

Instagram from Florida, and though I was not there I felt the spirit everyone carried with them as they walked the streets,” said one remote learner.

Parents also came out to cheer their children on. Justin Tejada and Nicole LePage, parents of Cecilia (5th grade) and Pia (3rd grade) stood in their front yard with signs and phones ready to document this special moment.

Although the wind tried to push down some signs, it couldn’t push down the students’ spirits. They hope for many others to join the fight against AAPI discrimination. “Before we went on the march, I wasn’t sure if we’d be noticed. But I was wrong, many people saw us and we made a difference,” said Oliver Jawde. As they departed, students felt strongly in giving the final message that it is time to “Heal not hurt.” ■

North Brooklyn Mutual Aid Creates Fridge for the Hungry

By Chloe Irizarry

At The Lot Radio, on Nassau Avenue in Greenpoint, the community group known as North Brooklyn Mutual Aid built, painted, and started to put food in this fridge that is vital to our community. Ever since the Covid-19 pandemic, many Americans have lost their jobs due to the virus. Because of this, families don’t have enough money to pay their rent or buy food. North Brooklyn Mutual Aid decided to take a stand and help the community.

People who are passing by might be surprised to find a fridge in the

middle of the street. Though no one in the fifth grade class at Williamsburg Northside School has been to the fridge, including the class’s teacher, they think it is a good idea.



“This will brighten the darkest days,” says the fifth grader Fiona after learning about The Greenpoint Fridge. According to greenpointers.com, the North Brooklyn Mutual Aid members go and check on the fridge twice a day to make sure that the fridge has enough food and is sanitary. Kevin LaCherra, a North Brooklyn Mutual Aid coordinator, gives credit to the organization called “In Our Hearts” for giving them inspiration to make The Greenpoint Fridge.

“Yes, it’s very helpful for people in need, I have seen another one in Williamsburg next to a hair salon Hair Metal!” says Sadie Jensen-Blank. These fridges are a good new thing that’s popping up everywhere.

“I didn’t even know these existed,” commented Isaac Lind. It is crucial that more of these fridges pop up around neighborhoods and people spread the word that this is available. People who struggle financially in these times need these fridges, and we need to help. ■



Countries in a City

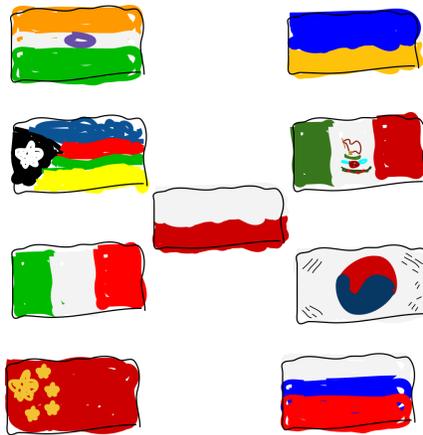
By Oona Doolan and Cecilia Tejada

Hello! Ni hao! Ciao! Privet! Cześó! Namaste! Holá! Annyeong! Zdravstvuyte! Can you believe that in just one city you can find hundreds of countries? Countries have culture and traditions passed down from generation to generation. Traditions won't ever be changed as long as the right people get them. Read about customs and traditions of countries like India, China, and Ukraine. All of these places have neighborhoods of their own in The Big Apple.

Ciao! One neighborhood to explore is Little Italy! Little Italy has Italian cuisine, style, Italian modern art, and a lot more that represents Italy. Little Italy was created in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when a great number of immigrants from Italy came to New York City to seek better lives. These people brought their traditions and customs to add to our great and unique city. In Little Italy, small stores are all over the streets. From small bakeries to large restaurants. Little Italy has cuisine native to Italy and because of that it has turned into the food you know and love. Little Italy also has homemade gelato in multiple places. In September, visit the Feast of San Gennaro, a beautiful and delicious festival.

Namaste! Curry Hill and Jackson heights are the best places to discover Indian delights! Curry Hill refers to the countless Indian restaurants along Lexington

Avenue between 27th and 28th streets. On Nycgo.com they state that, "Curry Hill has distinct cuisines, you'll definitely want to expand your taste palette here." Jackson Heights is where to go if you want to grab a snack. The Jackson Diner is a great place if you want an authentic Indian meal. After it opened in 1980, the Jackson Diner became the original Jackson Heights restaurant to attract the notice of foodies in both Manhattan and Brooklyn.



Ni hao! Chinatown is a great place to grab a traditional Chinese meal of dim sum, dumplings, and noodles too! Chinese Lunar New Year has been different this year. Instead of the traditional light shows you see every year, there are a bunch of people on computers doing virtual celebrations. There are also the Dragon Festivals every year in China, and this is a really big deal also in Chinatown. In normal times, these festivals are so beautiful. In the upcoming years there will be changes to the normal, giant celebrations. Soon enough, though, there will be that giant light show, that Dragon

Dance, and that amazing celebration. Zàijiàn!

Hello! Little Caribbean is where you can get traditional experiences from the Caribbean. Little Caribbean has brightly colored stores to represent the colorful building found in the Caribbean. There you can find Caribbean food and stores. Everything there is happy and fun, and a good time to visit would definitely be the summer, when you can sit outside and have a good time. You won't regret your visit to this neighborhood, as you check out the fresh markets and cute stores full of Caribbean goods. Bye!

Cześó! Greenpoint is the Polish town! There is plenty to do here, from concerts at Warsaw at the Polish National Home to a visit to the Greenpoint Fish & Lobster Co., a combo seafood market! Green Point is located near McCarren Park and the Brooklyn Brewery. The neighborhood is famous for its culinary background. Karczma, for instance, is a delicious restaurant where servers dress in traditional Polish attire. Greenpoint also has stores with Polish furniture, like Lomzynianka, which sells hand-woven home decor. PA!

Zdravstvuyte! Head to the East Village on 6th and 7th street between 1st and 3rd Avenues to a neighborhood that used to be known as "Little Ukraine." The best days to head to little Ukraine would be Wednesday through Sunday, because that is when the Ukrainian Museum is open! After the museum you should head to Veselka to grab some grub.

Another option, Streecha Ukrainian Kitchen is *under* the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church. According to Manhattan Sideways, “Streecha is like the cozy home of a Ukrainian grandmother.”

Brighton Beach is also considered a Russian neighborhood. It isn’t as crowded as Coney Island, which is really close by. In Brighton Beach you can try foods like rice pilaf and Georgian flatbread filled with cheese. A boardwalk has simple pleasures, like people-watching and strolling. Swimming and sunbathing are things you can do when the weather is nice. Little Odessa, a part of Brighton Beach has a bunch of restaurants and stores that would make a day of walking around and shopping. Do svidaniya!

Holá! Corona is an area in the borough of Queens where you can have a traditional Mexican meal. Tortilleria Nixtamal is the place to go! Here you can see the corn tortillas being made in the restaurant’s front windows. If you go at the right time you might be able to see the tortillas coming out of a green machine. Grab a table and get a big bowl of guac and chips. You’ll like it so much you may eat the whole thing by yourself. There is a lot there to see and the summer is a great time. It’s in full bloom then. Adios!

Annyeonghaseyo! Little Korea has all of the delicious Korean food you love, like Korean BBQ and desserts from Asia. A restaurant that has some of this great food is Azya. Azya has the Korean classics and is a perfect meal whenever.

You can also visit a few book stores that have translated your favorite classics to Korean. This is a great way to learn a different language! One of these translated books, when read, may be able to help you on your next trip to Korea! Karaoke is also a big hit in this neighborhood and is super fun. Annyeong!

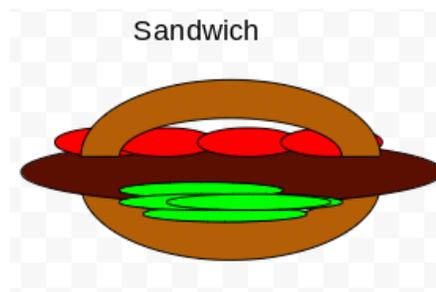
Visiting these neighborhoods will let you tap into these customs. You might learn something new and have fun at the same time. You may even figure out that tacos are your favorite food ever, because you took the time to tap into a different culture. Whatever neighborhood you decide to go to, you’ll have a great time and get to experience another culture. ■

Healthy Food

By Alexis Ruiz

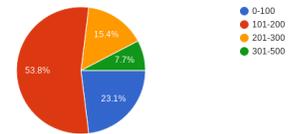
Have you ever wanted to eat healthier? Here are some tips to help you do that:

On Dr. Friedman’s Health Blog (doctordavidfriedman.com), he states that the “Turkey sandwich comes in at #1 for the most healthy. Turkey contains less fat than most other meats and is rich in protein and potassium, needed for strong muscles.” Turkey



sandwiches are sold at your local deli because all delis have turkey! Besides turkey, vegetables are also good for you to eat. In an interview with the fifth grade students at Williamsburg Northside School, Cecelia Tejada said that fruit and veggies will be good on a sandwich. Another student, Sadie Jensen-Blank, said, “as long as you have a balanced meal it should be fine.” Miki Ferguson agrees that eating healthy is important and thinks “broccoli is fine.” Ben Freund added, “a sandwich and a salad” would be a healthy choice.

How many calories do you think is enough for one meal of a sandwich.
13 responses



When thinking about buying food, especially in a pandemic, it is good to remember the essential workers in the grocery stores and the delivery people who deliver food. Annika Hoffman is happy that even in the pandemic we can still order food from restaurants. Nell Madigan, the teacher of 5th grade says, “Covid-19 is an awful illness that has affected many lives.

Essential workers, like grocery workers and restaurant workers, have risked their lives to make sure everyone can still eat.”

In conclusion, we should all appreciate and support small businesses, like grocery stores and restaurants, that are trying to stay in business during the pandemic. And, no matter what’s going on around us, we **always** need to eat healthy and stay safe. ■

Mask Fashion

By Cecilia Tejada, art Oona Doolan

In times of Covid-19, wearing a mask is a necessity. Wearing a mask keeps others safe, but your style also matters. A normal mask is something everybody wears, but you can do better than that. Do you know what designer brands have made masks? Do you know if your mask is safe? Is your favorite celebrity wearing a cool mask? Does that mask fit your child? There are all good questions! Read on for some answers.

I don't know if you are aware, but Balenciaga makes a mask, Fendi also makes a mask, and Tory Burch has a set of 5 masks. Mirene Serre also makes a mask. Off-White has a stylish mask. It is black and white striped with black ear loops. Fendi's mask looks pretty, with a silky-satiny look that has a pink base and black straps that keep it on your face. Tory Burch's set of five masks has fun floral designs. Balenciaga has a plain black mask with black ear loops and it has the word "*Balenciaga*" written in white on the bottom right corner. Mirene Serre has a pink mask with moons covering it with black ear loops and trim.

These masks may be stylish, but are they safe? According to Vogue.com your mask is safe if it has the following three qualities: 1. Your mask has more than one layer of protection. 2. Your mask covers your nose and your mouth. 3. There are no gaps between your mask and face. If your mask does all of these things your mask is

safe. The website of the CDC states that a mask isn't protecting you or others if it has a vent in it. If your mask has a vent or valve, you are letting your germs and bacteria out into the air where somebody can then catch Covid-19. It could also go the other way and you could get Coronavirus by the end of your not-so-nice-walk outside. Guess what? It's possible that you are wearing the same mask as your favorite movie star! According to Today.com, Billie Elish got a custom Gucci mask made for her to wear to the Grammys last year. Some of your favorite stars are wearing normal masks, like Adele who wears Care Face Masks. She wore this mask to Saturday Night Live. Jennifer Aniston also wears this mask a lot, which you can see on her Instagram. You also may have heard of the masks "Mask Face Mask 10-Pack." These stylish masks are disposable and come in the cutest colors and designs. Jennifer Lopez, Selena Gomez, and Cara Delevingne have been wearing these masks. Priyanka Chopra and Nina Dobrev have been wearing the Night Mulberry Silk Face Mask.



Just like adults, children also need a mask. It's hard for them to get sick from Coronavirus, but you should still want them to be

respectful of other people. Cloth masks are the best fit for children. Most surgical masks won't fit them and the KN95 just won't work. Think, if you were a kid, wouldn't you just fidget with that mask all the time? I would!

A cloth mask is the best for you kids. Comfort is number one for them, and safety is tied with comfort. Adjustable masks make it possible for that mask to fit your child as they grow.

It is suggested by Healthline.net that kids wear a face mask if they are over the age of one. It's smart to have them wearing a mask at all times, with three exceptions. First, when they are in their house, second, when they are swimming, and third, when they are playing outside six feet or more apart from any other kids or adults.

In a survey with 51 participants, 41.2% answered that they don't care if their mask matches their outfit. 41.2% of respondents said that it depended on the day. The remaining 17.6% cared if their mask matched their outfit. This shows that many people don't really care about how their mask looks. The same survey found that 19 out of 51 people wear a cloth mask, 14 wear surgical masks, and 1 person said that they wear a fashionable mask. Other people wear two masks.

There are a lot more types of masks out there, so make sure the one you're getting is the right mask for you. Wearing a mask can help save so many lives in these times. Covid is still a risk so wear a mask social distance. ■

Gravity Falls is Turning 10!

By Isaac Lind and Max Grenside

On June 15, 2012 the first episode of the masterpiece that was Gravity Falls aired on Disney. Little did anyone know after watching the pilot episode that this show would be a timeless mystery with no age limits and unlimited popularity.

Next year will mark the show's 10th anniversary. This show has been the favorite show of thousands since it stopped airing on TV. The show was an amazing success since the first few episodes.

The show starred Jason Ritter as the curious and intelligent Dipper Pines and Kristen Shaal as his energetic twin sister, Mabel (aka the demon child). The show's creator voiced the Pines' great uncle or "grunkle," the hilarious conman, Stan Pines, as well as his trusty handyman Soos Ramirez. Lastly, Linda Cardellini played Wendy Corduroy. The episode preceding the season one finale introduced the man, the equilateral king of the Nightmare Realm, and the main antagonist of the show, Bill Cipher, who was also voiced by the god among gods, Alex Hirsch.

The show was about the Pines Twins, Dipper and Mabel, visiting a town in Oregon named Gravity Falls. Dipper finds a strange journal with a six fingered hand and a "3" on the cover. It is full of conspiracies and monsters. Dipper

reads this stranger's journal and believes every conspiracy and bit of nonsense like a normal person would. With the journal guiding them, Dipper and Mabel set out to uncover the mysteries of the town, research the strange creatures that lurk in the shadows, and answer the ultimate question: Who wrote the journal?

With it's intelligently incorporated adult humor and the mysteries which no one knew the answers to, Gravity Falls attracted fans of all kinds. And quite a few above the target demographic.

Alex Hirsch planned to end the show after the first season. His reasoning was simple: he had never worked on a TV show before and it was getting too tiring and difficult. Luckily, the creator of Over the Garden Wall, Patrick McHale, who was a big fan of the series, convinced him to continue with the series and make another season. McHale later made a cameo as the amazingly named one-off character Judge Kitty-Kitty-Meow-Meow-Face-Schwartzstein.

From the first episode of the second season of Gravity Falls, it was apparent that this season would focus more on the story and mystery element of this series. Close to the finale of season two Alex Hirsch told Disney that this would be the final season. Disney, in hopes to monetize this property further and change his mind, made him sign a contract so he couldn't tell anyone the show was ending, not even the cast. The cast only

found out the show was ending when they read the finale script.

Season two episode 11 changed everything. One of the best episodes in the series "Not What he Seems" introduced Grunkle Stan's twin brother, Ford (voice of JK Simmons). In the last episodes of the series the true nature of this series was revealed. This ended with an unforgettable three part finale that left millions of viewers wanting more.

In 2016, Gravity Falls stopped airing. There were no more reruns and you could only watch it on streaming services. But Gravity Falls was not done yet.

In that same year Disney Press published the #1 New York Times Bestseller, Journal 3. This allowed fans to immerse themselves in the wonderful world of Gravity Falls once again. Many said that reading the plot through the point of view of the characters was an amazing experience.

Then in 2018, the closest thing to a season 3 happened: Lost Legends. It was a graphic novel that had four short canon stories written by the GOAT Alex Hirsch and drawn by some of the animators of the series.

To this day, Gravity Falls is commonly viewed as one of the greatest cartoons of all time. The lowest rated episode on IMDB literally has a 7.9. Gravity Falls is a modern animation with books, a video game, and is ten times as good as Stranger Things and always will be. If you're looking for something to binge watch, this should be your first choice.

Covid Fun

By Lola Grenside & Fiona Dolan

So you're stuck at home with nothing to do. Quarantine is boring and you want to have some fun. In this article we are going to teach you some fun activities to do when you have nothing fun to keep you occupied.

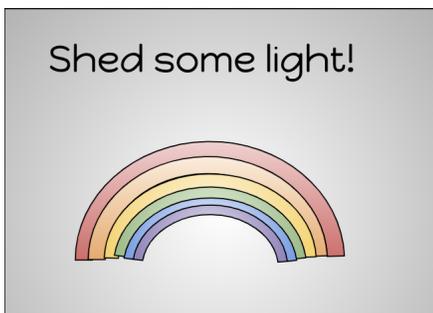
Activity number one!

This activity is very simple. This was started at the beginning of Covid as a happy way to keep the positivity up (not literally, we don't want you getting a positive Covid test.) It is a beautiful way to share some social distanced love.

What you need.

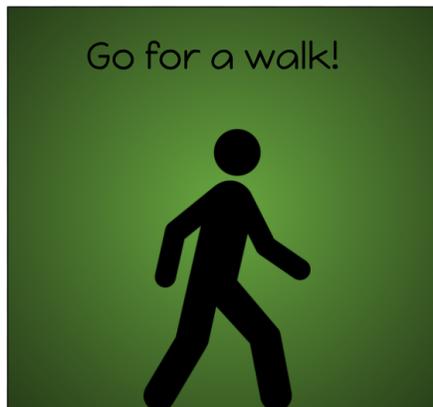
- Washable rainbow paint
- Paper
- Paint brush

This is called Shed Some Light. First, ask an adult to get something to cover the table/ground. Then see if your paint is washable. Paint a rainbow (or anything you would like) as big as you like on your paper. Then, when you are done you can tape your picture on your window to spread some love to the people around you.



Activity number two!

This activity is very easy. All you have to do is go outside. If you have not guessed it is a walk. A walk stimulates your body and mind. You can go for a walk anywhere. It is an amazing substitute for the car and you can get a lot of things out of it. Whether it is a short walk to the park and back, or a long walk to a lake, there are so many benefits!



Activity number three!

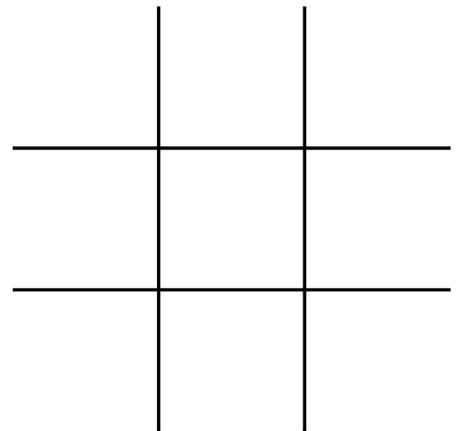
These activities will definitely keep you occupied, because these crafts ship right to your door! You can sign up for <https://www.pinterest.com/creativegirlsclub/> and they will ship you 2-3 awesome crafts every month! They have all different crafts, some of which include bracelet making, painting, and much more!

According to poll results, 40% of the fifth grade class at Williamsburg Northside School like arts and crafts as their favorite activity, and 30% like playing games, including Uno and online games. Walks were the least popular activity (but you should

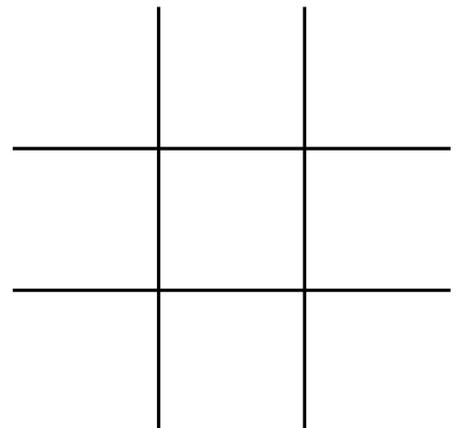
still take a walk). One fifth grader responded that their least favorite activity is "getting out of bed, and going to school!," but we don't agree!

There are many things to keep kids busy and having fun in this crazy time! Consider doing some of these things and recommend them to a friend. Remember to share some fun activities and always spread the love! ■

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Tech Talk: PC Edition

By Ben Freund and Oliver Jawde

The pandemic has stopped many jobs. Places are going out of business. However, there is still one job that is growing during the pandemic, and it's tech! Tech advancement has not stopped, and there is still a lot of new stuff coming out. Learning about tech can ensure you are ready for the future. And if you want to build a PC, here are some tips:

The Central Processing Unit

A CPU is the Central Processing Unit. It pretty much controls the computer and how it runs. Every computer has a CPU. It's like the heart of the system. There are a couple of options for a CPU. The best ones are the Ryzen collection and the Intel. For gaming, we suggest the Ryzen 9 because it is better than Intel. According to Theindiantalks.com, "Ryzen Threadripper runs 40% faster than the Intel i9." On the other hand, Intel is made for office work and will probably give you a better performance in this way.

The Motherboard

According to the website Trustedreewis.com, "Mother-Boards may not be the most alluring or exciting component of PC building, but it can make or break any build." This means that the mother-board might not be the most interesting, but it is a necessity in a PC.

Trustedreewis.com says that the best overall AMD motherboard is

the Asus ROG Crosshair VII Hero (Wi-Fi). In addition, they say the best AMD motherboard for gaming is the ASRock Fatal1ty X470 Gaming K4. The best value AMD motherboard is the Gigabyte AB350-Gaming.

In terms of Intel motherboards, Trustedreewis.com says the best overall Intel motherboard is the MSI MEG Z390 Godlike. The best Intel motherboard for gaming is the Gigabyte Z390 Aorus Xtreme. And, last but not least, the best value Intel motherboard is the Gigabyte Z390 Aorus Pro. Any of these high-quality motherboards can suit you.

Cases/Water Cooled

The case of the PC is where the swag is found. The case the outside and the box that holds everything inside. And the cool thing is it's customizable. One option is the *CORSAIR Carbide Series SPEC-OMEGA RGB Tempered Glass Mid-Tower ATX Gaming Case* made particularly for gaming. It looks nice, it is a reasonable cost for a case, and has a four-star rating. If you want to get a PC case that is a little more expensive, try a water cooled case like the *Hydro X's System PC*. The reason being it is a really nice system and it is very high quality.

There are many more options for building PCs out there, but the items in this article are very nice pieces of technology that can be trusted if you are thinking about building a PC or looking for an upgrade. ■



Popular Dog Breeds

By Annika Hoffman

During the pandemic, dog adoptions have gone up a lot because everyone is lonely. Everyone wants a companion so they won't be alone. In fact, seven out of the 15 fifth grade students at Williamsburg Northside School got a dog or are getting a dog during the pandemic. But what are the most popular dog breeds for sitting on the couch and binge watching TV? And what is the most popular dog in fifth grade?

According to Rover.com, the top three dog breeds of 2020 were mixed breed, Labrador Retriever, and Chihuahua. When polled on Google form, 57.1% of the fifth grade class said that their favorite big dog breed is a husky. For favorite small dog breeds, 21.4% of fifth graders said the Yorkshire Terrier was their favorite and 14.3% of fifth graders said the Corgi is their favorite. For least favorite breeds, 28.6% of the fifth grade class said their least favorite small breed was a pug and 42.9% said their least favorite big breed was a boxer.

Both small and big dogs can be great family pets! Some people like a fluffier companion and some people like a less furry companion. Whichever breed you choose would be a great addition to your household. ■



Duke Ellington

By MiKi Ferguson

Today, I interviewed my grandpa about Duke Ellington. I decided to interview him because Duke was one of his favorite musicians and my grandpa is also a singer. He used to sing in a restaurant in Manhattan, and "Satin Doll" was one of my grandfather's signature songs.

Edward Kennedy a.k.a, "Duke" Ellington was a jazz composer, pianist, and jazz band leader. He was born in Washington, DC on April 29th, 1899 and he died on May 24, 1974. I was surprised to learn that he died on my birthday, but at that time I wasn't even born yet. He is important because he changed people's mind about jazz! He was one of the greatest jazz musicians of all time!

My grandfather remembered that Duke started taking lessons at the age of seven, but was actually more interested in playing baseball. Teddy Roosevelt, who was the president at the time, would ride by on his horse to watch him and his friends play. Duke Ellington would sneak into a pool room and watch a guy playing the piano. That's when he took piano playing more seriously and started writing thousands of songs.

Duke was so famous that he won many awards. Some of these awards are: Grammy Hall Of Fame, Grammy Lifetime Award, and the Grammy Trustees Award, among others. My grandfather got to go to Duke's Memorial tribute after Duke passed away at the church of

St. John The Divine. There is also a memorial statue of Duke Ellington at 110th street in Central Park.

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The Beatles

By Lucas Srygley and Davin Tutiven

You know when you lay in a meadow with the sun shining right on you and music is playing in the background? Most likely you are listening to the Beatles. But have you ever wondered where that music came from? Read this article to find out.



John Lennon founded the Beatles. He met Paul McCartney in Liverpool, England in 1957 and wrote most of the Beatles' songs with him. But where are the Beatles now?

Unfortunately, John Lennon is not alive. He died on December 8, 1980. Paul

McCartney is currently making a book about his lyrics, and is a film director. George Harrison was the lead guitarist in the Beatles and was also a formal film director. Unfortunately, George Harrison is not alive. Ringo Starr, was the band's drummer, and was formerly an actor. Ringo Starr is still alive.

The Beatles made over 188 million dollars in their lifetime and still are making money. They had many songs like, "Here Comes The Sun," "Hey Jude," "Let It Be," "Penny Lane," and "Yesterday." They also created about 75 albums and sold about 600 million copies.



In a poll given to fifth grade students, the most-liked Beatles songs were "Here Comes The Sun" and "Strawberry Fields," and other favorites were "Penny Lane" and "Let It Be."

In conclusion, the Beatles have great and calming music that will make you want to smile all day long. So when you're going for a picnic, bring your radio with you and listen to some Beatles! ■



Potter Movie Magic

By Chloe Irizarry and Sadie Jensen-Blank

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In 2001, the first Harry Potter movie was released and viewers were impressed by the special effects. From Voldemort to Fluffy to the wand duels, these effects are impressive. But how did they do all these special effects?

In a lot of the Harry Potter movies, green screens are used. For example, during the staircase scenes when students walk down the castle they are used at the bottom of the staircase, the top, or even the windows. They will also paint people for the backgrounds. The moving pictures were paintings, green screens, and even producers, according to *Insider*.

In the sixth Harry Potter movie "*The Half-Blood Prince*," when Hermione is in the library and the books that she's putting back float, it was actually people hiding and wearing green screen gloves. Later, the gloves got edited out so it looked like the books were floating back into place.

Another example of moving images was in the popular paper *The Daily Prophet*.



There are moving images in the paper, and for these they used a combination of a green screen and real text. Additionally, the people who created the text of *The Daily Prophet* hid names of real people in the articles, like names of their family members or other people who are important to them.

Another interesting fact about Harry Potter movie magic is the quidditch scenes were filmed with brooms on mounts that swayed back and forth and sideways too. When they edited that scene, they edited out the mount and put it in the background so it looked like the broom was going really fast.

Harry Potter fans know that Dumbledore destroyed the ring Horcrux and had a withered black hand, but how did they film it? Well, Michael Gambon wore a green sleeve, and the crew used CGI to make his arm look blackened. They also used makeup for touch-ups and to make sure skin wasn't peeking through.

In the "*The Prisoner Of Azkaban*" Hermione and Harry ride Buckbeak the hippogriff, but in real life they were riding a mechanical prop. The prop was edited post-production to look like the hippogriff you know and love.

According to Screenrant.com, "Rather than creating Hagrid as an entirely digital character, the filmmakers decided on having two separate Hagrids. So for closeups and medium shots where he was in the frame, Robbie Coltrane, whom we've all come to know as Hagrid, would appear."

In *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, Harry took gillyweed so he could swim underwater. To do this, a huge swimming pool was built. It held about two million liters of water. Daniel Radcliffe had diving lessons weeks before so he could get it right when he shot the scene. In the background, they had a blue screen so that after they filmed it, they could edit it to make sure that the scene looked real.



Luna Lovegood touches the thestral. In the movies, the body of the thestral is made with CGI but the head is real. The producers helped hold it up in the scene. The thestral has CGI features on its face, so it looks real.

Another special effect is Voldemort! In the books, he has gleaming red eyes, but in the movies they're blue because the filmmakers thought it wouldn't show emotion in the eyes. Also, Ralph Fiennes had dots on his nose to give the editors a guide so they could cut his nose off using CGI.

In a poll, 5th graders at Williamsburg Northside School said the green screen was their favorite special effect (42%). They guessed the most used special effects were: green screen (28.6%), props (28.6%), CGI (28.6%), and makeup and prosthetics (14.3%). The correct answer: the green screen!

In conclusion, the Harry Potter special effects were complex, and the producers worked hard to make the magical world come to life. ■

Water Poem

I am the one who soothes the eye,
 I am the one who homes summer
 I am the one who will never die,
 Only falls down like a distant hum
 I am the one who murmurs all the secrets
 Who holds the world,
 Always around never gone.
 But when I am not around
 Everything is gone
 From the fish to the lushing rain,
 From every corner of the Earth because I surround you,
 Because I am water.

By Lola Grenside

My Book

My book is full of adventure and wonder.
 It's made up of letters, paper, numbers and punctuation.
 It all forms together like a colony of a million flying jets.
 The words soar over the magnificent pages.
 They draw up the best adventures of all in my mind.
 The adventures appear the second I read about them.
 As the words fly all around in different directions, like the wind.
 And they never stop until they're read.

By Lucas Srygley

A River

So kind and unique
 Silence from the sand
 To the mountains highest peak.
 The water reflects
 With such elegance
 The wind blows with
 Unmistakable intensity.
 The fish swim oh so very quietly
 While the turtle walks so slowly.

By Ben Freund

Squared Word

- Circle = E 
- Square = M 
- Diamond = K 
- Triangle = A 
- Hexagon = F 
- Trapezoid = S 

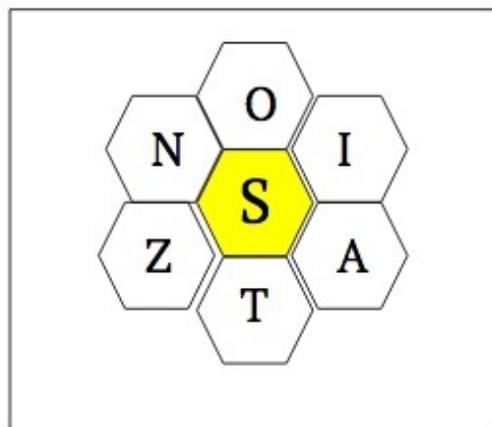
Figure out what the words are according to the key. The words go across!

Sudoku

2			1
	3		
		2	
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Fill in the numbers 1 - 4 once in every column, row and 2 x 2 area.

Spelling Bee



Make as many words of four or more letters as you can out of seven letters. Words must contain the center letter.