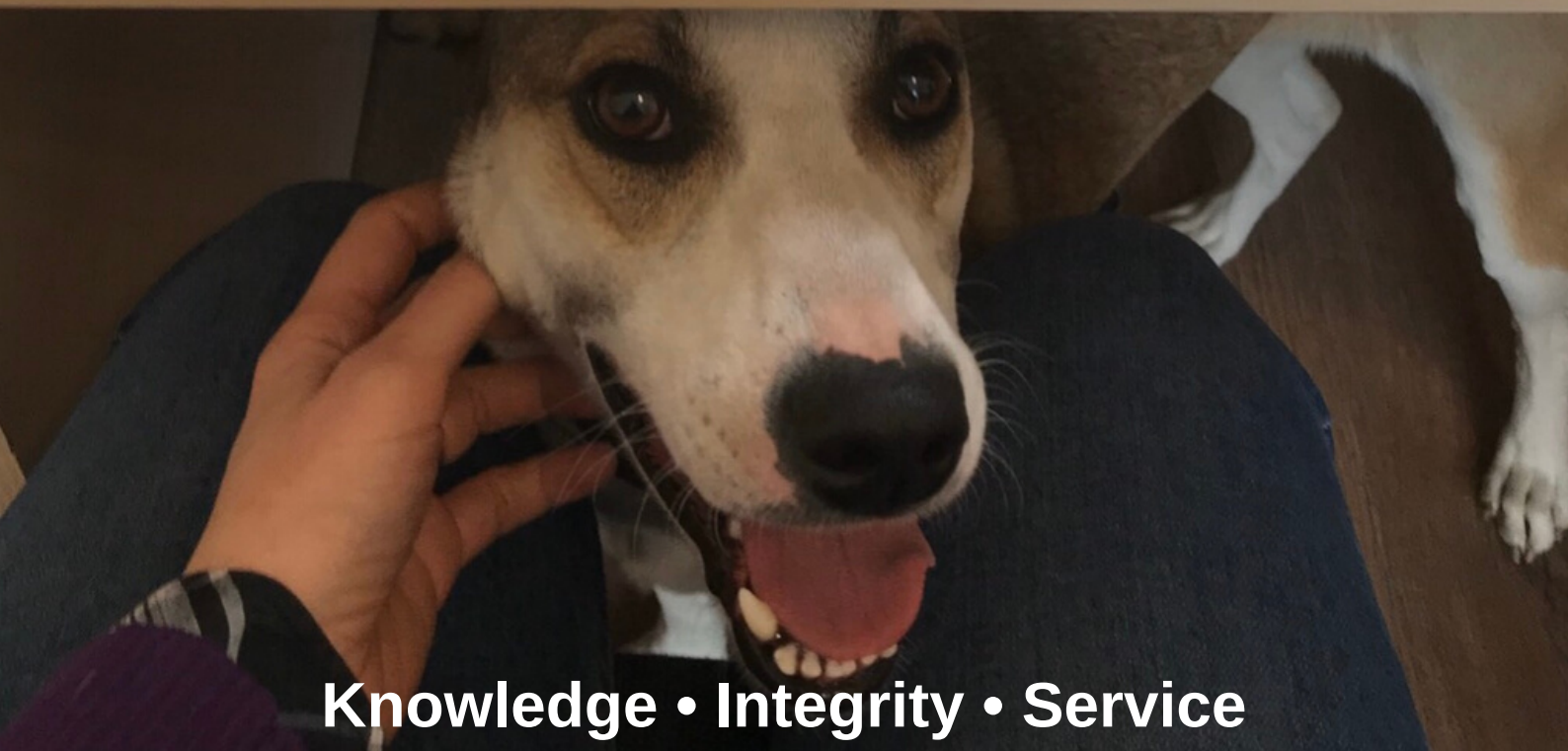


# KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL **KOZAK KORNER**

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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

**LUKE WOODRUFF**

Dear parents, students, and teachers:

I hope that this message finds you all healthy and well. This Friday will be Day #17 of our campus closure and move to our online learning plan. We really appreciate how much our students and parents have stepped upwards and forwards to make this all possible. I know this has not been easy for anyone and there have been a number of bumps along this unknown road. It has also not been easy for KIS teachers, who have been really trying to do something outside the norm of their daily practice. Some components of education have transitioned better than expected, while others have fallen flatter than anticipated and required adjustment and rethinking on our end.

**Next Monday & Tuesday, April 6th & 7th we will be having a couple "Catch Your Breath" days.**

Some of the advice that has come out of China and other schools who are slightly ahead of us in their time spent with online learning has been that everyone may need days like these and schools have benefited from putting these in place. Perhaps, you are also feeling some of this at home and would like to take a minute to gasp for air, rest, and just take a breath. So what will these days look like?

**There will be no scheduled classes on these days (with the exception of AP/IB classes).**

## **Teachers:**

- 1) Make plans and adjustments for upcoming units and lessons.
- 2) Check in with older students to see about extra support.
- 3) Prepare packets and resources to share with students and parents.
- 4) AP/IB teachers will still use this time to have scheduled classes, as we understand that time is precious.
- 5) Take a breath!

## **Students:**

- 1) Catch up on any pressing work that has been building up.
- 2) Use this time to join some of the events, challenges, or activities that are being rolled out.
- 3) Not look at a screen for the entire day!
- 4) Take a breath!

## **Parents:**

- 1) Spend some time together as a family.
- 2) Talk about how online learning is going in your home and with your family.
- 3) Look into the events, challenges, and activities that are now in place.
- 4) Bake some cookies!
- 5) Take a breath and avoid any breakdowns!

We hope that these days will be a valuable pause in the process and allow us all to reboot, refresh, regroup, and rejuvenate. We really do hope that you are all doing well. We think of you often, miss you regularly, and hope for all the best.

**Sincerely,**

Luke Woodruff, Director

# CATCH YOUR BREATH DAYS

@ Kyiv International School

**Monday, April 6**  
**Tuesday, April 7**

### Catch Your Breath Days

To help support our campus community as we continue to adjust to online learning - Kyiv International School will be adjusting to have **Catch Your Breath Days** around every 3 weeks, while the campus remains closed. We understand that the online learning process has caused some burnout for everyone.

**Face-to-Face Zoom classes will not be happening on these days and we will not follow the regular online school schedule.**

#### Students

You can use these days to get caught up with school work.

Or you can step away from academics and join in the new online **Student Life & Activities** program being launched during the **Catch Your Breath Days**.

#### Parents

Use the **Catch Your Breath Days** to spend time together as a family.

When you do talk about school - discuss ways to better integrate your child's online class schedule with your family's regular routine.

#### Teachers

As the COVID-19 campus closure continues for the near future - the school is constantly evolving and improving in the ways we deliver our high quality, master learning curriculum to our students.

Teachers will use these days to make plans and adjustments for the upcoming units and lessons.

## Want to Stay Connected and Be Engaged?

**Check out the Kozak Korner for new activities and challenges going on!**

#### Student Life & Activities

Join in with the new online Student Life & Activities program at Kyiv International School.

**Kozak 45:** Drawing, Gymnastics, Hip Hop, Karate, Parkour, and Zumba.

**Middle:** Chess Club, Knowledge Bowl, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

**Secondary:** Kozak 300 Fitness, Kung Fu, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

#### Kozak Connect

One of the hardest things about the campus closure is not seeing our friends and family at school everyday. We miss hearing and seeing you!

Members of the KIS Community are invited to check-in and share your thoughts on our FlipGrid Check-In project.

[flipgrid.com/kozakconnect](https://flipgrid.com/kozakconnect)





# **ZOOM ROOM COFFEE CHATS**

**KIS will be hosting two different chats each week using Zoom. We invite you to join this week's coffee chats to talk about how things are going, ask questions, and hear from others.**

**<https://zoom.us/j/305272176>**

**THIS WEEK IN THE ZOOM ROOM!**



**LUKE WOODRUFF**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH - 9:00-10:00**

**CHERI CARPENTER & LINDSEY RECH**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH - 9:00-10:00**







# KIS MAKER CHALLENGE

Welcome to the **KIS Maker Challenge** - where members of the Kyiv International School community take on a variety of open-ended projects/problems. All that is required to participate is a dose of creativity, several cups of critical thinking and as much as imagination as you can spare.

**New challenges will drop weekly.** There is no deadline for completion. Just check out a challenge, work it out the best you can, and then post a video response of your final project.

Visit [flipgrid.com/kismakerchallenge](https://flipgrid.com/kismakerchallenge) to get started.

Flipgrid

## YOU VS THE ZOMBIES



*It is an ordinary **#distancelearning** morning in Kyiv, Ukraine and you are getting ready for the first Zoom class meeting of the day. When suddenly, you hear a distinct moaning outside your living room window. What do you do next?!*

Step into this choose your own FlipGrid adventure ([flipgrid.com/youvszombies](https://flipgrid.com/youvszombies)) as a brave & intrepid member of the **Kyiv International School community** navigating a zombie outbreak.

Several times a week a new chapter of the story is published. At the end of each chapter, you are given options of what you want to do. Make the correct choice - move on in the adventure. Make the wrong choice - zombies eat your **brainz** (not really)!



# KOZAK STORY TIME

\* **Kozak Story Time** is a place to listen to stories read by our teachers/staff and a place for members of the Kyiv International School community (students, parents, grandparents, or your cat) to read and share their favorite stories. **Join us today!**

[flipgrid.com/kozakstorytime](https://flipgrid.com/kozakstorytime)



[flipgrid.com/kozaktalks](https://flipgrid.com/kozaktalks)

## KOZAK TALKS

Each week we host guest speakers from our campus community (as well as the fields of education, arts, entertainment, sports, journalism, politics and business) to talk about current topics and answer your moderated questions.

Join us on Monday, April 8 for our first Kozak Talks with **BBC Reporter Jonah Fisher**.

# KOZAK 45

Flipgrid



## Kozak 45 #online

Session I of Kozak 45 #online will start the week of Monday, March 30. Activities will be offered daily during the school week for students ages 5 to 10. Activities will be taught via the free to use **FlipGrid** and **Zoom** online communication softwares.



## KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

### How it Works

Several times each week, instructors will post videos to **FlipGrid** introducing skills for students to practice on their own at home. Then once a week on **Zoom** - students will meet during a group video conference call with the instructors to show off what they have learned. Activities are free and open to all elementary students ages 5 to 10. Signup is not required and there is no limit on how many students can participate.



## ACTIVITIES OFFERED DAILY

### DIRECTED DRAWING

[flipgrid.com/kozak45directeddraw](https://flipgrid.com/kozak45directeddraw)

### GYMNASTICS

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### HIP HOP DANCING

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### KARATE

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### ZUMBA KIDS

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We will start meeting for Elementary StuCo starting April 7th at 3:00pm. We will meet every Tuesday at 3:00pm.



**ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITY**  
**Tuesdays @ 3:00pm** **zoom** **MEETING**



Topic:

**ELEMENTARY STU CO ZOOM MEETING**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: **256 192 203**

Password: **STUCO**

Looking for something  
to do after school?

## KIS HAS THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:

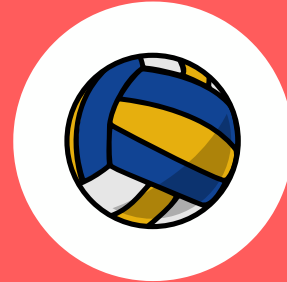


### CHESS CLUB

Love to play chess?

Join the club:

**Middle School Chess Club**



### VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 3 PM

email **rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org** to be  
added to the team



### TRACK AND FIELD:

Tuesday/Thursday 3 PM

email **rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org** to be  
added to the team



### KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Tuesday/Thursday: 4 PM

email **corene-anderson@kyiv.qsi.org** to  
be added to the group

**IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR OTHER CLUBS, TOURNAMENTS  
OR ACTIVITIES PLEASE SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO  
RACHEL GEARY!**

**rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org**



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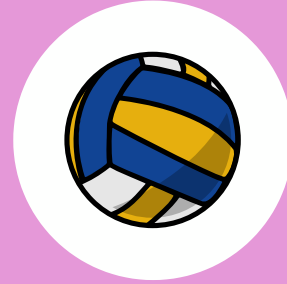
## KIS HAS THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS:



### CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT

If you would like to participate in chess club, please use this form to sign up:

**Join Chess Club**



### VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

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### TRACK AND FIELD:

Tuesday/Thursday 3 PM

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### KUNG FU

Tuesday/Thursday: 3 PM

email [martin-butler@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:martin-butler@kyiv.qsi.org) to be added to the team



### KOZAK 300 FITNESS

Everyday 3 PM

email [rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org) to be added to the team

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OTHER CLUBS,  
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RACHEL GEARY!**

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**WINNERS**

# **MINECRAFT**

**QUARANTINE EDITION**



## **24 HOUR DESIGN CONTEST**

**Youngest Designer**  
**TIE: Misha Gurzhos & Filip Dima**

**Most Senior Designer**  
**Mr. Foster**

**Best Design by a Minecraft Newbie**  
**Ms. Duarte**

**Best Design by Minecraft Masters**  
**Max Legan & Frank Plasil**

**Most Accurate Design**  
**Phung Thai Hai An (Ami)**

**Most Creative Design**  
**Maja Edmunds**

**Most Complex Design**  
**Samuel Bowser**

**Best Single-Player Design**  
**Maleah Stein**

**Best Team / Group Design (Online)**  
**Tugra Kahveci & Tim But**

**Best Team / Group Design (Family Froup)**  
**TIE: The Fosters The Dimas**

**Best Overall Design**  
**Oskar Martin & Max Poole**



# Monday, April 6th- Only

**OPTIONAL  
OPPORTUNITY**

**Snack with Ms. Cheri:**

<https://zoom.us/j/914572736>

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|-----------|--|
| ● 9:00–   | 5 year olds– bring your breakfast        |
| 9:15am    |  |
| ● 9:30–   | 6 year olds– bring your snack            |
| 9:45AM    |  |
| ● 10:00–  | 7 year olds– bring a snack               |
| 10:15am   |  |
| ● 10: 30– | 8 year olds– bring a snack               |
| 10:45am   |  |
| ● 11:00–  | 9 year olds– bring a snack               |
| 11:15am   |  |
| ● 11:30–  | 10 year olds–bring a snack               |
| 11:45am   |  |
| ● NOON    | Catch your Breath Time–Have a great day! |
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**FROM THE ONLINE DESK  
OF CHERI CARPENTER**

## **Dear Awesome Preschool/Elementary Parents,**

As we start week 4 of the KIS online learning experience, we are asking for your continued help in getting you child organized and ready to learn each day. Please use the 2 "Catch Your Breath" days to reorganize and reevaluate your home learning environment.

I know that this is a very difficult situation, but I want to thank you for your parent support during this stressful time and for helping your child to be a good "online" learner! Here are a few simple steps that you, as the parent, can take to help your child be ready for online learning each day.



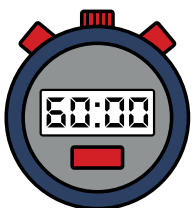
- Create a work space for the student that they will use everyday



- Have all materials ready and sitting in their work space before class starts, so they do not have to look for paper, pencil and other materials.



- Create a visual schedule with your child, which can be easily seen and followed!



- **Have your child come to class on time. Set an alarm if needed. Class starts at 9am and again at 10am and specialist are at 11am. Sorry...No class in bed!!**

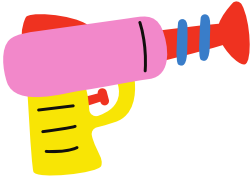


- **Have your child be dressed for school...no night clothes unless it is PJ spirit day!**





- Frequently check on your child during class to make sure that they are on task. The teacher will be checking on them and redirecting, but the extra guidance from you, as the parent, is very helpful.



- Put away toys during the learning time...Students need the least distraction possible during class.



- Have your child eat a snack or take a break between classes. There is a 20 minute time between classes for this purpose.



- Request individual learning time with your child's teacher during afternoon office hours- 1pm to 3pm- if your child needs a bit more support in a certain area.



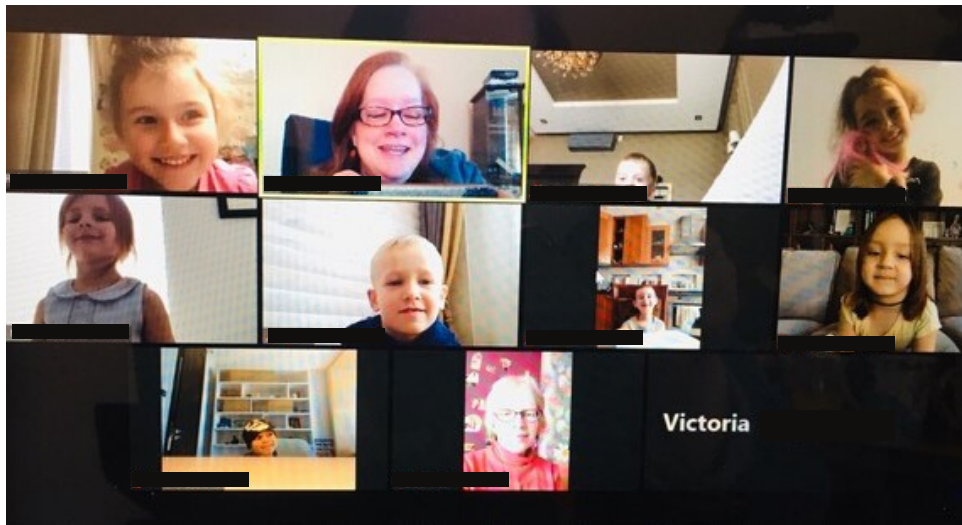
- Request a time to chat with the counselor, Mrs. Rech ([Lindsey-Rech@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:Lindsey-Rech@kyiv.qsi.org)) if you feel your child is in need of services or if you feel you may need to talk to someone about your child and the situation going on around us in the world.



- Continue your bedtime routine. Students need to still go to bed on time...This will be good for them and GOOD for you!!

Thank you so much for your parent support and if you have any questions, please email ([cheri-carpenter@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:cheri-carpenter@kyiv.qsi.org)) and ask...We are all working together to make this situation one that the student learn and thrive!

Thank you,  
Cheri Carpenter



# MRS. FREMONT'S CLASS

Our curriculum theme right now is about mysterious movers. An experiment was done to see how a liquid can change a simple egg from being hard to feeling like a rubber ball. If you are interested in doing this experiment with your child, here are the instructions:

- 1 egg
- 1 coffee cup full of vinegar (I used apple cider vinegar – as I did not have plain vinegar).
- Let the egg soak in the vinegar for 48 hours. You can watch how the vinegar dissolves the egg shell. After 48 hours, wash the egg off. Be careful not to squeeze too hard, as you might break the egg.

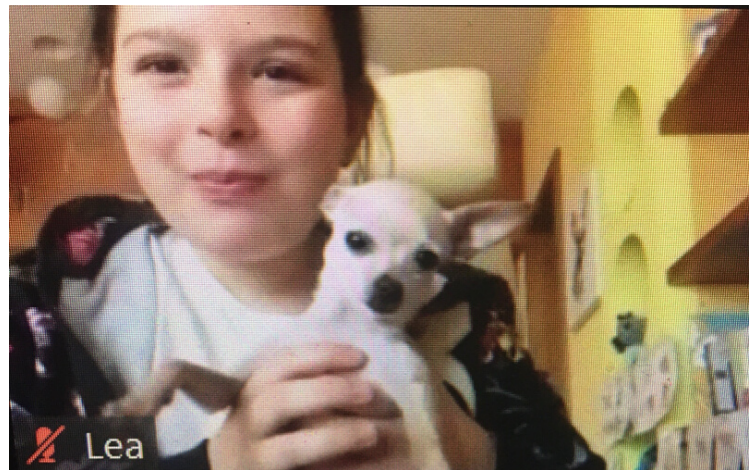
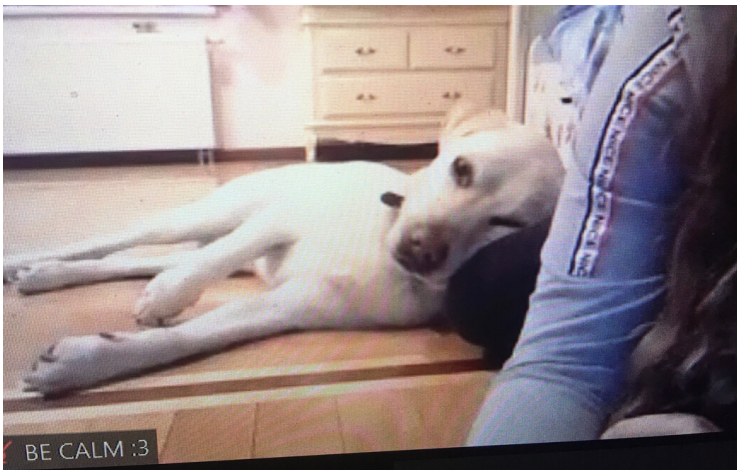
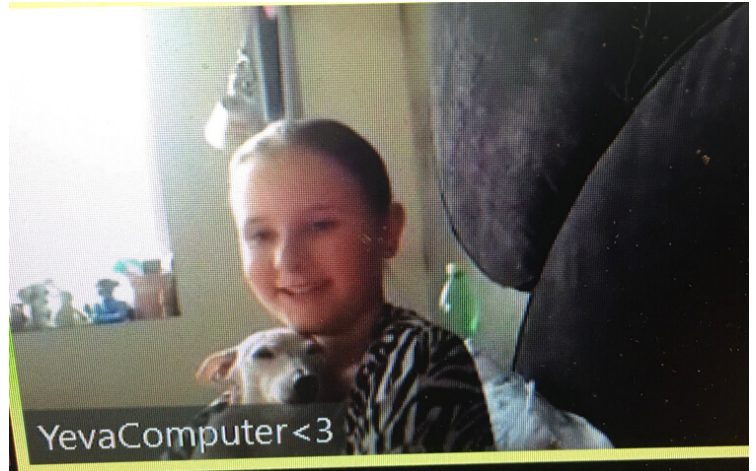
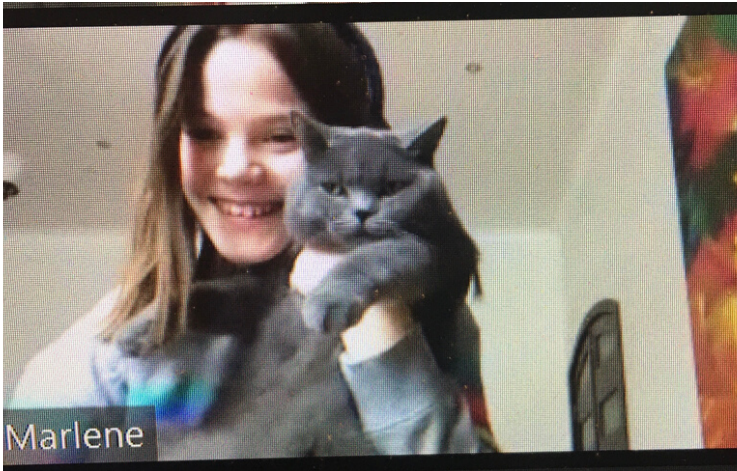
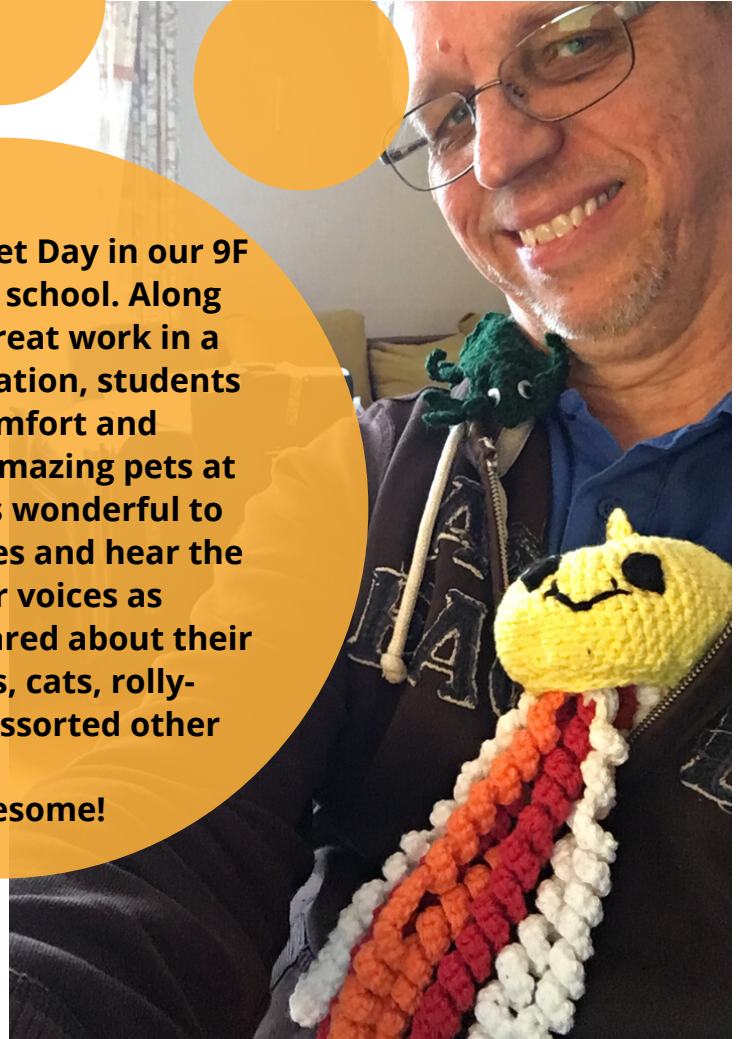
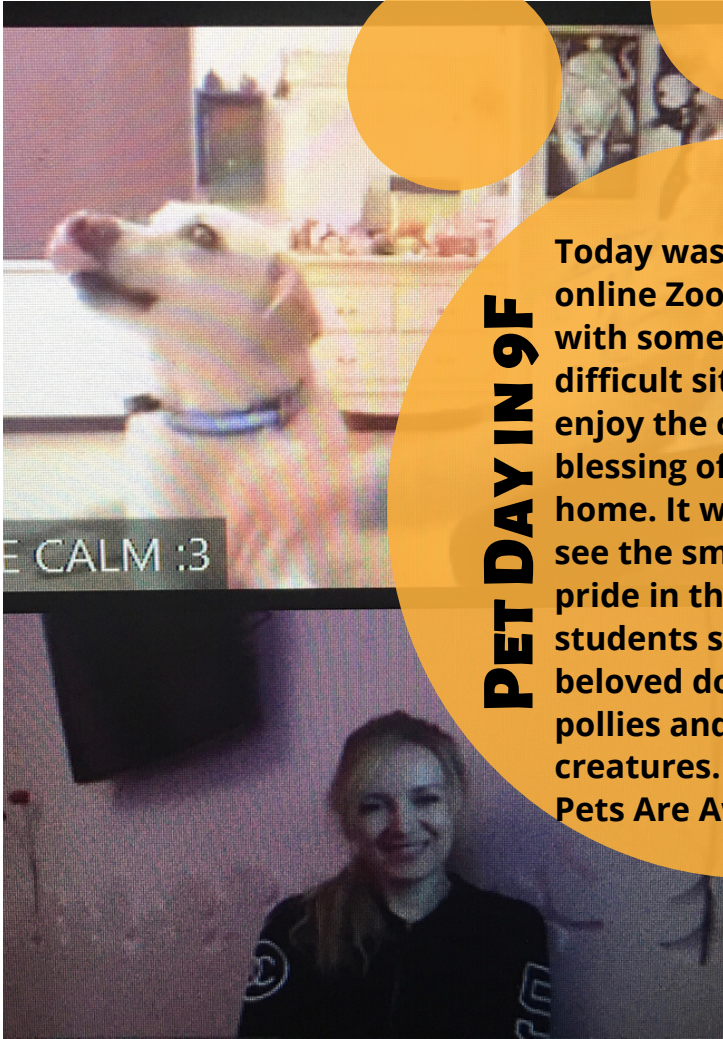
Last week, we enjoyed some videos about small sea life and how they move. Using Zoom, the class was able to watch a cockle move its shell and we watched a clam lick salt that was placed around its shell.



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## PET DAY IN 9F

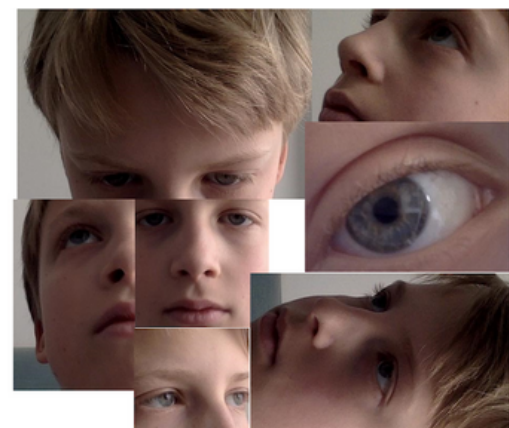
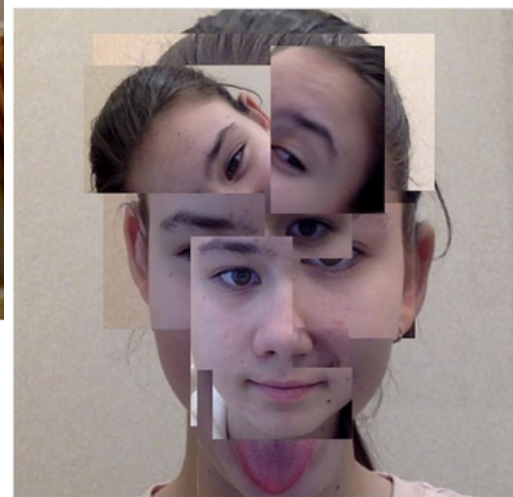
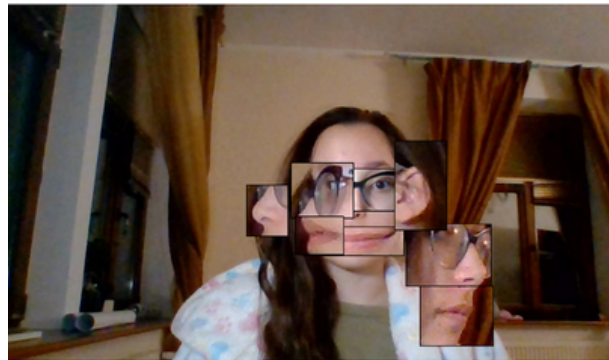
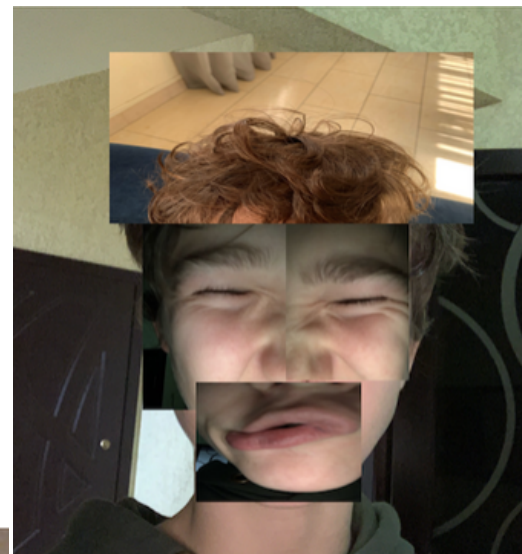
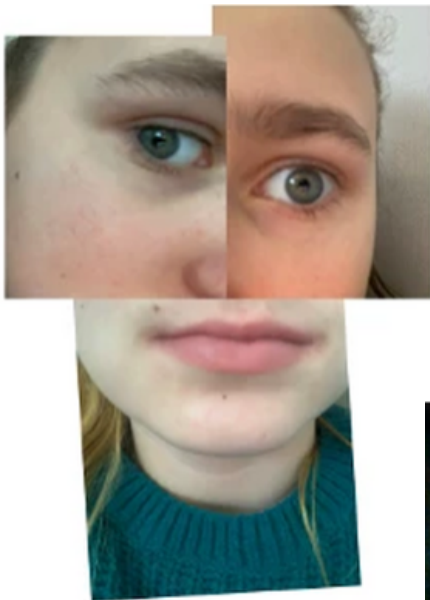
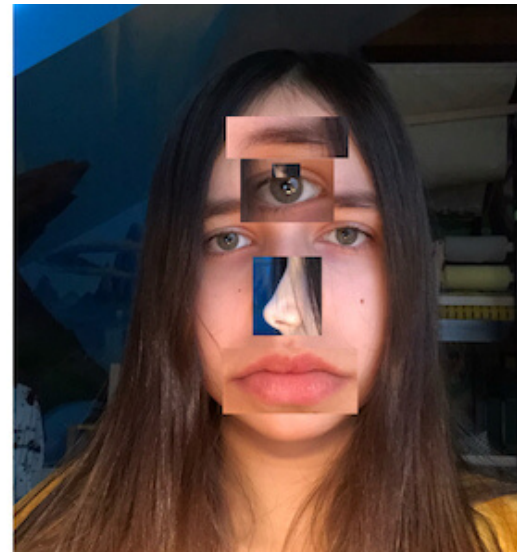
Today was Pet Day in our 9F online Zoom school. Along with some great work in a difficult situation, students enjoy the comfort and blessing of amazing pets at home. It was wonderful to see the smiles and hear the pride in their voices as students shared about their beloved dogs, cats, roly-pollies and assorted other creatures. Pets Are Awesome!





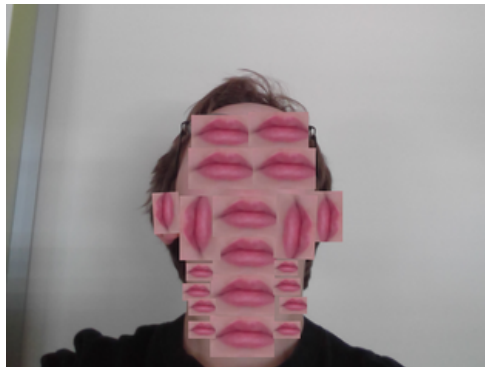
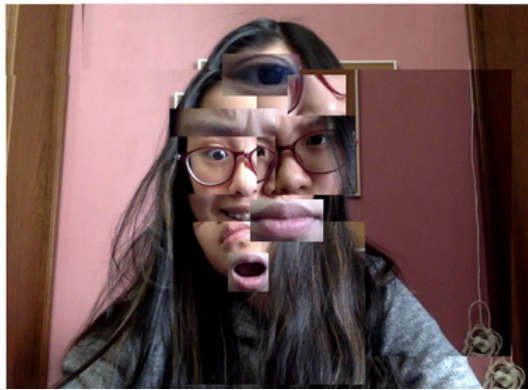
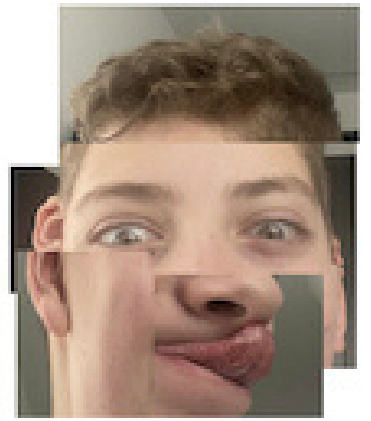
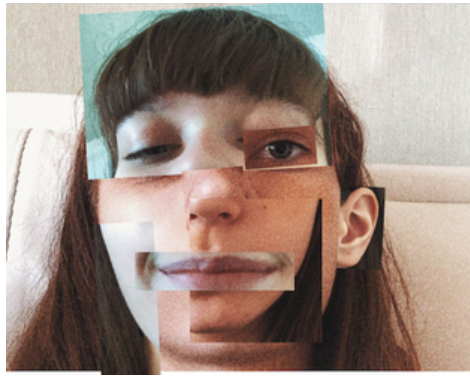
## FRACTURED SELF-PORTRAITS

We did a "joiner" project influenced by David Hockney, whose photographs were a part of a short story we read during our Theme unit. I had the students create fractured self-portraits to illustrate that a story, or a person, can be viewed from many different angles, but one angle alone does not capture the essence of that story/person. The results were really fun, as you can see!





# MIDDLE SCHOOL





## POTENTIAL AND KINETIC ENERGY IN RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINES

Students in Ms Taranec's Science-11 class built a Rube Goldberg project as part of our E02 Investigating Energy unit. They also filmed the pathway of potential and kinetic energy going through their machines. The projects in the photos belong to Master Rube Goldberg Creators: Mia Jovanovic, Alisa Lashkul, Jacek Olejnik, and Maciej Wroblewski. All students agreed that it was fun to make, and Maciej thought it was great "seeing it all fall". Mia noted that you could use simple objects that you can find around your house, "like balls, brooms, tennis racquets, and books". Testing out the idea was important, as was redoing it several times: "I tried it many times - repeating it again if it didn't go well", Jacek observed. All in all, students had a great time, doing Science at home, and realizing there are fun opportunities to think, design, create, and test – all around us, and using simple materials.





## SECONDARY SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020! SECONDARY IV STUDENTS HAVE BEGUN TO RECEIVE ACCEPTANCES FROM UNIVERSITIES, AND WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF OUR KOZAKS! WHERE MIGHT OUR STUDENTS GO? HERE ARE A FEW OF THE UNIVERSITIES THAT HOPE OUR STUDENTS CHOOSE THEM:



FORDHAM UNIVERSITY  
THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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University of London



UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
IN PRAGUE



ILLINOIS STATE  
UNIVERSITY



Carleton  
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## CLICK Moment in time

KIS Photography students are still busy creating and taking risks. This week they were capturing the moments that for them make up this "new normal." They are altering their perspectives and finding what is beautiful, interesting and extraordinary in the everyday items, places and people around them. Enjoy these artists current views of the world.



**Liz T.**



**ALEKS A.**



**SOPHIE S.**

# KIS PHOTOGRAPHY



**SOPHIE S.**



**SOPHIE S.**



**OSKAR M.**



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