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We Bring News From FCS Lower School

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THE CARDBOARD CHALLENGE

Story by Allison Whellan and Gemma Kent

This year's 3rd Annual Cardboard Challenge was one that will go down in history! All the fourth and fifth grade games were well made, creative, interesting, and most of all really fun to do. It happened November 20th 2015 in the lower school gym. Mr. Denton, a fifth grade teacher said, "It was amazing to see the creativity and imagination of the kids as they designed and created their arcades, and I love how they incorporated ideas from our fall project."

It took two to three weeks to get all the projects finished and down into the gym. The students worked really hard to make awesome projects. Fifth-graders are studying ancient cities. Their games were based on Alexandria and Greek and Roman cities. There was a maze based on Odysseus trying to get home, and another game where you tried to hit the lighthouse of Alexandria. Students were throwing balls into the lighthouse, the library and the coliseum. Fourth graders based their projects on New Orleans and Philadelphia because they studied these cities for their Fall theme. Students created Philadelphia and New Orleans skyscrapers and monuments and added bean bag tosses to the buildings. There was also a city skee ball game, and some mighty good game tosses!

Students appreciated the help of a lot of great teachers such as Ms. Parris, Ms. B, Mr. Denton, and Ms. Rohrer. They were really supportive in helping us get all the materials, and helping us figure out how to create our games. We want to give a special thanks to Caine's Arcade. Caine's Arcade was started by a young boy named Caine. Caine lives in California, and turned his dad's auto shop into a cardboard arcade, and we got the idea from him. To find out more about Caine's Arcade, go to www.cardboardchallenge.com.



Walking Through The Corridors of History

Story by Dev Gupta and Henry Wheeler

Where was the 5th grade on Wednesday, December 2nd? Were they playing hookey? No, they were at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology and Anthropology!

Students in 5th grade have been studying topics for their Greco-Roman festival. Some of their topics are architecture, Cleopatra, and sports. Each research group had a chaperone and questions about their topic on their iPads.

When they were finished, they got to explore the museum. They saw the Rosetta Stone! It was not the real one, but an identical one. Another highlight was the 3rd biggest crystal sphere in the world from China. Did you know it was stolen from the museum? Luckily it was found and returned.

On December 17th, they will have their Greco-Roman festival and learn about the research everyone did at the Penn Museum. "Now you are all scholars," said humanities teacher Mr. Denton to his 5th grade students.



Charleston City Market



On December 8th, everyone visited 3B's Charleston City Market. There was rice, gumbo, biscuits, pirate gold, sweet grass baskets that they all made, and much more!

61 Years Up

By Michael Crutchlow, 3A



Yes, I aged sixty one years in a day to play Ben Franklin at 70! 3A is doing four skits about Ben Franklin and all of the skits have Ben Franklin in them. Three of the Ben Franklins are girls. Being the only boy makes me a unique Ben Franklin!

In order to be Ben Franklin at 70, I have to tone my voice deeper and make it sound like I know what I am talking about. I have to wear a powdered white wig and wear dress shoes and a white button-down shirt!

Mr. Dubb started the play in October, after all, "Great haste, makes great waste". Come see the great Ben Franklin play in 3A during the week of December 14th.

Soup Jar Gifts for the Holidays



Last week, Lower Schoolers made soup jar gifts for guests of the Calvin Presbyterian Church soup kitchen. Jars included split peas, lentils, barley, pasta and spices.