

Sabercat Post

Spelling Bee By, Katie L.

Twenty-four contestants faced off in the 2018 Silver Oak Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 18. Words were thrown at spellers like fastballs. And the responses- a barrage of letters that left many in the audience stunned. Among the hardest were words like ichthyosaurus and Kilimanjaro, which were both spelled correctly by fantastic Silver Oak students. Every speller hit it out of the park, but three of them stood out as champions. In third place was Leka E. (C-10), in second place was Phuong H. (C-10), and in first place was Rishik G. (C-9). The Spelling Bee was an extraordinary event and is definitely one-of-a-kind. If you are in third, fourth, or fifth grade, you could be one of the fantastic spellers up on the stage next year, so start S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G!

Funny Stuff

By Rishik G.

Jokes: Why did the baseball player stay at the field overnight?
Because he felt right at home.

I finally made a working time machine. It speeds time up to 60 seconds per minute.

Fun Facts:

Twenty universities that are still in operation were founded before the Aztec empire.

How did January get its name?

January is named after Janus, the god of doors and gateways, in Roman mythology.

Sports

By Spencer W., John Henry K., Trey T., Brandon O.

Olympics

The Winter Olympics are a major international multi-sport event featuring 15 cold-weather sports with 93 countries competing for medals. The 2018 Winter Olympics will be held Pyeongchang County, South Korea, from February 8th through February 25th. The Olympics are the world's largest sporting competition and they allow elite athletes to compete for medals and represent their country. _____

The opening ceremony will be held on February 9th, and can be watched on TV. Even though some events will occur before the opening ceremony, the opening ceremony is the official start of the Games. Known as a cultural spectacle, the opening ceremony is a made-for television event featuring a parade of all the athletes, an artistic program unique to South Korea, and then the lighting of the Olympic Torch.

The 2018 US Olympic Team is expected to have about 240 athletes.

Sports Fun Facts

*Did you know that Shaun Roger White, born September 3, 1986, is an American professional snowboarder and skateboarder? He is a two-time Olympic gold medalist and he holds the record for the most X-Games gold medals and has 10 ESPY Awards.

*The Raiders have hired their new head coach, Jon Gruden, for a salary of 100 million dollars over 10 years. Hopefully the Raiders do better than their 6-10 record.

*I bet the New York Yankees will do even better in the 2018 season because they've acquired Giancarlo Stanton, the 2017 homerun leader.

*The New England Patriots have made it to the Super Bowl (again) and will play against the Philadelphia Eagles. Can Nick Foles beat 5-time super bowl winner Tom Brady? Believe it or not, this is Tom Brady's 8th super bowl appearance.

*The 1903 World Series was the first modern World Series to be played in Major League Baseball. It matched the Boston Americans of the American League against the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League in a best-of-nine series, with Boston prevailing five games to three, winning the last four.

Q & A

By, Melanie P.

Hello everyone! Welcome back to Q and A where we ask you questions and you give us answers!

We asked kindergartener Amy G., "What is your favorite month?" She answered, "Winter because it snows!"

The first grade question was, "What is your favorite season?" Gavin G. responded, "December because I love Christmas."

Then, we asked Aarib A. from second grade, "Do you have a favorite animal? If so, what is it?" He told me, "Birds! I even have some."

For third grade, we asked Sophia W., "What is your favorite book?" She responded, "Happily Ever After: Sink or Swim."

We asked fourth grader, Alison C., "Do you have any family traditions?" Alison C. told me, "In February, my family celebrates Chinese New Year. We feast and set off fireworks."

In fifth grade, we asked Matthew S., "Are you looking forward to the third trimester? If so, why?" He replied, "Yes I am because I usually do better than the previous trimester."

Lastly, we asked sixth grader Henry Q., "What is your favorite part about spring?" He responded, "Easter basically."

Our poll this month asked second graders, "Do you want it to stay winter or are you looking forward to spring?" The results were... drumroll please...spring! The final results were 11 to 5.

Caught Being Good

By Nicolina C. and Rachel H.

This year, we are starting Caught Being Good! Instead of us going to your classroom, we will now be wandering the school grounds during recess, looking for students being extra good. Thank you very much to the following students who were caught...being good:

Dani M. - Mrs. Richard
Katelyn N. - Mrs. Richard
Nadezda L. - Mrs. Richard
Vanessa L. - Mrs. Yang
Ariana H. - Mrs. Trusso
Ava L. - Ms. Giacomini
Valerie N. - Mrs. Richard

Student of the Month

By Nicolina C., Ashley H., and Rachel H.

Congratulations to the student of the months for the months
of November and December!

November

Kindergarten - Ethan K.
Ethan D. Amritha S.

1st Grade - Rachel C.
Shriva C. Dhruv R.
Kayla B.

2nd grade - Albert D. Ailisa H.

Callen T. Sudhir V.

3rd grade - Sophia W.

4th grade - Zayd Q. Aadrit T.
Spencer W.

5th grade - Rohan B. Varsha B.
Ayaan A.

6th grade -Katie M. Katie L.
Krish T.

December

Kindergarten - Zoe W. Chole T.
Alison T.

1st Grade - Sara A. Jordan L.
Tommy H. Amaani S.

2nd Grade - Gavin B. Mia D.

Annabella C.

3rd Grade - Arianna C. Megan A.

Xander H.

4th Grade - Kayla T. Suriya D.
Timothy Z.

5th Grade - Deshna S. Matt N. Cole B.

6th Grade - Mehul A. Zakaria K.
Siddhartha

Last Month In History

By Rachel H. and Ashley H.

Hello! Welcome to "Last Month In History!" Here, you will learn some events in history that have happened in January.

- New Year's Day / Paul Revere & Betsy Ross's Birthday - Jan 1 - 1735, 1752
- During World War II in the Pacific, the Japanese captured the Philippines capital of Manila and the nearby air base at Cavite - Jan 2, 1942
- Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state - Jan 3, 1959
- President George Washington delivered the first State of the Union address - Jan 4, 1790
- President Franklin Roosevelt delivered his State of the Union address for defense of freedom and program for aiding Allies fighting the Axis powers
- President Richard M. Nixon's Birthday - Jan 9, 1859
- An Amendment for Women's Suffrage was introduced by Sen. A.A. Sargent of CA but passed 42 years later, 1920 - Jan 10, 1878
- The U.S. Surgeon General declared cigarettes may be hazardous to health - Jan 11, 1964
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Jan.15, 1929
- The Zulu War began between the British and the natives of Zululand - Jan 12, 18
- Gangster Al Capone died in Miami at the age of 48- Jan. 25, 1947
- Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany by President Paul von Hindenburg. - Jan. 30, 1933
- Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated.- Jan. 30, 1948
- Jackie Robinson was born in Cairo, Georgia.-Jan. 31, 1919

Community Service

By Angad S. and Cole B.

Student Council, along with Silver Oak alumni, Kaitlyn Barck and Amanda Cheng, are hosting a donation drive to help the homeless. We are asking for unused, everyday toiletries, including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, and disposable razors. You can purchase these at Dollar Stores or any convenience store. At the end of the collection drive, these items will be donated to Front Door Ministry Church to give to needy people in San Jose. The drive will take place from **Feb. 5- Feb. 16**. Thank you for your help!

Thank you for reading this edition of the Sabercat Post.

Until next time, we'll keep you posted!

