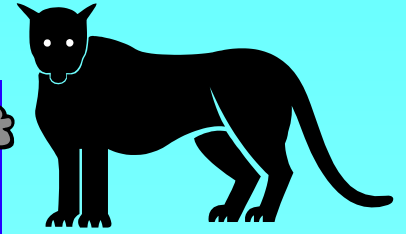


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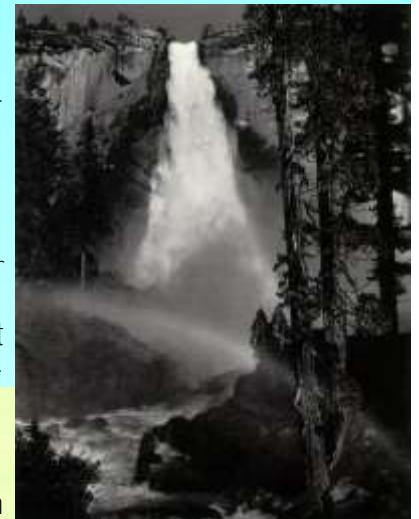
Picture Perfect!

By Logan Green

Hey, Jal Panthers!! I am Logan Green. I am the photographer for the Panther Beat. A photographer is a person who takes pictures with cameras. I thought it might be neat for you all to read and learn about a famous photographer named Ansel Adams. Ansel Adams was born February 20, 1902 in San Francisco, California. As a young boy, Ansel became interested in the piano. He even taught himself, but he also took lessons. He practiced 6 hours everyday. He thought he was going to grow up to be a professional pianist. One day, his father bought him a year's pass to the San Francisco's Panama-Pacific International Exposition. It was a fair that had lots of neat things to see like steam trains, art, lots of gardens, and other exhibits like the Liberty Bell that came from Philadelphia for people to see. Ansel Adams went everyday to look and learn. It was at the exposition that he first saw photography displayed as art. He was hooked. He later read a book on Yosemite National Park. His parents decided to take him there to see it in person. The trip turned out to be a turning point in Ansel Adams' life. So, as he grew older, he practiced taking pictures. He experimented with different kinds of filters on his cameras to get really neat results on his pictures. His photographs became works of art. By the year 1935, Ansel Adams was recognized as



Ansel Adams, The Tetons and the Snake River, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming 1942



Ansel Adams Nevada Fall, Rainbow, Yosemite Valley c. 1947

one of the best photographers in America. He specialized in black and white photography. Sometimes, he took a whole day to print a picture just to get it the way he wanted it. Ansel Adams published lots of books of his pictures and about photography. He even taught people about photography. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter gave him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the country's highest honor given to a civilian. In 1983, he went back to Yosemite National Park, the place where it all began, to visit it one more time. He died the next year on April 22, 1984. He was 82 years old. Even though he is no longer living, his pictures are loved by lots of people today. I hope you enjoyed this short biography on Ansel Adams. If you would like to read more about him, or see some of his works, be sure to visit the library or the internet!



Ansel Adams Aspens, Northern New Mexico 1958

To See or Not to See... That is the Question!

By Trent Verschueren

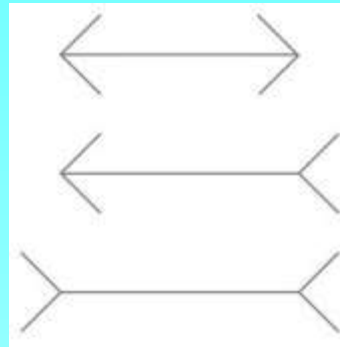


Hey, Everybody!! I love puzzles and things like that, including hidden pictures and optical illusions. I have found some fun ones for this month's Panther Beat issue. I hope you find these illusions as cool as I did!! Enjoy!!



Do you see two faces or a candlestick?

Do you see a young woman or an old woman?



Which line is longer?



Is it a musician or a girl's face?

Just for Fun

By Cierra Carpenter

Hey there, kids! It's me, Cierra Carpenter! I decided to follow in Trent's footsteps and include some dot-to-dot pages for some Easter fun. There is a website called www.busybeekidsprintables.com that has some neat activities for kids of all ages. So, get online and explore your possibilities!



Dates to Remember:

- April 6th—NO SCHOOL—Good Friday
- April 11th—In Service—dismiss at lunch
- April 18th—Mid Term grades
- April 27th—NO SCHOOL—Make Up Day

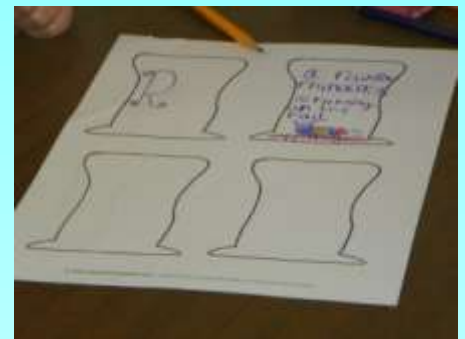


Would You, Could You...Have Some Fun with Dr.Seuss

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By Kaylea Lopez

On the Friday before Spring Break, Mrs. Patterson's class, Mrs. Ramos 'class, and Mrs. Savoie's class had a Dr. Seuss day. Each teacher read a Dr. Seuss book and had activities to go with it. Mrs. Patterson's book and activities focused on Language Arts.



Earth Day



The following segment was found at www.epa.gov/superfund/kids/earthday.htm. It is a great website that has a list of books you can read about Earth Day as well as coloring pages. Go check it out!!

By Meagan Montez

Earth Day is a Birthday!! Just like a birthday is a special day to celebrate a person, Earth Day is a special day that celebrates the Earth. Earth Day was born on April 22, 1970, in San Francisco, California. Every year, America and over 100 different countries join together in the celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd. Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. On Earth Day, we remember to appreciate nature and learn ways to protect our environment.



Sports Center

By Scott Komar

If you like baseball, you've probably heard of Spring Training. People say it started in 1870, but no one is really sure. It officially started around 1900. Spring Training is before the regular baseball season starts, and it helps decide how good new players are. It also give the older players a chance to practice and warm up for the season. Pitcher and catchers show up to Spring Training earlier than other players because they have a more complicated position than the other positions on the team. Spring Training this year began in the later part of February and continued until opening day of the baseball season. This year, opening day began on March 31st. Be sure to watch your favorite baseball team on TV, or go out and visit the Midland Rockhounds. Either way, just enjoy the fun sport of baseball!



Jal Panther Sports

Track



- April 5—Gas Capital Relays Jal
- April 9—Goodman Relays Eunice
- April 13—Panther Prowl Relays Lake Arthur
- April 20—Flying Falcon Relays Loving
- April 24—Pat Henry Relays Hobbs
- April 28—District Meet Jal



Softball

- April 3—Dexter Home 4:00/6:00
- April 10—Loving Away 4:00/6:00
- April 12—Eunice Home 4:00/6:00
- April 16—Artesia Home 5:00/6:30
- April 19—Carlsbad Away 4:00/6:00
- April 21—Portales Away 1:00/3:00
- April 23—Eunice Away 4:00/6:00
- April 26—Loving Home 4:30/6:30



April Fools!

By Annaleigh Bahena

Hey, Jal Elementary! I was thinking about April the 1st which also known as April Fools Day. I decided to ask the 6th graders about pranks that happened to them and also pranks they have pulled. Here's what a few had to say:

"I walked into a room and eggs fell on me. I was so scared at first that I almost peed my pants, but it was funny and I laughed. The best prank that I ever pulled was on my sister, Jocelyn. We duct taped an air horn to the on position and threw it in my sister's room. She freaked out and screamed."



Naveen Hernandez



Breece Stanfield

"I got de-pantsed in Wal-Mart as a prank. It was embarrassing, but I laughed. The best prank I ever pulled was putting shaving cream on my step-dad's hand and then tickling his nose so he would smack it and get shaving cream on his face. It was the best!"

"My mom and my brothers put plastic wrap in the doorway. My mom told me to go get something and I ran smack dab into the plastic and fell on my booty. It was hilarious. The best prank I ever pulled was putting shaving cream on my dog's paw. She was afraid to put it down. Hahaha, I love my dog!"



Rachelle Miles

