



# Paw Print

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## Classes get off to good start by Jessie Mavros

Students have been introduced to their teachers. Classes have begun to get into the swing of things. Teachers have officially started their lessons, teaching their students new, confusing things that will start to make sense sooner or later. Tests and quizzes have been taken, papers graded, homework finished... With all these things said and done, you would think the

school year would be over already!

Well, sorry to burst your bubble, but it's only first semester. Hey, look on the bright side, only two more quarters to go!

Because of the added on five minutes of school at the beginning of each day, we get to have more days on our breaks! Now, isn't that exciting?

## New elephant named by Amber Pryor

Did you know there was a baby elephant born at the St. Louis Zoo this past summer? Kenzi, was born on June 24, 2011 at 1:13 p.m., weighed 297 pounds, and was thirty-nine inches tall four days after being born. The zoo allowed people to vote online to name the new baby. Kenzi was the favorite by 29,000 votes. Coming in next were the names June, Zoe, and Mya.

A zoo official said, "Rani was protective of her baby from the

start; she did a great job of carrying and giving birth to a beautiful baby." Go see her if you can!



## 911 affects us all by Kate Doerhoff

Did you wonder about the moment of silence on September 11? Well, it was for the tenth year anniversary of the heroes that sacrificed their lives for us on the day of September 11, 2001. Not many kids at our school remember that day because we were all very little, but the teachers and staff sure do.

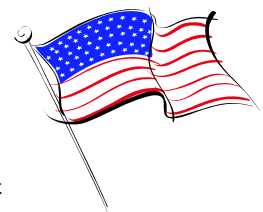
That was the day that two planes crashed into the World Trade Center (Twin Towers) in New York City. The planes were not flown by Americans, either, but by

terrorists. Around 3,000 people died on this terrifying day. The buildings both collapsed under a two hour time span from when they got hit. I heard in theory that the terrorists didn't just pick a random day to attack the towers, but they had that day all planned out to attack.

The reason they picked September 11 is because the abbreviation for that day is 9/11 and that can also be called 911, which means emergency. I also heard another reason they picked that

day is because the towers make an 11 if you look at them a certain way, so they wanted to do it on one of the eleventh days of the month. We are unable to forget about this day because it affected the whole United States no matter where you

lived  
at the  
time.



**Christmas Break: Dec. 22-Jan. 3**

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### Show Choir sings their hearts out! By Chaunte' Cruz

Do you like to sing? Do you like to dance? Well, Show Choir might be for you, if you are a good singer, of course. In Show Choir, you can sing and dance with your friends. This after-school activity will be exciting and you'll love it! It's like choir, but so much more! If this sounds like fun to you, go to room 52 and talk to Ms. Orf for more Information or join this great after-school activity next year.



## How to deal with drama by Emily Henry

I know everyone has dealt with some kind of drama in their middle school experience. Personally, I know there is a lot of drama going on in 7th grade. The best way to handle drama is to stay out of it. If someone tries to ask you what side you're on, just ignore them or you could say, "I am trying to stay out of it."

Another way to avoid drama is by apologizing. If you are accused of doing something, you might as well apologize before it gets out of hand. Even if you think you're right, if you apologize, you'll get out of the problem.

One of the other many ways you can stay out of drama is by being nice. If you are always nice to everyone, you will have no problems. That means no cussing people out, no texting bad things, no fighting, and no spreading rumors.

If you follow these simple rules, Barnwell could be a drama-free school. To me, that sounds AMAZING!



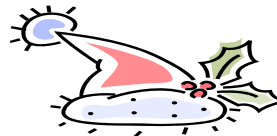
### Barnwell's generous

*The NJHS snowman fundraiser was a success! A lot of money was raised to help the needy. The total will be out after break, but the highest donations came from these Ac Labs: Mrs. Peters, 6th grade, Mrs. Schaich, 7th grade, and Ms. Hansen, 8th grade. Great job, everyone!*

### Have you ordered your yearbook yet?

Here at Barnwell, parents must order our 72 page, all-color, hard-bound yearbooks online, or call the toll-free phone number if preferred. That number is 1-866-287-3096. There is a link to the Yearbook Order Center on the Barnwell homepage. Get your order in now!

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to the whole Barnwell community! Enjoy your time off! See you next year!**



**Sixth Graders read but do away with the reading log summaries** by Amber Pryor

Sixth grade does not have reading logs any more! Instead we are doing an Option Board paragraph. An Option Board is writing a paragraph about the book you are reading using topics like, exposition, theme, and author. This paragraph was due every Monday. The teachers still want us to read twenty minutes each night, but we do not have to get anything signed.

I think this is easier for students because most of us have activities after school and cannot find the time to read twenty minutes every single night.

I like this better because if we finish a book during the week and start a new one, we can just write about one thing and not have to do a summary after every 20 minutes of reading. Also, we can do it in one night and be done with it for the rest of the week and just read for twenty minutes each night.

### Barnwell generously donates food

by Alyssa Brown

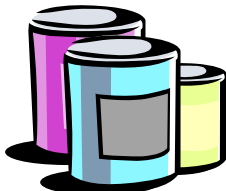
BMS had a canned food drive. This event was for donating cans to the needy through Operation Food Search. The Ac. Labs in each grade with the most cans enjoyed an ice cream party.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade--Orf with 249

7<sup>th</sup> Grade--Curry with 285 (beating Tomicich by 2 items!!)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade--Ferri with 106. Congrats to the class winners! Good job everyone!

Barnwell did even better than last year! Last year we had 1,560 and this year we collected nearly double that, 2,765!



### Barnwell's celebrates Red Ribbon Week

by Kate Doerhoff and Avrie Giambalvo

This year we had a great Red Ribbon Week. Our school celebrated the week by wearing a red ribbon on Monday, long socks on Tuesday, PJ's on Wednesday, mix and matched clothes on Thursday, and a red shirt on Friday.

Students had favorite days. Amber Pryor, a 6th grader, said she liked Monday the best because she liked seeing all the ribbons. Seventh grader, Marjorie Palmer, said the most interesting day was long sock day because she enjoyed seeing all the crazy, long socks people were wearing.

Eighth grader, Tiffany Willenbrock commented she like PJ Day best because people could wear their comfy pj's to school.

We had these fun activities in honor of a policeman named Kiki Camarena, who got kidnapped while trying to save people from drugs. He never came back. That's why the motto for Red Ribbon Week is "Say no to drugs!" This is a version of "Just say no!" first launched in the War on Drugs by First Lady Nancy Reagan in 1982.

