

# PLAINVIEW INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

February 2019

## JULIE ALTOM, PRINCIPAL

Plainview Intermediate Parents:

It's February already! I'm struggling with that statement, it's February already! The 2018-2019 school year is whizzing by us. As I look at the calendar and count the weeks of school left with students, I am left totally shocked. We have about fourteen weeks left to work with your students and a lot to accomplish.

If you have not scheduled a parent/teacher conference, please contact Mrs. Sarah Carson in the front office. You can reach her at 580-223-6437, and she will be happy to help you. The conferences are scheduled for February 11th from 3:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. **There is only one conference night, so please call.** This is a great opportunity to visit with the teacher about your student's strengths and weaknesses and what you can do at home. The classroom teachers can review the NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) scores for reading and mathematics with you. Students took the on-line tests at the end of January and make-up tests this first week of February. Many students have shown improvement from their fall scores to winter and if here last year in the winter, from winter to winter.

In case you do not have spring break marked on your calendars, please mark the week of March 18th through March 22nd. We are very appreciative of those of you who have scheduled your family trips around the school calendar this year because attendance is one of our campus goals. We are held accountable through the state accountability system for our attendance percentage, and the state is tracking chronic absenteeism. Students being at school and on time is extremely important and is a beginning step of forming life-long habits. Mrs. Kelsey Tucker and Mrs. Alicia Foster are tracking our attendance, and "top finisher" treats are being awarded monthly in each grade level.

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

On February 1st, Plainview Intermediate students attended the kick-off assembly for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. The presentation educated students on living a heart healthy lifestyle. Some of the healthy habits are drinking water, eating fruits and veggies, and the importance of being physically active. Most importantly, we learned how to help kids with heart disease. We can help raise money by collecting donations during the month of February. Coach Fincher stated, "I'm looking forward to a fun month teaming up with the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge and teaching our youth about healthier choices and making lifestyle changes to better their future." Packets were sent home last week with more information. Don't forget to download the Kids Heart Challenge app!

By Hannah Webster

## YEARBOOK COVER WINNERS

This year, fourth and fifth graders were given the opportunity to enter an "adventurous" drawing contest. The winners will have their artwork placed on the 2018-2019 yearbook



cover. Fifth grader, Elizabeth Yue, and fourth grader, Magaly Avila, were the winners. Elizabeth said, "My favorite part was designing the drawing and coloring." Magaly said, "I enjoyed the 'adventure' theme." Both winners were surprised they were victorious. Great job, Elizabeth and Magaly!

By Ethan Savage

## UPCOMING DATES

### Feb 4th & 25th: Discovery Club

Discovery Club students will meet on these two dates

### Feb 8th: Indian Beat

Join us as Mrs. Adkins' class leads Indian Beat

### Feb 11th: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held from 3:30-9:30 p.m. with appointment

### Feb 15th: PT Conference Release Day

No School

### Feb 18th: Professional Day

No School

### Feb 22nd: Indian Beat

Join us as Mrs. Piatt's class leads Indian Beat

### Feb 28th: Class Picture Day

## COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

College and Career Readiness Week is recognized during the week of February 19th-22nd. The counselors, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Tucker, have organized activities for students to learn about higher education and different types of careers. One of the activities is the Career Vehicle Day on February 21st where local businesses will have their vehicles in the Plainview parking lot with workers there to explain the career field. A few of the businesses are Swink Heating and Air, Kerr Pump and Flow Valve, Ideal Home Health, and Legacy Landscape.

There will be two dress-up days during that week. One will be to dress in your favorite college shirt and the other will be to dress as something you want to be when you grow up. Mrs. Tucker said, "We hope College and Career Readiness Week will inspire students and get them excited about their future."

By Hunter Miller

## SUPERBOWL SURVEY

As many of you know, Super Bowl LIII has come and gone, with the Patriots beating the Rams 13-3. But what did our fifth graders expect?

Bo Brewster told us he was rooting for the Patriots because of their good overall structure and of course, Tom Brady. Amirah Stevenson is pretty unbiased and rooted for the Rams only because well, Boo Patriots! Our fifth grade science teacher, Mrs. Simmons, also wanted the Rams to win, but if the Dallas Cowboys were playing, it'd be a totally different story! In computer technology class, Mrs. Christensen ran a survey asking 5th grade students their game day preferences. 63.1% of students chose Patriots to win, while 36.9% chose Rams. Most students said their favorite part of game day was watching the game. 13.8% of the students interviewed said they didn't even watch the game. A small portion chose the halftime show. Barely anyone chose the commercials. No surprise! Where would we be without snacks? Pizza stole the show at 40%; next was wings at 27.7%; right after was hot dogs at almost 17%; and finally nachos trailed at 15.4% of the votes. Personally, I LOVE hot dogs. Please see the next page for official Super Bowl survey results.

By Ethan Savage

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Four students from Mrs. Roskams' 5th grade class wrote the articles for the February newsletter. The students are Hunter Miller, Braydon Walden, Ethan Savage, and Hannah Webster. To see a color edition of the newsletter, please visit the Plainview website and select Plainview Intermediate.

[www.plainview.k12.ok.us](http://www.plainview.k12.ok.us)



## MEET THE TEACHER

Susan Perkins is a 5th grade teacher at Plainview Intermediate.



She is married to Will Perkins and has two boys, Maddox (age 7) and Liam (age 5). She attended Ardmore Christian School and East Central University. Mrs.

Perkins has been teaching for 16 years, 14 of those being at Plainview.

Who do you look up to as a mentor? *Nancy Schmedt and Carol Ricketts*

What could you give a 30 minute presentation over with absolutely no preparation? *Shopping*

What is the best compliment you've ever received? *That I made a difference in a child's life.*

What is your favorite thing about this time of year? *Snow days and sweaters*

If you could go on vacation anywhere in the world, where would it be? *Hawaii*

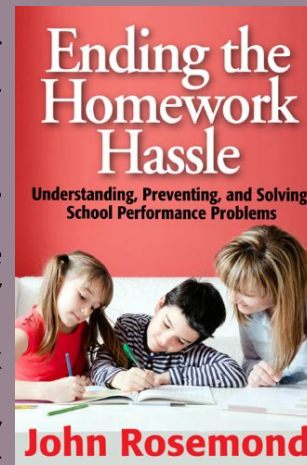
What is your best piece of advice? *Be yourself*

What do you like best about being a teacher? *Helping kids*

By Braydon Walden

## HELP WITH HOMEWORK

"Ending the Homework Hassle" is a book written by John Rosemond that helps parents with tips for how to deal with homework. The ABC's of homework in the book stand for: A = all by myself, B = back off, and C = call it quits. If a child has homework, the author suggests finding them a quiet place such as a bedroom, but not a place where people are running around such as a kitchen. The child needs to do the homework by themselves. Some children think they need parents so they can do their work. The child needs to ask for help before you help them. Parents should set a deadline for homework to be finished so the child has time to play and get ready for bed. Mrs. Inselman, 3rd grade teacher, said, "I have tried it at home with my children and it cut work time in half." Give it a try and see if it helps.

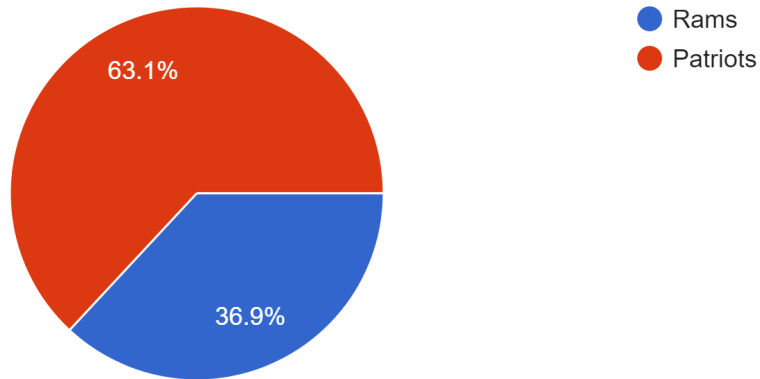


By Braydon Walden

# 5th Grade Super Bowl Survey Results

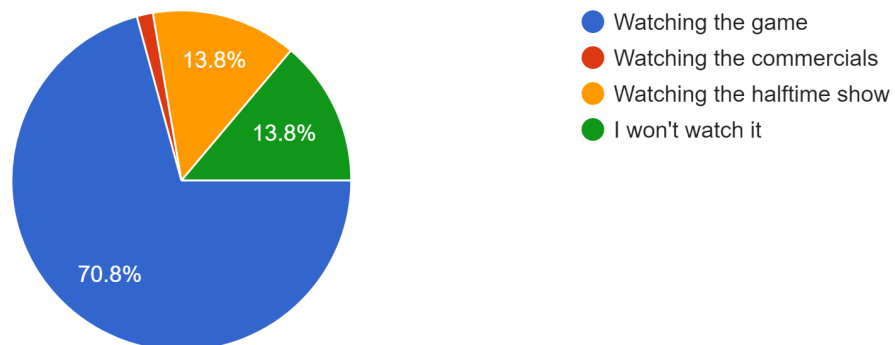
Who do you think will win the Superbowl?

65 responses



What is your favorite part of the Superbowl?

65 responses



What is your favorite game day snack?

65 responses

