

Verbatim

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: being in or following the exact words : WORD-FOR-WORD
// a *verbatim* report of life at Cardigan

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AUGERE VIRTUTEM-DIRIGERE MENTEM

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Theater in A Grove- Mr. Good

Reporter | Harold Kim



Mr. Good giving students advice during last year's school play.

Source: Smugmug

1. What does the theater program do at Cardigan?

The theater program produces two shows a year, in the fall and spring, and offers classes to students. The shows are open to all students and are completely voluntary. They are outside the regular curriculum, no grades, and attempt to be as inclusive as possible. As the interest in these shows has grown it does become more and more difficult to accommodate everyone, but we do our best to involve everyone willing to show up with a role in the production.

The classes are part of the regular curriculum and provide students with the fundamentals of making theater as an art form. While theater art is the content, developing your academic skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, following directions, collaborating, working in small groups, performing in front of an audience, etc. are the focus.

2. What is the fall play about?

The fall play is a series of Japanese ghost stories, folktales that have a supernatural element, very appropriate for this Halloween season.

3. How will students be able to access the fall play?

Right now, we are planning to video tape the show and make it available to the student body sometime after break. We hope to have a small audience that includes students on the night of the performance.

4. What were some new challenges because of COVID-19?

Certainly, having the whole school gather in the Humann Theater was not an option, unfortunately, because theater depends so much on the audience presence. The other difficulty is playing with masks and staging so actors keep a good distance.

5. How was the set made to portray the setting?

We chose a strong architectural element, a large gate that stands at the entrance of many Shinto temples in Japan since one of the stories takes place at the temple. We plan to use lighting and projections to suggest a change in environment.

6. What will the upcoming productions look like after this one? Are there any future events that relate to the performing arts students may participate in?

There will be a production this spring to look forward to, we will see where we are then, I'd love to do a short version of "Midsummer Night's Dream". Also, the sketch comedy piece written by my 8 Grade Z class (they wanted some credit for that work) and performed by some veteran actors for the auction suggests another possibility for actors looking for more things to do. Perhaps, an SNL club could be formed in the winter.

Culture

The World According to Mr. Gartner Mr. Gartner | *Ph.D. in Knowledge*

- 1) Lollipops have no pop.
- 2) Food expiration dates are just a recommendation.
- 3) Alarms on Sunday morning are illegal in 37 of the 50 US states.
- 4) Brown M&Ms are healthier.
- 5) Rhino horns are made of hair.
- 6) Fall smells the best.
- 7) NFL lineman are more powerful than smart cars.
- 8) It takes 17 minutes to discover the plot of a movie.
- 9) Dogs can close their eyes in two directions.
- 10) The back of your teeth is the dirtiest.
- 10) 5:60 is the proper way to say 6 o'clock.

This Week's Riddle

What is it that given one, you'll have either two or none?



Answer: A Choice.

2020 United States Presidential Election

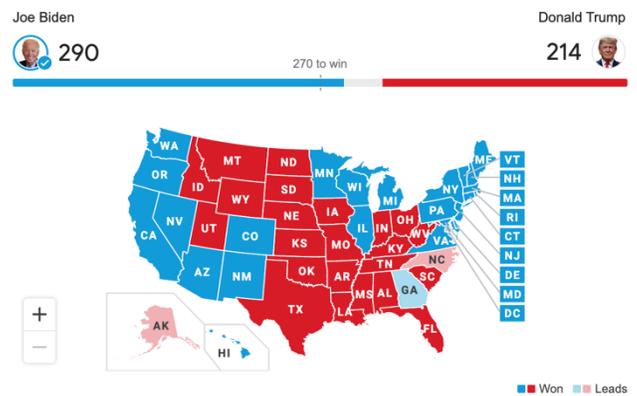
Reporter | Damian Zhu

On November 7, 2020, the former vice president Joe Biden was elected as the 46th president of the United States with a 279-214 margin in the Electoral College. According to CNN, he pledged to restore calm and truth after Donald Trump's exhausting and manic single term. His running mate, Kamala Harris, will make history as the first African-American, South Asian woman to become vice president. "I am honored and humbled by the trust the American people have placed in me and in Vice President-elect Harris," Biden said in a statement. "In the face of unprecedented obstacles, a record number of Americans voted. Proving once again, that democracy beats deep in the heart of America."

The president Donald Trump has launched a number of legal challenges over ballot counting in key battleground states, with his campaign filing suits in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan and Nevada as the states continue to tally ballots sent by mail. Fox News stated, but in a statement Saturday, Trump did not concede and instead vowed to continue to fight. "The simple fact is this election is far from over. Joe Biden has not been certified as the winner of any states, let alone any of the highly contested states headed for mandatory recounts, or states where our campaign has valid and legitimate legal challenges that could determine the ultimate victor," the president said.



Biden, after beating Trump, elected 46th president of the United States. Source: cnet.com



Election results based on state.

Source: The Associated Press

'Jeopardy!' Host, Alex Trebek, Dead at 80

Formatter | Brian Xi

On the morning of November 8, 2020, long-term host for the game show 'Jeopardy!' Alex Trebek passed away. The cause of death has not yet been revealed, but in 2019, Trebek revealed that he was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. According to CNN, "Jeopardy! is saddened to share that Alex Trebek passed away peacefully this morning surrounded by family and friends," said a statement shared on the show's Twitter account on Sunday. "Thank you Alex." Despite being in the game-show business for over 5 decades, Alex was originally a reporter for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. He initially hosted "Reach for the Top" and "Jackpot" after switching from journalism to hosting game shows in 1966. He joined "Jeopardy!" in 1984 and has been with the show since.



Alex Trebek on Jeopardy!

Source: CNN News