



Rocking On!

By Parker Hewitt

Mr. Schroen taught his middle school students about rocks and the rock cycle.

They also learned about how igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks can transform into each other due to environmental effects.

Igneous rocks are formed when melted minerals, known as magma, cool and creates crystals. Sedimentary rocks are made when small particles, sediment, build up in a river and the pressure makes the sediment are crushed together, forming sedimentary rock.

Metamorphic rocks are created when either sedimentary rocks or igneous rocks are put under a large amount of pressure and heat which transforms it into a new metamorphic rock.

In addition to the normal lesson, the middle schoolers also started a

project involving these kinds of rocks and how to identify them.

With this project, the students also took home a variety of rocks and were asked to figure out a way to classify each rock. The classifications for these rocks included their physical characteristics such as their density, streak, color, grain size, etc.

Mr. Schroen said, "The activity is more im-

portant because kids learn better when they get to actually do something."

He believes that letting students to work on a project with their hands allows them to understand the subject better than just writing down notes.

This interesting project helped students to discover many different types of rocks and learn how each one is formed by its environmental conditions.

Creating a Carnival

By Bethany Cusac

This Friday, the Timber chapter of the National Honor Society helped with the setup of the IBES carnival sponsored by the Illini Bluffs' Parent/Teacher Organization. They helped run the concessions, set-up, manage the games, set-up, manage the games, and clean-up

The carnival had inflatables, games, food, and lots of fun around every corner! It ran from 5:00-7:30 on March, 11 in the Elementary school gym and commons.

A new attraction brought to the carnival is a photo booth and they have brought back the "jail" from popular demand of annual carnival-goers.



**ATTENTION:
Washington, D.C.
Trip Coming Soon!**

By Mandy Seybold

The Illini Bluffs Middle School goes on a trip to Washington, D.C. every other year. The next trip will be June 2nd through June 5th in

the summer of 2017, and Mr. Armstrong, the seventh and eighth grade Social Studies teacher, would like every sixth and seventh grade student to go if possible!

There was an information meeting about the trip on March 2nd at the American Legion in Glasford, but do not

worry if you missed it, you can easily contact Mr. Armstrong at his email, marmstrong@ib327.com. The trip is a once in a lifetime experience because you'll be seeing the White House, touring the U.S. Capitol, seeing the Ford's Theater, the Holocaust Museum, and many others! All meals and travel expenses are included in the cost of the trip, but bring money if you are interested in souvenirs.

Many students have gone on this trip in the past and enjoyed their time spent in D.C. and they want others to experience what they did! Josy Rosenbohm said, "The trip inspired me to make an effort to learn more about history and gave me a new look on how exciting it really is."

Riley Morgan stated, "My favorite part was when we went into the

Ford's Theater where President Lincoln was shot because it really made me feel like I was stepping back into history."

Another student who went was Ben Atkins who said, "I wish I would have paid more attention because looking back the trip was a great time because we always had something new to see."

Mr. Armstrong states, "I'm very excited to be going on another trip to Washington, D.C. and highly encourage all students and parents to take part in this opportunity. It will be educational, fun and an unforgettable experience." Everyone interested in the trip should contact Mr. Armstrong as soon as possible because the deadline with the special reduced deposit is March 20th!

**Experiencing
History**

By Mandy Seybold

With there now being a Peoria Riverfront Museum it gives students around the area the chance to experience what history was like and learn in new ways!

The eighth grade class of Mr. Armstrong got the opportunity last week to take a field trip to the museum where they say "DDAY Nor-

mandy 1944" in 3D which will be their first step into learning about World War 2 next week.

The students also learned about the history of Peoria, the Illinois River, ISHA, where they practiced their various skills in sports, and they also went through the new and traveling Prohibition exhibit. The students had a great time at the museum especially when they got their mug shots with gangsters!



**Taking Over
Track**

By Lexie Swardenski

On Saturday, March 6th, the Illini Bluffs High School track team traveled to Jacksonville for an indoor track meet. With thirty-one schools attending, IBHS was able to place third!

Anthony Hand has

been working all year to improve his track records and it really paid off! He placed first in both Long Jump and Triple Jump. Jackson Sheckler placed first in Shot Put and set a new personal record of 50 feet 2 inches!

Overall, the IBHS track team is already off to achieve a successful season this year!