

Ken-Ton Big Picture TGIF

One student at a time.



Snowy Owl Story

From the Unexplained Files

This week started as any other week would. Kids came in on Monday morning ready for a new week at Big Picture, teachers were enjoying a cup of coffee and getting ready for Pick Me Up, all seemed normal for a Monday. We even had a visitor from District Office, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Chris Swiatek. Then someone noticed there was something on the roof that looked odd. It appeared that a bird had died on the roof. It was hard to tell what kind of bird but it was not moving and was surely dead.

Jim Keleher, 301 Advisor and Science Teacher, was curious about the bird. He decided to go out and inspect the carcass. Jim quickly identified the bird as a Snowy Owl. The Snowy Owl has a conservation status of vulnerable as approximate population is only 28,000 in the world. It was recommended that the Department of Environmental Conservation be contacted about the death of this rare bird. The DEC was interested in the situation and met with Jim to take the bird for study and use through their office.

It was most unusual to have such a rare bird in the area and even more unusual to have this poor creature spend its final moments on the roof of Kenmore Middle.



Big Picture is pleased to welcome some new faces to the program. We begin with welcoming Nolan Bartel to our 401 Advisory. Nolan comes to us from New Jersey!

Next comes Zachary Doty and Jocelyn Hassan. Both have joined the 101 Advisory after starting the school year at Kenmore West and Kenmore East respectively.

Last, but certainly not least, we warmly welcome Peggy Druar to the Big Picture Office as our part-time Clerk Typist.

We are thrilled to welcome these new faces and look forward to working together throughout the year!