



The Husky Howler



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The Aussies are on Fire!

The *New York Times* reported that in October 2019, lightning struck Gosper’s Mountain in South Wales, Australia quickly igniting the bone-dry forest, devastatingly damaging surrounding wildlife, and human homes. Brian Resnick, writing for Vox, said that over 26 million acres of forest have burned. Australian authorities confirm at least 28 deaths in South Wales alone, along with over a billion animals, some of which are critically endangered. Thousands of homes have been destroyed and thousands of people have been evacuated.

Rain, hail and thunderstorms have given firefighters a brief break. Rain has fallen in some places over 130 mm, helping douse fires. But this does not put out all the fires. In fact, it has most likely made the situation worse, according to BBC News. The rain has left the burnt ground muddy in many places. This stops firefighters from bulldozing or back burning any of the surrounding area. Bulldozing creates large lines of dirt and rock breaking wildfires before they can move on. Backburning is creating smaller, controlled fires that are used to eliminate fuel for larger wildfires.

As the world sits back and watches, thousands of people have been left without homes. Over a billion animals including koalas, kangaroos, and wallabies have lost almost all their habitats and it is getting worse. The rains have done little to stop the fires and caused new dilemmas for the firefighters and volunteers.

Several opportunities are available through charities to support the victims of this blaze. Food and supplies are being sent to aid people in the area and more is needed. You can donate to the WWF on their website at wwf.org.au. Google (In partnership with FAQ) has their own donation site as well. Please consider helping the victims of this damaging fire by donating to those in need in Australia.

- Tanner Christensen



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Kobe Bryant Dies Tragically

Kobe Bryant died tragically in a helicopter crash with his 13-year-old daughter Gianna and seven others on Sunday January 26, 2020 in California. He was 41 years old.

Kobe Bryant, one of the top five basketball players of all time, is known throughout the world for his basketball accomplishments as an NBA champion and an Olympic gold medalist. Kobe is the son of a former professional basketball player, Joe “Jellybean” Bryant. Kobe grew up in Italy while his dad was playing professional basketball there. Kobe was drafted into the NBA straight out of high school after being the boy's high school national player of the year. His 20-year-long professional basketball career put him in the world’s spotlight from his five NBA titles. He was mostly known for his electrifying dunks and game winning shots. No serious basketball fan will ever forget him scoring 61 points in his final game versus the Utah Jazz.

Kobe Bryant tweeted to LeBron James: “much respect my brother” on the Saturday night after LeBron passed Kobe’s record for 3rd most points scored by a player in NBA history. After the game, a reporter asked LeBron about this accomplishment. Rather than having a short quick answer to this question, LeBron spoke for more than four minutes praising the life and career of Kobe Bryant. This long tribute surprised many people in the room. After getting off the team’s private jet, LeBron was seen crying upon learning that his very good friend had passed.

Kobe Bryant was influential to those who followed his basketball career. He will surely be missed. R.I.P. Kobe Bryant

- Charlie Jenks and Ella Johnston

Hype for Tokyo Summer Olympics

This year’s summer Olympics are to be held in Tokyo, the capital of Japan. The games will begin on July 24th and end on August 9th. Five new sports have been added to the summer Olympics. These sports include: Baseball/softball, karate, skateboarding, sport climbing and surfing. They will also be removing some sports which are not listed at the moment.



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While many people are excited for the Olympic games, some are not. An article written by Josh Cheon gives multiple reasons to boycott the Olympics. He writes, “Tokyo is irradiated from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear plant explosion. Shinzo Abe has claimed that the situation in Fukushima is under control, but that simply is not true at all; he is lying to the people, as he is lying to himself.” Cheon believes that countries should abandon the Tokyo Olympics.

This is unlikely to happen because Australia, France, Great Brittan, Greece, and Switzerland have never missed an Olympic games.

In the next few years, the Olympics will be hosted in Beijing (2022), Paris (2024), Milano Cortina (2026), then LA in 2028. In total there have been 28 summer Olympics and 22 winter Olympics.

- Emma Bunker

SPORTS



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Kansas City Wins the Super Bowl!

The Chiefs won the Super Bowl! The final score was 31-20. What a game! Both teams did well, but the Chiefs came from behind in the fourth quarter for the win!

The game was held in Miami, Florida. The Super Bowl is so big that the tickets go up to \$10,000 each and sometimes even higher. The cheapest tickets are \$3,574. The two teams that played were the Chiefs and the 49ers. The Chiefs record was 12-4 and the 49ers record was 13-3. These are some of the best records for the NFL. The Baltimore Ravens had the best in the league. Too bad for the Patriots. They won the Super Bowl last year but they didn't get through their first game in the playoffs this year. They lost to the Tennessee Titans 20-13.

The Super Bowl is the biggest NFL (National Football League) game of the year. The teams that are in it had to go through three rounds to get to the Super Bowl and one more round to win the Super Bowl. In the regular season they had to be a minimum of a six seed to get into the wild card game. If you win the wild card game, then you play a number one or number two seed. The winner of those games goes to a game and the winner of those last two winners go to the final game, which is the Super Bowl. -Rex Shumway

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy role-playing game set in an imaginary world based loosely on medieval myth where you roll dice to find out how your character fights and what its powers are.



In our school, we have a D&D club. It is held after school, every Tuesday, in Mrs. Kalakis' room. In the game there is a Dungeon Master who is the person who decides what happens to the people in the game. Lewis Prusse is a dungeon master, and to be a dungeon master you need an amazing imagination

and a wide knowledge of medieval villains and bosses. Lewis Prusse plays as a dungeon master sometimes and he has an excellent imagination and is a pro at the game. The game needs dice to be played because you use dice to determine if you defeat the villain, what armor class you are, and your power level. Dungeons and Dragons is an excellent game and it is very fun to play with your friends, so make sure you come to the D&D club after school on Tuesday! -Cameron Rudd

Girls Basketball Comes Through with Another Great Season!

This year, our girls basketball team has been striving through thick and thin. Although they had a losing record, they have tried and tried and have finished with an above average record for this year from the past few seasons of FJH girls basketball. From December 17th to January 30th they played five games at home and five games away. The team play against Central Davis, North Davis, Mueller Park, Millcreek, and South Davis at home. They played Syracuse, Shoreline, Centennial, Bountiful, and Centerville away.

Congratulations to Tia Aston, Hannah Barton, Ellie Cella, Ella Demille, Ruth Dunn, Siri Fauske, Macy Fox, Berkley German, Ava Goff, Ashlyn Gundry, Brooklyn Jones, Hailey Larson, Natalie May, Alisha Mun, Lola Ogzewalla, Madi Peterson, Kate Quayle, Jentri Snell, Brecklyn Thomas, and Anndi Wright for an amazing girls basketball season. -Charlie Jenks

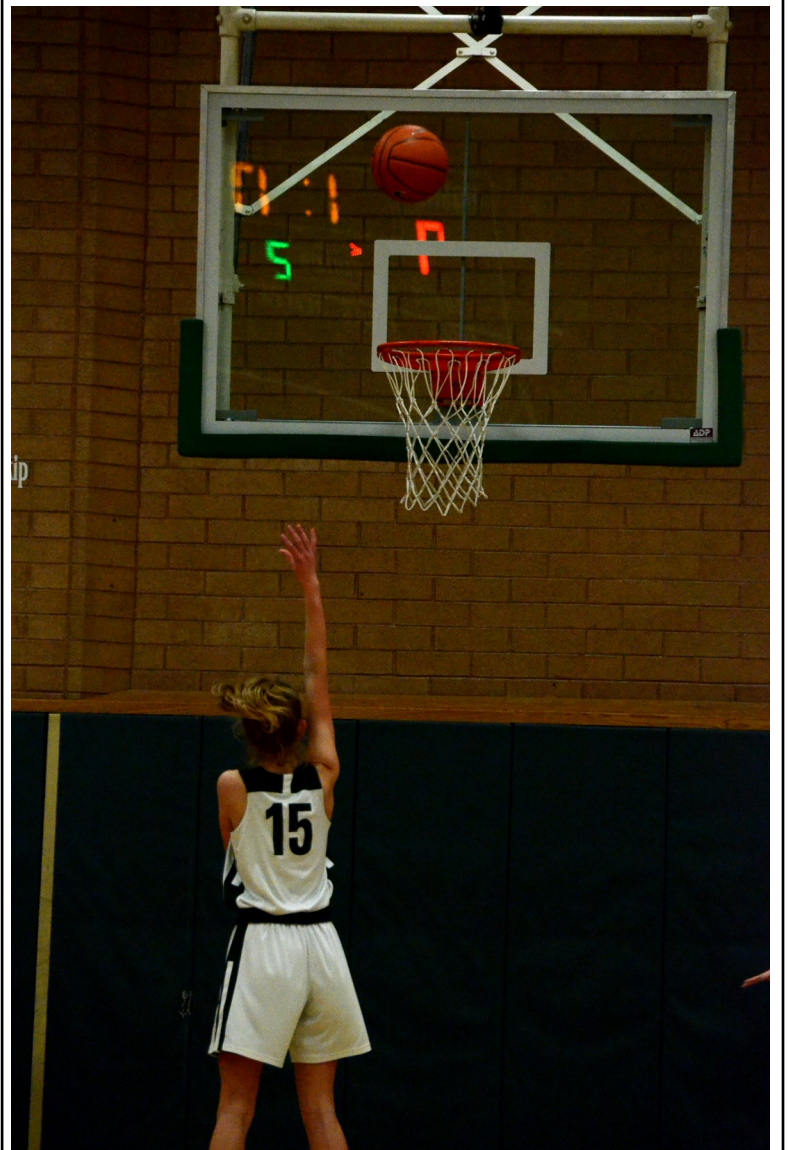


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Hey Huskies!

Remember to return your library books on time!

The Husky Howler is the monthly newspaper of Farmington Junior High School in Farmington, Utah. The staff is made up of writers from all grade levels. Please email your questions, comments, or editorial replies to the Staff Advisor, Mrs. Kalakis at the following address: mkalakis@dspdmail.net

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ACADEMICS

Hope for Everyone

The Hope Squad is a club run by trained counselors and filled with students from our school. The club is based on suicide prevention. Members are given the opportunity to help kids struggling with depression and suicidal thoughts. Similar to Safe UT, Hope Squad deals with the kids that decide to come forward and saves them from doing any harm to themselves.

At the beginning of 7th grade, students take a survey on three people you trust the most. The people who got their names written down most are recruited by the advisors to join Hope Squad. Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Lether are the counselors that oversee the group at FJH. 6th Grade teachers also have a big role in recommending students for the group. At the beginning of the term, training for the members begins. The Hope Squad meets in the computer lab, during PLT, every other week. The Hope Squad offers a chance to save somebody, and the members affect everyone around them in a positive way. -Luke Maughan

HOPE

SQUAD

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Adjusting to Second Semester Classes

A lot of changes happen at the beginning of second semester. One of these changes for 8th graders is a switch in science teachers. The teachers are Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Pead. Their classrooms are in the eighth-grade hall. They switch because each teacher teaches different topics. In Mrs. Davis’ class, students learn about plants and animals. In Mrs. Pead’s class, students learn about physics. Teachers switch in 7th grade and 8th grade, but typically not in 9th grade. In 7th grade the topics are geology with Mr. Robnett, and Ms. Purdy teaches about cell structure and DNA.

Science classes aren’t the only ones that switch at semester. Students often switch gym and history in 7th, and gym and health in 8th. In 9th grade, students switch from gym to an elective class. There are many changes to student’s schedules midway through the year.

When students change classes, they must adjust to not only a new teacher, but also a new classroom and new classmates. In many cases, this can be a chance for students to make new friends and get classes with old friends. Semester classes include gym, digital literacy, shop classes, art, and many more fun electives. Electives help students learn new skills such as cooking, sewing, metal and woodwork, and music. Music classes are band, choir, and orchestra -Gabe Hooper

What was Really on the Bottom of that Cube?

When most people hear that they must go to school, most of their reactions are negative. However, sometimes we don’t know how our school day is really going to turn out. Most students expect their school day to be filled with memorization, facts, and lectures. Learning in the classroom doesn’t always have to be gloomy and boring. Learning can be fun! These fun moments can appear out of nowhere.

For example, Violet Singleton was in her second day of class in Mrs. Davis’s room. The class was learning about lab safety and then suddenly, they heard constant knocking on the door to the classroom. When Mrs. Davis opened the door, a middle-aged man who was dressed as a child, came bounding into the room. He proceeded to break all the rules that Mrs. Davis was trying to teach the students. “The class was honestly terrified” Violet said, while laughing. While he was breaking science protocol, he also played around with his hair, and just couldn’t refuse to make fun of VSCO girls. Luckily, the class found out that the crazy man, was just Mrs. Davis’s husband who apparently loves to act! Violet said, “I will never forget that weird but fun day.” In the end, the class learned the safety of the lab, and had fun while doing it!

Another account that happened in Mrs. Davis’s room is the mystery cube lab. Most 9th graders will remember doing this activity last year while in her class. However, she told me that she had just done it with her new class in second semester. For the 9th graders last year, it was a frustrating situation to find out what was on the bottom of the cube, because Mrs. Davis didn’t show us the bottom of the cube. However, once she explained to us how everything worked. It all made sense. Mrs. Davis does this activity “to help students understand that they need to base conclusions and claims on evidence, gathered from observations and data” Which is a lesson we all need to learn.

However, not all fun activities come from the science classroom. The coding class also had a story to tell. Nik Crump told me about how his entire coding class did karaoke at the end of November. This happened in Mrs. Page’s 8th period class. “We did it because we were having fun,” said Nik. This shows that even though some classes can be tough, they can still be fun, even if we need to take breaks sometimes and do some karaoke every now and then! Academic learning can be enriching, a good learning experience, and fun! School can be one of the best things you can ever experience! Not only will you use lots of the things you learn in school, but you can have fun while learning. -Annie Adair



Valentine’s Day

Dance

February 14th

Buy Candy

Grams and

Roses during

Lunch!

Attention 8th Grade Students!

Farmington Junior High

Drive-In Theatre Presents

The Outsiders

Friday, March 13th

4:00-6:00p.m.

in the cafeteria

Concessions!

Earn tickets for the concession stand by completing assignments in class.

Prizes!

Best dressed Soc

Best dressed Greaser

Best/most creative cardboard vehicle

See you at the Drive-In!

FEATURE

Kalakis takes on Yearbook and Newspaper



For the rest of the school, she is known as Mrs. Kalakis. To the staff of this paper, she is the best Yearbook and Newspaper advisor we have ever had! Mrs. Kalakis has just recently taken over the Yearbook and Newspaper staff and is doing a phenomenal job. She has taught us so much in just the few weeks that we have been with her. We love Mrs. Kalakis and we are so lucky to have her!

Some of the staff shared their thoughts on this new change. Seventh grader, Indiana Coyle said, “Mrs. Kalakis rules with an iron fist, one covered in spikes and shooting flames. She can be intense but her teaching method is really effective.” Abbey Klein stated, “Yearbook and Newspaper is a lot more organized and things are a lot easier to get done now that Mrs. Kalakis is in charge.” Another eighth grader, Anna Burke, said, “It’s a lot easier!” “Kalakis is great!” opined Tanner Christensen, “We actually have a decent newspaper now!” Thomas Bradley shared, “I don’t have to teach as much.” His sister Hailey expressed, “Since Kalakis took over I feel like I am actually getting something done.” Kalakis is a strong person and she can do anything she sets her mind to, even get Tanner to stop talking!

If you are interested in joining the Yearbook and Newspaper staff next school year, talk to Mrs. Kalakis. Watch for applications to join and listen for announcements this spring. -Audrey Rogers

What is Leap Day?

Leap day is a federal holiday. It occurs every four years on February 29th and it just happens to be this year! Leap Day is part of our calendar because of the earth's rotation system.

Julius Caesar introduced Leap Day around 45 BC. because it helps keep our calendar in alignment with the earth's revolutions around the sun. Your chances of having a leap day birthday are 1 in 1500. If you had a birthday on leap day, you would have a birthday every 4 years! That means a person who is eight years old would technically be two years old because their birthday only comes every four years.

Tom Brady and Gisele got married on leap day February 29, 2008. The Greeks would have advised against that since it’s considered bad luck to marry on leap day, but that doesn’t seem to have effected him! -Taylor Hunter

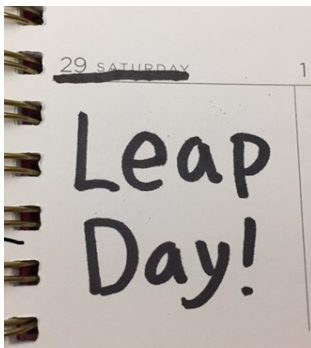


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Best Pickup Lines of All Time

Valentine’s Day is this month! What better way to celebrate than brushing up on some of the best pick-up lines.

1. Kiss me if I’m wrong, but dinosaurs still exist. Right?
2. You’re so pretty, I wouldn’t even need to use an Instagram filter when I took your picture
3. Roses are red, bananas are yellow, want to go out with a really nice fellow?
4. If I were a stop light I’d turn red every time you passed just so I could stare at you a little longer.
5. I seem to have lost my phone number, can I have yours?
6. Do you have a Band-Aid? Cause I scraped my knee falling for you.
7. Do you know what my shirt is made of? Boyfriend material.
8. Can I tie your shoes? Cause I don’t want you falling for anyone else.
9. Hey, I just realized this, but you look like my next girlfriend.
10. Do you believe in love at first sight- or should I walk by again?

-Jason Seamons



Exclusive Disney+ Content is a Hit

The new streaming service Disney+ has been very popular since it became available late last year. Disney+ has exclusive shows such as: *The Mandalorian*, *Lady and the Tramp* (live version), *High School Musical the Series* and many more.

The Mandalorian quickly became a favorite when the Baby Yoda character was introduced to the series. This child is the highlight of the show. People love him because he is so cute. Memes of the character can be found everywhere on social media. Some people call the series the "Baby Yoda Show." -Ava Ward



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Emma Kaholoaa and Jennica Dunn making a Tik Tok video.

More Teens are Using Tik Tok than ever Before!

Tik Tok is an app that most teenagers use to pass time. It is reported that 41 percent of kids have this app and use it over three hours a day. When using the app, you can watch 15-60 second videos of comedy and people lip syncing. You can also make your own.

500 million people use Tik Tok. This does not include the people that just look at it without an account. Tik Tok is one of the biggest growing platforms in the world. You have probably seen people doing dances in front of their phone in the hallway and in classrooms. These students are most likely using Tik Tok. The app allows a user to record themselves doing weird and funny things for 15 to 60 seconds. Users can go through the home page to see everyone else's Tik Toks. If you like them, you can heart them and follow them. A user who gets a lot of hearts can become Tik Tok famous. -Madeline Mika

What Does Red Make Us Feel?

It’s almost Valentine’s Day and it seems that red is everywhere. We all know that red is the color for love, but what else? Red is most associated with love and anger. But red can also make us feel excitement, passionate, powerful, warmth, comfort, and intensity. Another interesting fact is that red makes you feel hungry, so most fast food restaurants use red and yellow in their logos.

Red

Red is the color of Valentine’s day because it increases heart rate, and blood pressure. Also, a study by the University of Rochester has found that women are more attracted to pictures of men when there is a red background, or he’s wearing red clothes.

Red is also a symbol of high status. This shows in the animal kingdom, or even in early Roman times. Some male animals are red to attract a mate. And in Rome, the most powerful men, the Coccinti, wore red tunics. No matter who you are, whether red is your life or you hate the color, we can all agree that red is the color of love.

-Anna Burke

EDITORIAL

More Winter or More Spring?

Every year, on February 2nd, the groundhog emerges from hibernation. As he comes out of his burrow in the ground, depending whether he sees his shadow or not, there will either be six more weeks of winter, or spring will come early. This year, Punxsutawney Phil saw no shadow which means an early spring.



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Winter technically doesn’t start till the 21st of December. There is so much to do in winter like sledding, skiing and snowboarding, ice skating, and even just playing in your backyard! How can all of these things be done in less than two months? If the groundhog’s prediction is correct and spring comes early, there will be part of February, March, April, and May for the activities done in spring. That leaves less time for the many enjoyable winter activities.

Also, we might as well make the most of the chilly months. Once summer starts, the sun will be out more, and it will much hotter outside. When you are cold you can easily put more layers on, but during the summer heat it is harder to cool off. After all, it’s hard to come inside after playing in the sun and drink a cup of hot chocolate.

Anna Badstreet says that “If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.” So, get outside and enjoy winter while it lasts! -Abbey Klein



Valentine’s Day, a Money Ploy

Valentine’s Day is a day full of love, hearts, flowers, chocolates, and presents of all shapes and sizes. Is it though? Valentine’s day is a trap, plain and simple. It’s yet another holiday where American’s are pressured into buying gifts. About \$20 billion is spent for this joyous holiday, but let’s break it down to find out who we truly love the most.

The average spending on a spouse is about \$357.90. The average spending for kids is \$280.07. The average spending on oneself is \$235.56. This seems a bit of an overkill. But let's break it down a little more, the average spending on a girl-friend is around \$231.55 and for a boyfriend it's about \$105.02. Look at the difference! Nearly double is spent on females than on males. What does this mean? It means that men are being pressured into buying more expensive gifts for female partners.

What happens when they don’t buy them a gift though? Over 50% of women said they would dump their partner if they didn’t buy them a gift according to a survey from WalletHub. The money spent on candy is an astounding 1.8 billion which is 51% of all the money spent on Valentine’s Day. Then there is 44% spent on greeting cards, 34% on an evening out, 35% on flowers, and 18% on jewelry. 35% of these poor shoppers went out to department stores, 32% visited discount stores, 27% looked to Amazon.com for the perfect gift, 18% went to a specialty stores to find a special gift, and lastly 16% went and stopped by an actual florist shop.

If you still want to get a gift for that special someone, try to stay away from these next gifts, they might just get you the gift of loneliness. First off, don’t get them anything weight related. Secondly, don’t buy them a toilet seat. And lastly, don’t give them the old I.O.U. (I Owe You A Gift) trick unless you plan to follow through. All in all, Valentine’s Day is a money sucking, guilt tripping holiday.

—Indiana Coyle

7th Grade vs. 6th Grade

The eighth graders and ninth graders have already adapted to junior high, but how do the 7th graders like the academic changes? From teachers, to lessons in class, everything in junior high is different. 6th grade social studies reviewed the Greek and Roman times. In 7th grade, we study more detailed geography and Utah History. In science, we barely take anything you learn in 6th grade into 7th grade. Science in 7th grade is now a bigger focus with a lot more to learn about. Math in 7th grade is based off 6th grade roots, so math isn't that big of a change into Jr. High. But there are many positive and negatives to junior high vs. elementary.

I asked Ayla Kadri, who is in 7th grade, what her thoughts are about elementary and junior high academics. She stated that, “7th grade is taught in more detail and is much more interesting.” What Ayla said is not just an opinion but almost a fact. Elementary is much more basic and the detail can make it more interesting. “I like that there are multiple classes because it is easier to control your educational learning.” Even though that there are things to like about junior high (besides the fact that most people don’t like school in general) there are a lot of things that we miss about elementary. There is less time in 6th grade to learn academically because of recess and fun activities. “In my opinion I miss the fact that I had one teacher instead of multiple and of course the fun activities.” It’s hard not to miss elementary school, but there are many positive aspects of junior high. The subjects are more interesting, multiple teachers can be fun, and each subject can easily be controlled. However, in the end, elementary is fun and wins by a mile against junior high. - Kylie Mckeown



COMICS AND GAMES

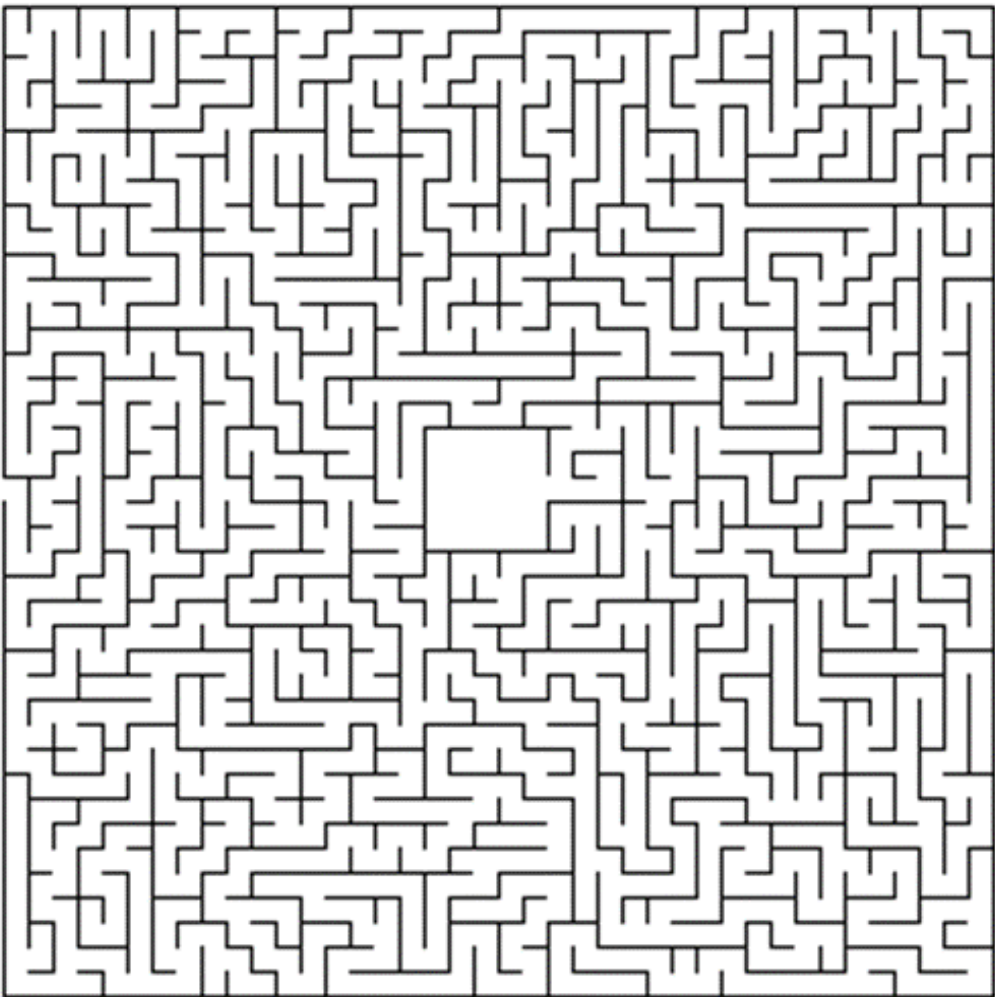
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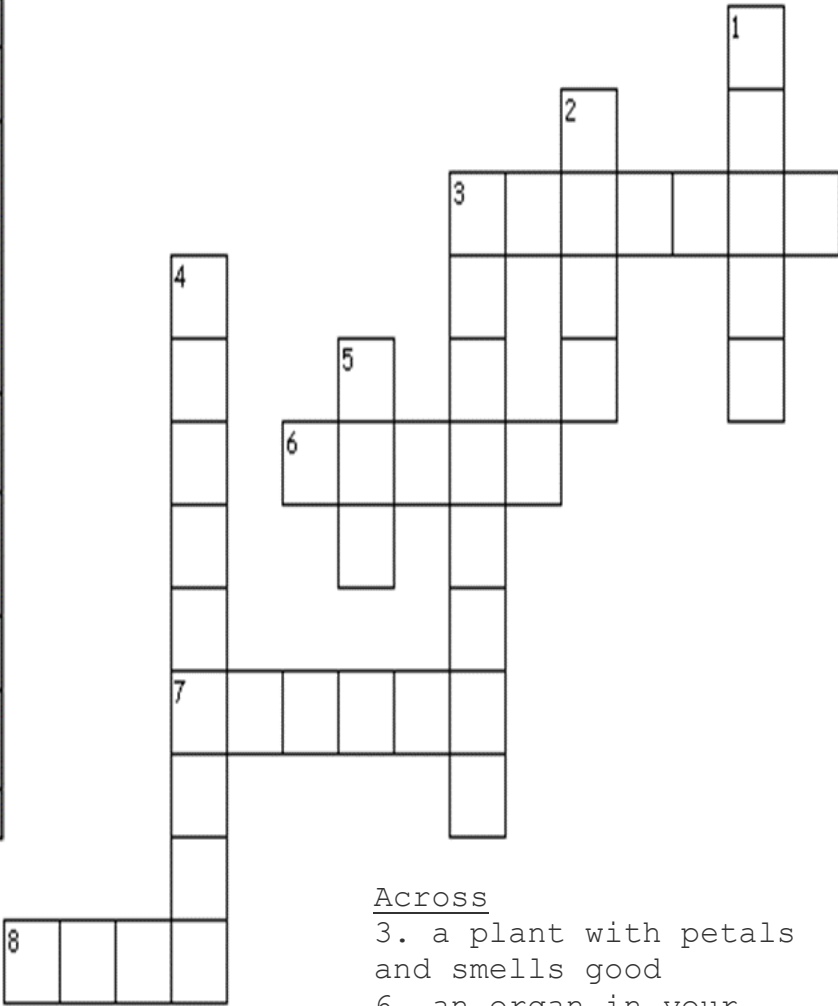
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- The World is round so the person in front of you is the farthest behind you
- When you think about your breathing you start doing it manually
- When you think about your tongue its no longer comfortable in your mouth.



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 - 6. an organ in your body
 - 7. a card you send to someone you know
 - 8. a flower with thorns
- Down
- 1. when a group gets together and dances
 - 2. compassion for someone else
 - 3. the second month of the year
 - 4. a Hersey's candy bar
 - 5. a common valentines color

