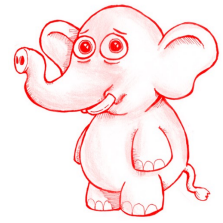


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SMS Kids Bring in Food Donations for Holiday Cheer



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In Advisory last week, we were given a list of all the items that we could bring in to make a Thanksgiving Basket for people who don't have enough money to buy food for Thanksgiving.



When we looked at the items, we all had to pick one item that we wanted to bring and we would then get more items from there.

It's a nice project because everyone should have a great feast to celebrate. Donations will be accepted through next week during Advisory Periods..

Behind Bars—A Prison Drama



By Hunter Duffy
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Chapter 1

They're asking me to remember. But how am I supposed to remember what I did when I can't even remember my own name?

People have called me everything from a jerk to a hero. My inmate gave me bottom bunk. At first I thought it meant she would be my friend but then I found out that the bed's former resident's nickname was Stinky.

I looked Officer Cane straight in the face and said the three words he hated most: "I don't know."

"Then why are you out of your cell," he said with a stern look. I could barely speak as he reached for the handcuffs. Just by looking at them, my wrists started to hurt.

"I want to see my file," I said.

"You've already seen it," he screamed "Female, 15 years of age, found in Miami, Florida"

"But what's my name?" I asked.



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He replied immediately, "It's your name you figure it out." He turned me around and I could the cuffs click behind my back. I walked out into the hall and it was empty.

When I walked in the room, it was almost lights out so everyone was in the hall. But now it still wasn't lights out but everyone was gone. "That meeting was a distraction, wasn't it?" Cane said.

I started shaking my head no. He threw me in the cell and said, "Thanks to you I'll be chasing them all night." He walked out.

I just sat there on the dirty floor like I was waiting for him come back. I walked over to the window and looked out. There was a full moon in the sky that night. I wished I could walk right outside, lie in the grass, and look at the sky all night. I went over to the bunk and was about to sit when I saw a note:

*Dear loser,
Thanks for the distraction. Now you don't
have to share a cell. See you on the other side,
A.J*

A Reflection on another Election of 2016



By Zander Pedersen
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The election of 2016. What a mess with all the leaks and stuff. Oh, you thought I was talking about the Presidential Election! You already know how that



turned out.

What I'm taking about is the new Pokemon Starter and whether it will become trainers' favorite. Trainers choose a particular Pokemon Starter at the beginning of their Pokemon Journey.

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AAUW Pushes Engineering Careers for Girls



By Hunter Duffy
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Have you ever heard of the organization AAUW (American Association of University Woman)?

Last weekend, the organization sponsored something called Wiz girls at Ardsley Middle School. This event allowed girls from grades 4-7 to learn about engineering, computers, construction, and science. They had workshops like Voice of Cartoons, Amazing Mazes, Spanning Great Lengths, and Using Leverage to Get Superpowers. I participated in Amazing Mazes and Using Leverage to Get Superpowers. Over 200 girls attended this event.



Amazing Mazes was learning basic computer coding with mazes. At first I did not think it would be cool but I found out it was really fun. This is making me consider a career involving coding. In this workshop we met women who actually code for

a living. They told us about their degrees, inventions, and jobs. Now it is after that workshop and I'm still coding.

Using leverage to Get Superpowers was not as fun as Amazing Mazes but was still cool. We learned the basic parts of class 1,2, and 3 levers. We also learned formulas for the actual weight of something compared to how much it weighs when you use a lever. The woman who taught us in that workshop was an employee for the company Veeco. During her presentation she showed us videos of other Veeco employees talking about their jobs. It was great to see how passionate they were about their jobs.



I would like to say thank you to the AAUW for having this event. It is great as a girl to know that you have someone who believes in you and wants to help your education. They're promoting equality and education for woman and girls. I hope they never stop.



To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

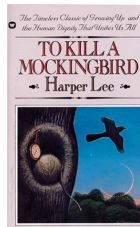


By Nick Cirillo
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A classic masterpiece, *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a story about who we really are as people, and explores the depths of us humans in a way only the late Harper Lee could write.

Following Jean Louise "Scout" Finch and her brother Jem, they inadvertently explore 1930's Southern tensions as their father, Atticus Finch, a lawyer, fights a tough case -- one person's word against another's.

Exploring an innocent childhood and getting in trouble, Jem, Scout and their friend Dill discover



that the world isn't as perfect as the seemingly angelic Atticus seems to be. Between boring school and tall glasses of lemonade, Maycomb County riles itself up over racial tension and unfair accusations.

If Atticus wins the case, he saves the accused person, who is African American, from an unfair fate. But if he loses, he may be shamed and looked down upon for defending such a person as the one accused of a most terrible crime.

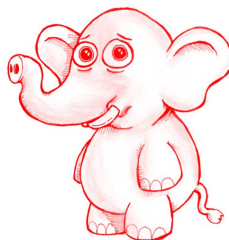
A book I recommend for anyone looking for a hearty book featuring moral struggles yet real life problems, *To Kill a Mockingbird* even has a sequel, *Go Set a Watchman*, another masterpiece, both books with the feel of an endless summer.



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The Girl in the Woods



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Have you ever thought about being different? Different than anyone else?

I sure have been thinking about that a lot. I am a monster. Not literally, but that is what people like to call me. I have a long pointy nose, ragged clothes, a busted smile, and a not so good smelling body.

I don't keep that from making me not go to school though. Although my teachers never call on me because they think I am a gross monster, I lock the sadness away inside my broken heart.

When I was little, both my parents passed away, leaving me with nothing but a little puppy. This puppy seemed to talk to me, but of course, not literally. I grew up with great manners and an interesting eating style. Of course, being raised by a dog would mean being poor. Worse than poor. I couldn't even afford a hair-tie. My life was practically ruined from the day my parents died. I am alone now. Nobody to reach out to me and stroke my long hair. Nobody to sing me songs and tell me stories. Nobody to read my favorite book, 'Goodnight Moon'. I never could make it through



school. Not without any books, education, friends, or family. I am alone now. Nobody seems to notice.

One night I was sitting on a patch of dirt (also known as my bed) singing the only lullabye I knew. The puppy who once raised me is gone, not even any neighbors or friends of my parents to raise me. I hear a voice, dry and weak. For the first

time, a voice was talking to me.

"Hello? Is any body there?" A small girl slowly crawls out from behind a bush and slowly raises her hand like she was asking for help, with little words to come out. I get up and help her into the soft brown dirt. She shines a weak smile and closes her eyes. I lay down next to her, happy I could meet a new friend.

That next morning I get up early and make some soup with fresh apples and tomatoes off of trees. Mama once told me to not pick berries. They might be dangerous. When the girl got up, she was sick. Her face was pale and she stared at me with wide eyes. She didn't move. I walk over to her and ask if she needs any assistance. She wasn't moving. At that moment on, my heart sped up, knowing exactly what had happened. The girl was dead.

Sports Update



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Last Saturday, Somers High School's football team defeated Yorktown in the Section 1 Class A 42-

6!!! Somers played Yorktown in the regular season and lost 38-13 but since then Somers has improved a lot.

Not only did Somers win in football, they also won in soccer vs Pearl River 1-0. Somers hasn't won in 19 years. Freshman Drew Lasher



scored the winning goal with under 4 minutes left.

One of the biggest events in New York was finally held on Sunday—The New York City Marathon!!!



The first annual New York Marathon was in 1970 but that only included repeated running around Central Park. In 1976 the race route included all 5 boroughs of New York City. Our school, Somers Middle School, actually had a teacher—Jesse Arnett—run!

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So several new ones are out and it's anyone's guess which will be the favorite. Will it be the grass starter Rowlet? The fire starter Litten? Or the water starter Popplio? Let's look at their final evolution

First up, we have Rowlet's final evolution Decidueye. Decidueye is a grass and ghost type figure with the special move Spirit Shackle.

Next up, we have Litten's final evolution, Incineroar. Incineroar is a fire and dark type. It has the special move Darkest Lariat.

Finally, we have Popplio's final evolution Primarina. Primarina is a water and fairy type. It has the special move Sparkling Aria. So which starter will you choose?