



The Husky Howler

Heat Wave: Here to Stay?



A massive heat wave hit the area this summer. It caught us by surprise, although we’ve been in a drought longer than the heat wave. The heat wave might’ve changed our lifestyle in the summer and normal activities didn’t feel normal because of the excessive heat and sweat. A drought and a heat wave are not a good combination. The hotter and drier it gets, the more plants crave water, but the less water we have. Plants have adapted slightly to the growing heat, but that doesn’t mean they don’t need water.

Heat waves can have many different levels and actions depending on where you are. According to abc4.com, “99.8% of Utah is experiencing ‘severe’ or ‘extreme’ drought conditions.” When a whole state is experiencing these conditions, that is bad news. Why did this heat wave come out of nowhere? Ksl.com says, “Utah’s capital city has reached triple-digit heat only three times in September since 1874...The forecast tacks onto what has already been a hot year in areas like Salt Lake City.” Before the year has even ended, Utah has reached triple-digits 25 times already. These heat waves are beating down on Utah, and other states nearby. Scientists say that there is low pressure system forming over Canada that could push the high-pressure system out of Utah for a while. As you may already know there have been a lot of rain and thunder storms, and it feels like it’s getting better. But when winter comes, will it just be sunny and slushy snow all around? Meteorologists aren’t sure yet.

When asked how he felt about the excessive heat, 8th grader Asa Ward says, “I didn’t even want to go outside because it was so hot. I couldn’t do any fun stuff like jumping on the tramp.” Many students can agree that the heat wave made it harder to do normal summer activities. Hobbies and sports in the summer could be pushed back or just canceled due to the heat. In fact, elementary schools had indoor recess not because of blizzards or thunderstorms, but because of the heat. This heat wave is changing our lives for the worse. Are we going to have to get used to it? Are we already getting used to it? Asa later says, “I think the warm weather is nice because it’s warm and feels like Summer, but I think I would prefer the cold weather because you can dress up and stay warm, because in the summer you can’t really stay cold. You just accept the warm.”

The heat wave is a controversial topic because no one is sure when it will leave. As of right now it is affecting everyone, and much more than just humans. With the Greenhouse effect warming up the planet slowly but surely as well, scientists are trying to stop the inevitable heat. -Max Johnson

In The Deep End

Farmington High Swim Team jumps in the pool. Every 8th period, those who can make it head to Layton Surf and Swim to begin practice with the rest of the team. During our interview, Elizabeth Buckway stated, “As a freshman, it’s kind of difficult. During this time, I’ve been unable



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to make it due to the switch of the location.” The original location was the South Davis Recreation Center, but it has been going through repairs for the last couple months. The season’s meets have not started yet, which are being worked on by the coaches, but the plan is for them to be held throughout Utah such as places like St. George. These meets are typically meant for the varsity team, which is decided through practices and pasts meets instead of a decided team. The two main coaches are Stacy and Heather, and they are great at their job. “They’ve done some great projects too. One was when they went to, they went to Canyon Creek Elementary, they read to the younger students for most of the day.” Also, during the interview Elizabeth said, “I think I would recommend the team because it’s a competitive sport, but you aren’t comparing yourself to others, you are beating your own time.” -Samantha Garrick

Stay Safe at Station Park



Station Park is one of the hottest hang-out spots for teenagers today for many reasons. Not only is the landscaping gorgeous, the stores come in variety with something for everyone. No wonder everybody goes to Station to hangout. However, Station Park hasn’t been so blissful

lately. Beginning in June, reports of suspicious activity resembling human trafficking behaviors started at Station, and have continued since.

On June 9 of this year, the Farmington Police Department’s Facebook page posted, “There have been reports circulating on social media platforms, that there was an attempted kidnapping associated with human trafficking at the Station Park shopping complex. We have received no such report and therefore have not been able to substantiate any such incident or allegation. Our officers maintain a consistent presence at Station Park, in addition to 24/7 on-site security and extensive video surveillance. There are no known threats to public safety in that area or the city at this time.” Since then, a comment was written on that post, not long ago, talking about a what seemed, attempted kidnapping. “3...males on the phone, 2 with an earpiece, hanging out inside marshals and REI. One of the men followed a girl out into the parking lot, saw and parked next to her car, he turned around and walked toward Bestbuy,” said Sierra Milam.

Officer Varela is the resource officer at FJH and gave some tips on how to stay safe when out at Station Park or any public place. First of all, she said to travel in groups and to make eye contact with people, which will make you look like less of a target. In addition, she said, “don’t pay more attention to your phone than what’s going on around you,” in other words – pay attention to your surroundings. She also said to know your surroundings, have someone you can connect with on the phone that knows where you are and when, have an employee/security walk you to your car if you feel unsafe, and to always be prepared for anything. -Megan Barker

The Epic Cross Over



Freshman are able to compete and be teammates with the sophomores juniors and seniors sports at Farmington High School. Some sports are mountain biking and cross-country.

The Farmington Mountain Biking team, has been very successful at their races. You can be a part of the team from 6th through 12th grade.

They typically begin over the summer with practices and start racing at the beginning of the school year. 9th grader Charly Quayle stated, “I like mountain biking because it’s fun to push yourself to do something hard, and you can meet so many new friends. I found out about mountain biking by my older sister who was on the team so I decided to try it. I feel like I’m doing pretty good and I’m proud of my previous placing. I moved up to the JVA team and I am going to try and podium for the next race and get to state...I would definitely recommend biking it’s so fun and helps get you in shape and you can meet a lot of cool people and it’s just a vibe.” Another Freshman, Tage Yerman said, “My parents made me do it when I was young, but after doing a six hour ride as a dare I really started to enjoy it. I’m really happy about it. I placed second at my last race by less than a second. I want to win a race. I wouldn’t be mad if it was but a lot of the time pro athletes have to sacrifice family and friends to become the best of the best. I would recommend it always it’s what made me who I am and given me the friends I have.”

The Farmington Cross-Country team has done many team activities and built strong relationships. You can be part of the cross-country team when you are a freshman. They start over the summer practicing and started competing at the beginning of the school year like the mountain biking team. 9th grader Corbin Hancock stated, “I do cross-country because it is awesome! I found out about it by people telling me about it at track. I would recommend this sport because it’s a great community and great way to get into shape.” Freshman Mabel Brown said, “I like xc because everyone’s super supportive and it challenges you. I found out about it because my brother did it last year.”

Even though junior high and high school are very separated there are things they are both included in like sports, they may be cross-country, mountain biking, volleyball, basketball, and so many others. -Elizabeth Buckway

Feature

An Historic Goodbye



The world mourned with England as we lost the UK's longest reigning monarch on September 8th, 2022. Queen Elizabeth II ruled for seventy years. She was beloved by her people and by many people throughout the world. She was a queen, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, and a friend to many. The royal

family has been around for centuries and the right to rule is based solely on birth order. Queen Elizabeth II was not originally supposed to inherit the throne. Her uncle abdicated to her father. When he died, both the burden and the honor of ruling fell to her. She did so with tremendous grace, strength, and poise. She worked tirelessly to make the world a better place. Here in America, our rulers can only rule for four to eight years. So, understanding the impact of a ruler passing that has been in power for 70 years is hard to grasp. I interviewed Marie Amos Kimber of London to get a better grasp on the impact Queen Elizabeth's passing had on those who she ruled over. Marie said, "Queen Elizabeth II ruled for 70 years. Elizabeth brought the country through many changes in the world from flight, space travel, technology, etc.... and she did it with grace. People were extremely sad when she passed away because most people in England had only ever know queen Elizabeth's reign in the country". I asked Marie what she wished people in America would understand about the monarchy and the significance of Queen Elizabeth's reign. Marie said, "I think the misunderstanding is that they don't work and get everything for free. However, they are forever working with charities, serving in the military, visiting people, helping to raise awareness and money for good causes, etc. It must be hard to be on your best behavior 100% of the time. A lot of Americans admire the royal family, but they tend to view them as celebrities rather than understanding the significance of the service they put in." Queen Elizabeth II saw the world change significantly through her 96 years on earth. She led her people and adapted as the world changed, ensuring the historic monarchy in England would continue to live and thrive after her reign was over. Her death is historic, poignant, and incredibly sad. She will be missed by so many. However, she ensured through her actions that she will forever be remembered and revered. Thank you your majesty. —Braeden Randall

This Year's Vogue at FJH



Fashion styles are constantly changing from year to year, from skinny jeans to mom jeans to crop tops and oversized sweatshirts. FJH has always been a place where students can express themselves in the latest fashions. So, what are the current fashions at FJH? While walking around at lunch, I noticed a lot of Marvel backpacks, Nike shoes, Crocs, middle waisted jeans and bright colored clothes, which are amazing styles. One person with great style, Miles Rowe,

talked about how he likes standing out through fashion, he said, "it feels good to stand out." This was while he was wearing a referee outfit with slides and socks. He likes it when people ask about his outfits. I think we should let people express themselves with their clothing and allow people to be individual and unique. There are so many different styles at FJH, and I love that we get to go to a school where everyone can dress in their own unique way and express themselves through their own personalities. —Lauren Hunter

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Who's the New Guy?



Mr. Heward joins Farmington Junior High. This 2022-23 school year, we have a brand-new administrator. He is the Dean of Students. As a newspaper staff, we had the opportunity to interview Mr. Heward during our class. We asked a lot of questions and got a lot of answers. We would like to share them with you. Hopefully you have gotten to know Mr. Heward at little bit already but if you haven't, here are a few fun facts about him!

Mr. Heward had very fulfilling life before joining us here at FJH. He played baseball for many years. He went to Salt Lake Community College to play baseball and he played at BYU. He loved it because baseball took him everywhere to play. Fun fact, his favorite team is the St. Louis Cardinals. As a class, we asked him why he didn't go pro. He told us that when being drafted he had to go through several tests, they found he had an injury in his shoulder they would not allow him to play.

After his baseball career, he worked to help kids at the Juvenile prison. He worked with the kids all day every day to help them get back on track. He loved it there and loved bonding and creating connections with the kids and leaving those connections was one of the hardest parts.

Later on, he started his career in education. He taught at North Davis Junior High. He taught US history and eighth grade science. He told us that his craziest class period was during science when one kid threw up and another got burned! In the same period! On a higher note, his favorite class was when they got to do the Ruben tube which is an experiment that uses a speaker and the sound wave produced causes flexible metal film next to it to vibrate at the specific frequency of the sound wave. Mr. Heward thought it was cool and his students loved it.

Now, Mr. Heward works at our school. He did not think of himself as an administrator and didn't think he would become one so fast. He misses the chance to really connect with students and knowing everyone's names and wants to know everyone here at FJH. So far, he has really enjoyed it here.

Make sure to say hello to Mr. Heward! We are so glad to have him here this year! -Taylor Sutterfield

Jordan Kamalu: The Sound Behind the Spirit Rangers



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One of Mr. Wolf's former students is now writing a score for a new show on Netflix. He is also writing musical lyrics for two theatre shows. A former Husky, Jordan Kamalu, has recently been asked to write a score for a new animated Netflix

show called "Spirit Rangers". A score is a manuscript or a printing form of a musical piece. There are many different scores that can be used for a TV film. One type is orchestral. "The music for this show will be orchestral, like something you'd hear in a typical film score." Jordan said. This will be a exciting new show and will certainly have an amazing orchestral score.

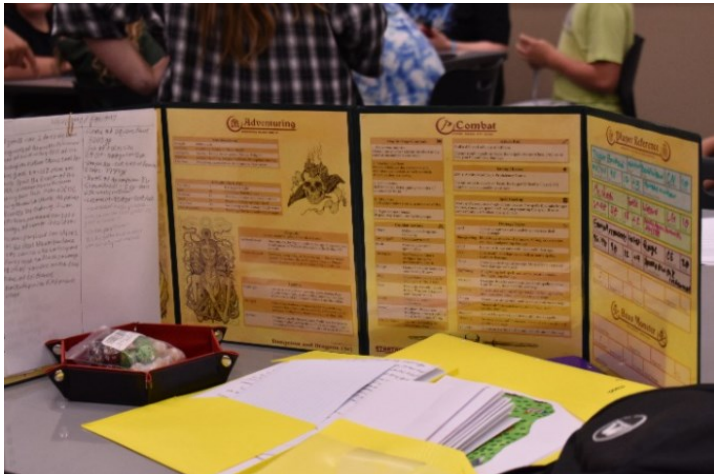
Jordan Kamalu first came to Farmington Junior High in 2002. When Jordan was in band, he played the piano in Mr. Wolf's Jazz Ensemble. "I wanted to be able to play in ensemble without having to learn another instrument, since I was already good at the piano and didn't want to split my practice time between multiple instruments. My dad suggested I join the jazz band, which was a great idea since I already was somewhat familiar with jazz music growing up." Jordan continued to tell me that Mr. Wolf was the one who got him started into playing Jazz music in a Jazz ensemble setting. "The experience led to a lot of other performing both in and out of school that helped me to grow as a musician."

Jordan Kamalu has been a full time musician for nine years. "First as a performer and teacher, now as a full time composer, which is where my heart has always been." You can tell that Jordan is very passionate about what he does.

This school year, let's try to be like Jordan Kamalu, passionate about what we do, and willing to work hard to get what we want. —Kiley Kunz

Clubs & Sports

Ye Olde Dungeons & Dragons



On September 13th, the D&D club was still new. Few had signed the permission form to join officially. People had just created characters. One of the Dungeon Masters, Cole, was still working on his campaign. It wasn't until half an hour later when they started playing. The

Dungeon Master was Lauren. She did it professionally. She made her own envelopes and sealed them with crayon wax. She drew her own map of her world. Her D&D folder was filled with all sorts of stuff for the campaign.

The two Dungeon Masters Cole and Lauren were asked what their favorite part about the D&D Club is. Lauren said, "I think it's just being able to be creative and just making a character that you can be and leave all the stresses of your real life at home and just dive into a new world and just be somebody else." Cole said, "Being able to enter a world outside of your normal life and just being able to explore something new and different."

When the Dungeon Masters talk to the players (many were rookies), they seem very experienced and smart. They were asked if being Dungeon Master was hard. Lauren said: "It's work. It's not hard, per se, but it's a lot of work. It's very fun work, but it takes a lot of hours to plan a session and to kind of think on the fly and to kind of build a world around what the characters are doing." Cole had a similar response. He said, "It's pretty difficult because you have to come up with a campaign to do and you also have to be flexible because some people like to derail the prologue by doing stuff that wasn't supposed to happen and you have to be very flexible even if it takes you months to come up with the campaign, so you have to be ready for derailing. So, you have to be very flexible."

If you want to jump into a new world with friends, join the club. The Dungeon Masters will teach you along the way. -Henry Smith

Bluegrass Jam Club: What You Need to Know



Come to Bluegrass Jam Club! We meet on Fridays in Kalakis' room from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

A jam is where a group of musicians get together and improvise on their instruments as a group. They share and show off tunes they know and learn a few others too. Typically, the instruments in a bluegrass jam include fiddle, (aka violin), guitar, banjo, bass, and mandolin, however violas and cellos are also welcome to come play with us.

In this club we will be playing folk music. This includes Bluegrass, Irish/Celtic, and swing. When most people think of the violin, they usually think about classical music and sometimes even Suzuki. But really, the violin is played in many cultures in all sorts of different styles. There are differences and similarities between styles that make them all unique. June Crosby, a fiddle player said, "Classical musicians usually learn everything by reading the music ... it's important to read notes. In folk music, it's even more important to use your ears. Pick things up by ear because there's expression and style that can't be written down on the page that you can hear." While jamming in music, you are wordlessly communicating and collaborating with your peers. "Sometimes you can speak with music better than you can speak with words and be more expressive than with your words." said Crosby.

Some of the classical musicians out there might be wondering why they should come to a club like this. "Playing with friends is a lot of fun...getting together with friends and exchanging tunes and the fun of making new friends, learning new tunes and playing with other people who play your same style. The social aspect is huge with folk music. Much bigger than with classical music." said June. In our world today, as teenagers we are often given the responsibility to fix not only our own habits, but also those of the world. With global warming, social prejudice, and mental health issues statistically growing, we may feel overwhelmed. June Crosby said, "You don't have to fix the world, you just have to learn a fiddle tune a week." -Hanne Davis

Basketball is Fit for King



This is Mr. King's 4th year coaching the boys' basketball team. He has been playing basketball since he was five years old. He played on two different high school basketball teams. He played two years in Georgia and two years in Utah. He has been the wrestling coach and the boys' basketball coach, but this year he is trying something new. Additionally, he is going to be the assistant coach for the girls' basketball team. When I asked him what his favorite moment

from coaching was, he thought of a moment from last year. The team was playing the South Davis team and one of the players hit a three-pointer shot just as the buzzer went off. That caused the game to go to over time. It was a very exciting moment for the team! He also recalls another game that they lost but was a fun game to coach. One thing Mr. King loves about coaching is he loves watching the players progress and grow their skills. Mr. King says he has two passions: math and basketball. Mr. King is a well-loved coach and creates a great basketball culture that translates on the court. The new season for basketball has begun and team results are in! Congratulations to everyone that made it! Things will be a little bit different at the start of the year, but you can expect about three practices and two games a week. Come support our Huskies! -Audra Hinckley



NAL: Sport or Club?

NAL is a trivia-like competitive game. It has a class, and an after-school practice. So, let's settle a debate: is NAL considered a sport, or a club? And if so, should other club/sports, such as cubing, be considered sports? How should one be classified? To have a student opinion on this, I asked Luci Chate-lain about it. She joined because her older brother did and enjoys playing in and practicing for NAL. She participates in 3rd quarter and likes that it is helping her with her public speaking and presentation skills. When asked about her experience in NAL she says: "10/10 people are great food is also pretty great.". Luci says "If Esports is a sport, then NAL is a sport". Do you agree? Let's think about the specifics.

National Academic League (NAL for short) is a trivia competitive game with quarters, a main timer for each quarter, and is played differently per quarter. There are two teams against each other in a test of their general school knowledge and skills. 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarter are the quarters where each team has buzzers and race to get the answer correct first. The rules vary slightly between each quarter. 3rd quarter has a small team of presenters who retain information about a pre-given topic before the game and spend the time during 1st and 2nd quarter making and preparing a presentation, which will determine how many points their team gets.

We can already see a few qualities of NAL that are like a sport: it has four quarters, a timer for each quarter, two teams, and skill. But are these what make it qualify as a sport? According to k12academics.com, NAL is a sport. The definition of a sport is "an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment." NAL fits in two of these requirements. Should we ignore the physical exertion part? This is for you to decide, and I can't tell you, but I think NAL is a sport. -Lauren Forsyth

Editorial

Should We Be Taking “Breaks” at School?

While its a very controversial topic, taking a break from your assignments, laptops, and even homework has been proven to help in many different ways.



To start, breaks have been proven effective during school, but only if you do it the right way. Some ways to accurately take a break include doing something on your phone, (texting a friend, playing a game, etc.) Taking a nap, and overall assessing your individual needs. In the article, “The Science of Taking a Break” from onlineschools.org it talks about how it’s not a good idea to look

at social media when you’re taking a phone break: “It should come as no surprise that many students spend their breaks updating Facebook, calling or texting friends, and otherwise engaging in tech-savvy time killers. Although enjoyable, a recent survey by Huffington Post found that activities like social networking can significantly increase stress.” Why are breaks even effective? Many studies have proved that taking breaks while in a stressful environment (such as school) has led to better success, productivity and an overall more positive outlook. “This is especially true for students who spend hours huddled in front of a computer.” says onlineschools.org.

Finally, many people don’t realize what can happen when you are forced to sit in front of a computer for hours. Some of the effects of learning too much at once include stress, tension, feeling overwhelmed, or even forgetting all of the things you just spent hours trying to remember. When asked the question “Do you think breaks at school are effective? If so, why do they help you?” Taylor Sutterfield (9th grade) responded with “I think breaks help me focus and accomplish more tasks.” And Elizabeth Buckway (9th) said, “Without at least a 5 minute break between classes, I’d go mentally insane.”

If schools want to be a place where students can come to learn in a positive environment, they need to consider the effect of breaks, (even if they’re short) and look at the many benefits provided. Taking breaks at school can lead to productivity, success, and an overall positive outlook, which is desperately needed.

–Alyssa Romano

Fun Fall Festival



Students have many opinions about the FJH Fall Festival.

As a seventh grader I just have to go off of peoples opinions since I’ve never been. No matter what, there’s always some cons with the pros. The SBO’s can’t make the whole school happy, but they can try. And this is one event to not miss out on.

Some 8th graders said, “Last year’s Fall Festival was fun in the social aspect but not in the participation part.” Most people look at the Fall Festival as a place to be with their friends and others look at it as a night of disorganized chaos, but at the end of the day it’s a night to remember. 9th grade SBO Rylin Toone said, “ Fall Festival is a great time to have fun with your friends and enjoy yourself. Last year was a blast and I can’t wait for this year.”

On Thursday October, 20th, look forward to a night of fun. This year there will be a big blow up TV screen with a live sporting event playing. If you’re not into sports, then just walk right over to the carnival games where you can have competitions and beat your friends. When you get hungry you can enjoy hot dogs and other snack foods for the night. This night will be talked about when you go to school the next day, so don’t miss out on a fun way to start this fall season. –Kennedy Toone

Someone Older This Way Comes: Are Teens Too Old to Trick-or-Treat?

Ah, trick-or-treating. A wonderful activity in which kids join their family or friends and go door-to-door for candy. But what about teenagers? Some participate in the festivity, others stay home. But what dictates how old teens can get before they have to stop trick-or-treating? Is there a rule for that, and, if so, who decides it?



According to most sources that conducted surveys, including time.com, parents.com, and goodhousekeeping.com, most kids stop trick-or-treating between the ages of 12 and either 16 or 17. Many people think that stopping at around 12-13 is reasonable, but there are also a lot of people who think you should be able to keep going for a lot longer. “I would say it’s fine to go as a teenager,” said 8th grade student Gabriel Aston.

When asked what he thinks is a good age to stop trick-or-treating, he said, “I say once you’re, like, 18 at most.”

There are many reasons teenagers stop trick-or-treating. According to jcpatriot.com, one of the biggest reasons a lot of teens feel like the should stop trick-or-treating is because parents heavily oppose the idea thanks to some teens causing mischief in the night, such as egging and throwing toilet paper at houses, scaring younger kids, wearing inappropriate costumes, and stealing candy. There are also teens who feel they’re too old for it (parents think this too) and may get weird looks if they go, and still others who are peer-pressured into stopping by their own friends or feel they should stop because their friends are.

In the end, though, I don’t think it matters if you’re trick-or-treating as a teenager. As long as you wear a costume and are polite and don’t cause problems, you should still be able to trick-or-treat and enjoy being young while you can. You’ve been doing it for years, and legally, you’re still a kid, so why stop now? And parents, why shun the older kids who show up at your door asking for candy?

Just because you’re a teenager doesn’t mean you’re too old for fun. It’s always a good time to go out to get candy with friends. When asked about the best part of trick-or-treating, previously mentioned student Gabriel Aston said, “Probably the candy and spending time with friends. I just like walking around and talking, mostly. The candy’s a bonus.”

Along with thinking teenagers should still be able to trick-or-treat, I also think parents shouldn’t have the right to judge older kids for participating. There is nothing that says trick-or-treating on Halloween is for kids only. Teens should be able to enjoy themselves and still get to have a piece of their childhood while they’re growing up. Yes, you should probably stop when you’re around 18, since it will get weird by that point, but, as stated earlier, as long as you’re wearing a costume and you’re polite, it’s okay.

I think teenagers like myself should still be able to trick-or-treat. I already often worry about being seen as weird or not fitting in, and I don’t want to have to worry about that on one of my favorite holidays or feel like my friends stopping means I should too. There’s really nothing wrong with just being a kid and enjoying yourself with family or friends for a night. The only rules are you dress up, you’re polite and don’t cause problems, and you have fun. So, if you go trick-or-treating this Halloween, ignore any judging looks you get from adults, get out there, and have a great time! –Kenna LeRoy

Stop Polluting, Start Recycling



You may not believe it, but clothing is the second largest polluter in our world today. While there are many factors of pollution, fashion has increased the demand for consumer products, which is affecting the way we see the world today.

“I think pollution is bad and it’s destroying our world. But I think we can bounce back from the world our Grandparents broke.” said Joshua Marchant. There are many ways we can slow pollution. One is we can recycle clothes. Physically, it is basically impossible to recycle clothes. Just one to ten percent of clothes actually end up in other people’s hands. But we can turn old clothes into smaller objects that can be used for longer. That is what we are working on in CCA.

In CCA, the teachers are having the kids bring old clothes or fabrics to turn into new things we can use to work or play. They want us to learn how to reuse old stuff by turning it into new things we can use in our lives. Josh said, “I’m not really sure yet, but I’m thinking of making a wallet out of some old jeans.” This means that with work and time, you can recycle almost any clothing product to make something that will last longer. –Carter Jenkins

Arts & Academics

Who's Behind the Husky Howler?



The newspaper staff loves to make all their articles relatable for the students. All the staff loves to write and be creative. Some of the main responsibilities of the yearbook include making the monthly school newspaper and putting together the yearbook. Sage Wolfley, a yearbook staff member, talks about her yearbook experience: "You learn a lot and your mind gets open to

a lot of ideas," she goes on to say, "I love being in newspaper and yearbook so much." Audra Hinckley, another student in the yearbook, shared some of the things she loves about being on the yearbook staff. "I love how you get to be creative." she goes on to talk about the yearbook teacher, Mrs. Kalakis, "I think she is super fun and super chill." So, as you can see, the students on the yearbook staff love to write and be creative. They love Kalakis and love being in yearbook. -Nora Jensen

Fall to the Rhythm

On November 25th, the bands here at Farmington Junior High will perform at this year's Fall Band Concert. They have been practicing their instruments since the Husky Band Camp that happened in August of this year, and they can't wait to play a barrage of Halloween themed music including Count Rockula, Andalucia, and Fanfare on a Theme of Imagination at this year's concert. Though opinions may differ, Luciana Chatelain's favorite song to play is Count Rockula because she gets to "be the melody."

Before we can get into what, where, and why, we first need to know what the Fall Band Concert is. "The Fall Band Concert is a Halloween themed concert," Luciana Chatelain (8) said. "---We like, play Halloween!"

There are many different bands performing at this year's first concert. This includes Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and Beginning Band. According to Samul Hillier, the concert is "kind of a showoff of all the bands, Concert, Symphonic, Jazz and Beginning Band, especially beginning band as it is likely their first concert ever." That being said, his best piece of advice to give to the newbies that play his instrument- the saxophone- is "Don't be scared, get a chest strap, and have strong lungs." A challenge of this instrument is "Air!" as said by Samuel.

With any performance, there comes anxiety. It is worse for some than others, but most performers get the shaking anxiety as they walk onto a stage in front of a lot of people. Some people prepare by listening and executing the music, and others procrastinate until the last moment to prepare. As for Samuel, he "Practice[s] a lot until you feel good about the piece. I've been practicing for an hour every day." This differs from Luciana's technique which is to just "bottle it up." Either way, everyone has a method that works for them, and this can help make sure that the concert goes smoothly.

Come and watch these band members as they perform for us here at FJH on November 25, with an arrangement of instruments and spooky songs. And with Halloween around the corner, you just might need to add these songs to your playlist. -Kaitlyn Turley



7th Grade English: Welcome to the Neighborhood

Religion, celebrations, lifestyles, food, where you live, all these things are examples of what people think culture is.



In 7th grade English, we are learning all about culture and what it means. But what does it mean? When interviewed, three seventh graders show unique definitions of what culture means to

them. "To me, culture is how you live your life. Your family also has a big impact on your culture" says Nora Jensen. Vivienne Hansen says, "believing in different things, the way you live life and celebrating the things that are important to you are all examples of culture." Elle Lindley goes on to say, "I think culture is a person's beliefs, religion and customs that are important to them." All these things are very good examples of what culture is.

Flying Lessons and other stories, the book we are reading in English, teaches all about culture. But what is this book about and what does it teach us about culture? When interviewed, Mrs. Pearce, one of the 7th grade English teachers, talked about the book we are reading and what she hopes we learn from it. She said, "I hope this book gets the students to think about who they are rather than identifying culture with food, celebrations, or where you're from. I want students to learn from this book empathy and connections with others even if they don't have the same culture. This book embraces everyone's differences. One of my favorite parts about reading this book is the first chapter, Welcome to the Neighborhood, it just really shows how this book is like a neighborhood and every chapter is a window into different lifestyles." This book is an amazing way to learn about culture and how important that is in our lives. -Sage Wolfley

Concert Choir is Bringing Their "A" Game

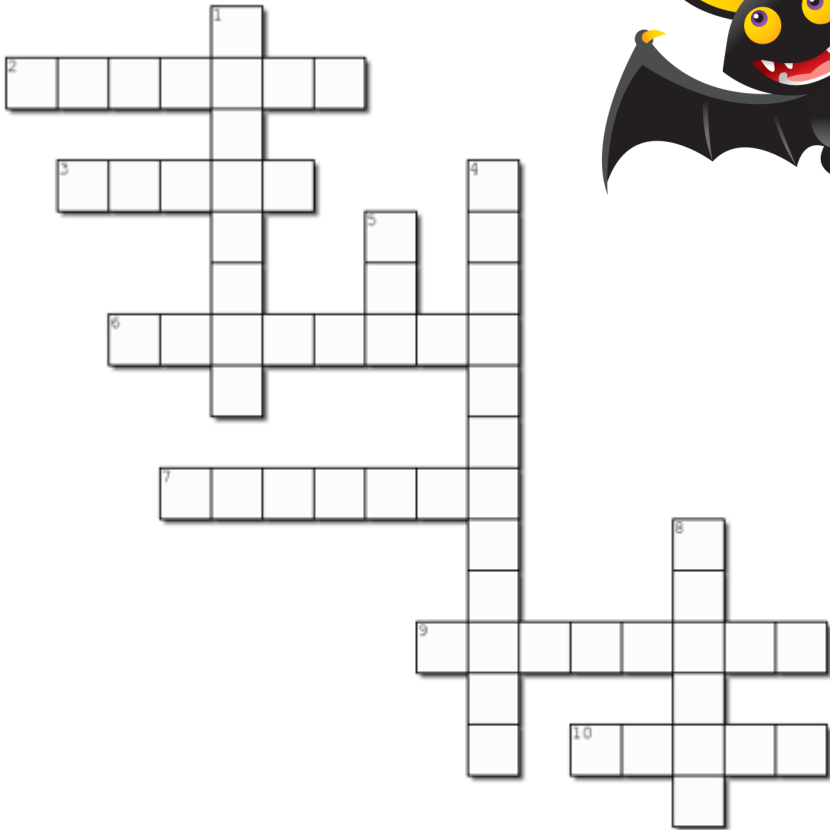


There is an upcoming choir concert on October 18th. You may recognize some songs in their lineup. They will be performing: Double Trouble from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Another Day of Sun from La La Land, and We Don't Talk About Bruno from Encanto.

All these songs will include amazing singing and harmonization. Every song is different from the next, which creates a performance of variety. When asked if there was anything she disliked about this season's concert, Lydia Judd responded with, "There is not really anything to dislike about it because Ms. Harris always makes the learning fun."

The Concert Choir works hard to put on an amazing show. To prepare, they perfect the songs piece by piece. They also learn the song separately by section and then put it all together for beautiful harmonization. To put together a concert, every student must do their part. They often practice at home. Concert choir takes place during second period in Ms. Harris' classroom. In this time, they first warm up their voices. Then, they go over their goals and any necessary vocabulary for that class period. After, they spend the rest of the class time to practice their concert songs. Lydia Judd says that even though you must work hard to succeed in the class, it is a stress-free environment. "The music we do is always super fun. And there is always a reason behind why she chooses it." Ms. Harris is a very widely loved teacher at FJH. She has a perfect balance of strict and fun. She is so understanding and constantly checks in on her students and their well-being. Lydia says that she isn't nervous for the concert, "If we do bad in rehearsal before the concert, we use that as a lesson and always bring our A game to the concert." -Brooklyn Rudd

Comics and Games



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Across

2. Scary movie with a killer.
3. Red, evil, and has fallen from heaven.
6. It's inside your body, supported by muscles.
7. Edible, round, and orange.
9. Hairy creature that only comes out in the night.
10. Warts are on their noses, except in Harry Potter.

Down

1. The highest selling album of all time by Michael Jackson.
4. The scientist is named this, NOT the monster.
5. If it's black, it's bad luck!
8. Three of them guided Scrooge.

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Halloween Mad Lib

Ghostbusters!

Before you begin the Mad Lib, you need to fill out these blanks. Make sure to fill the blanks with absurd words that have nothing to do with the subject above. Then, insert the words you wrote down into the paragraph. When you're done, read the paragraph.

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Plural Noun _____

Verb ending in -ing _____

Place _____

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Plural Noun _____

City in the USA _____

Place _____

Verb _____

Under your _____ (noun), there are many _____ (plural noun).

And not just there! They are also _____ (verb ending in -ing) in your library, hotel, and even your _____ (place)! There have been recent sightings of crazed and possessed people, U.F.O.'s, and _____ (plural noun)! But we're on the job! We'll eliminate those _____ (adjective) _____ (plural noun)! Call +1-800 _____ (plural noun) and we'll capture the _____ (plural noun) and hide them away! You might have heard some _____ (adjective) things about us! The EPA says we put on _____ (plural noun) to fool people into thinking that _____ (plural noun) are real! Well, have you seen _____ (city in the USA) lately? This is worse than what happened in _____ (place)! We're ready to _____ (verb) you!

