

# Falcon News Herald

## 3rd Grade Fiction Fandom

*Written by Martin Nowak, Claire Wetterhall, Mariah Sands, and Quinn Bingham.*

### The Blackout of 2021



**Words by: Martin Nowak**

Monday, February 8, 2021 through Thursday, February 18, 2021 there was no electricity from Del Rio all the way to San Antonio. Many counties in Texas were affected by the winter storms. Although the snowstorm that week was a blast of fun for kids of all ages, it was immensely worrying for many adults. All the snow and ice had frozen the windmills that bring power to the whole of Texas. Reporter Martin Nowak had stated that, "It was quite a relief to have power again in our homes." That week, school was out, and the students received an unexpected vacation in the snow. On the 18th, however, the power came back! Luckily, all students came back to school at the regular time the following week. This storm was a reminder to not take the things we have for granted.

### Water No-go

Words by: Claire Wetterhall

Due to the record breaking snow the people of Del Rio didn't have any water for days. It began one night when it started to snow. People outside were feeling and touching it and people inside were looking at the amazing snow. The next day there was about 6 inches of snow on the ground and then the power went out, and trailing behind it the water went out the following day! No showers, no running water for toilet flushing, no drinking from the faucet, and no taking a bath. Everyone had to drink from a water bottle, get creative with toilet water needs, and stores were closing. Many citizens of Del Rio were excited for the snow, but Del Rio was not ready and did not have the right equipment for the snow complications. Luckily, the citizens were there to help each other out in any way they could.



# News to Unsnooze

*February was a very eventful month at Robert Bobby Barrera Elementary School...*

## Go Snow Go!

Words by Quinn Bingham

Last week, on Monday, 2/15/12 through Thursday, 2/18/21 many families suffered the loss of heat when the power went out, so that means that people couldn't be warm without a blanket last week. Because of the snow people couldn't have power because it was way too cold, so that also means the people couldn't have fresh water or heat! The stores had to close because they also had no electricity. Family with gas stoves helped out other families in need.

## Thank You 5th Grade!

Words By: Claire Wetterhall and Martin Nowak

Now a special message to the 5th grade class. During Random Acts of Kindness week, they went out of their way to give teaches special gifts to make their day brighter. So, just remember it was little thing, like holding open a door, or helping to comfort someone, but a little act of kindness can go a long way. It does not need to be Random Acts of Kindness week for you to let a fellow human know that you care for, and support them. The Third Grade News Team challenges you to complete one random act of kindness for someone in your life.



## One Fabulous February!

Words by: Claire Wetterhall

As you know February has come to an end, but 3rd grade Fiction Fandom would like to remind you of big events that took place in February. There was presidents day, where we celebrated our presidents. Then we had the Super Bowl on February 7th. Next, we had Ground Hogs Day where some people believe that if a ground hog sees it's shadow, winter is staying for 6 more weeks. Then, there was Valentine's Day which is a day devoted to showing love and appreciation for each other. We can't forget what the entire month celebrates also, Black History Month. Black history month was started as a way to remember and honor historical events and people in African American culture. How did your class honor Black History Month? Third grade can't wait to present what they have learned all month long.

# They're on Their Way!

There are so many fun events happening in March 2021!

## A lucky day, a week of no school, & a recipe for delicious cookies!



### The Day of Luck!

Words by Mariah Sands:

St. Patrick's Day is here! On March 17, 2021 it is finally arriving. St. Patrick's Day is a day of luck, and a day of positivity. Maybe you'll find a four leaf clover, or even a leprechaun with a pot of gold at the end of a dazzling rainbow. It can happen if you believe in yourself and think positive thoughts. The only thing you have to remember is to wear green, or you might get pinched by a leprechaun!



### Welcome back Spring-Break!

Words by Mariah Sands:

Spring break is almost here! Students will be able to get out of school for a break in spring. Spring is rainy occasionally, so some people don't recommend putting out lights... or else rain can touch them and probably it won't turn out well (unless the lights are waterproof or protected by plastic-) that is just a little reminder... But spring is the perfect time to grow plants such as flowers and crops. Starting a vegetable garden in your neighborhood is a fun way to bring neighbors together. You can also try measuring rain and study flowers. We hope you will have a spring break that is as bright as a rainbow!

### Crazy Cool Cookies!

Words by Claire Wetterhall:

Ingredients: 2/4 cups of flour, 1 teaspoon of baking soda, 1 teaspoon of salt, 2 sticks of unsalted butter, 3/4 cup of granulated sugar, 3/4 cup of brown sugar, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, 2 eggs, 2 cups of chocolate chips, nuts (optional).

Supplies: Electric mixer, big or medium bowl, spoon, cookie tray, parchment paper, a cooling rack, and a cookie scooper (optional).

1. Preheat the oven to 375 Fahrenheit. Add the flour, baking soda, and salt into your big or medium bowl then stir with spoon.
2. Next add the butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar into the electric mixer then stir on medium speed until well combined.
3. Add the eggs and the vanilla into the electric mixer and stir.
4. Then add the flower mixture into the electric mixer and stir on low speed. Next add the chocolate chips and nuts if you want the nuts and stir on low.
5. Put the parchment paper on the cookie tray and scoop out some cookies onto the tray.
6. Then put them in the oven for 10 minutes takes them out let them cool on a cooling rack.
7. Enjoy!



# Meet the 3rd Grade Fiction Fandom Team



**Claire Wetterhall**

A tall nine year old girl in 3rd grade she helps the team with how to make the writing passage longer without using facts to do it.



**Quinn Bingham**

Quinn is a hard working person and she always finds some new ideas for the team, weather it is for a scoop, or how to organize the news, Quinn can do it all.



**Mariah Sands**

Smallest kid in 3rd grade, BFFs with Amelia Music, age:8, oldest sibling in the family, 1 sister, 0 brothers, 2 dogs and 1 cat, creative, loves gaming, loves turtles, cats, dogs, foxes, & wolves, YouTube channel: Oceangirl16, job: making the newspaper look fun and colorful + takes notes.



**Martin Nowak**

A deep thinker, Martin helps the 3rd grade Fiction Fandom writing team get good scoops, and get them fast. He is a quick runner, and a soccer pro.



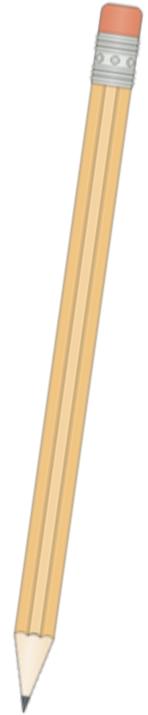
**Mrs. Nguyen**



3rd grade's amazing teacher, and Chief Editor of the Fiction Fandom newspaper.



# Fiction



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