The Badger Pause

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What are we thankful for?

by Julia Losasso & Claire Milano, BP Staff Writers

Every year on Thanksgiving, we gather around the table to enjoy an amazing feast: Turkey, mashed potatoes, and stuffing, but we also gather to share what we're grateful for. I asked students from each grade just what they're thankful for this year. 7th grader Courtney Czekaj is grateful for her family and loves "getting together for Thanksgiving." Also from the 7th grade, Dana Shale says she's thankful "to be a part of school, for family and friends, and going to Grandma's house for a feast."

Monica Mraz from the 8th grade says she's "definitely grateful for family and friends." Kevin Horvath, a freshman, adds that he's grateful for having teachers who give him an education, and that the school system is still thriving. Kevin is also grateful for his friends: the old and the new he made from Ledgemont.

Sophomore Cory Crawford says that he is grateful "this year for having better teachers who really interact with [him], and for Ledgemont coming so [he] can make new friends." Catherine Lillibridge is grateful for friends, her mom who "has been there since day one" and her coaches, especially Rick Nerone. Trevor Stotler says, "I'm grateful for my family and to be going to such a great school."

Audrey Walsh from the 11th grade says she's grateful for her family, and Senior McKenna Brown adds, "I'm thankful for the privileges I have by going to a school that is such a close-knit family."

This year, don't forget to thank your family, friends, and teachers for being amazing people who are involved in your life.

Sometimes the best way to show your thanks for someone is by simply giving back. During the holiday season we are often focused on our own desires, but it's important to keep in mind that there are others in this very community who don't have the means to provide for their families, let alone showering them with the latest gifts and gadgets. Yet what's special about the holidays is not the endless food, or the overflow of gifts, it's spending time with loved ones and sharing spirit. As noted by all the Berkshire students interviewed, friends and family are what we have to be grateful for not only this fall, but always.

So as you are contemplating what you are thankful for this year, think of everything others have done for you. Maybe they made the meal you'll eat tonight, or perhaps they simply let you know they were thinking of you, no matter what, if they made a positive impact on you, it's your time to give back. Whether it be in a small way to your family, or to your community, there are plenty of ways to get involved and share the giving spirit this season. While it is thoughtful and certainly generous to donate money to your charity of choice, an alternative for the already cash-strapped individual is volunteering time and services instead. By volunteering at local community organizations, you are providing helpful hands which speed along the giving process.

Community outreach and service work is essential to many giving shelters and food banks whose most productive time is now. A couple of hours on a free day or weekend is all it takes to give others something to be thankful for this winter.

Some wonderful opportunities to give back near us are:

Geauga County Department on Aging's Thanksgiving Meal: Volunteers are needed Thanksgiving morning to help set up for the meal, heat and prepare food, and portion servings. In addition, according to volunteer coordinator Kristen Bibby, "Donations are helpful as well, if we can get $800, the meal would be sponsored, and that would be a huge help." And if you're a planner, the Department on Aging hosts a Christmas meal as well.

Cleveland Food Bank: Help sort and repack donated canned and boxed foods that will later be distributed to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. Volunteers must be 14 years of age, and if under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsor a Family: Donate, or volunteer to sort gifts, or sponsor a family to give a family in need the holiday season they deserve. This organization, distributes donated gifts to low income families in Geauga County.

Geauga County Dog Shelter: Located in Chardon, the dog shelter needs volunteers to brush, walk, and play with rescued furry friends. Because who doesn't love dogs?!



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Cleveland Foodbank is an organization that can help you give back to the community.

Humans of Burton

by Lexi Sell, BP Staff Writer

Random acts of kindness; better known as RAK: the selfless act performed by a person for no other reason than to make someone's day brighter. Its seems as though acts of selflessness have been thrown out the door along with the intent to unexpectedly make smiles. As the holiday season rolls around, we should remember "no act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted." As I talked to my Berkshire classmates, hoping to restore the humanity in Burton .

Starting off on my Burton exploration, I talked with Mrs. Ryks our newly pregnant high school math teacher. Being a teacher can be stressful, having to deal with many different students and personalities. It's only normal to feel drained, but then add being a mother on top of that! Ryks explains,"I was exhausted and beyond tired. On my way to pick up my daughters while on the same side of town where my mother lives. I went to her house and she offered to watch my children for a few hours so I could get the rest I so badly needed. Even though my mom had just come from a long stressful day of work herself." This went on for three days, Mrs. Ryks going to her mother's who then selflessly let her daughter sleep and regain her rest. Its the little things like this that can change someones days regardless if it's a random stranger or your own family member; when anyone goes out of his or her way, it shows quality in their character.

Next, our own Berkshire students confess some of the recent RAKS they have experienced. Senior Shannon McGee tells "I had pulled through the Dunkin Donuts drive thru [with] my usual order, but when I continued to the window to pay I was told the car ahead of me had payed for my order. After that I decided to pay the favor forward and I payed for the next person behind me". Being caring can be done anywhere at anytime, you don't always have to be validated for your actions up front or personally.

Being nice is free and it's something that keeps giving; flashing a smile in the hallway or even giving a compliment to a stranger in passing can be a day changer. Many Berkshire students see school as their escape from home or other situations they face. Senior Cecelia Parker helped out her Kent classmates when they had caught themselves in a bind , she says "one of my classmates didn't have their assignments ready for a presentation in class on the day we were turning our projects in, so I gave him mine instead to present." while they should have done their work it was a nice gesture for a fellow peer as we all know how it feels to not be fully prepared in a classroom setting.



Guarnera helping out the public.

Junior Nick Guarnera, was at the Burton post office, when he stumbled across a woman struggling to carry two crates of oranges. "I helped bring them to her car, afterwards I could tell how surprised she was to have a helpful hand [from] a random OG like myself ," even helping out around B-Town can make a difference in our community's attitudes. I think we should all be aware of the change we can make in the people around us, if we just show a little more positivity.

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Students of the Month

by Kody West, BP Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be perfect in every way possible? To solve this mystery of what it would be like, the most perfect people of November were interviewed to get an inside look at what makes these kids so flawless. In these interviews, you will get a look at excellence right from the source. Buckle up.

Adam Furtaw

What is your favorite childhood cartoon or show?
"Mickey mouse, when I was a kid."
How long is your hair?
"What?! Uh… pretty long I guess."
If you could change the definition to a word, what word would you change, and what would be its new definition?
"Awesome means shoe."
Use your new word in a sentence.
"Dude! Your new awesomes look so cool!"
Who is your favorite Power Ranger?
"Red."

Russell Kepes

What is your favorite childhood cartoon or show?
"Fairly Odd Parents."
How long is your hair?
"I'd say like one inch I guess."
If you could change the definition to a word, what word would you change, and what would be its new definition?
"I'd change 'hi' to 'bye'."
Use your new word in a sentence.
"Hi, I'll see you later."
Who is your favorite Power Ranger?
"I'll do Red."

Hannah Keough

What is your favorite childhood cartoon or show?
"Max and Ruby was a good one."
How long is your hair?
"Uh… This long?"
If you could change the definition to a word, what word would you change, and what would be its new definition?
"We need to broaden the definition of stupid, it's too specific."
Use your new word in a sentence.
"Well this idea is stupid without it meaning what it actually means?"
Who is your favorite Power Ranger?
"The Blue one."

Dayna Rakoczy

What is your favorite childhood cartoon or show?
"I really like the Flintstones."
How long is your hair?
"Uhh… pretty long I guess."
If you could change the definition to a word, what word would you change, and what would be its new definition?
"Maybe peachy, change the word peachy to mean sunset?"
Use your new word in a sentence.
"The peachy is very pretty tonight."
Who is your favorite Power Ranger?
"I always liked the red one."

Anna Loveland

What is your favorite childhood cartoon or show?
"The Incredibles."
How long is your hair?
"It's down to my waist."
If you could change the definition to a word, what word would you change, and what would be its new definition?
"I would change pear to mean phone, because in Zoey 101 they had pear phones "
Use your new word in a sentence.
"I'm gonna go call my mom on my pear real quick."
Who is your favorite Power Ranger?
"The purple one."

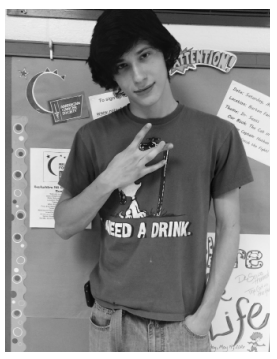
Devin Hupp

What is your favorite childhood cartoon or show?
"Ed Edd n' Eddy"
How long is your hair?
"Long enough"
If you could change the definition to a word, what word would you change, and what would be its new definition?
Did not answer
Use your new word in a sentence.
Did not answer
Who is your favorite Power Ranger?

Pictured left to right: Adam Furtaw, Russell Kepes, Hannah Keough, Dayna Rakoczy, and Devin Hupp. Anna requested that no photos be taken.





What is your Thanksgiving tradition, Berkshire?

by Amy Pfiester, BP Staff Writer

Traditions are common in our society, and each practice is significant to the beholder .

Thanksgiving makes most of us feel like we should be more generous, but it also leads to a feeling of warmth and happiness. People create interesting ways of celebrating, which sometimes those ways stick around long enough to become traditions.

There are some quirky ways the people of Berkshire celebrate this delicious holiday. Those who were interviewed were asked two questions:

What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition? Why is it your favorite?

Mr.Hiscox: Getting together with his family, watching football, and falling asleep.

With busy schedules, it's nice to get everyone together. Mr. Hiscox also enjoys his days of work, which give him time to catch up on sleep.

Mrs.Bocci: When she was little, spending time with her dad's large side of the family at grandma's was her favorite tradition. All of the cousins would exchange their Christmas gifts at this time. Also, they topped their turkey with bacon, and everyone lovingly fought over the crispy pieces. The bacon tradition continues to this day. "It [the cousin gift exchange] let the Christmas season go longer."

(7th Grade) Courtney Czekaj :Getting together with my family and eating turkey.

She doesn't see her dad's side of the family very often, so it is nice to catch up with them.

(7th Grade) Levi Sell :
"Being with my family"

He likes to spend time with his family, and his grandma makes dinner.

(8th Grade) Tommy Jadach "Watching football" It brings everyone together as a family activity.

(8th Grade) Lexi Boyk: Her favorite tradition is "eating" and Lexi's favorite Thanksgiving food is mashed potatoes. "I like food."

(Freshman) Emily Dingman:"my family always watches the parade while making food"

The whole family is together, and that is just relaxing for.

(Freshman) Zach Yokules: "Eating a meal with the whole fam"

It is cool to hangout with family.

(Sophomore) Seth Byler: Going to his grandma's house with the entire family. Byler loves family events where everyone is there.

(Sophomore) Emily Young: Her favorite is when the entire family getting together for a big dinner. This is the only time she gets to see her whole family during the holidays.



Sophomore, Emily Young, is a turkey enthusiast.

(Junior) Kylie Scott: "Getting together with my family, eating all the food we can, and then going hiking before the football game starts. Spending time with her family, and she doesn't feel as guilty for eating all the food

(Junior) Jonny Shantery: "Definitely hunting with my dad in the morning and then coming home to help cook dinner." Being with his family

(Senior) Nathan Schultz: "My family makes these really good mashed potatoes. Every year I pig out on them."The mashed potatoes are really good!

(Senior) Maddie Timmons:The family puts paint on their hand, places the hand on paper, and frames it every year. The painting ends up looking like a turkey. "I feel like Thanksgiving should be very family oriented"

These students and teachers have some creative ways of celebrating. All their delicious traditions will hopefully get us in the Thanksgiving spirit. Enjoy your time with family, eat turkey, and don't forget to be thankful! Happy Thanksgiving, Berkshire!

007:Spectre.... A mixed review

by Kaitlyn Moses, BP Staff Editor

Spectre, the highly anticipated 2015 James Bond movie featuring Daniel Craig has caused controversy in the movie industry. Craig has been playing in the 007 series since his debut in the 2006 *Casino Royale* where he captured audiences with his emotional, brutish portrayal of Bond. His character has developed since, with many cuts, scrapes, and gunshot wounds throughout the course of three movies: *Casino Royale, Quantum of Solace*, and *Skyfall.* But what about *Spectre*?

I went into this movie with as little expectations as possible, but I can't deny, I doubted anything could follow *Skyfall*, it was the best combination of classic Bond and new elements. *Skyfall* acknowledged all that Bond was, but was able to successfully move past the classics to show audiences how far 007 had really come— plus, it was the 50th anniversary.

Spectre felt like a regression. Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed the film, but that's just it: I simply enjoyed it. I didn't walk away with the thoughts and emotions I was left with after *Skyfall*.

Although I certainly did not have the scowl *Quantum of Solace* gave me. If *Skyfall* is a steak dinner then *Spectre* is a burger, you wouldn't eat steak every night, it's for special occasions. A burger could be a weekly meal, you could watch *Spectre* whenever, unlike *Skyfall*, a movie that requires a certain mindset and mood.



Actor Daniel Craig in the new James Bond movie.

According to director Sam Mendes, the script was changed halfway through. To me, this was clear, the second half of the film felt directionless.

The theme introduced at the start, with the image of Dia de los Muertos, was that of death and rebirth. This idea was lost somewhere along in the movie and left me feeling as though the intro was completely purposeless.

Mendes does say, however, "the theme is pivotal to me and I felt very strongly that the theme of the movie is growing old, mortality [...] Legacy." Maybe I'm the only one that this theme didn't resonate with as Mendes intended.

Spectre included many references to older Bond movies, it was like a little hats off to the classics, but it did not have the same effect *Skyfall* was able to create. *Skyfall* referenced ideas and places, cars even, but Spectre went into great detail and had references to old characters and whole films, it didn't make the film, although I didn't find it annoying or overly done either.

That being said, there were many symbols in the movie including: darkness to immediate flashes of lights, fire, the color black, and the color white. Keep an eye out for these when you watch the movie!

I'd definitely recommend this movie to all Bond fans and anyone who enjoyed Kingsman or Man From UNCLE as it was comparable to both. *Spectre* is a good Bond film, a great spy film, but not an amazing follow up to *Skyfall*. Craig performed brilliantly despite the controversial writing of the film, and was able to show definite character development over the course of this movie.

Puppies: Beasts of legends



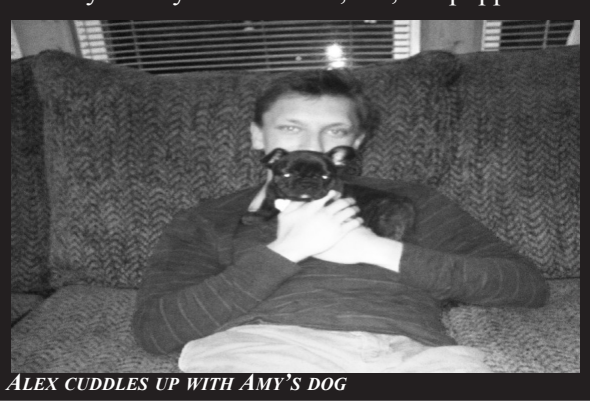
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Everyone loves puppies. They are the mystical, beautiful beasts that grown men flock to because of their awesome cuteness. Warlords and peasants alike all have an immense love for these small mysterious creatures. But why? On their own, puppies have no survival abilities or qualities of a race that survives. In fact, all that puppies have going on is the complete inability to do anything, which amplifies their cuteness tenfold. If pitted against a mythical unicorn, they would surely be bested by the unicorn horn, but if they were to face off against a full-grown human, the puppy would, without a doubt, overcome the human with it's adorableness. The Berkshire students and staff were asked a series of questions regarding puppies, their raw beauty, and their mysticism.

When asked why puppies are the best, freshman Ben Pelletier responded, "probably because they're just so small and cute." Everyone else seemed to agree, but senior Florida Domanski wisely said, "they're adorable and they love you unconditionally. They're really playful, but they're so little that they can't hurt you."

Then, the tables were turned and a new question was posed: what makes puppies so cute? Sophmore Mekaylie Iadimarco said, "because they're my only friends," and Natalie Girolomo said provocatively, "because they're fluffballs." Although these are great answers, Domanski once again gave a baffling answer: "They're small. It's a human instinct to care about things that are small because they are vulnerable."

The final question seemed to be appreciated: In an ideal world, how many puppies would you have? The insightful Pelletier really took advantage of his ideal world and answered, "I wouldn't have a puppy, I would have a dragon." Other, more logical answers varied from two puppies, as Barrett Jackson, senior, stated, "One to be loyal, and one to sleep with," all the way to John Kuhmer's, "7,253,274 puppies."



ALEX CUDDLES UP WITH AMY'S DOG

The 'Pause' of years past

by Amelia Monroe, BP Staff Editor

The newspaper here at Berkshire has been around for a long time, even before you were born. It's been here so long some of your favorite teachers may have been featured as students. Lucky for us, I was able to dig up some old papers and see what I could find!

What were some of the headlines in 2008 you might ask? Well for one, we all know, or at least we should, that High School Musical 3 came out that year, something most of you aren't going to forget.

Also everyone knows who Obama is right? It seems so long ago but his presidential race was covered in this issue. One teacher featured in this article was Miss Green. She was asked to share a Thanksgiving story:"I used to play a marathon game of Monopoly with my family. When I say a marathon, I mean for like eight hours." When asked about it today, she admitted that she does not play a marathon of monopoly, (which is sad, that seemed like a lot of fun!) but she does spend the holiday at her sister's house playing with her nieces. I guess that is still a pretty good alternative!

Skipping a few years later, 2010 also provided a riveting issue to read. Accompanied by tremendous amounts of embarrassing pictures of seniors when they were in their awkward phase, there were a few articles that caught my eye.

Not everyone knows about a little "feud" between Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Maske. Back in 2010 there was a lot of talk about Mrs. Hunter being a witch and Mrs. Maske was totally on board, being one of the main supporters. I guess all of that *Crucible* talk does make her sort of suspicious. She of course denied all parts of being a witch and pointed the finger at Mrs. Maske, who does have all the chemicals in the lab after all. I guess you all will have to be the judge of their witchery because the mystery was never solved!

Mr. Lester is also mentioned, discussing details of the math program at Berkshire and its students. After all these years he is still putting up with us and our shaky math skills. We should give the math department a round of applause for that.

2012 was a big year for Berkshire from athletics to academics. In the newspaper it is mentioned that girls basketball won districts and the cross country team made it to the state meet for the first time in eleven years!

Teachers are not exempt from this issue either, Mr. Higgs is brought to light when talking about his passion for turkey hunting. We all know this is still very near and dear to his heart, which is awesome! Maybe over the past few years he has added to his number of kills or got some new weapons but if not, at least he enjoys the sport.

Even some of the students of the month from 2012 are still here today. Natalie Giralamo is featured as a youngin for student of the month. I went back to this now Sophomore student and asked her the same questions she was asked to see if her answers had changed. She was asked, Pepsi or Coke? necklaces or bracelets? And pencils or pens? She answered Pepsi in 2012 and Coke in 2015, although now she doesn't drink pop at all! She answered bracelets both times asked even though they can't always fit her dainty wrists.

And lastly, she answered pencils both times because she makes too many mistakes to be writing in pen (don't we all).

Overall, these articles from the past, teach us that Berkshire is pretty interesting through and through. From teacher feuds to the hottest movies coming out, *The Badger Pause* never misses a beat. It keeps us up on all the gossip in school, as well as around the world. They have pretty much always been the best!



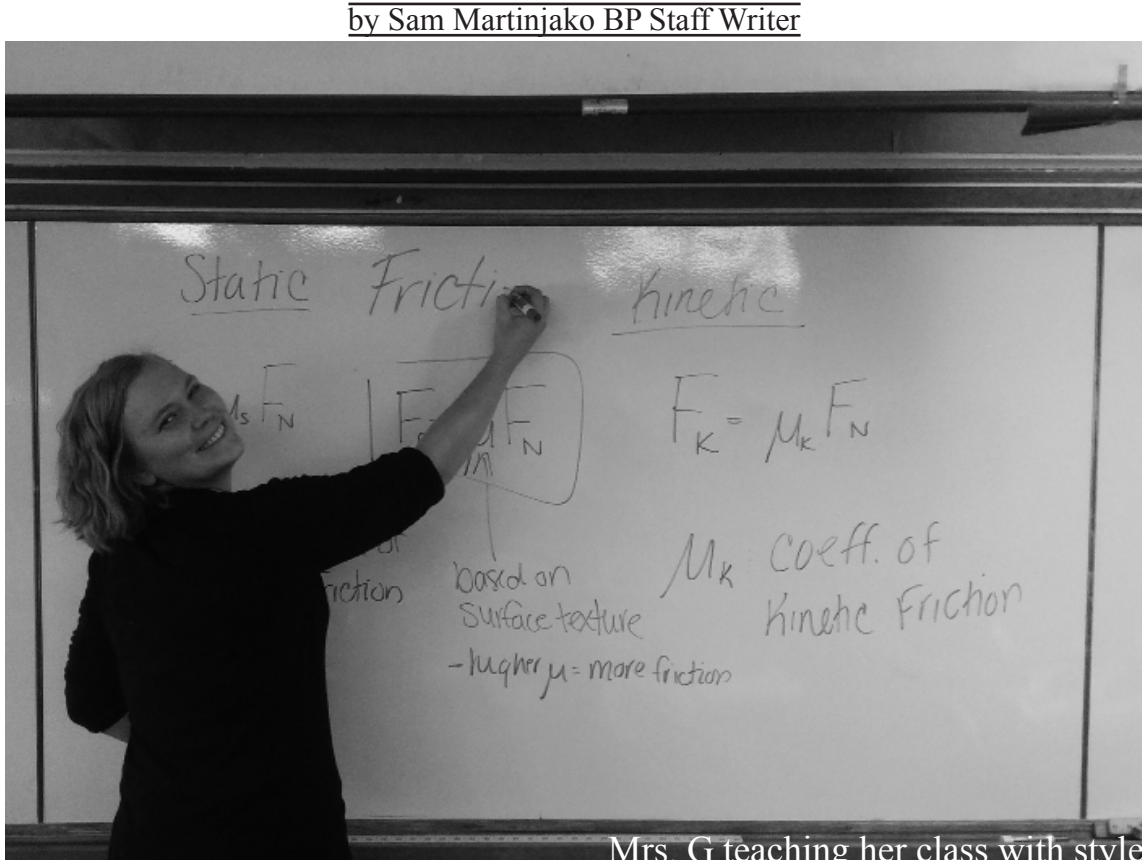
High School Musical 3 came out 7 years ago!

A Day in the Life of Mrs. Guthrie

by Sam Martinjako BP Staff Writer

Do you ever wonder what it's like being a teacher? To get some insight into the life of a teacher, Mrs. Guthrie was asked to explain what her average school day is like. She was asked to start from the beginning, to which she replied, "do you want me to start at like midnight, because sometimes my days start at one." It seems to be pretty rough for Mrs. Guthrie. "I have a one year-old, so my day starts usually between 4:30 and 5:00 when she becomes my alarm clock. I've got a dog, a cat, a one year-old, and Mr. Guthrie at home, and we have to get ready in about an hour, which is complete and utter chaos. I always lose my phone in the morning, in the first hour I'm awake I can't find my phone. So the last thing I'm doing before I leave the house every single day is asking Mr. Guthrie where my phone is." Based on this, it doesn't seem like Mrs. Guthrie is much of a morning person.

"I drop my daughter off at daycare, and if I'm lucky, I'm here at school by 7:15. Then, the chaos that is my desk becomes my life for the next six hours. I start my day with CP Physical Science. They're super quiet for the first five minutes of class, but then I get them to open up pretty easily. So from that point on it's a completely chatty, organized chaos day." There seems to be a recurring theme with science classes and chaotic discussion, but I digress. "I go from ninth graders" Mrs. Guthrie continues, "to my Senior Physics students. If it's a good day, we're launching catapults, dropping eggs of the top of the band room, or doing something fun." Definitely sounds like it! "Then I have my plan, where I relax for five minutes, then go back to work. Then I have my lunch, which is my only adult interaction for the day. Then I teach freshmen until the end of the day, and they're a rollercoaster." When asked to elaborate on this, Mrs. Guthrie responded, "It's interesting, the freshmen are getting to know themselves, therefore it's hard to get to know them because they're a different kid coming in every single day. They're fun, but you've got to be strict with them. We banter a lot, my classes are super chatty, we're very rarely quiet. I can't be quiet, I hate test days, test days are miserable for me." I think a number of people would agree about test days.



Mrs. G teaching her class with style

"Going from regular Physical Science to CP Physical Science, I have a lot higher standards, so I'm much more serious with those guys. Then I bounce back down to regular at the end of the day, and finish it off with, usually, a headache. I don't get to sit down, or go to the bathroom, or get a drink from fourth period on." Once again, it seems like Mrs. Guthrie has it rough. This brings her to the end of school, but the day isn't over yet: "Typically, I pick my daughter up from daycare, we go home, we play in the leaves with the dog for awhile, then we go upstairs and play with blocks for awhile. Then, I make dinner, or we go out to dinner. Peyton goes to bed at eight after some family dancing, in which case Mr. Guthrie and I have a little bit of adult conversation, do a little school work, grade some papers, and then we go to bed at about 8:30. Peyton likes to dance…" Little kids do like to move. "My life revolves around my child." The typical day of Mrs. Guthrie seems extremely busy.

However, she was also asked to give a small explanation of what an atypical day is like for her. "For the few weeks of the school year, my technology was literally hit or miss, a Powerpoint slide would work, then the next slide would not. I have gotten very good at becoming an on the fly type of person, where I've had to scrap notes for the day and pull and experiment out of nowhere. If you look at the back of my room, I have lots of little spoon catapults back there. We took two days and we built catapults to launch marshmallows, but there was science behind it!" If technology failures lead to fun labs, people must be hoping for it to happen somewhat often. Just look at what happens when the power cuts out and the lights shut off. "I think the hardest thing for me during the day is keeping my Freshman quiet during quizzes. Today was a quiz day. I don't have very big classes, but they are talkative, and I don't know how to do it. If anybody can actually figure out Freshman and let me know, I would love some advice! They're chatty and I'm chatty, so as soon as a kid starts to get off topic with me, I'm off topic with them immediately." Mrs. Guthrie can be reached at megan.guthrie@berkshireschools.org.

Here are some fun facts about Mrs. Guthrie: she used to be a junior high Basketball coach, but she stopped after she had her baby, though she did say she might return to it one day when her child is older. She's not that into technology, but she especially doesn't like social media, which may explain why she loses her phone so often.

Ironically enough, she is on the technology committee at school, and due to her place on the committee, she was asked one final question: where are the iPads? To this, she responded, "I don't know! I knew that was coming! I can give you the blanket answer though. It's part of a grant, so we don't control a lot of the timeline with it."

In an attempt to obtain more information, she replied with "it's classified."

Mr Higgs: What's with the hair?

by Tommy Blaha, BP Staff Writer

For those of you who still have not experienced the Higgs, legend has it that Mr. Higgs wakes up every morning early enough to head to the bathroom and style his hair. He combs his hair and, if he feels like taking the extra time, he will use products after combing. Then he takes a brief break to enjoy some light breakfast and then he gets right back to the hair. Before he is done he quietly wakes up his daughter and teaches her the secrets behind his hair. Then he quietly puts her back to sleep so he can do some last minute touches to his styling alone.After he is done styling, he summons the spirit of Moses and he parts his hair like the Red Sea. He comes to school and he tells all that he spends no time on his hair and says that it's all natural. Sadly that is only a story and the secrets of his fantastic set of hair needs to be revealed.

Each day Mr. Higgs repeats so no one will ever suspect him of styling it. It's time that Mr. Higgs was asked these following questions about the glorious set of hair on his head (some answers are exaggerated):

What's with the hair?!
Mr. Higgs: "It is what it is, it's all natural." "The Higgs' eyebrows also run in the family."
Why the hair?
Mr. Higgs: "What do you mean why?! It just grows on my head."
What was your biggest inspiration in choosing the style of your hair?
Mr. Higgs: "Nothing. My hair is all natural."
How long does it take each morning to get that style all like that?
Mr. Higgs: "I would say at least 45 minutes and if I use products it takes an hour."
Do you think you have the best hair in the whole school?
Mr. Higgs: "Oh my gosh, absolutely!"
Joe Bennington, a past History of the War on Terror student, requested that I ask you, **do you think it is suspicious that you are a teacher of HOTWOT with a beard like yours?**
Mr. Higgs: "Oohhh, I would have to say that Joe is quickly catching on to me."


"My hair is all natural"

Unity, Harvest, and Freedom:
What's Really Changed Since the First Thanksgiving

by Abbie Maschaek, BP Staff Writer

Thanksgiving is a well loved holiday, where people all across America take part in the festivities and the enjoyment of spending quality time with family. I'm sure we can all picture the perfect Thanksgiving feast in our heads, but Thanksgiving wasn't always the way it is today. In fact, most of you would be surprised by what the first Thanksgiving was actually like. Some traditions have changed throughout the years, yet some have remained the same.

The first Thanksgiving was held in November of 1621. Edward Winslow, who was one of the leaders on the Mayflower, and went on to be part of the senior leaders at the Plymouth Colony, wrote detailed journal entries recording each day. Luckily, he recorded several details depicting what is now known as the first Thanksgiving. This day was set aside to celebrate the first successful harvest of the colony.

The trip to America, which represented freedom to those traveling, had been anything but easy. The constant fear and struggle was too much for most people to bare. This special day not only represented the great harvest, but it also stood for freedom and a new, fresh life waiting for them. At this event, about 53 Pilgrims attended as well as 90 Native Americans from the Wampanaog Tribe. The excitement in the air was consuming, so the first Thanksgiving was drawn out into a three day celebration. The Native Americans came to the Pilgrims yet were required to build their own place to stay during their time at the celebration. This was because the Pilgrims were unable to house the Native Americans because of the lack in space. Sticks and animal skins were likely used to make a temporary home. The meal was very special, for it symbolized the importance of the new found unity between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans.

In preparation for the feast, the women picked fruits and vegetables from their gardens. Keep in mind, there wasn't any local farmers markets or grocery stores, everything was home grown and harvested by themselves. On the Thanksgiving dinner table, homegrown beans, lettuce, spinach, cabbage, carrots, peas and corn would be making an appearance. The corn wasn't served how we would prepare it today, the corn kernels were carefully taken off the cob and mashed together until a lumpy texture formed called cornmeal. Sometimes, cornmeal was sweetened with molasses and served as a dessert.


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Instead of turkey on the table, a variety of meats were served. Meat was a very big part of this meal, and all of the animals that were eaten during the fest were hunted down by either the Pilgrims or the Native Americans. Deer was one of the Native American's favorite meals, so together, both groups of people hunted for the deer. It is possible that a venison stew was also served. Luckily, water was close by, so ducks, geese, and swans were prepared with different herbs, onions and nuts to add some extra flavor. Woman were also responsible for the plucking of animal feathers and the majority of the cooking. The cooking was likely done over a fire or some hot coals.

Fruits were also at the first Thanksgiving, there were a variety of different choices to choose from. Blueberries, plums, grapes, gooseberries, raspberries and cranberries were all available. The berries were eaten plain, no sauces or relishes were even thought of at that time. With the water so close by, fishing was a commonly practiced. Thanksgiving dinner was no exception! Mussels, lobsters, bass, clams and oysters were all served. Seeing as seafood was a favorite among the Pilgrims. They were eager to share some of their favorite dishes with the Native Americans. Many would just assume that potatoes were at the feast, surprisingly though no potatoes of any kind were served.

During this time, butter supplies as well as wheat supplies were low, so no pies of any kind were baked. That doesn't mean that the pumpkin didn't make an appearance. A pumpkin was taken, completely whole, and was cleaned out so that it became hollow inside. Then, a mixture of milk, honey and different kinds of spices would have been added. Next, the top was placed back on and the whole pumpkin was roasted over hot ashes. This was a treat for the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. During the time of the first Thanksgiving, life was different than it is today, the Pilgrims and the Native Americans had different ways of preparing their food.

Step forward into the year 2015 and the ways of life have definitely changed throughout the years. However, we still celebrate Thanksgiving. In today's world, there is a huge Thanksgiving Day Parade held in Times Square that is watched by thousands. It's always fun to see your favorite characters come to life in the form of a huge balloon or float. Our Thanksgiving meal revolves around the famous Thanksgiving Day turkey. Stuffing, either homemade or a box mix sits right alongside the turkey. Mashed potatoes topped with gravy make their way around the table, while ham, salad, different types of sweet breads, green beans, corn and cranberry sauce also grace our plates. Pies of all different flavors such as, lemon meringue, chocolate, apple and of course pumpkin eagerly await the whip cream to be put on them so they can proudly sit next to a hot cup of freshly brewed coffee, probably from a french-press. Seasonal coffee creamer almost always has to be a part of the Thanksgiving feast.

Thanksgiving today is much different from Thanksgiving from many years ago. For the most part, I don't think anyone is actually going out and hunting down their main dish right before it's served. Instead, we go to the grocery store to stock up on all our Thanksgiving needs. Ovens, mixers and coffee makers help prepare the food, but the reason why we celebrate shouldn't be different. We should still remain thankful.

The Native Americans and the Pilgrims both endured difficult situations and were still able to celebrate. Even though we might have faced hard times this year, we should still be thankful to be able to sit down with our families to enjoy a delicious dinner and reflect on all of the positive things that have happened throughout the year. Our meals might look a little different, but we should still be just as thankful as they were. That truly is the reason why this holiday is celebrated.

Favorite Thanksgiving Recipes

by Noah McCaskey, BP Staff Writer

Everyone has that one dish at the dinner table on Thanksgiving that they have been waiting all year long to devour. These are some of our teachers and staff's favorites recipes:

Mrs. Bartosic's Broccoli Rice Casserole:

1 (10 oz.) package of frozen chopped broccoli, cooked
1 small jar Cheese Whiz
1 can golden mushroom soup
2 cups cooked rice
½ cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped onions
1 tablespoon butter

Mix everything together in a casserole dish. Top with breadcrumbs. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

(Serves 8 people)

Mrs. Bartosic has been making her broccoli and rice casserole for about ten years on special occasions. She made it very clear to me that "Fresh is always better than frozen"

Mrs. Moore's Cherry Cheesecake:

Get a box of Keebler Graham Cracker Crumbs and follow the directions on box. Place in a rectangular baking dish.

Filling for cheesecake:
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons of mild
16 ounce block of cream cheese
12 ounces of cool whip

Mix together until completely smooth.Add mixture of cream cheese filling to the top of graham cracker crust. Then add two cans of Cherries with glaze on top. Refrigerate for 1-2 hours.

Grandma Gattozzi's Stuffing Recipe:

1 pound sausage meat
2 onions sliced
1 cup diced celery
8 cups toasted bread
2 cups hot riced potatoes (can use instant mashed potatoes, no salt, slightly watery)
1 tablespoon salt (less if using seasoned sausage)
1 teaspoon marjoram
1 to 2 eggs

Cook sausage meat until crumbly, then remove the meat. In the fat, saute the sliced onion and celery until a light brown, or just transparent.

Cook potatoes, rice while hot (or make instant mashed potatoes) and add to the bread.

Mix together the sausage meat, celery and onions. Then add eggs and mix lightly. Season with marjoram Can add small amount of sage or rosemary, if you like. Use herbs sparingly and taste.

Add more hot water if needed to make the dressing more moist.

Can cook onion and celery in oleo (vegetable oil) instead of sausage fat, and add cooked and cut chestnuts or raisins if you desire. Put in cheesecloth and fill cavity of turkey. Tie ends. Put in rib and neck cavities.

College Applications 101

by BP Staff Writer, Breonna Barker

Asking around the school, seniors are panicked. The time has come to buckle down and really plan for the future. With a little less than 200 days until graduation, the pressure is on. Deadlines are drawing near and tensions are high as the stakes climb and spots start filling.

Applying to the school of your dreams appears to be the most daunting task in store for senior year. Between last minute test dates and trying to find the right people for your letters of recommendation, applying to college is a feat of bravery and determination. It's a marathon that by no means ends after applying. However, for now it's important to get your foot in the door. But where to start? With these tips and suggestions you can make the road to college easier.

The Application

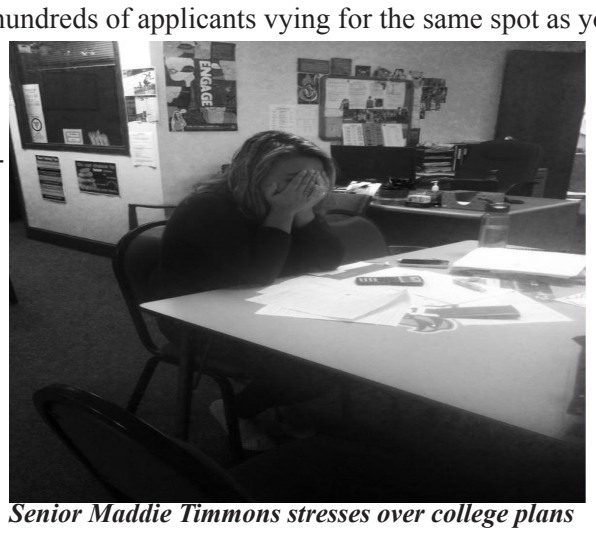
The first thing any college admissions counselor is going to see with your name on it is your application. Whether it is online or on paper it is important to put your best self out there, so to speak. You can do this by talking up your successes. It is important to include any activities that demonstrate your strength of character or has to do with your intended major. Also, be sure to proofread your entire application; typos and spelling errors show that you aren't serious about the application process.



Senior Michelle Sohm dives into her large work load.

Writing the Personal Essay

The personal essay is the most crucial part of the application process. This is the one moment you get to talk about yourself to people that decide your entire future. Take this opportunity to make yourself stand out amongst the hundreds of applicants vying for the same spot as you. It is important to avoid stereotypical answers even though most of the essay topics they give you, it's easy to take that option. In order to avoid falling into these traps try to stay away from talking about situations that altered your views. For example, if writing about a traveling experience, avoid following the stereotypical answer pattern: I went (insert location). I experienced (this culture, experience, way of life). It forever changed who I am because (reasons). This is the trend most of these types of essays follow and admissions counselors are tired of hearing about it. If you want yours to stand out be sure to break the mold, so to speak, and write about something in a more interesting way.



Senior Maddie Timmons stresses over college plans

A few tips include: Writing an essay like a story is a good way to go. Avoid talking about deaths, as this can often be seen as trying to gain sympathy and elicit pity even if that is not your intention. Also, writing the essay for your college application is not something that should be done in a few minutes. It should be written and revised and edited more than any other paper you've ever written. This essay is your one way ticket to college life, and a poorly written one can be the difference between acceptance and rejection. According to Ms. Hull, a helpful hint is to have people read it over for you. They will spot things you might not notice and be able to point out flaws in your essay as well as make helpful suggestions. Make sure you leave yourself plenty of time to take the necessary steps to ensure a well written essay.

Pay Attention to Deadlines

Deadlines can be considered the Achilles heel of high school students. This is especially true of seniors. Senioritis kicks in and you can feel it all starting to fade away as you sit back and imagine graduation in nine months. This can be disastrous if it takes away your motivation. To combat this, don't let it all set in until you have submitted not only all of your college applications but any scholarships and financial aid you want to apply for as well. To keep track of deadlines Mrs. Bakalar suggests, "creating a checklist to organize [these]." It is crucial to submit applications on time because they are due then for a reason. Be sure to keep this in mind when registering to take tests as well. The ACT is a three month process, one month between registration and the test date and another month between that and receiving your scores. For example, if a college requires the scores by March taking the test in February won't allow enough time for the scores to reach the school, so plan accordingly.

After applying and sending everything in be sure to continue paying attention to those deadlines. They don't end with the applications! Scholarships, financial aid and FAFSA are all crucial steps on the path to college. According to Mrs. Bakalar, January 1st marks the opening of FAFSA. There will be a Financial Aid and FAFSA informational meeting on January 7, 2016 held in the High School Library at 7:00 pm.

As the seniors calm down from the rush of the conclusion of phase one, remember there is only more to be done and it is never too early to start planning, but there is a too late.

What Motivates You?

by Justin Duda, BP Staff Writer



Jessica Conklin gives some inspirational advice

While I am at the gym, or playing a sport, I constantly need motivation to keep me going on the path to success. When I am in need of self assurance, I can always count on this moving quote to keep me in the right mindset: "Be proud, but never satisfied." This affects my life a great deal because of how far I've come in both baseball and my health. There is ALWAYS room to improve— progress is never ending. It teaches me to continue bettering myself. It reminds me that no matter where I am in life, I can always do better. You can be happy where you are in life, but not be satisfied because there is always room for improvement. Why be satisfied squatting 315 pounds when you could be squatting 765 pounds? Why would you be satisfied always hitting two home runs and a base hit every game when you could be hitting three home runs? Always be proud, but NEVER satisfied.

Junior, Krystal Mechling, was sitting in government and economics class during her sophomore year and Mr. Higgs had told her a quote before she was about to take her OAA test: "When in doubt, BS it out." Mechling says it gave her motivation because no other teacher would've said something like this. While taking the test, Mechling couldn't help but laugh because thinking of the quote made her think of her favorite teacher, Mr. Higgs. Her stress went way down and she felt more comfortable during her test because of her laughter.

"A champion is someone who gets up when you can't." Freshman, Ky Bowman, says: "This quote always helps me when I am down, it always lifts my spirits up." He uses this quote during many football games. He can recall a specific scenario during one of his football games where he got knocked down and was in pain but remembered what makes a champion: getting up when someone else can't. He got up, stood on his feet, and played through what remaining time was on the game clock. Bowman says to always remember, even when you're down, stand back up. Being down isn't where champions are made. Success starts at standing up.

Seventh grader, Levi Sell, a tight end for the middle school football team says his favorite inspirational quote is "Wish it, dream it, do it." He says during his 6th grade football season, he was determined to score five touchdowns. Unfortunately, Sell only scored three out of five touchdowns during the season. Although Sell wasn't successful, he doesn't get down on himself. He says whenever he has a certain goal he is trying to achieve, he always thinks to himself, "wish it, dream it, do it." No matter the goal, always think of what you are trying to achieve, and go out and do it!



7th Grader Levi Sell works hard during his study hall

As volleyball District Champions, senior CJ Parker has had a certain quote on her mind this volleyball season. "Clear eyes, full hearts, can't lose" has been a go-to inspiration not only for the entire volleyball team, but also to CJ. She says before they took the win over Newton Falls, in the locker she thought of this and what it was going to take to win. She had to be focused, determined, and go into the game with clear eyes, a full heart, and a mindset that they couldn't lose.

Inspirational quotes are everywhere; Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest. These quotes are not only used in sports, but real life as well. Whether you are in the classroom, or at work, each quote can be used to further your horizon, to make you strive for greatness. Why be average when you can be great?! Mind over matter.

The truth behind colonizing America

by Alexis Caponi, BP Staff Writer



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Pilgrims get together in celebration of Thanksgiving.

I haven't met anyone who says they dislike Thanksgiving, a time for family, friends, and food. There are some things, however, that you might not have known about this holiday. Did you know that Native Americans hardly ate cranberries, but used them commonly for dye and treating arrow wounds? Today, cranberries are as common at the dinner table as turkey on this national holiday. Thanksgiving has officially been a national holiday for only 74 years. Abraham Lincoln announced Thanksgiving a holiday in 1863 due to a victory during the Civil War. President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday to the 3rd Thursday of November, to make the Christmas holiday seem longer, but people didn't like the idea. In 1941, Roosevelt caved and finally moved Thanksgiving back to the last Thursday, and so the national holiday was permanently re-set.

The first Thanksgiving wasn't a feast, it was merely a length of time where Native Americans helped Pilgrims by bringing them food. English colonists had returned to England with Patuxet Indians to sell as slaves, but one of the Patuxet Indians came back to America; his name was Squanto and he lived with the Wampanoag tribe. The tribe helped the colonists grow food in exchange for a peace treaty. However, in 1637, new colonists were arriving who had not heeded the peace treaty, and slaughtered the natives for their land and riches.

The"first" Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims wasn't actually the first Thanksgiving. Many claim the first actually occurred either in Texas of 1598, which included Spanish explorer Juan de Onate, or in Virginia of 1619, with settlers who came on the Margaret, not the Mayflower. There are also claims that the first Thanksgiving took place in Florida, Maine, or other places located in Virginia and Massachusetts. Thanksgiving is also not limited to America as a celebrated holiday. Canadians, Puerto Ricans, Libyans, and the Dutch from Netherlands all celebrate their own Thanksgivings, though they usually take place in early November or late October.

The widespread idea that the Pilgrims only wore black is also false. In reality, they hardly wore the color, and never wore buckles. This commonly accepted depiction came about because one of the Pilgrims had his portrait painted later in the 17th century, when the buckles and black finally came into fashion. When the Pilgrims originally came to America they wore colorful clothing, like purples, blues, reds, and beiges.

Most stories about "Pilgrims and Indians" didn't come about until recently, due to the tensions between the colonists and natives. The stories typically consisted of a day of prayer and giving thanks after feasting, games, and family for the Pilgrims.

Long before the Pilgrims, native Hawaiians celebrated their own Thanksgiving. It was the longest one in the world, and would last for four months, from November to February! During this holiday, called Makahiki, it was forbidden to work.

Thanksgiving is often called the site of the first cultural war. This is due to the recounting of the birth of democracy and freedom for the colonists, but also the racism and maltreatment of the Native Americans. Every Thanksgiving a group of Native Americans gather in Plymouth where they hold a national day of mourning to honor Native ancestors and the struggles they endured when the English settlers came to the Americas. On Alcatraz Island, held every year since 1975, "Unthanksgiving Day" is celebrated to commemorate the survival of Native Americans.

Snow day chronicles: The perfect snow day

by Sydney Mighton, BP Staff Writer



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This winter wonderland shows us what is in store for this winter.

It's only a matter of time until the snow begins to take over our small town of Burton, Ohio, and what's everyone's favorite part of winter? The snow day. It starts the evening, or even day before, when the weather man comes on and says there is a winter weather advisory for your county. And so the hope for a snow day begins! Before you know it, you're peeking out your nearest window every 30 seconds, begging the snow gods to work their magic. You begin to try every trick in the book: putting ice cubes in the toilet, a wooden spoon under your pillow, your pajamas on inside out, tweeting at Mark Johnson the weatherman hoping he will somehow magically lay down two more feet of snow so the superintendent will call school off.

It's off to bed, hoping for the best. Next thing you know, you've been woken up by a text from the news channel or your parents in your room telling you school has been cancelled. Everything worked out how you hoped! Now what? Do you go back to bed or begin the snow day adventures?

If you are drawing a blank on what to do on your nice, snowy, day off, here are some of your fellow classmates' favorite snow day activities. Junior Anna Colwill says, "well firstly, I love going back to bed and sleeping in, but after I wake up I love going downstairs and making hot chocolate and watching as many movies or episodes on Netflix as I want!" Senior Daniel J. Pavilonis likes to "wake up around noon, go make some hot chocolate and write some music." For Daniel, snow days are fun and a great excuse to catch up on his music. Throughout the day, he tells me, he becomes rather upset with how much he hates the snow.

Believe it or not, teachers enjoy snow days as much as the students. Mrs. Ritts responded "I go back to bed. When I get up I make pancakes and eggs. Then I like to play in the snow or build a snowman. When I come inside I drink hot chocolate and enjoy my favorite Christmas movies."

The first snow day of the year will happen before we know it. Snow days are great until we exceed the allowed amount and have to complete those dreadful blizzard bags. We all love having days off due to the weather, but let's hope that the weather is not too bad so we can enjoy each snow day without the stress of work!

Anonymous creative writing corner

Dear dad,

I'd like to start this letter by saying that it must now be obvious to you that I am not the world's best driver. In fact, there are people in this world who think I am a very bad driver (shoutout to the unnecessarily grumpy old man I saw one time). Because I know that I am the cause of all the gray hairs on your head, I want to take the time to apologize for certain events that somehow keep happening. I am sorry for all the times I've been clueless on how to get to Macedonia, wherever the heck that is. I'm sorry for whenever traffic is coming both ways, panicking, and almost end both of our lives. I am sorry that I named the car Linus instead of something cooler. I'm sorry that you will worry everyday about your other daughter and myself while I drive us both to school. I apologize in advance if I ever run over the dog. He was a good pet. Anyway, sorry in general for causing many heart-thumping moments; but let's be honest, life is better that way.

See you at dinner,

Your Eldest Child

Freaky Phobias

by Andrea Miller, BP Staff Writer

Phobias are very common, with many people admitting to having one. But where does this fear come from, and what can we do about it? A phobia is an extreme or irrational fear of an object. People with phobias often realize their fear is irrational, but are unable to recover from them easily.

There are many interesting phobias including:
Agoraphobia: the fear of places or situations from which one cannot escape.
Social Phobia: an extreme worry about social situations that can lead to isolation.
Specific Phobias: a situation that interferes with your daily life.

Sophomore Leah Braun, has overcome her fear of one of the most popular phobias Musophobia,the fear of rats.The word Musophobia originates from the Latin word "mus", which means mice, and the Greek word "phobos", which means deep fear or dread. Musophobia is a very common phobia affecting many people all over the world. Where some people think of mice as "cute and cuddly," phobics tend to find them disgusting and of disease.

According to fearof.net, "rats and mice are known carriers of pathogens. Rats are also known to carry fleas and other parasites that harm not only humans but pets too. Like most animal phobias, the fear of mice also stems, usually, from a negative or traumatic experience with rats. Humans are conditioned from childhood to fear wild rats and rodents. Children unknowingly learn to imitate this behavior from parents, and the occasional fright triggers an anxiety response that might turn into a lifelong phobia of the animal."

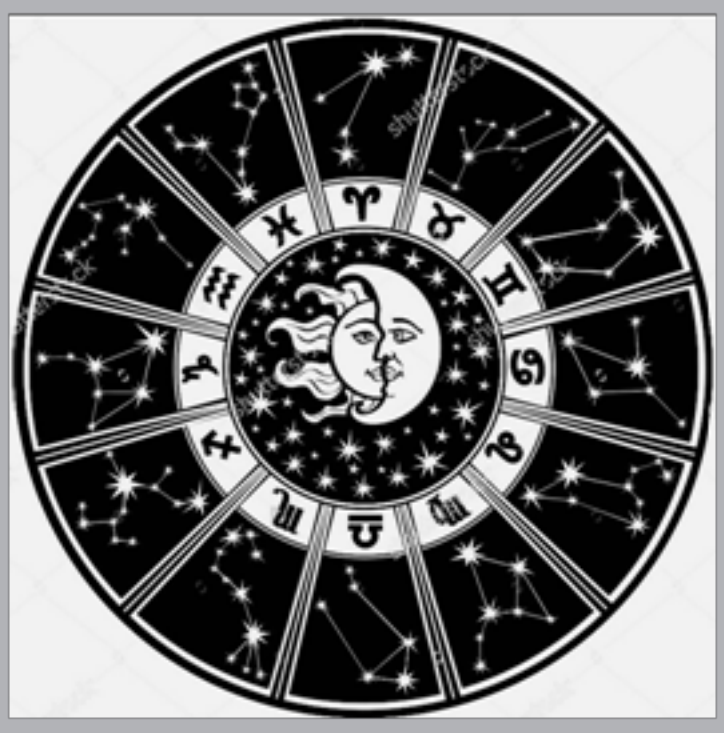
The best way to overcome a phobia is to repeatedly expose yourself to your fear. During this process, you'll learn to overcome that fear.

Horoscopes

by Geroge Fekete, BP Staff Writer

Aries: This month you'll have to focus your attention on money. There may be some unpaid bills about to come back to you. There might be the occasional health problem getting at you. There could be a death, causing sorrow or joy. Bad habits might come into play. You now are more willing to adventure out and explore. You will learn your personal strengths and weaknesses. If single this month, you are eager to find a partner . You are in the mood to work hard, and it will pay off, but you must be willing to run the extra mile. A bad situation is lurking and it may lead to the end of some friendships, so be cautious when on social media and texting those whom are close to you.

Taurus: This month, you are one of the twelve sun signs that will need order and organization skills the most. You are not happy with the disorganization in your life at the moment, and realize you might need some help. At home you will establish a happy environment with your close friends and family. This month your mind will be full of happy thoughts and you will be active on your quest for pleasure. You will focus intently on your hobbies, and might gain popularity on social platforms. New romances may come into play, even to those who are in a relationship, so be careful if you are. And if not, then put yourself out there!



Gemini: This month is all about taking chances, whether it be in your job, hobbies, or relationships. There might be a few headaches along the way, but your willingness to help others could result in some good feedback. Don't expect much appreciation this month, but keep working hard, it will pay off. You are a little more open this month, with your friends, so be cautious what you say, and to whom you say it. Have a good time, go out into the world and you'll feel much better.

Cancer: November is the month when you are really into taking risks. Your mind is going everywhere and you are feeling extremely creative. Danger is lurking and speculation must be avoided, stay tight with your close friends and family. An old drama may rise again and your closest friends and family will help you when you get through it. This month you will find relationships to be important, and if single you could find your partner, so put yourself out there, however, be careful driving or in any type of transportation!

Leo: Your house, room, or even locker could use a clean up this month. You have a desire to go back in time lately to try and fix mistakes you've made in the past. This month your bond with friends, but mostly family, will grow exponentially. You tend to show off, boast, or brag about your belongings a lot, but beware this could lead to the end of some relationships. Although this month may be short, sweet, and easy for you, you will acquire some set backs, in school and or finances.

Virgo: You really need to learn to relate better to your friends this month. This month you want more than ever to achieve goals and make dreams come true. You are extremely curious around this time, but you must stay alert. You will be very busy this month. You're also very open to sharing your life with people, just be careful because someone might try and use your words against you. This month you will be restless when it comes to spending. You will most likely get what you want, but your attitude may lead to the loss in some friends.

Libra: This month you will find it hard to say no to yourself, and you may run into a financial gain. And although you want to spend all the money, it is safest for you save it for what's lurking around the corner. You already know what works well for you, and you like the quiet. You are hungry this month and want the experiences you've always dreamed of. Stay close to those you care about though, because your mindset might get you into some trouble.

Scorpio: This is NOT a month for change! Your mind will challenge you into thinking you need to improve the smallest of things, but it is important that you don't, for this could lead to a disaster. You're searching for happiness this month, and you will find what you're looking for, but only if you put yourself out there and really look. New challenges will also show their faces, but you will keep a closed mind. You will hide many secrets this month, stay away from social platforms.

Sagittarius: This month you will take lead, and will be strong in awareness which could save a life! Try to be open and talk to people, because there may be someone who wants to be in touch. November is a good month for you, as you're attracting a lot of much deserved attention, and your social life is booming so stay active. This month you may find that one of your talents is in high demand, so go put yourself out there! But remain aware, and cautious at all times.

Capricorn: This is a happy month for you, for you will achieve many goals, and make new friends who are drawn to your loving nature. You're attracting a lot of attention this month, so get out there and use this to your advantage. But be sure you don't abuse it. This month you will travel, but if you don't, you will be traveling in your mind and dreams. As mentioned this is a happy month, so go be happy.

Aquarius: Your greatest assets will be enhanced this month, such as your generosity. You will most likely be in touch with authority this month, but whether it's positive or negatives is unclear. A distant friend will resurface, and your longing for adventure and risks could lead to danger. A quick change in plans could lead to a broken relationship, so don't take that rain check.

Pisces: You're going to make connections from long distances, and be in touch with foreigners. This month you will have a lot of highs and lows, but you'll get through it. You may receive a financial boost, which you will be anxious to spend, but it's of your best interest to save. Your relationships may reach a new level,

Fall Crossword

Down

1. Autumn mornings are often this (adjective)
2. His first visit is during Fall, and is also quite the artist (2 wrds)
3. The family to which pumpkins belong
5. A place where apples are grown
6. Seriously everything is this flavor around Thanksgiving time
9. Litter the sidewalk and make a "crunch" sound
12. Besides rainy, this is the most common weather condition during the autumn seasons

Across

4. He lacks a brain and has a fetish for yellow roads
7. These little guys are running around all hectic trying to find their nuts
8. Autumn mornings are often this (adjective)
10. Tool used to clean up leaves
11. How we acquire pumpkins, squash, and gourds
13. Served hot or cold, this is the tastiest beverage of autumn
14. "Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy ____ are we"

