

(AT RIGHT) Brownfield Middle School students (left to right) Mercedes Alaniz, Ketara Williams and Emily Perez show off their skills on the dance floor to one of their favorite Justin Bieber hits. BMS hosted a Valentines Day dance Thursday evening.



Oak Grove fourth-graders (left to right) Xaria Cruz, Angelica Lomeli and Victoria Muniz compare goodies from their Valentines exchange. Brownfield elementary schools held classroom parties and early release Friday.



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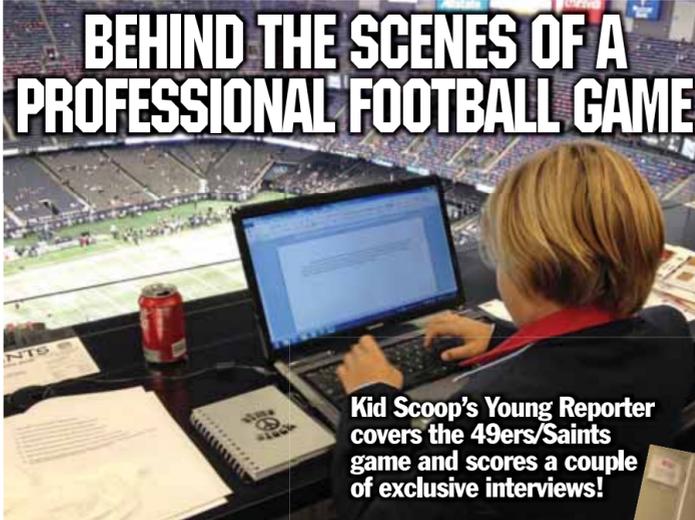


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BEHIND THE SCENES OF A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GAME



Kid Scoop's Young Reporter covers the 49ers/Saints game and scores a couple of exclusive interviews!

by **Jadon Bosarge**
KID SCOOP YOUNG REPORTER

NEW ORLEANS, La. – It was a hot and humid day in New Orleans, even though the calendar proved the year's end was fast approaching. As an eleven-year-old California native, I was out of my element, yet excited as I approached the Mercedes Benz Superdome. For the next few hours I would serve as a sports reporter at a professional football game – the New

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– JADON BOSARGE

Orleans Saints vs. the San Francisco 49ers. A quick elevator ride took me to the Press Box. It was an awesome view, perfect for seeing everything in the stadium. I quickly found my assigned seat and spotted the teams warming up on the field below. I was greeted by the PR Directors from both teams: Matt Ryan with the Saints and Bob Lange with SF. I quickly met

professional reporters from ESPN, NFL Network, and Yahoo Sports. Today I was not just a kid, I was their colleague. There was a nice lunch buffet for all holding a media credential. However, my nerves only allowed me to nibble on a few cookies and sip a soda.

GAME TIME!

As game time approached, the excitement could be felt in the air. The home team appeared on the field running through a tunnel of smoke, while the visiting team walked on from the sidelines. The noise in the Superdome soon became deafening. This was an advantage for the Saints, but perhaps an obstacle for the 49ers. I could hardly hear myself think. As points were scored, the game became much more exciting.

INTERVIEWING PROS

At halftime, burgers were added to the menu in the Press Box. By that time I was feeling more comfortable and able to enjoy the meal. Before I realized it, the 4th quarter was almost over. This is when all the reporters leave the Press Box and head down to the field and locker rooms. I was with them as we

squeezed into elevator 8 (used only for the press and coaches). I was a kid in a grown-ups world, yet no one seemed to mind – especially me. It did not matter which team won. I felt like a champion!

I was very nervous as I interviewed Saints player Malcolm Jenkins. He was a first round draft pick (which means he was the very first player selected by New Orleans that season). I think Malcolm enjoyed being interviewed by a kid, as I am sure it rarely ever happens.



Jadon interviews Saints player Malcolm Jenkins.

As the 49ers were piling onto their buses, I met with their head coach, Jim Harbaugh. I could feel my heart in my throat as I forced out the words for each question. He balanced out my nerves with his calm and relaxed demeanor.

UNFORGETTABLE DAY

Leaving the Superdome, my dad and I headed to the French Quarter (downtown New Orleans) to take in the sights. My favorite was the St. Louis Cathedral. It is the oldest cathedral in North America. Next we sampled the world famous beignets – square pieces of fried dough, dusted with powdered sugar. It was a sweet ending to an extremely sweet day!



Jadon enjoys a tasty treat in New Orleans after the game.

Extra! Extra!

Photo Frames

Cut out a sports photograph from the newspaper. What is inside each photo's "frame" or edges? What is not seen in the photograph? Would the picture have a different feeling if they showed something that is now not seen?

Standards Link: Structural Features of Informational Materials: Understand how features (including photos) make information accessible and useable.

Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Can you do something physically active for one hour every day of the week?

Complete the circle charts below, one for each day of the week. Each wedge in the charts equals 10 minutes. If you dance for 20 minutes, color in two wedges. If you play basketball for one hour, fill in an entire circle.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand how to monitor and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WRITE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Write the missing numbers in each row of football jerseys to complete that row's number pattern.

6	9	12	18	21
11	21	26	31	
3	17	24	38	

Standards Link: Patterns: Complete patterns.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

T	P	R	E	S	S	X	V	B	H
S	E	A	E	H	T	O	W	C	Q
C	M	E	G	P	B	S	A	T	U
T	A	X	W	A	O	O	T	A	A
R	G	O	I	S	C	R	X	E	R
W	N	D	P	O	I	N	T	S	T
T	E	A	M	I	M	J	F	E	E
M	S	Q	X	R	C	S	K	L	R
S	E	V	R	E	N	K	M	B	X

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Sports Math
Make a math problem using the scores of a sporting event published in the sports section of your newspaper. Solve the problem with a friend.

Standards Link: Math: Problem solving.

What can run but can't walk?

ANSWER: A drop of water.

Write On! Invention Lab

Think of a problem people face. Then come up with an invention that would solve the problem.

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