

Editor's Note

Hello Ironmen and welcome back to the MANCY PRESS. I am happy that we have a regular newsletter again. I loved the special one we put out last time, but I am happy to be back. I am getting kind of bored with writing editor's notes, so I am going to do something crazy! This time, I made a hidden puzzle.

If you look closely at the page numbers, you will see that they aren't correct (this game is only for the first twenty pages). Here is how you play. Start on this page (pg. 5) and go to the slide that has the page number that starts with the same number(hint: look at the page numbers and find the one that starts with five). Look at the second number on the new page.



We also have some more seasonal articles. The first seasonal article is about why daylight savings time should end. I couldn't agree more. I am interested to see what you all think! Another one of the articles is about leprechauns by Issy Perez and another is about

Go to the page that starts with that number. When there is a zero, you should read the second article on that page. I hope this makes sense and you enjoy this little puzzle.

Oh, and now I will actually give you a preview. We recently wrote poems in our class and Zoie decided to put hers into the newsletter! Tiana wrote an article that has some tips and tricks to keep your locker clean. I didn't realize how much we needed this until I read the article about the weird things in people's lockers by Elliot Smith.

A fun article is about how four-leaf clovers are considered lucky by Maddie Dombrowski! Happy St. Patrick's Day! Finally, we have some more controversial opinions, not like the ones on the news, but instead on pet rats, why bread is gross, and MMS hygiene.



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If you are not intrigued, then I can't help you.

I hope this makes your day as you read these articles. I know it always makes mine! Have a great day and I hope to see you all again next month!

Leili Frolo

Sports

Women's MSU vs. Michigan Basketball Game

A few months ago, the girls basketball team got to go watch a Michigan vs. Michigan State basketball game. It was truly an awesome experience. The bus ride was really fun. We stopped at a gas station half way there and got some snacks and drinks. We got at the stadium about two hours early, so we got to go and explore the shops. There was more free stuff there than I thought there was going to be. Jaila Craft and I passed by this smoothie stand that caught our eyes, so we stopped and got a smoothie. I got a large tropical smoothie and it was probably one of the best smoothies I have ever had. We then continued to wander around some more before the game.



The women's sports teams were signing posters, and you could join in on a little volleyball game; there was even a hockey game going on. We then finally made our way back to our seats right before the game was about to start. Our goal was to try getting on to the Jumbotron. We ended up getting on 4 times! During half time, Jaila and I went to go get a slushy. They were great! Even though Michigan State lost and

Michigan won, we still had a wonderful time. On the way back, we stopped to get some pizza. It was really fun to laugh and eat pizza with friends. I recommend going to a college basketball game with your friends. You will make so many new memories!

Tiana Ashley

Track Season Begins

The track season starts on March 13th. There are a lot of people doing track and I am looking forward to the fun it will bring. Last year, track was extremely exciting. The sad news is that there is still a lot of snow outside. The team is going to have to stay inside and run around the school for the first few days. The boys' track team's head coach is Mr. Dingman, one of my favorites. The girls' coach is Mrs. Winslow, who helped me learn the pole vault. Let me tell you about my experience with track.



There is a LOT of running, but it can be fun. Usually, we run all around town, and sometimes just with a friend. During practice, you have two options: sprints or distance. Usually, I do distance, but sprints are fun too. For distance, we have a watch that shows the time and the distance you've run so far. Usually, we run for about 2-4 miles and see how fast we can do it. For sprints, sometimes we practice relays. Sometimes sprints aren't full sprints, like the 400M run or the 800M run. You have to pace yourself, but super fast, to where you're almost sprinting the entire time. I recommend joining track and making great memories with your friends!

Ben Beddingfield

Sports

Basketball Tournament

On Friday, March 16th there will be a middle school basketball tournament. First, to start the day, 6th and 7th graders will be going bowling, and 8th grade will be going ice skating. After that, the basketball games begin. First, the fifth grade will play the seventh grade. Then the eighth grade will play the sixth grade and the winners of both will battle it out for the ultimate championship. The winners of that will do the impossible and play against the teachers. If there is some time in the end, all the students will play against all the teachers.

Mr. Collins and his student council have already assembled a team of all the grades to play in this spectacular tournament. I am super excited about this and I am looking forward to playing in it. It is going to be super funny watching teachers run around trying to stop the students. You might be thinking the teachers are going to win. In that case, we have to outsmart them and run hard to tire them out so much they won't even be standing by the end of the game.

Ben Beddingfield



Ramblin' Rowley

Welcome to Ramblin' Rowley, where I ramble about, well, anything really. Today, I want to talk about sports, specifically being a fan. I have been a fan of the Detroit Lions for the entirety of my life. While I love watching football in general, my heart bleeds Honolulu blue for the Lions. However, they continually break my heart. The last time they won a playoff game I was 4... which was a LONG time ago, the 1991/1992 season to be exact. Yet, I will always cheer for them, even when they don't win any games in a season, even when they lose games that they should've won, because that's what it means to be a fan. Being a fan means being supportive and loyal, even when they are down. There is a lesson in there, and that's the wonderful thing about sports, so often it is about so much more than just the game.

Individual Spotlights

Top Six Disney Villains

Movies are great but we know that the villains are always the most fun to watch. I love watching Disney movies because of all of the memories that come along with them. I'm going to rate my favorite Disney villains of all time. They may not be the most evil, but they are fun characters to watch. All villains are great, but here are my top six.

In sixth place is Terry from *Soul*. He's so fun to watch. I love how Jerry is always snooping around to find the main character, Joe Gardner. When he realizes that a soul escaped, he had to look through all of those cabinets. When he finds out what soul escaped, the Jerrys just give him a little trophy but don't even care. It makes me sad and I want to be his friend. Nothing stops him from getting the job done.

In fifth place for me is Captain Hook. He reminds me of my *Jake and the Neverland Pirates* days. Captain Hook always made me laugh as a kid. He would just be eaten by sharks or crocodiles, but he's always fine. Somehow, he always kept on doing what he did best (now that I think about it, it is actually what he did worst), catching Peter Pan.

Fourth place for me is Yzma from *Emperor's New Groove*. She is so iconic in the evilest way. Also, she is just a powerful woman. I enjoy how she looks with those goggles when she's making evil potions. My favorite thing that she said was when the guard that got turned into a cow asked to go home, she said, "You're excused, anyone else?"

Starting my top three is Ursula from *The Little Mermaid*. "Poor Unfortunate Souls" is an incredible song. She is also so powerful. She can take Ariel's voice. I wouldn't mess with her. She is also pretty in the strangest way. Ursula reminds me of making potions in my bathroom when I was younger. I loved her as a kid because she did that as her "job" every day.

2nd Place, Cruella de Vil. *101 Dalmatians* was such a good movie. I loved the remake that they did. "Cruella" felt like we got to understand her even more and I loved how everything came together. I also just loved it as a story. My favorite quote from her is, "Darling, if I'm going to need to repeat myself a lot, this isn't going to work out." Cruella is also a fashionista and a material girl, so good for her.

1st place goes to Tamatoa from *Moana*. Tamatoa is a legend. "Shiny" is an incredible song. It's just a diss track at Moana, but it's so effortless. "My favorite Disney villain of all time" is not a light title. Tamatoa makes me happy and laugh. I don't know if he's exactly the villain, but it's close enough for me because he's honestly just incredible. He's also a material girl like Cruella. He is an incredible character. Overall, I think Tamatoa is the best Disney villain.

Those are my top six favorite Disney villains. I guess that I love materialistic villains, and I feel like Disney movies are so fun to watch and enjoy. I love the villains in all Disney movies, but these six are the best!

-Leili Frollo

Correct Use of Paper

In this day and age, I feel as if we are advanced enough to get the most simple things. Though, through all my years in school, I have come to realize we might not be as smart as everyone says we are. Yes, you might be able to do math and are in advanced English, but I have a question. Do you or do you not make sure you have the holes on the left side and the paper is upright when you have to write something on the paper? I promise you half the people I ask will say they don't check to make sure the paper is the right way. It is so important though! People skip through it and then they look a little worse than everyone else when theirs is literally upside down and the holes are on the right side. When you had to hold up a drawing to show your parents when you were younger, you didn't have the drawing upside down. So why do you let yourself write practically upside down? What if you have to clip it into a binder? Then every time you need to look at it you have to flip it upside down and you look like a dunce. It should be a job that someone has to check every lined piece of paper after someone writes on it to make sure they have the holes on the left side and the paper is upright.

Jaila Craft



Individual Spotlights

Back in My Day

Hello readers! Welcome back to my monthly series where I deal with my ever-increasing age by looking in despair at the actions of today's youth. Inspired by Miami Herald sports columnist Greg Cote and his "Back in My Day" series, I will continue my rants against today's generation.

Today I will rail against...

Taylor Swift!

I typically use this space to put my students on blast for the ridiculous trends they latch on to because their brains have been melted by TikTok. But today, I have bigger fish to fry. The world needs a voice that can lead us back to great heights. Also, my students are all pretty great, so I'm running out of things to complain about. Taylor Swift, though? It's time I share my two cents with her.

August 10, 2021 was one of the best days of my life. It was one of those classic summer days where everything just felt right. I had spent the daytime with a friend playing in an arcade, delivering donuts to our friends who were stuck at work, and making a stuffed bunny named Duncan at Build-A-Bear. (Side note: go to Build-A-Bear more often. The heart ceremony for new bears is so precious!) We then met up with more friends for a lovely dinner of enchiladas and empanadas in Benzonia before a nightcap at a putt putt course. The vibes were immaculate, and I often look back fondly on that day. Despite all the fun activities, there was one part of the day that stood out the most. It was driving in the rain with a car full of friends, windows down, blaring "You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift on full blast, all of us screaming along with every word.

Since her self-titled debut in 2006 through the release of *Lover* in 2019, Taylor Swift ran my world. Not only was she the most beautiful woman on the planet,

but she consistently put out bangers that made every situation more fun.

Windowless car rides, spontaneous dance parties, nights on the boat, and wedding dance floors were all enhanced by her bubblegummy pop sound. Hits like "Our Song," "22," "Blank Space," "Shake It Off," the criminally underrated "Paper Rings," and the previously mentioned "You Belong With Me" took all listeners to the same euphoric mountaintop and forced people to boogie down.

Unfortunately, ever since 2020, everything changed for the worse.

The pandemic certainly changed music, as well as every other part of society.

Dancing in large groups did not happen often anymore. And Taylor Swift became the absolute worst. Almost everyone I know felt a little down through most of the pandemic. We were anxious and confused all the time and impatiently wanted things to get back to normal. You know what we really didn't need? Taylor Swift reminding us all that we are sad all the time. Yet that is exactly how she has used her last three albums. *Folklore*, *Evermore*, and *Midnights* were a constant reminder that the sky is often gray, sweaters are often itchy, and everything is often not awesome (shout-out *Lego Movie 2*).

Back in my day, Taylor Swift tickled souls and created a contagious energy in listeners. For the past three years, not only has she slowed down her music, she started writing some of the worst lyrics known to mankind.

Here are some lyrics from one of her newest hits, "Anti-Hero."

It's me, hi

I'm the problem, it's me

At teatime, everybody agrees.

I don't think you need me to realize these lyrics mean nothing. Stop being a problem. And who goes to teatime in 2023?

How about this from "Lavender Haze?"

Staring at the ceiling with you

Oh, you don't ever say too much

*And you don't really read into
My melancholia*

Ms. A loves this song and wants me to like it, too. But you can't dance to it! Also.

Melancholia. Cool word, Taylor. You could've just said sadness. And did you see how the second line ended with the word "much?" She made that word last four seconds and stretched it to five syllables. Why?!?! Still not convinced she fell off? Here is the entire second verse to "Sweet Nothing."

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On the way home

I wrote a poem

You say, "what a mind"

This happens all the time

That's the whole verse! It says nothing! It's a terrible and simple rhyme scheme, and there's no way that happens all the time! Who writes that many poems on the way home?! I bet it never even happened once.

I could go on forever, but here is my last evidence for now. It's one line from her song "Labyrinth."

You know how scared I am of elevators

As someone with strange fears myself, I won't judge her being afraid. But why put that in a song? What mood is she trying to craft? How do you sing along to that? How is that any fun? Who wants to roll the windows down and yell those words with their best friends? It's time today's kids, and Ms. A, take a stand against T-Swift's new, sad, terrible phase of music making. Stop pretending what she is doing is good! Bring back fun pop music! Bring back windows down bangers! Bring back the old Taylor Swift! Because that's how it was, back in my day.



Individual Spotlights

Selena Quintanilla-Perez

Selena Quintanilla-Perez was born on April 16th, 1971, in Lake Jackson, TX. Her family consisted of her father Abraham Jr., her mother Marcella Quintanilla, and her two siblings, A.B. and Suzette. Her father led a band in the 1950s to the 1960s that played early rock mixed with traditional Mexican music later called Tejano music, which became very popular throughout the southwest US and Mexico. Later on, her father gave up his music career to start a family. Selena was the youngest of three children and attended an elementary school in Lake Jackson, which is a small town 55 miles south of Houston, Texas. One day, Selena's father was teaching her brother to play the guitar when she started to sing. After that, they started a band and practiced every day. When Selena was 9, her father opened a family restaurant. Their family band, Selena y Los Dinos, would play on weekends and at weddings and her father started writing original Spanish songs for them to play at the restaurant. Selena had many local fans, but their family restaurant failed and they ended up closing down and they moved to Corpus Christi, TX to start over. Selena and her siblings started touring to perform and they traveled all over the state. Since Selena performed so much, she often missed her classes and stopped going to school for good when she was in eighth grade to focus on music. Selena still tried her best to study, so to keep up with it she took courses through the American School in Chicago and eventually earned her General Education Diploma in 1989. Selena stopped touring for a while to focus on recording music. Selena recorded her first album, *Mis Primeras Grabaciones*. Selena's albums did not sell well, so she switched to a new record label. However, Selena's albums did not sell any better. This led to her living in a van. Selena and her family continued touring by opening for larger Tejano acts. They started to play many different music styles to gain a larger audience. The family changed styles depending on where they were playing.

Rhythm and blues-based music was popular in the larger cities and more traditional Spanish music was big in the small Texas towns. By 1988, Selena was popular enough that she was voted as female artist of the year at the Tejano Music Awards and won the award again for the next 7 years as her popularity increased every year. In 1989 Selena joined EMI records and had a major record company supporting her. The head of the company's new Latin division, Jose Behar, knew that Selena appealed to a very large audience, not just Tejano fans. In 1991 her song "Buenos Amigos" became a hit and the song went to number one on the Billboard Latin chart. With Selena's next hit song "Donde Quiero Que Estás," she continued to grow in popularity and reach bigger markets for her songs. The early 1990s were very bright spots for Selena's music life and personal life. Selena married 22 year-old Christopher Perez, who was the lead guitarist in her band, and Selena's father was writing more international songs for her.

These songs were not only popular in Mexico, but also in the US and South Central America. The size of her audience grew bigger and bigger, and in February 1994, more than 60,000 people watched her perform in Houston, Texas. In March of 1994, her album called *Selena Live* won a Grammy award for the best Mexican-American music album. Selena was often compared to Madonna, Janet Jackson, and Mariah Carey. In December 1993 Selena was moved to a record company that made mostly English-language records, and she began recording new songs for a new album and continued performing. On March 31, 1995, Selena was shot and killed by the president of her fan club, Yolanda Saldivar. Millions of people mourned Selena's death and she became even more famous. Her album *Dreaming of You* was released after her death in 1996. Her impact on the world continue to be felt to this day through her music and legacy.

Angel Biddle



Individual Spotlights

Do Rats Make Good Pets?

When you think of getting a new pet, most people would choose a dog or cat, but not many people ever consider pet rats. The thought of a pet rat might disgust you, which is understandable since many people think of rats as invasive, gross rodents, but this isn't actually true. Rats have many positive qualities, which make them a perfect choice for a new pet. Not many people know this, but cats are surprisingly dirtier than rats.

Rats like to keep themselves clean, and hardly require an actual bath. Rats are also incredibly smart, can recognize names when they are called, and learn tricks. Rats are extremely social animals, because they love to play, and they also like being outside or going on walks. They are very outgoing and enjoy the company of others.

These animals are also much more affordable than other animals, as a rat is no more than \$20 and things like a cage and food aren't too expensive either. There are many good things about owning rats, which make them a great pet, and in my opinion, even better than a dog or a cat.

Lilly Johnson



Tips to Have a Clean Locker

72% of my class say that they have a messy locker. But lucky for them, they still have about 55 school days left to clean it. In the beginning of the year, I would have said myself that I had a messy locker, but now it is really clean. In this article, I'm going to be listing some tips to keep your locker clean.

1. Don't just throw papers in your locker. Say if you threw your missing math homework in there, and now you have to go find it. It will take you ages to find that paper if you just throw your papers in your locker. There are trash cans located all over the school if you need them. Mr. Collins also has thousands of folders, literally, in his classroom if you would like them.
2. Please don't put food inside of your locker. It can lead to you forgetting about it, and it can result in mold. Nobody likes mold. It can make your locker stink. And nobody likes to have a locker by these people.

Tiana Ashley



3. Your locker is NOT your bedroom. It is so simple to take your sweatshirts and other clothing home! Plus, I feel like it makes your locker even more crowded. Plus, you can have even more hooks to use for more useful things, like your backpack or your coat.
4. Decorate your locker, but don't over decorate. You don't want your locker to look boring, but then you don't want your locker to look over decorated. Maybe just add a picture or two then a whiteboard and if your a girl, a mirror. I feel like that's good. But don't make your whole locker door filled with stuff, it will look like you are trying too hard.
5. Please take your water bottles home. It is super annoying when you have 44 water bottles in your locker just taking up space. Did you know that water can go bad if you store it in a place for too long? It can actually make you sick.

Please follow these tips so the decent human beings with clean lockers don't have to suffer whenever you open up your locker to get anything from it.

Individual Spotlights

Strangest Things in People's Lockers

I decided to interview some people on what the weirdest thing is in their locker. The first person I talked to was Hayden Russell. The weirdest thing that he said he could think of was some random pairs of pants. You may be wondering why so, I asked him why they were there. He said he wears them to school and then takes them off and puts them in his locker. Do not worry because he does have shorts under, so he is not wandering around the school in his underwear. Hayden got them from his grandma. As you may know, grandmas like to give their grandkids clothes, at least my grandma and Hayden's grandma do. They do this so you can have clothes to wear so you do not wander around the school in your underwear.

Next, I interviewed RaeLynn Manning. She has a red cowboy hat with stars on it. She brought it in for USA day in spirit week. She likes the hat a lot. RaeLynn stole the hat from her sister who won it at Bass Festival. She has had it in her locker because she forgot to take it out after USA day, which was back in September.

After RaeLynn, I interviewed Waddie. For those of you who do not know her, her name is Maddie Dombrowski. She has a bag from Meijer. It was nothing special, just a plastic bag. The bag is there because she brought homemade cookies in, and never threw the bag away or brought it home.

Gabe Keyes has a really expensive coat. It is not just any coat, it is a Carhartt coat. He has it in there because he put it in there in the winter and never took it out. He got it from Dunham's so he could stay warm in the winter.

Next, I interviewed Chad Beddingfield. He has a pretty messy locker. The weirdest thing he could find in his locker was a Little Debbie Unicorn Cake box. His friend Lewis Smith was the one who put it there because he thought it was funny. Chad does not know why he got it, but thought it was just to be funny.

The last person I interviewed was Leili Frollo. She did not have much that was weird in her locker, but the weirdest thing in there was a lot of Smarties. They are there because she likes to take them to class and then eat them in class without the teacher noticing (oh no, now her secret is out). She got some of them from Mrs. Kihn because she is good at bingo.

Those are some of the weirdest things in people's lockers.

Elliot Smith

Why Spring Break Should Be Two Weeks

During spring break, the thing I look forward to most is sleeping in the entire week. It could be for two weeks, but noooo. We had to have only one. I mean, it would be better if we had two weeks because it would mean fewer cranky people. The teachers would be way happier, they would be beaming like the sun with happiness. The students would want to come back, everyone would be frolicking in the halls dancing and skipping around and giving gifts to those who feel down. Everyone would be begging for school not to end, waiting for the day when they have to wake up bright and early and start their day. There would be no more lunch detentions, suspensions, or people doing bad things in the bathroom with their friends that only an adult should have access to. More people would want to join football, basketball, and even volleyball. The games would be awesome and the school would also become awesome. But the only downside is that we would have an extra week of school at the end of the year. But that can be good too. We could wear shorts and we could go outside because it would be warm. We would not need coats, but if we did that one week in March, we would have to go outside in the cold, wet, snow and I don't think anyone wants that. Think of the outcomes that could come. Spring break should be two weeks!

Issy Perez



Individual Spotlights



Dyed Hair

Many kids nowadays really like dying their hair. Some do it to express their emotions. Others may do it just because they think it looks cool. We were wondering why students at our school dyed theirs so we interviewed them. The first person we talked to was a 7th grader named Ace. She has blue and purple hair. She re-dyes it every two weeks and every couple of months she changes the color. She last did it on March 7th. She likes to color her hair so she does not match everyone; she likes to be different. She never asked her parents if she could dye her hair. Next, I interviewed Zoie. She has pink highlights in her hair. She likes to re-dye her hair whenever she gets bored with it. She last got it done on March 12. Lastly, we have a 5th grader named Stirlynn. Her hair is currently purple. She likes to get her hair done twice a year. She re-dyed her hair last month. She wanted to try something new with her hair. She convinced her parents to let her dye her hair by begging them. If you ever want to get your hair dyed, ask Stirlynn for some advice.

Tiana Ashley and Elliot Smith

Daylight Savings Time

What is the use of springing forward an hour? All it does is make people more tired every day. Benjamin Franklin came up with the idea to make better use of daylight. I promise you, no one is doing that. I believe that we should get rid of it. We should stick to normal hours and never change them. Everyone is used to normal hours, and all it does is make everyone confused, cranky, and tired. Everyone is in a bad mood and it's all because some man thought it would be funny to make us get up an hour earlier and stay up later. People say that if there is more sunlight, crime rates would go down. Who in their right mind would make up a lie like that? It literally had to be an April fool's prank because there is no way that's true. The only thing that changes when you change the time is the time itself. No one does anything cool or comes up with anything. All it does is make it darker out when it's supposed to be lighter. I feel as if we should sign a petition to get daylight savings time removed and keep our normal daylight hours.

Jaila Craft

Leprechauns

So, we've all probably heard of these short men with orange hair and usually have a beard. These tiny people are called leprechauns. Leprechauns are known for having a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, but how did these tiny people come to one's imagination? The leprechaun myth was traced back to the 8th century. It was said that they were tiny water spirits called *luchorpán*, which means small body. They were also merged with a house fairy. The leprechauns we see today are anything but that. All of the leprechauns are cute. Some might say this is to make children like them more. These tiny people are not nice. When it comes to people stealing their gold from their lucky pot of gold, you see in the movie series *Leprechaun* (just a warning if you want to watch it just be sure you get your guardian's permission; some parts may be for mature audiences only so be warned) the tiny man gets greedy because someone found his lucky pot of gold and he gave a character a heart attack. So if you're enjoying a nice St. Patrick's Day, just remember, there are probably tiny people walking around with their pots of gold. Waiting under the rainbow to steal your subscription to life.

Issy Perez

Individual Spotlights

School Bathrooms

I hate the school bathrooms in every school, but I especially don't like the ones in our 5/6 wing. Every time I go in there, I see a random kid just hanging out in the bathroom. It's just disgusting, who wants to hang out in a bathroom that stinks and is dirty? The bathroom is an enclosed space that people don't care enough about. Last year, the old eighth graders would sit in the bathroom and do bad things all class hours. So every time I would walk into the ladies' bathroom, I would get a whiff of tropical passion. It was so disgusting it made me want to gag. I thought it would get better this year since they went to the high school, but I was wrong. It got worse. One time when I went into the bathroom I saw a girl putting soap all over the bathroom mirror. When she saw me she just looked at me and left. I was stuck there, so I cleaned it. I didn't know who the girl was, so I wasn't able to say anything. Also, who tries to make conversation in the bathroom? I can tell you who, every 5th grader I've ever seen has attempted to make conversation. Whenever they look at me, they must think I look like someone that wants to talk to random kids I don't know and most likely won't like. I hate to get your hopes up, but I do not. Either they want to talk to me or they're on their phones and are recording a TikTok. I don't understand why every 6th grader feels the need to bring their phones into the bathroom and use it. When they bring their phone into the bathroom to take a cute little mirror pic, I want to run away and hide. You can take your mirror selfies at home there is no need for you to take

them in a school bathroom. Whenever I see a 6th grader's TikTok of them in the bathroom doing a dance it makes me cringe. They had to sit in that bathroom, pick out a song, practice the dance, and probably record it around four times. I'm also disappointed in the teachers, why did they let you go to the bathroom in such a big group? (Mr. Collins note: I don't.) Why would you want to go to a smelly bathroom to just skip? If your gonna skip a class, just don't go to school at all.

I also find it very weird that the toilets flush at random times. Either it's that the bathroom is haunted or we just have bad toilets. It honestly might be both. I've been complaining about the 5/6 wing, but the 7/8 isn't too bad. After lunch, around eight girls go into the bathroom and just talk until class starts. That's where a lot of the drama is spread. Like just go and sit in the class. It's not that hard. You can see each other after school.

It isn't just the ladies' bathroom that makes me want to puke out my internal organs (this is Hayden writing this part). In the boys' 5th and 6th grade stalls, the toilet's length is as small as the height of a hedgehog, and the gap below the doors is almost taller than the toilet. A small tidbit, but too many people use that bathroom. Every minute after someone left, another kid would



come in either crying or blowing their nose. One kid was saying demonic chants while on the john and another had their mouth in their shirt breathing more times than the ice cream machine has been broken at McDonald's! You could ask almost anyone and they would have a bad story from their time in the bathroom. I can recall last year was way worse. Kids would always be on their phones, the stall was decorated with toilet paper, and 99% of the time something was broken.

Now the most surprising part of this is nobody back then did what is called a devious lick. (HAYDEN STILL WRITING BY THE WAY) This was a TikTok trend where you would steal something from the bathroom. NOBODY DID THAT. That was all over the internet until TikTok was forced to ban any video that involves the trend. Now, unlike most trends, this one indeed did have a happy ending, A new trend was born with the title "Angelic Yield." This trend was the polar opposite of the devious lick. Instead of stealing things from the bathroom, you gifted the bathroom. Both trends went on for a very long time, but I have to believe some of the yields were fake because of how extreme some were taken. One guy had a fully working television and many other quality-of-life improvements in the stall. Near the cafeteria, there is a bathroom stall. When you flush the toilets you have to unflush them or else water will be pouring down for a very long time. This is a problem because KIDS CANNOT COMPREHEND THIS. WHILST OTHERS DO NOT FLUSH THEM AT ALLLLLLL!!!!!! EVERY TIME I GO INTO THE BATHROOM THERE WILL BE WASTE IN SOMETHING. Something needs to change!

Jaila Craft and Hayden Russell

Individual Spotlights

Four-Leaf Clovers

Four-leaf clovers were Celtic charms, presumed to offer magical protection and ward off bad luck. Children in the Middle Ages believed if they carried a four-leaf clover, they would be able to see fairies, and the first literary reference to suggest their good fortune was made in 1620 by Sir John Melton. Four-leaf clovers are considered to be good luck because they are so rare to find. These clovers are also considered to have magical protection to scare away bad luck. There are only about 10,000 four-leaf clovers. The legend of the four-leaf clover says that they represent hope, faith, love, and good luck. Every leaf has something that it stands for as said in the legend. In the middle ages, most people

thought that if you carried around a four-leaf clover, you could see fairies. Even the bible says that the four-leaf clover possesses good luck and a portion of paradise. Four-leaf clovers originate from Europe and Asia, which traveled through the British Isles, and then to Northern America. They have also traveled to South Africa, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Four-leaf clovers are not considered to be religious symbols, especially in Ireland. Unlike the four-leaf clover, the five-leaf clover symbolizes money and prosperity.

Maddie Dombrowski



Concerts

I decided to interview some students and teachers, and I asked them all the same question: "If you could see any band perform live, who would you choose?" I got nine responses, and the majority of them are all different. First, I wanted to ask Mr. Kauffman, and he said he would choose AC/DC. I think this is a good choice because I really like that band as well. Next, I asked Mrs. Rowley, and she said that she would like to see Queen play live. I think I would choose this too, because Queen is definitely my favorite band. Then I asked Mr. Collins who he would see, and he responded with OutKast. I'm not very familiar with this band, but it's not a bad choice...it could be much, much worse. Ms. A's choice was the worst of them all.

When I heard her response, I was disgusted and horrified. If Ms. A could see ANY band perform at a concert, she would choose Taylor Swift. So many great choices exist, yet she would want to see Taylor Swift. This just doesn't make any sense. After her response, I couldn't bring myself to ask any more teachers, so instead, I moved on to asking some students the same questions. First, I asked Jaila Craft and she quickly responded with Nirvana, which is one of my favorite bands, along with Queen, so I would also love to see them perform. Then, I asked Anthony Potts the same question, and he would like to see Skillet. In my opinion, this isn't a bad choice, I like some songs from this band.

Next, I asked Issy Perez, and she had the same answer as Mrs. Rowley. Issy said she would love to see Queen perform. Lastly, I asked Lucas Stotler who he would choose, and Lucas replied with Metallica. I think this is also a great choice because I love Metallica. I think everyone (except for Ms. A) all chose great bands.

Lilly Johnson



Individual Spotlights

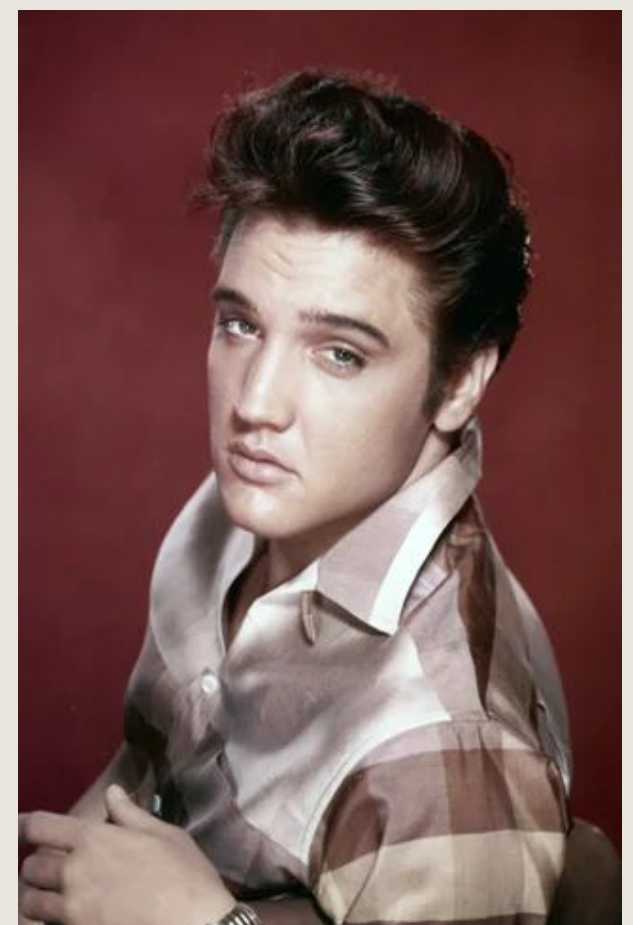
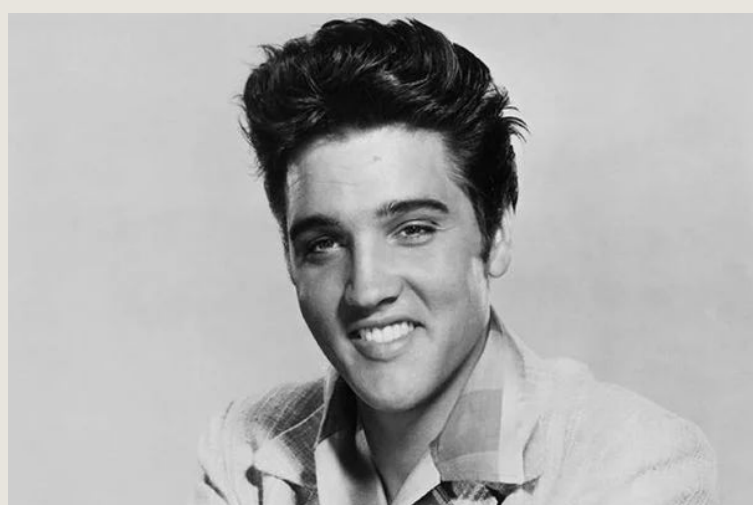
Elvis Presley

Elvis Aron Presley was born on January 8, 1935, in Tupelo, Mississippi. (He later changed the spelling of his middle name to the biblical form of Aaron). Elvis was supposed to be a twin but his brother Jesse Garon was stillborn. Elvis's family had little money and moved frequently. Elvis attended the Assembly of God Church with his parents, where gospel music became an important influence for him. Elvis got his first guitar on his eleventh birthday on January 8th, 1946. Elvis's first music success was when he won a High School talent show in Memphis Tennessee. After Elvis graduated, he had lots of shows and jobs pursuing his musical dream. Sam Phillips, the record label owner, decided to take the young performer under his wing. Elvis soon began touring and recording, trying to catch his first big break. "That's All Right" was Elvis's first single in 1954. In 1955, Elvis became popular for his unusual music taste, dance moves, and good looks. That same year, Colonel Tom Parker, Elvis's manager, signed with RCA Records. Soon, Elvis was everywhere, working as a musician and actor. His first film, *Love Me Tender* (1956), was a box office hit. Elvis received his draft notice in 1957 and was inducted into the Army the following March. He eventually served in Germany for about a year and a half. Shortly before Elvis left for Europe, his beloved mother, Gladys, died. He was granted a leave and returned to Memphis for the funeral. While in Germany, Elvis met a young teenager named Priscilla Beaulieu. The pair fell in love and married on May 1, 1967, in Las Vegas, Nevada. After he left the Army in 1960, he resumed his career and was soon back at the top of the charts with the soundtrack for his film *GI Blues*.

Elvis continued recording music and acting in films such as *Blue Hawaii* (1961), *Girls! Girls! Girls!* (1962) and *Viva Las Vegas* (1964). By the late 1960s, however, the enigmatic performer appeared to be losing his box office appeal. Proving he was still the "King of Rock 'n' Roll," he recorded his first TV special in 1968, often referred to as the "'68 Comeback." He wowed audiences with his performance, which showcased his talents as a singer and a guitarist. Around that time, he and Priscilla wed in 1967 and had a daughter, Lisa Marie, the following year. Unfortunately, this joyous time would not last. By the early 1970s, Elvis's marriage was falling apart. The couple divorced in 1973, and Priscilla received custody of Lisa Marie. While this was happening, Elvis was struggling with the addiction to prescription drugs and rapid weight gain. Despite his personal obstacles, Elvis remained a popular draw in Las Vegas and on tour.

Elvis performed at his last concert in June 1977, in Indianapolis, Indiana. After the concert, he returned home to his Memphis mansion, Graceland, to prepare for another tour. On the morning of August 16, 1977 Elvis died of heart failure at the age of 42. Elvis was buried on the Graceland property, near the gravesites of his mother, Gladys, father Vernon and grandmother Minnie Mae Hood Presley. Since his death, Elvis has remained one of the world's most popular music icons. Over the years, several documentaries and films have explored the enigmatic performer, including a 2005 television miniseries starring Jonathan Rhys-Meyers as Elvis. In 2018, a two-part documentary, *Elvis Presley: The Searcher*, was released and explores his early life, rise to fame and his myriad musical influences. There is still a lot more to learn about the incredible "King of Rock 'n' Roll".

Zoie Spires



Sunsets

Walk with me
The water's edge,
When the sun
And sea have met...

Our shadows long,
The day is gone
But it's not
Dark just yet...

Finding a seat in the sand,
We watch as
The sun starts to fade...

Our souls are lifted
As the beauty
Of the light unfolds...

Still seated,
We stare beyond the sky
Into the stars
That now light the night...

Zoie Spires

Individual Spotlights

Guess Who Made The Song!

I put together a list of songs. I made five teachers guess who wrote the song. The teachers I asked were Mrs. Rowley, Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Avery-Helwig, and Mr. Collins. They each seem to know a lot about music, but from the answers I got, I beg to differ. There were 10 songs that I asked them to guess who made it, and only one of them got 10/10, which is sad because he is the youngest. The songs included, "Somebody to Love" - Queen, "I Want To Hold Your Hand" - The Beatles, "Angeleyes" - Abba, "So Fresh, So Clean" - Outkast, and "Welcome To The Jungle" - Guns N' Roses and more. I will be rating them from worst to best, with number one being worst, and number five being best.

1. Mr. Kauffman got one of the ten songs right. I find that very sad because he looks like a man who would enjoy good music, but looks can be deceiving.
2. Mrs. Morgan was a little bit better, she got four out of ten songs right. It still is very sad because I was hoping for people to enjoy the music of their times and a little older, but I guess some people just don't listen to music.

3 Mrs. A tied for third, but I guess that is a little better. I understand that not knowing some songs is normal. She got a seven out of ten. I was a little surprised when Mrs. Avery didn't know "Don't Go Breaking My Heart." I guess she needs to get a little more into music.

4. Mrs. Rowley scored the same as Mrs. Avery: seven out of ten. I am a little surprised that she didn't know some of the songs I said and played, though they were a little tricky because some of them had been remade a few times.

The answer that shocked me the most is when she said Whitney Houston made "Angeleyes."

5. Mr. Collins went ten for ten; obviously he's a legend. I picked some songs from my playlist and he just spat out the band as soon as I said the name of the song. He has great taste in music if he knows all of them.

Jaila Craft



Braces

Braces are the worst thing to ever happen to my mouth! They limit everything you eat, you have to be careful when you play sports, and they hurt like crazy! These are three main reasons to keep your teeth healthy and not have to get braces.

1. Tightening. Braces, about every month, need to get tightened. What they do first is take the wire off of your braces. Then, they take a new wire which is the same size as the one that was just in and cut off a little bit off of the end to make it shorter. This is because when the wire is shorter, it will pull your teeth together. Over time they will be lined up.
2. Food limiting. Chewy foods like bagels and licorice, crunchy foods like popcorn, chips, and ice, sticky foods like caramel candies and chewing gum, and hard foods like nuts and hard candies need to be avoided with braces. Over time, they will pull at your braces, and that might cause them to be pulled off and then you have to get them put back on again. Also, some orthodontists (doctors who specialize in braces and the like) will tell you to stay away from frozen foods such as ice cream, milkshakes, and popsicles. While you eat the colder foods, the cement that holds your braces to your teeth will tighten, but when your braces return to normal, the cement is loose, so the more you eat colder foods, the looser your braces get and the more likely they are to fall out. It seems like there is nothing you CAN eat.
3. Time. Braces are also really annoying for the fact that they can be in for 12-24 months and during that time they move your teeth. This can make your mouth very sore, and it's even worse after getting them tightened. Don't worry about braces, though, because even when they hurt, take a really long time, and you can't eat your favorite treats, the final product is so worth it because then you have an amazing smile.

Fashion

Mr. Collins' Fancy Shmancy Clothes

Mr. Collins' has a variety of spectacular outfits. First, is the good old classic white T-Shirt with a nice colorful shirt around it and a pair of khakis. He also even has his own golfing shirt. One of my personal favorites of course is his bowling shirt. It has explosions of neon colors with bowling balls and pins on it. If you didn't already know, Mr. Collin's is actually in a bowling league. Another classic is a fabulous green and white striped shirt with khakis. Then of course is the tiger Tuesday outfit. This outfit is made up of black and orange tiger stripes, and it even has a picture of his friend Yacob on it. He also has an outfit about track. It is a gray shirt and on the front, it says, "Track and Field" with an orange outline, one of my favorite sports. Mr. Collins also has a collection of epic and drippy Jordans. They all have various colors, like pink, green, red, blue, and white. That's not even everything. It's crazy how Mr. Collins' can always come to school and be wearing a different outfit when you thought it could never be better. I guess nobody will ever know where all of these fabulous outfits come from, and it will probably stay that way for years. But at the very top of the list of course is his amazing, beautiful, drippy, epic Gucci flip-flops.

Ben Beddingfield



Top Three Jordan 1s

Air Jordan 1s are the best shoes ever made. There really is no reasonable argument that can support that they aren't. From their start in 1985, inspired by the best basketball player that has ever walked on a court, the brand and the creativity of the shoes have just grown and grown everyday.

First, the Travis Scott x Air Jordan 1 Retro High OG "Mocha" is the best looking shoe in the Jordan 1 industry. The feel of this shoe is just incomprehensible, the leather just feels like it molds on your foot when you put it on and you never want to take it off. The feeling of the sole and the cushion it gives when you're running, walking, or just sitting down is the best thing I have ever experienced. With the reverse swoosh and the impressive color scheme on the shoe, this is number 1 on my list.

Second, we have the Air Jordan 1 Retro High OG "Chicago Lost & Found". It is a nice shoe with a lot of texture and amazing looks. The shoe is great and the leather is very comfortable.

Third, we have the Air Jordan 1 Retro High OG NRG "Top Gold 3." It is a great shoe with a lot of surprising things to the design. With a beautiful metallic gold color, which blends in with the black and white perfectly, is an amazing shoe and looks great. These Jordans are a little different, only because the left shoe has a white tongue, black quarter, and white toe box. Meanwhile, the right shoe has a black tongue, white quarter, and a gold toe box. So this shoe isn't very good if you have symmetry OCD, but if you don't, then it's a great shoe.

Gabe Keyes

Food

My McDonald's Order

McDonald's is a place I bet everyone has been to (except Leili). I've been there a few times, and my order has changed slightly. However, I have stuck to one order for the past few months. My breakfast order has always been the same and I love it. My order for the last four years has consisted of an Egg McMuffin, no sausage, and two hash browns. It has always been the same. Sometimes I get a drink with it, but half the time I have one at home instead. Now for my dinner order. It has changed multiple times, but I feel as if I keep going back to one order.. Ten-piece chicken nuggets, fries, a sweet tea, and sweet n sour sauce. Sometimes I get a cheeseburger instead of chicken nuggets, but I always go back to them. I hope that my order does change in the future and that I find more things I enjoy, but for the time being, I'm pretty sure I'm going to stick with that. An honorable mention is for around a month, every time I went to McDonald's I would get a McChicken with no lettuce and mayo. The only reason I stopped getting it is that one time I asked for no mayo or lettuce, they put mayo on it. I cannot lie, it was good, I just was mad they messed it up so I decided to stick to something simpler.

Jaila Craft



Root Beer Ranking

I am going to be ranking different root beer flavors. The first thing I did was smell them all. After that, I took a sip of #1. It tasted like root beer. There were not a lot of flavors and it was kind of flat. It was still good, but not the best.

Next, I tried #2. After my first sip, I knew that something was off. It did not taste like root beer. It tasted like Coke, but I did not know for sure. They were all supposed to be root beer, but with Mr.Collins, you never know.

The last one I tried was #3. This one tasted like root beer. It had a decent amount of flavor and was kind of flat, but not too bad. Overall this was the best one I tried. Also, #3 was sweeter than the other ones, and that is the main reason I chose this one to be the best one.

If you were wondering what the flavors were, I found out that #1 was Mug Root Beer, #2 was Diet Coke, and #3 was A&W Root Beer. I asked why #2 was Diet Coke and Mr. Collins said, "I could not find any other root beers at the gas station, so I got Diet Coke instead." An ordered list of which ones I liked best would go #3, #1, and lastly #2.

Elliot Smith

Top Three Chips

My grandma asked me recently, "Are there any chips you want from the store?" This made me think, what are the best chips? Some people have their preferences, but this is my opinion on the best chips. My number 3 spot is Veggie Straws. Many people hate Veggie Straws because they taste like vegetables. I like veggie straws because they have a unique flavor, unlike other chips. My number 2 spot is Spicy Sweet Chili Doritos. I like these chips because they have the ideal blend of spicy and sweet. In my number 1 spot is Pizza Pringles. They somehow perfected the taste of pizza into a chip and somehow get better every time you get them. In the end, I texted back to my grandma, "Spicy Sweet Chili Doritos please" because I was feeling like Doritos. When I got to my grandma's house, she was curious about the flavor and tried the chips and said they were one of the best chips she ever had.

Dylan Cockerill

Food



Pickled Corn

The first time I tasted pickled corn was when I was about 6 at my Nannie's house. When I first saw the corn in the jar, I was about to throw up it looked so gross. After I stared at the jar for an hour, I finally convinced myself to try it. She got the big jar down and I was so scared, she cut one ear of corn in half because I was only 6. It was amazing! So delicious! After I tried one piece I ate like three more. I asked her for the recipe, but she kind of ignored me. I went to her house a couple of weekends later and I ate almost a whole jar of pickled corn. A few years later when I was about 9, I stayed at her house for 2 days and she taught me how to make pickled corn, but I forgot after I made it. My mom came and got me and told me that I needed to brush my teeth because I smelled like pickles. I kept asking Nannie for the recipe, and she said later I always forgot to keep asking and I wished I asked more because when I was 11 I could not have any more pickled corn because my Nannie had passed away from cancer. So now I cannot have any more pickled corn. I've tried many different recipes, but they're not the same as my Nannie's pickled corn.

Zoie Spires

Why Everyone Should Hate Bread!

Imagine you're enjoying a wonderful sunny day then you suddenly start to hear your stomach grumble. You don't want to cook any four-course meal. You grab some bread from the cupboard. All of the ingredients are spread out before you, so you slather on any topping of your choice and you start to prepare your delicious sandwich as you let down your guard, not thinking that I am going to burst through your window and steal your bread to burn it. Then, out of the blue, I run through the window and do exactly that. I hate bread with every single atom in my body, every microscopic bacteria. Yeah sure, you can say I'm a monster. I really don't care. I have disliked bread since the day I was born. I wonder how so many humans can stand bread in general. I hate all kinds of bread. Sure I may eat French Toast, but the only reason I do is either that I'm hungry or I am being forced to eat it. I hate bread so much that I even wrote a short poem about it.

I don't care for this thing you call good
I do not care for this plain food

I know, I know. How could I have possibly written a poem. Believe it or not, I am the one and only author. This poem basically describes my hatred for bread. It's disgusting. Anyway, you shouldn't eat bread because you know what happened to the Egyptians? Their bread caused their teeth break down. In today's age, people put sugar in their bread, which could also lead to death from tooth decay. Be warned.

Issy Perez

Classroom Spotlights

Honors Band

Three out of sixteen students in our 7/8 band got chosen for honors band. Honors band is an event where some of the best band students around us get chosen to play in a big band. 93 kids from schools around us got chosen to be in honors band. Our band teacher, Mrs. Heegeman, nominated around eight people, but there was only space in the band for two trumpets and one clarinet. The people who got in were Leili Frollo (7th grade trumpet player), Elizabeth Grody (8th grade clarinet player), and me (7th grade trumpet player). Once we got there (around 8:15 AM), we registered and went to the band room, where plenty of other band kids were hanging out. For the next nine hours, we took on and off 15 minute breaks and 1 hour to 1 hour and 45 minute rehearsals.



Finally, after a funny looking sandwich for lunch and two itty bitty pieces of pizza for dinner, at 7:00 PM, we performed. The six songs we played were Stonehenge (Michael Story), Jupiter (Gustav Holst), Darklands March (Randall D. Standridge), Shepherd's Hey (Percy Aldridge Grainger (Arranged by Chip De Stefano)), Celtic Air and Dance No. 2 (Arranged by Michael Sweeney), and Storm Mountain Jubilee (Carl Strommen). Overall, we all had a decently good time.

RaeLynn Manning

MMS Hygiene Problems

I'm sure everybody knows that one guy who has bad hygiene, especially the students at Mancelona Middle School. This is because 70% of the students are "that one guy." That means if you're reading this, there is a pretty good chance you're one of them. If so, please shower. I'm speaking on behalf of all of the good smelling kids. You do not understand how many times my poor little nose has suffered in this building. You're probably thinking you can get away with not showering by using something like deodorant. I'm sorry to tell you this, but that does not work. You're walking around the school thinking you're so smart for using your new Axe deodorant, meanwhile, everyone can still smell your stench. Even if by some miracle it works, your hair gives it all away. Your hair shines like Mr. Collins' forehead under the radiating sun. As I'm writing this, I'm sitting in a chair with a pillow behind my head. This is because in my 3rd hour, someone else lays back in the chair. This spreads their grease into the cotton, which then would get into my unblemished hair if I were to also rest my head there. Hopefully, you finally decided to shower after getting this far. If so, the other 30% of kids including me are proud of you. You are not done though.

Not only do you have to start showering, you also need to brush your teeth. There have been multiple times I have been on the brink of throwing up after someone talks near my face. I'm sorry, but I and no one else want to smell the past 15 meals you've had. I can already guess most of the students at MMS don't brush their teeth just because of their closed-mouth smiles. They are scared to show their taxi-yellow teeth. If you're so insecure about your discolored teeth, just brush them. It's that simple.

I am praying that once this is published, everyone reading this fixes their hygiene. Then everyone's noses will be happy and you no longer have to be insecure.

Braden Campis



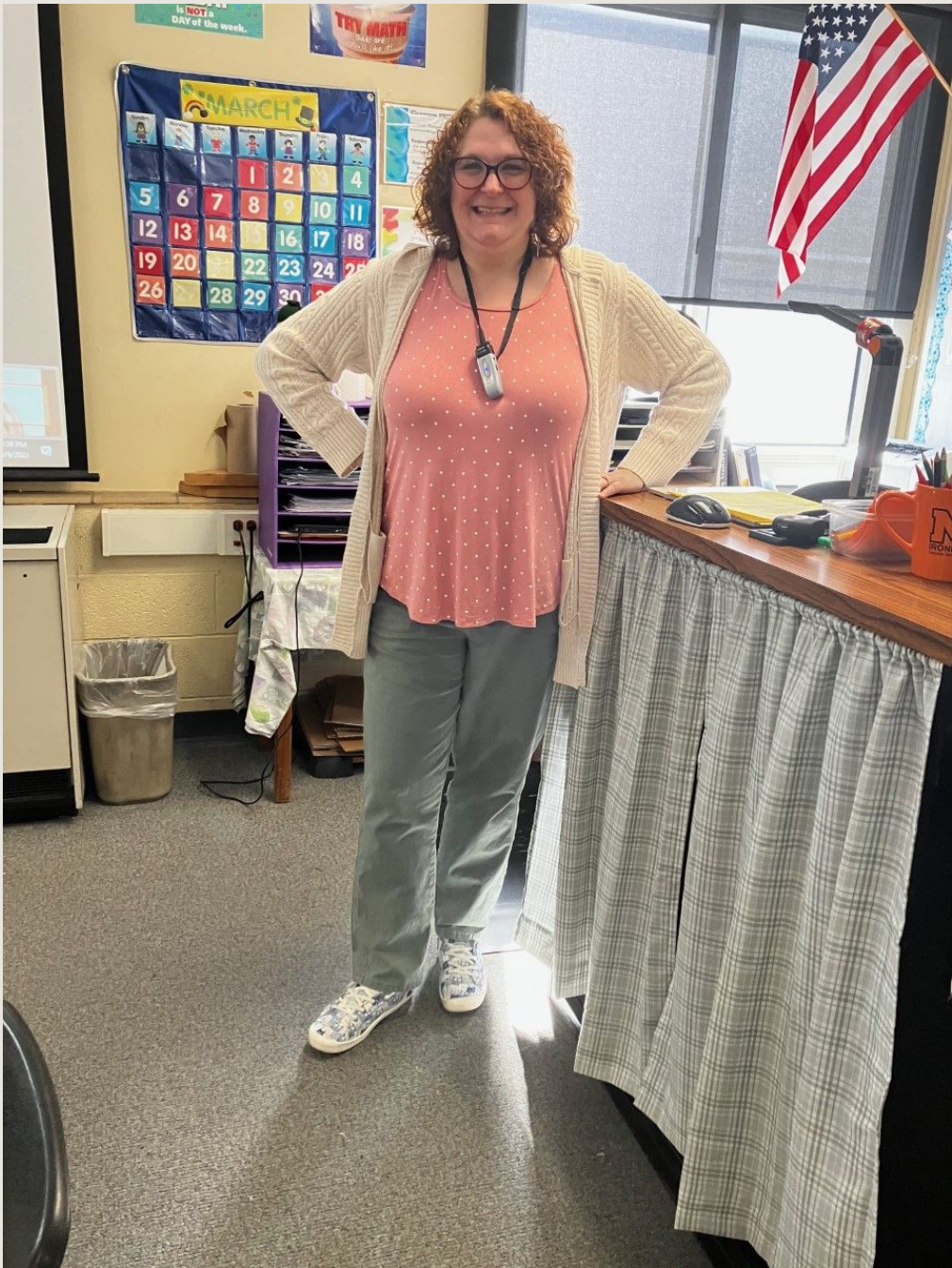
Classroom Spotlights

Mrs. Bernthal

One of my favorite things about Mrs. Bernthal's class is math lab Friday. Math lab Fridays are days that we get to sit with our friends and do our homework in class. We have a week to finish what we didn't get done. One of my favorite things about Mrs. Bernthal is that she can tell if you need help and she makes sure you understand what's going on in her class. Mrs. Bernthal's class is always motivated to work even if we don't want to. Math may be a boring subject sometimes, but Mrs. Bernthal always finds a way to make it seem

interesting. Years prior to Mrs. Bernthal's class, I struggled with math, but Mrs. Bernthal has helped me tremendously. She is very patient and understanding, which has helped me gain confidence in math. Ways that she has helped me are that she makes sure that I understand and can do the problems to a specific topic that I need help on. Another way she has helped me is by explaining the topic more specifically. Overall, I think that Mrs. Bernthal is a great teacher and definitely deserves to be the face of Bernthal Bucks because she is just that awesome.

Maddie Dombrowski



Mrs. Creighton

As you may know, a new teacher strolled into Mancelona: Mrs. Creighton. Hayden Russell and I wanted to ask her a few questions because she is the new talk of the town.

Q: What inspired you to start teaching this year's 5th grade?

A: I talked with principal and he said to come start in a week.

Q: How many lunch detentions do you think you will have to give out for the rest of the year?

A: I believe in the 5th grade, so 50.

Q: What town do you come from?

A: Oxford.

Q: Were you nervous about the 5th graders?

A. No. I knew they were gonna love me.

Q. Why Mancelona?

A. I have come here since I was a kid.

Q: What made you want to teach social studies?

A. It's a blast from the past!

Q: What is your opinion on the 5th graders?

A. Pretty cool.

Q. Anything that you would like to add?

A. I'm super excited to be here. I just love the staff and the students.

Question for class: Do you like Mrs. Creighton?

“YEAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH”
(with one “NO” from Brady Forfinski though)

Tiana Ashley and Hayden Russell

Reviews

Converse vs. Vans

Converse and Vans are two very popular and similar shoes in the school. There are several different ways to customize them. You can get high-top or add platforms to the bottom. Here are some differences between the two. Vans have slightly more detail than Converse. Vans have lots of stripes on them, whereas converse has less detail. Vans are a lot thicker than Converse on the inside and are more durable.

Usually people recommend high tops because they look better. Platforms are also usually preferred for both brands because people want to look taller. Converse usually last longer than Vans. Vans are meant more for skaters. Converse are more of just everyday shoes. Many people can also agree that Converse shoes are a lot less comfortable than Vans. Those are some of the main differences between Converse and Vans.

Ben Beddingfield



National Treasure: Edge of History

National treasure: Edge of History is a show on Disney+. The first episode was on December 14, 2022, and the first season just finished. The reason I love the show is because of all of the plot twists, the characters, and the puzzles.

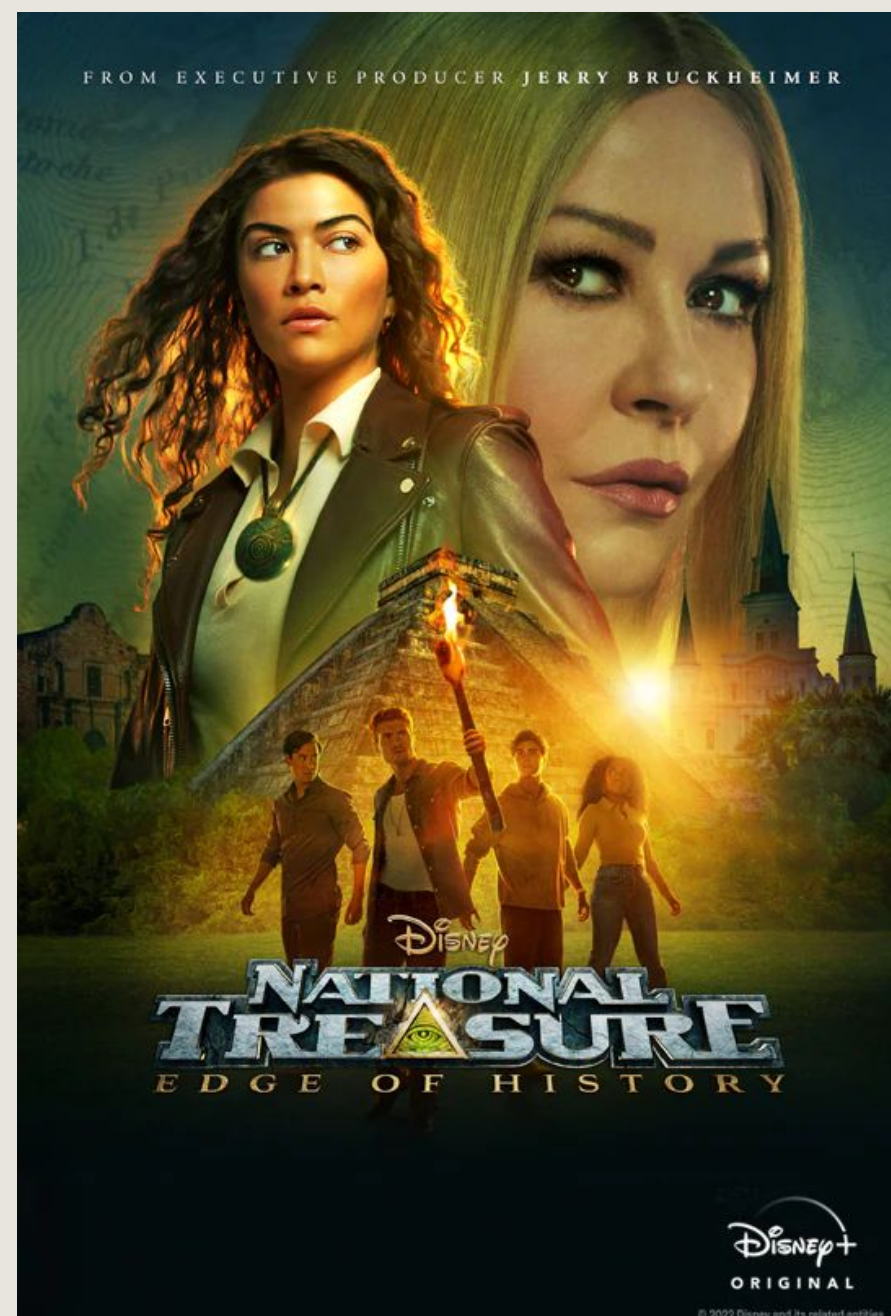
The plot twists start so early in the series that it makes you wonder, “how could it get more intense?” It always does, which constantly keeps me on the edge of my seat. I am one to close my eyes when anything gets a little bit scary, which is most of the show, but it’s just too good. I also like how the episodes are short.

The high intensity keeps me watching this every single Wednesday. So do the characters. Jess’s knowledge and Tasha’s hacking skills come in handy and make a lovable team. Tasha is my favorite character because of just how smart she is. I love the team sneaking around to find clues. I also love how everything ends up fitting together with real life to the point where it makes you think that it could be for real. It makes me happy and excited about what could be coming in the future.

I also love all of the puzzles and problem-solving that help everyone survive. Each puzzle is so unique and everything wraps up so nicely at the end. It is a great family-friendly show.

I love this show and recommend you watch it sometime. I can’t wait to see where this show goes. Also, if you completed my puzzle, you are a legend and I am so impressed.

Leili Frolo



Reviews

Horror Game Mascots

From blue blobs to bigger green blobs with teeth, horror games are a wonderful way to waste time. But it always wasn't like this. Once upon a time, in a land before Apple and TikTok started stalking people on their devices, the World Wide Web was flourishing with creativity. Gold still meant something back then, and I wish it still did. But if Garten of Banban taught us anything, it would be that we can't have good things anymore.

Mascot Horror Games are a sub-genre of the mainstream horror we all know today. The phrase was coined by a content creator, and even though nobody agreed with the name, it is used all the time today. This is the story for mascot horror games: wahoo kids toy thingy guy go GRRRRRRRRRRR and now it want you to go AHHH! UNO! Creepy guy was toy and came to life by some machine or SUBSTANCE!! *panting 43 times* then you got to do SO MANY FETCH QUESTS! It doesn't get more intuitive than that. Take Rainbow Friends (a game on Roblox) for example. In this game, you must walk past the colors of the rainbow while collecting some random set of items and putting them somewhere inside a facility. That is it, and it's all over the brain-dead portion of YouTube. Now how is this game considered scary? It isn't! Sure, it may be a little startling at first, but that is because you didn't realize you could transform into a box and become immortal. After you do the same mind-numbing thing a couple of times you commence the SLOWEST chase scene you'll ever see. It would take less time for a snail to cross a yard than Blue crawling through the vents after you.

It wasn't always this unintelligent. I think what began this was the game Tattletail. Now don't get me wrong. Tattletail is an amazing game. The story follows a young kid waking up a couple days before Christmas to see his gift early. He unwraps it, and until Christmas Eve, he is being hunted down by a demon known as Mother. Even though this won't make you play the game, you should definitely check it out, either by yourself or on YouTube.

Now back to the insanity. Picking back on what is currently the worst horror game to get attention, I introduce you to, STOP THE DRUMROLL PLEASE, Garten of Banban. If you have been online recently, you have probably seen the uncontrollable dumpster fire that is this game series. So far there are two, with the third probably around the corner. The first one has you waltzing all around a kindergarten looking for your lost child. In each of these games, you get access to a drone. With this drone, you control it via the use of one big button. After many "fetch quests," you're running from an inflated flamingo in a laughably bad chase scene. A bit later on and you're on a falling elevator because a huge green blob is staring at you. That's the first game summarized in 7 nutshells.

The second picks off right where you left off at; the Backrooms. You head towards another kindergarten and you commence the only good puzzle in this game. Once the good part is over, a red blob knocks you out and in order to proceed you must steal DNA from a whole bunch of dead blobs and snipe a big blue one with your drone (there is no indication that you need to do that with the drone by the way). Now you are on a big platform near a face that looks like it came right out of Sculpt Fab and then you make it into a hallway. The bird comes back and you must enter a door that opens where a white blob asks you questions. This part is in my opinion the best. You are sat in a seat with 3 other inanimate objects. The white blob asks you a set of questions (school related). To answer these questions you must play a tape recorder near one of the inanimate objects. Get it wrong and you get a game over. The game overs are a letter of the alphabet and a black screen. After you answer a set of questions you go to recess, you do a quick puzzle then you go back into the classroom but at a different seat. After this segment, you are now carrying small birds through an EXTREMELY LONG HALLWAY several times. These games are horrible. Nobody was prepared for the shock of the century. Not any human in the world knew how bad things could have gotten.

These games are made by the Euphoric Brothers, who I'm pretty sure are complaining about the games' backlash on Twitter. Not every Mascot Horror game follows the game style I mentioned earlier. Mr. Hopps Playhouse 1 and 2 are amazing examples of this, but I'm not too sure about the 3rd game. I've never seen it and only now have I heard of its existence.

Hayden Russell



Reviews

Duolingo

Duolingo is a language learning app that has 40 different languages you can learn and more coming in the future. There are over 100 million people currently learning new languages. Duolingo makes learning new languages fun and easy. One of my favorite things you can do on Duolingo is the Duolingo league. Every time you complete a lesson you get XP which goes towards the league. Every week if you're in the promotion zone you get promoted. There are 10 ranks in Duolingo. These are Bronze, Silver, Gold, Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald, Amethyst, Pearl, Obsidian, and Diamond. I think Duolingo is super fun and easy way to learn new languages. Duolingo is also good if in the future you are planning to go somewhere that primarily speaks a different language.

Dylan Cockerill



Author Review- April Henry



My review is on one of my favorite authors, April Henry. She has so many great books. Almost all of her books are located in our school library. I love April Henry's books so much, and I'm actually in the middle of reading one of her books right now, *Girl Stolen*. It's about this blind girl who accidentally got kidnapped in the middle of someone trying to steal a car, and when the kidnapper realizes there is a girl, he has no clue what to do with her. He then heard that her dad is the owner of Nike. So, he then holds her for ransom. If you want to hear more about the details and read what happens next, this book is also located in the library. Overall, I think I would rate this author a 4.5 out of 5 stars. I definitely recommend her and think you would like her if you are into mysteries.

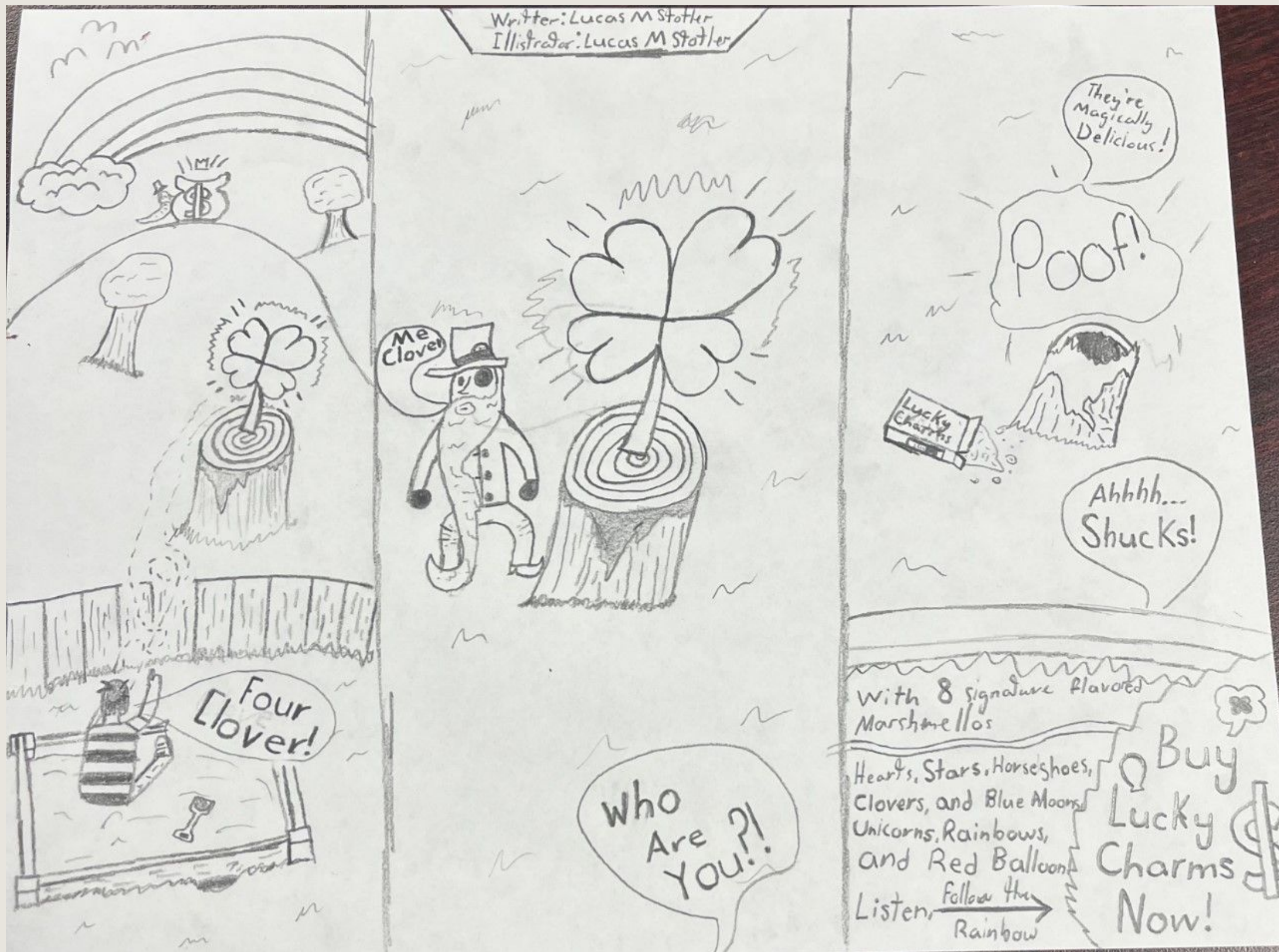
Tiana Ashley

March

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 27 | 28 | 1 Dominic Paulino and Trevor Thompson's Birthday | 2 Half Day Students For Parent-Teacher Conferences Trenton Gilland's Birthday | 3 No school For Students Teacher PD Day Hunter Singer's Birthday | 4 Hunter Stuck's Birthday | 5 |
| 6 Isabelle Wilson's Birthday | 7 | 8 Dean Stephenson's Birthday | 9 Chloe Kauffman and Xavier Marshal's Birthday | 10 | 11 2023 Slush Cup from 2:00 to 4:00PM | 12 Alexus Brown and Hailee Saganek's Birthday |
| 13 High School/Middle School Spring Sports 1st Practice Avery Vanden-Boschs Birthday | 14 Board Meeting @MMS From 4:30 to 5:30PM | 15 | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day Student Reward Day - Middle School Makayla McCarty and Alex Waldens's Birthday | 18 | 19 Brooke DePeel's Birthday |
| 20 | 21 Tyrone Phillips III's Birthday | 22 Katelyn North's Birthday | 23 | 24 Spring Break Starts At End Of Full Day Of School | 25 Lillian Brewer's Birthday | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Joshua Pearson and Bradly Tipton's Birthday | 31 Juniper Chisholm, Gabriella Marchant, and Zayden Miller's Birthday | 1 | 2 Jaylen Foster's Birthday |

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By: Lucas Stotler

Word Search Puzzle

St. Patrick's Day

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H A O O N N I I I F R W Q G P J M O K W L U H I G
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leprechaun
rainbow
parade
green

tradition
ireland
march

shamrock
clover
lucky

irish
gold

Trivia!

- Why is St. Patrick's Day celebrated on March 17?
 - It's the day Saint Patrick died in 461 CE.
 - It is Mr.Collins favorite
 - Thanose snapped his fingers
 - It is the day Saint Patrick was born.
- What's the symbol for gold on the Periodic Table of Elements?
 - Ag
 - Au
 - Go
 - Gl
- According to folklore, what's a leprechaun's occupation?
 - Uh cobblers are they shoemakers
 - Cereal scalesmen
 - Shoemakers
 - The ones to make the milk lake green
- Which breakfast cereal has "Lucky the Leprechaun" as its mascot?
 - Cinnamon toast crunch
 - Cheerios
 - Frosted flakes
 - Lucky Charms
- Which song is known as the unofficial anthem of Dublin, Ireland?
 - Molly Malone
 - Good Old Fashioned Lover Boy
 - Who Let The Dogs Out
 - Love Again
- According to Irish folklore, what will you find at the end of a rainbow?
 - Gold
 - A pot of gold
 - Leprechaun
 - Bill Nies test tubes
- What meat and vegetable dish is a trademark St. Patrick's Day meal?
 - Fettuccine alfredo with spinach
 - Fried chicken with brown
 - Corned beef and cabbage
 - Chicken pot pie
- True or false, the first known St. Patrick's Day parade occurred in Ireland.
 - True
 - False

Answers to the last month's questions

Brown

World Wide Web

The first ancient civilization

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An octagon