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Way to Go, Blake!

Blake Turner, a 7th grade student at Palestine Grade School, had the opportunity this fall to represent his school at Team Quest. Team Quest is a team competition with emphasis on creativity, problem solving, and trivia. Blake was one of four students from his grade level selected to participate. Students competed in groups of four: two 8th graders (Logan and Kayla) and



and two 7th graders (Micheala and Blake). Blake chose to make a paper airplane for his participation in the competition. His plane flew the greatest distance and was considered the best in its class. I, as his teacher, am very proud of how honorably he represented PGS. ■



*"Way to Go, Blake", Story and Photos by Marcia Schmidlin, Science Teacher,
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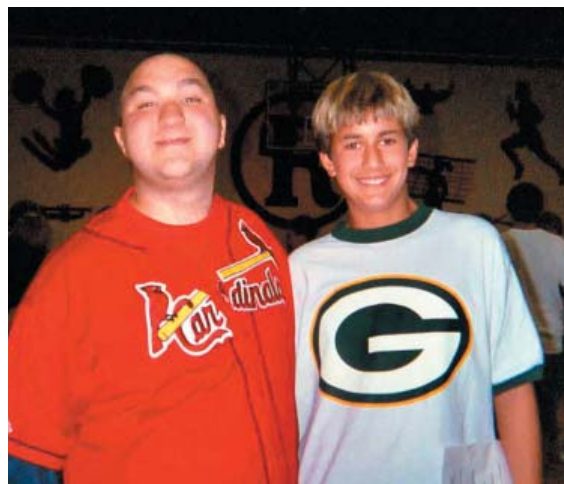
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The students were given time to ask lots of questions of Barry and to get to know him. Cody Sloat said, “He is awesome. I am glad he is a Cardinal fan.” Tyler Simmons enjoyed saying, “He’s a Packer fan like me..cool! “He’s a cool, funny Cardinal fan and has accomplished many things. I think it is cool that he has two jobs and I like the machine he talks through. I want him to come back for a visit”, added Cameron Davis.

Student William Bosler might get his wish, “I think it is cool how Barry talks with the use of his machine and you can understand him. He is funny and I want him to come back and spend the day with us.” Plans are in the works to have Barry visit again, showing all of us, that kids need to be with kids, and that all kids are more similar than they are different. ■

Barry Wasik and Tyler Simmons, an 8th grader at Raccoon School in Centralia agreed on two things...St. Louis Cardinals and the Green Bay Packers.



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