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Editor's Note

Hello everybody and welcome back to the Mancy Press newsletter! It's January for those of you who didn't know, and this means that we have for you another amazing set of articles.

Payton Barnes wrote about Makayla McCarty, again. I'm warning you right now that anything bad she says in that article is not true.

Makayla McCarty wrote about Payton Barnes, and I know for a fact that everything in that article is true because I wrote it and I know Payton well.

Emma Marshall wrote about science papers. There are several papers in science and there is a ton of work that comes along with them.

Lewis Smith wrote about Macedonian foods in honor of an exchange student, Ivan. Macedonian foods, from what Lewis has said, sound really good, so I'm looking forward to reading it.



Chad Beddingfield wrote about using his words. It is a very short article about completing his 1,000 word task, and he wrote about it so he could get to 1,000 words. Clever.

Lucas Blackmore wrote about an amazing show called Family Guy. Unfortunately, I finished watching Family Guy and I'm awaiting new episodes.

Jett Helwig wrote chapter 2 about McChicken and his adventures. I honestly had no idea that there would be a second one because the first one looked like it'd be hard to follow.

Hudson Rider wrote about bad Gucci. I don't own any Gucci so I wouldn't know if it's good or not, but I'm sure, like all brands of clothing, Gucci has some bad designs.

Cali Squires wrote about Michigan football. The Wolverines are my favorite football team. They are undefeated and they beat Washington! What's not to like?



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These are just some of the many amazing articles we have in this newsletter. All of them are special and are the hard work of every kid that wrote them. I hope you all have a fantastic day and enjoy reading our work!

-Makayla McCarty

Sports

The NFL Playoffs

The most exciting time of year is here, at least for us football fans. 32 NFL teams compete through blood, sweat, and tears for a spot in the playoff bracket, and maybe even the Super Bowl. Unfortunately for some teams, their efforts come short and they are not allowed to compete in the postseason. You can enter the playoffs by having a good season (your record usually would be above 9-8). There are 3 rounds in the playoffs before the Super Bowl. These rounds are the wild-card round, the divisional round, and the conference championship game. Two sides of the playoff bracket follow the conferences: the NFC (National Football Conference), and the AFC (American Football Conference). Depending on your regular season record, you can ranked in different spots. These are called your seed. The first seed team from the AFC and the NFC get to skip the wild-card round and go straight to the divisional round. The 14 teams that make up the playoffs this year are really interesting in my opinion. The San Francisco 49ers, Philadelphia Eagles, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Los Angeles Rams, the Detroit Lions, the Green Bay Packers, and the Dallas Cowboys made it in the NFC. I think this side is the most exciting because some of the bad teams (Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers, and Los Angeles Rams) are all in the playoffs and are doing quite well. I think that the Lions could go pretty far because they finally have a rhythm down. The Lions finished in the 3rd seed with a record of 12-5. This is the first time Detroit has been to the playoffs in a while. The AFC side consists of the Baltimore Ravens in the 1 seed, the Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans, Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Buffalo Bills. This side of the bracket was kind of expected other than the Ravens being in the one seed. I thought the Steelers had a great season along with the Browns. The Buffalo Bills deserve to do good because they have been great but have not gone far in the playoffs. I think that all teams in the playoffs this year are deserving of credit, but I believe some deserve a Super Bowl more than others. Some of the teams that don't necessarily need a Super Bowl win are the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles. I think that Kansas City has already won enough Super Bowls in the past couple of years. The Eagles on the other hand have just been kind of lazy all season. They have so much potential for future playoffs, but this season they weren't able to use that potential. Some teams that deserve to do well are the Detroit Lions, the Houston Texans, and the Buffalo Bills. All three of these teams have never won a Super Bowl, but have had chances to, especially the Bills. Many teams throughout the league have fought hard to try to find themselves in the playoffs, but only the best can do it. These are some of my beliefs on the NFL playoffs this year, and it will be exciting to see this year's teams show who the best really is.

-Emmett Krino

The White Mamba

Brian Scalabrino had one of the best NBA careers of all time. If you're wondering who he is, then I'm going to tell you. The White Mamba AKA Brian Scalabrino was drafted 34th overall in the 2001 NBA draft by the New Jersey Nets. The Ginger Ninja played for 3 teams: the Nets, the Bulls, and the Celtics. Brian Scalabrino won the NBA championship one time in 2008 with the Boston Celtics. He would also appear in the finals three times. Brian Scalabrino would get his career-high points in 2004 in a semifinal, triple-overtime game against the Pistons after playing 45 minutes.

Brian Scalabrino started getting called out by fans after he retired. Fans would say that he couldn't beat them in a 1v1, and he would. After being called out, Scalabrino would take a fan on Twitter up on the 1v1 and destroy the fan.

Scalabrino's best season was the 2008-2009 season. During this season, the White Mamba would average 7 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 assists. Although these seem like bad stats, at least he got to play in the NBA. And Brian wasn't trying because the NBA was too easy for him. If you ever get a Brian Scalabrino card, immediately put it in a card slip and get it graded because it could be worth \$10,000. In conclusion, Brian Scalabrino is the GOAT of the NBA and Lonzo is the only player that could beat him.

-Lucas Blackmore



Sports

Michigan Football

The stands look like the stars filling up the night sky. But these are different kinds of stars, they are the Michigan football players. You might be wondering why am I talking about the players, well because they are the ones that won the National Championship. The National Championship is the last college football game of the season. It is played by the last two teams in the league and to be one of the last teams you have to win every game. First, let's go back in time to their first game of the season to see how they got here. Their first game of the season was against East Carolina. The score was 30 to 3. Michigan took that win pretty easily because East Carolina only got one field goal. The second game was against UNLV. This was an easy game because they only got one touchdown. Now let's go to their 6th game. They went against Minnesota. The score was 52 to 10, Michigan won, like all the other games. They won the rest of the games up until the Rose Bowl, which was the game before the championship game. They went against Alabama and it was a close game, 27 to 20, and Michigan took the win again. Now we get to the final game, the championship game. They went against the Washington Huskies who were 14-0 which was the same record as the Michigan Wolverines. 14-0 means they didn't lose any games all season. The first points of the game were scored by Donovan Edwards with a 41-yard touchdown. The next touchdown was also scored by Edwards. The third touchdown was by Blake Corum. The last touchdown of the game was also by Corum. The end of the game was taken pretty easy, but they still had to watch out because Washington had an offense that could score quickly. The end score was 34-13. Michigan had an amazing win. The day after the game, Michigan had a party at their stadium where the fans could come onto the field and got to talk to the players and get autographs. I think that this was pretty cool because it was free. So, go Blue! Good job on the fabulous win! I hope that they do well next season and win the Rose Bowl and the National Championship next year in 2025.

-Cali Squires



The Pop Tarts Bowl

It may look like a dream come true or even a nightmare to some, but the tastiest and the funniest NCAA Bowl has to go to the Pop Tarts Bowl. Kansa State's players got to eat a giant Pop Tart in Camping World Stadium after beating the NC State Wolfpack. To give some background, in 2023 Pop Tarts hosted their own NCAA Bowl, aptly named the Pop Tarts Bowl. To make their first sponsored bowl stand out from the rest, they got a giant Pop Tart mascot and the winning team got to fulfill the mascot's dream of being eaten. The Pop Tarts Bowl quickly became a fan favorite and a must see event for college football fans. The game is played between two top-ranked teams in front of a packed stadium of excited fans, all happy to see who will come out on top and have the honor of devouring the giant Pop Tart mascot. The Pop Tarts Bowl has become a cultural phenomenon (that is a funny word), with people from all over the country tuning in to watch the game and see who will be crowned the champion! The atmosphere is electric, with fans decked out in their team's colors and the smell of freshly baked Pop Tarts wafting through the air. In addition to the excitement of the game itself, the Pop Tarts Bowl has also become famous for its unique halftime show. Instead of the usual marching band or dance routine, the Pop Tarts Bowl halftime show features a massive Pop Tart eating contest, where fans can compete to see who can eat the most Pop Tarts in a set amount of time. Overall, the Pop Tarts Bowl is a one-of-a-kind experience that combines the excitement of college football with the deliciousness of everyone's favorite toaster pastry. It's no wonder that fans and players alike will look forward to it next year.

-Hudson Rider



Sports

Why Ben Simmons Is The Worst NBA Player



Ben Simmons is an NBA player. Most people who watch professional basketball like him, but I hate Ben Simmons and I'll be telling you why I do not like him.

The first reason I do not like him is that he is very overrated. He isn't that good at anything in basketball and he doesn't stand out to me compared to any other players. Many people say his best aspect as a basketball player is his athleticism, but everyone in the NBA besides Zion and James Harden is very athletic.

Something else I hate about Ben Simmons is that he got Rookie of the Year, which he did not deserve. If Ben Simmons wasn't on the Nets, the Nets would do twice as well as they usually do. He also didn't deserve the first overall pick when Jaylen Brown was in the same draft class. Brian Scalabrine is 10 times better than Ben Simmons. Next time you get a Ben Simmons card, immediately burn it, and if you don't, I hope Zion eats you.

All in all, Ben Simmons is very overrated and should not be as popular as he is. He should also be put in the G league, and if you think Ben Simmons is a good player, you are wrong. Start liking actual good players like Lonzo, Zion, or even maybe Naz Reid.

-Noah Lanning

The L.A Dodgers Future

The Dodgers have a bright baseball future next year as a result of all of the trading and free agent signing they have done. These moves have gotten them ahead of Shohei Ohtani, one of the best players in the league right now. Seeing that they have gotten a great player added to their already great team shows that they have a very high chance of winning next year. In addition to Shohei, they have signed Yency Almonte, Michael Busch, Jackson Ferris, Zyhir Hope, Brendon Davis, Chris Okey, Bryan Hudson, and Justin Chambers just in January. Just to show how impressive their team is, I will tell the starting lineup for 2024. Mookie Betts, Shohei Ohtani, Freddie Freeman, Will Smith, Max Muncy, James Outman, Teoscar Hernandez, Jason Heyward, and Gavin Lux fill the diamond. Seeing their starting lineup shows that their team will be amazing. Some star players on this team are Mookie Betts, Shohei Ohtani, Max Muncy, Will Smith, and Freddie Freeman. Seeing that they have an amazing team now, I don't think there is any other team in the league that is better than them. This team is one of the greatest teams the MLB has ever seen. Shohei signing with the Dodgers for ten years shows me that the Dodgers will be doing well for those ten years unless someone like Mookie Betts leaves the team, but even if someone does, they will still be doing well since there are many very good players on this team. In the end, I am very excited to see Shohei in a Dodgers jersey, and I am also very excited to see what they can do in the future from all the potential they have as a team. I think that the Dodgers in the future will be one of the greatest teams of all time in the MLB.

-Noah Lanning



Individual Spotlights

Payton

Let’s talk about best friends. Best friends are rude to each other, they argue, and at the end of the day they’re still you’re 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 favorite person. That may look like a big number, but think about your family and everyone you know who is 100x better than your best friend. For me, my best friend is rude, concerning, and she has written far too many articles about me when it’s herself she should be concerned about. She says things that aren’t even words and expects you to understand it all. For example, she says “stonky” instead of stinky, she says “majak” instead of magic, and she says “cronchy” instead of crunchy. I mean, try saying “This chicken is cronchy” without it sounding like you’re eating sand.

Best friends hang out, whether it’s in school because you know what they’re like and so you’re afraid to see their house, or you be brave and just have sleepovers. Payton and I have sleepovers together, mostly at her house because I have five siblings and she is an only child. At one of our sleepovers, we were at her mom’s house and with us was our friend Olibhia. While we were there, we were all very bored, so we raided Payton’s room and put on random things we found. Unfortunately, Payton found heels and started kicking my ankles. At the moment, the only thing I could manage to think was “Why me, why not Olibhia, she’s literally right next to her?” Another sleepover that would be fun to talk about was when Olibhia and Payton were sitting in my living room on the couch and I joined them. Olibhia played a video saying “If you laugh, you are a bad person.” We all listened carefully and then it said “Imagine a child, starving, freezing from the cold, the child was homeless... What would you do?” and all of a sudden, without warning it played the song, “Let it die let it die, let it shrivel up and die.” Payton and Olibhia started laughing frantically and it took me a few seconds to process it, and when I figured it out, they had stopped laughing so I tried holding in my laughter to prevent anything awkward. It’s okay though, because that just means I’m a good person and they aren’t.

I don’t think I’ve been giving Payton credit for what makes her a good friend. Oh, who am I kidding? This would be a very short paragraph. On a serious note, she is actually a really good friend. If she wasn’t, I wouldn’t have been her friend for 3-4 years. Payton is just nice in general. I know it doesn’t seem like it, but if someone asks Payton if they can borrow her Chromebook charger, she always lets them (as far as I know anyway). Payton and I just get along really well. We have the same humor. We are both way more mature than some people we know. We can also tell if one of us is making a joke. For example, I would pick on Payton because I’m approximately 475 feet taller than her and she would pretend to get offended and I could tell by the pitchy tone of her voice. What we share most of all is our love for cats. Cats are mine and Payton’s favorite animal, and occasionally we put our cats on leashes and take them out for walks. That’s right people, it’s not just a dog and ferret thing.

Overall Payton is a good friend and I hope you were able to tell that there were some jokes in the article. Have a lovely day.

-Makayla McCarty

(Not) My Best Friend Makayla

There’s this super creepy person I know, and I’ve mentioned her in MULTIPLE articles. She’s pretty scary. Like...terrifying. What’s even worse is she’s my BEST friend. Crazy, right? She’s like my 1000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000th favorite person, and no, she’s not that number because of family or whatever. I just genuinely put her here because...why not? Anywho, I’m just going to describe this....creature to you all.

First I’m going to describe her personality. It’s very strange, and not very close to mine. For us being friends, we are bipolar opposites. She sometimes speaks in this really weird voice that I CAN’T explain, and when she uses the voice she makes this goofy laugh that sounds like “huwahuwahuwawa.” She really is a silly goose. Makayla also has this wacky sense of style where she grabs random stuff out of her dresser and puts it on. Like right now, as I’m writing this, she’s wearing some random blue hoodie like some anime girl looking into a fish tank, and she’s wearing sweatpants with a red stripe and black boots. It’s not her worst, but not her best either. She’s worn a lot worse. Honestly. It’s true. If you don’t believe me, you should meet her.

Our sleepovers are also weird. I remember how once I went to her house for a sleepover with our friend Olibhia and all I could hear was Makayla yelling something about how Olibhia threw her bathing suit in the toilet. It was scary to hear. I had no clue what was going on since I wasn’t in the room at the time. Another time is when we were at Makayla’s house in her pool and me, her, and Olibhia were trying to make a whirlpool. There was this big dark spot in the middle of the pool (we still don’t know what it was) and we thought it was some random creature trying to murder us. I remember how we felt something grab us (who knows what that was) by the ankle or leg or something. The sleepovers we have are seriously wild, as you can see.



On a serious note, Makayla is my best friend and she’s one of my favorite people to hang out with..almost the only person I hang out with. Especially at school. She’s a really “swagger” person to hang out with. As long as you get her..strange humor. I’ve known Makayla since about when I came to this school, but we really started to talk around 3rd grade. We’ve been best friends ever since, and I don’t regret a thing. Well...maybe I do...a little bit. Anywho, I hope you realize this is just me joking, she’s really a great person, and if you have ever talked to her you’d know that too.

-Payton Barnes

Individual Spotlights

The Stories of Gage and Caseoh

15 years ago, in a galaxy not so far away, there was a man named Gage Robbins, and he wanted to be a criminal. While searching for a partner in crime, he found a wanted poster that said “Caseoh: wanted for eating 30 people.” Gage was happy to see the sign because he also loved to eat people.

80 years later, Gage would finally find Caseoh. Caseoh said “I AM NOT SHAPED LIKE A FERRIS WHEEL,” and then ate Gage whole. Gage woke up 10 minutes later at the bottom of Caseoh’s belly. Gage would now have to survive off the food that Caseoh ate, which would be easy because Caseoh ate a lot. The first thing Gage did to survive was build a shelter to survive. Gage grabbed fruit roll-ups for the walls, pretzel sticks for the roof, and marshmallows for the floor. These were easy for him to find, but then he had to find regular food that wouldn’t make him fat, and that was hard for him because that’s all Caseoh eats. Suddenly Gage heard a noise from in the bushes of Twizzlers. When Gage peaked around the bushes he saw a whole society – Sour Patch Kids walking around in suits, a river made of queso, skyscrapers, and a forest full of fierce gummy bears. Suddenly, 30 people pulled him into the bushes and duct-taped his mouth completely shut. To be continued...

-Lucas Blackmore

Pointless Stuffed Animals

Stuffed animals, hopelessly collecting dust on your bed, in the attic, or even worse... in the closet. People normally buy stuffed animals for their kids, their kids’ kids, or even somebody else’s kids. But what is the point in buying something that children will love for one day and then forget about it the next? Children will normally love stuffed animals. They’ll play (in the words of Emmett Krino) “fight to the blood” with them until the stuffing shows and their moms have to sew them back together. They’ll take them outside and make them their new airplanes until they get covered in dirt so then they sneak them in the washer and the sewing comes undone so they never enjoy that stuffed animal ever again. This is when they start collecting dust.

Years later, your parents will find this stuffed animal in the oddest of places, such as behind the toilet, on your roof, or even at your 9th grade parent teacher conference. At first, parents see these stuffed animals and think about how young this child used to be. They’ll be brought to tears as they think of their children growing up before their eyes. The parents will keep the stuffed animal as a memory of the good days when they could treat their child like a baby and give them the most respect without their child saying, “Mom... Stop! You’re embarrassing me!” The parents will then go to sleep and realize that when their child was young, they would absolutely torture the parents. When the parents realize this information, they immediatly get up, and throw the stuffed animal in the trash.

That is the life cycle of stuffed animals and it is also the reason why they are pointless. They go from the washing machine to the trash in a few years. Mom, Dad, don’t throw away my stuffed animals. I don’t throw mine in the washer and I definitely don’t put them in my closet. I’m talking about every child that has stuffed animals except me. So to all of the parents except mine, do not buy stuffed animals for your children.

-Makayla McCarty

Using My Words

The only reason I am writing this article is because I need 1,000 total words that I have to write for my 5th hour class. Mean ol’ Mr Collins is making me write that many! You are so mean and old Mr. Collins!!!! Just kidding, I only need more words. When I started writing this, I needed 95 words. I really hope this covers it because it is due today and I don’t have time! I have got to type this quickly!! Type type type type type. Hooray! 95 words are finally complete!

-Chad Beddingfield



Chanting

“Lets go Jayden” the middle school boys chant in the student section. Chanting is a good way to have fun while at a sporting event. But our school doesn’t ever have any good chants in our student section. I think that our school should start to do more chants to make the games more exciting. An example of a chant we should do is, “Womp womp” if the opposing team is losing or “Scoreboard.” You could even do some weird chants to throw off the other team. For example, “Aristotle” over and over again with claps between each chant.

Chants have many purposes. The main reason people start chanting is that they want to throw off the other team or just simply have fun in the student section. But different chants have different meanings. If you are chanting a player's name, you might be cheering them on or want them to mess up. Or maybe you're chanting something to make fun of the other team to make them mad. There are some chants if someone travels or other things like that. You could chant your school's colors to cheer your team, which is very common chant schools use.

In the end, I think that our school has a very boring student section and that our school should do some more chants. I also think that people shouldn’t be in the student section getting mad at people being loud like some people are when me and my friends try to chant at a game.

-Noah Lanning

Individual Spotlights

Barnicus

One day, Barnicus was chillaxing in the forest. But, there was a big scary dragon that popped out of nowhere. So Barnicus whipped out his pump shotgun-, I mean his water gun, and took out the dragon! Then, Barnicus found a coffee shop in the middle of the woods! Barnicus said, “Why is there a coffee shop in the middle of the forest!?!” So he just grabbed some coffee and donuts. Unfortunately, Barnicus’s coffee made him super super duper duper super hyper! So he was literally bouncing off the walls! Barnicus bounced off a tree and hit another one. Barnicus broke his legs! So he used his magical powers to fix his legs. Then, Barnicus griddied home at 17,468,522 mph. But he was going too fast, and griddied right through the entire house. So his mom said, “Boy what in the heck did you do?!?” Barnicus replied, “You’re so silly! I griddied through the house!”



-Chad Beddingfield

Red, White, And Blue Ice Pops!

The red, white, and blue ice pops hit different in the summer! Imagine you are at home in your backyard on a hot summer day. You are very thirsty. Luckily, you have one of these delicious treats in your hand! The way the first blue layer melts in your mouth is yummy, and cools you down. Then the white layer! The white layer is actually lime flavor. After getting the sweet blue raspberry, the white lime flavor leads you into the cherry. Finally, the red layer! The red layer is a sweet cherry flavor, with a beautiful color. In my opinion, the red layer is the best. Why, you may ask? Well, as your big long journey of eating the ice pop, the big final bite is the best part! As being the biggest bite, you get the most cherry flavor, and after, you get to lick the melted popsicle juice off the stick! So when you are in your backyard on a hot summer day, make sure you have one of these sweet, frozen delights!

-Chad Beddingfield



Individual Spotlights

Roblox DOORS

There are lots of horror games on Roblox, most of them not being popular. However, there are a few popular ones, like The Mimic, most of the 'Story' games, and DOORS. Today, I will talk about DOORS, and next time I might talk about one of the 'Story' games!

DOORS is one of the most popular horror games on Roblox. It has over three million views, meaning so many people play it! The death counts vary. Some people might've just started playing, so their death count may be low, and people who have played for a while might have a high death count.

Multiple entities try to kill you, however, there are a few who do not damage you at all, nor even try to hurt you. For example, one of these entities is Sally, also known in the game as Window, as it appears in the window to stare at you. When the lightning flashes, it disappears.

Guiding Light is one of the helping entities. It guides you through the rooms each time you die, telling you a bit of information on how to survive each of these entities. Whenever you are in a dark room, however, it guides you to the correct door, lighting the door up with a light blue sparkling color.

Rush is one of the easiest entities to survive unless there are no closets or beds to hide from it. The lights flicker to indicate that it is around and to survive it, you must hide in the closet.

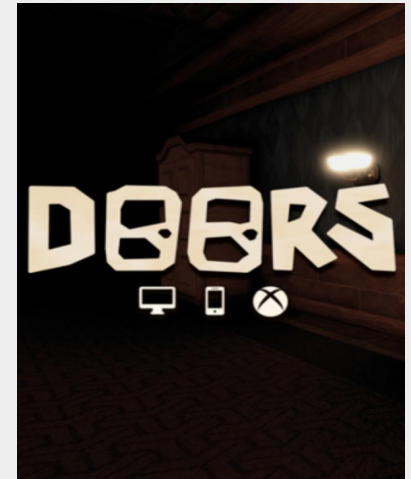
Ambush is exactly what its name says it is. When you hear its sound, you have to hide in the closet. However, this entity is a little bit different than Rush, since it rebounds. It rebounds about 4 or 6 times. If you survive this entity, you will get an achievement called 'Rebound'.

Screech is also one of the easiest entities to survive, as it appears and leaves as soon as you look at it. If you do not look at it in time, after it says *psst*, then you might have a bad consequence if your health is low!

Eyes, I would say, are the easiest to survive. All you have to do to survive them is DO NOT LOOK. If you do look, every 0.5 seconds, you will lose about 1/12 of your health. Make sure you do not get killed by this entity!

Seek isn't exactly what it seems. However, it does stare at you with its multiple eyes that appear around door 30. It chases you through different rooms. You have to crouch to get under each of the obstacles, and be careful of the arms in the last door!

The Figure is blind. Once you get to door 50 (and 100), you must try to survive this entity by crouching as well as looking for the glowing books around the library. There should be a number and a shape inside these books, and once you find all the books, there is a paper you have to pick up to find out what the code is.



Surviving the entities might be hard for you. However, some entities don't try to hurt you or even kill you!

Timothy only does a tiny bit of damage to you. This entity is a spider who jumps out of the drawers. It might not look like an entity, but it is classified as an entity.

Snare does hurt you a bit, kind of like Eyes, but does not kill you. Even if you are at low health, it is not able to kill you. It has teeth, which may look like spikes to you. This is the reason why you should carry a flashlight with you.

At door 60, there is a door that is locked. To open it, you need two lockpicks and a skeleton key. Once you go in this door, you appear in a place called 'The Rooms.' This is what the actual game DOORS is inspired by. Four different entities that do not appear in the actual game unless you have modifiers try to kill you. However, there is one entity in the actual game that appears here. This entity is Glitch, as it teleports you if you get a glitch inside the game.

A-60, A-90, and A-120 are all based on the number that they usually start coming on. Curious Light, the 'guiding light' of this place, tells you that there is no actual name for these entities, and also says what you might call them.

-Emma Marshall



Individual Spotlights

McChicken & His Adventures | Ch. 2

Once upon a time, in a galaxy far, far away, a chicken with human senses decided he wanted to continue sailing the seven seas. The pirate named McChicken had been in hiding for approximately two weeks after his bounty was placed at \$10,000, and many people wanted to claim it. McChicken was with Big Mac when he went into hiding, but Big Mac left after the first week of hiding. McChicken was determined to find a new companion to travel the ocean with.

McChicken went to the town’s tavern to meet new friends, but he was given the wrong drink and threw it at the employee. This employee was hated by everyone there, so they all started celebrating with McChicken. McChicken made a few friends during this act, but one stood out. His name was McFlurry. McFlurry also wanted to come along with McChicken on his adventures. There was only one problem though. All of the other people McChicken befriended also wanted to join the crew. He told them that if they built or bought a new ship that all of them could fit on, they could join his crew under McChicken as captain. McFlurry would also play a large role in this new ship as the navigator. As the men tried to put together a ship for their new captain, they realized that most of them were not the best at ship building. That is until they saw a man with a large amount of money that he inherited from a distant, rich, family member. This man was willing to put all his money into buying a new ship for the crew to sail in. After the man bought the best ship money could buy, he went to McChicken and McFlurry. He got there and realized that neither of them were there to sail the ship with him. It turns out McChicken really never wanted a large crew to sail with. All he wanted to do was build a small crew with more quality than quantity.

McChicken and McFlurry were off and trying to find Big Mac, the pirate that left McChicken while in hiding. McChicken had heard that he was in a land called Yapste. McChicken grew up in a nearby village, so he immediately sailed there. Yapste was was a large city, but McChicken knew Big Mac would be at either the tavern or sleeping on the sidewalk. While they sailed to this city, they somehow got washed up on a random island that they did not know was off the coast of Yapste, or wherever they thought they where.

McChicken woke up on the beach with no McFlurry to be seen. There was a town with weird shaped buildings in it. McChicken went to this town to try and find McFlurry, but before he got there, he noticed that the people there were shaped like something McChicken had never seen before. In the crowd of them it was very easy to see McFlurry. The only problem was that they were holding McFlurry hostage. McChicken didn’t know what to do, so he tried negotiating with the alien people things. He asked what they wanted in return for his friend. They told him that they needed a remote that could open a very heavy door that has all of their prized possessions behind it. McChicken had to search all around the island to find this remote. While searching the island, McChicken had noticed a loud noise coming from the town. When McChicken got there, he saw McFlurry dancing with the aliens. McChicken was confused and asked what was going on. It turned out that McFlurry had befriended the aliens and they would let him go if he taught them how to dance. McChicken joined into the dancing session. They spent hours there and maybe even days, but they lost track of time. They thought that they probably should leave and go to Yapste. As they packed the ship, the aliens remembered that McChicken never found the remote. McChicken started sailing off but had to fight one of the aliens off of the ladder.

McChicken didn’t know if Big Mac was still in Yapste, so he set the sails to full to try getting there as fast as possible. When at the coast, McChicken noticed that he was going too fast and was on path to crash into Yapste. McFlurry and McChicken started raising the sails to stop accelerating and also started lowering the anchor. McChicken jumped off the boat into the water just in time for the ship to perfectly park without a dent. A large wave splashed everyone watching the event and some people were very mad. McFlurry got blamed for all of the water damage because no one saw McChicken jump off. When all of the people left, McFlurry did not know where McChicken was. McFlurry did not know where to look for McChicken. He first looked in a nearby tavern. But before he got a good look inside, there was a crowd of people gathering down the road. McFlurry walked to the crowd and tried taking a peak at who or what was in the middle. In the middle, there was Big Mac. He could also see a lion in the middle. They were fighting. It looked like the lion had slashed Big Mac’s leg and he was wounded. McFlurry saw McChicken run at the lion before it could get another attack in on Big Mac. McChicken tackled the lion and held it down so he could not move. McFlurry helped stop the lion and together they took it to a government building and asked them what to do with it. This was a very bad idea because the government agents knew who McChicken and Big Mac were because McChicken had a \$30,000 bounty and Big Mac had a \$15,000 bounty. Because of this, they were chased out of town with a lion in hand. They made it back to the ship and started sailing off. McChicken, McFlurry, and Big Mac made it out with no injuries except Big Mac’s leg wound. McChicken and McFlurry were scared for Big Mac, so they stayed on the ship until it was fixed. While on the ship they remembered the bounties and set sail to a far away land.

-Jett Helwig



Individual Spotlights



Why News is Important

Staying up-to-date with the news is crucial because it helps us understand what's happening in the world around us. News can be about anything from the weather to politics, and it's important to know what's going on so that we can make informed decisions. News can also help us learn about different cultures, people, and places. By reading or watching the news, we can expand our knowledge and become more aware of our surroundings. So, remember to stay informed by checking out the news every day. However, sometimes the news can twist the truth to get more viewers, and this can make things seem more bad than it is or put the wrong people in the right. But as long as you do extra research, this can be looked past and you can learn a lot about your surroundings.

-Reed Rider

Owen Milla Escapes Loot Lake

One day long ago, back in Chapter 1, Owen Miller was born. Owen grew up having to run from players since Loot Lake was a very popular drop spot. It was also tough to grow up in Loot Lake because there was always a short supply of med-kits, v-bucks, and shields. Milla once saw a Peely bounce on the purple lake and then get sniped one day in season 6. And then one day in season 7, the house in the middle of the lake lifted into the sky with a purple cube on the bottom. One day he cranked 90s to the island and once he got up there he saw around 15 players. Once he was up there hiding, he witnessed a John Wick 200 pump a gingerbread man. He hid until all the players were gone, and then he searched the house. Once he was there, he saw lots of shields and med-kits. He took them all and then sold half for v-bucks. He then took them down to Loot Lake to give to the civilians of Loot Lake. He saw all the chaos in Loot Lake and decided he had to leave, so he decided he needed to make a rocket ship. Once the rocket ship was built, he launched it, causing the Season X event. He decided to go to planet Glarb to raise his son to be the greatest basketball player ever.

-Noah Lanning



Fashion

My Big Black Beautiful Brilliant Basic Beneficial Balmy Bold Beloved Boots

My big, black, beautiful, brilliant, basic, beneficial, balmy, bold, and beloved boots are the best in the world. They are waterproof, very big and black, and make me taller! My boots are very stylish. People gasp when they see how big, black, beautiful, basic, beneficial, balmy, bold, and beloved my boots are! Everyone immediately gets jealous of my boots. My boots are very big on me, but somehow fit. They are tall, so I can walk through a VERY deep puddle and nothing will happen! My boots are “Muck Boots” which is a very popular boot brand. They are meant for different types of terrains. For example, puddles, sand, dirt, mud, and mysterious random things you step on sometimes while walking. I love how big, beautiful, brilliant, basic, beneficial, balmy, bold, and beloved my boots are!

-Chad Beddingfield



Bad Gucci

When you think rich fashion, you likely think Gucci. But are they really that good? What is so cool about the slides with green and red stripes? They seem so generic. How predictable can it be? It's all different products with the same stripes, logo, and pattern plastered onto a basic backpack, shoes, or shirt. Why are they even popular? They are not even what most rich celebrities wear because celebrities know they are awful. Celebrities wear clothing brands like Zilli, Kiton, Stefano Ricci, and Cesare Attolini. You probably don't even know those brands and neither did I, because I, along with you, am not a part of that 0.001 percent of people. If you noticed Gucci was NOT on that list, that is because they make ugly clothes that are more generic than the Kirkland brand. When was the last time you saw someone wearing Gucci and thought “Man that is the best fit ever?” Oh, you haven't. That's because it's generic, ugly, and not even worth money! When was the last time Gucci was in style? Oh wait, it never was! If you wear Gucci, the only thing most people will think is “Wow what an idiot, why would you spend that much money on ugly clothes?” If you think this is only my opinion, well, when have you last seen someone wearing Gucci? Oh, you haven't because even rich people think Gucci is ugly. Even a Michigan Wolverines hoodie is less ugly, and I'm an Ohio State fan. Gucci is cruel and evil, because they use exotic animal pelts to make bags that don't even look good. If I were a crocodile and saw what happened to me after I died, I would be enraged because of how much they disrespected me. First, they killed me. Then they turned me into an ugly bag.

-Hudson Rider



Fashion

Fashion for Teachers

Teachers are awesome, amazing, and always try their best. Even if these teachers do all three A's, they get treated like chop liver because their outfits are terrible! My favorite teachers also have great style. These favorite teachers are... just kidding, I don't want any teachers to get jealous! My favorite teachers know who they are, and you can tell by their outfits. The rest of my teachers are awesome, but, they don't have great style. That's why I, Kiella McIntosh, am here to the rescue! I am here to get teachers more liked just by their super awesome outfits. Don't worry teachers, I will be doing male and female outfits. Let us not waste any more time! We shall start with the shoes.

If these teachers want a super awesome, spectacular, and eye-widening outfit, they need super cool shoes! Let's start with male shoes. Listen, if you want to seem sophisticated, which you don't if you want to be cool, just wear your Oxfords. If you want to be cool like Mr. Collins, it is an absolute must to buy some Nikes. If you don't enjoy Nikes, buy some Pandas. They are the most bland Nike. Don't worry, I have a pair of Pandas too, so you aren't left out. If you want to have the most epic shoes, you have to buy the super colorful ones to make you seem more confident. Now that the men's shoes are all discussed, it is time for the ladies' loafers. There is one sentence that I would like to say before telling the ladies what shoes they should get. **YOU DON'T NEED HIGH HEELS TO BE A COOL TEACHER.** Now that those words are out of my system, let's move on. All right gals, don't be fancy at school. No one cares, coming from a girl myself. It is best to wear shoes. Yes, Nikes are cool, but in my honest opinion, I like comfort, and you probably do too. The best shoe to receive cool looks and comfort on your feet like you are walking on blankets all day is Uggs. You might think Uggs are overrated, but please, please, PLEASE, don't knock 'em until you try 'em. These boots also keep your feet warm during winter! You can buy slippers, ankle boots, or the ones that go halfway up your calf. I like the ones that go up to your ankle best because they aren't too small and they aren't too big! To be clear, you can wear any kind of socks, well, the ones that are black or white. Do not wear wacky socks unless it is wacky sock day at your school! Now that we have the most important thing done, what should you wear as bottoms?

It is time to move on from shoes and do the next step, which is bottoms! If you are a boring Brian, don't read this article. If you want to be cool, keep reading! Enough of me talking about nonsense, let's move on. If you are a male you shouldn't wear jeans! Jeans reminds me of my STEM teacher. No offense, he doesn't have the best style in the world. Good thing you aren't like him! Instead of wearing jeans, you should wear khakis! Khakis are so much better than jeans because, in my opinion, the male gender and jeans aren't it. Khakis are fancy, but not too fancy, and they are much more comfortable than jeans. One last thing about khakis is

that they go well with Nikes! Enough about the man pants, it's time for the lady pants! The best pants to wear with your shoes are leggings. Leggings are comfortable and they are fashionable. You can wear flared or normal leggings. There are so many colors for leggings and none of them look bad! The one color that isn't very good in leggings is orange. Orange doesn't go with anything and most people can't pull it off. All of the other colors, preferably darker colors, look good with most things! The pants that teachers should never wear to school are ripped jeans! Old people can't pull off ripped jeans. Mrs. A and Mrs. Morgan are not in the 'Old People' category. All right, now that my job is done...just kidding, unfortunately. Your teachers need some help. Sorry, let's move on to the next step. Which is your shirt!

Shirts are super awesome. Shirts are awesome because you can't be allowed into places without them! Some of them also come with super cool designs on them. Some of the ones that I will be recommending have designs and some don't. If you want to be a cool cat, wear a shirt that has little designs on them. I don't like shirts that have a huge design on the front. More tinier designs will be much more convenient, and fabulous. Yes, that tip goes both ways, male and female. Let's switch it up and go ladies first. Your shirt depends on the color of the leggings, a black, grey, or white shirt will most of the time do you some good. Black leggings could have a grey or black shirt. You can wear a grey shirt with everything. Black shirts are for darker-colored leggings. White shirts are for lighter-colored leggings. The design on the shirt is going to be a cute teacher shirt so you aren't too cool. The shirt will have little pencils on the shirt everywhere, it will be so cute! Now it is time for the males! So, guys should wear an Under Armour shirt, any color, just not teal, never wear teal. You might think it looks good on you, but trust me, it doesn't look good on anyone. Wear black, grey, or white again. It will look awesome. You won't look too cool, but cool enough to be cool, you know? The shirt will have one tiny Under Armour symbol on your right shoulder. We do not have a bunch of Under Armour symbols running around on your shirt like rascals. We are almost done with your super astounding outfits! All that is left is your accessories.

Your accessories are the second most important thing about your outfit. If you are a female, you should wear some fancy black sunglasses and some gold or silver jewelry! If you are a male you should wear a gold or silver necklace and some dull earrings if you have your ears pierced. If you are a blonde, most likely you should wear gold jewelry. If you are a brunette, you should most likely wear silver jewelry. If you have black hair, you can wear both and you will still be looking great! Now that your outfit is done, you are the coolest teacher on the block. Don't ruin the outfit by being rude. Be a nice teacher. Being a nice teacher is a big part of this outfit, and it doesn't cost anything!

-Kiella McIntosh



Food

Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola is one of the best drinks of all time. There are many good flavors, then there are the bad ones. The bad ones are the most cruel thing you could ever give another being to drink. These are the rankings they should have.

First off is F-tier. In my opinion, Coca-Cola Dreamworld is the worst drink humanity has ever created. It was supposed to taste like peach but is so bad I would rather eat a ceiling tile.

In D-tier I have Coca-Cola Move. Coca-Cola Move is slightly better than Dreamworld, but I would not drink it unless it was the only thing around me.

In C-tier I have Coca-Cola Y-3000. I think it was supposed to taste like mango, and did it pretty well, but I didn't like it that much because I don't like mango-flavored drinks.

B-tier has Cherry Vanilla. Cherry Vanilla is a very good flavor, but you can only taste one of the flavors. Sometimes you can get both of them, and if it was like that most of the time it would easily be S tier



In A-tier I have normal Coca-Cola and vanilla. Vanilla makes the more bitter aftertaste of the original sweet and is one of my favorite pops. The original is just the original, there is nothing they could mess up about it.

Lastly, S-tier has the best Coca-Cola flavor to ever exist: cherry. Cherry is the best version of Coca-Cola I have had. It just has a sweeter taste then the normal and you can actually taste the cherry flavoring in it.

-Landin Oyer



The World's Worst Food

Food, we all need it, we all love it. There are many kinds of food, but today I am here to talk about some foods we could all live without. One is casu marzu, which literally means rotten or putrid cheese. The name makes sense, seeing that the cheese has live maggots in it. Why does this even exist? Who in their right mind would want to try this cheese? The way you make it is to actually cut open a block of pecorino cheese and leave it outside to attract bugs known as cheese flies that lay eggs for the larvae to feast on the cheese, creating an almost liquid-like cheese which is just as bad as the next one.

Hakarl is just decomposed shark carcass that supposedly tastes like cheese. Hakarl is made with Greenland shark, which, if left untreated, is poisonous to humans. They then bury it underground underneath sand and rocks, which is supposed to get rid of the poisonous fluids in the shark, and they leave it under there for 6 to 12 weeks to ferment. It smells so bad that tourists describe it as feeling like a "full-on assault on the nostrils." The next one is not even close to as bad as this one, but is still horrible.

Medama is made up of 100% pure tuna eyeball, which is not as bad as the last two, but is still horrible. Medama is considered a delicacy in Japan that is prepared in many different ways. It can be fried and boiled. Most of the time they are boiled and seasoned with soy sauce, sugar, and sake, which is rice vinegar. Medama was invented in the 90s and is meant to taste like a hard boiled egg. It is a very fatty food. This may seem bad, but food can still get worse.

Pidan, more commonly known as century egg is completely just rotten egg, which smells like sulfur. They are made by covering eggs in salt clay and ashes then left for 100 days to ferment and apparently still taste exactly the same as a hard boiled egg but with an intense flavor which is 10 times more flavorful than a normal one. Century eggs originate from the Ming Dynasty and were just randomly discovered one day. This is probably one of the most disgusting foods in the world, but is not as bad as the the next one.

Jellied moose nose is made by plucking the hairs off of the nose and boiled with onions and spices then left to chill, which creates a jellied delight that is easy to cut and serve. It is described as exploding with flavors and textures. These foods are the worst creations humanity has ever thought of. These are the worst foods that have ever existed and probably should not have been discovered in the first place.

-Landin Oyer

Food

Macedonian Food

Somewhere in the Balkans, there is a small country that you probably don't know about. This country is so small, being only 9,928 mi². This country only has a population of 2.065 million. This country is North Macedonia. In Macedonia, they have many great foods. Some of them I have had the privilege of trying. Let me tell you, that food is good. My personal favorite is trilece. Trilece is a dessert soaked in three different kinds of milk. It is like a wet cake with lots of milk and caramel. Now even though this sounds like it could be American, the other foods you can tell are not American. They are so different than what we Americans tend to eat. To gather information about this topic, I asked the amazing foreign exchange student from Macedonia, Ivan Kuzmanoski. The first question I asked him was what is their most popular dish. To which he responded, "The most popular dish is kabapi." Kabapi is a sausage that is made with beef, lamb, and pork, all mixed with a bunch of seasoning. Wow, that sounds amazing. Following that, I asked him what the worst dish was and he said, "pacha." When he described this to me, even though I have never tried it, I could agree with him. It sounded really bad. It is just pork fat mixed with garlic. Eww. Then for the most important information, Ivan's favorite Macedonian food. Ivan said that his favorite dish was sarska. This is very similar to kabapi. It is a mix of pork, beef, and lamb with seasoning, but this time it is made into a heavenly patty. This patty has cheese in the center which melts while it cooks. Now that we finished the main course, now it's onto dessert. Ivan said his favorite dessert was the same as mine, trilece. I know I talked about this earlier, but just a refresher, it is a soft cake soaked in three different kinds of milk, with caramel on top. For the final question, I asked him what are some of the main differences between the food there and the food here, and let me just say, it is not what I thought. He said that one of the main differences was that their main meal is surprisingly lunch, which I guess makes sense. Another difference he said was that it takes a lot longer to prepare the food because, unlike Americans, they make real dinners rather than just ordering DoorDash fast food. Now, you may be wondering how they spend all of the time making dinner while they still need to work. Ivan said that the grandma, known as Baba in Macedonia, helps out by making food for their family. This works out because typically grandmas and grandpas, and aunts and uncles, usually live in the same house, each with their own floor. And the final difference is that food is much cheaper in Macedonia. For example, you can buy an entire truck of watermelon for only \$100. That's crazy! All in all, Macedonia is a very awesome country with very awesome foods.



-Lewis Smith

Food

Best Fast Food

Burgers, fries, and chicken nuggets. Everybody loves a good fast food meal, and there are restaurants everywhere to get it, but which is the best? I will be giving some of my opinions on how different fast-food restaurants rank in a top 3 list. The three fast food restaurants I'll rank in this article are McDonalds, Wendy's, and Taco Bell. I just want to start by saying all of these fast food restaurants are amazing at different things. First on the list is McDonalds. McDonalds is probably what everybody immediately thinks about when they hear the words "fast food." It has many choices on the menu ranging from desserts like cookies and ice cream, to burgers and chicken. They tend to get food ready quickly, but that comes with a downside. McDonalds has some of their food frozen and pre-made, so sometimes it is not the best quality. Although this is true, the food usually tastes really good. Next on the list is Wendy's. In my opinion, Wendy's has one of the best deals for food with their 4 for 4. With this deal, you get a drink, nuggets, french fries, and a burger of your choice. Wendy's' burgers are pretty good, along with their fries. Wendy's doesn't freeze their burger patties, instead, they use relatively fresh meat on every burger. Last but most definitely not least is Taco Bell. It is possibly one of the most unhealthy, but delicious, fast food places. Their tacos are amazing, their burritos are unbelievably mouth-watering, and their specialty menu items make you want more every time you eat one. Taco Bell has several sweets and special items that only they serve. One example of this would be their Baja Blast, which is a special type of Mountain Dew. Overall, Taco Bell is probably one of the best fast-food restaurants out there. All three of these restaurants are amazing for all sorts of things that they do differently, but only one can be at the top. For me that is McDonalds. They just have so many items to choose from while still being reliable and delicious. In a close second is Taco Bell. Taco Bell has some amazing food, but they are sometimes hard to come across and when you do you might not want a taco. Third but still great, is Wendy's. Wendy's only has good burgers and some of their other items aren't the best. This was only a short review of these three fast-food restaurants, but there is a lot more to say about all of them. Fast food is a great thing in the modern world, and these three restaurants are some of the best.

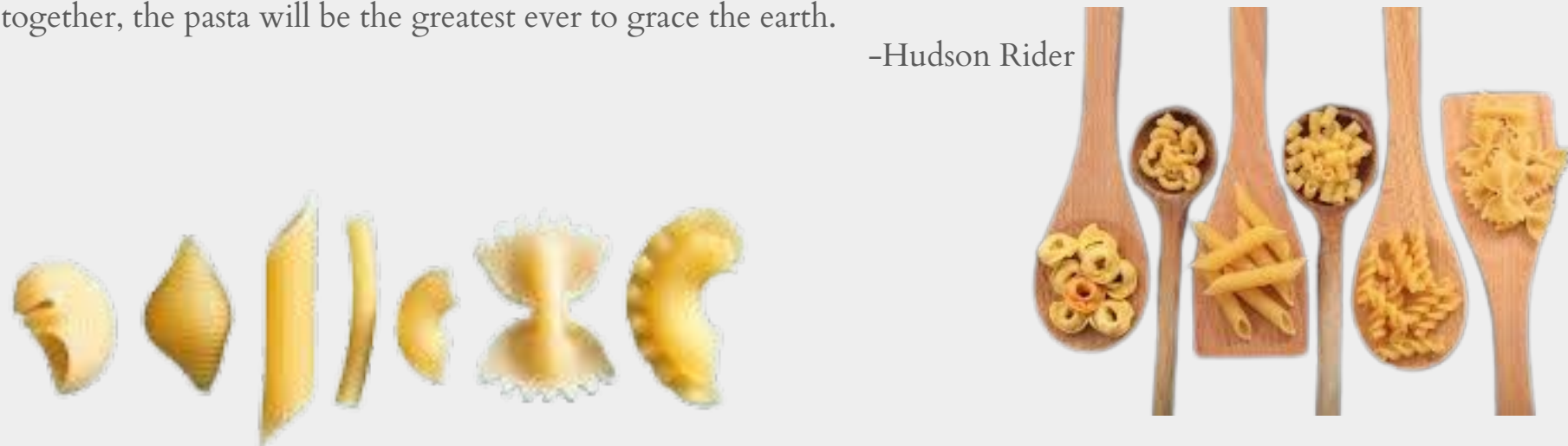
-Emmett Krino



The Best Pasta

Pasta is a popular food that is enjoyed all over the world. There are many different pasta brands and it can be hard to decide which one is the best. Today, I will be going over some of the popular pasta brands and will decide which one is the best. The first brand is Barilla. Barilla is a well-known pasta brand that is available in many grocery stores. Barilla makes various pasta types, including spaghetti, rotini, and penne. Barilla is known for its high-quality pasta that cooks evenly and has a great texture. However, Barilla pasta is a bit more expensive than other brands. The second brand is Ronzoni. Ronzoni is a popular pasta brand that is known for its affordable prices. Ronzoni offers a variety of pasta types, including fettuccine, macaroni, and linguine. Ronzoni pasta cooks quickly and has a great taste. However, some people find that Ronzoni pasta can be a bit too soft and mushy. The third brand is De Cecco. De Cecco is a lesser-known pasta brand that is known for its high-quality pasta. De Cecco offers a variety of pasta types, including spaghetti, rigatoni, and fusilli. De Cecco pasta is made from 100% durum wheat semolina, which gives it a unique flavor and texture. De Cecco pasta is also known for its ability to hold sauces well, and what pasta without sauce? However, De Cecco pasta can be more expensive than other brands. After comparing these three popular pasta brands, it is clear that De Cecco is the best brand. De Cecco pasta is of the highest quality and has a unique flavor and texture that sets it apart from other brands. While De Cecco pasta can be more expensive than other brands, its superior quality makes it worth the price. If you are looking for the best pasta brand, I recommend De Cecco although it may not be in every store, so it may not be as available as other brands. But if you want some great-tasting pasta nothing beats homemade pasta or just ask your friendly neighborhood Italian grandma. An Italian and a grandma are both good cooks, but if you put them together, the pasta will be the greatest ever to grace the earth.

-Hudson Rider



Food



Carnival Foods



Carnivals are one of the most exciting events of the year where people gather to enjoy thrilling rides, exciting games, and, of course, delicious food. My first thought would be the rides that passed the safety test by a miracle and could use some maintenance, but somehow this worrying place makes everybody excited. Though the food may not be the first thing that comes to mind when thinking of carnivals, it is an important aspect of the overall experience that should not be overlooked. Carnival food has a reputation for being unhealthy and overpriced, but many vendors offer unique and delicious treats that are worth trying. The most iconic carnival foods are the funnel cake and corn dog. Funnel cake is a deep-fried dough that is covered in powdered sugar and is a favorite of many carnival-goers. Corn dogs are hot dogs on a stick that are coated in cornmeal batter and deep-fried to golden perfection. These two classics have been around for many years and are still popular today, but carnival food doesn't stop there. In recent years, carnival food vendors have been pushing the boundaries with creative, gourmet offerings that impress even the most discerning foodie. From lobster rolls to truffle fries, there's no shortage of unique and delicious treats to be found at carnivals. Some vendors even offer vegetarian and gluten-free options, making carnival food accessible to everyone. With so many vendors begging for attention, it can be hard to know which ones to choose. One approach is to seek out vendors who prioritize quality and creativity. Look for those who use fresh ingredients and offer unique twists on classic carnival fare. It's also important to keep in mind that carnival food can be expensive. While it's understandable to want to keep costs down, it's equally important to support these small businesses and the people who work hard to bring us the carnival experience. One way to do this is to seek vendors offering value for money. Look for those who offer generous portions or combo deals. Another challenge with carnival food is that it can be unhealthy. While it's true that some carnival foods are not exactly healthy, it's important to remember that moderation is key. It's okay to indulge in a deep-fried treat or two, but it's also important to balance it out with healthier options. Look for vendors who offer grilled or roasted options, or bring your healthy snacks from home. It's also important to stay hydrated and drink plenty of water throughout the day. In conclusion, carnival food is an important part of the overall carnival experience. While it can be unhealthy and expensive at times, it's also a chance to indulge in something special and unique. By seeking out quality vendors and being open-minded, attendees can enjoy delicious and memorable treats that add to the fun and excitement of the carnival. So, the next time you attend a carnival, be sure to give the food a chance. You never know when you might discover your new favorite treat!



-Reed Rider



Pizza Shoppe Pizza

I believe that The Pizza Shoppe has the best pizza in all of Mancelona, and in this article I'm going to tell you why. By the end of the article, you'll already be there giving them all your money.

My first reason is the sauce. The Pizza Shoppe makes a homemade sauce with 2 different kinds of sauce plus a mixing pizza sauce packet filled with seasonings, unlike other places that just use regular sauce. In 1980, Bernie Blackmore (1949-2015) created the shop with his wife. and that's when he made the recipe. It hasn't changed since.

My second reason is the cheese. The cheese is just so stretchy and delicious. If you get a good pizza from the Pizza Shoppe, it is just one of the best things that'll ever touch your taste buds.

My third reason is the ratings. Now if you look at the ratings you will see a couple of bad ones, but we have a 4-star rating. That's a really good rating compared to other restaurants all around the United States. Keeping a 4-star rating is so hard to do and it deserves credit. And if it doesn't sound good to you, remember that Gordon Ramsay's burger restaurant only has 4.5 stars. That's only half a star more than The Pizza Shoppe. Gordon Ramsay is the world's most popular chef, and if he only has half a star more than The Pizza Shoppe, then the food at The Pizza Shoppe must be good.

-Lucas Blackmore

Classroom Spotlights

Chemistry in Science

Chemistry is where you mix chemicals and different substances together to get a reaction. We get to learn about it in science class this year! First let's start with what you have to wear. The first thing, and probably the most important thing, is safety goggles, because you need to make sure that your eyes stay safe where nothing gets in them. If they are not on, and the mixture starts to bubble and pop all over the place, it might get into your eye and burn badly, and you would have to use an emergency eyewash station.

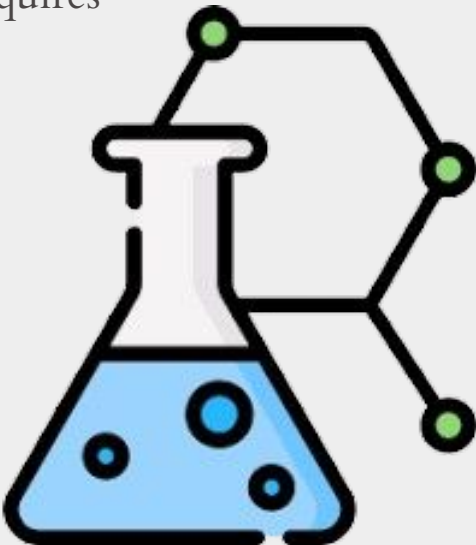
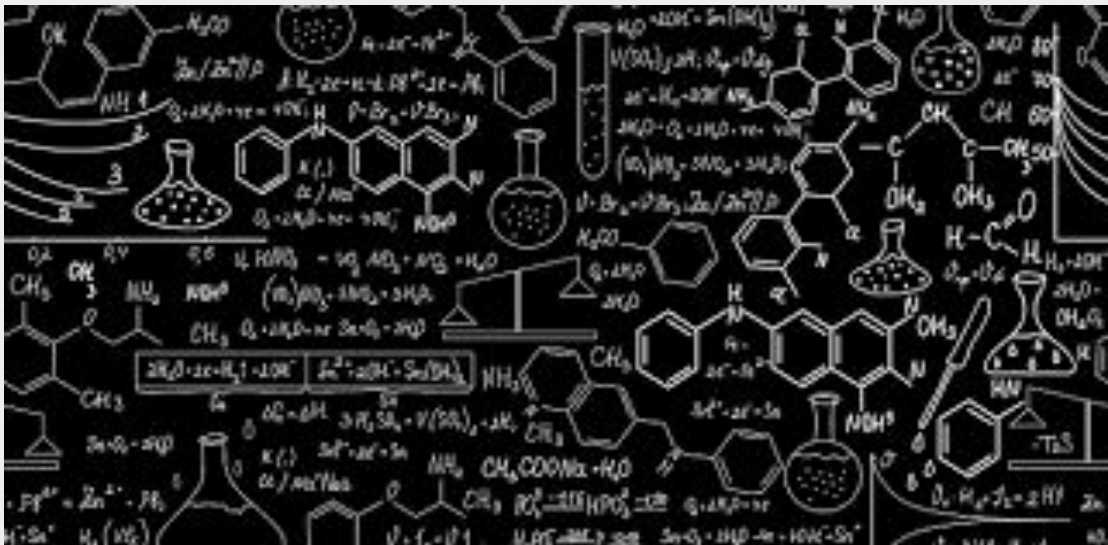
The next thing you should wear during a lab is a shirt that is old or something that you don't care about that much, because if you get it on your shirt it could stain. To be honest, I thought that you would have to wear more.

Now onto the first and only lab that we have done so far this year. It was called mystery mixture, which was made of, well, I don't know because it's a mystery. But before you can do a lab, you have to bring in a paper that says that you're allowed to do chemistry. If you don't bring the paper back in signed by your parents, you would have to go down to the RTP (Responsible Thinking Place) room for the hour while the kids that got their paper signed got to do the experiment. Someone like Lucas didn't get it signed, but he still got to do it because they called his mom to tell Mrs. A that he could do it, so he was lucky because the lab that we did was really fun.

Now onto the actual lab. We started by using a plastic cup and getting a little bit of water in the cup. Another cup was filled with the mystery mixture. Then you have to get a drop of water and drop it onto the mixture. At the first drop, it starts to bubble. Every time you add a drop of water, it bubbles even more every time until you put around 15-20 drops of water. When you put enough drops, the water will suck up all of the mixture. The next thing is to clean the cup of that water mixture. You will have to walk to the sink and dump that water mixture out and rinse the cup out and rinse the sink. Now grab a paper towel and dry out the cup

The last thing is when you clean up you might think "Oh, we're done with the experiment, I can take the goggles off!" but you can't just yet because you need to clean off your table first. You only need three things to clean off your table for this experiment. The first thing is a wet paper towel to wipe off your table. The next thing you need to do is spray some cleaner onto the table. The last thing you need is a dry paper towel to wipe the table off. Now that your table is clean, you can take the goggles off. Once you take the goggles off, you will put them back into the bucket. So that is what we have done in chemistry. I really like chemistry and I am excited to do more labs and mix more stuff together.

-Cali Squires



Classroom Spotlights

My Favorite Assignments

Most school assignments are boring and annoying. Not these, these were awesome and very fun! Some people might not think the same, but that is okay because we are different people! I am naming my favorite assignments from every hour so every teacher feels included. All of my teachers are amazing at their job and amazing at being a person that I can talk to. My teachers are Mr. Collins, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Morgan, and Ms. A. These assignments were beneficial and amazing! Thank you, teachers.

Let's start with my newest assignment, it is the start of a chemistry lab in science. This lab is about seeing how a mystery mixture reacts to water and we have to find what two substances are mixed into the mixture! This was fun because when we put water in the mystery mixture it bubbled and fizzed. Not only did it bubble and fizz, but the bottom of the cup turned cold. You might say that it was caused by the water, but you are wrong. The water was room temperature, which was warm because in Ms. A's room it was hot. We aren't fully done with it yet, but so far, it has been a fun experiment.

My second favorite assignment is probably the home.by.me in STEM. The home.by.me assignment has you build a house and decorate it how you want! I still use this website just for fun because I like decorating houses and putting anything I want in it without anybody else's opinions! Me and my friend, Kelia, have made really pretty houses on the website! She has a better house than me because she is awesome. I'm not sure if everyone else agrees with this statement because we aren't the same people! That is what makes everyone unique.

My third favorite assignment is sudoku in math. This wasn't an assignment, but since he gave us the paper to do it, I'll count it. This game is about getting numbers out of 9 in a box and in a line without repeating any numbers. Like if 9 is in a box you can't put another 9. If there is a 3 in a line, you can't put another 3 in that same line. You can although put a 3 diagonal of another 3 because it is a whole other line. I find this very fun and it gets your brain pumping. Most people don't like it because they don't understand it. Once you get to know the rules, this math game becomes very fun.

My fourth favorite assignment is our activist assignment in English. Our activist assignment is about choosing any activist who is rooting for a cause that you also believe in. I chose Greta Thunberg because she is trying to get rid of climate change, and I also want climate change to stop. I like this assignment because it gives you more knowledge and more to think about. It shows what is going on in the real world and that we are the ones to fix it. I also liked listening to music while working on this assignment. Thank you, Mrs. Morgan!

My fifth favorite assignment is drama in Encore. If you don't know what Encore is, it is another English. So, for our drama lesson, we had to read a script and put our actions into it if we saw fit! This was so much fun because I didn't feel shy at all. I am normally shy when I present to the class. This assignment made a lot of people happy in our fifth hour. Only some kids get to be in that class, it is a privileged class. It was especially fun because I got to be a polar bear! Everyone but me and like five kids got to be pigs. That's okay that I didn't get to be a pig because I was still in the act, I was just one of several readers.

My last favorite assignment is the Instagram profile in Social Studies. For the Instagram profile, everyone had to make a profile about South America's physical features! We learned about several popular features. We only had to do six physical features. You got to make your profile picture, username, caption, and what you posted! In my opinion, this one was really fun and easy.

These assignments are better than all of the rest! These teachers are awesome and helpful. I have many more favorite assignments other than these. These assignments are just the ones that are my top-tier favorite in each class that I have.

-Kiella McIntosh



Classroom Spotlights

Science Papers

Science has worksheets, activities, quizzes, and more types of assignments we have to do, especially in Mrs. Kihn’s class. I have a lot of papers from different investigations from the same unit. However, I do not have all of them due to me not being at school sometimes.

Vocabulary is the first thing you get in every investigation. The vocabulary you get before unit two is like atom, chemical formula, matter, chemical reactions, and there are a lot more to find. You have to fill the paper out with the definitions of each word. If you word the definitions incorrectly from the book, you will probably get a kind of bad grade.

Notes are one of the other papers you get. For notes, you have to write what it says on the board in the blank spaces. These are the papers you get the most, and labs are in second.

Labs are basically when YOU do the stuff that it says on the paper. For example, putting sugar in water and watching it dissolve.

Worksheets are like notes, but you do not get help on them. You usually use the things from your notes to fill out the papers.

Finally, there are tests. Tests are quizzes that have everything from the unit. You normally get study guides for these tests, and you have to study for them. However, sometimes there will be Bloocket, and you won’t need study guides for them.

–Emma Marshall

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Renovation Mysteries of the 7th & 8th Grade Wing

When we all heard the news..it was something we all dreaded every hour leading up to it. The renovations of the 7th and 8th grade wing were a shock this school year. It was like the teachers telling us to pack up and leave our own homes. It was horrible, but nobody really knows why this all happened in the first place. (Yes we do, it's just an old building, and it needs renovations. Let me be dramatic. Jeez.) I am here to try and figure out this mystery on why these renovations happened anyway, and I won't stop until I find the answer.

To start this all off, I’m going to explain how we’re completely blocked from our area of the school. There's a wall as the first layer, in the very back. Then theres a black tarp with a WHOLE line of tables in front of it for “more privacy” as Mr. Smith said. He says all of this is for privacy...but I don't know if that's exactly true. (Yes I do. What am I talking about?) While I'm still on this topic, I have to say one quote from my friend, Makayla McCarty, as I just now asked her how she feels about being blocked off from our wing of the school. As I ask her question, she answers, “I feel isolated from the real world. Nothing is the same, the classrooms are small and the work is hard. Everything feels dull.” I think this is what every 7th and 8th grader feels about having to be away from our wing of the school. Just pure sadness and distress.

Now to the next topic of this article, what could POSSIBLY be happening behind those closed walls? For all we know it could be magic, and they’re just using the space for evil. (That's not normal. I’m seriously crazy in the head for thinking this.) But that isn’t possible. I’m sure they just work and do what they need to do as they chat or whatever. I don't know..but that's the biggest chance of what's happening..Right...?

–Payton Barnes



Reviews

Family Guy



Family Guy! Where do I start? This amazing little show has everything you could ever possibly want in a show. And if you haven't watched it, you definitely need to. If you want to know why you need to watch it, then just read the rest of my article and you'll definitely already be ready to watch it.

First of all, Family Guy collaborated with Fortnite this year to make a Peter Griffin skin for tier 75 of the Battle Pass. This is a good thing because Fortnite is one of the best games of all time, and Peter being in the Battle Pass makes it so that you can play as the best character from any show.

My second reason is Brian. Who doesn't like dogs? Dogs are just amazing, and having a talking dog in your show is just so epic. Another amazing thing about Brian is that he does dog things while still being humanlike. Like how he barks at the mailman or uses squeaky toys.

My third reason is the daughter, Meg. I think that she is an amazing addition to the show because of how much they bully her, like when Peter farts in her face. This is a good part of the show because there always needs to be a "thing" for a character, and Meg's "thing" is being bullied by the rest of the family.



-Lucas Blackmore



The Lorax

Could you imagine a movie packed with romance, adventures, comedy, and evil villains? This movie is Universal's film, *The Lorax*. This movie is based on the Dr. Seuss book from June, 1971. Something that may shock you about this amazing film is there is a celebrity voicing a character in this movie. This celebrity is a terrible singer who is way overrated. If you can't tell already, it's Taylor Swift. She is the voice of Audrey, the high schooler that Ted falls in love with. Ted, is voiced by the famous actor Zac Efron from many movies including *The Greatest Showman*. Not to mention Danny DeVito, who played the Lorax. Now enough about the actors, let's get into the good parts of the movie. Even though the entire movie was phenomenal, I had two main favorite parts.

The first one is towards the middle of the movie when the Lorax hilariously grabs his butt which sends him ascending into the bright blue sky. My other favorite part is when all of the townspeople are singing about how they should let the tree grow, then Mr. O'Hare starts singing, "Let it die, let it die, let it shrivel up and die" which I find very funny because the mood was happy. A part I think they could have done better with was when the Once Ler was singing, "How bad can I be?" All the trees were gone within a few minutes. I wish they would have shown more of him cutting down more trees because then it would prove even more that every tree cut down makes a difference. All in all, I feel like this movie was very well done and could not have been much better.

-Lewis Smith



FORTNITE

My Review of Fortnite

This is my review of Fortnite's new updates. Chapter 5, Season 1 of Fortnite has been one of the most highly anticipated seasons since OG Fortnite. Since OG Fortnite came out, a bunch of people who played in chapter one started playing Fortnite again, so they tried chapter 5 season and most of them liked it. This season introduced lots of exciting new features, weapons, skins, challenges, and medallions. The season has been a hit among players of all skills and experience. In this article, we will take a closer look at what makes Chapter 5 Season 1 so special.

One of the standout features of the season is the introduction of the new map. The map has been completely overhauled, with new locations, landmarks, and probably the best place to go, Snooty Steppes. The new map has been designed to be more dynamic and interactive. People are now able to interact with the environment in new ways. For example, another exciting addition to Chapter 5, Season 1 is the new weapons. The season has introduced several new weapons, like the enforcer AR, These new weapons have added a new level of strategy to the game, as players must now consider the strengths and weaknesses of each weapon before fighting people.

In addition to the new map and weapons, Chapter 5 Season 1 has also introduced a range of new skins and outfits. These new skins are some of the most unique and creative designs that Fortnite has ever seen. From basic outfits to Peter Griffin, the new skins have something for everyone. Players can also earn new skins and outfits by completing challenges and leveling up their battle pass. Chapter 5 Season 1 has introduced some of the most challenging and rewarding challenges in the history of Fortnite. The challenges in this season require players to use their wits and skills to succeed. Completing challenges rewards players with experience points, which can be used to level up your battle pass and earn new rewards.



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Fortnite, continued

One of the most exciting aspects of Chapter 5 Season 1 is the addition of new game modes. The season has introduced several new game modes, including rocket racing and Fortnite festival, and Lego Fortnite. These new game modes offer unique gameplay experiences that are different from the traditional Battle Royale mode. For example, in rocket racing, people race, and if you rank up enough, you can get a free skin. For the Fortnite festival, it's basically like Guitar Hero, but on Fortnite it has a lot of really popular songs and artists. Some of the artists are Kendrick Lamar, The Weeknd, and many more. These new game modes have been a hit among players, with many players saying that they are some of the most fun and exciting modes that Fortnite has ever seen. Overall, Chapter 5, Season 1 of Fortnite has been a great success. The new map, weapons, skins, challenges, and game modes have all added to the overall experience of the game. Whether you are a seasoned Fortnite player or a newcomer, there is something in this season for everyone. So, grab your battle pass, grab your friends, and jump into Chapter 5 Season 1 of Fortnite today! Overall, Fortnite is the best game I have played in a very long time.

-Xavier Marshall



‘Green Eggs and Ham’ Book Review

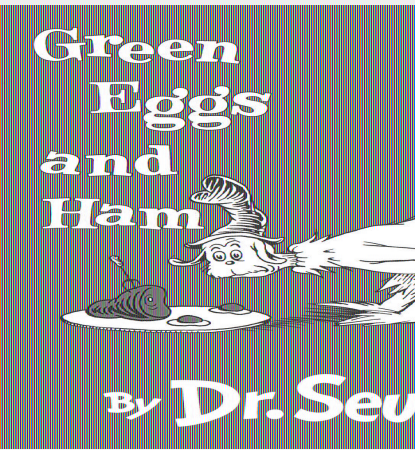
This book has the craziest rhymes and the best made-up things! The theme I got from this book is don't knock it till you try it. The whole book was this guy doing everything else except eat the green eggs and ham! That kind of annoyed me because why not just try the green eggs and ham? It's just eggs and ham but dyed green. Sam-I-Am was the guy trying to get Guy-Am-I to eat the green eggs and ham. I love how determined Sam-I-Am was. No matter what Guy-Am-I said, he kept trying! Sam-I-Am is a very good role model because he never, no matter what, gives up! On the other hand, Guy-Am-I is not a good role model because he doesn't want to try new things, and that isn't very cool. Guy-Am-I won't be able to find new foods if he keeps acting this way! Guy-Am-I says a lot of things that rhyme. For example, "I wouldn't eat that with a fox in a box!" He says things like this for the whole book. That is boring to me because it is just so predictable and you can't ever be excited for a plot twist, which is sad. The famous line that was said on every single page was, "I would not like them here or there, I would not like them anywhere!" I like this because, from this famous line, you know what the book is. I'm not sure if any other book has this special trait about it. That is why I like this book! Since this book is unfortunately predictable, in the end, Guy-Am-I eats the green eggs and ham. I like that in the end he eventually eats the food, but, it would have been funnier if he didn't.

-Kiella McIntosh

Utopia is Not Overrated

Out of all the albums I have listened to, UTOPIA is by far the worst one. This is what I said before I listened to the album. Travis Scott's highly anticipated fourth studio album, "UTOPIA," has been the talk of the music industry since its announcement. The album, which was originally slated for a 2021 release, has been delayed with rumors of creative differences and production challenges. Despite the delay, fans were eagerly anticipating the release of UTOPIA. This album was sure to be one of the most hyped albums of the year. The Houston-born rapper has been teasing the album for months, sharing snippets of songs and hints about its overall sound and theme. In a recent interview, he described "Utopia" as a project that is "gonna have people moshing and dancing and having a good time." He also promised that the album would be "way more personal" than his previous work, giving fans an intimate look into his life and experiences. One of the most notable features of "Utopia" is the list of collaborators that appeared on the album. The album includes contributions from many artists, including Kid Cudi, Kanye West, and Future. This star-studded lineup has only added to the project's anticipation, as fans eagerly awaited the chance to hear how the different artists will come together to create a cohesive and exciting album. Despite all the hype, some fans and critics were approaching "UTOPIA" with caution. Some worried that the album would fail to live up to the expectations set by Scott's previous work, such as his critically acclaimed album "Astroworld." Others were concerned that the album's delayed release could indicate larger issues with the project, such as creative differences or production challenges. Regardless of these concerns, the excitement surrounding "UTOPIA" is undeniable. Travis Scott is known for his high-energy, genre-bending music, and fans are eagerly anticipating the chance to hear what he has in store with his latest project. The album is pretty good. The reason I thought that UTOPIA was overrated at first was that it doesn't have any of Travis Scott's very popular songs like "Goosebumps" or "Sicko Mode". Overall I think UTOPIA is an 8.5/ 10. In my opinion, one of the biggest reasons that Travis Scott is really popular is because of the Fortnite event that really blew him up.







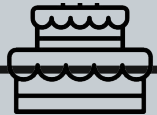

-Xavier Marshall





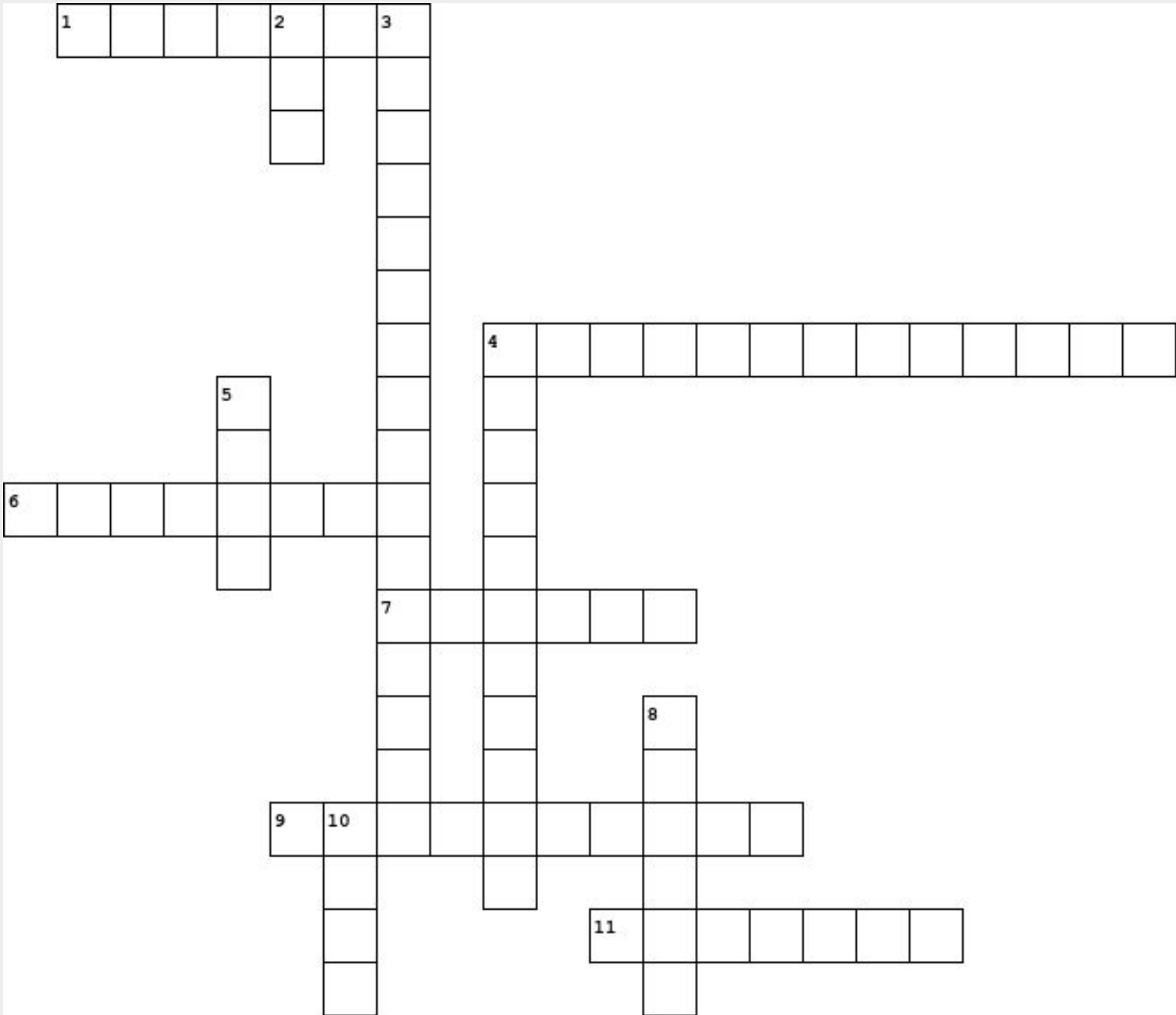
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14 Dress Up Your Pet Day	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 National Nothing Day	17	18 Boys Basketball at Ellsworth High School National Michigan Day	19 Girls Basketball at Forest Area High School	20 Varsity Wrestling
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28	29 National Puzzle Day	30 National Croissant Day 	31			

Crossword Puzzle

Winter Crossword



- Across**
- 1. Sport where you glide on ice
 - 4. Fighting with snow
 - 6. A hot drink that is made with chocolate
 - 7. A Canadian sport that involves skating on ice
 - 9. Cutting a hole in the ice to fish
 - 11. A Sculpture of a man made out of snow

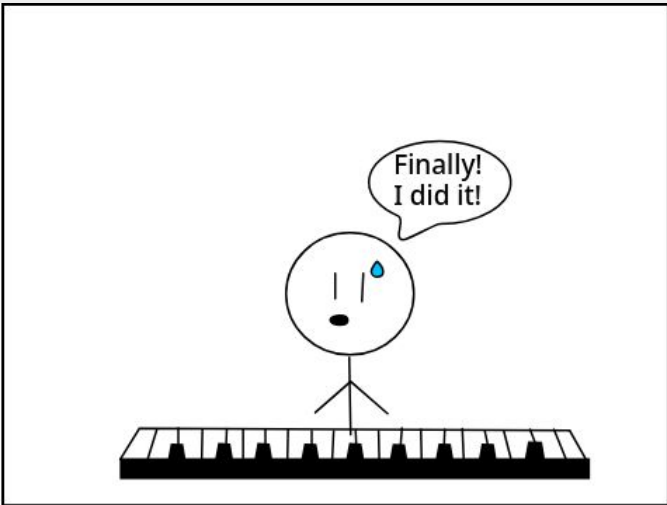
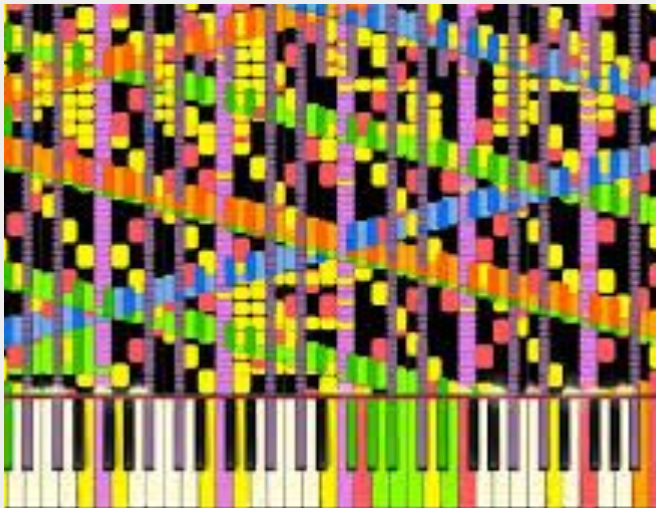
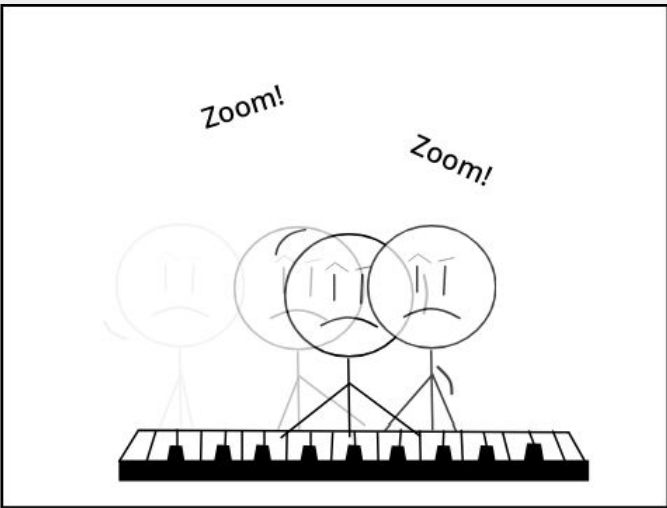
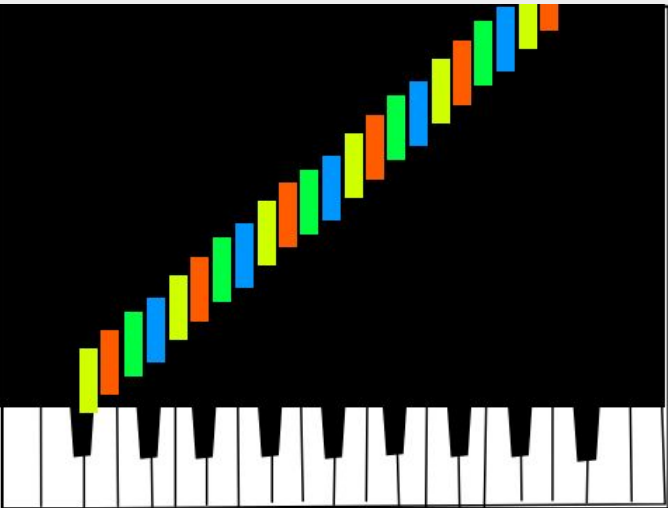
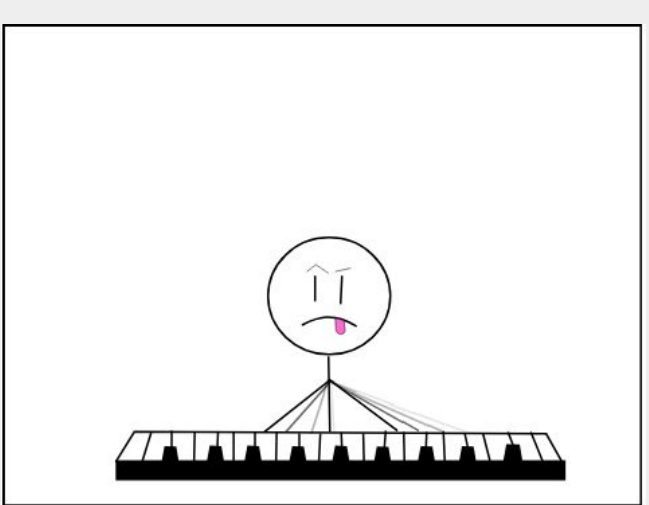
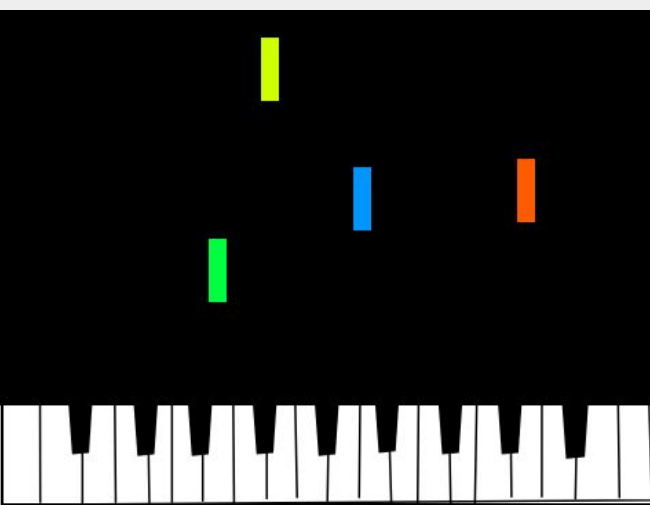
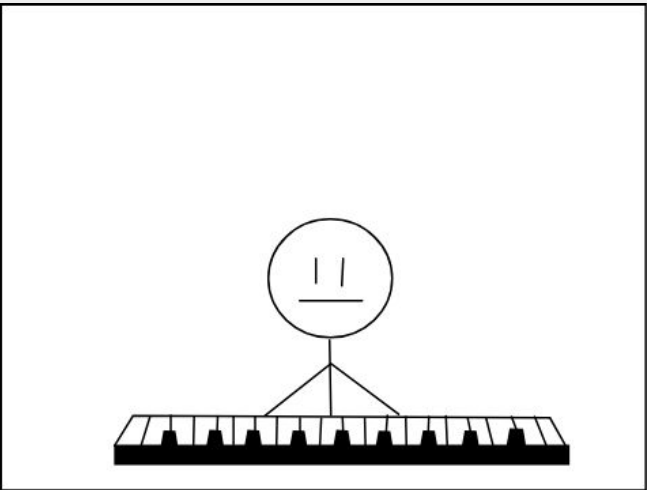
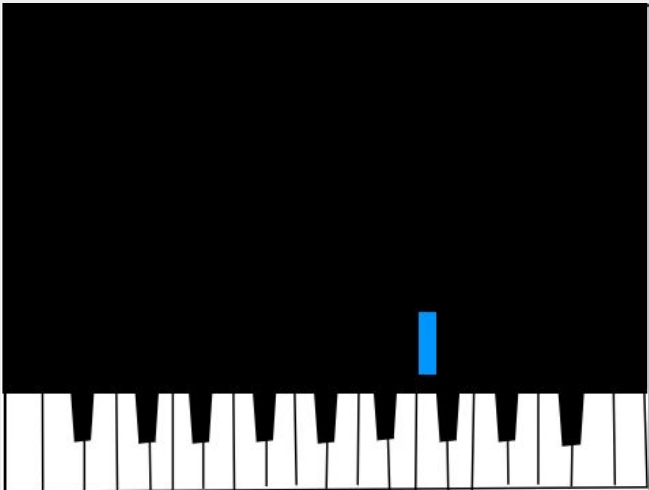
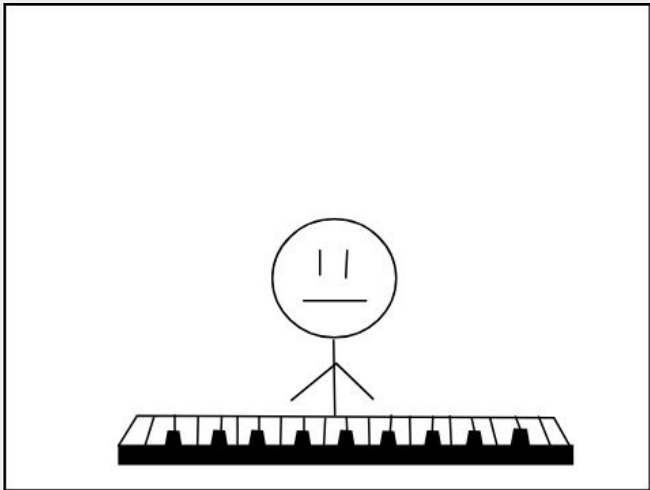
- Down**
- 2. Frozen water
 - 3. A house made out of a Christmas-time cookie
 - 4. A cookie around Christmas time
 - 5. Frozen water that falls out of the sky
 - 5. Frozen water that falls out of the sky
 - 10. opposite of hot

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Comic

Rush E If It Was
Played By a Human

By: Chad Beddingfield



Word Search Puzzle

H	E	Q	X	C	F	O	O	T	B	A	L	L	L
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- LORAX
- MICHIGAN
- UTOPIA
- POPTART
- FOOTBALL
- SCIENCE
- SUPERBOWL
- LOBSTER
- PASTA
- CHAD
- MACEDONIA
- FORTNITE
- GUCCI
- PETER

Trivia!

1.

In a website browser address bar, what does “www” stand for?

a.

Window wiper website

b.

World wide web

c.

What when where

d.

What is a whale wagon
2.

What is the tiny piece of material on the end of your shoelace called?

a.

Detector

b.

Schmindgle

c.

Aglet

d.

Rainer
3.

Who painted the Mona Lisa?

a.

Leonardo Da Vinci

b.

Leonardo DiCaprio

c.

Vincent Van Gogh

d.

Edvard Munch
4.

What is the largest ocean mammal?

a.

Walrus

b.

Lemon Shark

c.

Blue whale

d.

Octopus
5.

What is the largest continent?

a.

North America

b.

Africa

c.

Europe

d.

Asia
6.

What temperature does water boil at?

a.

212 degrees Fahrenheit

b.

100 degrees Fahrenheit

c.

32 degrees Fahrenheit

d.

76 degrees Fahrenheit

Last Months Answers

1.

Lego
2.

34
3.

Apple Music
4.

LeBron James
5.

57 years old
6.

Elon Musk



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Answers to be posted in the next paper!