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Student lets it all out through break dancing

Fifth-grader plays video games to practice his moves at home

By Keavia Davis

Cottondale Elementary School student Kylex Grant loves to break dance. He loves to dance at school and at home. He does flips and robotic moves. He watches different movies and gets his moves from them. He plays dancing video games and kills it like nobody's business. He plays Hip Hop Dance 2015 on his Wii U.

Break dancing is a hobby for him. He said it is a big part of his life.

"I have been doing it since I was 6 years old," Grant said, now in the fifth grade. "I imitate off Chris Brown, and I have been imitating my uncle."



Photos by Anna Waters

Fifth-grader Kylex Grant (above) shows off his break dancing skills with his friends, A'mon Cabbil and Kelton Ratliff (left), in the Cottondale Elementary School gym on April 22.

‘A to Z Mysteries’ popular kids’ books

Cottondale students say they often visit the school library to read the series

By Lelia Kaiser

Students at Cottondale Elementary School are very interested in the “A to Z Mysteries” book series in the library. Kaylen Jackson, a fourth-grader in Mrs. Bridges’ class, said she liked the “A to Z” books the best.

“They are very interesting to read,” she said. “They are so fantastic and cool.”

Another fourth-grader, Michelle Francisco, said she also likes the series.

“I read them in second grade,” she said.

We all know it is so important to know what kids like to read.



Photo by Lelia Kaiser

Fourth-grader Michelle Francisco checks out a book from the “A to Z Mysteries” series at the Cottondale Elementary School library.

If Richard Sherman was our football coach...

Students sound off on whether they think the Seahawk would be a good coach

By DeAndrew Taylor

Our football coach should be Richard Sherman. Sherman plays for the Seattle Seahawks. His position is cornerback. If he were our coach, we could win trophies and money, and our team colors could be yellow, green, white and sometimes pink and black.

“I think Richard Sherman would make a good football coach because he won a championship,” Cottondale Elementary School fifth-grader Tiandre Jackson said.

Christian Peete, another fifth-grader at Cottondale, said he

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would play on the football team if Sherman was our coach.

“I would play on Richard Sherman’s football team to win trophies and championships,” he said.



Photo from Wikimedia Commons
Richard Sherman catches a pass at the 2013 Seattle Seahawks training camp.



Photos by Anna Waters

Fourth-graders Evelyn Zendejas (left) and Kaylen Jackson (right) demonstrate what they've learned as cheerleaders.

Cheerleaders learn winning habits

Some say cheerleading teaches valuable lessons about working together

By Kaylen Jackson

Cheerleaders at Cottondale Elementary have to practice and prepare for the next school assembly. "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids" tells cheerleaders in Habit 4 to think win-win. People have fun when

they think win-win. Thinking win-win tells us to synergize and work together to make sure everyone wins.

Evelyn Zendejas, a fourth-grader at Cottondale, said she likes cheerleading because she gets to do backflips.

"When I cheer, I like to wear a long ponytail, and sometimes [I like to wear my hair] down," she said. "I love Mrs. Corley as my cheer teacher."

This is important because the cheerleaders are cheering for the school and make the school better.



Photo by Anna Waters

Fourth-graders Lelia Kaiser (front) and Kaylen Jackson (back) say there should be more recycling bins around their school.

Cottondale students learn importance of recycling

Teacher explains negative impact of wastefulness

By Michelle Francisco

Recycling is reusing other things. People should recycle because if you don't, there will be a field of trash.

"It takes one million years for a milk jug to disintegrate," Brittney Brewster, a math teacher at Cottondale Elementary School, said.

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Photo by Matthew Causey

Brandon Causey, a fifth-grader at Cottondale Elementary School, explains the ins and outs of Minecraft to his teacher.

Love for Minecraft varies among Cottondale students

Some praise the game, others consider leaving it

By Zack Jenkins, Brandon Causey and Reanna Page

Some students at Cottondale Elementary play Minecraft at home and after school. You can play the game on the iPad, Xbox or computer.

Minecraft is a video game where you can build, mine and fight. It is popular because you can enchant tools and armor.

In Minecraft, there are also mods that make more fun moments in your world. Spawn eggs are used to spawn animals and monsters. They make pets, but if the animal attacks you, you have to kill it and get supplies to live.

Lelia Kaiser, a fourth-grader at Cottondale Elementary School, said she likes Minecraft "because the creepers explode."

Fourth-grader Zack Jenkins

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Zack Jenkins

said he also plays Minecraft, but he's thinking about quitting the game.

"It is boring, and diamond armor is the last armor you can wear," he said.

Jenkins is the only player he knows. He has no cousins to play with.

"The worst thing is the mobs that kill you," he said. Mobs are zombies, skeletons, creepers, spiders, Endermen and silver fish.

Playing video games hobby for many kids

Students say they enjoy interacting with others

By TiAndre Jackson

Students at Cottondale Elementary School like to play video games all day and night. Some are really good at it. Some people said they even play over at their grandparents' houses because it is so fun.

Fifth-grader Keavia Davis said she likes the game Grand Theft Auto 5.

"I like playing with people all around the world," she said.

Gymnast takes weekly classes at 'Bama Bounders

Fifth-grader says she likes doing flips, splits

By Haven Burns

Cottondale Elementary School fifth-grader Erin Goins takes gymnastics on Thursdays. She goes to 'Bama Bounders. She said she mostly uses the beam, the bars and the floor. She also does flips. Her favorite event is splits.

The reason she does gymnastics is because "I just love it," she said.