

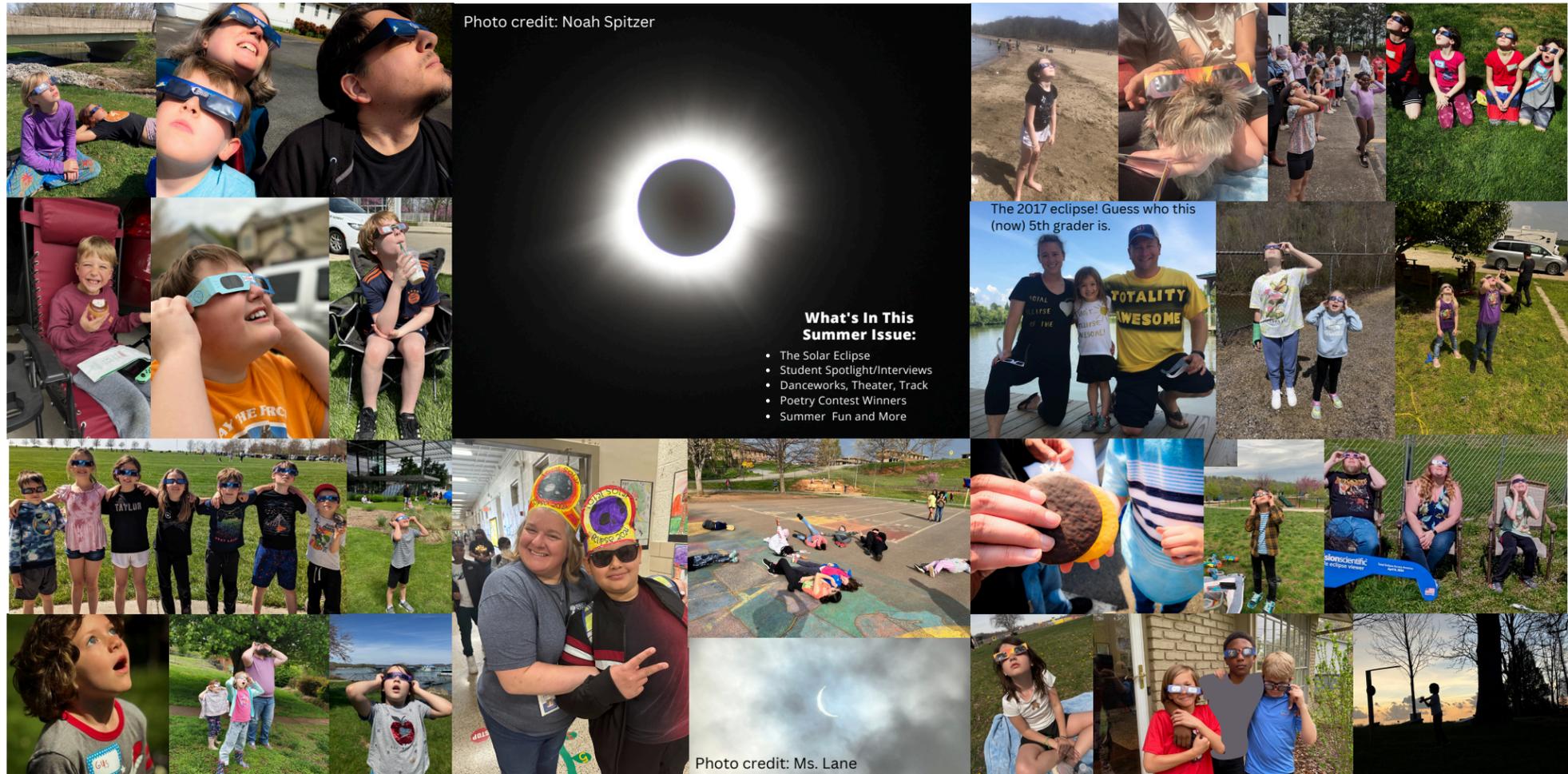


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BMA BEARS LOOK UP DURING HISTORICAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

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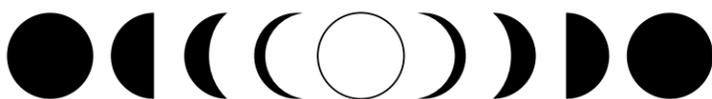
A historical solar eclipse occurred here in the U.S. on April 8, 2024. We consider it historical because we may only get to experience this a few times in our life. It was a cloudy that day in Knoxville, but some bears were still able to get a glimpse of the eclipse whether they traveled (some as far as Texas!) or caught a break in the clouds. A couple of our reporters researched what a solar eclipse is and found some really interesting information.

The solar eclipse is when the moon goes between earth and the sun causing the moon to cover up the sun and give a sunset feel to the skies. It's very important while trying to view the eclipse to wear protective eye wear. The sun can really damage our eyes if we look straight at it. Knox county schools gave students special protective glasses to watch the eclipse safely.

Some people like to go eclipse chasing or go to different areas to see the eclipse. If you weren't able to see the eclipse because the sky was cloudy because of rain, we've included pictures with this article so you can see what the partial eclipse looked like. For a total solar eclipse to take place, the Sun, Moon, and Earth have to be in a direct line. Unfortunately, we were not in the direct line of totality here in Knoxville and that is why some of our bears travelled to places like Texas, Kentucky, and Ohio to see it in totality.

Fun facts: If you're wondering when the next eclipse to appear across the U.S. will be, it will be about 20 years from now in 2044. Did you know that when the eclipse happens animals think it's night? Also, the traffic on the day of the eclipse is insane because people are traveling trying to find the best spot. We (Cathrine and Ellie) both didn't get to see the eclipse because it was so cloudy. But maybe next time!

Check out some of our Beaumont Bears during the eclipse. See if you can spot some special eclipse desserts and even a cute dog wearing protective glasses above!



5TH GRADE: WHAT IS YOUR BEST ADVICE FOR 4TH GRADERS?

We surveyed some 5th graders asking them what their best advice would be for 4th graders who are about to be in 5th grade.



Jack
Yellow Family
"Always do your homework."



Gabriela
Blue Family
"Don't get in trouble."



Gracelyn
Blue Family
"Stay out of drama and listen to teachers."



Isabella
Red Family
"Follow first request."



Holston
Green Family
"Take notes and keep up your grades for school activities."



Baker
Orange Family
"Stay positive and believe you can do it."



Ms. Lane
Blue Family
"Deodorant is your best friend."



Ending the Year Strong with Dance, Track, and Theater Showcases

Written by Ellie G. B., Lennon W., Rayne B., and Ms. Bond

This time of year seems to be very busy. Spring is here, birds are singing, plants are blooming, and BMA bears have come out of hibernation to show off their skills in track, dance, and Theater.

The BMA dance team recently performed at Austin East High school. Their performance was outstanding! There also were a lot of other performances that happened. BMA did 1 pop and 2 modern dance routines. Members of BMA Danceworks practiced on Mondays throughout the year, then all that work paid off at showcase where friends and family showed up to cheer us on.

Our track and tug team competed in Knox County's Elite Track Meet on April 2. All six relay teams qualified for the Elite Meet. Some made it to the top three. For example, fourth grade boys relay team came in third place. They also made friends along the way. During the wait for the race, they were talking with another school relay team that did not place in the top three and were disappointed with the outcome. Some of the members from our relay team had empathy and tried to encourage them. While the boys relay team found this out, they had empathy for the other team. From the stands, I (Ellie) witnessed all the events one by one. There were many good runners and tuggers in the events. My favorite part was watching my sister's relay team run. Even though we didn't win all the events, I am proud of our track team and all the other participants. They had great coaches (Ms. Whitehead and Ms. Ashley) cheering them on and giving them directions. This year's track meet was amazing from the stands and on the field.

Theater practice has been in full swing lately preparing for this year's spring musical, Aladdin Jr. Something very special is happening during this year's show. You may see some alumni bears attending some of the shows. This same show was the first show ever performed here under the direction of the amazing Ms. Taylor and it's making a comeback this year. Grab your magic carpets and enjoy the show!



One Book Read City and Star Wars Day

Students have fun as they kick off our One Book Read City event and dress up for Star Wars day!



Beaumont Magnet Academy

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BEAUMONT STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

BMA STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ARTS & SPORTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



Two of our very own Beaumont Bears were recognized recently for their outstanding artwork. Ailis (left) received first place for kindergarten and Hudson (right) got first place for first grade. This was for the eastern region of STARS (State of Tennessee Art Review and Showcase). Their work is currently hanging in the state museum in Nashville and will be there through this month. Big shout out to Mrs. Armstrong for facilitating such an amazing art space for these artists to work, learn, and grow in. Way to go BMA!

3RD-5TH GRADE POETRY CONTEST

In honor of national poetry month in April, 3rd-5th grade library classes explored different types of poetry such as haikus, free verse, couplets, and more. They also took some time to write a poem and many students submitted their poem to be reviewed by our newspaper team. The poems below were the newspaper team's top picks and contest winners!

"Running"
By: Abbie S. (5th Grade)
Humorous Poem

The wind blows along
As it ruffles my hair
My shoes race with speed
And I breathe in the air

My friend runs beside me
And we laugh and we talk
We stare at the sidewalks
That are painted with chalk

My friend's happy smile
becomes a gasp of shock
My head hits the ground
As I trip on a rock

"Summer"
By: Kaylee P. (5th Grade)
Rhyming Poem

Summer is the best season of all
It really is nothing like fall
The trees grow all happy and tall
As the bees fly all buzzy and all

The wind smells like honey and clover
Oh man, summer is nothing like October



"A Rainbow"
By: Jose G. P. (4th Grade)
Haiku Poem

Curving up then down
Meeting blue sky and green earth
Meeting sun and rain

"My Fish, Fiddle"
By: Nate B. (4th Grade)
Free Verse/Humorous Poem

I have a fish, his name is Fiddle
My fish, fiddle, really likes to wiggle
My wiggly fish is very fiddly
My wiggly fiddly fish is very hungry
My wiggly fiddly hungry fish is suspicious
My wiggly fiddly hungry suspicious fish
is about to faint because you took too much time reading
Please feed my wiggly fiddly hungry suspicious fish!



2ND GRADE GOES TO THE MARKET

Written by Ms. Sarah Johnson, Langston M., and Catherine A.



Second grade students have been working on their Economics Unit and put their knowledge to the test by being both producers and consumers. Students worked to open businesses selling both goods and services and then were able to take their earnings and go shopping! Two of our reporters interviewed a couple of students who participated. 2nd grader, Skyla, sold fidget spinners and bought paper nails and pencils. Mayckol sold plants and bought magnets and airplanes. There are a lot of other shops but of the people we interviewed, those items were their favorite. Some of our families, staff and other students also got to shop. We saw some really fantastic business ideas- tattoos, jewelry, original art, manicures, compliments, spells, paper airplanes and more!



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BMA Bear Interviews: What's Your Favorite Thing About Summer?



Estephani
Red Family/4th
"Playing outside and eating icecream"



Ver'ian
Green Family/K
"Going to the beach"



Paisley
Yellow Family/2nd
"Swimming"



Carlos
Orange Family/5th
"Soccer"



Jude
Green Family/3rd
"Spending time with friends"



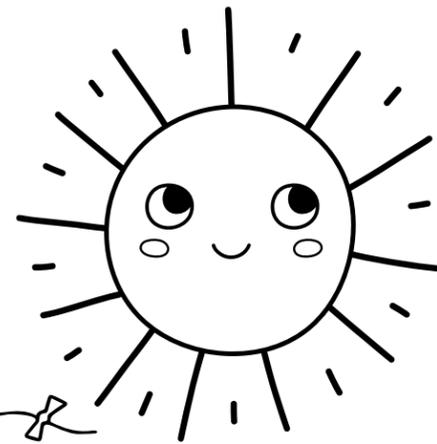
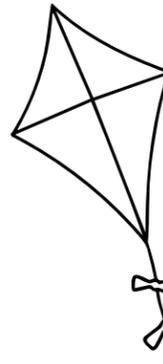
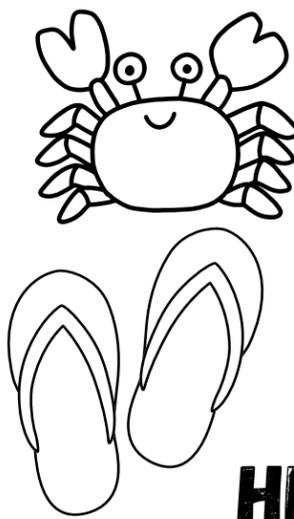
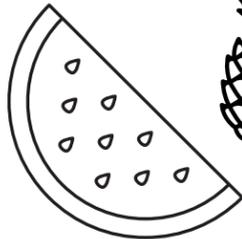
Bea
Green Family/1st
"Still coming to school at the YMCA"



Ms. Whitehead
Red Family/Staff
"Going to the mountains in the jeep and a good book"

FUN & GAMES

Have fun coloring these fun summer pictures!

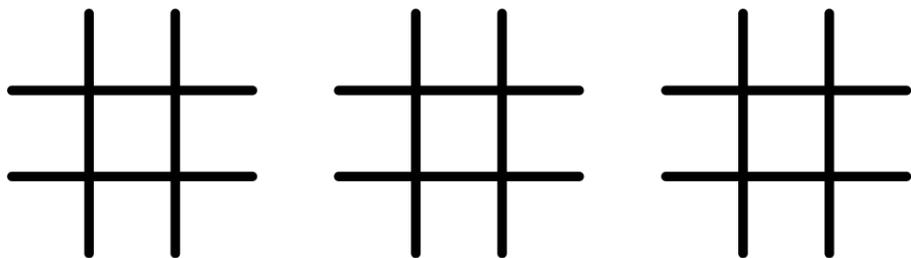


COMIC CORNER

by Sunny F. and Matilda V. R. (guest writer)

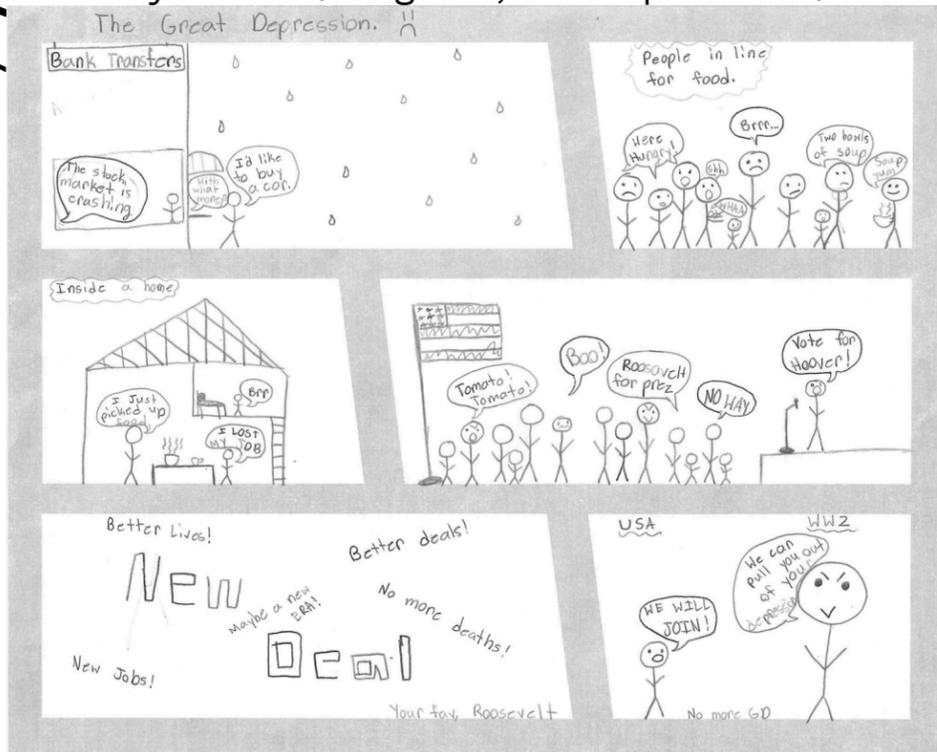


Play tic tac toe with a friend!



HISTORY COMIC

by Cole K. (5th grade, Ms. Maples class)



SUMMER WORDSEARCH

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WORD LIST

- BARBECUE
- BASEBALL
- BEACH
- CAMP
- COOKOUT
- HEATWAVE
- HIKING
- HOT
- HUMID
- KITE
- LEMONADE
- OCEAN
- PICNIC
- POOL
- SAILING
- SAND
- SUMMER
- TENNIS
- TRAVEL
- WARM

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY