



The Dangers of Underage Drinking

by Lei-La Barrus

Many teens don't realize the dangers of drinking until it's too late when their body starts being dependent on alcohol. Being dependent on alcohol means a person feels they're not able to function or survive without it and that drinking becomes an important or sometimes the most important factor in their life.

Why do teens drink? The one question everyone asks. Well, stated in the National Institutes of Health "As children mature, it is natural for them to assert their independence, seek new challenges and engage in risky behavior. Underage drinking is one such behavior that attracts many adolescents. They may want to try alcohol but often do not fully recognize its effects on their health and behavior." Other reasons youth drink alcohol include peer pressure, increased independence, stress or the desire for it. Despite age 21 being the legal drinking age, children as young as 12 years old have engaged in under-age alcoholism. "In fact, more than 70% of teens have consumed at least one alcoholic beverage by the time they reach age 18, which is still under the legal age," according to Underage Drinking Statistics.

There are many risks when it comes to drinking. Alcohol affects your brain first, then your kidneys, lungs and liver. The affect on your body depends on your age, gender, weight and the type of alcohol. This is how it can affect the brain. The National Institutes of Health says, "Alcohol makes it harder for the brain areas controlling balance, memory, speech and judgment to do their jobs, resulting in a higher likelihood of injuries and other negative outcomes. Long term heavy drinking causes alterations in the neurons, such as reductions in their size." Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant. This means that it is a drug that slows down brain activity. It can change your mood, behavior and self-control. It can cause problems with memory and thinking clearly which is why alcoholics behave the way they do.

How can alcohol affect the kidneys, lungs and liver? Alcohol causes changes in the function of the kidneys and makes them less able to filter the blood. Alcohol also affects the ability to regulate fluid and electrolytes in the body. When alcohol dehydrates the body, the drying effect can affect the normal function of cells and organs, including the kidneys. "Alcohol's damage to lung cells and the immune system is so well known that it is a syndrome termed alcoholic lung. One study showed that chronic alcohol use can start to harm the lungs in as little as six weeks. Alcohol abuse can also cause inflammation and harm cells in both the upper and lower parts of the airway. Each time your liver filters alcohol, some of the liver cells die. The liver can develop new cells, but prolonged alcohol misuse over many years can reduce its ability to regenerate. This can result in serious and permanent damage to your liver." -Information provided by NHS Inform Illnesses and conditions.

Alcohol can and will ruin your life so don't drink and definitely don't start now. Underage drinking is the worst overall because of all the health risks. Yes, you still have health risks as an adult, but as a teen it is much more dangerous and you're putting yourself up for much worse things to come.

UNDERAGE DRINKING Teen Health Risks from The Stand Project

1. BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Alcohol affects two crucial parts of the brain, the hippocampus and the prefrontal lobe, which are vulnerable when a teenage brain is developing. The hippocampus is responsible for memory, and the prefrontal lobe is important for planning, judgement, decision making, impulse control and learning. Drinking alcohol when these parts of the brain are still developing can result in irreversible brain changes that can impact decision making, personality, memory and learning.

2. MENTAL HEALTH

Drinking alcohol puts teens at higher risk for depression, anxiety and low self-esteem.

3. GROWTH AND ENDOCRINE EFFECTS

Drinking alcohol prior to or during puberty may upset the critical hormone balance necessary for normal development of organs, muscles and bones. Studies in animals also show that consuming alcohol during puberty adversely affects the maturation of the reproductive system.

4. ALCOHOL POISONING

Too much alcohol at one time can cause injury or even death. This can occur with having as few as 4 drinks in 2 hours. Drinking too much too quickly can affect your breathing, heart rate, body temperature and gag reflex and potentially lead to a coma and death.



5. ADDICTION

Alcohol short-circuits the teen brain's reward system, where using alcohol and drugs becomes the only way to experience pleasure and avoid pain. The younger teens are when they begin drinking, the more likely they are to develop a problem with alcohol. Drinking in excess can lead to use of other drugs like marijuana, cocaine, prescription drugs and heroin.

6. INJURY OR DEATH

Teen drinking can lead to decisions that cause harm. This makes any of the following more likely to occur: car crashes, falls, drowning or other accidents, suicide, violence, homicide, being a victim of a violent crime.



Ay Caramba, The BART Trains Rule!

by Ian Kesterke

In the San Francisco Bay area there are these trains called the BART trains. This stands for Bay Area Rail Transportation. This is used by locals who have access to the BART trains. Local resident Peter Orłowski says, "The convenience of getting on the train so easily is the nicest thing, and you don't have to drive in traffic." When I visited San Francisco I rode the BART trains and it was a thrill! The train I rode in on was newer and reminded me of a subway. We passed cars and rode over freeways up to 5 lanes! The people my family and I sat by were two guys. My dad said during the ride, "There is no way that guy hasn't eaten a bug!" As I looked out over all of the scenery, the experience was unreal. The train had knife looking things in between the cars to keep people out from in between the trains. The train ride lasted for about an hour. We spent the day in the San Francisco mall and around San Francisco. On the train back I rode on an older train from around 1979. There were multiple posters about California state law saying that certain seats were for the elderly, pregnant and disabled. I at least saw all of those people standing up with perfectly capable people sitting in those reserved seats. The ride back was a lot more fun. The train was faster and was louder. But other than that, the doors were not working quite correctly. Overall, the ride was amazing and I would definitely recommend it to anyone interested in riding the BART trains when they are in the San Francisco Bay area.



National Nurses' Day

by Savannah Alumbaugh



Giving thanks to the ones who take care of us

National Nurses Day is a day to recognize nurses. In 1981 a resolution was made by nurses in New Mexico to make May 6 a national day to recognize Florence Nightingale's birthday, who is the founder of modern nursing. Then in 1954, the day was changed to a week-long event at the 100th anniversary of Florence's pioneering job in Europe. Although it got changed to a week long, most people only celebrate it on May 6. What people do to celebrate, and what is encouraged, is to especially acknowledge your nurse. Nurses work typically 12 hour shifts and get called unexpectedly all the time. They also are exposed to illnesses and viruses all the time so technically they are risking their lives for you and taking time out of their day, so if you ask me they definitely deserve a day of recognition!

RESCUE THE RHINOS

by Tristan Wolfe



Bring awareness to the endangerment of the rhinoceros!

Animals all over the world have gone extinct due to habitat loss and human activity, such as over-hunting and poaching. Though not extinct, the rhinoceros population is starting to decrease drastically and is now listed as endangered, this includes all five species. Rhinos are often hunted for their horns, either for decoration or for medicine in some places such as Asia, they are also used for trade. On May 1, Save The Rhino Day is celebrated in hopes to bring awareness to the decline of this beautiful creature. Stated in the article, Save The Rhino Day, from National Today (with an unnamed author) "On average, one rhino is poached somewhere in the world every 22 hours." Luckily there are ways you can help save these beasts from complete extinction, for example you can become more educated about rhinos, so here's some background information. Rhinos have been on this planet for a long time now, early rhinos were even seen in ancient cave paintings. When they first came around, they were very different from their modern day counterparts, though over time, they gradually became more like today's rhino. Surprisingly, early rhinos had no horns and were horse-like. Rhinos are mainly found in places like Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and Kenya, though this often depends on which species they are, these species include the black, white, greater one-horned, Sumatran, and Javan rhino. Fun fact, rhinoceros horns are very similar in material to our nails! These animals are popular symbols for things like companies, but sadly, the important information is not getting across to all and people overlook the issue. We can not afford to lose any more of our beloved animals so please spread awareness about saving rhinos today either by learning about them, informing others, or donating to a rhino-saving foundation!

The History of Mother's Day

by Penelope Andre

Have you ever wondered about the history of Mother's Day? The first Mother's Day was on May 9, 1914. The person who started it in the United States was Anna Jarvis. Anna had the idea of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. The reason mother's day is in May is because Anna's mother Marie died on May 9, 1905, and Anna, missed her mother greatly.

President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day a national holiday in the United States. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14, 2023. A Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia was the first place to celebrate Mother's Day.

There are many things people purchase that represent Mother's Day. The flower that symbolizes Mother's Day is a White Carnation. The bird that symbolizes Mother's Day is the Dove. The white carnations were the symbol of Mother's Day because they were thought to "typify some of the virtues of motherhood. Whiteness stands for purity; its lasting qualities, faithfulness; its fragrance, love; its wide field of growth, charity; its form, beauty. Mothers Day falls on different days in different countries depending on their history surrounding it, or their set traditions for celebrating mothers. 84 percent of families in the U.S. celebrate Mother's Day. What are you getting your mother for Mother's Day?



Star Wars Day

A Story About The Birth of a Galaxy Far Far Away

By: Zephyr Burch



Many people think of Star Wars as being a series about a group of people with big light sticks and so much lore that not even a rabbit could dig through it all! Some people like myself actually did and we have some stories to tell you.

Chapter One, The Birth of a Galaxy: as many people know the movies are made by George Lucas. What you may not know is that the actual comic series that was adapted from the movies was made by Archie Goodwin. Going back to Lucas, he first proposed the idea of Star Wars in 1971.

Chapter Two, References To The Month Itself: Softschools states that "The first reference to May 4, 1979 and Star Wars occurred on The London News that said, "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie." Believe it or not if you haven't noticed that every Star Wars film comes out near the same day Lucas' birthday is May 14th. Every Star Wars film is released the week after his birthday.

Chapter Three, The Last Chapter: Lucasfilms owned Star Wars until 2012 when Disney bought it. There has been some confusion as to what movies were made by Lucasfilms and what movies were made by Disney so we made a list so you don't get confused like some others. The movies in order of release dates are listed below.

Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope (1977) - Lucasfilms

Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back (1980) -Lucasfilms

Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi (1983) -Lucasfilms

Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (1999) -Lucasfilms

Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (2002) -Lucasfilms

Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005) -Lucasfilms

Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens (2015) -Disney

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (2017) -Disney

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (2019) - Disney

The Importance of World Hunger Day

By: Piper Wells

World Hunger Day is very important to humanity because many people around the world have to live through this constant issue.

World Hunger Day is on May 28 every year. Explained in the article, The Root Causes of Global Hunger, Action Against Hunger, many people around the world have to experience being hungry because of many reasons such as climate change, conflict in the area, weak governments, etc. This day is to acknowledge all of the things that are a problem in world hunger. This has been a problem for a very long time but still people continue to fight and help get rid of this issue. World Hunger Day was created because of the Hunger Project from 2011. The Hunger Project is about ending world hunger obviously and it was founded in 1977. The goal with the Hunger Project was to end world hunger in 25 years (The Hunger Project).

After that, nearly 10% of the world and more than 820 million people, specifically 828 million, have to face global hunger, Global Hunger Crisis in 2023, Action Against Hunger says. The top five regions that have the worst of hunger are middle Africa, East and Western Africa, the Caribbean, and Southern Asia. Out of all of these places, middle Africa has the worst of it with a percentage of 31.8, stated in Five Worst Spots For Hunger, World Vision. The reason Africa has the most terrible hunger problem is because of poverty, unstable markets, conflict, climate, and poor agriculture investments (World Hunger Day, National Today).

Last but not least, many children and adults are going hungry because of this, they have been suffering through this constant pain and sickness. Cause of Hunger, Action Against Hunger claims, "when children don't have enough food, their brains and bodies suffer. It stops them from growing, learning, and working," that's why we need to prevent it from happening even more because there are children who die everyday.



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Orgins of Softball

How softball came from the ground up



by Vedo Arno and Elivia Elliot

Have you ever wondered when softball became a sport? Well, we've got the news for you. Believe it or not, softball actually used to be an indoor sport. Now, softball is a sport for girls and women all over the world, but it hasn't always been. It's widely agreed that softball developed from a game named indoor baseball which was first played in Chicago Illinois in 1887. Softball went through many names such as, kitten ball, mush ball, diamond ball, indoor-outdoor, and playground ball, but in 1926 it was renamed "Softball." There were many changes in the rules, size, type of playing equipment, and size of the field. No one really had softball equipment, so they had to make it. The fundamentals of softball and baseball are very similar but not the exact same. Softball is different from baseball because softballs are bigger than baseballs. Softball pitchers also pitch underhand when baseball players pitch overhand. Baseball fields have grass surrounding the pitcher's mound and softball fields just have dirt.

It definitely sounds crazy but it's completely true. Another thing about softball is that it was created by men, and still sometimes played by men. Before the year 1993 softballs used to be white, in competitive play the softball is still yellow the official color, while white softballs are meant for recreational leagues and sometimes slow pitch.

The actual softball was made out of a boxing glove tied up in its laces and the bat was a stick. It definitely sounds crazy, but it's completely true!

Baseball at Springbrook

Spring is in the air and it is nice to hear the sounds of those bats cracking and the crowds cheering once again.

by Logan Snyder

Baseball at Springbrook began on April 10, practice started after school. The coaches are Nick Evans and Dennis Vore. They are splitting up into two different teams: Team Blue and Team White. Coach Evans' team had their first game on Tuesday, April 18.

After interviewing the coaches for some insight on their goals for the season, Coach Vore responded, "I want every player to feel like they are a part of a family." He also said how he wants to teach the boys to work hard in practice every single day to have better results on the field.

As far as winning games, he said he will try his best to train his team to win as many games as possible. He also stated that he is going to try to teach them to learn from the mistakes that cost them to lose the games. He goes on to say that it is a great feeling to win but he is more focused on how well they play on the field.

After the first interview with Coach Vore, Coach Evans was next. Evans says that his goal for the season is for every player to get better after every day and for them to be better than they were at the beginning of the season. "The wins and losses don't matter as we can't win a district championship in middle school," he says.

He added that he will be measuring the teams' success on how they performed all season. "How hard did we work in practice? Has each player made strides in their performance?". Coach Evans also wanted to mention that he was proud to see so many guys turn up for baseball this year. He was also impressed with the amount of encouragement, leadership and enthusiasm. The coaches and the players are excited because this should be a great season!



Nicole Rodacker and Gymnastics

by Logan Snyder

There is no gymnastics team at Springbrook Middle School, so Nicole Rodacker was interviewed to get some information about her for this edition's Student Spotlight. Nicole competes in gymnastics at TGA (Tecumseh Gymnastics Association). During meet season, Nicole has earned quite a collection of ribbons: two 1st place ribbons, four 2nd place ribbons, four 3rd place ribbons, one 4th place ribbon, seven 5th place ribbons, three 6th place ribbons, three 7th place ribbons, and four 8th place ribbons. What an accomplishment!

She explained that there are four different events that female gymnasts complete in: vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor exercise, but adds, "My favorite event is floor because I love doing the tumbling and there's dancing in it when you're not upside down. Routines have a total of three tumbling passes with dancing in between. I would say my best event is vault because I scored the highest in that event. My highest score is in vault with a 8.15 out of a perfect ten."

Nicole really emphasized how important it is to have good balance in gymnastics or else you will fall and hurt yourself. She then explained that you have to be very flexible to do gymnastics. She said she loves gymnastics because "It's very enjoyable and exciting to learn new skills." She also mentioned that it is super important for gymnasts to stay healthy or else they will have to miss quite a bit of time or be forced to play through the pain, considering gymnasts get hurt a lot.

Rodacker said that she is excited to be a part of the high school team because it is a step up from the recreational team. "I'm very excited for high school gymnastics because I will have a lot more to do than just the recreational gymnastic season and it's in my own school so practices will be easy because it's in my hometown." Her future goal is to become a college gymnast to compete at that level, and study sports medicine in order to help other athletes when they are injured. Nicole even would love to teach children gymnastics and help them with their skills too.



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Saving The Earth

Celebrate Earth Day All Year Long!

by Tristan Wolfe



Though it has passed already, Earth Day should be celebrated all year long. This holiday takes place on April 22 every year, and is dedicated to saving our planet. Doing so can take many forms, for example, cleaning up litter, re-planting trees, and keeping our overall home safe and free from pollution. “The number of garbage trucks Americans fill each year would stretch halfway to the moon” says Rose Davidson, in the History Of Earth Day article, from National Geographic. This is absolutely insane! And part of the reason why recycling is such a big deal. Recycling can help reduce the amount of trash in landfills, plus taking part in recycling helps create new things safely. Materials such as plastic don't break down easily, which is why we should use biodegradable objects to keep our soil clean. Continuing with this, tons of trash fill our waters, polluting what we drink and hurting wildlife.

Turning the focus over to the trees, “Researchers estimate roughly 15 billion trees in the world are cut down each year.” -Rose Davidson, History Of Earth Day, National Geographic. Trees are important to everyone on earth, they provide resources for building and making products, as well as making our air safe to breathe. Not only that, but they also are a food source for both humans and animals! For example, some trees grow food and leaves for humans and animals to eat. Some trees are also used as homes by animals, meaning that deforestation not only takes away food sources and good air, but also the homes of animals, which can lead to extinction of some species.

How can you celebrate Earth Day? Well, there are many easy ways! You can walk around and pick up trash. Almost anywhere you go, there are bound to be pieces of trash on the ground. Pick it up! It's not hard and takes about a second of your time, so next time you see trash on the floor, rather than be outside, in a building, or even in or near a body of water, pick it up and find a recycling bin or trash can. Plant a tree! There are many programs for planting trees to help grow our forests back. It's both fun to see your tree grow, and helpful for our planet. Again, recycle, recycle, recycle! It really makes a difference! Instead of driving, walk to your destination if possible. Gas produced from cars can be harmful to the environment, polluting the air. Lastly, donate or join an organization dedicated to helping save our planet. Though the damage done to our home can't be completely reversed, it can be decreased if you just do a couple of tasks and change your lifestyle to help out the Earth!

We want to see your pets!

Would you like a picture of your pet published in the next Brook Report? We'd love to see all the cute, interesting and even strange pets that you have. Send us a picture of you with your pet! Email Khairi at: Khairi.Johnson@student.adrianmaples.org.



National Missing Children's Day

By: Lucas Avery

National Missing Children's Day is a day to remember missing children from around the country. According to Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention article, National Missing Children's Day, “President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25, 1983 as the first National Missing Children's Day in memory of Etan Patz, a 6-year-old boy who disappeared from a New York City street corner on May 25, 1979”.

Stated in the article, “Each year, the Department of Justice commemorates Missing Children's Day by honoring the heroic and exemplary efforts of agencies, organizations, and individuals that protect children.”

This day is also dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers, and others concerned with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. "The commemoration serves as a reminder to continue our efforts to reunite missing children with their families and an occasion to honor those dedicated to this cause.”

One thing we could do is spread awareness and let people know about the day and keep them informed about what is happening out there and keep everyone safe.



Thank you to the City of Adrian for providing trees and mulch to Springbrook Middle School today. We are lucky to have a great partnership with the city and some of our students enjoyed the planting of the trees at our building.





Students from Springbrook Middle School are working hard and having fun at Piano Keyboard Exploration camp! Students have learned the fundamentals of playing and reading notation, and are working on songs they have chosen.

The History of Adrian and More

by Charlie Page

Even though you live in Adrian have you ever thought about how it became what it is today? Adrian Michigan was founded by Addison Comstock on June 18, 1826. When Adrian was founded it was a village, but in 1857 it became a city. When the village was first founded it was originally called Logan but was changed to Adrian. The first operating railroad was a horse drawn train running between Adrian and Toledo in 1836. In 1836 which is only ten years after the city was founded it became the sixth most populated city in Michigan. Then, in 1860 it became the third largest population in Michigan.

During the underground railroad, Evangelical and Hicksite Quakers created a network of Underground Railroad stations in the Raisin River Valley. Daniel Smith was the first leader of the Raisin Valley Friends Meeting House. His daughter, Laura Smith Haviland became one of the most popular equal rights activists in the nation. The Adrian-Tecumseh Underground Railroad network was established by a Baptist minister in northern Lenawee County.

A portion of Adrian is on the border between Adrian Township and Madison Charter Township, although the city is politically independent of both parts. Adrian is sometimes referred to as "the Maple City" due in part to the many sugar maple and other maple tree species found throughout the city. The Adrian City Band is one of the oldest continuously active community bands in the country, founded in 1838.

Did you know that Adrian has a sister city. This city is called Moriyama and it is located in Shiga Japan. We have had this sister city relationship for the last 34 years. While we're at this school we will get a little taste of what the people are like from Moriyama and some lucky people get to see it for themselves. Our school has a program where a student from Moriyama comes to our school and some kids from our school goes there.

Have you ever thought about if any famous people have lived in Adrian? Well, the man that created the light bulb did. That's right, Thomas Edison lived right here in Adrian Michigan. Thomas Edison lived at 322 State Street. In 1864 when he worked as a telegraph operator when he was only 17!

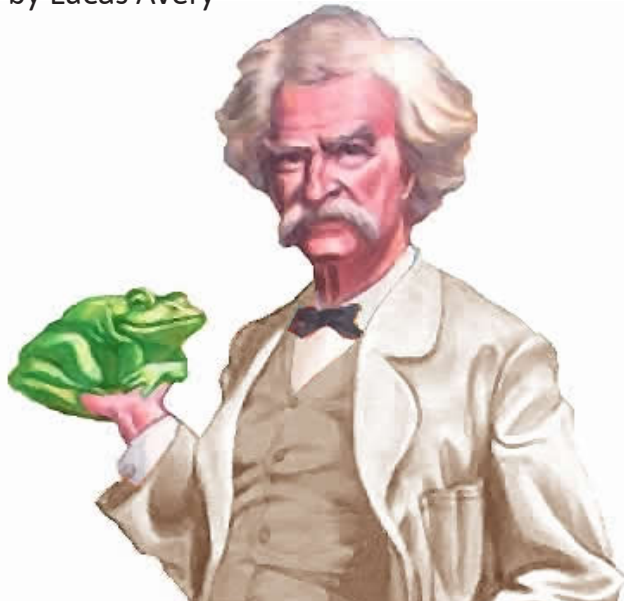
In 1863 Charles M. Croswell formed an association to construct a new theater. An 1866 bird's eye view of Adrian shows the completed exterior. Originally designated the Adrian Union Hall, by 1887 it was called Croswell Opera House. The theater hosted such performers as Maude Adams, Edwin Booth, Mrs. Patrick Cambell, Charles Frohman, Victor Herbert and the Gilmore Band, Joe Jefferson, Thomas W. Kean, and John Philip Sousa. In 1921 the interior of the building was renovated to show motion pictures. In 1967 the building was rescued by the Adrian Foundation from threatened demolition. Its care was then entrusted to the new Croswell Opera House and Fine Arts Association.

Charles Croswell was orphaned at an early age. In 1837 he came to Adrian with his uncle. In 1846 he began studying law while also showing an aptitude (a natural ability to do something) for politics and business. In 1854 he was a delegate to the convention in Jackson, which farmed the Republican Party. A year later he began practicing law in Adrian with Thomas Cooley. By 1864 Croswell was elected to the Michigan State Senate. His proudest moment came in 1865 when he began pushing Michigans' vote to end slavery through the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.



Frog Jumping Day!

by Lucas Avery



Did you know that we have a National Frog Jumping Day? And have you ever wondered if there is a world record for the longest frog jump or even competition? Frog jumping day is a really funny and creative day for many reasons. If you want to read and learn more about it and how it originated, keep reading and have a jumper day.

Frog Jumping Day is May 13, 2023. A favorite of young and old alike. It was invented and started in 1865 by Mark Twain when he published his first short story, Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog. Later on he changed the name and published it to be The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County. If you haven't read it, check it out. Mark Twain is a wonderfully funny American writer.

The article "National Frog Jumping Day," published online by National Today, says, "We have the history behind how this day started. While the name itself may seem rather vague, its origins come from Mark Twain's first published short story about a betting man and his pet frog. Did you know that there are approximately 7,300 species of frogs around the world and the most colorful ones are the most poisonous? National Frog Jumping Day is important because it brings literature to life, as well as brings awareness to different kinds of frogs and their impact within our ecosystem."

Once said Mark Twain once said that "if you have to eat a live frog, do it first thing in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you for the rest of the day."

PROJECT WISDOM FALLEN HEROES

On Monday, May 29th, people across the nation will celebrate Memorial Day, which is more than a three-day weekend marking the beginning of summer. This national holiday is an important reminder of the sacrifices made by brave men and women in uniform who lost their lives in service to our nation.

Honoring our fallen heroes gives us the opportunity pause and be grateful for the freedoms we often take for granted, like the freedom to choose the work we do, where we will worship, and where we will make our home - not mention freedom of the press!

Recording artist Lee Greenwood wrote these famous words:

*I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.*

This Memorial Day, remember those who made this ultimate sacrifice and remember to be grateful for the freedoms you enjoy as an American.

PROJECT WISDOM WISDOM OF THE AGES

There is an old African proverb that goes: *Where there are no elders, the town is ruined.* Many young people believe that old people aren't very cool and can be old-fashioned in their ways. Why on earth would a town be ruined if there were no elders?

Think about this: Our elders have walked before us down the path of life. They have experienced joy and sorrow. They have overcome obstacles, and many have gained great wisdom as a result. They know what it was like to be young, confused, and tempted to make bad choices. They can help guide us through the future.

Where would the world be if there were no older Americans to help guide us in our homes, our communities, and our nation? Reach out to an older American in your life. Look for the wisdom that can come with age.

PROJECT WISDOM ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS for our 8th graders

Eighth graders will soon be ending their middle school experience and move on to the high school. Endings can be both sad and exciting. You may be sad to leave familiar faces and surroundings, but excited to move on.

It's been said that every ending is a new beginning.

That's true. Now here's what's important at this stage in your life. Stop and reflect on your experiences in middle school. Think about your successes and consider your failures. What positive experiences can you take with you, and what can you learn from your mistakes? We all make mistakes, and those mistakes come with natural consequences. But here's the deal: any pain you suffered because of a poor choice doesn't have to be wasted as long as you accept responsibility and resolve to make wiser choices and move forward. If you do that, you can move into this next phase of your life with more confidence, and that is what each of you deserves.



The 8th grade Advanced Science class along with other students who submitted a science fair project were invited to a hands-on experience at Hidden Lake Gardens due to a grant written by Mrs. Bahlau last year. (Adrian Schools Education Foundation). The kids visited various ecosystems (domes), they were educated on the art of bonsai gardening, they were visited by a DNR officer who spoke about invasive species in southeast Michigan, and promoted a career with the DNR some day. However, the hit of the day.....was the SKYWALK suspension bridge that has not been open to the public yet. APS students were the first ones to WALK THE BRIDGE!!



Band Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday, April 22 several Springbrook band students attended District 8 Solo and Ensemble festival in Onsted. All band events earned the highest rating of One and received a blue medal.

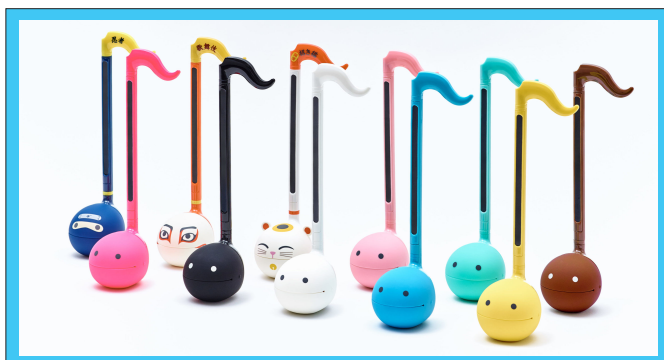
- Eighth grader Noah Mykeloff earned a one on his snare drum solo.
- Eighth grader, Josie McCaulley earned a one on her saxophone solo.
- Seventh grader Ian Kesterke earned a one on his snare drum solo
- Seventh graders, Kaylee Borton and Nina Kilby earned a one on their flute duet.

The students worked hard outside of class to prepare their events and represent themselves with Maple Pride! Congratulations to them all.

The Otamatone

The instrument that's so weird it doesn't seem real

by Tarrence Lester



When you think of modern, new instruments you may think of electric versions of instruments that have been around for a very long time. Or you may think of a computer that mixes different sounds to make some music. But what I bet you don't think of is the one, the only otamatone.

Now, let me take you to the wondrous world of the otamatone. The otamatone is made up of two parts: the sick where you can play your notes and the head that you squeeze to play sound. Our resident otamatone player, Zephyr Burch, has told me that the otamatone has a note range from low C to G#. He has also told me that the fingering is very precise because most otamatones are not that big. The otamatone sheet music is written in the treble clef.

The otamatone is a very new instrument; it only did come out in 2009. Now you may ask why does the otamatone have a face? The real reason, according to 21s Century Digital Art, "It is meant to showcase a personality of its own; essentially awakening and 'coming alive' whilst it being performed." And personality it has in spades. Like, come on, once you know about the otamatone you can't ever forget about it. Well, I guess you could forget if you fall and hit your head on a rock and get permanent memory loss, but I hope you don't do that.

Now, with such a weird instrument you would think musicians would only own one for a few laughs, but there are people that play the otamatone seriously. Most otamatone players can say without a bit of doubt that otamatone king is Gavan Sullivan or known online as TheRealSullyG. Look him up online and check him out. You'll be impressed.

Overall, the otamatone is one of the most fascinatingly weird instruments I have been lucky enough to see. I hope you now know a bit more about the otamatone and maybe one of you will learn to actually play it! As always Go Maples, and have a great day!

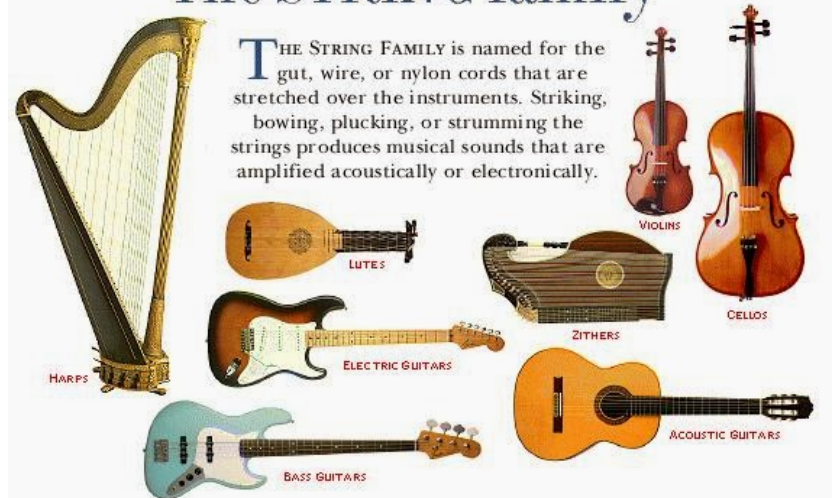
Orchestra Solo and Ensemble

Congratulations to the following 7th and 8th grade orchestra students for participating in the District 8 Solo & Ensemble festival on Saturday, April 22, at Onsted HS. Each event received a rating of "I" for their performance.



Pictured left to right are: Anastasia Alcorta-Dickerson and Shayla Zajac for a violin/viola duet, Aleidys Gonzalez-Rodriguez for a cello solo and Jacob Nichols for a violin solo.

The STRING family

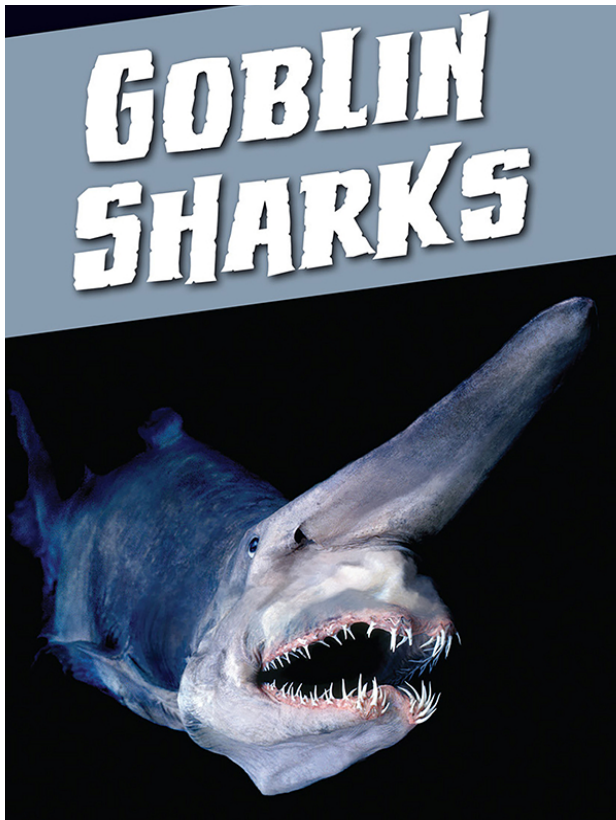


THE STRING FAMILY is named for the gut, wire, or nylon cords that are stretched over the instruments. Striking, bowing, plucking, or strumming the strings produces musical sounds that are amplified acoustically or electronically.

The Basics of the String Family

by Tarrence Lester

Now, tell me what do you think of when you think of family. Do think of the people in it? All the different kinds of voices, the personalities and the different roles of each person. What they're good at and what they're bad at. In the same way, you can think of instruments as families and the family we're talking about today is the string family. As you should be able to guess, the string family is made up of the string instruments. Now, let's take a look at two types of string instruments. You have acoustic instruments and electric instruments. With acoustic instruments, the sound is made by the strings being played, plucked, strummed or even hammered, resulting in a ringing sound that comes out of the body of the instrument. With electric, all the sound is made by the instrument picking up the fact you have played the string then playing a sound through a speaker in or outside the instrument. There are two main ways to play a stringed instrument: bow or pick/pitz. Bows come in many different shapes and sizes depending on what instrument you are playing, like some bows need to be thicker so the bow can play the string. Also, with bows you need to rosin the bow. Rosin is tree sap that you put on your bow to make it stick to the strings. With instruments like the guitar, you use a pick to strum the strings and with all of them you can pluck the string with your finger. Now this is not the only ways string instruments are played, but this is just the basics of the string family. Did you know the piano is also in the string family? When you hit the key on the keyboard, it releases a little hammer to strike a string inside the piano. The hurdy gurdy is also a member of the string family, but it's played with a hand crank. Now, I hope you all know a bit more about the string family than you did before. And, as always, have a great day and Go Maples!



The Goblin Under the Sea The creature that gives you nightmares

by Maddix Wallace

If you were to see this shark, you would think it is a hallucination. The goblin shark was first discovered in 1898 and can grow to be as long as six to eight feet. According to National Geographic, goblin sharks can open their mouths up to three inches and swallow a fish whole. Actually, you would think it's a snake by its mouth because they kind of work the same way.

According to the organization Oceana, a goblin shark lives in the open ocean, located anywhere between the surface to 1300 meters down under. Their diets consist of other tiny fish and even some types of crustaceans. This shark will not really be a harm to you, but can be very upsetting if it swims up close enough for you to see. It would be like seeing a narwhal, something that you never see. I know I hope I never see one!



by Joseph Washburn and Blake Mulholland

Kids and teens, just like adults, have lots of work to complete. Many students complain about too much homework when actually it is the game that is distracting them from completing or even starting their homework. But playing video games is not bad when it isn't getting in the way of important assignments, or preventing you from doing other activities, like making social connections. Joining the Gaming Club is a good way to enjoy playing games and socializing with other students. We interviewed some of our classmates who are gamers about their gaming habits. They played a variety of games including The Last of Us, Roblox, and Rocket League. They said that they spend anywhere from 2-7 hours a day on video games. Gaming can also be an expensive habit. The students we spoke with spent hundreds and even thousands of dollars on games. Whether you are building a village, or hunting zombies, make sure you have fun responsibly.

The DANGERS OF ENERGY DRINKS

By: Khairi Johnson

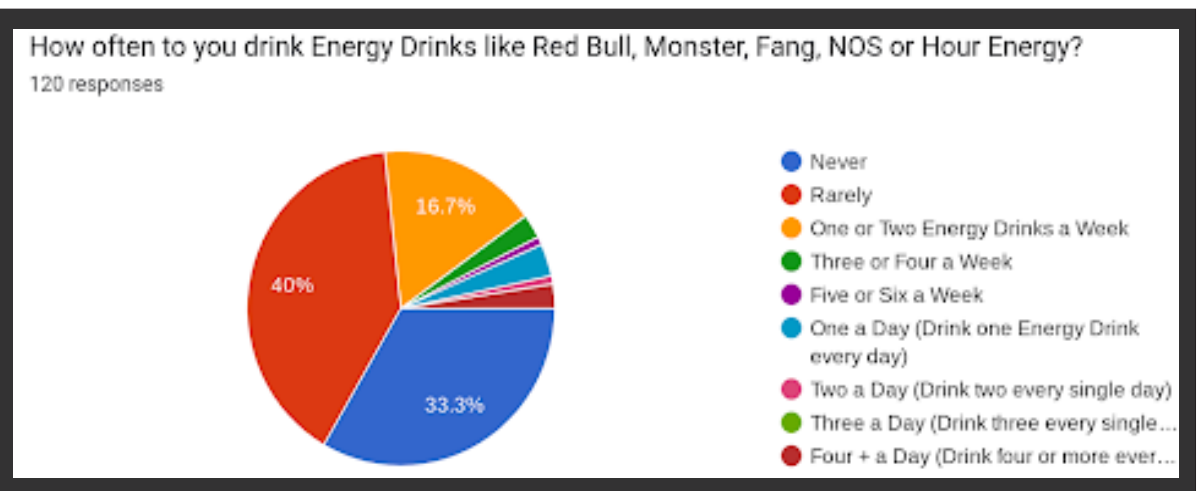
Energy Drinks Strike Again

If you drink energy drinks like Monster or Bang, you should rethink drinking them. Usually people who slam energy drinks back to back are going to get hurt because too much caffeine can hurt your body. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention article, Energy Drinks, "In 2011, 1,499 adolescents aged 12 to 17 years went to the emergency room for an energy drink related emergency." This shows that if you drink energy drinks way too much, you could end up dying and or getting hurt enough to go to the ER.

If you are wondering what type of things happen to your body when you drink energy drinks, some side effects consist of insomnia, anxiety, heart problems, and dehydration. In case you don't know what these are, let me explain. If you have insomnia you can't sleep. If you have anxiety, you feel nervous. If you have heart problems, that could lead to you having a heart attack and dying or having your heart beat too fast. And of course, with dehydration everyone knows what this is, just go drink some water!

According to the same article, some of the ingredients inside of energy drinks consist of "large amounts of caffeine, added sugars, and other additives." Almost all of these ingredients can harm you in different ways. According to Better Health Channel article, "Caffeine," this is a list of signs you have too much caffeine in your system: a rise in body temperature, frequent urination, dehydration, dizziness and headaches, rapid heartbeat (palpitations), restlessness and excitability, anxiety and irritability, trembling hands, sleeplessness, first feeling energetic but then having an even greater feeling of tiredness.

We asked our students here at Springbrook Middle School how many energy drinks they drink and these are the results of that survey. As you can see from this pie graph, 40 percent of the responders rarely drink energy drinks, when on the other hand 33.3 percent never drink energy drinks. Those are some excellent results. However, there were a few more answers that people put, for example 16.7 percent of the responders drink 1 or 2 energy drinks per a week. We also had 3 people put in answers for having 4+ energy drinks a day, which is dangerous as the article above showed.



What energy drinks do to your body

ROT TEETH

{ CAFFEINE ADDICTION }

HEART ♥♥♥♥♥

PALPITATIONS

INCREASED HEART RATE

STRAIN ON YOUR HEART, BLOOD VESSELS AND KIDNEYS INCREASING YOUR CHANCES OF CARDIOVASCULAR AND RENAL CONDITIONS

STORE FAT AROUND YOUR MIDDLE

IN EXTREME CASES, EVEN **DEATH**

RAISED BLOOD PRESSURE

CHEST PAIN

SHAKES NAUSEA VOMITING FITS

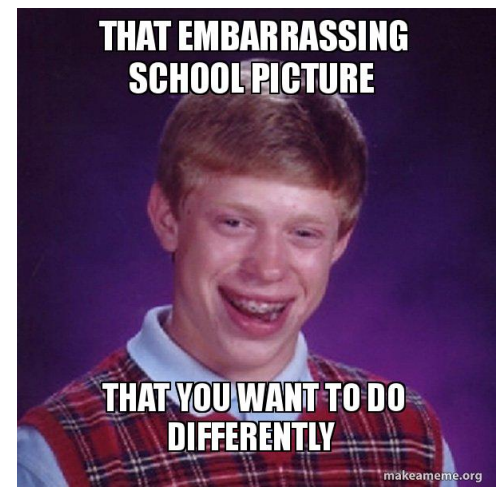
LIVER HAS TO WORK HARD FOR 12 HOURS TO PROCESS AND REMOVE THE CAFFEINE IN THESE DRINKS. MEANWHILE IT IS GIVING LESS ATTENTION TO REMOVING OTHER TOXINS WITH IN OUR BODY WHICH MAY LEAD TO OTHER ILLNESSES

THE SUGAR IS RAISING YOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS, CAUSING YOUR PANCREAS TO RELEASE INSULIN

AFTER THE CAFFEINE HAS WORN OFF, YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FEELING TIRED AND MAY EXPERIENCE LOW MOODS

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS AT SCHOOL

by Nevaeh Harrington



A form was sent out for teachers and students to fill out about your most embarrassing moments at school. We will include here some of the most interesting, fun, and appropriate responses we've collected from this survey.

First, Mackenzie Miller submitted an interesting response that comes from a family tradition that really affected her here at school. She explained that they have a day called siblings day, which is the day all the siblings in the house get to pick out the clothes of another sibling. Her brother chose her one day picked out a very colorful crop top and a very colorful pair of pants with flowers all over them. She said that she got dressed-coded by almost every teacher. But Mackenzie said to her brother, "Wait for the payback!" To get her revenge, she got out one of her old costumes from comic con and made her brother wear it to school. The costume included a wig, elf ears, a crown, and a dress. She said she saw him once in the hallway and she laughed so hard her teachers asked her if she was okay. That was very interesting. Why didn't it include heels? It would have made the whole outfit better!

The next response that was chosen was from a student who wishes not to be known. She was in the cafeteria and another girl bumped into her and she spilled tomato soup on the floor, on her leg, and shoe. The girl should have watched where she was going!

Another student who wishes to stay anonymous, picked out a cute pair of jeans for school. When she sat in her chair in class she felt nothing but cold on her bottom. She asked to use the bathroom and looked in the mirror she saw a rip so she tied her jacket around her waist. Girls always try to find something cute to wear that they really like, but sometimes something goes wrong! Many people, especially those who love clothes and care a lot about their appearance, would cry in this situation!

Mrs. Frank tells a story about when it was marching band season and she had braces. "It was really cold out, so I covered my mouth with my mittens, and my mitten got caught on my braces. When I pulled my mittens away, my braces came off!" Well Mrs. Frank, that had to hurt! I would have been mad. Now I'm scared to get braces!

From another student, "One time I was going to school like normal and I did my normal tasks- math, English, science, etc.... and I wasn't giving much thought about what I was wearing because usually I pick it out the night before, but this morning I didn't, so I had to scramble to get ready, only to learn that all day I was wearing my shirt inside out and backwards. I don't know if any one else knew about my shirt, but I do have to admit it was kinda funny!" Honestly, I don't think anyone else would even notice!

At yet another story about food! "When I was in Elementary I was opening a ketchup packet but I didn't know how to open it with my hands so I would use my teeth. I was not thinking and as I was opening it I was also squeezing the packet at the same time so when it opened. It exploded! It went all over my face and it got in my hair. IT WAS EMBARRASSING!"

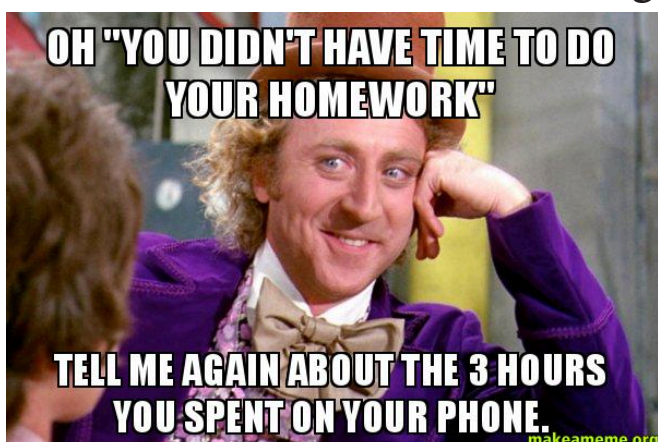
And finally, one we all probably can relate to - being embarrassed in front of your crush! "In 5th grade, I was walking away from someone I had a crush on and I walked backwards and fell into the lunch cafeteria trash cans! I had ranch and banana peels and half eaten pizza on me!" Bet they noticed you though!!

Thank you guys for responding to the survey! Next time, please share some appropriate responses that can make us all laugh!. There are some responses that did stick out, but only a few were chosen, so make sure to join in again when possible, you might just get published!

EXCRUCIATING EXCUSES

by Zephyr Burch

An Article So Excruciatingly Short You Might Not Need an Excuse to Read It



As many of you may know we have recently sent out a survey asking what the craziest excuse you have ever made and before we get into it lets go over some common ones.

- # 1 The most common one is obviously the "my dog (or cat) ate my homework"
- # 2 The "I was talking to a teacher (or principal)"
- # 3 The infamous "Can I go to the bathroom" Usually NOT actually going to the bathroom
- # 4 "I finished my homework on the bus but just as i was putting my homework in my folder, a gust of wind stole it from me"
- # 5 Shockingly the last one on this list has at least something to do with a moose stealing people's homework and assignments

Now that you know some of the common ones, let me talk about my favorite. I will rip this one straight out of the survey. "I was doing my homework in the car but then a moose ran in front of our car and another moose stuck its head in the window and stole my homework." This person does want to stay anonymous. I do believe this one is the best because I always imagine what was going through that person's head when they gave that excuse!

Why Play Regular Fighting Games When You Can Play This?!

A Review Made For A Game Loved By Many by Reaper McFadden

Genshin Impact is a very widely known game. It is known for their main character Lumine and her brother Aether. They came from different worlds and were separated when they were put into the presence of the unknown god, also known as Asmoday. This scene is shown at the beginning of the game where it shows Lumine and her brother fighting the unknown god with swords. The unknown god Asmoday won the battle, due to this Lumine and Aether were cast apart from each other and put into Teyvat. Lumine's goal in this game is to find her brother and reunite, as she unexpectedly comes across this new area to explore she comes across a guide that goes by "Paimon." Paimon is a floating guide who follows Lumine across her journey in order to find her brother she lost in battle. As you encounter more storyline and do more quests as Lumine, you unlock more characters and your fights get harder as you progress.



During the game you unlock "primogems;" this is the in-game currency you use in order to wish for more characters. You can get four star or five star characters, However if you wish on the weapon banner, you can get a three star, four star, or a five star weapon. When you pull characters your pity goes up and you can get closer to getting a five star or that four star you may want. In order to do a one pull you would have to get 160 primogems, you can get anything from one pull but it is less likely. When you do a 10 pull you are guaranteed a four star character or weapon, you can also get weapons on the featured character banner but you wont get a five star weapon. In order to do a 10 pull you would need 1,600 primogems. Hoyoverse the creator of genshin impact chooses characters you can pull for on the featured banners. After 24 days or so the featured characters banner will switch up. Each featured character has their very own special five star weapon you can also pull for on the weapon banner. Although on the weapon banner since both of their featured weapons are there, you might not get the weapon you want.



There are two featured character banners and a standard banner, The standard banner consists of Mona, Qiqi, and Keqing. The standard banner will always be there and will not go away. According to Hoyoverse on Genshinlab.com, the creator of Genshin impact, they have told us how the wishing system works. When you wish for a featured character you wish on a 50/50. However, Hoyoverse has made it so if you don't get the five star you wished for the next time you pull a five star it will be guaranteed you'll get the character you want.

In Genshin Impact you have a form of money called "Mora." You can use this in game cash to buy food, flowers, ore etc. When you wish on a featured character banner your chances of getting the characters on the banners are higher. In Genshin Impact they host events, an example is the character test run so you can try out a featured five star or four star before you wish for them. With the characters you get you can set up your team, teams consist of four characters. You can level your characters all the way up to level 90. Throughout the game you can collect artifacts to put on your favorite characters and weapons to make your favorites stronger.

Another way to make characters stronger is to level up their talents for their attacks. All the characters have their very own normal attack, elemental skill attack, and an elemental burst (also known as an ult). There are seven elements- Anemo, Geo, Electro, Dendro, Hydro, Pyro, and Cryo. Each character uses one of these elements in their attack but the traveler (Lumine) can manipulate the elements.

There are telapoint waypoints and statues of the seven all around the map so you can teleport around without spending a lot of time. When the traveler visits a statue of seven in a certain nation they can start using the element that goes along with the nation's archon. Genshin Impact takes place in the world of Teyvat, composed of the seven major nations of Mondstadt, Liyue, Inazuma, Sumeru, Fontaine, Natlan, and Snezhnaya; each nation is ruled by a different archon/god.

WHO's Gonna Eat Some Pie?!



The Brook Report has been collecting spare change during lunch in order to raise money to purchase a new camera. The Springbrook staff members pictured here with their faces have agreed to enter a contest. The person whose bucket has the most money in it by May 12th will get a pie in their face. Stay tuned next week to find out who will win this special honor. But, shhhh.. don't tell anyone, it looks like Mr. Benschoter may be in the lead! Word on the street is that he's trying to rig the vote, bribing The Brook Report staff to switch his picture with Mr. Skeels. We're watching you Mr. Benschoter! We can't be bribed!



Ms. Steele's students spent some time creating and playing a racing game that they coded using Scratch. It's part of the CS First program offered by Google.

Fun Facts

submitted by Tarrence Lester and Zephyr Burch

Found online in an article titled, "Top 165 Interesting and Weird Fun Facts (That Will Amaze You)"

Cherophobia is the fear of happiness and Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words.

The city state Singapore is split into five regions.

A man from Britain changed his name to Tim Ppppppppprice to make it harder for telemarketers to pronounce.

If you kept yelling for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would produce enough energy to heat a cup of tea.

9 out of 10 Americans are deficient in Potassium yet you can die if you have too much of it.

About 150 people per year are killed by coconuts and there are about 10 shark deaths a year which means coconuts are more deadly than sharks!

It is considered good luck in Japan when a sumo wrestler makes your baby cry.

Gorillas burp when they are happy.

Celery technically has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.

In Japan, crooked teeth are considered cute and attractive.

Apple launched a clothing line in 1986. It was described as a "train wreck" by others.

A woman from California once tried to sue the makers of Cap'n Crunch, because the Crunch Berries contained "no berries of any kind."

The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump!

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis is currently the longest word in the world.

The chance of you dying on the way to get lottery tickets is actually greater than your chance of winning.

Optophobia: Fear of opening one's eyes.



STEM project only using popsicle sticks and clips, Evalyn and Skylar got the tallest of the day at 56" tall!



The All City Orchestra was a hit! Congrats to Ms. Wittenkeller and the 6-12 orchestra students on a great performance.

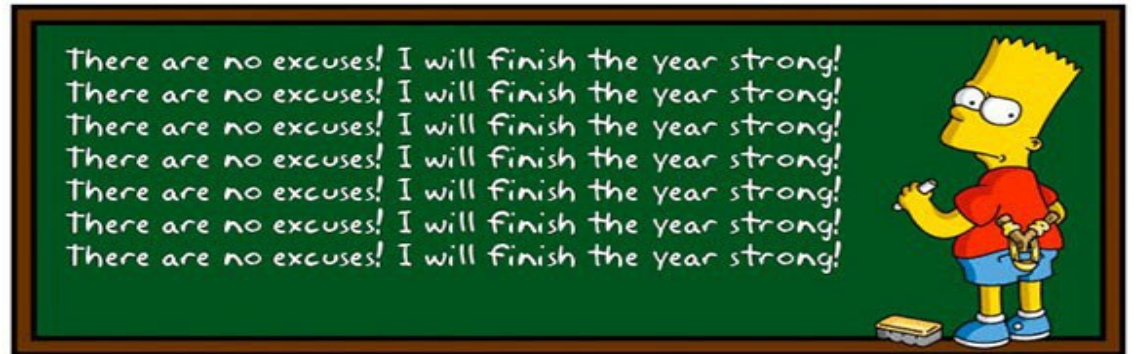


Students in Mr. Brink's art class preparing clay for their next project - they either love the feel of that wet clay, or they're grossed out by it!



Mrs. Kestserke's 1st hour class won a pancake and sausage breakfast for bringing in the most canned goods a few weeks ago. Great job 6th graders!

FINISH THE SCHOOL YEAR STRONG!



The end of the school year can be a stressful time for many middle school students. With final exams, projects, and assignments piling up, it's easy to feel overwhelmed and discouraged. However, with a little bit of planning and effort, you can finish the school year strong and set yourself up for success in the next grade. Here are some tips to help you make the most of the remaining weeks of the school year.

Make a plan

Take some time to review your schedule and make a plan for how you will use your time effectively. Break down your remaining assignments and projects into smaller tasks and set deadlines for each one. You can use a planner or a digital tool like Google Calendar to keep track of your schedule and stay organized.

Stay focused

It's easy to get distracted during the last few weeks of school, especially with the warmer weather and summer break just around the corner. However, it's important to stay focused on your schoolwork and avoid procrastination. If you need to, find a quiet place to study or use noise-cancelling headphones to block out distractions.

Ask for help

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you're struggling with a particular subject or assignment. Your teachers are there to support you and want you to succeed. You can also ask a friend or family member to help you study or review your work.

Stay healthy

It's important to take care of yourself both physically and mentally during the end of the school year. Make sure you're getting enough sleep, eating a healthy diet, and getting regular exercise. Taking care of your mental health is just as important, so make time for activities that make you feel happy and relaxed.

Celebrate your accomplishments

Take time to celebrate your achievements and accomplishments during the school year. Whether it's getting an A on a difficult test or completing a challenging project, it's important to acknowledge your hard work and dedication. Celebrating your accomplishments can help you feel motivated and confident as you approach the end of the school year.

Don't forget to have fun too!

It's important to remember that while schoolwork is important, having fun and enjoying your hobbies and interests is just as important for your overall well-being. Don't forget to set aside some time for activities you enjoy, whether that's playing sports, reading a book, or spending time with friends and family. Taking breaks and doing things you enjoy can help you recharge and stay motivated to finish the school year strong. Just be sure to balance your leisure time with your schoolwork, so you don't fall behind on your assignments or projects. Remember, the end of the school year doesn't have to be all work and no play. Enjoying yourself can help you stay motivated and focused on your goals.

By doing these things, you can finish the school year on a high note and set yourself up for success in the next grade. Keep working hard, don't give up, finish strong! Good luck!



Mrs. Lilly's 6th graders making 3-D Pop Up Nets - they did a great job working with the different shapes.

UP FOR ADOPTION

Mrs. Ford is looking for a new home for her three goldfish - they've become too big for her school fish tank. Anyone who would like to adopt one, two or all three goldfish needs to have a pretty big fish tank and permission from their parents. (Unless you're an adult staff member, then you can give yourself permission!) Go see Mrs. Ford before school, after school or during lunch if you are interested or even if you just want to visit Rocky, Potato and Miko and check them out before you decide to adopt them. But know that you will have to assure Mrs. Ford and some of her students, that you will take good care of them because they've become quite attached to these three fish! The fish tank is not included, or any supplies - just the fish! FREE to a GOOD home!



The Letter Thorn The Forgotten Letter

by Tarrence Lester

Now you know your A, B, C's, but have you ever learned about the letters that did not make the cut? The ones that have been dropped from the alphabet never to be used again? Most of them have been dropped for good reason, like the letter ash, but thorn / þ it was not for the better. The letter thorn has its roots in Old English. It lasted all the way into early modern English. Now you may ask why did we give this letter the boot? The letter thorn / þ was dropped when the printing press became big because in most fonts the letter thorn / þ looks like the letter Y. But what did the letter do? What did it stand for or sound like? Before TH in words like The/That we used the letter thorn. I will give you an example of the letter in the next sentence: "þe man þat drove a red car was nice." Now this is cool and all, but why should you care? I think we should bring back the thorn. From now on I will use þ instead of TH to show you that it can be used. We should bring back because one it is more efficient in boþ þe room it takes up and þe strokes of a pencil/pen it takes to write. Þink about it, in þe long term say you own a store and you need to do paperwork. Two letters more may not seem like much, but over years þink how it could save you a lot of money on paper and save many hours on time because þe letter þ takes two strokes to make when TH takes four strokes. It can save us all time in þe long run. I hope now you may know a bit more about þ is forgotten letter and may help bring it back by using it in your writing. As always, have a great day and Go Maples!

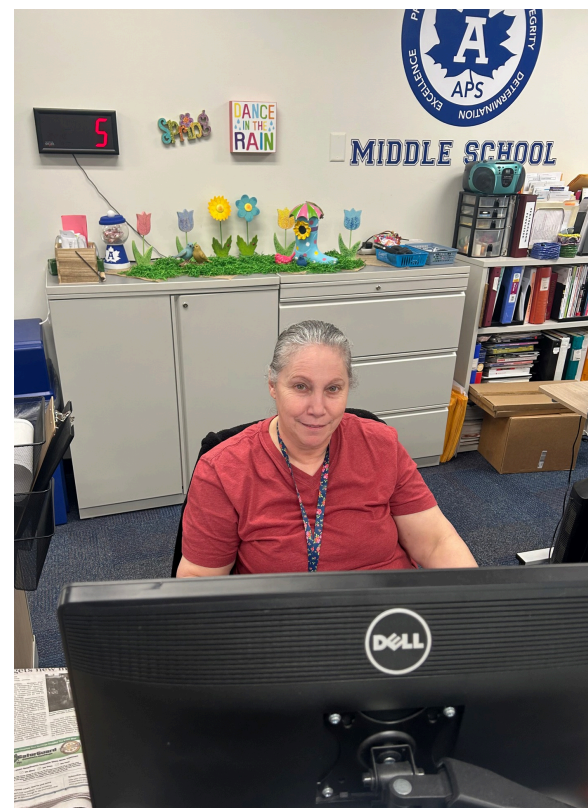
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How Do YOU Show Your Mom Appreciation on Mother's Day?

by Anthony DeLeon

Mother's Day is a day where people all around the world take time out to visit their mother and spend time with them. There are many things people can do to show their appreciation towards their mom. Some of these things include breakfast in bed, flowers, giving her a day off or a party, a lovely gift, some pampering or even just spending the day with her. The origins of Mothe's Day are kind of sad in a way, but also at the same time wholesome. The holiday came to be in the 1900s due to Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Since her mother's death in 1905, Anna came up with the idea for Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers make for their children. According to the organization Moms of America, here are some interesting facts about this holiday.

- 22 million phones will ring on Mother's Day
- Greeting cards top the list of Mother's Day gifts
- Mother's Day is the busiest restaurant day of the year
- The carnation is the official flower of Mother's Day
- According to a survey, what moms want most for Mother's Day is to dine out with her family.
- It became an official holiday on May 9, 1914
- Americans will spend \$31 billion this Mother's Day
- It is the third most-attended church service of the year
- Mother's Day is the third highest selling holiday for flowers and plants.
- 41% of Americans plan to buy their mom jewelry.



Pictured here are our Administrative Assistants at Springbrook Middle School. Mrs. Graham, Ms. Clymer and Mrs. Snead. We're lucky to have these three helping us throughout the school year and we're thankful for everything they do for our building.

Staff Spotlight Officer Perry

by Willow Barden & Violet Adams

Officer Perry is the school district's police officer. We wanted to know more information about him and what it is like to be a police officer. Officer Perry describes himself as, "fair but firm" and his goal as an officer is to steer students in the right direction and help them make the right decisions that will make them happier later on in life. Officer Perry recommends to kids who want to stay out of trouble is to be careful how you act, how you behave, and what you send across social media. He also thinks that, "Rules in school are necessary and crucial just like rules in life." In addition to that, he says that he absolutely agrees with school rules. He told us that he gets called to the school most for safety complaints and cyberbullying. But he also gets called for vaping, marijuana complaints, and sometimes assaults.



When he was asked in middle school what he wanted to be when he grew up, he always said a police officer. Officer Perry became involved in policing so he could make everyone feel safe. He stated that some police officers try to shy away from juvenile complaints. But he found that he was good at them. He enjoys speaking to the students and following them through their school career. By building relationships with the students before they get in trouble, it's easier to talk with them when they are. Officer Perry says he really enjoys his job and that he isn't ready to retire yet.

Adrian Public Schools and Adrian Police Department Partnering to Employ K-9 Unit for District Schools

Charlie, a Golden Retriever, Will Provide both Emotional Support and Weapons Detection Capabilities

Adrian Public Schools and the Adrian Police Department have worked together for many years to ensure that a full-time school resource officer is employed to support the District's schools. To strengthen the safety measures, they have introduced a new partner for the current Resource Officer, Josh Perry. Charlie, a 1-year-old Golden Retriever, has been assigned for duty at Adrian Public Schools. Charlie has been trained as an emotional support K-9 to assist staff and students who may have experienced trauma, track lost or missing children, and detect weapons and other illegal items that may find their way into schools. The addition of the K-9 unit is part of a series of proactive measures being implemented and explored by the school district and police department to increase the safety of students and staff.

"We are excited to welcome Charlie to our school district and grateful for the partnership with the Adrian Police Department to support our students and staff," said Sam Skeels, the high school building principal. "The addition of Charlie is another example of our commitment to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students."

"This program will be one of the first of its kind in the state of Michigan for public schools, and I'm thrilled to have Charlie as my partner," said Josh Perry, the current Resource Officer who has been working in schools for many years. "Charlie and I will work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff, and I'm confident he will be a valuable addition to our team."

According to Perry, Charlie will work with him daily to support the schools, making this program one of the first in the state of Michigan for public schools. Perry, considered one of the top handlers in the state, has been handling and training both civilian and Police K-9s for nearly 20 years.

"We are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all our students and staff, and our partnership with the Adrian Police Department is critical to that effort. The addition of Charlie to our school resource officer program is a great example of the innovative and proactive measures we are taking to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community," said Superintendent Nate Parker, expressing his support for the partnership between the school district and police department.

"I'm also grateful for the ongoing support of Chief Emrick and the Adrian Police Department and their commitment to working with us to create a safe and secure learning environment for our students," Parker added.

Newspaper Staff Spotlight



Anthony DeLeon

Hello, this is Anthony. He is 14 years old and recently transferred to Springbrook Middle School where he decided he would join The Brook Report staff (he didn't know he would have to type this much!) Anthony went to L.C.S. and Madison schools before came here. Some of his favorite hobbies are skating, baseball, track, running and sleeping. Anthony has 2 dogs: Cyrus, a golden retriever who is 10 years old and a 2 year old German Shepard named Jasper. He has played baseball his whole life and a bit of track too.



Madix Wallace

Meet Madix Wallace, he is 14 years old and his birthday is April 10, 2009. Madix is a news reporter for the Springbrook Middle School newspaper, The Brook Report. He plays soccer, golf, and basketball. Madix used to live with his dad before he died in November of 2021. Now, he lives with his mom and step mom with his two sisters and then he has one other sister. He has always been a writer. Madix loves writing stories and drawing pictures, so when he saw that they made this class, he knew he had to join! Madix has always been a bright kid and now he can put it on paper.



Lucas Avery

Meet Lucas Avery! He is 13 years old and loves to hang out with his friends. He is one of the news reporters for the Springbrook Middle School's newspaper, The Brook Report. Lucas is responsible for writing articles, and has enjoyed contributing his work to the paper..



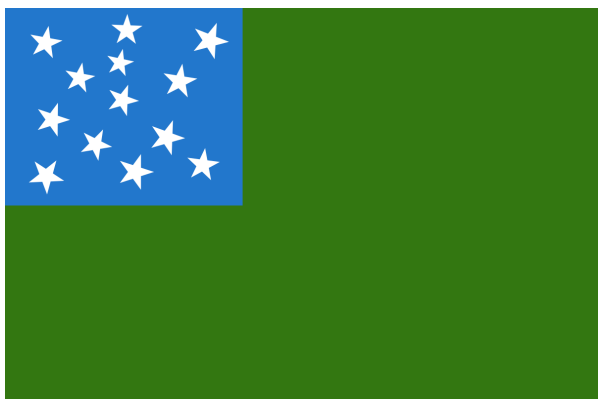
Our flag will never fall. by Tobias Mueller
 Our flag will always help others in need of help.
 Our flag will never back down from a fight or war.
 Our flag will never do the wrong thing to help others.
 Our flag will always be here for us.
 Our flag will never be guilty.
 Our flag will always stay humble.
 Our flag will always stay one of a kind.
 Our flag will never be one of three colors· red, white, blue.
 Our flag will never be the same.
 Our flag will always be with us no matter what.
 Our Anthem will be the same, never change or be someone else's.
 Our flag will never be taken from us.
 Our Armed Forces are always on duty and are part of our families.

The Vermont Republic

The independent state republic that we all forgot about

by Tarrence Lester

Most of us know Texas was an independent republic for ten years, but we all forget that Vermont, our 14th state, was independent from us for a bit too. As told by the article “New Frontiers· The Republic of Vermont,” the Vermont Republic constitution was made in 1777. It used the U.S. state of Pennsylvania constitution as a guide for making theirs, but it was not all the same. It also banned slavery and made it so all free men could vote. The Vermont Republic flag had 14 white stars on a blue background where it is on the U.S flag, and where the U.S flag is red and white stripes, there is all green instead. Fun flag fact, the Vermont National Guard still uses the Vermont Republic flag as their battle flag. The constitution of the Republic of Vermont is still used today as the state constitution for the state of Vermont. You can see the influence of the U.S constitution on their constitution. If you read chapter 1, the rights of all people of Vermont are about the same as the U.S. Why did Vermont become a republic? New Yorkers had a land dispute with Vermont, so several militia groups were formed, one of largest being the Green Mountain Boys. They started to drive Yorkers and land owners out. According to the article titled The Westminster Massacre, a group of protesters in the Westminster courthouse were protesting and when they refused to leave, they were gunned down in what would later be known as the Westminster massacre. This outraged the people of Vermont so more people joined the Green Mountain Boys. When the American Revolution came about, they became a main player in the war hoping that by helping in the war, they would be admitted as the 14th state independent from the overbearing hand of New York. Ultimately they were not admitted, so they formed the Republic of Vermont. Over 14 years of trying to become the 14th state, they were finally admitted into the union, having to pay a fee to New York because they spent money on land grants in the area. So that is the story of hardship and pain that got us our great state of Vermont. As always, Go Maples and have a great day!



Newspaper Staff Spotlight



James Cornelius

This is James Cornelius, he is a 14-year-old News Reporter and Layout Specialist for The Brook Report. Just like many other people his age, he's very lazy and doesn't do much, but when he does he tries his best to do a job well done. He has many hobbies such as singing, acting and playing video games. Conrelius is trying to learn how to play the piano and has made very mediocre progress since he got the piano last Christmas. James has many different interests such as zoology, mythology and debate and is hoping to one day write an article on any of these topics. He is an aspiring actor or singer but if those most likely don't work out, he would also like to be a zoologist or basically anything to do with nature. James has many nicknames, which all of his friends gave him. Some of them include Corn, Cornelius, Jamie and many, many others. James was also in the musical “Mary Poppins” playing the role of John Northbrook. James is happy and excited to be a part of The Brook Report team.



Emma Espinoza

Introducing the one and only Emma Espinoza! She's the official Editor-in-Chief for Springbrook's Brook Report and is also an ESPer. That's not important, though. This eighth-grader is super excited to be granted such an important role in this paper, and she's not gonna let anyone down! Emma believes that she's a natural born leader from all of her experiences in charge of several collaborative projects and because of her charisma. Despite being an introvert, Emma is quite the internet personality! Known as, “Kaz,” or “Kazoo” online, she's popular in fandoms for her fanart and fanfictions. Speaking of, some of her personal hobbies include, but are not limited to, drawing, writing fanfiction, writing poetry, chatting with friends, traveling and singing. Already having traveled to several states in the U.S. at the ripe age of fourteen, Emma's goal is to follow her father's footsteps in traveling the world!