

READY SET GO LEARN

"We're going on a trip? Finally, something fun."

This may be what students say when they find out their class is taking a field trip, but is a field trip really just something fun? Is it a reward for good behavior? Perhaps. Then again, field trips could have some educational purposes, too.

"It's neat for students to be able to experience different places outside of Ashley. They gain a lot of cultural experience," commented **Ms. Dawn Landis**.

Field trips bring culture into your life? They really aren't just to get you out of school? It may be hard to believe, but it's the facts.

Mrs. Karen Martinez said this, "I like to take kids to see

the state capitol and the historical museum because a lot of them may never get to see it."

Do students realize that the teachers don't arrange field trips just so they can have a good time? Surprisingly, most of them do. While they appreciate that it is a change from the typical classroom experience, they also recognize and respect that most field trips are taken to add to the educational experience, not to take a break from it.

Freshman **Curtis Long** commented, "I think we learn things by going on

field trips that we can't learn in a classroom because we can get more hands-on experience."

In agreement, freshman **Ronald Boucher** explained, "Most of the time on field trips you don't just have people talking and trying to explain things, you can see the things they're explaining for yourself."

Oh, no, it can't be possible, can it...field trips, not just a fun break from classes, but an educational tool?!? What a revelation.

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DON'T SCRATCH Caleb Follet studies his pool game at a bowling alley where students went for a fun break, courtesy of Student Council.



BRRRR The ninth grade English students stand outside the Strand Theatre in Alma, waiting for admittance. They were going to see a radio pro-

duction of "It's a Wonderful Life." This trip was due to Mrs. Luneack's wish that they experience something besides the television version.