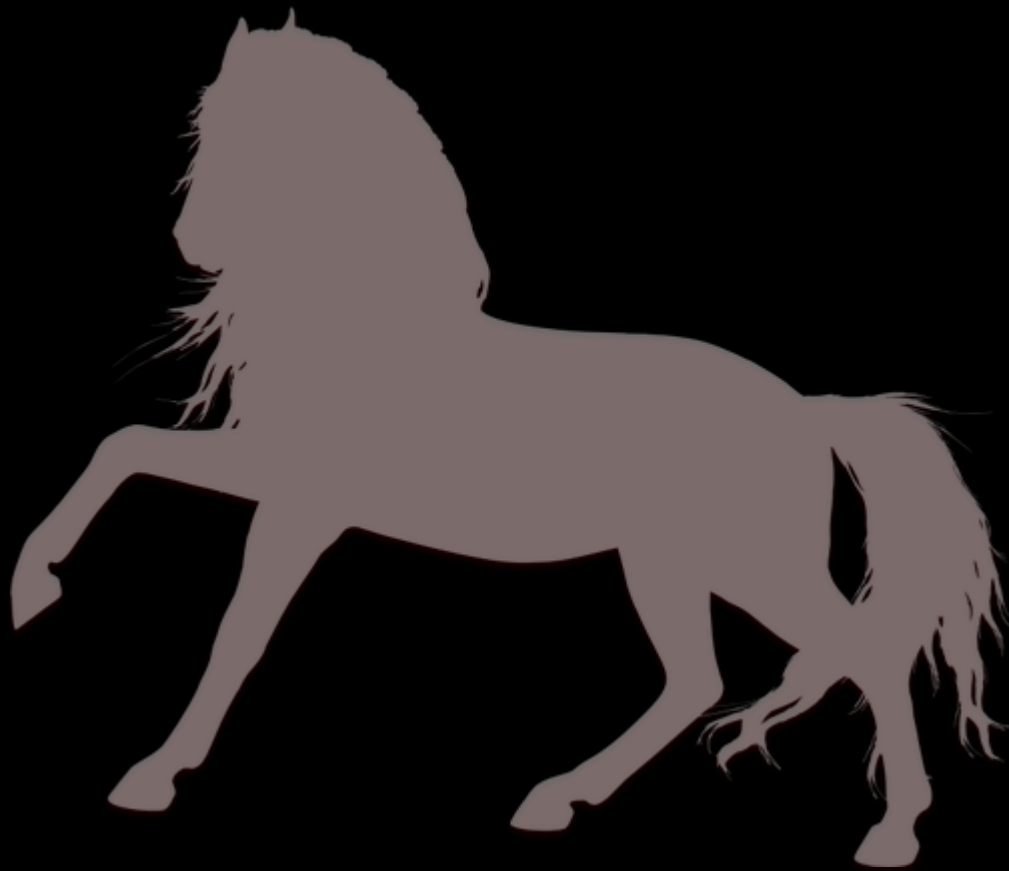


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Mustang News Delivery

Back to School

Manasvi Jain Kumar, Editor

Welcome back Mustangs and welcome 6th graders!

This year there are a lot of new rules and changes to our school.

1. The Hall Pass

This year, we only have 3 hall passes, per quarter in each class. Use them wisely!

2. The Bell

You will have 5 minutes to get to every class. After the music stops you will only have 30 seconds to reach to your classes.

3. Hallways and Stairs

Always walk on the right side of the hallways and stairs. Don't run or take up the whole hallway. Let other people pass by.

4. Physical Education (P.E.)

Our P.E dress code is gray on top and black on bottom. If you want to buy your P.E clothes, ask your P.E. or health teacher.

5. Tardy policy

- The first time you get a tardy it will be a teachers reminder
- The second time it will be a phone call home
- The third time it will be lunch or after school detention.

6. Phone and wireless headsets

Phones and wireless headphones/earbuds should be off, away, and in your locker from 8:15 - 3:00. If your teachers see them they will be confiscated. The first time you can collect it in the main office but the second time a parent needs to collect them.

7. Lunch

This year you need to pay for lunch.

**Students may qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on household size and income. See this link for more information*

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/meal-payments/#FARMS>

8. The Wells Way

Hallie Wells follows The Wells Way.

The beginning of the class-

- Be in your assigned seats by the bell. If not, you will be marked tardy.
- Have your class materials ready, and start your warm up.
- Follow the daily class routines.

The middle of the class-

- Ask and answer questions
- Activity participatie and listen
- Collaborate with your classmates
- Be digitally responsible
- Complete task on time.

The end of the class-

- Complete the summarizer or the exit ticket
- Ask questions if you have a doubt
- The staff dismiss the students *not* the bell
- Stay in your seat until the bell rings



Mustang News Delivery

Gallop and Gobble

Ivy Shang, Staff Writer

We are so excited that Gallop and Gobble is coming again this year! We hope to see you all there.

Gallop and Gobble is an annual race held here at HWMS. The route is roughly the same as the one for the Gold Star loop outside of the school.

The race is 1.5 miles long and it will take place on November 22, 2022, a few days before Thanksgiving Break.

Students can choose to run the race or walk the length of it with their friends and advisory teachers.

For the runners, the first 3 finishers of the boys and girls for each grade level will be announced shortly after the end of the race in Advisory.



Mustang News Delivery

Inside Scoop of the Yearbook 22 - 23

Srihith Uppalapati, Staff Writer

The making of the Hallie Wells yearbook is a process that sometimes may be difficult, but also very rewarding and fun to be a part of.

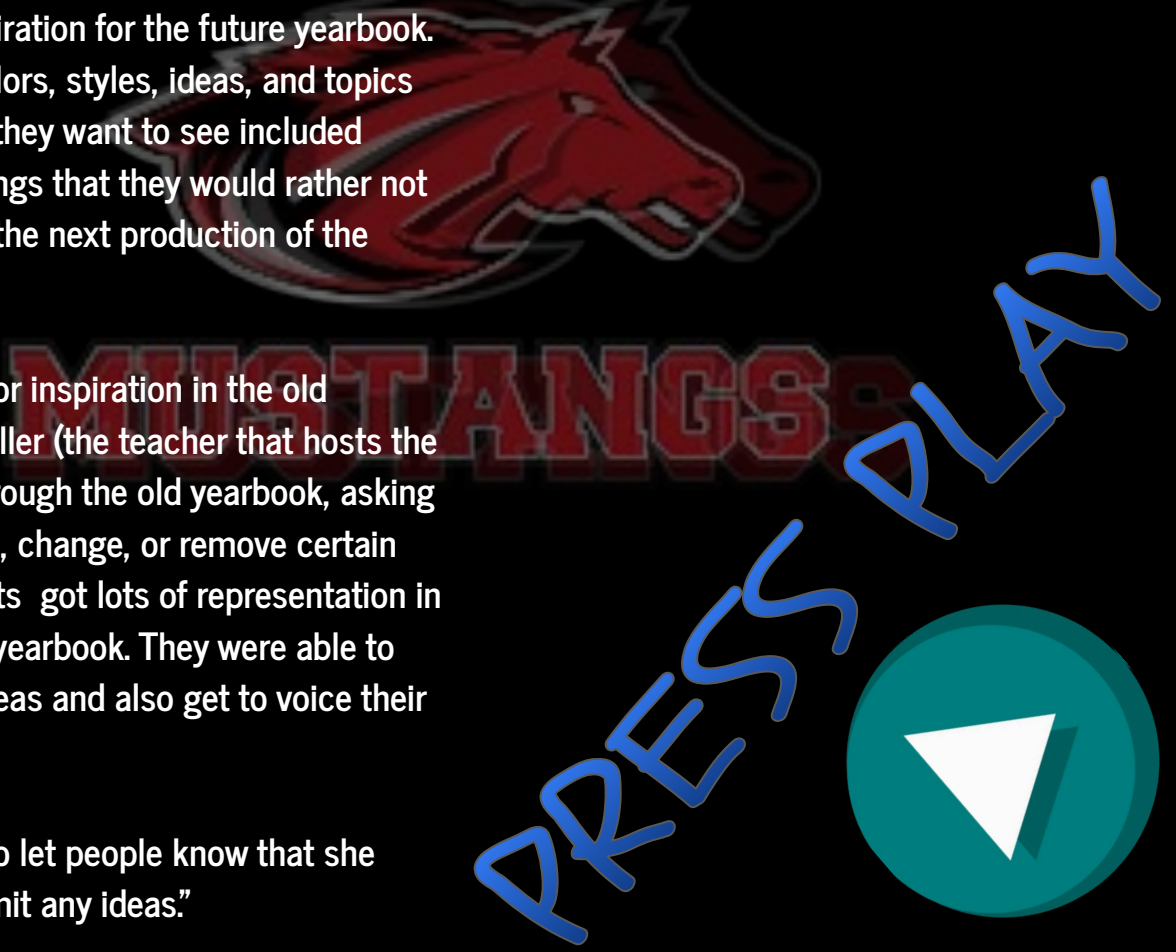
At the October 6, 2022 meeting, the yearbook staff started out by looking through old yearbooks for inspiration for the future yearbook. They looked for colors, styles, ideas, and topics to find things that they want to see included again, and also things that they would rather not have or change in the next production of the yearbook.

After they looked for inspiration in the old yearbooks, Mrs. Miller (the teacher that hosts the meetings) went through the old yearbook, asking if they should keep, change, or remove certain things. The students got lots of representation in the making of the yearbook. They were able to vote on keeping ideas and also get to voice their opinions.

Mrs. Miller wants to let people know that she "doesn't want to limit any ideas."

Students are encouraged to use all their potential, especially with the budget the yearbook has. The yearbook can include more content this year.

As you may know, the theme for the yearbook is "PRESS PLAY" but here are few more sneak-peeks, though I will try not to reveal too much. The Yearbook team is thinking of keeping 8th Grade signatures in the book. They decided to start tagging people in photos as well.



Mustang News Delivery: Sports

Q&A with HWMS Girls Softball Coach Ms. McManus

Sophia Salebe, Staff Writer

The HWMS Girls Softball Team is coached by Ms. McManus. Here is a Q&A with her:

SS: What made you decide to coach softball?

Ms. McManus: I played softball my whole life so it was a very easy yes. As soon as I saw the opportunity I knew I had to take it.

SS: What Positions did you play?

Ms. McManus: Mainly Second base, but I also played catcher on some occasions.

SS: What Teams did you play for?

Ms. McManus: I played for my high school team, and many different year-round travel teams. My favorite team I played for was the Frankford Pirates.

SS: How did you start playing softball?

Ms. McManus: I started playing softball because my best friend at the time (in the 6th grade) really wanted to play, so I just joined her for practice one day and ended up having so much fun! The rest is history.

SS: What is your favorite part of the game?

Ms. McManus: My favorite part of the game is the adrenaline rush you get when the ball is coming to you, whether that be batting or fielding. The feeling you get when you make a play is also unmatched!

SS: What do you want to tell young softball players ?

Ms. McManus: I would tell young softball players to stick with it when it gets tough. That is when you grow the most as a player and a person.

Fun Facts About Ms. McManus

- I have played softball since 6th grade.
- I teach 6th Grade Science.
- I've never been stung by a bee.
- I graduated from West Virginia University.
- I'm getting my Master's in education.
- I'm looking forward to a very good season.

If you have any questions about The Girls Softball team you can reach out to Ms. McManus in room 236.

Ask-A-Mustang

Advice Column

Ask-a-Mustang, Staff Writers

Q: Dear Ask-a-Mustang, I need help! My grades are falling, but I can't study or work on homework when I have soccer practice. I have it every other day, and my parents probably won't let me quit. My teachers said I can't do Empower Hour, and I've been looking forward to it all summer! How can I get my grades up?

Signed,
Pulling My Hair Out



Q: My friends in elementary school have been acting differently recently. They have been hanging out with kids who act inappropriately, and are completely ignoring me. They also have been doing things that I know their parents wouldn't approve of, like cursing and talking about adult things. I want to confront them or ask them what happened, or at least tell my and their parents what is going on, but they ARE my best friends, and I'm worried I'll get ditched if I tell their parents what they're doing. What do I do?

Signed,
Confused Kid

A: Dear Pulling, I know how you feel! The stress of schoolwork versus sports and after-school activities is a battle fought long before you have come to school. I am sure if you ask some friends in upper grades that they might be able to give you some advice, or better yet, tell you what to do. If that doesn't work, then I want to call attention to a particular part of your letter. The part where you said, "I have it every other day, and my parents probably won't let me quit." I think that this is RIDICULOUS! Your parents aren't trying to hurt your grades, they're trying to let you have fun. If you talk to your parents about falling behind, they will probably let you take a break from soccer to catch up. As for Empower Hour, I think that once your grades go up, you will get back those privileges. Good luck!

Signed, Ask-a-Mustang.

A: Dear Confused, I can tell you one thing: it's too late. If your friends are acting differently at school than they do at home, there isn't anything you or their parents can do about it. However, you can tell your parents that you don't want to hang out with them anymore. They will understand! Also, find new friends. If you are worried your friends will ditch you, I can tell you it seems like they already have. If you find new friends who also disagree with the things they are doing or the things you find inappropriate, then don't hang out with them. I'm sorry about your old friends, but sometimes it's best to move on. If you can convince them what they're doing is wrong, then that works too.

Good luck! Ask-a-Mustang.

Ask-A-Mustang

Advice Column

Ask-a-Mustang, Staff Writers

Q: Dear Ask-a-Mustang, I feel disappointed every day because of my homework and after-school activities, I can't do the fun things I had in mind like finishing my book or doing an art project. I don't want to just give up my studies and activities but how can I combine it all in one day.

From,
Need More Time



A: Dear Need, I understand your problem; it is hard to make a balance in homework and fun things. Try making a time table or checklist so that you can clearly see what you want to do and set times for each activity. However, studies do come first and it's normal to have to compromise on other activities in order to accommodate for you homework. I've also had similar problem, so I really do understand. Keep in mind that there will be harder days where you won't get to do anything but homework but they will also be better days. It might also help if you try to get as much work done in school as possible.

Signed,
Ask-a-Mustang

Q: Dear Ask-a-Mustang, I am having trouble finishing my homework. Whenever I sit down to do it, it seems something catches my eye. My video games, my phone, or even my drawing supplies. I need help. How can I stay focused on homework? Signed, Unfocused H.

A: Dear Unfocused, I understand how you feel. But don't worry, there are a few solutions! Number one, stop studying in rooms with distractions. I don't mean strip your bedroom of fun stuff, I mean move rooms. Your basement, your attic, wherever it is, make sure it has no distractions. Number two, join a club for this. Homework clubs are everywhere, and they should be able to help you finish your homework. Plus, once your homework is done, you can chat with your friends, or eat snacks.

Signed, Ask-a-Mustang

Ask-A-Mustang

Advice Column

Ask-a-Mustang, Staff Writers

Q: Dear Ask-a-Mustang, I'm being relentlessly teased by students in some of my classes and I don't want to confront them. How do I stop them from annoying me without any intervention?

A: Ignore them further, and try to tune them out of your head, but if that doesn't work, you'll, unfortunately, have to confront them. If your classmates tease you, just passively tell them to stop and get more assertive every time, but be firm. Flipping out won't be a good idea because it'll get the reaction your classmates probably want. Also, you'll get in trouble for lashing out at your classmates.

Signed,
Ask-A-Mustang.

Q: Dear Ask-a-Mustang, I'm frustrated with my teacher. They start by putting me with someone who doesn't do ANY WORK, then they give confusing instructions, and then they give me a C that I don't think I deserved. What should I do to keep my grade up without losing my cool?

Signed,
Anonymously Annoyed

A: Dear Annoyed, I know how you feel! Sometimes a teacher will do things that you don't like, but it isn't their fault! They don't know what you like and don't like. You are one of thousands upon thousands of students in their class! But here's how I deal with things like this—talk to your teacher! Tell them that you don't want to be partnered with that person in the future, or ask them to tell them to help more. If you are confused by the material then ask them to clear things up for you. Teachers are here to help, not to make sure your grade goes down. Also, no matter what you think, that C is your fault. Teachers give the grades according to the curriculum. You, and only you, control your grade. I hope this helped!

Signed,
Ask-a-Mustang.



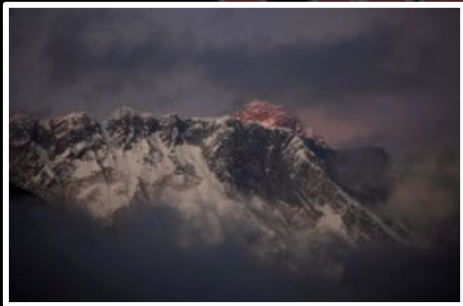
Around the World

National Geographic: Everest Filled With Life!

Arjun Devaguptapu, Staff Writer

National Geographic has recently published an article about a recent scientific discovery about a month- two months ago. The article is about the newfound life that is present on Mount Everest. Tracie Seimon, a molecular biologist, discovered 187 different taxonomic orders, about $\frac{1}{5}$ of all orders on earth!

You might ask “Why is this impressive?” Mount Everest stretches 5 miles up into the sky above sea level. To be more specific, Mount Everest is 29, 032 feet. It has grown two feet in the year 2021! Higher elevations lessen the concentration of oxygen present. Weather can rapidly change on top of a mountain too. Mount Everest can hit temperatures below zero degrees and have strong winds blowing at over 160 kilometers per hour(100 mph).



Bad weather on Mount Everest

Tracie and her team are resting upon the Khumbu Glacier, located on Mount Everest. The Khumbu Glacier is a glacier that is slowly pushing its way through Mount Everest. If you were to look at its movement over time, the movement of the glacier would look like a river. The movement of the Khumbu Glacier has caused many earthquakes, and one of them caused a 7.8 magnitude earthquake all the way in Nepal.

The article explains the different species Simon’s team found and the process the team used to identify the species and the amount of biodiversity. They found many different species of fungi and microorganisms and even butterflies! Seimon and her team took samples from thawed ice, and analyzed them for any shedded DNA. The unknown DNA found will then be compared to the existing DNA of all the creatures we know today.

Another goal that the team is trying to fulfill is keeping all the species alive. Everywhere on this planet, including Mount Everest, is suffering from Climate Change. Understanding the life that lives there on Everest will help scientists make decisions about how to change Mount Everest’s future for the better.



The Tibetan Snowcock, one of the birds recorded on Mount Everest. Courtesy-National Geographic

The discovery of the amount of biodiversity found on Mount Everest was definitely a breakthrough. Use this link in order to access the article:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/mount-everest-is-teeming-with-life>

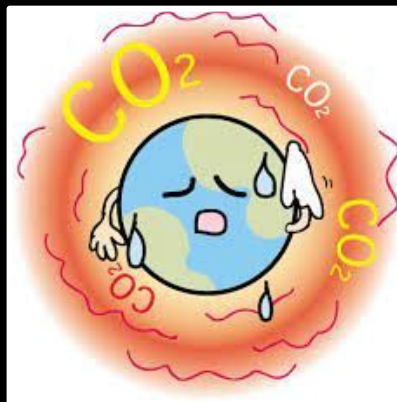
Around the World

Easy on the Sizzle, Save the Planet

Keshav Maranchi, Staff Writer

Have you ever eaten grilled food, or seen anybody grilling? Nine times out of ten, someone will say yes to at least one of those questions. But, have you ever thought of the impact of grilling on global warming? Global warming is something humans never seemed to care about. We all hear about this subject in the news, but most of humanity just shrugs it off. This past summer was a hot one. Almost not a day passed without the highs being in the upper 80s or 90s. Now, the Equinox has come and gone, and it has gotten cooler—much cooler. Only a few days into the fall, and the low temperature for the day has dramatically dropped all the way from the 70s to the low 40s. It seems as if right when the tide shifted from spring and summer to fall and winter, and spring starts for the Southern Hemisphere, things get much colder up here. Most likely, it's all from global warming.

Global warming has had a huge impact on society, especially this past summer. Let's dive deeper into this topic. I was out of the country for almost a third of Summer break visiting my grandparents. Still, my family and I got news that boiling hot temperatures erupted across the US and England. It was the hottest three months in terms of mean temperature that England had undergone, according to the Met Office. On the 15th of July this year, heat waves in England caused the Met Office to declare a national emergency. The Met Office is one of the most highly regarded weather services in the UK. Not to mention, it is the National Meteorological Office for the entire United Kingdom. Despite this highly trusted service issuing a national emergency, many people in the UK have been crashing the beaches, having a jolly time. However, while all of the humans may be partying at the beach, other animals may be having the worst time of their life.



Around the World

Easy on the Sizzle, Save the Planet [Continued]

Keshav Maranchi, Staff Writer

One example of this is sea turtles. Quoted by Alan Buis from NASA, "climate change is exposing sea turtles to even greater existential threats." Sea levels rising and stronger storms taking place will slowly but steadily erode and destroy their beach habitats. Warming oceans will alter and change ocean currents, possibly introducing sea turtles to new predators. They already have many. Furthermore, these new predators won't just eat sea turtles. They could potentially feast on coral reefs that some of the sea turtles may need to survive. This would introduce competition among predator and prey. A little known fact about many different turtles such as the painted turtle is that the temperature of sand affects the gender of a turtle. So, without any of us knowing, global warming can cause there to be fewer sea turtle males, causing the population to go down due to lack of reproduction.

Now, let's talk about small, but important causes of global warming. Grilling is a part of our everyday lives. Even if you are vegetarian or vegan, I'm sure you have either grilled vegetables, or seen someone grilling before. But, have you thought about the consequences of it? "Here, home cooking of any kind, indoor or out, is responsible for a small part of overall carbon emissions and fossil-fuel use, no matter whether it's powered by gas, propane, wood, or electricity," according to The Atlantic. This is particularly important because "As greenhouse gas emissions from human activities increase, they build up in the atmosphere and warm the climate," as said by the US EPA (Environmental Protection Agency.)



Around the World

Easy on the Sizzle, Save the Planet [Continued]

Keshav Maranchi, Staff Writer

Many environmentalists talk a lot about why you should care about keeping care of the Earth. However, I think that there is one simple answer to that question. My answer is a question. Why should we leave our future generations this problem that will grow tremendously larger in the future? We should at least help as much as we can right now, to ease the pressure on our up and coming generations. Nobody really wants to do a difficult task if they have a choice. Nevertheless, if everyone works together, we can help solve the problem of global warming, and make the solution not too difficult. So go, get off your couch, don't fire up the grill, and save the world.



Sports Opinion

Is Babe Ruth Surpassed?

Nikhil Guttala, Staff Writer

As we are on the day of the World Series, I thought about the many performances throughout the season. I thought the many stars have emerged throughout the season. (Albert Pujols, Shohei Ohtani, and Aaron Judge as some examples.) That made me think about the consensus about Babe Ruth being the greatest player of all time. Don't get me, wrong Babe, is a legend, But he died in 1948. Since then baseball, has had broken records, amazing catches, incredible plays, and more. So after all those does Babe still holds up?

PITCHING

We cannot measure him by his actual strikeouts as he is clearly not as strong in that department (He is not even in the top 20). But, we can still see the stats of his career as a total. While it is hard to find exact career averages, we can still see that he was very good. His average ERA (Earned Run Average) is 2.28. For those who do not know what an ERA is, it is about how many runs a pitcher gives. Naturally, the lower the better, and Babe was a monster. Ed Walsh was not as recognizable as pitchers like Nolan Ryan. Randy Johnson had the lowest ERA at 1.82., and Babe trailed him by 0.46. Not only do those elite ERAs shows his legacy. Some of the accomplishments include:

- Being number one in the American League in shutouts
- Being in the top five in the strikeout race in the American League
- Sixty-five wins as a pitcher.

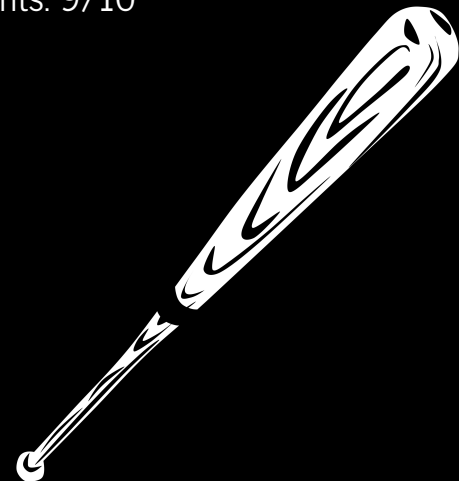
Though you might think these were making babe a mediocre pitcher. But he only spent four years pitching so these are great stats.

PITCHER POINTS 9/10

Fielding

Babe was just as incredible at fielding than his pitching. He had a fielding percentage that was more than average and many other things were great about him. He was ranking up assists at a decent basis, and this was all while he had to get used to being changed from his position as a pitcher. So, you cannot stay mad at him for his fielding career not being brought up. Remember, he had a good arm from pitching.

Fielding Points: 9/10



Sports Opinion

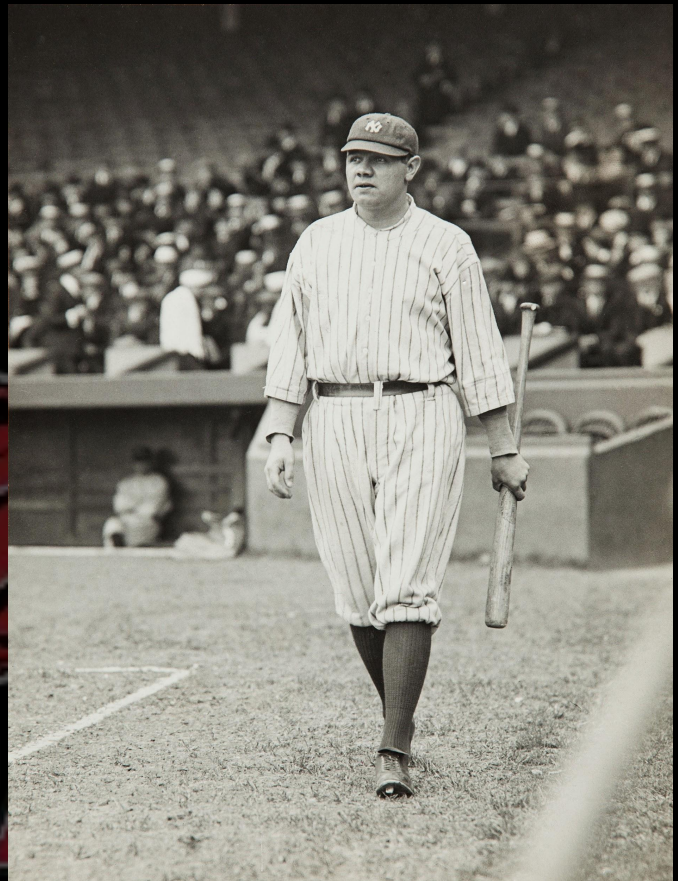
Is Babe Ruth Surpassed? [Continued]

Nikhil Guttala, Staff Writer

Hitting

Probably the most memorable thing about The Babe was his hitting. To dissect his hitting, we should look at his records. If you ask a computer, they will tell you that the home run record goes from Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron and then Babe Ruth. But if you ask a baseball fan, it is Hank and then Babe. This is because Barry cheated in his final career years. Because of this, Babe is second in home runs technically. His other achievements include, from Wikipedia, 1st on all-time slugging % with 0.690:

- 1st on all-time OPS with 1.164
- 1st on all-time OPS+ with 206
- 2nd on all-time on-base % list with .474
- 2nd on all-time At bats per home run list with 11.76
- 3rd on all-time RBI list with 2,213
- 3rd on all-time home run list with 714
- 3rd on all-time bases on balls list with 2,062
- 4th on all-time runs list with 2,174 (Tied with Hank Aaron)
- 7th on all-time total bases list with 5,793
- 9th on all-time batting average list with .342 (Tied with Dan Brothers).



Final Opinion:

There will never be another Babe Ruth. Period.

Reviews: Books

Book Reviews

Ambha Chandran, Staff Writer

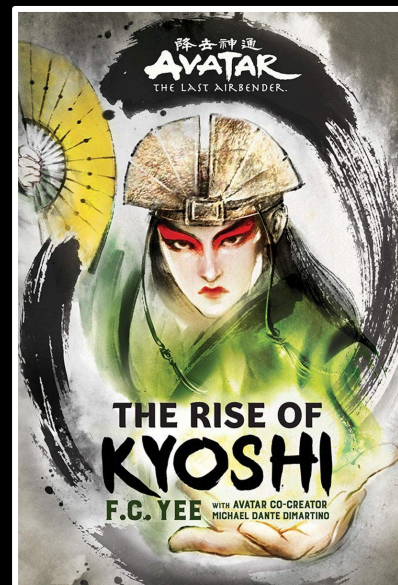
The Rise of Kyoshi by F. C. Yee and Michael Dante DiMartino

Overview:

Kyoshi is a maid to Yun, a man who is thought to be the Avatar. Everything is fine throughout the four nations until Kyoshi displays remarkable bending on a mission to the South Pole. Due to Kyoshi's bending, the identity of the true Avatar is at stake, causing unrest and violence among her allies. As a response to the violence, Kyoshi and her friend Rangi leave the Avatar mission and try to find a way to train away from Jianzhu; her, Rangi's, and Yun's caretaker and mentor due to rising conflict between them. On her journey, she finds members of the Daofei—the Earth Kingdom's seedy underbelly filled with gangster and criminals. Her Daofei friends, Rangi, and Kyoshi face all sorts of enemies after the Avatar. As those who seek to control her draw closer to her, She is faced with major challenges alongside her newfound powers and responsibilities.

Review: ★★★★★

I gave this book four stars because, the book is wonderful but, it also lacking in a few areas. On one hand, the plot made sense while the book was also effectively developing the characters and building relationships between them. It was also a perfect encapsulation of the Avatar: The Last Airbender universe. On the other hand, there were parts that weren't as engaging as the rest of the book and were tedious to read. Despite that, I would still recommend The Rise of Kyoshi to Avatar fans and non-fans alike due to the novel being hard to put down.



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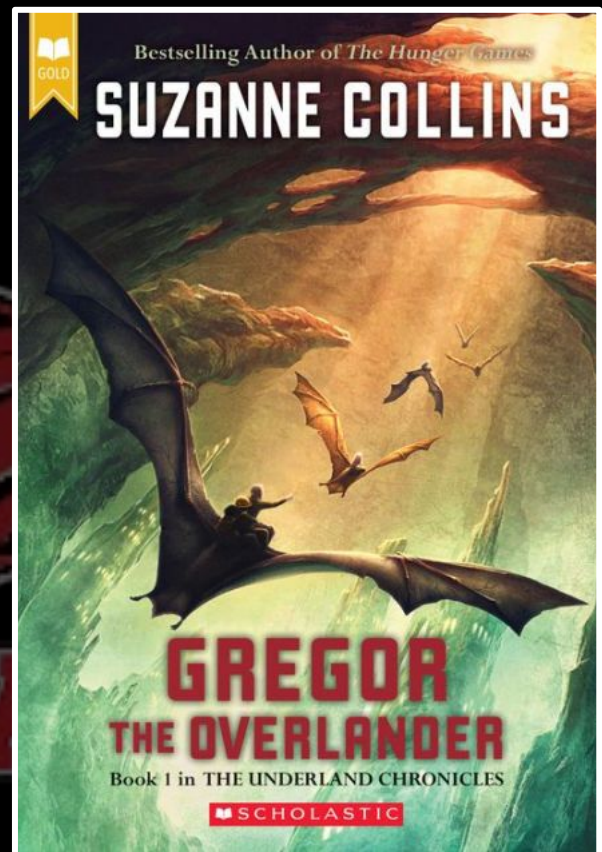
Mithra Ganesh, Staff Writer

Gregor The Overlander

By Suzanne Collins:

Gregor is a normal eleven year old boy. His family is struggling because his father disappeared one day. He follows his two year old sister, Boots, down a laundry grate. But, Gregor and his sister falls down into a sinkhole, and they land in an underground kingdom where humans coexist with giant, anthropomorphic creatures like cockroaches and rats. Gregor teams up with the prince and crowned princess of Regalia, the underground kingdom. Gregor, Boots, and the royals go on an adventure to save Gregor's lost father from the rats. This is the first book of a five part series.

Personal thoughts: I would recommend this book to anyone who asks. This is my favorite book series. Yeah, it's a series, and it's made by the author of *The Hunger Games*. If you like that book series, you should definitely read this. I don't even have words to describe how good this book is.



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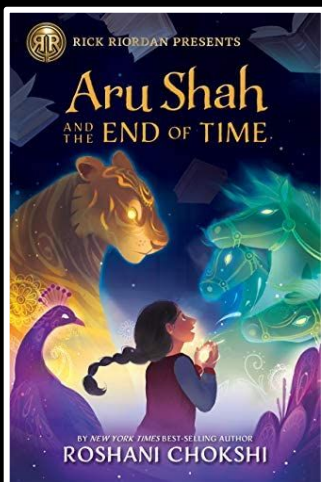
Book Reviews

Shreya Venkatraman, Staff Writer

Aru Shah and the End of Time by, Roshani Chokshi

Aru Shah is just a regular 7th grader. She lives at the Ancient Indian Art and Culture Museum which her mom owns. One day, three of her classmates force her to light a lamp from the museum that Aru's mom told her would lead to a curse. Still, Aru obliges and that's how things turn from bad to worse. Aru's mom was right: because she lit the lamp, time suddenly stops and the three kids and her mom are frozen. Aru realizes that she is the reincarnation of one of the five Pandava brothers from Hindu mythology. With the help from Boo, her bird meteor and Mini, her Pandava sister, will Aru be able to restore time? This is the first book in a five book series.

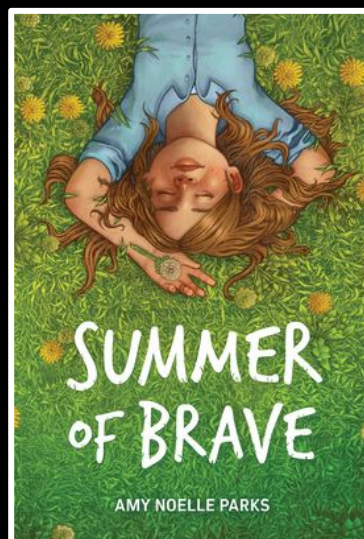
My Personal Thoughts: I enjoyed this book so much! I actually read this because of someone else so shout out to that person! I would recommend this for kids who had read Harry Potter or Percy Jackson. This has very similar characters and themes. Also, for kids who are Hindus or read Hindu Mythology books, there will be references to different gods and myths. Even if you don't fit the criteria, I still recommend you to read this book!



Summer of Brave by Amy Noelle Parks:

Lilla and her friends, Vivi and Knox, have a tradition. On the last day of school, they pick dandelions, blow them and collect the remaining seeds. Whoever has fewer seeds, that person has to tell the others their summer wish and they will do it during the summer. Vivi wins and she wishes for Lilla and Knox to be brave-. This means don't lie and tell the truth. But, Lilla doesn't think she can do it because she's used to keeping her feelings quiet and private most of the time. All different things are hiding inside her—her parents divorce, her friends and her magnet school. Will Lilla find her voice or will all her thoughts accidentally spill out and ruin her life?

My Personal Thoughts: When I first picked up and read the first few chapters, I didn't like that story as much as I do now. I didn't like Vivi and I thought Lilla shouldn't be friends with her. But, as I kept reading, I kept liking and liking more about it. The struggles Lilla goes through are relatable to anyone.



Reviews: Video Games

Video Games: New Releases

John Hawkins, Staff Writer



Splatooon 3 is a game made by Nintendo and is available on the Nintendo Switch. It is a FPS game that uses ink to cover the map. Who ever has inked the most amount of the map wins. This version of Splatooon 3 has a new story mode and new maps. In addition, if you have Splatooon 2, you get a gold pass that lets you get tools to cover the map in ink better. These items could be a bow or an umbrella. Get Splatooon 3!



LEGO Star Wars the Skywalker Saga, is a LEGO game that came out a few months ago and it has lego versions of every Star Wars movie. LEGO versions of the best characters from every movie in Star Wars are featured. It contains missions you complete to finish the game. Get LEGO Star Wars today!

Reviews: Video Games

Video Games: New Releases

John Hawkins, Staff Writer



Pikmin 4 is the fourth game in the Pikmin series, made by Nintendo, and will be released on the Nintendo Switch in 2023. Not much is known about Pikmin 4, but if it is like other Pikmin games, it will have new Pikmin. They are small plant creatures on an alien planet. In the new game, there seems to be a new captain that commands the Pikmins. The graphics seem to be much better than other Pikmin games.

POKÉMON

The new Pokemon games are Scarlet and Violet. Each game has a different legendary Pokemon. The new Pokemon games also has more open game where you can explore more of the map. It also has new Pokemon like the starters: Quaxly, Sprigatito, and Fuecoco.

How To...

Fun Gardening

Adarsh Nair, Staff Writer

Gardening is a fun activity for the whole family: going outside, digging, working, and watering. But, what if there was a way to make gardening more fun. This article will teach you all the fun tricks you could learn about gardening and all the secrets behind it.

What is Gardening?

Gardening is when you take a seedling and bury it deep underground, then tend to the young seedling and let it get some sunshine and water it everyday. After some time, your little seedling will become a huge plant and bloom beautifully in the sunlight. You get to appreciate the hard work you put in your little flower.

Better Gardening

Well first, it all starts with what type of plants you want to garden. Different plants will have varying results, so before you actually start planting, come up with a plan of what to do. Also, it depends on the quantity you use whether it is some, a lot, or none. You need to take care of your plants everyday by watering it and letting it be in the sunlight. As time goes on, you will see your little seedlings grow and grow until they eventually blossom. You can try all these tricks and tips at home in your very own garden! Get ready for some fun in the sun.



How To...

How to Bake!

Darshana Dilip, Staff Writer

Are you craving something sweet and delicious, but just don't enough have the time to make it? Here is a short and simple recipe you will love. This warm, soft mug cake is just delicious!

Total cooking time - 10 minutes

Prep time - 5 minutes

Cook time - 5 minutes

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon light brown sugar
1 egg
¼ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
⅓ cup all purpose flour
¼ teaspoon baking powder
Pinch (and I mean a PINCH) of salt
2 tablespoons chocolate chips



Recipe:

In a large mug, melt the butter for about 15-30 seconds. Then, add in the sugar and stir to combine. Next, add in the egg and vanilla extract and whisk the ingredients together.

Add in the flour, baking powder and salt to the mixture, and mix it in. Slowly add in the chocolate chips and put it in the microwave for about 1 to 2 minutes. You can use a toothpick or a fork to check if it's cooked. Once cooked, all you need to do is enjoy! Stay tuned for the next recipe.

I think we all agree that nachos are the king of appetizers. From the crunchy chips to the melted cheese and all the trimmings, I've never seen a plate go back with a single bite left. So, why do you have to go to some restaurant, when you can just have some at home?

Ingredients:

1 lb Ground beef
Produce
1 (15-ounce) can Black beans
2 tbsp Cilantro, fresh leaves
1 cup Corn, canned or roasted frozen kernels
2 cloves Garlic
1 Jalapeno
1/4 cup Red onion
1 Roma tomato
Tortilla chips
Cheese (lots!)
Sour cream
1 tbsp Olive oil



Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly oil a baking sheet or coat with nonstick spray. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add ground beef and garlic, and cook until beef has browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the beef as it cooks; stir in taco seasoning. Drain excess fat. Place tortilla chips in a single layer onto the prepared baking sheet. Top with ground beef mixture, black beans, corn and cheeses. Place into oven and bake until heated through and the cheeses have melted, about 5-6 minutes. Serve immediately, topped with tomato, onion, jalapeno, sour cream and cilantro.

How To...

How to Play Chess

By: Shalin, Archie, and Maadhav

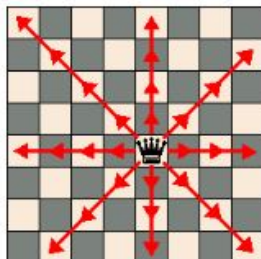
How The Pieces Move

In chess, There are 16 pieces per side. Each one of them moves differently. The knight, one of the special pieces in the game, moves in a L-Shape, as shown. The bishop moves in a diagonal, as shown. The rook moves sideways, downwards, and upwards. The queen is the powerhouse. It can move like a bishop AND a rook. Lastly, the pawn can only move once and only forward unless it is a capture. The king can only move 1 square at a time, so it is easy to remember.

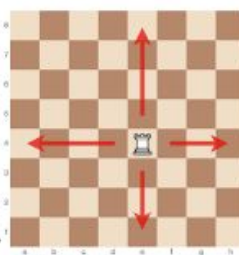
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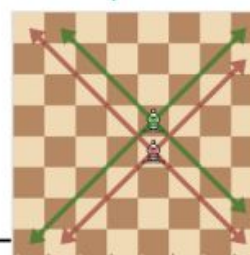
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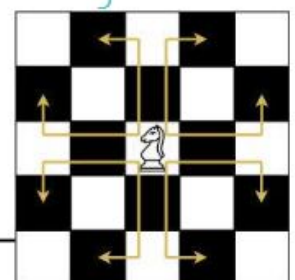
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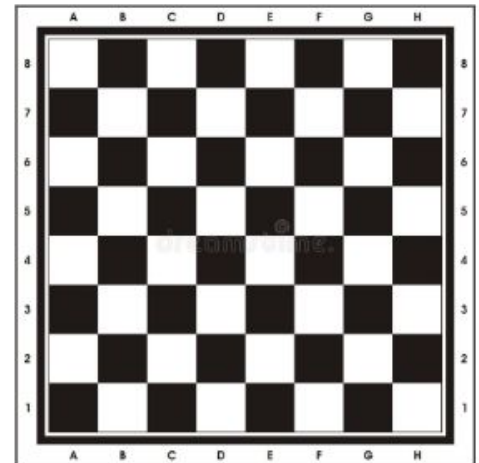


How To...

How to remember coordinates

(Nxe5 is an example, don't write that down for every capture).

Do you see those numbers on the edge and those letters also on the Rim? Ya those are coordinates. You have to add both those letters/numbers together to get a coordinate. Like a1, b2, c3, f6, h8, etc. To write pieces, it is like this. N= knight, Q=Queen, R=Rook, B=Bishop. For Captures, you write Nxe5. X is the letter for captures.



The Ruy Lopez Opening; A Thematic Opening

This opening is called the Ruy Lopez opening.

Its played: e4, e5, Nf3, Nc6, Bb5. The reason this opening is good is because you develop your Knight and Bishop while making space for your king to castle. Castling is good because it keeps your king safe. It is always good to develop your minor pieces in the opening.

(Minor pieces are the Knights and Bishops).



How To...

Daily Chess



Bullet Chess



Rapid Chess



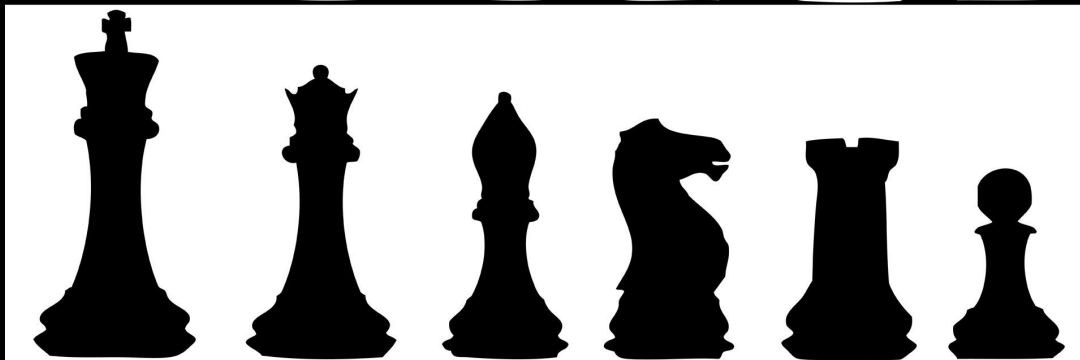
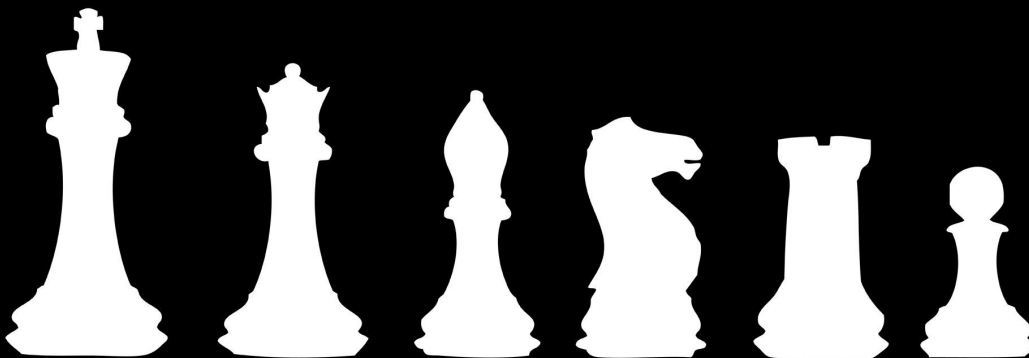
Blitz Chess



How Much Time do You Have in Order to Win in Chess?

Different types of games have different amounts of time. In chess you can play four games with different amounts of time: bullet, rapid, daily, and blitz. Bullet chess is when you only have one minute to make all your moves. You must think very quickly in order to win. In rapid chess, you will have 10-30 minutes to make all your moves. In daily chess, you will have 1-14 days to make your move. The main purpose of these games are to force you to play everyday. In blitz chess, you will have 3-5 minutes to make your moves. These are all the different types of games in chess.

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Creative Writing

Taking Criticism the Right Way

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My eyes were watery,
I stood there like a statue,
and I started to feel queasy as my friend said,
"You suck at soccer and you can't pass the ball!
Why are you even playing with the pros!"

A dusty scent in the air matched up with my
feeling,
of pain,
and the tornado of emotions inside me,
was like nothing that I have ever felt before!

I was turning into a boiling stove,
so I just fled the scene like a runaway cheetah.

After long hours of rage,
screams,
and shameful attitude,
I felt a burn of jealousy,
and something else.

And that feeling was revenge,
That I needed to get.

Still,
Nothing was really accomplished,
At the end of the day.

But there is always new day,
That arises,
When you least expect it.

I was then immensely determined,
that I could prove myself superior,
Against the one person who chose,
To mock me.

But within a couple weeks,
playing the scene over and over again in my
head,
I realized,
That he could be telling the truth to me.

Whatever the case may be,
I started to take this criticism,
And perceive it in a different way,
To try and learn from it.

Since practice makes perfect,
I swore to myself that I would not go,
and play with him,
Until I can actually improve.

Creative Writing

Taking Criticism the Right Way [Continued]

Batsal Dhakal, Staff Writer

After practicing with my dad,
watching soccer tips and tricks,
And joining a soccer team,
I could finally see the light at the end of the
tunnel.

Some time later,
I could see myself dribbling like a pro,
and shooting hard shots.

Without a doubt,
I knew,
That I had become much better.

Not only did I learn,
To pause and reflect,
on how to welcome negative feedback into my
life,

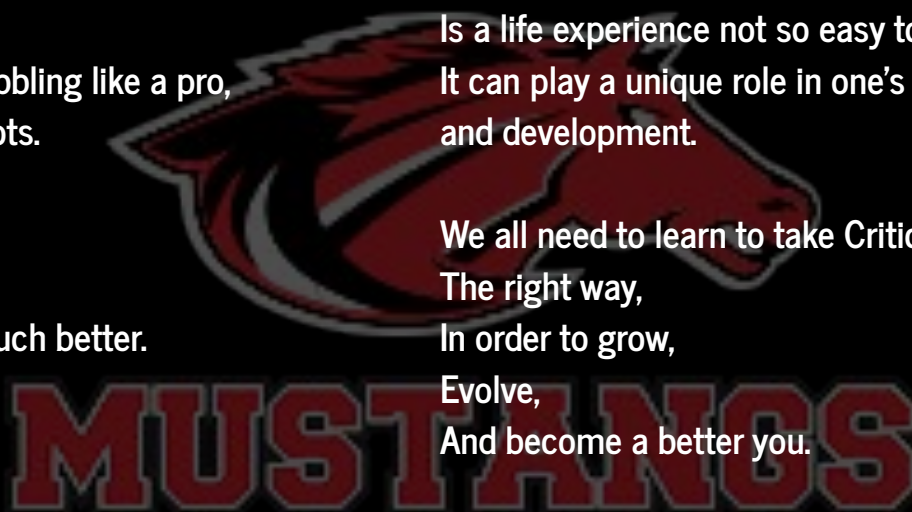
But I also developed self-awareness,
while assuming the best intentions out of the
problem.

Believe it or not,
Taking negative feedback with grace,
Helped me to grow, evolve, and learn.

In the end,
The lesson learned was that,
Don't be hard on yourself,
When you get criticized.

Even though criticism,
Is a life experience not so easy to embrace,
It can play a unique role in one's growth,
and development.

We all need to learn to take Criticism,
The right way,
In order to grow,
Evolve,
And become a better you.



Creative Writing

Prayush Khanal. Staff Writer

The moon comes up marking a new night

An owl who's at dawn

A mouse hears this and squeals in fright

Feeling like a pawn

The lion looks at the sky

And sees a butterfly

As the fish splash at sea

And a dog scratches of a flea

But being yourself

Is everything else

So see what's there to come

Creative Writing

The Prophecy of the Ghosts

Bhuvana Tallapaneni, Staff Writer

Chapter 1: Awake

Clara had just woken up in her sunlit room. She looked out her window, watching the sparrows, assuming everything about this summer was normal. Of course, she had no idea what was in store for her this summer. The first day of break was like a roller coaster.

Clara was a girl of 10, with her slightly curly, brown hair sitting on top of her shoulders. Her glistening blue eyes started burning from the heat of the sun, and it took awhile for her to snap out of her haze. As she got up from the bed, her sequined unicorn pajamas cast weird lights around the room.

As she started making her bed, she heard something. She blinked a couple of times to listen, and then she heard.

"Clara, are you awake, honey?" Her mom was walking towards her room.

"Yes, mom," Clara replied, "You know me!"

You see, unlike many of her friends, Clara tended to wake up early, even during the summer. She was very well an early bird. Her mom walked in and pulled her cheeks, a childhood perk that never stopped her family from fussing with them. Her mom's eyes swung from her daughter, to around her room, and back to Clara.

"It's nice to see you making your bed, but I also want you to clean the rest of your room, I've only been asking you for a week!

"I will for sure today, after all, Zoe *is* coming over."

"But for sure this time, all right?" Her mom replied.

"Yes, mom."

"Good."

Her mom left the room, and Clara listened to make sure she was gone. Then, she got to work. She cleaned her room and organized her desk.

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The Prophecy of the Ghosts [Continued 2]

Afterward, she went to clean her teeth and take a shower. She went downstairs and to the kitchen, expecting to find her mom there. But she wasn't. Instead, she was sitting on the couch, just like when Clara sat when she was struggling with homework.

She and Cassandra (her mom) looked very similar, with the hair, eyes, and all, but her mom had longer arms and legs.

Clara walked over to the couch to ask her what was wrong, but her mom told her to go eat her breakfast. She listened and walked over to the dining table. On a plate in front of Clara's seat were 3 warm blueberry pancakes stacked on top of one another covered in syrup. There was a face on it as well, a smiling one - with blueberries for the eyes and mouth and a strawberry for the nose.

She took a bite and munched down one pancake, and stopped to look at her mother. And to her surprise, one big fat tear was rolling down her mother's cheek, followed by another.

Chapter 2: Zoe

The doorbell rang one, two, three times. Clara was busy consoling her mother when she heard the doorbell ring for the third time. She rushed to the door as her mother wiped away her tears. When she opened the door, to no one's surprise, there stood Zoe.

Her short bob cut bounced as she asked, "Hey, are you ready to write our poem?"

"Sure," Clara replied.

She and Zoe had gotten one summer assignment from their teacher—to write a poem. She led Zoe through the house. The dining room, the living room, where her mother plastered a fake smile on her face, and then to her room. Zoe sat and then started bouncing on Clara's bed. She admired the pillows, blankets, and how clean Clara's room was compared to hers. Then Zoe looked at her makeup and desk, and finally, Clara said, "Zoe!"

Zoe stood frozen in her spot for a second before snapping out of it. "Sorry," she said in a much quieter voice.

Then they both giggled.

"It's all right, I'm sorry too. I'm just - a little stressed." Clara said.

"I understand. It's all right," replied Zoe.

Creative Writing

The Prophecy of the Ghosts [Continued 3]

"Ready to work on our project?" Clara asked.

"You know it!" Zoe replied enthusiastically.

They had to write a poem about George Washington and were confused about where to start.

"I'll do a quick search online," Clara said.

"Excellent! I'll get the materials!" Zoe said.

She hopped over to Clara's desk and started getting out pencils, paper, and a poster board. Clara sat on the bed with her computer and searched for George Washington's birth date. She thought it was a good place to start.

"Found it!" Clara said in a bit of a high voice.

Zoe smiled. She knew Clara could get a little overeager sometimes. Her baby blue nails glistened in the sunlight streaming in from the windows.

Clara had her nails painted in baby blue too, because she and Zoe were best, best, best friends!

Zoe started writing George Washington's birth date. Then she and Clara spent the next one hour on their poem. When they were finished, it went like this:

*Born on February 22, 1732,
He was our founding father - yours too!*

*Born in Virginia on his family's farm,
He moved up the Potomac River to the next farm with open arms.*

*He lost his mother when he was young and his father at 11,
Leaving his stepmom to take care of the children without her beloved.*

*He went into slavery without any thought,
Then thought about its effect on the nation and to end it he fought!*

*Washington lead America to victory and founded D.C,
And a president he did not want to be!*

Creative Writing

The Prophecy of the Ghosts [Continued 4]

*But forced to lead the nation,
He did so without obligation.*

*So let's give him three cheers,
For taking away our fears!*

Hip Hip Hooray!

Hip Hip Hooray!

Hip Hip Hooray!

When they were finished, they put the poem on the poster board. Then, they spent the next hour decorating the poster board. At last, they finished.

"It looks great! I should get going now," Zoe said.

As she stood up to leave, Clara grabbed her arm. "I have something to show you," she said.

Zoe followed Clara to her dresser. Clara opened a drawer and took out two bracelets. She put one on Zoe's wrist and one on her wrist.

"My grandmother gave me these. Now you can go!" Clara said. "And never take it off!"

"Sure!" Zoe replied.

Clara walked Zoe back down the stairs, and through the living room where her mom was gone. "*She must be in her room*" Clara made a mental note to talk with her mom after Zoe went home. She walked Zoe through the dining room and to the front door. Zoe said bye and then stepped out into the sunlight.

She looked at the bracelet Clara gave her. It had one word on it. "*Friends*".

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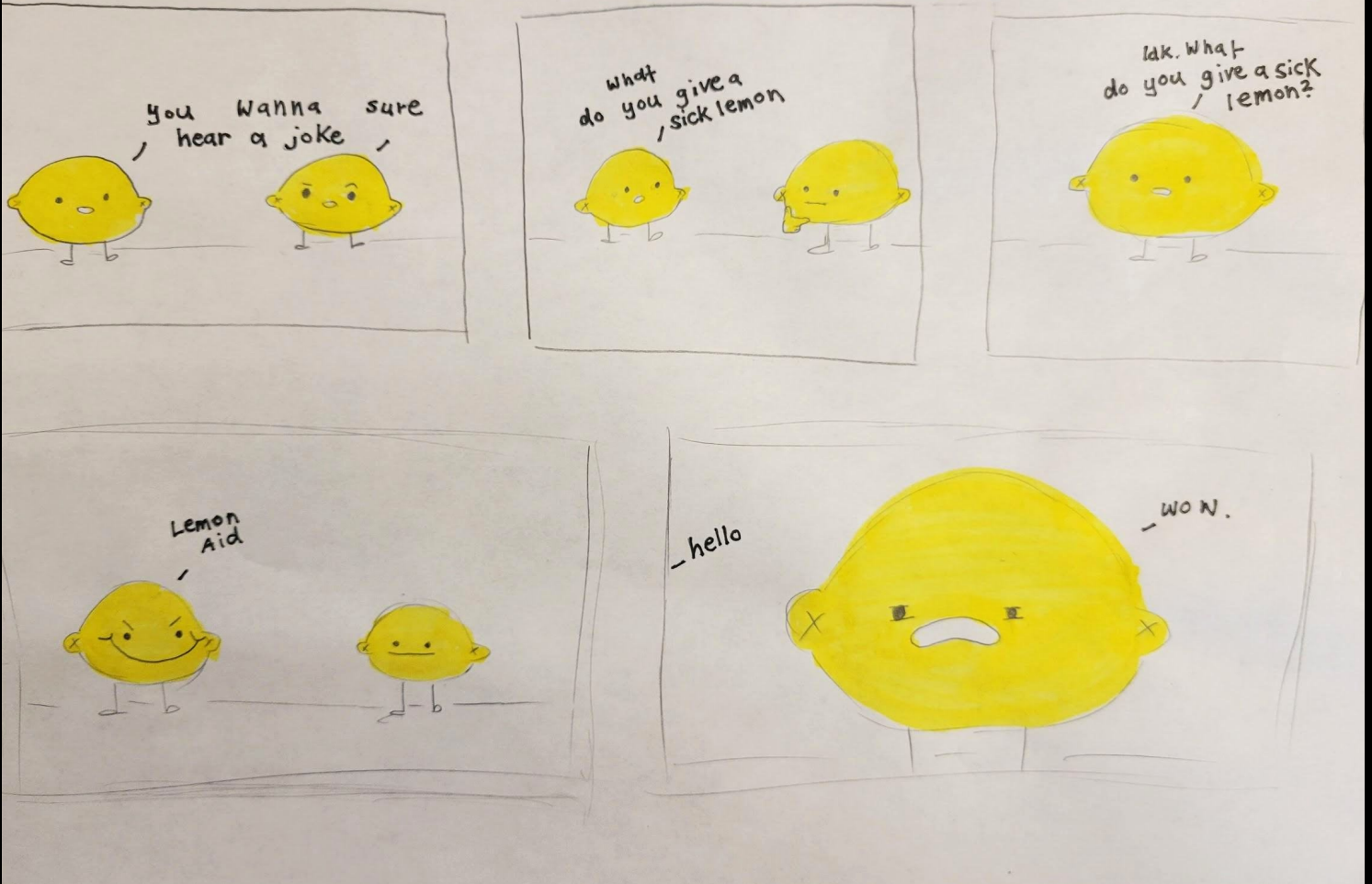
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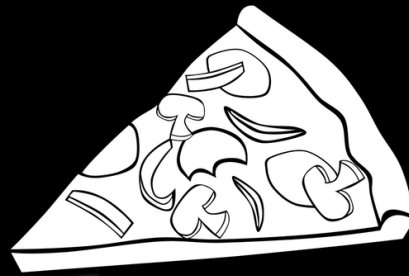
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Thank You

Thank you for reading!

1. Did you know that the biggest pizza ever was 13,580 sqft???



2. Did you know that the different colors of Fruit Loops all taste the same???



3. Did you know that Coca-Cola sells soup in a can in Japan???

4. Did you know that the tallest man on earth was 8'11???

