Letters for Honor Society were passed out on February 26th to students who met the minimum requirement of a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Due to students needing at least 15 community service hours to be eligible, the Honor Society hosted an optional volunteering event called E.A.R.N Day, or Eagles Act Right Now, on March 24th. The 34 students who participated were assigned to do various tasks around the campus. One of the activities was to help out at the trail party in the Outdoor Environmental Learning Center. We truly appreciate Mr. Bahr and Ms. Farr for supervising this successful trail party!

The next E.A.R.N. Day will be on April 21st from 2:40-4:15 (1.5 hours). You must register in advance online on the Honor Society website at http://nsd.schoolwires.net/domain/1660. The trail work party in the Outdoor Environmental Learning Center will also be taking place that same day on April 21st.

Remember that applications must be filled out and need to be turned in by Monday, May 2nd to Ms. Subcleff’s box or Portable S. Invitations will then be sent before Wednesday, May 25th when the Induction Ceremony will take place. In addition, students are encouraged to continue supporting Michael Albrecht by filling out a Sparrow Club Community Service Voucher, which can be turned in to the Attendance Office.

Source: Skyview Honor Society

Photos taken by Shannon Hong
**ASB Corner**

By Tashmee Sarwar, Grade 8

Spring Social!
Very soon, ASB will host its last social of the year. The theme of this event is “Throwback”. We’ll bring back to you the elementary school memories of PE games, such as Castle Ball, Fire in the Jungle, and much more! There will be pizza, pop, and other “junk” food available for sale to enjoy while watching the movie, *Inside Out*! Come and enjoy this free event on Friday, April 29th, from 6:30-8:30pm! Hope to see you there!

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**9th Grade Student Wins First in Regional Science Fair**

By Brittany Do, Grade 9

On Saturday, March 12th, 2016, the Central Sound Regional Science and Engineering Fair took place at Bellevue College. It is an annual competition that ninth through twelfth grade students in King and Snohomish Counties in Washington are qualified for. Rishabh Jain, a 9th grader at Skyview, designed a robotic glove. Its purpose was to convert sign language to text and more importantly, speech. That way, it would allow mute and/or deaf people to converse with others who don’t understand sign language. Because of his design, Rishabh won first place in the category of Embedded Systems/Robotics/Systems Software. Along with that, he also received the Inspiring Excellence Award. Next up, he will be taking his project to Bremerton High School for the upcoming Washington State Science and Engineering Fair, taking place on April 1st and 2nd. His design is definitely something worthwhile. It will be the start of an everlasting and vital bridge for communication.

If you are interested in the fairs mentioned above, check out [http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sciencefair/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sciencefair/) and [http://www.bremertonschools.org/Page/4570](http://www.bremertonschools.org/Page/4570) for more information.

*Sources: Shilpi Jain, Central Sound Regional Science & Engineering Fair, and West Hills STEM Academy*
2016 STEM Summer Camp
By Shannon Hong, Grade 9

Are you interested in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)? Do you want to help and serve the environment while having fun this summer? If so, you should look into the Ground to Sound STEM Environmental Challenge Summer Camp!

All students at Skyview are eligible to become a mentor. Not only will you get to guide the campers, but you will also be able to earn community service hours and gain a great leadership experience. There will be a one day training before the first day so that you know a little bit more about what to do. If you are interested in applying to be a mentor, fill out the form at www.friendsoffriendsofhiddenriver.org/uploads/pdf/gts-mentor-intern-application.pdf and give it to the camp director Mr. Schmied. If you would like more information, head to www.friendsoffriendsofhiddenriver.org/ground-to-sound-stem-challenge-camp. Make sure to apply as soon as possible because mentor slots are limited for this camp. Hope to see you there!

Note: Students can carry this information on to younger siblings going into 5th, 6th, or 7th grade this fall; they would be eligible as campers.

Sources: Friends of Hidden River and Bing images

"The Friends of the Hidden River is an educational organization dedicated to developing and enhancing citizen understanding and action in community environmental education issues in the Puget Sound and surrounding regions. We depend on donations from the community to help support our student programs and outreach projects. Please help us serve others by supporting us."

Who: All students; Mentors will need to be entering 8th to 10th grade while campers need to be entering 5th to 7th grade
What: An awesome camp sponsored by The Friends of the Hidden River that challenges students to work together and use technical equipment to learn about the environment
When: Monday, June 27th to Friday, July 1st during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Where: Brightwater Environmental Center in Woodinville
Why: As a student who has been both a camper and a mentor, I definitely recommend participating in this camp program. We used iPads for making videos, done simulations with various materials, and got to explore beautiful wood trails every day. This camp really takes a unique learning approach through experience and observations. Here, you have the opportunity to positively influence and become more aware of the Puget Sound, the place we call home.
Lately, I’ve been hearing a lot about the 2016 Presidential Election, and that totally makes sense! It’s a big deal! However, I try to stay out of discussions of the candidates, and who’s better than whom. So I’ve decided to stick to the facts and give a quick look at each of the top candidates, starting with the Democratic Party. All information obtained from MSNBC (see: msnbc.com) and Wikipedia (the more general ideas, not the specific things).

**Hillary Clinton**
Everyone knows her as either the only current female candidate for president, or Bill Clinton’s wife. More so the former. However, there’s more to her than being a woman. She passed several policies involving health care and world trade, and says that women who claim to be sexually assaulted should be believed in. She recently has gotten into topics such as gay rights and racial justice. Notably, her husband, Bill Clinton, was caught in a massive affair with another woman while in office. Also, the majority of her delegate votes in the caucus are from super-delegates, who have 8 points each.

**Bernie Sanders**
The only other democratic candidate after Martin O’Malley dropped out of the race, Bernie Sanders is best known for his policies on taxes and capitalism. He states that Hillary Clinton represents the establishment (super rich people trying to buy the election, in layman’s terms), and claims that the Upper and Middle-Class must have higher taxes, in exchange for free health-care, and the Lower-Class in better living conditions.

**Ted Cruz**
Ted Cruz has recently been caught in a huge conspiracy on whether or not he is legally allowed to run for presidency, because he was born in Canada, but from a U.S. mother. The conspiracy is still being resolved. However, Ted Cruz believes in gun rights, and that marriage is between a man and a woman. He also has rather large aggression towards Donald Trump, notably.

**Donald Trump**
A laughingstock at Skyview, Donald Trump isn’t actually a politician, but rather a billionaire who isn’t afraid to speak his mind (for better or for worse). He insists on building a wall across the southern border-- and making Mexico pay for it-- and putting all Muslims into a registration. He is also the only republican candidate to support same-sex marriage, and health care. Other republicans call him “liberal”, probably because of his support of several of Obama’s acts. At his rallies, there have been a lot of violence between protesters of his campaign and his supporters, sometimes even to the point where the rallies have been canceled.

***Republican Candidates (John Kasich is not listed, for the sake of space) ***
Animal Cruelty
By Zosia Helak and Olivia Bustillos

Warning: Contains Graphic Content

Animal cruelty can go far, especially when it comes to pet shops. Pet shops do not normally let customers into their warehouses so you don’t know what kind of animals you are buying and in what condition they are in.

However, this story in this month’s column is different. The animal cruelty is happening in a public place where everyone can see it. It constantly happens on public streets in China.

This is a story about a raccoon dog, an adolescent raccoon. These animals are native to Asia. In the wild, they enjoy having a mate or a friend close by. They love to help each other out and live in small groups or pairs. They are helpful to one another: responsible fathers bring food to their pregnant mates, protecting them and helping in raising the young. These animals are social and unlike most animals, they stay with their mate for their whole life. Raccoon dogs are not doing anything wrong. What do we do to reward them? We kill them. These raccoons are hunted in Finland and China to be represented as fake fur or fur that is from a different species of animal. They are hung upside down, still conscious, and have their fur peeled off in a market. Then, they are thrown into a pile alive, moving, blinking and left there to die. This is horrible, but it is the truth.

The raccoon dogs are killed for winter coats. Sellers come and either throw their head against the ground or club their head until they lose consciousness. Many raccoons lose consciousness, and they do not regain it after the clubbing. Although the men abuse the raccoons, they are still conscious when their fur is ripped off. When the job is done, they are tossed into a pile to die. Hundreds of raccoon dogs are in pain, and they continue walking around without their fur. They wail just like you would if you were being skinned. What have they done to deserve such a disastrous ending to their life? Nothing. How would you feel if all your hair that covers your body was ripped off all at once? In our world, it is called waxing, but animals should not get “waxed”. Again there is also a video and an article on the Humane Society website. Article: http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/2015/09-10/hsus-campaign-for-truth-in-fur-labels.html
Video: watch at your own risk! http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/raccoon_dogs/?credit=web_id658246060

WARNING FROM THE AUTHORS OF THIS ARTICLE!
IF YOU HAVE A WEAK STOMACH OR CAN HAVE NIGHTMARES EASILY, THEN DO NOT WATCH THIS VIDEO!
Teacher Interviews
By Samantha Hanson and Emily Gollihugh, Grade 7

Mr. Bond
By Emily

Mr. Bond (not 007) grew up in Oregon through third grade, then went to Washington. In his family, he had an older brother and sister, his parents, and a dog. He was very shy and socially awkward in Junior High. He was on the golf team, and thought of himself as the worst player. His favorite subject was English, but when he moved on to High School he started liking Theatre instead. Once, in Junior High, he was in his gym class, and they were playing rugby with a huge medicine ball. He was knocked over and he had a huge scratch on his knee. While he dislikes sports, he enjoys being a pirate from time to time. He's in a group called BOOM, and they dress up and act like pirates for plays and parades. His most favorite thing to do, though, is teach. He especially loves the students! His favorite color is black, food is spaghetti, and book is The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater. His favorite quote is, “Don’t forget to be awesome” (John Green).

Ms. Johnson
By Samantha

For Mrs. Johnson, it all started in Edmonds, Washington. When she was in Junior High, she enjoyed playing on all the school’s sports teams. Her favorite subject was math. Outside of school, Mrs. Johnson loved waterskiing, boating, and camping. She lived and did these various activities with her sister and parents. Interestingly, all of her family members became teachers, though all the rest of them became gym teachers. Mrs. Johnson, however, took a different path and became an English teacher. “I always knew that I would be a teacher. There didn’t seem to be any other jobs that I was exposed to,” she said with a smile. She didn’t decide to become an English teacher until her senior year of college, though. “I realized I had good English credits and my friends were always asking me to review their papers,” Mrs. Johnson explained. After she graduated from the University of Washington, she came to Skyview in 2005 as a student teacher. She has always loved the staff and students at Skyview. However, if she could change one thing, she would make the traffic less congested. She encourages students in her class to work hard, and wants them to stop doing annoying things such as clicking pens, standing up once she’s calmed them down, making random annoying noises, and walking away after dropping something. Besides her occasionally obnoxious students, she also has to look after her two kids. Her son constantly talks, and her daughter is very stubborn. Outside of school, she also currently enjoys playing her favorite sport, tennis, and working out. She could not live without sweats. She cannot think of a favorite movie, as thanks to her kids, she can barely clear her mind of Disney songs or movies at all. However, that trouble is nothing when compared to the threat of killing a spider on her own - the scariest thing that Mrs. Johnson has ever done. Some students might find this as a surprise, considering Mrs. Johnson’s fellow teacher from across the hall. Mrs. Johnson would describe her relationship with Mr. Redford (who happens to be her brother-in-law) as “tense . . . annoying . . . strained”.

Ms. Reagan
By Emily

Ms. Reagan was born in Lakewood, Washington, and lived with her mom, dad, and sister, Kris. In Junior High, she was a very dedicated and social student. She spent most of her time doing math, as it was her favorite subject, but did not like science. She also enjoyed choir because of its fun events. One thing she never suspected she would become when she grew up was a teacher. When it was time to go to college, she decided to go to UW, and ended up making great friends and loving it. This is when she decided to become a teacher. Though having to work with Mr. Redford is like having another student to take care of, she still enjoys teaching with the staff at Skyview. When she is out of school, she loves to travel the world and read - it’s even better when she gets to do those at the same time. She even got to travel to Obama’s second inauguration. Ms. Reagan also taught in Spain for a while, just outside of Madrid. She crossed the continent of South America off of her list not too long ago, and is excited to journey to Southeast Asia this summer.


**Mr. Redford**  
By Samantha

_SSSHHHHLUURRRP._ If students of Skyview hear a “slurp” sound echoing through the halls, they know who it must be Mr. Redford with his coffee in hand. However, there are many things that students might not suspect about the energetic seventh grade Social Studies teacher. For example, when he was in Junior High, (while living in Shoreline) he was quiet, shy, and quirky. He liked Social Studies back then because of the stories (though he wasn’t inspired to become a Social Studies teacher until after a trip to Jamaica). He has enjoyed traveling for a while. One of the first examples of this is the time that he was going to Washington D.C. in eighth grade for a swim championship. He has since been on his many trips to various locations around the world. He travelled to Skyview to start teaching in 2008. His favorite part about Skyview, in his words, would be “Me! Just kidding. Don’t put that in your paper.” His favorite part would probably be the students. Although, if he could change one thing about Skyview he would make the halls wider - some students may recognize his “Let’s go! Move it!” at the end of the day, along with his characteristic slurp. Once the halls clear, Mr. Redford goes home to play with his baby (she is named Carson and was born last summer), fixing cars (if he hadn’t become a teacher, he would probably have fixed cars for a living), and coaching swim teams. He also likes eating fish pudding, and watching his favorite movie, the cartoon Robin Hood. The only thing better would be travelling to Palm Springs, his favorite travel destination. It would be hard to tell whether he would bring Mrs. Johnson, his sister-in-law and teacher across the hall. “It’s a love hate relationship. We are kind of like brother and sister. I would obviously be the older, more responsible one, though.” (Everyone laughs.)

**Mr. Schmied**  
By Emily

This teacher was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When he was in Junior High, he was not very great, because he moved, and couldn’t really get used to it. His favorite teacher died, and he didn’t exactly live in the best neighborhood. He found all his classes fascinating, but his favorite subjects were math, history, P.E., and science. The worst thing for him, though, was public speaking. His favorite memory from Junior High was when in eighth grade he was chosen to be one of two kids to see an astronaut back from orbit. Over 1,000 kids couldn’t have this opportunity, and they even said a little “hello”. When he grew up and went to college, he chose to go to the University of Illinois, then to an online course in the military, and continued on to UW, where he got two bachelor degrees and one masters. After graduating, he decided to become a coast guard, but there he found out that a lot of people working with him really liked teaching, and they encouraged him to do so, too. He came to Skyview, and now enjoys the students and their excitement for everything. He most enjoys his third period class, who on every Friday, sings songs all period.

**Ms. Slater**  
By Samantha

Ms. Teresa Slater was born in Everett, Washington. As a student, Slater bordered being a goody-goody and a rebel. “I made my own rules, in a way,” she reported. Her favorite subject in school was math, as you may have guessed, as she teaches the subject for seventh and eighth graders. She put herself into challenge math after a few year of seemingly easy work, a prime example of her making her own rules. Her least favorite subject was English (don’t take it personally, English teachers). As a junior high student, Slater wanted to be like Dr. Doolittle, but she discovered later that to do that she would have to have “an actual degree.” She then looked more into sports medicine and math. In high school and college, Ms. Slater continued exploring her love of math as she tutored students, which she thoroughly enjoyed doing and realized that she was kind of good at it. That is when she learned that being a teacher might be good for her. That was the root of her career as an instructor. Ms. Slater has been teaching for 22 years at WSU, Lake Stevens High School, and she is now in her first year at Skyview. Her favorite part about our school is that we like to have fun. She has also noticed that we are all very nice and kind to each other. When she isn’t at school, Ms. Slater enjoys being in the outdoors. She loves to hike and camp. She used to be a river guide. One of her signature sayings is “a happy today makes a happy tomorrow”. She can’t wait to not only give her students a happy tomorrow, but a great rest of the school year!
Ms. Subcleff
By Samantha

Ms. Subcleff grew up in Edmonds, with her parents and older sister, Tina. “Honestly, I was kind of nerdy in Junior High,” Ms. Subcleff explained. “I had big glasses, and I liked to read.” While she was in Junior High, Ms. Subcleff favorite subject was Social Studies, because she enjoyed learning about the world and hearing stories. She also liked playing tennis and hanging out with friends. After she discovered her enjoyment of tutoring and helping others, she decided to become a teacher. It was in 2011 that Mrs. Subcleff came to Skyview to teach, after being a student teacher for Mr. Newvine in 2008. Although she likes being a teacher here at Skyview (her second choice would be a travel foodie), there is something she would change if the opportunity arose. “If I could change one thing about Skyview, I would probably upgrade the portable classrooms. I am out there pretty much all the time,” she says. That isn’t the only thing she doesn’t love about Skyview. The scariest thing that she has ever done is co-teach with Mr. Redford. Some of her favorite things, that don’t scare her as much as that memory, include the color purple, “The Joy Luck Club” by Amy Tan, traveling (she would love to go to Southeast Asia one day) and playing tennis.

Who’s Who?

Try to match the following facts to the correct teacher below. The answers are in the paragraphs.

a. They have a favorite hobby of being a pirate.
b. They met an astronaut who had just returned from orbit when they were in eighth grade.
c. When they were younger, this person wanted to be just like Dr. Doolittle.
d. This person loves the book “The Joy Luck Club” by Amy Tan.
e. This person loves fixing and painting cars, and it would probably be their profession if they weren’t a teacher.
f. This person went to a presidential inauguration in person.
g. They could not survive without sweats.

Answers:
a. Mr. Bond
b. Mr. Schmied
c. Ms. Slater
d. Ms. Subcleff
e. Mr. Redford
f. Ms. Reagan
g. Ms. Johnson
Advice: Bring Up Your Grades
By Emily Gollihugh and Kyle Wickline, Grade 7

Having troubles keeping up your grades? You’ll need to do a little work, but it won’t be that bad. All you need to do is finish your work and turn it in. If you do that but you still don’t have your designated grade, you should study. For some people, it might not work as well, so then you could retake tests if they don’t meet up to standards, but even that might not help as much. Another thing is asking your teachers if you could do any extra credit. Some teachers don’t really give out extra credit, so you’ll just have to work hard for the rest of the year and wait for your grades to come up!

Source: WikiHow

Ask Motek

Dear Motek,
All my life, I was always so certain about my dream job. Nowadays, I’m starting to question if it is really something I’d like to do for the rest of my life while being able to support myself. Should I keep going for it or should I try to search for other passions? It also doesn’t help that my dad is hinting towards me being an engineer. I’m not sure what I want to do anymore.

Sincerely,
What Shall I Do

Dear What Shall I Do,

Choosing the right path isn’t a very easy choice, a lot of thought needs to be put into it. Go research all the job opportunities and find few that fit your interest. You should take your dad’s idea into consideration as well and talk to him about it. You might find out that it interests you as well! But remember that it is your decision; one that you should make so that it pleases you. Apart from this, you can talk with teachers and counselors in your school. They are experienced people and they probably have a lot of tips for you as well!

BE POSITIVE!
Motek

Dear Motek,

I know this person well and I enjoy being friends with them. However, sometimes they get very angry or upset, and I don’t know how to help them because they will shut me out. I want to help them, but how can I do that when I don’t know when their switch will get flipped?

- A Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned Friend,

Friends are really important part of everyone’s lives. They are a big reason I like coming to school. Sometimes your friends might not be having the best day. I think that the best thing to do is talk to them about it. Sit down and ask them what’s wrong. They might not want to talk about it, but let them know that you are here of them. I think that they will come for your help when the time comes. I hope this helped!

BE POSITIVE!
Motek

Need advice? Ask Motek: motekadvice@gmail.com
Advice: Family Life
By Kirby Long, Grade 7

Chances are if you're reading this you have a family, and I doubt that you guys get along perfectly. So from moms to siblings, families can be a lot to deal with. Everything seems to clash! So here are some helpful tips for home life, more accurately the women of the house.

First off moms, they love us, we love them, but sometimes we can get in some nasty fights with them. So my best advice... just avoid fighting in general. One common problem with moms is curfew. Let's face it, you want to stay up, and for “good” reason, too! Homework, sports, friends, with all that on your plate, how are you supposed to have anytime to chill out? But you have to understand, your mom wants what's best for you and knows all of that. She’s done all of this before. So sit down, talk, and explain your schedule. Find a time that works for both of you. And don’t yell or get mean; it makes everything worse. “Tell us please, what do we do when styles clash?” you may ask. Best answer, compromise! Just find something she doesn't mind, but won’t call you out on. Or, only if it’s fine with school dress codes, change at school. Simple answer (But maybe not the best).

Now on to sisters. Older sisters are hard to deal with, ok? But honestly all you need to do to not get them to freak out on you is try to understand. They’re dealing with a lot more than you, with school, work, and relationships. Sorry to say that life doesn’t get easier. You don’t know what you’re walking into, and what you say could push them over the edge. Just think about what you say before you say it.

And now younger siblings. Yes, the younger sibling. The best friend and worst enemy, the one you’re supposed to be a role model for. For dealing with them, the lesson’s kind of the reverse, but still a lesson of understanding. Understand that they don’t know what you’re dealing with. And they have no idea how hard you work every day. They just want help or you might have done something to upset them. Even if it’s not important to you, it could mean the world to them at the moment. So be sympathetic, as they have no idea what the real world is like. They’re just trying to figure things out like you were, once upon a time ago.

In the end, it’s not that hard. All you need is some patience and to hold your tongue. I hope this helped all you guys out! Till the next mess...

FAMILY

n. pl. families
One of life's greatest blessings.
A group of persons sharing a common ancestry. A group of people who will love and support each other through the good times as well as the bad.
Wii U Video Game Spotlight
By Arica Conrad, Grade 9

Super Mario Maker

Ever wanted a Mario level with three Bowsers? Super Mario Maker allows you to step inside the world of Super Mario and create your own epic Mario courses! The courses you make can be in four Mario game styles: Super Mario Bros, Super Mario Bros 3, Super Mario World, and Super Mario Bros U. Using a bunch of different blocks, enemies, costumes, and even sound effects, you can truly create the level of your dreams. You can then share your levels globally with other players, and play levels that other people have created. This game is also amiibo friendly, so your costume can be any amiibo character! “Anyone can make it. Everyone can play it,” completely describes this video game.

Yoshi’s Woolly World

Yoshi’s Woolly World takes you to the island of Yoshi and his knitted friends. This game is crafted (literally!) with yarn shy guys, curtain backdrops, ribbon water, and so many more elements to truly feel like it is a homemade game. The main problem of the story is that Yoshi’s friends get kidnapped, and he has to go save him. The game is set up with different worlds, and in it are multiple levels to play. Gather all of the collectibles from every level and you unlock a secret! Many familiar Mario enemies show up, as well as many adorable new ones. This game is also compatible with amiibo, so your Yoshi can be an amiibo character!

Disney Infinity 3.0

This third edition of the Disney Infinity series comes packed full of new and exciting play sets. Now that Disney has acquired Star Wars, there are playsets, characters, and discs from the Clone Wars, the original trilogy, the Force Awakens, and Star Wars Rebels! Additionally, more Marvel playsets, characters, and discs have added for all the Marvel fans out there. Not to mention more Disney and Pixar characters have shown up, like the emotions from Inside Out, Sam Flynn and Quorra from Tron, and Olaf from Frozen. This game is a must-have for anybody wanting to start Disney Infinity, or to expand your current universe.

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Movie Review: Zootopia
By Arica Conrad, Grade 9

Disney’s latest animated film, Zootopia, depicts an Earth where animals have replaced humans in modern time. However, the movie paints a deeper picture of the problems human (and animal) society faces: Corruption and discrimination.

Judy Hopps, a gray rabbit with amethyst colored eyes, has been dreaming about becoming a police officer, instead of working in her family’s business. But once on duty, she is told that rabbits should not be police officers. According to them, the only things rabbits are good at are being carrot farmers. However, Judy was not going to let that deter her from being in the ZPD (Zootopia Police Department). When she got the job of issuing parking tickets, Judy yearned to have a harder assignment, and her wish was granted. She was given a chance to find one of fourteen missing victims, and got partnered with the slyest fox you’d ever meet, Nick Wilde. With only a limited amount of time, and only a small lead, Judy and Nick have to unravel this case that even goes to the very top of Zootopia.

I gave Zootopia 5 out of 5 stars because of the hidden jokes and messages throughout the movie. There is a whole array of interesting characters, including a gazelle pop singer voiced by Shakira. This story of a bunny’s coming of age is one that we can all relate to, because even though people may put us down, we stand right back up again.

Movies to Look Forward to in 2016
By Arica Conrad, Grade 9

- The Jungle Book (April 15)
- Captain America: Civil War (May 6)
- Finding Dory (June 17)
- The Secret Life of Pets (July 8)
- Star Trek Beyond (July 22)
- Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (November 18)
- Moana (November 23)
- Rogue One (December 16)

If you would like to read more about these movies, or read the rest of the movies I did not get to include, please go to this site: http://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2015/12/2016-film-preview/419502/
**Red Queen**
*By Victoria Aveyard*

Reviewed By Chloe Koh, Grade 7

*Red Queen* is an amazing book! You will not be able to put it down, until you finish it. Mare Barrow lives in a society based on blood. There are two castes, red and silver. The silver blooded people have special abilities, like mind control, being able to see glimpses of the future, controlling metal, and fire control. The reds have no powers, just like you and me. Mare is different. She works as a thief, until one day, she gets caught. She finds out that she has her own power, one that she is not supposed to have. She gets thrown into the world of slivers, and she doesn’t know who to trust. Her blood might just be the downfall of them all. When Mare finds out that there are more people, just like her, she has to make a choice, whether to stay, or leave. She is the one, the one that will change the world. After all, she is the Red Queen.

*Source: Amazon*

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**City of Bones**
*By Cassandra Clare*

Reviewed By Hanna Koh, Grade 7

If you like action, adventure, fantasy, and a little bit of romance, then this book is for you! *City of Bones*, the first part of a six book series, is about Clary Fray, an ordinary girl who gets swept up into a magical world of angels and demons. This is called the Shadow World, a world that Clary, a mundane (human in Shadowhunter speak), shouldn’t be able to see. But then, Clary comes to find that she is actually supposed to be a Shadowhunter, a person who uses angelic powers to protect the mundane world from demons. Along her journey, she meets many Shadowhunters, both good and bad. Join Clary as she journeys into the Shadow World, and read a book you will never forget. I give this book 4.5 stars and recommend it to ages 12 to 17. This is NOT a book you can read without reading the rest of the series so make sure to check out the next books as well.

*Source: Amazon*

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**The Luxe**
*By Anna Godbersen*

Review By Minita Layal, Grade 7

Do you like books with drama and suspense? Does romance and revenge intrigue you? Well, if that is true, you should definitely read “The Luxe” by Anna Godbersen.

This book is set in 1899 Manhattan. It is about two sisters, Elizabeth and Diana, who are two of the wealthiest, most talked about people on the social scene. Elizabeth is quiet, serious, composed and graceful, just like most people expect her to be. Diana is the exact opposite. Everyone assumes that Elizabeth will marry Henry Schoonmaker, New York’s most desired man. After her family falls into debt, Elizabeth is has to do just that. Unknown to the others, she is secretly in love with the stableboy, Will. Elizabeth’s engagement to Henry causes problems between her and her friend Penelope, who was hoping to marry Henry. Penelope will do anything to have him all to herself, even if it means she has to kill her best friend. A mystery begins when Elizabeth’s carriage overturns near the water, and she is presumed to be dead. However, no body was found. The shocking event leaves everyone wondering, what really happened that day that the accident happened and is Elizabeth Holland really dead? Read the book to find out.

*Source: Amazon*
**Throne of Glass**  
By Sarah J. Maas

Review By Sharon Shibu, Grade 7

Celaena Sardothien is the most feared assassin in all of Adarlan. After spending a year in the salt mines of Endovier she is saved by the Crown Prince, Dorian, the son of the man who put her there in the first place. He asks her to be in a competition to become the king’s champion, in return she will be free in four years. She accepts and returns home with the prince. To make sure no one knows who she is, she is given a fake name and a fake background. Throughout the competition, she faces many dangers and obstacles, and even gets help from unexpected people. In the end things end up unexpectedly. I absolutely loved this book. I thought it was creative and I have heard that this story was based on Cinderella. But it is nothing like the Disney movie that we have all seen. I recommend this book for anyone that is 11 years and older. Throne of Glass is the first book in a 6 book series. I give this book 4.75 stars.

*Source: Amazon*

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**Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard**  
By Rick Riordan

Reviewed By Enoch Ku, Grade 7

Rick Riordan’s *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard* is a spectacular spin-off from the Percy Jackson series. Even if you haven’t read the Percy Jackson series, you can still enjoy this tale. The story starts off with a homeless 16 year old who was orphaned when mother was mysteriously killed. Magnus finds a magical talking sword, but he dies after a glorious battle against a demon named Surt. You may think that I just spoiled the entire book, but in reality, that was just the beginning. He wakes up in a garden and the rest is for you to find out. I give this book 5/5 stars. I hope you enjoy this thrilling novel!

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**Divergent**  
By Veronica Roth

Review By Anshu Kotha, Grade 7

*Divergent* is a book written by Veronica Roth on April 25, 2011. This book is about a girl named Beatrice Prior and how one decision changed her whole life. How she learns more about herself that she didn’t understand before. If you liked books such as *Percy Jackson or Harry Potter*, I think you will like this book too. If you do read this book, make sure to read the next books in the trilogy, *Insurgent* and *Allegiant*, as well. Be sure to also check out *Four*, which is basically *Divergent* in Four’s (Tobias) perspective and his life before he made a decision. I really liked this book mostly when her whole life changes and all the problems that follow that one choice.

*Source: Amazon*
Books That EVERYONE Must Read
(And Just Might Kill You)

By Chloe Koh and Hanna Koh, Grade 7

(Yes, we are the infamous, wait, no, we are the famous twins)

- All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven
- An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
- An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir
- Cinder (The Lunar Chronicles) by Marissa Myers
- City of Bones (The Mortal Instruments) by Cassandra Clare
- Clockwork Angel (The Infernal Devices) by Cassandra Clare
- Divergent by Veronica Roth
- Elantris by Brandon Sanderson
- Everything, Everything by Nicola Woot
- Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell and its companion, Carry On by Rainbow Rowell
- Lady Midnight (The Dark Artifices) by Cassandra Clare
- Legend by Marie Lu
- Matched by Allie Condie
- Paper Towns by John Green
- Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
- Shadow and Bone (The Grisha Trilogy) by Leigh Bardugo
- So You Want to be a Wizard by Diane Duane
- The Candymakers by Wendy Mass
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- The Iron Trial by Cassandra Clare and Holly Black
- The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians) by Rick Riordan
- The Lost Hero (The Heroes of Olympus) by Rick Riordan
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- The Rose Society by Marie Lu
- The Selection by Kiera Cass
- The School For Good and Evil by Soman Chainani
- The Sword of Summer (Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard) by Rick Riordan
- The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann
- Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas
- Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
- Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green and David Levithan
- Wonder by Raquel J. Palacio
- Zeros by Scott Westerfeld

And, of course…

HARRY POTTER!

Coming from us, you should have expected that...And for all you people who are less educated about books, Harry Potter is by the very famous and amazing J.K. Rowling. The first one is called Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone, unless you are British, then it is called Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone. There are 35 books on this list. READ THEM ALL ANYWAY. PUT THIS NEWSPAPER DOWN NOW AND PICK UP ONE OF THESE BOOKS!

P.S. You might notice that these books are all fiction. These books are fiction because nonfiction is boring, and we don’t want to put you though that torture. Nonfiction has no plot, no magical setting, no interesting characters, and no “technical” beginning, middle, and end. Not to be rude to nonfiction readers, but anyway, that’s our opinion (but you might want to actually read these books as we are self-proclaimed book experts).

Sources: Goodreads, Our friends, Our brains, and Amazon.
Jack and Jack

By Olivia Costarella, Grade 7

Jack and Jack are making their way to the top. Jack Edward Johnson and Jack Finnegan Gilinsky were born in 1996 in Omaha, Nebraska, and have been best friends since kindergarten and still are friends. Jack and Jack started their career when they made “MotherFalconQuagmire”. They started by lip-syncing to popular songs, short parodies, and British speaking.

Jack and Jack did not stop there. They went and started Vines, such as “They're Never Miss Series”, but their real breakout was “Nerd Vandals”. They could not stop now; they were finally getting the respect and views they always wanted. They came out with a game called, “Let It Goat”, which was even more addictive than “Flappy Bird” and “Candy Crush”. This success helped them have the confidence to make “SkyVu” and the “Jack and Jack” puzzle game that was released in December 2014.

You must be wondering what happened and why they decided to pursue music. Their first original song, Distance, was released January 2014, which was at number 7 on the iTunes U.S. Hip-Hop Charts. That led to collaborations with Shawn Mendes Emblem3 and Steve Aoki. Jack and Jack's career was not only on the verge of record breaking, but so overwhelming for Jack and Jack that it was just well...UNBELIEVABLE.

They now were so big that six music videos were out for Wildlife, California, Like That (Featuring Skate), Flights, Groove, Tides. But not only that, they have their own album, Calibraska.

Jack and Jack now have an average of 2.6 million followers on Vine and one post got them 100K more followers. They are making it big and fans also seem to agree, even though they are so big now they are still doing the things they would do normally.

Sources:
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Poems

By Minita Layal, Grade 7

Winter
In the winter the snowflakes fall dancing through the air swirling in a storm drifting in the breeze gently landing on a sugar frosted tree

Winter Storm
The wind whips around snowflakes blinding me the cold chills my bones my feet slip and slide on the icy ground shadows loom beyond the icy fingers of the icicles the wind is getting stronger Powder flying in my face a truck is splashing towards me showering me in icy rain wet, shivering, cold I struggle out of the winter storm

Porch light glowing a chocolate smell surrounds me Warmth splashes out enveloping me in light my feelings are in a whirl, but happy I survived the winter storm.
The Evil Easter: A Short Story

By Arica Conrad, Grade 9

It was a beautiful spring day. And by “beautiful”, I meant pouring down rain. Typical Seattle weather.

I dragged myself out of bed and stared at the mantle, hoping to see delicious candy. But there was nothing there! Somebody stole our Easter baskets!! I looked down and noticed some muddy footprints on our nice new carpet…Bunny footprints. The footprints led me to the nearby park, where they ended at a big oak tree. There was a suspicious looking hole in front of the base. I crouched down and peered through the dim opening. This better not end in me going to Wonderland.

I stuck my hand down the opening, which was probably a bad mistake on my part, seeing that there could be creepy-crawlies in the hole. I pulled my hand back with…an egg? Why was there a painted egg in the hole? I set the egg on the ground beside me, and reached in to see if there were more. I leaned back and rested my head on…a furry foot? Ahhh! I leapt up, and gasped at the leering bunny. Suddenly, the egg in my hand started shaking, and a crack appeared on the top. A bright orange beak popped out, followed by a gray body. This was no Easter egg; this was a robin’s egg!

Seemingly bored with me, the Easter Bunny moved off to another robin’s nest. I watched as he grabbed a bright blue egg, whipped out a paintbrush, and painted stripes on the egg with a flourish. He then placed the egg in a brown wicker basket. He hopped off...in the direction of my house? I pulled out my phone and dialed “9-1-1” while stealthily following him, which meant running in a full-out sprint.

“Yeesss?” The bored operator drawled.

“Sir,” I panted, “The Easter Bunny…He’s evil…He’s stealing robin eggs…And painting them… You have to send the police!”

“Reeeaaallyyy? An evil Easter Bunny? Look kid, maybe you should go home and lie down for a bit,” he said patiently.

“DON’T YOU ‘KID’ ME!!!” I yelled into the phone, “I AM A YOUNG ADULT!! NOW YOU WILL SEND THE POLICE OR ELSE!!!”

“Okay, okay, don’t get your pants in a twist. Dispatching the police now. Have a nice day,” he said with fake cheerfulness.

I rushed into my house and saw the Easter Bunny now being handcuffed by two police officers that looked like they were going to faint at any moment. They ushered him out of the house and put the bad bunny in the backseat of their fancy police car.

The moral of the story? Appearances are deceiving. A benevolent bunny could actually turn out to be a rabbit robber.

Black Heart

By Minita Layal, Grade 7

Glittering rubies
Glimmering stones
Shimmering sapphires
and piles of gold
surround me in heaven
whirl around me in smoke
as darkness starts creeping
into my own soul,
Power is rising
and choking me up
as I gaze in wonder
at what I’ve become.
Slowly I’m smiling
and getting back up,
Greed and vanity
closing me up.
Walking fast towards
my new plan,
I know that I am changed,
ever will be the same
selfishness taking,
it’s place in my heart.
I am slowly starting to see
what this treasure is doing to me.
Spring DIYs
By Raveena Nair, Grade 9

Flower Art:
Why pay $20 on a room decor when you can make it yourself? Making these wonderful staple pieces that light a whole room up is quick and easy!

Supplies:
- Paint (any color you want)
- Plate
- Flowers (any type you want, preferably one with many petals to give that unique shape)
- Cardboard Paper or Watercolor paper

Steps:
1. Squirt your paint in small batches into plate. You can use different colors or stick with the same color throughout.
2. Swirl your flower around the paint face down. Make sure the paint reaches most of the flower.
3. Place the flower on your paper. The paint should create a flower outline. If you want you can stamp the flower or swirl around the flower, to create any effect you want.
4. Let the canvas dry for 3 hours.

Optional!
Try using different sized flowers of the same type!

Winter is here, in it's cold and wet glory.

Maybe I'm being too negative.

There's tons of stuff to do in winter.

WOW! there's so much to do in winter!

I can:
- Do a snowball fight.
- Build a snowman.
- Annoy everyone with late X-mas carols.
- Make snow angels.
- Watch creepy old claymation X-mas movies.
- And pig out on valentine candy.

Hey Barry! wanna go collect some pollen?

Hey Barry! wanna go swimming with me?

I'm too scared.

Barry: man but I'm good.

BARRY! you haven't moved an inch all day and now it's sundown, you slug!

and I'm proud.

You choose, up for a game of ping pong?

Sorry man, I'm totally wiped out!

The End

The Lazy Bee

By: Eddie Castillo

I live in Washington

The End

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NEW SUPPLIES ARRIVING DAILY!

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

BUT IT'S JUNE... SCHOOL JUST GOT OUT!

Comics

By Eddie Castillo and Sydney Simmons, Grade 7
Skyview’s Photo Shoot
By Brittany Do, Grade 9

SKY PHOTO - Another morning begins as the sun rises behind the trees. It is a beautiful backdrop for the Skyview parking lot.

PILLARS WITH TREES - A bright, blue sky beyond the pillars that hold up Skyview’s roofs, along with trees with their bare branches.

ODD ANGLE ON ROOF WITH MORE TREES - An interesting take on Skyview’s roofs because, honestly, who really looks up? Maybe a lot of things are missed, along with this odd, but intriguing angle.
FULL BODY TREE - The intense glare of the sunlight lands on the top parts of the tree, which changes the color of the tree slightly.

PORTABLES AND TREES ALONG WITH SIDE OF ACADEMIC BUILDING - The wondrous trees behind portables 5 and 6 stand tall and proud.
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