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Zee Saxelby (8). Photo by Sarah Sanders.



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Before school started, the new sixth graders **PAWSed** to get to know each other and play fun games with their W.E.B. leaders.

Ryan Turner (6) said, "I thought it [Panther Camp] was fun. We got to play with balloons and still meet each other."

We **PAWSed** on the first day of school, excited and nervous about the new year.

"On the first day it was really exciting and fun. When I went in to my classes, I felt scared, but then I found some of my friends and started meeting new people," Caitlyn Teeler (6) said.

Fast forward to November, when the seventh grade volleyball B team won district champs and we **PAWSed** to cheer them on.

"I thought that the season was really fun because we haven't won district champs in six years," Sierra Rivas (7) said.

At the PAWS ceremonies, our families and principals **PAWSed** to recognize students for excellence in character, behavior, academics and citizenship.

"[The PAWS ceremony] was good because the principal got to see students who do well and let them know they're noticed," Lucas Wilber (8) said.

On early release days, we **PAWSed** our normal schedules and enjoyed enrichments and pep rallies.

"I thought some of them [enrichments] were very fun and some of them were educational. It was great to take a break from shorter [academic] class periods on early release days," Parker Schroader (7) said.

Sefora Perez (8) said the pep rallies were fun and they got people pumped up. A lot of people liked the games and some of them were funny to watch.

These moments were times to hold on to, moments we wanted to create *a PAWS in time.*





Don't Go Breaking My Heart. Flying high, Jeff Prinz (8) dodges a ball thrown by Mr. Paul Garrison, while he and Cole Fallowfeld (8) reach for hearts for their teams. In the game, called "Heartbreaker", students tried to grab paper hearts off the floor while dodging balls thrown by the teachers. "My favorite part was running out and dodging the balls," Prinz said. "I was feeling exhilarated and was having fun." *Photo by Madi Percy.*

Here's to the good time

The good times...

Summer, when students went new places, traditional places or just stayed home and enjoyed time off.

"My family usually goes to Hawaiian Falls, it is just a fun trip, I also play softball, draw and do archery," Felicity Moon (7) said.

On early release days

when students got to try new things and cheer on their team during fast paced pep rally games.

"I tried to participate but never got to, but my favorite part is when the teachers participate in the pep-rally games it is fun and risky for them and it is cool to watch," Jack Colson (6) said.

Before leaving for

Thanksgiving holidays and the students losing the Student vs. Teacher volleyball game. Or when the students won the Student vs. Teacher basketball game by three points the Friday before Spring Break.

After the last bell of the day rings and students spent time on their hobbies or got to spend time

with friends.

"Whenever I'm hanging out with my friends, I don't have to worry about school," Jordan Stevenson (7) said.

These are the moments that we will look back on and think 'Here's to the good times'.

1. Panthers Roar. Let's Roar! During the September pep rally the sixth grade Royal Panthers start to roar for their fellow teammates who are playing against the other teams. "Our team won a challenge, we were cheering for how good they did," Mason Ford (6) said. "Most people wear crowns and purple to show their Royal Spirit." *Photo by Cierra Lara.*

2. Rally Gossip! Who's going to win. In the gym during the seventh grade pep-rally the Super Panthers get together w/ve team members to play against the other three teams, in the Monster Mash game. "I like playing athletic games because it feels good to be a part of something even if you lose," Derek Hulama (7) said. *Photo by Maddy Soechting.*

3. Who wants in? Who wants in? In the gym on Nov. 20, Nia Spicer (8) asks who wants to go into the game against the teachers. The team was made up of both 8th grade boys and girls. "For the most part this game was fair, because they had less subs and players. But I'm still upset that we lost," Lauren Reeves (8) said. *Photo by Joshua Devonish.*



One step at a time

Learning is a step by step process.

"First when I do an assignment, I find the easiest part about the assignment. For example in Mrs. Akin's class, I cut out things first, glue them and then kick out the easiest stuff," Alexander Cisse (6) said.

When working on short assignments or long

projects each student had their own way of working through it.

"I just follow what the instructions tell me to do," Rebecca Lewis (6) said.

Directions were always a great way to start. After looking at those working on completing the assignment to learn the material, students found

practicing concepts helpful for summatives, such as tests.

"I study for [tests] so that I can do well on them," Lucy Hester (6) said.

Studying looked different for everyone. Some liked to work only during time given in class for assignments or projects, while others went home

and worked on them.

"I do it at home and put all of the information I learned into them [projects]," James Sjolin (7) said.

No matter how the students completed assignments or learned their class concepts, they always took it *one step at a time*.

1. Work with Friends. On January 12, Nicollette Lemkuhl (8), Delany Bowling (8) and Alyssa Cruz (8) xil out a lab report in Mrs. Palermo's science class. Students walked at a motion detector to calculate their speed. "It's fun to work with your friends," Cruz said. *Photo by Sandra Santoyo.*

2. Fill It In. Isabella Barrera (6) works through a basics phrases Spanish packet in Ms. Rick's 8th period class. "Kahoots are my favorite act ivies," Jake Harper-Hill (6) said. "We use them for reviews before tests or for fun after tests. Learning verbs has been the most fun." *Photo by Kaylyn Xac.*

3. Mound Builders. During their 6th period Texas History class on Sept. 18, seventh graders Amy Jacks, Jacob Hauser, Parker Schroader, Casey Chadouin and Sarah Jacks listen to Mr. Clark talk about the Caddo tribe. "I think that Mr. Clark's teaching style is different from other teachers. He explains stuff in a way that we don't realize that we are learning," Amelia Kirby (7) said. "I enjoy the stories and examples that he uses in class." *Photo by Kaylyn Xac.*



Passing the time

Students joined clubs for a lot of different reasons, but they all had one thing in common: they were an enjoyable way to spend time outside of class.

Art Club members participated in many creative projects.

"It is a blend of community service projects, for instance, Empty Bowls, and we also do community events like the Chalk Walk, and

school beautification projects," Mrs. Ellen Duvall said.

In Outdoor Adventure Club, students went hiking, made fires in the woods, and watched videos to learn about the great outdoors.

With 23 different clubs offered, there was something for everyone.

Students in Board Game club played board games and enjoyed each other's company.

"We have random conversations and we have a lot of laughs. It's fun," Ashlynn Pearson (8) said.

The Comic and Anime club drew, listened to music, and shared their creations with one another.

"My favorite part [of Comic and Anime Club] is that we get to connect with friends," Amelia Estes (6) said.

W.E.B. members interacted with incoming

sixth graders at events like Panther Camp and Panther Fest and helped them transition into middle school.

"[I joined W.E.B.] because I wanted to meet some of the new sixth graders," Brooks Pavelka (8) said. "You get to do a lot of fun stuff with the sixth graders."

No matter which club they choose to join, each was a way to pass the time.

1. **Just Keep Fishing!** During an outdoor adventure club meeting on Jan. 26, Parker Glass (6) attempts to catch a fish in the lake behind Blackland Prairie. "I've never caught a fish, but I like making fires, popcorn, and playing capture the flag," Glass said. *Photo by Cristina Torres.*

2. **Focused.** Madison Rounds (6) follows along in her Bible during a Bible Study meeting on Nov. 16. "At first my friends told me about the club, so I decided to try it out. After a few meetings I liked it," Rounds said. *Photo by Paige Barrow.*

3. **Creatively Inspired.** During an art club meeting on Nov. 5, Nhi Tran (7) sketches out a drawing. "I didn't get a chance to sign-up for Art-Class in the beginning of the year so I decided to sign up for Art Club," Tran said. *Photo by Sarah Turner.*



It's game time

The locker room was buzzing...

"We usually pump each other up, eat and we get a speaker and blast music and just jam out," Alyssa Leal (8) said.

Athletes would sit back and relax before an event and as the time ticked down they prepared each other with encouraging words.

"I get nervous because I don't like doing things

in front of other people but my friend Jordan tells me inspirational words to calm my nerves," Alysa Irving (7) said.

Others had fun and joked around with one another trying to loosen the tension and anticipation before an event.

"I usually play and joke around with the guys," John Powell (8) said.

Each team had their own triumphs and falls.

The 8th grade B team came 2nd in district for football.

"I felt really satisfied because we didn't get 1st but we didn't get 3rd either," Aaron Bacon (8) said.

7th grade volleyball B team came 1st in district.

"I felt accomplished and happy because we put in a lot of hard work to win," Zoey Hill (7) said.

Both A and B team

came in 1st for district for 8th grade basketball.

"I felt proud because not all schools can have both A and B team first in district," Jeff Prinz (8) said.

From the team cheers to the applause from the crowds, our sport events were always loud and proud. At every game or meet, our athletes always show up and show out when it's game time.

1. Comin' in hot. Emma Bartholomew (7) dribbles the ball down the court against Walsh on Jan. 12 to make a basket for her team. "I wish we had played them later on in the season because we really grew as a team and improved our skills," Bartholomew said. *Photo by Cristina Torres.*



2. Tough Takedown. On October 20, David Campos (8) hustles down the field trying to get a first down in a fierce game against the Deerpark Rangers. "If I could change anything during that game I would watch where I was running and study the defensive line," Campos said. "I would also motivate the team and try to get them hyped." *Photo by Trey Smith.*



3. Team Tunnel. As Katie Hicks (8) makes her way through a tunnel of her teammates they shout words of encouragement to each other before the C.D. Fulkes game on Nov. 2. "When you go through the tunnel it makes you feel like you're going to win and your team is supporting you," Hicks said. "It affects me playing by getting me pumped up before the game and provides energy for me throughout the game." *Photo by Isaiah Zapata.*



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After winter break, we **PAWSed** to congratulate our 8th grade boys basketball A and B teams for making district champions.

"[My favorite part was] going undefeated, because it feels good not losing. I don't like losing," Farris Safadi (8) said.

We **PAWSed** in March to commend our Advanced and Intermediate Orchestra students, as well as Symphonic and Honor Band students. Their performances at UIL Competitions earned them all perfect ratings.

"[My best memory of UIL is] probably just having the lights on you and knowing it's your moment," Elise Arzola (8) said.

In February, sixth graders **PAWSed** to take the STAAR Ready math and reading tests.

"It was pretty easy for me because we had the reviews. [I liked the math better] because there's only one right answer, but for reading, some answers are similar," Jungmin Kang (6) said. All three grades had to take STAAR Ready tests before the real tests.

When the advanced theater students put on "Into the Woods, Jr.," we **PAWSed** to give them a standing ovation.

"[I liked that] everyone was together and having a fun time," Ryan Wanson (7) said. "This experience was my xrst time performing in a musical." When a classmate learned she had cancer, we PAWSed to help her and become Lauren Strong.

On spring break, many students **PAWSed** their studies to enjoy some time off.

"I went to Destin, Florida. I hung out with friends, went to the beach and hunted alligators," Miles Atkins (6) said. These moments were times to hold on to, moments we wanted to create *a PAWS in time.*





Focused Play. Seventh period Honor Band trumpet players begin learning songs for their first concert in the fall on October 20. Photo by Maddy Soechting.



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