

THE FLY NEWS!

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The countdown begins for Fernbrook's sixth graders!

By Taylor C.

The end of the year will be busy for our graduating sixth graders! Highlights include:

Wednesday, May 27: Coon Rapids Dam field trip

Wednesday, June 3: Track & Field Day, pizza lunch and Commemoration ceremony

Thursday, June 4: 6th grade trip to Valley Fair

As you can see, there's no time for sixth graders to shed a tear about leaving Fernbrook. There's far too much to do!

Super Sixth Grade Student Survey

By Eric K., Zach P. and Alex P.

Hi! We recently interviewed the 6th grade students on what they would miss most about Fernbrook. We gave them five choices to choose from: recess, teachers, friends, school programs and other things. Here are the results...

- ❖ 28 people will miss recess
- ❖ 28 people will miss friends
- ❖ 24 people will miss other things
- ❖ 18 people will miss teachers
- ❖ 1 person will miss school programs

Thanks for reading our article, and good luck to all of the 6th graders moving on to 7th grade!!

*Thanks for the memories, sixth graders!
We wish you every success as you leave the Fernbrook fold and start an exciting new chapter in your lives.
Carpe diem!*

Pink Ribbons

By Gwen C., Sarah R. and Taylor F.



This year, Fernbrook raised \$12,704.08 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The total amount of money that we have raised since 2001 is over \$65,380. Way to go Fernbrook!! Now that you know how much we raised, you are probably wondering what the foundation does with all of the money. Well, you're in luck, because that's exactly what we are going to tell you. The Susan G. Komen Foundation has been fighting against breast cancer since 1982, and has received about 1.3 billion dollars of donations for research! It is the largest breast cancer charity in the world. Everyone had a great time doing the walk at school, and we hope to keep on participating in this wonderful race for a wonderful cause.

T-T-T-T-Track and F-F-F-F-Field Day!!!

Mitch M. and Sam K.



In June, the Fernbrook students are going to compete in a track and field day. The 5th and 6th grade students will do running and track events like they do in the Olympics, with awards for great results.

The younger kids will do other interesting events -- things that younger kids enjoy. This event takes place June 2 and June 3 on the track in the back of Fernbrook School. Track and field day events take a while to complete. Track events are made up of a 100-, 200- and 400- meter run. Also, there is a 4x100-meter relay. Some field events are the pole vault, high jump and the long jump.



This should be a lot of fun and we are glad that our Physical Education teachers do all of this work for us. See you at the field!

Valley Fair Bash n' Crash

By Matt C. and Ben C.

We are going to give some facts on some rides because we are going on a 6th grade field trip to Valley Fair. Hope you like it!



Corkscrew

Highest Point: 85 feet
Length: 1,950 feet
Speed: 50 mph

Power Tower

Height: 282 feet
Length: No length (only goes up)
Speed: 50 mph in 3 seconds

Wild Thing

Highest Point: 207 feet
Length of track: 5469 feet
Speed: 74 mph

Renegade

Height: 104 feet
Length of track: 3113 feet
Speed: 52 mph

Steel Venom

Height: 185 feet
Track length: 2600
Speed: 68 mph

Thank you for reading!

Can You Find What I Find?

By Samantha W., Angela K.
and Maddie C.



Many of you are familiar with the name game in the newspaper. Well, this month we are featuring 6th graders. So, if you're in 6th grade make sure to pay very, very close attention to each and every article of this newspaper. One of them may have your name!

If you find your name it will be in parentheses and bold (**like this**). Then go to the office to collect your prize! Thanks for playing and good luck to all!

Who's Mrs. Cullinan?

By Sophie S. and Whitney D.

We did a teacher interview with Mrs. Cullinan, a 6th grade teacher completing her first year at Fernbrook. Here are her answers:

Q. How long have you been a teacher?

A. This is my third year of teaching. I have taught sixth grade all three years and I absolutely love it!

Q. What was your first job?

A. My first job was at a sporting goods store. I use to sell all different types of sporting goods! I can sharpen skates and put names on the back of jerseys with the best of them!

Q. What is your favorite memory from this school year?

A. That would have to be meeting all the wonderful sixth graders and getting to know them individually. They are all talented, bright and fun! Also, the staff at FB is just wonderful! I can't even count how many "favorite" memories I have!

Q. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A. I had several aspirations. I either wanted to be a teacher, veterinarian or professional dancer.

Q. What is your life-long goal?

A. To inspire others to become the best person they can be! To learn, explore and inspire!

Q. What is your favorite type of instrument?

A. Well, that's easy – the piano! I could spend hours at it... it's very therapeutic!

Q. What school did you teach at before Fernbrook?

A. I taught sixth grade at a middle school in Wayzata.

Q. What is your favorite store?

A. Does Home Depot count? I also like either White House Black Market or Anthropologie.

Have a great summer, Mrs. Cullinan!

Staff interview with Amy Smith

By Luke S.

Note: Luke is a fifth grade roving reporter who happens to be Amy Smith's son!

Why did you decide to work at Fernbrook?

Because I like kids and my kids went to school here.
I like working where my kids are!

What do you do at Fernbrook?

I help kids who need a little extra help.

Do you like your job?

Yes, very much.

What was your job before this?

Taking care of you, Luke, was my full time job -- and still is ☺.

Thanks, Mom!

Hearing Who?

By Madison R.



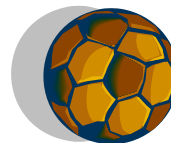
The Phonak Savia 211 dSZ is a miniature hearing aid with digital SurroundZoom. The ear simulator works great and helps to let the person clearly hear all of the sounds around them. Its technical advances are amazing, especially when you see how small it is. The battery can last up to a month, which is not a lot of maintenance. It cannot get wet, costs a lot of money and needs to be taken care of, but the Phonak Savia is a great tool to help those who need a little more volume in their everyday hearing.

Super Student Survey

By Alex T., Isaiah S., Ryan K.

We asked some of the fifth graders: "What is your favorite thing to do at recess?" Their choices were:

Four Square
Tag
Football
Soccer
Playground
Kickball
Basketball



Out of 18 people surveyed:

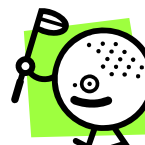


1 person liked basketball
3 people liked playground
4 people liked football
And 10 people liked four square!

So...four square wins!!

Golfing in Maple Grove

By Sarah E.



The first Saturday in May, Rush Creek Golf Club hosts a golf clinic for *girl* golfers. Once you arrive and your parent has signed you in you are welcome to the tables of snacks.

During the clinic they teach you the rules of golf, and how to putt, drive and chip. At the end, they give you lunch and a gift bag. ENTRY IS FREE!

To learn more about this go to www.mwga-online.org. For more summer golfing ideas go to www.thefirstteethreeriversparksdistrict.org.

Summer Vacations

By Natalie R. and Kelsey F.

Where are you going this summer? We're here to tell you the Top 10 spots in the U.S.

10. Tennessee
9. Washington, DC
8. Colorado
7. Hawaii
6. Arizona
5. Nevada
4. Texas
3. New York
2. California



And we bet you guessed, the number one spot goes to...

Florida!

As you probably know there are many places to visit in Florida, like Disney World, the famous beaches and Sea World.

Pack your bags and head off to any of these awesome places on the Top 10. Thanks for reading the article.



Our Environment

By Reed N.

Our environment in. It's time we and recycle, take care of it. pick up trash, don't smoke, our home with respect. It's our earth – it's time we take care of it!



is what we live say "thanks" reduce and It's easy! Just don't litter, replant and treat

take care of it!

Fun things to do this summer



Before you cry, "I'm bored!" this summer, try one of these fun, inexpensive activities. Go to www.thriftyfun.com for more than 200 other ideas:

- ✓ Run relay races
- ✓ Watch the clouds
- ✓ Make art with sidewalk chalk
- ✓ Perform a circus
- ✓ Put together a family newsletter
- ✓ Make an obstacle course in your backyard
- ✓ Surprise a neighbor with a good deed

Puppy Mills

By Maedelin A.

Puppies, puppies, everywhere. Puppy mills are common places for pet stores to buy their puppies. One of the laws for these puppy mills to stay open requires them to reach state standards. The puppies need to have food, water and shelter, but nothing talks about the condition of the shelter where they are bred or that they need love and care. The Humane Society of the United States for years has tried to stop and close all puppy mills that they come across, and some pet stores that sell dogs and puppies might get their puppies from a puppy mill. Buying from them will only support puppy mills. Those puppy mills will probably end up producing more puppies instead of



shutting down their business. When you buy puppies from the puppy mills you really are supporting them to produce more puppies

instead of saving them. Next time you want to buy a puppy or dog try considering the Humane Society. Puppy mills are a cruel place for animals to live so please help stop them.

Funky Fresh Fun Facts

By Alec B., Max L.
& Dan K.

- Odontophobia is the fear of teeth.
- The most common name in the world is Mohammed.
- When you die, your hair still grows for a couple of months.
- A skunk's smell can be detected by a human a mile away.
- The most money ever paid for a cow in an auction was 1.3 million.
- 1 in 5,000 north Atlantic lobsters are born bright blue.
- There are 10 body parts that are only three letters long (eye, hip, leg, ear, toe, arm, jaw, rib, lip and gum).
- The King of Hearts in a deck of cards is the only king without a mustache.
- Every year about 98% of the atoms in your body are replaced.
- American car horns beep in the tone of "F."



Very Confusing, Wacky Word

By Sophie L. and Rikita P.

We went online and found a really cool and confusing word: "Bildungsroman." We asked the staff of the *Fly News* to see if they could guess what this word means. (The word actually means "a type of novel concerned with the education, development, and maturing of a young protagonist.") Enjoy their silly guesses!

Whitney	A man that builds
Sophie S.	A Greek hut
Zach	A large dog
Maddie D.	Someone built something
Amara	A bug that lives in Rome
Matt	A Roman spear
Ben C.	A Roman saying that means, "Hello my friend"
Eric	A Roman octopus
Alec	A blind Roman
Dan	A scientific name for an animal
Max	A type of disease

Wickity Wackity Wonkalicious Weather Word Find

By Sam C. and Carson T.

A	B	N	W	W	R	Z	G	Q	P
G	U	J	E	F	Q	P	F	A	L
S	P	X	A	H	W	F	R	W	I
L	B	I	T	U	E	H	E	Z	W
H	M	U	H	I	R	C	T	S	I
T	W	K	E	K	T	V	C	X	N
C	O	L	R	O	Y	B	V	D	D
A	N	R	K	P	U	D	N	C	Y
S	S	C	N	D	I	A	B	R	G
D	O	X	L	A	O	Q	M	F	H
L	M	Z	P	B	D	K	A	V	D
I	M	G	D	H	P	O	D	T	E
U	R	H	H	J	S	N	G	G	S
K	O	K	R	A	I	N	H	B	C
X	T	Z	R	K	F	M	J	Y	Z
R	S	W	Q	L	H	O	K	H	X
P	H	U	R	R	I	C	A	N	E

Weather
Tornado
Rain

Snow
Windy
Hurricane

Perfectly Peanut Butter Chocolatey Chunk Tortilla Treat

By Libby Z. and Abby W.

Here's a chocolaty chunky treat that you can eat. This is one of the easiest treats to make. Here are the ingredients:

A bag of chocolate chips
(or cinnamon)
A butter knife
A tortilla
Peanut butter



This is how to make it:

First, spread the tortilla on a plate. Second, use the knife to spread the peanut butter on the tortilla. Third, put as many chocolate chips or as much cinnamon as you wish on the tortilla. Lastly, roll up the tortilla for a tasty treat. Enjoy!!

*** You may need a parent's help with spreading peanut butter ***

The Twister Twisting Brain Teaser!

By Noah K.



1. How far can a dog run into the forest?
Halfway or the dog will be running out of the forest
2. A man gave his son 10 cents and another 15 cents. What time is it?
1:45 because he gave a quarter to two
3. A man in California wants to marry his widow's sister. Is this possible?
No, he's dead
4. Is there a 4th of July in Iran?
Yes, and a 5th and a 6th and a 7th, etc...
5. What is significant about this: It is May 6th the year is 1978, and it is 34 minutes past noon.
If we write it down, it is: 12:34 5/6/78

Nintendo DSi

By Jared M.

Ta-da! The DSi is the newest Nintendo game, with two cameras, awesome sound applications and an online shop! Here are some fun facts about it!

Cameras: One is facing you, the other is facing away. There are 10 different filters that can change the way you snap pictures, with photo-editing software. You can store several hundred pictures on the memory card or share them with friends. Also, you can put them onto your Wii.

Applications: It has an amazing voice recorder, music player, and you can control the speed and pitch of the music. You can play songs, except for Mp3 songs.

Online shop: It's very like the WiiWare channel, with a much wider selection. The points work the same way. For example, 2000 points are \$20, and games cost from 200-800 points. The interface is easy, and setting it up is as quick as the Wii. There is also a free Web browser so you can check the internet on a small screen. It's also very expensive, at about \$250.

Wow! Think about how much fun this could be!
Thanks for reading the article!

April Brain Teaser Answers

By Kate T. and Marie K.

Did we leave you hanging with the April Brain Teasers? In case you're still scratching your head, here are the answers!

Question: I am looking at somebody's photograph. If I don't have any brothers or sisters, and the father of the man in the photo is the son of my father, who am I looking at?

Answer: You are looking at yourself!

Question: A girl who was just learning how to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction but didn't break the law. How come?

Answer: She was walking!

Question: How far can a dog run into the woods?

Answer: Half way, then it's running out!

Question: A man was to be sentenced, and the judge told him, "You may make a statement. If it is true, I'll sentence you to four years in prison. If it is false, I'll sentence you to six years in prison." After the man made his statement, the judge decided to let him go free. What did the man say?

Answer: He said, "You will sentence me to six years in prison." If the judge sentenced him to four years, it would be a lie; however, if he sentenced him to six years, it would be true!

Question: If I say "Everything I say to you is a lie," am I telling you the truth or a lie?

Answer: You decide!

BlackBerry Bold

Stephanie J. and Thalia M.



The BlackBerry Bold is a smart phone; it has features like a camera, organizer, browser, etc. You can take it wherever you want. It is also a touch phone and it has a built in GPS that gives you directions while you are driving. The BlackBerry Bold has accessories that you can use to express your style. It is so cool that you can get different skins and decorate it. It is an easy storage. iPhone versus BlackBerry Bold? BlackBerry Bold wins! Yeah!!!!

A Magical, Mystical, Magnificent Movie Review

By Nigel H.



It's the end of the year and summer is coming. A time to play, have fun and get those two extra hours of sleep. So to end the year of movie reviews, why not end it with "Bedtime Stories?"

The story is about a hotel employee named Skeeter. One day his sister asks him to watch her son Patrick and daughter Bobby. The story mainly gets started when Patrick and Bobby go to bed and ask Skeeter to tell them a bedtime story. Skeeter decides to tell stories like his dad. He is not as good, but the kids help along the way.

His first story is about the medieval times. Sir Fixalot is the main character and his rival is Sir Butt-kiss. After the story the kids go to bed and all is well. The next morning Skeeter is on the road, has some troubles and it suddenly rains gum balls just like it did in the story. Now Skeeter finds himself in his own bedtime stories with their own twists.

Will Skeeter live happily ever after or will he find himself in a trap of fantasy? Watch the movie to find out!

AS WE TURN OUR THOUGHTS TO SUMMER, THE *FLY NEWS* STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR INAUGURAL YEAR A SUCCESS! WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED READING OUR ARTICLES, TACKLING THE PUZZLES AND ADMIRING EACH GRADE'S ARTWORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE HAD FUN BRINGING THE NEWSPAPER TO YOU EACH MONTH!

GREAT SUMMER BOOKS!

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment

By Kate T., Devyn S. and Marie K.

Have you ever wanted wings? Well, Maximum Ride has them! Meet Maximum Ride and her flock, six kids, all with wings and super powers. Sounds great, right? Wrong! There's always a catch to be genetically enhanced with superpowers, such as being chased by another genetically enhanced species! They look like real people, but underneath, they are the evil, kid-chasing species called Erasers: humans with melodious voices who can morph into vicious, (**Nick Love**) bloodthirsty wolves at will. Bet you don't want wings now!



Before the story, Max and her flock were created at a place called the School in Death Valley. They lived in dog crates and were experimented on and tortured relentlessly by the people in white coats, also called the "whitecoats" by Max and flock. A man named Jeb Batchelder rescued them from the terrible facility and watched over them and cared for them for two years. Then he disappeared. Max and her flock have been on their own ever since, living in a secret mountain home. When they decide to go strawberry picking, Erasers manage to ruin their fun by capturing Angel, most likely bringing her to the School again. It's up to Max and her fantastic flock to save the day!

The City of Ember

By Katie L. and
Decora T.



This book is all about a girl named Lina and a boy named Doon. They are all adventurous kids. They are on an exciting adventure to save their dying, old, underground city – although they have no idea that their city is underground. Their supplies are running out, especially their light bulbs and electricity! What will Lina and Doon do to save the city? Well, that's up to you to find out! You can get this book at our Media Center or at the local library. Go get this book and cuddle in a corner and read, read and read some more!