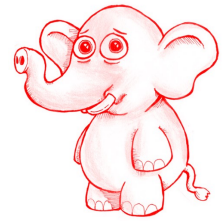


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Get Ready for Wizard of Oz!



By Hunter Duffy
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Everyone knows the classic movie The Wizard of Oz, but what if I told you that it was being performed live at your own school? Tomorrow night and Saturday evening, the Emerald cast is performing, and Friday night and Saturday afternoon, the Rainbow cast is performing.

Some of the stars of these performances include Jamie Guest (Dorothy in Emerald cast), Katie Jandertis (Dorothy in Rainbow cast), Sean Reichbach (Scarecrow in Emerald cast), Matt Kushner (Scarecrow in Rainbow cast), and so many more students.

Even if you do not have a lot of friends in the show, we still encourage you to come support the community.

This show would not be possible without the time and efforts of Mrs. Racioppo, Mrs. Malara, and Mrs. Moriority. The numerous students in both casts have also dedicated a lot of time and energy to make this show possible. I hope that if



you aren't busy over the weekend, you decide to come see the show.

The Emerald cast will perform Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m., and the Rainbow cast will go on Friday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. To buy tickets in advance visit somersmsm.seatyourself.biz.

Editor's Note: The Young Performers' Edition of THE WIZARD OF OZ is a one-hour adaptation specially tailored for elementary school and middle school aged actors. The materials have been prepared to help your school or organization mount the best possible production and to give your children an exciting and rewarding experience. This classic tale, in which a Kansas farm girl travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home, has been entertaining audiences for generations. Source: tamswitmark.com



*The cast
rehearses for
Wizard of Oz in the
SMS
Auditorium.
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**Note: Thursday's performance
will be moved to Sunday if
school is closed due to snow.**



SPORTS UPDATE



Tom Brady Cements Legacy in Super Bowl LI



By Eli Yates
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On Sunday, as you all know, the New England Patriots played the Atlanta Falcons in the Super Bowl. What you might not know is how many firsts occurred this Super Bowl.



On Sunday, Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady became the only quarterback to achieve four Super Bowl MVP awards in five Super Bowl victories. Tom Brady also became the first quarterback to win a Super Bowl in overtime on a

pitch pass and win in the only Super Bowl in history to have an overtime.

Patriots teammate James White set a record for any player with fourteen receptions in a Super Bowl. James White also became the first player to have two rushing touchdowns and a reception touchdown.

On another note, Brady is also the only quarterback who did not throw a single touchdown pass in the first quarter of a Super Bowl game.



Ground Hog Day—The Most Popular Hog



By Robert Gaudio
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Very few people know that Groundhog Day was celebrated in Europe years before coming to the United States.

When settlers from Germany moved to Pennsylvania, they brought their holiday tradition with them. But in Germany, a hedgehog was used, and when the settlers came to Pennsylvania, the groundhog hogged the holiday.

The first Groundhog Day was celebrated on February 2, 1887 at Gobbler's Knob, a local gathering spot, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. This tradition stated that when the groundhog



emerged from hibernation, his seeing his shadow would determine there would be six more weeks of winter. If the groundhog did not see his shadow,

an early spring was predicted.

A funny movie called Groundhog Day, starring Bill Murray, came out in 1993. This movie popularized the somewhat under celebrated holiday. It's kind of a silly holiday, a weatherman, Groundhog Phil, predicting whether I should wear a sweater.

Can You Ditch Your Cell Phone for a Day?



By Sabrina Cheung
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To be honest, the generations changed. Yes, mostly in a bad way but seriously. Our world is so wrapped up in technology and video games that nobody really knows what happening in the outside world. I actually have



some advice for you, more like a challenge. *Don't look at your phone/electronic device for a whole day.*

If you are reading this right now and you're thinking, "No

that's stupid" then stop reading. But know that you should get off your phone once in a while and read a book or talk to people in person.

It's good for you. Anyway, just try to make it a challenge to not look at a screen. If you complete this, you actually know about the people around you. If you failed, keep trying until you can actually do it. If you absolutely cannot complete this, then...well...you really don't know much about people. I encourage you to try this and find out more about your friends and family. Thanks for reading;)



The 13th Reality

by James Dashner



By Nick Cirillo
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Tick is just an ordinary kid, but upon finding a mysterious letter written to him, he is sucked into a world of riddles, Reality, and monsters.

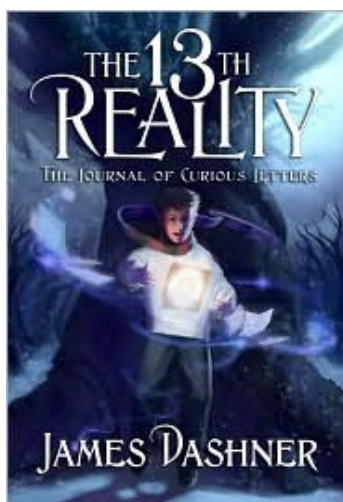
Under the leadership of Master George, Tick, Sophia, and Paul must use the power of mysterious forces known as Chi'karda and Karma to stop the evil Mistress Jane from destroying the Fifth Reality, while also planning to destroy a sinister weapon known as Dark

Infinity and save every Reality in the process.

While investigating a strange apparatus called the Haunce, Tick learns that every Reality has a different Alterant of every person. So, in every Reality, there is a Tick.

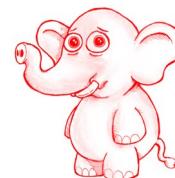
Yet all of Tick's Alterants are dead, sucking the Chi'karda into him and supplying him with a vast resource of power, to be used for good or for evil.

Yet another sinister enemy lurks, called the Void of Mist and Thunder. It is a rift into another dimension that kills and destroys in a universal reset.



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