

Talking Heads

By Jadelan Cartwright & Montana Goad



Affirmations

by Calora Cain
I am in control.

I always listen to my conscience.

I make healthy and positive decisions.

My mind is at peace with itself.

I am strong against temptation.

I always take the action that I know is right.

I make decisions and follow through.

I always make the choice that is best for my future.

My decisions and actions are always aligned with my long term goals.

I have strong discipline and always stick to my intentions.

I will resolve my inner conflicts.

I will always listen to my conscience.

Harmony is developing between my actions and my intentions.

I am finding it easier to do what I know I should.

Current Events

By Emma Bruce

APR 15: ALL DAY

APR 16: ALL DAY

3rd Grade ELA/READING Testing

APR 15: ALL DAY

Kindergarten Caps & Gown Pictures

APR 16: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Blood Drive

APR 17: ALL DAY

APR 18: ALL DAY

3rd Grade Math Testing

APR 18: ALL DAY

4th-8th Grade Math Testing

APR 19: ALL DAY

No School

Fun Facts

By Maddyson Marson-Compton
The Army is older than the country itself.

The Department of Defense is the world's biggest employer.

The Department of Defense owns over 30 million acres of land.

The Air Force used to be a part of the Army.

The Army offers holiday block leave vacations to soldiers in training.

The Army is responsible for creating Ray-Bans.

The military used submarines as early as the revolutionary war.

The Army has a history of investigating psychic phenomena. The military built a giant robot in the 60s.

Most U.S Presidents served in the military.

The Medal of Honor dates back to Abraham Lincoln.

There is a massive worldwide network of U.S military installations.

Baseball

By Montana Goad

There should be a wonderful Whippet baseball article here, but the journalist didn't submit anything. Our deepest apologies. Please enjoy this very cute picture of Ms. Smith's dog, Cerberus, instead.



E-Sports

By Emma Bruce

E-Sports is the gaming club we have at Varnum Public Schools. It is open to every student at the beginning of each semester. The coach for E-Sports is Zachery Self. He is a very good and active coach. All of the players are students that enjoy gaming and are deadly at the games they play.



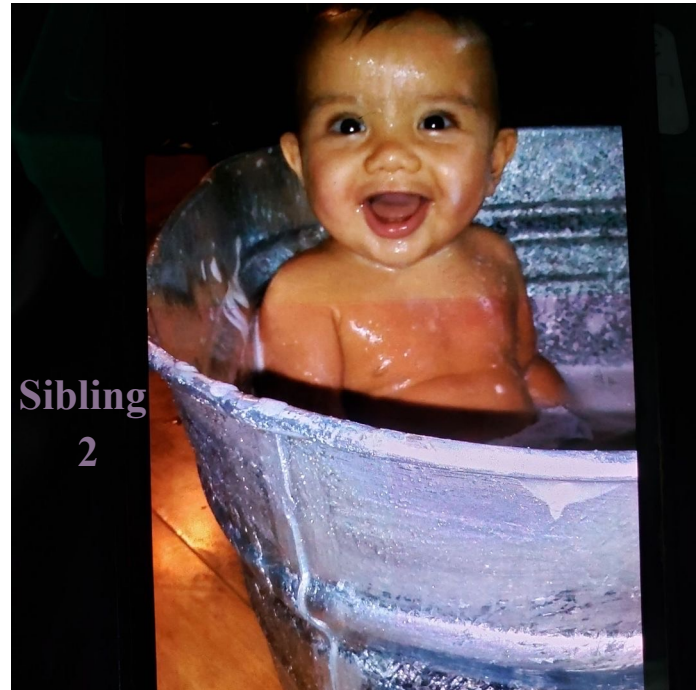
Softball



Baby Picture Round-Up

by Maddyson Marson-Compton

Can you correctly match these Whippet siblings with their current selves?



Staff Bios

by Dazia McCulley

This week is different from staff bios because I failed to interview a teacher we have not done. Instead I asked Ms. Smith some questions about being a teacher. She wanted to become a teacher since she was eight years old and she knew even then there were kids who fell through the cracks. She became a teacher for the students who may have no one else in their life who sees them. A challenge she faced when becoming a teacher was that she actually teaches a different subject than she studied in college. Her original certification is in history. She says she adored books which made an easy transition to English and she even passed her English certification test on the first try! Ms. Smith absolutely loves being a teacher but it is definitely not an easy career. She explains that it sometimes feels like a plate spinning routine teaching four classes, three electives, running an after school club, and being a class sponsor, but if something she says or does helps even one student it's all worth it. She says the hardest thing about discipline is understanding that not every punishment will affect every student. I asked if some classes are easier to manage than others and she said every class is different. But she has observed that sometimes when a class is labeled "hard to manage" they may just need something different than they are used to in the past. A goal Ms. Smith had for this year versus her first year here was to stay on top of grading and for the most part she's met that goal. She's constantly inspired by her student's kindness, wit, and curiosity. They are constantly making her a better teacher and a better person. Some advice to upcoming teachers she had was that you'll learn exponentially more from the wonderful humans you'll be blessed to work with than you ever will in the classroom at your teacher prep program. A con you hear about teaching is of course the salary while Ms. Smith certainly isn't in it for the money teachers are worth much more than what they are paid. A pro to her about being a teacher is that she feels like even in a small way she's making a difference in the world.

Total Eclipse of the Sun

By Julieauna Marson

Some facts about Eclipses:

Lunar Eclipses only occur during a full moon.

'Syzygy' is the term for when the Earth, Sun and Moon align.

There are three types of Lunar Eclipse.

'Totality' is the term for when the Moon is completely darkened.

You could see a Lunar Eclipse from the Moon.



Two Truths & A Lie

By Faith Cornett



Riley

- 1. I'm 5'3
- 2. My favorite sport is softball
- 3. **I play soccer**

Raylin

- 1. I run track.
- 2. **I play basketball.**
- I play softball.

Did you guess the lie correctly?
The lies are in red.



Ashlyn

- 1. I play basketball.
- 2. **I run distance in track.**
- 3. I have blond hair.



Look-Alikes

By Julieauna Marson

Cartoon look-a-likes



Devin



Terence



Jase



Luka

Elementary Section

By Mvhayv Salceda

Look at these cuties as they gaze at the total solar eclipse. This was such a fun experience for everyone who got to see the eclipse. The smiles on their little faces when they first saw the moon in front of the sun was so heartwarming. I know they enjoyed every moment of this celestial event!



Dear Whippet

Dear Whippet,

There should be a wonderful Dear Whippet article here, but the journalist didn't submit anything. Our deepest apologies for any and all inconvenience. Hopefully Dear Whippet will be back next week.

*Goodbye,
Dear Whippet.♥*

If I Don't Make It Home by Jodi M. Kucera

If I don't make it home, please remember it wasn't because I
didn't try.
The last thing I wanted was to make you cry.

I wanted more than anything to make it back to you,
But there was a job I just had to do.

As you were sleeping through the night,
We woke to the sound of gunfire; and I knew this would be my
last fight.

It's my job to keep you safe and free,
And to do that I will give every ounce of me.

I am a soldier who will defend until the very end,
But that comes at a cost that I know I can't mend.

Keep a picture of me beside the bed and kiss me goodnight.
Imagine my arms around you, holding you tight.

Don't forget how my lips felt on yours.
Or my soft caress as our clothes fell to the floor.

Remember the warmth of my breath as I whispered, "I love
you," in your ear.
Just because I'm gone, my love doesn't disappear.

I know I broke my promise to be here to wipe away every tear.
You've cried a million of them every time you wished I were
still here.

Please forgive me for leaving you so soon,
But my country called and needed me, too.

Calliope's Corner

By Calora Cain

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

This week's corner is all about war!
**"War is what happens when language
fails." — Margaret Atwood**
**"The true soldier fights not because he
hates what is in front of him, but because
he loves what is behind him." — G.K.
Chesterton**

War Is Never Over by Cecil L. Harrison

War is never over
Thought the treaties may be signed
The memories of the battles
Are forever in our minds

War is never over
So when you welcome heroes home
Remember in their minds they hold
Memories known to them alone

War is never over
Nam veterans know this well
Now other wars bring memories back
Of their own eternal hell

War is never over
For I knew world war two
And I'll not forget the battles
Or the nightmares that ensue

War is never over
Those left home to wait know this
For many still are waiting
It was their farewell kiss

War is never over
Though we win the victory
Still in our minds the battles
No freedom is not free!

Varnum Vogue: Gothic Fashion

True Trad Gothic fashion is a clothing style marked by dark, mysterious, antiquated, homogeneous, and often genderless features. Goth may be commonly confused with emo, punk, or metalhead fashion, but they're actually extremely different!

The origins of contemporary goth style are found in the victorian cult of mourning. The emergence of the goth subculture began in London in the 1980s. Along with the style of dressing, music also played a large factor in the subculture's creation. Some of the most influential bands would be the Bauhaus, The Cure, Sisters of Mercy, and Siouxsie and the Banshees. The 'Batcave,' a popular goth club in London, was also a large part of the subculture, aiding in the popularity of the style

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Nature Photography

By Mvhayv Salceda
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