



## Teach It Yourself

Mrs. Walser's Biology classes are doing an activity called a POGIL, which stand for Peer Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning. It is a packet of worksheets in which students investigate concepts and then learn to apply them to a certain topic.

The particular POGIL that they are working with uses examples of bacterial colonies with resistance to chemicals and the peppered moth population pre- and post- Industrial Revolution.

POGILS are common in the classroom, particularly in science classes, and students' feelings depend on the topic they are covering. Some just happen to be more appealing than others, but all are very useful in the students understanding of various concepts.

—Lucas Sondgeroth

## Efficiency is Key

Mr. Schroen's classes are getting busy after their spring break. His Drafting class is getting started on their biggest project of the year, which is creating a blueprint of a crane hook. His Auto Cad class is staying after school this week to finish up their golf course projects. With finalizing their projects, he likes to remind them to measure twice and cut once, so they don't waste material while making their mini-models; however, he likes to remind all of his classes that working slow and thinking about how they will go about their projects is sometimes best to ensure a quality product in whatever they are doing.

—Abbi Schafer

## Infinite Improvements

The most rewarding achievements in Mrs. Mohn's career as the IBES Librarian is being able to see all the students every week and watching them improve their reading skills throughout the school year.

Mrs. Mohn sees young students rent books that may be out of their reading range; however, she says, "Sometimes you have to just let them try because they are so excited."

Mrs. Mohn also loves to watch how proud students feel

when they accomplish both their personal and AR goals.

Mrs. Mohn visits the classes whenever the library is occupied by events that require the space. However, on days with beautiful weather, she tries to take students outside for games and stories.

Students enjoy the library for many reasons. Students simply love to check out different books each week.

Sports books, both nonfiction and fiction, are favored by

both boys and girls. *Monster High* books and *I Survived* books are very popular amongst all age groups.

Weeks prior to holidays, Mrs. Mohn sees a vast increase in holiday books being checked out. On top of holiday books, Mrs. Mohn hands out candy for all the students to enjoy when holidays are near!

—Laenie Swardenski

## Pickleball Time



This week the High School P.E. is participating in one of the students' favorite units of the year: Pickleball.

Pickleball is the unit that most students enjoy most throughout the year. The last couple weeks before Spring Break, the teachers explained the rules and had the students practice their skills in scrimmage games.

The first week back the students are still in the practice stages, but after a week or so the tournaments among the students will begin. They will participate in round-robin tournaments to determine the best players in each class before selecting final match-ups.

—Alexa Hoadley

## This is How We Roll

The middle school PE class has been roller skating this past week. Their teachers, Mr. Vass, Mrs. Merritt, and Mr. Schafer have found that roller skating is an important activity for teenagers.

Mr. Vass knows that roller skating is an activity that people of all ages will participate in throughout their lives. It is also a great cardiovascular activity that works many muscle

groups.

Although many of the students already know proper skating technique, for the ones that don't, it can be difficult to learn how to balance, turn, and maneuver.

Mr. Vass has been attending many of the school's after school events, including: track, softball, and baseball games. He mentioned that he was particularly impressed

with the softball team's victory against Brimfield-Elmwood last Tuesday.

He would also like to notify parents that his Health class has been learning about self-esteem over the past week and will be sharing a project with the class over their interests, goals, and talents.

—Jake Worms

## Taking Off Via Rocket Math

Our third graders are reviewing all the multiplication facts they have learned this year with an activity called Rocket Math. With the new Common Core standards, students are required to have their multiplication skills mastered by the end of the year. Rocket Math is a timed test where students have 1 minute to solve basic multiplication problems.

If the student does not pass they must retake the test until

every question is answered correctly and then they can move on to the next test. The tests gradually get harder starting with the 1s and working their way up until they have completed the full series of Rocket Math.

Last semester the third grade did this same activity only with addition and subtraction where there were a total of 26 levels for the students to complete.

—Julie Hemp

## Caudell's Corner

Mrs. Caudell has been working diligently with her second graders. For Math, they have been focusing on customary units of measurement and comparing lengths and real world problems.

In Science, students are learning about current electricity and static electricity.

Students will also begin studying the American flag soon and will begin a story in Reading called Red, White,

And Blue: The History of the American Flag. Students will be studying flag facts and determining opinions.

The second graders have also started to prepare for their courthouse concert that will take place on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be covered in a future article.

—Emma Overton

## Illini Bluffs Prom: April 25th

Prom 2015: The Enchanted Forest will take place on April 25th, 2015. DJ4U will provide entertainment and Fire Guys Photo Booth will be set-up throughout the dance.

Grand March will precede dinner. From 4:00pm to 5:00pm, attendees can get their pictures taken with Watkins Photography at the high school. Attendees will be lined up at 5:10pm. The theater doors will open at 5:15pm for seating—Tickets are required for entrance. Ticketed guests will be seated before any additional seating or entrance will be allowed. Grand March will begin at 5:30pm and will conclude

with the Royalty Coronation.

Prom will follow at Coyote Creek from 6:30pm to 10:30pm with doors closing at 6:45pm. No entry will be allowed after the doors close. Prizes will be awarded after the senior dance.

This year following prom, the IBFT will host an After Prom at the high school. The event is free to the students who attend Prom. There will be various events and activities for students to participate. More information will follow in the Eye of the Tiger.

For more information regarding Prom, click on The Enchanted Forest icon on the [www.illinibluffs.com](http://www.illinibluffs.com) website.

Royalty voting for Prom took place on the 26th and was announced on the 27th.

The Seniors were asked to vote for eight of their peers who have good grades, participate in extra-curricular activities, are charismatic, outgoing, have the ability to talk to anyone, and are well-rounded individuals.

The class voted for the following students:

- ◇ Aleka Hawkins, Veronica Lee, Victoria Noe, and Alan Young.
- ◇ Wes Cowen, Tyler Hodges, Chet Merritt, and Hayden Tillhof.

Prom fees and registration forms should have been turned in to Mrs. Nau from April 7th-April 10th. Tickets are \$40 each. With each ticket purchase, students are issued two Grand March tickets. Tickets must be picked up April 13th and 14th in the library from Mrs. Nau.

Grand March tickets will go on sale to the public April 15th-17th for \$3.00 each on a first come first serve basis. Each person entering the theater must have a ticket in hand.

Again, visit [www.illinibluffs.com](http://www.illinibluffs.com) and click on the Enchanted Forest icon for full information and forms.

## The I.B. 2015 Production of "Our Town" Was a Success!

Enjoy these photos—A full article will follow next week.



From top left, clockwise: Julie Hemp; Kalyne Pincock and Tyler Hodges; Shannon Hyneman, Mackenzie Bonneville, Traci Knott, and Eric Bell; Tyler Hodges and Julie Hemp; and Moriah Nau and Julie Hemp. Photos by Lindsey Jarrett.