MRS. ALMEIDA GOES TO CHINA
By: Skye Kevelson

BEIJING, CHINA—Mrs. Almeida left for China on December 2 for ten days. She has a National Board Certification and “People to People” were looking for elementary teachers interested in going from the National Board list to become Educational Ambassadors at the U.S./China Joint Educational Summit in Beijing. People to People help educate teachers.

Mrs. Almeida presented a math lesson on geometry, along with children’s literature, and math journals for the teachers at the summit at Beijing Normal University. She visited two primary schools in Beijing. The children at primary schools are from the ages of three to six. The school days go from 8:30 to 5:30. That is a very long school day, but the children get to take a two hour nap. All the children must learn how to play the piano. The schools do a lot of art projects that have to do with recycling.

While Mrs. Almeida was in Xi’an, Beijing, and Guilin she saw the Forbidden City, a silk factory, a jade factory, The Great Wall, the Wild Goose Pagoda, a pearl factory, and the Terra-cotta Worriers. Mrs. Almeida also traveled on a boat ride on the Li river. She brought back chopsticks and Chinese yuan for her students. Mrs. Almeida also brought back a Harry Potter book in Chinese and Chinese comic books. She was given an emperor’s hat and a toggle jacket. She bought silk children’s pajamas and a beautiful table cloth. Mrs. Almeida also brought back many other souvenirs from her wonderful trip to China.

Mrs. Almeida also shared her “Memory Box” of experiences and treasures at the January faculty meeting. Teachers were in awe with her wonderful experiences. Mrs. Almeida will be doing a slide presentation for everyone at the Mar. 17th All School Meeting. Thanks for sharing, Mrs. Almeida!

PICK UP THOSE CHOPSTICKS!
By: Jessica Walther

HALLWAYS AND ROOMS—On Wednesday, February 1, 2006, all the 4th graders celebrated the Chinese New Year. They did chopstick challenges. (Hard!) They got New Year presents. (Hurray!) They did a Dragon Parade with ribbon dancers, fan dancers, and a dragon, dancing throughout the corridors. They had delicious refreshments.

In the chopstick challenge you had to pick up noodles with chopsticks from one plate to your plate. In each class, there was a winner for getting the most noodles. The winners from the various classes were the following: Rachael Chandler, Samantha Barrett, Joseph Carreau. They all had to challenge each other. Joseph Carreau won the whole chopstick challenge.

For the New Year presents, girls received Chinese fans and Chinese bracelets. Boys were given pewter necklaces.

4th graders ate noodles, chocolate covered noodles, clementines, goldfish, and they drank sprite. Mrs. Almeida’s class made the dragon and the ribbons for the dragon dance. Girls were ribbon dancers, fan dancers or went under the dragon. Only 8 girls from each got to be ribbon dancers. The rest could be fan dancers or go under the dragon. The boys got to go under the dragon.

Everyone enjoyed the celebration! (see pictures on the next page.)
AUDITORIUM—On January 31, 2006, the fourth graders were invited to the Chinese House which was set up by Lady Tang and Lady Ming. Students dressed up in Chinese clothing, played Chinese games, and ate an egg roll and a piece of candy, but only if they could pick it up with . They sat on a carpet in groups of red, blue, or green to participate in a play. Each group got to be one prince. One of the speaker’s was telling the story while the other acted out the part, including the prince’s father.

Soon after that they moved to another room to do Chinese writing. Each child picked one of two cards to use as an example. All the students enjoyed all the activities in the Chinese House that was built in Sippican for a day!

_Dancing Dragon and Ribbon Dancers paraded throughout the school as the fourth graders celebrated Chinese New Year on Feb. 1, 2006_
FOURTH GRADE HEALTH WITH MRS. KING
By: Jayda Rose

FOURTH GRADE—Mrs. King came to teach the fourth grade about health once a week for a couple of months. The tips she gave the students will come in handy for us when we’re older.

Mrs. King told them about life skills. She taught them about self-esteem and to refrain from smoking. They used role modeling to practice decision making and much more! All kids were fascinated with the information she gave. Emily Hyde commented, “It is fun and educational.” “It was really good to learn what happens to our body if we smoke or take drugs,” stated Jessica Walther.

Fifth Grade Health
By: Brenna Maloney and Pearl Carter

FIFTH GRADE—Once a week, Mrs. King comes to teach fifth grade health. We have been learning about self-esteem and ways to improve our health. We also have done many papers about who we would like to meet and the reasons why they would like to meet us and why that person would like to meet us. We have also done some decision making about a topic. We have also looked over the food triangle and what we should be eating more often. Mrs. King has also been teaching the fifth grade about what we can do to change our schedule to make it better. Mrs. King finished her lessons with us in January. Hopefully she will come back next year when we’re in sixth grade!

6TH GRADE HEALTH
By: Victoria Storrs

SIXTH GRADE CLASSROOMS—Mrs. King comes to each sixth grade classroom once a week. She teaches us about the importance of health.

She has recently taught us about our well-being and the health triangle. The health triangle represents the three sides of our health; our social, emotional, and physical health. She is currently teaching us about food labels and nutrition. Thank you Mrs. King!

Mrs. Kris King has lived in Marion for several years and has two children that attended Sippican School. She has taught physical education and health at Taunton Catholic Middle school. The King family have provided summer lodging for members of the Wareham Gateman!

And speaking of good health, did you know many classes are learning YOGA at Sippican?

Please visit www.mypyramid.gov for good information and games to play about health!
**VOCABULARY PARADE**
**WORD MASTER HATS**
By: Brenna Maloney and Pearl Carter

THROUGHOUT THE CLASSES—Ms. McKeen’s class paraded throughout the classes on January 6, 2006, wearing their costumes. They had made hats and costumes to represent their word that Ms. McKeen has chosen for them!

Some of the students worked in small groups and some worked independently. The students made their hats and costumes out of anything that they could find. Ms. McKeen and her students had a blast with their costumes for word masters and the classes were happy to see them!

**INLINE SKATING**
By: Colleen Packard and Brenna Maloney

GYMNASIUM—During gym period, Sippican students gather in the gym to inline skate to improve their health and have fun.

When gym starts, everyone puts on a helmet, knee pads, roller skates, and wrist guards. You can bring in your own equipment or use the school's. Once you get ready, you can start skating around the gym while listening to music. Then when Mr. Resmini or Mrs. Paling stop the music, you all sit down and get ready to go back to your classroom.

Kids also skate for “feet.” If you skate for twenty minutes, at the end of the class you get a plastic glow-in-the-dark foot.
NOT JUST A PLACE FOR BOOKS
By: TJ Lee
LIBRARY — Many things have happened in the library this year. The Fourth graders are learning about the Dewy Decimal System in library. In fifth and sixth grade, the students are reading the 2006 World Almanac for Kids.

A Sippican favorite, Super Sleuth, takes place in the library. Super Sleuth is a game that challenges your mind and your researching abilities. Each day a clue is added to the bulletin board in the library to aid you in your search for an answer. Every Friday three winners are announced over the intercom in the staff division and the student division.

Another activity popped up in the library. This activity was the silent auction. In the library, there were many items spread out on table in the front of the room. The winners of the silent auction were announced on Tuesday, December 19, 2005. If you were one of those winners, congratulations. All the money the library received went to the neediest families fund. This year the library collected $1,576 for the neediest families fund! The library’s neediest families fund has passed once again, and many people donated. I hope everyone participates next year.

READ UNTIL YOU DROP
By: Emily Hyde

HALLWAY — From February 6th-24th 2006, Sippican School’s library and school celebrated R.I.F.’s 40th Anniversary by reading.

Following our 2nd R.I.F. distribution, we did something totally different than a reading passport. This time we made a chain! Every time you read forty minutes, you got to fill out a “snowman” coupon. But, your parents had to sign it. Then we brought them to the library. The library made a link for every forty minutes we read. Each grade had different color links. Mrs. Pimental wanted a multicolored chain going around the whole school. We almost succeeded doing just that! We totaled 4,876 links! Six links got us a snowman pasted on the wall chart by grade levels. 692 snowmen were earned! Each class will have a raffle. The prize for winning the raffle is five dollars to Marion’s own Bookstall!

Congratulations to those who participated in R.I.F.’s 40th Anniversary and to all the winners of the raffle, you are all winners!

LIMNI — WHAT?
By: Pearl Carter

ART ROOM — Throughout the month of January fifth grade students have been working on limner with Mrs. Corrado and Mrs. Londsdaile. A limner is a picture painted by an inexperienced artist with a face cut out so any random face can go in the picture.

The students worked in groups of two or three, and then they traced one of their group members. Next the students drew the basic elements of their picture. After that, they would either paint or draw the rest of the limner. After the students finished their drawing they would paint or draw the background with crayon. Everyone enjoyed seeing them in the
ALL SCHOOL MEETING  
By: Colleen Packard

AUDITORIUM—At 11:30 on January 13, the whole school gathered in one place for an all school meeting.  
When people came in, Mrs. Moore, Ms. Silva, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard played medieval music. Then Mrs. Devlin welcomed the school community. After that, the 4th Grade lead a procession of explorers with music in the background. Every 4th grade student was dressed up as an explorer. They had a wax museum where they talked a little bit about their explorer (see next page Strike a Pose.) Then the 5th Grade Chorus entertained us by singing “Feel Good” and the Concert Choir sang “Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da.”
STRIKE A POSE!
By: Jessica Walther and Emily Hyde

AUDITORIUM—On Friday, January 13, 2006, 4th grade met in the auditorium to present their wax museum and talk about their explorer they had studied. All the 4th grade covered themselves in wax just for you! NOT!!! They dressed up in costumes that looked like their explorer. Some of them even volunteered to speak about their explorer.

The 4th grade met in the bus foyer, so that parents and teachers could take pictures of them.

Hope you enjoyed the Wax Museum!
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CLASSROOMS 126, 127, 127, 133—On January 19, 2006, the fourth graders had an Explorer Feast. Each teacher had an activity going on. Parents came to take pictures of the students in their costumes.

Mrs. Rosen had a lot of games in her room like the ring toss, checkers, mancala, cross bows, and a smelling game. Mrs. Vierkant was the craft teacher and we made spice dragons and paper canoes. Mrs. Almeida was in the alchemy making sundials and astrolabes.

After activity time, we sat down and feasted on apples, dip, grapes, cold turkey, sweet potato slices, bread and cheese. We drank some punch and just played for a while for recess. We had a great time!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS
By: TJ Lee and Amber Kutash

AUDITORIUM—On March 3, 2006, Sippican Students and their families celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday. They watched Dr. Seuss’s cartoons and read his books. The books were Cat in the Hat, The Lorax, and Dr. Seuss ABC’s. The movies were “Daisy Head Maisy,” “Horton Hatches an Egg,” and “The Butter Battle Book.” The kids had a lot of fun. Everyone enjoyed pizza, brownies, cookies, and juice. If you want to know something amazing, then you should know that there were 50 boxes of pizza! There was also a hand-out with puzzles, trivia, and other fun activities. Everyone had lots of fun! Much appreciation to The Sippican School Literacy Team for sponsoring the evening!

A FUN WAY TO IMPROVE READING
By: Ryan Martins and Connor Maloney

ROOM 207—The Wilson Program helps improve reading and spelling. You learn ways to separate words and make new sounds. The program begins in grade three and can continue until high school. Some students find this program a great way to learn to read. “I couldn’t read in second grade but now I’m much better. I have finished the Wilson Program. There are twelve steps and every lesson you learn either one or more new sounds,” explains Ryan.

Also, if you do a good job, you get a treat from our teacher, Ms. Radke. Ms. Radke has four years of experience with the Wilson Program and has been working here in Sippican School for nine years.

Great vibrations are found in these outstanding instruments created by Mrs. Roseman’s class while learning about sound. They have been out for viewing in the library.

Looking for something fun to do? Try creating an instrument of your own!

DI TEE SHIRTS
By: Shayla Santos

Congratulations to Colby Stabell for designing this year’s logo for Destination Imagination tee shirts! It’s really neat the way the crescent man is holding up our Sippican School Sailboat logo! Find out more about DI in the next issue. Students competed in Barnstable, March 11.

GET READY!
By: Rachael Silvestri

LIBRARY—Get ready students, families, and staff. Stone Soup will be here soon! Please start saving food for donation to the local food pantries in Marion and Wareham.
BUDDIES

THE HIBERNATION GRAPH
By: Jayda Rose

ROOM 105—Mrs. Jagannath’s kindergarten class and Mrs. Almeida’s fourth grade class all brought in stuffed animals for a hibernation chart. Each kid had to guess if their animal was supposed to go on the hibernation side or the non hibernation side. The students enjoyed this educational activity and learned a lot about this interesting stuff. There were lots of awesome animals and I bet they can’t wait to do something like this again.

SHARING STORIES
By: Timothy Kelleher

ROOMS 114 & 201—Just before the Christmas vacation, Ms. Silva’s sixth grade class and Mrs. Horan’s first grade class were reading each other’s story books. The first graders read their books to the sixth graders that they wrote and illustrated. Afterwards they enjoyed cookies an juice yummmmm.... A couple of days later, the first graders came up to see the sixth graders who read their poetry and preposition story books to them! (Some buddies are even siblings!)

BE CREATIVE
By: Connor Maloney and Timothy Kelleher

CLASSROOMS—One of Mrs. Soucy’s activities was to create a skit on any product that we could sell. In one class, she had three big groups. A really neat project was made by a sixth grader named Nick Goerges. Nick thought up the idea of “scented socks” that would make your feet smell better! This was the final brain storm activity.

Another activity was the to be creative with a squiggly line. The students tried to imagine all the possible ways to make a picture with it. Some of the most common pictures were a boat during the sunset on the water, puffy clouds, and a snake.

COLONY PROJECTS
By: Brenna Maloney

ROOM 209—In Mrs. Proc’s class, the students made colonial projects of the thirteen colonies.

The students used a large colored poster board that they used for the presentation. The students were assigned a colony of the thirteen colonies and could work with a partner. They had to write eight paragraphs on natural resources, Geography, Native Americans, climate, why they settled here, Early Government, Founders and Leaders, and Trades or Skills. The class was split into three groups, the Middle Atlantic, Southern, and New England Colonies. They could use Internet web sites and colonial books. When they presented them, they read...
4th Grade Concert
By: Colleen Packard

AUDITORIUM—At 1:30 on February 17, 2006, the 4th grade had its first concert.

First, the Beginner Band played. Mrs. Moore introduced each instrument and every instrument played “Frere Jacques.” Then the whole band played it in cannon. Next they played “Aunt Rhodie’s Appetite.” Timothy Kelleher, Emily Richard, Ashley Perry, Troy Durr, Naomi Reed, and Emily Koerner made a skit to go along with the collection of beginner songs like “Hot Cross Buns,” “Mary Had a Little Lamb,” and “Go Tell Aunt Rhodie.” During the “Funeral March,” a few kids waved rubber chickens in the air because Aunt Rhodie wanted to cook her old gray goose. Lastly, the band played the first part of “Barbara Ann.”

Then the chorus sang. They sang a lullaby called “Sleep My Child,” where they wanted to see if they could comfort and maybe even put to sleep a baby. They also sang O’desayo with instrumental parts by 4th graders Michael Harkins, Madison Durr, Brendan Gelson, Nicholas Supernaut, Joseph Carreau, Brittany Hotte, and Tyler Zell. They finished the concert with “Alysha Rock.”

Wind Ensemble
By: Virginia Streeter

BAND ROOM—The wind ensemble is a group of fifth, sixth, and a few fourth graders who meet every Wednesday morning at eight o’clock to play their instruments. Mrs. Moore is the director. Wind ensemble includes all instruments, but mostly flutes and clarinets. The purpose of wind ensemble is for wind instruments, like flutes and clarinets, to get more attention. It’s also for students who like extra challenges in band. Wind ensemble has fifty-three students; five alto saxes, two tenor saxes, one baritone sax, a baritone, two french horns, two trombones, one tuba, thirteen clarinets, fourteen flutes, a violin, six trumpets, and four drums.

This year, wind ensemble is playing “That’s All Folks,” “Clarinet Boogie,” “Ahrinang,” “Jazzberry Jam,” and “The Pastoral Symphony.” Sixth-grader Emily Koerner has a flute solo in “Jazzberry Jam.”

Wind ensemble plays at MICCA every year. In MICCA, bands come from around the state to compete. Last year, we won a silver at MICCA, but we hope to get a gold this year! Wind ensemble will also be performing at the Band Blast and at a concert.
**CAUGHT YOU!**
By: Colleen Packard

CAFETERIA—On the bulletin board in the cafeteria, student’s names’ are posted for doing something kind. The student’s names are on butterflies or fish. When adults see nice things, they write the person’s name and what they did and then they hang it up on the bulletin board.

Abby S. volunteered to hold the door at recess. Kathryn, Naomi, and Anthea sat with a classmate who was sitting alone. Olivia L. cleaned up the fifth grade lunch mess. All of these students are on the bulletin board as butterflies. Kati Galavotti pushed chairs out of the way and helped someone. Walter Streeter bought a drink for someone who had no money. Nolen helped Jacob zip up his coat. These students are on the bulletin board as fish. There are more than ten butterflies and fish on the board. Hopefully, the collection of names will keep growing.

Thank you Mrs. Francis for the great idea and bulletin board!

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**THE 100th DAY**
By: Colleen Packard

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS—In honor of the hundredth day of school, kindergarten students collected 100 household things: buttons, pennies, bottle caps, beads, etc. They also wore special hundredth day hats.

Watch for “Skip the Screen Week” coming … April 10th
Who will get to be principal for the day this year?

Family Math/Science/Social Studies Nights Games and Surprises!


See you in May … Destination Imagination … Japanese and Belizean pen pals … last class for whom?