



The Husky Times



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Halloween?

By, Hailey McCain, 7th Grade

I'm sure many people have been wondering what halloween will look like this year, so I'm here to answer some questions. It's obvious that they can't cancel halloween. It would be close to impossible to do that. There are many things that they are going to implement though. First, they are probably going to want people to pass candy out in packs or small bags. Though the bags might just be set outside for people to take. There are also most likely going to be lots of 'take one piece' bowls of candy. So I recommend leaving early, if you want to get candy. There will be less people passing out candy, and maybe less people trick or treating.

Second, 'High risk activities' are the following, trunk-or-treating, crowded places, going to communities you don't live in, being inside places you don't live and traditional trick-or-treating. There are quite a few better 'moderate risk activities', those of which are of course, mostly outside. Holding parties (costume, parades and halloween parties) outside are all 'moderate risk'. Check if all your guests have Covid-19 and make them wash their hands before socializing. Going to a haunted forest is 'moderate risk' you might have to search for one that isn't closed. Almost everything else that is outside is 'moderate risk'. There are very few halloween activities that you can do, that are 'low risk'. Things like carving pumpkins with family outside, scavenger hunts and movie nights with the people you live with. Most outside activities with the people you live with are 'low risk'.

There are many things that we shouldn't be doing this year. There are lots of things that people will be sad about not being able to do, but there are also lots of things you can still do. You can still have plenty of fun on halloween, with a jacket.

I recently had the opportunity to talk with St. Anthony Police Officer Kiel Rushman over the phone about the illegal Drag Racing that has been going on in the Minneapolis area. Below is the interview that I did with him:

Billie- Hi Officer Kiel!

Officer Kiel- Hi Billie!

Billie- I have a few questions for you about the illegal drag racing that has been going on in the Minneapolis area.

Officer Kiel- Let's get started!

Billie- When did this drag racing first get big?

Officer Kiel- The popularity has increased over the years, I'd say we're looking at probably all the way back to 2001-2002 with the dawn of the Fast and Furious movie franchise. With the dawn of social media and the ability to reach a broad audience instantly, it started to kick up within the last 5-6 years.

Billie- Have you been directly involved in stopping any of the racers?

Officer Kiel- Oh, absolutely, every single weekend.

Billie- Where have you noticed this racing is happening the most?

Officer Kiel- That I can see visibly, I see it happening on Walnut Street in Roseville, Highway 280, in Lauderdale, Industrial Boulevard in Minneapolis, and there's a spot off of Kasota street in Minneapolis, just west of 280.

Billie- Is this drag racing a seasonal activity, spiking up during a certain month or season?

Officer Kiel- Yes, so we expect to see it after the first good, healthy rainfall in the springtime, once the salt and the sand gets washed off the roads, and we'll see it until typically the first freeze. I think a lot of it also has to do with the school calendar, so I think this last season was a bit longer because school hasn't been in session for so long. Personally, I'm seeing people at traffic stops getting younger and younger, 15, 16, 17 years old, and still in high school. They would normally be in bed or at athletic activities, but instead, they borrowed their mom's honda and drive through St. Anthony at 80 miles per hour. CON'T pg 2



Environmental News

Climate change

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Climate change is devastating our world and we don't know what to do, so here some few helpful tips to help save our world:

- Try as much as you can to recycle things that be recycled
- Try not use your car once in a while and try take a walk- It'll be refreshing and it'll stop the air pollution too
- Be conservitive with water if you're brushing your teeth or washing your hands. Don't forget to turn off the tap so you can save water.

Climate change is causing the risk of droughts across the world. There are already many droughts across the world ([NASA, 2020](#)). Because of air pollution, the atmosphere collects more carbon dioxide which results in many things. A few examples are floods, droughts, wildfires, and many other things ([C2ES, 2020](#)). Find out more by reading the Husky Times.



In 2010 the Deepwater Horizon exploded in the Gulf of Mexico on April 10 at 7:45 pm.

By: Daniel Vizcarra-Davis, 7th Grade

It was the worst oil spill of all time, spilling thousands of tons of oil into the water, killing and injuring animal life all around. And ten years later, it still has an effect on animal life and the citizens that live there.

For example, there are oil balls that are still washing up on the beaches since the oil spill, and the people are getting lumps all around there body because they go diving in the water witch is filled with chemicals from the oil spill and the solution that they used to contain the oil spill. The solution they used did more harm than good because it harmed the living life underwater and the things that were on the water. And like I said, the people that live in New Mexico got random bumps all around their body because of the solution and the oil. It's amazing that a full ten years later there are still effects on the citizens and the wildlife. Even though the effects are lowered we still need to fix the mistake they made.

Drag Racing CON'T

Billie- Wow! Are most of the racers local or are more from far away?

Officer Kiel- I'd say it's from all over. I've stopped people from as far out as Lindstrom, I stopped a kid from Preston, Eau Claire Wisconsin. I'd say within a 1-2 hour drive from the cities. It's mostly twin cities people.

Billie- How are the drag racers organized?

Officer Kiel- Social Media. It's all social media-based. There are secret groups, and they use different social media. Kick, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat. People can reach a very vast audience almost instantaneously.

Billie- Interesting! What are the dangerous aspects of drag racing?

Officer Kiel- Well, first of all, it is cars that are not built to be raced, and they are using things that make the cars go way too fast. And the roads are not built to be driven on that fast, these roads are designed for a certain speed, amount of traffic on them, so we've got a roadway that is designed to be driven on at 30 miles per hour, and we've got cars going 60-70 miles per hour on them. On top of that, the big groups of spectators are standing on the sidewalks or even in the roadway. A car traveling 80 miles per hour would cut through a crowd like a hot knife through butter. There are gangs, thieves, people bring guns, people are making themselves a target for burglary. I encourage people who witness or hear the racing to utilize 911.

Billie- Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with me!

Officer Kiel- Absolutely!

Global News



Dr. Sean Conley, physician to President Trump, briefing reporters at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

President Trump's Covid-19 Care and Treatment

By: Shea Terry, 7th Grade

On Sept. 31, at 1 AM, President Trump Tweeted that The First Lady and him had tested positive for Covid-19. Friday morning President Trump's White House chief of staff, Mark Meadows told reporters that President Trump had "mild symptoms." Also that morning Melania Trump tweeted that she had mild symptoms, but overall was feeling good. That afternoon the White House said that President Trump received a dose of Regeneron, the experimental drug that has shown promising results improving coronavirus symptoms. A little after 6 PM ET, President Trump left the White House via helicopter headed for Walter Reed Medical Center. Trump gave reporters a thumbs up as he walked to Marine One.

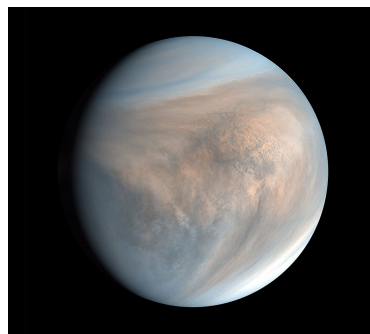
Dr. Sean Conley, physician to President Trump and doctors at Walter Reed briefed the press Saturday morning. They said "They Trump's fatigue and mild cough were improving" Dr. Conley also said "Trump had been fever free for 24 hours." Later Mark Meadows, a White House Official said "The president's vitals over the last 24 hours were very concerning and the next 48 hours will be critical in terms of his care. We're still not on a clear path to a full recovery."

Conley addressed the conflicting comments between him and Mark Meadows on Saturday, saying the chief of staff's comments were "misconstrued." and "What he meant was that 24 hours ago, when he and I were checking on the president, that there was that momentary episode of the high fever and that temporary drop in the saturation, which prompted us to act expediently to move him up here," Conley said.

A while later Trump Tweeted that he was feeling well and thanked the doctors and nurses at Walter Reed Medical Center.

Dr. Conley and doctors at Walter Reed briefed the press again Sunday morning, sharing that Trump experienced two drops in his oxygen levels: one Friday and again Saturday. Conley said Trump had a high fever and saw his oxygen levels fall while at the White House on Friday morning ahead of being moved to Walter Reed. The medical team talked about the President's medical plan, which includes the steroid dexamethasone, Trump received the first dose on Saturday, along with a five-day treatment plan of remdesivir. "If he continues to look and feel as well as he does today our hope is that we can plan for a discharge as early as tomorrow to the White House where he can continue his treatment course," Dr. Brian Garibaldi said.

Trump Tweeted on Monday that he would be leaving Walter Reed Medical Center At 6:30 PM ET and his doctors confirmed it in the press briefing. Dr. Conley said that while Trump may not be "entirely out of the woods yet," he believes he is ready to get his care at the White House. Dr. Conley also said "He's returning to a facility, the White House medical unit, that's staffed 24/7: top notch physicians, nurses, PAs, logisticians, and the unit here...is going to continue to support us in that nature." Dr. Garibaldi said "The medical team had made plans for Trump to receive the fifth and final dose of remdesivir at the White House Tuesday night."



Signs of Life?

By Billie White, 7th grade

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Global News

Signs of Life CON'T

Imagine an earth size planet, scorching hot and the brightest thing in the night sky, whose clouds are full of what is essentially poison. It's completely barren, with no chance of supporting life. *Or so we thought.*

On September 14th, a team of astronomers found phosphine, a colorless, smelly, and highly flammable gas, in Venus' atmosphere. This finding is exciting because on exoplanets (for example, Venus), phosphine indicates an ecosystem without free oxygen. On exoplanets, no known process creates detectable amounts of phosphine, so the only explanation is that there must be life in the Venus atmosphere.

Venus has been ignored by NASA for many, many years because of it's 900+ degree temperatures, lack of water, and the fact that it just doesn't appeal as much as other planets. We have planetary neighbors that NASA has been investigating instead. Mars has its atmosphere and it's -80 to 45-degree temperatures. Triton (one of Jupiter's many moons) has the possibility of an ocean. Venus has just stayed in the shadows for such a long time, but now that scientists have had breakthrough discoveries, they are starting to question how much they have overlooked. According to the NASA website, "Venus' extreme temperatures and acidic clouds make it an unlikely place for life as we know it." The website was last updated in January, which explains why it contradicts recent findings. It is a great reminder that what seems impossible can happen.

About 700 million years ago, when the earth was covered with ice, Venus was earth like. In September of 2019, a study concluded that Venus may have once had surface water and a habitable condition. That possibility also came with the possibility of life, although it was a small possibility. If there was once life on Venus, could that life have stayed in microbial form, high in the atmosphere? Nobody knows the answer.

If we want to answer that question, we will need to take future action. Because this is only a *possibility* of life, NASA is wary of sending a rover or a probe to gather more information. Right now, NASA is deciding between four space missions to fund, two of which would go to Venus.

The first is "Veritas", a probe that would be sent to Venus to explore the surface; similarly, "DaVinci+" would send a probe through the Venus atmosphere to understand the history of Venus' water, along with sending pictures of the surface back to Earth. The third option would be "Trident", which would be sent to one of Neptune's large moons with a possible subsurface ocean to learn more about it. The final option would be "IVO", a probe sent to one of Jupiter's largest moons to explore Volcanoes. All of these options are intriguing, but if we want to learn more about Venus, we need to send a probe there.

What a crazy world we live in! First, a pandemic, and now, possible life in space! 2020 has given us all sorts of burdens and possibilities, but in the words of Sara Seager, a planetary scientist, "This is an astonishing and 'out of the blue' finding, It will definitely fuel more research into the possibilities for life in Venus's atmosphere." Hopefully, we can take that possibility and send a probe to Venus soon.

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Venus in infrared from Akatsuki (Japanese Spacecraft)

Interest



Hamilton

By Billie White, 7th Grade

We've all heard about the Broadway phenomenon, Hamilton, a musical following founding father, Alexander Hamilton's life, and the founding of the United States of America. But how many of us have seen it, or haven't seen it because it just isn't worth the time?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hamilton staff decided it would be best to turn Hamilton into a movie, so it would be available to the public (with a purchase) through Disney+. For all of you Hamilton fans, or for whoever wants to know more about the movie, this article is for you.

The story of Alexander Hamilton is both exciting and humorous, with twists and turns that keep you on the edge of your seat. The cast is extremely gifted, including the talents of Renée Elise Goldsberry, Jonathan Groff, and Christopher Jackson, among many others. The story is both historical and factually based, telling how Hamilton helped found our country. Although it's rated PG-13, almost anybody can enjoy the movie.



Need something fun to do in quarantine? Well we have it here in...

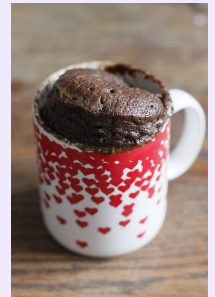
QUARANTINE CORNER

At home activities that you can do in less than 3 minutes, to keep you and your friends busy during quarantine

~Chocolate mug cake~

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- ¼ teaspoons baking powder
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Splash of vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips

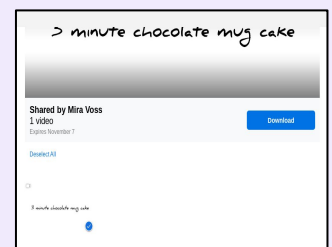


Instructions

1. Get a large microwave safe mug
2. Add flour, sugar, cocoa powder, and baking powder into the mug
3. Whisk thoroughly with a fork
4. Then mix in the milk, vegetable oil, and vanilla extract
5. Add in the chocolate chips and whisk with a fork all together
6. Microwave for 90 seconds
7. Let cool for 2-3 minutes
8. Then eat and enjoy!

[Mug cake Video](#)

- Click on link above
- Click on the bottom video



Mira- In my opinion I think that this is a really good mug cake. I thought that it was really moist, fresh and chocolatey. We actually added more chocolate chips than the recipe said and we thought that it was very good. We really liked it and I give it a 8 /10.

Delaney- In my opinion I thought it was really tasty. It had lots of flavor. We added a lot of chocolate chips, and I would totally make it again. I rate it a 8/10.

Interest

GAMER BUZZ

By Carter Manous, 8th Grade

With all of the stress this year more people turned to video games for entertainment. With many different genres of games from simulators to FPS (first person shooters) I will be the guy to tell you all about new releases, big updates and many more!



Updates

For you few fortnite fans still out there the newest fortnightmares is here bringing new skins styles and song creators making their way to party royale. All of the regular games now have fog and the new location is the ruin where the old authority was and adding a way to win if you are eliminated. And in Super smash bros ultimate the newest DLC character has arrived being steve and alex having a move set that fits there theme perfectly. And for the final segment of updates here is the new splatfest in splatoon 2 being the trick vs treat where you vote by roughing it out in turf wars and ink to see whatever team will win this splatfest!

New and Soon to Come!

New Releases coming soon to the Nintendo Switch is Pikmin 3 Remastered and legends of zelda Age of calamity being the most hyped games coming in the next few weeks. Other smaller releases coming soon Are, Super mario 3d world with bowsers fury dlc and monster hunter rise the newest coming soon game in the monster hunter franchise



The Big One

For the biggest news update is here with the new minecraft 1.17 update coming in summer of 2021 With the Caves and Cliffs Update Arriving. Mojang has gifted the minecraft community with new caves and cliffs, better cave generation, new ores, structures, blocks and three new mobs! Right now the caves are small and cramped having small spaces that lead nowhere. But in the presentation at minecraft live it shows mega caves, water caves, stalactite caves, lush caves and more! And with new cliff generation too there are much more satisfying looking mountains. And on those mountains there are new goats that make you launch when they hit you. And two new ores are introduced being copper and amethyst. The new structure is an excavation site that you can brush away dirt and gravel to get artifacts and other things. The two other mobs we haven't talked about are the glow squid that we chose at minecraft live and the new terror of the caves being the warden. The glow squid is a squid that glows and illuminates the deep waters on the ocean as the name intended. And the warden is a hulking beast with 84 health and it can't see but can hear.... Everything with his echolocation the smallest noise you make he has you in is sight (or hearing distance). And not even netherite armour can stand a chance against him he will 2 hit kill you even WITH netherite armour.



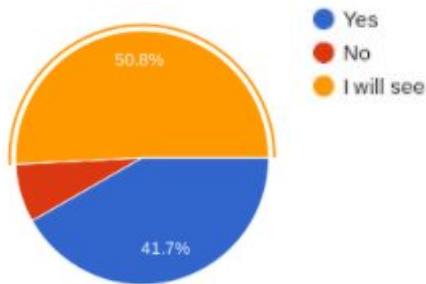
And that concludes our issue of gamer buzz

See you next issue with new games updates and big news

Your Voice

Are you looking forward to the school newspaper?

242 responses



This is the newspaper's first poll, so thank you to everyone that filled it out. We learned a lot and we are so glad that so many people are interested in the newspaper. We will be trying our best to take your feedback into consideration! We will now put some of the responses here.

Do you have anything to say about the Newspaper?

1. This is my first time having a school newspaper.
2. No, I'm just really looking forward to seeing what will be put together!
3. I would want to read about any sports that happens the night before or something like that. Teacher interviews would be nice so I could learn more about them that way, and lastly I would like to read the newspaper about the history of SAMS.
4. This is such an awesome idea and a great way to connect around the school!
5. The newspaper is a helpful piece of information that is fun to read.
6. I think the school newspaper will be a good opportunity to share information throughout the school.
7. A school newspaper seems an interesting choice, but I do believe that it won't be as successful as people think. What more, I'm still confused about what would be in the newspaper itself. School gossip, embarrassing stories and homework cheats seem like the only good idea and even then, it's only bringing people down, not helping anyone. I'm rather curious about
8. what to expect of the newspaper. I hope their crew puts together a nice little collage of the week and a way to state the highlights for those who might know them. Anyways, I hope the club does a nice job. I'm excited to see where this goes.

Also, anything you want, or are expecting to see in the paper?

1. What's going on with everybody in the school, like clubs
2. It would be cool to tell people about a funny holiday that's coming up. Example-Cheeseburger day!
3. I would like to see something like an anonymous part of the newspaper where people ask questions and somebody answers them.
4. I think it would be cool if you could include lots of different kinds of things in the newspaper.
5. you should put an advice column. like a box can be made so people can put struggles/questions in anonymously, that the newspaper can answer.
6. Things that SAMS might be planning for the year ahead.
7. sports stuff like how the school teams are doing
8. I mean, a comics section would be nice. A little funny could go a long way this year.

We want to hear from YOU! Check out these ways to get involved with the paper:

1. [Comic submissions](#) - This is the link for the comic submissions.
2. [Next interview](#) - Voting poll
3. [Ad Submissons](#) - For the Ads