



Dog Adoption

By Oscar Petrie, 6th grade



Most people like dogs, COVID-19 has caused a 202% increase in dog adoption. A problem in America is overpopulation with dogs, which also means kill shelters euthanize (put down) a lot of them. For every 8 million dogs euthanized in the US, 8 million dogs are bred. Overpopulation is not the only problem; in the south many hurricanes cause people to leave their dog/dogs.

Breeders sell purebred or designer dogs. They use two purebred dogs and force them to have puppies, this contributes to overpopulation. The dogs that people buy from them may be pretty, but some breeders abuse the animals and that gives the dog PTSD. They can be nice to the dogs but it isn't worth adding more dogs to the world when so many already need homes.

Never get dogs from a pet store; they are usually from a puppy mill. Puppy mills force females to get pregnant over and over until they are unable to.

The question is, why buy a super expensive dog that might have been mistreated when you can rescue a nice dog at a shelter. A shelter never breeds dogs, in fact they do the opposite by spaying and neutering them. My dog and cat were rescued. The place we got our dog is [Coco's Heart Dog Rescue](#). This rescue is nice because the dog goes to a foster home instead of being in a cage. The picture of the dog above is my rescue, Lulie.

Will I Even Need Art?

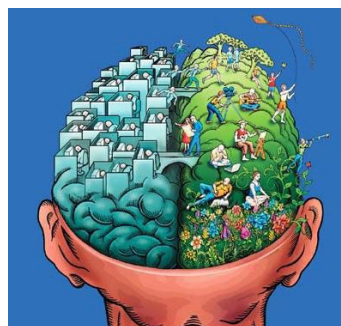
By Ryla Kaufman, 7th grade

Art is everywhere, museums, on the internet, even the structures that surround you. But what exactly is art? Wikipedia defines art as "a diverse range of human activities involving the creation of visual, auditory or performing artifacts (artworks), which express the creator's imagination, conceptual ideas, or technical skill, intended to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power," which can be simplified to anything human created to be shared or appreciated.

But why should you create art? Did you know that the process of creating art can actually have a positive impact on your mental health? When you create a piece of art you are activating both hemispheres of your brain which are communicating with each other during the process.

The process of creating an artwork can also help to manage thoughts and emotions. Did you know that the average person has around 60,000 thoughts per day, and around 90% of them are the same day in and day out? When you create art it gives an alternative thought or task for your brain to focus on, giving your brain a much needed break from its usual thoughts.

Creating art also increases the feel-good neurotransmitter dopamine, sometimes called the "motivation molecule" which can help to boost your focus and concentration. All this to say, the benefits of art can impact your mental health greatly.



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National News

Rallies and Riots

By Billie White, 7th Grade

New Years is a holiday celebrated to ring in the new year. It brings a fresh start, so what happened this year that made all of that go horribly wrong?

On January 6th, in tradition, all of the senators and house members were counting and certifying the electoral college, a process that has gone smoothly for decades. However, months in advance, President Trump had been encouraging his followers (over social media) to storm the capitol in an attempt to disrupt the counting and overturn the election. One of his tweets stated: "The BIG protest rally in Washington, DC, will take place at 11 am on January 6th, location details to follow. Stop the Steal!" It had been known to most that this was coming, with essentially a large red arrow pointing at it, so why was the protest able to turn into a riot? The most probable answer is that most people didn't expect it to actually happen.

Since the riots, 5 deaths have occurred. One, Ashli Babbit, was due to gunfire. The 35-year-old California native had been attending the rally in support of President Trump, unaware that the police would be willing to shoot. She was climbing through a broken window when a police officer shot her in the back of her neck. Timothy McEntee, her former husband who had no idea she was attending, said, "You would never forget meeting her, she



was very loud and opinionated but caring, sweet, thoughtful, and loving." Ashli was an air force veteran, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The second death was Officer Brian Sicknick, who was engaging with a group of rioters when he got wounded. When he got back to the division office, he collapsed and was instantly brought to the local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. The capitol police "expresses its deepest sympathies to Officer Sicknick's family and friends on their loss, and mourns the loss of a friend and colleague."

The other 3 deaths occurred from separate medical emergencies. Benjamin Philips, 50, of Ringtown, Pennsylvania; Kevin Greeson, 55, of Athens, Alabama; and Rosanne Boyland, 34, of Kennesaw, Georgia were all on the Capitol grounds when they experienced their emergencies.

After the capital had been cleared of protesters, some of the leftover items including pipe bombs and dropped guns, congress continued counting, not entirely for the president-elect, but to show that when some go low, they go higher. Joe Biden was certified as our president-elect late into the night.

Our nation has stood through the toughest of times, and from this, we will surely recover. However, we must all remember this tragic day as a reminder of how easily we can turn against each other, how easily we can cross the line between opposition and hatred, and how easily we can turn a nation upside down.

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National News

Kamala Harris, Vice President Elect

By: Shea Terry, 7th Grade



On January 21, 2019, Kamala Harris announced she was going to run for president in the 2020 United States presidential election. On December 3, 2019, Harris withdrew from seeking the 2020 Democratic nomination, citing a shortage of funds. Then, in March 2020, Harris endorsed Joe Biden for president. On August 11, 2020, Biden announced that he had chosen Harris as his running mate. She is the first African American, the first Indian American, and the third woman to be picked as the vice-presidential nominee for a major party ticket. On November 7, 2020, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were elected to be the next leaders of America. Harris is the first African American, the first Indian American, and the first woman to serve as Vice President of the United States.

But where did it all start? Where did Harris go to school and where was she born? Kamala Devi Harris was born October 20, 1964, in Oakland, CA, to parents Shyamala Gopalan and Donald J. Harris. Harris attended Howard University, in Washington, D.C. While at Howard, she interned as a mailroom clerk for California senator Alan Cranston, chaired the economics society, led the debate team, and joined Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She graduated from Howard in 1986 with a degree in political science and economics. Then she went to law school at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and while at UC Hastings, she served as president of its chapter of the Black Law Students Association. She graduated with a Juris Doctor in 1989. The Juris Doctor degree (J.D. or JD), also known as the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, is a graduate-entry professional degree in law. She was admitted to the California Bar in June 1990.

In 1990, Harris was hired as a deputy district attorney in Alameda County, California. Then, in 1994, California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown appointed her to the state Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board and later to the California Medical Assistance Commission. In February 1998, San Francisco district attorney Terence Hallinan recruited Harris as an assistant district attorney. There, she became the chief of the Career Criminal Division, supervising five other attorneys. Two years later, Harris took a job at San Francisco City Hall, working for city attorney Louise Renne. Harris ran the Family and Children's Services Division, representing child abuse and neglect cases. In 2002, Harris ran for the District Attorney of San Francisco against Hallinan and Fazio. Harris won with 56 percent of the vote, becoming the first person of color elected as district attorney of San Francisco.

Then, on November 12, 2008, Harris announced she would be running for California attorney general. She won and was sworn in on January 3, 2011. Harris was the first woman, the first African American, and the first South Asian American to hold the Attorney General's office in the state's history. Then in February of 2014, she announced she would be running for reelection. On November 4, 2014, Harris was re-elected against Republican Ronald Gold. After 24 years as California's junior senator, Senator Barbara Boxer announced her intention to retire from the United States Senate at the end of her term in 2016. Harris officially announced the launch of her campaign on January 13, 2015. In February 2016, the California Democratic Party voted at its convention to endorse Harris, who received nearly eighty percent of the vote. In the November 2016 election, Harris won the election capturing over sixty percent of the vote. The rest is history!

Environmental News

ANWR Drilling

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Chevron is trying to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Chevron is one of the largest companies in the world, they work in every aspect of oil from import to export, refining, and drilling and many more. There are many important animals in that refuge that have been close to extinction.

For example, there are animals like polar bears, wolves, and caribou that are close to extinction. Talking about caribou, the refuge is home to the porcupine caribou, one of the largest herds in the world. And so if they drill oil in the animals refuge that would mean that the oil might accidentally spill into the water and thus get in the systems of the animals causing them to die. If it also got into their fur it would destroy their ability to keep heat in and so they would die of hypothermia.

The refuge covers 19 million acres of land. Because of climate change, there is a lot of ice that is melting all over the arctic and Alaska which means less homes for the animals that live there.



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COMICS!



By Billie White, 7th grade

Sports News

The Vikings in Review

By Lucas Kzasiak, 6th grade

The Minnesota Vikings season is done. They did not make the playoffs. They finished with a 7-9 record. The team leader in passing was Kirk Cousins; the leader in rushing was Dalvin Cook.

The Vikings defense was iffey this year allowing a lot of points. Rookie Justin Jefferson led the way for the Minnesota offense, with him being in strong contention for Rookie of the Year. In the next season I expect Justin Jefferson to have another big year. But, the Vikings need to step up there defensive game if they hope to go further. They will be looking to get back into the playoffs in 2021-2022.



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Check it out here!

- [Five Athletes Making a Difference](#)
- [Most Influential Social Activists in Sports History](#)

RECOMMENDED READING

Scientist Discovered Pompeii Snack Bar - Archeologists in Italy are learning more and more about the everyday life of the people who lived in Pompeii nearly 2,000 years ago. Most recently, they've carefully uncovered a well-preserved street snack bar. [Click Here](#)

Australia Changes National Anthem - On December 31, Australian prime minister Scott Morrison announced that the words to the country's national anthem would be changed slightly to show more respect for the groups of indigenous people who lived in Australia long ago. [Click Here](#)

Brexit Complete - At 11 pm on December 31, the United Kingdom finally ended its close ties with the European Union, finishing the Brexit process that started almost four years ago. The UK now no longer needs to follow EU rules. [Click Here](#)

Strange News of 2020 - Earth has a temporary new moon, clear bathroom stalls in Japan, and an insect named after Lady Gaga! [Click Here](#)

Kids Did It News of 2020 - Greta Thunberg donating over a million dollars, a robotics team holding a toilet paper pyramid record and more! [Click Here](#)

Interest

It's Mr. E, Pronounced "Mystery"

Dear Mr.E

I have very bad anxiety when it comes to school. What am I supposed to do? I am failing my classes and I can't focus, what should I do?

Dear Anonymous,

I get what you're saying and what you are feeling. I used to go through that too, it was not easy! I started to see a counselor and it helped me a lot. You don't need a special therapist though, it can just be a school counselor and you. At our school, it's Ms. Nettleton. Sessions with a counselor are confidential and give you an opportunity to process what you're going through and come up with a plan.

If you can't see a counselor, there are other ideas too. Here are three:

- 1. Talk to a trusted adult, I know that sounds lame, but they can help! They have many ideas and can walk you through them. This is especially important if you start to feel really down or if your anxiety starts to affect you outside of school too.*
- 2. Choose a starting point. Pick one class, just one, that you want to focus on. Talk to that teacher and tell them you want to get better but need help. They'll help you prioritize your work and can give you extra tools so you can be successful. Once you get that one class under control, try the next, and the next and so on.*
- 3. As soon as you get to your work space, close your eyes and take some deep, calming breaths. Open your device, look at your schedule, and make a list of three things you want to get done that day. It doesn't have to be everything and they don't have to be big things. You just have to start.*

If you don't have a schedule, check your Wellness class, they have an awesome template you can use and put all your links in too! It's nice because it's one page and you easily see what's going on for the day. I bookmarked mine and it's the first place I go every day.

Know that it can get better and while anxiety can't be cured, it can be managed. You can get so good at managing it, it can even begin to feel like you don't have it at all... all you need to do is take the first step and ask for help; which you've shown us you can do.

Good luck,
Mr. E

[Have a question for Mr. E? ASK HERE](#)

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

~Fake Snow~

What you will need:

- Conditioner (must be white)
- Baking soda
- Small bowl
- ¼ cup measuring utensil

Instructions:

1. Get out your bowl
2. Add baking soda into the bowl
3. Add conditioner into the bowl
4. Mix until combined
5. Now enjoy, make snowmen and so much more!

Watch our video to see how we did it!-----> [Our video](#)

Interest



Jibaku Shounen Hanako Kun

(The shows mentioned here is PG 13)

Jibaku Shounen Hanako Kun, or for my convenience JSHK, is definitely one of my top manga and anime! JSHK is romantic comedy and occult fiction. The manga is made by the illustrator and writer duo, Aidairo and the anime is produced by the animation company, Lerche. Lerche is also well known for Assassin Classroom and the Danganronpa animes. Season two of the anime is supposed to come out sometime in 2021, and the manga has almost monthly updates. It's great with only a few flaws.

First of all, JSHK best aspect is the characters. I find each of them really enduring. I can name almost every character's personality, what they want and what they need. The main character Yashiro is a kind, honest girl who is not afraid to give people her opinions. They are all thought out and memorable. None of the characters have every aspect of their lives explained, keeping something new to always be learned about them. You're almost guaranteed to love at least one of the characters, whether they are a main character or a side character. I can't even bring myself to hate the main villain, even though it's implied they abused my favorite character in the past. The characters' designs all look pretty nice too, and the manga's great art only enhances that.

Another reason that I think this series is good is the lore, (like the characters) it's really well thought out. It's always fun to find out more about the magic and supernatural aspects of the story. There are exorcists in this story, and I really want to know more about their families history. The different take on how the supernatural world works is easy to understand. The supernaturals are a fun take on the real myths in Japanese schools concerning the seven mysteries. The lore overall is really interesting to learn about.

I'd say one of the only problems about the anime is the animation, I have no idea why the animation is choppy. It's not bad, but very mediocre with the movement. The manga's art is beautiful, and the animation is stiff compared to the 'life' in the manga. From what I've heard, people who have only seen the anime say that the color palette is really pretty and the uniqueness of the way it's set up is awesome, I have to agree with them there.

One other thing to comment on is what I think could be considered bad writing on the manga's part. There was a problem in the manga that had been built up throughout to be impossible to fix, and then it was just fixed... There was a whole arc trying to stop the death, but then it only took a chapter to solve the problem. It took me off guard and I thought it was a little too sudden. It was anticlimactic. Even though I understand why it is a possible solution I wish they would have at least hinted that it was a solution. Though the fact that I felt it was played down was also the many other things that happened in that chapter. I can't wait to see what the anime will do when they adapt it.

In short Jibaku Shounen Hanako Kun is something I really recommend. I loved watching it and can't wait for the monthly chapters.



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Questions? You can also reach out to Mrs. Mussell, Mrs. Potts, or Ms. Schwintek



Please note this photo was taken prior to March 2020 and COVID-19 restrictions were implemented.

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Your Voice

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When you use your imagination to come up with an art idea, or to carry out your vision you teach your brain that there can be more than 1 solution to a given problem. This can greatly improve your ability to think outside the box to find a solution when you are problem solving. So, it doesn't matter what you create, how you create it, or your past art experience, you benefit from the process of creating art.

Sharing your artwork with others can also help to boost your self esteem, knowing others are appreciating what you created.

That is why the newspaper has decided to release an **art "challenge"** for students and staff to show off their artistic skills. Each edition we will release a one word prompt for you to base an artwork off of, this could be a drawing, painting, sculpture, song, poem, anything you can think of.

Then to submit your artwork just fill out this [google form](#) and upload an image or video of your artwork. You can even **choose for your artwork to be featured in the next edition of the school newspaper.**

The word of choice for this edition is **beginning**. We thought it would be fitting since it was the beginning of the calendar year. You can interpret the prompt any way you see fit, literally, abstractly, ANY way. We just hope you have fun creating a unique piece of art.



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. [Next Form!](#) - Have your voice heard in the Husky Time's next poll
3. [Ad Submissions](#) - submit an ad for your business or service
4. [Art Challenge](#) - Submit your artwork here, the prompt is beginning