Where can you go to school, zoom on a zipline, and canoe on a lake all on the same day? That’s right! Science Camp.

Wortham Oaks’ fifth and sixth graders went to Science camp on October 16-18, 2019. The camp is held at YMCA Twin Lakes in Austin, Texas. The weather was cool and rainy which made the experience even better.

Wildcats participated in a variety of learning activities. Some of the topics they learned about were energy, erosion, the Carbon Cycle, adaptations, and astronomy. The camp counselors provided engaging lessons and activities for all. According to Marley Hargita, a fifth grader, the most liked activity was the ziplining. The zipline is attached to a tall tower. The counselors attach each student to a safety harness. Then, students take turns climbing up metal hooks to get to the top. The counselor puts a hook on the safety belt, and then it’s up to each student to take a step off the platform. Then they are sailing through the skies. It is terrifying and exciting all at once.

While the Wildcats were at camp, they stayed in cabins with parent volunteers who served as chaperones.

The students ate wonderful, homemade meals while at camp. Wildcats enjoyed everything from breakfast tacos to cupcakes. Students were offered a variety of nutritional choices to choose from as well as lemonade, water, and more to drink.

When you go to the zipline whenever you’re climbing don’t look down because it’ll look like you went up really far. The hardest part is the step to get up! It’s super fun! (We need a quote from a 5th or 6th grader here)

Another popular activity was canoeing. When you’re canoeing make sure you put some strength into your paddling. It can be a little confusing because if you’re trying to go straight, you paddle in the opposite direction of your partner. If you are trying to go left, you have to paddle to the right. Luckily, the Wildcats caught on quickly and no one fell out of the Canoes!

Clearly, Science Camp is a wonderful experience that Wildcats will surely remember forever.
Witches, clowns, and wizards...oh my!

Wortham Oaks Elementary hosted their first Fall Carnival on Friday, October 25 from 5:30-7:30. The event raised money for our campus activity account which helps students participate in various activities such as field trips or Field Day in the spring.

Many Wildcats were able to make it to Wortham Oaks’ inaugural event even though a chilly cold front had blown in. There were hundreds of students, friends, family, and teachers dressed up in their Halloween costumes. The most popular seemed to be the wizards and witches from the world of Harry Potter.

There were many tasty foods and snacks for sale including sausage wraps, brisket tacos, hot dogs, and nachos. There were also sodas and other beverages available. Most items were priced between one to three dollars.

We also had plenty of exciting and unique activities to keep children of all ages busy. There was a hayride, inflatable obstacle course, a monster nose-picking activity, soda bottle ring toss, fishing, and so much more.

On the stage, there was a pumpkin patch filled with character-inspired pumpkins. Some of the characters were the Pout Pout Fish, Ladybug Girl, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Spectators could view the pumpkins and vote on their favorite. The votes were tallied at the end of the event, and several students from each grade level won.

The most popular event was the Spooky House. From a terrifying Jack-in-the-Box to a wicked witch, there were plenty of frightening sights to keep visitors scared. The Spooky House provided hours of terror and screams for our Wildcats, their families, and friends.

There were also many ways for adults to donate to Wortham Oaks by bidding on various products, tickets, and gift baskets. There were also many vendors and business owners that were promoting and selling their products at the event.

Overall, the carnival raised over $5,000.00 for our campus activity fund.
Club News
By: Marley Hargita

Battle of the Books
Members are working on making question cards for the books that they are currently reading. Eventually, they should have a total of 25 cards for each book that they have read! Some of the books the members are reading are The Cabinet of Wonders, Refugee, Out of My Mind, The One and Only Ivan, and The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.

NEHS
NEHS recently selected their officers for the school year. For President they elected Noelle Sherman, vice president is Toni Apodaca, and Shelby Welch was chosen for secretary. Congrats to all the officers, and to everyone who ran! All the speeches were amazing!

Student Council
Student Council elected their officers for the school year. Abram Martinez is president and vice president is Julianna Encarnacion. For Secretary members elected Brooke Rendon, and treasurer is Mikala Herbert. Additionally, all the members helped count the food and candy for the Fall Festival.

Ms. Burrows Gives Students the “Gift of Song”
By Jackson Flores

Every wildcat knows our wonderful music teacher, Ms. Marsha Burrows. But did you know that she has been a music teacher for 39 years? That’s right! She has a lot of experience helping children make beautiful music.

Ms. Burrows went to Hardin-Simmons University and the University of Texas at San Antonio. Before teaching at Wortham Oaks, she taught at Crestview Elementary. Ms. Burrows enjoys teaching music because she feels that, “Music is the right of every individual! Every child should learn to raise their voices in song.”

As you may already know, Ms. Burrows is not only a singer, but also a skilled musician. She loves to both play and teach piano to others. Her favorite instrument to use in addition to the piano is the recorder because it’s a great tool to reinforce note reading.

If you can’t ever get enough music in your life, Ms. Burrows offers choir to 3-6th grade Wildcats. Choir students participate in the Judson Jingle Bell Jamboree which is this Saturday (12/7), Mr. Gattis Night, the Wortham Oaks Holiday Concert, and the spring musical. Choir meets before school in the music room throughout the week.

In order to be a member of the W.O.W. Choir, students should be good citizens, maintain good grades and attendance. Fourth and fifth grade students may even audition for District Honor Choir.

For students who like to take their love of music to the next level, there are many other ways to participate in music related activities. For example, in the spring, we have Music Memory Club for third, fourth, and fifth graders which also participates in the district and state UIL competition. In this activity, students learn about the world of classical music and composers. Every year, all fourth and fifth grade students sing and play their recorders at the San Antonio Symphony.

Ms. Burrows hopes that all her students will take music with them and use what they’ve learned throughout their lives. Thank you Ms. Burrows for the gift of song!
Lady Wildcats make Wortham Oaks proud during first fall season

By: Alex Bonds

Have you noticed anything WILD happening around the school? Well, it must have been our all girls basketball team.

There are ten girls on the Wildcats basketball team. The players are in fifth and sixth grade. The Wildcats basketball team practices every morning before school and after school several times a week.

They have played in several tournaments this season. Each game and tournament has taught the players a new skill and has given them lessons about teamwork that they can use both on and off the court.

The Wildcats have received numerous compliments from other teams’ coaches about their sportsmanship and positive attitude.

When the team isn't practicing, they find ways to bond off the court. For example, the team recently went to a University of Texas at San Antonio basketball game. The Wildcats were able to watch experienced players at the Roadrunners tournament.

So far, the Wortham Oaks basketball team is committed to working hard and doing their best. According to Coach Ennis, “The hardest thing about coaching is getting everybody on the same page.” Thanks to a great team of girls this year, they are making his job a lot easier.
Book Review: *The Boo-Boos That Changed The World*

By: Ysabella McGinnes

The book *The Boo-Boos That Changed the World* by Barry Wittenstein is a true story about an accidental invention. A man and a woman named Earl and Josephine Dickson lived in an average house with average supplies. The problem was that Josephine was a bit klutzy and always got hurt when working in the kitchen. She would injure herself with knives, cheese graters, and even boiling water! This worried Earl, and he wanted to help her. So he thought everyday, until he got it… bandages!

Recommended for grades: 2nd - 4th
Wildcat paws: 4 out of 5 paws

Movie Review: “Back to the Future”

By: Kaleab Licon

“Back to the Future” is a classic movie that everyone should see. The two main characters are Marty and Doc Brown. They are able to travel to the future with Doc’s time machine and his dog, Einstein. Doc uses the lightning strike on the clock tower to give the time machine enough energy to power the flux capacitor to travel through time. Marty, a teenager, travels with Doc Brown. They end up in the year 1955 where Marty encounters all kinds of trouble. Including meeting his mom when she was younger (years before he was born)!

Wildcat Paws: 5 out of 5 paws
Poll: What Are Wildcats Most Thankful For?

Data compiled by Caleb Larcom

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Jokes and Riddles
Compiled by: Aidan Catlin

**Q:** What did the pumpkin say to the pumpkin carver?
A: Cut it out!

**Q:** What did the little tree say to the big tree?
A: Leaf me alone.

**Q:** Why shouldn`t you tell secrets in a corn field?
A: Because corn has ears!

**Q:** How do you mend a broken pumpkin?
A: With a pumpkin patch!

**Q:** What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?
A: Squash!

**Q:** Why do trees hate tests?
A: Because they get stumped on the questions.

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