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Food Fight Truce!

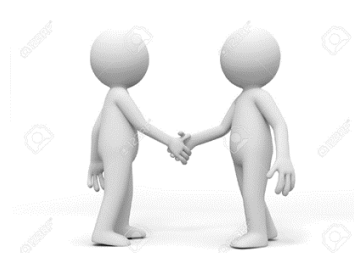
Pizza Party Highlights Schettino's and Dell's Food Drive Dominance

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Now that the food drive is over, Mrs. Schettino (age 26) and Mr. Dell have given the pizza party that they promised to their Advisory classes if they won. The party just happened, and there are no hard feelings. The party took place on Thursday, March 10th, during Period four.

Mrs. Schettino and Mr. Dell decided that they would serve six pizza pies (two plain, two pepperoni, one margarita, and one chicken

Also, during the same Advisory, Mr. Dell stated to the two Advisories, "You did an awesome job." To add on, Mr. Dell also remarked, "It was an enjoyable competition."



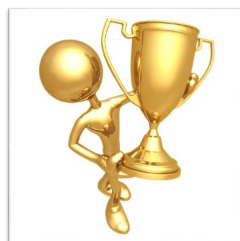
Another thing Mr. Dell said was, "We're all in this together." Mr. Dell also said, "It doesn't matter who won. We didn't want there



parmesan) and soda (orange and Coke) for all of their Advisory students.

Every student got two slices of their choice. Mrs. Schettino and Mr. Dell did this because of the fact that the two Advisories collected over half of the total food collected in all of Somers Middle School!

There are 22 students in their Advisory classes, and there are over 750 kids in the school. That is a big accomplishment for sixth graders. "Don't even think that one kid can't make a difference," Mrs. Schettino declared during Advisory on March 10th.



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"As a result, Mrs. Schettino and Mr. Dell had a very motivational speech.

The party was a great success. To start it off, there was chaos between the advisories about what movie to watch.

In the end, all of the kids watched "Fuller House," which some kids enjoyed while others weren't happy. But, everyone had a good time and the pizza tasted delicious.

As a result of the two advisories' hard work, they helped other people who needed their help. That is all what really matters, even though rewards are very fun to obtain.

All in all, as Mr. Dell and Mrs. Schettino said, it was all about having fun!



: Percy Jackson and the Olympians: Lightning Thief

By Peyton DiSiena
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Hello readers! Today on Book Talk, I have a new book to share with you all! Fantasy readers are in for a treat, because this week's star book is Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief!

If you haven't heard of this series, or the wonderful author of it, Rick Riordan, than I will explain.

Basically, this book and its series revolves around a boy named Percy Jackson, who



is half God, which is called a Demigod. A prophecy was spoken before the series, saying of a boy and how he will either preserve or destroy Olympus, home of the gods!

I don't want to spoil too much, but it is a perfect book for Fantasy lovers (such as myself) or people who are in need of

a good book. Have a great week and happy reading!



Sports Wrap-up with Evan Volkman:

Peyton Manning Hangs Up His Cleats

On Monday, March 7, Peyton Manning announced retirement from the NFL. He played 18 seasons in the league and will go down as one of the greatest to play quarterback of all time.

His achievements are near endless, but here are some of the highlights from this future Hall-Of-Famer:

- 2x Super Bowl champion (XLI, 50)
- Super Bowl XLI MVP
- 4x AFC Champion (2006, 2009, 2013, 2015)
- 5 AP NFL MVP (2003, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2013)
- 14x Pro Bowl (1999, 2000, 2002-2010, 2012-2014)



- 7x First Team All-Pro (2003-2005, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013)
- 3x Second Team All-Pro (1999, 2000, 2006)
- 2x AP NFL Offensive Play Of The Year (2004, 2013)
- AP NFL Comeback Player Of The Year (2012)
- 4x NFL passing touchdown leader (2000, 2004, 2006, 2013)
- 3x NFL passing yards leader (2000, 2003, 2013)
- Indianapolis Colts career leader in wins, passing touchdowns, pass attempts, pass completions and passing yards
- NFL all-time leader in career touchdown passes, passing yards and wins
- Most career passing yards (71,940)
- Most career TD passes (539)



Matt Kushner's 'Time Warp' Series

It is recommended that you read the previous chapters in the 3/3/16 and 3/10/16 issues of the Tusker Tribune.

Chapter 3

I opened my eyes. My face was on the sidewalk, and-apparently, I was lying down on the rubble in the alley I was in-sorry, I will be in- in- in- for who long? 10 years? 20? 50? Then I looked down at the box with the sphere in the inside. On the sphere, it read the date. 8/24/78.

I pushed myself off of the dirty ground and looked around. It was night. First of all, no hobos. Everything looked like it was, well, younger. And by the looks of things, I was in the mid-70's. Where my shop would eventually be, a pizzeria stood. And across the street, the electronic shop looked like it was about to go out of business, like I did. In fact, that's what it looked like for most of my shop's life, until one day, it seemed, or will seem to be the most popular one in the whole county.

And that's when my puny mind registered what the hobo said right before I left. 'A one-time use'... oh no. I was stuck here, in 1978. Unless I could find the hobo... maybe... just maybe... I could get out of here. Just stop the electronic shop from putting me out of business. I had to.

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I think I have a new appreciation for hobos. After sleeping there... ugh. It was the worst night of my life. Not only to say that now I smell like almost literal garbage.

"Excuse me? Um... excuse me?"

"Wait. Do you want a pizza, sir? At this time in the morning?"

"No.... I just have a few questions."

"About what? Nothing interesting in this town, sir."

"No. About the shop across the street."

"What about it?" The cook seemed a little nervous.

"Well? When did they open? When will they close? Who are they? What are they doing?" And then I realized that my questions could tip any normal person off that I'm onto someone, or something.

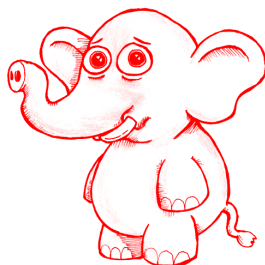
The cook turned around, and whispered, "They're onto us!" And then, louder, "Get OUT! I think I have made a FINAL decision. I'm closing this joint!"

The cook pushed me out of the pizzeria. He flipped the open sign to closed. He started taking down signs on the windows, putting pizzas away. Then after a few minutes of putting things away, he went into a door I've never seen before. In my shop!

Something's going on here. Something not right.

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Fantastic Fudgsicles—a Terrific Springtime Snack



**By Caitlin Norbutt
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Since spring is approaching, it's getting much warmer. We have really enjoyed last week's warm weather surprise!

Some students had even worn shorts & skirts that week, including me. I decided to go on Pinterest & look up spring things & saw these fudgsicles claiming to be super easy.

"I'll see for myself. I'll make them!" So, I gathered the ingredients, which are:

- 1/4 cup chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 1/4 cup almond milk
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tsp teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tsp coconut oil

The directions did seem fairly simple.



- 1) Put chocolate, milk, cocoa powder, cornstarch, sugar and salt in saucepan. Bring to simmer while whisking. Continue to whisk for 2-3 minutes until mixture thickens.
- 2) Add vanilla and coconut oil and whisk until incorporated.
- 3) Pour into popsicles molds and freeze for at least 4 hours. Eat them up!

I started measuring my ingredients & put my chocolate chips in the saucepan. There is a slight chance that I ate a chocolate chip...

Anyway, I finished putting my ingredients in. However, the mixture from the 1st step wasn't thickening. I was a bit upset. Then, my mom came in! She saved me & helped me thicken it. I put in my vanilla & coconut oil & the mixture was starting to burn! OH NO! We took it off the heat. Now, we let it cool for a minute or to cool down. Then we put the fudge into the cups & placed spoons in the middle. We finally put it into the freezer. After freezing it overnight, I peeled off the cups & ate it. It tasted really good. So here's the question: DIY or DI-don't? I would say this is totally DIY (yes, do it!)

New Code of Conduct Introduced at SMS



**By Nitin Seshadri
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An email was sent to parents on March 10th. The purpose of the email is to inform parents and students of correct conduct during school hours and as a result, contains a new Code of Conduct for students.

This new Code of Conduct came at a much needed time. In January, as you all know, someone incapacitated 50% of the buses by puncturing tires and drawing a hate symbol with fire extinguishers on the ground.

This hate symbol is an example of discrimination and it needed to be addressed immediately. (Discrimination, by definition, is any



conduct that endangers the morals, safety and physical and mental health of others.)

Also, Uniqueness Awareness week isn't too far behind us, and that week emphasized uniqueness and anti-bullying. Some changes in this new Code of Conduct include that discussing proper conduct will become an annual affair, being discussed at the beginning of every year.

Also, students are encouraged to report discriminatory events to school officials. If you discriminate someone, teachers (and other students) will be on your case. So treat everyone the way they're supposed to be treated: as humans.

This coming Wednesday, special assemblies will be held for each grade level to fully explain the new Code of Conduct.

'True' Survivors

Unscripted Moment Shows the 'Reality' of 'Reality Shows'

By Hunter Duffy
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On March 9th an episode of Survivor surprised all fans.

Debbie, Cydney, and Caleb got heatstroke. The reward challenge was the hardest I've ever seen. They had to go through obstacles, dig through a hole of sand to find three bags, and then you had to roll them into holes.

The challenge took its toll on the competitors. Brain Tribe won first place but shortly after team member Debbie got heat stroke. While she was



being tended to, Beauty Tribe won second place. After the victory, Caleb fell over because of heatstroke. The medics rushed to him but he was worse than Debbie, who was now better. Brawn was now with Caleb because Cydney now had heatstroke.

For the first time ever everyone who is usually in the woods and behind camera were out tending to Caleb and Cydney. Cydney was soon better but Caleb was not getting better. Survivor Host Jeff asked Caleb if he wanted to quit. He shook his head slowly but Jeff said he had to.

Beauty lost their first member. I can't wait to see Caleb again at the finale.



Poetic Ponderings by Catherine Gardner: "Welcome to March"

Welcome to March!

In like a lion,
Out like a lamb.
Comes with a ROAR
Out with a hush.
The beginning wind thrashes and tosses you around,
While the whispers it leaves hardly make a sound.

March

Is March going in angry,
Tired
and Done?



Thinking its turn should have already begun?
No, March is simply blowing the winter away
Preparing for all of your bright Summer days.
After all, the unbreakable promise of Summer is so much better
Than questionable Snow Days, taking days away
With mysterious weather.

Walk under its later apologetic rainbows,
All shaped like an arch.
Yes, oh yes
Welcome to March.



Evan Volkman's Music Mayhem! A weekly compilation of popular tunes Dop Chart for: March 17, 2016

1. 7 Years - Lukas Graham
2. My House - Flo Rida
3. Work (feat. Drake) - Rihanna
4. I Took A Pill In Ibiza [SeeB Remix] - Mike Posner
5. PILLOWTALK - ZAYN
6. Work From Home (feat. Ty Dolla \$ign) - Fifth Harmony
7. Save Dat Money (feat. Fetty Wap & Rich Homie Quan) - Lil Dicky
8. Love Yourself - Justin Bieber
9. Stressed Out - twenty one pilots
10. YOUTH - Troye Sivan



11. Me, Myself & I (feat. Bebe Rexha) - G-Eazy
12. Roses (feat. ROZES) - The Chainsmokers
13. 2 Phones - Kevin Gates
14. Hands To Myself - Selena Gomez
15. Middle (feat. Bipolar Sunshine) - DJ Snake
16. Don't Let Me Down (feat. Daya) - The Chainsmokers
17. Get Ugly - Jason Derulo
18. Stand By You - Rachel Platten
19. Sugar (feat. Francesco Yates) - Robin Schulz
20. Welcome To The Show (feat. Laleh) - Adam Lambert