

# SEVILLA E/MS WEEKLY TRIBUNE



### Mr. C's Corner

"Welcome to the Pack" I'd like to extend my warmest Happy New Year to everyone as we begin with our new mascot, the WOLF in 2013! For 2013, there are key changes that have taken place with our staff. Ms. C, our "doer of deeds" secretary, left us for stateside in December. However, we are fortunate to have a replacement with great credentials. Ms. V comes to us with a wealth of experience and information and will be a great addition to our team.

great addition to our team. Additionally, Ms. J our K-aide, left for the states. She was at SE/MS the past 4+ years, was well-liked by all and had many of our children sadly and emotionally dealing with loss upon her departure. Also in this case a well-qualified and superior individual comes in. Ms. T will bring her big smile and outgoing personality to support our school. Please stop in to meet and greet them..

### Ms. C's Cubby

We are reviewing our phonograms this week and beginning to learn new ones. The children wrote their New Year's Resolution: writing a plan, rough draft, editing and then publishing. You will find their writings on the bulletin board right outside the classroom. In math we are working on patterns of numbers, money and time. We will continue our research project on whales. The children will research what they eat, their habits, their behavior and facts about which whale they chose. We are reviewing our learner profiles and applying them to characters in books we are reading. We held court for the wolf in "Little Red Riding Hood" and the wolf actually got a pardon. The attorneys, J and M presented a compelling case and it became a hung jury. The children had fun with this and had to think outside the box.

As a reward for their hard work, this week's "privilege" in Mr. B's B was a "coffee break." On Wednesday morning, Mr. B acted the part of a book store coffee shop attendant, and served each of his students hot chocolate and cookies while they read their favorite books for a whole extra hour of independent reading time. It was a great way to celebrate the joy of reading.



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### Mr. B's Burrow

How many times have you written 2012 when you meant to write 2013 so far this week? Yes, it is a new year, and writing the correct year on an assignment is just a small part of what it takes to organize our lives as we enter each new year, but it is a task that Mr. B's students are instructed to do on each page of their journal, and at the top of each assignment. Mr. B's students work very hard to organize their daily journal, and each of their assignments. They date each page, and number each page also. They write down what time it is. As the student of the day reports the weather, each of Mr. B's students records the temperature in their journals, in both Celsius and Fahrenheit degrees, the wind conditions, and the look of the sky. Then, after the student of the day leads the class in the Pledge of Allegiance, it is time to work on the math board work, which this week was multiplication "with carrying," and then the "problem of the day" before moving on to the daily math lesson. In today's busy world, it is beneficial to be well organized, and Mr. B's students are working hard every day to be just that.

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**"The Geography Bee!"**

It was 1623 hours before the contest was decided. It was the sixth in a series of championship tiebreaker questions given to both K and C, the finalists in this year's National Geographic School Round Geography Bee Championships. The question was a tough one.

**Ms. M's Message**

The Students listened patiently as Ms. M finished reading *Hanna's Suitcase*. In March 2000, Fumiko Ishioka, the curator of the children's Holocaust center in Tokyo, Japan, received a suitcase with the words: Hanna Brady, May 16, 1931, Waisenkind, painted on the outside. The children who visited the center were full of questions about what had happened to the girl whose suitcase was now in Japan. At their urging, Fumiko embarks on a journey of discovery that takes her to Europe and North America. The book weaves together the stories of Fumiko's adventure and Hanna's short life.

Listening to the facts about Hanna sparked discussions on many topics including the Holocaust, tolerance and separation from family. The students are now writing an essay on what they would pack if they had only one suitcase to take with them on a journey. Next week we will explore some of their choices.



"The Sulemaniye Mosque, built to honor the 16th century Ottoman ruler, can be seen in what city?" "Do you know the answer?" K did, and as she held up her paper with "Istanbul" as her answer, Mr. B, the sponsor of the bee, shouted out, "And we have a winner!" Yes, K is the winner of this year's bee, and now she will take a qualifying test under the supervision of Mr. B, which he will mail in as soon as K completes the test on Monday, January 14. She will find out if she qualifies for the next round, the States round, within a few weeks. After the States round, which is held across the USA on April 5, 2013, the State winners will compete in the National Championship in Washington D.C. May 20-22, 2013, for the \$25,000 first prize college scholarship. The Bee was held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, in the library at Sevilla Elementary Middle School right after school. Congratulations not only to our winner, K, but also to C, the bee runner-up, and to L and A who tied for third place in the bee. It was an exciting finish to an exciting event!



**Coming up:**

Thursday, Jan 17th: PTO meeting and Sports Club resumes

Monday, Jan 21st: No School, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

**Guess the Staff Member?!**

**See if you can figure out who's got talent, maybe!**

Favorite color: *purple*

Favorite ice cream flavor: *coffee*

Favorite Olympic sport: *figure skating*

Hidden Talent: *I love to sing (even when I'm not so good at it.)*

If I could have any superpower, it would be: *Travel anywhere with the snap of my fingers.*

*Last Week's Mystery Staff Member? Ms. Courtney Brouse*

**Ms. S's Share Space**

**Ms. J's Journal**

I know I have been at this far away shimmering sea for a long time, but it is just hard to get away from.

Even the sand gleams in the night as bright as the sea.

My hair gleamed as bright as the sun yesterday!

It seems like the birds are singing "Brave you are to face her" they chant.

The birds are talking about my new friend!

She is a MERMAID!!!!!!!

By A



**The SLO'S Shout-Out**

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week -- or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's Box Tops coordinator -- each one is worth 10¢ for your school.

Box tops forms will be going home on Thursday and are due Friday, March 1st! Let's see which class can raise the most. The last winner was Mrs. M's class.



Parents, you probably remember that we got over 600 new library books during the summer, but did you know that the Sevilla E/MS library also gets a monthly assortment of new books? Included in the selection are books for all ages in the school. I usually keep the new books out for a few days, but this month I decided to go one step further. I asked each student in grades 2-7 to take a closer look at one of the books and share their thoughts. The only required information to be shared was title and author. Anything else was up to them. I enjoyed their comments and appreciated their willingness to share. I was also pleased to find many of the books immediately checked out for home reading.

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**Mr. C's Corner**

Over the course of the last week, DoDEA has been working closely with DOD leadership to anticipate the effect of two major budget requirements, the Continuing Resolution and Sequestration, and the impact these may have on DoDEA operations. It is natural that speculation about these two significant requirements may raise concerns in our communities, and it is important that all DoDEA employees and families be confident of the commitment of DoD leadership to continued school operations. The Director, DoDEA, Marilee Fitzgerald, made this clear on January 15, writing:

"Notwithstanding these uncertainties, schools will remain open. We will continue to teach school and provide our children a first-rate educational program. All critical functions that support the operation, health, safety and security of school operations will continue, e.g., transportation, athletic and

**Ms. C's cubby**

We are beginning our new unit called "Sing a Song". It is based on ways that we express ourselves. Our lines of inquiry will be: Learning from songs, stories and poems, the affect songs, stories and poems have

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co-curricular activities, safety attendants, and bus security attendants." The bottom line is that regardless of budget uncertainties, you can be assured that our schools will remain open and all mission critical functions at the school level will continue. Dr. Nancy C. Bresell Director, DoDDS-Europe

**Ms. C's Cubby cont.**

on our emotions, and presenting to a variety of audiences. We will incorporate Medieval times in this unit. The children will learn the elements of fiction and write fictional stories about medieval times. We are planning and preparing to put on a musical in March so the children will have a chance to perform. We are excited about the songs and lines we are learning. The children will have a medieval feast and wear princess dresses, knight costumes etc. to the feast. We will have medieval games following our feast. We read "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". The children came up with many ideas and presented a case why she did the things she did. It was quite entertaining. In math we are working on number sense, money, and time. The children are loving all the manipulative and hands on activities. In writing we are doing our sticker stories and working on editing our writings.

How many of the questions could you answer correctly? See the answers at the end of B's Burrow.

It is somewhat easier for Americans living overseas to learn both systems because most of the world uses the metric system, so those Americans are more exposed to both, but as the world becomes more global, it becomes more and more important for everyone to learn one system.

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**Must reads**

**Mr. B's Burrow**

The United States is one of the few countries of the world that must learn both the metric system of measurement AND the English Standard system of measurement, and so American students have it twice as hard to learn measurement.

1. How many centimeters in a meter?
2. How many meters in a km (kilometer)?
3. How many feet in a mile?
4. How many pounds in a kilogram?
5. Ten degrees Celsius is the same as how many degrees Fahrenheit?
6. How many liters is about the same as one gallon?

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However, as long as America continues to manufacture things using both systems, it will be necessary for us Americans to learn both.

Because of this, Mr. B's class is constantly reviewing both systems, and this week's emphasis in math review was not only telling time, but studying linear (length) measurement.

**Ms. M's Message**

This is the essay G wrote as a response to the prompt, "What would you choose to take if you had to only pack one suitcase when you moved." The prompt was based on the book, Hanna's Suitcase.

If I had One Suitcase



By: G

If I had only one suitcase to take with me on my next move, I would bring the things that mean the most to me. I would put my dog Tanner's chew toy that she loved, and her collar to remember her. I would pack my blanket, pillow and bear that I sleep with every night to help me when I'm sad. My beautiful gold dress and a pair of black shiny boots would make me feel stunning. My iPad to help me keep in touch with my friends and family. Lastly, I would bring my turtle so I could remember the feria I went to in Spain. Bringing these items with me would help me feel safe and secure wherever I am.

**Ms. J's Journal**

Dear Gabriela,

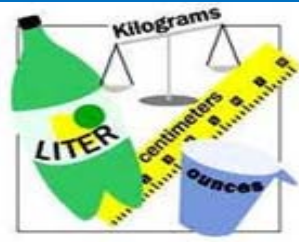
I wished that we could go to the beach and play in the water and we did!

Elenne and my Mommy had a brilliant idea. She decided that we should go to the beach in Delaware. The sun gleamed off of the water. The chorus of people sang weird Brazilian songs. That was fun.

Love,  
D!

Answers to the above questions:

1. 100 cm = 1 meter
2. 1000 meters = 1 kilometer
3. 5280 feet = 1 mile
4. About 2.4 pounds = 1 kilogram
5. 10 degrees Celsius = about 50 Degrees Farenheit (a simple Conversion formula is double The celcius, then add 30, to Get the approximate Farenheit Reading).
6. 4 liters = about 1 gallon.



**Ms. Shattuck's Share Space**

Most students love learning new things related to technology. Let me take this opportunity to mention a few things that the Sevilla students have been practicing in technology classes.

To accompany the classroom study of castles, the kindergarten and first grade students used two really cute websites to do jigsaw puzzles ([http://www.magickeys.com/books/jigsaws/castle\\_1/e.html](http://www.magickeys.com/books/jigsaws/castle_1/e.html) and <http://www.smallgames.pro/puzzle/puzzle-castle/>). To go along with classroom Math lessons, kindergarten worked with Brain-Pop's "MONEY" video and activities, and first grade practiced Fact Families with Smart Board lessons.

Students in 4-7 have been experimenting with FRAMES from Tech4Learning to produce short animated slide shows. Almost everyone has finished the first project and shared their show with classmates on the

Coming up:  
Friday, Jan 25th: No School- Teacher work day  
Friday, Feb 1st: No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Wednesday, Feb 6th: Principal's Coffee, 9-10am

**Guess the Staff Member?!**

See if you can figure out who believes they can fly!

Favorite color: *Purple*

Favorite ice cream flavor:

*Chocolate mint*

Favorite Olympic sport:

*Swimming*

Hidden Talent:

*Trip planner*

If I could have any

superpower, it would be:

*If I weren't afraid of heights: flying!*

*Last Week's Mystery Staff Member? Ms. Vanessa Lopez*

Smart Board. Grades 2 & 3 started today learning the basics of Frames and we had fish swimming on every computer screen. Within the next two weeks these should be ready to share!!!

Of course, everyone in grades 2-7 get weekly keyboarding practice time. We are working towards the following end of year goals:

- **Grade 2:** 6 words per min with 60% accuracy
- **Grade 3:** 15 words per min with 75% accuracy
- **Grade 4:** 20 words per min with 80% accuracy
- **Grade 5:** 25 words per min with 85% accuracy
- **Grade 6:** 30 words per min with 90% accuracy
- **Grade 7:** 35 words per minute with 95% accuracy



## Sports Club News for Thursday, January 17, 2013



If one could call it a sport, I guess it would be “Beach Volleyball.” The members of Sports Club on Thursday, January 17 DID use a beach ball, but we had no volleyball net, and the game wasn’t played on the beach. There was no sand in sight!

However, our rules of the night did NOT permit catching the ball, we DID have various team alignments, and we DID keep score. However, we had so many different team alignments that it would be impossible to relate all the scores to you here. Let us suffice it to say that C, J, C, K, and A, this week’s participants DID have a good time, and every one of them was on the winning team at least once.

Probably the favorite competition of the evening was a game where the participants tried with their teammate(s) to see how many times they could hit the ball up into the air without it hitting the ground. We did it in pairs first, and C and his partner were the winners, hitting the ball up in the air without it touching the ground 76 consecutive times. When the game was tried with all participants playing together at once, including Mr. B, the best the Club could manage was 17 in a row, which is not bad with so many players.

Next Thursday, January 24, will probably be either floor hockey, team handball, or indoor soccer.