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Vorwort / Foreword



Liebe Leser*innen,

ein neues Schuljahr hat begonnen und schon ist es an der Zeit, Euch die neweste Ausgabe des Student Newsletters zu präsentieren! Dieses Jahr arbeiten junge Journalist*innen aus der 5., 6. und 8. Klasse in Mountain View sowie in San Francisco fleißig an Artikeln, zugehörigen Bildern und Umfragen.

Wir freuen uns riesig auf die weitere Zusammenarbeit am Newsletter dieses Schuljahr und auf die kreativen Einfälle unseres wachsenden Teams!

Ich wünsche Euch ganz viel Spaß beim Lesen!

Herzliche Grüße

Lena N., Klasse 11, *President of the Student Newsletter*

Dear Readers,

A new school year has begun, and the time has already come to announce the newest edition of the Student Newsletter! This year, we have young journalists in 5th, 6th, and 8th grade in both Mountain View and San Francisco working diligently on articles, artwork, and surveys.

We are very excited to continue the work on our Newsletter this school year and cannot wait for you to see the creative talent of our growing team!

Without any further ado, happy reading!

Sincerely,

Lena N., Grade 11, *President of the Student Newsletter*



Halloween an der GISSV

Von Desmond 🎃, Felix 🎃 und Katya 🎃

Gruselcafé



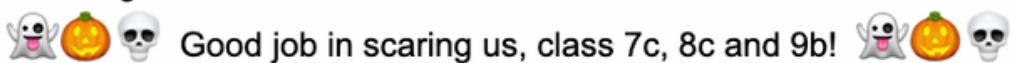
Vom menschlichen Gehirn über Dracula-Kekse bis hin zu schmutzigen Würmern. Das alles stand auf der Speisekarte im gemeinsamen Gruselcafé der Klassen 4c und 6c in San Francisco und war dazu noch erstaunlich lecker.

Essen.	Getränke.
Finger	Dracula kekse
Menschen haut /tortillas	Süßes Blut
Kürbisse	Dunkles Blut
Hexenbesen	Das Blut von deinen feinden
Frankenstein marshmallows	Gif 💀
Gebisse	Wasser
Mini Mumien	
Schmutzige Würmer	
Fledermäuse	
Faule Bananen	



Haunted House in San Francisco

In the Haunted House, they built a tunnel with tables and chairs covered in black cloth. At the end of the tunnel, if you looked back, you would see a creepy doll. When you came out of the tunnel, you were supposed to look at a set of (fake) human bones. Then, a person would peek a lightsaber under the table and scare you. Then there was someone dressed in a Demogorgon outfit and would just stand and stare. While you were at the next station, where someone came with a chainsaw, and while that happened, the Demogorgon would come and grab you and scream. Since my reactions are so bad, it took a bit before I realized he had screamed at me. At the end, you got candy, which made the scare worth it. And I gave someone who worked on the Haunted House a Smartie (:



Good job in scaring us, class 7c, 8c and 9b! :)



Haunted House in Mountain View

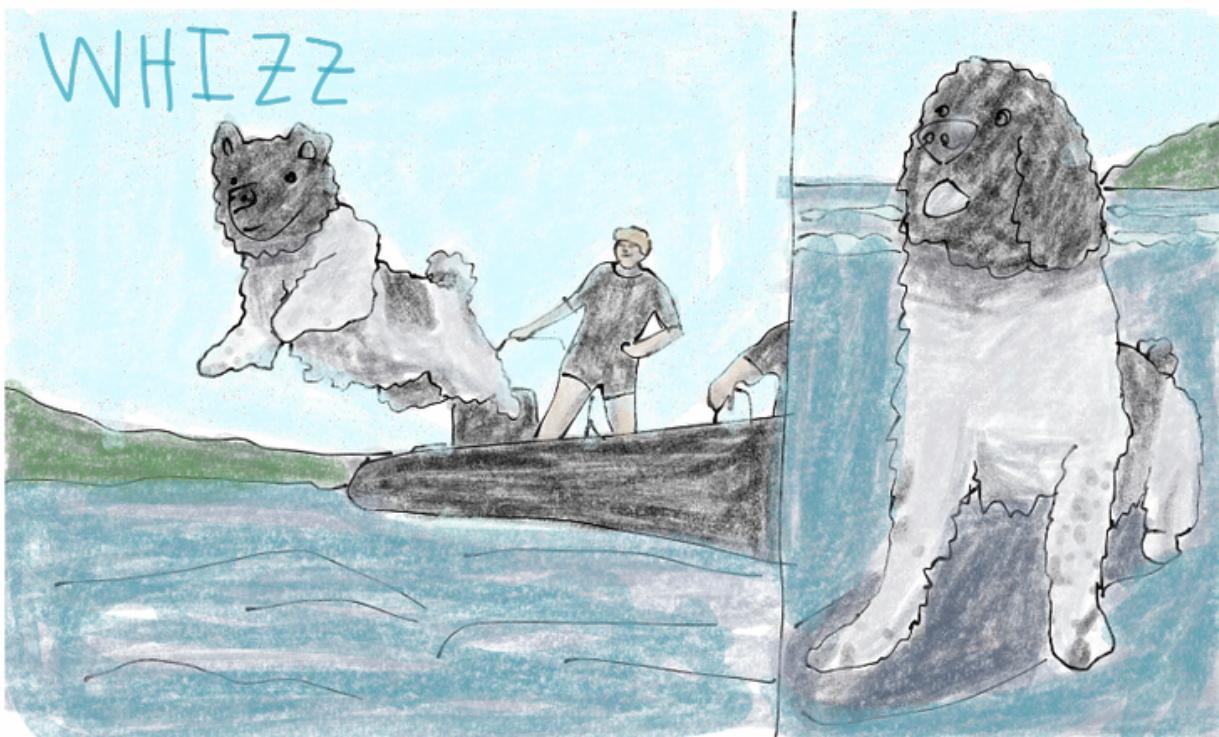
We, the 8th graders, made the Haunted House in the physics room. We stacked tables on top of each other and hung plastic sheets on top of it to make a walkway so the people knew where they were going. When they entered, a "tour guide" guided them around the room. We put glow sticks on the floor to mark a path. There was a room that we used as a fake exit by putting an "EXIT" sign above it and the tour guide would go into the room but when they tried to follow, a person jumped out from the room and screamed. The tour guide stayed in the room and the people had to follow the glow stick path on the floor. Halfway, a person hid under a table and when the people came close to them the person rolled out from under the table and begged the other people for help. At the end, there was a person with a scary mask standing next to the door and opening the door for the people.

It was fun to set up a scary scenery for our peers.



Fun Facts About Dogs You (Probably) Didn't Know!

By Zeeta (MV)



Whizz, the heroic Newfoundland dog, jumping off a dock (left) and smiling at the beach (right)

Star Swimmer

- Three dogs survived the Titanic!
- Newfoundlands (dog breed) have webbed feet and water-resistant fur, so they're the ultimate swimmers/lifeguards!
 - A Newfoundland called Whizz saved nine lives over his career as a water rescue dog.

Super Sniffers

- Dogs' nose prints are completely unique, like humans' fingerprints.
- Additionally, dogs' sense of smell is at least 40 times better than ours!
- Some dogs' noses are so good they can sniff out medical problems!
- Dogs can sniff at the same time as breathing!
- Dogs can smell your feelings!
 - Not only that but the way we're feeling can rub off on them!
- Dogs' noses are wet so that they can absorb scent chemicals better.
- Bloodhounds (a dog breed)'s sense of smell is so good it can be used as evidence in court!



Do You Ear That?

- Dogs' ears are really sensitive, similar to their noses.
- Dogs have 18 muscles to move their ears!
- Smaller dogs can hear higher-pitched sounds than larger dogs.
- Storms can hurt dogs because the sound frequencies during storms can actually be painful to their ears.

Long Live The Dogs!

- Studies have actually shown that older people (or people in general) live longer, recover from health events like heart attacks or strokes, and better deal with stress and depression when they have a dog to love and take care of!
 - How?
 - ⇒ Interacting with dogs can give you more "happy chemicals" (like oxytocin, serotonin, and dopamine) and this can make you happier and more grateful in general, as well as give you less "stressed chemicals" (like cortisol) and make you less depressed (because you are happier and have a better sense of well-being in life).
- Smaller dogs live longer than larger dogs



Waffles,
the
friendliest
ball of love
you'll ever
see



Rekorde von Haustieren

Von Myra



- Schnellste Schildkröte: Bertie, 100 m in 6 Minuten
- Älteste Schildkröte: Jonathan, 187 Jahre
- Älteste Katze: Crème Puff, sie wurde 38 Jahre alt (geboren 1967, gestorben 2005)
- Ältester Hund: Pebbles, 22 Jahre
- Am meisten gefangene Bälle von einem Hund:
Hündin Purin mit 14 Bällen in einer Minute
- Hundesprünge:
Sieger ist Geronimo mit 91 Sprünge am Stück
- Längstes Fell eines Kaninchens:
Franchesca mit einer Haarlänge von 36,5 cm (USA)
- Größter Hund: Zeus mit 225 cm
- Längste Katze: Gilligan (aka Stewie) mit 123 cm
- Längster Schwanz eines Hundes: Keon, 30 inch
- Längste Ohren eines Hundes: Tigger, 13.6 inch
- Schnellster Hund: Reas, 35.5 mph



Dropping Eggs, Ice Cream, and still way too early in the morning

The First Day Back To School



by Katya, Myra and Zeeta (MV), Desmond, Felix and Peter (SF)

August						
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21	Schule	!!!				

On the first day of school this year, let me tell you, I had a *lot* of trouble waking up in time. I pulled myself out of bed and managed, remarkably, not to be late on the first day. I was glad to see my friends again, as always, but it was a weird sensation of being in school again after so many weeks away.

The first day of school was really relaxing because we discussed events that will come up in this school year such as the field trip to San Luis Obispo. We also had two new kids join the class and we were given more than enough time to introduce ourselves and get to know each other.

For the team-building exercises on the first day of school, we started off with a dancing challenge, each class competing against each other, and later got sorted into teams with people from all the other classes in middle school for another activity. The next challenge was the “Egg Drop Challenge” where you need to protect an egg from cracking when it’s dropped off the roof. It inspired us to work together with people we barely knew, and it was a very bonding activity. Afterward, we all got ice cream, so who can complain?

The start of the school year went well even though a lot of my favorite teachers are gone now, but the new teachers were also very nice.



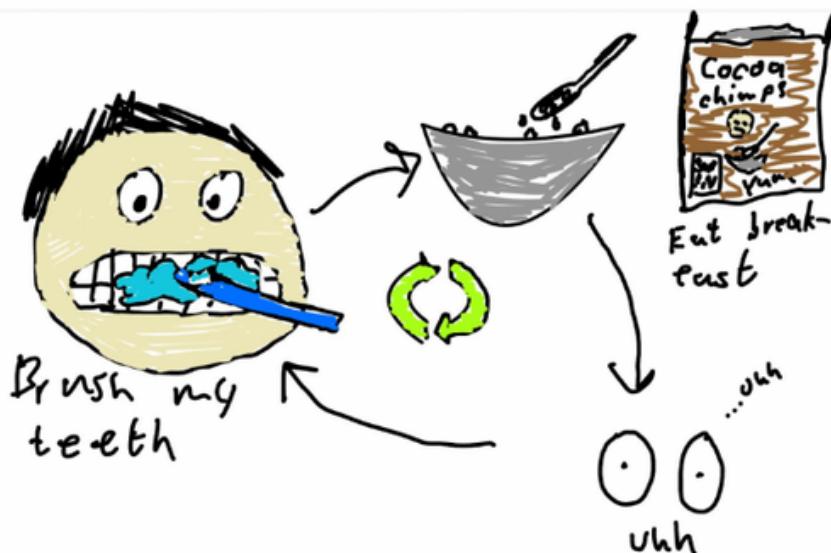
I also enjoyed the team-building exercise because you could get to know each other, especially the people from other classes, more. The egg-dropping exercise was my favorite because it involved being creative and working together. This was a very interesting but fun way to start off the school year.

We started off with general organization and rules, like every other first day back to school. Then later, in the afternoon, we did a teambuilding exercise with all of middle school, involving dancing, eggs, and, at the end, ice cream.

It was fun.

The days of laziness are gone again 😞😢

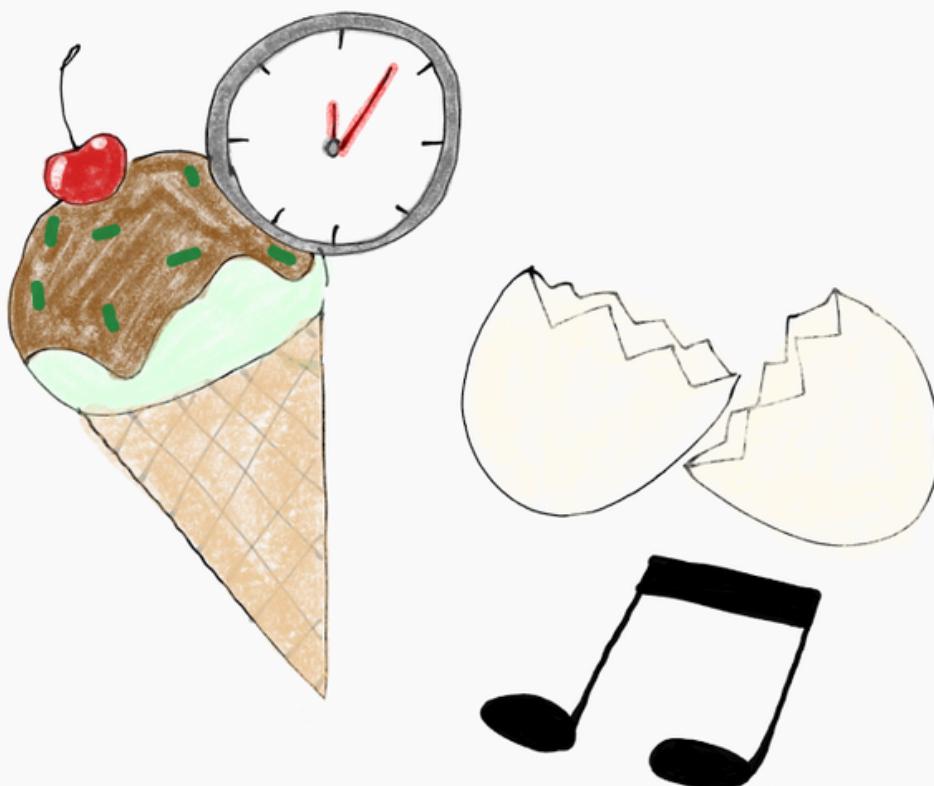
I didn't wake up late, but I woke up a lot later than usual. I was not ready, I was doing things weirdly, e.g. I brushed my teeth before eating breakfast. I was not all that excited but when I got there I started feeling better about the first day. I was glad to see my friends again, like always, instead of preparing for class we played games. 🤪



I did feel great that I'm a middle schooler now. I've got a new homeroom teacher. Her name is Lisa Kranzler. My favorite things about my classroom are: My seat is my Number 1 top thing because I get a perfect view of the city of San Francisco and the second one is that my seat is very close to the iPads. Well, I was happy because I didn't have to do any homework that day. It was like this: We did the introduction first and then we did all the explaining of what is gonna happen this year. I was happy too because my birthday was near the beginning of the school year.



I was not ready to go back to school. I just needed a week more of doing nothing and I would have been completely prepared. Later, after we got all the "What's going to happen this year" stuff and afterwards we made cars that should be powered by balloons. We compared how far they could go. *My group's car didn't go far* Unsurprisingly, the 8th graders won. So that's how the first day of school on the SF campus went.



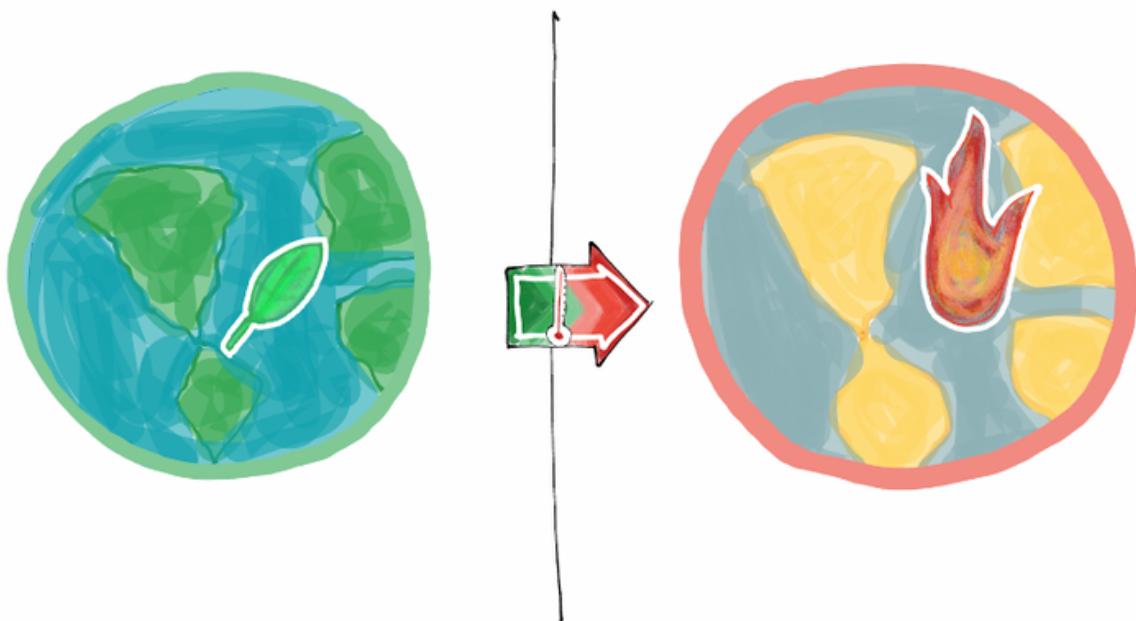
When school started it was fine that we weren't prepared because on the first day of school we just talked and played games. It was like a warm-up for school & stuff.

It's good to be back!



Global Warming

By Katya (MV, text) and Zeeta (MV, pictures)



Global warming has been affecting us for centuries and will affect us for centuries to come if we refrain from changing the way we live. This does not mean that we have to live without electricity, gas or other man-made objects at all such as plastic or rubber. This means that we have to be more thoughtful about our consumption of non-biodegradable materials as well as the companies that make them for us. They should also take action to counteract the current conditions on our planet.

Right now, global warming is advancing at a bigger rate than seen in the past 10,000 years with, according to NASA, 2020 and 2016 being the hottest years on record.

The most well-known results of global warming are rising sea levels, melting glaciers and heat waves. Other consequences include the destruction of animal habitats which poses a big threat to the biodiversity of species. The amount of droughts rises. With that comes the risk of floods and even wildfires.



Other dangers of global warming are erosions which can wash away parts of continents and clogging waterways causing declines of fish species.

There are organizations out there such as **Friday for Future** that raise awareness of the situation. Friday for Future is an organization with 14 million students in 7,500 countries. They are a global climate strike movement started after Greta Thunberg began a school strike for climate change in Sweden. They protest worldwide. One of the protest dates includes September 25 as it is the Global Day of Climate Action.



Field Trip der Klassen 5 und 6 zum Grizzly Creek Camp

Von Felix and Desmond (SF)

Im September haben die fünften und sechsten Klassen von Mountain View und San Francisco im Grizzly Creek Camp für drei Nächte übernachtet. Es ist eine fünf Stunden lange Fahrt zu dem Camp in Portola - und die lange Fahrt hat sich mehr als gelohnt.



Aktivität 1: Wanderung

Wir haben eine lange Wanderung unternommen, es waren ungefähr vier Stunden. Wir haben unsere eigenen Sandwiches gemacht und dann sind wir losgegangen. Wir stiegen auf einen Berg und hielten an einer Stelle mit einem Haufen Quarz. Wir haben dort ein Bild gemalt von dem, was wir gesehen haben. Danach sind wir zurück zu unserer Unterkunft gegangen.

Aktivität 2: Challenge Kurs

Am zweitletzten Tag sind wir zum Challenge Course gegangen, wo wir auf Seilen in großer Höhe gelaufen und auf einen hohen Turm, den Alpine Tower, geklettert sind. Es gab auch das so genannte *Flying Squirrel*, bei dem du zwischen zwei Bäumen an einem Seil hoch in die Luft gezogen wurdest, langsamer oder schneller, je nach dem, wie man wollte. Das hat sich angefühlt wie Fliegen und hat großen Spaß gemacht.

Verpflegung im Camp

Das Essen am Camp war (für ein Camp) wirklich gut und sie hatten auch Nachtisch und leckere Getränke. Wir hatten Frühstück, Mittagessen und Abendessen. Es gab jeden Tag etwas anderes wie Tacos, Sandwiches etc. Mein Lieblingsessen war der French Toast.

Unser Zimmer

Am Camp teilen sie die Räume zwischen Jungen und Mädchen und mischen die Kinder aus Mountain View und San Francisco. Unser Zimmer war in einem Wort zusammengefasst... chaotisch. Mr. Giesen war für unser Zimmer zuständig und wir sind immer erst spät eingeschlafen, haben viel gespielt und miteinander gequatscht.



Lesen, Lesen, Lesen!

Leseempfehlungen von dem Bücherliebhaber Peter mit Illustrationen von Zeeta

Das Magische Baumhaus von Mary Pope Osborne

Es ist eine Buchreihe über verschiedene Abenteuer, in der ein Mädchen den Namen Anne trägt und ein Bube den Namen Philipp trägt. Eines Tages finden Philipp und Anne im Wald von Pepper Hill ein Baumhaus. Sie wundern sich, was ein Baumhaus in der Mitte eines Waldes macht. Die beiden haben keine bessere Idee, als in das Baumhaus zu klettern, wo sie ein Buch über Dinosaurier finden. Anne schlägt das Buch auf und findet ein Bild, das sehr schön ist. Sie sagt sich in Gedanken: „Ich wünschte, wir wären dort.“ Und auf einmal fängt das Baumhaus an, sich wie aus dem Nichts zu drehen und auf einmal wird es still... totenstill.

Und nun beginnen über 50 Abenteuer mit Philipp und Anne, von einem Tal der Dinosaurier bis zu einer Rettungsmission im Naturpark.

Leseempfehlung für Abenteurer ab der dritten Klasse.



Asterix der Gallier von René Goscinny und Albert Uderzo

Die Asterix Comicreihe ist schon über 50 Jahre alt und besteht aus mehr als 40 Büchern. Die zwei Hauptcharaktere sind Asterix und Obelix. Sie erleben sehr viele Abenteuer zusammen. Fast immer kämpfen sie gegen die Römer und gewinnen am Ende immer!!! Hier ist der Text, der am Anfang jedes Buches erscheint:
„Wir befinden uns im Jahre 50 v. Chr. Ganz Gallien ist von den Römern besetzt ... ganz Gallien? Nein! Ein von unbeugsamen Galliern bevölkertes Dorf hört nicht auf, dem Eindringling Widerstand zu leisten. Und das Leben ist nicht leicht für die römischen Legionäre, die als Besatzung in den befestigten Lagern Babaorum, Aquarium, Laudanum und Kleinbonum liegen...“

Leseempfehlung für Abenteurer ab der zweiten Klasse, weil es auch viele bunte Bilder gibt, die Spaß machen anzuschauen.

