

## A Few Uplifting Words

*By: Janelle-Stephanie Pascual*

Although this quarantine and pandemic  
Shows no end in sight,  
Each of us has the courage  
To win the battle in this fight.  
Even though the future is unclear,  
We can be guiding lights.  
It's in the darkest moments  
When stars like us shine bright.  
Despite the six feet that separate us,  
We must unite.  
Tomorrow may be uncertain,  
But we still have tonight.

Dear COVID-19, we're not giving up just quite.

## Remote Learning Update

*By: Audrey Lataille*

Remote learning was definitely a lot to get used to. A home is not the ideal place for focus and learning. There are many downsides to this quarantine, such as not interacting with your friends or teachers. You also can not leave your house unless you need to. Additionally, you have to stay six feet apart, so you can only see your immediate family that lives in your house. There are a few positives to this pandemic though. Now, there is less pollution from the lack of cars on the road. Students are also able to spend more time with their parents. We are also learning about cool things to do around the house. I video call a fellow RA Times writer Samantha Jarina and we watch a kickboxing video every Thursday and follow along with the video. This pandemic should hopefully be over soon, most importantly we are getting through this together.



Facts

By: Audrey Lataille & Marianna Mancini-Menditto



- The Ethiopian calendar has thirteen months, so it is seven and a half years behind.
- A town in Nebraska only has one person living there. She is a mayor, bartender, and a librarian.
- The only country named after a woman is Saint Lucia.
- Slugs have four noses.
- In Alaska, it is illegal to whisper in someone's ear while moose hunting.
- During World War II, Germany dropped fake pounds (British currency) over Britain to collapse their economy.
- Snails can sleep for 3 years.
- You can hypnotize a frog.
- 1 in 1,000 babies are born with an extra toe or finger.
- The person who plays Spongebob, Tom Kenny, his wife plays Plankton's robot wife, Karen.

Comedy Corner

By: Audrey Lataille & Marianna Mancini-Menditto

- How do dogs communicate?  
By tele-bone
- What do you call a peanut in space?  
An astronut
- Why did the chicken cross the road?  
Because he wanted to
- Which dog hates the color red?  
A bull-dog
- Knock-Knock  
Who's There?  
Who  
Who Who?  
Haha! Now you are an owl!
- Why are bananas never lonely?  
Because they hang out in bunches!!
- What do you call two spiders who just got married?  
Newly-webs
- What was the scariest prehistoric animal?  
The Terror-dactyl
- What do penguins like to eat?  
Brrrrrritos
- Why won't Mr. Bean go on another trip to France?  
He's BEAN there done that.



All About Dr. Fauci

By: Liam Sweeney

Dr. Anthony Fauci is an American physician and immunologist who has been on the news since the COVID-19 outbreak. Dr. Fauci was born on December 24,1940, in Brooklyn, New York. He is the second child of a first-generation Italian-American family and was raised by his two parents, Stephen and Eugenia. During his early years, he loved sports and played baseball, basketball, and football. When Fauci wasn't busy, he helped make deliveries and worked the cash register at his father's pharmacy. Dr. Fauci attended Regis High School in Manhattan where he was captain of the basketball team. He then attended the College of the Holy Cross where he focused on Pre-Med Studies. He graduated first in his class from New York City's Cornell Medical College in 1966. Fauci completed his residency and internship at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. In 1968, Dr. Fauci began his long career at the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. He became a senior investigator in the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation. Dr. Fauci made groundbreaking research in the field of immunoregulation and developed successful drug regimens for formerly fatal illnesses such as Lymphomatoid Granulomatosis and Polyarteritis Nodosa. Due to Dr. Fauci's success, he was promoted to chief of the Laboratory of Immunoregulation and was then promoted to the director of the NIAID.

In January 2020, reports of coronavirus emerged from China. As the reports emerged, Dr. Fauci quickly assembled a research team to work on a vaccine. He worked with his colleagues at the Center for Disease Control to prepare the U.S. for the coronavirus. Dr. Fauci has become a staple alongside President Donald Trump at news briefings. Dr. Fauci has a great deal of experience and is well-respected all over America.

Source: <https://www.biography.com/scientist/anthony-fauci>

35 Things to Do While in Quarantine

By: Stacy Diaz

- Re-do an old art piece
- Make a domino trail
  - Do yoga
  - Build a fort
  - Listen to a book
  - Read a book
  - Wash your hands
- Learn a magic trick
  - Cook
  - Karaoke
- Play a board game
  - Do a puzzle
  - Sleep
- Re-do your room
- Have an indoor picnic
  - Shop online
  - Draw
- FaceTime your friends
  - Listen to music
  - Dance
  - Read the Bible
- Learn a new dance
- Solve a Rubix Cube
  - Put on a face mask
- Solve a crossword puzzle
  - Write a poem
- Grow your own indoor plant
  - Make a cake
  - Clean your room
  - Watch TV
- Read the RA Times
  - Exercise
- Write your own story
- Learn a new language
- Make a bucket list

April Horoscopes

By: Noelle Imburgia & Christina Johnson-Duroseau

Source: CafeAstrology

- ARIES** 3/21-4/19  
Right now would be a good time to look inward and develop new initiatives. Due to the Balsamic Moon it is better to refrain from making very important decisions.
- TAURUS** 4/20-5/20  
This month it is very important to review and reflect on yourself and decisions you have been making recently, you will learn valuable lessons from this.
- GEMINI** 5/21-6/21  
Right now is great for exploring new things and starting new projects, your mind is clear and you are on a consistent, good path. You enjoy adding small details into your plans.
- CANCER** 6/22-7/22  
It is time to let go of the things you no longer need or are not happy with. Pay attention to everything you are doing this month because it can come back to you in both negative or positive ways.
- LEO** 7/23-8/22  
It would be good for you to take part in activities that help you relax, you may be stressed about a situation recently. Let that go and start off fresh for the months ahead.
- VIRGO** 8/23-9/22  
Do not take on new activities , Virgo. You are being very spontaneous and you will weigh your future self down with the decisions you are making today.
- LIBRA** 9/23-10/22  
This month is ideal for you to tie up loose ends and get closure. This month it may be nice for you to sort out your feelings regarding a topic. It's a very good month for you to observe your surroundings and sort out some of your thoughts.
- SCORPIO** 10/23-11/21  
This month is a great month for you to relax and reflect. It may feel great for you to organize your work and get your health routines in order. This month it is the best to build up your relationship with yourself. It is best this month to work on friendships and relationships.
- SAGITTARIUS** 11/22-12/21  
This month you may not feel as productive as you usually do however it is best to strive through and complete your goals. You should focus on your health both mentally and physically. It is going to be best for you to explore your inner needs.
- CAPRICORN** 12/22-1/19  
You may feel like you want to improve your circumstances. You're likely to discover desires that you never recognized as your view of the world. This is an amazing period of time for achievements. You might want to focus this energy on an important project.
- AQUARIUS** 1/20-2/18  
It is important for you this month to find the chance to release pressure and stress. The best way to handle this energy is to do your best to strengthen your relationship with your family and your friends
- PISCES** 2/19-3/20  
During this month you may be communicating more than you usually are. It is an ideal time to learn new things. As your mind is usually distracted this is a great time to focus and hone in your skills.



## Cartoon Countdown Part 2

By: Micah Gagarin

Here are some great shows that I recommend. These are not in any specific order so just because it's 3rd doesn't mean it's any better or worse than the 1st.

1. "Voltron: Legendary Defender" (Available on Netflix)

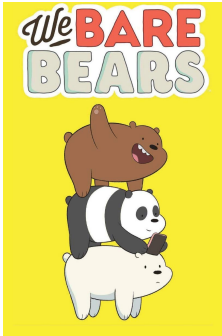
In Voltron you follow 5 cadets Earth training to become astronauts. After a few episodes they find magic-like spaceships that look like lions, each of them specifically chosen to pilot. They defeat enemies, and go on a Sci-Fi adventure in a universe with an energy called quintessence which can power vehicles and even magic. The five cadets use lions to form the Legendary Voltron, fighting the evil Galra Empire and saving the universe from it's wrath. It is a great show for quarantine, with a whopping 7 seasons. Though it sounds a bit strange, it is one of my favorite shows and is definitely worth checking out.

2. "We Bare Bears" (Available on Cartoon Network and Hulu)

In this show, you follow the funny adventures in the daily life of Grizz, Panda, and Ice Bear. Whether it's fighting the pigeon cartel or making cupcakes, it is always a blast to watch. They make many friends like Charlie (Big foot), Ranger Tabes, a young genius named Chloe, and many more. There is not really an overarching plot, so it is very easy to watch and keep track of, as well as take a break from.

3. "Uncle Grandpa" (Available on Cartoon Network, Netflix, and Hulu)

Uncle Grandpa is about the hilarious travels of Uncle Grandpa and his gang. Which consists of a talking pizza, a lazy dinosaur, and a tiger that flies on rainbows, and of course Uncle Grandpa's talking/magical fanny pack. Uncle Grandpa's sole mission is to help every kid who has a problem in the entire world. His "help" ends up turning into wacky adventures. You never know how each episode is going to end. It's a very easy and simple show to watch especially geared towards a younger audience.



## Earth Day

By: Stacy Diaz

Every year on April 22 we celebrate Earth Day. This is the 50th year that Earth Day is being celebrated. Earth Day first started on April 22, 1970 thanks to Senator Gaylord Nelson. Senator Nelson always believed that since we only have one Earth that it was important to take care of it. Senator Nelson declared that Earth Day would be celebrated on April 22 every year. Every year more than 20 million people do different activities to celebrate this day. Some activities include: planting something, riding bicycles, carpooling, and many more. Students in Nursery through Second Grade in music class (online) with Ms. Heal had the opportunity to create recyclable instruments in honor of Earth Day. You can see some of the creations below. They all did a very great job.



By: Marianna Mancini-Menditto

### Guacamole

Serves 4

- Ingredients:**
- 2 ripe avocados, halved and pitted
  - 1 tablespoon of fresh lime juice
  - 1/4 cup of finely chopped red onion
  - 1/4 cup of chopped fresh cilantro
  - 1/2 cup of finely chopped tomato
  - 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped

**Directions:**

- Scoop the avocados from their shells into a serving bowl. Sprinkle them with lime juice. Using a potato masher or fork, mash them.
- Stir onion and cilantro, along with tomato and jalapeno. Then serve with tortilla chips.



### Baked Salmon

Serves 4

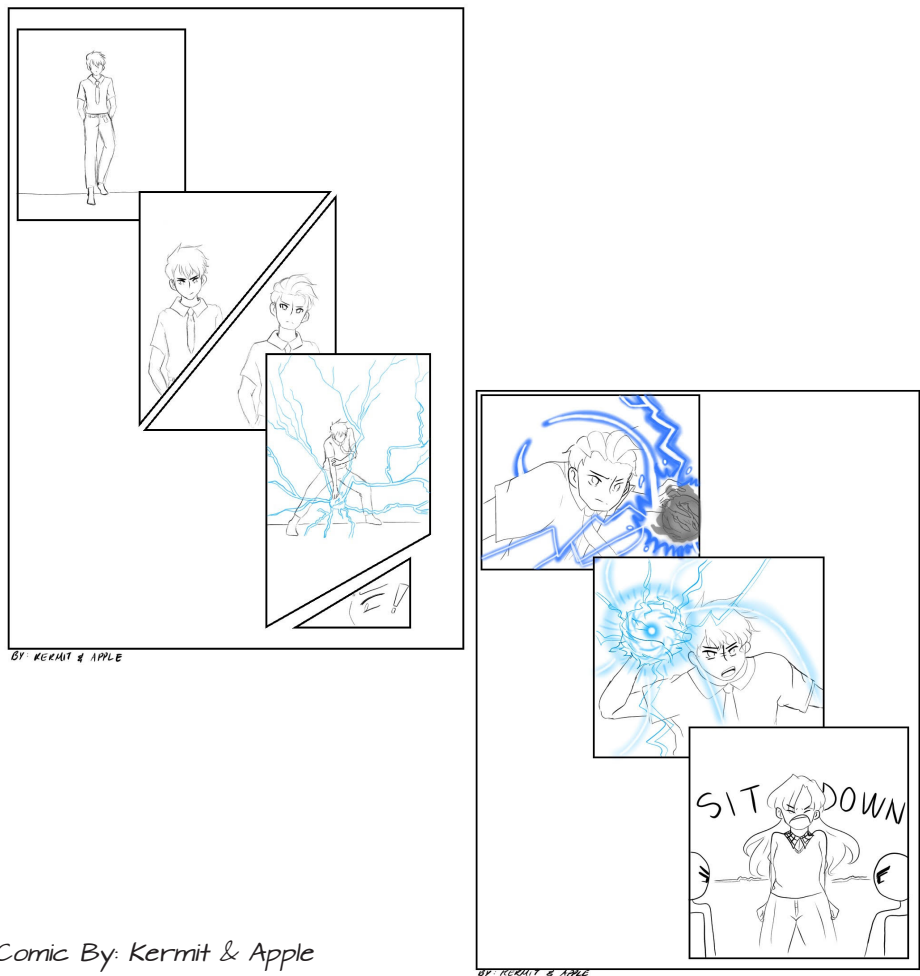
- Ingredients:**
- 4 skin-on salmon fillets
  - Salt and Pepper
  - 3 tablespoons of olive oil
  - 1/2 cup of white wine
  - 1/2 cup of lemon juice
  - 2 tablespoons capers (optional)

**Directions:**

- Preheat the oven to 400° Put the salmon skin side down in a pyrex glass baking pan. Season it with one tablespoon of olive oil and salt and pepper. Let the salmon sit for 10 minutes. Drizzle the white wine over the salmon, sprinkle 1/4 cup of parsley. Put the pan in the oven and cook for 15 to 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a separate bowl, mix lemon juice, remaining parsley, 2 tablespoons of olive oil and capers. Top each salmon fillet with the lemon juice mixture and serve.







Comic By: Kermit & Apple

Riddles

By: Liam Sweeney

- David’s Father has three sons: Snap, Crackle and \_\_\_\_.
- What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you?
- This is as light as a feather, yet no man can hold it for long. What am I?
- What word contains 26 letters but only has 3 syllables?
- What has lots of eyes but cannot see?
- What gets bigger and bigger the more you remove from it.
- What is tall when it is young and short when it is old?
- What tastes better than it smells?
- What is the center of gravity?
- There is a one-story house and everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

Answers:

- David
- Your Name
- Your Breath
- Alphabet
- Potato
- Hole
- Candle
- Your Tongue
- V
- There are no stairs. It is a one story house.

Movie Review: "Hook"

By: Gabriel Popa

Rating 5/5

“Hook” is a 1991 fantasy children’s movie directed by Steven Spielberg. “Hook” is about a grown-up Peter Pan played by the late Robin Williams and the memorable Captain Hook, played expertly by Dustin Hoffman. Captain Hook also has a partner named Smee played by Bob Hoskins. The battle begins when Peter and his wife go to a dinner to honor Wendy Darling played by Maggie Smith. When they get back, Peter’s children are gone. Later that night, Peter sees something tiny and when he investigates what it was, it was Tinkerbell played by Julia Roberts. Tinkerbell takes Peter to Neverland, and together they team up with the lost boys and their leader named Rufio, played by Dante Basco. They go to Neverland and have an all out war against Captain Hook, Smee, and the other pirates.

“Hook” is an excellent movie. It is a timeless classic. Everyone did a great job on this movie. I also love the famous quotes in this movie. I recommend this movie. “Hook” is available on Netflix. I give this movie a 5/5.

Book Review: Maus

By: Audrey Lataille

"Maus" is a two book series about World War II. Written by Art Spiegelman, it is about his Father’s experience as a survivor of the Holocaust. His Father had to go through a very rough time as a prisoner of the Germans. Each race in the book has its own animal as a symbol. The Jewish are mice and the Germans are cats. It explains the hardships of the Jews during this time of war in Poland. Currently, Art Spiegelman, lives in Rego Park, which is where Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy is located. This is a big honor for everyone in Rego Park.

Most people would consider it a sad story. I recommend it for students who are in fourth grade and above.

