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6th Grader a Nutcracker Veteran

By Lauren Michelson

Every year, the Nutcracker ballet is staged at the Sacramento Community Theatre. This year the performances began on December 5th and are continuing through December 22nd. For many people, going to the Nutcracker is a yearly family tradition.

The Nutcracker is about Clara, a young girl about the age of 12 or 13 years old, during Christmas. This Christmas is special to her because her godfather gave her a nutcracker for a Christmas present. Her brother breaks the doll and her godfather puts a spell on the doll. This spell turns the Nutcracker into a

real soldier. The Nutcracker takes Clara to many places in her dreams. Finally, they go to a grand ball and then fly away in a big balloon.

Katie Rose Mennemeier, a Brookfield 6th grader, has been in the Nutcracker five times. She was just 6 years old when she was first in the Nutcracker. This year she is a party girl, dressed in dark blue. She was a party girl two other times, a baby angel twice, and an angel once. In one performance, she was a party girl and an angel.

Almost 2,000 people try out to be in the Nutcracker every year, according to Katie Rose. Only about 200 of them

get to be in the production. There are several different casts. About 30 adults are in the play and the rest are children from age six and up.

The practices are about two hours long. But Katie Rose says the dress rehearsals aren't as much fun because it takes a lot of time to do their hair and get their costumes on. Their hair takes almost three hours to do!

After all the performances are over, the casts gather at the dance studio and have a big party. Everyone who participates in the Nutcracker, the viewers and the casts, has a great time with this holiday favorite.

**Friday, Dec. 20:
Don't forget Wild
and Crazy Dress
Day and the all-
school party at
Laguna Skate,
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

Book Fair a Success with Students, Teachers

By Katherine Carey

Brookfield's recent Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. About \$1,000 was raised for the Brookfield Parent Association (BPA).

Madame Stiehr said she really enjoyed the book fair because she loved the selection and she was impressed by how much it resembled an actual store. She appreciated getting books, courtesy of the BPA, students and parents. Madame got about nine

books. She said she really wants to have the book fair again because she enjoys sharing books with her students.

Mrs. Ashizawa loved the book fair because it was a good opportunity for students and parents to get books at school and not have to find time in their schedule to go to the bookstore. Teachers could also get books for their students to read in the classroom.

Mrs. Ashizawa said that she wouldn't change a thing about

the book fair because it was great. She got some books for before- and after-school care, selecting them after talking to the students about what they liked and wanted. Mrs. Ashizawa wants to have it again next year because it was such a great success.

Chaney Briggs from 3rd grade said she liked the book fair because there were books there she hadn't read and they were for all different ages.

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