



Milan Reporter

Milan Village School 6th grade

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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THE HISTORY OF MILAN HILL STATE PARK

The Story of Joseph Boucher

Did you know that Milan Hill State park wasn't always a State Park? It was actually a farm with a home- stead and animals. My great -grandfather used to live at the original farm that we now call Milan Hill State Park. We wanted to know more about the original farm because Milan Village School students in grades 4- 6 are creating a topographi- cal map of the park that will be part of a brochure. Sixth grades role in this project is to mark the historical areas.

I interviewed my great- grand father; Joseph Boucher was born on Milan

Hill State Park on June 8th 1908. When he lived there his parents didn't actually own the farm, his grandpar- ents did. After his grandfa- ther left his dad bought the farm. He lived there for four to five years.

Their house was on top of the hill. Imagine liv- ing on Milan Hill without a car! It took them an hour and a half to get from Milan to Berlin. He did a lot of deer hunting when he was a kid. He saw a lot of animals when he was a kid but never saw a bear. He only went to school up to 5th grade. The school was on top of Milan Hill. He said that he had been back to the pack a good

amount of times since he moved. Since he only lived there for 4 to 5 years, he doesn't have a whole lot of memories.

My class tracked and put waypoints where the foundation and stone walls are. With this infor- mation we are going to download it as the histori- cal part of our map.

Written by
Nicholas Wheeler

FEATURED CLASSES

The whole school has been doing great things in Sci- ence. We wanted to use this paper as an opportunity to showcase classes and their activities. This trimester we have focused on 2nd, 3re, and 4th grades.

The 2nd grade is mak- ing a timeline a history . They learned that 1 century=100 years. Each section on their timeline equals a century.

They wanted to add dinosaurs on their timeline but they couldn't because they died 65 million years ago. Their time wasn't large enough for all those section! On the timeline they stared from 4100BC to 2000AD. They also learned that caveman lived over 17,000 years ago. It is also interesting to see that they added pyramids on their timeline at 3000BC. They included over three sections

on their timeline to show how long ago pilgrims sailed from Plymouth Eng- land to Plymouth Massa- chusetts. Jesus was labeled at 0 on their timeline be- cause his birthday ended BC and started AD. The 2nd grade had fun adding their own birthdays to the time- line.

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ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Lots of Good Food Made for Election Day Bake Sale

On November 4th, Election Day, we had a bake sale. Parents and staff baked cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and other baked goods. There were no set prices, just a donation bucket. The money is going towards a school sign between Bridge Street and Highway 16. We raised \$650.35. "We had been raising money for a few years and that makes enough for the sign" said Mr. Backler.

Volunteers at the bake sale were Mrs. Yelle, Mrs. Roberge, Mrs. Salek, Mrs. Roy, Mrs. Marino, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Pouliot, Mrs. Ruediger, Mrs. St. Gelais, Sarah St. Gelais, and Mrs. Caron. The sixth grade also worked in shifts throughout the day. Mrs. Caron said "We had a bake sale at the elections four years ago and it was successful so I said let's do it again." "A lot of people asked for sugar free foods" said Mrs. St. Gelais.

"It was busy in the morning but slow in the afternoon" said Sadie Glover

and Amanda Shute. "We had enough leftovers to sell at Bobcat Sales, the school store and for Veterans Day" said Mrs. Caron. The sixth graders asked trivia questions to customers at the bake sale. "The people I had asked trivia to, didn't know those things had happened" said Amanda Shute.

Written By: Cathleen Daniels

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THE GREAT PUMPKIN CHASE

Milan Village School holds a Great Pumpkin chase

On Monday October 20, 2008 Milan Village School started the Great Pumpkin Chase. The Great Pumpkin Chase is an event we do to give kids a chance to show safety, respect, and responsibility on the playground. We do the Great Pumpkin Chase one week before Halloween because that is when referrals were given the most. the advantage

of this is that the students are most likely not going to get hurt.

"I think it is a great way for each class to work together." said Mr. Backler. Each class works together by making sure every person in their class is safe, respectful, and responsible. For the grade that won there would be a private walkabout for just their grade. Sixth grade won this year with nine stamps. I talked to

sixth graders Karli Lacasse and Sadie Glover. Sadie said, "it was fun because it was just our grade." Karli said "it was fun because we got to take time off our day and have fun." Last year was the first year for The Great Pumpkin Chase. Third grade won, their prize was a royal lunch.

Written by:
Paige Marcou

FEATURED CLASSES CONT.

The 3rd grade class did a water cycle experiment. They went into the resource room kitchen to get a book that Mrs. Parker had put there that morning. Their class went back that afternoon to get it. Mrs. Parker took a kettle with water in it, and boiled it. Then when it was boiled, they took the book and held it over the boiled water to see it evaporate. They knew it was evaporation because they could see the condensation on the book. Then they could see the precipitation dripping off the book. "So they got to learn precipitation, and evaporation in a cool experiment." Mrs. Parker said.

The fourth grade class has been doing a lot of hands-on science with their new program. They were studying the concept of fossils. They made creatures out of

sugar cubes. Mr. Giroux gave them 25 sugar cubes to make whatever kind of creature they like. They laid their sugar cubes on a tray and covered them with dirt. Then they poured water over the dirt and sugar cubes, and covered it again with dirt. In time, others will be able to "dig" through the dirt to find the remains of the sugar cube creatures. When they found it, they will study the evidence it left behind, so they could figure out what creature it was.

Who knew learning Science could be so much fun!

Written by: Abbie Dube and Tristin Heath

GOAL!!!

Milan Village School soccer team's season began in September and ended in October. All teams had a great season. The k-2 soccer team was coached by Cindy Lang and Phoebe Backler. Players were encouraged to have fun throughout the season. Some of the 2nd grade soccer players said it rained most of the season, but that didn't stop their c o a c h e s .

The Milan 5th and 6th grade soccer team's record levels out at a 5 and 5. They played Gorham teams like Burn, Wizards and the starz. They played either in Gorham or at

home in Milan. The coach of the 5th and 6th grade team was George Lamphere. He was determined to have fun and teach the game of soccer. I caught up with some players and students and students Nick Wheeler and Sadie Glover. Nick said "we rapidly progressed in teamwork and communication". Sadie said, that the season "was fun and challenging". I asked the two students what they thought about the coach. Nick said, "very experienced and taught us well". Sadie told me he was "awesome, taught us new things and he was

"awesome, taught us new things and encouraged us to do good".

The 3rd and 4th grade soccer team did great. I talked with some 4th graders and they said the season overall was fun. They told me their coach's Mr. Donovan and Mr. Ruediger taught them a lot of new things. Like how to play goalie and kick the ball. They also learned to control the ball and dribble. Everybody had a good season and that's what makes a great season!

Written by:
Christopher Lamphere

VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans Day is a day to honor the people who fought in a war. M.V.S. celebrates it by having veterans from our area come to M.V.S and talk about the war.

The kindergarten, first and second grade had Mr. McLain and Mr. Caouette come to visit. Mr. Caouette worked in an office in America. Mr. McLain was in Iraq. They both told the kids why they entered the war and what it was like in the war. Mrs. Morse said "in Iraq, you do not get change, because it will rattle and you will get

spotted." Mr. McLain and Mr. Caouette brought medals and Mr. McLain brought paper money from Iraq.

For the third and fourth grade, Mr. and Mrs. Rich came to visit. Mrs. Rich was from Britain and Mr. Giroux said "I loved the fact that the people were from Milan and it was great to have a woman from another country." Mr. and Mrs. Rich met during the war and they fought in World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Rich brought things from the war like medals, pictures, and uniforms.

For the 5th and 6th grade had Mr. Enman come to visit. Mr. Enman was a navy seal and he traveled the Mediterranean Sea. Bryce Yelle said "I liked the experience" He had done this at his old school. Mr. Enman visited many places near the Mediterranean Sea, except for Israel;. He did not go past Greece. Mr. Enman brought things from the Navy like pictures and a uniform.

Written by: Daniel Flint

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION VISITS

The Department of Education (DEO) came to our school. They came on November 7, 2008 . They came to take a look at our school. They got a tour of the school by the student council president Karli, vice president Nick, and secretary Amanda. Also joining them was our principal Mr. Backler. This was the first time that they had visited our

school. The 6th grade showed them our new math program on the computers. They got to see a science lesson on erosion with the fifth grade, and they also joined the fourth grade to watch quidditch. Amanda said that she "was very nervous to show them around the school." Karli said, "They were here to come and see the school and meet the teachers and see what was going on". It took about an hour for the 6th graders to

take them around the school. Karli and Nick both thought "it was fun". Karli also said that "they were very nice". They spent a lot of time at the school. Mr. Backler said "It was great because any chance I get to show off our school is nice." All the representatives had a good time and I think that they would want to come again and stay for the whole day.

Written By: Marshal Arnold

FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

On October 6, 2008 Kindergarten-3rd grade had their fire safety presentation by Mr. Donovan, Mr. Frechette, Mr. Chapman, and Miss. Gaudette. Kindergarten-3rd grade heard what a fire alarm sounded like, saw a woman fire fighter dressed in her fire fighting outfit, learned how to get out of their room in a fire, and learned how to use a fire extinguisher. 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Parker says that "having done this, they would feel more comfortable in a fire because they know what to do." During the younger grades fire safety presentation the fire department had to leave because there was a fire on Cedar Pond Rd. Talk about unexpected!

On October 29, 2008 Mr. Donovan, Mr. Ferchete, Mr. Chapman, and Miss. Gaudette told the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders what they do in a fire, showed them their gear, and gave them interesting facts about the fire truck. One interesting fact was that the tank can hold 1500 gallons of water. 5th grade teacher Mr. Robarge commented about the 5th grade saying "They now really appreciate the fire fighters."

After 4th, 5th, and 6th graders had done the fire safety one week later they did a "jeopardy" game. One student from each class (4th, 5th, and 6th) was a judge on whether or not they answered the question correctly. The 6th grade won. 6th grader Cathleen Daniels (judge) made a comment about the "jeopardy" game saying "I liked seeing how much they knew about fire safety." Since this is the first year for the new 4th graders they felt "grown up". 4th grade teacher Mr. Giroux said "Some kids got inspired by the fire fighters." The fire fighters let them feel the gear. They also told us what each fire fighter would do at or in a fire. 6th grade teacher Mrs. Goulet says "It's important to have as many fire fighters as we do"

Written by: Amanda Shute

THE 2008 BIKE-ATHON/WALK-A-THON

On September 29, 2008 Milan Village School had their annual Bike-a-Thon/Walk-a-Thon. This is their 21st year. The P.T.O. and volunteers have been running this since 1979. They have taken their time to set it up and help on that day. There were 66 students that participated. The classes were split up into groups for the Bike-a-Thon/Walk-a-Thon. There was Kindergarten to 3rd grade and 4th to 6th. There were awards given for the most miles and for most money collected. 1st and 6th grade tied with the highest percentage of student participation with 71%. The awards are as follows:

K-3rd most laps (most laps)

1st place – Brandon Weeks

2nd place – Daniel Couture and Ari Smith

3rd place – Sophie Wheeler

K-3rd most miles biked

1st place – Lana Downing

2nd place – Jacob Gleason and Emily Letelier

3rd place – Cassidy Lang and Kayden Dube

K-3rd most money collected

1st place – Paige Pouliot and Becca Pouliot

2nd place – Bianca Price

3rd place – Faith Gingras

4th – 6th most miles biked

1st place – Chris Lamphere and Nick Wheeler

2nd place – Tim Glover

3rd place – Sadie Glover

4th – 6th most money collected

1st place – Haleigh Nason

2nd – Chantel Aubut

3rd – Brittany Letelier

Some of the students that received awards have been interviewed, here are some comments – "My favorite part was starting," said Kayden Dube in 3rd grade. "My favorite part was participating," said Cassidy Lang also in 3rd grade. Tim Glover and Chantel Aubut from 5th grade said, "it was tiring but a lot of fun." Chris Lamphere from 6th grade said, "I wanted to bike more miles, but Mr. Backler said, 'we were out of time.'" Haleigh Nason, Nick Wheeler, and Sadie Glover didn't agree they all said, "it was very tiring!!!"

Mrs. Morse ran the assembly and helped with the Bike-a-Thon that day. Here are some of the things she said, "the Bike-a-Thon/Walk-a-Thon benefits everyone. The kids feel good doing it and older siblings get to come see what they did when they were younger. It was her first helping to organize the Bike-a-Thon but she had a lot of fun. "My favorite part is seeing the kids have fun," she said. The P.T.O. is trying to get more and more kids to participate every year.

Written by: Karli Lacasse

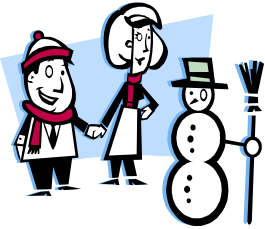
MVS BOOK FAIR

Milan Village School had our annual book fair this fall. Mr. St. Gelais organized the book fair with the help of other teachers and PTO. Scholastic picked the safari theme for the book fair it was one of my favorites. They had the book fair in the gym because they had to have the library open for open house. The school is putting over 1,000 dollars worth of books into the library. Over 6,000 dollars worth of books was earned from the

book fair. The PTO gave the staff 200 dollars to start the book fair. The book fair was during open house. They had a coloring contest for the kids and these are the winners. Pre was Scott O'Brian kindergarten was Austin Cornish first grade was Anna Roberge second grade was Dallis Lacasse third grade was Alyson Blanchette fourth grade was Robin Parker fifth grade was Kayleigh Eastman and sixth grade was Sadie Glover. The 1st

and 2nd graders made crafts in art for the book fair. The classes from grades pre-k to sixth guessed how many crackers were in a jar. The kids also sang songs in music and put it on a tape that was played during the book fair. There will probably be many more book fairs ahead!

Written By Kamber McLain



Over \$6,000.00 worth of books was earned from the book fair!



WOODS DAY

Milan Village School has been having woods day for 12 years. Every grade from kindergarten to sixth grade goes to woods day. Woods day focuses on science. Students learn concepts like the seasons, using gps, rocks, the 5 senses, and ecosystems.

1st grade

At woods day Mrs. Daniels and her first grade class focused on signs of fall. They did activities like a scavenger hunt, looking for signs fall and going for a nice hike. Mrs. Daniels and her kids are now working on what part the sun plays in the seasons. They had an awesome Woods Day.

2nd graded

Mrs. Morse and her second grade class learned about different leaves at Woods day. They sorted the leaves by shape and ended up with six different types of leaves. They noticed that most of the leaves were

3 fingered (they labeled them by their appearance because they did not know the real names. All the second graders said it was hard and tiring going through all of those leaves, however they enjoyed Wood Day.

3rd grade

Mrs. Parker and her third grade class learned about rocks at woods day. They did activities like rock, rock, mineral (duck, duck, goose) and twig art. twig art is when you collect all kinds of twigs and glue them on a piece of paper and make a sculpture.

4th grade

Mr. Giroux and his fourth grade class worked on outer space at woods day. They learned about constellations and the moon. They did fun activities like a model of a solar system to show the distances. They did constellations which was fun. They also did the faces of the

moon. They had an awesome time at woods day.

5th grade

During woods day, the fifth grade class learned how to use gps systems and identify way points. They did activities like a scavenger hunt and they had to look for certain way points. They used gps to determine the distance from the entrance of the park to the top of the fire tower.

6th grade

Mrs. Goulet and her sixth graders worked on regions and how a habitat supports the biotic factors of an ecosystem. Sixth grade did an activity where everyone was a bear. They had to gather food and water to survive. Through the activity they learned how important limiting factors are. They also studied regions of their choice, and identified the inputs and outputs. Everyone had a great time at Woods Day!

Written by: Haleigh Nason

Student Council Elections Were Successful.

On Sep.12, 2008, the student council elections took place. Each class, grades 1-5, represented the school by selecting a student council representative. Student council president, vice president, and secretary are positions held by 6th graders. Any 6th grader can run, but they must campaign and make a speech in front of the entire school. The whole school then votes for each office. This years 6th grade candidates were Amanda Shute running for secretary, Nick Wheeler and Abbie Dube running for vice president, and Marshal Arnold, Daniel Flint , and Karli Lacasse running for president.

I interviewed out candidates and here is what some of them had to say. Karli Lacasse said, "I wanted to be president and I was a representative last year." Daniel said, "I thought it would be a good experience. As you can see the students were psyched!" Nick Wheeler and Abbie Dube "thought it would be fun."

All the candidates had a strong feeling of winning . Daniel said, "I thought I had a good chance." Karli said, "I didn't know if I would get elected." After the voting, the heat was rising. The candidates anxiously awaited. The winners were finally announced . Kalri, Nick, and Amanda were elected .

Written by: Bryce Yelle

GRANDPARENT'S DAY



On October 31, Grandparents Day was held at the Milan Village School. On Grandparents Day, grandparents came to the school and visited their grandchild's classroom to see what they have done. In Mrs. St.Gelais kindergarten class, the students and grandparents traced their hands. They also made a squirrel out of leaves after learning about wildlife and the outdoors. The kindergarten class also put on a show and sang songs for their grandparents. Sophie and Zachary's favorite part was going to the book fair. In Mrs. Daniel's first grade class, the students got to do a Halloween packet that had dot-to-dot, mazes, and crossword puzzles. They also got to show their grandparents around the school. "Most of the students chose to show their grandparents around the school." Said Mrs. Daniels. In Mrs. Morse's second grade class, the students and grandparents did a coloring pattern to know their grandparents names. They also played the trading game.

Whoever gets to a dollar wins! But how you win is by rolling a dice and whatever number you get you place pennies on a game board. Then you trade the pennies for dimes and the dimes for dollars. They also created a train using shapes. Each new shape has to connect, same size, same color, or same shape. "They played this game to prepare them for logic."Said Mrs. Morse. We read Halloween books to our grandparents to. Said Danielle. In Mrs. Parkers third grade class, they showed their grandparents maps they had made of a made up community and showed them their journals that they write in every morning. In Mr. Giroux's fourth grade class, they played math bingo with their grandparents. Fourth grader Melyssa Donivan said, "My favorite part of the day was playing bingo." In Mr. Roberge's fifth grade class, the students showed them the collages they had made of the famous explorers. In Mrs. Goulet's sixth

grade class, the students showed their grandparents a carrying capacity activity on classzone.com.

After the students were done showing their grandparents what they had done in class, they went to the book fair and the students, grandparents bought their grandchild books and toys. Cathleen Daniels from the sixth grade said, "My favorite part of the book fair was seeing the safari theme." Tim Glover from the fifth grade said, "My favorite part of the day was the book fair!" After everyone looked threw the book fair, everyone ate lunch. After lunch dressed up in their Halloween costumes and got ready for the parade! That was the conclusion of Grandparents Day! "We had a fun time!" Said many grandparents.

Written By:
Sadie Glover