



Reviewing distance learning schedule; June, '26, Lucas, '31, and Elin McLean, '29, cooking together at home



Lynch, and Maddox Miner were interested in the World Cup of 1978, which Argentina hosted and won. With the help of Spanish Teacher, Caity Dillon, these young men were able to interview Mario Kempes, the top goal scorer for the winning Argentinian team, who shared some insight from his perspective. Ethan Bradford, Will Gillette, and Luke Gilbert-Smith had questions about

even able to speak with an individual from the Falkland Islands, whose population is less than 3,000 people!

According to Ms. Dillon, "This was the perfect project to be working on when we transitioned to Distance Learning. The 8th graders were already deep in their research and came back from Spring Break ready to hit the ground running. We were so lucky to be able to get in touch with such knowledgeable and helpful people. That part of the project would have been done 'from a distance' either way, so it was just a matter of getting in touch with the right people. This was a great opportunity for the kids to have interaction with one another and with people from outside of our community for some truly authentic learning. I know that our students really appreciated the time that those people gave us. All of our 'experts' were blown away by the thoughtful questions that our students had prepared. I could not have been more proud of them. Listening to their questions and seeing their genuine interest filled my teacher heart! I really could not have asked for more from our students!"

**Ultimately,
the 8th graders
produced a
podcast, called
the S.M.C.C.
Podcast, to share
their research
and findings.**



the economy in Argentina. They found a freelance reporter, Natalie Alcoba, who was able to have a Google Meet to answer their questions. Annabeth Whittaker and Jackson Soler studied the Falkland Islands, while Hayes Dodson and Richard Cadena looked into Argentina's relationship with Britain and the effects of Brexit on the wildlife of the Falkland Islands. Our students were