

# CHEETAH CHAT

**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!**

I am so proud of all of you. We are doing amazing things here at Thomas Fitzwater. The kindness that we have been sharing with so many people is exactly what I was looking for. The best part is that we still have so much more kindness to share. We are making a difference.

I was watching a movie the other day about a little boy who has a school assignment to come up with an idea of how to make a difference in the world. He comes up with the idea to "pay it forward", which means that instead of paying back a favor to the person who did a favor for you, you are supposed to do a favor for someone else. Actually, his idea was to do nice things for three people in return for the one nice thing that someone did for you. The idea makes such a big difference because the three people that you do something nice for are also supposed to do nice things for three people and it keeps going and going until everyone is doing good for everyone.

I think it is a really cool idea. I want all of us to try this idea out. Every time that someone does something nice for you, you should do something nice for three people and tell them to "pay it forward" too.

**Let's see how far we can get kindness to spread!**

If you have any questions, please send me an email at [SpeedyCheetah@ymail.com](mailto:SpeedyCheetah@ymail.com) (get permission first) or write me a note and put it in the white mailbox in the office.

Thanks – SPEEDY!

P.S. – If we get our message of kindness to spread far enough, I know a local news reporter that wants to come to our school to put us on TV!!  
I think that would be AWESOME!!

# GUESS WHO...

I will give you 3 clues about a teacher in our school and you have to guess who it is. (HINT: Use the [Teacher Spotlight](#) for information.) Put your guesses in the box out front of Mrs. Stevenson's office by February 20<sup>th</sup> and there will be a random drawing for a winner. The prize will be a gift certificate to spend at the school store.



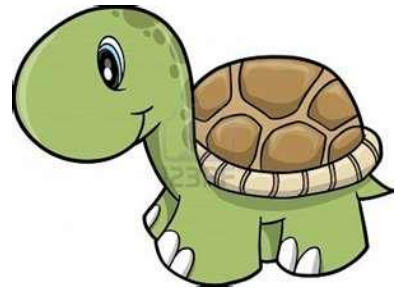
This teacher's favorite animal is the CHEETAH!  
(I think this might be my favorite teacher, since I am their favorite animal)

This teacher likes to eat sushi.

This teacher has been at TFES for six years.

## ART CONTEST

Draw your best picture of a turtle (any turtle) and put it in my mailbox in Mrs. Stevenson's office by February 20<sup>th</sup> and the winning pictures will be in next month's Cheetah Chat.



## CHEETAH CHALLENGE

Send me your answers by February 20th and there will be a drawing for a winner. (Don't forget to put your name and section on your paper.) The prize will be a gift certificate for the school store!!



HOW IS IT THAT THE 22<sup>ND</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup>  
PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HAVE THE SAME PARENTS, BUT WERE  
NOT BROTHERS?

# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE WAS ASKED...

## "WHO IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN YOUR LIFE? WHY?"



### 2A

**Lexi Brown** - My grandma because she has a very old doll that she lets me play with.

**Chris Brunner** - My mom because she solves all of my problems, especially when I am worried about something.

**Michaela Caldwell** - My family because nobody would be there to take care of me if I didn't have them.

**Tyler Cantrell** - My dad because he makes money to help take care of my whole family.

**Brianna Dennis** - My mom because she's always there for me.

**Justin Fornwalt** - My family because they all take care of me.

**Shawn Gindea** - My family because they take care of me and love me.

**Aaron Haklay** - My mom because she loves and cares about me.

**Samantha Hand** - My dad because he protects me from strangers.

**Berkley Harmon** - My mom because she takes care of me and gives me good food every day, and won't let anybody hurt me.

**Julius Harrington** - My dad because when my mom's not home he always plays board games with me.

**Christina Jung** - My family because they keep me safe.

**Lizzy O'Connell** - God because he opened heaven for us and gives us what we need.

**Catherine Oh** - My brother because he helps me with words I get wrong.

**Lucy Polsky** - My mom and dad because they take care of me and are always there for me when I'm sad.

**Charlotte Qi** - My sister because she helps me with my hard math problems.

**Sammy Silver** - My family because they share with me and care for me.

**Andrew Silverman** - My grandpop because he takes me special places.

**Michael Wright** - My family because they take care of me.

### 2B

**Olivia Cohen** - Lollo because she is sweet and she always plays with me.

**David Horan** - My dad because he plays with me and he hugs me. I snuggle with him a lot.

**Chris Bauer** - My mom because she takes care of me when I need it.

**Elyse Gonzales** - My mom and dad because without them I wouldn't be here.

**Ohanna Cadet** - Sini because she was my best friend at camp.

**Gerry McConnell** - Mrs. Campbell because she gives me pencils and reads us books.

**Jordyn Kieserman** - My sister Hannah because she teaches me new things.

**Olivia Bongart** - My mom and dad because they take good care of me.

**Ethan Weggel** - My brother because he helps me build secret forts with blankets and pillows.

**Kylie Elliott** - My mom because she takes me everywhere.

**Angela Montgomery** - My sister Amber because she plays with me.

**Bliss Brenner** - My mom and my dad because they take good care of me.

**Andrew Waite** - My family members because they take care of me.

**Sanaa Stokes** - My family members because they love me and they take care of me. They are sweet and loving.

**Nicholas Lombardo** - My dad because he has football and baseball catches with me.

**Kayla Misher** - My brothers because they are sweet and they take care of me. They play with me in the pool.

**Tyriq Joseph** - Nick because he plays football with me.

**Zoe Oliveras** - My cousin because she likes to play with me.

# MORE 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE ANSWERS...

## 2C

**Ashley Berman** - My mom because she made me  
**Shannon Brady** - My mom because she loves me  
**Gabrielle Bren** - My sister because she helps me when I don't know something  
**David Buccafuri** - My dad because he helps me on my homework  
**Kerrigan Ciocari** - My sister because she plays with me  
**Ariela Cohen** - My mom because she cares for me  
**JaQuis Heath** - My brother because he helps me with my chores  
**Ryan Holm** - My dad because he does a lot of activities with me  
**Tyler Krause** - My priest because he teaches us about our God  
**Mela Morina** - My mom because she protects me from people that I don't know  
**Erin Muth** - My mom because she is always there for me when I need her  
**David Sharp** - God because he plans everything that I do  
**Erica Stelling** - My mom because she cares for me, doesn't let me down, and helps me to be a better person  
**Tai Stokes** - My mom because she takes care of me a lot  
**Sage Taylor** - My friends because they help me be a better person  
**Lea Wardle** - My babysitter because she always watches me and she's a lot better than my old one  
**Peyton Webb** - My grandmom because when my parents are at work she always takes care of me  
**Logan Wilmoth** - God because he made everyone  
**Hannah Workman** - My sister because she loves me and takes care of me

## 2D

**Rachel Adelman** - My mom because she is special.  
**Kortney China** - My family because they take real good care of me.  
**Gavin Ems** - My family because they love me.  
**Alex Gindea** - My family because they love me.  
**Jordyn Grunfeld** - My grandmom and grandpop because they travel and get me stuff.  
**Stella Hanscom** - My mom because if I didn't have her I wouldn't be alive.  
**Andrew Heisman** - My grandmom and grandpop because they get me presents when they always go to another state.  
**Allison Marin** - My mom because she gave birth to me and she feeds me.  
**Alexa Marks** - My family because they're nice and they love me.  
**Emily Marshall** - My mom because she takes care of me and she loves me and she snuggles with me.  
**Kathryn O'Halloran** - My mom and dad because they take care of me.  
**Jordan Patalano** - My parents because they help me when I needed help and they care for me.  
**Tyler Pohl** - My mom because she gives me food and toys.  
**Patrick Richichi** - My brother because he wrestles me.  
**Kyle Rizzo** - My family because they are really special to me.  
**Zachary Seidner** - My family because they take care of me and they love me.  
**Sharlene Ta** - My family because they take care of me and love me very much.  
**Megan Vighetti** - God because he takes care of me and loves me.  
**Ryan Windle** - My mom and dad because they take care of me and buy me stuff.

# NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION GOES TO 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

"IF YOU WERE A SUPERHERO WHAT  
WOULD YOUR POWER BE? WHY?"

# FROM THE REPORTERS...

## BAND CONCERT

By: Ashley Berman



Thomas Fitzwater had a band concert on January 19, 2012. There was a beginners band and an advanced band. Mr. Matekovic was the director of the band. Some of the instruments were clarinets, flutes, a trombone, and a drum. The band played many different songs like Hot Cross Buns, Winter Wonderland and Jingle Bells. They were very good. My favorite part was when they played Hot Cross Buns because my dad used to sing it to me. Everyone enjoyed the band concert.

## ORCHESTRA CONCERT

By: Andrew Marcus



The orchestra concert was wonderful!! First, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade played. They were magnificent for beginners! They played a few songs and for their finale they played Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. At first they plucked the tune, and then they played it with the bow. Next, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade played. They were magnificent also. Most of their pieces were from long ago. For their finale, they played Walking in a Winter Wonderland! At the end, all of the orchestra members bowed and everyone clapped.

# "THE PRINCESS WHO LOST HER HAIR" ASSEMBLY

By: Katie O'Halloran  
and Emily Marshall



Thursday might seem like a regular day, but not at 9:30 on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Fitzwater. The kids in the school learned to share, be kind, and generous and not to be greedy. Dominic, Samantha, Nate and Lauren were main characters. 7 year old Sharlene especially enjoyed this fairytale. Her favorite part was when the princess lost her hair. This show was an experience of children!!

This East African folktale tells a story from the Akamba people who have a beautiful princess with the most glorious long hair. Princess Kalendi loves her kingdom, but becomes vain and loses sight of what's important. When a weaver bird asks for a strand of hair for his nest, Kalendi's refusal brings drought and famine to the land, and the princess loses her prized possession—her beautiful hair. Come on the beggar Muoma's journey to restore the kingdom by helping the princess realize that compassion, humility and kindness are far more valuable than external beauty, praise or vanity.

# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

By: Kayla Brown  
(Award Winning Reporter)



4<sup>th</sup> And 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Painting The Cafeteria



Organizing Toys



Our Guest Speaker



Sorting Items For Cancer Patients



Our Awesome Banner

On this day, we celebrated Martin Luther King's birthday by giving to others. Our goal is to make a big difference and to make the world a better place. We are trying to provide things for people who are poor and need things to help them live. We had over 100 TFES faculty, students and families to help us for the marvelous event. In the cafeteria, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families were painting cheetahs and paw prints. It looked like everyone was having a lot of fun and everyone was doing a great job. In Mrs. Graven's room, people were organizing things for breast cancer and organizing toys. At the last section, people were writing inspirational letters. I also just met Mr. Tom. He is the news reporter for The Ambler Gazette. Today was a great day because we were able to provide great service in honor of Dr. King.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR REPORTER KAYLA BROWN. SHE WON AN AWARD FOR HER STORY ABOUT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE!! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!**

# HERITAGE DAY

By: Bryn Malizia



On Heritage Day, I interviewed two 3<sup>rd</sup> graders about their heritage. First I interviewed Rachel Kim. Her heritage is Korean. Her tradition is on Chinese New Year she has a table of food and she bows down to her ancestors who have died. On Chinese New Year she eats fried fish and a traditional soup.

The second person I interviewed was Caitlin Burmester. Her heritage is Irish. Her tradition is watching the St. Patrick's Day parade. On St. Patrick's Day she eats potatoes. She is wearing a peace sign covered in four leaf clovers because four leaf clovers are the luck of the Irish. I hope you enjoyed learning about other peoples heritage.





# ADVICE WITH MISS KITTY...

Dear Miss Kitty,  
I am going to be starting school at Thomas Fitzwater in a few weeks and I am nervous that I won't have any friends. Do you have any ideas of how I can make new friends?  
Sincerely,  
Nervous to Start School

Dear Nervous,  
It is difficult to be the new kid. Everybody is new at school sometime. I was once new at a school. Be friendly, happy and smile. Just be yourself, and then you're sure to get some friends. I recommend joining in on activities or clubs. It's a great way to meet new kids and make friends.  
Sincerely,  
Miss Kitty

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Dear Miss Kitty,  
Some kids were not following the school rules last week and I saw them. I don't want to be a tattler but I think I should tell someone. What should I do?  
Sincerely,  
Rule Follower

Dear Rule Follower,  
If you saw someone breaking a rule it is not tattling. Rules are supposed to be followed, especially school rules. Tell a grown up.  
Sincerely,  
Miss Kitty

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Dear Miss Kitty,  
I just had my first concert at school and I was so nervous that I forgot how to play my instrument. I was pretending to play so that I wouldn't look silly but some of the other kids at school noticed and are making fun of me. How can I ask them to stop teasing me without sounding like a baby?  
Sincerely,  
Band Member

Dear Band Member,  
Don't let anyone bully you. Tell them to stop. If they don't, then you should tell a teacher or your parent. Most important, make sure that you practice more so that you can be prepared for your next concert.  
Sincerely,  
Miss Kitty

# ACTS OF KINDNESS...

These were Thomas Fitzwater's Kindest People in January!

KINDERGARTEN – Abigail Wolf (KC)

1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE – Scott Schlackman (1B)

2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE – Jordan Patalano (2D)

3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE – Seth Miller (3C)

4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – Kayla Brown (4A)

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE – Allison Stelling (5C)

STAFF MEMBER – Mrs. Tinari - Shore



## JANUARY CONTEST WINNERS

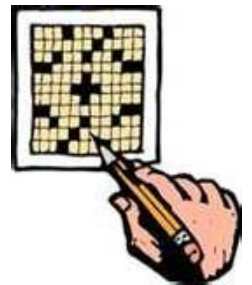


Leah Sirota (1C) won a gift certificate to the school store with her "Guess Who" answer.

It was Mrs. Toth!!

Check out the [Teacher Spotlight](#) to learn more about her.

Ashley Berman (2C) won a gift certificate to the school store for solving the Cheetah Challenge crossword!



Active  
Native  
Intelligent  
Mammals  
Amazing  
Leaping  
Sharp  
**ANIMALS!**

Ashley Berman (2C) won the Poetry Contest!



Check out her acrostic poem!

# REMINDERS...



ALL CONTEST ENTRIES ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE PUT THEM IN MY WHITE MAILBOX IN MRS. STEVENSON'S OFFICE OR EMAIL THEM TO ME AT [SPEEDYCHEETAH@YMAIL.COM](mailto:SPEEDYCHEETAH@YMAIL.COM)

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE LATE OR ABSENT, PLEASE CALL THE CHILDWATCH LINE AT (215) 784-0381. PRESS OPTION #2 FOR ATTENDANCE.



BINGO IS ALMOST HERE!

WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30PM  
WHERE: TFES GYM AND CAFETERIA

IF YOU HAVE ANY SMALL UNUSED "PRIZE" TYPE ITEMS PLEASE SEND THEM INTO THE OFFICE. THEY WILL BE USED FOR PRIZES THE NIGHT OF BINGO!















THE SCIENCE FAIR WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>! THERE WILL BE LOTS OF NEW AND EXCITING ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS LEADING UP TO THE FAIR. BE SURE TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR PROJECTS NOW.



GIRLS ON THE RUN STARTS FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:30 to 5:15PM IN MRS. PLACE AND MS. KOFYSY'S ROOMS.

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

| SUN | MON  | TUES   | WED   | THURS | FRI   | SAT |
|-----|--|--|---|-------|---|-----|
|     |  |  | 1<br>Randazzo's Night<br>                    | 2     | 3<br>Pasta Dinner @ 5:30pm<br> | 4   |
| 5   | 6<br>Girls on the Run Training Starts<br> | 7  | 8<br>Pretzel Day<br>                         | 9     | 10  | 11  |
| 12  | 13   | 14<br>International Day<br>                      | 15<br>School Store<br>                      | 16    | 17<br>NO School<br>           | 18  |
| 19  | 20<br>NO School<br>                     | 21   | 22<br>Pretzel Day<br>Send In<br>           | 23    | 24<br>Flashlight Day<br>     | 25  |
| 26  | 27   | 28<br>Music In Our Schools Concert @ 7:30pm<br> | 29<br>Speed Stacks Tournament @ 6:30pm<br> |       |   |     |