

Eagle News

Hope Lutheran School

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Hope Students Show their Talents

By Kayana Ishii

Hope Lutheran's annual Talent Show, held March 26, showcased many talents. Students auditioned and practiced beforehand, then the show began with Mrs. Okabayashi giving a speech and an opening prayer.

Next the students started their performances. Kayana, 5th grade, played "Let it Be" on ukulele. Hayden, K, danced to "Better Place." Kate, another kindergartener, tap danced to "Leap."

Third graders Summer and Avery performed piano and song. Summer played "Yankee Doodle," and Avery played "Part of Your World." Then second grade "Jokester Extraordinaire" Barrett told jokes. Another 2nd grader, Theo, read the poetry "My Sister Shrieked, Astonished" and "The Gummies are Coming." Nova, 2nd grade, read the poetry "We Often Walk on Water."

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Top left: Mrs. Buttercup enjoys a spa day with stylists from the 8th grade class. Top right: Emily sells Girl Scout cookies. Right: 2nd grader Gabriella and 4th graders Luciana and Macie dance to "Baby."



Photos courtesy of Hope Lutheran

Many Awards Received at LEST

By Mary Johnson and Kaysen Hoover

The Newspaper club would like to congratulate Hope's students for achieving success in the L.E.S.T. competition, and to extend gratitude to Hope Lutheran School, and all parents for their support.

This year, in academic achievement, Kayana Ishii (5th grade) and Elias Kopecky (7th grade) each received a blue ribbon in original poetry. Kaysen Hoover (7th grade) won a blue ribbon in the Spelling Bee and Michael Raleigh (7th grade) earned first place in Mathematics.

A new event was also added to L.E.S.T this year – a Movie-Making competition, in which Sophia Acevedo (7th grade) received a blue ribbon.

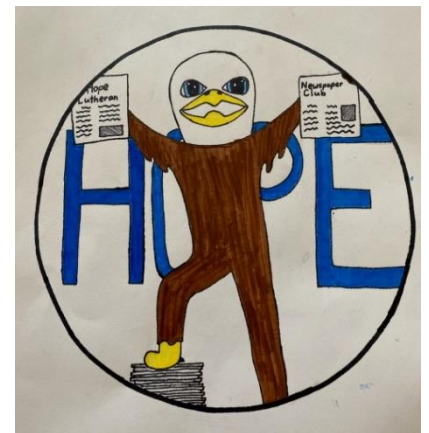
The Hope team scored second place in

the Science competition, one of the highest ranks the team has received in multiple years.

In athletics, Hope's Girls Basketball team reached first place in the consolation bracket. Penny Moor (5th grade) won first place in swimming for the 25-yard breaststroke and Crosby Cook (6th grade) won second place in the 25-yard backstroke. Crosby also won a blue ribbon in Fine Arts, as did Sabrina Evans (8th grade).

In performing arts this year: Glee Club and Drama both achieved blue ribbons, as did Tobi Kunkel (8th grade) and Nora Warfield (6th grade) in vocals and Aria Kopecky (5th grade) in piano. Tobi Kunkel was chosen as the 8th Grade Champion of Character.

Logo Winner



Congratulations to Issabella Stone, 6th Grade, for winning the newspaper logo contest.

Youth Groups Offer Fun for Students Gr 4 to HS

By Emily Esses

Hope offers a variety of religious youth activities throughout the year, these include RÜT and Club45. RÜT is a fun youth meetup every Wednesday from 6-8, it is open to everyone from sixth grade through high school. RÜT begins with a communal meal where people can socialize and enjoy a delicious meal. Then, they move to the chapel for songs and worship, followed by discussion groups. The year starts with a Where's Waldo at the SouthCenter mall, attendees pay for dinner before breaking off into groups to enjoy the mall and search for the many Waldos.

Club45 is also a youth club, but unlike RÜT it is open to only fourth and fifth graders. It is a student planned club, and meets every Wednesday from 6-8. The group joins RÜT for dinner, a meal filled with laughter and fun. Once everyone has eaten, everyone heads to the chapel for songs and discussion. Afterwards, the club separates from RÜT and breaks into small groups to discuss various biblical topics. Finally they head to the gym to do an activity like a craft or a game. An activity they have done in the past is Valentine's Day tag, an activity that was well liked by all.

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Tobi on keyboards,
Piper on electric guitar,
Henry on bass, and
Coco on drums perform
"Revenge" to finish off
the Talent Show March
26th.



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Photo by Richard Figgins

Fifth grader Mary sang "The Milk Carton Song." Then a trio consisting of 2nd grader Gabriella and 4th graders Luciana and Macie danced to "Baby." Aria and Maddie, 5th graders, performed an act called "How to Create a Beautiful Painting." Another 5th grader, Rachele, sang "Locksmith." After that 7th grader Addie sang and played on ukulele "Count on Me." Also, 6th grader Emily accompanied by 4th grader Natalie performed a

from 7th grade performed "Hollow Night," on piano. Afterwards Nora sang "Easy on Me."

Then the Talent Show featured Mrs. Buttercup taking a spa day with the help of the 8th graders. To finish it off, Coco, Piper, Tobi, and Henry (a mix of 8th and 5th graders) performed the song "Revenge." While they played, they showed on screen "Revenge (Creepier Aw Man)."

FEATURE: EDITORIAL

Endangered Species

By Aryan Kaul

Today there are a lot of buildings and man-made structures. So much that animals don't have enough habitat and are dying out. From cutting down trees to climate change we are hurting the animal kingdom. It is bad. Animals are important. Take the bee for example. It collects pollen from flowers so the flowers can make seeds. If bees and other pollinators went extinct, all the flowering plants would die, removing a massive part of the food chain and making most of the animal and plant species die out. Another reason is the Thylacine, an apex predator. They were the only marsupial apex predator until the last one died in Beaumaris Zoo in Hobart in 1936. This amazing animal was one of a kind. They were killed from hunting and exposure to new diseases. Now they're gone because of humans.

Let's not make the same mistake. Now that you have heard why you should help endangered animals, you're probably wondering how to help them the Wild Animal Health Fund suggests:

1. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!
2. Never purchase products made with ivory, real tortoise shells, coral, etc.
3. Support local accredited zoos and aquariums!
4. Donate to organizations created to help our zoo animals and wildlife!

Commentary: Locker Life

By Daniel Kharrazi

Lockers. Yep, those things you get in 5th grade and keep until 12th. To some, it's a place where you express yourself. To others, it's a place for organization. But to most, it's the place where you stuff your backpack.

If you are wandering around the upstairs hallway, you'll see the dark red lockers at almost every turn. Some lockers have decorations: photos, drawings, that kind of stuff. Some have never been touched before, and it seems they never will be. Some lockers are messy on the inside but clean on the outside, or vice versa.

And there's a certain



locker in the school that is infamous for being open all the time, which you've probably seen.

"We at this school are lucky that people do not steal out of them," said Ms. Leah.

No matter how you decide to express yourself through your locker, you can use them for a practical purpose.

"The lockers make it easy for a transition," said Emily Esses, Grade 7.