Jose, Monica, Li, Mike, and Tameka. There will be 12 main scenes. The first is called "The First Day" and the last is called "The Conflict" there are a few things that GREAT stand for in one part it stands for give it a look over, review, evaluate the problem, assess the damage, and think it over, and in another scene it is about good communication, recognize and manage anger, express yourself calmly, assess consequences and options, think about what you have learned. This play is to teach the kids about why to avoid gangs. This play is put on be the students of Mrs. Bates class directed by officer MacDonald.

Mrs. Speer Is Here

Maritza Lopez 5th

Mrs. Speer is finally here! I haven't seen here since the first two days of school. So far she is really nice and the best teacher I ever had. Plus, her baby is really cute. So Mrs. Speer, I hope you will remember all of our names and hope you like us so far. I like her class because you get to do some really awesome experiments like rollercoaster's and much more.



The Christmas Plays

Carly Mazurek 5th

Mrs. Hancock's sixth grade theater arts class will be performing two plays. They will be one December 15, at the Comanche Middle School at 7:00 p.m. The second performance will be at the Comanche Elementary School on December 16 at 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The sixth graders in Mrs. Hancock's class were the ones that made up the plays. They were the ones in charge of the props, and they made the costumes. The plays are called *Christmas Secrets* and *Cookies Dream*. *Christmas Secrets* is about three adolescents who are surprised to learn an identity of a local homeless guy. *Cookie Dream* is about a cookie having a dream one night. Try to go to one of the two schools to enjoy the plays! Hope you like it!



4th & 5th UIL

Joe Gilligan 4th

The UIL competition for spelling and ready writing was held Tuesday, November 17. It was here at the Middle School. I was in spelling, and we went to Mrs. Holland's office for UIL spelling. There were four desks in there for us. We had to spell sixty-five words including the tiebreaker words. There was someone calling out the words and somebody who was making sure the person calling out the words was pronouncing the words right. If you were in UIL spelling or ready writing, you will not know the results till December.

Emily and Kory were in UIL ready writing they did it in Mrs. Barnes's room. They had two choices of prompts, which were: "What makes you laugh" or "A treasure map".

On Tuesday, December 8, the

Christmas Concert

Jazzy Matlock 6th

On Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. the sixth grade had a Christmas band concert. We played *Jingle Bells*, *Jolly Ol' St. Nicholas*, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, and *Gingerbread Man On Parade*. It was at the High School because the stage at the Middle School was too small for the band. The

other UIL competitions were held in Brady. There was number sense, dictionary skills, music memory, and art. We don't know all of the winners for the Middle School, but here are the ones we do know. We'll tell you the rest next month. 5th Art-1st Carly Mazurek, 6th Daniella Diaz
5th Listening-6th Libby Latham
5th Maps, Graphs, and Charts-3rd Angie Evans
4th Number Sense-3rd Billy Scheller
4th Ready Writing-1st Emily Tindol, 4th Tori Speer, Alt place Audrey Montgomery
5th Oral Reading-Alt 4th place Ali Cotten
5th Social Studies--5th Clayton Martin, 6th Ty McCullough
4th Spelling-Alt. Place Caden Jones

theater was packed just like the stage! It was our first band concert of the year. We practiced and practiced and practiced. All the songs were hard to play (I would know). But the hardest to me was *Gingerbread Man On Parade*. The concert was hard, but it was fun and everything turned out fine in the end. If you didn't go, you should have!