

## Editor's Note

Hello everybody, and welcome to the Mancy Press. Today, the students are trying to get to 900 words in total. It doesn't matter how many articles they write, as long as they all make it to 900 words in total.

Cali Squires wrote about the track season and how it's starting. It's a very good idea and it could get more people to participate in sports like that.

Lewis Smith wrote about Taylor Swift and how she was shown too much during the Super Bowl. I heard about that and I've heard people are mad, but when I watched the Super Bowl she was only shown once in the first two quarters.

Reed Rider wrote about descriptions and how they could make any person (as long as they use the right words) sound like a genius.

Chad Beddingfield wrote about Lucas Blackmore catching on fire. I was there when it happened. Lucas was plugging in his Chromebook into an outlet and it kind of exploded a little.

Jazilyn Zuniga wrote about the time she went to

Florida. Besides the weather, it must have been a really great trip and I'm sure she had fun.

Emmett Krino wrote about the Super Bowl and it's basically about the good things and the bad things that come with it, and the joy people have watching it.

Amelia Reynolds wrote about the show *The Summer I Turned Pretty* which is a teenage romance. I have not seen the show, and to those who haven't and don't plan too, I suggest you read her article.

Zayden Miller wrote about the fantastic holiday, Easter. Easter this year is on 3-31-24 or March 31, 2024. I hope you all enjoy the holiday.

Landin Oyer wrote about people that were attacked by rabbits. Personally, I don't really think rabbits attack people, but it might be true.

Payton Barnes and Makayla McCarty wrote about the horrid time they had spent in the storage room located in the art room. Realistically, we only spent about seven minutes in there, but it was boring waiting for the sixth graders to leave.



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All of these articles are amazing and/or strange. They all tell people things that they wouldn't know otherwise. I suggest you read each and every one to get a good sense of what these students like and how hard they worked.

-Makayla McCarty





# Sports

## Track Season Starting

Ka-chow! Is that Lightning McQueen? No, it's our track team getting ready for our 2024 track season to start! Let's start with the special events like shot put, long jump, high jump, pole vault, and a new event that's coming called discus. The first special event I'll talk about is shot put. Shot put is when you take a metal ball (boys get a 8-pound ball and girls get a 6-pound ball in middle school) and step into this ring on the ground, which is where you throw the ball from. You might think you can throw it like a baseball or softball, but you would be wrong because you could hurt your elbow if you did. The point is to throw the ball the furthest and you get three tries. Girls go against girls and boys go against boys. Next is pole vault. I personally don't do this one, but I do watch it a lot. Pole vault is where you have a pole and stick in the ground and try to push yourself over a bar high in the air. I don't think that I want to do the pole vault since I don't necessarily like it. Next is long jump. Long jump is where you run down this strip of track that's 29 feet and 2 inches long. There's a big sandbox that they have to jump across. Next is the high jump, which is similar to pole vault. You have to jump over a bar as high as you can and land on a mat. Discus is a sport normally done in high school, but they are bringing it into middle school for the first time! I'm excited because I will for sure be doing it. It's kind of like a shot put but with a disc and a bigger ring on the ground. I like the special events because it isn't just a running sport, so if you like running and jumping and throwing stuff, then these are the perfect events for you.

Now onto the running events. The first event that happens is the 4 X 800, which is where four people have to run eight laps all together. Each person has to run two laps, which is half a mile. I think this is a fun event to watch because it's the first running event and it gets me excited for my running events. Next is the 4 X 200. It's where four people run two laps total. Each person runs 200 meters, which is half of the track. I like this event because you can start kind of slow and then you can speed up when you need to. I also like the 4 X 100 because it's a running event but it's not too long. Now onto one event we did last year in Manton called the shot put relay. It was kind of like the 4 X 100 relay, but instead of using a baton, you use a girls' shot put ball as the baton. So if you like running, jumping and throwing things, I would recommend track for you!

-Cali Squires



## Varsity Boys Basketball Wrap Up

What do Mancelona, Michigan, and Prilep, Macedonia have in common? They are both the hometowns of the Ski Valley basketball champs. The Mancelona varsity boys basketball team had a great season. Their 14-2 record was almost as good as Taco Bell's Beefy Melt Burrito. Similar to the burritos, many great attributes come together to create perfection. Ivan Kuzmanoski brings power and control, Tavin Morgan brings athleticism and agility, and Ryan Naumcheff brings determination and mental toughness. All the players combined form a perfect combo, like a Beefy Melt Burrito, Baja Blast, and Cinnamon Twists. Like Taco Bell Fire Sauce, the Ironmen have a real kick. Once they get into a rhythm, they can't be stopped. Even when the Ironmen are losing, they come back with a bang similar to Nacho Fries. An example is when they played in Pine River. The Ironmen were down by over 20 at halftime. Surprisingly, they then came back and won in overtime. This was crazy considering it was one of the very first games. The best game by far was when the Ironmen beat Bellaire, giving them the conference title. Tons of Mancelona fans went to the game. The Ironmen even had a bigger student section than the home team. The Ironmen won the game by only two points. The Ironmen had a great run this season, just like Taco Bell's Double Decker Taco. It was amazing while it lasted, and it's sad to see it go.

-Lewis Smith





# Sports

## The Super Bowl

What American doesn't love sitting down in front of the TV and watching grown men throw and kick a brown, oval shaped leather ball? The biggest and most watched event in American football is the Super Bowl. I'm positive that all fans would be absolutely ecstatic if their favorite team made it to the big game.

The Super Bowl is the final game of the playoffs. Two teams earn their way to the Super Bowl through being the best in their conference. Usually, the teams that make it to the Super Bowl are expected to, but sometimes, there are some crazy upsets. For example, this year the Detroit Lions (one of the not so good teams in the league) made it to the NFC championship, which is one game before the Super Bowl. This year's Super Bowl consisted of the Kansas City Chiefs from the AFC and the San Francisco 49ers from the NFC. I think this year the Super Bowl was kind of boring. The match up was not too exciting because both of the teams looked like they just wanted to be done with the season. Another problem I had with the Super Bowl was that there were some unfair calls going both ways and definitely some bias from the refs.

The main problem I had with the Super Bowl, though, was Taylor Swift. I'll lightly touch this topic, but if you want more information, check out Lewis Smith's article on why he thinks Taylor Swift ruined the NFL. Anyway, I feel as if she made the Super Bowl have more fans that don't really know what is going on and are just watching because of Taylor. For a longtime NFL fan, being with people who don't know what is going on could feel like trying to teach first graders as a college math professor. With all of that said, I have to respect the NFL for what they have been doing with Taylor. What I mean by this is that the NFL is greatly supporting and promoting Taylor Swift so her fans will buy things like merch and game tickets for the NFL. This improves their income so much more because of how famous Taylor is.

Really, I don't think the Super Bowl is getting worse every year by a lot, but there definitely are signs of it maybe falling apart somewhere in the future. The NFL is starting to care more about money than fans and are getting really greedy. The NFL also seems to have favorite teams at this point. With all of this being said, the NFL is still a great way for entertainment and being social. Overall the Super Bowl is still an amazing event that makes many fans both happy and sad.

-Emmett Krino



## Taylor Swift at the Super Bowl

Taylor Swift has tons of fans all over the world who are willing to do anything just to see her. For me, I would do anything not to see her. Especially during the Super Bowl. When I sit down to watch a football game, I just want to watch the game and the teams, not Taylor Swift. During the Super Bowl they showed her an outrageous 12 times. That's way too much. But Taylor Swift isn't the only problem, It's the Swifties. A bunch of Swifties watched the Super Bowl just to see Taylor Swift. This is a problem because they watch the game and think they understand what is going on, when in reality they ask a ton of questions. These questions are just dumb ones like "Is the yellow line painted on the field?" or "Why don't they throw it every time to get more yards?" Questions like this are the ones that make every football fan absolutely enraged. One of the worst Taylor Swift showings was right after the Chiefs won. They immediately showed her! This was just infuriating because I want to see the players celebrating and the coaches yelling and the Gatorade dump, not Taylor Swift. Not to mention the love fest going on between her and Travis Kelce at the end was just disgusting. In my opinion, they can show Taylor Swift maybe once and call it good, but to show her an outstanding twelve times just during one game is crazy. That is why they should have showed Taylor Swift less at the Super Bowl.

-Lewis Smith



## Owen Milla's First Points

Owen Milla, who doesn't like him? He's one of the happiest and most outgoing people in Mancelona, maybe even in the world. Milla is just so nice to anyone that wants to talk to him. And some people would say that he's bad at basketball because he just recently scored his first points, but he most definitely wasn't trying his hardest with the way this free throw went in. It was the best free throw I've ever seen. When he stepped up to the free throw line, he had everyone cheering for him. He got the ball on the line, started doing his awesome around-the-worlds, and MADE the free throw! Everyone immediately started going crazy for him, and he started doing a happy dance. On the second shot, after doing his around-the-worlds, one of the opposing players, who is completely rude, jumped forward, distracting Milla from the free throw, making him miss. But because the player jumped forward, he got another one. Everyone immediately started cheering and Milla did another happy dance. Suddenly, Milla shot the free throw after doing his around-the-worlds and completely sunk the second one. On this one, he did the most around-the-worlds out of all of them. He did about eight. Right after it went in, every single person in the stadium freaked out and made him so happy. In my opinion, they need to just let Milla play because every single time he goes in, he makes a highlight. He might be one of the best scorers on JV. He scored 1/67 of the points against Bellaire, our main rivals. That's amazing for Milla! He really deserves more playing time than he gets. He only gets like two minutes of playing time when we're up big. It's so annoying to me because he's crazy and is basically Steph Curry.

-Lucas Blackmore

# Individual Spotlights

## Trampoline Parks

Trampoline parks can be many things. For example they can be fun, chaotic, and sometimes boring. Even if it can be boring, I would really recommend going to one if you're trying to have some fun. To prove that they can be fun, I am going to tell some of my favorite moments from every trampoline park I have been to.

The first fun moment I will be talking about is when my friend and I were playing dodgeball and I was all by myself playing against a good ten toddlers. There weren't many people my age at the trampoline park and I wanted to play dodgeball, so I asked the worker if I could go all by myself against the toddlers and he said yes. I was having lots of fun going against the little kids until a family of four came. There was a dad, a son, another son, and a daughter. All three of the kids in the family looked about 16, so I was scared. After they joined dodgeball, I found out one was an amazing baseball player and he threw the dodgeball easily 80 mph. The other son caught anything that he could reach. But after all of that, I became friends with the one who could throw.

The second moment I had at the trampoline park was when I was again playing dodgeball against several little kids, but this time my friend hit one of the kids and got him out. This made the kid's brother, who was also about 7 years old, very mad at him. Then the kid started tackling my friend and chased him around the park until the worker got mad at them for running. After they got yelled at, they both went back to dodgeball, but the little kid kept wanting to fight. His mom got mad at him so he couldn't play dodgeball anymore.

My third memory I have from a trampoline park is when I went to the basketball court with trampolines where you can dunk. Right when we were leaving the court, this kid that was about 4'9" went up and hit an insane windmill dunk and it was crazy. After that kid hit that dunk, another kid hit a dunk that was even crazier.

Another memory I have from a trampoline park wasn't too funny. One time we were playing dodgeball because dodgeball is the only thing we ever do at the trampoline park. A kid who didn't look much older than me started approaching the dodgeball area. I didn't think much about it until he went out and played. He threw faster than anyone there when he got the ball and only hit headshots. We were about to quit until the next round he was on our team and we obviously won. After we won, I asked him if he played baseball because of the accuracy and speed of his throws. He said, "No, but I do play soccer." His saying that made me very mad because he could be so good at baseball, but he decided to play soccer, the sport where you use your feet.

Overall, I really think that you should go to a trampoline park because from my experience I can tell you it is really fun to go to one with some of your friends.

-Noah Lanning



## Stop Signs

One thing that confuses me is stop signs. Not the function of them, I just get confused on why they are red octagons. In my opinion, stop signs should be purple circles because that sounds better when you say it and they would probably look better than a red octagon. I feel red is the most basic color they could have used. They should have instead used a better color that would have caught your attention, like purple. I'm not too mad about the octagon. It's okay, but I feel like many other shapes could have been better than that, like a circle. Another way they could have made it is a blue triangle, because it would look a lot better than the red octagon. It may be because I'm just bored of the red octagon, but I would pretty much take any other color than red because it is the most basic color they could have used. And why is the writing on the stop sign just plain white? Why can't it be a purple circle with blue writing, which would for sure catch my attention, rather than the red octagon with the white writing? Another idea I have for stop signs is a green rectangle with yellow writing, which would also be pretty nice. Another thing I think they should change is the stop light, which has red for stop, yellow for warning you that it's about to be red, and green for go. I think whatever they change the stop sign to be, they should most definitely change the stop color on the stop light to that color. All in all, I think that stop signs should be different and something that would catch your attention rather than the old, boring red octagon. They should change it to the purple circle with the blue writing, which is the better alternative. They should also change stop lights to something else that would also catch your attention just like the stop sign.

-Noah Lanning





# Individual Spotlights

## Easter

Easter is a holiday in Spring. Easter is also a Christian holiday. Easter symbolizes the day that Jesus rose from the dead. Easter involves kids hunting for eggs. People often go to church on Easter Sunday. The Easter bunny is a myth made up by people to make Easter more festive to kids. The Easter bunny is said to be the person who sets the eggs in their places. On Easter, kids hunt for eggs with candy or money inside them. Easter celebrations aren't always very religious, besides going to church and singing. It's really about being happy and hunting for eggs. This year, Easter is on my birthday, March 31st. This means that I can't celebrate Easter this year. I don't like Easter anymore, I'm still Christian, but it has kind of gotten boring for me. When I was like 8 or 9, I asked my mom if we were going to egg hunt and she said, "Aren't you too old for that?" I felt childish and I didn't want to do Easter anymore. I always wanted to find the golden egg on Easter, which was the egg that had like fifty cents in it. My friend finding the golden egg is one of my core memories.

I remember him, bald with glasses, finding the golden egg where I searched four times already. This made me angry. Now I realize it was pretty dumb to get so mad over pocket change. I think I was mad because I didn't get to feel as if I had accomplished something big. Now I've acknowledged my religion, and have realized that most people just think about the egg hunt and not Jesus. I don't want to find eggs now because I'm almost thirteen and it's about remembering Jesus coming back three days later after being crucified. I didn't really acknowledge my religion when I was younger, and now I'm trying to better myself. I've thanked Jesus so many times because I'm very thankful for him. When I pray about something and it happens, I thank Jesus. I also thank God for giving me the chance to live, and I've thanked him for that chance many times. I'm thankful to my dad for telling me about God, Jesus, and the Bible. I want to read the Bible too, but I can't find my dad's Bible. I think I'm just more mature and I am much more aware of how the world works.

-Zayden Miller



## More Descriptions

Descriptions are the most attractive things in writing. Without them, a story or article can feel incomplete. Like when you got an 86% on the test, but you know what you did wrong. You feel incomplete. It's so easy to be descriptive, it's just hard to remember to do it. You could easily describe a penny. Let me show you. With a dull edge, it is made of zinc wrapped in a coat of copper. It also has the face of a legendary man chiseled onto it, Abraham Lincoln. It states confidently, "ONE CENT" in big capital letters on the bottom. On the top, it says, "United States Of America." Finally, dead center, it has a picture of a shield that reminds you of America. That sounds familiar, right? You see how easy it is to state the obvious with some fancy word. Plus, then the reader thinks you are a complete genius. I first thought about how I was going to use descriptions to make my writing better in 6th grade. I had to write an argumentative essay on whether pit bulls are good or bad. Well, if I had described a pit bull, then the writing would automatically sound like I know more and that I am more confident. You could also describe emotion which can help sway the thoughts of an individual. For example, you could talk about how good the feeling is when you do a good job. You would describe it like this. Ooh! You just did a good job. You got it done on time, your boss said you did such a good job and you know it too. You feel the most specialized kind of happiness that only happens in this one scenario and for the rest of the day, you feel like there is nothing wrong in the world. See? You can describe anything and it will help in any writing. You could describe an emotion, a place, a thing. You could even describe a word, and, if you are crazy, a letter. You could start describing super abstract concepts like the sentimental value of one specific thing from your childhood. Just start letting the words flow out of your mind and let them form some of the most mesmerizing pieces. Just start describing things. What I am trying to say is with fun words and you can even make a tuna salad sound appetizing.

-Reed Rider



# Individual Spotlights

## Inspirational Something

My inspiration for this is the “Everybody Free to Wear Sunscreen” speech. To be honest, I don’t know why this is what I thought of, but I think I needed to think about myself. So I guess I’ll cut to the chase.

It is important to think back on what you did in the past or how you were in the past. I think this because sometimes the past could teach you something that has been lost in time. Many times you can change depending on the people you are around. Think of what life was like when you weren’t friends with the people you are today. Was it better? Did you feel more free?

You need to think about what you do because you never know what could affect your future.

Eminem said, “If you had one shot, one opportunity would you capture it? Or just let it slip.” Hint: don’t let it slip. Live life to the fullest. Opportunities won’t always be there, so take them while you can.

Life isn’t always good, but be happy that the good times happened. Do not be sad that it’s over.

Think about the people you are friends with. If your past self was better, consider changing yourself or the people you're around.

Try everything, even if it scares you, and be open to whatever might happen. If you ask people who work their dream job, they probably say this wasn’t what they wanted, but now that it started, they love it. Just roll with the punches. If you think you know what you want, don’t be mad if you end up somewhere else. A force above all will just sometimes change your life in ways you never thought.

Live life to the fullest. If your grandpa wants to go do something with you, drop everything and do it because you won’t always be able to. You won’t realize what was good until it’s gone, so try to realize when you're in one of those good times. When anyone or anything wants to do something, don’t procrastinate. Like Nike says “Just do it!” Because you never know when that opportunity will slip.

As stated in the “Everybody’s Free to Wear Sunscreen” speech, “Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard. Live in northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft. Travel.”

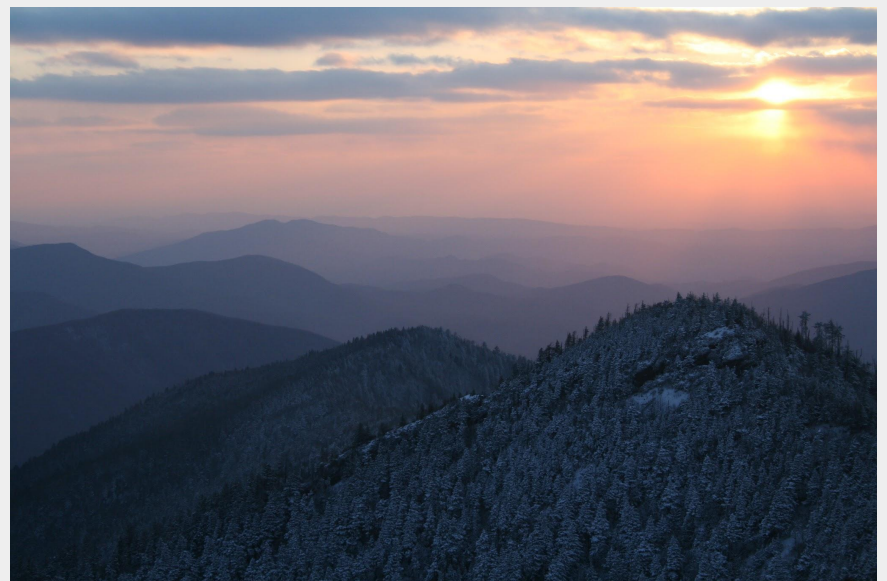
So what I am trying to say is listen to this advice and just don’t be stupid, because you will regret it.

-Hudson Rider

## Tennessee

Tennessee one of the six states I’ve been to, and probably the second most fun one I’ve been to. Most of my time there was in Pigeon Forge living in a cabin up in the Great Smoky Mountains, which is ironic because of what happened before I left the state. On my way there, my mom and my grandma took turns driving, and on the way into DQ, my grandma hit the curb in the road right next to it. In Tennessee there are a lot of things to do, especially around the Pigeon Forge area. One example is Dollywood, which we were going to go to until someone got stuck at the top of it and didn’t get down for a couple of hours, so instead we went to The Island. The Island is basically just a huge island that has a lot of different fun things to do and there are a lot of different stores and buildings. There is one where you can hold birds like parrots, and there is also another pretty big building that is just a giant laser tag arena with laser tag guns that can be upgraded through buttons that go through the arena. There's also the main thing, which is just a giant amusement park that has a Ferris wheel and a giant rope course that goes up like 70 feet and at the top there is a zip line that you have to go down in order to get back down to the bottom. There is also the Ferris wheel which is 200 feet tall. The carts are completely covering you and are made of some type of glass which allows you to see the Great Smoky Mountains. The day before I was supposed to leave there was a very hot day in which temperatures reached almost 110 degrees. During the entire day we didn’t do anything, and while we were gone a wildfire started and made the whole place smoky. We ended up staying in Tennessee until we had to leave because the fire spread to the area around where we were staying. They started calling for evacuation through the Emergency Alert System. So, we had to leave and we spent our last day in Ohio in a motel.

-Landin Oyer





# Individual Spotlights

## People Who Have Been Attacked by Rabbits

Rabbits. Who doesn't love them? They are cute, friendly, and cuddly. Many people only look at the good side of these animals, but no one talks about their bad side. To find the bad side, we must go to the past. In Paris in 1807, Napoleon and his men were there to celebrate the signing of the treaty of Tilsit by starting a rabbit hunt. His chief officer brought over 3,000 rabbits to start the rabbit hunt. In the beginning, everything was going well. They had all of the cages set up and were about to start the hunt, but as soon as they released them, hundreds of rabbits started charging straight at Napoleon and his men. They swarmed his legs and started to bite at his boots. Napoleon tried to position his weapon to shoot at the rabbits but could not get into the right position. Napoleon and his men then tried to drive them off with crop whips and sticks, which allowed Napoleon retreat to his carriage. As soon as they thought they had won, the rabbits attacked from behind and divided into two groups and surrounded Napoleon, causing him to sprint to his carriage. Some rabbits managed to get into his carriage and attack him while he was in his carriage. Now that you have seen what rabbits have done in the past, we must go into the present to see if these evil creatures still wreak havoc. Just a few weeks ago, Hudson was in the cage with their family's rabbit when all of a sudden it growled at him and charged at his feet, forcing him to leave the cage. All of this shows that these animals that are perceived as nice, friendly animals are actually evil, wretched creatures that are only here to wreak havoc on this world.

-Landin Oyer



## Best Mario Kart Character

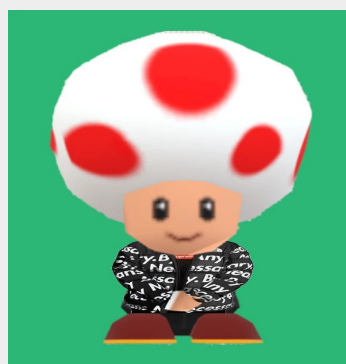
I chose four characters from Mario Kart that are my favorite characters and I now need to eliminate them until one is left. In the first round, Donkey Kong will face Toad and Yoshi will face Wario. The two victors will face each other in the final elimination round.

First I will be comparing Donkey Kong and Toad. The first statistic I will be comparing is their looks. At first, it was a close game, and I thought Toad would win, but then I saw a photo of Donkey Kong dabbing on his bike mid-air, so he took the lead. After I almost gave the win to Donkey Kong, I found a picture of Toad dripped out with Supreme clothes. Toad took this stat home with a score of 1-0. Stat two is the character's actual in-game stats. Donkey Kong has a 4.25 speed, a 2.25 acceleration, and a 4.25 weight. Toad has a 3 speed, 3 acceleration, and a 2.75 weight. Toad is better in 2 out of 3 categories, so he takes the round and game as a whole. Toad will be moving on to the final round and has to face whoever wins in the round of Yoshi versus Wario.

Next, I will be comparing Yoshi and Wario. I will be comparing their looks first again. I first saw Yoshi and I thought he looked okay, but then I went to see Wario and saw him posing in a picture with Waluigi. If I had Waluigi on this list, he would have instantly gotten into the finals, but I have to settle with Wario winning the looks stat. Now the score is 1-0 and Wario is in the lead over Yoshi. The next stat is actual in-game stats again. Yoshi has a 3.25 speed, 3.5 acceleration, and a 2.75 weight. Wario has a 4 speed, 2 acceleration, and a 4.25. Wario has a better speed but Yoshi has a better acceleration and weight. Now the score is 1-1 and I need a tiebreaker. I did not plan for a tiebreaker ahead of time, so I will ask three people in my class who they like more and whoever gets more votes moves on to the finals. The first person I asked said Wario, and at that time I did not know what to think and who was going to win. The second person said Yoshi and it got tied. The final person said Yoshi, moving him on to the finals.

In the finals, it is Yoshi versus Toad. Yoshi is favored to win by many people I have talked to. Now I will be comparing their looks, and since I already know them, it is easy for me to choose Toad to win this round as his outfit is much better than Yoshi's. The score is now 1-0 in the finals and it is not looking good for Yoshi if he does not make a comeback. The next stat that could result in a sweep of Yoshi in the finals is Yoshi and Toad's in-game statistics. Yoshi has a 3.25 speed, a 3.5 acceleration, and a 2.75 weight. Toad has a 3 speed, 3 acceleration, and a 2.75 weight. Yoshi takes this statistic and ties the game at 1-1. The tiebreaker will be the same, and I will ask 3 people what character is better for the final win. The first person said Toad, and he only needs one more vote to win. The second person said Toad, and the third person also chose Toad. This means Toad swept Yoshi in the tiebreaker for Toad to win the championship 2-1! Toad was by far the favorite to win, and that played out in a 3-0 vote at the end for the win. He was my favorite to win, but it was not biased because the only choice I made was the character's looks, but I did not participate in the voting in the final round.

-Jett Helwig



# Individual Spotlights

## My Florida Trip

When I went to Florida, it was amazing. I felt the hot sun glaring down on me and felt all my problems roll off. It felt like when you thought it was a Friday but it was a Saturday. Florida is so beautiful with all the palm trees and beautiful sunsets. I would honestly live there if I could. It's such an amazing place, but be prepared for the HOT weather. It is always so hot there, day and night, so don't bring any sweaters.

I found out I was going when my aunt surprised me. I was staying with her for a week, and then the next morning at 4 am we were leaving to go. I was so surprised when she told me I was teary-eyed. As soon as we landed, I felt the hot, humid air and I knew it was going to be so much fun. We did so much! We saw dolphins on a speed boat and we went out to eat and went to go and to see all the lights. We got to get all dressed up and had so much fun. We got to go swimming in the ocean. That was so nice, but really warm because of the hot and humid sun. The water was salty and I was really glad I didn't get bitten by a shark. If you ever go somewhere for a holiday trip, I would recommend going to Florida!!

-Jazilyn Zuniga



## I Miss CIS

CIS is an amazing thing. It helped so many people. I found it very helpful for homework, and it was good for parents who worked and could not pick up kids directly after school. It also made it easy to make clubs. For example, the Magic The Gathering club was easy to do in CIS, but now it is during tech-free recess, making it less enticing because recess is so fun. It also forced you to eat in the library without your other friends.

Because of CIS, I was able to learn new things about some of the teachers. For example, I would not have known that Mr. Kauffman played in *Magic The Gathering* tournaments and won lots of them. He was so good at Magic that some of the cards he won helped him buy a motorcycle. CIS also allowed me to be a part of Student Voices for Healthy Choices, or SVHC. SVHC is an organization that uses students in schools to try to better the health of the school members by trying to promote healthy activities and even setting up events to build good health. I have enjoyed being a member of this organization because of the people it has allowed me to meet, and it has also taught me how to be a good leader. I could not have been a part of this organization without CIS. CIS also gave many benefits, like a set time for homework, easy ways to make a club, and time to learn to do some fun activities varying from sewing, to clay making, to basketball. Last year we learned how to make a penguin in one of the activities. This gave me the inspiration to give the penguin a shepherd's cane and give him two sheep. Then I bought more clay on my own to do some sculpting at home. I then made the penguin a sleeping bag, a campfire, and a fox trying to eat the sheep. After I did all that, I entered it into the Antrim County Fair craft contest and, I won first place. I hope the CIS after school programs comes back soon!

-Reed Rider



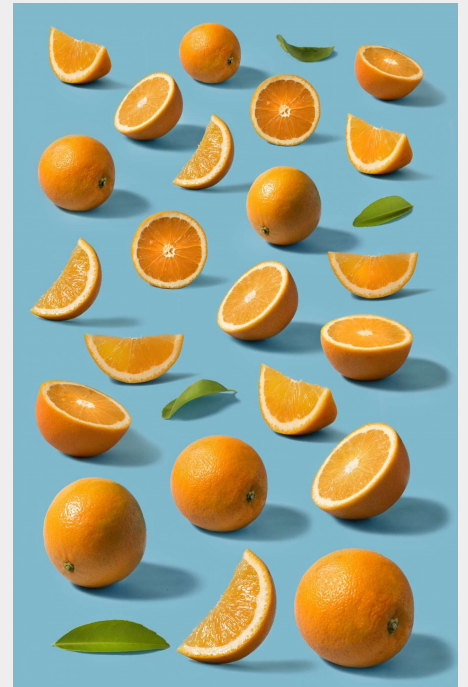
# Individual Spotlights

## Orange

Orange is a color. Orange is a color in the rainbow. Orange is a scent. Orange can influence emotions. Orange is my favorite color. Orange is an important color. Orange is a fruit. There are many variations of oranges. There are 35 variations of the color orange. The word “orange” entered Middle English from Old French and Anglo-Norman orange. Orange is also the color of my school, Mancelona Middle School. Orange is high in Vitamin C. Orange is 6.6% of the population's favorite color. In my opinion, orange is the best color. Fall is almost entirely orange, and many people's favorite season is fall, including me. Orange can influence happy emotions, like joy and calmness. The color orange is in many things and items. There is a company dedicated to the color orange. Orange is a common color in flags like Ireland and India. Orange has been my favorite color since I can remember. My first core memory involves orange. I walked into my preschool classroom wearing my orange monster truck long-sleeve shirt and told my favorite teacher, “I’m four!” and then I asked about her tattoos and drank chocolate milk. When I was in fifth grade, I begged my mom for orange shoes, and I remember grabbing them from my house's front steps. I was so happy putting them on and thanking my mom repeatedly. So many of my memories involve orange. Last year, as a sixth grader, I was unhealthily obsessed with orange. I dyed my hair orange and everything I wore was orange. Fortunately, I grew out of that phase and I have a very different style now.

My hair is now my natural hair color, brown. The day I went to get my hair dyed, I went to a female hairdresser. We showed her a picture and she bleached my hair and fully shaved the back of my head. It looked like an orange, yellow, and red wave. It was a mess. It looked horrible, but I was 11 and happy since I was obsessed with orange and finally got my hair dyed the color I wanted it. I liked the orange shoes so much that I asked my mom for a second pair. They were made of poor material and broke after like two months. I now think those shoes are ugly and I’ve been begging my parents for non-orange Air Forces, but my dad said they have already spent too much money on me for my birthday. I asked mostly for clothes, but with only some orange. I like orange, but I’m not as obsessed with it as I was when I was an immature 11-year-old. I now know how to style my clothes better.

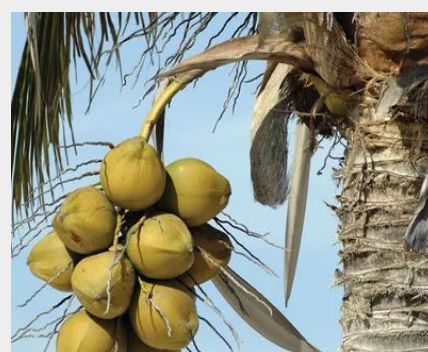
-Zayden Miller



## The Time I Climbed For a Coconut

One day, on a cruise, we stopped on an island. The island was very beautiful. There were many exotic animals that you could look at and interact with. So, at one point, I went behind some trees where there were some palm trees and a great view of the ocean. I looked and there were seashells everywhere. My brother Ben and I looked up at a very tall tree and saw a big bunch of coconuts! So you're probably guessing based on the title that I climbed this tree and grabbed the big bunch of coconuts. But, the palm tree was way too tall. So we grabbed a rock and hit the coconuts, but the coconuts were way too stubborn. They were like, “Haha nerd, that didn't even hurt.” So I was disappointed. You may think that was the end, and I didn't get a coconut. But no! I went over near the ocean in a very shaded little area. I started to kick a little seashell around, disappointed and bored. I looked to my right at the ocean and saw a little short and skinny palm tree. I was thinking, “Hey, that's a tree I could climb!” I looked up hoping there would be a coconut, and there was!! I got so happy and climbed the tree! I gripped the coconut, and it was also very stubborn. I tugged harder and the coconut pulled off its little branch. That moment was awesome. I usually have to buy a coconut from the store, but I have to simply pull one off from a tree the whole time. Anyway, I tried to open it, and it took an hour, but it cracked open eventually. I drank the coconut water and walked over to a giant monkey cage area. There were two monkeys, and they looked at my coconut. They immediately started fighting and being “macho” over a coconut. They were screaming at each other and biting aggressively just for a piece of coconut! I kept giving them pieces as they fought over it, and I eventually left it by their cage and left. That was one of my favorite moments in my life. I didn't just get a coconut from that island, I did more things. At one point I got to hold a monkey! There were many animals! Once far away from the ocean, I saw a parrot on a tree branch. The parrot said, “Hello.” That was awesome! There were massive lizards everywhere. That was the best island ever. I have a picture of the tree that I climbed to get the coconut. It is very blurry but there it is.

-Chad Beddingfield





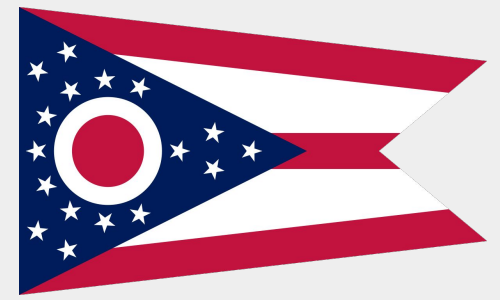
# Individual Spotlights

## Neveah's Monkey Business

It began with Payton and Makayla frolicking through the halls with their blue slips, heading to the art room for Pokemon Club. Then...YANK! They were pulled into a creepy, abandoned room called. It was one of the storage rooms in the art room. There were three other people inside of the storage room, including Ms. Pami and the eighth graders Colesin and Isiah. There were few supplies: gummies, plushies, straws, Pokemon card binders, Pokemon Jibbitz, pins, etc. The only water they could've gotten was running dry, as the sink didn't work and it was quite dirty. The air was toxic from the paint, so they tried to get low, but alas, the floor was covered in glue. The light was flickering and dim. The floor creaked and shifted under their feet as they moved, even though it was concrete, while they tried to hide. You must be wondering why these survivors had to hide though, yes? Well, the sixth graders, also known as crobats, were outside in the art room having their...lunch detentions. Once the air cleared, we were able to get back up, and survive off of what we had, which were gummies. We ate the gummies we could until the food was decreasing at a fast rate. Everything was going wrong until the crobats flew off to their next destination. A bright light shone from outside the room. The five smiled and jumped with glee as they came out of the room to set up Pokemon Club for the seventh and eighth graders. They all lived happily ever after.

The real story? Oh, well we'll tell you. What happened was pretty much we (Payton and Makayla) were going to Pokemon Club like usual to help set up. The sixth graders, like the gremlins they are, had lunch detention, though, so we hid in one of the storage rooms because Ms. Pami didn't want to distract them. The glue refers to the multiple empty glue bottles, the sink/water source refers to the giant sink in there that doesn't work and is quite dirty, and then the paint was..well.. it's an art room. What do you expect? Now, you must be wondering, "What does this have to do with this girl Neveah? And her monkey business?" Well, one, Neveah isn't a girl. Two, absolutely nothing.

-Payton Barnes & Makayla McCarty



## Ohio

Ohio used to be a beautiful state when I lived there. However, ever since I have moved, there has been a lot of changes. Today I will tell you about the things that were there when I lived there.

When I lived in Ohio, I lived in a town called Salem. It was pretty nice, they even had Walmart! My dad worked at Walmart when we were there. My mom was also alive at that time, and she loved to go to Walmart to visit my dad. That hasn't been the same...

My dad AND my mom did not drive cars at all, so we had to ride bikes. I usually rode my bike down to Walmart with my mom, and whenever we did, I always got at least one thing. I loved that Walmart. It was amazing and fun.

Our house wasn't as messy as it is now in Michigan. I even had my own room! My room wasn't very dirty. It had a large mattress in the middle, probably because we didn't have enough money to buy a bed.

We had a staircase, but it only led to the door. The house I lived in was pretty strange. The walls were yellow and the roof was white.

My dad worked from about 7 AM to 5 PM, but I cannot exactly remember the time. Every day my dad worked my mom would go to Walmart to get him.

Do you know how there is a McDonald's in almost every city or town? Well, not in Salem! Salem only had Taco Bell, Burger King, and I think Kentucky Fried Chicken. There were more, but I can't exactly remember what they were. However, I only ate from Burger King.

I always went to parks in Salem almost every day of the summer. I went to preschool there, and kindergarten too. I had at least one friend there, but I do not remember his name, nor do I know where he lives now.

Every day we got orange juice or milk. Most of the time it was orange juice. I cannot remember the food we ate there.

-Emma Marshall

## Jayden Lanning's Top 5 Shoes

We all have to wear shoes. Shoes are a big part of everyone's life. Jayden Lanning is a player on Mancelona junior varsity basketball. Jayden really likes shoes, so I asked his opinion on his favorites.

His favorite shoes are the Ja Morant Christmas 1's, specifically in purple. These shoes look very clean in my opinion and I recommend getting them. If you're looking for some purple shoes, I definitely recommend these ones.

The second shoe he recommended to me were the LeBron Witness 7s. If you're wondering, he also likes these in the purple variation. These shoes look okay to me. They don't really stand out. I would still recommend buying these as they are only \$100-\$150, which is pretty cheap for basketball shoes.

The third shoes are just purple. All he gave me was PURPLE. Not even a specific brand. This made it really hard for me to make a top five list!

-Lucas Blackmore



# Fashion

## What to Wear for St. Patrick's Day

In every newspaper I write about what to wear for the upcoming holiday in that month. This month is March, which means St. Patrick's Day is coming up! If you are a girl or a boy, I will ensure you have an outfit to impress and shock your family once you walk through the door. St. Patrick's Day is a holiday that can be used to pinch someone if they aren't wearing green! My dad likes this holiday because he is Irish and ginger. If you don't deck out in green on this day, I guarantee you will get pinched hundreds of times and possibly go home with a bruise from all the pinching. People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch green abstainers. St. Patrick's Day began on March 17, 1631 when the Church established a Feast Day honoring St. Patrick. So now that you know the background of what you're getting into, it is time to make sure you don't get pinched!

You need to wear green on this holiday. If you came to this article expecting something cute and fashionable that isn't an obnoxious color, your expectations would not be met. Yes, these outfits will be cute and fashionable, but they will be this obnoxious green color to show that you love St. Patrick's Day and so you won't get pinched. I'm going to start with the ladies because everyone knows that ladies always come first. The shirt is the first thing of the outfit I will be talking about. Most ladies want something fashionable to make everyone jealous, including me. If you are older than 25 and want to be fashionable, I highly recommend a tight, but not too tight, forest green shirt. Most adults I know don't like cropped shirts or any shirt that shows a centimeter of skin. If you are under the age of 25, I would say to wear a shirt with no sleeves that hooks around your neck and can be cropped or not-cropped. It would also look better if you just have your shirt on the tighter side. The shirt color should be like the color of moss. If you are a Festive Francine, I would love to see you in a shamrock green shirt that says, "Don't pinch me, I'm Irish" with some gold pouring out of cauldrons and green leprechaun hats to show people that you love this holiday.

Now that I have finished with the ladies, I suppose I have to move on to the gentlemen. The gentlemen who want to be festive should wear a loose shirt that is the same shamrock color but instead of saying "Don't Pinch me, I'm Irish" I want it to say "Irish I had a Mustache" because that is so much funnier! If you already have a mustache, get a shirt that has a white clover on it with the same color as the background. If you want to be the eye of the party, wear a parakeet green coloured suit, white long-sleeve shirt underneath, and a black tie or bowtie. If you are a dad and want to embarrass your kids, I recommend wearing a shamrock-colored shirt with a leprechaun dabbing. If you don't know what dabbing is, your kids do, and it will make them want to hide and act like they don't know you. Now that the shirts are done, the only reasonable next step is pants.

Once you finish picking your shirt, you need to put on pants or you can't go out in public. If you are polite, like me, ladies will always go first, so I'm going to make that happen. Ladies over 25 should wear white or black skinny jeans to match the color of your shirt! Ladies under 25 should either wear a skirt or leggings. People under 25 don't pull off skinny jeans as well as people over 25. The color should be white or black depending on the color of your shirt. If it's a lighter tone, then go with white. If it's a darker tone, go with black. I'm making sure you look very organized! Now we are done with the ladies, I wonder who is next? I'm just kidding, of course it is going to be the gentlemen! So, if you are wearing the shamrock green suit, you better finish it off with matching pants with a black or white belt! If you are wearing the "Irish I had a Mustache" shirt, you should wear black, white, or grey sweatpants. If you are the cringy dad, you need to wear the "Adam Sandler" shorts. Trust me, your kids will be so embarrassed! Good thing you have your pants and shirt on or else you won't be allowed to do anything. Now the final thing, shoes.

Without shoes, your feet would hurt and be gross. This part is easy, you just have to match it with something small. That something small could be a hat, purse, your eyes, or your hair! Like if your purse was yellow, make your shoes yellow. If your hat is pink, make your shoes pink. Get it? Well, I sure hope you do because if you didn't, it wouldn't end very well with your outfit. Do not wear mismatched socks on this holiday! It looks weird and when you take your shoes off at a family member's house while celebrating this day. Their eyes will be on your socks and not your spectacular outfit that we have just created! Do not mess any of this up or you will regret it! Don't forget to wear green, or else the leprechauns are coming for you with their pinchers ready!

-Kiella McIntosh



# Food

## Shamrock Shake

Have you ever had a shamrock shake from McDonald's? Well, if you have, do you remember the delicious minty but creamy flavor? Wasn't it amazing? The shamrock shake is a limited-time mint-flavored shake from McDonald's honoring St. Patrick's Day. With spring coming up, the color green, makes me feel happy! I love St. Patty's Day! And the shamrock shake is just so delicious. I don't know why, but I love the flavor more than any other McDonald's shake. However, I can't be so sure of that because I never got to try the Grimace shake. Some people told me the Grimace shake tastes like grape or berry. But enough about the Grimace shake. The shamrock shake is so delicious! What about some other people's opinions? Lexi Buning has never had a shamrock shake, but she said it would probably be good. Kendall Griffore said it was a 9.5/10. Emmett Krino said he likes the shamrock shake, and he rated it 8.5/10. So, ladies and gentlemen, get yourselves a shamrock shake!

-Chad Beddingfield



## Universal Yums

If you've never gotten to experience having food from another country than your own, then I truly recommend it. Sure, some things may not sound or taste good, but it's always good to try something new. I'm a picky person when it comes to food, and that's a fact, so trying new things is pretty rare for me. Every time we have a food box in my social studies class, I try as much as possible to extend my flavor palette and find new foods to enjoy. The Universal Yums food box is a good way to start that!

Every month in my first hour, which is social studies, we have a food box from a random country. Sometimes we have to use the random student selector if there's not enough for everyone, but Mr. Collins tries to make sure there's enough for everyone. There are things like chips, chocolate, sweets/candies, soup, truffles, and chewy candies. At least those are the things we've had before. When we have the food boxes, it's pretty fun since we don't have to do any work, and we just get to eat foods we may have never had before for the first time!

I had a food box from Turkey that I got for my birthday since I like the idea of food boxes. There were things like crackers, different sweets (a lot with chocolate), a marshmallow, cola-flavored pop rocks, and more. I have to say the worst thing was the crackers which were called Greta. Never eat them. They aren't good. My favorite thing was probably the mystery snack, which was the best thing out of the entire food box. It was like a wafer covered in chocolate. It was a little bit like a Kit-Kat. But now that you've heard me ramble on about a food box, you must be hungry, so I recommend you try one for yourself!

-Payton Barnes





# Food

## St. Patrick's Day Food

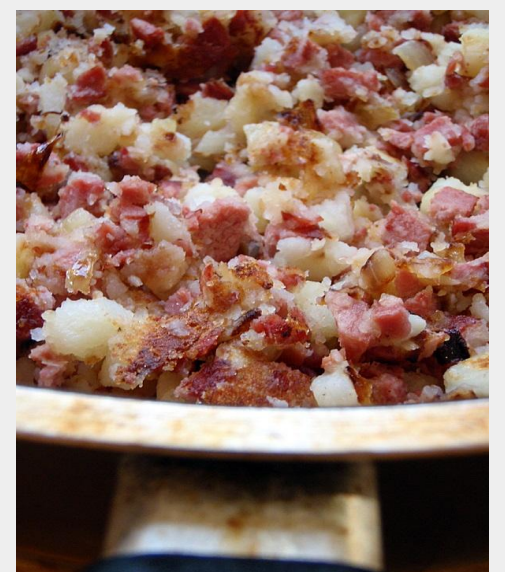
Who doesn't love a good Irish-American dish? Especially on the day first celebrated by the Irish. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, it is celebrated to commemorate St. Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. And what better way to celebrate such a great day than with the perfect meal. I will be talking about the greatest foods to have on such a wonderful holiday. There will be three amazing foods that I will share with you.

Number one is slow cooker corned beef. Corned beef is beef brisket that has been cured in a salt solution. "As British cattle producers grew upset with the large numbers of imported cattle, Britain enacted law that prohibited the import of live cattle to England. This drastically flooded the Irish cattle market and lowered the cost of meat, which led to the creation of corned beef as a way to export beef to Britain" (Paige Carlson). This means that corned beef was created as a way to use up all of the beef that they had so they could raise the prices and get more money again. It looks delicious, and I would definitely recommend this classic. However, if you don't prefer corned beef, there's another main course that would be good for St. Patrick's Day.

Number two is classic beef Wellington. Beef Wellington is a steak dish of English origin. It is made out of fillet steak coated with pate. The dish was created in celebration of the first Duke of Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, and his victory at the Battle of Waterloo. Beef Wellington looks delicious, and for those who haven't tried it, you should. If you really like beef and fancy dinners then that is perfect for the main course of St. Patrick's Day.

Number three is a tasteful corned-beef hash. It is more Irish-American than Irish, but using leftovers for breakfast saves a lot of time. It was used more in WWII, but it eventually became an American comfort food. Corned-beef hash was made as a way to use up all of the leftovers from previous nights. I've had this food before and it is really good. The texture is a bit concerning, but it tastes really good. It would work as a side with a good beef Wellington. Delicious.

-Makayla McCarty



## Pizza Shoppe French Fries

"I like French fries" is a powerful quote from Mr. Collins. And Pizza Shoppe French fries are some of the best fries you can get. You have to get fries from the right place to get some good fries. And The Pizza Shoppe has some good fries. When Noah and I go to The Pizza Shoppe, we always get fries. The fries are perfectly crispy and soft. The Pizza Shoppe has had fries since they opened on Halloween in 1980. The fries still haven't changed one bit since they were created. They have always had crinkle cut fries. The fries at The Pizza Shoppe are so good. Noah and I love the Pizza Shoppe fries. When I eat them, it's like a party in my mouth. I know that they are a pizza restaurant, but they know how to make other foods really well, especially fries. When I get fries, it makes me want to cry because it's so good. If you go to The Pizza Shoppe, you might get a cheese bread, or maybe a pizza. But me and Noah, we always get fries. The fries are literally the bomb. And it's very hard to make bad fries. If you think about it, The Pizza Shoppe has no bad foods. Not a lot of people know that The Pizza Shoppe has burgers or fries, but they do, and they're both really good. I would really recommend that after reading this, you go to The Pizza Shoppe and get some amazing fries. Emmett has never had Pizza Shoppe French fries before, but he recommends heavily that you go and buy some so that you can experience the amazingness of them.

-Lucas Blackmore



# Classroom Spotlights

## Mrs. Morgan

Mrs. Morgan's day can be chaotic, exhausting, full, and nonstop. She has been teaching for thirteen years. Every day she gets to school 30-40 minutes early and stays 20-30 minutes after school to get stuff done for the next day so she doesn't have to do anything at home. She loves her job a whole bunch, but it's hard on her sometimes. Even though it can be hard, she can't imagine not teaching middle school. She couldn't think of another job other than teaching. She loves to be a part of our lives, not just getting us better at English but also for our future. Teaching used to be harder when her kids were younger, and she loves that her kids now love coming to school. She always wanted to be a teacher. She graduated from Bellaire and came here to teach. She has been 100% Ironmen since she came to our school. When it comes to the best part of her day, it could be different every day. It could be a lesson she likes, the read-aloud that we do every day with all her classes, which she enjoys. How has being a teacher affected her, in a bad way and a good way? Sometimes it can be stressful because some kids could be going through something awful at home. It can be stressful for her but she is always there for us. Some questions I wanted to ask her are some that didn't relate to her teaching because this is not just about teaching, it's also about her life outside of school. One question I asked her was what her favorite colors are. She likes earth tones and jewel tones. Her favorite class she gets to teach is CAPS because it can be fun and she gets to make it up along the way, but she also loves to teach English, obviously, since she's an English teacher. Another question I asked her was her favorite sport. She liked playing volleyball in high school but she also loves it now! Watching basketball games is fun for her as she gets to cheer them on to victory. This was a little bit about Mrs. Morgan. I hope you really enjoyed it like I did.

-Jazilyn Zuniga



## *Soul* Assignment

School assignments - everybody has had them, but most people hate them. I recently had one that changed my view on how fun school could be. About three weeks ago in my current encore class (taught by Mr. Collins), we got to watch the movie *Soul*. Along with the movie, we each made a paper and a painting about our "sparks." A "spark" is the thing that can make you happy or change you in some type of good way when you experience it for the first time. I'm not talking about my spark in this article, but the thing that made me feel on top of the world is basketball. It works miracles for my happiness and excitement. Anyway, this assignment has allowed me to express my feelings about my spark in different ways, which was fun. In this assignment, we got to make a painting about the thing that we love or the thing that changed us, along with writing related to that painting explaining why you chose what you did and how it has affected you. I had a lot of fun being able to do something other than just sit and write, or do a worksheet like other classes. Along with everyone having fun and the vibes in the room just being overall really great, I'm pretty sure no one failed the assignment, which is a plus. From what I read in that newsletter, it looked like a lot of people put their voice into their writing. So much so that when you would read an article you would be able to tell who wrote it not by looking at the author's name, but rather just purely off of vibes. Overall, I enjoyed doing this assignment and I think many other people did too. Not many school things make me want to write about them, but this one was too good not to.

-Emmett Krino





# Classroom Spotlights

## Lucas Caught On Fire

One day in Mrs. Morgan's class, Lucas's Chromebook was almost dead. So, he ran over to an outlet and slowly started to plug it in. Suddenly there was a huge explosion that almost exploded the entire school. The explosion was so loud and bright that everyone could see it and hear it for miles upon miles. Everyone's power went out, also for miles upon miles. Everyone in the school was terrified! Lucas's body caught on fire. He was slowly burning to the ground. He tried the stop, drop, and roll method, but it didn't work. While Lucas was burning to the ground, he somehow used his powers and put himself out! Lucas was very scared! After he physically and mentally exploded, he discovered half of his body was blackened from the terrifying explosion. Same with the wall. It took the school hours to repair the outlet just by putting a piece of tape over it. Lucas came to Mr. Collins' 5th hour after Mrs. Morgan's class and told everyone the insane story. We will never forget the day Lucas caught on fire!

QR code on how to pronounce "Lucas caught on fuuuuuuuuuire"

-Chad Beddingfield



## Snowcoming Court

Every kid dreams of being a king or queen, and some kids do get to have that opportunity on Snowcoming court. Snowcoming is like homecoming, but the girl's basketball team gets the fame. If you do not know how it works, the court, which happens to be only seniors, gets to campaign all week. They can make shirts, glasses, snacks, and posters. The couples that ran for court were Hope Bradley and Elijah Wescott, Isabelle Lanning and Aiden Dixon, Alexis Felton and Gage Melvig, and Kaylee Morris and Riley Bigger. Then, on the Friday of the game, everyone got to vote during the first and second lunches. On the night of the game during halftime, the king and queen were presented. They always begin with the king and then the queen follows. Riley Bigger was crowned as king by former king Rudy Randazzo. Kaylee Morris was crowned as queen by former queen Becca Anger.

-Cali Squires





# Classroom Spotlights

## Mr. Baumann

Now introducing the six foot-five middle-school teacher from Boyne City, Michigan: Mr. Baumann. He has been an amazing teacher for thirteen years straight - eight years in America and five years in other countries. Before we can get into his teaching career, we must go back to his childhood.

Mr. Baumann was born at Charlevoix County Hospital. He said when he was little he used to feed the swans in East Jordan. Once he got a little older, he moved to a surfer town near San Diego, California. He lived there during his school career. Sadly, though, he was bullied in middle school and was called "oaf." During his time at school, he played basketball up to JV. When I asked him why he stopped, he said he was "awkward and uncoordinated."

Instead of playing basketball, he started to write raps with his friends. He even took inspiration from the band Nirvana and learned to play the guitar. His friend also played guitar, but his friend was better. Mr. Baumann then started to play bass. They made indie rock and rap mixtapes and made forty hours worth of video tapes including skits, animations, and music videos. His friends did not want their music on YouTube, though, so they ended up burning the tapes. Referring to the burning tapes, he said, "in the fire, not to DVD" which I thought was pretty funny.

After he graduated from high school, he went to film school at San Francisco State University. He then ended up becoming a teacher all around the world. He taught English in Armenia, South Korea, China, and even the Philippines. He said that during his time in South Korea, he had one of the best teaching experiences. Mr. Baumann said that in South Korea they respect teachers very highly. He also said that he lost a lot of weight because the food was very nutritious. His favorite teaching memory was when he was teaching in Hawaii and his students showed him all of the best surf spots. During their class outings, he got to see the legendary surf spots he read about in surf magazines as a child.

Once he was done exploring the world, he settled down in Boyne City. He then became a teacher at Mancelona Middle School, where he hopes to stay put.

The final question I asked him was who his idol was. He said his idol was Orson Welles because he directed what many call the greatest movie of all time, *Citizen Kane*.

So, that is Mr. Baumann. If you have never met him, you need to. He is one of the coolest people I have ever met. He has done so many amazing things all around the world and has so many cool memories from each place. He has been to fifty different countries and six wonders of the world. He planned to go to his seventh wonder - Christ Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - in 2024 during Carnival where it ends on both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday.

All in all, the next time you see Mr. Baumann, talk to him. He is a very interesting person with lots of knowledge. He is currently working with 5th and 6th graders in a music video club called "I am Iron Man." It will soon be open to all grades.

-Lewis Smith





# Classroom Spotlights

## A Day in the Life of Mrs. A

Before I start to tell you about Mrs. A's schedule. I want to let everyone know that Mrs. A is one of the sweetest people on Earth. She is there when someone needs someone. I've had a couple of people tell me, "I'm going to talk to Mrs. A about it." I'm so grateful for her. We need a lot more people like her.

Mrs. A wakes up at 6:50 am. This lady wakes up later than me! After she wakes up, she gets ready for school, does her hair, brushes her teeth, does her makeup, gets dressed, and lets her dogs out. When she finishes getting ready for school, she drops her kids off at school. After she drops off her kids, she then goes to school herself and gets ready for her advisory class and does her normal teacher duties. Then she has her advisory, which is always chaotic. Then she teaches all of her classes: her 6th grade English classes, her 6th grade encore, and then her 7th grade science class. In her English classes, she's reading *Jason's Gold* by Will Hobbs. That class is so boring. In her 7th grade science, she's teaching chemistry. At the end of the day, she stays an extra hour to prepare for the next day. More boring stuff. After an hour, she finally goes home and eats snacks before dinner. A little later her husband cooks dinner. Mrs. A is not a chef. When her husband finishes dinner, she eats dinner. After she's done eating her dinner, she cleans up. When she's done cleaning up her mess, she plays games on her phone. That's fun, right? After she's done with that, she tells her kids to get ready for bed. When she is all done telling her kids to go to bed, she runs two miles on the treadmill. She loves to stay fit. After she's done running, she showers and gets ready for bed. She doesn't go to bed until 1:30 in the morning! I fall asleep at 10:30. Somehow, she doesn't have eye bags. I'm impressed. Mrs. A has had a long day! I'm glad I'm not a teacher. That's a lot of work!

-Amelia Reynolds



## Band Festival

If you don't know what Band Festival is, it's where you go to another school and perform in front of adjudicators. You perform three songs. The first song is a march, the second is a slower song, and third is a dance. After you perform for the adjudicators, you go into another room to do sight reading. Sight reading is where you get five minutes to see a song for the first time and get to count, sing, and discuss the different notes, tones, and how loud and quiet you need to be. Then you play the mystery song.

When I went last weekend I was nervous because it was my first time. When we first got there, we went into our room to leave our cases, coats, and stuff like that. After being there for a little while, we went into our warm-up room. Gosh, that was fancy. Their band room had spotlights and there were couches. While the band was warming up, me and a few other people went out on stage to get everything set up how we needed it to be. When we finished, the rest of the band came out. We got introduced and the speaker told everyone what we were playing. We played "First Flight" by Eric Osterling, "Moonlight Bliss" by Adrian B. Sims, and "Celtic Air And Dance No. 2." After we played, we got some tips. There was a lot of squeaking. It sounded like a pig squealing after someone just bathed it. We went into the sight reading room after getting the tips. While in the sight reading room, we were told the rules. We played a song they made up a few weeks before Band Festival. It went well, but could've been better. After we played, we got some tips. We ended up going into the cafeteria to eat and wait for our score.

The food there was okay, but the pizza was gross. After a while, Mrs. Heegeman left and came back with a marker to write down our scores. The first judge gave us a two. The second judge gave us a three. The third judge also gave us a three. The sight reading judge gave us a one. Overall, we got a two. A two is great! The second-best score you can get. One is the best. So getting a two is awesome. The whole band is getting a medal and we get a plaque to go on the wall. The plaques that are on the walls in the band room are from the old band director. It's the second year Mrs. Heegeman has been teaching, so for her to get a plaque in her second year teaching is fantastic. Even better, our band this year got a better score than last year. Last year they got a three. It was so good. The band festival was a 10/10.

-Amelia Reynolds



# Reviews

It has been such a long time since a triple-A studio has made a good FPS (first person shooter). Due to this, indie game studios have been experimenting trying to find their next big thing. While indie studios were on the race to a diamond in the rough, Embark Studios made a godsend. It re-invented the fun of an FPS shooter with some of the best movement since Call of Duty's slide canceling and the overall fun of prime Fortnite. But why is it so fun? Let us dive into why.

## Movement

Movement is a big part of any FPS shooter. Bad movement makes the game feel stale and lowers the skill ceiling. I believe that THE FINALS does not have the best movement. It is quite simple, but it is similar to most games with the basics of running, sliding, and jumping. Other types of movement are ziplines and launch pads. If you place a launch pad at an angle, it sends you more forward. If you slide onto it, it has similar effects too. There is nothing special about the zipline, though. It makes up for basic movement with its light class. The light class is small and dangerous, which makes it my personal favorite. Its abilities are a grapple to pull or swing yourself somewhere and a dashing ability that can be used to cross big gaps. When used right, it can be so much fun. There are also other more advanced movement methods, but I do not have enough time. However you do it, it all feels smoother than the fabric of a fresh shirt.

## Guns

When you think of any first-person shooter, you think of guns! So of course they are a big part of making an FPS shooter fun. If the guns feel simple and horrible, then it drains the fun of being a mad man! THE FINALS has some of the best guns and weapons. Some examples are swords, automatic shotguns, sledge hammers, throwing knives, and a literal flamethrower. None of the guns are inherently better. What seems good can be countered by a lot of other guns. There are no guns that are better than any other gun. For the most part, some weapons are easier to use than others and may seem better, but just search "clips of best sword player in THE FINALS." Since the guns are all balanced, it makes it much more rewarding. Also, some weapons are good for destroying walls, allowing you to feel incredibly awesome when you smash through a wall and kill all the bad guys like a movie star. Those reasons are why THE FINALS has better guns than any other game on the market.

## Game Modes

THE FINALS has an original idea. It turns out, if you want a popular game, you need original ideas. THE FINALS main game mode is quick cash. The rules require you to get to a vault which you need to begin to unlock. While you unlock the vault, you must protect it with your different utilities and fight to protect it from the other players who want to take it for themselves. Once you do that, you must bring it to a cash-out station and do the same thing you did when you unlocked it. Then repeat until you have twenty thousand dollars. I am not a big fan, but I have fun playing it from time to time.

The secondary game mode, and my personal favorite, is Bank. It is another original idea. since the game takes place at a game show when you kill another player they explode into a bunch of coins, but this time you can pick them up. Another way is opening a vault that also gives coins. Once you think you have enough coins, you can go to a cashout station and deposit all of your coins for your team. I am in love with this game mode for its high level of risk/reward where you can have so many coins just to die and lose them all, or kill Jeff Bezos and see all those coins become yours. Just that feeling of depositing thousands of dollars makes you feel so good.

## Destruction!

Every match in THE FINALS is different, but not for the reasons you would think. When you play THE FINALS, you can destroy almost anything. When someone is above you, just break the floor below them. If they are below you, break the ceiling above them. Many of the most effective strategies involve just destroying things. When you reach the end of a match, especially while playing a game mode that takes longer, some skyscrapers have been demolished by sledgehammers or C4. It makes every match different from the rest and makes it so much fun.

I believe that if you have been looking for a fast-paced FPS shooter but COD and any others don't meet your expectations, then you should try THE FINALS.

## THE FINALS

# THE FINALS®



-Hudson Rider



# Reviews

## The Summer I Turned Pretty

*The Summer I Turned Pretty* is a show about a teen romance. I've watched this show about a million times. It's a great show. There's a whole debate about which brother Belly (the main character) should be with: Conrad or Jeremiah. I think she should be with Jeremiah, but I know people that would disagree with me. This show is such a great show to watch, especially in summer. This show doesn't take long to watch.

*The Summer I Turned Pretty* is one of my favorite shows to watch. Whenever I'm not busy, I go to my room, turn on the TV, and watch *The Summer I Turned Pretty*. If you like romance movies and shows, you will like *The Summer I Turned Pretty*. Another movie that could be considered like *The Summer I Turned Pretty* is *The Titanic*. So if you have ever seen the *Titanic*, you'll most likely like this show.

On a rating out of ten, I would give *The Summer I Turned Pretty* a 9/10. Yes, it's a great show, but it could be better. Many great things happen, but many things could be changed. For example, the summer after Susana (Conrad and Jeremiah's mom) died, the party for Belly's graduation could have gone differently. Or when Belly calls her mom - that could have ended differently. I still love this show. I will probably watch it again here soon because I love it. I just finished watching it a couple of days ago.

*The Summer I Turned Pretty* is a popular show. *The Summer I Turned Pretty* is 14.5 times the demand of the average TV series in the United States in the last 30 days. People all over the world are watching

Out of the whole show, I would say my favorite part is at the end when Belly and Jeremiah get back together, and he goes to watch her play volleyball. It's just so romantic. This show is so good. Just like a hamburger. Yummy! I can't wait to watch it again.

-Amelia Reynolds



## Bob Marley: One Love

*Bob Marley: One Love* was released on February 14, 2024. This movie felt very fast and slow at the same time. It had lots of realism added to it, and it even showed Bob Marley and his friend Louis Griffiths being shot. This movie made me feel like I was watching Bob's life. It showed real Bob Marley concerts at the end and, to be honest, it felt surreal. It did kind of feel rushed as it had lots of parts of his life in a small amount of time. I feel like it could've been a little bit longer and was way too rushed. They really could've done better in the amount of time that they had. And another bad thing about the movie was that I couldn't understand a single thing that they were saying. The Jamaican accent was way too hard for me to understand. Overall, I enjoyed this movie and think you should consider watching it.

-Lucas Blackmore





# Reviews

## *How to Catch a Leprechaun* Book Review

As you can most likely tell, this book is about how to catch a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. These little leprechauns are little bearded men, wearing coats and hats, who partake in mischief. The word "little" means three feet in this case. Have you ever met a ginger guy who only wears green, is three feet tall, and only shows up on St. Patrick's Day? Actually, I would be shocked if any of you have! This book will help you find these little leprechauns and trap them! The book title has hooked me because I have never seen nor caught a leprechaun! So far so good.

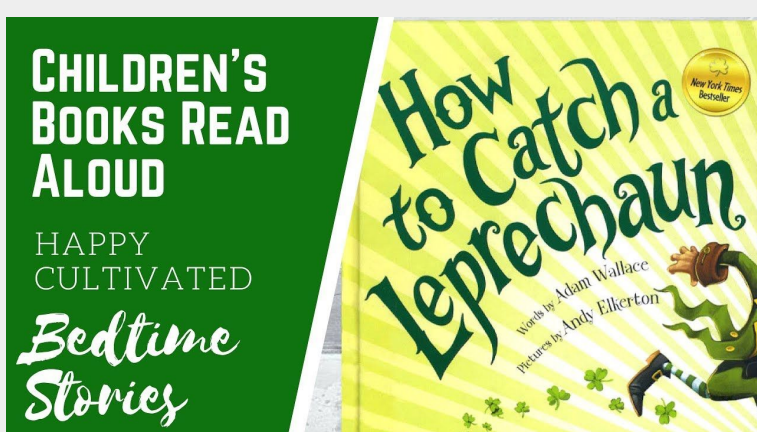
In the beginning, it barely rhymed, kind of. As I listened for two seconds more, it started rhyming like a rapper in a children's book! I like that it tells the reader what a leprechaun does on their holiday. It is funny reading it. Although it is funny to read, it wouldn't be as funny if it was happening to me. Some of the things that the leprechauns would do are taking your shoelaces, putting glitter in your hair, and leaving gold coins everywhere. The gold coin thing isn't that bad, I'd be rich! The glitter in the hair, on the other hand, would be a pain to get out. Those "jokes" are funny, but not as funny if it happens to you, so I would say this part so far is a 6/10. It's kind of boring for a teenager, but I'm sure it is hilariously funny for a toddler. Good thing this book is made for toddlers then I suppose. This is still just about the beginning of this story, but that first trap in the first house? If you have never read this book before the first house trap was a mouse trap. Last time I checked, this is a leprechaun that is stealthier, smarter, and much larger than a rat. After the beginning, this book is a solid 7/10. I am taking into mind that this is a children's book, not a teenager's book. The first trap let me down because I thought they would be more creative, but my expectations were not met, unfortunately. I hope the next part is much better.

The middle of the story is the second trap of the houses. This trap was probably worse than the first one, but more creative. This trap is a shoe box on a stick. But instead of this being censored when the leprechaun goes in, the kid is hiding in the closet waiting for the leprechaun to go in. Why do you think that is going to work? If you remember what I said in the last paragraph about leprechauns, there is absolutely no way you are catching that leprechaun! The next house just put food under a net. I thought these kids would research before setting traps, to be honest. This trap was much better than the others though, but leprechauns are much smarter than that, and the kid is just sitting there! I'm getting kind of angry because these traps are so unoriginal. I have just learned that these leprechauns have been alive for 200 years! I don't get how these kids can outsmart a leprechaun now. The next house has an iron cage with alligators around it! Now this is getting more creative, but no leprechaun will walk into an empty space surrounded by alligators for nothing. In the picture, it shows the kid in the cage now. By seeing that, I have lost full confidence I have had in these kids to catch this leprechaun. I would rate that trick about a 5/10 - better than others but just not that good. This next trick is the worst one yet. This girl just put stuffed unicorns all around her room. What is that supposed to do? This trick is so bad, it is like so far in the negatives out of ten it doesn't even exist.

Now we are near the end of this book. These tricks are getting better and more creative! This kid went all out on his next trap. His house was filled with robots and monsters with drones flying all around on the outside of the house! Somehow, the leprechaun still did his tricks and left some gold. This kid tried and that made me happy! I would rate this trick an 8/10, awesome trap. The final trap was a confusing one because it just had a bunch of stuff that probably went off because of the leprechaun. In the picture, a wall was missing because this trick was so wild. It was animated, so the leprechaun was running away saying, "The LEPRECHAUN BE GONE 3000 gave me quite a scare. But without a four-leaf clover, I won't be caught in there!" This kid came so close to catching this leprechaun. I am so proud of this kid, whoever they are, because they used all of their brain power to set up this trap just for the leprechaun to say that it is impossible to catch him. I rate that trap a 10/10, that is better than I could ever do. To refresh your memory, the leprechaun said that it is impossible to catch him unless a brilliant kid creates the perfect trap. By looking at these traps, I doubt that will ever happen because these kids are not creative nor do they even care.

This book is incredibly childish because this is a children's book. The traps were all right, but this leprechaun was awesome! This leprechaun is what I want to be and more. His features are not so great, but the personality is so much fun. Destroying someone's house and not getting in trouble seems pretty relieving. Overall, I would rate this book a 7/10. You should read this to your child, not a teen, and not an adult.

-Kiella McIntosh





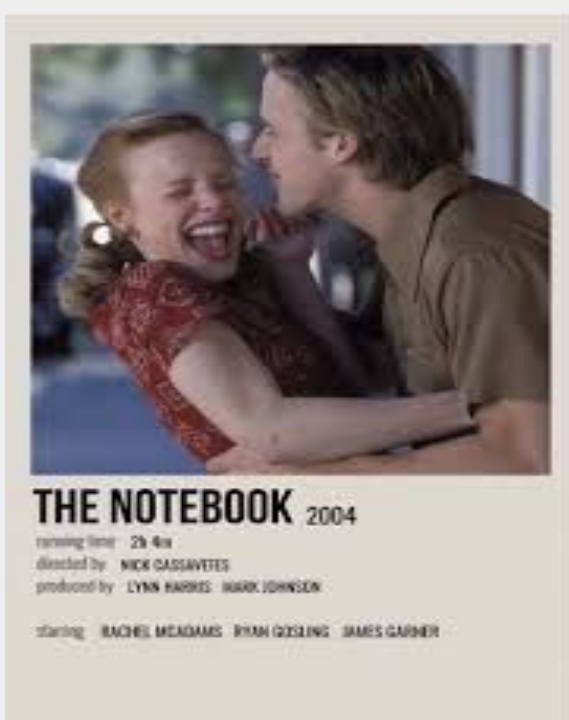
# Reviews

## “Praise Jah In the Moonlight” Song Review

### *The Notebook*

*The Notebook* is a movie about two lovers, Noah and Ally, and my experience watching it was good. The movie is so good and I just love the love story overall. I rate it 10/10. I would recommend it. If you are looking for a good romantic and suspenseful kind of movie, watch *The Notebook*. The acting is a 9.5/10. Both main characters are really good actors, played by Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. Rachel played Regina George in the 2000s movie *Mean Girls*. When I first watched *The Notebook*, I didn't think I was going to like it very much, but I did. I loved it so much and I cried so much, so if you have Hulu and are in an emotional mood, watch *The Notebook*. The one thing I would watch out for when you're watching it is crying too much, because when I tell you it's emotional, I really mean it! I still cry the same as the first time.

-Jazilyn Zuniga



Do you want the feeling of relaxing on the beach on a cool day in winter? Then this song is perfect for you. It is slow and has beachy vibes because of the background singers and the beat. This song is about praising Jah. Jah is the Lord God of Israel. The style of this song is reggae. The artist of this song is YG Marley, who is Bob Marley's grandson. Knowing that, you know that this song is going to be good because Bob Marley was a legend. It is wonderful knowing that his music still runs in his family. This song was released on December 27, 2023. That was only three months ago and it has already peaked as the number one song in New Zealand! This song is a medium-length song, but is worth the wait until about 3 minutes and 30 seconds in. At that point it just starts repeating words for fifty seconds straight.

The beginning isn't perfect, but when it gets to the part where it says, "These roads of flames are catching on fire" it starts picking up. When it says that, my body rocks back and forth to the beat and I feel like I'm on the beach surfing, even though I don't know how to surf. Having the feeling of doing something relaxing that you don't know how to do is wonderful. Getting that feeling from a song is strange, and I have never had that feeling. That is a great start to a song for someone who has never heard the song before. Do you know when you show your mom a song and she says, "Add this to my playlist?" That is when you know that this is a good song. After that line, it says, "Showed you I loved you, you called me a liar." The way he says it tickles my brain. His voice is very talented. He wants this girl to love him back and praise Jah with him but she is calling him a liar. The beginning of this song is so awesome! I would rate the beginning of this song a 9/10. It could be better, but there isn't that much room for improvement.

The middle of the song is all right. I wouldn't say it is better than the beginning. In my honest opinion, the best part of the song is the beginning because it gets you into the feels. I feel like the beginning of the song really hooks someone in and they just listen to the first because of how good the beginning is. The rest of it is also excellent, just not as good as the beginning. He sang, "I've been on my own all along. But we ain't never left alone, 'lone, 'lone. And if I'm telling you the feeling is wrong. Relax a little, friend, this won't take too long. And when you're feeling alone. You can call my phone." This part made my heart happy! That was my favorite line from the middle of the song. This line was said so beautifully that the rest didn't even matter. The rest of the middle part of the song was kind of boring. So I'll rate the middle part of this song a 7/10.



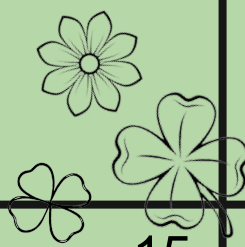



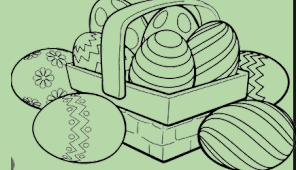


The end of this song is the end of the middle part of this song repeated. The repeated line is, "Give Jah all the thanks and praises." For about a minute. So if you were to listen to this song I recommend just listening to the first 3 minutes. At the end of the song, I would rate it a solid 4/10 because it just gets boring. Overall, this song is one of the best songs I have ever listened to! The rating I give it is a 9/10. Great job, YG Marley!



-Kiella McIntosh

# March

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 National Baby Sleep Day	2 International Rescue A Cat Day
3 World Day 	4 Wildlife Marching Music Day National Pound Cake Day	5 National Cheese Doodle Day	6	7 Sock Monkey Day National Flapjack Day	8 	9 National Barbie Day
10 Daylight Savings National Mario Day	11	12 National Plant a Flower Day	13 National Jewelry Day National Earmuff Day	14 World Kidney Day	15 World Sleep Day 	16 National Vaccination Day
17 St.Patrick's Day 	18 National Sloppy Joe Day	19 Spring Equinox National Let's Laugh Day	20 World flour Day	21 World Poetry Day	22 World Water Day	23 Cuddly Kitten Day National Puppy Day
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31 Easter Sunday						

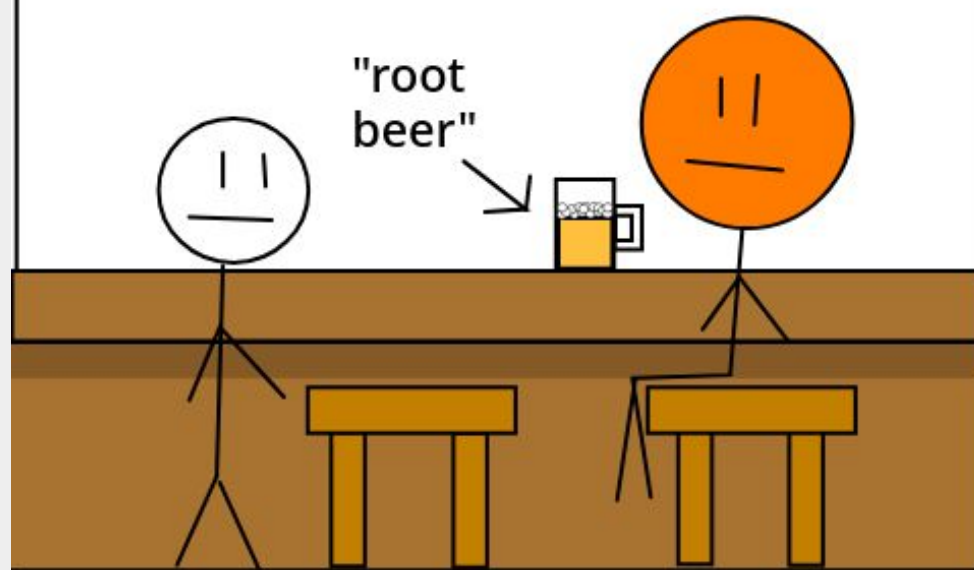


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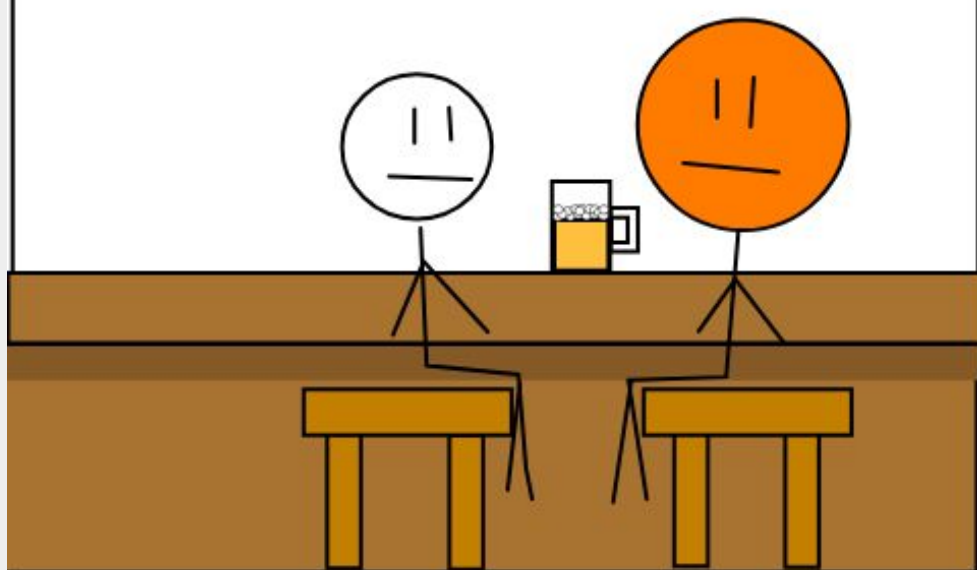
## Giant Orange Head (In a comic version)

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One day, a man walks into a bar and sees another man with a giant orange head.

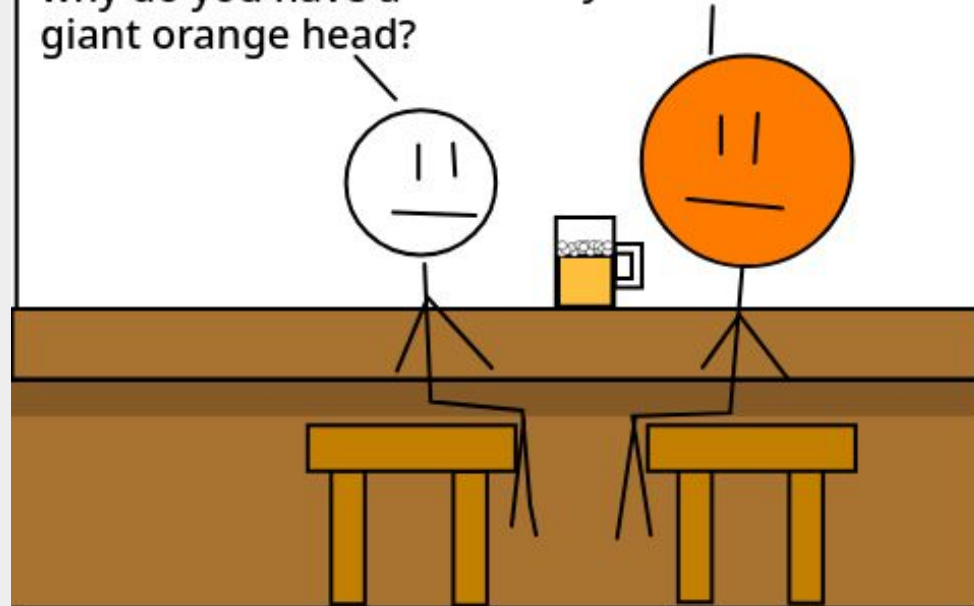


The man was curious how he had a giant orange head. So, he walked up to him and asked.



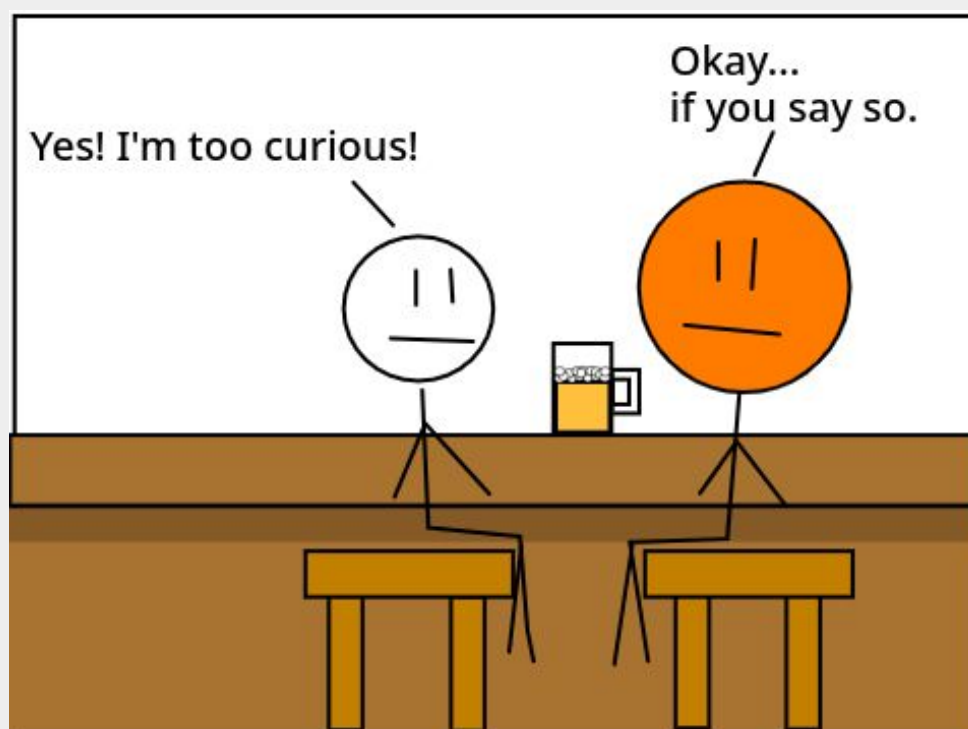
Sir, I have to ask, why do you have a giant orange head?

Well, it's a long story. Do you want to hear it?



Yes! I'm too curious!

Okay... if you say so.



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# Comic

So one day, I was walking on a beach in Aruba. I looked down, and saw a lamp!



I picked it up and rubbed off the sand.

\*wipe wipe\*



Suddenly, a genie popped out!



\*Before I had a giant orange head\*



I'll grant you 3 wishes!



Hooray!

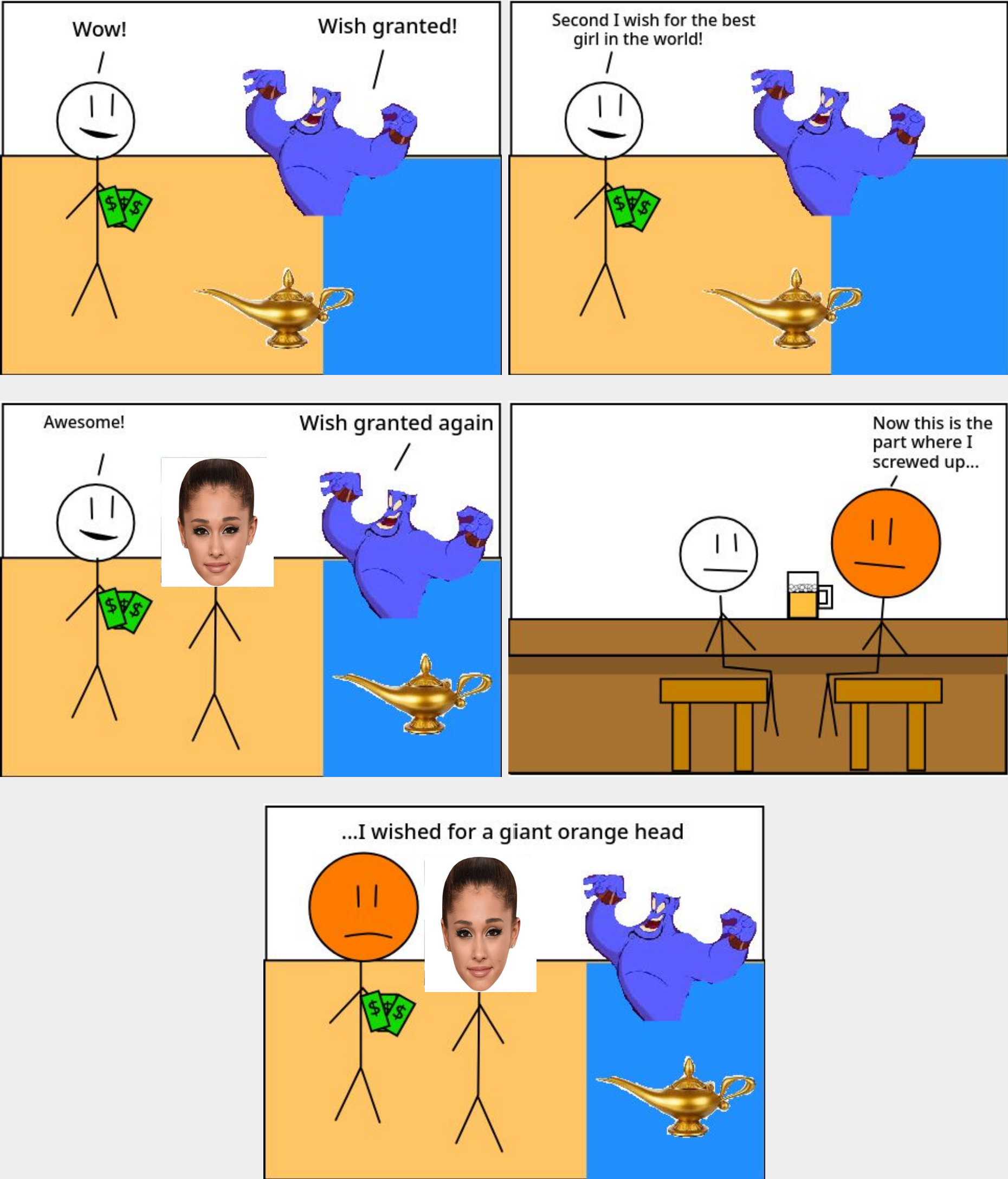


First, I wish for 1 million dollars



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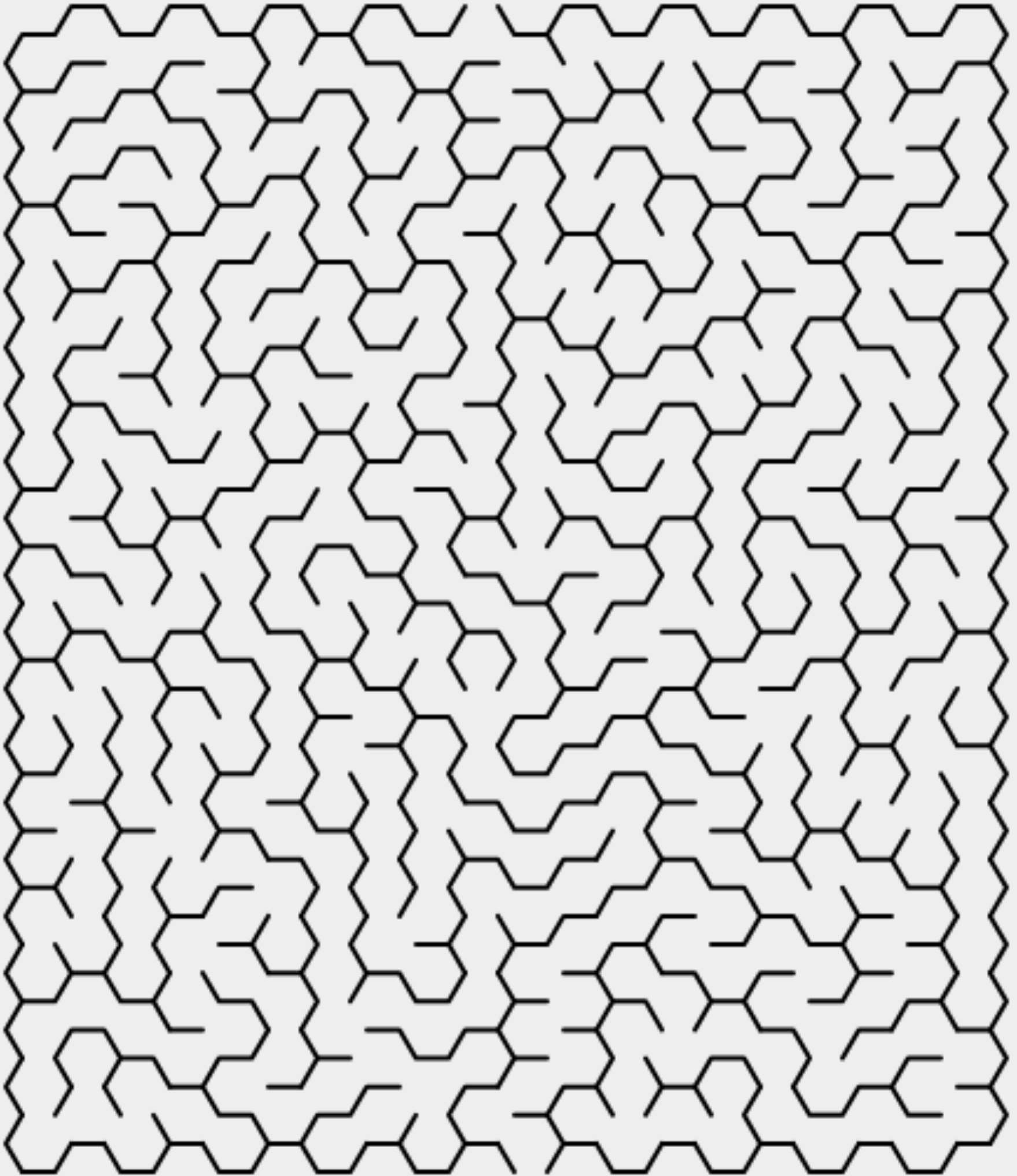


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# Maze

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# Trivia!

1. What is the term for the distance between the Earth and the Sun?
  - a. One astronomical unit
  - b. One lightyear
  - c. Solar ray
  - d. Solar unit
2. What is the most sold candy in America?
  - a. Skittles
  - b. Kit-Kat
  - c. Snickers
  - d. Sour Patch Kids
3. How old is Patrick Mahomes?
  - a. 34
  - b. 28
  - c. 30
  - d. 31
4. What NFL team is the oldest?
  - a. Arizona Cardinals
  - b. Chicago Bears
  - c. Las Vegas Raiders
  - d. Green Bay Packers
5. Where is Yellowstone National Park?
  - a. California
  - b. Colorado
  - c. Arizona
  - d. Wyoming
6. How old is the United States of America?
  - a. 303 years old
  - b. 250 years old
  - c. 273 years old
  - d. 247 years old

## Last Month's Answers

1. World Wide Web
2. Aglet
3. Leonardo Da Vinci
4. Blue Whale
5. Asia
6. 212 degrees fahrenheit



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Answers to be posted in the next paper!