

The PhilateliKid

The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)

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Finally our website is up and running. Take a look, and let us know what you think, and how we can do to improve it!

www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org

Two things to remember: The word “clubs” is plural – has an “s” on the end

The website ends in “.org” not “.com”

This year is shaping up pretty much along the lines we normally expect. So far this school year the kids have had over 23,000 minutes of stamp collecting (all combined.)

Heard last week: It was announced that there were only 3 minutes left of the stamp club meeting, and everybody would have to start cleaning up and putting away their albums. From the rear (about 60 kids were present) we clearly heard a 4th grade boy exclaim a loud “AWWWWWW!” Followed by “I LOVE STAMP CLUB!”

Superbowl 49 was a few days ago. Following the topic of sports, we had stamps featuring some type of sport, and every student got one. It is interesting to note that boys picked stamps featuring auto racing, and team sports. The most popular stamps the girls wanted featured women ice skating, women gymnastics, and downhill skiing.

We have about 25 stock books that have been donated to stamp club, and we have filled each one with a certain topical type of stamps. We permit only one stamp per student per week to be taken out of the stock books. This week we put out the stock book featuring animals on stamps. You may be surprised to find out what animals are most popular. It is not, koala bears, although a few of those were chosen, not lions, giraffes, or penguins, although those also had quite a bit of interest. By far the most popular stamps featured fish! Maybe that has to do with the fact that this school is located in Hawaii, but we have noticed that over the past 13 years, at stamp clubs for kids located in California and Nevada, fish on stamps was the most popular topic there too. A close second – butterflies. Then dogs and cats.

One of our members is a 4th grade boy who is a special-ed kid. He comes to stamp club regularly with his one-on-one aide, and really likes stamp club. He does not speak, but he definitely likes stamps featuring penguins. There are not that many stamps featuring penguins, so we have been scrambling to find them for him. Anybody out there with a few extra stamps with penguins on them? If so, we could use a little donation of some penguin stamps!

In the last *Philatelikids* we mentioned that we would list some more fun facts about stamp collecting. The denomination printed on a stamp is very interesting to kids, many of whom had no idea that foreign countries use a different type of currency than the dollars and cents that we have in the United States.

Did you know that used stamps are more interesting to many kids than mint stamps? Yep. Those cancellations can have very interesting messages, like “Use air mail.” Also, different cancellations by different cities are interesting.

This newsletter will be short. Next time: Damaged stamps and what a kid cares about.

Comments? Write Robert W. Martin, P.O. Box 1809, Kihei, HI 96753 (Try to use a nice stamp on your letter.)

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