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\* Be Safe

**St. Patrick's Day by Diala A. and Kiandra P.**

The first time St. Patrick's Day was celebrated was back in 1737 and not in Ireland! It was celebrated in Boston, Massachusetts because a lot of Irish immigrants lived there. People all over the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day which is on March 17th. There are many ways the holiday is celebrated; the most common way is to wear something green so you don't get pinched!

Some people actually take a trip to Ireland where there are all kinds of festivities going on. The people in Illinois have a 52 year tradition that they dye the Chicago river green! The Chicago river is 156 miles

long and runs through the entire city so you can see it from about anywhere you go. Parades are another way people celebrate St. Patrick's Day; New York City has the oldest and largest parade in the United States. The first parade in NYC was on March 17, 1762! Can you believe that was before the Declaration of Independence was signed???

When it comes to food, the traditional meal for St. Patrick's Day is feasting on Corned Beef, Cabbage and Boiled White Potatoes; which in many places is served with Irish Soda Bread. Most homes and restaurants throughout the

nation serve this meal on the 17th; some people prefer to have a leg of lamb with parsley potatoes and carrots or Irish Stew for St. Patrick's Day. The holiday is in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick was born in Britain sometime in the 4th century and died on March 17th and a local church made him a saint and named the holiday after him.



**Student Council by Amaris J. and Nyesha D.**

Student council is a group of students who along with Miss Jones, do projects and fundraising for our school and the community. The students work hard on their team building skills as well as leadership skills. Every year the student council

raises money for a scholarship and awards it to a former Fieler student who is going to college. The students will be selling Smencils school wide to reach their goal so they can present the scholarship at the award ceremony in May.



## Meet the Staff by G'Niyah S. and Tayla W.

Mr. Polites is an amazing teacher. We interviewed him to get to know him better and this is what we learned:

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Into the Wild - Christopher McCandles

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Feta Cheese

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Playing the mandolin & guitar

Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

A: Asada Grill and Cantina



Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: The Fourth of July

Q: Where do you like vacationing?

A: Michigan, Wisconsin & Kentucky

Q: What do you do when you go?

A: Go swimming and camping

Q: What is your favorite TV show?

A: The Man in the High Castle

Q: How do you spend your weekends?

A: Spending time with my family and taking my daughter place to place

## MLB Spring Training by Damien L. and Juan P.



The Chicago Cubs are in the middle of their Spring Training in Mesa Arizona at their winter facility called Sloan Park. The Chicago White Sox are in the middle of their Spring Training in Glendale Arizona at their winter facility called Camelback Ranch. This is all part of Cactus League play; which are all practice games until the beginning of April when baseball season officially begins. The Cubs made it to the playoffs last year and then went on to win the 2016 World Series! The Chicago White Sox won the World Series in 2005. We did a survey and the Cubs got 63% of the vote and Sox got 37% of the vote for the favorite team at Fieler.



## G.A.P. Program with Miss Collins by Zaria M. and Angel M.

The G.A.P. Program has taken two trips so far this school year. The kids have enjoyed an afternoon at SkyZone Trampoline Park in Schererville and then lunch at CiCi's Pizza. They also attended Build-A-Bear Workshop where furry friends were created and outfitted in the finest clothes and shoes. Lunch and ice cream was served to everyone that attended the outing.



We are planning on having the Game Truck come to Fieler in May so the kids can enjoy playing video games! This program is completely funded by Mike Anderson Chevrolet's Giving Back to the Community Program. The intention is to provide well planned, unique and meaningful experiences for these exceptional kids. We are proud to be the recipient of this funding for 5 consecutive years thanks to Miss Collins!



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# Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

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CELTIC	DUBLIN	GREEN
IRELAND	IRISH	LEGEND
LEPRECHAUN	LIMERICK	PATRICK
POTOFGOLD	RAINBOW	SAINT
SHAMROCK	SNAKES	

