



The Husky Times



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By Billie White, 7th Grade

I recently got the chance to speak with Mageen Caines, a local Epidemiologist. This is the transcript of our conversation.

Billie: Why did you choose to become an epidemiologist?

Mageen: Oh! It was actually kind of an accident! I became an epidemiologist because I want everybody to have the same chance to be healthy, and what I found was that was a really great tool that I could use for people to stay healthy. I like the fact that it works a lot with infectious diseases because I think that's something that can make people really sick and that I can work with college students.

Billie: How would you describe your job in your own words?

Mageen: I think it's an honor to be trusted with people's health, and I like working in the public sector because then I'm accountable to the public for the work I do, and I like being connected that way. I think the job is hard, you have to problem solve and I like that.

The winner of the media center book guessing contest is:



CASSIDY WHITE
6th Grade



The correct answer was 15,000 and Cassidy guessed 8,372. Read the newspaper to find ways to get a shout-out!

Billie: When the pandemic first hit, what were your thoughts?

Mageen: Well, Unfortunately, we were all expecting a pandemic for some time, and I work in mass-emergency management a lot, so I wasn't particularly surprised. I wasn't surprised that it was a coronavirus because we've had two previous pretty serious coronavirus outbreaks, called SARS and MERS, and so I wasn't surprised, it felt like we were well prepared in a lot of ways, because we've spent so much time thinking about how to handle this, and it was kind of heart-warming when I found out that it had progressed and all of our plans were being used the same way we had hoped they would be.

COMING SOON!

Do you need advice, but don't want anybody to know it's *you*? Submit your questions [HERE](#) and Mr. E will respond to you in the newspaper! Mr. E will never judge you, and you will be completely anonymous. It's a great way to get fast and helpful advice!

Environmental News

Gas Cars And Their Impact

By Oscar Petrie, 6th grade

Over 80% of the people who are reading this use a gas car. Some people don't think about their impact on the environment. A typical passenger vehicle emits about 4.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is the primary greenhouse gas. Greenhouse gases create a greenhouse effect on the atmosphere.

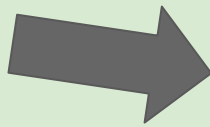
An electric car like a tesla can be charged up for free at some locations like the Quarry, So when you go shopping you can charge your car. Not many people can afford a tesla, So here are 3 ways to to fight greenhouse gases

1. The best way, walk! Driving a car short distances is a waste of gas and exercise
2. Don't leave your car running in park for more than a minute
3. Check out this [WEBSITE](#)

A hybrid car is a car with two modes electric and gas, while using gas some models use the friction to create electricity! Hybrid cars are a good cost-friendly alternative. But if we keep using gas the earth will get dangerously hot, so be fuel efficient!



Honda, Gas Car



Nissan Leaf, Hybrid Car



Tesla, Electric Car

College Students Find Hidden Words From 1500's

Hailey McCain, 2017

A group of students at RIT (Rochester Institute Of Technology) were trying to finish their school project, building a camera and taking pictures with it. It's not a normal camera, but an ultraviolet-fluorescence imaging system. It uses different lights and then takes pictures. For the project the students take pictures of a normal parchment or palimpsest. Palimpsests are pieces of parchment/documents that had a layer of writing removed so the author can write over the original writing. Doing this is easy and common with old parchment; since parchment is made out of stretched animal skin the writing doesn't stick well and can easily be scratched off. So they were probably very surprised when they found writing underneath it. Zoe LaLena, a student working on the project stated, "This was amazing because this document has been in the Cary Collection for about a decade now and no one noticed."

The page where they found the hidden french cursive is from a book called the Book Of Hours, a popular lay christian text during the middle ages. RIT states it was probably repurposed in the 1450's by European monks. The pages aren't together in a book and that's because it is a part of a collection by a man named Otto Ege. Ege took apart mediev texts (and other valuable texts) and sold them at a lesser price then what would have been if it were the whole text. That is why the students are now forced to try to find the rest of the pages. The chance that there is more writing is high.



(Source: Matthew Kon [Public domain], [via Wikimedia Commons](#))

Global News Recommended Reading

Portable Toilets Sing Christmas Carols- An Indiana portable toilet company shared a festive video of what it calls "a world record for the most animated faces on a single holiday light display." [Click Here](#)

Scientists Plan to Recreate Old Smells- A group of researchers in Europe have announced a 3-year project to collect information about the important smells of Europe, from the 1500s to the early 1900s. One part of the project will be recreating the scents of long ago. [Click Here](#)

Man Breaks Guinness World Record in Tortilla Stacking- An online entertainer broke a Guinness World Record when he created a tower of tortillas that measured 32.1 inches high. [Click Here](#)

Honeybees Use Poop to Scare off Hornets- Scientists have discovered an unusual trick used by Asian honeybees to protect their hives from giant hornets – putting poop on the hives. The discovery shows how clever the bees are, and could give beekeepers a new way to protect bees. [Click Here](#)

Media News

Animes in January - April

By Hailey McCain, 7th Grade

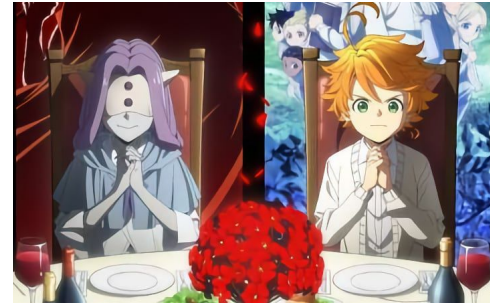
(All of these anime are PG 13 unless stated otherwise! If you want something under PG 13, K-On! Is tons of fun)

There are lots of anime that are expected to come out in January and April. Animes, like The Seven Deadly Sins: Dragon's Judgement, Cells At Work!, Code black, Re:Zero (season two, part two), and The Promised Neverland (season 2) . The last two are the anime that are going to be talked about here.

Re:Zero (season two, part two) is supposed to come out around January 6th. The first half of season two was aired from July to September, so I'm sure fans can't wait. The anime is an adventure/action fiction and follows the main character Subaru. Subaru who frequently only plays video games, is out to get something at the store late at night, and is somehow teleported to another world. After that he tries to figure out the world, while meeting people on the way. It's a great anime that can sometimes be funny and other times dark. This anime also has a manga for those who don't want to watch and would rather read.

The Promised Neverland is a dark fantasy, science fiction and thriller. It's about Emma, Ray, Norman, and the other kids in an orphanage. They want to figure out how to escape the orphanage because of what really happens when you get 'adopted'. Season one is available on Netflix, Crunchyroll, and plenty of other sites. Season two is going to start to air around January 7th in Japan. Like Re:Zero, it is quite dark at times, but the moments that are truly happy are few and far between.

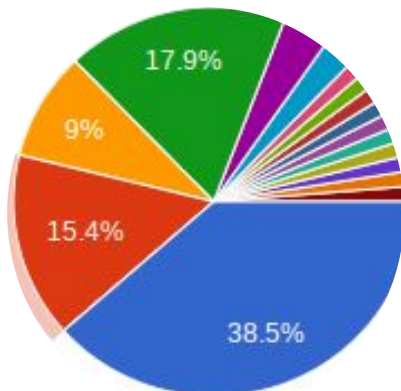
The world of Anime is ever expanding, gaining new followers every day. You should totally check out some Anime in the future, and if you don't want to watch it, you can read it in Manga form!



What is your favorite Anime?

Tell us in [THIS FORM](#) and your answer might be in the next issue of the newspaper!

What did your family do for Thanksgiving?



- We are going to spend it with family
- Swap foods
- i think we are going to florida
- Zoom Call
- zoom call and have thanksgiving
- We are going skiing! <3
- meet at my grandparents church
- for christmas we might meet with family

- Skip seeing family
- Meet family inside
- Eat at your own house and meet
- I do not know
- See my family with ZOOM.
- I don't know
- Nothing I don't celebrate christmas

Editorial

Gender Neutral Bathrooms

By: Shea Terry, 7th Grade

School bathrooms are normally gender-segregated and have multiples stalls. Most people don't think about people that identify as gender-neutral or use they/them pronouns so they are forced to use the girl or boy bathroom and that can be very hard for them. This week I have been interviewing students about what they think about gender-neutral bathrooms, if they are a good idea or a bad idea or maybe they don't care.

First, let's take a look at the people that said the gender-neutral bathrooms were a good idea. One student said, "I think it will make a lot of kids at school more comfortable and many kids won't have to choose a gendered bathroom to use." They brought up the point that it will make more students comfortable to use the bathrooms. Another student when asked why they thought gender-neutral bathrooms were a good idea said "for the trans and specifically nonbinary kids like myself gender-neutral bathrooms are a must. Not having them can create a lot of anxiety, stress and so much dysphoria because you're walking into a bathroom that isn't yours. We really need more of these around school and especially in middle school. Last year if I wanted to go to the right bathroom I had to walk down three flights of stairs to the one by the auditorium."

Now let's take a look at the people that said gender-neutral may be a good idea. The first person said "I personally think they would be fine, but there could be problems that would arise. For example, if the bathrooms were one person, it would be fine, but if they would be communal it might be more tricky to figure out. I won't go into detail, but I support gender-neutral bathrooms, even if there are problems." They bring up the point that there will be problems, like where would the bathrooms go and how would we pay for them. Another person said, "I can see how it can be good so that people don't feel left out, but there are problems that would come up."

Last let's look at people who think gender-neutral bathrooms are a bad idea. One person said "I think it is disrespectful to have the same sex in the same bathroom and it would make me and probably others very uncomfortable so please don't put them (the bathrooms) in" They have a good point but most likely if the school did decide to put them in, they would be one person bathrooms. Another person said, "I don't know, just someone probably made bathrooms separate for a reason, so we might as well keep it that way even if we think it would be more convenient." You make a good point that the bathrooms are separate by boy and girl but what about the students that use they/them pronouns or identify as gender-neutral, then they are walking into a bathroom that is not theirs and that is not fair either.

The fact is most people want gender neutral-bathrooms. 64.4 % of people want gender-neutral bathrooms in our school, 20% of people maybe want gender neutral-bathrooms, and only 15.6 % of people don't want gender-neutral bathrooms.

Feel differently? Fill out [this form](#) to tell us your opinion:



**ALL GENDER
RESTROOM**

Anyone can use this restroom,
regardless of gender identity
or expression.

Interest

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 Covered Pretzels~

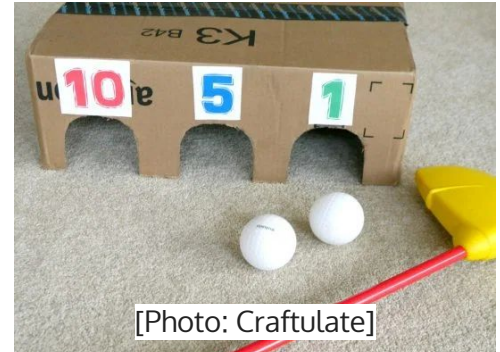
What you need-

- ☐ Any pretzel (rods, twists, etc)
- ☐ Almond bark or chocolate coating
- ☐ Candy canes (optional)

Instructions-

1. Melt the chocolate (heat over stove or in the microwave)
2. Crush the candy canes
3. Dip the pretzels in the melted chocolate
4. Add crushed candy canes to the pretzel when the chocolate is still warm
5. Let harden for 20 min on waxed paper
6. Eat and enjoy!

You can watch [OUR VIDEO](#) to see how we did ours.



[Photo: Craftulate]



[Photo: Design Dazzle]



[Photo: TigrisLi on Instructables]

How to be more creative

By: Aadhavshanjay Avinashkumar, 6th Grade

Are you struggling these days? Do you find it hard to stay enthusiastic? Are you feeling bored? If so, then this article is for you!

Try doing something creative!

You can get creative with all sorts of household items. For example, you can use cardboard to make anything you want. You could make a mini-arcade, set up a small basketball court for tin foil balls, create a mock spaceship, turn it into a cheap canvas for painting; you can cut it into a picture frame, build a house, and even create a hideaway home for a pet!

If you don't have cardboard, get creative and substitute it with something else. Finding substitutions is an act of creativity all on its own.

Check out this [Google search](#) for some image examples, but remember, you don't need to be limited by what you see. You are capable of creating something brand new!

Your Voice

There are lots of ways to get your voice into the school newspaper!

Look for opportunities to make guesses, contribute to a poll, or share feedback in **each** article.



You can also submit comics and/or share about your or your family's business below!

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

1. [Comic submissions](#) - Submit your comics to the Husky Times
2. [Favorite Anime](#) - Tell us your favorite Anime or Manga
3. [Ad Submissions](#) - Submit an Ad for your business or service