

# KOLLING COUGARS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**6-10** - Kolling Penny Wars

**10** - Great Kindness Challenge papers due

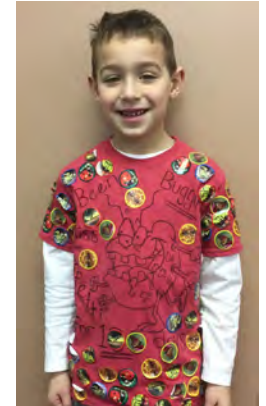
**14** - Valentine's Day Parties- 1:15-2:00 p.m.

**20** - President's Day- NO SCHOOL

**24** - PTO Fun Fair- 5:00-9:00 p.m.

**27- Mar 10** - ISTEP Part 1 (Grades 3 & 4)

## 100TH AND 101ST DAY OF SCHOOL



On Thursday Jan. 27., some Kolling classes celebrated the 100th day of school. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the 50th! While the first graders dressed like they were 100

years old, a couple of Kindergarten classes wore shirts with 100 things on them. Then, on Friday, Jan 28., the second grade classes dressed like the 101 Dalmations for the 101 st day of school.

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## SCHOOL WIDE BULLY AWARENESS

LOOKING BACK AT JANUARY:

*Freeze Out Bullying!*

After teachers read the statement below to their classes, students who accepted the pledge were given a mitten to sign. All signed mittens were displayed on the main bulletin board.

*I will... Include everyone  
Stand up for others  
Treat everyone with respect*

LOOKING FORWARD TO FEBRUARY:

*Be a Buddy, Not a Bully*



# FEATURE ON LIBBY TOBIAS

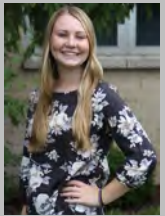


3rd grader, Libby Tobias, recently traveled to Tampa, Florida for a gymnastics competition where she placed 6th on beam.

Her mom, Janel Tobias, tells us she is the youngest level 7 gymnast in the state of Illinois. She often competes with other gymnasts two to three years older than her.

She trains 20 hours a week at a gym called United Gymnastics Academy in Frankfort, Illinois. She is a straight A student and has learned to prioritize her time.

Libby is a five time state champion from her previous gym in Indiana. Keep up the great work!



Hello! I hope everyone had a happy new year and enjoyed their break. I was

supposed to be leaving Kolling due to schedule changes but at the last minute I was able to make it work. I will be at Kolling for the rest of the year so keep sharing stories!

Sincerely,  
Olivia Oster  
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# WHATS GOING ON?



## BUZZ TO THE RESCUE

Buzz, a retired NIPSCO linesman, came to talk to the 3rd grade classes and inform them of electric safety. Buzz brought in a display table that shows real life situations which allows him to explain how they can avoid these accidents on a day to day basis. Buzz also brought along some of his equipment that would typically be brought to an electrical accident. One common question asked is, "How come the birds can sit on the wires and not get shocked?" This is because they are not touching anything else! Teaching the kids keeps Buzz busy in the winter and allows him to educate the youth about something he loves.

## HELPFUL TIPS:

- Don't fly kites near power lines.
- Don't climb power line poles.
- Don't touch electrical products with wet hands.
- Don't put things in outlets that don't belong there.

## GETTIN' TECHY WITH IT

Mrs. Edith Blush's 4th grade merit class used the chrome books to research and create a power point about World War 2. After coming to the conclusion that the student's did not have much background information about this topic, Mrs. Blush assigned a research project.

"The purpose of the project was to build background knowledge that the kids would benefit from as they embarked on reading the novel, *Elephant Run*. The book takes place in Burma during World War 2., but 4th graders know nothing about this topic so this becomes very important for their comprehension," Mrs. Edith Blush said.

It is important in the day and age to be "tech savy", but the skills these 4th graders already have are impressive.

"Technology is crucial at this point in their learning. They are so eager to learn new ways of presenting information that they have researched. They were given a choice of doing a poster board, but [they] all chose Slides," Mrs. Blush said.



## REMINDERS:

- **Kolling Great Kindness Challenge** must be completed by *Friday, February 10* for the students who chose to participate.
- *Thursday, Feb. 2*, the PTO has organized a fundraiser at **La Que-sadilla** in St. John will earn Kolling 10% of the profit. Don't forget to mention Kolling when ordering.
- Students and staff may donate \$1 to participate in the following **Friday Feb. Spirit Days**:
  - Feb. 3 - PJ Day
  - Feb. 10 - Twin Day
  - Feb. 17 - Sports Day
  - Feb. 24 - Crazy Hair