



THE EAGLE EYE

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SouthParks "Icy" Decision

By Charlotte Britt

It all began on Wednesday October 4, 2015 when Simon Mall made the decision to replace the traditional Christmas tree at 19 of their Malls across the US and replace them with an "Ice Glacier"! Yikes! Some people said it looked like a "Stormtrooper Village", while others said it looked like a scene from "Frozen"! Peoples reactions were "huh?", "what?" and mostly "Why?!" Ms. Yonkovig, a 4th grade teacher at Eastover said, "When I heard this news, I was very sad. I love Christmas!". Eastover student Alexis Shaw said "It's been a tradition for a long, long time. You can't just take it away!". Another Eastover student, Anne Riley Price said she liked to admire the tree because it was so huge and awesome! Both girls wondered why they took it away in the first place.

Within 24 hours of the news breaking, there were hashtags like #glaciergate and an online petition to bring the tree back had over 24,000 signatures. A local family (mine) even created a funny song about it. It was funny but impactful.

48 hours later our message was heard! David Simon, CEO of Simon Malls, agreed to bring back the tree! Our community really came together to fight for the SouthPark Mall tradition!



Did you know that in Japan they eat KFC for the holidays? They must pre-order their chicken weeks in advance. They follow up their fried chicken meal with a tasty Christmas cake for dessert!

Don't Get Sick! By Hadley Smith

We all know the very, very bad FLU! We have all had it, I think. We are fine, having fun with friends and then BANG. You feel like your brain is smashing against your skull, and your throat burns! These are common signs of the flu. When you get the flu, try to stay home! That includes you, teachers! There are a couple things you can do to stop the flu. 1. Get a flu shot or the mist. They say the shot works better. I agree except I got the mist because it hurt less! 2. Be sure to wash your hands A LOT! And don't forget to cleans your desks too. 3. Be sure to cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough.

Welcome to the first edition of The Eagle Eye! We hope you enjoy it. We have a crew of approximately 20 Eastover students who applied for their positions. They will be coming up with ideas for stories, writing articles, drawing cartoons, reporting the weather and even giving you horoscopes and fun facts!

If you have ideas for the paper or any comments, please let us know. Email Mrs. Diebolt at Carola.diebolt@cms.k12.nc.us

FUN FACT #1:

Of the 128 million Christmas trees sold, 33 million are real and 95 million are fake!

FUN FACT #2:

Christmas trees need to be at least 14 years old before they are cut down to be sold at the holidays!



NO SCHOOL

December 21– January 4
Have a wonderful break!
See you in 2016!



MOVIE REVIEW

"Charlie Brown Christmas" by Lilly Smitherman

This movie is a classic because all your favorite Peanuts characters make a comeback for Christmas. As usual the characters of this movie can bring the truth and some good laughs to the screen. We see psychiatric help from Lucy and the true meaning of Christmas from warm-hearted Linus Van Pelt. (the one with the blanket) Charlie Brown is faced with an opportunity also. For those who don't know, Charlie Brown has very bad luck.

I think this movie is one of the best of the Peanuts series of movies. "Charlie Brown Christmas" is a movie you won't regret seeing.

Check out some of the other Peanuts movies:

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving



WEATHER FOCUS: El Nino by Haley Cannady

Do you know what El Nino is? El Nino is Spanish for very wet weather. Do you like snow? Well, El Nino also means there could be a lot of snow! The state of Colorado has already had a lot of snow! There has already been up to 24 inches and there is so much more coming! We may have a lot of snow days this year, so be ready to bundle up to play outside in the snow.

Interviews

Brad Panovich

by **Austin Haenni**

Local weatherman and head meteorologist at WCNC, Brad Panovich, was nice enough to answer a couple questions I asked him about weather.

Me: What do you think about weather?

BP: I love it. There are many things that are always changing and having a huge impact on our daily lives.

Me: Do you think people pay less attention to the weather than they should? If so, what do you think they should do differently?

BP: I think at times people don't get a reliable forecast from local knowledgeable meteorologists. There is too much dependency on data from apps. When the weather is calm this goes unnoticed. When it is severe it becomes a big deal.

Me: What do you think of my school doing its own paper with weather articles?

BP: I think it's a great idea. Don't worry if you make mistakes! Learn from them and get better!



SPORTS

By Liza Mackey and

Matthew Naper



Charlotte Hornets

December Schedule

Dec. 11 @ Memphis

Dec. 12 Boston

Dec. 16 @ Orlando

Dec. 17 Toronto

Dec. 19 @ Washington

Dec. 21 @ Houston

Dec. 23 Boston

Dec. 26 Memphis

Dec. 28 Los Angeles

Dec. 30 Los Angeles

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Charlotte Hornets [DELL CURRY](#)

By Liza Mackey

If you don't know Dell Curry, he was the first player for the Charlotte Hornets! He was born June 25, 1964 which makes him 51. He is married to his wife, Sonya and they have 3 kids....Stephen, Seth and Sydel.

Dell went to Fort Defiance HS and then went on to Virginia Tech. Dell was a shooting guard for the Hornets. In his career he shot 9,839 2 pointers and 929 3-pointers. He played for the Hornets from 1988-1998.

Dell son, Steph, currently plays for the Warriors and is one of the top players in the NBA. His son, Seth, plays in the NBA also. He plays for the Sacramento Kings.



Carolina Panthers Schedule

Sun, Dec. 6 @ New Orleans Saints...W

Sun, Dec. 13 vs. Atlanta Falcons

Sun, Dec. 20 @ NY Giants

Sun, Dec 27 @ Atlanta Falcons

Sun, Jan. 3 vs. TB Buccaneers



Cam Newton is known for his dances and Superman pose in the end zone after the Panthers score. Some people don't like it.

What do YOU think?

Should Cam be able to celebrate a TD by dancing in the end zone? Yes or No?

Christmas Around the World by Hope Hylinski



When you hear the words winter holidays, you might think that that means Christmas celebrations or New Years celebrations. But around the world people celebrate other holidays in the Winter.

The Chinese New Year is one of the main traditional Chinese holidays. It is on different dates each year, but always between January 21 and February 20. there are 2 important colors of this holiday—red and gold. Red is said to bring luck while gold is said to bring wealth. Traditional New Year's Eve dinner is fish, noodles and dumplings.

Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah. The holiday honors Maccabees victory over King Antiochus. (he forbid Jews to practice their religion) Hanukkah is 8 nights celebrated with prayer, lighting of the menorah and food. The Hanukkah menorah has 9 candles, one for each night and a helper candle. Children play, sing, and exchange gifts. Latkes (potato pancakes) are served with applesauce or sour cream.

Kwanza is celebrated December 26—January 1. It is to show respect for African heritage. Friends and family exchange gifts and light 7 candles. (black, red and green) for the 7 values of African family life. The values are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, economics, purpose, creativity and faith. These values are very important to Kwanza.

Now you know about more holidays than just Christmas and New Years. Around the world there are unique and different holidays. I hope you all have happy holidays this year no matter how you celebrate!

HOROSCOPES by Lila Slayden

JANUARY: Determination is the wake up call to the human will.

FEBRUARY Every exit is a new entrance to a new experience.

MARCH: Your natural charm will attract someone special.

APRIL: When one door closes another door will open.

MAY: The past belongs in the past. Now is the time for a new beginning.

JUNE: People learn little from success, but much from failure.

JULY: Time heals all wounds. Keep your chin up.

AUGUST: Happiness isn't an outside job. It's an inside job.

SEPTEMBER: Minutes are worth more than money so spend them wisely.

OCTOBER: Small opportunities are often the beginning of a great experience.

NOVEMBER: Don't worry about money. The best things in life are free!

DECEMBER: If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you dream it, you can become it.

The Eagle Eye Staff
wishes everyone a very
Happy Holiday!

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