

# Lumberjack Times

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## Interview with Mrs. Liapis

*By Berkley P. & Maya F.*

We had the honor of interviewing our retiring teacher, Mrs. Liapis. We learned some very interesting details about her life!

MF (Maya): "When did you start teaching?"

ML (Mrs. Liapis): "I started teaching for Oakwood in 1995."

BP (Berkley): "How many years have you taught?"

ML: "Altogether, I've taught for 29 years."

MF: "What was your favorite activity to do with the students?"

ML: "Probably doing Pirate Ship and roller skating. Sorry, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders! You'll get to roller skate soon!"

BP: "What are you looking forward to doing in your retirement?"

ML: "I am looking forward to working in the garden, going to Greece, and playing with my grandkids!"

MF: "What was your favorite COTA performance/things we did?"

ML: "I really liked when the 6th graders did the Gummy Bear Dance last year. It was fun to watch!"

BP: "What will you miss most?"

ML: "I will miss all the amazing staff here and the kids."

MF: "Why did you start teaching?"

ML: "In college, I had the choice to become a teacher or something else, and I chose teacher and started in Salt Lake City."

BP: "Last question, what was your favorite year?"

ML: "Hmmm, that's a tough one! I don't think I have a favorite."



## Family Day!

*By Morgan B.*

Can you believe that Family Day has been going on for 3 years? Mrs. Jacobs, the 3rd grade teacher, gave us some information about Family Day that I bet you didn't know! First, the Family Day activities are decided using a committee and student input, so in the future if you have some ideas, I bet she would love to hear from you! Secondly, last year Smith students raised \$491 which paid for 4,000 meals for kids in orphanages in Lesotho, South Africa. On Family Day this year, they will set up lines where students and families can take turns packing meals. They are hoping to raise more money and pack more meals this year!

What are the most popular activities? Four of the most popular activities are S.T.E.M. activities, packing meals for Lesotho, outdoor lawn games, and Kona Ice. Mrs. Jacobs says that her favorite part of Family Day is watching families interact with each other and share a great last day together! Family Day is on the last day of school, May 30th from 12:30-2:00!

# Spring is Here

*Original poem by Ceci M.*

*Spring is coming through the door  
Spring is here at our window  
The sun is peeking through the clouds  
Warmth is seeping through the ground*

*Our time was fun here  
As 6th graders  
And we have so many good memories  
Here as 6th graders*

*Soon we have to say goodbye  
As we go to the junior high  
But there is always next year  
And there will be more new memories*

## May Events:

### **TIMBER**

Wednesday, May 8  
11:00 am

### **3rd Grade Sharing Program**

Thursday, May 9  
10:45 am & 1:15 pm

### **6th Grade Ancient History Museum**

Wednesday, May 15  
9:00 am - 10:00 am

### **That Day In May**

Saturday, May 18

### **1st Grade Zoo**

Friday, May 24  
11:00 am & 1:00 pm

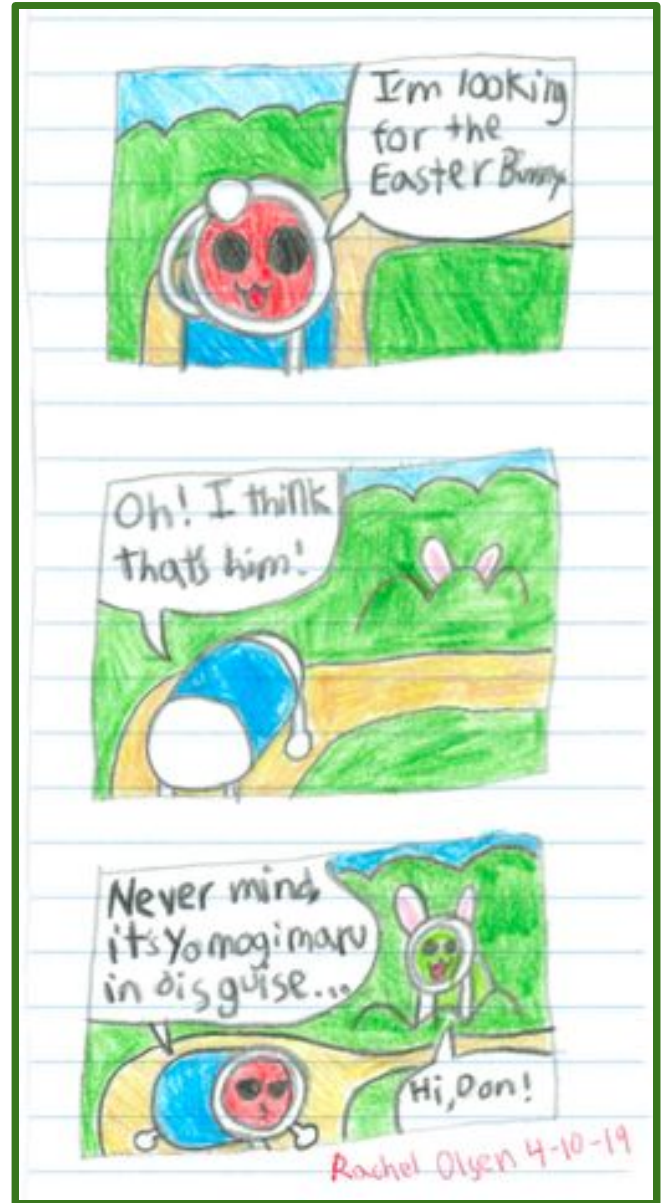
### **6th Grade Promotion Assembly**

Wednesday, May 29th

### **Family Day**

Thursday, May 30th  
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

*Comic by Rachel O.*



# Feelin' Groovy

By Elina E., Emma G., & Evelyn C.

*You can't stop the beat!* This song and so many more were sung at this year's COTA. It took a lot of hard work from Mrs. Liapis, Mrs. Ellis, Mr. Thompson, and of course all the students. This was one to remember because this year Mrs. Liapis is retiring - meaning that this year was her last COTA. It was also the last COTA performance for the sixth graders. Avery A. in Mrs. Henry's class says that her favorite dance was *Soul Bossa Nova* and that she was sad about this being her last year. Evelyn C. in Miss Brouwer's class says that she thought the show went well and that Mr. Thompson did a great job organizing it. She also says that incoming 5th graders will have so much fun.

This was Mrs. Liapis' last year, so she got to pick all the songs. All of the songs were from the 60s and 70s. The sixth grade also did a disco dance to *Stayin' Alive*. Some of the songs were *Hey Jude* by the Beatles, *You Can't Stop The Beat* from Hairspray, and *Somebody To Love* by Queen. Mrs. Liapis says that she liked picking out the music because it was all music from her childhood. Mr. Thompson said that his favorite part of COTA was looking at the art work before the show started. He says that he loves to see it on display.

"Five, six, seven, eight," is what some people might have heard Mrs. Ellis say before you started to dance. She says that when coming up with a dance she goes back to the original movie and looks at the choreographer's style. "I don't like to copy moves," she says, "but I try to stay true to the style of dance."

This year everyone did great, and we can't wait to see how *The Greatest Showman* plays out next year. I hope that the fourth graders (soon to be fifth graders) will join chorus next year and take part in this amazing experience.



Brigid, Ashley, Alison, & Kate are all dressed up and ready to perform!



Vaughn strikes a pose.



Griffin is ready to dance!



## Favorite Smith Memories Survey

By Anna E.

Some of my favorite Smith memories are Glen Helen, first-grade zoo, skating, COTA, and Houk Stream/Loy Gardens. My favorite was Glen Helen, when we went to a camp and participated in fun activities for three days.

I surveyed some students in my class to see which one they liked best. Here are the top three:

**1st Place (tie): Glen Helen**, the fun outdoor camp for fifth graders! They experience wildlife, hiking, and fun icebreakers to get to know everyone better.

**1st Place (tie): COTA**, where the fifth and sixth grade chorus perform and fifth and sixth grade classes show their gym and cooperation skills.

**3rd Place: Houk Stream/Loy Gardens**, two nature parks in Oakwood where most grades visit to learn about nature.

## Battle of the Books

The first annual Battle of the Books between Harman & Smith schools took place on Thursday May 2, 2019 in the Harman auditorium. In all, fifty-one students answered jeopardy-style questions about the Lumberjack Reading List books. In order to participate, these students had to read all twelve of the nominated books on this year's list.

Ms. Jacqui Taylor from Wright Library graciously served as moderator for the event. It took fifty-seven questions, two bonus questions and two tiebreakers to declare a winner! The members of the runner-up team from Smith were Ella W., Berkley P., Keira H., Bella M., Abbie S., and Emma B. Great job, team!



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## Celebration of the Arts

Thanks to the custodians for setting up the gym, Mrs. Liapis for the P.E. demonstration, Mr. Thompson for Feelin' Groovy, and Mrs. Mullins for the amazing art show!



Ryan belts out a high note.



Micah, Vaughn, Anna, & Sophie play *Sweet Caroline*.