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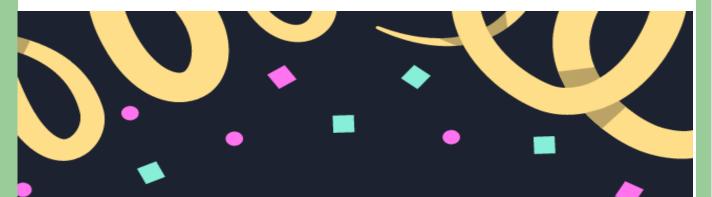
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Star Student: Alexa D.

By Alexis C.

Alexa D., 8th grade, is the Star Student this issue. This title was no doubt awarded to her for her excellent grades, her leaderships roles in both NJHS and StuCo, and her overall upstanding attitude about school. I spoke with Alexa about her accomplishment and Q:Why do you feel you won Star Student? have included the questions and answers from our conversation below.

Q: How did you feel about winning Star

my grades and accomplishments.

Q:Have you ever won the Student of the Month award before? (Student of the Month and Star Student are separate awards)

A:"Yes, I have won Student of the Month once or twice before"

A:"I feel I won Star Student because, within the school, I think I have contributed much effort and time in everything I do. For example, my time in the clubs I participate in and also my grades, I complete my work and I have dedication to A:I felt grateful and honored to be recognized for different clubs and events happening throughout our school. '

Q: As not only a member of NJHS and StuCo, but an officer in both, what compelled you to be a leader?

A:"What compelled me to be a leader and/or officer within the clubs and school was the fact that as a leader, you can help drive people to help not only better their studies, but also work together to accomplish goals in and outside of our school. "

Q:How do you feel the aforementioned clubs improve your school experience?

A:"I feel NJHS and StuCo helped improve my school experience because I got to try new things and learn how to take on responsibility and perform it thoroughly."

Black History Month

by: Miranda C.

The annual celebration of African Americans began in 1926, originally only lasting a week and being titled "Negro History Week." This went on until 1976, when the annual holiday became a month-long celebration (the way we celebrate it today). We celebrate this event to recognize and honor the central role of African American people in U.S. history. According to history.com, "Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month." Canada, The United Kingdom and other countries around the world also devote the month of February to Black History Month. Many African Americans throughout the years have made their marks on the world, including Madam C.J. Walker, who was America's first self-made woman to become a millionaire, and George Washington Carver, who was able to make nearly 300 products from

peanuts. Others include Henry Louis Aaron, or Hank Aaron, who was a Major League Baseball player. Or Henry "Box" Brown who was a slave who escaped to freedom at the age of 33 by mailing himself in a wooden crate in 1849 to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Biographies and autobiographies have been written about many notable African Americans. One such title, Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom by Catherine Clinton, is about the titular Harriet Tubman, a girl born into slavery in 1822. Tubman escaped from slavery in 1849, changed her name and worked to rescue dozens of families via the Underground Railroad. Take this month to think about the impact African American people have had on the world.

Ty Drago Author Visit

By Steve A.

When asked about popular books, many famous authors come to mind such as Gordon Korman, James Patterson, and Judy Blume. However, there are other spectacular authors that receive significantly less credit for their work. One such author is Ty Drago. Drago is the author of the well-acclaimed series, The Undertakers. The Undertakers is a series about a group of "ragtag" teenagers that band together to save the world from the "Corpses", which are zombies that think, act, and try to outsmart humans. The series is composed of five books.

Drago also has other literary works, such as "Yesterday I Will Remember Tomorrow", which is a short story about a man whose "tomorrow is your yesterday." Ty Drago visited our school on January 26th and told us about his writing. He said there are two types of authors: planners and painters. Planners go through outlines, make lists, and go through every single tiny, little, excruciating detail before they start writing. But painters, on the other hand, just write until the very last letter. Drago likes to identify himself as a painter. After his lecture at WMS, Drago held a short Q&A session where students learned a little about his life as a fellow Philadelphia-area resident! Sixth graders learned that he is an Eagles fan, as he hoped the Eagles would win the Super Bowl.

African American Read In

By Julia W.

The African American Read In is an event during which volunteers come into your classroom to read a story written by an African American. On February 2nd, a volunteer came in to Mrs. Piotrowski's class and read a selection from Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson. The book is read through verse, the type of writing seen in poetry. Even though it was twelve pages, we learned a lot about the character, where she lives and her family before her. It was an exceptional book that I would like to read myself, and I would think others would, too. My class discussed how the book was written and what the symbolism in the book meant. The book's detail made me feel like I was there, seeing it all for myself. It uses powerful words that affect how the story is read. With each word came a feeling which made me feel the tension. Overall, it was a fantastic story. Below is an interview I had with Ms. Soult, who is in charge of the African American Read In.

What drove you to do this read in?/Why do you do the read in?

Holly Hills School participates in the African American Read In, so I thought it would be enriching to extend the program into WMS. It's a great way to kick off Black History Month and celebrate the works of African American authors.

Can you tell us about the books read?

Parent and community volunteers read selections of the books aloud to the classes. I provide the novels and discussion questions for them to share. Many of our books are historical fiction, which involve characters facing adversity and overcoming barriers.

Is it important for kids our age to know this information?/What's the point of doing this?

I think it is important at any age to celebrate diversity and appreciate literature, especially from diverse cultures and backgrounds.

Is there a way where we're able to get involved?

Parents, community members, and NJHS students are our guest readers for this event. Come and be an enthusiastic participant!

Are you able to check these books out?

Absolutely! The titles which were read in classrooms, as well as many more, are available at the school library.

Where are we able to look more into this event?

More information can be found at http://www2.ncte.org/get-involved/african-american-read-in/

Pennies for Patients

By Gabby W.

Starting February 5th, you can help to raise money for the Pennies for Patients drive! While this program is running, you can bring in spare change and donate it to benefit kids with Leukemia and other illnesses. This drive teaches kids important values about leadership, friendship, and being part of a community. I inquired to Mrs. Giveans about this drive, since she is in charge of the campaign.

Q: Who holds the Drive?

A:The National Junior Honors Society holds this drive.

Q: Why do you think this is such an important program?

A: I think this is an important program because it helps children who are diagnosed with cancer.

Q: When did the school start doing this Drive?

A: We began this drive many years ago. If you're wondering who started the Drive, it's the non-profit organization known as the LLS, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This organization is dedicated to finding to cure to blood cancer.

Make sure you donate to get special prizes that will be discussed in the assembly on February 1st. Join the hero squad!



The Super Bowl

By Tej P.

This year the Super Bowl was on February 4, 2018. The two teams playing in the Super Bowl were the Philadelphia Eagles led by their head coach, Doug Peterson, and the New England Patriots led by their head coach, Bill Belichick. At the end of the game, the score was 41-33. Some people thought the Patriots would win again. However, this time the Eagles pulled the Super Bowl win out of the hat. With one minute to go in the 4th quarter, star quarterback, Tom Brady, threw a Hail Mary to tight end Rob Gronkowski which he

did not catch. At the end of the game they announced that Eagles quarterback, Nick Foles, was the Most Valuable Player of the game. He earned this title after stepping in for Carson Wentz (Starting QB) after suffering an ACL injury in a game versus the L.A. Rams earlier in the season. Since the Eagles Super Bowl win on February 8, they held their victory parade in Philadelphia to celebrate their achievement. Congrats to the Philadelphia Eagles, as they are the NFL champions of the 2017-2018 season!

The Puppy Bowl

By Katie M.

You've heard of the Super Bowl, right? Well get ready for something way cuter and, in my opinion, way better! On February 4th, 2018 at 3pm, the 14th annual Puppy Bowl took place. The Puppy Bowl mimics the "big game" as an alternative to watching the Super Bowl for animal lovers! There is even a commentator for the event who gives player stats and other fun puppy information. You might be thinking this event is unfair to the puppies being used for our entertainment, but great care and consideration is used to ensure their well-being and enjoyment! Pet stores even donate toys for the puppies to play "the game." It is also a great way to bring awareness to puppies in animal shelters! The puppies were from shelters across country and went up for adoption after the show.

The puppies went nuts over the rubber football! The two teams of cuteness participating in Puppy Bowl this year were "Ruff" and "Fluff." Team Ruff wore green bandanas, while team Fluff wore yellow bandanas. In the end, Team Fluff took the win! You know how Justin Timberlake did the halftime show for the Super bowl? Cats did it for the Puppy Bowl! If you love cuteness, tune into the Puppy Bowl next year! For more information, go to https://www.animalplanet.com/tv-shows/puppy-bowl/.

Kids Cook

By Katie M.

Gummy Bear Popsicles

Ingredients:

- Gummy bears
- Sprite
- Popsicle tray (or holders)
- Freezer

Instructions:

First, fill the popsicle holder halfway full with gummy bears. Second, fill the remaining part of the tray with Sprite. Third, put your popsicle tray in your freezer for four hour. Finally, take your popsicles out of the freezer, and enjoy!

Kids Cook

By: Lucy A.

You will need:

- Chocolate chips (1 Bag)
- Graham Crackers
- Marshmallows
- Lollipop sticks
- An Airtight container
- Bowls
- A Ziploc Freezer Bag
- 1 tsp. of Vegetable Shortening
- Skor Bits (Optional)



First, put your chocolate chips in an airtight container. Then fill the bowl up with hot water. Put the airtight container of chocolate chips in the bowl of hot water to melt.

While you are waiting for the chocolate chips to melt, take your marshmallows and stick them on the lollipop sticks. After you've done that, put the graham crackers in a Ziploc freezer bag and crush them into crumb size pieces. Pour the graham crackers crumbs into a separate bowl.

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If the chocolate chips still aren't melted, stir them around and add the water. Vegetable shortening is the perfect chocolate thinner, so mix a small amount into the chocolate for a good texture.

When you have your melted chocolate ready to use, take it out of the water and take off the cap. Take your marshmallow "lollipops" and dip them in the chocolate. Then, roll them in the graham cracker crumbs. Try rolling them in the Skor (caramel) bits for an even sweeter treat!

After you're done, put your finished s'mores pops on a plate covered with wax paper. Enjoy!!!!

Battle of the Books Competition

By: Steve A.

In the months of March and April of 2018, a roster of six Battle of the Books participants will attend a competition held in Burlington County. For those who do not know what Battle of the Books is. it is a club for people who like to read. Ms. Soult, the administrator of the club, answered a few questions about the program. There are two divisions (5th & 6th and 7th & 8th) which are assigned fifteen books to read and on which questions are written. Then participants turn in their questions to their administrator. But what do they do at their meetings? If you think that members of this club just sit around and read their heads off at their meetings, you're wrong! Ms. Soult says that students compete in "mock battles" in order to prepare for the competitions. They also take tests, guizzes and one final exam to earn points to determine which six people represent the team at

the competition in Burlington County. All this work does not come without rewards. According to Ms. Soult, participants receive a pizza/dessert party, t-shirts, and special medals. If you love reading for fun and winning prizes, Battle of the Books is just right for you!



Quirky Holidays: Girl Scout Day

By: Krysten W.

Girl Scout Day recognizes and celebrates the Girls Scouts of the USA. This date celebrates the creation of the first Girl Scout troop on March 12, 1912. According to HolidayInsights.com, Lady Olave Baden-Powell started the first Girl Scout Group with 18 girls in Georgia. The Girl Scouts became a national organization and was qualified by the U.S. Congress in 1950. Girl Scouts don't just sell cookies; they develop new skills, talents

and friendships through troop activities, camping and camp-related activities. Celebrate the creation of Girl Scouts on March 12th with the girls who support those in need!



Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Adams

by: Zaya M.

Congratulations to Mrs. Adams for earning Staff Spotlight! I interviewed her, and here are the results.

Q: Were you surprised when you realized you won?

A: I was so touched and excited to hear I was spotlighted this month.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 22 years. Twenty-one years have been at W.M.S. in the fifth grade! I even student taught at W.M.S. for fifth grade.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do when you are not teaching?

A: When not teaching, I enjoy watching my daughter and son in all their sports. I also love to take pictures.

Q: Have you gotten Staff Spotlight before?

A: This is my first time being spotlighted and I'm thrilled!

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching?

A: My favorite thing about teaching is when my students persevere and try hard, which makes good things happen.

Q: If you could teach another grade, what grade would it be?

A: If I could, I think I would like to teach 6th grade because it's so close to 5th grade, which I love!

Staff Spotlight: Ms. Beekman

By: Miranda C.

Congratulations to Ms. Beekman for earning the Staff Spotlight Award for March! Ms. Beekman is our 5th and 6th grade music teacher. She also conducts the 5th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, 5th Grade Chorus, Holiday Chorus, Spring Chorus, and Select Chorus. Although she first started teaching full-time here at WMS, she was previously a long-term substitute at Southern Regional High School as the Choral Director and Stafford Elementary as the Band Director. Overall, she has worked in education for 5 years. Below is the interview I had with her.

What have you gained from working here at WMS?

Classroom management skills.

What do you find most challenging about your profession?

I get very frustrated when students don't practice their instruments.

What do you do in your free time?

I love hanging with my cats, jamming, and going fishing and crabbing on Barnegat Bay.

What did you want to be when you grew up and why?

I wanted to be a hairdresser in kindergarten and then a dermatologist in 6th grade, but, once I hit high school I knew I wanted to be a music teacher.

In my opinion, Ms. Beekman is a teacher who definitely deserves this award. Congratulations, Ms. Beekman!

Pet Care: Bearded Dragons

By RJ O.

The bearded dragon is considered one of the all-time greatest lizard pets. They are alert and tame. They can make interesting gestures like "waving," where they will lift their front leg in the air and "wave." Bearded dragons often live to around ten years but some say their bearded dragon has lived twice as long. A 75 gallon tank is acceptable for two adult bearded dragons. During the summer, bearded dragons can be kept in outdoor tanks. Be sure the tank has sun basking areas because they love the warmth, but also have a shelter for rain and a shady retreat. They like to climb, so branches would be fun for

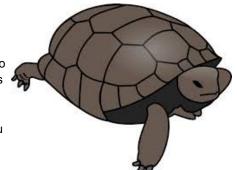
them. Bearded dragons like the sun, so you should make a basking spot and set it to about 100 degrees. The heat of the site can be provided by a spotlight positioned over a rock, branch, etc. You should have a cool end as well. The temperature should be at least 80 degrees on the cool side, as they cant get too cold. You should have a full spectrum UVB light over the entire enclosure. This is crucial for dragons that are kept indoors. Sand is commonly used for bearded dragons, but it is worrisome because they might ingest it. Bearded dragons are omnivores, which means they will eat plants and meat. Bearded dragons are a fun and entertaining pet if you are willing to take care of them properly.

Pet Care: Red-Eared Slider Turtles

By: Will M.

Have you been thinking about getting a pet? Think about getting Red Eared Slider Turtle! They are kind to their owner and greet their owner when the owner walks in the room, and will always keep you on your toes. Their diets consist of spinach and other leafy greens, crickets, minnows, super worms, and occasionally pinky mice. They need a basking area with a light so they become dry; this requires an Ultraviolet light to see your turtle. At night the water should not be freezing cold. The expensive

part is the tank, which costs an average of \$100-\$200, along with a filtration system turtles alone can cost \$20. Make sure not to let them go, as releasing one into the wild is illegal; they're driving out native species. You want to be careful when handling a turtle, as they might try kicking your hands; however, you cannot let go. Also, when petting a turtle, approach from the front and place it on a flat, relatively soft surface. If you grab two of them, make sure to not purchase 2 males; they'll bite each other and flutter their claws in the other's face. Another common issue is itching; many owners become concerned when the turtle appears to be biting itself; as harmful as it seems, it's merely scratching itself. All in all, getting a Red Eared Slider Turtle is an amazing pet to own as long as you properly care for it.



What to Do When You See a Snapping Turtle

By Will M.

Have you heard about the common snapping turtle? If not, they are just like your everyday snapping turtle. This means that you want to be careful! You would not want to purchase this kind of turtle as a pet. If you do, you will most likely regret it. Their mouths are so strong, they could easily chomp off a finger! However, if you'd still really like a turtle as a pet, consider getting a Box Turtle or Red-Eared Slider.

Some turtles are not as slow as their reputation might suggest! The common snapping turtle can run rather fast. Do not swim in waters that are home to these turtles. If you see common snapping turtle cross the road, the safest choice is to let it cross if it is not a busy road. If you want to help it cross a busy road, please know that you may be in serious danger of a bite!

To hold a turtle safely you may need a few tips. Any kind of Snapping Turtle can pull its limbs, head, or tail into its shell. The parts of the shell are the carapace (top) and the plastron (bottom). The best spot to hold the turtle is behind the shell on the carapace. Do not hold this animal by the tail, as it is very painful for the turtle. Hold the turtle take it across the street to nest. Turtles are great reptiles, but some like this should be kept in the wild.

STEM Club

By Max B.

STEM club is a great opportunity to have fun and be educated on all things math, science, technology and engineering. If you think science or math are boring, guess again; the activities they do are interesting and fun!

The first activity I observed included cards with inventions on them. Students ordered the cards from least important to most important. It looked like some kids within a group disagreed sometimes, but they were able to solve it in a mature way. They talked about what they chose for least important and most important as a class. They also had a lively conversation about the importance of paper in the grand scheme of things.

Afterwards, the students were told that they were going to be making paper chains. The teacher (Mrs. Finn) showed everyone an example of one, and described how she made it. They were told the supplies they would be given and made a prediction about how many inches it would be. Most groups went pretty low like, 12 or 17 inches, but one of the groups chose a rather large number compared to the others. That group ended up making the largest paper chain. After the predictions, the students grabbed their supplies and began working. Some students cut the tape they were given in half vertically to give them double the tape, demonstrating problem solving skills. A different group ran out of tape before they did paper, so they tied a square knot out of it to make the loops. Once the timer went off, everyone stopped and measured their paper chain. Most groups ended up getting a much larger chain than they predicted.

Overall, in the classroom children were kind and cheerful. It looked like they had a lot of fun. If you were not able to get in this year, make sure to look out for sign ups next year if you are interested.

High School Musical JR.

by: Aniya W.

"We're all in this together as the world goes round and round." If you recognize this, you've probably seen High School Musical. Mr. Condoleon and Mr. Tornquist are putting on a school play based on High School Musical. Even though there are multiple High School Musical movies they have chosen to do the first one. I have asked them a few questions about the play and here are their answers:

How many people originally auditioned and how many got through to be in the play?

About 50 people auditioned and 43 are going to be in the play.

When will the play be performed?

March 15th and 16th at 7pm and March 18th at 2pm.

Why did you chose the play?

It's a fun play that everyone knows.

What makes it different from the others like it?

This show does not have as many technical effects (lights, dry ice, etc.) as others we have done in the past. It's fun, light-hearted and more contemporary.

Is there a song that stands out to you in the play?

"Stick to the Status Quo"

How many rehearsals will take for the kids to learn all the scenes in the play?

We only have two rehearsals a week, which is not very long at all. Putting on full scale musical productions takes a lot of time. We will have three Saturday rehearsals and teach week the week of the show (rehearsal every day) to tweak any last minute things.

Why do you think people will enjoy the play?

It's fun, the songs are catchy and the choreography is great!

How good do you think the outcome will be?

I think we will do well. We always do. We have a lot of support from students, staff and the community.

Why do you like working with child actors?

They love to learn. We love directing fans seeing the final outcome. It's always so rewarding.

I also asked Gabby W. who is in the play about her thoughts on working on the play. She said, "I really like the play. It's fun, but it's a lot of work, and if you don't show up to the meetings you could lose your part, have your part changed or sit out of some numbers. But in the end it is all worth it."



Book Review: Sting

By Jake W.

Would you like to read a book about kids stealing gems and trying to escape from the FBI? Well, I have got the book for you! Sting by Jude Watson is about a group of kids who steal jewels from the rich and famous. March McQuin, his sister, Jules McQuin, and his friends have been cursed by a jewel they stole, and are trying to get the other jewels before getting cursed for the rest of their lives. March is brave and sneaky, Jules is athletic and brave, Darius is strong and positive, and Izzy is smart and determined. This combination of personalities fuels the plot.

In my opinion, this book is awesome because it has lots of details on the major events and has plenty of action. My favorite part of this book is when March and his friends steal from a very rich person on a golf course. My least favorite part of the book is when the FBI is searching for them. The antagonists are the Top Cats, the most dangerous thieves in the world. Will the Top Cats get the jewels before our protagonists? Read Sting to find out!

App Review: iPhone 8

By Raj S.

When most people think of cell phones, they may think of the iPhone X, or another kind of popular phone. What you might not know is that there's a great phone overshadowed by the iPhone X. That phone is the iPhone 8, and most people don't know about or want the iPhone 8, and that is because shortly after it was released the iPhone X publicly came out. The iPhone 8 is the model before the iPhone X, and it is very reliable. It's not a very cheap phone (it costs \$699) but if you have sufficient funds and you would like a forgiving phone, then the iPhone 8 is a good option. The iPhone 8 has a very good

camera and an amazing display. However, the iPhone 8 does not have the full-screen display, nor does it have Face Recognition; but it has the fingerprint recognition and an almost full display. If you were to compare the two, the iPhone 8 and the iPhone X are both good phones, and though the iPhone X may be superior, if on a tighter budget, the iPhone 8 is the way to go.

Videogame Review: Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

By Nick M.

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe is the newest kart racing game made by the Japanese video game giant, Nintendo for its new console, the Nintendo Switch (According to Target.com, the game is \$60.00.) Mario Kart is a racing game based around the world of Mario the Plumber and his gang of rivals and allies. In the game, you can use items that you collect from boxes around the course to slow down and overtake your opponents. There are several modes, divided up into two main categories: Race Mode, and Battle Mode. One of the Racing Modes is Grand Prix, where you compete in 4 races on a set of tracks. 1st place gets 15 points, 2nd gets 12 points, 3rd gets 10 points, and so on. Whoever has the most points at the end of the series, wins. In the Grand

Prix are many difficulties. 50cc, 100cc, 150cc, Mirror Mode, and new to this game, 200cc. There is also VS mode, in which you choose a set amount of races, and you choose one out of 48 tracks. But let's not forget Battle Mode! You can choose between Balloon Battle, Coin Runners, Renegade Roundup, Bob-mob Blast, and Shine Thief. Balloon Battle is where you try to pop the most Balloons (which are the equivalent of Lives) using in-game items. Coin Runners is where you try to collect the most coins that are laid throughout the track. You lose coins by getting hit by an item. Renegade Roundup is essentially Cops and Robbers. Bob-omb Blast is where every Item is a Bob-omb. You throw them to hit your opponents and earn points. Whoever has the most points wins. Lastly, Shine Thief is similar to the game Keep Away. You have to keep the Shine (which acts like a beacon) for a total of 20 seconds. If you are hit by an item, you lose the Shine. I have played the game a lot, and I adore it. The game is incredibly fun and I highly recommend that you get it, provided you have a Nintendo Switch.



Movie Review: Star Wars: The Last Jedi

By Aaron B.

Star Wars: The Last Jedi came out December

14th, 2017. It is the 8th movie in the Star Wars series. Star Wars: The Last Jedi is an action-packed movie set in an alternate galaxy in which two sides are clashing; the Rebellion and the First Order. A notable addition to the movie are Porgs: tiny, penguin-like creatures, that have attracted a lot of kids. They are much like Ewoks, who are furry creatures in the earlier Star Wars movies. In this movie, a girl named if.

Rey travels to see Luke Skywalker for help. Little does she know, The First Order has planned an attack on the Rebellion. While this is happening, the Rebellion is slowly but surely going down, fleeing from base. What will they do? Find out in <u>Star Wars:The Last Jedi!</u>

I saw this movie the weekend it came out, and I have to say, this was one of my favorites. I would give this movie a 5 out of 5 stars, and I would definitely recommend it.

Album Review

By Matthew K.

Taylor Swift's new album *Reputation* (released Nov. 10, 2017) is okay. *Very* okay. It was released to possibly the most polarizing reviews of her career: some hailed it as the greatest thing since oxygen, others called it an auditory abomination (i.e. *Now Toronto Music* for the latter). Swift herself served as executive producer. This is not surprising considering the popularity of many of the songs. The main single achieved close to 50 million YouTube views within a day. Most of the songs are a fusion of EDM and Rap. Though Swift has little experience in either genres, it topped charts worldwide and features a handful of big names, notably Future and Ed Sheeran. The majority of the songs feel redundant, probably related to the alleged "feud" with Kanye West, which she unsubtly refers to multiple times. "Look What You Made Me Do" is the centerpiece of the album; the most popular single (and I was not a fan). I feel that if an album is just "alright," which I believe makes it worse than a terrible album. Is this album awful? Certainly not. I'm by no means a "Swiftie," nor someone to blindly hate something, so I listened with an open mind. The team that writes her songs is pretty strong. They know to play to current lyrical trends and they don't try to overextend the songs into certain genres without reason. Since people love numerical scores, I'm leaning toward a 4/10, possibly a 5/10 for some stronger selections.

Community Events

By Riley S.

Looking for something fun to do in Burlington County? Here are some ideas!

Character Drawing Class

Runs from 3/27-5/1 2018, Tuesday nights from 6:45-8:00 pm, Burlington County Library.

Designed for anyone into drawing animals, humans, fantasy, anime, or comics. They teach fundamentals on drawing, starting with sketching and basic techniques. It's meant to help you feel more confident with drawing.

JPCC Curling Experience

Sunday 3/4/18, 1:00 pm, iGloo Mount Laurel, NJ

\$15.00 for 1 hour (open house) time on the ice with progressive stations designed to show you through the obstacles. You can test your skills at the Curling Experience.

Charity Bike Ride

Saturday 6/30/18, 8:00 am- 3:00 pm

The propel 100 is a Virtua Hospital-sponsored bike ride that offers riders at any fitness level to participate. Beginners will have a short ride and experienced participants will have a longer ride with gentle hills. The 4 different routes will all take riders through Burlington County.

Inspirational Quote

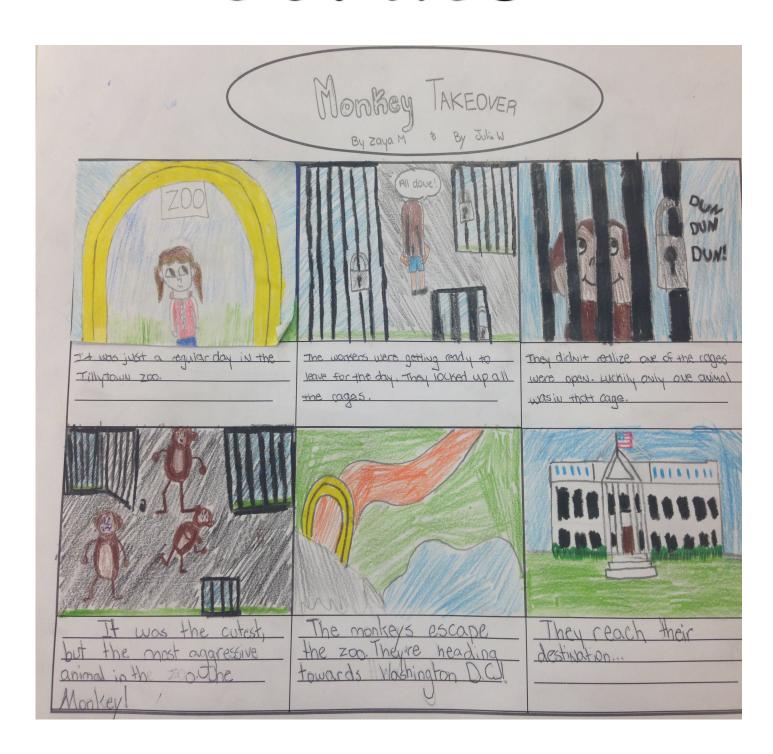
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"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

--Benjamin Franklin

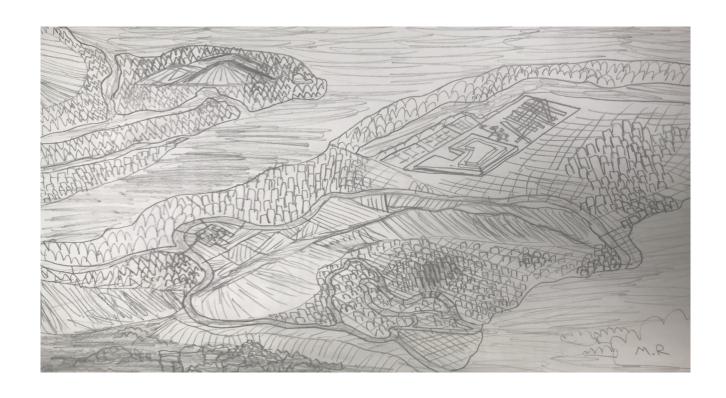


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Creativity Showcase



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WORD SEARCH



Spring Word Search



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February St. Patrick's Day Clover Green March Leprechaun Love Cupid Valentines Day Heart Red Bunnies

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