

# :: Random Facts ::

by Jialan Deal

- The original Kermit muppet was originally made from an old coat owned by Jim Henson's mother. In 2010 it was donated to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.
- Foxes use the earth's magnetic field to hunt prey. Other animals such as birds, sharks, and turtles also have the ability to sense the magnetic field, but only foxes have been proven to use it to hunt.
- The oldest known lighthouse was the Pharos of Alexandria, Egypt. It stood 450 feet high and was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It was destroyed by invaders and earthquakes in the 1300s.
- After you die, your ashes could be turned into a diamond. It takes a minimum of one pound of ashes. The ashes are put in a special oven to see if there is enough carbon to make a diamond. If not, it is purified. Then the carbon is turned into graphite. The next step is compressing and heating the graphite up to 25,000 degrees Fahrenheit. These conditions cause the diamond to grow over a period of six to eight weeks.
- Bees are affected by caffeine and cocaine. Caffeine is a chemical produced by plants that is designed to lure pollinators in and repel pests. It will make the bees work faster. However, when bees are on cocaine, they mess up their communication with other bees often over-exaggerating the quality of the food.



## Daily Dose of Happiness

by Ashlynn White

Do you have moments in your day where you crave the taste of sweet treats yet don't have enough time to bake?  
Look no further!

### 1 Minute Brownie Batter

#### Ingredients:

Brownie mix of your choice  
Milk (water can be substituted but may affect taste)

#### Steps:

Pour desired amount of mix into a cup. Simultaneously stir and add milk (or water) in small amounts into your cup of mix until you reach a thick batter. Enjoy!



### Thanksgiving Traditions Around the World

by Racheal Jeon

**Chuseok**, or Korean Thanksgiving day, is a holiday celebrated on the 15th of August according to lunar calendar. This holiday is celebrated in both North and South Korea, and traditionally, people return to their hometown to visit their families and friends, and make colorful rice cakes shaped like a half moon called Songpyeon.

On this special day, people thank their ancestors for what they have



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# The Penguin Cassette

## Ask Ash & Marcello: Advice Column

Ashlynn White & Marcello Santomenna

**Curious Caleb asks:** How do you solve a Rubik's cube?

**A:** Well my dear child, this seems to be one of those situations where only google can help you. We highly recommend you visit **wikihow**. Although, the Rubik's cube competition has already passed so you should be able to make it by without knowing how to solve one. However, we can help you with bop-it skills. People need to realize how applicable the experience one gains while playing bop-it is within the real world. How do you open a bottle cap? Twist it. A door doesn't open when you push it? Pull it. Bop-it is truly the most undervalued sport out there.

## Advice from the Student Body

Get your standardized testing done early...

Think about college stuff early...

-Anonymous

**"When in doubt watch a vine compilation" - Katherine White**

### Michael's Mindless Mumbles

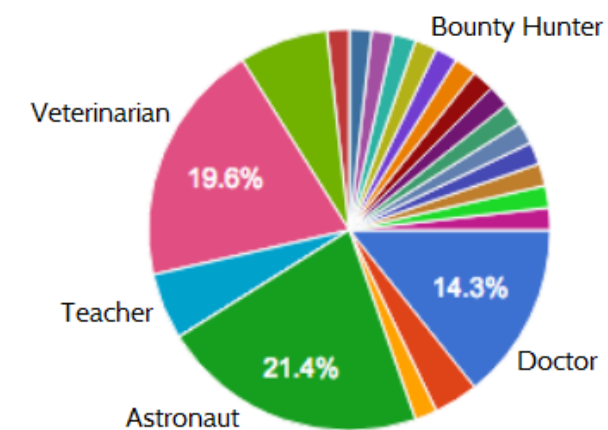
Being tall sucks. Okay, so now that I (hopefully) have your attention with an unpopular opinion, I obviously need to tell you why. But first, I want to tell you a little about this column. Michael's Mindless Mumbles is a column that will appear every once in a while in the Penguin Cassette where I, Michael Delorge, your resident MSSM tall person, mindlessly mumble. Pretty self explanatory I hope. Anyway, back to my original mumbling, being tall sucks. The thing that I have noticed the most is in normal conversation with new or unfamiliar people. They, unable to relate to being non-vertically challenged, will say, "Wow-ww, you're tall". This lends itself to an obligatory response from the tall person (in this case, me). What do you want me to say? Do you want me to say, "Yes. Good observation," or "Yes I am" or "haha yeah" or "yep I've always been tall". I understand the need to say something like this to spark conversation but making a blatant statement is self defeating because it lends

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### What's with the Name?

**THE PENGUIN CASSETTE** was originally created by Rothery Sullivan and she was deciding names. Ashlynn White suggested the Penguin Gazette which sounded great. During a planning session "gazette" was spelled slightly wrong and it autocorrected to "cassette". Being quirky and still having a meaning of 'recording and playing back information', the name stuck.

### When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?



by Victoria Eichorn



# Hometown Spotlight: Hebron, Maine

by Victoria Eichorn



**HEBRON IS A LITTLE TOWN IN THE LARGE REGION OF OXFORD HILLS** that is rarely recognized whenever someone mentions the town name. It is home to approximately 1,400 people and is was founded in 1792. In 1777, the General Court of Massachusetts granted a land to Alexander Shepard. This eventually became known as Shepardsfield. The inhabitants later petitioned to the General Court to incorporate this little town, it was incorporated in 1792 and was from then on known as Hebron.

One of the notable characteristics about this little town is Hebron Academy, the private middle/high school. It was founded in 1804 and rests in the heart of Hebron. The elementary school is Hebron Station School, this originally was a train station and the train tracks still remain behind the school. This quiet, little known town is rich with history which the people of the town are very proud of. We have one little store, a post office, two fire stations and an inn. The Greenwood Mountain Inn is at the tallest point in Hebron, so it has a spectacular view of the rolling hills in Oxford County. Right down the street from the Greenwood Mountain Inn used to be a Sanatorium. They used to take patients with tuberculosis out of the cities and to the sanatorium to get the fresh country air into their lungs.



The people in the town are very active as well, the fields behind the elementary school host soccer games in the fall, basketball games in the gym during the winter, and the fields behind the store across the street host t-ball games in the spring. There's a historical society that tries to preserve what they can and host events to fundraise to try to save what they can. One student from Hebron, for his Eagle Scout project made town signs, he even held a competition at the elementary school for design ideas.

This quaint little town is rarely known when mentioned, but even so, that doesn't mean that the people who live there don't take pride in it.

*(Michaels Mindless Mumbles Continued)*

itself to boring conversation. In order to make this tiring conversation more interesting, this is then followed up by the question/statement I hate even more. The dreaded "you must be really good at basketball". Okay. Stop. Pause. What do you want me to say to this? You have now put me in the awkward position of confirming or denying this statement. Depending on the day I could say, "yep" or "actually I haven't played since 6th grade". This makes tall people feel uncomfortable. Think of this next time those words leave your mouth.

Anyway, I think you get the point of how this can be conversationally awkward. Beyond that, it sucks in other ways. Here at MSSM, the facilities are much more conducive for people of average height. I have to bend down to use sinks. I have to duck going up or down stairs, on or off school busses, or getting into the bottom bunk here at MSSM. The shower head in the showers is at eye-level. To fix this truly enjoyable problem, I purchased a shower head extension to fix this. It is no longer at eye level. Hoorah (I shouldn't have to celebrate this).

To those, vertically challenged people, who may be jealous of a tall person and do not like this column, I respect your opinion. I can understand the problems you may face in day to day life. However, I am here speaking on behalf of all tall people everywhere saying that we have it rough too. Lastly, to all average heighted people, do not ask us if we play basketball. Thank you. See you in the next issue of Michaels Mindless Mumbles.

# Dorm Life

by Victoria Eichorn

Find the words relating to life in the dormitory

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Upperlobby	Mailboxes
Vets Gym	Mall Trip

*(Thanksgiving)*

harvested, and hold an ancestral memorial ceremony called Charae. This ceremony requires a table of food ordered in a special order: it is crucial that there are five rows of specific food. Not only that, on this special day, people give gifts to each other as a meaning of showing their appreciation.

**China:** Mid-Autumn / Mooncake festival. Also celebrated on the 15th of the August according to lunar calendar is an inherited custom of moon sacrificial ceremonies

**USA:** Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday of November and based on colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal

**Argentina:** Fiesta Nacional de la Vendimia, the National Grape Festival Takes place annually in Mendoza City, Argentina. It's a celebration of wine and winemaking industries during the months of December, January and February. Culminating in an impressive Central Act in the city of Mendoza (province capital) during the first days of March.

## Rothery's Harry Potter Trivia

- ⚡ How many staircases does Hogwarts contain?
- ⚡ What is the maximum speed (in mph) for Harry's broomstick, the Firebolt?
- ⚡ What is Hermione's middle name?
- ⚡ True or false: Snape is a member of the Order of the Phoenix.
- ⚡ In the Sorcerer's Stone, who wins the house cup and why?



Send Rothery your answers to be entered for a prize!

### What makes you a good community member at MSSM? by Minjin Lee

Be a good listener. Have consideration for others:  
 "A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference."  
 -Eeyore

Help each other, not teach each other. Respect people's differences.

### Why is it important?

It is important because we are living in a community where we must interact with each other on a daily basis. If we show respect for one another, we can make our community a safe and happy place to live.