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## Unified Club Kicks Off at Woodglen

By: Emily Denis, Juliana Jennings, and Mary Kate Palmisano



Woodglen School recently launched its own Unified Club, and the activity is already off to a strong start! As one of Unified Club's advisers, Mrs. Sloyer, explained, "Unified Club is a place for all students, of all abilities, to work on school outreach and community outreach, but most of all to have fun."

We sat down with Unified Club's founding faculty members and students to better understand how the club is thriving here at Woodglen. First up for information about this awesome club was sixth-grade student, Douglas Wilhelms.

Q: Is there a specific reason that you are doing track and field as the sport for Unified Club?

A: No, not really. It's just for fun. The Unified Special Olympics is what the club is really called. Lots of schools do it all around the country.

Q: When does the club meet?

A: We meet every Wednesday, and we also do the Special Olympics!

Q: Are there any other upcoming events we should know about?

A: The club does a lot of things, and we work with Voorhees' Unified Club at the high school,

too.

Q: What do you think is the purpose of Unified Club?

A: To accept everyone.

Q: Why do people join Unified Club?

A: Because people's friends are in it. We started [as a club] with ten kids, but then the club got bigger and bigger!

Q: Why do you like Unified Club?

A: I have made tons of friends in Unified, and I like that about it!

Next, we heard from another participant of Unified Club named Jodi Lanka, who is currently in seventh grade.

Q: When did Unified Track and Field (TAF) start?

A: March 19th.

Q: Are you excited [for the club]? Why?

A: Yup! I just like to run a lot.

Q: What are you most excited for in Unified TAF?

A: I like running games, like the game "What Time is it Mr. Fox?"

Q: Who are the teachers that do Unified TAF with you?

A: One of them is Dana Weiss, and she is one of the coaches for our track team. Mrs. Sloyer also helps with the club.

Q: What made you want to join Unified?

A: My mom just talked about it with my brother, and it sounded fun! That is why I joined.

Q: What is your favorite sport [from Unified and the Special Olympics]?

A: It is a tie between swimming and track and field. They are both really fun!

Q: If there was something you could

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## A New League for Lacrosse Lovers

By: Patrick McGeough

Earlier this spring season, the Premier Lacrosse League (PLL) players announced the six teams and rosters by posting bitmojis of them and their teams, which is depicted above. The six teams have been named the Archers, Atlas, Chaos, Chrome, Redwoods, and Whipsnakes.

The founder of the league and two-time Major League Lacrosse (MLL) Most-Valuable Player (MVP), Paul Rabil, is on the Atlas Lacrosse Club along with other players such as Trevor Baptiste, Tucker Durkin, Kyle Hartzell, and Scott Rodgers.

The Archers have players like Tom Schreiber, Stephen Kelly, Kevin Rice, Matt McMahon, and Drew Adams.

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Next, the Chaos has Thomas Kelly, Miles Thompson, Myles Jones, Jeremy Thompson, Matt Rees, and Charlie Cipriano.

The Chrome team is sporting players including: Brendan Fowler, Jordan Wolf, Ty Thompson, Callum Crawford, Matt Danowski, Brandon Mullins, John Galloway, and Brett Queener.

Moreover, the Redwoods' roster has Greg Gurenlian, Joey Sankey, Joe Walters, Kyle Harrison, Sergio Perkovic, Brent Adams, Matt Landis, and Jack Kelly.

And lastly, the Whipsnakes have Joe Nardella, Matt Rambo, Ben Reeves, the newly graduated Rutgers Alumni - Jules Heningburg, Ryan Drenner, Connor Kelly, the Team USA Championship MVP - Mike Ehrhardt, and Dan Morris.

The PLL players will have four times the average wage of MLL players, access to health benefits, and a national broadcast deal with NBC Sports Group. There will be a 10-week regular season, an all-star weekend, two playoff weekends, and a champion on NBC. The PLL will also have helmet cameras, radar guns for how fast the shot goes, and referees will be mic'd up like in the NFL, so viewers can hear every call. It is going to be an exciting inaugural season for the Premier Lacrosse League!



## Two Elephants Die Days Apart

By: Juliana Jennings

Two elephants at the Indianapolis Zoo came down with the same symptoms within days of one another. The zoo immediately got medical test results so they could find the problem with the two elephants. It turns out that the elephants showed signs of elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus, which

unfortunately causes fatal hemorrhagic disease, meaning the elephants could not stop bleeding. This disease normally occurs in Asian elephants, but there is no cure for this disease, according to the zoo.

Nyah was the first elephant to pass away and the zoo said she was, "beautiful, fun, and curious". Kalina was the second young elephant to die, and she was only eight years old. Family members of the two elephants, including their siblings and parents, stayed with the elephants after their death "so they know why they won't be with them anymore." It was certainly a sad day at the Indianapolis Zoo recently.



## ASMR Trend Taking Over

By: Geneva DiRe

ASMR is the hot new trend hitting the internet all over the world! Did you know that ASMR stands for autonomous sensory meridian response? The most popular ASMR videos are made when a girl or a guy host goes into a quiet room with some type of food that will make a lot of noise. The ASMR video host uses very sensitive microphones to record the sounds that the objects in the room make. For example, a host might have food on the table in front of them like sushi. The host SLOWLY picks up the food, places it into their mouth, and then chews. The type of food is any food they may want. Some people prefer the sound of crunch, and others may prefer the sound of gloppy slime. I only watch these videos to get inspired to try new food, but if I will say that I prefer the crunch sound over the slime. After looking for and listening to many ASMR videos, I really wanted to try sushi, lobster tail, and salmon. ASMR can be something to be made fun of, but it can also help relieve stress and inspire new ideas!



## The Colonial Convention Calls Again!

By: Madison Marek

Last week, students participated in a seventh grade tradition: the Colonial Convention! Colonial Convention is a day where students dress up as a realistic character from the 17th and 18th centuries. Seventh grade students had to prepare a autobiography about a fictional colonial person's home, family, life as working their trade, and much more.

For extra credit, there were three options. First, students could prepare a dish from the 18th century that would most likely be eaten during the time. Another option was to draw an image of something from Colonial times such as a farmhouse, wagon, animal, or tool. Finally, students could also dye a string the old fashioned way, with natural dyes. To do this last option, students found recipes for dyes from foods that have color such as turmeric, beets, and black tea leaves. Additionally, there was a creative component to the Colonial Convention project, which was to make either a shingle, diorama, hand tool, pamphlet, dance or song.

Social studies teacher, Mrs. Loughman, was the conductor and judge of the Colonial Convention and based her assessment on how well we, the students, portrayed our roles. During the day, the whole grade performed a colonial dance and went on a scavenger hunt. During the night, there was an open house where students came back in costume with their parents and performed "My Shot," from the Broadway musical *Hamilton*. We also showed our parents and guardians all of our creative projects; the seventh grade teachers dressed up! The Colonial Convention was a lot of fun for everyone in the seventh grade who got to participate.

change about Unified Club, what would it be?  
A: That the kids could get more of a voice for what games we play and snack time. But I really do like [the club]!

Finally, Mrs. Sloyer, one of Unified Club's key organizers, offered some insight on the club's activities for this year.

Q: What is Unified Club?

A: Unified Club is a club for all students, of all abilities to work on school outreach and community outreach, but most of all to have fun.

Q: When did it come to Woodglen?

A: It just came to Woodglen this school year. It came here because we applied for a grant for the Special Olympics.

Q: What do you do at Unified Club?

A: We do a variety of things, all involving teamwork and working together. Most recently, we had our first fundraiser, which is selling Lucky Grams during lunch.

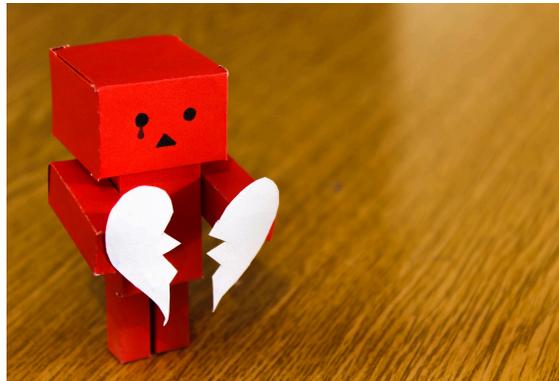
Q: What types of sports do you do?

A: This year, for spring we are doing track and field.

Q: When do you meet?

A: Unified Club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, and it is open enrollment, which means that students can come to meetings or join at anytime with a permission slip. These forms can be found online or on the bulletin board by the PAC.

It is obvious that the Unified Club is already making positive changes at Woodglen, and we are excited to see what else the students and the staff have in store!



## YouTube Sensation Zody is Over!

By: Geneva DiRe

Recently, Zoe Laverne and Cody Orlove broke up! They may have seemed like a perfect YouTube couple, but sadly every couple has flaws. They were so in love that they combined their names and created the name and hashtag #Zody. They shared a YouTube channel called Zody, and even had Zody merch!

Apparently, Zoe and Cody were on tour, but one day, Cody wasn't with Zoe. This was strange because the couple was always on tour together, but Cody got a gig alone. Unfortunately during this time, Zoe was not behind honest to Cody, so their relationship continued as the usual. About a week later, Zoe's bad behavior was shared with Cody.

A massive fight between Zoe and Cody followed, and Zoe screen-shotted all the bad talk and sent it to a group chat.

The next thing you know, the Zody drama was all over the Internet. People started hating on Zoe and when heard so many negative comments, she made up lies about Cody so that he would face the same criticism that she did. People started hating on Cody, too. Then, Cody got mad at Zoe and the two decided to talk over Instagram Live!

When I joined in the Instagram Live broadcast, there were 35.8k people watching! Zoe and Cody talked, decided to just be friends, and put their anger aside. Sadly, #Zody is officially over and YouTube viewers will have to find a new couple to watch!

## Hunterdon Hawks Track Club: What to Expect!

By: Abigail Sell

The Hunterdon Hawks Track Club began on March 25th. The club includes grades 2-8, and participants divided into three groups: bantams, midgets, and youths. Boys and girls are also separated.

The schedule for the Hunterdon Hawks Track Club include events like: javelin, shot put, hurdling, and long jump. Towards the end of the season, an event called the Mile Club will happen. The Mile Club is when each participant runs a mile, or four laps around a track, and each participant's finishing time is recorded. The Mile Club event also includes a t-shirt! At times after club meetings, everyone gets Rita's, and we also have big games of capture the flag: Boys vs. Girls. Feel free to join next year!



### Top Spring Break

#### Destinations

Compiled by: Abigail Sell

1. Cancun
2. Las Vegas
3. Jamaica
4. Miami
5. Cabo San Lucas
6. Dominican Republic
7. South Padre Island
8. Puerto Vallarta
9. The Bahamas
10. Punta Cana

### Upcoming April Events at Woodglen

**April 18th:** Schoolwide Don8  
Zone Color Run

**April 19-26th:** Spring Break



## Jenner to be Youngest Billionaire on Record

By: Madison Marek

Star Kylie Jenner, from *Keeping up with the Kardashians* is now worth a groundbreaking \$900 million (m) dollars at the age of 20. "The fashion guru" started selling her products from her makeup brand, Kylie Cosmetics, three years ago Jenner's older half-sister, Kim Kardashian west, has a notably smaller net worth of \$350 million.

Earlier this year, she announced that she would stop using lip fillers, also known as dermal fillers. Jenner admitted in an episode of *Keeping up with the Kardashians* that her lips had always been a insecurity of hers and she wanted to start injections in 2015. Kylie Cosmetics was created because of her lip insecurity for people with lips they are not happy about to use her products, and then started turning into a full on makeup business.

Jenner is in the top 27 on Forbes list as one of the self-made women in America, skipping ahead of Barbers Streisand, \$400m, Beyonce Knowles, \$335m, and Taylor Swift, \$320m. Jenners' company is worth \$800m according to Forbes. Dictionary.com specified that "self- made means having succeeded in life unaided."

One major question still lingers: when will Kylie Jenner officially become a billionaire?

## Profile on a Student Actor

By: Mary Kate Palmisano

The school play, *Once on this Island*, just concluded at Woodglen with a successful two-day run, but what is it like being an actor in a school production? I sat down with eighth grader, Matthew Di Giovanni, to ask

about his experience.

MKP: Did you like play practice?

MD: Yes, I did.

MKP: Who did you play in the play (*Once on this Island*)? What kind of part was it?

MD: I played Daniel, the lead male role.

MKP: How did you think the play went?

MD: I think we finally "got there," with a lot of practice. It was also good when people were able to focus on their talents.

MKP: How do you think the play will be different than last year's play?

MD: I think that *Once on This Island* had more of a plot line than the play performed last year.

MKP: What would you change about the play and play practice?

MD: I would change having more time to practice, because unfortunately, we lost days due to the snow.

MKP: Finally, were you excited to perform it for the other grades? Why?

MD: Yes, I was excited to perform for the other grades because it was fun. I like when the younger kids watch the performance.



## What Going on, Tik Tok?

By: Geneva DiRe

Ever heard of Musically? Recently, a company called Tik Tok bought Musically. Everyone was scared for the update, but now people actually love it. Tik Tok accounts sky-rocketed, and people were enjoying the app more than ever. However, at the end of 2018, Tik Tok deleted hundreds and even thousands of accounts. Shortly thereafter, news came out about Tik Tok. It turned out that Tik Tok was being used as an illegal way to steal young users personal information, like their

birthdays, names, and whatever else users were saying while using the app. Tik Tok had to pay over two million dollars to the government.

Rumor has it that soon Musically might be buying Tik Tok back, but they would delete every account that has under 100% followers. I hope this doesn't happen, and I hope that if Musically does buy Tik Tok back, everyone is able to keep their account.



## Woodglen's Trip Through Quo Destination

By: Madison Marek

Woodglen gives sixth to eighth graders the opportunity to travel with teachers Mrs. Szmajda and Mrs. Loughman. Each year, the two teachers, accompanied by students, travel to a new destination in or outside of the country. The trip includes mostly recreational activities along with an educational aspect, too. This year, the school will travel to Costa Rica, and partake in multiple different leisure activities. Zip lining and white water rafting are included, along with visiting an animal and child orphanage. Attending students will learn about the countries culture, attractions, and resources.

The trips will happen from June 25th to July 2nd this year. Typically there are two volunteer parents to drive the group to and from the airport. There are multiple meetings before the trip for additional information. Every year students enjoy themselves and experience a trip that will never be forgotten. In the words of John Wooden, "Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out."