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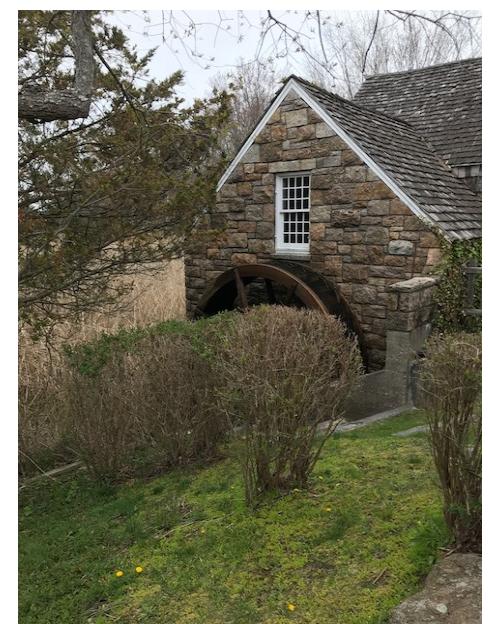
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A Walk Back in Time by Amanda Andree & Angelina Gentile

On April 30th, 2018 the Independent Research Class went back in time for their second field trip of the year. Today, I will be interviewing Angelina Gentile to help us find out how they "went back in time". (I was also on this trip.)

Angelina told me that she learned about the life of Abraham Woodhull. Abraham Woodhull was a member of the Culper Spy Ring. He was a part of the American Revolution against the British. Woodhull had a wife and three kids that he took care of. We walked through the graveyard and we saw his grave and tombstone. Angelina also said how our tour guide (Bev Tyler) taught us about the trees and types of wood that were used to build houses. The first type was the red cedar, it was the wood that made the shingles on the house. The next type is the white oak. It was used to make the frame of the house. The last type was the locust which made the fence around the house. Finally, we went to the church. Bev told us that currently, around 200 families go to the small church. The church was called The Caroline Church. It was very pretty and there was stained glass art that was made a very long time ago.

In conclusion, our field trip was very informative and she taught us a lot. Special thanks to Bev Tyler for spending his time teaching us about the Revolutionary War!





The Best Places To Go in the Summer
by Daissy Pereira



Summer is just around the corner and it's also the best time to take a vacation. So I decided to ask the students here at Saxton Middle School where they love to go in the summer. Here's what they said. Hopefully you can convince your parents to take you to one of these amazing places.

1. Disney World:
2. Universal Studios
3. Hershey Park
4. Miami
5. Coney Island, NY
6. Aruba
7. Niagara Falls, NY
8. Hawaii
9. Disneyland
10. Camping
11. The beach
12. The Bronx Zoo
13. The Riverhead Aquarium
14. New York City
15. Hollywood
16. New Hampshire
17. England
18. The Caribbean
19. Legoland
20. Splish Splash

21. Washington D.C.
22. Montauk, NY
23. Los Angeles
24. Puerto Rico
25. Cancun, Mexico
26. Turks and Caicos
27. Six Flags
28. Busch Gardens
29. Sea World
30. Maine



Summer Fun Facts
by Sarah Terletsky



I'm saying hello this one last time for this school year with my fun facts. We all know that summer is around the corner. Everyone is ready for warm weather and the beach. Someone was definitely ready with the world's largest beach towel! The world's largest beach towel was 285 feet 10 inches long, and 82 feet 8 inches wide. I don't think there would be any room left for regular sized towels on the beach! After trying to lay out that enormous beach towel you would probably be hungry. How about the world's most expensive hotdog? It was \$145.49 in California. I think I'll take the hotdog that's \$1.99. Maybe you want the world's largest ice cream sundae to go with that! It was 12 feet high, all made with 4,500 gallons of ice cream. But all that beach fun ends when it starts to rain. Just be happy it didn't rain as much as 1.23 inches in one minute like it did in Unionville, Maryland. When you finally leave the beach, you're dying from the heat. Luckily, you can turn on the air conditioner. The first air conditioner was made by a U.S. inventor Willis Haviland Carrier. The very first air conditioner was designed and built in 1902. To top this all off, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963 in Washington D.C. Have a happy summer!

Fun Times at the Library



Photographer: Amanda Andree

Owning a Guinea Pig by Amanda Andree

Guinea pigs are a pretty well-known pet owned by people all over the world. They make a great little friend and will always find a way to cheer you up. Today, I will be giving you some tips on owning one.

First, make sure that you have an appropriate sized cage. Each guinea pig will at least 7.5 square feet. But, it is best to have a big cage so they can run around! Next, you should make sure if you get one to put it in a good place in your home. You don't want to constantly be moving it around. Also, make sure that you let them have floor time every day. Floor time is when you take them out of your cage and let them run around. You can get a play pen, like what I have. Also guinea pigs are very social animals. You should get them a little friend so that way they are not lonely when you are not home. Make sure to always feed them vegetables. They need that vitamin c in their diet. You should feed them vegetables at least once every day. They also need timothy hay. At least 75% of their diet should be the hay.

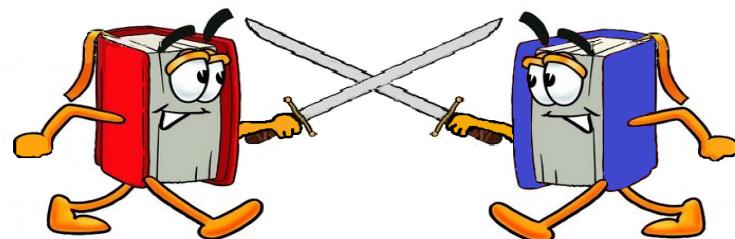
Some mistakes that guinea pig owners sometimes make is how they don't think that they need someone else with them. I know that this sounds weird but guinea pigs can actually get anxiety from this. Also, owners can get a cage that is too small. If that happens, you should definitely look into getting a new cage. You should never give a guinea pig iceberg lettuce, avocados, dairy products and any kinds of seeds or nuts. If you give them these things, it will cause them to get sick or even die.

In conclusion, guinea pigs are a very enjoyable pet to own. I hope you found the article helpful to you!



(These are my guinea pigs! From left to right it is Maple, Pancake and Syrup!)

Battle of the Books by Amanda Andree



The Battle of The Books is a fun event for the sixth-grade classes. This is hosted by Mrs. Franzese. It is all about the library's battle books so, she will be asking questions about these books to classes. This fun-filled event will be held on May 29th to June 1st. A few different books that will be used for this event will be *Short* by Holly Goldberg Sloan, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, *Double Fudge* by Judy Blume, *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan, *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt and so much more. It will be in the library from 1st to 2nd period on these days. According to Mrs. Franzese, she will be asking difficult questions to these classes. The class that wins the Battle of The Books will get to choose their prize. Their options will be a pizza party or a bagel breakfast. We all cannot wait until the Battle of The Books!



Jokes and Riddles by Ewan Hargraves

Q1: What comes down but never goes up?

Q2: How can a pants pocket be empty and still have something in it?

Q3: In a one-story pink house, there was a pink person, a pink cat, a pink fish, a pink computer, a pink chair, a pink table, a pink telephone, a pink shower- everything was pink! What color were the stairs?

Q4: A dad and his son were riding their bikes and crashed. Two ambulances came and took them to different hospitals. The man's son was in the operating room and the doctor said, "I can't operate on you. You're my son." How is that possible?

Q5: What goes up when rain comes down?

Q6: Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?

Q7: What travels around the world but stays in one spot?



5 Best Books for the Summer

It is so important to keep reading all year long. So we've made a list of the best books to read for the summer. Pick up a copy from the Patchogue-Medford Library and enjoy!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney: It's a new school year, and Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up before you're ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary.

Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling: The novels chronicle the life of a young wizard, Harry Potter, and his friends Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley, all of whom are students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The main story arc concerns Harry's struggle against Lord Voldemort, a dark wizard who intends to become immortal, overthrow the wizard governing body known as the Ministry of Magic, and subjugate all wizards and muggles (non-magical people).

Restart by Gordon Korman: Chase's memory went out the window. Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head, he doesn't remember anything. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again...starting with his own name. He knows he's Chase. But who is Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. One girl in particular is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head the first chance she gets. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is--it's a question of who he was . . . and who he's going to be.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio: August, nicknamed Auggie, is a 10-year-old with a facial deformity that causes others to avoid and even shun him. When he enters a mainstream school, Auggie must learn to cope with difficult new situations and new people. The narrative is told from the perspectives of Auggie, his new friends, his sister, and her boyfriend. Steele's Auggie is raspy, quick, and delivered in a conversational tone, while Rudd and Podehl give a full range of vocal performances that bring the remaining characters to full light.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle: Everyone in town thinks Meg is volatile and dull-witted and that her younger brother Charles Wallace is dumb. People are also saying that their father has run off and left their brilliant scientist mother. Spurred on by these rumors, Meg and Charles Wallace, along with their new friend Calvin, embark on a perilous quest through space to find their father. In doing so they must travel behind the shadow of an evil power that is darkening the cosmos, one planet at a time.

Answers:

1: rain 2: it can have a hole in it 3: there were no stairs, it's a one story house 4: the doctor is his mom 5: an umbrella 6: corn on the cob 7: a stamp

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Number Puzzle

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Try to fill in the missing numbers.
The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.
The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.
The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

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