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Let's Get Creative

By: Macie R., Chayse H., Gabe H., and Logan L.

Creative Crusaders is a new group at JFK that encourages students to use artistic ability. Mrs. Schott is in charge of the group and she said, "Students that can join are in third through sixth grade. Creative Crusaders meetings are held on Thursdays from 3:00-4:15 pm. Creative Crusader's main goal is for students to explore artistic experiences with paint, crayons, paper, and other art supplies. Most of the projects done in this group are pretty easy and fun." Anika E., in fifth grade, had the idea to start Creative Crusaders.



Caroling at Ridgecrest Village—
Picture by Mrs. Valleroy

Mrs. Nicoletto is one of the helpers in this group. She helps with cooking, baking, and some other crafts. Mrs. Nicoletto said, "I would love to help out with this group next year, too." Some other helpers that assist with this group are parent volunteers and teachers. The projects they do depend on seasons, months, and holidays. One of the projects done so far was to make a blessing mix or a trail mix to give to the diocese. After the meetings are over, the students help clean up.

Anika E. said, "This group is really fun because you are able to do a bunch of different crafts and projects. We've done a lot of different crafts, but one that was fun that we have done so far was painting a glass square to give to our parents. We went Christmas caroling at Ridgecrest. We make the crafts from scraps or go to stores like, Hobby Lobby or Joann's. Creative Crusaders is a really fun group and all the crafts are really fun to make."

Creative Crusaders is a great opportunity for students to increase their creative ability. This group has so many fun crafts for the students to do. Everybody who's in Creative Crusaders has a really great opportunity because this group is really amazing. If you think this group is interesting then you should consider signing up.

All Rise for Mock Trial

By Ryan B. Maguire L. Ethan C. Ralph A.

Congratulations to the eighth, seventh, and sixth graders for doing a great job in Mock Trial! The mock trial students liked it because it was challenging as well as fun. Mock trial student Molly D. said, “Mock trial was hard because there was a lot of hard work.” Adam B. said, “It was fun but challenging,” and Jason A. said, “I worked hard and mock trial was kind of important to me.”



8th Grade team praying before their state round—Photo by Mrs. Hirst

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Adam B., Molly D., and Jason A., said that Mock Trial can improve reading and speaking by learning how to speak in front of judges and not to be nervous. It helps reading skills by memorizing lines. The eighth grade team was Leah Z., Jessica H., Zayle S., Noah M., Molly D., Annette B., Maggie O., Adam B., Sam H., and Jason A. The seventh and sixth grade team was Stephanie C., Charles J., Michael V., Addison R., Delaney E., Natalie P., Patrick D., Tori T., Karis W., Regan S., Dylan M., Erica S., and Anastasha M. Students would practice in the library or Mrs. Zeimet’s room with Mr. Motto, the Mock Trial coach, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Zeimet, the supervising teachers, were with the students two to three hours on Sundays and



8th grade team at state round in Des Moines.— Photo by Mrs. Henning

Fridays. When they got closer to competition, practice was 3:00 until 4:30 on Friday afternoons, and 2:00 through 5:00 on Sunday evenings. The eighth grade regionals took place on October 29, where they rode in parents’ cars to the downtown Davenport Scott County Courthouse. They competed against Pleasant Valley, All Saints, and Lourdes, and placed first. The state competition took place on November 15 and the tournament lasted three days.

The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade case was about a person who died in a obstacle course called Storm Chase. When we asked Molly D. what her goal was, she said, “It was to work together and get good scores.” Jason A. said, “The words aren’t especially hard and that they just come to you.” But everyone agreed that Mock Trial was a great experience!

Parade of Saints

By: Brycen A., Max S., Emma S., Owen W-T.

The Parade of Saints is an annual event at JFK. Every year on November 1, the JFK community comes together in the church to celebrate the Parade of Saints. Each grade nominates one student from each homeroom to be in the parade. There is a lot more to the Parade of Saints than you may think.



Ms. Epping had a very important part in the Parade of Saints. She helped organize and set up a lot of the parade. She put together all of the dialogue and she took time to help and teach the students who were representing the saints to practice how they go up and show everyone who they were. Ms. Epping's class chose Saint George as their saint, who was represented by Andrew B. We asked Ms. Epping how she chose the saint for her class. She told us that since some of the boys in her class were in Boy Scouts she chose a saint that they could relate to, which was, Saint George the patron saint of Boy Scouts.

Ms. Burken also had an important role in the parade. She had to choose three saints for the three upper grade classes she teaches. Ms. Burken explained about how she picked the saints that she did. She said that she talked to her students and asked them for their ideas. They also chose the saints that they had been learning about in religion. We wanted to know who her favorite saint was. Surprisingly one of the saints she picked for this year was her favorite saint, Maria Goretti. She said that Maria Goretti was her favorite saint because she was so young and she died for her faith.

The Parade of Saints is a good time to reflect on our saints; it also gives students a chance to learn about some of the interesting and important saints. The Parade of Saints is, and will always be, an annual JFK event. Hopefully the Parade of Saints will go on for many more years to come.

The following students had a very important role in the parade:

Annette B. and Anthony P. were commentators

Nyomi M. represented Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Sam L. represented Saint Augustine

Caroline C. represented Saint Therese of Lisieux

Molly R. represented Saint Apollonia.

Lauren L. represented Saint Albert the Great.

Delilah R. represented Saint Jeanne Jugan

Cayden F. represented Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

Noah F. represented Saint Francis of Assisi.

Sylvia R. represented Saint Florian.

Hope F. represented Saint Agatha

Payton C. represented Saint Maria Goretti.

Alex M. represented Saint Isidore the farmer.

Jay W.T. represented saint Juan Diego.

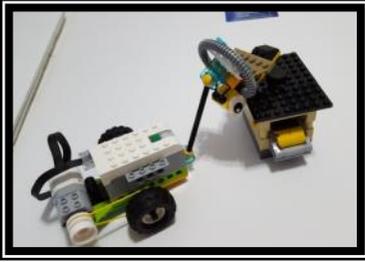
Jane J. represented Saint Aloysius Gonzaga.

Oscar K. represented Saint Aloysius.

Alex M. represented Saint Isidore the farmer.

Andrew B. represented Saint George.

Mason S. represented Saint Michael the Archangel.



LEGO LEAGUE

By: Sean B.

Have you heard that JFK's Lego League is completely hands-off to the adults? This means students do all the work. In fact, Lego mentor, Mr. Brown, says that it is the hardest part of coaching.

Lego League is an international competition organized by F.I.R.S.T. for ages nine through fourteen. F.I.R.S.T. is an abbreviation for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology". It exists for two main reasons: one is to teach kids valuable skills and the other is to solve real-world problems. JFK also has a Junior F.I.R.S.T. Lego League for kids in first through third grades.

There are three main parts of Lego League. They consist of the Project, the Core Values, and the Robot Game. The Project for the fourth and fifth grade team is researching animal and human interactions and ways we can make them better. In the Core Values, the team must learn to work together. In the Robot Game, the team must program a ev3 robot to complete missions on an interactive field. The robot can be programmed on a computer or on a mobile device. In order to program the robot, the *Lego Mindstorms ev3* programming software is required. You can program the brick using Brick Program underneath



Working together



Elvis and Medusa,
Electro Monkeys robots

the wrench icon. A common thing that people say when they see the brick is, "That looks like a Gameboy!" Although it looks like it should, it does not play games unless you make the games!

Picture this in your mind:

The contest is underway at the Putnam Museum. The whole place is crazy. The noise is nearly unbearable. Then a sudden silence. Two robots, built from the same kits, are placed on the field. They start at a small section at the bottom left hand corner. The referee sets the two minute timer. The robots begin to move. After two minutes, a loud "Boom" is heard. The timer has gone off. You wait for the judges to announce the winner. The suspense is unbearable.

That is how it is every second weekend of December at the Putnam Museum. This year, the Jr FLL team (1st through 3rd graders) won awards, but the Electro Monkeys (the 4th and 5th grade team) won participation. Last year, all three of the FLL and Jr FLL teams won an award. The FLL team won an Honorable mention in the Project.

A fellow Lego League member, Seamus A., discussed what Lego League means to him. He said, "It is about solving problems in the world." A Jr. FLL team member, Laila M., said that her team was very excited. The rest of the team also believes that Lego League is very easy but they enjoy it!

To some students, Lego League is a way to solve problems in the world. To others, it is something they do not know anything about. The ones who are in Lego League are currently working very hard.



Electro Monkeys

Kindergarten

By: Grant W., Elijah S., Makayla S.,
Courtney W.



Enjoying the fire truck visit!

Kindergarten can be exciting and scary for students. This is the first year they go to school all day and they have to wear uniforms. The few students we interviewed really enjoy specials, especially PE with Mrs. Tilkens and Art with Mr. Ryan. Their fun and exciting way of teaching helps the kindergarteners learn and feel comfortable.

This year Mrs. Motto has a class of 23 kids with 11 boys and 12 girls. She loves teaching reading because it leads to many other subjects. She likes her students because they are funny, and smart. She enjoyed to going to St. Ambrose to see *Flat Stanley* and is looking forward to Catholic Schools Week. Mrs. Putnam’s class has 23 students 12 boys 11 girls. We interviewed Mrs. Moya, Mrs. Putnam’s amazing classroom aide, to find out interesting facts about KP! What she likes the most about kindergarten is helping the kids and Mrs. Putnam. What Mrs. Moya likes most about her students is that they are so funny and sweet. She is also looking forward to Catholic Schools Week.

When we asked Anthony C., Evy S., Sylvia R., and Lincoln M. if they liked kindergarten they all answered, “Yes!” Mrs. Motto’s students said they were learning about sight words, and Mrs. Putnam's students informed us that they were learning about adjectives. Many of the students said they liked the aides in their rooms, Mrs. Moya and Mrs. Casillas. The students in Mrs. Putnam’s class said they really enjoy Mrs. Moya because she is really nice and they enjoy learning Spanish.

With the help from these amazing kindergarten teachers and ideas, we all think that they will be ready for first grade next year. Get ready Ms. Epping and Mrs. Youngerman!



Mrs. Motto’s & Mrs. Putnam’s classes singing for their Christmas Program

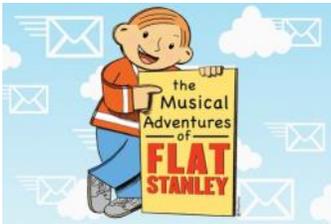
Terrific Third Grade

By: Delaney S. , Emerson S. , and Grant S



Third grade has had a terrific year so far. Mrs. Vogel and Ms. Wahlig both love teaching third graders because they are creative and hardworking. “I love helping the kids reach their potentials in school,” Ms. Wahlig said. Father Jake is a hit in both classes because he is funny, helpful, a role model, and an inspiration because of his dedication to God.

There are three new students this year. Ben A. is in Mrs. Vogel’s class, while Payton S. and Adam W. are both in Ms. Wahlig’s class. Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Creech are both aides in the third grade classes. Both classes are very excited for these two helping out in their classrooms. Mrs. Creech and Mrs. Daniels have their hands full with 35 students this year! “I just love being in all the classrooms; it’s wonderful,” Mrs. Daniels said.



Third grade students are very excited about going on field trips this year! On December 2, they went to St. Ambrose to see “The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley”. They also went to Ridgecrest and McDonald's on December 8, which they really loved. They love learning about science, religion, math, and social studies in their classes. “I want to memorize all of the multiplication facts, learn how to use a compass, and get A’s,” Mrs. Vogel’s class said.

“We are excited for fire posters, the penny war, the basketball competition, gingerbread houses, and the St. Ambrose play,” both classes said. During their free time, they like to do word searches, read, and draw pictures. In Mrs. Vogel’s class, Delilah R. dressed as their patron saint, Saint Jeanne Jugan, in the Parade of Saints. In Ms. Wahlig’s class, Oscar K. dressed as their patron saint, Aloysius Gonzaga. They chose these saints because Ms. Wahlig’s class read about their saint in their religion series, and in Mrs. Vogel’s class they choose theirs because she was good, helpful, and they are soon going to learn about her in religion. As you can tell third grade has been working very hard, and hopefully they keep it up.



Delilah R. as St. Jeanne Jugan

Super Sixth Grade

By: Anika E., Isabel H., Matthew M.,

Sixth grade is busy with many subjects such as math, science, and extended studies. Mrs. Thomas's class plays a game called mystery book, do many projects in groups, and brain teasers. They also do interactive activities in small groups. Mystery book is a game where the students ask yes or no questions to figure out the mystery. Alex M. said, "I like solving the mysteries." Extended studies is where students have the opportunities to practice math and reading, they do i-Ready in math and they work on fluency for reading. "In science class we do fun experiments," said McKenzie S.

In sixth grade, you have different teachers for different subjects, stick to the class schedule, and carry around computers and textbooks. In P.E., everyone completes fitness logs. Allie A. said, "It's nice to be able to track the exercise we do at home and get credit for it." In Mrs. Woerdehoff's class, they play Heads or Tails to get them thinking for a brain break. Heads or Tails is an activity where the teacher flips a coin and two students guess heads or tails and whichever one it lands on that student wins. It takes concentration on what will come next based on mathematical calculations.

Mrs. Woerdehoff said, "My favorite subject is social studies because of the topics they get to learn about," and Ms. Thomas said, "Literature because I like reading." They said they love teaching sixth grade because the ages of the kids and that they are fun to work with. The teachers are hoping to be a positive role model to the students. Ms. Thomas said, "My mom was a teacher and I love working with kids." Both teachers like all of the experiences with the students.

Sixth graders have visited Ridgcrest for Mass and then McDonald's for lunch. They will also attend all school Mass in the Assumption gym for Catholic Schools Week. Sixth grade will also be going to Assumption in April to shadow high schoolers. Many sixth graders enjoy going to all the field trips. Sixth grade is an amazing time of year many exciting things happen this year. Ms. Thomas and Mrs. Woerdehoff love teaching sixth grade. It is different every year. The students and teachers are very respectful and honest. Altogether sixth grade is amazing!



Sixth graders enjoying McDonald's after Ridgcrest Mass



Student Council

By: Ella M., Molly R., Samuel M., Cole M.

Student Council is a great way for the school to work together to come up with ideas to help the community. Cole M., the fifth grade classroom representative, attends meetings once a month on the first Thursday like every other classroom representative. He says, “It’s great to be a part of the student council team because I get to give back to the community.”



Super Hero Day with Kindergarten!

Photo by Mrs. Wendl

The student council positions are secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president. Anastasha M., the president, calls the meeting to order and verifies the service projects with Mr. Steimle. Grace M., the secretary, writes letters about the upcoming dress days and the next service project. Josh R., the treasurer, runs the supply store and manages the money. Elizabeth V., the vice president, helps with the supply store and with the meetings.

Student Council has many responsibilities, one of them is making sure JFK is helping the community. Anastasha said, “The December project we planned was to send care packages to soldiers.” This important because they serve our country to keep us safe and this would also be a good way to show our respect to these wonderful men and women.

In the second quarter students participated in Penny Wars. This was a friendly game between the kindergarten through eighth grade where students were encouraged to bring in pennies for their grade level. Pennies are positive points and silver coins along with dollar bills are negative points. You could even sabotage another grade level! This service project helped the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This year the kindergarten class won the penny war! Kindergarten had the most pennies, but third grade had the most donations including silver and copper coins. The third grade raised \$143. As a whole, JFK raised over \$700. That’s a lot of coins!



The student council is an important and vital part of JFK. They help us with fundraisers, running the supply store, as well as helping make our community better through service projects. The student council has done a very good job so far this year and hope they are satisfied with their hard work.



Girls Basketball

By: Isaac L., Jackson C., Brooke L., Annemarie E.

Did you know the seventh grade girls basketball team went undefeated this year? Did they secretly have Michael Jordan on their team? No, they had Halli W., Sydney R., Elizabeth A., Emma A., Aimee W., Dawson D., and Kadren H. The coaches for this amazing team was Mrs. Wesolowski and Mrs. Dorsey



Emma A. from the seventh grade team helped us understand the dedication they had in preparing for the tournament. They worked hard at practices every Monday and Friday, with an occasional Wednesday. They chanted in a huddle before the game to gain confidence. Emma thinks basketball is fun to play with friends.

Another team that did awesome was our eighth grade team. They placed second in the tournament. The players on the team were Molly D., Nadia R., Emma S., Kenzie T., Izzy G., and Maggie O. Emma S. told us that they sat down to strategize before games with their coach, Mr. Overturf. They worked very hard and practiced every time they could.

Sixth grade did great too! To prepare for their games, they participated in scrimmages and played knock-out at practices on Fridays. Ava S. said, "I like to play basketball because it is fun." Her teammates were Helen S., Emily W., Nyliah M., Natalie P., Alison B., and Adie C. The coach for sixth grade team was Mr. Schubert. We hope sixth grade does great next year, too!

Girls basketball did amazing this year! We can not believe we had a undefeated team. Nice job JFK girls basketball!



7th Grade Champions



You Just Got Served!

By: Sam S., Elexa A., Rylie D., Justin C.

Have you ever bumped, set, spiked, or served a volleyball? Mrs. Tilkens has been coaching for about four years! The teams were split equally from what she sees in gym. There were six teams; three sixth grade teams, two seventh grade teams, and one eighth grade team which equals six. Most players have played since fifth grade. The players loved playing volleyball with their friends, had to be in good shape, and must stay hydrated. Coaches volunteered to help out Mrs. Tilkens. The volleyball players had to work very hard to win a game and to have fun playing volleyball.

If the volleyball teams struggled, they had to work especially hard on what they messed up on. They always drink water and/or eat a light snack while they are on the bench. The player has to be able to communicate while on the court because the teams don't have a captain. The teams get an equal share of players or player skill. Most players play front row or blocking. Whenever there was a new player, the team welcomes the player as their friend. They were best at passing and were usually good at setting but they needed to work on blocking more. Most players want to play in high school and college. They should work on blocking more. They need to work as a team. Anna S. said, "We were a good team, and we didn't have a weakness, but we need to communicate more and not be afraid to dive." Rileigh A. said, "Depending on the win, we said good job or went out to eat or go for ice cream."

There were seven fifth and sixth graders on the White team including, Emily W., Lindsay G., Adie C., Kristen B., Allison B., Natalie B., Jennifer P., and Annemarie E. On the Crusader team there were seven fifth and sixth graders including, Serine B., sixth graders including Isabella K., Natalie P., Ava S., Brittany N., Allie A., Quinn R., and Anika A. Mr. Diggs coached the Green team, Mrs. Remrey coached OLV Crusaders, and Mrs. Chanez coached the White team.



In seventh grade there was a Green team and a White team. Elizabeth A., Karis W., Tori T., Anne L., Regan S., Nadia R., Erica S., and Halli W. were on the Green team coached by Mrs. Woerdehoff and Ms. Lynch. On the White team were Anna S., Aimee W., Dawson D., Emma S., Gisella F., Hope L., Kadren H., and Payton C. coached by Mrs. Wesolowski and Mrs. Dorsey. In eighth grade there was one team who included Nadia R., Emma S., Zayle S., Molly D., Leah Z., Jessica H., Rileigh A., Kenzie T., Maggie O., Hope F., and Izzy G. coached by Mrs. Tilkens and Mrs. Ash.

In the tournament's, eighth grade girls achieved second place, seventh grade Green were undefeated and league champions, seventh grade White team placed second in tournament, and sixth grade teams played well but didn't get placed this year. The volleyball teams had a blast! We recommend you should really see these players in action!



Crusader Theater Preshow

By: Abby H., Kyle B., Olivia D., Trenton N.

Every seventh grade pre-show is a success, don't you think? Didn't you just love the songs that were sung? Students at JFK are talented in so many ways! They practiced so much and it all paid off to make a wonderful pre-show thanks to Mrs. Hinchman.

Mrs. Hinchman says her favorite part was the "Patriotic Melody Honoring Veterans Day." Didn't you just love the song "*Cactus Pass*"? Mrs. Hinchman's favorite song was "*Cactus Pass*" although she enjoyed the entire pre-show. She said that they practiced so many times. At the end of the interview, Mrs. Hinchman said that she was very proud of all the seventh graders in the show. A surprising fact we learned is that the drama department was required to pay royalties to sing the songs from the musical *Cactus Pass Jamboree*; royalties are money paid for a copy of a book sold or for each public performance of a work.



Margaret V. and Kimberly W., both said that they enjoyed doing the pre-show. For them it wasn't hard to memorize the lines, but for some seventh graders it was. Their favorite part was the songs that they sang. Mrs. Hinchman had to pick students who would best fill each role. To prepare for their parts, Kimberly said she has been dancing since she was in fourth grade and Margaret said she has been dancing since she was in first grade. We hope that Kimberly and Margaret had a great time performing the Crusader pre-show just like we had a wonderful time watching it. Like Mrs. Hinchman said, "The seventh grade did a wonderful job!"

Mrs. Hinchman summed up what many of us thought of the pre-shows, "The show is great every year." All of us at JFK are proud of the seventh graders who participated in the show. It was an amazing and successful pre-show. Great job seventh grade from all of us at JFK. Please enjoy the photo collage on the next page showing some of the many parts of the pre-show.





CRUSAIDER THEATRE PRESHOW



Western Stars



By: Olivia R. , Brynn B. , Jordyn A. , Jay W-T.

This year JFK had a play called *Cactus Pass*. This play was about a rich family called the Barringtons whose car broke down near a town in Arizona. When entering the town they saw two families fighting endlessly. Trevor Barrington tried to convince the Putnams and the Ludlows to put their differences aside to have a jamboree. They agreed on having a jamboree because Trevor offered \$500 to the town.

The Barringtons were Trevor Barrington III played by Adam B., Miranda Barrington played by Meadowe C., Taylor Barrington played by Sam H., Tiffany Barrington played by Nyomi M., and Tina Barrington played by Leah Z. The Barringtons were accompanied by their butler: Pierre, played by James W.

Then, we had the Putnams including Logan S. as Emmet Putnam, Parker F. as Grandpa Putnam, Zayle S. played Cassie Putnam who was in love with a Ludlow. Hope F. played Maddie, Izzy G. played Clementine, Cayden M. played Clay, and Danny S. played Put. The Putnams think the Ludlows stole the prize money for the hog calling contest at the last jamboree 50 years ago.

Next, there's the Ludlows including Nora Ludlow played by Jessica H., Luke played by Jacob D., Lanette played by Mattie O., Lucinda played by Kenzie T., Laureen Ludlow played by Elizabeth V., Ludlow played by Izaiah L. The Ludlows think the *Putnams stole the prize money for the hog calling contest at the last jamboree*.

For the Scroggs we had Orval Scroggs played by Richie G., and Ernestine played by Rileigh A. Rileigh auditioned for Ernestine because she wanted to be the bad guy and to be a twin sister. It was the Scroggs twins who actually stole the \$500 and their grandfather stole the prize money at the last jamboree. The townsfolk were Sheriff Sam Starr played by Jason A., Martha Fogerty played by Emma S., and Elise Fogerty played by Molly D. Sheriff Starr was actually a Scroggs and helped steal the \$500. But, Lester, played by Evan L., found out so he tried to tell them without talking because he thought people would laugh at him.

Mrs. Hinchman, the director of the play, said, "The play went extremely well. Every eighth grader did their part extremely well and, stayed in character." Since they held tryouts at the beginning of the year, they had been working very hard. "They rehearsed two long months," Mrs. Hinchman said, "I loved every part especially how well every eighth grader paid attention and how hard they tried." As for Mr. Connors, he told us Joey B. was in charge of lights and sounds. Adam B. said that his favorite line was, "Then you'll just have to walk".

So the conclusion is that the *Scroggs* twins stole that prize money years ago and they finally got caught. Also, Lester finally told the townsfolk that Sheriff Starr was a Scrogg and that he took part in stealing the prize money for the hog calling contest. So in the end the Scroggs got caught for stealing the money.

**Cactus Pass**

Crusader Theater

Reviews

The following are student reviews from 3W about the Pre-show and/or play *Cactus Pass*.

The 8th grade had an outstanding play. My favorite character was Sheriff Star's deputy. My favorite scene was when they chased each other around. They chased each other around about 4 to 6 times. It was really funny when they did that. I liked the two mayors. They were really nice. Also great job 8th grade. Nikolai B.

The Cactus Pass play was very awesome. There was so many laughs. My favorite part was when they were chasing Sheriff Star because he was actually a bad guy and he was stealing 500 dollars. Lester saved the day! Laisha L.

Good job 8th grade. I thought you did a tremendous job. My favorite character was Lester because he was so brave to say instead of showing that Sheriff Star and the Scroggs stole the



money. My favorite part was when the mechanic said to the wife that to walk home instead of riding in car home if you would want to to ride a bus home I would keep my mouth shut. Oscar K.

The play was excellent. The Cactus Pass was great, good job 8th grade. I like the way you guys put all your effort into the play. That was the best play I ever saw! The funniest thing that I saw was when someone said get over here hog and the hog did get over there! My favorite person was Sheriff Star because he said he would keep the town safe. Tucker M.

The Cactus Pass play was really funny. It made me laugh. I think that it took a lot of time and effort. My favorite scene is when the three bad people found Lester. My favorite character was Sheriff Star. Adam W.

You guys rocked it out there. Awesome job. I liked when you guys were angry at each other. My favorite character

was Lester because Lester is very funny. He makes me laugh a lot. Emily A.



The Cactus Pass play was awesome. My favorite part scene was when the bad cop stole the money and when the good cop Lester talked. He should not have been embarrassed to talk. His voice was good. Peyton P.

The 8th graders did awesome in the play! I like the outfits that were being worn. My favorite character was the mom of many children. I also liked the character that was wearing that big brown furry coat. Camdyn B.

Cactus Pass was a really brilliant play. They must have worked super hard to make that play happen. Wrigley M.

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The following are student reviews from 3W & 3V about the Pre-show and/or play *Cactus Pass*.

I enjoyed Cactus Pass. They worked really hard and put a lot of work into it. My favorite scene was when they all ran across the stage to catch Sheriff Star. My favorite character was Lester, he was a great actor. That's one of them, I liked the family. It was the best in a long time. I really wish there were more like this.
Brooklyn M.

The 8th graders did so good on their play. My favorite character was Lester and the Sheriff.
Avery H.

The 8th graders put on an excellent show. I loved it when the 2 families were arguing with each other. My favorite scene is when the little girl says I want to go home. Everyone thought Sheriff Star was a good sheriff when he was actually a bad guy. My favorite character is Lester. Cactus Pass was a great show!
Sophia H.

I think Cactus Pass was great because it was funny and sad and happy. I laughed a lot during the show. My favorite character was Lester.
Damien B.

Great job 8th grade! The play was really funny. I liked it when



Lester the Deputy talked for the first time. I also liked the part when the little girl said "I'm hungry and I want to go home!" My favorite character was Lester. Lester was kind and liked to figure out problems. The jamboree was funny when they danced to the music.
Clara N.

If you missed the play than you missed a great time. I noticed there were a lot of giggles, laugh and effort. The Cactus Pass was about the best play we've ever seen! Everybody did a good job and it looked like you guys put a lot of effort on it.
Danny P.

The 8th grade play was awesome! My favorite part was when the deputy arrested.
Scott P.

I liked Cactus Pass because it was funny. I loved Sheriff Star because he got arrested by Deputy Lester. The Jamboree was my favorite setting. It was a perfect performance and thank you eighth grade for putting on such a great show.
Elise B.

Howdy! I loved Cactus Pass! It was hilarious, and I never wanted it to end. I really liked when Sheriff Star was arrested. I think it was a good comedy.
Bryce E.



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Reviews

The following are student reviews from 3V about the Pre-show and/or play *Cactus Pass*.

WOW! This was fantastic. I loved Cactus Pass. I loved it when Cassie and Luke fall in love, and when the sheriff was arrested. The play made me feel so excited and happy. When I am in eighth grade, I really want a part in the play. I loved this show and I think everybody totally enjoyed it.
Kathleen Y.

I loved Cactus Pass! First of all I liked it because I am from Tucson, Arizona. Also, it was funny, mysterious, and a lot of fun. Two of my favorite characters were Sheriff Star and Deputy Lester. The best scene was at the end of the play when the Barringtons were leaving and Trevor Barrington insulted Miranda Barrington. Just so you know and a interesting fact, more than one cactus is called cacti.
Benjamin A.

I liked Cactus Pass because it was a comedy. I like all of the families: The Putnams, Barringtons, and the Ludlows. I liked Deputy Lester because he did not talk for most of the play. Then in the last scene he talked. Sheriff Star turns out to be a thief, and not an honest person. What a surprise!
Landon R.

I think the play was funny. The scene when the husband insulted Miranda because she was being annoying.
Nathan T.

Howdy! I liked Cactus Pass because it was very funny. I was so excited to see it. My favorite parts was when Sheriff Star got caught for stealing the money from the bank. Also, it was funny when Miranda's husband told her to walk if she did not want to ride in the back of the truck, and when Clay told her she should keep her mouth closed. Wow! Cactus Pass was funny and a lot of fun to watch.
Barbie K.



I think Cactus Pass was hilarious! The setting was perfect! My favorite part of the play was when the Putnams and the Ludlow fought. I was wishing it would never end it was so good! Yee Haw!
Olivia F.

The play Cactus Pass was SUPER funny! My favorite character was Lester because when he tried to use his hand to tell the people things, instead of sign language he just used his hands. I wish it would never have ended.
Andrew R.



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Everything I liked about the Cactus Pass play.
Laila M.

My favorite part of Cactus Pass was when the sheriff went to jail and the mean people that have the orange stuff on their face. My

I love Cactus Pass because there was comedy. I liked Deputy Lester, the butler and all of the other characters. All of the fights turned out okay.
Lauren S.

I think Martha and Elise Fogerty were the best because I like the way they wore the same clothes and both have braids in their hair, and the way they both follow each other.

Aubrey R.

The Putnams and the Ludlows are too funny. Deputy Lester, Sheriff Star, Orval Scrogg and Ernestine Scrogg are my favorite characters. Martha and Elsie Fogerty the mayor's plus sisters. I never want it to end. Too funny guys.

Addison E.

I liked the play because it had good comedy. My favorite parts of Cactus Pass was when the mom from the Ludlows pulls her son Luke away from Cassie. My favorite character was Deputy Lester. The mom from the Baringtons was really funny. I also liked the setting. That was eve-

second favorite part was when the old man said, "Hey you get that money" and when the man said that those two meaning with jerks.

Nolan C.

I thought the play was wonderful. It was exciting it was also interesting. In the play with the families were fighting I liked. I hope you liked it too. Bye for now.

Delilah R.

I liked the play because it was funny, exciting, and mysterious. Here is my favorite line of the play is when Orval said "come here now hog.", Ha ha ha ha ha ha!

Cole G.




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Cactus Pass was okay. It wasn't the best. There were some funny parts but it needed more. The acting was good. Everything else was good. Overall it was a pretty good play.

Dylan T.

I think Cactus Pass was awesome because of the very funny jokes and when Grandpa bowed dust fell out of his hat. But, back to the very funny jokes. Here are a few: when Deputy Lester walked off stage with Miss Halstead and was really happy, with a smile and sort of a jig, when they would line up and tease each other one by one and walk off, and how Deputy Lester does charades to talk. Hope everyone that wanted to see this play saw it and had a great time.

Jenny C.

It was great! It was better than last year. My favorite part was when Lester talked and at the beginning of the play, and great job who did the lights and the actors. My favorite character was the Sheriff Star. They messed up a little bit but that's ok

Vincent H.

Cactus Pass was a great play to go to. The characters were great.

The props were amazing. The towns people were really funny too. There was a little experience to be learned it was funny because the town's people and all of the families were fighting over all of the money the robbers stole the money, out of the bank. Alexis M.

Cactus Pass was a good play to watch and the Barringtons were my favorite family. My favorite character was Miranda Barrington. All the characters in the play did an excellent job. My favorite part of the play was when the girls were screaming and running around everywhere. And my other favorite character was Lester.

Alicia F.

I loved the play Cactus Pass! My favorite part was when Lester spoke for the first time in 15 years! Everyone did their part well and I hope the 7th graders do good next year!

Isaac W.

Cactus Pass was an amazing show my favorite character was Put. My favorite part was when they were playing charades and



someone said Star Wars. It was very entertaining, excellent, exciting and hilarious show and I loved it!

Brian C.

Cactus Pass is a great play. My favorite characters were Meadow C. and Adam B. they were funny and everyone was good. What I would have changed was when the people were moving the props the curtains would be closed but I loved the play come see Cactus Pass and see the ending.

Ellie S.

Cactus Pass was one of the best plays I've seen at JFK. One of the best parts was when the Putnams and Ludlows were fighting then Luke and Cassie came together. One part I thought was exciting was when Lester talked. I think the characters did an amazing job acting like the cowgirls and cowboys. Great job Cactus Pass!!!!

Jacey M.

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Cactus Pass was ok. My favorite character was Lester. My favorite scene was when they found out Sheriff Star was going to steal the money but, it was all very entertaining.

Braeden M.

Cactus Pass was a good play with a twist, you might think that it's all good guy and bad guy situation but all it is working together. Go and watch it, as I said it's a good play, if you don't want to watch it, as i said it's a good play, if you don't want to watch it you should probably still watch it.

James L.



Cactus Pass was a good play to see. I think 8th graders did a good job. My favorite character was Miranda Barrington. I thought she was

funny. I think the props looked really good. If I could see it again I would.

Hailey H.

Cactus Pass was an excellent play to see! My favorite part was when Parker F., or as you know him, Grandpa started talking. It was awesome! In the play there is a bad situation where the Putnams and the Ludlows can't get along because of something that happened in the 1900s! Will they come and work together or will the feud remain?

Anna W.

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Cayden C.

I liked the character Deputy Lester because he was very sweet, kind, and cool. He could only speak in charades and it was really funny how he acted it

all out. I liked how there was a lot of props. One of the most important things of all about the play was that they all had fun and we all had fun too. The show was amazing.

Kahlei C.

Cactus Pass was an excellent play to see. I liked it when the Barringtons showed the townspeople. My favorite characters were: Deputy Lester, Tina Barrington, Luke Luella, Martha Fogerty.

Pilar T.

Cactus Pass was amazing. I liked the part where Trevor said, "Miranda then you can walk instead of riding in the back of a pickup truck." I also liked the part where Tina said "I'm not hungry." It was funny when Deputy Lester was spying on Sheriff Sam Star and the Scroggs. Also it was funny when Tiffany's hair was all messed up because of the wind.

Maggie D.

I think it was great. I liked Deputy Lester because he did not talk then he did and he acted funny. You will think it too. So watch it today. I think it was amazing. The characters were funny.

Jacob H.

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Reviews

The following are student reviews from 4F about the Pre-show and/or play *Cactus Pass*.

I thought Cactus Pass was a great play. It was funny and loud. It was cool when they line danced, they could all do it. My favorite characters were Deputy Lester, Nora Ludlow, Grandpa, and Trevor Barrington. My



favorite part was when Grandpa took off his hat at the end when he was bowing and all the powder from his hat went all over the place. I don't know if you guys saw that but I thought it was pretty funny. Well I loved the play. Good job to the 8th graders and Mrs. Hinchman. Lauren L.

Cactus Pass was an exciting and funny play to watch. The 8th graders did a very good job acting in the play. My favorite character was Lester, my favorite part was when everyone started running around and screaming. I think Cactus Pass was a good play and is fun for anyone to watch. Isaiah R.

The play was very funny, exciting, and entertaining. My favorite part was when they were chasing the

bad guy. My favorite character was Deputy Lester. When he was doing charades, that was hilarious.

Enrique G.

I like the character Lester because he didn't talk that much. There were some hilarious situations with the

Putnams and the Ludlows, the townspeople chased the Scroggs. The show was amazing because the actors did an excellent job doing their parts.

Aiden T.

Cactus Pass was a lovely play. My favorite Character was Deputy Lester. He is the sheriff's assistant. A sad thing about Deputy Lester is that he doesn't speak but you will have to see the play to find out. Another reason the play was amazing is because the two families that don't like each other work together to find out how to take the money. You will have an exciting time, now come down to JFK!

Brayden C.

Cactus Pass was a very funny

play. The characters did a very good job acting. My favorite character was Deputy Lester because he is funny, smart, and brave. The Scroggs were very mean, they looked mean, sounded mean, and they acted mean. That the excellent acting I was talking about! Once again Cactus Pass was one of the best plays I've seen.

Isaiah G.

Cactus Pass was okay. It wasn't the best. There were some funny parts but, it needed more. The acting was good. Everything else was good. Overall it was a pretty good play.

Tyler T.

Cactus Pass was excellent. My favorite characters are the Sheriff Sam Star and my favorite part was when Sheriff Sam was getting chased all over town. It was amazing and hilarious.

Cayden C.

I think the eighth grade play was amazing. I liked when Mrs. Barrington was about to faint and she told Pierre to bring her smelling salts. It was an awesome play.

Lucy N.

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I thought the play was great. I liked the tap dance and a bunch of other stuff. I liked the singing of all the people. It could be louder but it was amazing. It was so good. I also liked it when the boys played with the bottles and other things. It was really, really, really good. It was just fun to watch and great.

Ethan M.

This play called Cactus Pass was incredible! It has been to be the best play I have ever seen! This play begins with a family from Boston comes to visit the countryside for a vacation. This family, the Barringtons, has never been to the country before, so it'll be a new experience for all of them. Another family, the Ludlows, live in Cactus Pass along with other families including the Putnam's. The Ludlows and the Putnams have accused each other of their family of stealing the \$100 prize at the fair at Cactus Pass years and years ago. Another character, Sheriff Star, helps the townspeople with their problems, and everyone in the town thinks he's trustworthy and honest. He also has a partner Deputy Lester, who never speaks. But when Trevor Barrington offers a \$5,000 prize for the winners of the Cactus Pass fair to split equally

together, things could change a bit.

Jayden W.

I thought Cactus Pass was very interesting. I loved where Sheriff Star was actually a robber. It was adventurous, had great actors, it had heart, and it was beautiful. I loved how the families all got together again. Rating 5 stars.

Cleary C.

I loved the play Cactus Pass! It was really funny when Mr. Barrington was dancing and he started shaking his butt. It was also funny when the two families argued. Then when the two mean families were in a line and one person from each family made a mean face at each other then again and again and the last two held hands and smiled. Also, it was funny when the real sheriff was with the bad and mean stealing that caused the feud between

the two families, but then when the sheriff was going to was going to steal the \$5,000 and the

backup sheriff stopped him. I could talk about how awesome Cactus Pass all day. For my Cactus Pass was an awesome play and I hope you saw it!

Dru D.

I would give this 5 stars because it was funny and they did a great job at setting up the stage. My favorite character was the dad of the visitors because he was funny

and he got some of his family to have a lot of fun. The best part was when they were line dancing the old and modern way. My favorite part was when they found out their own sheriff and the twins stole the 5 thousand dollars from the bank. It was a great show and everybody did great!

Amalie Y.

I liked Cactus Pass a lot. I would rate it 5 stars. The setting was great, the acting was outstanding, and the costumes were amazing! My favorite parts were when the little kid kept yelling "I wanna go home!"

Ava P.



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I loved the eighth grade play it was amazing! I thought it was really funny too. One of my favorite parts was when all the money was stolen during the jamboree. Also another part that I liked was when the two families lined up and they gave each other mean looks. But one thing I wished they could have added was a couple of songs. I thought it was funny when they line danced too. My favorite character was Zayle S. or the little girl named Cassie Putnam. I think I would give it four out of five stars. It was funny, good, entertaining, and awesome! I would not mind seeing it again. Have a good year eighth graders!
Kristen B.

I would give this play and pre show a 5 out of 5 stars. This play was called Cactus Pass. This play was about an authentic wild west town including a sheriff, two mayors, a deputy, and some robbers. Then there is the family feud. I liked Leah Z. who played as Tina Barrington. I also took favor to the Putnam's. I say this because they of their hog calling money. Thank you eighth graders for the show .
Brianna M.

What I liked about the show Cactus Pass was it was perfect



for a sequel because, there could be a scene where they go to different historical sites and experience the places they go to. Something I didn't like it said it was founded in 1868 and the Gold Rush which made a ton of boom towns was in 1848. What was the purpose of the town? I gave 7 out of 10 stars.
Michael L.

Cactus Pass was a really good play. I really liked when someone said, "He is staying in a luxury cell, there is a toilet." That was my favorite part. What made me shocked was the twist ending when Sheriff Sam Starr was one of the Scroggs and Lester had to be brave to tell the townspeople. I would give it 10 stars out of 10 stars.
Lindsey G.

The 8th grade play "Cactus Pass" was incredible. I would

give it ten out of ten stars. That was how good it was. My favorite characters were Meadowe and Adam who played Trevor and Miranda Barrington. They were hilarious. Miranda Barrington was very bossy and acted like she was a queen. My favorite part of the play was when the townspeople were chasing the Scroggs around the stage. The Scroggs were the crooks who stole \$5,000 from Trevor Barrington. I also liked how two families the Putnams and the Ludlows were always fighting. Like I said before, I loved the play!
McKenzie S.

This play was called Cactus Pass. I have to say that I loved the play. It was really funny and a very creative idea! I would give the play five out of five stars! It was that good! My favorite part was when the grandpa took a bow at the end and all the powder fell out of his hair! The play featured two families that were fighting. The Putnams and the Ludlows. They were both very funny. I have to say the 8th graders did a very good job on the play!
Stephanie C.

Cactus Pass was a very funny play. I thought that the

The logo for "Cactus Pass" features a green cactus with a red flower on top, positioned above the words "Cactus Pass" in a bold, brown, serif font.

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acting was very good and it felt as if they weren't reading from a script. It had to be the funniest play I had ever seen and i really recommend it if you like funny plays with good acting. My favorite part of the play was when they caught the twins and the sheriff because they were the real thieves. I hope that they show another play because it was a really good play. If I had to change anything it would have to be that I would close the curtains during the transition time. The person who created the props is very talented. They did a great job with the cactus and the banner. I hope that everyone enjoyed the play as much as I did.

Emily M.

I thought the 8th grade play was



a very exciting, funny, and cool play. I don't know about you but my favorite character was Miranda because I loved how the whole time she never ever ended up liking the Cactus Pass. Another character I loved was the grandpa because he wasn't like any other grandpa because he was old but very active and also he was very funny through the whole play and also I love how the two families kept fighting with each other the whole time. If I gave this this a 5 star rating I would give it a 4 out of 5 stars, I think this play can be in those big theaters and a famous play.
Malyana A.

Cactus Pass was an ok show. I think my favorite part was when Adam told Meadow to walk home because she wanted to go home. My other favorite part was when the grandpa bowed and dust came out of his hair; I was cracking up from that. So all I have to say its an ok play and that's what I think of the

Cactus Pass.
Michael V.

What I really liked about "Cactus Pass" was when the robbers got caught because I just thought it was funny. What I really did not like about "Cactus Pass" was when the Barringtons had to leave because the mother didn't like it there so they went home.
Madison S.

I and hopefully everyone else enjoyed the eighth grade production of "Cactus Pass" a very funny and well thought out play. My personal favorite part was when they confronted Miranda Barrington when she just kept whining and my least favorite part was honestly the whining, it was very annoying. Well, that's my review!
Charlie JH

I loved the play "Cactus Pass", because the characters were all funny, and really entertaining. My favorite characters, were Trevor Barrington, played by Adam B., Miranda Barrington played by Meadowe C., Deputy Lester, played by Evan L., and Pierre played by James W.. I liked Trevor Barrington III, because when they line danced he was really funny,

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and I liked Miranda Barrington, because she hated the town throughout the entire show, and Evan in the end all she wanted to do was go home. I liked Pierre, because he was always called to do things like “carry the luggage”, and “bring over the special salts”. He also had a funny tie. I thought that Deputy Lester was funny, because he only used his hands for words, and sometimes it was funny when he made big motions, and no one understood what he was trying to saying. Overall, I thought *Cactus Pass* was a great play, and I can’t wait until next year! Great job 8th grade!
Caroline C.

I really liked the play *Cactus Pass*. One of my favorite was when the Putnams and the Ludlows lined up and teased each other. But my favorite part was when Lester talked because he hadn’t talked in 15 years! I thought the play was amazing! There is nothing I would change!
Good job 8th grade!
Adie C.

I liked both the pre-show and the *Cactus Pass* play. I really enjoyed the pre-show a lot because my brother did a really nice job on his lines in the pre-show. I



also liked the square dancing because it looked like a lot of fun! I do wish that they would’ve done little more explaining on what the play was about, but that’s ok. I liked the play because the characters did a nice job showing enthusiasm. My favorite character in the play was Grandpa Putnam because he had a funny accent. I also liked how Mrs. Hinchman had the spotlight one all of the characters and not just one person. The only thing I didn’t like about the play was that the feud was really big, maybe too big.
Quinn R.

I thought the play, *Cactus Pass* was very creative and had lots of effort which payed off. My favorite character was Miranda Barrington played by Meadowe C. My favorite family though was the Scroggs. Pierre was real-

ly funny along with Deputy Lester. The preshow was kind of boring. The rating for *Cactus Pass* is 5 out of 5 stars, but the preshow was 2 out of 5 stars. I loved *Cactus Pass*! Stop the feud!
Lily H.

The 8th grade production of “*Cactus Pass*” this year was amazing! I loved all the characters, dialogue, and humor. My favorite character was Miranda Barrington played by Meadow C. It was funny how she hated *Cactus Pass* and kept complaining that they were there! Another character I really liked was Emmett Putnam played by Logan S. I thought his character was funny, lively, and made you want to keep watching the play! I loved seeing the family feuds, the jamboree, and the bad guys! I would give this play an A+!
Allie A.

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Pictures Around JFK



Mrs. Ash says “No gum in my cafeteria! Only healthy food!”



Mrs. Hinchman is all smiles when it comes to JFK performances!



Parker F. striking a pose before another great band concert!



Watch out Vogue editors! Adam B., Elizabeth V., Chase J., Jacob D., and Leah Z. strike their pose at the band concert.